



Breaking out of PASE: Accessing the rest of your IBM i from Python

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Two Main Methods

- Database access
- XMLSERVICE



ibm_db DB2 interface

- ibmdb project: <https://github.com/ibmdb/python-ibmdb>
- Cross-platform, open source project sponsored by IBM.
- Supports DB2 LUW, Informix, and DB2 for i using DB2 Connect on Windows, Mac OS X, Linux, and a few other platforms
- Ported to run in PASE, using PASE CLI by IBM Rochester
- Uses the Apache 2 License
- `pip3 install /QOpenSys/QIBM/ProdData/OPSS/Python-pkgs/ibm_db/ibm_db-*cp34*.whl`

Not Just a Simple Database Interface

- `ibm_db` – main database interface with two sub-modules

`ibm_db`

- DB2-specific, “raw” database interface
- written in C, on top of DB2 Connect CLI or IBM i CLI
- <https://github.com/ibmdb/python-ibmdb/wiki/APIs>

`ibm_db_dbi`

- Python Database API Specification 2.0 compliant interface
- written in Python, on top of `ibm_db`
- <https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0249>

- `ibm_db_django` – database interface for Django web framework. Django is a web framework based on the Model-View-Controller pattern and is comparable to Ruby on Rails



Not Just a Simple Database Interface

- `ibm_db_sa*` – SQLAlchemy adapter for `ibm_db`. SQLAlchemy is an object relational mapper (ORM), similar to Hibernate for Java or Ruby on Rails' ActiveRecord
- `ibm_db_alembic*` – Alembic interface for `ibm_db`. Alembic is a database migration tool for SQLAlchemy which allows keeping database changes consistent with application changes, similar to `ActiveRecord::Migration` in Ruby on Rails
- `pip3 install /QOpenSys/QIBM/ProdData/OPS/Python-pkgs/ibm_db/ibm_db-*cp34*.whl`
- `pip3 install /QOpenSys/QIBM/ProdData/OPS/Python-pkgs/ibm_db/ibm_db_django-*cp34*.whl`

* not currently supported

PEP 249

- Standard Python DB API:
<https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0249/>
- Mostly documented there, though `connect()` is DB specific

ibm_db_dbi Global Functions

- `apilevel`
 - string constant indicating supported Python DB API level
 - returns “2.0”
- `threadsafety`
 - integer constant indicating the thread safety supported
 - returns 0 indicating no thread safety
- `paramstyle`
 - string constant indicating the type of parameter marker format
 - returns “qmark” to indicate question marks are used for parameter markers eg. *select * from sysibm.sysdummy1 where a=? and b=?*
- **connect and pconnect functions**
 - main entry point to the module
 - parameters are database-dependent
 - return a Connection object



Connecting

- `connect(dsn, user, password, host, database, conn_options)`
 - `dsn` – data source name string ("Database=*LOCAL;UID=kadler")
 - alternative to separate parameters
 - supports DATABASE, UID, and PWD keywords, equating to database, user, and password parameters
 - defaults to empty string
 - `user` and `password` – authentication info, defaults to empty string
 - `host` – not supported (used on DB2 Connect / LUW)
 - `database` – RDB to connect to eg. *LOCAL, defaults to empty string
 - `conn_options` – dictionary of connection options (`ibm_db_dbi.set_option`) to set during connection, defaults to None
- `pconnect`
 - persistent connection: not closed when `close()` is called
 - stored in a hash for retrieval during future `pconnect()`
- Using defaults for all parameters results in connecting to the local database as the current user
 - `conn = ibm_db_dbi.connect()`



Connecting

```
import ibm_db_dbi as db2

# Connect to *LOCAL as current user
conn = db2.connect()

# Connect to REMOTE as current user
conn = db2.connect(database='REMOTE')

# Connect to *LOCAL as a anon
conn = db2.connect(user='anon', \
                   password='secr3t')
```



