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Introduction

This document is a section of the [Programmer's Guide](#).

The LexEVS APIs fall into three primary categories:

- **Core Services**
 - Includes the `LexBIGService`, `LexBIGServiceManager`, `CodedNodeSet` and `CodedNodeGraph` classes, which provide the initial entry points for programmatic access to all system features and data.
- **Service Extensions**
 - The extension mechanism provides for pluggable system features. Current extension points allow for the introduction of custom load and indexing mechanisms; unique query, sort, and filter mechanisms; and generic functional extensions which can be advertised for availability to client programs.
- **Utilities**
 - Utility classes, such as those implementing iterator support, are provided by the system to provide convenience and optimize the handling of resources accessed through the runtime.

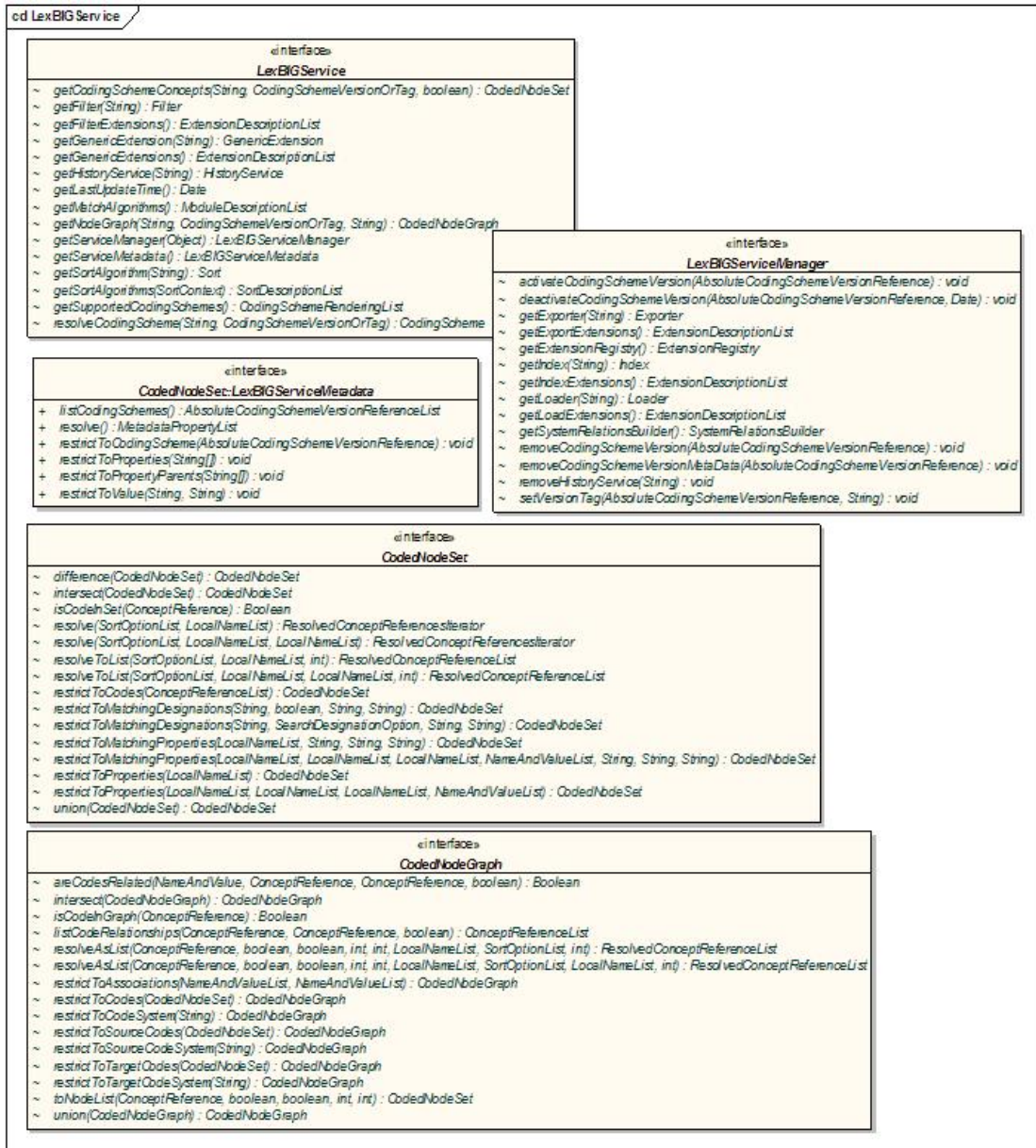
Core Services

The `LexBIGService` illustrated below provides central entry points for programmatic access to system features and data.

search

toolbox

- What links here
- Related changes
- Upload file
- Special pages
- Printable version
- Permanent link
- Print as PDF



The following are the components of interest:

CodedNodeGraph

A virtual graph where the edges represent associations and the nodes represent concept codes. A CodedNodeGraph describes a graph that can be combined with other graphs, queried or resolved into an actual graph rendering.

CodedNodeSet

A coded node set represents a flat list of coded entries.

LexBIGService

This interface represents the core interface to a LexEVS service.

LexBIGServiceManager

The service manager provides a single write and update access point for all of a service's content.

The service manager allows new coding schemes to be validated and loaded, existing coding schemes to be retired and removed and the status of various coding schemes to be updated and changed.

LexBIGServiceMetadata

Interface to perform system-wide query over optionally loaded metadata for loaded code systems and providers.

Value Domain and Pick List Services

For details, see [[the Value Domain and Pick List Services section of this guide](#)].

Service Extensions

Provides registration and lookup for pluggable system features.



The following are the components of interest:

ExtensionRegistry

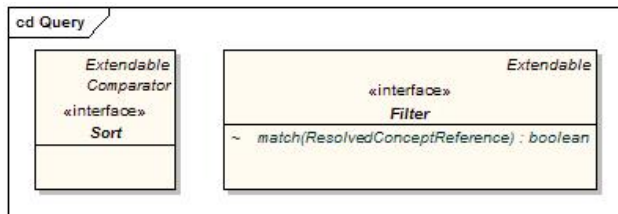
Allows registration and lookup of implementers for extensible pieces of the LexEVS architecture.

Extendable

Marks a class as an extension to the LexEVS application programming interface. This allows for centralized registration, lookup, and access to defined functions.

Query Extensions

Query extensions provide the ability to further constrain or manage query results. For details on the LexEVS v5.1 Query Extension, see the document section [Query Services Extension](#).



The following are the components of interest:

Filter

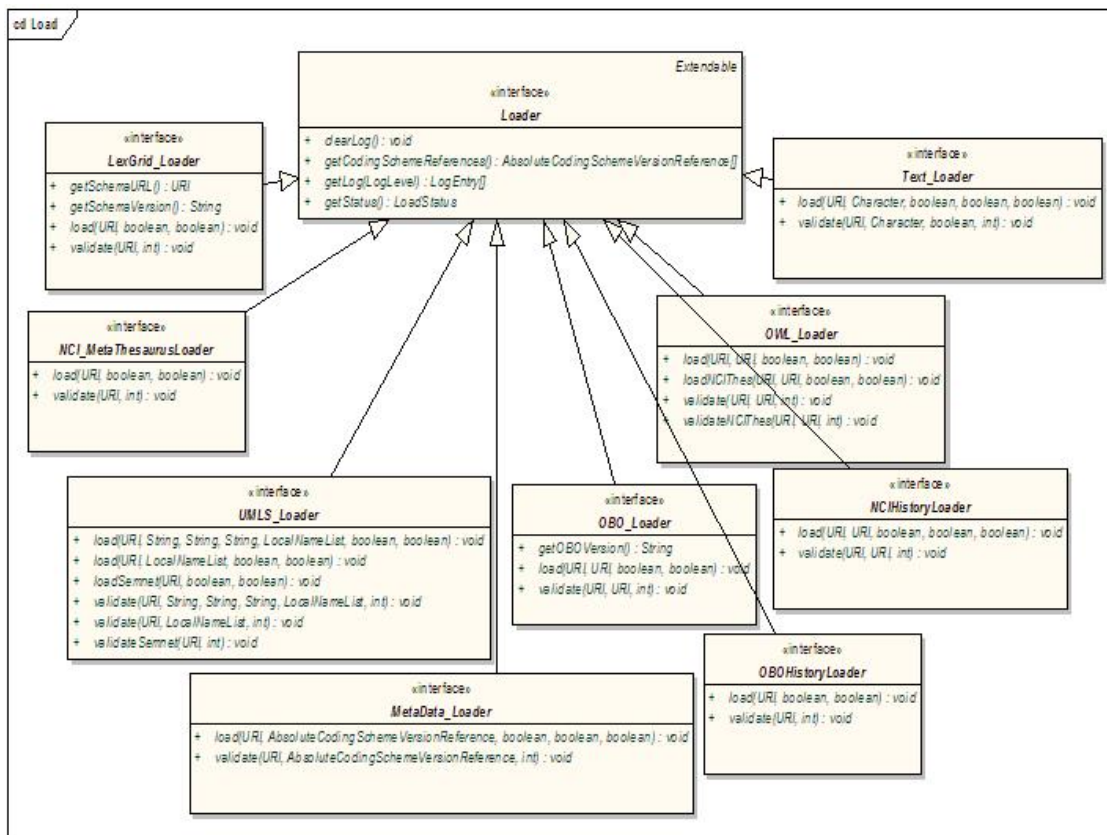
Allows for additional filtering of query results.

Sort

Allows for unique sorting of query results. This interface provides a comparator to evaluate order of any two given items from the result set.

Load Extensions

Load extensions are responsible for the validation and import of content to the LexEVS repository. Vocabularies may be imported from a variety of formats including LexGrid canonical XML, NCI Thesaurus (OWL), and NCI MetaThesaurus (UMLS RRF). For details on LexEVS loaders and the Loader Framework, see the [Loader Guide](#).



The following are the components of interest:

Loader

The loader interface validates and/or loads content for a service.

LexGrid_Loader

Validates and/or loads content provided in the LexGrid canonical XML format.

NCI_MetaThesaurusLoader

Validates and/or loads the complete NCI MetaThesaurus. Content is supplied in RRF format. Note: To load individual coding schemes, consider using the UMLS_Loader as an alternative.

OBO_Loader

Validates and/or loads content provided in Open Biomedical Ontologies (OBO) text format.

OWL_Loader

Validates and/or loads content provided in Web Ontology Language (OWL) XML format. Note that for LexEVS phase 1 this loader is designed to specifically handle the NCI Thesaurus as provided in OWL format.

Text_Loader

A loader for delimited text type files. Text files come in one of two formats: indented code/designation pair or indented code/designation/description triples.

UMLS_Loader

Load one or more coding schemes from UMLS RRF format stored in a SQL database.

Metadata_Loader

Validates and/or loads content provided in metadata xml format. The only requirement of the xml file is that it be a valid xml file.

NCIHistoryLoader

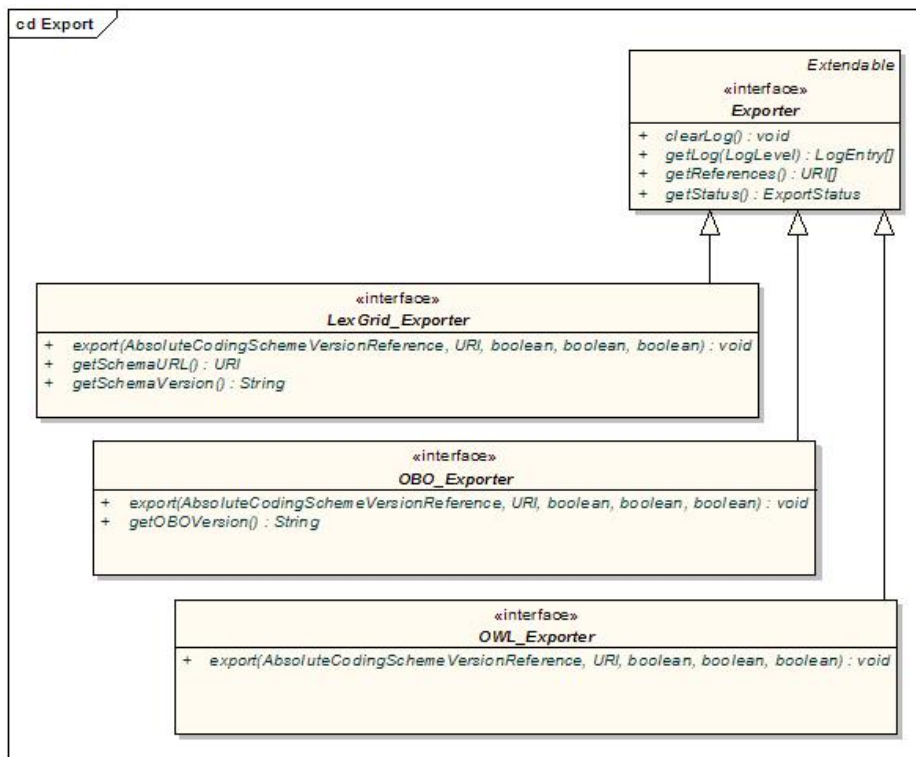
A loader that takes the delimited NCI history file and applies it to a coding scheme.

OBOHistoryLoader

Load an OBO change history file.

Export Extensions

Export extensions are responsible for the export of content from the LexEVS repository to other representative vocabulary formats.



The following are the components of interest:

Exporter

Defines a class of object used to export content from the underlying LexGrid repository to another repository or file format.

LexGrid_Exporter

Exports content to LexGrid canonical XML format.

OBO_Exporter

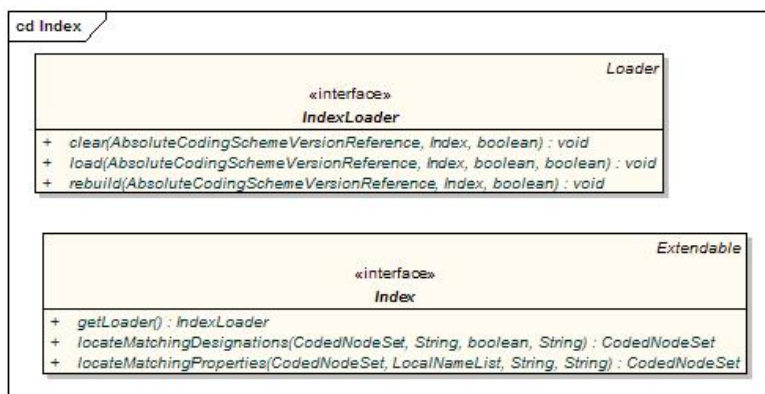
Exports content to OBO text format.

OWL_Exporter

Exports content to OWL XML format.

Index Extensions

Index extensions are built to optimize the finding, sorting and matching of query results.



The following are the components of interest:

Index

Identifies expected behavior and an associated loader to build and maintain a named index. Note that a single loader may be used to maintain multiple named indexes.

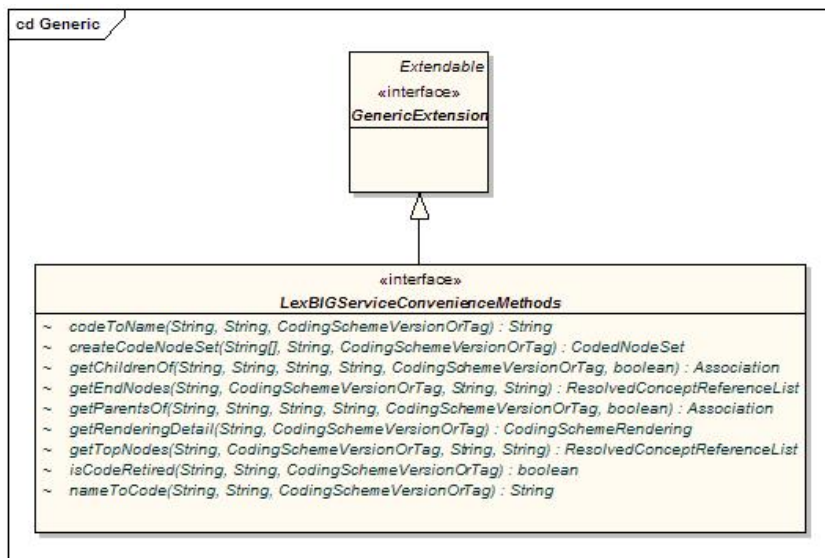
IndexLoader

Manages registered index extensions. A single loader may be used to create and maintain multiple indexes over one or more coding schemes.

It is the responsibility of the loader to properly interpret each index it services by name, version, and provider.

Generic Extensions

Generic extensions provides a mechanism to register application-specific extensions for reference and reuse.



The following are the components of interest:

GenericExtension

The generic extension class. Classes that implement this class are accessible via the LexBIGService interface.

LexBIGServiceConvenienceMethods

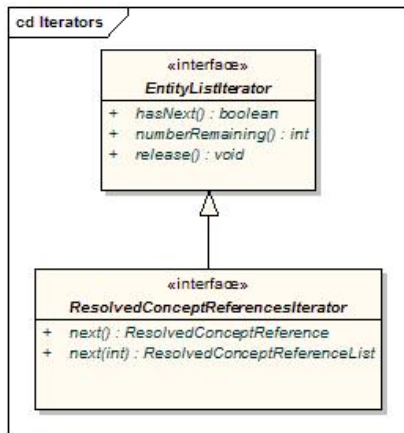
Convenience methods to be implemented as a generic extension of the LexEVS API.

Utilities

Defines helper classes externalized by the LexEVS API.

Iterators

Iterators are used to provide controlled resolution of query results.



The following are the components of interest:

EntityListIterator

Generic interface for flexible resolution of LexEVS objects.


ResolvedConceptReferencesIterator

An iterator for retrieving resolved coding scheme references.


Search Algorithms

Supported LexEVS Search Algorithms


Search Algorithm

Name: LuceneQuery
 Version: 1.0
 Description: Search with the Lucene query syntax.
 See http://lucene.apache.org/java/2_3_2/queryparsersyntax.html 

Search Algorithm

Name: DoubleMetaphoneLuceneQuery
 Version: 1.0
 Description: Search with the Lucene query syntax, using a 'sounds like' algorithm.
 A search for 'atack' will get a hit on 'attack'
 See http://lucene.apache.org/java/2_3_2/queryparsersyntax.html 

Search Algorithm

Name: StemmedLuceneQuery
 Version: 1.0
 Description: Search with the Lucene query syntax, using stemmed terms.
 A search for 'trees' will get a hit on 'tree'
 See http://lucene.apache.org/java/2_3_2/queryparsersyntax.html 

Search Algorithm

Name: startsWith
 Version: 1.0
 Description: Equivalent to 'term*' (case insensitive)


Search Algorithm

Name: exactMatch
 Version: 1.0
 Description: Exact match (case insensitive)

Search Algorithm

Name: contains
 Version: 1.0
 Description: Equivalent to '* term* *' - in other words - a trailing wildcard on a term (but no leading wild card) and the term can appear at any position.

Search Algorithm

Name: RegExp
 Version: 1.0
 Description: A Regular Expression query. Searches against the lowercased text, so a regular expression that specifies an uppercase character will never return a match. Additionally, this searches against the entire string as a single token, rather than the tokenized string - so write your regular expression accordingly. Supported syntax is documented here:
<http://jakarta.apache.org/regexp/apidocs/org/apache/regexp/RE.html> 

Additional Utility Classes

Note: It is highly recommended that all LexEVS programmers familiarize themselves with the classes contained in the `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Utility` package. Many useful features are provided in an effort to increase approachability of the API and assist the programmer in common tasks. This package currently contains the following classes: **Constructors** – Helper class to ease creating common objects. **ConvenienceMethods** – One-stop shopping for convenience methods that have been implemented against the LexEVS API. **LBConstants** – Provides constants for use in the LexEVS API. **ObjectToString** – Provides centralized formatting of LexEVS Objects to String representations.

Code Examples

Concept Resolution

Programmers access coded concepts by acquiring first a node set or graph. After specifying optional restrictions, the nodes in this set or graph can be resolved as a list of `ConceptReference` objects which in turn contain references to one or more `Concept` objects. The following example provides a simple query of concept codes:

```
// Create a basic service object for data retrieval
LexBIGService lbSvc = new LexBIGServiceImpl();

// Create a concept reference list appropriate for this coding scheme and
// this concept code where the parameters are a String array consisting of
// a single value and the name of the coding scheme where this concept resides.
ConceptReferenceList crefs = ConvenienceMethods.createConceptReferenceList(
    new String[] {code}, SAMPLE_SCHEME);

// Initialize a coding scheme version object with a version number for the
// sample scheme.
CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csvt = new CodingSchemeVersionOrTag();
csvt.setVersion(VERSION);
```

```

// Initialize a CodedNodeSet Object with all concepts in our sample coding
// scheme. (We named the scheme we wanted and by using the Boolean value,
// false, retrieved both active and inactive concepts.) This method call
// ignores the version tag using the null parameter. The final
// restrictToCodes(crefs) method call restricts the return to the single
// code in the previously initialized list of one.
CodedNodeSet nodes = lbsvc.getCodingSchemeConcepts(SAMPLE_SCHEME, csvt).
    restrictToCodes(crefs);

// Build a list of references from the current (and already restricted) set
// and restrict them further to the single property of NCI_NAME and
// restrict to a single answer (parameter 1).
ResolvedConceptReferenceList matches = nodes.resolveToList(
    null, ConvenienceMethods.createLocalNameList("FULL_SYN"), 1);

// Does our list of one contain the single reference we were looking for?
// If so, then initialize a ResolvedConceptReference with the result and
// initialize a Concept object by calling the getReferencedEntry()
// method. The Concept object is the base information model object and
// contains, among other things, the CONCEPT_NAME value we were seeking.
// We retrieve it with a call to the first element in the properties list,
// getting the text && it's accompanying content.
if(matches.getResolvedConceptReferenceCount() <> 0)
{
    ResolvedConceptReference ref = (ResolvedConceptReference)matches.
        enumerateResolvedConceptReference().nextElement();
    Concept entry = ref.getReferencedEntry();
    System.out.println("Matching synonym: " +
        entry.getPresentation(0).getValue());
}
else
{
    System.out.println("No match found");
}
}

```

Service Metadata Retrieval

The LexEVS system maintains service metadata which can provide client programs with information about code system content and assigned copyright/licensing information. Below is a brief example showing how to access and print some of this metadata:

```

// We can get a CodingSchemeRenderingList object directly from LexBigService
LexBIGService lbs = new LexBIGServiceImpl();
CodingSchemeRenderingList schemeList = lbs.getSupportedCodingSchemes();

for (CodingSchemeRendering csr : schemeList.getCodingSchemeRendering())
{
    CodingSchemeSummary css = csr.getCodingSchemeSummary();

    // Print separator then details from the CodingSchemeSummary
    System.out.println("=====");
    System.out.println(ObjectToString.toString(css));

    // Set up a coding scheme reference to resolve Copyright
    String urn = css.getCodingSchemeURI();
    String version = css.getRepresentsVersion();
    CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csVorT =
        Constructors.createCodingSchemeVersionOrTagFromVersion(version);
    CodingScheme cs = lbs.resolveCodingScheme(urn, csVorT);
    System.out.println("Copyright: " +cs.getCopyright().getContent());

    // Get the final details from the RenderingDetail
    RenderingDetail rd = csr.getRenderingDetail();
    System.out.println(ObjectToString.toString(rd));
    System.out.println();
}
}

```

Combinatorial Queries

One of the most powerful features of the LexEVS architecture is the ability to define multiple search and sort criteria without intermediate retrieval of data from the LexEVS service. Consider the following code snippet:

```

System.out.println("Example double restriction query with additional "
    + "application of sort criteria and restricted return values.");
// Declare the service...
LexBIGService lbs = new LexBIGServiceImpl();

// Start with an unconstrained set of all codes for the vocabulary
CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csvt = new CodingSchemeVersionOrTag();
csvt.setVersion(VERSION);
CodedNodeSet cns = lbs.getCodingSchemeConcepts(SAMPLE_SCHEME, csvt);

// Constrain to concepts with designations (assigned text presentations
// that contain text that sounds like 'heart ventricle'
cns.restrictToMatchingDesignations(
    "hart ventricle",
    SearchDesignationOption.ALL,
    MatchAlgorithms.DoubleMetaphoneLuceneQuery.toString(),
    null);

// Further restrict the results to concepts with a semantic type of
// 'Anatomical Structure'
cns.restrictToMatchingProperties(
    Constructors.createLocalNameList("Semantic_Type"),
    "Anatomical Structure",
    "exactMatch",
    null);

// Indicate that the resulting list should be sorted with the best
// results first and then sorted by code if there is a tie.

