

Developer's Manual

OSFI

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1. INTRODUCTION

The open Simulation Framework (openSF) relies on a well-defined set of interfaces [E2E-ICD] that the participating modules must adhere to. The OSFI activity addressed the definition and development of a set of software libraries to ease the integration of modules into openSF system by providing a ready-made implementation of these interfaces.

Usage of OSFI libraries is therefore key to easily develop modules using openSF as orchestrating framework.

Terminology Note: starting with openSF 3.3 the recommended term to identify the orchestrated software components within an E2E simulation is Module instead of Model.

The text in this document has been amended accordingly however the name of software functions and variables still reflects the old naming convention.

1.1. Purpose

The objective of this document is to provide a detailed description and a development manual for the set of software libraries (OSFI) that can be used during the development and deployment of the modules within an E2E Mission Performance simulator

The intended readerships for this document are module developers and scientists that are in charge of integrating those modules into the openSF.

This document is also useful to software engineers responsible of the testing stage.

1.2. Scope

This document shows a detailed description of the integration libraries and an API that can be used as a reference manual by module developers. It also includes a brief architecture description and some examples of use.

This document contains the following sections:

- An introduction (current section 1) to give a quick overview of the project;
- A list of related documents to provide a documentary background (section 2)
- An introduction to the libraries, installation and linking instructions (section 3)
- A description of the architecture, available API and some examples of use. It also includes the coding guidelines (section 4)
- A guide on migration for users of previous versions (section 5)

1.3. Acronyms and Abbreviations

The acronyms and abbreviations used in this document are the following ones:

- AD: Architectural Design / Applicable Document
- ADD: Architectural Design Document
- API: Application Programming Interface
- CFI: Customer Furnished Item
- CLP: Command Line Parser
- COTS: Commercial Off The Shelf
- CPU: Central Processing Unit
- DMS: Indra/Deimos

- FFI: Foreign Function Interface
- GUI: Graphical User Interface
- HW: Hardware
- IO: Input/Output
- ICD: Interface Control Document
- OS: Operating System
- PA: Product Assurance
- QA: Quality Assurance
- RD: Reference Document
- RID: Review Item Discrepancy
- SOW: Statement Of Work
- SRD: Software Requirements Document
- SRN: Software Release Note
- SUM: System User Manual
- SW: Software
- TBC: To Be Confirmed
- TBD: To Be Defined / Decided
- TN: Technical Note
- TS: Technical Specification
- V&V: Verification & Validation

2. RELATED DOCUMENTS

2.1. Applicable Documents

The following table specifies the applicable documents that shall be complied with during project development.

Table 1: Applicable documents

Reference	Code	Title	Issue
[E2E-ICD]	PE-ID-ESA-GS-464	ESA Generic E2E Interface Control Document	1.5.0

2.2. Reference Documents

The following table specifies the reference documents that shall be taken into account during project development.

Table 2: Reference documents

Reference	Code	Title	Issue
[RD 1]	OPENSF-DMS-SUM-001	openSF System User Manual	4.11

2.3. Standards

The following table specifies the standards that shall be complied with during project development.

Table 3: Standards

Reference	Code	Title	Issue
[XML11]	w3.org/TR/xml11	Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.1	Second Edition
[C++17]	ISO/IEC 14882:2017	Information technology – Programming languages – C++	Ed.5
[C99]	ISO/IEC 9899:1999	Information technology – Programming languages – C	Cor3, ed.1
[C11]	ISO/IEC 9899:2011	Information technology – Programming languages – C	Cor1, ed.1
[F2003]	ISO/IEC 1539-1:2004	Information technology – Programming languages – Fortran	Cor4, ed.1
[Java17]	JLS-17	The Java® Language Specification	Java SE 17
[Python3.10]	docs.python.org/3.10/reference/	The Python Language Reference	3.10
[F77]	ISO 1539:1980	Programming languages – FORTRAN	1
[PEP427]	www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0427/	The Wheel Binary Package Format 1.0	1
[XSD10]	w3.org/TR/xmlschema-0	XML Schema 1.0 (Primer, Structures and Datatypes)	Oct 2004

3. GETTING STARTED

3.1. Introduction

In the frame of concept and feasibility studies for the Earth Observation (EO) activities, mission performance in terms of final data products needs to be predicted by means of so-called end-to-end (E2E) simulators.

A specific mission E2E simulator is able to reproduce all significant processes and steps that impact the mission performance and gets simulated final data products.

The open Simulation Framework (openSF) is a generic simulation framework aimed to cope with these major goals. It provides end-to-end simulation capabilities that allow assessment of the science and engineering goals with respect to the mission requirements and it is available for Linux and OSX.

This openSF framework allows the users to integrate and execute pieces of code, «modules» that form the building blocks of a simulation process. To integrate an external module into the framework, the module needs to fulfil the requirements detailed in [E2E-ICD].

The Integration Libraries activity provides the module developer with a set of routines with a well-defined public interface hiding the implementation details. This set of routines is currently available in C++, ANSI C, Fortran, Fortran 77, IDL, Matlab, Python and Java (Fortran 77 and IDL are deprecated).

3.2. Conventions used in this Manual

This chapter lists all the conventions used throughout this Developer's Manual

3.2.1. <OSFI_INSTDIR>

All through the contents of this manual, a pseudo-variable called <OSFI_INSTDIR> is used as a placeholder. It points to the root folder that contains the OSFI installation, as performed by executing the “install” target or by extracting the generated binaries package. This is not an actual environment variable.

3.2.2. \$E2E_HOME

Environment variable provided by the orchestrating framework, as defined in [E2E-ICD]. If present, it is used to resolve relative paths given as the value of FILE and FOLDER-typed parameters.

As a deprecated fallback, if there is no variable \$E2E_HOME the library also checks for the existence of an \$OSFI_HOME variable in the environment. If it is found, it is used but a deprecation warning is emitted. Note that this fallback may be removed at a later OSFI release.

3.2.3. Data Types

Every requested or given piece of data in OSFI is formatted in one of the following types, defined in [E2E-ICD]:

- ❑ *STRING*. A string of alphanumeric characters. While the ICD limits strings to 255 characters, OSFI places no a priori restriction on their size.
- ❑ *INTEGER*. Integral number (no decimal part) between -2^{31} and $2^{31}-1$. This matches the ranges of the C and Java data types `int32_t` and `int`, respectively.
- ❑ *FLOAT*. Floating-point number with a range defined by the Java type `double` (IEEE-754 binary64 format).
- ❑ *BOOLEAN*. The values `TRUE` or `FALSE`, exclusively.
- ❑ *FILE*. The absolute or relative path and name of a file into the file system.
- ❑ *FOLDER*. The absolute or relative path and name of a folder into the file system.
- ❑ *TIME*. An instant in time, with at least microsecond precision.

Relative paths in FILE or FOLDER values are resolved in relation to the value of \$E2E_HOME, if present, or left as relative otherwise.

Parameter elements may have compound types, such as `ARRAY` or `MATRIX`, as defined in the referred document. The element type of the compound will be one of the above.

3.3. Initial Requirements

The OSFI system is prepared to run in a hardware and software platform with the following requirements. These must be fulfilled before installing the distribution.

3.3.1. System Requirements

OSFI is tested to be compatible with the following architectures and operating systems:

- ❑ Operating systems: Microsoft Windows (10 22H2 or 11), Linux (Ubuntu 22.04), macOS (13+)
- ❑ Architectures: x86-64, Apple Silicon (for macOS only)

Building on other platforms/versions (e.g. on Windows ARM, or FreeBSD) might work, but it is not tested.

3.3.2. Software Requirements

The table below contains the list of required compilers or runtime environments for the OSFI sources. The “strict requirements” [second column] are defined by compatibility with certain standards or features e.g. C++17.

On the other hand, the “suggestion” column shows values that are known to be valid, for example because they are used in our build/test environments. This does not preclude the user from building/running in different compilers or runtimes, so long as they are compatible with the stated requirements e.g. Clang or an appropriate version of MSVC instead of the suggested GCC for C/C++, Intel Fortran instead of gfortran, etc.

Table 4: Suggested compilers for sources

Language	Requirements	Suggestion	Licensing	Distribution Site
Fortran	Compatible with Fortran 2003 [F2003]	GNU Fortran Compiler v9.5+	GNU GPLv3	gcc.gnu.org/fortran/
C++	Compatible with C++17 [C++17]	Linux/Windows: GNU C++ compiler v9.5+	GNU GPLv3	gcc.gnu.org
		macOS: Clang from appropriate Xcode	Xcode and Apple SDKs Agreement	developer.apple.com/xcode
C	Compatible with C99 [C99]	Linux/Windows: GNU C compiler v9.5+	GNU GPLv3	gcc.gnu.org
		macOS: Clang from appropriate Xcode	Xcode and Apple SDKs Agreement	developer.apple.com/xcode
Java	Compatible with Java SE 17 [Java17]	Adoptium JDK version 17 or greater	GNU GPLv2 with Classpath exception	adoptium.net
Python	Compatible with Python 3.10 [Python3.10]	CPython 3.10 or greater	Python Software Foundation license	www.python.org
Matlab	R2019a+	-	Proprietary	-

Table 5 shows other system pre-requisites to build the OSFI libraries.

Table 5: System pre-requisites

Component	Purpose	License	Distribution Site
De-compressor	Extract files from release packaged in a compressed tarball or ZIP file	N/A	N/A
CMake 3.22 or higher	Build, test and pack the OSFI libraries	BSD 3-clause	Linux repository or cmake.org

Table 6 shows a set of utilities that are recommended to build the OSFI libraries. If Xerces is not installed in the system, the OSFI build system can download and build it.

Table 6: Recommended utilities

Component	Purpose	License	Distribution Site
Doxygen 1.8.13+	Generate libraries documentation	GNU General Public License	Linux repository or doxygen.nl
Google Test	Generate and execute C++, C and Fortran tests	BSD 3-clause	Linux repository or GitHub
Xerces-C++ 3.2.0+	Parse XML files	Apache License 2.0	xerces.apache.org

3.3.2.1. IDL

Warning: OSFI-IDL is deprecated. It is no longer in active development, and this section is no longer updated.

To execute modules in IDL with openSF it is necessary to have installed IDL software on the computer. openSF has been tested with the following versions of this software: version 7.1, 8.0 and 8.1. If the user has a previous version, the application may eventually not work. It is recommended to have installed at least IDL 7.1, and whenever possible version 8.0 or later.

An important requirement for the correct functioning is that IDL is installed in the default path, because if not some features of the OSFI library will not work properly. This problem is related with ConFM module, which uses some internal classes of IDL that must be in the default path, because otherwise the application does not find them. This is caused because IDL looks for these classes only in the default directory, and if it does not find them generates an error.

For IDL 7.1 the default path is `‘/usr/local/itt/idl’` and for IDL 8.x the default path is `‘/usr/local/itt/idl/idl’`.

Furthermore, IDL provides three types of licenses according to the user needs, as can be seen below:

- ❑ IDL development: Full license for IDL that allows to the user to use all its functionalities. Users can access to the IDL Development Environment, the IDL command line, and having the ability of compiling and executing IDL .pro files and executing .sav files.
- ❑ IDL runtime: Allows executing IDL programs precompiled and saved as .SAV files, or .pro files without any type of restriction.
- ❑ IDL virtual machine: It is a free license that allows to the user to execute IDL programs precompiled and saved as .SAV files, or .pro files. This kind of license has a few restrictions, like displaying a splash screen on start-up, callable IDL applications are not available.

To execute a .sav or a .pro file without any type of restriction it is necessary to have installed the development license or the runtime license on the computer. If user wants to generate .sav files by compiling .pro files, it is mandatory to have the development license. If the user only has the virtual machine license, he can execute .pro and .sav files but with restrictions, as many functionalities are not available for this type of license.

3.3.2.2. Matlab

To execute modules in Matlab with openSF, Matlab software must be installed on the computer, with the corresponding license.

3.3.2.3. Python

There are two prerequisites to execute a Python module from openSF:

1. Python 3.8+ correctly installed. Support for older Python versions is generally dropped in the first OSFI release after each version reaches end-of-life.
2. If OSFI is not deployed to the site-packages location of the Python environment, then the Python path needs to be configured to point to the necessary libraries. For example, by adding `<OSFI_INSTDIR>/include/Python` to the PYTHONPATH environment variable, or directly to sys.path inside Python.

A Python interpreter may be found in the public repositories for the most popular Linux distributions. For further details about installation please visit the Python webpage.

3.4. Installation

OSFI is distributed as source package, with the necessary sources in every language supported, for including and compiling with other sources. Figure 1 shows a high-level view of the contents of the OSFI distribution:

- ❑ The folder include contains the header files of the library
- ❑ The folder releng (release engineering) contains CMake configuration files
- ❑ The folder src contains the source files of the library
- ❑ The folder test contains a set of unit and integration tests that ensure the proper performance of the library

In addition, the distribution includes the main CMakeLists.txt file, the license, the release notes and the version information file.

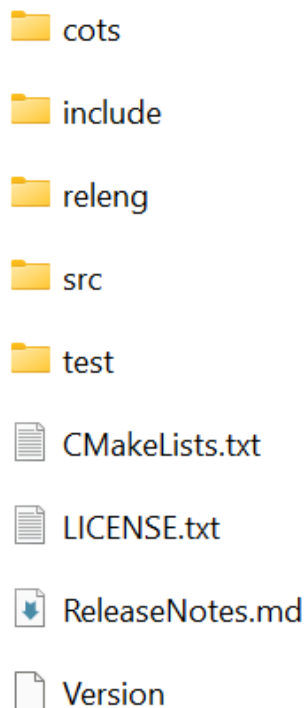


Figure 1: OSFI Source Code distribution

3.4.1. Build Instructions

Note: The build step described in this section is not necessary for the Matlab and Python versions of OSFI. These libraries can be used directly as source code, but notice that the build process provisions packaging and additional testing for all versions of OSFI, including those languages. See section 3.4.3 for details.

First, extract the integration libraries into the desired location and enter it:

```
$ tar -xf osfi-<version>-sources.tar.zst
$ cd OSFI
```

Next, create a folder where the products of the building process will be generated (e.g. build) and enter it:

```
$ mkdir build
$ cd build
```

The command to configure the build has optional arguments that must be reviewed. First, the default behavior of the build system is to prepare to build all non-deprecated languages supported by the OSFI libraries. Instead, the user can choose which ones to build by providing the `OSFI_LANGS` argument with either:

- A semicolon-separated list of the languages to be built. E.g.: `CXX;Fortran;Python`
- The special value "ALL" which enables all languages, even the deprecated ones

The currently accepted values for `OSFI_LANGS` are: `CXX`, `C`, `Fortran`, `Java`, `Python`, `Matlab` (supported), plus `F77` and `IDL` (deprecated). Note that the implementations in `C` and `Fortran` both depend on the `C++` version. Thus, the `C++` library cannot be disabled if either `C` or `Fortran` is active.

In addition, the `C++` OSFI libraries depend on the XML parsing library `Xerces-C++`. The default behavior of the build system is to search for the library, but two optional arguments can be used to change the behavior:

- `XercesC_DIR`: it forces CMake to look there for the Xerces library.
- `BUILD_XERCES`: if this boolean flag is set to `ON`, CMake will download and build Xerces-C++ in the `xerces/ExternalProject` folder under the build folder.

Other optional arguments accepted by the build configuration are:

- `BUILD_SHARED_LIBS`, default value `OFF`. If set to `ON`, the build process generates shared libraries. If not, static libraries are created.
- `BUILD_DOC`, default value `ON`. Enables building the Doxygen documentation, but requires Doxygen to be installed on the machine.
- `BUILD_TESTING`, default value `ON`. If set to `ON`, each language will generate extra targets to build tests for OSFI itself, and the "test" target will be available to run such tests. Note that some tests are language-specific and may require extra libraries, e.g. some `C++` tests require the GoogleTest library, while some of the Java tests use JUnit.
- `BUILD_CQREPORTS`, default value `OFF`. If set to `ON`, the build process will generate a folder named `CQREPORTS` for each supported language in which static analysis and test coverage reports are generated. In addition, if this option is activated, new requirements for each language are needed:
 - o Python: `coverage.py` for test coverage and `Pylint` for static analysis.
 - o C++, C and Fortran: `Cppcheck` for static analysis, `gcovr` and the required processor (`gcov` or `llvmmcov`) for test coverage. Important: do not use this option in `C++` and `Fortran` to build a production library since the required instrumentation for coverage will produce spurious output.
 - o Java: nothing; all requirements are downloaded on demand
- `OSFI_Python_wheel` and `OSFI_Matlab_toolbox`, default value `OFF`. If the relevant languages are enabled, the build process will also generate extra packages for the library in the native format for each language.

The following example shows how to configure the OSFI make files from the build folder created inside the OSFI directory to generate the static libraries. It can be seen that the `IDL`, `Matlab`, `Java`, `Fortran 77` and `C` languages are disabled, and that the Xerces library is downloaded and built. It shall be remarked that the optional arguments are provided starting with "-D".

```
$ cmake -DBUILD_XERCES=ON -D "OSFI_LANGS=CXX;Fortran;Python" ../
```

Once the build system is configured, the selected OSFI libraries with the appropriate build-system specific command; or in general with the following call to CMake executed from the build directory:

```
$ cmake --build .
```

If enabled, the OSFI unit tests can be launched by using the “test” target of the build system, or with the following command executed from the build directory:

```
$ ctest
```

3.4.2. Packaging and/or Installation

An additional “package” target is available to generate an “installation package” the last step is to package the OSFI build products with the following command:

```
$ cpack
```

If the installation has been successful, the package folder structure should be as follows:

- include: header files for C/C++, plus the Python and Matlab files.
- lib: dynamic or static libraries of OSFI. In addition, the folder `cmake/OSFI` contains the CMake configuration files.
- share: documentation of the libraries API in html format. This folder is not available if the documentation is not created.

The module developer has the responsibility to include in the package the Xerces library used during the build process. If the library was built with OSFI, the generated products are located in the build directory in the folder `xerces/ExternalProject/Install`.

3.4.3. Python and Matlab Packages

Instead of using CMake to test and package the Python version of OSFI, that step can be skipped in favour of generating a wheel package with Python itself. Wheels [PEP427] are the new standard of Python distribution and are intended to replace eggs. A wheel package can be generated as follows:

```
$ cd OSFI_SOURCE_DIR/include/Python
$ python -m pip wheel .
```

The package will have the following naming convention “`OSFI-{version}-{python}-{abi}-{platform}.whl`”. It can then be installed as described in section 3.5.3.2.

Alternatively, if building OSFI using CMake with the Python language enabled, the system can be instructed to also generate the wheel package by setting the `OSFI_Python_wheel` build option to a true value (e.g. ON).

The Matlab package must be generated using this latter option, since the toolbox project file needs to be filled with absolute paths related to the source tree. Thus, from the “build” folder mentioned in section 3.4.1, run the following commands:

```
$ cmake -DOSFI_LANGS=Matlab -DOSFI_Matlab_toolbox=ON ../
$ cmake --build .
```

The toolbox package will be generated as “`Matlab_toolbox/OSFI.mltbx`”.

3.5. Building and Distribution of Modules with OSFI

It is under the module developer responsibility to distribute it with the OSFI libraries and other dependencies of the module, ensuring that it will execute properly in the environment of the E2E Mission Performance simulator.

For simulators with few modules, it is recommended to compile them statically with the static version of the OSFI libraries, in order to guarantee its execution in any environment. However, for simulators with a large number of modules, it is more efficient in terms of simulator size to build the modules with the dynamic version of OSFI

libraries, although the compilation process becomes more critical in order to avoid potential conflicts during modules execution.

This section provides instructions for building the modules using CMake, the suggested build system. It assumes that OSFI (and Xerces, where needed) are already built. It also provides advice for setting up such modules correctly to ease their distribution and execution from an E2E simulation orchestrator compatible with [E2E-ICD], like openSF.

3.5.1. C++, C and Fortran

In order to provide the Xerces and OSFI libraries to the building system, the user should use the CMake command `find_package`. Firstly, the developer shall add the XercesC package with the commands shown below. It can be seen that function `find_package` allows the user to input the location of the library to be added. The package Threads refers to the threading library of the system and it is usually needed by Xerces.

```
find_package(Threads REQUIRED)
find_package(XercesC REQUIRED CONFIG HINTS "${XercesC_DIR}")
```

The OSFI libraries are added using the same command. It can be seen that with the option `COMPONENTS`, the developer can select the libraries needed in terms of the module programming language. In the example below, both C++ and Fortran are selected.

```
find_package(OSFI REQUIRED CONFIG
             COMPONENTS CXX Fortran
             HINTS "<OSFI_INSTDIR>")
```

After these commands, Xerces and OSFI are available for the building process, which shall be performed with the proper CMake commands:

```
enable_language(CXX)
add_executable(mymodule main.cpp otherfile.cpp)
target_link_libraries(mymodule OSFI::osfi-common)
```

In order to distribute such a module, the integrator must ensure that all required dynamic libraries are available when it is going to be executed. Note that OSFI and Xerces are only part of the larger set of libraries required by the program: the C/C++/Fortran runtime may also need to be distributed in a platform-dependent manner. For example:

- In Linux, the “rpath” attribute of the executable itself may list absolute or module-relative paths to try. Thus, build options could be provided to set rpath to “\$ORIGIN/../lib”, so the module could be distributed in a folder called “X/bin” and its dynamic libraries (OSFI/Xerces, runtimes...) could be placed in “X/lib”.
- In Windows, the folder containing the executable is tried first, then those in the PATH variable. Thus, OSFI, Xerces and any needed runtimes, if built as DLLs, could simply be deployed alongside the executable file.

Another option is to try and build a fully statically-linked executable, which may bloat the binary size but makes it easily redistributable. However, this option may require custom build options, and is not always available in all platforms.

Thus, the module developer/integrator would have to use the proper build settings to create the desired scenario (building with/without dynamic libraries) and then take the proper actions on installation to deploy all needed files in the necessary structure.

3.5.2. Java

Should the user want to use CMake for building a Java module with OSFI (instead of Maven, Ant or other systems), they may use the `find_package` command to import the OSFI-Java target. The OSFI libraries are added using the same command as before, and the `COMPONENTS` option allows selecting only some languages.

As in C++, dependencies need to be found and made available. Currently, the only dependency is the Apache Commons CLI JAR (v1.2). It may be downloaded from the Maven repositories or, if OSFI has been installed or built as a binary package, it can be found in the “lib” folder of the installation/package:

```
# Find OSFI-Java
find_package(OSFI REQUIRED CONFIG
             COMPONENTS Java
             HINTS "<OSFI_INSTDIR>")
# Find the Apache Commons CLI JAR in the same folder
```

```
find_jar(commons_cli_jar NAMES apache-commons-cli
        PATHS "<OSFI_INSTDIR>/lib/")
```

After these commands, OSFI is available for the building process, which shall be performed with the CMake commands. The OSFI-Java target can be linked into a JAR:

```
find_package(Java 17 COMPONENTS Development) # find javac
include(UseJava)
add_jar(mymodule com/dms/ModMain.java com/dms/ModComp.java
        ENTRY_POINT com/dms/ModMain
        INCLUDE_JARS OSFI::osfi-java "${commons_cli_jar}"
)

# Install phase: copy the JAR to the "bin" folder
install_jar(TestModel DESTINATION bin)
# Then copy the dependencies to some path we can find, e.g. "lib"
get_target_property(osfijar OSFI::osfi-java JAR_FILE)
install(FILES "${osfijar}" "${commons_cli_jar}" DESTINATION "lib")
```

In order to distribute such a module, the OSFI-Java JAR, along with its dependencies, needs to be available on execution too. Note, however, that the CMake Java-related functions will not install the OSFI JAR along with the module automatically, hence the extra step above.