Connection Object Methods

- `close()`
 - close db connection immediately
 - automatically called when object is deleted
 - `pconnect` objects goes back to pool instead
- `commit()`
 - commit a pending transaction
 - `autocommit` is defaulted to off
- `rollback()`
 - rollback a pending transaction
 - closing a connection without committing causes an implicit rollback
- **`cursor()`**
 - returns a new `Cursor` object



Closing Connections

```
import ibm_db_dbi as db2
conn = db2.connect()
conn.close() # rollback automatically performed
if True:
    conn2 = db2.connect()
# conn2 automatically closed and rolled back
```



Connection Objects Methods (ibm_db_dbi extensions)

- `dbms_name` attribute
 - gets the `SQL_DBMS_NAME` name (“AS” on IBM i)
- `dbms_ver` attribute
 - gets the `SQL_DBMS_VER` (eg. “07020” for IBM i 7.2)
- `set_autocommit(is_on)`
 - enable or disable autocommit
- `get_option(attr)`
 - returns the value for the given attribute
 - (calls `SQLGetConnectAttr`)
- `set_option(attributes)`
 - `attributes` is a dictionary of attributes to set
 - (calls `SQLSetConnectAttr`)



Connection Object Methods (ibm_db_dbi metadata extensions)

- `tables(schema, table)`
 - retrieves the tables existing in the given table
 - schema and table default to None
 - *currently doesn't support non-uppercase schema and table names
- `indexes(only_unique, schema, table)`
 - retrieves index information for the given table
 - `only_unique` can be set to True or False to only return unique indexes
 - schema and table default to None, `only_unique` defaults to True
 - *currently doesn't support non-uppercase schema and table names
- `columns(schema, table, column)`
 - retrieves column information for the given table and column names
 - schema, table, and column default to None
 - *currently doesn't support non-uppercase schema and table names
 - *converts all matching column names to lower case, if column not None



Connection Object Methods (ibm_db_dbi metadata extensions)

- `primary_keys(*unique, schema, table)`
 - retrieves primary key information for the given table
 - schema, and table default to None
 - *unique is not used or needed
- `foreign_keys(*unique, schema, table)`
 - retrieves foreign key information for the given table
 - unique, schema, and table default to None
 - *unique is not used or needed



Cursor Objects

- description – read-only attribute
 - “2d” sequence describing the columns
 - each index contains a 7-item sequence for that column in this order:
 - name – column name
 - type_code – ibm_db_dbi type object
 - display_size – how many characters needed to display
 - internal_size – how many bytes needed to store
 - precision – total digits for NUMERIC/DECIMAL columns
 - scale – digits after decimal for NUMERIC/DECIMAL/TIMESTAMP columns
 - null_ok – is the column nullable?



Type Classes

- Date(year, month, day)
- Time(hour, minute, second)
- Timestamp(year, month, day, hour, minute, second)
- Binary(string)
- TimeFromTicks(ticks)
- TimestampFromTicks(ticks)

Cursor objects

```
import ibm_db_dbi as db2
conn = db2.connect()
c1 = conn.cursor()
c1.execute("create table t(c char(10) not null, d
decimal(10,5), x XML)")
c1.execute("select * from t")
d = c1.description
print(d[0][6]) # False (nullable)
print(d[0][0]) # 'C' (column name)
print(d[1][4]) # 10 (precision)
print(d[2][1]) # db2.XML (column type)
```

Type Objects

ibm_db_dbi Type Object	DB2 data type
STRING	CHAR, VARCHAR, <i>BINARY</i> , ...
TEXT	CLOB, DBCLOB
XML	XML
BINARY	BLOB
NUMBER	INTEGER, SMALLINT
BIGINT	BIGINT
FLOAT	FLOAT, REAL, DOUBLE, DECFLOAT
DECIMAL	DECIMAL, NUMERIC
DATE	DATE
TIME	TIME
DATETIME	TIMESTAMP
ROWID	(not currently mapped)