```

```

SortOptionList sortCriteria = Constructors.createSortOptionList(
    new String[] { "matchToQuery", "code" });

// Indicate to return only the assigned UMLS_CUI and
// textualPresentation properties.
LocalNameList restrictTo = ConvenienceMethods.createLocalNameList(
    new String[] { "UMLS_CUI", "textualPresentation" });

// Still nothing computed yet.
// Perform the query && resolve the sorted/filtered list with a
// maximum of 6 items returned.
ResolvedConceptReferenceList list = cns.resolveToList(
    sortCriteria, restrictTo, null, 6);
// Print the results
ResolvedConceptReference[] rcr = list.getResolvedConceptReference();
for (ResolvedConceptReference rc : rcr)
{
    System.out.println("Resolved Concept: +" + rc.getConceptCode());
}

```

This example shows a simple yet powerful query to search a code system based on a 'sounds like' match algorithm (the list of all available match algorithms can be listed using the `ListExtensions -m` admin script).

Declaring the target concept space

The coded node set (variable 'cns') is initially declared to query the NCI Thesaurus vocabulary. At this point the concept space included by the set can be thought of as unrestricted, addressing every defined coded entry (the 'false' value on the declaration indicates to also include inactive concepts). However, it important to note that no search is performed by the LexEVS service at this time.

Applying filter criteria

Similarly, no computation is performed (to realize query results) during invocation of the `restrictToMatchingDesignations()` and `restrictToMatchingProperties()` methods. However, these calls effectively narrow the target space even further, indicating that filters should be applied to the information returned by the LexEVS query service.

Using the Lucene Query Syntax and other text matching functions

The text criteria applied in methods such as `restrictToMatchingDesignations()` uses one of a number of powerful text processing applications to provide the user with broad capability for text based searches. Text matches can be simple applications of `exactMatch`, `startsWith` or `contains` algorithms as well as powerful regular expressions and Lucene Query syntax (used in the `LuceneQuery` function.) As shown above these options are passed into the `restrictToMatchingDesignations()` Method as parameters.

Lucene Queries are well documented and can be very powerful. The uninitiated user may need some background on their use however. The user should start here with the official [Lucene Query Parser documentation](#).

Keep in mind that some LexEVS queries such as "startsWith" and "contains" use wild card searches under the covers, so that use of wild cards in this context can cause errors in searches involving these search types.

Instead it is best to use the flexibility of the Lucene Query searches in the `matchingDesignation` by using the Lucene Query searches in LexEVS where most searches will work much as described in the query syntax documentation.

Special characters in the Lucene Query search can cause unexpected results. If you are not using special characters as recommended for various Lucene search mechanisms then your searches may not return expected results or may return an error. If the value you are searching upon contains say, parenthesis, you will need to place the value in quotations. The escape characters described in the Lucene Documentation do not work at this time.

Likewise you should not expect to see a Lucene Query narrow down search results as you progressively enter a longer substring more closely matching your term of interest. Instead use the `contains` method.

Applying sorting criteria

Multiple sort algorithms can be applied to control the order of items returned. In this case, we indicate that results are to be sorted based on primary and secondary criteria. The "matchToQuery" algorithm indicates to sort the result according to *best* match as determined by the search engine. The "code" item indicates to perform a secondary sort based on concept code.

Note: the list of all available sort algorithms can be listed using the `ListExtensions -s` admin script.

Restricting the information returned for matching items

The LexEVS API also allows the programmer to restrict the values returned for each matching concept. In this example, we chose to return only the UMLS CUI and assigned text presentations.

Retrieving the result

A query is finally performed during the 'resolve' step, with results returned to the declared list. It is at this point that the LexEVS service does the heavy lifting. By declaring the full extent of the request up front (namespace, match criteria, sort criteria, and returned values), the service then has the opportunity to optimize the query path. In addition, in this example we restrict the number of items returned to a maximum of 6. This combined approach has the benefit of reducing server-side processing while minimizing the volume and frequency of traffic between the client program and the LexEVS service.

Note: While this section provides one example of combining criteria, this same pattern can be applied to many of the `CodedNodeSet` and `CodedNodeGraph` operations. It is strongly recommended that programmers familiarize themselves with this programming model and its application.

Additional Resources

For more code snippets, see [LexEVS Code Snippets](#).

The examples and automated test programs provided by the LexEVS installation (see file breakdown in [Overview of the Software](#)) are available as additional reference materials.

LexEVS GUI

The LexEVS Graphical User Interface, or GUI, is an optional component of the LexEVS install which will be in the /gui folder of the base LexEVS installation (see file breakdown in [Overview of the Software](#)). The GUI is meant to provide a simple tool to test LexEVS API methods and quickly view the results; almost all public methods defined by the LexEVS API are supported. This guide provides a brief overview of how the GUI can aid programmers in writing code to the LexEVS API.

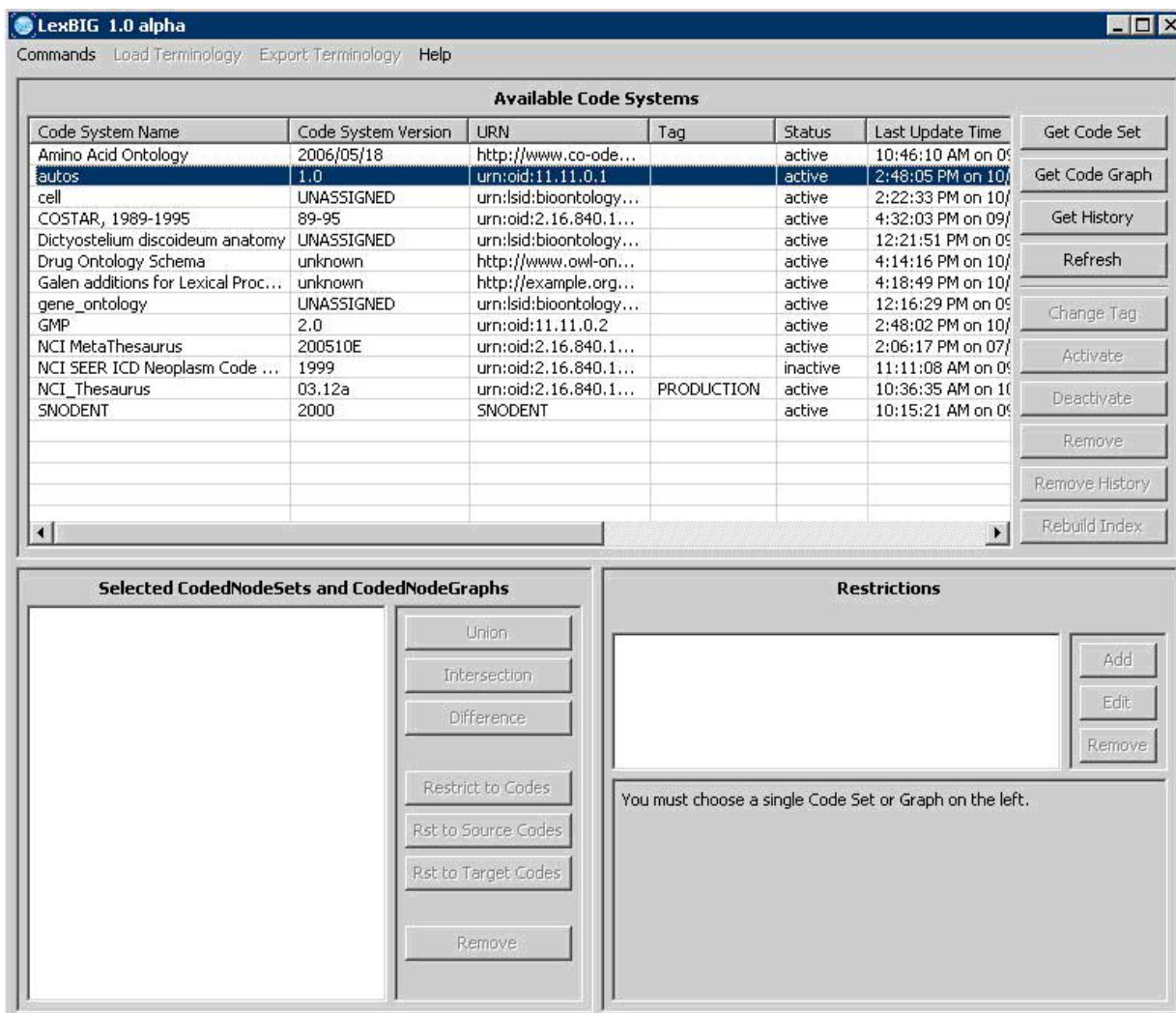
Note: The LexEVS GUI supports both administrative and test functions. Please refer to the *LexEVS Administrator's Guide* for instructions on using the GUI as an administration tool.

Launching the GUI

Depending on the operating systems that you selected at installation time, you should have one or more of the following programs in the /gui folder:

Linux_64-lbGUI.sh	Linux-lbGUI.sh
OSX-lbGUI.command	Windows-lbGUI.bat

Launch the GUI by executing the appropriate script for your platform. You will be presented with an application that looks like this:



Overview

The upper section of the GUI shows all of the code systems currently loaded, along with corresponding metadata. The lower section of the GUI is used to combine, restrict and resolve Code Sets and Code Graphs.

The lower left section is where you can perform Boolean logic on Code Sets and Code Graphs. The lower right section is where you can introduce restrictions on Code Sets and Code Graphs and browse results.

Note: The menu options are used primarily for administrative functions, and are covered in detail by the *LexEVS Administrator's Guide*. In addition, all of the disabled buttons in the top half of the application are used for administrative functions, and are also described in the *LexEVS Administrator's Guide*.

Creating New Queries

There are four buttons on the top half that are of interest for creating queries.

- Refresh – This button causes the LexEVS GUI to reread the available terminologies and their respective metadata. This can be useful when using the GUI to view a LexEVS environment that is being modified by another process.
- Get History – If a terminology with available history data is selected, this button opens a history browser to view it via the NCI history API. This option is currently only applicable when working with the NCI Thesaurus terminology.
- Get Code Set – This button causes the selected terminology to be added to the lower left section of the GUI as a code set – which is noted by a 'CS' prefix.
- Get Code Graph – This button causes the selected terminology to be added to the lower left section of the GUI as a code graph – which is noted by a 'CG' prefix.

Customizing Queries

After selecting a code system and clicking on Get Code Set or Get Code Graph, a row will be added to the lower left section of the GUI for each click. There are seven buttons in the lower left section that allow combinatorial logic between the code sets in the lower left.

- Union – This button is enabled if two Code Sets or two Code Graphs are selected in the lower left. Clicking the button creates a new virtual Code Set or Code Graph which represents the Boolean union of the two selected items. All restrictions applied to the individual items still apply.
- Intersection – This button is enabled if two Code Sets or two Code Graphs are selected in the lower left. Clicking the button creates a new virtual Code Set or Code Graph which represents the Boolean intersection of the two selected items. All restrictions applied to the individual items still apply.
- Difference – This button is enabled if two Code Sets or two Code Graphs are selected in the lower left. Clicking the button creates a new virtual Code Set which represents the Boolean difference of the two selected Code Sets. All restrictions applied to the individual items still apply.
- Restrict to Codes – This button is enabled if a Code Set and a Code Graph are selected in the lower left. Clicking the button creates a new virtual Code Graph which will be restricted to concept codes occurring in the selected Code Set.
- Restrict to Source Codes – This button is enabled if a Code Set and a Code Graph are selected in the lower left. Clicking the button creates a new virtual Code Graph which will have its source codes restricted to codes occurring in the selected Code Set.
- Restrict to Target Codes – This button is enabled if a Code Set and a Code Graph are selected in the lower left. Clicking the button creates a new virtual Code Graph which will have its target codes restricted to codes occurring in the selected Code Set.
- Remove – This button is enabled if any Code Set or Code Graph (or virtual Code Set or Code Graph) is selected in the lower left. Clicking the button will remove the selected item from the list.

The lower right section of the GUI is used to apply restrictions to Code Sets or Code Graphs, and set the variables that need to be passed into the resolve method.

Working with Code Sets

If a Code Set is selected in the lower left, then the lower right section will look like this:

NCI BEER ICD Neoplasm Code ...	1999	urn:oid:2.16.840.1...		inactive	11:11:08 AM on 10/10/2010	
NCI Thesaurus	03.12a	urn:oid:2.16.840.1...	PRODUCTION	active	10:36:35 AM on 10/10/2010	
SNODENT	2000	SNODENT		active	10:15:21 AM on 09/29/2010	

Deactivate
 Remove
 Remove History
 Rebuild Index

Selected CodedNodeSets and CodedNodeGraphs

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Union

Intersection

Difference

Restrict to Codes

Rst to Source Codes

Rst to Target Codes

Remove

Restrictions

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Add

Edit

Remove

Only Include Active Codes

Set Sort Options

Resolve Code Set

In the lower right section, there are two halves – the top half and the bottom half. The top half is used to apply restrictions. The bottom half provides query options and resolution.

- Add – This button introduces a new restriction to the Coded Node Set. Clicking it will bring up the following dialog box for creating restrictions:

Configure Restriction [X]

Restriction Type: Restrict to Matching Designations

Match Text:

Match Algorithm: LuceneQuery

Match Language:

Preferred Only:

Ok

Cancel

The top drop down list indicates the type of restriction to add. The rest of the dialog box will change depending on the type of restriction selected. All required parameters for the selected restriction type will be presented.

- Edit – This button is enabled when a restriction is selected. Clicking it allows revision of an existing restriction.
- Remove – This button is enabled when a restriction is selected. Clicking it removes the selected restriction.
- Only Include Active Codes – This check box indicates whether or not to include inactive codes when resolving the selected code set.
- Set Sort Options – This button will bring up a dialog box to choose the desired sort order of the results.
- Resolve Code Set – This button will bring up a result window where the Code Set will be resolved and displayed.

Working with Code Graphs

If you select a Coded Node Graph in the lower left section of the LexEVS GUI, the lower right section will look like this:

The screenshot displays the LexEVS 5.x API interface. At the top right, there are buttons for 'Remove History' and 'Rebuild Index'. The main interface is divided into two primary sections:

- Selected CodedNodeSets and CodedNodeGraphs:** This section contains a list of selected items: '0 (CS) - Automobiles 1.0' and '1 (CG) - Automobiles 1.0'. To the right of this list are several operation buttons: 'Union', 'Intersection', 'Difference', 'Restrict to Codes', 'Rst to Source Codes', 'Rst to Target Codes', and 'Remove'.
- Restrictions:** This section is titled 'Coded Node Graph 1 - Automobiles 1.0'. It includes a large empty box for visual representation, with 'Add', 'Edit', and 'Remove' buttons to its right. Below this are several configuration options:
 - 'Relation Container' with a dropdown menu.
 - 'Focus Code' with a text input field.
 - 'Focus Code System' with a dropdown menu.
 - 'Max Resolve Depth' with a text input field set to '-1' and two checkboxes: 'Resolve Forward' (checked) and 'Resolve Backward' (unchecked).
 - Three buttons at the bottom: 'Set Sort Options', 'Resolve as Set', and 'Resolve as Graph'.

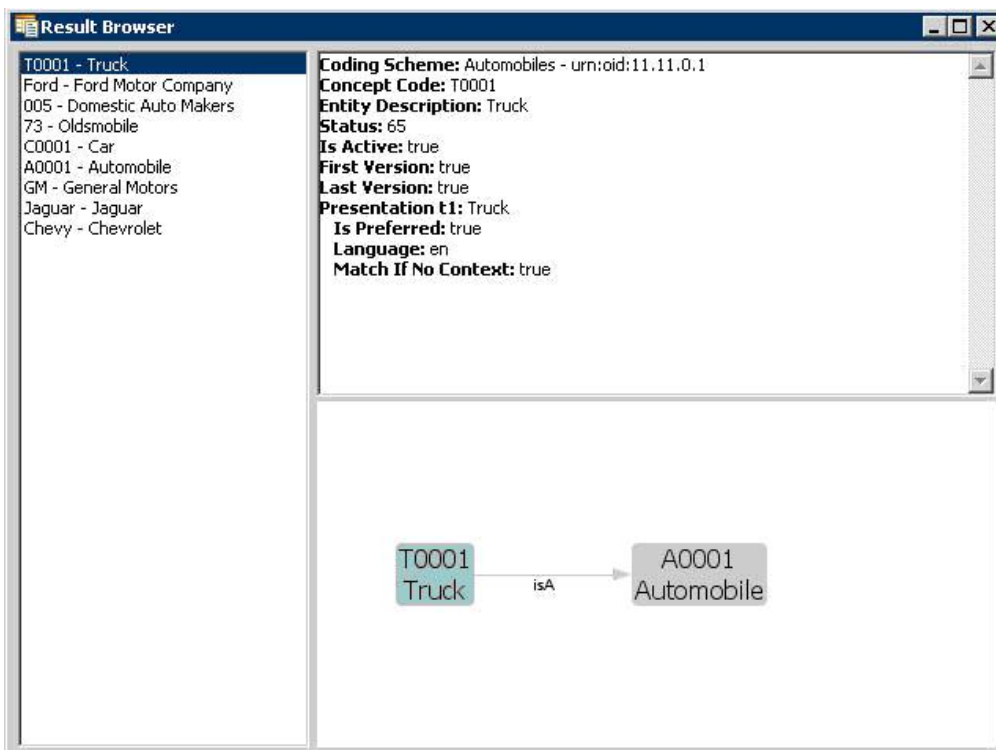
Again, there are two halves to the lower right section. The top half allows restrictions to be applied to the selected Code Graph, and it works the same as it does for a Coded Node Set. Please see the section above on applying restrictions to a Coded Node Set.

The lower half provides additional variables applicable when resolving a Coded Node Graph. For further explanation of these options, refer to the LexEVS API documentation.

- Relation Container (Optional) – Indicates the CodingScheme Relations container to query. The drop down list is populated with allowable selections.
- Focus Code (Optional) – Provides the code used as a starting point when resolving graph relations. This value is required for some queries, depending on the nature of requested associations.
- Focus Code System (Optional) – Indicates the code system containing the Focus Code. The drop down list is populated with allowable selections.
- Max Resolve Depth – How many levels deep should the graph be resolved? -1 is the default, which does not limit the depth.
- Resolve Forward – Populate codes downstream from the focus node (based on directionality defined by each association).
- Resolve Backward – Populate codes upstream from the focus node (based on directionality defined by each association).
- Set Sort Options – This button will bring up a dialog box to choose the desired sort order of the results.
- Resolve As Set – Resolves and displays the graph results as a coded node set.
- Resolve As Graph – Resolves and displays the graph results.

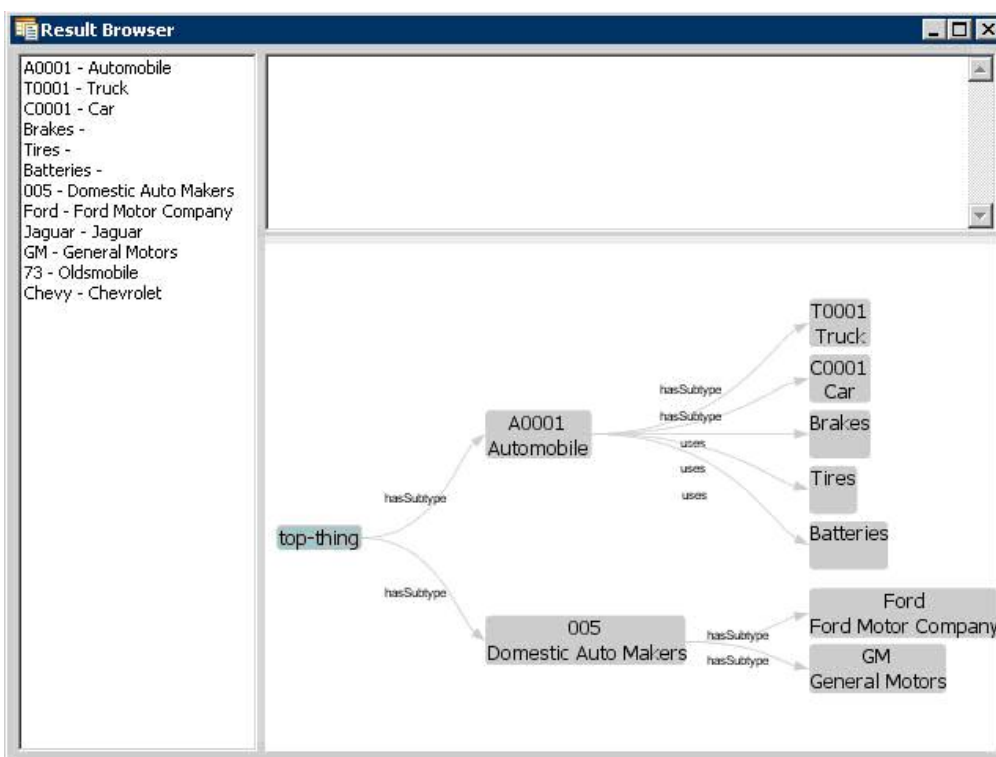
Viewing Query Results

Clicking on the Resolve buttons for either a Coded Node Set or a Coded Node Graph will bring up the Result Browser window:



The left side shows a list of all the concept codes returned. When a concept code is selected on the left, the upper right will show a full description of the selected code. The lower right will show a graph view of the neighboring concepts.