For the same reason, and since it does not know where such dependencies will be found, CMake does not add them to the Class-Path attribute in the JAR manifest either. The main consequence is that the class path needs to be indicated on execution, as follows:

```
$ java -cp bin/mymodule.jar:lib/osfi.jar:lib/apache-commons-cli.jar
    com.dms.ModMain
```

In order to ensure that the class path stored in the JAR can find the dependencies, the module developer needs to decide at build time where they will be installed (relative to the module JAR file). The following addition will generate the required Class-Path entry:

```
# Generate a custom manifest so we can put the OSFI jars in the
# Class-Path property. We will install the module at X/bin, and its
# dependencies at X/lib.
file(GENERATE
    OUTPUT "${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/MANIFEST.MF"
    CONTENT [[Class-Path: ../lib/${TARGET_FILE_NAME:OSFI::osfi-java}
    ../lib/apache-commons-cli.jar
]]) # Note this extra newline in the content - it is important!
# Otherwise this will not be "merged" with the CMake-made manifest
add_jar(mymodule com/dms/ModMain.java com/dms/ModComp.java
        ENTRY_POINT com/dms/ModMain
        INCLUDE_JARS OSFI::osfi-java
        MANIFEST "${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/MANIFEST.MF"
)
```

If the module is built and installed with this configuration, it can be executed with the default class path in the JAR manifest, like:

```
$ java -jar bin/mymodule.jar
```

3.5.2.1. Using OSFI-Java from the classpath

Since version 3.11, programs using OSFI can be built and executed in two distinct ways, depending on whether the Java Platform Module System (JPMS) system is used. The “legacy” option is to use OSFI as a regular JAR placed on the application classpath, which then is invoked as follows:

```
java -cp mymodule.jar:osfi-java.jar:apache-commons-cli.jar com.dms.ModMain (arguments...)
```

Alternatively, the MANIFEST.MF file inside mymodule.jar can declare the paths to OSFI and other dependencies, such that the program can be invoked as:

```
java -jar mymodule.jar (arguments...)
```

This mode provides backward compatibility with prior versions of OSFI and with applications that do not use JPMS. It requires an external Java runtime to execute the module, and this must be made available alongside the module for it to run e.g. inside openSF.

3.5.2.2. Using OSFI as a module-JAR and using jpackage to create a runtime

Since version 3.11, programs using OSFI can be built and executed in two distinct ways, depending on whether the Java Platform Module System (JPMS) system is used. If the user's code is itself a JPMS module, and OSFI is placed on the module path (in this example, a single "lib" folder), the program can be invoked as follows:

```
java --module-path lib --module com.dms.mymodule/com.dms.ModMain (arguments...)
```

This is the preferred mode for new module development and for preparing self-contained distributions, since it allows using the jpackage tool (available in JDK 17+) to create self-contained application bundles that include:

- A minimal Java runtime image only with the required parts of the JDK.
- The OSFI-Java module and any additional dependencies
- The user's code as a module
- Platform-dependent launchers for the application (e.g. a .exe file for Windows)

This approach removes the need for end users to distribute the Java runtime separately, or manage class paths or module paths manually, simplifying distribution and ensuring consistent runtime environments in case e.g. a single simulation in openSF uses two Java modules that require different versions of the runtime. It also allows Java-based modules to be launched just like any platform-native application.

To generate a distributable application or installer, jpackage can be invoked as follows:

```
$ jpackage --input <input-dir> --name <app-name> --main-jar <main-jar> --module-path <module-path> \
    [other-options]
```

Where:

- <input-dir>: directory typically containing the compiled user module JAR, osfi-java.jar, and any additional dependencies.
- <module-path>: must include all modules required at runtime, including OSFI.
- <main-jar>: the user module containing the entry point of the application
- [other-options] may include platform-specific packaging options (icon, signing, etc.)

Using jpackage simplifies the distribution and execution of openSF modules with OSFI, as it guarantees that all required components are correctly bundled and that modules can run directly without additional configuration. A module packaged as described here would run as any native application e.g.:

```
Windows> app-name/app-name.exe (arguments...)
Linux$ ./app-name/bin/app-name (arguments...)
macOS$ ./app-name.app/Contents/MacOS/app-name (arguments...)
```

3.5.3. Python and Matlab

Python and Matlab are mainly interpreted languages, and thus they are not compiled by CMake in any way. The only condition to execute a module using OSFI in those languages is that the libraries in question are accessible to the modules at runtime, using any of the language-specific methods: Two different approaches are feasible:

- The library may be made available in the Python or Matlab "system path", or placed at a known module-relative path so that the module can properly import it.
- Using a Python wheel or a Matlab toolbox: a package can be generated from the distributed sources and installed in the system or (for Python) in a virtual environment, being automatically available for any module to import it.

3.5.3.1. CMake-based redistribution

If the Python/Matlab modules are going to be used as they are in the source tree, CMake *can* be used to aid in the install and distribution, since the OSFI build defines imported targets for the Python and Matlab OSFI libraries. Such targets are defined as INTERFACE libraries, like e.g. a C++ header-only library.

This means that they are not *built* as such, but still are able to provide relevant properties, in particular `INTERFACE_INCLUDE_DIRECTORIES`, which is a list of paths that will contain the OSFI-Python/Matlab library directory as its first item. It can then be used in order to install the library alongside the module as follows:

```
find_package(OSFI REQUIRED CONFIG
             COMPONENTS Python Matlab
             HINTS "<OSFI_INSTDIR>")

# Install our Python module to the bin folder. Using PROGRAMS will
# ensure that the executable bit is set
install(PROGRAMS "mymodule.py" DESTINATION bin)

# Also get the path where the OSFI-Python libs are, and copy them
# to the lib/OSFI folder on install
get_property(OSFI_PYTHON_DIR
             TARGET OSFI::osfi-python
             PROPERTY INTERFACE_INCLUDE_DIRECTORIES)
list(GET OSFI_PYTHON_DIR 0 OSFI_PYTHON_DIR) # Get 1st element
install(DIRECTORY "${OSFI_PYTHON_DIR}"
        DESTINATION "lib/OSFI" # Will create a OSFI/Python/ dir
        FILES_MATCHING PATTERN "*.py") # Avoid copying *.pyc, etc.
```

The above setup ensures that the library files (in this case, OSFI-Python) are copied to the “lib” folder of the install directory, while the module itself is copied with execution permissions to the “bin” folder. The code for Matlab is exactly the same, performing the adequate substitutions of “osfi-python” for “osfi-matlab” and “.py” for “.m”.

In order for a module to be executable, it needs to be able to find the library, so in the case of Python, the following code would need to be inserted at the start of the module. It first tries to load OSFI from the default Python path, and if that fails it tries to load it from the module-relative path “../lib/OSFI/Python”, which is where the above CMake code will have installed it.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python

from os.path import dirname, realpath, join
import sys
try: # Try to load something from OSFI in case it is in sys.path
    from OSFI import Logger
except ImportError:
    # If not, add the known path $moduledir/./lib/OSFI to sys.path
    cur_fdir = dirname(realpath(__file__))
    osfi_dir = realpath(join(cur_fdir, '..', 'lib', 'OSFI', 'Python'))
    sys.path.append(osfi_dir)
    try: # And try again
        from OSFI import Logger
    except ImportError as e: # Give up
        raise ImportError("Cannot find the OSFI library in the"
                          "Python path, or at " + osfi_dir) from e

import other_things
# Rest of the module code
```

If the above steps are followed, the Python/Matlab module will always be able to access the OSFI library, and so it will be able to be executed from the command line without adding any special variables or settings to the environment:

```
$ ./bin/mymodule.py
```

The Matlab version of the module code adaptation is similar in both methodology and implementation, although the way of calling the module is E2E-ICD implementation dependent – check the corresponding manual for details.

```
function testModel (configurationParameters, inputs, outputs)
% Check that OSFI is in the Matlab path. If not, add the known path
% $moduledir/./lib/OSFI/Matlab to it and check again.
if ~exist('ConFM', 'class')
    cur_fdir = fileparts(mfilename('fullpath'));
    osfi_dir = fullfile(cur_fdir, '..', 'lib', 'OSFI', 'Matlab');
    addpath(osfi_dir);
    if ~exist('ConFM', 'class')
        error('mymod:depmissing', ['Cannot find the OSFI library' ...
                                   'in the Matlab path, or at %s'], osfi_dir)
    end
end
end
```

```
% Rest of the module code
```

3.5.3.2. Usage of Python and Matlab packages

Once generated as indicated in section 3.4.3, the Python wheel package can be installed into the system, or into any desired virtual environment, by using the *pip* package manager:

```
$ pip install dist/OSFI-{version}-{python}-{abi}-{platform}.whl
```

The OSFI packages will then be placed in the site-libraries folder of the target, and will be directly accessible for importing by the code.

For the Matlab toolbox, the package can be opened in the Matlab GUI, or for a text-based installation the “*matlab.addons.toolbox.installToolbox*” command can be used. Once properly installed, the OSFI components will be available in the Matlab environment, without needing to explicitly add them to the path.

4. OPENSF INTEGRATION LIBRARIES

In this section, the following is given:

- ❑ An architectural overview, giving structural descriptions of the elements offered in the APIs (such as inheritance diagrams for C++ classes, etc).
- ❑ A complete set of examples of how to use the APIs and how to compile and execute them.

4.1. Architectural Overview

The Integration Libraries will serve as interface between the openSF component and the external module, as shown in Figure 2.

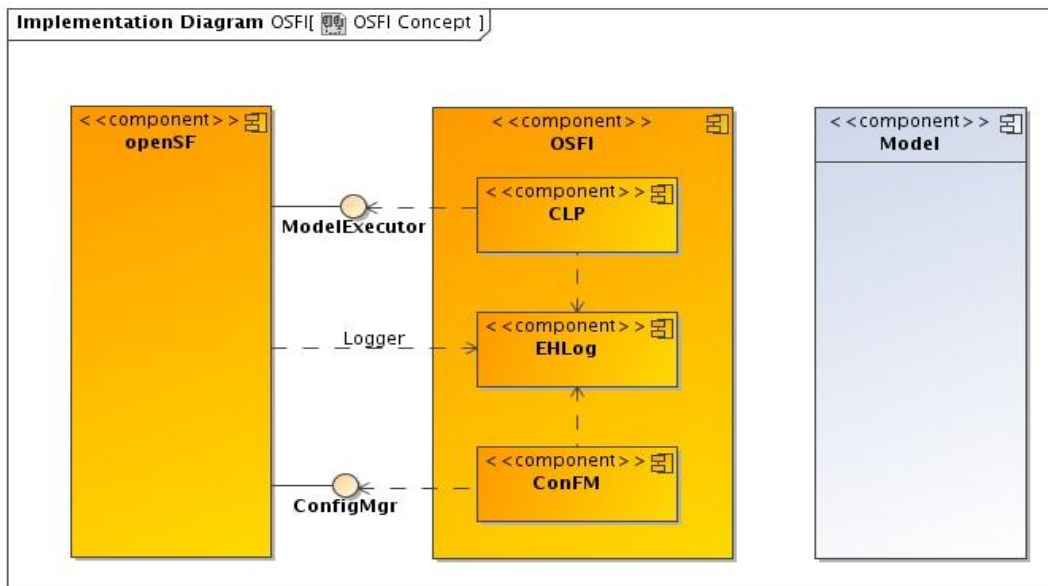


Figure 2: Relationship with openSF and modules

The package “Model” depends on the functionalities implemented in the “OSFI” package.

This package, in turn, depends on the functionalities provided by the “ConfigMgr” and “Model Executor” interfaces of the “openSF” package. This executor is responsible for providing the proper command line arguments for the module execution. The “ConfigMgr” is the module generating the XML configuration files.

There exists a tight integration between the “openSF” package and the “Integration Libraries” package because the former also needs the latter for reading the events raised and logged out from the module execution.

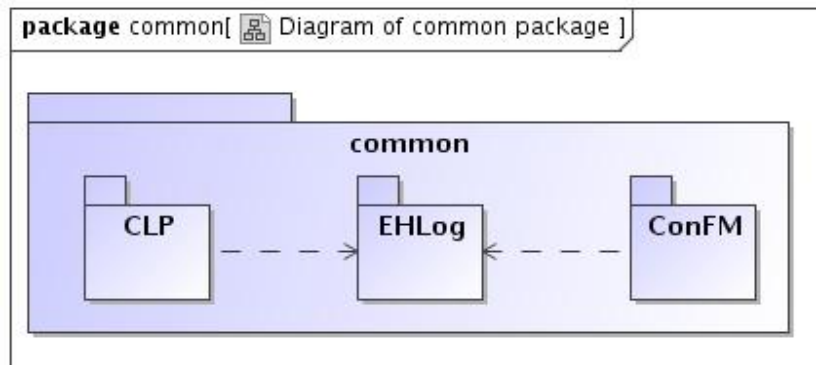


Figure 3 : OSFI common packages

This diagram shows how a system is split up into logical groupings by showing the dependencies among these groupings. As a package is typically thought of as a directory, package diagrams provide a logical hierarchical decomposition of a system.

It can be seen that both “CLP” and “ConFM” packages depend on the “EHLog” package because they are also able to raise certain events to be logged out.

Regarding the interaction between languages, the C++ implementation serves as a reference for function naming convention and availability to the module developer. The Fortran and C OSFI libraries use the C++ libraries by means of an intermediate bridging C++ library called FFI (Foreign Function Interface). This library implements an interface to the OSFI functions that can be called without C++ name mangling or other C++-specific features such as exception handling. It is intended as an intermediate layer to OSFI-C++ from other languages and should be used to extend OSFI capabilities to other languages that are not currently supported natively.

4.2. OSFI Common Packages

This section describes the functions provided by the OSFI common packages in terms of input, output and behavior. In it, the general API of OSFI is described using concepts such as “a list of X”, which are later determined in each language-specific section to the concrete implementation provided, e.g. List<X> in Java, a cell array in Matlab, etc.

The handling of error conditions is also language specific: when this section mentions that certain condition “results in an error”, that will in general log an error to the OSFI logger, but other extra effects could be:

- In C++, Java or Python, raise an exception or simply return a certain flag value.
- In C, return an error code or a null pointer.
- In Fortran, both of the above depending on the presence or not of the STAT argument

In general, functionalities provided by each module will be described as a series of “cards” in the following format:

Operation name: (inputs...) → (outputs...)	
Component	Name of the (sub-)component e.g. CLP or ConFM.Parameter
Generic name	Name that in most cases will be part of the name of the actual function implementing the operation.
Precondition	Conditions that need to hold before calling this operation. Does not include conditions only on the inputs, which are described in their own slot.
Inputs	List of inputs for the operation, and conditions that they need to hold. For object-oriented languages, it does not include the “this” or “self” object handle, which is listed in preconditions.
Outputs	List of outputs from the operation, and conditions that are verified by them. For object-oriented languages, it does not include the “this” or “self” object handle, changes to which are listed in postconditions.
Postconditions	Conditions that are verified after returning from the call.
Errors	List of error conditions. Unless otherwise specified here, what OSFI does in an error is language-specific. Furthermore, “none” here does not preclude language-specific problems such as out-of-memory errors in list-related operations, etc.
Notes	Any extra comments.

4.2.1. Command Line Parser (CLP)

According to section 2.1.2 of [E2E-ICD], a module shall be invoked with exactly three-command arguments: the configuration files, the input files and the output files. In all three cases, the individual files in a single argument are separated by commas.

In OSFI 3.6, an alternative format for the command-line interface was introduced, using flag-based options. Each file is an argument of its own, and it is preceded by its type:

- global or -g for the global configuration file
- local or -l for the local configuration file
- input or -i for each input file
- output or -o for each output file

OSFI currently supports both formats transparently to the module. However, they are exclusive with each other. This package provides the following functionalities:

Build CLP: args → ()	
Component	CLP
Generic name	Build CLP, usually class constructor, or “create”
Precondition	None
Inputs	Command-line arguments. Depending on the language, it may be a list of strings, three strings, or even optional (causing the program command line arguments to be read by OSFI).
Outputs	None per se (usually, the constructed CLP object)
Postconditions	The CLP is properly initialized; functions to query the lists of C/I/O files can be called and will return without errors.
Errors	In general, if the format does not match the description of section 2.1.2 of [E2E-ICD].

Get the list of C/I/O files: () → files	
Component	CLP
Generic names	getConfigFiles, getInputFiles, getOutputFiles
Precondition	CLP has been built
Inputs	None (or, if a single function, the type of files)
Outputs	List of files of the required type
Errors	None directly.
Notes	In some languages, each getter may be implemented as a pair of functions to get the number of elements and the individual list item by index. Alternatively, access to some list of files may be provided.

Table 7 summarizes the functionalities that this package shall provide (Function column) and the current state in terms of implementation depending on the language (an empty cell means that the function is missing). The column labeled as [E2E-ICD] contains the functions that are required considering the description given by the document.

In addition, Table 8 shows some functions that are currently implemented by some languages and accessible to the user, but are not needed to comply with the requirements derived from [E2E-ICD]. Thus, they may be deprecated and later removed from the API.

Table 7: Functions of the CLP package

Function	[E2E-ICD]	C++	C	Fortran	Java	Matlab	Python	F77	IDL
Parse command line arguments [“constructor”]	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	D	D
Get (full) list of C/I/O files	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	D	D

Table 8: Additional functions of the CLP package

Function	[E2E-ICD]	C++	C	Fortran	Java	Matlab	Python	F77	IDL
Legacy: get single configuration file		D	D		D	D	D	D	D
Query (only) number of C/I/O files						D		D	
Tokenize string as list of C/I/O files		D			D				
Check that a file name is valid		D			D				
Legacy: get single input file						D			D
Legacy: get single output file						D			D

4.2.2. Logger (EHLog)

According to section 2.2.4 and 2.2.5 of [E2E-ICD] this package shall provide functions to send information, warning, error, debug, and progress messages. Thus, the EHLog package shall provide the following functions:

- Information: it sends an informative message raised by the module describing a harmless event.
- Warning: it sends a message of a non-fatal error or anomalous condition in data or during the processing that may cause a fatal error or affect the outputs in format or content. The execution should continue with no interruption.
- Error: it raises an error. For those programming languages able to throw exceptions, this strategy will be used.
- Debug: it sends an information message only if the debug mode is active.
- Progress: it sends numerical information on the amount of module execution performed.

Additionally, the OSFI implementation introduces extra functions. For example, a function to terminate the execution and exit with a certain exit code is present in all implementations even though it's not a strict requirement. Also, other types of messages with similar formats are supported, like "quality messages".

Show info/warning/error/debug message: text → ()	
Component	Logger
Generic names	info, error, warning, debug
Precondition	Logger has been initialized (if necessary in the language)
Inputs	Message text
Outputs	None
Postconditions	The given message is written to the log output, formatted according to the corresponding [E2E-ICD] message type.
Errors	None directly.
Notes	<p>If the message type is <i>debug</i>, the message is only written if the debug mode is activated.</p> <p>Implementations may allow formatting of extra data in a language-specific way, e.g. the C implementations have API similar to "printf".</p>

Show progress notice: (currentStep, totalSteps) → ()	
Component	Logger

Generic name	progress
Precondition	Logger has been initialized (if necessary in the language)
Inputs	Integers representing the number of the current work step and the total amount of steps to be done, respectively. It must hold that $0 \leq \text{currentStep} \leq \text{totalSteps}$.
Outputs	None
Postconditions	The given message is written to the log output, formatted according to the [E2E-ICD] "progress" message type.
Errors	None directly.
Notes	-

Finish execution: (exitCode) → ()	
Component	Logger
Generic names	finishExecution
Precondition	Logger has been initialized (if necessary in the language)
Inputs	Integer exit code to be passed to the language runtime / OS.
Outputs	N/A
Postconditions	This function does not return normally, instead attempting to terminate execution of the module through language-specific means.
Errors	None directly.
Notes	OSFI extension

Show quality message: (name, value) → ()	
Component	Logger
Generic names	qualityReport
Precondition	Logger has been initialized (if necessary in the language)
Inputs	Quality indicator name: string Quality indicator value: number or string
Outputs	None
Postconditions	The given message is written to the log output, formatted according to a custom message type in the vein of [E2E-ICD] formats.
Errors	None directly.
Notes	OSFI extension

Table 9 summarizes the functionalities that this package provides, along with the current state in terms of implementation depending on the programming language: a red cell means that the function is missing, a blue one that it is available.

The column labeled as [E2E-ICD] contains the functions that are strictly needed taken into account the description given by the document. It can be seen that the function finish execution is not defined in the [E2E-ICD], but since it has been implemented in all the languages and is useful, it has been kept as a function to be provided by the package.

In addition, Table 10 shows some functions (blue cells) that are currently implemented by some languages and accessible to the user, but are not needed to comply with the requirements derived from [E2E-ICD]. Thus, they may be deprecated and later removed from the public interface.

Table 9: Functions of the EHLog package

Function	[C++	C	Fortran	Java	Matlab	Python	F77	IDL
Show I/W/E/D msg	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Show progress	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Finish execution		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Table 10: Additional functions of the EHLog package

Function	[E2E-ICD]	C++	C	Fortran	Java	Matlab	Python	F77	IDL
Quality reports		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Format I/W/E/D msg with extra data		Y	Y				Y		
Query debug mode		Y		Y	Y		Y		
Set debugging mode					Y	Y	Y		
Query color output		Y			Y		Y		
Redirect output to a file (instead of out)						Y			
Get OSFI version							Y	Y	Y

4.2.3. Configuration File Manager (ConFM)

This group of functions deals with the configuration files. First, user code must read a configuration file, and then the parameters inside can be accessed.

4.2.3.1. Parsing and validating configuration files

Read configuration file: xmlPath → ()	
Component	ConFM.ParamReader
Generic names	Constructor, read/create
Precondition	None
Inputs	Path to an existing file formatted according to [E2E-ICD].
Outputs	None, possibly a handle to the constructed object
Postconditions	The configuration file is parsed and functions to access parameters may be called.
Errors	If the file cannot be found or read as XML. If the file is valid XML per [XML11] but is malformed according to [E2E-ICD].
Notes	-

Validate configuration file against XSD: xsdPath → valOk	
Component	ConFM.ParamReader
Generic names	validateAgainst
Precondition	ParamReader has been initialized successfully.
Inputs	Path to an existing file describing a XSD 1.0 schema (per [XSD10]).

Outputs	One flag value (e.g. Boolean “true”) if the file passes validation, a different one if the schema can be read but the file does not validate.
Postconditions	-
Errors	If the file cannot be found or parsed as an XSD schema.
Notes	Some languages also support an alternative form that takes no arguments: “validateAgainstInternalSchema”. It works as described but the path to the schema is taken from the XML file itself as noted in an <code>xsi:[noNamespace]SchemaLocation</code> attribute, see sec. 5.6 of [XSD10].

4.2.3.2. Finding and accessing parameters

The parameters are identified by its complete *path*, which is obtained concatenating the name of the groups that contain the parameter (from least to most nested) and the parameter name, all separated by dots. Note that the root element of the XML file does *not* count as a group, so its parameter children have paths without any dots.

The following functions are related with parameter access. If the file that contains them has not been validated previously and/or if the format of the parameters declared is not correct, these functions may raise errors themselves or defer them to a later time (e.g. when trying to retrieve a parameter value).

Check parameter existence by path: path → paramExists	
Component	ConFM.ParamReader
Generic names	existParameter
Precondition	ParamReader has been initialized successfully.
Inputs	String describing a parameter path
Outputs	True if a parameter under that name has been parsed, false otherwise.
Postconditions	-
Errors	None directly.
Notes	-

Get parameter by name: path → handle	
Component	ConFM.ParamReader
Generic names	getParameter
Precondition	ParamReader has been initialized successfully.
Inputs	String describing a <i>full</i> parameter path
Outputs	Some kind of handle that may later be used to query information about the parameter.
Postconditions	-
Errors	If a parameter by that name does not exist.
Notes	Depending on the language, the “handle” may be an actual copy of the parameter data, or a reference to ParamReader-held data.

Get parameters by group: path → list of handles	
Component	ConFM.ParamReader
Generic names	getParameters
Precondition	ParamReader has been initialized successfully.
Inputs	String describing a <i>partial</i> parameter path.

Outputs	List of handles that may later be used to query information about the parameters.
Postconditions	<p>The list is always valid, although it may be empty.</p> <p>For every parameter p, if its path begins by the given argument, it is contained in the list.</p> <p>For every handle in the list, the path of the parameter it refers to begins by the given argument.</p>
Errors	-
Notes	<p>Depending on the language, the “handles” may be actual copies of the parameter data, or references to ParamReader-held data.</p> <p>An extra version may be provided that does not take any arguments and simply returns handles to all parameters read from the file.</p>

Furthermore, some versions include a function to print information about either a single parameter, or all read from the file. It usually prints the attributes defined by the user (see section 2.2.6.2 of [E2E-ICD]) and its value.

4.2.3.3. Get parameter value (for non-ARRAY parameters)

This set of functions is in charge of reading the value of the parameter. They shall support the different element types in section 2.2.6.2 of [E2E-ICD]. Currently, type TIME is generally unsupported because it was introduced in a review of the standard document very close to the release of this version of OSFI.

For those programming languages where the type of the output returned by a function must be known at compilation time (C++, C, Java, Fortran 77 and Fortran) many different functions will be available, covering each data combination of type and element types. However, for languages where the type of the data is known at run time (Matlab, Python and IDL), these capabilities could be encapsulated in a single generic function.

Depending on the element type and structure of the value to read, there are certain details that must be considered that are described in the following sections. Note that these functions may also be applied to an ARRAY parameter; depending on the specific language they may return a nested structure as described in the following section, or if the getVector(T) functions are used the array is first flattened in a depth-first fashion before parsing the elements and returning a 1D list.

Get non-ARRAY parameter value: paramHandle → value	
Component	ConFM.Parameter
Generic names	<p>All languages: get(T)Value, getVector(T), getMatrix(T)</p> <p>Dynamic languages may also have a getValue / getParsedValue</p>
Precondition	-
Inputs	Valid parameter handle
Outputs	Parsed parameter value according to the declared or chosen element type and data structure. For vectors, a list of values. For matrices, a list of lists or other language-specific concept representing a matrix.
Postconditions	-
Errors	<p>If the value is not formatted according to [E2E-ICD].</p> <p>If the value does not have the declared dimensionality.</p> <p>If any of the individual values cannot be parsed as the detected or chosen element type.</p>
Notes	<p>An extra version may be provided where the user is allowed to override the element type declared in the XML.</p> <p>If getVector(T) is applied to an ARRAY parameter, or a node thereof, the elements of the chosen subtree will be enumerated depth-first, and the result will be returned as a list of values.</p> <p>OSFI does not apply the limit of 255 characters for strings in [E2E-ICD] or check the string contents for non-alphanumeric characters.</p>

4.2.3.4. Access parameter values (for ARRAY parameters)

Two different approaches are possible when accessing ARRAY parameters:

- ❑ The “getArrayValue” convention, where the implementation provides functions with an interface similar to the `getVector(T)` functions used for non-ARRAY parameters, but which take an additional argument representing indices into the parsed value of the parameter. Depending on the implementation, the return value may be restricted to a single vector (so only leaf nodes produce values) or an object representing the parsed value of (part of) the full structure.
- ❑ The “getRootNode” convention, where the library provides access to the structure of the unparsed ARRAY parameter. User code may navigate this structure, indexing into it to examine the number and value of its children. Upon reaching a leaf node, use code can ask for the parsed value of this node. Optionally, an implementation may also provide for a way to parse (part of) the full structure, returning a different type with a similar API that allows navigating the parsed structure and extracting the values.

Each implementation of OSFI provides at least one of these approaches. As mentioned in both descriptions, they may provide an extra optional feature which is a way to represent the parsed value of (part of) the full ARRAY structure. This is easier to do in dynamic languages, but e.g. OSFI-Java does provide this feature too.

Get ARRAY leaf node value: (paramHandle, nodeIndex) → value	
Component	ConFM.Parameter
Generic names	<code>getArrayValue</code> , <code>getLeafVector(T)</code>
Precondition	Parameter is of type ARRAY
Inputs	Valid parameter handle of type ARRAY. List of indices into the structure of the ARRAY
Outputs	Parsed parameter value according to the declared or chosen element type and data structure. For vectors, a list of values. For matrices, a list of lists or other language-specific concept representing a matrix.
Postconditions	-
Errors	If the value is not formatted according to [E2E-ICD]. If the indices do not reach a leaf node (containing data) or the node contents do not match its declared dimensionality. If any of the individual values cannot be parsed as the detected or chosen element type.
Notes	An extra version may be provided where the user is allowed to override the element type declared in the XML. OSFI does not apply the limit of 255 characters for strings in [E2E-ICD] or check the string contents for non-alphanumeric characters.

Get ARRAY root node: paramHandle → arrayNodeHandle	
Component	ConFM.Parameter
Generic names	<code>getArrayValue</code> , <code>getLeafVector(T)</code>
Precondition	Parameter is of type ARRAY
Inputs	Valid parameter handle of type ARRAY.
Outputs	Handle to an <code>ArrayNode</code> object representing the unparsed structure of the parameter.
Postconditions	-
Errors	-
Notes	-

Get type of array node: arrayNodeHandle → nodeType	
Component	ConFM.ArrayNode
Generic names	isLeaf, isDataNode, etc.
Precondition	-
Inputs	Valid array node handle.
Outputs	Flag value representing either a data/leaf node (directly containing values) or internal node (containing other array nodes reproducing the XML structure).
Postconditions	-
Errors	-
Notes	-

Get array node children: arrayNodeHandle → arrayNodeHandles	
Component	ConFM.ArrayNode
Generic names	getSubNodes
Precondition	-
Inputs	Valid array node handle representing an internal node.
Outputs	List of handles to ArrayNode objects representing the children of this node in the structure defined in the XML.
Postconditions	-
Errors	If the node is a data/leaf node that cannot contain child nodes.
Notes	-

Get array node data: arrayNodeHandle → values	
Component	ConFM.ArrayNode
Generic names	getData
Precondition	-
Inputs	Valid array node handle representing a data/leaf node of either an unparsed or parsed node structure.
Outputs	If the node represents unparsed values, returns an object that contains both the number of declared values (in the XML) and the unsplit, unparsed string. If the node represents parsed values, returns a list of parsed values of the right size.
Postconditions	-
Errors	If the node is an internal node (and does not contain data)
Notes	-

Parse value of array node: arrayNodeHandle → value	
Component	ConFM.Parameter
Generic names	getArrayValue, getLeafVector(T)
Precondition	Parameter is of type ARRAY
Inputs	Valid array node handle representing an unparsed data/leaf node.

Outputs	Parsed parameter value according to the declared or chosen element type and data structure. For vectors, a list of values. For matrices, a list of lists or another language-specific concept representing a matrix.
Postconditions	-
Errors	If the value is not formatted according to [E2E-ICD]. If the indices do not reach a leaf node (containing data) or the node contents do not match its declared dimensionality. If any of the individual values cannot be parsed as the detected or chosen element type.
Notes	An extra version may be provided where the user is allowed to override the element type declared in the XML. OSFI does not apply the limit of 255 characters for strings in [E2E-ICD] or check the string contents for non-alphanumeric characters. An extra version may be provided that parses the full structure from this node downwards, instead

4.2.3.5. Query parameter attributes

This set of functions is used to read the attributes of a parameter.

Get number of dimensions: paramHandle → ndims	
Component	ConFM.Parameter
Generic names	getNdims
Precondition	-
Inputs	Valid parameter handle
Outputs	Number of dimensions of a parameter. Will be zero for scalars, 1 for vectors and 2 for matrices. For ARRAY-typed parameters, the number of dimensions of the rectangular envelope of the actual shape.
Postconditions	-
Errors	None directly.
Notes	-

Get dimensions: paramHandle → dims	
Component	ConFM.Parameter
Generic names	getDims
Precondition	-
Inputs	Valid parameter handle
Outputs	List of dimensions for a parameter. For scalars it is empty, while it has one element for vectors and two for matrices: (cols, rows). For arrays it represents the rectangular envelope of the actual shape.
Postconditions	-
Errors	None directly.
Notes	-

Get path/description/units/maximum/minimum: paramHandle → attrVal	
Component	ConFM.Parameter

Generic names	get(Path, LocalName, Description, Units, Max, Min)
Precondition	-
Inputs	Valid parameter handle
Outputs	String, possibly empty
Postconditions	-
Errors	None directly.
Notes	-

Get data element type: paramHandle → eType	
Component	ConFM.Parameter
Generic names	getElementType
Precondition	-
Inputs	Valid parameter handle
Outputs	Token representing an element type, may be a value from an enumerated type if the language supports such a concept.
Postconditions	-
Errors	None directly.
Notes	See section 2.2.6.2 of [E2E-ICD]

Query parameter structure: paramHandle → isArray	
Component	ConFM.Parameter
Generic names	isArray
Precondition	-
Inputs	Valid parameter handle
Outputs	Flag representing whether or not a parameter has the ARRAY structure type.
Postconditions	-
Errors	None directly.
Notes	This returns a false flag value for MATRIX parameters, since they cannot sport a tree-like structure with different sizes.

Get unparsed value: paramHandle → rawValue	
Component	ConFM.Parameter
Generic names	getRawValue
Precondition	-
Inputs	Valid parameter handle
Outputs	String representing the unparsed value of the parameter, as read, without any XML syntax. For MATRIX parameters, the values in each row are joined, with matrix elements appearing in row-major ordering. For ARRAY parameters, the returned string is language-specific, but it should represent the structure of the parameter.

Postconditions	-
Errors	None directly.
Notes	-

4.2.3.6. Files and Folders

One function is provided to check if a file or folder provided by a parameter exists.

- ❑ File exists: returns true if the file exists and false otherwise. The function will raise an error if the parameter that provides the file is not of type file (or the elements if it is a complex type). For complex types like array or matrix, the operation will be performed element by element, returning an array or matrix of booleans.

4.2.3.7. Operations with TIME-typed parameters

In order to support parameters of type TIME with the range and precision required by [E2E-ICD], all versions of the library offer a type called TimeValue (or some language-specific variation, see section 4.3). These objects allow at least two basic operations:

- ❑ Access to the individual components. Currently, access is provided to the year, month, day-of-month, hour, minute, second and second fraction, all as integers of possibly different types/sizes. This includes the second fraction which is expressed in nanoseconds.
- ❑ Comparison between two instances of the type, which may be implemented in two ways. Where possible, relational operators (e.g. “eq” or “<”) are provided for the type. Otherwise, OSFI has a single 3-way comparison function, returning a strict ordering between two instances (i.e. “a” is less than/equal/greater than “b”).

Query TimeValue year/month/day/hour/minute/second/nanosecond: () → value	
Component	ConFM.TimeValue
Generic names	X/getX where X is the component name, or direct field access
Precondition	The instance has been correctly initialized
Inputs	-
Outputs	The chosen component value. The returned type may depend on the selected component.
Postconditions	-
Errors	None directly.
Notes	Month and day of month are 1-based (e.g. the value for January is 1)

Compare TimeValue instances: (other) → result	
Component	ConFM.TimeValue
Generic names	compareTo or cmp, depending on languages
Precondition	Both this instance and other have been correctly initialized.
Inputs	The instance to compare this instance against.
Outputs	Value of a language-dependent type that allows at least three states, representing the cases “a is less-than b”, “a equals b” and “a is greater than b”. If the type also allows for the case “a is unordered w.r.t. b”, that value is never returned.
Postconditions	-
Errors	None directly.
Notes	Present in languages that either do not allow operator overloading (Java, C) or provide such an operator (C++20 operator <=>)

Relational operators for TimeValue instances: (a,b) → result	
Component	ConFM.TimeValue
Generic names	Depends on the language (e.g. the “is distinct” operator is written “!=” in C++ but “/=” in Fortran)
Precondition	Both this instance and other have been correctly initialized.
Inputs	TimeValue instances a,b to test
Outputs	Boolean value of the relational test (e.g. a < b)
Postconditions	-
Errors	None directly.
Notes	Present in languages that allow operator overloading (C++, Fortran, Matlab, Python). Some operators may be implemented in terms of others e.g. “!=” in terms of “==”, etc.

Additionally, some language-dependent optional operations may be present, such as:

- ❑ Formatting/parsing operations, which convert between strings in CCSDS ASCII format and TimeValue instances. The parsing step may raise errors for out-of-range values, just like the extraction of a parameter value from the XML files.
- ❑ Conversions to some language-specific type representing time instants. Note that this conversion is necessarily lossy and/or may raise errors. The reason for this is that TIME parameters can represent leap seconds while most general-purpose time libraries cannot, with varying behaviours upon encountering “sec=60”.

Format/print TimeValue instance: () → str	
Component	ConFM.TimeValue
Generic names	Some variation of “to string”, but some languages have specific syntax for it e.g. the stream insertion operator in C++.
Precondition	The instance has been correctly initialized.
Inputs	-
Outputs	String representation, in the CCSDS ASCII time code “A”
Postconditions	-
Errors	None directly.
Notes	Additional formats may be made available in certain languages

Parse string into a TimeValue instance: (str) → tv	
Component	ConFM.TimeValue
Generic names	parse
Precondition	-
Inputs	String formatted like the value of an element of a TIME parameter.
Outputs	Parsed TimeValue instance representing the same date.
Postconditions	-
Errors	If the format is invalid, or the values are out of range (e.g. February the 31 st). Note that a value of “60” for the seconds field is always accepted, no check is made for the validity of leap seconds.
Notes	

4.2.3.8. Summary tables

The analysis of section 2.2.6.2 of [E2E-ICD] and the current implementation of OSFI libraries reveals a set of functions that are needed to read the parameters that the users can define, which are described in Table 11. The first two columns of the table list the functions and group them according to their functionality.

The blue cells of the third column of Table 11 shows the functions that are strictly needed to comply with [E2E-ICD] according to the types of parameters defined in section 2.2.6.2. In contrast, red cells in that column represent functions that are not *strictly* required by the ICD but are still quite connected to this functionality core and provided in at least some languages. An example of this distinction would be the utility functions provided for TIME parameter values: the ICD only requires that the value be retrievable (component access), but the functions to compare them without having to first “unpack” all the components are still considered part of this extended API.

The rest of the columns of Table 11 refer to the implementations of the ConFM package for every supported programming language. A remarkable gap is related to the lack of functions in Fortran to get the attributes of the parameters, which are planned for addition in the future. In addition, some implementations do not offer the possibility to access multiple parameters at the same time (either under the same group or all the parameters in the file), or even parameters from two files (e.g. the GCF and LCF) at once.

Finally, Table 12 shows some functions that are currently implemented by some languages and accessible to the user, but are not directly connected to the requirements derived from [E2E-ICD] (from the API user point of view). Thus, they are not deemed part of the public API and could be removed in future releases.

Table 11: Functions of the ConFM package

Group	Function	[E2E-ICD]	C++	C	Fortran	Java	Matlab	Python	F77	IDL	
Parse file	Load file	Y	Y	Y ¹	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ¹	Y	
	Validate against XSD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ²			
Access params	By path	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	By group		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y			
	Get full list		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
	Existence	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Get Parameter Value	Scalar	INTEGER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		FLOAT	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		BOOLEAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		STRING	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		FILE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		FOLDER	Y	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³
		TIME	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Vector	INTEGER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		FLOAT	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		BOOLEAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		STRING	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		FILE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		FOLDER	Y	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³
		TIME	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Matrix	INTEGER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		FLOAT	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		BOOLEAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
		STRING	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
		FILE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
		FOLDER	Y	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³		Y ³
		TIME	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	General array	INTEGER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		FLOAT	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		BOOLEAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		STRING	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		FILE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
		FOLDER	Y	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	Y ³	
		TIME	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Query parameter attributes	# dimensions		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Dimensions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Full path	Y	Y	⁴	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Local name	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Description	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
	Units	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	
	Max	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
	Min	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
	Element type	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
	Is array		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	

¹ Only a single configuration file may be loaded at once; calling the loading function a second time unloads the previously loaded file

² Only if the lxml library is available; otherwise calling validation functions raises an error.

³ The parameter type FOLDER is recognized; functions used to access it are the same as for FILE.

⁴ The C API always uses the full path to access the parameter properties and values

Group	Function	[E2E-ICD]	C++	C	Fortran	Java	Matlab	Python	F77	IDL
	Raw value		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
	Print		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Files	File exists		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
TIME values	Components	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Comparison ⁵		OP	3W	OP	3W	OP	OP		
	To string		Y			Y	Y	Y		
	From string					Y	Y	Y		

Table 12: Additional functions of the ConFM package

Function	[E2E-ICD]	C++	C	Fortran	Java	Matlab	Python	Fortran 77	IDL
Set value		Y			Y		Y		
Tokenize string according to type					Y	Y			
Get complex type (tell apart old and new format matrices)		Y			Y	Y	Y		
Get extended attribute					Y				
Set extended attribute					Y				
Add extended attribute					Y				
Get path from a Parameter instance						Y			Y

4.3. Language-specific interfaces

In this section, the process logic of using the libraries in modules source code is shown. It is described for C++, C, Fortran, Matlab, Python and Java module developers. Note that additional documentation on the APIs available for several languages is available through the ESA website, although only for the latest version of the library.

4.3.1. C++ Programming Language

OSFI-C++ code is written to comply with the [C++17] standard. A main header file OSFI.h is provided which exposes all public API, but module-specific headers are also provided.

The implementation of OSFI-C++ is object-oriented, with both the CLP and ConFM modules implemented using classes: CLP, ParamReader and Parameter are the main ones. The Logger module is mainly function-based and stores any state globally. In general, errors are communicated through exceptions, although some methods just log errors to the OSFI log stream and return token values instead.

General description:

- Most classes are directly in the global namespace. New code is generally introduced in the “osfi” namespace, or children of it.
- Types in [E2E-ICD] are mapped to their reasonable equivalents: INTEGER to int, FLOAT to double, BOOLEAN to bool and the STRING, FILE and FOLDER types to std::string. In future versions, it is possible that the arithmetic types will be mapped to a different type (e.g. std::int32_t).
- TIME values are mapped to osfi::confm::TimeValue.

⁵ The table shows “3W” for languages that implement a 3-way comparison function (e.g. Java’s compareTo), and “OP” for languages that provide overloaded operators for the TimeValue type.