Cursor objects

- rowcount – read only attribute
 - # of rows inserted, updated, or deleted by last execute call
 - NOT the number of rows in a cursor/result set (select)
- callproc(name, param_tuple)
 - call the given procedure with the given parameters
 - returns modified arguments (INOUT/OUT parameters)
- execute(query, param_tuple)
 - execute the query with the given parameters
- executemany(query, tuple_of_param_tuple)
 - need to pass a tuple of tuples containing the arguments
 - same as execute(), but does “block insert”
 - emulated on IBM i by multiple calls to SQLExecute



Cursor objects

```
import ibm_db_dbapi as db2
conn = db2.connect()
c1 = conn.cursor()
c1.execute("select * from qiws.qcustcdt")
print(c1.rowcount) # -1

o = c1.callproc("myproc", ("in", "out", "inout"))
print(o) # ('in', "5", 'tuoni')

c1.execute("update t set d=1.1 where c <> c")
print(c1.rowcount) # 0
```



Cursor objects

- `arraysize` – read/write attribute
 - sets the cursor array size
- `fetchone()`
 - fetch the next row from the cursor or `None` if there are no more
- `fetchmany(size)`
 - fetch the next set of rows from the cursor or `None` if there are no more
 - fetches up to *size* rows
 - if no size is specified, returns *arraysize* rows instead
- `fetchall()`
 - fetch all the remaining rows from the cursor or `None` if there are no more
- `fetchone()` returns a list of column values, while `fetchman()` and `fetchall()` return a list of rows containing a list of column values



Cursor objects

```
import ibm_db_dbi as db2
conn = db2.connect()
c1 = conn.cursor()
c1.execute("select * from qiws.qcustcdt")
row = c1.fetchone()
print(row[2] + ' ' + row[1]) # G K Henning
rows = c1.fetchmany(2)
print(len(rows)) # 2
print(rows[0][2] + ' ' + rows[0][1]) # B D Jones
print(rows[1][2] + ' ' + rows[1][1]) # S S Vine
rows = c1.fetchall()
print(len(rows)) # 9
```



Cursor objects

- `nextset()`
 - position to the next result set returned by a stored procedure
 - returns `None` if there are no more result sets
- `setinputsizes(size_list)`
 - predefine memory areas for input parameters
 - currently does nothing on `ibm_db_dbi`
- `setoutputsize(size, col)`
 - specify the max size of an output parameter
 - currently does nothing on `ibm_db_dbi`
- `next()` and `__iter__()`
 - allows iterating over a cursor using the standard Python syntax for other sequence types



Cursor objects

```
import ibm_db_dbi as db2
conn = db2.connect()
c1 = conn.cursor()
c1.execute("select * from qiws.qcustcdt")
for row in c1:
    print(row)
```




Cursor objects

```
import ibm_db_dbi as db2
conn = db2.connect()
c1 = conn.cursor()
c1.callproc("proc_returns_3_rs")

rs = True
while rs:
    for row in c1:
        print(row)

    rs = c1.nextset()
```



Example: Converting database table to text table

```
from prettytable import from_db_cursor
import ibm_db_dbapi as db2

conn = db2.connect()

cur = conn.cursor()
cur.execute("select * from qiws.qcustcdt")
print(from_db_cursor(cur))
```