When a Coded Node Graph is resolved, the result viewing window will look like this (this is the same Code System as above):



The left side still has a list of all of the concepts in the graph. The upper right will give a description of the selected concept. The lower right shows the entire graph.

The lower right section is adjustable, and dynamic. It responds to mouse clicks, dragging, and numerous key combinations. Beyond a depth of 3, the graph may "collapse" and not show all of the nodes until you click on a node. Clicking on a node will cause it to expand out and display its children. Here are a list of key combinations recognized by the graph viewer:

- LEFT CLICK + MOUSE MOVEMENT – Drags the view.
- RIGHT CLICK + MOUSE MOVEMENT UP OR DOWN – Zooms in or out.
- RIGHT CLICK (ON WHITE SPACE) – Zooms the view to fit.
- CTRL + '+' – Expands the graph connection lines
-

- CTRL + '-' – Contracts the graph connection lines
- CTRL + '1' (OR '2' OR '3' OR '4') – Changes the orientation of the graph.

Value Domain Services

For details about LexEVS Value Domain Services, see [LexEVS Value Domain Services](#)

Pick List Services

For details about LexEVS Pick List Services, see [LexEVS Pick List Services](#)

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Introduction

This document is a section of the [Programmer's Guide](#). It is new for LexEVS v5.1.

LexEVS v5.1 implements the following performance and behavior enhancements in the Query Services Extension:

- Lucene lazy loading for improved query retrieval performance
- Search interface for plugging in custom search algorithms
- Enhanced and new search algorithms for improved accuracy and performance
- Sort interface for plugging in custom sort algorithms
- SQL optimization for improved performance in large scale query retrievals

Lucene Lazy Loading

After the Lucene search is complete, the system stores only the Document id of documents that match the search criteria. Then, when information from the document is needed, it is retrieved from the document. This is helpful in iterator-type scenarios, where retrieval can be done one at a time.

Background - Lucene Documents

Lucene stores information in documents, and these documents have fields that are used to hold information. Each document has a unique id. For example, an index of people may be indexed in Lucene as:

```

Document: id 1
First Name: John
Last Name: Doe
Sex: Male
Age: 45

Document: id 2
First Name: Jane
Last Name: Doe
Sex: Female
Age: 40

... etc.

```

LexEVS stores information about entities in this way. Property names and values, as well as qualifiers, language, and various other information about the entity are held in Lucene indexes.

Background - Querying Lucene

Lucene provides a query mechanism to search through the indexed documents. Given a search query, Lucene will provide the

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document id and the score of the match. (Lucene assigns every match a score, depending on the strength of the match given the query.)

So, if the above index is queried for "First Name = Jane AND Last Name = Doe", the result will be the document id of the match (2), and the score of the match (a float number, usually between 1 and 10).

Notice that none of the other information is returned, such as sex or age. It is useful for that extra information to be there, because if it exists in the Lucene indexes we do not have to make a database query for it. But, retrieving data from Lucene documents is expensive, just as retrieving data from a database would be.

Lazy Retrieval

Lazy retrieval can be leveraged to increase performance in LexEVS. Consider this simplified LexEVS entity index:

```
Document: id 1
Code: C12345
Name: Heart

Document: id 2
Code: C67890
Name: Foot

Document: id 3
Code: C98765
Name: Heart Attack
```

If a user constructs a query (Name = Heart*), the query will return with the matching Document ids (1 and 2). Previously, LexEVS would immediately retrieve the Code and Name fields from the matches, and use them to construct the results that would be ultimately returned to the user. This does not scale well, especially for general queries in large ontologies. In a large ontology, a query of (Name = Heart*) may match tens of thousands of documents. Retrieving the information from all these documents is a significant performance concern.

Instead of retrieving the information up front, LexEVS will simply store the document id for later use. When this information is actually needed by the user (for example, the information needs to be displayed), it is retrieved on demand.

Searching

The `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Extendable.Search` interface

This interface enables the user to plug in custom search algorithms. Users can construct any type of query given search text. The query can include wildcards, it can group search terms, etc.

Class: `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Extendable.Search`

Method: `public org.apache.lucene.search.Query buildQuery(String searchText)`

Description: Given a String search string, build a query object to match indexed Lucene documents

Default AND

Previously, for most search algorithms Lucene applied an OR to the terms if multiple terms were input as search text. For example, a search of 'heart attack' would match all documents containing 'heart' OR 'attack'. This led to non-intuitive query results being returned. In LexEVS 5.1, the Lucene default is changed to AND. Consequently, search precision is increased and returned results are more intuitive. In most cases the AND shrinks the number of results returned for a given query, which in turn increases overall performance.

Algorithms

More precise DoubleMetaphoneQuery

DoubleMetaphoneQueries enable the user to input incorrectly spelled search text, while still returning results. Because this is a 'fuzzy' search, it is important to structure the Query in a way that the most appropriate results are returned to the user first. For example, the Metaphone computed value for "Breast" and "Prostrate" is the same. Given the search term "Breast", both "Breast" and "Prostrate" will match with exactly the same score. Technically, this is correct behavior, but to the end user this is not desirable. To overcome this, LexEVS v5.1 has introduced a new query, `WeightedDoubleMetaphoneQuery`.

WeightedDoubleMetaphoneQuery

This algorithm does not automatically assume that the user has spelled the terms incorrectly. Searches are also based on the actual text that the user has input, along with the Metaphone value. Again, if the user input "Breast", the query will still match "Breast" and "Prostrate", but "Breast" will have a higher match score, because the actual user text is considered. This algorithm adds a greater precision to this fuzzy-type query.

Algorithm:

```
get: user text input
2: total score = 0
```

```

3: metaphone score = 0
4: actual score = 0
5: metaphone value = lucene.computeMetaphoneValue(user text input)
6: metaphone score = lucene.scoreMetaphoneValue(metaphone value)
7: actual score = lucene.score(user text input)
8: total score = metaphone score + actual score
9: halt

```

Case-insensitive substring

The SubStringSearch algorithm is intended to find substrings within a large string. For example:

'with a heart attack'

Will match:

'The patient *with a heart attack* was seen today.'

Also, a leading and trailing wildcard will be added, so

'th a heart atta'

Will also match:

'The patient *with a heart attack* was seen today.'

Algorithm:

```

get: user text input
2: user text input = '*' + user text input + '*'
3: score = lucene.score(user text input)
4: halt

```

Sorting

The org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Extendable.Sort interface

This interface allows users to plug in customized Sort algorithms to sort query results:

Class: org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Extendable.Sort

Method: public <T> Comparator<T> getComparatorForSearchClass(Class<T> searchClass) throws LBParameterException

Description: Given a Class that this Sort is valid for, return the correct Comparator to compare the results and sort.

Method: public boolean isSortValidForClass(Class<?> clazz)

Description: Return whether or not this Sort is valid for Sorting on a given Class.

- **Sorting on Different Class types**

A single Sort may be applicable for a variety of Class types. For instance, both an 'Association' and an 'Entity' may be sorted by 'Code', but the actual implementation of retrieving the Code and comparing it may be different between the two. It is the job of the Sort to implement a Comparator for each potential Class that it is eligible to sort.

- **Default Sorting**

All result sets are sorted by default by Lucene Score, meaning that the best match according to Lucene will always be returned first by default. Note that if two or more result sets are being Unioned, Intersected, or Differenced, the user must explicitly call a 'matchToQuery' sort on the result set as a whole to order all of the results.

- **Sort Contexts**

Sorts may be applicable in one or more 'Contexts.' (see: org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.InterfaceElements.types.SortContext)

This means that a Sort may apply only to a CodedNodeSet, or only to a CodedNodeGraph, or some combination. Sorts will only be employed by the API if they match the Context in which the results are being sorted.

- **Performance Issues**

Sorting is generally computationally expensive, because in order to correctly sort, the field to be sorted has to be fully retrieved for the entire result set. For very specific or refined queries, this may not be a problem, but for large ontologies or very general queries, performance may be a concern. To alleviate this, 'Post sort' has been introduced.

- **Post Sorting**

In order to minimize the performance impact of sorting, users are encouraged to use a 'Post sort' where possible. A Post sort is done after the result set has been restricted, thus limiting the amount of information that must be retrieved in order to perform the sort. For instance, a query may match a set of Entities:

```

{"Heart", "Heart Failure", "Heart Attack", "Arm", "Finger", ...}

```

As described earlier, all results are by default sorted by Lucene score, so if we limit the result set to the top 3, the result is:

```
{"Heart", "Heart Failure", "Heart Attack"}
```

The restricted set can then be 'Post' sorted; and because the result set has been limited to a reasonable number of matches, sorting and retrieval time can be minimized.

Algorithm:

```
1: get: Sort requested by user
2: get: Context sort is being applied to
3: if: sort is not valid for Context
  halt
4: else:
5: get: Class to be sorted on
6: if: sort is not valid for Class
  halt
7: get: Comparator for Sort - given (Class to be sorted on)
8: sort results using Comparator for Sort
9: halt
```

SQL Optimizations

The n+1 SELECTS Problem

The n+1 SELECTS Problem refers to how information can optimally be retrieved from the database, preferably using as few queries as possible. This is desirable because query overhead is a concern. Every query must be packaged and sent to the database engine, processed, packaged again and transferred to the client. Although the overhead may be minimal (a few milliseconds), it does not scale. Although sometimes obvious, n+1 queries can remain in a system undetected until scaling problems are noticed.

To avoid this problem, a JOIN query can be used.

In LexEVS v5.1, there were three n+1 SELECT queries fixed:

- The EntryState while building the CodedEntry
- The EntityDescription on AssociatedConcepts
- AssociationQualifiers on AssociatedConcepts

The n+1 SELECTS Problem Example

Given two database tables, retrieve the Code, Name, and Qualifier for each Code

Table Codes

```
Code  Name
C01234 Heart
C98765 Heart Attack
```

Table Qualifiers

```
Code  Qualifier
C01234 isAnOrgan
C98765 isADisease
```

```
SELECT * FROM Codes
```

Results in:

```
Code  Name
C01234 Heart
C98765 Heart Attack
```

To get the Qualifiers, separate SELECTs must be used for each.

```
SELECT * FROM Qualifiers where Code = C01234
And
SELECT * FROM Qualifiers where Code = C98765
```

This sequence results in 1 Query to retrieve the data from the Codes table, and then n Queries from the Qualifiers table. This results in n+1 total Queries.

The n+1 SELECTS Solution Example

Given two database tables, retrieve the Code, Name, and Qualifier for each Code.

Table Codes

Code	Name
C01234	Heart
C98765	Heart Attack

Table Qualifiers

Code	Qualifier
C01234	isAnOrgan
C98765	isADisease

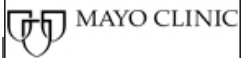
```
SELECT * FROM Codes JOIN Qualifiers ON Code
```

Results in:

Code	Name	Qualifier
C01234	Heart	isAnOrgan
C98765	Heart Attack	isADisease

Because of the JOIN, only one Query is needed to retrieve all of the data from the database.

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Introduction

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The Value Domain services are integrated parts of the LexEVS core API. They provide the ability to:

- load Value Domaindefinitions programmatically into the LexGrid repository using the domain objects that are available via the LexGrid logical model
- apply user restrictions (ex: valueDomain URI) and dynamically resolve the definitions at run time

The LexEVS Value Domain Services expose the API particularly for the Value Domain elements of the LexGrid Logical Model. For more information on LexGrid model see [\[1\]](#) [↗](#)

Value Domain Class Diagram

These classes implement the LexEVS Value Domain API.

Class Name	Description
VDServices	Class to handle list of Value Domain Definitions Object to and fro database
VDServices	Class to handle individual Value Domain Definition objects to and fro database.
VDEntryServices	Class to handle Value Domain Entry objects to and fro database.
LexEVSValueDomainServices	Primary interface for LexEVS Value Domain API
LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl	Implementation of LexEVSValueDomainServices which is primary interface for LexEVS Value Domain API.

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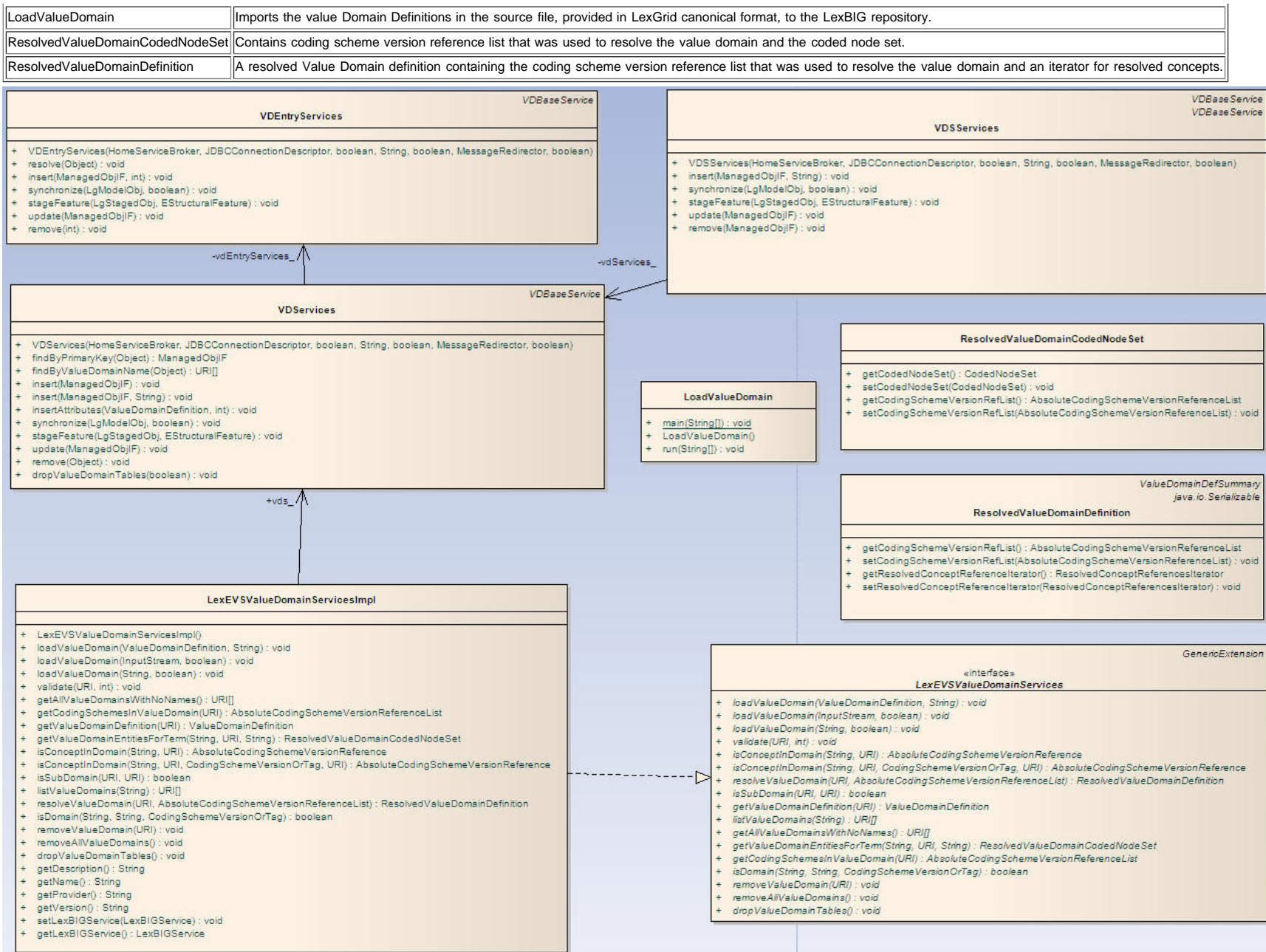
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LexEVS Value Domain Service API

Administration Functions

LexEVS Value Domain Services provide administration functions to load and remove value domain definitions.

Loading Value Domain Definitions

There are three methods that could be used to load Value Domain Definitions:

- `loadValueDomain(ValueDomainDefinition vddef, String systemReleaseURI)`

- `loadValueDomain(InputStream inputStream,boolean failOnAllErrors)`
- `loadValueDomain(String xmlFileLocation, boolean failOnAllErrors)`

`loadValueDomain(ValueDomainDefinition vddef, String systemReleaseURI)`

<code>loadValueDomain(ValueDomainDefinition vddef, String systemReleaseURI)</code>	
Description:	Loads supplied valueDomainDefinition object.
Input:	<code>org.LexGrid.emf.valueDomains.ValueDomainDefinition</code> string
Output:	none
Exception:	<code>LBException</code>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to load a Value Domain Definition object and the System Release URI this definition belongs to.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Instantiate <code>LexEVSValueDomainServices</code> if it is not done yet : <code>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();</code></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Create and populate the ValueDomainDefinition object. ValueDomainDefinition can be created using: <code>org.LexGrid.emf.valueDomains.ValueDomainDefinition valueDomain = org.LexGrid.emf.valueDomains.ValueDomainsFactory.eINSTANCE.createValueDomainDefinition();</code></p> <p>Data for valueDomain object can be populated by using set methods: <code>valueDomain.setValueDomainURI(uri); valueDomain.setValueDomainName(name); valueDomain.setDefaultCodingScheme(cs); valueDomain.setEntityDescription(ed);</code></p> <p>Similarly, DefinitionEntry, Property, and Mapping objects can be created and assigned to the valueDomain object: <code>valueDomain.getDefinitionEntry.add(vdEntry); valueDomain.setProperties(propertiesObject); valueDomain.setMappings(mappingsObject);</code></p> <p><i>Step 3:</i> Call the load method by passing the Value Domain Definition object and the System Release URI: <code>vds.loadvalueDomain(valueDomain,"Release 2009");</code></p>

`loadValueDomain(InputStream inputStream,boolean failOnAllErrors)`

<code>loadValueDomain(InputStream inputStream,boolean failOnAllErrors)</code>	
Description:	Loads valueDomainDefinitions found in inputStream.
Input:	<code>java.io.InputStream</code> boolean
Output:	none
Exception:	<code>Exception</code>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to load all Value Domain Definitions from the inputStream.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Instantiate <code>LexEVSValueDomainServices</code> if it is not done yet : <code>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();</code></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Call load method by passing the inputStream and boolean flag whether to stop on load errors: <code>vds.loadvalueDomain(inputStream, true);</code></p>

`loadValueDomain(String xmlFileLocation, boolean failOnAllErrors)`

<code>loadValueDomain(String xmlFileLocation, boolean failOnAllErrors)</code>

Description:	Loads valueDomainDefinitions found in input xml file.
Input:	<i>java.lang.String</i> boolean
Output:	none
Exception:	<i>Exception</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to load all Value Domain Definitions found in an XML file that is in LexGrid format.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Instantiate LexEVSValueDomainServices if it is not done yet : <code>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();</code></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Call load method by passing the inputfile location and boolean flag whether to stop on load errors: <code>vds.loadvalueDomain(inputXMLFile, true);</code></p>

Remove Value Domain Definition

Below are the functions to remove value domain definitions from the system.

removeValueDomain(URI valueDomainURI)

removeValueDomain(URI valueDomainURI)	
Description:	Removes supplied value domain definition from the system.
Input:	<i>java.net.URI</i>
Output:	none
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException,</i> <i>org.LexGrid.managedobj.RemoveException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to remove the Value Domain Definition from the system that matches the supplied URI.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Instantiate LexEVSValueDomainServices if it is not done yet : <code>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();</code></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Call removeValueDomain method <code>vds.removeValueDomain (new URI("AUTO:AllDomesticANDGM"));</code></p>

removeAllValueDomains()

removeAllValueDomains()	
Description:	Removes all value domain definitions from the system.
Input:	none
Output:	none
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException,</i> <i>org.LexGrid.managedobj.RemoveException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to remove all the Value Domain Definitions that are loaded in the system.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p>

```

Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSVValueDomainServices if it is not done yet :
org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSVValueDomainServices vds = new
org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSVValueDomainServicesImpl();
Step 2: Call removeAllValueDomains method vds.removeAllValueDomains();

```

Drop Value Domain tables

Administration function to delete value domain and pick list tables. Tables will be deleted only if there are no contents in value domain and pick list tables.

dropValueDomainTables()

dropValueDomainTables()	
Description:	Drops value domain tables only if there are no value domain and pick list entries.
Input:	none
Output:	none
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException,</i> <i>org.LexGrid.managedobj.RemoveException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to drop both Value Domain and Pick List tables. The tables will be dropped only if there are no entries in both Value Domain and Pick List tables.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Instantiate LexEVSVValueDomainServices if it is not done yet : <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSVValueDomainServices vds = new</i> <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSVValueDomainServicesImpl();</i></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Call dropValueDomainTables method <i>vds.dropValueDomainTables();</i></p>

Validate XML resources

Function to perform validation of source XML file without loading.

validate(URI uri, int valicationLevel)

validate(URI uri, int valicationLevel)	
Description:	Performs validation of the candidate resource without loading data.
Input:	<i>java.net.URI</i> int
Output:	none
Exception:	<i>Org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBParameterException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to validate the XML file that is in LexGrid format. This call will not load the data in XML file.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Instantiate LexEVSVValueDomainServices if it is not done yet : <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSVValueDomainServices vds = new</i> <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSVValueDomainServicesImpl();</i></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Call validate method for validation by supplying URI of the XML file and validation level. Supported validationLevels includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Verify document is well-formed 1 = Verify document is valid <p><i>vds.validaten(uriOfXMLFile, true);</i></p>

Query Functions

Here are some of the query functions that can be run against value domain definitions using the LexEVS Value Domain Services.

isConceptInDomain

There are two methods to check if supplied concept code is part of supplied value domain definition.