- ❑ 1-D “list” types are generally mapped to `std::vector<T>` except in the CLP class. Matrices (described in the general API as “lists of lists”) are represented by a custom `DynamicArray<T>` class wrapping a vector of vectors.
- ❑ Access to ARRAY-typed parameters is twofold, implementing both the “getRootNode” and the “getArrayValue” approaches described in §4.2.3.4. The latter is implemented as `getVectorT` functions that take the desired slice indices.

Known issues:

- ❑ Currently some OSFI headers import the `std` namespace (“`using namespace std;`”) but this is considered bad form and will be removed in the future. Thus, for future compatibility, do not depend on OSFI importing any namespaces.
- ❑ Large objects are frequently returned directly (lists, vectors). While the penalty in performance may be reduced by compiler optimizations (RVO, NRVO) and has also recently been ameliorated by move semantics in C++11, user code should consider this fact when making use of such methods.
- ❑ Const correctness of the code is an issue, and it is difficult to effectively utilize const references to OSFI objects. This is likely to be improved in the future.

4.3.1.1. CLP

The CLP module API is provided by header `CLP/CLP.h`. The implementation takes the form of a single class “CLP” which parses command line arguments as passed. No global state is stored and thus multiple instances can coexist. Furthermore, all parsing is done by the constructor, and accessor functions only return copies of stored data.

Table 13 details the interface of the CLP module in OSFI-C++.

4.3.1.2. EHLog

The EHLog module API is provided by header `EHLog/Logger.h`. The implementation provides the functions as static member functions of a fake class named `Logger`. Extra data-formatting is implemented by returning C++ streams that the user can append to.

Relevant status variables (debug/color) are initialized at first execution of an output, and stored as global data from them on. Furthermore, functions operate on the global streams `cout` and `cerr`. Thus, thread safety is not guaranteed in these functions.

Table 14 details the interface of the EHLog module in OSFI-C++.

4.3.1.3. ConFM

The ConFM module API is provided by four headers under the `ConFM` folder: `ArrayNode.h`, `DynamicArray.h`, `Parameter.h` and `ParamReader.h`. Each defines the class of the same name, and the latter header transitively includes all four. There is also a `base.h` header that defines common types and operations (`TimeValue`, `ElementType`) in the `osfi::confm` namespace, which is included by all other ConFM headers.

The `ParamReader` class is the main access point to the module interface. Each instance is independent and holds no global state, so several instances can be kept (e.g. for the global and local configuration files). The instance holds ownership of and provides access to a set of `Parameter` instances, which are likewise independent of any other instance. However, thread safety is not guaranteed in any of the functions because they may call the `Logger` functions to report errors.

Table 15 details the interface of the ConFM module in OSFI-C++.

Table 13: Functions of the CLP module in C++

General operation	C++ Prototype	Notes
Parse command line arguments ["constructor"]	CLP:: CLP(int argc, char* argv[])	The inputs are those provided to the C++ main() function.
Get (full) list of C/I/O files	list<string> CLP:: getConfFiles() const Same signatures: getInputFiles and getOutputFiles.	If no file of a type is provided, they return an empty list.
Legacy: get single configuration file	string CLP:: getConfFile()	Should be const. If called in a case with two configuration files, returns the unparsed string ["file1,file2"].

Table 14: Functions of the EHLog module in C++

General operation	C++ Prototype	Notes
Show I/W/E/D message	static void Logger::info(string msg) Same signatures: warning, error and debug.	The user should not introduce newlines in the string, because it will break the output format.
Extension: format I/W/E/D message with extra data	static ostream& Logger::getInfoStream() Same signatures: getWarningStream, getErrorStream, getDebugStream.	The user should not introduce newlines in the output given to those streams, because it will break the output format.
Show progress indication	static void Logger::progress(int, int)	No validation is performed.
Finish execution	[[noreturn]] static void Logger::finishExecution(int exitCode)	Calls std::exit with the given value as exit code.
Extension: show quality report	static void Logger::quality(string name, double v) static void Logger::quality(string name, string v)	The user should not introduce newlines in the strings, because it will break the output format.
Extension: format quality report	static ostream& Logger::getQualityStream()	The user should not introduce newlines in the output given to those streams, because it will break the output format.

General operation	C++ Prototype	Notes
Query debug and colored output.	static bool Logger::isColored() Same signature: isDebugging	Status set from environment variables DEBUG_MODE and OSFI_LOG_COLOR on first query.

Table 15: Functions of the ConFM module in C++

General operation	C++ Prototype	Notes
Load config file	ParamReader::ParamReader (const string& xmlFile)	Throws std::exception if the file cannot be parsed.
Validate against XSD	bool ParamReader::validateAgainst (const string& xsdFile) const	Throws std::invalid_argument if the schema cannot be parsed.
Extension: validate against internal schema	bool ParamReader::validateAgainstInternalSchema() const	Returns failure if the schema cannot be found or parsed.
Get parameter by full path	Parameter ParamReader::getParameter(string) Parameter& ParamReader::getParameterRef (const string&)	The first form returns a “dummy” parameter if the name is not found; the second throws std::invalid_argument. The lifetime of its return value matches that of the ParamReader instance.
Get parameters by partial path	vector<Parameter> ParamReader::getParameters (string)	Returns an empty vector if no parameter matches. Copies Parameter objects
Get all parameters	t_params_map ParamReader::getParameters ()	The map key is the full path, which is not accessible from within each Parameter item. t_params_map is an alias to map<Parameter,string,X> with X a custom comparer. Copies Parameter objects
Query existence	bool ParamReader::existParameter (string)	-

General operation	C++ Prototype	Notes
Get parameter parsed value (scalar, vector, matrix)	<pre>#V# Parameter::get#T#Value() vector<#V#> Parameter::getVector#T#() DynamicArray<#V#> Parameter::getMatrix#T#()</pre>	<p>#T# is one of Int, Double, Boolean, String, File or Time, and #V# is the corresponding C++/OSFI type (int, double, bool, string, string, TimeValue).</p> <p>On parsing error, a log message is emitted and a default value is returned (see docs). If the getVector#T# functions are used on an ARRAY parameter, it is flattened to 1D.</p>
Query parameter attributes	<pre>int Parameter:: getNdims() const vector<int>& Parameter:: getDims() const Parameter::ElementType Parameter:: getElementType() const string Parameter::getLocalName()</pre> <p>Same sig.: getPath, getDescription, getUnits, getMax, getMin, getType</p>	<p>Parameter::ElementType is a C++11 scoped enum (“enum class”) with the [E2E-ICD] simple types, that is, it does not represent types ARRAY or MATRIX.</p>
ARRAY access – getArrayValue API	<pre>int Parameter:: getDims(vector<int>) bool Parameter:: isLeaf(vector<int>) vector<#V#> Parameter:: getVector#T# (vector<int>)</pre>	<p>The vector represents the index of the desired slice. Slices of a parameter with dimensionality d must have at most d-1 indices, because a vector is returned for the last dimension.</p> <p>The getVector#T# functions do not flatten sub-elements: they only return non-empty values for leaf nodes.</p>
ARRAY access – ArrayNode API	<pre>const ArrayNode& Parameter:: getRootNode() const ArrayNode Parameter:: getNode(vector<int>) vector<#V#> ArrayNode:: getVector#T#() const int ArrayNode:: getDegree() const const vector<string>& ArrayNode:: getElements() const const vector<ArrayNode>& ArrayNode:: getChildren() const bool ArrayNode:: isLeaf() const</pre>	<p>For getNode, indices must have at most one dimension less than the parameter, since the last dimension (leaf node) contains a vector itself.</p> <p>getElements returns an empty vector for non-leaf nodes.</p> <p>getChildren returns an empty vector for leaf nodes.</p> <p>getDegree returns the size of the vector that is not empty.</p> <p>The getVector#T# functions do not flatten sub-elements: they only return non-empty values for leaf nodes.</p>
Extension: query file existence	<pre>DynamicArray<bool> Parameter::fileExists()</pre>	<p>For FILE parameters. If the parameter is a scalar or vector, a 1x1 or single-row matrix is returned, respectively.</p>

General operation	C++ Prototype	Notes
TIME values element access	<pre> struct TimeValue { std::int16_t year; std::int8_t month, dom, hour, minute, sec; std::int32_t nanosec; }; </pre>	Access is provided directly as components of the struct type, without an actual getter function.
TIME values comparison	<pre> bool operator #OP#(const TimeValue& a, const TimeValue& b) </pre>	For #OP# in: ==, !=, <, <=, >=, >.
TIME values formatting	<pre> std::string to_string(const TimeValue&); std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream&, const TimeValue&); </pre>	Formatted as CCSDS ASCII time code "A".

4.3.2. C Programming Language

OSFI-C code is written to comply with the [C99] standard, with optional support for [C11] providing extra features such as a unified syntax to retrieve parameter values. A single header file `osf1c.h` is provided which exposes all public API.

Except for EHLog which is implemented with free functions similar to the `printf` family, the design of OSFI-C mostly revolves around two objects: `osfi_clp_args_t` contains all data from the CLP module, while `osfi_paramreader_t` and its related functions implement the ConFM module. In general, errors are communicated through Boolean return values.

General description:

- ❑ Types in [E2E-ICD] are mapped to their reasonable equivalents: INTEGER to `int32_t`, FLOAT to `double`, BOOLEAN to `_Bool` (bool with `stdbool.h`) and the STRING, FILE and FOLDER types to character arrays (`osfi_ownstr/file_t` for scalars).
- ❑ TIME values are mapped to `osfi_timevalue_t`, which is a typedef to a struct type that is layout-compatible with the C++/FFI version.
- ❑ Vectors and matrices are represented by a set of types `osfi_vecT_t` and `osfi_matT_t` that provide direct access from C to all elements.
- ❑ Access to ARRAY parameters is provided using the the “`getArrayValue`” approach described in §4.2.3.4. It is implemented as `getArrayLeafT` functions that take the desired slice indices.
- ❑ Memory is allocated automatically for all data objects, and attached to the lifetime of the objects mentioned above. Users only need to manually release those two.

Known issues:

- ❑ Some error indications (e.g. for a bad parameter value) are not reliable, and instead cause the library to return a token value. This issue is “inherited” from OSFI-C++ which OSFI-C is wrapping.

4.3.2.1. CLP

All two CLP functions are prefixed by “`osfiClp`”. All data is stored in a single structure that is readable from C without further function calls. Table 16 details the interface of the CLP module in OSFI-C.

4.3.2.2. EHLog

All EHLog functions are prefixed by “`osfiLogger`”, and they relay calls to the related C++ versions. Thus, status variables (`debug/color`) are initialized at first execution of an output and stored as global data from them on. Furthermore, functions operate on the global C++ output and error streams, which may or may not be synchronized with the C counterparts. Thread safety is not guaranteed in these functions.

Table 17 details the interface of the EHLog module in OSFI-C.

4.3.2.3. ConFM

All ConFM functions are prefixed by “`osfiConFm`”. The main entry point to the API is “`osfiConFmCfgFileOpen`”, which returns a pointer to an OSFI-allocated struct that is required by all other functions.

Whenever memory must be allocated for a result, OSFI performs the allocation itself, and attaches the block to the `osfi_paramreader_t` object. Thus, the user does not need to allocate any objects when calling into the ConFM module, and all memory attached to an object is freed when “`osfiConFmCfgFileClose`” is called on it.

Table 18 details the interface of the ConFM module in OSFI-C.

Table 16: Functions of the CLP module in C

General operation	C Prototype	Notes
Parse command line arguments ["constructor"]	<code>osfi_clp_args_t* osfiClpParseArgs(int argc, char* argv[]);</code>	Returns a null pointer in case of error, and an OSFI-allocated object otherwise.
Get (full) list of C/I/O files	<code>osfi_clp_args_t* clp = ...; clp->input->files[clp->input->count-1]</code>	The structure contains three fields "input", "output" and "config" that each contain two members "count" and "files" with the number and paths of each type of file.
Language-specific: free OSFI-C resources	<code>void osfiClpFree(osfi_clp_args_t* args);</code>	Destroys the given instance.

Table 17: Functions of the EHLog module in C

General operation	C Prototype	Notes
Show I/W/E/D message (also, extension: format I/W/E/D message with extra data)	<code>void osfiLoggerInfo(char *format, ...)</code> Same signatures: <code>osfiLoggerInfo</code> , <code>osfiLoggerError</code> and <code>osfiLoggerDebug</code> .	The user should not introduce newlines in the output given to those streams, because it will break the output format
Show progress indication	<code>void osfiLoggerprogress(int, int)</code>	No validation is performed.
Finish execution	<code>_Noreturn void osfiLoggerfinishExecution(int exitCode)</code>	Calls exit with the given value as exit code. The <code>_Noreturn</code> attribute is only declared if the C version reported by the compiler (<code>__STDC_VERSION__</code>) is at least C11 (value greater than or equal to 201112L).
Extension: show quality report	<code>void osfiLoggerQuality(char *name, double v)</code> <code>void osfiLoggerQualityDouble(char *name, char *v)</code>	The user should not introduce newlines in the strings, because it will break the output format.

Table 18: Functions of the ConFM module in C

General operation	C Prototype	Notes
Load config file	<code>osfi_paramreader_t* osfiConFmCfgFileOpen(const char* path)</code>	Returns a null pointer if errors prevent reading the file.
Validate against XSD	<code>enum osfi_confm_val_res osfiConFmValidateSchema(osfi_paramreader_t* pr, const char* schemaFile)</code>	The result enum has three values for “validation passed”, “validation ran but failed” and “validation could not run”.
Query all parameters in a configuration file	<code>bool osfiConFmGetAllParams(osfi_vecString_t **out, osfi_paramreader_t *pr)</code>	The vec is OSFI-allocated, the caller only needs to provide space for a pointer. It contains a list of the full paths of all parameters in the file.
Query parameters under a specific group name	<code>bool osfiConFmGetChildParams(osfi_vecString_t **out, osfi_paramreader_t *pr, const char *group)</code>	The vec is OSFI-allocated, the caller only needs to provide space for a pointer. It contains a list of the full paths of all parameters that are children, direct or indirect, of group.
Query parameter existence	<code>bool osfiConFmParamExists(osfi_paramreader_t* pr, const char* param)</code>	-
Query parameter element type	<code>osfi_confm_param_type osfiConFmParamElementType(osfi_paramreader_t *pr, const char *param)</code>	The enum contains the [E2E-ICD] simple types, that is, it does not represent types ARRAY or MATRIX. Returns a flag value if the mentioned parameter does not exist.
Query parameter structure type	<code>bool osfiConFmParamIsArray(osfi_paramreader_t *pr, const char *param)</code>	-
Query parameter dimensions	<code>bool osfiConFmParamDimensions(osfi_vecInteger_t **out, osfi_paramreader_t *pr, const char *param)</code>	The vec is OSFI-allocated, the caller only needs to provide space for a pointer. Rows and columns are defined as dimensions #2 and #1, respectively, according to [E2E-ICD].
Query parameter attributes	<code>bool osfiConFmParamLocalName(osfi_ownstr_t **out, osfi_paramreader_t *pr, const char *param)</code>	The string is OSFI-allocated, the caller only needs to provide space for a pointer. Same signature: Description, MinValue, MaxValue, Units, RawValue

General operation	C Prototype	Notes
[C11] Get parameter parsed value	<pre>bool osfiConFmParamValue(<generic>* dest, osfi_paramreader_t* pr, const char* param) bool osfiConFmParamArrayLeaf(<generic>* dest, osfi_paramreader_t *pr, const char *param, int depth, const int node[depth])</pre>	<p>Generic functions that redirect to the typed getters of the right structure defined below, depending on the type of the “dest” argument. Not defined if OSFI was built without C11 support.</p> <p>The return value is false on any error, and in that case the status of “*dest” is undefined. Otherwise, OSFI writes to “*dest”, allocating a new vec/mat object if needed, and registers it to be cleaned up with “pr”.</p>
Get parameter parsed value (scalar)	<pre>bool osfiConFmParamValue#T#(#V#* dest, osfi_paramreader_t* pr, const char* param)</pre>	<p>#T# is one of Integer, Double, Boolean, Time, String or File, and #V# is the corresponding C type, namely int32_t, double, bool, struct osfi_timevalue, osfi_ownstr_t* and osfi_ownfile_t* respectively. Note that for the last two, the caller only needs to provide space for a pointer.</p>
Get parameter parsed value (vector)	<pre>bool osfiConFmParamVector#T#(osfi_vec#T#_t** dest, osfi_paramreader_t* pr, const char* param) typedef struct { int count; #V# values[]; } osfi_vec#T#_t;</pre>	<p>#T# is one of Integer, Double, Boolean, Time, String or File. Note that the caller only needs to provide space for a pointer since the vec object is OSFI-allocated.</p> <p>The vec object contains the number of elements and then the array of elements themselves, directly accessible. Note that for String and File, #V# here is char*.</p>
Get parameter parsed value (matrix)	<pre>bool osfiConFmParamMatrix#T#(osfi_mat#T#_t** dest, osfi_paramreader_t* pr, const char* param) typedef struct { int count, rows, cols; #V# values[]; } osfi_mat#T#_t;</pre>	<p>Same as for the vector getters. The buffer used is a 1-D array, not an array of arrays (except for strings). Matrix elements are written to it in row-major order.</p>

General operation	C Prototype	Notes
ARRAY access – getArrayValue API	<pre> int osfiConFmParamNodeSize(osfi_paramreader_t *pr, const char *param, int depth, const int node[depth]) bool osfiConFmParamNodeIsLeaf(osfi_paramreader_t *pr, const char *param, int depth, const int node[depth]) bool osfiConFmParamArrayLeaf#T#(osfi_vec#T# t** dest, osfi_paramreader_t *pr, const char *param, int depth, const int node[depth]) </pre>	<p>In all cases, “depth” is the number of elements in the input array “node”. Together, both parameters represent the concept of a list of ints.</p> <p>For the getParamArrayLeaf#T# functions, same notes as for the non-ARRAY vector getters. Furthermore, they do not flatten sub-elements: they only return non-empty values for leaf nodes.</p>
TIME values element access	<pre> struct osfi_timevalue { int16_t year; int8_t month, dom, hour, minute, sec; int32_t nanosec; }; </pre>	Access is provided directly as components of the struct type, without an actual getter function.
TIME values comparison	<pre> int osfiTimevalue_cmp(const struct osfi_timevalue *a, const struct osfi_timevalue *b); </pre>	The result is negative if *a<*b, positive if *a>*b, and zero if they are equal. Null pointers are accepted, and they compare as less-than any non-null value.
Language- specific: free OSFI-C resources	<pre> int osfiConFmCfgFileClose(osfi_paramreader_t* pr) </pre>	Destroys the given object, and any memory allocated by any ConFM call where it was the “pr” argument.

4.3.3. Fortran Programming Language

The OpenSF integration libraries for Fortran language are designed to comply with the [F2003] standard. They mimic the design pattern (object oriented) and functions of the C++ implementation. It is to be highlighted that the Fortran libraries rely on the FFI library, which in turn calls the C++ implementation. However, due to the particularities of the Fortran language, there are certain differences that shall be noted.

It should be noted that OSFI-Fortran libraries use standard Fortran 2003 features thoroughly. In particular, FINAL subroutines are used to provide automatic clean-up of OSFI objects, and both the implementation and the examples use automatic left-hand side reallocation on assignment. This feature means that it is not necessary to explicitly allocate an ALLOCATABLE variable or array that is being assigned: if it is not allocated or the size is incorrect, it is automatically deallocated (if needed) and reallocated to the new, correct size. Before Fortran 2003 this was not the case, and some compilers keep the old behavior even when compiling new code. Make sure to look at your compiler documentation to enable “realloc_lhs” or “Fortran 2003 standard compliant mode”.

Due to the way Fortran handles assignment, finalization, and temporary values, most OSFI objects are held via reference-counted handles. In this way, when a variable of one of those types is copied, the reference count is incremented; when an object is finalized, the reference count is decremented; and the associated resource is destroyed only when the reference count reaches zero.

This approach prevents double-free errors and ensures that resources remain valid even in the presence of bugs related to temporary variables in certain compilers⁶. As a consequence, users are encouraged to create and initialize OSFI objects using the provided type-bound “init” subroutines, rather than using deprecated constructor-like functions that may introduce temporary objects.

General description:

- ❑ Five modules are provided: OSFI, OSFI_base, OSFI_EHLog, OSFI_CLP and OSFI_ConFM. The first includes all others, while the second declares some shared elements and data types.
- ❑ Types in [E2E-ICD] are mapped as follows: INTEGER to (default) integer, FLOAT to double precision and BOOLEAN to (default) logical. The STRING, FILE and FOLDER types are all mapped to a character variable with LEN=* on input and LEN=: on output (as a deferred-length allocatable output argument or return). In future versions, it is possible that the arithmetic types will be defined to use a specific KIND (instead of default integer).
- ❑ TIME values are mapped to a derived type OSFI_TimeValue that is interoperable with the C++/FFI version. Its components, which are integers, are defined with C-interoperable kinds (e.g. C_INT16_T).
- ❑ 1-D “list” and 2-D “list of list” types are generally mapped to arrays and matrices of the corresponding Fortran type, except in the case of strings. Since an array or matrix of character variables would all share the same length (because the length is part of the type), a derived type OSFI_Str is provided whose only member is a deferred-length allocatable character variable. Thus, a 1D list of strings is a Fortran array of OSFI_Str instances.
- ❑ Access to ARRAY-typed parameters is provided using the “getArrayValue” approach described in §4.2.3.4. It is implemented in the form of getVectorT functions that take the desired slice indices.
- ❑ Error conditions are reported in one of two ways: some functions return an object instance (e.g. of type CLP, Parameter) and this object instance has an isValid method that returns a logical value. In other cases, the Fortran procedures have an optional output parameter called “stat”. If this parameter is given, it will have a value of zero on successful execution, and nonzero on error.

Known issues:

- ❑ Some functions of the C++ OSFI libraries do not raise exceptions when a problem is detected. Thus, in this case the Fortran function using it will not be able to report the problem and make it visible in to the module developer. Nevertheless, the C++ functions always write warnings when such thing happens, so the user is able to know if something has gone wrong. Future releases of the OSFI libraries will fix these bugs in the C++ implementation.

⁶ For example, GFortran version 13+ is affected by [bug #110626](#) which may cause a crash due to a double free. Switching to the new “init” subroutines instead of the old constructor-like functions solves this issue.

4.3.3.1. CLP

The CLP module API is provided by module OSFI_CLP. The implementation takes the form of a single class “CLP” which parses command line arguments as provided by the Fortran runtime. Unlike in other OSFI implementations, this one does not allow user code to replace the arguments to be parsed. No global state is stored and thus multiple instances can coexist.

Parsing is performed during the initialization of the object, by calling “init” on the variable. Calling function “OSFI_CLP()” and assigning the result is supported for backwards compatibility, but was deprecated due to a bug in GFortran, see ⁶. After parsing, the accessor functions only return copies of stored data.

Table 19 details the interface of the CLP module in OSFI-Fortran.

4.3.3.2. EHLog

The EHLog module API is provided by module OSFI_EHLog, which contains free subroutines (not type-bound procedures). Relevant status variables (debug/color) are initialized at first execution of an output, and stored as global data from them on. Furthermore, functions operate on the global output and error streams (from C++). Thus, thread safety is not guaranteed in these functions.

Note that no custom formatting routines are available: in order to write a formatted string to the OSFI log in Fortran, use code must first render it into a string by using Fortran internal-file write statements.

Table 20 details the interface of the EHLog module in OSFI-Fortran.

4.3.3.3. ConFM

The ConFM module API is provided by module OSFI_ConFM. It defines the two derived types OSFI_ParamReader and OSFI_Parameter.

The ParamReader class is the main access point to the module interface. Each instance is independent and holds no global state, so several instances can be kept (e.g. for the global and local configuration files). The instance manages and provides access to a set of Parameter instances, whose lifetimes are tied to that of the ParamReader. Thus, if the reader is destroyed, all parameters will be dangling. However, since ParamReader itself is reference-counted, as long as one of the copies survives, all Parameter instances returned by any of them will be functional.

As in the CLP module, the way to initialize ParamReader is by calling “init” on a default-declared variable. Assigning from the result of function “OSFI_ParamReader()” is deprecated due to a compiler bug, see ⁶.

Thread safety is not guaranteed in any of the ParamReader or Parameter functions because they may call the Logger functions to report errors.

Table 21 details the interface of the ConFM module in OSFI-Fortran.

Table 19: Functions of the CLP module in Fortran

General operation	Fortran procedure "interface"	Notes
Parse command line arguments ["initialization"]	Subroutine <code>init(this[, stat])</code> <code>Class(OSFI_CommandLineParser), Intent(Out) :: this</code> <code>Integer, Intent(Out), Optional :: stat</code>	On success, <code>this%isValid()</code> returns true and, if <code>stat</code> is present, it is set to zero. On error, <code>this%isValid()</code> returns false and, if <code>stat</code> is present, it is set to a nonzero value.
Legacy: Parse command line arguments ["constructor"]	Function <code>OSFI_CommandLineParser() Result(newClp)</code> <code>Type(OSFI_CommandLineParser) newClp</code>	On error, the returned object has <code>newClp%isValid</code> set to false and calling any getter functions returns empty arrays. Deprecated in favour of <code>init()</code> due to resource lifetime issues in some Fortran compilers, see ⁶ .
Check whether instance is valid	Logical Function <code>isValid(this)</code> <code>Class(OSFI_CommandLineParser), Intent(In) :: this</code>	Returns true if the underlying resource handle is valid. Calling other methods on an instance for which <code>isValid()</code> returns false is not allowed unless otherwise specified.
Get (full) list of C/I/O files	Subroutine <code>getConfigFiles(this, files[, stat])</code> <code>Class(OSFI_CommandLineParser), Intent(In) :: this</code> <code>Type(OSFI_Str), Allocatable :: files</code> <code>Integer, Optional :: stat</code> <code>Intent(Out) :: files, stat</code> Same signatures: <code>getInputFiles</code> and <code>getOutputFiles</code> .	If no file of a type is provided, the subroutines still allocate "files" (to an empty array) and set "stat" to zero if present. On error, "files" is not allocated and "stat" (if present) is set to nonzero.

Table 20: Functions of the EHLog module in Fortran

General operation	Fortran procedure "interface"	Notes
Show I/W/E/D message	Subroutine <code>osfi_info(message)</code> <code>Character(len=*), Intent(In) :: message</code> Same signatures: <code>warning</code> , <code>error</code> and <code>debug</code> .	The user should not introduce newlines in the string, because it will break the output format.
Show progress indication	Subroutine <code>osfi_progress(n, m)</code> <code>Integer, Intent(In) :: n, m</code>	No validation is performed.
Finish execution	Subroutine <code>osfi_finishExecution(errorCode)</code> <code>Integer, Intent(In) :: errorCode</code>	Calls the C++ equivalent to this function – beware if Fortran runtime-specific termination actions are required.

General operation	Fortran procedure "interface"	Notes
Extension: show quality report	<pre>Subroutine osfi_qualityReport(name, value) Character(*), Intent(In) :: name ! Either type is accepted (generic interface) Character(*), Intent(In) :: value Double precision, Intent(In) :: value</pre>	The user should not introduce newlines in the strings, because it will break the output format.
Query debug mode	<pre>Logical Function osfi_logger_isDebugging()</pre>	Status set from environment variables DEBUG_MODE on first query or write to OSFI output.

Table 21: Functions of the ConFM module in Fortran

General operation	Fortran procedure "interface"	Notes
Check whether instance is valid	<pre>Logical Function isValid(this) Class(OSFI_ParamReader), Intent(In) :: this Logical Function isValid(this) Class(OSFI_Parameter), Intent(In) :: this</pre>	<p>Calling other methods when isValid() is false is not allowed unless otherwise specified.</p> <p>Note: For OSFI_Parameter, a true result does not guarantee that the parent OSFI_ParamReader is still alive.</p>
Load config file ("initialization")	<pre>Subroutine init(this, fileName[, stat]) Class(OSFI_ParamReader), Intent(InOut) :: this Character(*), Intent(In) :: fileName Integer, Intent(Out), Optional :: stat</pre>	On success, this%isValid() returns true and, if stat is present, it is set to zero. On error, this%isValid() returns false and, if stat is present, it is set to a nonzero value.
Legacy: Load config file ("constructor")	<pre>Function OSFI_ParamReader(fileName[, stat]) Result(this) Character(*), Intent(In) :: fileName Integer, Intent(Out), Optional :: stat Type(OSFI_ParamReader) :: this</pre>	<p>On success, returns a valid instance and, if stat is present, sets it to zero. On error, returns an invalid instance and, if stat is present, sets it to a nonzero value.</p> <p>Deprecated in favour of init() due to resource lifetime issues in certain compilers, see ⁶.</p>
Validate against XSD	<pre>Logical Function validateAgainst(pr, xsdFile [, stat]) Class(OSFI_ParamReader), Intent(In) :: pr Character(*), Intent(In) :: xsdFile Integer, Intent(Out), Optional :: stat</pre>	Combinations of: (return value, stat) are (.true., 0) for a passed validation, (.false., 0) for a validation that ran but did not pass; and (.false., nonzero) if the validation could not run, e.g. because the XSD could not be parsed.
Extension: validate against internal schema	<pre>Logical Function validateAgainstInternalSchema (pr[, stat]) Class(OSFI_ParamReader), Intent(In) :: pr Integer, Intent(Out), Optional :: stat</pre>	Result as above.

General operation	Fortran procedure "interface"	Notes
Get parameter by full path	<pre>Function getParamRef(pr, paramName[, stat]) Class(OSFI_ParamReader), Intent(In) :: pr Character(*), Intent(In) :: paramName Integer, Intent(Out), Optional :: stat Type(OSFI_Parameter) :: getParamRef</pre>	<p>On success, returns a valid instance and, if stat is present, sets it to zero.</p> <p>On error, returns an invalid instance and, if stat is present, sets it to a nonzero value.</p>
Query existence	<pre>Logical Function existParameter(pr, paramName)</pre>	Same argument types as getParamRef.
Get parameter parsed value (scalar, vector, matrix)	<pre>Function get#T#Value(p[, stat]) Result(out) #V# :: out Function getVector#T#(p[, stat]) Result(out) #V#, Allocatable :: out(:) Function getMatrix#T#(p[, stat]) Result(out) #V#, Allocatable :: out(:, :) ! Common parameter "p" is the "this" argument: Class(OSFI_Parameter), Intent(In) :: p Integer, Intent(Out), Optional :: stat</pre>	<p>#T# is one of Int, Double, Boolean, String, File or Time. #V# is the corresponding type according to the type mapping (integer, double precision, logical, character or OSFI_TimeValue).</p> <p>Note that #V# for string types is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For scalar getter: Character(len=:), adding the Allocatable attribute <input type="checkbox"/> For vector/matrix getters: Type(OSFI_Str) <p>On a parsing error, a log message is emitted and a default value is returned (see docs). If stat is present, it is set to nonzero on error, or zero on success.</p>
ARRAY access – getArrayValue API	<pre>Integer Function getDims(p, node) Logical Function isLeaf(p, node) Function getVector#T#(p, node[, stat]) Result(out) Integer, Intent(Out), Optional :: stat #V#, Allocatable :: out(:) ! Common parameters: ("p" is the "this" argument) Class(OSFI_Parameter), Intent(In) :: p Integer, Intent(In) :: node(:)</pre>	<p>The vector represents the index of the desired slice. Slices of a parameter with dimensionality d must have at most d-1 indices, because a vector is returned for the last dimension.</p> <p>The getVector#T# functions do not flatten sub-elements: they only return non-empty values for leaf nodes, that is, those for which isLeaf returns true.</p> <p>#V# is the same as for the non-ARRAY vector getter functions, and the "stat" parameter of the getter function works the same as described there.</p>
Extension: query file existence	<pre>Function getFileExists(p, stat) Result(out) Class(OSFI_Parameter), Intent(In) :: p Integer, Intent(Out), Optional :: stat Logical, Allocatable :: out(:, :)</pre>	For FILE parameters. If the parameter is a scalar or vector, a 1x1 or single-row matrix is returned, respectively.

General operation	Fortran procedure "interface"	Notes
Query parameter attributes	<pre> Function getDims(p) Result(dims) Integer, Allocatable :: dims(:) Function getElementType(p) Result(elType) Type(OSFI_ParamElemType) :: elType Function getPath(p) Result(path) Character(len=:), Allocatable :: path Logical Function isArray(p) ! The common parameters is the "this" argument Class(OSFI_Parameter), Intent(In) :: p </pre>	<p>OSFI_ParamElemType is a derived type with an integer field "repr" which approximates an enumeration. It represents the [E2E-ICD] simple types, that is, it does not contain values for types ARRAY or MATRIX.</p> <p>Same signature as getPath: getLocalName, getDescription, getUnits, getMinValue, getMaxValue, getRawValue.</p>
TIME values element access	<pre> Type, Bind(C) :: OSFI_TimeValue Integer(C_INT16_T) year Integer(C_INT8_T) month, dom, hour, minute, sec Integer(C_INT32_T) nanosec End Type OSFI_TimeValue </pre>	<p>Access is provided directly as components of the derived type, without an actual getter function.</p>
TIME values comparison	<pre> Interface Operator(#OP#) Module Procedure internal_name End Interface </pre>	<p>For #OP# in: ==, /=, <, <=, >=, >. The alternative operator names (e.g. .EQ. or .GE.) also work</p> <p>The internal names for the procedures need not be visible to the API user, but the operators are marked as <code>Public</code>.</p>

4.3.4. Fortran 77 Programming Language

Warning: OSFI-F77 is deprecated. It is no longer in active development, and this section is no longer updated.

Since almost no F77-only compilers remain in the market, it is recommended to use the OpenSF integration libraries for Fortran instead (see 4.3.3).

4.3.4.1. CLP

Steps for using the Command Line Parser module.

1. Init the Command Line Parser using the subroutine OCLP()
2. Access the fields with one of the following methods:
 - OCLPNC (*nconf*): get the number of configuration files
 - OCLPNI (*nin*): get the number of input files
 - OCLPNO (*nout*): get the number of output files
 - OCLPGC (*i*, *fname*): get configuration file “*i*”
 - OCLPGI (*i*, *fname*): get input file “*i*”
 - OCLPGO (*i*, *fname*): get output file “*i*”

4.3.4.2. EHLog

Steps for using the Error Handler and Logging module.

1. Use the provided subroutines to generate logs:
 - OLERR (*mess*): error message
 - OLINFO (*mess*): information message
 - OLWAR (*mess*): warning message
 - OLDEB (*mess*): debug message
 - OLPROG (*n*, *m*): progress message (step *n* of *m*)
 - OLFE (*errcod*): finish execution with error code “*errcod*”
 - OLQC (*vname*, *value*): quality with message
 - OLQD (*vname*, *value*): quality with double value

4.3.4.3. ConFM

Steps for using the Configuration File Manager module.

1. Initialise the param-reader using the following subroutine:
 - OPREAD (*cnfile*, *scfile*, *stat*)
2. Use one of the following subroutines to access the parameter values or properties:
 - OPEX (*pname*, *pexist*): check if a parameter exists
 - OPGPR (*pname*, *rows*): get number of rows
 - OPGPC (*pname*, *cols*): get number of columns
 - OPDOUB (*dvalue*, *pname*): get double parameter

- OPINT(*ivalue*, *pname*): get integer parameter
- OPBOOL(*bvalue*, *pname*): get boolean parameter
- OPFILE(*fvalue*, *length*, *pname*): get file parameter
- OPSTR(*svalue*, *length*, *pname*): get string parameter
- OPINV(*vector*, *vsize*, *pname*): get integer vector
- OPDBV(*vector*, *vsize*, *pname*): get double vector
- OPBLV(*vector*, *vsize*, *pname*): get boolean vector
- OPSTRV(*vector*, *vsize*, *pname*): get string vector
- OPFLV(*vector*, *vsize*, *pname*): get file vector
- OPINM(*vector*, *rows*, *cols*, *pname*): get integer matrix
- OPDBM(*vector*, *rows*, *cols*, *pname*): get double matrix
- OPBLM(*vector*, *rows*, *cols*, *pname*): get boolean matrix

3. Close param reader:

- OPCLS ()

4.3.5. IDL Programming Language

Warning: OSFI-IDL is deprecated. It is no longer in active development, and this section is no longer updated.

Before using the IDL library for OSFI, it is necessary to compile the corresponding modules: 'CLP.pro', 'Logger.pro', 'Parameter.pro' and 'ConFM.pro' so that all functions are available for IDL.

These files are located in: <OSFI_INSDIR>/include/IDL/

A possible example is:

```
.COMPILE '/home/abma/OSFI/include/IDL/CLP.pro'
.COMPILE '/home/abma/OSFI/include/IDL/Logger.pro'
.COMPILE '/home/abma/OSFI/include/IDL/Parameter.pro'
.COMPILE '/home/abma/OSFI/include/IDL/ConFM.pro'
```

Once these files have been compiled, the developer can define objects of these classes in his own module, and run it.

4.3.5.1. CLP

Steps for using the Command Line Parser module:

1. Create an object of the CLP class passing it as arguments the configuration files, the input files and the output files. It is important to pass these arguments in the correct order.
2. Access the fields with one of the following methods:
 - getConfFiles(): Return all the configuration files inside a matrix
 - getInputFiles(): Return all the input files inside a matrix
 - getOutputFiles(): Return all the output files inside a matrix
 - getConfFile(index): Return the configuration file at the position 'index'.
 - getInputFile(index): Return the input file at the position 'index'.
 - getOutputFile(index): Return the output file at the position 'index'.

3. Destroy the object once not needed.

An example of this procedure is shown below:

```
CLP = OBJ_NEW('CLP', ConfFiles, InputFiles, OutputFiles)
InputFiles = CLP->getInputFiles()
OutputFiles = CLP->getOutputFiles()
ConfFiles = CLP->getConfFiles()
Input = CLP->getInputFile(2)
Output = CLP->getOutputFile(3)
Conf = CLP->getConfFile(0)
OBJ_DESTROY, CLP
```

4.3.5.2. Logger

Steps for using the Logging module:

1. Create an object of the Logger class passing it as argument the debug mode (On=1 or Off=0).
2. Use one of its methods to show different types of messages in stdout:
 - error, message: Shows an error message in openSF format
 - warning, message: Shows a warning message in openSF format
 - info, message: Shows an information message in openSF format
 - debug, message: Shows a debug message in openSF format if debug mode is activated
 - progress, step, nsteps: Shows the progress of the module in openSF format
 - finishExecution: Shows that the module has finished with an information message
 - qualityReport, name, value: Shows a variable and its value
 - setDebugMode, debugMode: Set the debug mode property (On=1, Off=0).
3. Destroy the object once not needed.

An example of this procedure is shown below:

```
LOG = OBJ_NEW('Logger', DebugMode)
LOG->Info, "This is an info message"
LOG->warning, "This is a warning message"
LOG->error, "This is an error message"
LOG->debug, "This is a debug message"
LOG->progress, 2, 21
LOG->qualityReport, 'a', 23
OBJ_DESTROY, LOG
```

4.3.5.3. ConFM

Steps for using the Configuration File Manager module:

1. Create an object of the ConFM class passing the name of the XML configuration file.
2. Optionally, check for a parameter existence with a given name:


```
xmlObj->ExistParameter('Ios.LOS.name')
```
3. Obtain a parameter of the configuration file by their complete name, using the associated method of ConFM class:


```
parameter = GetParameter, path
```

This method returns an instance of an object of the Parameter Class.
4. Access the parameter values using several methods:
 - getPath () : Returns the path of the parameter
 - getName () : Returns the name of the parameter

- `getDescription()`:Returns the description of the parameter
- `getType()`:Returns the type of the parameter
- `getUnits()`:Returns the units of the parameter
- `getNDims()`:Returns the number of dimensions of the parameter
- `getDims()`:Returns the dimensions of the parameter
- `getValue()`:Returns the value of the parameter
- `getMin()`:Returns the minimum value of the parameter
- `getMax()`:Returns the maximum value of the parameter
- `print`: Shows all the attributes of the parameter in stdout

5. Destroy the objects of classes `ConFM` and `Parameter` once not needed.

An example of this procedure is shown below:

```
xmlObj = OBJ_NEW('ConFM', Conf)
xmlPar = xmlObj->GetParameter('los.LOS.name')
print, xmlPar->GetPath()
print, xmlPar->GetValue()
xml->print
OBJ_DESTROY, xmlPar
OBJ_DESTROY, xmlObj
```

4.3.6. Matlab Programming Language

OSFI-Matlab code is tested to work in Matlab 2019a. The implementation is pure Matlab, not depending any MEX code, although XML parsing does depend on Java and thus will not work if Matlab is started without a JVM. Its design is object-oriented, and in general error conditions are communicated through Matlab errors, although some methods just log errors to the OSFI log and return token values instead.

General description:

- Types in [E2E-ICD] are mapped to their reasonable equivalents: INTEGER to `int32`, FLOAT to `double` and BOOLEAN to `logical`. The STRING, FILE and FOLDER types can be chosen to map to either char vectors (and cell arrays thereof) or string scalars and arrays, depending on a parameter passed to `ConFM`.
- TIME parameters are mapped to a `TimeValue` class.
- 1-D “list” types are generally mapped to vector-shaped matrices or cell arrays containing the appropriate types. Matrices (described in the general API as “lists of lists”) are represented by actual matrices or matrix-shaped cell arrays.
- Access to ARRAY-typed parameters is provided with the “`getArrayValue`” approach described in §4.2.3.4.
- In order to use OSFI in Matlab the library must be accessible through the Matlab path. Either it must be deployed in a folder in the path or it must be available in a folder known to the script so it can be added to it. Look at §3.5.2.1 for more information on this.

Known issues:

- Support for post-R2016b string arrays is only partially implemented. Currently string arrays are supported only in the CLP module.

4.3.6.1. CLP

The CLP module API is provided by the single class “CLP”. The class parses command line arguments as passed. No global state is stored and thus multiple instances can coexist. Furthermore, all parsing is done by the constructor, and accessor functions only return copies of the stored data.

The CLP module respects the type (character vector or string array) of its input arguments, and offers the outputs in the same format. An error arises if some inputs are character vectors and others are string arrays.

Table 28 details the interface of the CLP module in OSFI-Matlab

4.3.6.2. EHLog

The EHLog module API is provided by the single class “Logger”. Unlike other OSFI implementations, functions are instance method, not static, and thus several instances of the logger can coexist with different settings. Output does not support coloring, and other relevant status variables (debug mode) are initialized on construction.

Inputs to the Logger module may be character vectors or string arrays. Different calls can use different input types.

Table 29 details the interface of the EHLog module in OSFI-Matlab.

4.3.6.3. ConFM

The ConFM module API is provided by the ConFM and Parameter classes. ConFM is the main access point to the interface. Each instance is independent and holds no global state, so several instances can be kept (e.g. for the global and local configuration files).

A piece of local state is kept, selecting between character vectors and string arrays for the output properties e.g. a parameter name. This is chosen at construction time with an optional TextType argument. Note, however, that this only applies to the outputs and properties offered by ConFM and Parameter. Inputs to those functions can be given in either form. For example, a ConFM object can be created with TextType set to “string” but still use character vectors in the call to getParameter.

The ConFM class provides access to a set of Parameter instances, which are likewise independent of any other instance. The main API they offer is the getValue function which returns the parsed value of the parameter. For ARRAY parameters, this is in the form of nested cell arrays reproducing the structure in the XML.

An additional way to access ARRAY parameters is provided through the getArrayValue function, which can be passed a set of indices and returns the corresponding slice of the structure that getValue would have returned. Calling getArrayValue with a series of indices is equivalent to calling getValue and then applying those indices to the result; the main difference is that with getArrayValue, the indexing is applied *before* parsing.

Table 30 details the interface of the ConFM module in OSFI-Matlab.

Table 22: Functions of the CLP module in Matlab

General operation	Matlab function	Notes
CLP class		
Parse command line arguments ["constructor"]	clp = CLP(varargin)	The function initializes the object by parsing the arguments. The resulting properties will be string arrays if the inputs are strings, or cellstr if the inputs are char vectors.
Get (full) list of C/I/O files	files = clp.confFiles Same signatures: inputFiles and outputFiles.	Class property whose value is a cellstr or a string array. If no files of a type are provided, an empty cell/array is returned. For configuration files, a missing GCF or LCF is represented by a 0-length char vector, or a missing string.
Legacy: get C/I/O files concatenated	file = clp.getConfFiles() Same signatures: getInputFile and getOutputFile.	Returns the corresponding full C/I/O files list joined by commas. Deprecated
Legacy: get single C/I/O file	file = clp.getConfFile(index) Same signatures: getInputFile and getOutputFile.	Returns files{index} where files is the corresponding full C/I/O files list. Deprecated
Legacy: number of C/I/O files	num = clp.nConfFiles() Same signatures: nInputFiles and nOutputFiles.	Returns length(files) where files is the corresponding full C/I/O files list. Deprecated

Table 23: Functions of the EHLog module in Matlab

General operation	Matlab Function	Notes
Logger class		
Initialize EHLog	log = Logger ()	Parses the DEBUG_MODE environment variable.
Show I/W/E/D message	log.info (message) Same signatures: warning, error and debug.	The user should not introduce newlines in the string, because it will break the output format.
Show progress indication	log.progress (step, nSteps)	No validation is performed.
Finish execution	log.finishExecution ([exitCode])	If exitCode is provided, calls exit(exitCode). Otherwise, throws an error to exit.
Extension: show quality report	log.qualityReport (name, value)	The user should not introduce newlines in the strings, because it will break the output format.
Extension: set debug mode	log.setDebugMode (debug)	-
Extension: set output to file	log.setStandAloneMode (standAlone)	If true, further outputs of the Logger object will be written to a file in the current working directory named ".tmpLogFile".

Table 24: Functions of the ConFM module in Matlab

General operation	Matlab Function	Notes
ConFM class		
Load config file	<code>cfm = ConFM(fileName, ["TextType", txt])</code> <code>cfm.parseFile(fileName)</code>	An error is raised if the file cannot be found, or if it cannot be parsed as a configuration file. Using parseFile replaces the stored parameter map in the ConFM object. If txt is "char" or the TextType argument is not given, ConFM and the Parameter objects will return char vectors. If txt is "string", the returned values will use string arrays.
Validate against XSD	<code>valOk = cfm.validateAgainst(xsdFile)</code>	Throws an error if the schema file cannot be loaded or parsed.
Extension: validate against internal schema	<code>valOk = cfm.validateAgainstInternalSchema()</code>	Throws an error if the linked schema cannot be loaded.
Get parameter by full path	<code>P = cfm.getParameter(name)</code>	Returns a Parameter instance. Throws an error if the path is not found.
Get all parameters	<code>map = cfm.getParameters()</code>	Returns a containers.Map instance with string keys and Parameter values.
Parameter class		
Get parameter raw value	<code>p.getRawValue()</code>	For non-ARRAY parameters, the return value is the unparsed string value (for matrices, rows are joined). For ARRAY parameters, a structure of cell arrays reproducing the XML structure is returned. Each cell may contain other cells or a 2-element cell {nElems, stringVal}.
Get parameter parsed value with automatic or forced type	<code>val = p.getValue([ParamType])</code>	For non-ARRAY parameters, the return value is a matrix or cell array of the type corresponding to the declared type. For ARRAYS, a nested structure of cell arrays is returned, where the <i>last</i> level contains a vector of data elements.

General operation	Matlab Function	Notes
ARRAY access	<code>val = p.getArrayValue(varargin)</code>	Each element in varargin is interpreted as a subindex into the structure of cell arrays returned by <code>getValue</code> . The last element may also index into the data itself.
Query parameter dimensionality	<code>ndims = p.getNdims()</code> <code>dims = p.getDims()</code>	The second returns a vector of sizes, while the first returns the length of that vector.
Query parameter element type	<code>pt = p.getType()</code>	Returns a value from <code>ParamType</code> , an enumerated class that represents the [E2E-ICD] simple types, that is, it does <i>not</i> contain values for types <code>ARRAY</code> or <code>MATRIX</code> .
Query parameter attributes	<code>val = p.getLocalName()</code> Same signature: <code>getPath</code> , <code>getDescription</code> , <code>getUnits</code> , <code>getMax</code> , <code>getMin</code>	All return strings. Note: <code>getMin</code> / <code>getMax</code> used to return numeric values until OSFI 3.10.0.
TimeValue class		
TIME values component access	<code>yr = tv.year</code> <code>% Same for month, dom, hour, minute, sec, nanosec</code>	The actually stored types are <code>int16</code> for year, <code>int32</code> for nanosec and <code>int8</code> for all other properties.
TIME values comparison	<code>logical = tv1 #OP# tv2</code>	For <code>#OP#</code> in <code>eq</code> , <code>ne</code> , <code>lt</code> , <code>le</code> , <code>ge</code> , <code>gt</code> . For a non-scalar "self" or "value", produces the appropriate logical matrix.
TIME values formatting	<code>char_or_cell = char(tv)</code> <code>str = string(tv)</code>	Formatted as CCSDS ASCII time code "A". For a non-scalar "self", produces a cell-array of strings (if the "char" function is used) or a string array (for "string")..
TIME values parsing	<code>tv = TimeValue.parse(str)</code>	Not valid for a string array or cell array of strings (use "cellfun" or "arrayfun" as appropriate). Throws an error on an invalid format or out-of-range value.

4.3.7. Python Programming Language

OSFI-Python code is written to work on Python 3.8 [Python3.10] or greater. The implementation is pure Python, not depending on native OSFI libraries.

The design is object-oriented; with both the CLP and ConFM modules implemented using classes: CLP, ParamReader and Parameter are the main ones. On the other hand, the Logger module defines a set of functions and stores its state “globally” in the module itself. In general, errors are communicated through exceptions, although some methods just log errors to the OSFI log stream and return token values instead.

General description:

- ❑ All classes are in the “OSFI” package.
- ❑ Types in [E2E-ICD] are mapped to their reasonable equivalents: INTEGER to int, FLOAT to float, BOOLEAN to bool and the STRING, FILE and FOLDER types to str (in both Python 2 and 3).
- ❑ TIME values are mapped to a custom TimeValue class.
- ❑ 1-D “list” types are generally mapped to either lists or tuples. Matrices (described in the general API as “lists of lists”) are indeed represented by lists of lists.
- ❑ Access to ARRAY-typed parameters is provided with the “getArrayValue” approach described in §4.2.3.4.
- ❑ In order to use OSFI in Python the library must be accessible through the import path. Either it must be deployed in a folder in PYTHONPATH or it must be available in a folder known to the script, so that it can add the folder to sys.path as needed. Look at §3.5.2.1 for more information on this.

Known issues:

- ❑ The XSD validation functions require the presence of the lxml library. If this is not available, the xml.etree library will be used for parsing, but calling any XSD validation-related function will raise NotImplementedError.

Note that, in the detailed API tables, the functions are described with type annotations and (where applicable) keyword-only arguments as supported in Python 3.5+, as if the typing and typing.io packages had been imported. However, since compatibility with older versions was only removed recently, the actual functions may be written without type annotations. Similarly, keyword-only arguments may still be implemented as `**kwargs` where any unknown arguments trigger an error.

4.3.7.1. CLP

The CLP module API is provided by the single class “CLP” in module CLP. The class parses command line arguments as passed. No global state is stored and thus multiple instances can coexist. Furthermore, all parsing is done by the constructor, and accessor functions only return copies of the stored data.

Table 28 details the interface of the CLP module in OSFI-Python.

4.3.7.2. EHLog

The EHLog module API is provided by functions in module Logger. Relevant status variables (debug/color) are initialized at first execution of an output, and stored as global data from them on. Furthermore, functions operate on the global streams `sys.stdout` and `sys.stderr`. Thus, thread safety is not guaranteed in these functions.

Table 29 details the interface of the EHLog module in OSFI-Python.

4.3.7.3. ConFM

The ConFM module API is provided by the ParamReader and Parameter classes. ParamReader is the main access point to the interface. Each instance is independent and holds no global state, so several instances can be kept (e.g. for the global and local configuration files).

The ParamReader class provides access to a set of Parameter instances, which are likewise independent of any other instance. However, thread safety is not guaranteed in any of the functions because they may call the Logger functions to report errors.

There is a generic function `getValue` which returns the parsed value of the parameter, considering the dimensionality declared in the XML. Thus, a 1x1 integer matrix with value “1” will return the list-of-list-of-int result

[[1]]. If this is undesired, specific functions are available to override the dimensionality and the type. For ARRAY-typed parameters, `getValue` returns a structure of nested lists with the parsed values of each node from the XML.

Furthermore, sliced access to ARRAY parameters is provided through the `getArrayValue` function, which can be passed a set of indices and returns the corresponding slice of the structure that `getValue` would have returned. Calling `getArrayValue` with a series of indices is equivalent to calling `getValue` and then applying those indices to the result; the main difference is that with `getArrayValue`, the indexing is applied *before* parsing.

Table 30 details the interface of the ConFM module in OSFI-Python.

Table 25: Functions of the CLP module in Python

General operation	Type-annotated Python Function	Notes
Parse command line arguments ["constructor"]	CLP.__init__(self: CLP, argv: List[str] = None)	If None is given in argv, the function will use the value of sys.argv instead.
Get (full) list of C/I/O files	CLP.getConfFiles(self: CLP) -> List[str] Same signatures: getInputFiles and getOutputFiles .	If no file of a type is provided, they return an empty list.
Legacy: get single configuration file	CLP.getConfFile(self: CLP) -> str	If called in a case with two configuration files, returns the unparsed string ["file1,file2"].

Table 26: Functions of the EHLog module in Python

General operation	Type-annotated Python Function	Notes
Show I/W/E/D message	info(msg: str) -> None Same signatures: warning , error and debug .	The user should not introduce newlines in the string, because it will break the output format.
Extension: format I/W/E/D message with extra data	getInfoStream() -> TextIO Same signatures: getWarningStream , getErrorStream , getDebugStream .	The user should not introduce newlines in the output given to those streams, because it will break the output format.
Show progress indication	progress(step: int, nSteps: int) -> None	No validation is performed.
Finish execution	finishExecution(exitCode: int) -> None	Calls sys.exit with the given value as exit code.
Extension: show quality report	qualityReport(name: str, value: Any)	The user should not introduce newlines in the strings, because it will break the output format.
Extension: format quality report	getQualityStream() -> TextIO	The user should not introduce newlines in the output given to those streams, because it will break the output format.
Query debug and colored output.	isColored() -> bool Same signature: isDebugging	Status set from environment variables DEBUG_MODE and OSFI_LOG_COLOR on first query.

Table 27: Functions of the ConFM module in Python

General operation	Type-annotated Python Function	Notes
Load config file	<code>ParamReader.__init__(self, xmlFile: str)</code>	An exception is raised if the file cannot be found, or if it cannot be parsed as a configuration file.
Validate against XSD	<code>ParamReader.validateAgainst(self, xsdFile: str) -> bool</code>	Raises an exception if the schema file cannot be loaded or parsed as valid XSD.
Extension: validate against internal schema	<code>ParamReader.validateAgainstInternalSchema(self)</code>	Returns failure if the schema cannot be found or parsed.
Get parameter by full path	<code>ParamReader.getParameter(self, name: str) -> Parameter</code>	Returns null if the name is not found.
Get parameters by partial path	<code>ParamReader.getParameters(self, groupName: str) -> List[Parameter]</code>	Returns an empty list if no parameter matches.
Get all parameters	<code>ParamReader.getAllParameters(self) -> Dict[str, Parameter]</code>	The map key is the full path, which is not accessible from within each Parameter item.
Query existence	<code>ParamReader.existParameter(self, name: str) -> bool</code>	-
Get parameter parsed value with automatic dimensionality and possibly type	<code>Parameter.getValue(self, asType: ParamType = None) -> ValType</code> <code>ValType</code> <code>= V</code> # for scalars <code>= List[V]</code> # for vectors <code>= List[List[V]]</code> # for matrices <code>= List[X]</code> # for ARRAY, where X is V or List[X]	V is the parsed type corresponding to for asType, or, if it is None, to the declared element type. If the parsed element type is called T, the return type depends on the declared dimensionality, as described on the left. For ARRAYS, a nested structure of lists is returned, where the <i>last</i> level is of type List[T]
Get parameter parsed value (scalar, vector, matrix)	<code>Parameter.get#T#Value(self) -> V</code> <code>Parameter.getVector#T#(self) -> List[V]</code> <code>Parameter.getMatrix#T#(self) -> List[List[V]]</code>	#T# is one of Int, Double, Boolean, String or File, and V is the corresponding type (int, float, bool, str, str). On parsing error, a log message is emitted and a default value is returned (see docs). If the getVector#T# functions are used on an ARRAY parameter, it is flattened to 1D.

General operation	Type-annotated Python Function	Notes
ARRAY access	<code>Parameter.getArrayValue(self, *indices, asType: ParamType = None) -> ValType</code>	ValType is as defined for getValue. Each element in indices is interpreted as a subindex into the structure returned by getValue. The last element may also index into the data itself.
Get parameter raw value	<code>Parameter.getRawValue(self) -> RawType</code>	For non-ARRAY parameters, the return value is the unparsed string value (for matrices, rows are joined). For ARRAY parameters, a structure of nodes reproducing the XML is returned.
Extension: query file existence	<code>Parameter.fileExists(self) -> List[List[bool]]</code>	For FILE parameters. If the parameter is a scalar or vector, a 1x1 or single-row matrix is returned, respectively.
Query parameter attributes	<code>Parameter.getNdims(self) -> int</code> <code>Parameter.getDims(self) -> List[int]</code> <code>Parameter.getElementType(self) -> ParamType</code> <code>Parameter.getLocalName(self) -> str</code> Same signature as getLocalName: getPath, getDescription, getUnits, getMax, getMin, getType	ParamType is an enum with the [E2E-ICD] simple types, that is, it does not represent types ARRAY or MATRIX.
TIME values component access	<code>class TimeValue:</code> <code> __slots__ = ('year', 'month', 'dom', 'hour', 'minute', 'sec', 'nanosec')</code>	The actually stored type is int.
TIME values comparison	<code>TimeValue.__OP#__(self, value) -> bool</code>	For #OP# in eq, lt, le, ge, gt (ne is automatic)
TIME values formatting	<code>TimeValue.__format__(self, format) -> str</code> <code>TimeValue.__repr__(self) -> str</code>	Only "a" is accepted as a format specifier, producing CCSDS ASCII time code "A".
TIME values parsing	<code>@staticmethod</code> <code>TimeValue.parse(str) -> TimeValue</code>	Throws an error on an invalid format or out-of-range value.

4.3.8. Java Programming Language

OSFI-Java code targets Java SE 17, with the language specification defined in [Java17]. The library is presented as a single JAR file which only depends on Apache Commons CLI. The JAR is also an OSGi bundle, which exports the package “`esa.opensf.osfi`”.

The implementation of OSFI-Java is object-oriented, with both the CLP and ConFM modules implemented using classes: CLP, ParamReader and Parameter are the main ones. The Logger module is mainly static method-based and stores its state globally. In general, errors are communicated through exceptions, although some methods just log errors to the OSFI log stream and return token values instead.

General description:

- ❑ All classes are directly in the “`esa.opensf.osfi`” package.
- ❑ Types in [E2E-ICD] are mapped to their reasonable equivalents: INTEGER to int, FLOAT to double, BOOLEAN to boolean and the STRING, FILE and FOLDER types to `java.lang.String`.
- ❑ TIME parameters are mapped to a custom class `TimeValue`.
- ❑ 1-D “list” types are generally mapped to either `java.util.List<T>` or arrays. Matrices (described in the general API as “lists of lists”) are represented by arrays of arrays.
- ❑ Access to ARRAY-typed parameters is provided implementing the “`getRootNode`” approach described in §4.2.3.4.

Known issues: none for the moment

4.3.8.1. CLP

The CLP module API is provided by the single class “CLP”. The class parses command line arguments as passed. No global state is stored and thus multiple instances can coexist. Furthermore, all parsing is done by the constructor, and accessor functions only return copies of the stored data.

Table 28 details the interface of the CLP module in OSFI-Java.

4.3.8.2. EHLog

The EHLog module API is provided by static methods in class “Logger”. Relevant status variables (debug/color) are initialized at first execution of an output, and stored as global data from then on. Furthermore, functions operate on the global streams `System.out` and `System.err`. Thus, thread safety is not guaranteed in these functions.

Table 29 details the interface of the EHLog module in OSFI-Java.

System.Logger Integration: the `Logger` class offers methods to create a wrapper implementing `System.Logger`. This allows code that cannot be modified (e.g., third-party libraries) to write log messages directly to the OSFI log.

The wrapper is also available as a Java service, which can be registered with the `System.getLogger` function. This makes the Java runtime redirect any code that uses that API to provision a logger to the OSFI logging system. However, an explicit opt-in is required: since the integration affects all code, it is not enabled by default. Module developers must explicitly opt in to use this functionality. To do that:

- If OSFI is used as a JAR in the classpath, add a file `META-INF/services/java.lang.System$LoggerFinder` to your JAR containing the text: `esa.opensf.osfi.Logger$SysLoggerFinder`.
- If using OSFI as a Java module (JPMS), create a static `provider()` method in any public class. It must return an instance of the OSFI class `Logger.SysLoggerFinder`. Then, declare the service in `module-info.java` using the `provides java.lang.System.LoggerFinder with your_class;` directive.

The OSFI sources contain an example of both options in the [test/integration/Java/jdkSysLoggerTest](#) folder.

4.3.8.3. ConFM

The ConFM module API is provided by the `ParamReader`, `Parameter` and `ArrayNode` classes. `ParamReader` is the main access point to the module interface. Each instance is independent and holds no global state, so several instances can be kept (e.g. for the global and local configuration files).

The ParamReader class provides access to a set of Parameter instances, which are likewise independent of any other instance. However, thread safety is not guaranteed in any of the functions because they may call the Logger functions to report errors.

Parsing code employs primitive arrays as much as possible, avoiding boxing large quantities of data. Thus, the getVector and getMatrix functions return primitive arrays for types INTEGER, FLOAT and BOOLEAN.

Access to ARRAY parameters is provided through the ArrayNode class. It is an abstract class, defined as ArrayNode<Es,S>. Es is the data type contained, and S is the actual type of the node, since it will be a subclass of ArrayNode⁷. In particular, nodes are always instances of either of two concrete subclasses:

- ❑ `ArrayNode.Raw`, which contains String data. This represents the structure of the parameter read in the XML and has methods to parse the contents into either an array (flattening the structure to one dimension in depth-first order) or a parsed node which keeps the structure but contains parsed data.
- ❑ `ArrayNode.Parsed<A>` which contains data of type A, where A will be an array type. This is done because Java generics cannot be primitives, so A could not be e.g. "int", but it can be `int[]` because array types are objects.

The parent class ArrayNode, and thus both subtypes of nodes, contain methods to navigate the tree structure: `getDataAt(indices)` and `getSubNodeAt(indices)` are the main features, which can be explored in the documentation.

Table 30 details the interface of the ConFM module in OSFI-Java.

⁷ S is sometimes called a CRTP type parameter, using terminology borrowed from C++ and its Curiously Recursive Template Pattern.

Table 28: Functions of the CLP module in Java

General operation	Java Method	Notes
Parse command line arguments ("constructor")	CLP.CLP(String[] args)	The input is the array provided to the entry point.
Get (full) list of C/I/O files	List<String> CLP.getConfFiles() Same signatures: <code>getInputFiles</code> and <code>getOutputFiles</code> .	If no file of a type is provided, they return an empty list.
Legacy: get single configuration file	String CLP.getConfFile()	If called in a case with two configuration files, returns the unparsed string ["file1,file2"].
Extension: parse string to files	List<String> CLP.parseFiles(String arg) throws Exception	Deprecated.

Table 29: Functions of the EHLog module in Java

General operation	Java Method	Notes
Show I/W/E/D message	static void Logger.info(String msg) Same signatures: <code>warning</code> , <code>error</code> and <code>debug</code> .	The user should not introduce newlines in the string, because it will break the output format.
Show progress indication	static void Logger.progress(int, int)	No validation is performed.
Finish execution	static void Logger.finishExecution(int exitCode)	Calls <code>System.exit</code> with the given value as exit code.
Extension: show quality report	static void Logger.qualityReport(String name, double value) static void Logger.qualityReport(String name, String value)	The user should not introduce newlines in the strings, because it will break the output format.
Query debug and colored output.	static boolean Logger.isColored() Same signature: <code>isDebugging</code>	Status set from environment variables <code>DEBUG_MODE</code> and <code>OSFI_LOG_COLOR</code> on first query.
Extension: makeJDK Logger that writes to the OSFI log	static System.Logger Logger.sysLoggertoOsfiLog() static System.Logger Logger.sysLoggertoOsfiLog(String context) static System.Logger Logger.sysLoggertoOsfiLog(String context, System.Logger.Level minLvl)	The two first overloads call the last one with default values for the arguments, some of which are controlled by Java system properties. See the <code>Logger.SysLoggerFinder</code> class documentation.

Table 30: Functions of the ConFM module in Java

General operation	Java Method	Notes
Load config file	<code>ParamReader.ParamReader (String xmlFile) throws FileNotFoundException, XMLParser.ParseException</code>	The first exception is thrown if the file cannot be found, the second if it cannot be parsed as a configuration file.
Validate against XSD	<code>boolean ParamReader.validateAgainst (String xsdFile)</code>	Throws <code>IllegalArgumentException</code> if the schema file cannot be loaded or parsed.
Extension: validate against internal schema	<code>boolean ParamReader.validateAgainstInternalSchema ()</code>	Returns failure if the schema cannot be found or parsed.
Get parameter by full path	<code>Parameter ParamReader.getParameter (String name)</code>	Returns null if the name is not found.
Get parameters by partial path	<code>List<Parameter> ParamReader.getParameters (String groupName)</code>	Returns an empty list if no parameter matches.
Get all parameters	<code>Map<String, Parameter> ParamReader.getAllParameters ()</code>	The map key is the full path, which is not accessible from within each <code>Parameter</code> item.
Query existence	<code>boolean ParamReader.existParameter (String name)</code>	-
Get parameter parsed value (scalar, vector, matrix)	<code>#V# Parameter.get#T#Value ()</code> <code>#V#[] Parameter.getVector#T# ()</code> <code>#V#[] [] Parameter.getMatrix#T# ()</code>	<code>#T#</code> is one of <code>Int</code> , <code>Double</code> , <code>Boolean</code> , <code>String</code> or <code>File</code> , and <code>#V#</code> is the corresponding type (<code>int</code> , <code>double</code> , <code>boolean</code> , <code>String</code> , <code>String</code>). On parsing error, a log message is emitted and a default value is returned (see docs). If the <code>getVector#T#</code> functions are used on an <code>ARRAY</code> parameter, it is flattened to 1D.
Extension: query file existence	<code>boolean [] [] Parameter.fileExists ()</code>	For <code>FILE</code> parameters. If the parameter is a scalar or vector, a 1x1 or single-row matrix is returned, respectively.
Query parameter attributes	<code>int Parameter.getNdims ()</code> <code>List<Integer> Parameter.getDims ()</code> <code>Parameter.ParamType Parameter.getElementType ()</code> <code>String Parameter.getLocalName ()</code> Same signature as <code>getLocalName</code> : <code>getPath</code> , <code>getDescription</code> , <code>getUnits</code> , <code>getMax</code> , <code>getMin</code> , <code>getType</code>	<code>Parameter.ParamType</code> is an enum with the [E2E-ICD] simple types, that is, it does not represent types <code>ARRAY</code> or <code>MATRIX</code> .

General operation	Java Method	Notes
ARRAY access – ArrayNode API	<pre> ArrayNode.Raw Parameter.getRootNode() ArrayNode.Parsed<#V#[> ArrayNode.Raw.getTree#T#() #V#[> ArrayNode.Raw.getVector#T#() <Es> Es ArrayNode<Es,?>.getData() <Es> Es ArrayNode<Es,?>.getDataAtSub(int... idxs) <S> S ArrayNode<?,S>.getSubNodes() <S> S ArrayNode<?,S>.getSubNodeAt(int... idxs) int ArrayNode.getDim() List<Integer> ArrayNode.getDimsEnvelope() boolean ArrayNode.isDataNode() </pre>	<p>The parameter returns an ArrayNode.Raw element, which contains String data (without splitting).</p> <p>Raw ArrayNodes can be parsed either by flattening to 1D (getVector#T#) or by keeping its structure (getTree#T#) obtaining an ArrayNode.Parsed<#V#[> element, which contain arrays of type #V# (possibly primitive).</p> <p>The other methods can be applied to either subclass: Es will be String in Raw nodes and an array in Parsed nodes. S will be the same type of node that is receiving the call (Raw/Parsed).</p> <p>The return value of getDimsEnvelope is the rectangular envelope of the dimensions of the structure at that node.</p>
TIME values component access	<pre> class TimeValue /*...*/ { public final short year; public final byte month, dom, hour, minute, sec; public final int nanosec; /*...*/ } </pre>	<p>Access is provided directly as fields of the class, without an actual getter function. However, the fields are themselves immutable.</p>
TIME values comparison	<pre> // Implementing Comparable<TimeValue> int TimeValue.compareTo(TimeValue o) boolean TimeValue.equals(Object other) </pre>	<p>The result is negative if a<b, positive if a>b, and zero if the instances are equal. Per the contract of Comparable, compareTo does not accept nulls (throws an exception). On the other hand, using equals where this is non-null and other is null gracefully returns false.</p>
Extension: TIME values formatting	<pre> String TimeValue.toString() </pre>	<p>Formatted as CCSDS ASCII time code "A".</p>

4.4. Additional Features

4.4.1. Debug Mode

Debug mode logs are activated creating the environment variable “DEBUG_MODE” and setting it to “On”. By default, if this variable is not present, no debug logs are shown during the execution.