Example: Converting database table to text table

CUSNUM	LSTNAM	INIT	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIPCOD	CDTLMT	CHGCOD	BALDUE	CTDUE
938472	Henning	G K	4859 Elm Ave	Dallas	TX	75217	5000	3	37.00	0.00
839283	Jones	B D	21B NW 135 St	Clay	NY	13041	400	1	100.00	0.00
392859	Vine	S S	P0 Box 79	Broton	VT	5046	700	1	439.00	0.00
938485	Johnson	J A	3 Alpine Way	Helen	GA	30545	9999	2	3987.50	33.50
397267	Tyron	W E	13 Myrtle Dr	Hector	NY	14841	1000	1	0.00	0.00
389572	Stevens	K L	208 Snow Pass	Denver	CO	80226	400	1	58.75	1.50
846283	Alison	J S	787 Lake Dr	Isle	MN	56342	5000	3	10.00	0.00
475938	Doe	J W	59 Archer Rd	Sutter	CA	95685	700	2	250.00	100.00
693829	Thomas	A N	3 Dove Circle	Casper	WY	82609	9999	2	0.00	0.00
593029	Williams	E D	485 SE 2 Ave	Dallas	TX	75218	200	1	25.00	0.00
192837	Lee	F L	5963 Oak St	Hector	NY	14841	700	2	489.50	0.50
583990	Abraham	M T	392 Mill St	Isle	MN	56342	9999	3	500.00	0.00



Example: Converting database table to Excel spreadsheet

```
from xlsxwriter import Workbook
import ibm_db_dbi as db2

conn = db2.connect()

cur = conn.cursor()
cur.execute("select * from qiws.qcustcdt")
headers = [descr[0] for descr in cur.description]

with Workbook('qcustcdt.xlsx') as workbook:
    worksheet = workbook.add_worksheet()
    worksheet.write_row('A1', headers)
    for rownum, row in enumerate(cur, start=1):
        worksheet.write_row(rownum, 0, row)
```

Example: Converting database table to Excel spreadsheet

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	<u>CUSNUM</u>	<u>LSTNAM</u>	<u>INIT</u>	STREET	CITY	STATE	<u>ZIPCOD</u>	<u>CDTLMT</u>	<u>CHGCOD</u>	<u>BALDUE</u>	<u>CDTDUE</u>
2	938472	Henning	G K	4859 Elm	Dallas	TX	75217	5000	3	37	0
3	839283	Jones	B D	21B NW	Clay	NY	13041	400	1	100	0
4	392859	Vine	S S	PO Box 7	Broton	VT	5046	700	1	439	0
5	938485	Johnson	J A	3 Alpine	Helen	GA	30545	9999	2	3987.5	33.5
6	397267	<u>Tyron</u>	W E	13 Myrtle	Hector	NY	14841	1000	1	0	0
7	389572	Stevens	K L	208 Snow	Denver	CO	80226	400	1	58.75	1.5
8	846283	Alison	J S	787 Lake	Isle	MN	56342	5000	3	10	0
9	475938	Doe	J W	59 Archer	<u>Sutter</u>	CA	95685	700	2	250	100
10	693829	Thomas	A N	3 Dove	Casper	WY	82609	9999	2	0	0
11	593029	Williams	E D	485 SE 2	Dallas	TX	75218	200	1	25	0
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14											
15											
16											



Python + XMLSERVICE = itoolkit



itoolkit – an XMLSERVICE wrapper

- itoolkit project: <https://ibm.biz/itoolkitpython>
- Python interface to XMLService: <https://ibm.biz/xmlservice>
- Let's you call
 - RPG programs and service programs
 - CL commands
 - PASE programs and shell scripts
 - SQL database access
- `pip3 install /QOpenSys/QIBM/ProdData/OPS/Python-pkgs/itoolkit/itoolkit-*cp34*.whl`
- Verify it's installed by running
`python3 -c "import itoolkit; print(itoolkit.__version__)"`

What Can We Do?

- Commands
 - iCmd – Call CL command (even with output parameters)
 - iCmd5250 – call CL command and get screen output
- Programs
 - iPgm – Call program
 - iSrvPgm – Call service program
- Database
 - iSqlQuery – call DB2 query
 - iSqlPrepare, iSqlExecute
 - iSqlParm
 - iSqlFetch
- iSh – call PASE program or shell script
- iXml – anything else



Which Transport is Right for You?