[isConceptInDomain\(String entityCode, URI valueDomainURI\)](#)

isConceptInDomain(String entityCode, URI valueDomainURI)	
Description:	Determines if the supplied entity code is a valid result for the supplied value domain and, if it is, returns the particular codingSchemeVersion that was used.
Input:	<i>java.lang.String</i> , <i>java.net.URI</i>
Output:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core</i> . <i>AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReference</i>
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to determine if the supplied entity code is a valid in the supplied Value Domain URI. If it is, returnS Coding Scheme URI and the Version that was used to resolve; otherwise, returns null.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Instantiate LexEVSValueDomainServices if it is not done yet : <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new</i> <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();</i></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Call isConceptInComdin method: <i>AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReference acsvr =</i> <i>vds.isConceptInDomain("conceptA", "valueDomainURI");</i></p>

[isConceptInDomain\(String entityCode, URI entityCodeNamespace, CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csvt, URI valueDomainURI\)](#)

isConceptInDomain(String entityCode, URI entityCodeNamespace, CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csvt, URI valueDomainURI)	
Description:	Similar to the previous method, this method determines if the supplied entity code and entity namespace is a valid result for the supplied value domain when resolved against the supplied Coding Scheme Version or Tag.
Input:	<i>java.lang.String</i> , <i>java.net.URI</i> , <i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core</i> . <i>CodingSchemeVersionOrTag</i> <i>java.net.URI</i>
Output:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core</i> . <i>AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReference</i>
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to determine if the supplied entity code and its entity namespace is valid in the supplied Value Domain URI when resolved against supplied Coding Scheme Version or Tag. If it is, return Coding Scheme URI and the Version that was used to resolve; otherwise, returns null.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Instantiate LexEVSValueDomainServices if it is not done yet : <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new</i> <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();</i></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Call isConceptInDomain method: <i>AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReference acsvr =</i> <i>vds.isConceptInDomain("conceptA", "conceptAEntityNamespace", "codingSchemeVersion", "valueDomainURI");</i></p>

resolveValueDomain

This method resolves supplied value domain definition and returns set of valied concept codes plus the code systems and its versions that were used.

[resolveValueDomain\(URI valueDomainURI, AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReferenceList csVersionList\)](#)

[resolveValueDomain\(URI valueDomainURI, AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReferenceList](#)

csVersionList	
Description:	Resolves a value domain using the supplied set of coding scheme versions.
Input:	<i>java.net.URI</i> , <i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core.AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReferenceList</i>
Output:	<i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.dto.ResolvedValueDomainDefinition</i>
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to resolve supplied value domain against list of Coding Scheme versions if supplied. If Coding Scheme Versions list is not supplied, API will resolve against any version of the loaded Coding Scheme that is referenced by the Value Domain. Returns object <i>ResolvedValueDomainDefinition</i>, which contains <i>AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReferenceList</i>, which tells the Coding Scheme and the versions that were used for this resolve, plus the <i>ResolvedConceptReferencesIterator</i>, which is an iterator for all the valid concepts that belong to the Value Domain and Value Domain Definition itself.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate <i>LexEVSValueDomainServices</i> if it is not done yet : <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();</i></p> <p>Step 2: Create <i>AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReferenceList</i>: <i>AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReferenceList csvList = new AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReferenceList();</i> <i>csvList.addAbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReference(Constructors.createAbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReference("Automobiles", "2.0"));</i> <i>csvList.addAbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReference(Constructors.createAbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReference("AutomobilesParts", "2.0"));</i></p> <p>Step 3: Call <i>resolveValueDomain</i> method: <i>ResolvedValueDomainDefinition rvdDef = vds.resolveValueDomain ("valueDomainURI",csvList);</i></p>

isSubDomain

This method checks if *childValueDomain* is a child of *parentValueDomain*.

isSubDomain(URI childValueDomainURI, URI parentValueDomainURI)

isSubDomain(URI childValueDomainURI, URI parentValueDomainURI)	
Description:	Checks whether <i>childValueDomainURI</i> is a child of <i>parentValueDomainURI</i> .
Input:	<i>java.net.URI</i> , <i>java.net.URI</i>
Output:	boolean
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to determine if all the concepts that get resolved from the supplied Child Value Domain URI are children of concepts that get resolved from the Parent Value Domain URI. Returns true if they all are; otherwise, returns false.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate <i>LexEVSValueDomainServices</i> if it is not done yet : <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();</i></p> <p>Step 2: Call <i>isSubDomain</i> method: <i>boolean isSubDomain = vds.isSubDomain (childValueDomainURI, parentValueDomainURI);</i></p>

getValueDomainDefinition

Utility method that returns value domain definition for the supplied value domain URI.

[getValueDomainDefinition\(Uri valueDomainURI\)](#)

getValueDomainDefinition(Uri valueDomainURI)	
Description:	Returns value domain definition for the supplied value domain URI.
Input:	<i>java.net.URI</i>
Output:	<i>org.LexGrid.emf.valueDomains.ValueDomainDefinition</i>
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to get the Value Domain Definition of the supplied Value Domain URI.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSVValueDomainServices if it is not done yet :</p> <pre>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSVValueDomainServices vds = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSVValueDomainServicesImpl();</pre> <p>Step 2: Call getValueDomainDefinition method: <i>ValueDomainDefinition vdDef = vds.getValueDomainDefinition (valueDomainURI);</i></p>

listValueDomains

Utility method that lists all the value domain(s) that matches supplied name.

[listValueDomains\(String valueDomainName\)](#)

listValueDomains(String valueDomainName)	
Description:	<p>Returns the URI's for the value domain definition(s) for the supplied domain name. If the name is null, returns everything. If the name is not null, returns the value domain(s) that have the assigned name.</p> <p>Note: plural because there is no guarantee of valueDomain uniqueness. If the name is the empty string "", returns all unnamed valueDomains.</p>
Input:	<i>java.lang.String</i>
Output:	<i>java.net.URI[]</i>
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to get the list of Value Domain URIs that matches the supplied name.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSVValueDomainServices if it is not done yet :</p> <pre>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSVValueDomainServices vds = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSVValueDomainServicesImpl();</pre> <p>Step 2: Call listValueDomains method: <i>URI[] uris = vds.listValueDomains("someValueDomainName");</i></p>

getAllValueDomainsWithNoNames

This method returns all the value domain definition URI's that contains no names.

[getAllValueDomainsWithNoNames\(\)](#)

getAllValueDomainsWithNoNames()	
Description:	Returns the URI's of all unnamed value domain definition(s).
Input:	none
Output:	<i>java.net.URI[]</i>
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation	Implementation:

Details:	<p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to get the list of Value Domain URI that have no names.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSValueDomainServices if it is not done yet :</p> <pre>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();</pre> <p>Step 2: Call getAllValueDomainsWithNoNames method: <code>URI[] uris = vds.getAllValueDomainsWithNoNames();</code></p>
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getValueDomainEntitiesForTerm

This method resolves the supplied value domain and returns only those concept codes that matches the supplied term.

`getValueDomainEntitiesForTerm(String term, URI valueDomainURI, String matchAlgorithm)`

getValueDomainEntitiesForTerm(String term, URI valueDomainURI, String matchAlgorithm)	
Description:	<p>Resolves the value domain supplied and restricts it to the term and matchAlgorithm supplied. The returned object ResolvedValueDomainCodedNodeSet contains the codingScheme URI and Version that was used to resolve and the CodedNodeSet.</p> <p>Note: the CodedNodeSet is unresolved</p>
Input:	<pre>java.lang.String, java.net.URI, java.lang.String</pre>
Output:	<code>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.dto.ResolvedValueDomainCodedNodeSet</code>
Exception:	<code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</code>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to get the resolved Value Domain Entries as CodedNodeSet that is restricted to the supplied term and the match algorithm. The returned CodedNodeSet is not resolved.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSValueDomainServices if it is not done yet :</p> <pre>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();</pre> <p>Step 2: Call getValueDomainEntriesForTerm method: <code>ResolvedValueDomainCodedNodeSet vdvns = vds.getValueDomainEntriesForTerm ("General Motors", new URI("AUTO:AllDomesticANDGM"), MatchAlgorithms.exactMatch.name());</code></p>

getCodingSchemesInValueDomain

This method returns all the coding scheme referenced by supplied value domain.

`getCodingSchemesInValueDomain(URI valueDomainURI)`

getCodingSchemesInValueDomain(URI valueDomainURI)	
Description:	Returns list of coding scheme summary that is referenced by the supplied value domain.
Input:	<code>java.net.URI</code>
Output:	<code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Collections.AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReferenceList</code>
Exception:	<code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</code>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to get List of all Coding Scheme URIs and the Versions that the supplied Value Domain URI references.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSValueDomainServices if it is not done yet :</p>

```
org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new
org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();
Step 2: Call getCodingSchemesInValueDomain method: AbsoluteCodingSchemeVersionReferenceList
csvList = vds.getCodingSchemesInValueDomain(new URI("AUTO:AllDomesticANDGM"));
```

isDomain

This method checks if the supplied entityCode is of type 'valueDomain' in supplied coding scheme and version.

`isDomain(String entityCode, String codingSchemeName, CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csvt)`

isDomain(String entityCode, String codingSchemeName, CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csvt)	
Description:	Determines if the supplied entity code is of type valueDomain in the supplied coding scheme and, if it is, returns true; otherwise returns false.
Input:	java.lang.String, java.lang.String org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core.CodingSchemeVersionOrTag
Output:	boolean
Exception:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Value Domain Service instance to check if the supplied entity code is of type valueDomain in the supplied Coding Scheme.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSValueDomainServices if it is not done yet :</p> <pre>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSValueDomainServices vds = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSValueDomainServicesImpl();</pre> <p>Step 2: Call isDomain method: <code>boolean isDomain = vds.isDomain ("VD005", "Automobiles", Constructors.createCodingSchemeVersionOrTag(null, "2.0"));</code></p>

Resolved Value Domain Objects

ResolvedValueDomainCodedNodeSet

Contains Coding Scheme Version reference list that was used to resolve the Value Domain and the CodedNodeSet. The CodedNodeSet is not resolved.

ResolvedValueDomainDefinition

A resolved Value Domain Definition containing the Coding Scheme Version reference list that was used to resolve the Value Domain and an iterator for resolved concepts.

Error Handling

LexEVS Value Domain services uses org.LexGrid.LexBIG.impl.loaders.MessageDirector to direct all fatal, error, warning, info messages with appropriate messages to the LexBIG log files in the 'log' folder of LexEVS install directory.

Along with MessageDirector, the services will also make use of org.LexGrid.LexBIG.exception.LBException to throw any fatal and error messages to the log file as well as to console.

Load Scripts

Following are the scripts that can be used to load value domain definition that are in LexGrid XML format into the system :

- LoadValueDomain.bat for Windows environment and
- LoadValueDomain.sh for Unix environment

The above scripts can be found under 'Admin' folder of LexEVS install directory.

Both scripts take in the following parameters:

-in

Input <uri>

URI or path specifying location of the source file.

-v

Validate <int>

Perform validation of the candidate resource without loading data. Supported levels of validation include:

0 = Verify document is well-formed

1 = Verify document is valid

Example:

sh LoadValueDomain.sh -in "file:///path/to/file.xml"

Sample Value Domain Definition XML file

Below is a sample XML file containing Value Domain Definitions in LexGrid format that can be loaded using LexEVS Value Domain Service.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<systemRelease xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/versions http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/versions.xsd"
xmlns="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/versions" xmlns:lgVer="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/versions"
xmlns:lgCommon="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/commonTypes" xmlns:data="data"
xmlns:lgVD="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/valueDomains" xmlns:lgNaming="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/naming"
releaseURI="http://testRelease/04" releaseDate="2008-11-07T14:55:51.615-06:00">
  <lgCommon:entityDescription>Sample value domains</lgCommon:entityDescription>
  <lgVer:valueDomains>
    <lgVD:mappings>
      <lgNaming:supportedAssociation localId="hasSubtype" uri="urn:oid:1.3.6.1.4.1.2114.108.1.8.1">hasSubtype</lgNaming:supportedAssociation>
      <lgNaming:supportedCodingScheme localId="Automobiles" uri="urn:oid:1.1.1.0.1">Automobiles</lgNaming:supportedCodingScheme>
      <lgNaming:supportedDataType localId="testhtml">test/html</lgNaming:supportedDataType>
      <lgNaming:supportedDataType localId="textplain">text/plain</lgNaming:supportedDataType>
      <lgNaming:supportedHierarchy localId="is_a" associationNames="hasSubtype" isForwardNavigable="true" rootCode="@">hasSubtype</lgNaming:supportedHierarchy>
      <lgNaming:supportedLanguage localId="en" uri="www.en.org/orsomething">en</lgNaming:supportedLanguage>
      <lgNaming:supportedNamespace localId="Automobiles" uri="urn:oid:1.1.1.0.1" equivalentCodingScheme="Automobiles">Automobiles</lgNaming:supportedNamespace>
      <lgNaming:supportedProperty localId="textualPresentation">textualPresentation</lgNaming:supportedProperty>
      <lgNaming:supportedSource localId="lexgrid.org">lexgrid.org</lgNaming:supportedSource>
      <lgNaming:supportedSource localId="_111101">1.1.1.0.1</lgNaming:supportedSource>
    </lgVD:mappings>
    <lgVD:valueDomainDefinition valueDomainURI="SRITEST:AUTO:DomesticAutoMakers" valueDomainName="Domestic Auto Makers" defaultCodingScheme="Automobiles" effectiveDate="2009-01-01T11:00:00Z"
isActive="true" status="ACTIVE">
      <lgVD:properties>
        <lgCommon:property propertyName="textualPresentation">
          <lgCommon:value> Domestic Auto Makers</lgCommon:value>
        </lgCommon:property>
      </lgVD:properties>
      <lgVD:definitionEntry ruleOrder="1" operator="OR">
        <lgVD:entityReference entityCode="005" referenceAssociation="hasSubtype" transitiveClosure="true" targetToSource="false" leafOnly="false"/>
      </lgVD:definitionEntry>
    </lgVD:valueDomainDefinition>
    <lgVD:valueDomainDefinition valueDomainURI="SRITEST:AUTO:AllDomesticButGM" valueDomainName="All Domestic Autos But GM" defaultCodingScheme="Automobiles" effectiveDate="2009-01-01T11:00:00Z"
isActive="true" status="ACTIVE">
      <lgVD:properties>
        <lgCommon:property propertyName="textualPresentation">
          <lgCommon:value> Domestic Auto Makers</lgCommon:value>
        </lgCommon:property>
      </lgVD:properties>
      <lgVD:definitionEntry ruleOrder="1" operator="OR">
        <lgVD:entityReference entityCode="005" referenceAssociation="hasSubtype" transitiveClosure="true" targetToSource="false" leafOnly="false"/>
      </lgVD:definitionEntry>
      <lgVD:definitionEntry ruleOrder="2" operator="SUBTRACT">
        <lgVD:entityReference entityCode="GM" referenceAssociation="hasSubtype" transitiveClosure="true" targetToSource="false" leafOnly="false"/>
      </lgVD:definitionEntry>
    </lgVD:valueDomainDefinition>
    <lgVD:valueDomainDefinition valueDomainURI="SRITEST:AUTO:AllDomesticANDGM" valueDomainName="All Domestic Autos AND GM" defaultCodingScheme="Automobiles" effectiveDate="2009-01-01T11:00:00Z"
isActive="true" status="ACTIVE">
      <lgVD:properties>
        <lgCommon:property propertyName="textualPresentation">
          <lgCommon:value> Domestic Auto Makers AND GM</lgCommon:value>
        </lgCommon:property>
      </lgVD:properties>
      <lgVD:definitionEntry ruleOrder="1" operator="OR">
        <lgVD:entityReference entityCode="005" referenceAssociation="hasSubtype" transitiveClosure="true" targetToSource="false" leafOnly="false"/>
      </lgVD:definitionEntry>
      <lgVD:definitionEntry ruleOrder="2" operator="AND">
        <lgVD:entityReference entityCode="GM" referenceAssociation="hasSubtype" transitiveClosure="true" targetToSource="false" leafOnly="false"/>
      </lgVD:definitionEntry>
    </lgVD:valueDomainDefinition>
    <lgVD:valueDomainDefinition valueDomainURI="SRITEST:AUTO:DomesticLeafOnly" valueDomainName="Domestic Leaf Only" defaultCodingScheme="Automobiles" effectiveDate="2009-01-01T11:00:00Z"
isActive="true" status="ACTIVE">
      <lgVD:properties>
        <lgCommon:property propertyName="textualPresentation">
          <lgCommon:value>Domestic Leaf Only</lgCommon:value>
        </lgCommon:property>
      </lgVD:properties>
      <lgVD:definitionEntry ruleOrder="1" operator="OR">
        <lgVD:entityReference entityCode="005" referenceAssociation="hasSubtype" transitiveClosure="true" targetToSource="false" leafOnly="true"/>
      </lgVD:definitionEntry>
    </lgVD:valueDomainDefinition>
  </lgVer:valueDomains>
</systemRelease>
```

System Testing

The System test case for the LexEVS Value Domain service is performed using the JUnit test suite:

org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Impl.testUtility.VDAAllTests

This test suite will be run as part of regular LexEVS test suites AllTestsAllConfigs and AllTestsNormalConfigs.

Installation / Packaging

Value Domain Services are integrated parts of core LexEVS API and are packaged and installed with other LexEVS services.

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Introduction

This document is a section of the [Programmer's Guide](#). It is new for LexEVS v5.1.

The Pick List Services are integrated parts of the LexEVS core API. They provide the ability to:

- load Pick List definitions programmatically into the LexGrid repository using the domain objects that are available via the LexGrid logical model
- apply user restrictions (ex: pickListId) and dynamically resolve the definitions at run time

The LexEVS Pick List Services expose the API particularly for the Pick List elements of the LexGrid Logical Model. For more information on LexGrid model see [\[1\]](#)

Pick List Class Diagram

These classes implement the LexEVS Pick List API.

Class Name	Description
PickListsServices	Class to handle list of Pick List Definitions.
PickListServices	Class to handle individual Pick List Definition objects to and fro database.
PLEntryServices	Class to handle Pick List Entry objects to and fro database.
LexEVPickListServices	Primary interface for LexEVS Pick List API.
LexEVPickListServicesImpl	Implementation of LexEVPickListServices which is primary interface for LexEVS Pick List API.
LoadPickList	Imports the Pick List Definitions in the source file, provided in LexGrid canonical format, to the LexBIG repository.
ResolvedPickListEntryList	Class to hold list of resolved pick list entries.
ResolvedPickListEntry	Bean for resolved pick list entries.

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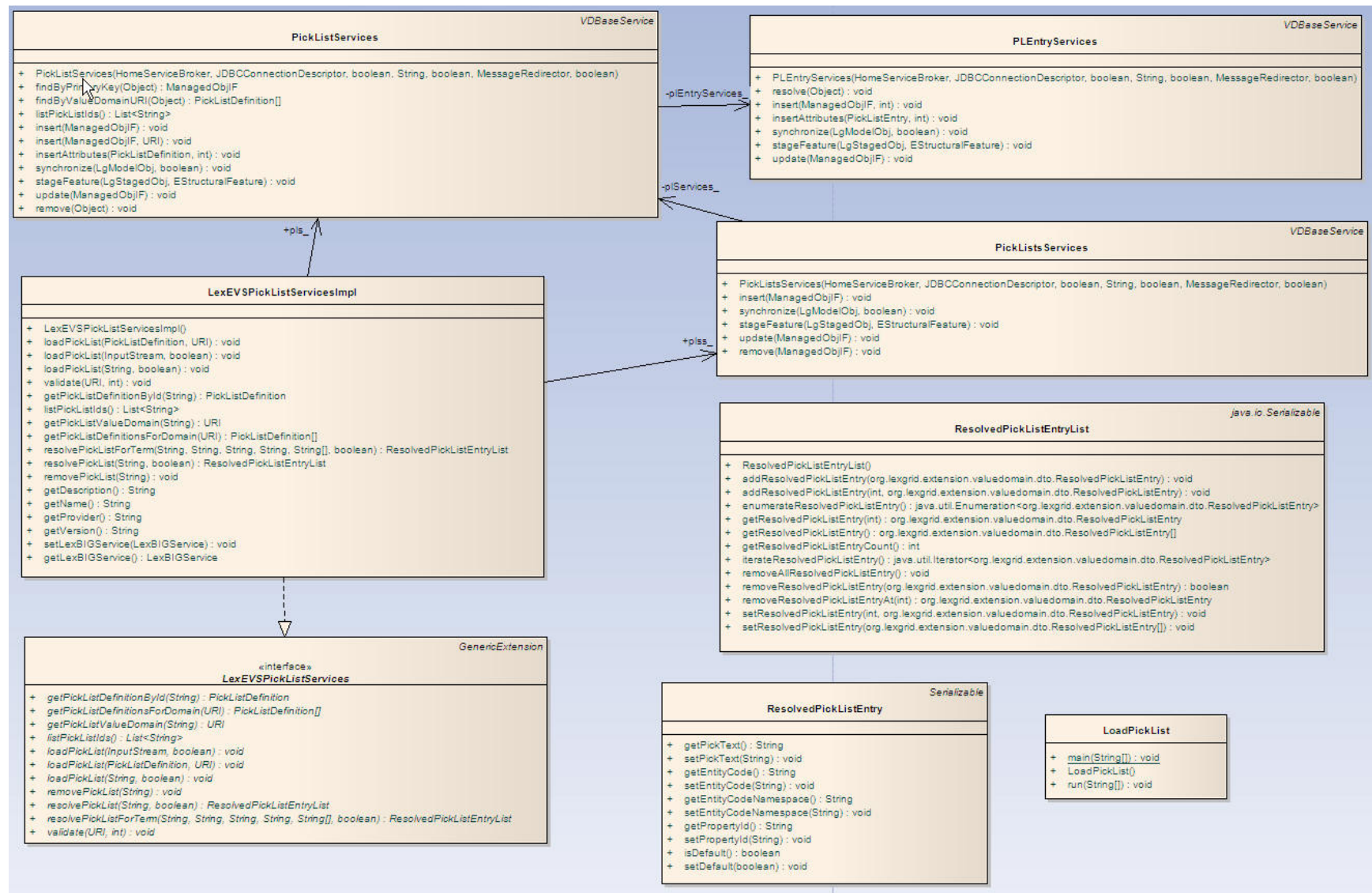
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LexEVS Pick List Service API

Administrative Functions

LexEVS PickListServices provides administrative functions to load and remove pick list definitions.

Loading Pick List Definitions

There are three methods that could be used to load Pick List Definitions:

- `loadPickList(PickListDefinition pldef, String systemReleaseURI)`
- `loadPickList(InputStream inputStream, boolean failOnAllErrors)`
- `loadPickList(String xmlFileLocation, boolean failOnAllErrors)`

`loadPickList(PickListDefinition pldef, String systemReleaseURI)`

`loadPickList(PickListDefinition pldef, String systemReleaseURI)`

Description: Loads supplied Pick List Definition object

Input:	<i>org.LexGrid.emf.valueDomains.PickListDefinition</i> , String
Output:	none
Exception:	<i>LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Pick List Service instance to load the Pick List Definition object and the System Release URI that this definition belongs to.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Instantiate LexEVSPickListServices if it is not done yet : <code>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSPickListServices pls = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSPickListServicesImpl();</code></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Create and populate the PickListDefinition object.</p> <p>PickListDefinition can be created using <code>org.LexGrid.emf.valueDomains.PickListDefinition pickList = org.LexGrid.emf.valueDomains.ValuedomainsFactory.eINSTANCE.createPickListDefinition();</code></p> <p>Data for pickList object can be populated by using set methods: <code>pickList.setPickListId(pickListId); pickList.setRepresentsValueDomain(vdURI); pickList.setCompleteDomain(true); pickList.setDefaultEntityCodeNamespace(ecns); pickList.setDefaultLanguage("en"); pickList.setDefaultSortOrder("asc"); pickList.setIsActive(true); pickList.setEntityDescription(red);</code></p> <p>Similarly, PickListEntryNode, Property, and Mapping objects can be created and assigned to the pickList object. <code>pickList.getPickListEntryNode.add(pickListEntry); pickList.setProperties(propertisObject); pickList.setMappings(mappingsObject);</code></p> <p><i>Step 3:</i> Call the load method by passing the Pick List Definition object and the System Release URI. <code>pls.loadPickList(pickList,"Release 2009");</code></p>

loadPickList(InputStream inputStream, boolean failOnAllErrors)

loadPickList(InputStream inputStream, boolean failOnAllErrors)	
Description:	Loads Pick List Definitions found in inputStream.
Input:	<i>java.io.InputStream</i> boolean
Output:	none
Exception:	<i>Exception</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Pick List Service instance to load all Pick List Definitions from the inputstream.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Instantiate LexEVSPickListServices if it is not done yet : <code>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSPickListServices pls = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSPickListServicesImpl();</code></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Call load method by passing the inputStream and boolean flag whether to stop on load errors: <code>pls.loadPickList(inputStream, true);</code></p>

loadPickList(String xmlFileLocation, boolean failOnAllErrors)

loadPickList(String xmlFileLocation, boolean failOnAllErrors)	
Description:	Loads Pick List Definitions found in input xml file.
Input:	<i>java.lang.String</i> boolean
Output:	none
Exception:	<i>Exception</i>
Implementation	Implementation:

Details:	<p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Pick List Service instance to load all Pick List Definitions found in an XML file that is in LexGrid format.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSPickListServices if it is not done yet : <code>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSPickListServices pls = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSPickListServicesImpl();</code></p> <p>Step 2: Call load method by passing the inputfile location and boolean flag whether to stop on load errors: <code>pls.loadPickList(inputXMLFile, true);</code></p>
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Remove Pick List Definition

`removePickList(String pickListId)`

removePickList(String pickListId)	
Description:	Removes supplied Pick List Definition from the system.
Input:	<code>java.lang.String</code>
Output:	none
Exception:	<code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</code> , <code>org.LexGrid.managedobj.RemoveException</code>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Pick List Service instance to remove Pick List Definition from the system that matches the supplied pickListId.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSPickListServices if it is not done yet : <code>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSPickListServices pls = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSPickListServicesImpl();</code></p> <p>Step 2: Call removePickList method: <code>vds.removePickList ("AUTO:AllDomesticANDGM");</code></p>

Validate XML resources

`validate`

validate(URI uri, int validationLevel)	
Description:	Perform validation of the candidate resource without loading data.
Input:	<code>java.net.URI</code> int
Output:	none
Exception:	<code>Org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBParameterException</code>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Pick List Service instance to validate the XML file that is in LexGrid format. This call will not load the data in an XML file.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSPickListServices if it is not done yet : <code>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSPickListServices pls = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSPickListServicesImpl();</code></p> <p>Step 2: Call validate method for validation by supplying URI of the XML file and validation level. Supported validationLevels include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Verify document is well-formed 1 = Verify document is valid <p><code>pls.validate(uriOfXMLFile, true);</code></p>

Query Functions

Following are some of the query functions provided by LexEVS PickListServices.

getPickListDefinitionById

getPickListDefinitionById(String pickListId)

getPickListDefinitionById(String pickListId)	
Description:	Returns pickList definition for supplied pickListId.
Input:	<i>java.lang.String</i>
Output:	<i>org.LexGrid.emf.valueDomains.PickListDefinition</i>
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Pick List Service instance to get Pick List Definition for supplied pickListId.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSPickListServices if it is not done yet : <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSPickListServices pls = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSPickListServicesImpl();</i></p> <p>Step 2: Call getPickListDefinitionById method: <i>PickListDefinition plDef = pls.getPickListDefinitionById("AUTO:DomesticAutoMakers");</i></p>

getPickListDefinitionsForDomain

getPickListDefinitionsForDomain(URI valueDomainURI)

getPickListDefinitionsForDomain(URI valueDomainURI)	
Description:	Returns all the pickList definitions that represent the supplied valueDomain URI.
Input:	<i>java.net.URI</i>
Output:	<i>org.LexGrid.emf.valueDomains.PickListDefinition[]</i>
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Pick List Service instance to get all the Pick List Definitions that are represented by supplied Value Domain URI.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSPickListServices if it is not done yet : <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSPickListServices pls = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSPickListServicesImpl();</i></p> <p>Step 2: Call getPickListDefinitionsForDomain method: <i>PickListDefinition[] plDefs = pls.getPickListDefinitionsForDomain(valueDomainURI);</i></p>

getPickListValueDomain

getPickListValueDomain(String pickListId)

getPickListValueDomain(String pickListId)	
Description:	Returns a URI of the represented valueDomain of the pickList.
Input:	<i>java.lang.String</i>
Output:	<i>java.net.URI</i>
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Pick List Service instance to get a Value Domain URI represented by supplied pickListId.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSPickListServices if it is not done yet : <i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSPickListServices pls = new</i></p>