```
export DEBUG_MODE=On
```

4.4.2. Coloured Logs

OSFI provides a mechanism to colour logs when the module is run from command line (only for Unix terminals).

Coloured logs are activated creating the environment variable “OSFI_LOG_COLOR” and setting it to “On”.

```
export OSFI_LOG_COLOR=On
```

4.5. Examples of use

4.5.1. C++ Programming Language

Here is an example of C++ code that uses the different modules of the integration libraries.

```
#include "OSFI.h"
#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip>
#include <string>

using namespace std;

int main(int argc, char * argv[])
try {
    CLP clp(argc, argv); // Parse command line arguments

    cout << "input files = ";
    for (auto& if : clp.getInputFiles())
        cout << if << ", ";
    cout << endl;

    const string lcf = clp.getConfFiles().back();
    ParamReader reader (lcf); // Parse LCF
    Logger::info("Printing whole parameters file");
    reader.print();

    DynamicArray<int> mi = reader.getParameter("mat").getMatrixInt();
    for (int i = 0, n = mi.getRows(); i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0, m = mi.getColumns(); j < m; j++) {
            cout << setw(4) << mi(i,j) << '\t';
        }
        cout << endl;
    }

    Logger::info("vec");
    for(double d : reader.getParameter("vec").getVectorDouble())
        cout << fixed << setw(4) << setprecision(1) << d << '\t';
    cout << endl;
    return 0;
} catch (const std::exception& e) {
    Logger::getOutputStream() << "Module failed: " << e.what() << endl;
    Logger::finishExecution(1);
}
```

4.5.2. C Programming Language

Here is an example of C code that uses the different modules of the integration libraries.

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

#include "OSFIC.h"

// Usage: ./example -g exampleFile.xml
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    // Parse the input arguments
    osfi_clp_args_t* args = osfiClpParseArgs(argc, argv);
    if (!args) {
        osfiLoggerError("CLP::Error parsing command Line\n");
        return 1;
    }

    // Assert we have a config file and parse it
    osfi_paramreader_t* pr;
    if (args->config->count == 0
        || !(pr = osfiConFmCfgFileOpen(args->config->files[0])) {
        osfiLoggerError("could not parse the config file!");
        return 1;
    }

    // Find and show some parameters
    const char init_year_path[] = "los.LOS.initialTime.year";
    int init_year = 0;
    if (osfiConFmParamValue(&init_year, pr, init_year_path)) {
        printf("initial year at <%s>: %d\n", init_year_path, init_year);
    }

    const char matrix_path[] = "matrix5x4";
    osfi_matInteger_t* matrix;
    if (osfiConFmParamMatrixInteger(&matrix, pr, matrix_path)) {
        printf("matrix at <%s>:\n", matrix_path);
        for (int i = 0; i < matrix->rows; ++i) {
            for (int j = 0; j < matrix->cols; ++j) {
                printf("%4d", matrix->values[i * matrix->cols + j]);
            }
            printf("\n");
        }
    }

    // Clean-up
    osfiConFmCfgFileClose(pr);
    osfiClpFree(args);
    return 0;
}
```

4.5.3. Fortran Programming Language

Here is an example of Fortran code that uses the different modules of the integration libraries.

```
Program f90Example
  ! Include the OSFI modules, fully or partially
  Use OSFI_ConFM
  Use OSFI_CLP
  Use OSFI, Only: osfi_error, osfi_info, osfi_finishExecution

  Type(OSFI_CommandLineParser) clp
  Type(OSFI_ParamReader) :: pr
  Type(OSFI_Parameter) :: p

  Type(OSFI_STR), Allocatable, Dimension(:) :: & cfgFiles, inputFiles, outputFiles

  Character(*), Parameter :: matPar = "sensor.NumericModel.polyParX"
  Double precision, Allocatable :: doubleMatrix(:, :)
  Character(1) tmp
  Integer :: i, err
```

```
! CLP module example
Call clp%init()
If (clp%isValid()) Call clp%getConfFiles(cfgFiles)
If (.not. allocated(cfgFiles)) Then
  Call osfi_error('Command line arguments were not parsed')
  Call osfi_finishExecution(1)
End If
Do i=1, size(cfgFiles)
  Write (tmp, '(I1)') i
  Call osfi_info("Cfg File (//tmp//") = "//cfgFiles(index)%str)
End Do

! ConFM Module Example
Call pr%init(cfgFiles(1)%str)
If (.Not. pr%isValid()) then ! Triggered if the file is not found or cannot be parsed
  Call osfi_error('Could not read file ' // confFiles(1)%str)
  Call osfi_finishExecution(2)
End If
Call osfi_info("Printing whole parameters file")
Call pr%print()

p = pr%getParamRef(matPar, stat=err)
If (err == 0) doubleMatrix = p%getMatrixDouble(stat=err)
If (err /= 0) Then
  Call osfi_error('Could not find or parse ' // matPar)
  Call osfi_finishExecution(3)
End If
Do i=1,size(doubleMatrix,1) ! Write row by row
  Write(*,*) doubleMatrix(i,:)
End Do
End Program
```

4.5.4. Fortran 77 Programming Language

Warning: OSFI-F77 is deprecated. It is no longer in active development, and this section is no longer updated.

Here is an example of Fortran 77 code that uses the different modules of the library.

```

program test
implicit none
INTEGER nconf, stat, i, j, nrows, ncols, p
CHARACTER*255 fname, tmp
LOGICAL*1 pexist, bmatrix(255)

c---- TEST OSFI COMMAND LINE PARSER
call OCLP()
c   Get number of configuration files and print their names
call OCLPNC (nconf)
WRITE(tmp, '(I2)') nconf
call OLINFO ('Number of configuration files: '//tmp)
DO i = 1, nconf
  call OCLPGC (i, fname)
  WRITE (tmp, '(I2)') i
  call OLINFO ('Configuration file '//tmp(1:2)//': '//fname)
END DO

c---- TEST OSFI LOGGER
call OLINFO ('      TESTING LOGGER')
call OLPROG(3,4)
call OLERR('Test OSFI Error Message')
call OLWAR('Test OSFI Warning Message')
call OLDEB('Test OSFI Debug Message')

c---- TEST OSFI PARAM READING
call OPREAD('exampleFile.xml','',stat)
if (stat.NE.1) call OLERR('Error Parsing '//cnfile)

c---- Check if parameter exists
call OPEX ('los.LOS.polyParY', pexist)
WRITE (tmp, '(L1)') pexist
call OLINFO('Parameter exists: '//tmp(1:1))
c---- READING INTEGER SCALAR PARAMETER
call OPINT(ivalue, 'earth.Earth.demType')
WRITE(*,*) "Integer parameter value: ", ivalue
c---- READING BOOLEAN MATRIX PARAMETERS
call OPBLM (bmatrix, nrows, ncols, 'los.LOS.flagsMatrix')
DO i=1,nrows
  DO j=1, ncols
    p = (i-1)*ncols + j
    WRITE (*,*) 'row=', i, ' col=', j, ' ==> ', bmatrix(p)
  END DO
END DO

c---- Close OSFI param-reader
call OPCLS()
end

```

4.5.5. IDL Programming Language

Warning: OSFI-IDL is deprecated. It is no longer in active development, and this section is no longer updated.

Here is an example of IDL code that uses the different modules of the library.

```
; opensF Integration Libraries (OSFI)

PRO test_IDL, ConfFiles, InputFiles, OutputFiles, DebugMode

IF N_PARAMS() LT 3 THEN BEGIN
  EXECUTION_MODE = GETENV('IDL_EXECUTION_MODE')
  IF (STRCMP(EXECUTION_MODE, 'SAV') NE 1) THEN $
    print, 'Number of arguments not valid'
ENDIF

IF N_PARAMS() EQ 3 THEN $
  DebugMode = 0

;Show some logs
print, ''
print, 'Show some logs examples using Logger class...'
LOG = OBJ_NEW('Logger', DebugMode)
LOG->Info, "This is an info message"
LOG->warning, "This is a warning message"
LOG->debug, "This is a debug message"
LOG->progress, 2, 21
LOG->qualityReport, 'a', 23

;Show configuration files, inputs and outputs using CLP
print, ''
print, 'Parsing configuration, input and output files using CLP class...'
CLP = OBJ_NEW('CLP', ConfFiles, InputFiles, OutputFiles)
InputFiles = CLP->GetInputFiles()
OutputFiles = CLP->GetOutputFiles()
ConfFiles = CLP->GetConfFiles()
Input = CLP->GetInputFile(2)
IF (N_ELEMENTS(ConfFiles) EQ 1) THEN BEGIN
  Conf = CLP->getConfFile(0)
ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
  Conf = CLP->getConfFile(1)
ENDELSE

LOG->Info, "Configuration files: " + ConfFiles
LOG->Info, "Input files: " + InputFiles
LOG->Info, "Output files: " + OutputFiles
LOG->Info, "Configuration file: " + Conf
LOG->Info, "Input file: " + Input
  success = 1

;Parse XML file and check read values
print, ''
print, 'Parsing XML file and checking that read values are correct...'
xmlObj = OBJ_NEW('ConFM', Conf)

xmlPar = xmlObj->GetParameter('los.LOS.name')
IF (STRCMP(xmlPar->GetValue(), 'my LOS') EQ 1) THEN BEGIN
  print, 'Parameter: ' + xmlPar->GetPath() + ' --> OK'
ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
  print, 'Parameter: ' + xmlPar->GetPath() + ' --> No OK'
  success = 0
ENDELSE

xmlPar = xmlObj->GetParameter('los.LOS.polyParY')
value = xmlPar->GetValue()
result = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12]
IF max(value-result) EQ min(value-result) THEN BEGIN
  print, 'Parameter: ' + xmlPar->GetPath() + ' --> OK'
ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
  print, 'Parameter: ' + xmlPar->GetPath() + ' --> No OK'
  success = 0
ENDELSE
```

```
xmlPar = xmlObj->GetParameter('los.LOS.initialTime.year')
value = xmlPar->GetValue()
IF value EQ 2009 THEN BEGIN
  print, 'Parameter: ' + xmlPar->GetPath() + ' --> OK'
ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
  print, 'Parameter: ' + xmlPar->GetPath() + ' --> No OK'
  success = 0
ENDELSE

xmlPar = xmlObj->GetParameter('los.LOS.missionNames')
value = xmlPar->GetValue()
result = ['BioMass', 'Premier', 'CoreH2O']
IF where(strcmp(value, result) NE 1) EQ -1 THEN BEGIN
  print, 'Parameter: ' + xmlPar->GetPath() + ' --> OK'
ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
  print, 'Parameter: ' + xmlPar->GetPath() + ' --> No OK'
  success = 0
ENDELSE

OBJ_DESTROY, xmlPar
OBJ_DESTROY, xmlObj
OBJ_DESTROY, CLP
OBJ_DESTROY, LOG

print, ''

IF success EQ 1 THEN $
  print, 'Successful test' $
ELSE $
  print, 'Failed test'

END
```

4.5.5.1. IDL licenses

IDL provides three types of licenses in function of the needs of the user:

- IDL development: Full license for IDL that allows to the user to use all its functionalities. Users can access to the IDL Development Environment, the IDL command line, and having the ability of compiling and executing IDL .pro files.
- IDL runtime: Allows executing IDL programs precompiled and saved as .SAV files without any type of restriction.
- IDL virtual machine: It is a free license that allows to the user to execute IDL programs precompiled and saved as .SAV files. This kind of license has a few restrictions, like displaying a splash screen on startup, callable IDL applications are not available..