- iLibCall
 - no configuration needed
 - fastest call, directly from your job, but no isolation from bad calls
 - local connection only
 - some things don't work from chroot
- iDB2Call
 - calls over ibm_db
 - no configuration needed
 - bad calls kill QSQSRVR job, not your job
 - local and remote connections supported
- iRestCall
 - need to configure XMLSERVICE in one of your HTTP servers
 - bad calls kill your FastCGI job, not your job
 - local and remote connections supported
 - need ~~SSL~~ TLS for security



Output Parameters from Commands

```
# In Apache config:
ScriptAlias /cgi-bin/ /QSYS.LIB/QXMLSERV.LIB/
<Directory /QSYS.LIB/QXMLSERV.LIB/>
AllowOverride None
    order allow,deny
    allow from all
    SetHandler cgi-script
    Options +ExecCGI
</Directory>
# QXMLSERV (IBM) can be replaced by XMLSERVICE
(download), ZENDSVR6 (php), POWERRUBY, etc.
```



Choosing the Right XMLSERVICE

Choose which XMLSERVICE library you want for iDB2Call, iLibCall
set the XMLSERVICE environment variable before calling Python:

```
export XMLSERVICE=QXMLSERV
```

```
# or ...
```

```
export XMLSERVICE=XMLSERVICE
```

```
# or ...
```

```
export XMLSERVICE=ZENDSVR6
```

```
# ... and so on
```

```
# or from within Python:
```

```
import os
```

```
os.environ["XMLSERVICE"] = "QXMLSERV" # ...
```



Connecting

```
# iLibCall example
from itoolkit import *
from itoolkit.lib.ilibcall import *

itransport = iLibCall()

# iRestCall example
from itoolkit import *
from itoolkit.rest.irestcall import *

itransport = iRestCall(url, user, password)
```



Connecting

```
# iDB2Call example
```

```
from itoolkit import *
```

```
from itoolkit.db2.idb2call import *
```

```
itransport = iDB2Call(user, password)
```

```
# or
```

```
conn = ibm_db.connect(database, user, password)
```

```
itransport = iDB2Call(conn)
```



Basics

```
from itoolkit import *
from itoolkit.lib.ilibcall import *
itransport = iLibCall()
itool = iToolkit()
itool.add( ... ) # op1
itool.add( ... ) # op2
itool.call(itransport)
op1 = itool.dict_out('op1')
if 'success' in op1:
    print (op1['success'])
else:
    print (op1['error'])
```



iPgm and iSrvPgm Details

`iPgm(key, name, options)`

`iSrvPgm(key, name, function, options)`

- key: unique key to identify output, arbitrary
- name: program or service program name
- function: function to call in the service program
- options: dictionary of options (optional)
 - error ('on', 'off', or 'fast'): 'on' causes script to stop on error, 'off' gives joblog info, 'fast' gives brief error log
 - lib: IBM i library name, defaults to *LIBL
 - function: function to call in service program
 - mode ('opm' or 'ile')

`iPgm('foo', 'F00', {'function': 'bar'}) ==`

`iSrvPgm('foo', 'F00', 'bar')`



Example: Calling an ILE program from Python

```
from itoolkit import *
from itoolkit.lib.ilibcall import *
itransport = iLibCall()
itool = iToolkit()
itool.add(iCmd('addlibl', 'addlibl KADLER'))
itool.add(
    iPgm('my_key', 'MYPGM')
        .addParm(iData('inchara', '1a', 'a'))
        .addParm(iDS('INDS1')
            .addData(iData('dscharb', '1a', 'b'))
            .addData(iData('desdec', '12p2', '3.33'))
        )
    )
itool.call(itransport)
mypgm_results = itool.dict_out('my_key')
```




iCmd and iCmd5250 Details

`iCmd(key, cmd_string, options)`

`iCmd5250(key, cmd_string, options)`

- `key`: unique key to identify output, arbitrary
- `cmd_string`: CL command string
- `options`: dictionary of options (optional)
 - `error` ('on', 'off', or 'fast'): 'on' causes script to stop on error, 'off' gives joblog info, 'fast' gives brief error log
 - `exec` ('cmd', 'system', 'rexx') – only supported for iCmd, defaults to 'rexx' for commands with output parms and 'cmd' otherwise
 - 'cmd' runs command through QCMDEXC
 - 'system' runs command through PASE system command, required to get display output
 - 'rexx' runs command through REXX, required for output parms