```
org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSPickListServicesImpl();
Step 2: Call getPickListValueDomain method: URI vdURI = pls.getPickListValueDomain
("AUTO:DomesticAutoMakers");
```

listPickListIds

listPickListIds()

listPickListIds()	
Description:	Returns a list of pickListIds that are available in the system.
Input:	none
Output:	<i>java.util.List<java.lang.String></i>
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Pick List Service instance to get all the PickListIds that are loaded in the system.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSPickListServices if it is not done yet :</p> <pre>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSPickListServices pls = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSPickListServicesImpl();</pre> <p>Step 2: Call listPickListIds method: <i>List<String> pList = pls.listPickListIds();</i></p>

resolvePickList

resolvePickList(String pickListId, boolean sortByText)

resolvePickList(String pickListId, boolean sortByText)	
Description:	Resolves pickList definition for supplied pickListId.
Input:	<i>java.lang.String</i> , boolean
Output:	<i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.dto.ResolvedPickListEntryList</i>
Exception:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Pick List Service instance to get the resolved Pick List Entries for the supplied pickListId. Optionally, if sortByTests is true, sort the pickText in the list.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSPickListServices if it is not done yet :</p> <pre>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSPickListServices pls = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSPickListServicesImpl();</pre> <p>Step 2: Call resolvePickList method: <i>ResolvedPickListEntryList pleList = pls.resolvePickList</i> <i>("AUTO:DomesticAutoMakers", true);</i></p>

resolvePickListForTerm

resolvePickListForTerm(String pickListId, String term, String matchAlgorithm, String language, String[] context, boolean sortByText)

resolvePickListForTerm(String pickListId, String term, String matchAlgorithm, String language, String[] context, boolean sortByText)	
Description:	Resolves pickList definition by applying supplied arguments.
Input:	<i>java.lang.String</i> , <i>java.lang.String</i> , <i>java.lang.String</i> , <i>java.lang.String</i> , <i>java.lang.String[]</i> , boolean
Output:	<i>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.dto.ResolvedPickListEntryList</i>

Exception:	<code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBException</code>
Implementation	Implementation:
Details:	<p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Pick List Service instance to get list of Pick List Entries that match the term supplied and meet other supplied restrictions.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Instantiate LexEVSPickListServices if it is not done yet :</p> <pre>org.lexgrid.valuedomain.LexEVSPickListServices pls = new org.lexgrid.valuedomain.impl.LexEVSPickListServicesImpl();</pre> <p>Step 2: Call resolvePickListForTerm method: <code>ResolvedPickListEntryList pleList = pls.resolvePickListForTerm ("AUTO:DomesticAutoMakers","Jaguar", MatchAlgorithms.exactMatch.name(), "en", null, true);</code></p>

Resolved Pick List Objects

ResolvedPickListEntry

ResolvedPickListEntry contains resolved Pick List Entry Nodes.

ResolvedPickListEntryList

ResolvedPickListEntryList contains the list of resolved Pick List Entries. Also provides helpful features to add, remove, enumerate Pick List Entries.

Error Handling

Both LexEVS Pick List services uses org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Impl.loaders.MessageDirector to direct all fatal, error, warning, info messages with appropriate messages to the LexBIG log files in the 'log' folder of LexEVS install directory.

Along with MessageDirector, the services will also make use of org.LexGrid.LexBIG.exception.LBException to throw any fatal and error messages to the log file as well as to console.

Load Scripts

Scripts to load Pick List Definitions into LexEVS system will be located under 'Admin' folder of LexEVS install directory. These loader scripts will only load data in an XML file that is in LexGrid format.

LoadPickList.bat for Windows environment and LoadPickList.sh for Unix environment. Both of these scripts take in the following parameters:

```
-in
  Input <uri>
  URI or path specifying location of the source file.

-v
  Validate <int>
  Perform validation of the candidate resource without loading data. Supported levels of validation include:
    0 = Verify document is well-formed
    1 = Verify document is valid
```

Example:

```
sh LoadPickList.sh \-in "file:///path/to/file.xml"
```

Sample Pick List Definitions XML File

Below is a sample XML file containing Pick List Definitions in LexGrid format that can be loaded using LexEVS Pick List Service.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<systemRelease xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/versions http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/versions.xsd"
xmlns="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/versions" xmlns:lgVer="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/versions"
xmlns:lgCommon="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/commonTypes" xmlns:data="data"
xmlns:lgVD="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/valueDomains" xmlns:lgNaming="http://LexGrid.org/schema/2009/01/LexGrid/naming"
releaseURI="http://testRelease/04" releaseDate="2008-11-07T14:55:51.615-06:00">
<lgCommon:entityDescription>Sample value domains</lgCommon:entityDescription>
<pickLists>
  <lgVD:mappings>
    <lgNaming:supportedCodingScheme localId="Automobiles" uri="urn:oid:1.1.11.0.1">Automobiles</lgNaming:supportedCodingScheme>
    <lgNaming:supportedLanguage localId="en" uri="http://www.en.org/orsomething">en</lgNaming:supportedLanguage>
    <lgNaming:supportedNamespace localId="Automobiles" uri="urn:oid:1.1.11.0.1" equivalentCodingScheme="Automobiles">Automobiles</lgNaming:supportedNamespace>
    <lgNaming:supportedProperty localId="textualPresentation">textualPresentation</lgNaming:supportedProperty>
    <lgNaming:supportedSource localId="lexgrid.org">lexgrid.org</lgNaming:supportedSource>
    <lgNaming:supportedSource localId="_111101">1.11.0.1</lgNaming:supportedSource>
  </lgVD:mappings>
  <lgVD:pickListDefinition pickListId="SRITEST:AUTO:DomesticAutoMakers" representsValueDomain="SRITEST:AUTO:DomesticAutoMakers" isActive="true" defaultEntityCodeNamespace="Automobiles" defaultLanguage="en"
completeDomain="false">
    <lgCommon:owner>Owner for Domestic Auto Makers</lgCommon:owner>
    <lgCommon:entityDescription>DomesticAutoMakers</lgCommon:entityDescription>
    <lgVD:mappings>
      <lgNaming:supportedCodingScheme localId="Automobiles" uri="urn:oid:1.1.11.0.1">Automobiles</lgNaming:supportedCodingScheme>
      <lgNaming:supportedDataType localId="text/html">text/html</lgNaming:supportedDataType>
      <lgNaming:supportedDataType localId="text/plain">text/plain</lgNaming:supportedDataType>
    </lgVD:mappings>
  </lgVD:pickListDefinition>
</pickLists>
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```

<lgNaming:supportedLanguage localId="en" uri="www.en.org/orsomething">en</lgNaming:supportedLanguage>
<lgNaming:supportedNamespace localId="Automobiles" uri="urn:oid:1.11.0.1" equivalentCodingScheme="Automobiles">Automobiles</lgNaming:supportedNamespace>
<lgNaming:supportedProperty localId="textualPresentation">textualPresentation</lgNaming:supportedProperty>
<lgNaming:supportedSource assemblyRule="rule1" uri="http://informatics.mayo.edu" localId="lexgrid.org">lexgrid.org</lgNaming:supportedSource>
<lgNaming:supportedSource localId="l11101">1.11.0.1</lgNaming:supportedSource>
</lgVD:mappings>
<lgVD:pickListEntryNode pickListEntryId="PLGmp1" isActive="true">
  <lgCommon:owner>Owner for PLGmp1</lgCommon:owner>
  <lgCommon:entryState containingRevision="R001" relativeOrder="1" changeType="NEW" prevRevision="R00A"/>
  <lgVD:inclusionEntry entityCode="GM" entityCodeNamespace="Automobiles" propertyId="p1">
    <lgVD:pickText>General Motors</lgVD:pickText>
  </lgVD:inclusionEntry>
  </lgVD:pickListEntryNode>
  <lgVD:pickListEntryNode pickListEntryId="PLGmp2" isActive="true">
    <lgCommon:owner>Owner for PLGmp2</lgCommon:owner>
    <lgCommon:entryState containingRevision="R001" relativeOrder="1" changeType="NEW" prevRevision="R00A"/>
    <lgVD:inclusionEntry entityCode="GM" entityCodeNamespace="Automobiles" propertyId="p2">
      <lgVD:pickText>GM</lgVD:pickText>
    </lgVD:inclusionEntry>
  </lgVD:pickListEntryNode>
  <lgVD:pickListEntryNode pickListEntryId="PLJaguarpl" isActive="true">
    <lgCommon:owner>Owner for PLJaguarpl</lgCommon:owner>
    <lgCommon:entryState containingRevision="R001" relativeOrder="1" changeType="NEW" prevRevision="R00A"/>
    <lgVD:inclusionEntry entityCode="Jaguar" entityCodeNamespace="Automobiles" propertyId="p1">
      <lgVD:pickText>Jaguar</lgVD:pickText>
    </lgVD:inclusionEntry>
  </lgVD:pickListEntryNode>
  <lgVD:pickListEntryNode pickListEntryId="PLChevroletpl" isActive="true">
    <lgCommon:owner>Owner for PLChevroletpl</lgCommon:owner>
    <lgCommon:entryState containingRevision="R001" relativeOrder="1" changeType="NEW" prevRevision="R00A"/>
    <lgVD:inclusionEntry entityCode="Chevy" entityCodeNamespace="Automobiles" propertyId="p1">
      <lgVD:pickText>Chevrolet</lgVD:pickText>
    </lgVD:inclusionEntry>
  </lgVD:pickListEntryNode>
</lgVD:pickListDefinition>
<lgVD:pickListDefinition pickListId="SRITEST:AUTO:DomasticLeafOnly" representsValueDomain="SRITEST:AUTO:DomasticLeafOnly" completeDomain="true" defaultEntityCodeNamespace="Automobiles" defaultLanguage="en"
isActive="true">
  <lgCommon:entityDescription>Leaf Only Nodes of Domastic AutoMakers</lgCommon:entityDescription>
</lgVD:pickListDefinition>
</pickLists>
</systemRelease>

```

Installation / Packaging

Pick List service are integrated parts of core LexEVS API and are packaged and installed with other LexEVS services.

System Testing

The System test case for the LexEVS Value Domain service is performed using the JUnit test suite:

org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Impl.testUtility.PickListAllTests

This test suite will be run as part of regular LexEVS test suites AllTestsAllConfigs and AllTestsNormalConfigs.

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Introduction

This document is a section of the [Programmer's Guide](#).

This document describes the components of the caCORE LexEVS and the service interface layer provided by the EVS API architecture. It gives examples of how to use the EVS APIs. It also describes the Distributed LexEVS API and the Distributed LexEVS APIAdapter.

caCORE LexEVS Components

The caCORE LexEVS API is a public domain, open source wrapper that provides full access to the LexEVS Terminology Server. LexEVS hosts the NCI Thesaurus, the NCI Metathesaurus, and several other vocabularies. Java clients accessing the NCI Thesaurus and Metathesaurus vocabularies communicate their requests via the open source caCORE LexEVS APIs, as shown in Overview of the caCORE LexEVS 4.0 release components.

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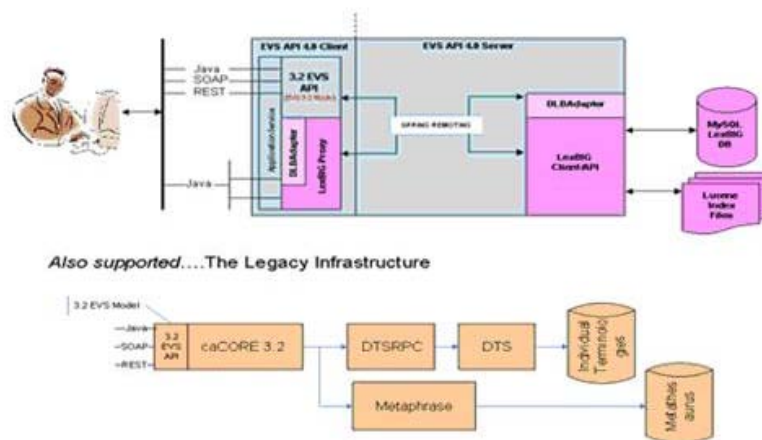


Figure 4.1 - Overview of the caCORE LexEVS 4.0 release components

The open source interfaces provided as part of caCORE LexEVS 5.x include Java APIs, a SOAP interface, and an HTTP REST interface. The Java APIs are based on the EVS 3.2 object model and the LexEVS Service object model.

The EVS 3.2 model, exposed as part of caCORE 3.2, has been re-released with LexEVS as the back-end terminology service in place of the proprietary Apelon DTS back end. The SOAP and HTTP REST interfaces are also based on the 3.2 object model. The SDK 4.0 was used to generate the EVS 3.2 Java API, as well as the SOAP and HTTP REST interfaces.

The only difference between the EVS 3.2 API exposed as part of the caCORE LexEVS 5.x and the API exposed as part of caCORE 3.2 is the back-end terminology server used to retrieve the vocabulary data. The interface (API calls) are the same and should only require minor adjustments to user applications.

Note:



You cannot integrate caCORE 3.2 components with caCORE LexEVS 5.x. If you used multiple components of caCORE 3.2 (for example, EVS with caDSR), you need to continue to work with the caCORE 3.2 release until the other caCORE 4.0 components are available.

The LexEVS object model was developed by the Mayo Clinic. In its native form, the associated API assumes a local, non-distributed means of access. With caCORE LexEVS 5.x, a proxy layer enables EVS API clients to access the native LexEVS API from anywhere without having to worry about the underlying data sources. This is called the Distributed LexEVS (DLB) API.

The DLB Adapter is another option for caCORE LexEVS 5.x clients who choose to interface directly with the LexEVS API. This is essentially a set of convenience methods intended to simplify the use of the LexEVS API. For example, a series of method calls against the DLB API might equate to a single method call to the DLB Adapter.

Note:



The DLB Adapter is not intended to represent a complete set of convenience methods. As part of the caCORE LexEVS 5.x release, the intention is that users will work with the DLB API and suggest useful methods of convenience to the EVS Development Team.

LexEVS Data Sources

The LexEVS data source is the open source LexEVS terminology server. EVS clients interface with the LexEVS API to retrieve desired vocabulary data. The EVS provides the NCI with services and resources for controlled biomedical vocabularies, including the NCI Thesaurus and the NCI Metathesaurus.

NCI Thesaurus

The NCI Thesaurus is composed of over 27,000 concepts represented by about 78,000 terms. The Thesaurus is organized into 18 hierarchical trees covering areas such as Neoplasms, Drugs, Anatomy, Genes, Proteins, and Techniques. These terms are deployed by the NCI in its automated systems for uses such as key wording and database coding.

NCI Metathesaurus

The NCI Metathesaurus maps terms from one standard vocabulary to another, facilitating collaboration, data sharing, and data pooling for clinical trials and scientific databases. The Metathesaurus is based on the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) developed by the National Library of Medicine (NLM). It is composed of over 70 biomedical vocabularies.

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Interfaces

Main interfaces included in the LexEVSAPI package.

LexEVSDistributed

The Distributed LexEVS Portion of LexEVSAPI. This interface is a framework for calling LexEVS API methods remotely, along with enforcing security measures. [JavaDoc](#)

LexEVSDataService

The caCORE-SDK Data Service Portion of LexEVSAPI. This extends on the caCORE ApplicationService to provide additional Query Options. [JavaDoc](#)

LexEVSService

The Main LexEVSAPI Interface. This includes support for caCORE-SDK Data Service calls as well as remote LexBIG API calls. [JavaDoc](#)

Search Paradigm

The caCORE LexEVS architecture includes a service layer that provides a single, common access paradigm to clients that use any of the provided interfaces. As an object-oriented middleware layer designed for flexible data access, caCORE LexEVS relies heavily on strongly typed objects and an *object-in/object-out* mechanism.

Accessing and using a caCORE LexEVS system requires the following steps:

1. Ensure that the client application has access to the objects in the domain space.
2. Formulate the query criteria using the domain objects.
3. Establish a connection to the server.
4. Submit the query objects and specify the desired class of objects to be returned.
5. Use and manipulate the result set as desired.

caCORE LexEVS systems use four native application programming interfaces (APIs). Each interface uses the same paradigm to provide access to the caCORE LexEVS domain model, with minor changes specific to the syntax and structure of the clients. The following sections describe each API, identify installation and configuration requirements, and provide code examples.