4.5.6. Matlab Programming language

Here is an example of Matlab code that uses the different modules of the integration libraries.

```
function CloudsDetection (varargin)

% Check input arguments
if (nargin<3)
    error ('number of argumets not valid');
end

%-----
% OSFI Initialization and parameter reading
%-----
% Add OSFI path
OSFI_MATLAB = '<OSFI_INSTDIR>/include/Matlab/';
addpath (OSFI_MATLAB);

% Init CLP and Logger
clp = CLP(varargin{:});
log = Logger();
log.setDebugMode(true);

% Get inputs, outputs and configuration files using
inputFolder = clp.inputFiles(1);
outFile      = clp.outputFiles(1);
confFile     = clp.confFiles(1);

% Parse configuration files and read all the parameters
log.info (['Reading configuration parameters from ' confFile]);
cfm = ConFM (confFile);

brightness_threshold = cfm.getParameter ('thresholds.brightness').getValue;
NDSI_threshold       = cfm.getParameter ('thresholds.NDSI').getValue;
temperature_threshold = cfm.getParameter ('thresholds.temperature').getValue;
composite_threshold  = cfm.getParameter ('thresholds.composite').getValue;
filter5_threshold    = cfm.getParameter ('thresholds.filter5').getValue;
filter6_threshold    = cfm.getParameter ('thresholds.filter6').getValue;
filter7_threshold    = cfm.getParameter ('thresholds.filter7').getValue;
filter8_threshold    = cfm.getParameter ('thresholds.filter8').getValue;

%-----
% Module Processing Core
%-----
% Read input images
log.info ('Reading input files');
BLUE = imread ([inputFolder '/B10.TIF']); % blue-green band
GREEN = imread ([inputFolder '/B20.TIF']); % green
RED = imread ([inputFolder '/B30.TIF']); % red
NIR = imread ([inputFolder '/B40.TIF']); % near infrared
MIR1 = imread ([inputFolder '/B50.TIF']); % mid-infrared
TIR = imread ([inputFolder '/B60.TIF']); % thermal infrared
MIR2 = imread ([inputFolder '/B70.TIF']); % mid-infrared
[rows cols] = size (BLUE);

% Process images
log.info ('Processing images');
OUT = [];
NDSI = (GREEN - MIR1) ./ (GREEN + MIR1);
composite = (1 - MIR1) .* TIR;
filter5 = NIR ./ RED;
filter6 = NIR ./ GREEN;
filter7 = NIR ./ MIR1;
filter8 = MIR1 ./ TIR;

NO_CLOUD = (RED < brightness_threshold) | (NDSI > NDSI_threshold) | (TIR > temperature_threshold);
AMBIGUOUS =
((composite > composite_threshold) | (filter5 > filter5_threshold) | (filter6 > filter6_threshold) | (filter7 < filter7_threshold));
WARM_CLOUD = (filter8 > filter8_threshold);
COLD_CLOUD = (filter8 <= filter8_threshold);

OUT = AMBIGUOUS * 50;
```

```
pos = find (OUT==0);  
OUT(pos) = WARM_CLOUD(pos)*150 + COLD_CLOUD(pos)*255;  
OUT = OUT.*not(NO_CLOUD);  
  
% Write data  
log.info ('Writing output data');  
imwrite (uint8(OUT), outFile);  
  
end
```

4.5.7. Python Programming Language

Here is an example of Python code that uses the different modules of the integration libraries assuming that they are available either in the directory in which the interpreter is running, in the list of directories contained in the PYTHONPATH environment variable or in the `sys.path` search path (if installed as per section 3.5.2.1).

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
from OSFI.ParamReader import ParamReader
from OSFI.CLP import CLP
from OSFI import Logger

def main(argv=None):
    matrixIntParam = 'los.LOS.polyParY'
    vectorDoubleParam = 'los.LOS.iDomain'

    try:
        clp = CLP(argv) # If given None, CLP will read sys.argv

        # Show conf files, inputs and outputs using CLP
        cf = clp.getConfFiles()
        Logger.info ('Configuration files: ' + ', '.join(cf))
        inf = clp.getInputFiles ()
        Logger.info ('Input files:          ' + ', '.join(inf))
        outf = clp.getOutputFiles ()
        Logger.info ('Output files:          ' + ', '.join(outf))

        # Read the local configuration file
        reader = ParamReader(cf[1])
        Logger.info("Printing whole parameters file")
        reader.write()

        mi = reader.getParameter(matrixIntParam).getMatrixInt()
        Logger.info(matrixIntParam)
        for i in range(len(mi)):
            for j in range(len(mi[0])):
                print(f"[{0}][{1}] = {2}".format(i, j, mi[i][j]))

        vd = reader.getParameter(vectorDoubleParam).getVectorDouble()
        Logger.info(vectorDoubleParam)
        print(vd)

        return 0
    except Exception as e:
        Logger.error("TestModule failed: " + str(e))
        Logger.finishExecution(1)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main() # CLP will read sys.argv itself
```

4.5.8. Java Programming Language

Below is an example of Java code that uses the different modules of the integration libraries.

```
import java.util.List;

import esa.opensf.osfi.CLP;
import esa.opensf.osfi.Logger;
import esa.opensf.osfi.ParamReader;
import esa.opensf.osfi.Parameter;

public class TestModel {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            CLP clp = new CLP(args);
            List<String> cf = clp.getConfFiles();
            Logger.info ("Configuration files: " + cf);
            Logger.info ("Input files:          " + clp.getInputFiles());
            Logger.info ("Output files:           " + clp.getOutputFiles());

            ParamReader cfm = new ParamReader(cf.get(1)); // Parse LCF
            Parameter param = cfm.getParameter ("los.LOS.iDomain");
            double[] valueVectorDouble = param.getVectorDouble();
            for (int i = 0; i < valueVectorDouble.length; i++) {
                System.out.println(valueVectorDouble[i]);
            }

            param = cfm.getParameter ("matrix5x4");
            int[][] matrix = param.getMatrixInt();
            for (int i = 0; i < matrix.length; i++) {
                for(int j = 0; j< matrix[i].length; j++) {
                    System.out.println(matrix[i][j]);
                }
            }
        } catch (Exception e) {
            Logger.error("TestModule failed: " + e.getMessage());
            Logger.finishExecution(1);
        }
    }
}
```

5. COMPATIBILITY WITH PREVIOUS VERSIONS

Each release of OSFI is not guaranteed to be source or (for compiled languages) binary-compatible with previous versions. However, we do strive to keep source compatibility where possible, so that upgrading to a new version consists only of rebuilding against the latest OSFI. In particular, releases with the same minor version (e.g. 3.5.x) should be source-compatible.

In order to ease the upgrade path from previous versions of OSFI, this section details the incompatible API changes since the last version for each language. Note that, in general, only breaking changes are detailed here, with “breaking” defined as changes that cause a previously building source to fail to build, or to build but stop working. There may be other changes with a “soft” upgrade path, like deprecated functionality that raises a warning about the appropriate upgrade path. Such functionality will only appear in this section when it is finally removed from OSFI.

5.1. Migrating from OSFI 3.4 to 3.5

5.1.1. All/multiple Languages

Removal of support for attribute “ndims” (all languages)

Affected API: ParamReader/ConFM, Parameter constructors, Parameter.getDims

The “ndims” attribute was never part of [E2E-ICD], but it was recognized by and affected parsing behavior in several OSFI implementations. This attribute has been completely removed from OSFI 3.5, and is now ignored if present in configuration files. In particular, functions like Parameter.getDims now return consistent values across languages, while getNdims returns the length of the vector/list returned by getDims.

Given a file like with a parameter like the following:

```
<!-- Old-style array, one dimension but ndims=2 -->
<parameter name="x" ndims="2" dims="3" type="INTEGER">
  1 2 3
</parameter>
```

Implementations would previously have returned a variety of dimension arrays from getDims depending on whether “ndims” was being parsed or not (e.g. [3 0] in C++, [3 1] or [1 3] in other languages). In the new version, the “ndims” attribute is ignored and all implementations concur that the parameter shown is a vector of dimension 3.

As a consequence of the above changes, the constructors for Parameter instances in all languages no longer accept the “ndims” argument. In languages where arguments are purely positional, this is a breaking change that may either prevent building or fail at runtime, depending on the language. However, in most cases user code should not call Parameter constructors directly, so the impact to user code is likely to be small.

Parameter constructors now take different argument types (all languages)

Affected API: Parameter constructors

The specific effects depend on the language, but the “dims” argument is now a language-specific dynamic array instead of a string. For example, the argument has the type vector<int> in C++ and List<Integer> in Java, while in Matlab/Python an array/sequence of integral values is expected.

Scalar parameters now have zero dimensions (all languages)

Affected API: Parameter.getNdims, Parameter.getDims

For scalar parameters that do not have an explicit “dims” attribute, the default is to return zero from getNdims and the language-specific version of an empty integer list from getDims. This may be a breaking change for many users which may expect getNdims to never return zero, or for the dims return value to always have at least one element.

Xerces-C++ is now used privately (C++/FFI, C, Fortran)

Affected API: most OSFI-C++ headers

Xerces-C++ is the XML library used by OSFI-C++, and indirectly by OSFI-C, OSFI-Fortran and the deprecated OSFI-F77 to perform the low-level parsing of the configuration files. Until the previous version, this was an open fact exhibited by the OSFI CMake configuration and its headers. However, in the interest of encapsulation and a possible future move to a different XML library, the new version uses Xerces-C privately, as an implementation detail.

This means that, among other things, CMake target `XercesC::XercesC` is no longer part of the `INTERFACE_LINK_LIBRARIES` specification of OSFI-C++, so client executables or libraries declared to link against one of the mentioned OSFIs will not automatically get to the Xerces-C include path and library⁸ injected in its own build settings.

This may be a significant breaking change if the user code attempts to perform its own XML parsing using Xerces but does not link against it itself, instead relying on the OSFI dependency. User code that uses Xerces should thus depend on it directly.

5.1.2. C++

Internal files and classes removed from public interface

Affected API: class `ParameterParsingException` (moved to different header), class `StrX`, class `WriteErrorHandler`, all functions in `VectorTypes.h` (removed), class `XMLparser` and macros in `vt100.h` (moved to private sources folder), class `ParamReader` and class `UsageReader` (inheritance tree modified).

The following headers have been removed, so trying to include them is now an error:

- `ConFM/ParameterParsingException.h`, but not the class of the same name, which has been moved to the `ConFM/ParamReader.h` header
- `ConFM/StrX.h`, along with the class of the same name
- `ConFM/VectorTypes.h`, including functions `intVector`, `doubleVector`, `fileVector`, `atob`, `str`, `boolVector` and `fileFormattedValue`
- `ConFM/WriteErrorHandler.h`, along with the class of the same name
- `ConFM/XMLparser.h`, along with the class of the same name
- `EHLog/vt100.h`

These classes and/or functions were implementation details of other OSFI code, so they have been removed, either from the public API exported by the library, or altogether since they were made redundant by code rewrite. In particular, public API classes `ParamReader` and `UsageReader` no longer inherit from `XMLparser`, using it privately instead.

Xerces-C++ headers are no longer included by OSFI headers

Affected API: most OSFI-C++ headers

As detailed in the previous section, Xerces-C++ is now used privately in the CMake definition of the OSFI-C++ library. This means, among other things, that executables or libraries linking to OSFI will not get the Xerces include paths automatically, which forces OSFI to remove any mention of them from its own public headers.

Thus, user code using any Xerces type or function (e.g. `XMLCh`, `DOMDocument`) needs to ensure that the proper Xerces-C++ headers are included directly.

5.1.3. C

Removed some included headers from OSFIC.h, added include guard

Affected API: none directly (“collateral damage”)

⁸ If OSFI is built as a static library, it is possible that the Xerces-C++ library will still be a transitive dependency, since in many platforms static libraries are merely “object archives” and not truly “linked” until they are introduced into an executable or dynamic library.

The OSFI C interface has been pruned and redundant code has been removed from the headers. In particular, the main C header is now wrapped in a double inclusion guard with the macro `OSFI_C_INTERFACE`. However, references to `stdio.h` and `stdarg.h` have been removed from `OSFIC.h`. Thus, code that inadvertently used functions or definitions from those files but did not include them directly will fail to build.

The solution is consistently including whatever headers your code uses, even if you think/know that they are already included by third party library headers.

```
#include "OSFIC.h" // No longer includes stdio.h (FILE, fopen)
#include <stdio.h> // Insert this or the module will no longer build

int main(int, const char**) {
    FILE* f = fopen("work.dat", "wb"); // Will no longer work
    //...
    return 0;
}
```

Bugfix in matrix getters output arguments for sizes

Affected API: all `osfiConFMGetMatrix(T)Values` functions, `osfiConFMfileExist`.

A bug causing matrix sizes to be incorrectly returned by OSFI-C matrix getters has been fixed. However, for code that depended on the returned (flipped) value of the “rows” and “columns” output arguments to those functions, the change will be breaking.

It should be noted that the `osfiConFMGetColumns` and `osfiConFMGetRows` functions did not exhibit this bug, so their return values have not changed.

5.1.4. Fortran

No breaking API changes exist between versions 3.4 and 3.5 of OSFI-Fortran, although the API continues to be fleshed out with new functions.

However, some bugs related to the bridge between Fortran and C++ (mostly off-by-one errors) have been fixed, which may be considered a breaking change if the code depended on a workaround.

5.1.5. Java

Renaming of OSFI package

Affected API: all of OSFI-Java

A major breaking change is that the OSFI-Java classes are now under a package named “`esa.opensf.osfi`” instead of simply “`osfi`”, in application of ESA Java coding guidelines. This change obviously breaks both source and binary compatibility, but the fix is simply renaming references accordingly in both import statements and fully-qualified names:

```
import osfi.Parameter; // Remove this
import esa.opensf.osfi.Parameter; // Replace with this
```

Parameter returns primitive arrays where appropriate

Affected API: `Parameter.getVectorT` and `getMatrixT`, with `T = (Int, Double, Boolean)`

After an overhaul of parameter parsing, the `Parameter` class will no longer return arrays of boxed types like `Integer` or `Boolean`. Instead, those methods will return arrays of primitive types. Types that return arrays of strings are not affected. This change speeds up parsing of large parameter arrays, since the process directly generates primitive arrays with contiguous values, instead of arrays of references to possibly scattered values.

```
Parameter p = ...;
Integer[][] val = p.getMatrixInt(); // Remove this
int[][] val = p.getMatrixInt(); // Replace with this
```

A possible secondary effect of this change is that primitive arrays do not play nicely with some collection-utility methods such as `java.util.Arrays.asList`, so code that relied on such methods to wrap the returned arrays with a `List<T>` will no longer work.

The solution is twofold: if your module is using Java 8+, you can probably switch processing code to the Stream API, using `Arrays.stream()` and `IntStream` instead of `Arrays.asList()` and `List<Integer>`. Otherwise, or if a `List` of a wrapper type is absolutely required, you can either do the conversion yourself or use a supporting library like [Guava](#).

```
// This won't work anymore b/c java.util.Arrays does not produce
// a List<Integer> from an int[] argument - T must extend Object!
List<Integer> li = Arrays.asList(p.getVectorInt());

// Solution 1, for Java 8+: switch to Stream API and work with it
// either directly or as a way to obtain a List.
IntStream is = Arrays.stream(p.getVectorInt());
int minPosVal = is.filter(v -> v>0).min().orElse(0); // Work directly
List<Integer> li1 = is.boxed().collect(Collectors.toList()); // List

// Solution 2a: manual conversion to Integer array
List<Integer> li2a = new ArrayList<>();
for (int v : p.getVectorInt())
    li2a.add(v);

// Solution 2b: automatic conversion/wrapping with utility methods
// from external libraries e.g. Guava or Apache Commons Lang.
List<Integer> li2b = Ints.asList(p.getVectorInt()); // From Guava
```

New API for ARRAY-typed variables

Affected API: `Parameter.getArrayValue` (removed)

The parsing of structured types in OSFI-Java has been rewritten in this version. The previous API was incoherent with the rest of the OSFI-Java interface, since unlike the other functions to retrieve a value, the `getArrayValue` function provided a single point without the possibility to get a typed result, always returning an Object array.

Furthermore, the previous implementation introduced a confusing permutation of dimensions for 3-D arrays, relabeling the outermost dimension of such an array as the “third” dimension instead of the first as would be customary in Java.

The new API is introduced under the name `getArrayRootNode`, and is similar in design to the C++ version. It exposes a tree of `ArrayNode.Raw` instances that can be navigated starting from the 1st dimension (formerly the 3rd) or parsed in a type-safe fashion into either a flattened array `V[]` or a parsed tree structure `ArrayNode<V[]>`. See §4.3.8 for the detailed interface.

Given a configuration file with a parameter like:

```
<parameter name="arr" dims="2" type="ARRAY" elementType="INTEGER"...>
  <parameter dims="3" type="ARRAY">
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">1 2 3 4</parameter>
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">5 6 7 8</parameter>
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">9 10 11 12</parameter>
  </parameter>
  <parameter dims="2" type="ARRAY">
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">-1 -2 -3 -4</parameter>
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">-5 -6 -7 -8</parameter>
  </parameter>
</parameter>
```

Previous versions of the OSFI-Java API would have consumed the parameter with code similar to the following:

```
Parameter p = pr.getParameter("arr");

// Both calls return Object[] with Integer elements, not Integer[][]
Object[] a = p.getArrayValue(0, 1); // row=0, thirdDimension=1
System.out.println(Arrays.toString(a)); // Prints "[-1, -2, -3, -4]"

Object[] b = p.getArrayValue(1); // row=1, thirdDimension=0
System.out.println(b[2]); // Prints "7"

// Obtaining an array of primitives requires copying the data
int[] b_prim = new int[b.length];
for (int i=0; i < b.length; ++i)
    b_prim[i] = b[i]; // Auto-unboxing in Java 5+
```

However, in the new API the array root node does return primitive arrays (int[], etc.) for the appropriate element types. User code may choose to retrieve and parse only a certain slice of the parameter, as in the first example; or to parse the full parameter and *then* access whatever slices are needed, as in the second example.

```
Parameter p = pr.getParameter("arr");

// Now, getArrayRootNode returns an ArrayNode.Raw instance, which
// can be indexed first and then parsed partially...
ArrayNode.Raw raw = p.getArrayRootNode()
int[] a = raw.getSubNodeAt(1,0).getVectorInt(); // layer=1, row=0
System.out.println(Arrays.toString(a)); // Prints "[-1, -2, -3, -4]"

// ... or parsed as a full tree and then indexed into.
ArrayNode<int[],?> parsed = raw.getTreeInt();
int[] b = parsed.getDataAtSub(0, 1);
System.out.println(b[2]) // Prints "7"
```

Collection classes replaced by interfaces in API

Affected API: CLP, ParamReader.getParameters, Parameter.getDims (ArrayList to List), Parameter.getOtherAttributes (HashMap to Map).

Instead of taking and/or returning concrete collection classes (ArrayList, HashMap), the API now works with the corresponding interface (List, Map) in order to improve encapsulation. In cases where the API *takes* one such argument, existing code is source-compatible, but for *return values* the compilation may fail if use code expects a collection class to be returned.

```
ArrayList<Parameter> params = pr.getParameters("group"); // Old
List<Parameter> params = pr.getParameters("group"); // New
```

Internal classes and methods removed from public interface

Affected API: Vt100, XMLParser, Logger.readFile

These classes were implementation details of Logger and ParamReader, respectively, so they have been removed from the public API exported by the library. If your code absolutely must use such a class, you can find it in the OSFI source.

5.1.6. Python

As in other languages, the parameter parsing code was rewritten in this version of OSFI-Python. Most of the changes are non-breaking, such as the fact that getMatrixX functions no longer raise Exception but the subclass TypeError.

Removal of the duplicated “constructor” in Parameter

Affected API: Parameter.init (removed), Parameter.__init__

As part of the removal of support for the “ndims” attribute, the function Parameter.init was also removed from the OSFI-Python interface. This was an unpythonic pseudo-constructor that allowed a Parameter object to be “reinitialized” after being created. Instead, if changes are needed to the basic attributes of a Parameter object, it should be replaced with a newly initialized one. The main breaking change could surface if it was paramount that the *same instance* of the class was modified.

For example, if a module variable is created and then the code wants to re-initialize the parameter, Python will assume that the assignment to the name (when using the new constructor-based syntax instead of the old function) creates a local variable instead. In this case, the workaround is simply telling Python that the variable to be assigned to is the module-scoped one, using the “global” keyword as in the example.

Note, however, that this is still a workaround, since the module-scoped variable no longer points to the same instance of Parameter as it did before.

```
# Create a module-level Parameter object and then write to it
p = Parameter(...) # Create with some data at module level

def func_that_alters_module_var(newVal, newLen):
```

```
# Previously: reinitialize with special function
p.init("name", "description", "INTEGER", newVal,
      "", "", "", "1", str(newLen), None)
# New version: replace object with constructor
global p # So that we don't create a local variable p instead
p = Parameter("name", "description", "INTEGER", newVal, newLen)
```

Parameter constructor arguments renamed

Affected API: `Parameter._init__`

The following arguments to the `Parameter` constructor have been renamed:

- `aName` → `name`
- `aDescription` → `description`
- `aType` → `eType`
- `aValue` → `value`

Since the mentioned arguments are compulsory, the renaming will not affect user code providing them via positional syntax, but it is a breaking change for code that tries to pass the old parameters via keywords.

Getters for scalar values now return None on failure

Affected API: `Parameter.get(T)Value` function, for all `T`

The previous version of OSFI returned a type-specific default value if the parameter value could not be parsed. This could result in correct but unintuitive behavior, like “true” being parsed as `False` (since the correct value is only “TRUE”, in capitals). Instead, the new version returns `None` in such situations.

While this change is compatible in many common situations, like Boolean evaluation, it may be breaking depending on the usage made by user code and the version of Python, as shown in the example below:

```
val = pr.getParameter("param").getIntValue()

# This code for a user code-specific default will still be valid
v = val if val else 7
# The new None return also allows telling an actual "0" from an error
v = val if val is not None else 7

# However, this will fail in Python 3, since NoneType is no longer
# comparable to int
sig = 1 if val >= 0 else -1
```

New API for ARRAY-typed variables

Affected API: `Parameter.getArrayValue`, `Parameter.getValue`

Like in other languages, the parsing of structured types has been reimplemented in this version. In 3-D arrays, the first dimension in the file is no longer permuted to the 3rd dimension in the parameter, so for any code that read such arrays, this change is breaking.

Given a configuration file with a parameter like:

```
<parameter name="arr" dims="2" type="ARRAY" elementType="INTEGER"...>
  <parameter dims="3" type="ARRAY">
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">1 2 3 4</parameter>
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">5 6 7 8</parameter>
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">9 10 11 12</parameter>
  </parameter>
  <parameter dims="2" type="ARRAY">
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">-1 -2 -3 -4</parameter>
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">-5 -6 -7 -8</parameter>
  </parameter>
</parameter>
```

The indices used to address the sections of the array change so that the dimension that is actually first in the file also becomes the first in the code, instead of being permuted. The combination of that behavior with the defaulting

of the “third dimension” (actually first) to 1 will cause different results, since the new API will, if insufficient indexes are given to return a single vector or element, return a cell array with subtree of values.