Output Parameters from Commands

```
itool.add(iCmd('rtvjoba', 'RTVJOB A USRLIBL(?)  
SYSLIBL(?) CCSID(?N) OUTQ(?)'))  
itool.call(itransport)  
rtvjoba = itool.dict_out('rtvjoba')  
if 'success' in rtvjoba:  
    print(rtvjoba['row'][0]['USRLIBL'])  
    print(rtvjoba['row'][1]['SYSLIBL'])  
    print(rtvjoba['row'][2]['CCSID'])  
    print(rtvjoba['row'][3]['OUTQ'])
```



Output Parameters from Commands

```
itool = iToolkit(irow=0)
itool.add(iCmd('rtvjoba', 'RTVJOB A USRLIBL(?)
SYSLIBL(?) CCSID(?N) OUTQ(?)'))
itool.call(itransport)
rtvjoba = itool.dict_out('rtvjoba')
if 'success' in rtvjoba:
    print(rtvjoba['USRLIBL'])
    print(rtvjoba['SYSLIBL'])
    print(rtvjoba['CCSID'])
    print(rtvjoba['OUTQ'])
```

<https://bitbucket.org/litmis/python-itoolkit/issues/3/improve-irow-handling-for-5250-output>



Command Display Output

```
itool.add(iCmd5250('wrkactjob', 'WRKACTJOB'))  
itool.call(itransport)  
wrkactjob = itool.dict_out('wrkactjob')  
print(wrkactjob['wrkactjob'])
```

Command Display Output

5770SS1 V7R1M0 100423 Work with Active Jobs

```

Reset . . . . . : *NO
Subsystems . . . . . : *ALL
CPU Percent Limit . . . . . : *NONE
Response Time Limit . . . . . : *NONE
Sequence . . . . . : *SBS
Job name . . . . . : *ALL
  
```

CPU % . . . : .0 Elapsed time

Subsystem/Job	User	Number	User	Type
QBATCH	QSYS	218043	QSYS	SBS
QCMN	QSYS	218046	QSYS	SBS
QACSOTP	QUSER	218066	QUSER	PJ
QLZPSERV	QUSER	218081	QUSER	PJ

iSh Details

iSh(key, cmd, options)

- key: unique key to identify output, arbitrary
- cmd: command string to execute
- options: dictionary of options (optional)
 - error ('on', 'off', or 'fast'): 'on' causes script to stop on error, 'off' gives joblog info, 'fast' gives brief error log
 - row: ('on', 'off'): wraps stdout in row field



iSh

```
itool.add(iSh('ciphers', "ssh -Q cipher | xargs  
echo | sed 's| |,|g'"))  
itool.call(itransport)  
ciphers = itool.dict_out('ciphers')  
print(ciphers['ciphers'])  
# 3des-cbc,blowfish-cbc,cast128-  
cbc,arcfour,arcfour128,arcfour256,aes128-  
cbc,aes192-cbc,aes256-cbc,rijndael-  
cbc@lysator.liu.se,aes128-ctr,aes192-ctr,aes256-  
ctr,chacha20-poly1305@openssh.com
```



iSh

```
itool.add(iSh('ciphers', "ssh -Q cipher"))
itool.call(itransport)
ciphers = itool.dict_out('ciphers')
print(', '.join(ciphers['ciphers'].splitlines()))
# 3des-cbc,blowfish-cbc,cast128-
cbc,arcfour,arcfour128,arcfour256,aes128-
cbc,aes192-cbc,aes256-cbc,rijndael-
cbc@lysator.liu.se,aes128-ctr,aes192-ctr,aes256-
ctr,chacha20-poly1305@openssh.com

# 0.08s vs 0.34s for sed version, why?
```