The sequence diagram in Sequence diagram - caCORE 4.0 LexEVS API search mechanism illustrates the caCORE LexEVS API search mechanism implemented to access the NCI EVS vocabularies.

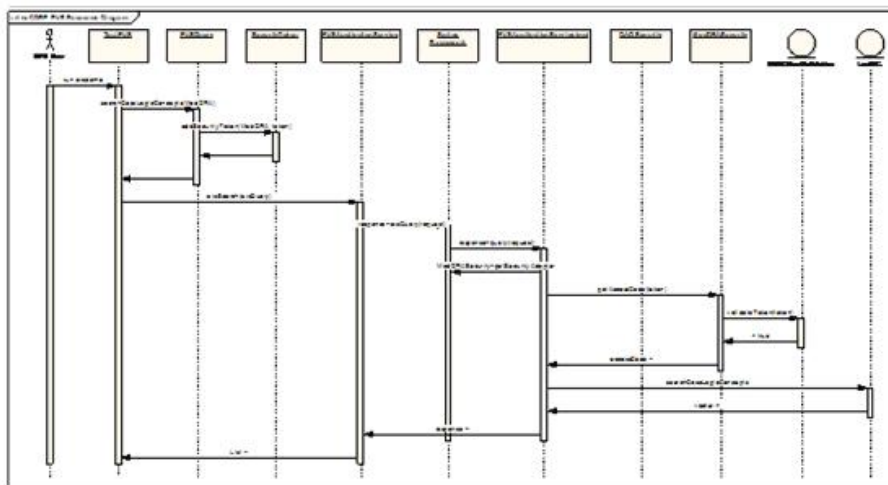


Figure 4.4 - Sequence diagram - caCORE 4.0 LexEVS API search mechanism

Querying the System

LexEVS conforms to the caCORE SDK API – for more information see [caCORE SDK 4.1 Programmer's Guide](#)

QueryOptions

[QueryOptions](#) are designed to give the user extra control over the query before it is sent to the system. QueryOptions may be used to modify a query in these ways:

1. 'CodingScheme' – Restricts the query to the specified Coding Scheme, instead of querying every available Coding Scheme.
2. CodingSchemeVersionOrTag – Restricts the query to the specified Version of the Coding Scheme. Note that:
 - a. This may NOT be specified without also specifying the 'CodingScheme' attribute.

b. If left unset, it will default to the version of the Coding Scheme tagged as "PRODUCTION" in the system.

1. 'SecurityTokens' – Security Tokens to use with the specified query. These Security Tokens are scoped to the current query ONLY. An subsequent queries will also need to specify the necessary Query Options.
2. 'LazyLoad' – Some high use-case model Objects have been 'lazy-load' enabled. This means that some attributes and associations of a model Object may not be fully populated when returned to the user. This allows for faster query times. This defaults to false, meaning that all attributes and associations will be eagerly fetched by the server and model Objects will always be fully populated. To enable this on applicable Objects, set to true.
NOTE: Lazy Loading may only be used in conjunction with specifying a Coding Scheme and Version with the 'CodingScheme' and 'CodingSchemeVersionOrTag' attributes above.
3. 'ResultPageSize' – the page size of results to return. The higher the number, the more results the system will return to the user at once. The client will request the next group of query results transparently. This parameter is useful for performance tuning. For example, if a query returns a result of 10,000 Objects, a 'ResultPageSize' of '1000' would make 10 calls to the server returning a page of 1000 results each time. If left unset, this value will default to the default set Page Size

Examples of Use

Example 4.1: Query By Example with No Query Options

```

1 public static void main(String[] args)
2 {
3     try {
4         LexEVSAApplicationService appService =
5             (LexEVSAApplicationService) ApplicationServiceProvider.
6                 getApplicationService("EvsServiceInfo");
7         Entity entity = new Entity();
8         entity.setEntityCode("C1234");
9         List<Entity> list = appService.search(Entity.class, entity);
10    } catch (ApplicationException ex){
11    }
12 }

```

Explanation of statements in explains specific statements in the code by line number .

Line Number	Explanation
4	Creates an instance of a class that implements the LexEVSAApplicationService interface. This interface defines the service methods used to access data objects.
7	Construct the Query By Example Object and populate it with the desired search criteria. For this example, search for any 'Entity' with an 'entityCode' attribute equaling 'C1234'.
9	Calls the search method of the LexEVSAApplicationService object. This method returns a List Collection. This list will contain all of the 'Entity' Objects that match the search criteria. In this case, it will return all 'Entity' Objects with an 'entityCode' of "C1234".

Table 4.6 - Explanation of statements in :

Example 4.2 : Query By Example with Query Options

```

1 public static void main(String[] args)
2 {
3     try {
4         LexEVSAApplicationService appService =
5             (LexEVSAApplicationService) ApplicationServiceProvider.
6                 getApplicationService("EvsServiceInfo");
7         QueryOptions queryOptions = new QueryOptions();
8         queryOptions.setCodingScheme("NCI Thesaurus");
9         CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csvt = new CodingSchemeVersionOrTag();
10        csvt.setVersion("09.10d");
11        queryOptions.setCodingSchemeVersionOrTag(csvt);
12        Entity entity = new Entity();
13        entity.setEntityCode("C1234");
14        List<Entity> list = appService.search(Entity.class, entity, queryOptions);
15    } catch (ApplicationException ex){
16    }
17 }

```

Explanation of statements in explains specific statements in the code by line number.

Line Number	Explanation
4	Creates an instance of a class that implements the LexEVSAApplicationService interface. This interface defines the service methods used to access data objects.
7	Construct the QueryOptions Object.

8	Populate the QueryOptions with the desired Coding Scheme.
9	Construct a CodingSchemeVersionOrTag Object.
10	Populate the CodingSchemeVersionOrTag Object with the desired Version.
11	Populate the QueryOptions with the above CodingSchemeVersionOrTag Object.
12	Construct the Query By Example Object and populate it with the desired search criteria. For this example, search for any 'Entity' with an 'entityCode' attribute equaling 'C1234'.
14	<p>Calls the search method of the LexEVSApplcationService object, along with the QueryOptions.</p> <p>This method returns a List Collection. This list will contain all of the 'Entity' Objects that match the search criteria, while being further modified by the QueryOptions. In this case, it will return all 'Entity' Objects with an 'entityCode' of "C1234" belonging to the CodingScheme "NCI Thesaurus" Version "09.10d".</p>

Table 4.7 - Explanation of statements in :

Web Services API

The caCORE LexEVS Web Services API enables access to caCORE LexEVS data and vocabulary data from development environments where the Java API cannot be used, or where use of XML Web services is more desirable. This includes non-Java platforms and languages such as Perl, C/C++, .NET framework (C#, VB.Net), and Python.

The Web services interface can be used in any language-specific application that provides a mechanism for consuming XML Web services based on the Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP). In those environments, connecting to caCORE LexEVS can be as simple as providing the end-point URL. Some platforms and languages require additional client-side code to handle the implementation of the SOAP envelope and the resolution of SOAP types. To view a list of packages that cater to different programming languages, visit <http://www.w3.org/TR/SOAP/> and <http://www.soapware.org/>.

To maximize standards-based interoperability, the caCORE Web service conforms to the Web Services Interoperability Organization (WS-I) basic profile. The WS-I basic profile provides a set of non-proprietary specifications and implementation guidelines that enable interoperability between diverse systems. For more information about WS-I compliance, visit <http://www.ws-i.org>.

On the server side, Apache Axis is used to provide SOAP-based, inter-application communication. Axis provides the appropriate serialization and deserialization methods for the JavaBeans to achieve an application-independent interface. For more information about Axis, visit <http://ws.apache.org/axis/>.

Configuration

The caCORE/LexEVS WSDL file is located at <http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/services/lexevsapi50Service?wsdl>. In addition to describing the protocols, ports, and operations exposed by the caCORE LexEVS Web service, this file can be used by a number of IDEs and tools to generate stubs for caCORE LexEVS objects. This enables code on different platforms to instantiate native objects for use as parameters and return values for the Web service methods. For more information on how to use the WSDL file to generate class stubs, consult the specific documentation for your platform.

The caCORE LexEVS Web services interface has a single end point called `lexevsapi50Service`, which is located at <http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/services/lexevsapi50Service>. Client applications should use this URL to invoke Web service methods.

Building a Java SOAP Client

LexEVSAPI provides a tool to create a Java SOAP client capable of connecting to a LexEVSAPI SOAP service.

In the `./webServiceSoapClient` contains a `build.xml` file that will construct a LexEVSAPI SOAP client. Before building, you may edit this `build.xml` file to customize the build process. Editable properties include 'wsdlURL' and 'webServiceNamespace'. An example configuration is below:

```
<property name="wsdlURL" value="http://bmiddev4:8180/lexevsapi50/services/lexevsapi50Service?wsdl" />
<property name="webServiceNamespace" value="http://bmiddev4:8180/lexevsapi50/services/lexevsapi50Service" />
```

To build the client, use the command 'ant all' from the `./webServiceSoapClient` directory.

XML-HTTP API

The caCORE LexEVS XML-HTTP API, based on the REST (Representational State Transfer) architectural style, provides a simple interface using the HTTP protocol. In addition to its ability to be invoked from most Internet browsers, developers can use this interface to build applications that do not require any programming overhead other than an HTTP client. This is particularly useful for developing Web applications using AJAX (Asynchronous JavaScript and XML).

Service Location and Syntax

The CORE EVS XML-HTTP interface uses the following URL syntax:

```
http://{server}/{servlet}?query={returnClass}&{criteria}
&startIndex={index}
&codingSchemeName={codingSchemeName}
&codingSchemeVersion={codingSchemeVersion}
```

Table 4.12 explains the syntax, indicates whether specific elements are required, and gives examples.

Element	Meaning	Required	Example
server	Name of the Web server on which the caCORE LexEVS 5.0 Web application is deployed.	Yes	lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50
servlet	URI and name of the servlet that will accept the HTTP GET requests.	Yes	lexevsapi50/GetXML lexevsapi50/GetHTML
returnClass	Class name indicating the type of objects that this query should return.	Yes	query=DescLogicConcept
criteria	Search request criteria describing the requested objects.	Yes	DescLogicConcept [@id=2]
index	Starting index of the result set.	No	startIndex=25
codingSchemeName	Restrict the query to a specific Coding Scheme Name.	No	codingSchemeName=NCI_Thesaurus
codingSchemeVersion	Restrict the query to a specific Coding Scheme Version.	No NOTE: Must be used in conjunction with a 'codingSchemeName'	codingSchemeVersion=09.12d

Table 4.12 - URL syntax used by the caCORE LexEVS XML-HTTP interface

The caCORE LexEVS architecture currently provides two servlets that accept incoming requests:

- *GetXML* returns results in an XML format that can be parsed and consumed by most programming languages and many document authoring and management tools.
- *GetHTML* presents result using a simple HTML interface that can be viewed by most modern Internet browsers.

Within the request string of the URL, the criteria element specifies the search criteria using XQuery-like syntax. Within this syntax, square brackets ([and]) represent attributes and associated roles of a class, the *at* symbol (@) signals an attribute name/value pair, and a forward slash character (/) specifies nested criteria.

Criteria statements in XML-HTTP queries generally use the following syntax (although you can also build more complex statements):

```
{ClassName}[@{attributeName}={value}] [ @{attributeName}={value} ]...
ClassName[ @{attributeName}={value} ] /
{ClassName}[ @{attributeName}={value} ] / ...
```

Table 4.13 explains the syntax for criteria statements and gives examples.

Parameter	Meaning	Example
ClassName	The name of a class.	Entity
attributeName	The name of an attribute of the return class or an associated class	_entityCode
value	The value of an attribute.	C123*

Table 4.13 - Criteria statements within XML-HTTP queries

Examples of Use

The examples in Table 4.14 demonstrate the usage of the XML-HTTP interface. In actual usage, these queries would either be submitted by a block of code or entered in the address bar of a Web browser.

Note that the servlet name *GetXML* in each of the examples can be replaced with *GetHTML* to view with layout and markup in a browser.

Query	http://evsapi.nci.nih.gov/evsapi41/GetXML?query=DescLogicConcept [_entityCode=C123*]
--------------	---

Semantic Meaning	Find all objects of type Entity that contain an 'entityCode' matching the pattern 'C123**'.
-------------------------	---

Table 4.14 - XML-HTTP interface examples

Working with Result Sets

Because HTTP is a stateless protocol, the caCORE LexEVS server cannot detect the context of any incoming request. Consequently, each invocation of *GetXML* or *GetHTML* must contain all of the information necessary to retrieve the request, regardless of previous requests. Developers should consider this when working with the XML-HTTP interface.

Controlling the Start Index

To specify a specific start position in the result set, specify the `&startIndex` parameter. This will scroll to the desired position within the set of results.

Internal-Use Parameters

A number of parameters, such as `&resultCounter`, `&pageSize`, and `&page`, are used internally by the system and are not designed to be set by the user.

NOTE:

When specifying attribute values in the query string, note that use of the following characters generates an error: [] / \ # & %

Distributed LexEVS API

Overview

In place of the existing EVS 3.2 object model, caCORE LexEVS is making a gradual transition toward a pure LexEVS back-end terminology server and exposure of the LexEVS Service object model. caCORE 3.2 and earlier required a custom API layer between external users of the system and the proprietary Apelon Terminology Server APIs. With the transition to LexEVS, caCORE LexEVS can publicly expose the open source terminology service API without requiring a custom API layer.

Architecture

The LexEVS API is exposed by the LexEVS caCORE System for remote, distributed access (Figure 4.5). The caCORE System's `LexEVSApplicationService` class implements the `LexBIGService` interface, effectively exposing LexEVS via caCORE.

Since in many cases the objects returned from the `LexBIGService` are not merely beans, but full-fledged data access objects (DAOs), the caCORE LexEVS client is configured to proxy method calls into the LexEVS objects and forward them to the caCORE server so that they execute within the LexEVS environment.

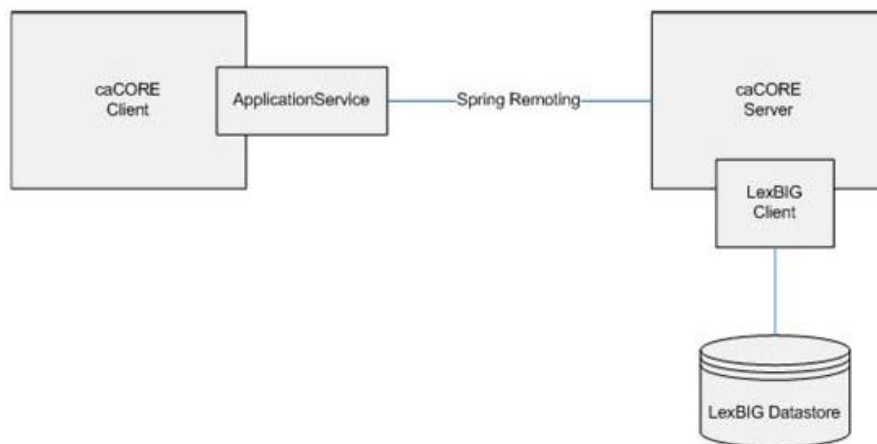


Figure 4.5 - DLB Architecture

The DLB environment will be configured on the caCORE LexEVS Server (<http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50>). This will give the server access to the LexEVS database and other resources. The client must therefore go through the caCORE LexEVS server to access any LexEVS data.

LexEVS Annotations

To address LexEVS DAOs, the LexEVS API integration incorporated the addition of (1) Java annotation marking methods that can be safely executed on the client side; and (2) classes that can be passed to the client without being wrapped by a proxy. The annotation

is named `@lgClientSideSafe`. Every method in the LexEVS API that is accessible to the caCORE LexEVS user had to be considered and annotated if necessary.

Aspect Oriented Programming Proxies

LexEVS integration with caCORE LexEVS was accomplished using Spring Aspect Oriented Programming (AOP) to proxy the LexEVS classes and intercept calls to their methods. The caCORE LexEVS client wraps every object returned by the `LexBIGService` inside an AOP Proxy with advice from a `LexBIGMethodInterceptor` ("the interceptor").

The interceptor is responsible for intercepting all client calls on the methods in each object. If a method is marked with the `@lgClientSideSafe` annotation, it proceeds normally. Otherwise, the object, method name, and parameters are sent to the caCORE LexEVS server for remote execution.

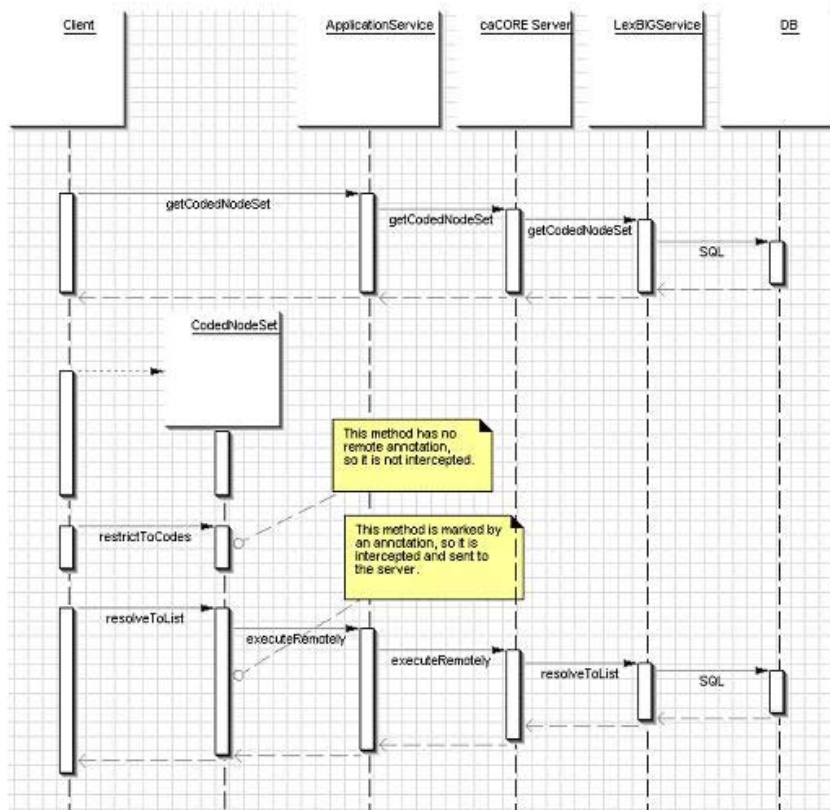


Figure 4.6 - Sequence diagram showing method interception

LexEVS API Documentation

The Mayo Clinic wrote the LexEVS 5.0 API. Documentation describing the LexEVS Service Model is available on the LexGRID Vocabulary Services for caBIG® GForge site at https://gforge.nci.nih.gov/frs/?group_id=14 🗄️.

LexEVS Installation and Configuration

The DLB API is strictly a Java interface and requires Internet access for remote connectivity to the caCORE LexEVS server. Access to the DLB API requires access to the `lexevsapi-client.jar` file, available for download on the NCICB Web site. The `lexevsapi-client.jar` file needs to be available in the classpath. For more information, see [Installing and Configuring the LexEVS 5.0 Java API](#).

Example of Use

Example 4.6: Using the DLB API

The following code sample shows use of the DLB API to retrieve the list of available coding schemes in the LexEVS repository.

```
public class Test {
    /**
     * Initialize program variables
     */
    private String codingScheme = null;
    private String version = null;
```

```

LexBIGService lbSvc;

public Test(String codingScheme, String version) {
    //Set the LexEVS URL (for remote access)
    String evsUrl = "http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/http/remoteService";
    boolean isRemote = true;
    this.codingScheme = codingScheme;
    this.version = version;

    // Get the LexBIG service reference from LexEVS Application Service
    lbSvc = (LexEVSApplicationService)ApplicationServiceProvider.getApplicationServiceFromUrl(evsUrl, "EvsServiceInfo");

    // Set the vocabulary to work with
    Boolean retval = adapter.setVocabulary(codingScheme);

    codingSchemeMap = new HashMap();
    try {
        // Using the LexBIG service, get the supported coding schemes
        CodingSchemeRenderingList csrl = lbSvc.getSupportedCodingSchemes();

        // Get the coding scheme rendering
        CodingSchemeRendering[] csrs = csrl.getCodingSchemeRendering();

        // For each coding scheme rendering...
        for (int i=0; i<csrs.length; i++) {
            CodingSchemeRendering csr = csrs[i];

            // Determine whether the coding scheme rendering is active or not
            Boolean isActive = csr.getRenderingDetail().getVersionStatus().equals(CodingSchemeVersionStatus.ACTIVE);
            if (isActive != null && isActive.equals(Boolean.TRUE)) {
                // Get the coding scheme summary
                CodingSchemeSummary css = csr.getCodingSchemeSummary();

                // Get the coding scheme formal name
                String formalname = css.getFormalName();

                //Get the coding scheme version
                String representsVersion = css.getRepresentsVersion();
                CodingSchemeVersionOrTag vt = new CodingSchemeVersionOrTag();
                vt.setVersion(representsVersion);

                // Resolve coding scheme based on the formal name
                CodingScheme scheme = null;

                try {
                    scheme = lbSvc.resolveCodingScheme(formalname, vt);
                    if (scheme != null) {
                        codingSchemeMap.put((Object) formalname, (Object) scheme);
                    }
                } catch (Exception e) {
                    // Resolve coding scheme based on the URI
                    String uri = css.getCodingSchemeURI();
                    try {
                        scheme = lbSvc.resolveCodingScheme(uri, vt);
                        if (scheme != null) {
                            codingSchemeMap.put((Object) formalname, (Object) scheme);
                        }
                    } catch (Exception ex) {
                        String localname = css.getLocalName();

                        // Resolve coding scheme based on the local name
                        try {
                            scheme = lbSvc.resolveCodingScheme(localname, vt);
                            if (scheme != null) {
                                codingSchemeMap.put((Object) formalname, (Object) scheme);
                            }
                        } catch (Exception e2) {
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    } catch (Exception e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
}

/**
 *Main
 */
public static void main (String[] args)
{
    String name = "NCI Thesaurus";
    String version = "06.12d";

    // Instantiate the Test Class
    Test test = new Test(name, version);
}

```

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Introduction

This document is a section of the [Programmer's Guide](#).