```
p = pr.getParameter("arr")

# Previous syntax with "third dimension" for the outermost layer
print(p.getArrayValue(0, 1)) # row, thirdDimension -> "[-1,-2,-3,-4]"
print(p.getArrayValue(1)) # row=1, thirdDimension=0 -> "[5,6,7,8]"

# Currently, the same slices must be addressed like:
print(p.getArrayValue(1, 0)) # Now prints "[-1,-2,-3,-4]"
print(p.getArrayValue(0, 1)) # Now prints "[5,6,7,8]"

# The function also allows returning larger slices or single elements
print(p.getArrayValue(1)) # Prints "[[-1,-2,-3,-4],[-5,-6,-7,-8]]"
print(p.getArrayValue(0,2,3)) # Now prints "12"
```

Furthermore, the `getRawValue` function that returns the unparsed value of the parameter will now return an `ArrayNode` instance that allows user code to examine the structure of the unparsed strings at each level of the parameter.

The `getValue` function now returns the parsed value

Affected API: `Parameter.getValue`

The function returning the raw (unparsed) value of a parameter has been renamed `getRawValue` for uniformity across OSFI implementations. The `getValue` function now returns the parsed value with the declared type (which can be overridden) and dimensionality/structure.

```
# Create a module-level Parameter object and then write to it
p = pr.getParameter('integerParam')

rawVal = p.getValue() # This was a string before, but is now an int
rawVal = p.getRawValue() # This is a string
intVal = p.getValue() # New interface for general parsed value
dblVal = p.getValue(asType=ParamType.FLOAT) # Type can be overridden
```

The actual return type of the new `getValue` depends on the dimensionality and ARRAY-ness of the parameter: a scalar parameter will return a single instance of the correct type, while a vector (matrix) will return a list (of lists) of such instances. The return value for ARRAY parameters is the same as calling `getArrayValue`, that is, nested lists representing the parameter structure in the XML.

5.1.7. Matlab

New Parameter parsing engine: removal of N/A and `str2num` usage

Affected API: `ConFM`, `Parameter`

Previously, many fields of a `Parameter` instance used the `str2num` function to parse inputs. In particular, the `dims`, `min` and `max` properties, and also the value for numeric and Boolean parameters, were parsed in this manner.

This implementation caused several Matlab-specific inputs to be allowed, like “1” and “0” for Boolean parameters or “6+2” for a numeric parameter. However, it is also an important security problem, since any Matlab code (possibly malicious) was *also* a valid input. Thus, it has been removed as part of a complete overhaul of parsing in the new OSFI-Matlab, which is now a much closer match to [E2E-ICD]. This means that, among other changes:

- Structured types no longer consider the “N/A” string as a missing element placeholder. For string-like types, it is interpreted as a normal value, while for other types it triggers an error.
- Boolean parameters only accept “TRUE” or “FALSE” as values.
- Integer parameters reject non-integer values like “3.7”, “Inf” or “NaN”.

While not a syntactic API break in the sense of changing the names or arguments of the functions in the OSFI-Matlab interface; this is an important modification to the semantics of the API and thus may cause modules that depended on some specific behavior of the previous version to fail with an unchanged configuration file. In general, a file that was able to be parsed by a non-Matlab OSFI in a previous release should still be parseable with the new Matlab engine.

New Parameter parsing engine: types of values

Affected API: `Parameter.getValue`, `Parameter.getArrayValue`

In order to more closely match the specification in [E2E-ICD], the new parsing engine returns values of Matlab type `int32` instead of `double` if a parameter is of type `INTEGER`. This change may be breaking in certain cases where arrays of values are compared.

```
p = pr.getParameter('integerParam');

valueOk = p.getValue() - [1 2 3]; % Error: integer - double vector
valueOk = p.getValue() - int32([1 2 3]); % New format
```

New API for ARRAY-typed variables

Affected API: `Parameter.getArrayValue`

Like in other languages, the parsing of structured types has been reimplemented in this version. In 3-D arrays, the first dimension in the file is no longer permuted to the 3rd dimension in the parameter, so for any code that read such arrays, this change is breaking.

Given a configuration file with a parameter like:

```
<parameter name="arr" dims="2" type="ARRAY" elementType="INTEGER"...>
  <parameter dims="3" type="ARRAY">
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">1 2 3 4</parameter>
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">5 6 7 8</parameter>
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">9 10 11 12</parameter>
  </parameter>
  <parameter dims="2" type="ARRAY">
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">-1 -2 -3 -4</parameter>
    <parameter dims="4" type="ARRAY">-5 -6 -7 -8</parameter>
  </parameter>
</parameter>
```

The indices used to address the sections of the array change so that the dimension that is actually first in the file also becomes the first in the code, instead of being permuted. The combination of that behavior with the defaulting of the “third dimension” (actually first) to 1 will cause different results, since the new API will, if insufficient indexes are given to return a single vector or element, return a cell array with subtree of values.

```
p = pr.getParameter('arr');

% Previous syntax with "third dimension" for the outermost layer
disp(p.getArrayValue(1, 2)); % row, thirdDimension -> "[-1 -2 -3 -4]"
disp(p.getArrayValue(2)); % row=2, thirdDimension=1 -> "[5 6 7 8]"

% Currently, the same slices must be addressed like:
disp(p.getArrayValue(2, 1)); % Now prints "[-1 -2 -3 -4]"
disp(p.getArrayValue(1, 2)); % Now prints "[5 6 7 8]"

% The function also allows returning larger slices or single elements
disp(p.getArrayValue(2)); % Prints "[[-1 -2 -3 -4] [-5 -6 -7 -8]]"
disp(p.getArrayValue(1,3,4)); % Now prints "12"
```

5.2. Migrating from OSFI 3.5 to 3.6

5.2.1. All/multiple languages

CLP can now return special missing values for configuration files

Affected API: CLP getConfigFiles

With the introduction of CLV2 and official support for modules without local or global configuration files, the call to get the configuration files may return elements that do not correspond to an actual file.

CLV2 inputs always return a 2-element list where the first and second elements correspond to the GCF and LCF respectively, and each may be missing. The CLV1 parser now also allows inputs such as “gcf,” that will produce a 2-element list with a missing second element.

The actual representation of these missing elements depends on the language:

- ❑ C++, C, Fortran: empty (0-length) strings.
- ❑ Java, Python: `null/None` elements.
- ❑ Matlab: for string inputs, the missing string, as generated by the `missing` function⁹ and converted to string array type. For char vector inputs, which do not allow this representation, empty (0-length) char vectors.

Reorganization of “include” type files

Affected API: C++ and Fortran

In the generated binaries package, or the installed directory structure, the OSFI-C++ include files and OSFI-Fortran module files were previously placed directly under the resulting “include” folder. However, after this change they are placed in subfolders named “osfi-cpp” and “osfi-fortran” respectively.

This change does not affect users that rely on CMake to build their OSFI-dependent code, since the relevant target properties have been adapted. However, users who build their code via some other means (e.g. manual Makefiles or some other build system) may need to adapt the include and/or Fortran module paths in their compilation settings.

Note that the C header file was not moved to a subfolder because it is a single file.

5.2.2. C++

CLP getter methods are now const-qualified

Affected API: CLP getConfig/Input/OutputFiles

This is a source-compatible but possibly binary-incompatible change, so rebuilding the module against the new OSFI should work as-is.

5.2.3. C

No further incompatible changes (see also the changes for all languages in section 5.2.1).

5.2.4. Fortran

No further incompatible changes (see also the changes for all languages in section 5.2.1).

5.2.5. Java

Support for Java 7 dropped (in v3.5.5)

Affected API: all

⁹ See the Mathworks reference for the `missing` function.

With the end of “premium” support for Java 7 in 2019¹⁰, support for it was dropped. Building OSFI-Java now requires at least Java 8, and its code may use elements new to Java 8 both internally and in the API.

Removal of “stream” methods in Logger

Affected API: Logger getXStream functions

The “get stream” methods in OSFI-Java seemed to be loosely patterned after those in the C++ version. However, they are unnecessary since the standard library already provides a way of using the basic functions to produce general output, via `String.format`.

Furthermore, those functions as defined were problematic and cumbersome to use, unlike their counterparts in C++, since they generated an obscure type that had to be transformed into a String and manually written to the standard output.

```
// Before
System.out.println(Logger.getInfoStream() + v + " is " + num);
// After
Logger.info(String.format("%s is %f", v, num));
```

5.2.6. Python

Support for Python 2 dropped (in v3.5.4)

Affected API: all

With the end of life of CPython 2.7 in 2020¹¹, OSFI-Python deprecated support for the Python 2 line. Thus, OSFI-Python now requires at least Python 3.6, and may use its capabilities both internally (e.g. f-strings) and externally (e.g. type annotations).

Non-package based imports are deprecated

Affected API: all

Prior to version 3.5.4, OSFI-Python was provided directly as module files directly on the global namespace. From then on, an “OSFI” package was also provided, so depending on how OSFI-Python was installed/provided and how the `sys.path` variable was set up, users could import OSFI modules directly or via the package.

From version 3.6.0 on, the non-package import of OSFI modules is deprecated and no longer supported. All OSFI modules may from now on use code incompatible with the direct import (e.g. package-relative imports).

```
# Before, with the OSFI modules directly in sys.path
import Logger
# With the OSFI folder in sys.path, or using the wheel package
from OSFI import Logger
```

5.2.7. Matlab

Support for Matlab R2018b or earlier is deprecated

Affected API: all

The reference environment used for developing and testing OSFI is now Matlab R2019a, versus R2013b for prior versions. Support for versions earlier than R2017a is definitely removed, due to the usage of double-quoted string arrays in the sources.

Function-based queries to CLP are deprecated

Affected API: CLP

The following functions have been deprecated, because they have similar names to those in the generic definition of the API, but were different in terms of the implementation:

¹⁰ See the Oracle Java support schedule/roadmap

¹¹ See [PEP-373](#), detailing the release schedule and end-of-life dates for CPython 2.7.

- ❑ `getConfigFiles`, `getInputFiles`, `getOutputFiles`: instead of providing access to the individual files, these legacy functions actually returned a single char vector with all relevant files joined by commas.
- ❑ `nConfFiles`, `nInputFiles`, `nOutputFiles`: these functions return the number of files for each type of file.
- ❑ `getConfigFile`, `getInputFile`, `getOutputFile`: these functions take an index and return the i^{th} file of the relevant type.

The replacement is to access the relevant properties of the CLP object directly. Those are named `confFiles`, `inputFiles` and `outputFiles`, respectively. They are string arrays if the CLP object was initialized using strings, or cell arrays of char vectors otherwise.

```
% Before, with CLP object clp
for i = 1:clp.nInputFiles
    disp(clp.getInputFile(i))
% After, with CLP object created using char vectors
for i = 1:length(clp.inputFiles)
    disp(clp.inputFiles{i}) % Or inputFiles(i) if using strings
```

5.3. Migrating from OSFI 3.6 to 3.7

OSFI 3.7 only contains new features and bug corrections, no features in the API have been either deprecated or removed in this version.

5.4. Migrating from OSFI 3.7 to 3.8

5.4.1. All/multiple languages

Reference environments updated

See the changes to section 3.3. In particular, the breaking change is that the minimum version of CMake that can be used to build OSFI has been raised to 3.16.

Also, the Dockerfile providing the Linux reference environment has been updated.

5.4.2. Java

Deprecation of internal function

Affected API: `Logger.printlnMessage`

The mentioned method was never intended to be public, and has been marked as deprecated. In a future version, it will be removed with no further warning.

5.4.3. Python

Support for Python 3.6 dropped

Affected API: all

With the end of life of CPython 3.6 in December 2021 (see [PEP-494](#)), OSFI-Python now requires at least Python 3.7, and may use its capabilities both internally (e.g. data classes) and externally (e.g. forward references in type annotations).

5.5. Migrating from OSFI 3.8 to 3.9

5.5.1. All/multiple Languages

Deprecation of function “getName” (all languages)

Affected API: ConFM Parameter

The getName operation available in Parameter returned different values depending on the language: in some it returned just the local/last part of the name, while in others it returned the full path. Two new functions have been introduced to the API in order to have a uniform behaviour across all languages:

- ❑ getLocalName returns just the local name (last part of the name) of the parameter.
- ❑ getPath returns its fully qualified name.

The original getName function is now deprecated in all languages and may be removed in the future, so user code needs to be modified to explicitly choose the desired result. This has been indicated in the Doxygen/Javadoc documentation, and also in the following language-specific ways:

- ❑ C++: the function is marked with the [[deprecated]] attribute (if using C++14) that may produce a compiler warning on usages.
- ❑ Java: the function is annotated with @Deprecated, with the same effect as C++.
- ❑ Python: the function emits a DeprecationWarning
- ❑ Matlab: the function emits a warning with id OSFI:Parameter:DeprecatedAPI.

5.5.2. C++

DynamicArray API modified for safety

Until version 3.8, DynamicArray provided access to its elements with a row-oriented API based on operator[], which returned potentially mutable references to the vectors storing the items in each row. From OSFI 3.9 onwards, this is considered an implementation detail of the class, so the following changes have been made to the API:

- ❑ The non-const overload of operator[] has been removed directly, since it allowed the caller to break class invariants (e.g. by resizing individual rows).
- ❑ The const overload has been deprecated, both in documentation and (if using C++14) with the [[deprecated]] attribute. It will be removed in a future release.
- ❑ In their place, an operator() taking two indices (row and column) has been introduced. Both const and mutable overloads are provided.
- ❑ In addition, for similarity with other containers, an at() member function has been provided with const and mutable overloads. It works similarly to operator() but it is guaranteed to throw when either index is out of the valid range.

This means that the following changes need to be applied to user code:

```
DynamicArray<int> mi = // Read from a MATRIX parameter, for example
const DynamicArray<double>& cmd = // Same

// Old code
std::cout << mi[2][5] << cmd[1][7]; // May get deprecation warnings
mi[2][5] = -1; // Will no longer compile, mi[2] is const vector&
mi[2].resize(10); // Same

// New code
std::cout << mi(2,5) << cmd(1,7); // operator() returns [const] T&
mi.at(2,5) = -1; // at() throws if out of range
// The per-row resize is no longer possible
```

5.5.3. Matlab

Logger constructor parameter deprecated

Calling the Logger constructor with one argument never did anything, and is now deprecated for future removal. User code should use the constructor without arguments. For now, the constructor emits a warning with id OSFI:EHLogger:DeprecatedAPI if called with any arguments.

5.6. Migrating from OSFI 3.9 to 3.10

5.6.1. All/multiple languages

Incompatible bugfixes in Parameter.getDims

In the Python and C++ versions of the libraries (and the related C and Fortran versions), the “dimensions” of an ARRAY parameter were considered to be just the outermost dimension. Since 3.10, the dimensions of an ARRAY parameter are the rectangular envelope of the actual dimensions, in all languages.

There is no explicit workaround, other than explicitly looking at the first dimension.

5.6.2. C

New CLP API

The old CLP and ConFM API has been deprecated because it was cumbersome to use in a safe way. Instead, users should transition to the new API. The old API is still available for now, although it will be removed in a future version.

Most calls to the old CLP functions become much simpler in the new API: the single function `osfiClpParseArgs` returns a pointer to an OSFI-allocated structure where all types of files can be queried without extra allocations.

```
// Before: manual memory management by the caller
char inpFiles[3][MAX_LENGTH_FILE_NAME+1];
int numFiles;
osfiCLP(argc, argv); // Initialize CLP component
osfiCLPGetInputFiles(inpFiles, &numFiles);
if (numFiles != 3) {...}
// Use inpFiles
osfiCommonClose()

// After: OSFI manages memory
osfi_clp_args* args = osfiClpParseArgs(argc, argv);
if (!args || args->input->count != 3) {...}
// Use args->input->files
osfiClpFree(args);
```

New ConFM API

For the same reasons as CLP, the old ConFM API has been deprecated. Instead, users should transition to the new API which is safer and easier to use. The old API is still available, although it will be removed in a future version.

In the new API, more than one configuration file can be open at once, so the initialization function returns a pointer to an OSFI-allocated struct of type `osfi_paramreader_t` that must be passed to all other calls.

Reading values is now safer and simpler, since the module no longer must allocate memory. Instead, OSFI does so as needed, attaching it to the lifetime of the “pr” object. All such blocks are freed when `osfiConFmCfgFileClose` is called with that instance, so the module must either keep it open, or copy the data to its own memory.

```
// Before: manual memory allocation
if (!osfiConFMReadConfigFile("file.xml")) {...}

double fltVal; // Scalar parameter
osfiConFMGetDoubleValue(&fltVal, "paramPath");
printf("Scalar float parameter = %g\n", floatParam, fltVal);

// Matrix Parameters
int m = osfiConFMGetRows(matPar), n = osfiConFMGetColumns(matPar);
int * imat = malloc(m * n * sizeof(int)); // Manual memory management
int rows, cols;
osfiConFMGetMatrixIntegerValues(imat, &rows, &cols, "matrix5x4");
for (i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < cols; j++)
        printf("M[%d][%d] = %d\n", i, j, imat[i*cols+j]);
}
free(intMat); // Manual free
osfiCommonClose();
```

```
// After: OSFI allocates memory
osfi_paramreader_t* pr = osfiConFmCfgFileOpen("file.xml");
if (!pr) {...}

double fltVal; // Scalar parameter
if (!osfiConFmParamValue(&fltVal, pr, "paramPath")) {...}
printf("Scalar float parameter = %g\n", floatParam, fltVal);

osfi_matInteger_t* imat; // Matrix Parameters
if (!osfiConFmParamValue(&imat, pr, "matrix5x4")) {...}
for (i = 0; i < imat->rows; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < imat->cols; j++)
        printf("M[%d][%d] = %d\n", i, j, imat->values[i*imat->cols+j]);
}
osfiConFmCfgFileClose(pr); // All other memory freed here
```

5.6.3. Python

Incompatible bugfix in Parameter.getPath

Previously, `Parameter.getPath` was incorrectly implemented, and returned results equivalent to what calling `Parameter.getLocalName` should return. The latter raised an exception in most cases. Now, both methods return the intended value.

5.6.4. Matlab

Incompatible change in Parameter.getMin/getMax

Previously, `Parameter.getMin` and `Parameter.getMax` returned the numerical value of the properties, as parsed by `str2double`. This was problematic for TIME parameters, which can have min/max values but could not be parsed this way. Since 3.10, they return the unparsed value, like in all other languages.

The workaround is to parse these raw values manually, if the user desires.

5.7. Migrating from OSFI 3.10 to 3.11

5.7.1. C++

Support for C++11 and C++14 dropped

OSFI-C++ now requires a C++17-compliant compiler to build and may use its features both in API (e.g. `std::any`, `std::string_view`) and implementation (`std::filesystem`, `std::from_chars`).

Removal of deprecated or OSFI-internal code

The long-deprecated `Parameter.getValue` function has been removed. Use the `getRawValue` function, or the family of functions that return a parsed value.

The macros `OSFI_DEPRECATED` and `OSFI_NO_RETURN`, which existed only to provide support for attributes that are standard in C++17, have been removed.

Floating-point locale dependency in non-compliant compilers

Parsing of numbers in the ConFM module now uses the C++17 feature `std::from_chars`, which provides locale-independent conversions, since the format of numbers in configuration files do not depend on the locale settings. This improves robustness, avoiding errors that could be triggered if the user's locale has a different decimal separator (e.g., "," instead of ".") and some part of the program enables it.

However, not all compilers implement the floating-point version of that function. If the compiler used to build OSFI does not support this feature (for example, GCC <12, Clang <21), OSFI will temporarily fall back to the previous implementation based on `std::strtod`. In this case, numeric parsing will be locale-dependent as in prior versions, and users may encounter errors if the locale is not set to "C" or "POSIX" prior to calling ConFM functions.

To ensure locale-independent floating-point parsing, it is recommended to upgrade your compiler to a version that supports `std::from_chars` for floating-point types too.

5.7.2. Java

Support for Java 8-16 dropped

Building OSFI-Java now requires a Java 17-capable compiler, and its code may use elements new to Java 17 both internally and in the API.

The ArrayNode class is now sealed

In OSFI-Java, the `ArrayNode` class has been made sealed, permitting only the two subclasses provided by the library. This change prevents user subclassing, which was never intended and could lead to unsupported behavior.

OSFI-Java can now be used as a JPMS module

The OSFI-Java library can now be used as a JPMS (Java Platform Module System) module, in addition to the traditional classpath usage. This enables developers to build modular Java applications and use tools like `package` to create a bundled application containing all dependencies and a native launcher.

New API implementing the JDK `System.Logger` interface and service

The new JDK `System.Logger` interface provides a very basic logging system-independent API. OSFI now provides functions that return an implementation of that interface which redirects messages sent to it to the OSFI log. This wrapper allows classes that do not directly depend on OSFI (e.g., external libraries or user code) to send their log messages to the OSFI logging system seamlessly.

Additionally, a class implementing a provider for the `System.LoggerFinder` service is available. It is not registered by default, but if the user opts in, then any class calling the JDK method `System.getLogger()` will automatically receive an OSFI-wrapping logger, integrating OSFI logging transparently with Java's standard logging API. See §4.3.8.2 for details.

5.7.3. Python

Support for Python 3.8 and 3.9 dropped

Affected API: all

With the end of life of CPython 3.8 and 3.9 in October 2024 and 2025 respectively, OSFI-Python now requires at least Python 3.10. Its features may be used both internally and in the API.

Extended and more precise typing annotations

Affected API: all

In OSFI-Python, typing annotations have been extended to modules that did not previously include them and have been made tighter and more precise.

This improves code clarity, type checking, and IDE support, helping developers catch errors at development time.

TimeValue now converts arguments to int

Affected API: `TimeValue`

The constructor for `TimeValue` now converts its arguments to `int` before storing them. This is only a breaking change if your code expected values of other types to be stored and retrievable as those types.

5.7.4. Fortran (since 3.11.1 only)

New initialization API for handle-owning objects

Affected API: `OSFI_CLP`, `OSFI_ParamReader`

Objects that manage OSFI-C++ resources now provide an explicit `init()` subroutine for initialization, replacing the constructor-style functions as the preferred API.

Old style (3.10):

```
clp = OSFI_CommandLineParser()
pr = OSFI_ParamReader(fileName)
```

New preferred style (3.11):

```
Call clp%init()
Call pr%init(fileName)
```

The constructor-style functions are still available for backward compatibility but are now deprecated and may be removed in a future release. Applications are encouraged to migrate to the `init()` API, which provides clearer ownership semantics and avoids unnecessary temporary objects that may cause issues in some compilers, see ⁶.

Ownership semantics for ParamReader and Parameter

Affected API: `OSFI_ParamReader`, `OSFI_Parameter`

In OSFI 3.10, `OSFI_ParamReader` (and the common-handle design) could allow user code to copy objects that implicitly refer to the same underlying C++ resource. Combined with finalization semantics and compiler differences, this could result in double-destruction and undefined behaviour.

In OSFI 3.11, `OSFI_ParamReader` now uses internal reference counting. Copies of a reader now safely share ownership of the same underlying C++ resource, which is destroyed only when the last surviving copy is finalized. Existing code that copies `OSFI_ParamReader` objects should now behave correctly without requiring changes.

Regarding `Parameter`, the existing behaviour is now documented: `OSFI_Parameter` is explicitly a non-owning view into data owned by the `OSFI_ParamReader` that produced it (`getParamRef`). As a consequence:

- An `OSFI_Parameter` must not outlive its originating `OSFI_ParamReader`.
- Destroying the parent reader while retaining parameter objects leaves the parameter handles dangling. Crucially, `isValid()` cannot detect this situation, since validity refers only to the handle of the parameter object, not external lifetime consistency.

Removal of the OSFI_Handle base type

Affected API: `OSFI_ParamReader`, `OSFI_Parameter`

The internal base type `OSFI_Handle`, previously used in 3.10 to present a shared abstraction for OSFI objects, has been removed. Previously, both `OSFI_ParamReader` and `OSFI_Parameter` extended a common handle type. In 3.11, this abstraction has been removed and each type manages its handle explicitly:

- `OSFI_ParamReader` uses a reference-counted internal handle (`OSFI_RefCounted`)
- `OSFI_Parameter` uses a non-owning handle.

Any user code that relied on polymorphic behaviour through `OSFI_Handle` must be updated to use the concrete types directly.

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