Calling SQL

```
query = "select job_name, elapsed_cpu_time,  
elapsed_time from table(qsys2.active_job_info()) x  
where subsystem = 'QHTTPSVR' fetch first 3 rows only"
```

```
itool.add(iSqlQuery('query', query))  
itool.add(iSqlFetch('fetch'))  
itool.add(iSqlFree('free')) #more important now  
itool.call(tran)  
for row in itool.dict_out('fetch')['row']:  
    print(row)  
time.sleep(1)  
itool.call(tran)  
for row in itool.dict_out('fetch')['row']:  
    print(row)
```

No Elapsed Time?

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'776966/QSYS/QHTTSPSVR'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787491/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787504/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787518/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'776966/QSYS/QHTTSPSVR'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787491/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787504/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787518/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```



What State are You In?

- XMLSERVICE state *less* by default
- Nothing preserved between calls
- New SQLConnect every time, QSQSRVR job reset
- RPG programs and activation groups go away
- What do you do if you need statefulness?



Stateful SQL

```
query = "select job_name, elapsed_cpu_time,  
elapsed_time from table(qsys2.active_job_info()) x  
where subsystem = 'QHTTPSVR' fetch first 3 rows only"  
tran = iLibCall(ictl='*sbmjob', ipc='/unqepath')  
itool.add(iSqlQuery('query', query))  
itool.add(iSqlFetch('fetch'))  
itool.add(iSqlFree('free')) # more important now  
itool.call(tran)  
for row in itool.dict_out('fetch')['row']:  
    print(row)  
time.sleep(1)  
itool.call(tran)  
for row in itool.dict_out('fetch')['row']:  
    print(row)
```

Stateful Example

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'776966/QSYS/QHTTSPSVR'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787491/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787504/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '0.000', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787518/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '1.281', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'776966/QSYS/QHTTSPSVR'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '1.281', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '10', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787491/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '1.281', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '50', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787504/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```

```
{'ELAPSED_TIME': '1.281', 'ELAPSED_CPU_TIME': '0', 'JOB_NAME':  
'787518/QTMHHTTP/ADMIN'}
```



XMLSERVICE Control Keywords

- XMLSERVICE has CTL keywords, like H spec in RPG
- Specified using ictl parameter on iLibCall, iDB2Call, or iRestCall constructor
- <http://yips.idevcloud.com/wiki/index.php/XMLService/XMLSERVICEquick#ctl>
- Defaults to '*here' if not specified



XMLSERVICE Control Keywords

- *here – run inside XMLSERVICE job
- *sbmjob – submit new job and run there
- *call – define timeout to wait for XMLSERVICE calls to complete before returning to client (MSGW workaround)
- *idle – define idle timeout to end XMLSERVICE stateful job when hasn't been used in a while
- *debug[proc,cgi] – stop job in MSGW to start debugging



Stateful Needs IPC

- To run stateful, you need to define *sbmjob ctl option
- Also need to define IPC path
 - path used to communicate with submitted job, whatever you like
 - per session? per user? per task?
 - path must be able to be created by XMLSERVICE job and must not be journaled, /tmp good place for it
- Set IPC path with ipc option to iLibCall, iDB2Call, iRestCall



Advanced Toolkit

- Scenario: RPG program to get back a list of objects that haven't been saved
- Two output parameters
 - NumObjs – number of objects returned in second parm (10i0)
 - Objects – array of 1000 object structures
 - Name – object name (10a)
 - Library – object library (10a)