The following table summarizes the operations available through the LexEVS Analytical Grid Service. Each of the operations is also defined in detail below. The grid analytical service and related operations are viewable via the caGrid Portal (<http://cagrid-portal.nci.nih.gov>).

Using the API

There are two (2) different interfaces for accessing the LexEVS Grid Services:

1. org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter, or
2. org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter

Option 1, org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter provides an interface for interacting with the LexEVS Grid Services. This Interface is intended to mirror the existing LexEVS API as much as possible. There is no object wrapping for semantic purposes on this interface. This allows existing applications of the LexEVS API to use Grid Services without code changes.

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This Interface may be acquired by instantiating LexBIGServiceAdapter with the Grid Service URL as a parameter.

```
LexBIGService lbs = new LexBIGServiceAdapter
("http://lexevsapi-analytical50.nci.nih.gov/wsrp/services/cagrid/LexEVSGridService");
```

Option 2, org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter also provides an interface for interacting with the LexEVS Grid Services. However, this Interfaces is the semantically defined interface. All method parameters and return values are defined and annotated as CDEs to be loaded into caDSR. This Interface is intended to be caGrid Silver Level Compliant.

This Interface may be acquired by instantiating LexBIGServiceGridAdapter with the Grid Service URL as a parameter.

```
LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter
("http://lexevsapi-analytical50.nci.nih.gov/wsrp/services/cagrid/LexEVSGridService");
```

Method Descriptions

getCodingSchemeConcepts

getCodingSchemeConcepts(CodingSchemeIdentification, CodingSchemeVersionOrTag)	
Description:	Returns the set of all (or all active) concepts in the specified coding scheme.
Input:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification, org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core.CodingSchemeVersionOrTag
Output:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.CodedNodeSet.stubs.types.CodedNodeSetReference
Exception:	RemoteException
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Create a Resource on the server and populate it with the requested org.LexGrid.LexBIG.LexBIGService.CodedNodeSet.</p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Return the Client Reference to the user. This Reference has the above org.LexGrid.LexBIG.LexBIGService.CodedNodeSet as a Resource. An org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.service.CodedNodeSetClient object is built from the above Reference.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter or org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter</p> <pre>LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</pre> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Build a org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core.CodingSchemeVersionOrTag containing the Version information for the desired Coding Scheme <pre>CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csvt = new CodingSchemeVersionOrTag(); csvt.setVersion("testVersion");</pre> <p><i>Step 3:</i> Build an org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification to hold the Coding Scheme name. <pre>CodingSchemeIdentification codingScheme = new CodingSchemeIdentification(); codingScheme.setCode(code);</pre> <p><i>Step 4:</i> Invoke the LexBIG caGrid service as follows: CodedNodeSetGrid cns = lbs.getCodingSchemeConcepts(codingScheme, csvt); </p></p></p>

getFilter

getFilter(ExtensionIdentification)	
Description:	Returns an instance of the filter extension registered with the given name.
Input:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.ExtensionIdentification
Output:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.Filter.stubs.types.FilterReference
Exception:	RemoteException
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Create a Resource on the server and populate it with the requested org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Query.Filter</p>

Step 2: Return the Client Reference to the user. This Reference has the above `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Query.Filter` as a Resource. This client is a Service Context that allows the user to call regular `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Query.Filter` API calls through the grid service. An `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.Filter.client.FilterClient` object is built from the above Reference. This `FilterClient` implements the Interface `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Query.Filter`. This makes calling Grid Service Calls through `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.Filter.client.FilterClient` transparent to the end user.

Sample Call:

Step 1: Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter` or `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter`

```
LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);
```

Step 2: Build an `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.ExtensionIdentification` to hold the Extension name.

```
ExtensionIdentification extension = new ExtensionIdentification();
extension.setLexBIGExtensionName(name);
```

Step 3: Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows:

```
Filter filter = lbs.getFilter(extension);
```

getSortAlgorithm

getSortAlgorithm(ExtensionIdentification)	
Description:	Returns an instance of the sort extension registered with the given name.
Input:	<code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.ExtensionIdentification</code>
Output:	<code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.Sort</code> stubs.types.SortReference
Exception:	<code>RemoteException</code>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Create a Resource on the server and populate it with the requested <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Query.Sort</code></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Return the Client Reference to the user. This Reference has the above <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.Sort.client.SortClient</code> as a Resource. This client is a Service Context that allows the user to call regular <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Query.Sort</code> API calls through the grid service. An <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.Sort.client.SortClient</code> object is built from the above Reference. This <code>SortClient</code> implements the Interface <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Query.Sort</code>. This makes calling Grid Service Calls through <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.Sort.client.SortClient</code> transparent to the end user.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter</code> or <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter</code></p> <pre>LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</pre> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Build an <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.ExtensionIdentification</code> to hold the Extension name.</p> <pre>ExtensionIdentification extension = new ExtensionIdentification(); extension.setLexBIGExtensionName(name);</pre> <p><i>Step 3:</i> Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows:</p> <pre>Filter filter = lbs.getSortAlgorithm(extension);</pre>

getFilterExtensions

getFilterExtensions()

Description:	Returns a description of all registered extensions used to provide additional filtering of query results.
Input:	<i>none</i>
Output	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Collections.ExtensionDescriptionList</i>
Exception:	<i>RemoteException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Service instance (or Distributed LexEVS instance) on the server, and forward the results.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter</code> or <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter</code></p> <pre>LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</pre> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows:</p> <pre>ExtensionDescriptionList extDescList = lbs.getFilterExtensions();</pre>

getServiceMetadata

getServiceMetadata()	
Description:	Return an interface to perform system-wide query over metadata for loaded code systems and providers.
Input:	<i>none</i>
Output:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.LexBIGServiceMetadata. stubs.types.LexBIGServiceMetadataReference</i>
Exception:	<i>RemoteException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Create a Resource on the server and populate it with the requested <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.LexBIGService.LexBIGServiceMetadata</code></p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Return the <code>LexBIGServiceMetadataClient</code> to the user. This <code>LexBIGServiceMetadataClient</code> has the above <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.LexBIGService.LexBIGServiceMetadata</code> as a Resource. An <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.service.LexBIGServiceMetadataClient</code> object is built from the above Reference.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter</code> or <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter</code></p> <pre>LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</pre> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows:</p> <pre>LexBIGServiceMetadataGrid metadata = lbs.getServiceMetadata();</pre>

getSupportedCodingSchemes

getSupportedCodingSchemes()	
Description:	Return a list of coding schemes and versions that are supported by this service, along with their status.
Input:	<i>none</i>
Output:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Collections.CodingSchemeRenderingList</i>
Exception:	<i>RemoteException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Service instance (or Distributed LexEVS instance) on the server, and forward the results.</p>

Sample Call:

Step 1: Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the
 org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter or
 org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter

```
LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);
```

Step 2: Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows:

```
CodingSchemeRenderingList csrl = lbs.getSupportedCodingSchemes();
```

getLastUpdateTime

getLastUpdateTime()	
Description:	Return the last time that the content of this service was changed; null if no changes have occurred. Tag assignments do not count as service changes for this purpose.
Input:	none
Output:	java.util.Date
Exception:	RemoteException
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Service instance (or Distributed LexEVS instance) on the server, and forward the results.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter or org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter</p> <pre>LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</pre> <p>Step 2: Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows:</p> <pre>Date date = lbs.getLastUpdateTime();</pre>

resolveCodingScheme

resolveCodingScheme(CodingSchemeIdentification, CodingSchemeVersionOrTag)	
Description:	Return detailed coding scheme information given a specific tag or version identifier.
Input:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification, org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core.CodingSchemeVersionOrTag
Output:	org.LexGrid.codingSchemes.CodingScheme
Exception:	RemoteException
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Service instance (or Distributed LexEVS instance) on the server, and forward the results.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter or org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter</p> <pre>LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</pre> <p>Step 2: Build an org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification to hold the Coding Scheme name.</p> <pre>CodingSchemeIdentification codingScheme = new CodingSchemeIdentification(); codingScheme.setCode(code);</pre> <p>Step 3: Build a org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core.CodingSchemeVersionOrTag containing the Version information for the desired Coding Scheme</p> <pre>CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csvt = new CodingSchemeVersionOrTag(); csvt.setVersion("testVersion");</pre>

Step 4: Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows: CodedNodeSetGrid cns = lbs.resolveCodingScheme(codingScheme, csvt);

getNodeGraph

getNodeGraph(CodingSchemeIdentification, CodingSchemeVersionOrTag, RelationContainerIdentification)	
Description:	Returns the node graph as represented in the particular relationship set in the coding scheme.
Input:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification, org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core.CodingSchemeVersionOrTag, org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.RelationContainerIdentification</i>
Output:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.CodedNodeGraph.stubs.types.CodedNodeGraphReference</i>
Exception:	<i>RemoteException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Create a Resource on the server and populate it with the requested <i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.LexBIGService.CodedNodeGraph</i>.</p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Return the Client Reference to the user. This Reference has the above <i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.LexBIGService.CodedNodeGraph</i> as a Resource. An <i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.service.CodedNodeGraphClient</i> object is built from the above Reference.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Connect to the LexBIG caGrid Service using the <i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter</i> or <i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter</i></p> <pre>LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</pre> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Build an <i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification</i> to hold the Coding Scheme name.</p> <pre>CodingSchemeIdentification codingScheme = new CodingSchemeIdentification(); codingScheme.setCode(code);</pre> <p><i>Step 3:</i> Build an <i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core.CodingSchemeVersionOrTag</i> containing the Version information for the desired Coding Scheme</p> <pre>CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csvt = new CodingSchemeVersionOrTag(); csvt.setVersion("testVersion");</pre> <p><i>Step 4:</i> Build an <i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.RelationContainerIdentification</i> containing the Relation Container information.</p> <pre>RelationContainerIdentification container = new RelationContainerIdentification(); container.setDc(name);</pre> <p><i>Step 5:</i> Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows, providing String parameters for the desired Coding Scheme and Relationship Name: CodedNodeGraphGrid cng = client.getNodeGraph(codingScheme, csvt, container);</p>

getMatchAlgorithms

getMatchAlgorithms()	
Description:	Returns the node graph as represented in the particular relationship set in the coding scheme.
Input:	<i>none</i>
Output:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Collections.ModuleDescriptionList</i>
Exception:	<i>RemoteException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Service instance (or Distributed LexEVS instance) on the server, and forward the results.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p>

```

Step 1: Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the
org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter or
org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter

LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);

Step 2: Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows: ModuleDescriptionList mdl =
lbs.getMatchAlgorithms();

```

getGenericExtensions

getGenericExtensions()	
Description:	Returns a description of all registered extensions used to implement application-specific behavior that is centrally accessible from a LexBIGService. Note that only generic extensions (base class GenericExtension) will be listed here. All other classes are retrievable at the appropriate interface point (filter, sort, etc).
Input:	none
Output:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Collections.ExtensionDescriptionList
Exception:	RemoteException
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Service instance (or Distributed LexEVS instance) on the server, and forward the results.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter or org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</p> <p>Step 2: Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows: ExtensionDescriptionList edl = lbs.getGenericExtensions();</p>

getGenericExtension

getGenericExtensions(ExtensionIdentification)	
Description:	Returns an instance of the application-specific extension registered with the given name.
Input:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.ExtensionIdentification
Output:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Collections.SortDescriptionList
Exception:	RemoteException
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p>Step 1: Call this method on the associated LexEVS Service instance (or Distributed LexEVS instance) on the server, and forward the results.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p>Step 1: Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter or org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</p> <p>NOTE: Currently this method will return a LexBIGServiceConvenienceMethods instance.</p> <p>Step 2: Build an org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.ExtensionIdentification to hold the Extension name. ExtensionIdentification extension = new ExtensionIdentification(); extension.setLexBIGExtensionName("LexBIGServiceConvenienceMethods");</p> <p>Step 3: Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows: LexBIGServiceConvenienceMethodsGrid lbscm = lbs.getGenericExtensions(extension);</p> <p>Step 4: Return the LexBIGServiceConvenienceMethodsClient to the user. This LexBIGServiceConvenienceMethodsClient has the above</p>

org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Extensions.Generic.LexBIGServiceConvenienceMethods as a Resource. An org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.service.CodedNodeGraphClient object is built from the above Reference.

getHistoryService

getHistoryService(CodingSchemeIdentification)	
Description:	Resolve a reference to the history api servicing the given coding scheme.
Input:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification
Output:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices. HistoryService.stubs.types.HistoryServiceReference
Exception:	RemoteException
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Service instance (or Distributed LexEVS instance) on the server, and forward the results.</p> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Return the HistoryServiceClient to the user. This HistoryServiceClient has the above org.LexGrid.LexBIG.History.HistoryService as a Resource. This Client is a Service Context that allows the user to call regular org.LexGrid.LexBIG.History.HistoryService API calls through the grid service. HistoryServiceClient implements the Interface org.LexGrid.LexBIG.History.HistoryService. This makes calling Grid Service Calls through org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexBIGCaGridServices.HistoryService.client.HistoryServiceClient transparent to the end user.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter or org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter</p> <pre>LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</pre> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Build an org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification to hold the Coding Scheme name.</p> <pre>CodingSchemeIdentification codingScheme = new CodingSchemeIdentification(); codingScheme.setCode(code);</pre> <p><i>Step 3:</i> Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows: HistoryServiceGrid history = lbs.getHistoryService(codingScheme);</p>

getSortAlgorithms

getSortAlgorithms(SortContext)	
Description:	Returns a description of all registered extensions used to provide additional filtering of query results.
Input:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.InterfaceElements.types.SortContext
Output:	org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Collections.SortDescriptionList
Exception:	RemoteException
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Service instance (or Distributed LexEVS instance) on the server, and forward the results.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter or org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter</p> <pre>LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</pre> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows: SortDescriptionList sortDesclList = lbs.getSortAlgorithms(sortContext);</p>

resolveCodingSchemeCopyright

resolveCodingSchemeCopyright(CodingSchemeIdentification)	
Description:	Return coding scheme copyright given a specific tag or version identifier.
Input:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification</i>
Output:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeCopyRight</i>
Exception:	<i>RemoteException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Service instance (or Distributed LexEVS instance) on the server, and forward the results.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter</code> or <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter</code></p> <pre>LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</pre> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Build an <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification</code> to hold the Coding Scheme name.</p> <pre>CodingSchemeIdentification codingScheme = new CodingSchemeIdentification();</pre> <pre>codingScheme.setCode(code);</pre> <p><i>Step 3:</i> Build an <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Core.CodingSchemeVersionOrTag</code> containing the Version information for the desired Coding Scheme</p> <pre>CodingSchemeVersionOrTag csvt = new CodingSchemeVersionOrTag(); csvt.setVersion("testVersion");</pre> <p><i>Step 4:</i> Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows: <code>CodingSchemeCopyRight copyright = lbs.resolveCodingSchemeCopyright(codingScheme, csvt);</code></p>

setSecurityToken

setSecurityToken(CodingSchemeIdentification, SecurityToken)	
Description:	Sets the Security Token for the given Coding Scheme.
Input:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification, gov.nih.nci.evs.security.SecurityToken</i>
Output:	<i>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexEVSGridService.stubs.types.LexEVSGridServiceReference.LexEVSGridServiceReference</i>
Exception:	<i>RemoteException</i>
Implementation Details:	<p>Implementation:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Call this method on the associated LexEVS Service instance (or Distributed LexEVS instance) on the server, and forward the results.</p> <p>Sample Call:</p> <p><i>Step 1:</i> Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service using the <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceAdapter</code> or <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.adapters.LexBIGServiceGridAdapter</code></p> <pre>LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);</pre> <p><i>Step 2:</i> Build an <code>org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification</code> to hold the Coding Scheme name.</p> <pre>CodingSchemeIdentification codingScheme = new CodingSchemeIdentification(); codingScheme.setName("codingScheme");</pre> <p><i>Step 3:</i> Build an <code>gov.nih.nci.evs.security.SecurityToken</code> containing the security information for the desired Coding Scheme.</p> <pre>SecurityToken metaToken = new SecurityToken(); metaToken.setAccessToken("token");</pre> <p><i>Step 4:</i> Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows: This will return a reference to a new "LexBIGServiceGrid"</p>

instance that is associated with the security properties that were passed in.

```
LexBIGServiceGrid lbsg = lbs.setSecurityToken(codingScheme, metaToken);
```

Usage Instructions

Service URL

The LexEVS Grid Service 4.2 URL is: <http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/wsrf/services/cagrid/LexEVSGridService>.

The service is also accessible via the [caGRID Portal](#).

Required Libraries

The libraries required for programmatic access to the LexEVS Grid Service are listed in the tables below. The 3rd Party Software Libraries required for use of the LexEVS API Grid Service are listed in Table 4.1 and the NCICB software captured under the caBIG® umbrella are listed in Table 4.2.

Table 4.1 3rd Party Libraries

Product	Jars	License	Home Page
Apache WS-Addressing	addressing-1.0.jar	addressing 1.0.LICENSE	From Globus 4.0.2 Java Web Services Core lib directory: http://www.globus.org/toolkit/downloads/4.0.2 Source available at http://ws.apache.org/addressing
Apache Axis	axis-ant.jar axis.jar commons-pool-1.3.jar commons-logging-1.1.jar commons-lang-2.2.jar commons-collections-3.2.jar commons-codec-1.3.jar log4j-1.2.8.jar jaxrpc.jar saaj.jar wsdl4j.jar	axis-jars.LICENSE	http://ws.apache.org/axis
Apache Xerces	xercesImpl.jar	xerces.LICENSE	http://xerces.apache.org/xerces-j
Apache Lucene	lucene-core-2.3.2.jar lucene-regex-2.3.2.jar lucene-snowball-2.3.2.jar	Lucene LICENSE	http://lucene.apache.org/
ASM - all purpose Java bytecode manipulation and analysis framework	asm.jar	http://asm.objectweb.org/license.html	http://asm.objectweb.org/

Castor	castor-1.2.jar	http://www.castor.org/license.html	http://www.castor.org/index.html
Globus Toolkit	cog-axis.jar cog-jglobus.jar	http://www.globus.org/toolkit/legal/4.0/	
Bouncy Castle Crypto APIs	jce-jdk13-125.jar	http://www.bouncycastle.org/licence.html	http://www.bouncycastle.org/
Open Permis	wsrf_core.jar wsrf_core_stubs.jar	http://www.openpermis.org/BSDlicenceKent.txt	http://www.openpermis.org/
Apache WSS4J	wss4j.jar	http://ws.apache.org/wss4j/license.html	http://ws.apache.org/wss4j/
Spring	spring.jar	Spring LICENSE	http://www.springframework.org

Table 4.2 NCICB/caBIG Libraries

Library	Associated JARs
caGrid Software Libraries	caGrid-ServiceSecurityProvider-client-1.2.jar
	caGrid-ServiceSecurityProvider-common-1.2.jar
	caGrid-ServiceSecurityProvider-stubs-1.2.jar
	caGrid-core-1.2.jar
	caGrid-metadata-common-1.2.jar
	caGrid-metadata-data-1.2.jar
	caGrid-metadata-security-1.2.jar
	caGrid-metadatautils-1.2.jar
EVS API Libraries	evsapi42-beans.jar
	evsapi42-framework.jar
LexEVS Grid Service Client Library	LexEVSGridService-client.jar
LexEVS Grid Service Stubs	LexEVSGridService-stubs.jar
LexEVS Grid Service Common	LexEVSGridService-common.jar
LexEVS Grid Service Service	LexEVSGridService-service.jar
LexEVS Grid Service Tests	LexEVSGridService-tests.jar
caCORE SDK Library	sdk-client-framework.jar
LexEVS API	lexbig.jar
Custom Castor Serializer	castor-bean-serializer.jar

Downloads

For your convenience, the required libraries are available for download here:

<https://gforge.nci.nih.gov/docman/view.php/491/14401/lexevs42-gridsvc-jars.jar>

In order to programmatically access the LexEVS API Grid Service, these libraries need to be added to your local classpath.

Code Examples

Example client and service calls, and SOAP messages

See <http://gforge.nci.nih.gov/docman/view.php/491/14252/TestClient.zip>

Example API usage

Example 1: Searching for concepts in NCI Thesaurus containing the string "Gene"

```
//Create a Connection to the Grid Service
LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(gridServiceURL);

//Set up the CodingSchemeIdentification object to define the Coding Scheme</font>
CodingSchemeIdentification csid = new CodingSchemeIdentification();
```

```

csid.setName("NCI Thesaurus");

//Get the CodedNodeSet for that CodingScheme (This returns a CodedNodeSet Service Context)
CodedNodeSetGrid cmsg = lbs.getCodingSchemeConcepts(csid, null);
//getCodingSchemeConcepts is a Grid Service Call

//Set the text to match
MatchCriteria matchText = new MatchCriteria();
matchText.setText("Gene");
//Define a SearchDesignationOption, if any
SearchDesignationOption searchOption = new SearchDesignationOption();

//Choose an algorithm to do the matching
ExtensionIdentification matchAlgorithm = new ExtensionIdentification();
matchAlgorithm.setLexBIGExtensionName("contains");

//Chose a language
LanguageIdentification language = new LanguageIdentification();
language.setIdentifier("en");

//Restrict the CodedNodeSet
cmsg.restrictToMatchingDesignations(matchText, searchOption, matchAlgorithm, language);
//restrictToMatchingDesignations is a Grid Service Call

//Create a SetResolutionPolicy to handle the details of Resolving the CodedNodeSet
//Here, we will set the Maximum number of Concepts returned to 10.
SetResolutionPolicy resolvePolicy = new SetResolutionPolicy();
resolvePolicy.setMaximumToReturn(10);

//Do the resolve
ResolvedConceptReferenceList rcrlist = cmsg.resolveToList(resolvePolicy);
//resolveToList is a Grid Service Call

//Use the returned ResolvedConceptReferenceList to print some details about the concepts found
ResolvedConceptReference[] rcref = rcrlist.getResolvedConceptReference();
for (int i = 0; i < rcref.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(rcref[i].getConceptCode());
    System.out.println(rcref[i].getReferencedEntry().
        getPresentation()[0].getText().getContent());
}

```

Error Handling

Error Connecting to LexEVS Grid Service

When connecting through the Java Client, `java.net.ConnectException` and `org.apache.axis.types.URI.MalformedURIException` may be thrown upon an unsuccessful attempt to connect.

A `MalformedURIException` is thrown in the case if a poorly-formed URL string. In this case, the exception is thrown before an attempt to connect is even made.