Advanced Toolkit

```
itool.add(iPgm('unsaved', 'QUNSAVED')  
        .addParm(iData('NumObjs', '10i0', ''))  
        .addParm(  
            iDS('Objects', {'dim': '1000'})  
            .addData(iData('Name', '10a', ''))  
            .addData(iData('Library', '10a', '')))
```

```
data = itool.dict_out('unsaved')  
print(len(data['Objects']))  
for obj in data['Objects']  
    print(obj)
```

Advanced Toolkit

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```
{'Name': 'OBJ001', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```

```
{'Name': 'OBJ002', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```

```
{'Name': 'OBJ003', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```

```
{'Name': 'OBJ004', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```

```
{'Name': '', 'Library': ''}
```

...

```
{'Name': '', 'Library': ''}
```

```
{'Name': '', 'Library': ''}
```

Advanced Toolkit

```
itool.add(iPgm('unsaved', 'QUNSAVED')  
  .addParm(iData('NumObjs', '10i0', ''))  
  .addParm(  
    iDS('Objects', {'dim': '1000'})  
    .addData(iData('Name', '10a', ''))  
    .addData(iData('Library', '10a', '')))
```

```
data = itool.dict_out('unsaved')  
num_objs = data['NumObjs']  
print(num_objs)  
for obj in data['Objects'][:num_objs]  
    print(obj)
```

Advanced Toolkit

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```
{'Name': 'OBJ001', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```

```
{'Name': 'OBJ002', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```

```
{'Name': 'OBJ003', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```

```
{'Name': 'OBJ004', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```



Advanced Toolkit

```
itool.add(iPgm('unsaved', 'QUNSAVED')
    .addParm(iData('NumObjs', '10i0', '',
        {'enddo': 'count'})))
    .addParm(
        iDS('Objects', {'dim': '1000', 'dou': 'count'})
        .addData(iData('Name', '10a', ''))
        .addData(iData('Library', '10a', '')))
data = itool.dict_out('unsaved')
print(len(data['Objects']))
for obj in data['Objects']
    print(obj)
```

Advanced Toolkit

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```
{'Name': 'OBJ001', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```

```
{'Name': 'OBJ002', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```

```
{'Name': 'OBJ003', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```

```
{'Name': 'OBJ004', 'Library': 'QGPL'}
```



Advanced Toolkit

- Scenario: System API call that takes in a large buffer with variable sized output data and needs to know the size of the buffer passed in
- One output parameter
 - Buffer – API defined data structure with a header containing numerous fields, followed by an array of data structures
- One input parameter
 - Len – size of Buffer

Advanced Toolkit

```
itool.add(iPgm('apical1', 'QAPICALL')
    .addParm(
        iDS('API0001', {'len':'buflen'})
        .addData(iData('Fld1','4b',''))
        # ...
        .addData(iData('NumResults','10i0','',
            {'enddo':'count'}))
        .addData(iDS('results', {'dim':'1000',
            'dou':'count'}))
        .addData(iData('Res1','3i0','')))
        # ...
        .addParm(iData('BufSize','10i0','',
            {'setlen':'buflen'})))
```



Advanced Toolkit

- Scenario: Program takes two varying length character strings
- Varying character strings not supported natively by itoolkit, need to use iXML

```
# XMLSERVICE/ZZSRV.ZZVARY:
```

```
#      P  zzvary          B          export
#      D  zzvary          PI         20A   varying
#      D  myName          10A        varying
```



Advanced Toolkit

```
itool.add(iXml("""  
<pgm name='ZZSRV' func='ZZVARY' var='zzvary'>  
  <parm io='in'><data var='myNameIn' type='10A'  
varying='on'><![CDATA[<Ranger>]]></data></parm>  
  
  <return><data var='myNameOut' type='20A'  
varying='on'><![CDATA[<Mud>]]></data></return>  
</pgm>"""))
```

```
itool.call(config.itransport)  
zzvary = itool.dict_out('zzvary')  
if 'success' in zzvary:  
    print(zzvary['myNameOut'])
```



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