If the URL is well-formed, proper connection is tested. If the connection attempt fails, a `ConnectException` is thrown containing the reason for the failure.

```

try{
    LexBIGServiceGridAdapter lbsg = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter
        ("http://localhost:8080/wsrf/services/cagrid/LexEVSGridService");
} catch (java.net.ConnectException e){
    //Error Connecting
    e.printStackTrace();
} catch (org.apache.axis.types.URI.MalformedURIException e){
    //URL Syntax Error
    e.printStackTrace();
}

```

This example shows a typical connection to the LexEVS Grid Service, with the two potential Exceptions being caught and handled as necessary.

LexEVS Errors

LexEVS errors will be forwarded through the Distributed LexEVS layer and then on to the Grid layer. Input parameters, along with any other LexEVS (or Distributed LexEVS) errors will be detected on the server, not the client, and forwarded. All Generic LexEVS (or Distributed LexEVS) errors will be forwarded via a `RemoteException`, with the cause of the error and underlying LexEVS error message included.

Invalid Service Context Access

Service Context Services are not meant to be called directly. If the client attempts to do so, an `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexEVSGridService.CodedNodeSet.stubs.types.InvalidServiceContextAccess` Exception will be thrown. This indicates a call was made to a Service Context without obtaining a Service Context Reference via the Main Service (see the above section Service Contexts and State for more information).

Security Issues

LexEVS Grid Service Security

Certain vocabulary content accessible through the LexEVS Grid Service may require extra authorization to access. Each client is required to supply its own access credentials via Security Tokens. These Security Tokens are implemented by a SecurityToken object:

Name: SecurityToken **Namespace:** gme://caCORE.caCORE/3.2/gov.nih.nci.evs.security **Package:** gov.nih.nci.evs.security

Accessing Secure Content

A client establishes access to a secured vocabulary via the following Grid Service Calls:

Step 1: Connect to the LexEVS caGrid Service `LexBIGServiceGrid lbs = new LexBIGServiceGridAdapter(url);`

Step 2: Build an `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.cagrid.CodingSchemeIdentification` to hold the Coding Scheme name.

`CodingSchemeIdentification codingScheme = new CodingSchemeIdentification(); codingScheme.setName("codingScheme");`

Step 3: Build an `gov.nih.nci.evs.security.SecurityToken` containing the security information for the desired Coding Scheme.

`SecurityToken token = new SecurityToken (); token.setAccessToken("securityToken");`

Step 4: Invoke the LexEVS caGrid service as follows: This will return a reference to a new "LexBIGServiceGrid" instance that is associated with the security properties that were passed in.

`LexBIGServiceGrid lbsg = lbs.setSecurityToken(codingScheme, token);`

It is important to note that the Grid Service "setSecurityToken" returns an `org.LexGrid.LexBIG.cagrid.LexEVSGridService.stubs.types.LexEVSGridServiceReference.LexEVSGridServiceReference` object. This reference must be used to access the secured vocabularies.

Implementation

Each call to "setSecurityToken" sets up a secured connection to Distributed LexEVS with the access privileges included in the SecurityToken parameter. The LexEVSGridServiceReference that is returned to the client contains a unique key identifier to the secure connection that has been created on the server. All subsequent calls the client makes through this LexEVSGridServiceReference will be made securely. If additional SecurityTokens are passed in through the "setSecurityToken" Grid Service, the additional security will be added and maintained.

The "setSecurityToken" Grid Service is a stateful service. This means that after the client sets a SecurityToken, any subsequent call will be applied to that SecurityToken.

Secure connections are not maintained on the server indefinitely, but are based on load conditions. The server will allow 30 unique secure connections to be set up for clients without any time limitations. As additional requests for secure connections are received by the server, connections will be released by the server on an 'oldest first' basis. No connection, however, may be released prior to 5 minutes after its creation.

If no SecurityTokens are passed in by the client, a non-secure Distributed LexEVS connection will be used. The server maintains one (and only one) un-secured Distributed LexEVS connection that is shared by any client not requesting security.

NOTE:

All non-secured information accessed by the LexEVS Grid Service is publicly available from NCICB and users are expected to follow the licensing requirements currently in place for accessing and using NCI EVS information.

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Introduction

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The LexEVS Data Grid Service is a standard caGrid Data service based on the [LexEVS 2009 Model](#)

For complete documentation on caGrid Data Services, see [caGrid Data Service Documentation](#).

Querying The System

To query the LexEVS Data Grid Service, use the standard caGrid CQL query method to compose queries. See [caGrid Data Service API Documentation](#) for more information.

Example LexEVS queries follow.

Query for a Concept with a specific Code

- Example: Concept: C12345

```
<CQLQuery xmlns="http://CQL.caBIG/1/gov.nih.nci.cagrid.CQLQuery">
  <Target name="org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept">
    <Attribute name="_entityCode" value="C12345" predicate="EQUAL_TO"/>
  </Target>
</CQLQuery>
```

Query for a Concept with a specific Presentation Text

- Example: A concept with a namespace 'SNOMED Clinical Terms' that contains a Presentation equal to 'Heart'

```
<ns1:CQLQuery xmlns:ns1="http://CQL.caBIG/1/gov.nih.nci.cagrid.CQLQuery">
  <ns1:Target name="org.LexGrid.concepts.Entity">
    <ns1:Group logicRelation="AND">
      <ns1:Association name="org.LexGrid.concepts.Presentation" roleName="_presentationList">
        <ns1:Group logicRelation="AND">
          <ns1:Association name="org.LexGrid.commonTypes.Text" roleName="_value">
            <ns1:Group logicRelation="AND">
              <ns1:Attribute name="_content" predicate="EQUAL_TO" value="Heart"/>
            </ns1:Group>
          </ns1:Association>
        </ns1:Group>
      </ns1:Association>
    </ns1:Group>
    <ns1:Association name="org.LexGrid.naming.SupportedAssociation" roleName="_supportedAssociation">
      <ns1:Attribute name="_entityCodeNamespace" predicate="EQUAL_TO" value="SNOMED Clinical Terms"/>
    </ns1:Association>
  </ns1:Target>
</ns1:CQLQuery>
```

Restrict Results to Specific Attributes

- Example: Retrieve all of the 'localIds' of any 'SupportedAssociation' in the system.

```
<ns1:CQLQuery xmlns:ns1="http://CQL.caBIG/1/gov.nih.nci.cagrid.CQLQuery">
  <ns1:Target name="org.LexGrid.naming.SupportedAssociation"/>
  <ns1:QueryModifier countOnly="false">
    <ns1:DistinctAttribute>_localId</ns1:DistinctAttribute>
  </ns1:QueryModifier>
</ns1:CQLQuery>
```

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</ns1:CQLQuery>

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Code examples provided here are to demonstrate LexEVS functionality.

LexEVS REST Examples

Get CodingScheme details

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Get Concept by Code

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[query=org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept&org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept\[@_entityCode=ZFA_0001234\]&codingSchemeName=Zebrafish&codingSchemeVersion=1.2](http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/GetHTML?query=org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept&org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept[@_entityCode=ZFA_0001234]&codingSchemeName=Zebrafish&codingSchemeVersion=1.2)

Get Concept by Code with wildcard

[http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/GetHTML?](http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/GetHTML?query=org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept&org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept[@_entityCode=ZFA_000123*]&codingSchemeName=Zebrafish&codingSchemeVersion=1.2)

[query=org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept&org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept\[@_entityCode=ZFA_000123*\]&codingSchemeName=Zebrafish&codingSchemeVersion=1.2](http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/GetHTML?query=org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept&org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept[@_entityCode=ZFA_000123*]&codingSchemeName=Zebrafish&codingSchemeVersion=1.2)

Get Concept by Code by EntityDescription

[http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/GetHTML?](http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/GetHTML?query=org.LexGrid.concepts.Concept,org.LexGrid.commonTypes.EntityDescription&org.LexGrid.commonTypes.EntityDescription[@_content=heart]&codingSchemeName=Zebrafish&codingSchemeVersion=1.2)

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Get Concept by Code by EntityDescription with wildcard

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Get Concept by Presentation

[http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/GetHTML?query=Concept,Presentation,Text&Text\[@_content=heart\]&codingSchemeName=Zebrafish&codingSchemeVersion=1.2](http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/GetHTML?query=Concept,Presentation,Text&Text[@_content=heart]&codingSchemeName=Zebrafish&codingSchemeVersion=1.2)

Get Concept by Presentation with wildcard

[http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/GetHTML?query=Concept,Presentation,Text&Text\[@_content=heart*\]&codingSchemeName=Zebrafish&codingSchemeVersion=1.2](http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/GetHTML?query=Concept,Presentation,Text&Text[@_content=heart*]&codingSchemeName=Zebrafish&codingSchemeVersion=1.2)

Get Concept by Definition with wildcard

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Show Definitions of a Concept

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Show Supported Associations for a CodingScheme

<http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/GetHTML?query=org.LexGrid.naming.SupportedAssociation&org.LexGrid.naming.SupportedAssociation&codingSchemeName=Zebrafish&codingSchemeVersion=1.2>

LexEVS Sample Code

The following examples are provided in the local installer in the 'examples' directory.

BuildTreeForCode

Attempts to provide a tree, based on a focus code, that includes the following information:

- All paths from the hierarchy root to one or more focus codes.
-

- Immediate children of every node in path to root
- Indicator to show whether any unexpanded node can be further expanded

This example accepts two parameters... The first parameter is required, and must contain at least one code in a comma-delimited list. A tree is produced for each code. Time to produce the tree for each code is printed in milliseconds. In order to factor out costs of startup and shutdown, resolving multiple codes may offer a better overall estimate performance.

The second parameter is optional, and can indicate a hierarchy ID to navigate when resolving child nodes. If not provided, "is_a" is assumed.

[CodingSchemeSelectionMenu](#)

Displays a list of available coding schemes.

[FindCodesForDescription](#)

Example showing how to find codes matching descriptive text. The program accepts up to two parameters...

The first param (required) indicates the text used to search matching descriptions. Matches are determined through a customized match algorithm, which uses a simple heuristic to try and rank returned values by relevance.

The second param (optional) indicates the type of entity to search. Possible values include the LexGrid built-in types "concept" and "instance". Additional supported types can be defined uniquely to a coding scheme. If provided, this should be a comma-delimited list of types. If not provided, all entity types are searched.

Example: FindCodesForDescription "blood" Example: FindCodesForDescription "breast cancer" "concept"

[FindDescriptionForCode](#)

Example showing how to find the entity description assigned to a specific code. The program accepts one parameter, the entity code.

[FindPropsAndAssocForCode](#)

Example showing how to find concept properties and associations based on a code.

[FindRelatedCodes](#)

Example showing how to find all concepts codes related to another code with distance 1.

[FindRelatedCodesWithPropertyLinks](#)

Example showing how to find all concepts codes related to another code with distance 1, plus the Property Link relations.

[FindRelatedNodesForTermAndAssoc](#)

Example showing how to find all endpoints of a named association for which the given term matches as source or target.

Note: the match algorithm applied to the term is the standard lucene query syntax.

[FindUMLSContextsForCUI](#)

Example showing any source-asserted hierarchies (based on import of MRHIER HCD) for a CUI. The program takes a single argument (the UMLS CUI), prompts for the code system to query in the LexGrid repository, and displays the available hierarchical relationships.

[ListHierarchy](#)

Example showing how to determine and display an unsorted list of root and subsumed nodes, up to a specified depth, for hierarchical relationships.

This program accepts two parameters:

The first parameter indicates the depth to display for the hierarchy. If 1, nodes immediately subsumed by the root are displayed. If 2, grandchildren are displayed, etc. If absent or < 0, a default depth of 3 is assumed.

The second parameter optionally indicates a specific hierarchy to navigate. If provided, this must match a registered identifier in the coding scheme supported hierarchy metadata. If left unspecified, all hierarchical associations are navigated. If an incorrect value is specified, a list of supported values will be output for future reference.

BACKGROUND: From a database perspective, LexBIG stores relationships internally in a forward direction, source to target. Due to differences in source formats, however, a wide variety of associations may be used ('PAR', 'CHD', 'isa', 'hasSubtype', etc). In addition, the direction of navigation may vary ('isa' expands in a reverse direction whereas 'hasSubtype' expands in a forward direction).

The intent of the `getHierarchy*` methods on the `LexBIGServiceConvenienceMethods` interface is to simplify the process of hierarchy discovery and navigation. These methods significantly reduce the need to understand conventions for root nodes, associations, and direction of navigation for a specific source format.

ListHierarchyByCode

Example showing how to determine and display the hierarchical relationships for a specific code, ancestors or descendants, within a fixed distance.

This program accepts two parameters, indicating the code and distance. The first parameter is the code (required). The second parameter is the distance (optional). If 1, immediate children are displayed. If 2, grandchildren are displayed, etc. If absent or < 0, all downstream branches are displayed.

BACKGROUND: From a database perspective, LexBIG stores relationships internally in a forward direction, source to target. Due to differences in source formats, however, a wide variety of associations may be used ('PAR', 'CHD', 'isa', 'hasSubtype', etc). In addition, the direction of navigation may vary ('isa' expands in a reverse direction whereas 'hasSubtype' expands in a forward direction).

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ListHierarchyMetaBySource

Example showing how to determine and display an unsorted list of root and subsumed nodes, up to a specified depth, for hierarchical relationships. It is written specifically to handle display of relationships for a designated source within the NCI Metathesaurus.

This program accepts two parameters. The first indicates the depth to display hierarchical relations. If 0, only the root nodes are displayed. If 1, nodes immediately subsumed by the root are also displayed, etc. If < 0, a default depth of 0 is assumed.

The second parameter must provide the source abbreviation (SAB) of the Metathesaurus source to be evaluated (e.g. ICD9CM, MDR, SNOMEDCT).

ListHierarchyPathToRoot

Example showing how to determine and display paths from a given concept back to defined root nodes through any hierarchies registered for the coding scheme.

This program accepts one parameter (required), indicating the code to evaluate.

BACKGROUND: From a database perspective, LexBIG stores relationships internally in a forward direction, source to target. Due to differences in source formats, however, a wide variety of associations may be used ('PAR', 'CHD', 'isa', 'hasSubtype', etc). In addition, the direction of navigation may vary ('isa' expands in a reverse direction whereas 'hasSubtype' expands in a forward direction).

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MetaDataSearch

Example how to query stored metadata for a code system. For the example, use the `LoadSampleMeta>DataData.bat` to load the required code system and metadata.

MetaMatch

Example attempting to approximate some characteristics of the Metaphrase search algorithm. However, full Metaphrase compatibility is not anticipated.

ProfileScheme

Requires loading valid scheme (must have root node named @ pointing to top nodes) Profiles a coding scheme based on unique URN, version, relation and scheme name.

Note: If the URN and version values are unspecified, a list of available coding schemes will be presented for user selection.

ScoredIterator

Used to wrap scored results for consumption as a standard `ResolvedConceptReferenceIterator`.

ScoredTerm

Used to manage and sort search results based on a scoring algorithm.

ScoreTerm

Example showing a simple scoring algorithm that evaluates a provided term against available terms in a code system. A cutoff percentage can optionally be provided.

SoundsLike

Example showing how to list concepts with presentation text that 'sounds like' a specified value.

Util

Utility functions to support the examples.

LexEVS Sample Code in Distributed Environment

This section of the document will discuss how to enable LexEVS example code for use in a LexEVS distributed environment.

The Distributed LexBIG (DLB) API is strictly a Java interface and requires Internet access for remote connectivity to the caCORE LexEVS server.

The example code in *LexEVS_51_Example_Code.zip* (provided for download at [LexEVS 5.1 Components](#)) can be modified to run in distributed mode with minimal changes.

Requirements

The following tasks are required in order to run in distributed mode.

Update classpath:

Access to the DLB API requires access to the *LexEVS_51_client.jar* file (available for download at [LexEVS 5.1 Components](#)), which needs to be available in the classpath.

Import the following into your java code:

```
import org.LexGrid.LexBIG.caCore.interfaces.LexEVSApplicationService;
import org.LexGrid.LexBIG.caCore.interfaces.LexEVSDataService;
import org.LexGrid.LexBIG.caCore.interfaces.LexEVSDataDistributed;
import org.LexGrid.LexBIG.caCore.interfaces.LexEVSService;
```


Update code to get LexBIG service:

```
//Set the LexEVS URL (for remote access)
String evsUrl = "http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50";

LexBIGService lbSvc;

// Get the LexBIG service reference from LexEVS Application Service
lbSvc = (LexEVSApplicationService)ApplicationServiceProvider.getApplicationServiceFromUrl(evsUrl, "EvsServiceInfo");
```

Resources

[Distributed Sample Client Code](#)  - ZIP archive file containing sample distributed code. (Refer to sample client code in /src folder)

Example Code

The following code example shows use of the DLB API to retrieve the list of available coding schemes in the LexEVS repository.


```

import java.util.List;

import gov.nih.nci.system.applicationservice.ApplicationException;
import gov.nih.nci.system.client.ApplicationServiceProvider;

import org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.Collections.CodingSchemeRenderingList;
import org.LexGrid.LexBIG.DataModel.InterfaceElements.CodingSchemeRendering;
import org.LexGrid.LexBIG.Exceptions.LBInvocationException;
import org.LexGrid.LexBIG.caCore.interfaces.LexEVSApplicationService;
import org.LexGrid.LexBIG.caCore.interfaces.LexEVSDDataService;
import org.LexGrid.LexBIG.caCore.interfaces.LexEVSDistributed;
import org.LexGrid.LexBIG.caCore.interfaces.LexEVSService;
import org.LexGrid.codingSchemes.CodingScheme;

public class RemoteTestClient {

    private String serviceUrl = "http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50";
    private LexEVSService lexevsService;

    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception {
        RemoteTestClient client = new RemoteTestClient();

        client.queryLexEVSDistributed();
        //client.queryLexEVSDDataService();
    }

    public RemoteTestClient() throws Exception {
        lexevsService = (LexEVSApplicationService)ApplicationServiceProvider
            .getApplicationServiceFromUrl(serviceUrl, "EvsServiceInfo");
    }

    public void queryLexEVSDistributed() throws LBInvocationException {
        LexEVSDistributed distributedSvc = lexevsService;
        CodingSchemeRenderingList csrl = distributedSvc.getSupportedCodingSchemes();
        CodingSchemeRendering[] csr = csrl.getCodingSchemeRendering();

        for(int i=0;i<csr.length;i++){

            System.out.println("\t\tOutput: " + "Coding Scheme: " + csr[i].getCodingSchemeSummary().getLocalName());
            System.out.println("\t\tOutput: " + " -- Version: " + csr[i].getCodingSchemeSummary().getRepresentsVersion());
            System.out.println("\t\tOutput: " + " -- URI: " + csr[i].getCodingSchemeSummary().getCodingSchemeURI());
        }
    }

    public void queryLexEVSDDataService() throws ApplicationException {
        LexEVSDDataService dataSvc = lexevsService;
        CodingScheme codingScheme = new CodingScheme();
        List<CodingScheme> results = dataSvc.search(CodingScheme.class, codingScheme);

        for(CodingScheme cs : results){
            System.out.println("\t\tOutput: " + "Coding Scheme: " + cs.getLocalName());
            System.out.println("\t\tOutput: " + " -- Version: " + cs.getRepresentsVersion());
            System.out.println("\t\tOutput: " + " -- URI: " + cs.getCodingSchemeURI());
        }
    }
}

```

Example Test

The following test shows use of the DLB API to retrieve the list of available coding schemes in the LexEVS repository.

```

public class Test {
    /**
     * Initialize program variables
     */

    private String codingScheme = null;
    private String version = null;

    LexBIGService lbSvc;

    public Test(String codingScheme, String version) {
        //Set the LexEVS URL (for remote access)
        String evsUrl = "http://lexevsapi.nci.nih.gov/lexevsapi50/http/remoteService";
        boolean isRemote = true;
        this.codingScheme = codingScheme;
        this.version = version;

        // Get the LexBIG service reference from LexEVS Application Service
        lbSvc = (LexEVSApplicationService)ApplicationServiceProvider.getApplicationServiceFromUrl(evsUrl, "EvsServiceInfo");

        // Set the vocabulary to work with
        Boolean retval = adapter.setVocabulary(codingScheme);

        codingSchemeMap = new HashMap();
        try {
            // Using the LexBIG service, get the supported coding schemes
            CodingSchemeRenderingList csrl = lbSvc.getSupportedCodingSchemes();

            // Get the coding scheme rendering
            CodingSchemeRendering[] csrs = csrl.getCodingSchemeRendering();

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// For each coding scheme rendering...
for (int i=0; i<csrs.length; i++) {
    CodingSchemeRendering csr = csrs[i];

    // Determine whether the coding scheme rendering is active or not
    Boolean isActive = csr.getRenderingDetail().getVersionStatus().equals(CodingSchemeVersionStatus.ACTIVE);
    if (isActive != null && isActive.equals(Boolean.TRUE)) {
        // Get the coding scheme summary
        CodingSchemeSummary css = csr.getCodingSchemeSummary();

        // Get the coding scheme formal name
        String formalname = css.getFormalName();

        //Get the coding scheme version
        String representsVersion = css.getRepresentsVersion();
        CodingSchemeVersionOrTag vt = new CodingSchemeVersionOrTag();
        vt.setVersion(representsVersion);

        // Resolve coding scheme based on the formal name
        CodingScheme scheme = null;

        try {
            scheme =lbSvc.resolveCodingScheme(formalname, vt);
            if (scheme != null) {
                codingSchemeMap.put((Object) formalname, (Object) scheme);
            }
        } catch (Exception e) {
            // Resolve coding scheme based on the URI
            String uri = css.getCodingSchemeURI();
            try {
                scheme = lbSvc.resolveCodingScheme(uri, vt);
                if (scheme != null) {
                    codingSchemeMap.put((Object) formalname, (Object) scheme);
                }
            } catch (Exception ex) {
                String localname = css.getLocalName();

                // Resolve coding scheme based on the local name
                try {
                    scheme = lbSvc.resolveCodingScheme(localname, vt);
                    if (scheme != null){
                        codingSchemeMap.put((Object) formalname, (Object) scheme);
                    }
                } catch (Exception e2) {
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

} catch (Exception e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}

/**
 *Main
 */
public static void main (String[] args)
{
    String name = "NCI Thesaurus";
    String version = "06.12d";

    // Instantiate the Test Class
    Test test = new Test(name, version);
}

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