



1 Integrate

Built-in Function

Programmer Guide

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1 Overview

The Rule extensibility API allows you to create custom functions ("built-in functions") in Java for use in the 1Integrate rule builder.

This guide explains the 1Integrate Rule Extensibility API using sample code supplied with 1Integrate, and provides details on how to write and implement your own code.

The sample source code is located in the Documentation directory of your installation package and in ["Sample Code" on page 9](#).

Prerequisites

This guide assumes you have the following skill set and software tools:

- A good understanding of how to use 1Integrate
- A good knowledge of Java for creating custom built-in functions
- A Java editor
- Access to the `gothic-java-[version].jar` and `rulelibapi-[version].jar` files, available in the `1Integrate-api-<version>.zip` which is included in the product package.

2 Creating Functions

Each new built-in function is held in a self-contained Java class. This class defines the functionality, the interface, and the help tooltip, as seen in the rule builder.

Once created, built-in functions are accessed in the 1Integrate Workspace.


Class Interface

Each function is implemented in its own class. To ensure the functionality is called correctly and the tooltip is displayed, the class defining the new function must be set up as follows:


- **Declaration** - `public class [class_name] implements BuiltinFn` declares the class as a function.

As a special case, if you want to pass 3D geometries to this function, then also implement from the `Builtin3D` class. The name of the class is not displayed in the 1Integrate interface; the results of the `getName` function is displayed.

- **Classes to import** - To ensure your new functions can access the data in the 1Integrate cache, you need to import a set of classes held in the gothic library:
 - `gothic.main.GothicException`
 - `com.onespatial.rule.interfaces.BuiltinFn`

 **Note:** You can import other classes to implement functions, such as geometry manipulation. For these classes, refer to the Java API documentation `*-javadoc.jar`, within the `1Integrate-api-<version>.zip`.

These classes are in the `gothic-java-[version].jar` and `rulelibapi-[version].jar` files, available in the `1Integrate-api-<version>.zip` which is included in the product package. These libraries are included in the package to enable the building of custom built-in functions

 **Note:** You must either define a no argument constructor or provide no constructors and allow the default to be used.


Public Methods


The following public methods must be set up for each function:

Public Method	Description
<code>public String getName()</code>	Returns a name in the Built-in Function list in 1Integrate. The name does not need to be the same as the <code>class_name</code> .
<code>public int getMinNumArgs()</code>	Returns the minimum number of parameters to be passed to the built-in function. This can be zero or more, and represents the number of non-optional parameters.
<code>public int getMaxNumArgs()</code>	Returns the maximum number of parameters to be passed to the built-in function. This can be any number equal to or greater than the minimum number of parameters and represents the number of non-optional parameters plus the maximum number of non-optional parameters. For unlimited parameters, return <code>Integer.MAX_VALUE</code> . For a fixed number of parameters, then this method should return the same number as <code>getMinNumArgs</code> .
<code>public Object evaluate(Object[] args) throws GothicException</code>	Contains the functionality for a built-in function. The return value is an <code>Object</code> . The arguments are an array of <code>Objects</code> that must be cast to the required class within this function.

2 Creating Functions

The following functions will be used to populate the tooltips within the Rule and Action builder user interface:

 **Note:** When creating strings, avoid HTML reserved characters such as `<>` and `&` unless they are used as valid HTML.

Function	Description
<code>public String getVersion()</code>	Returns your version number for the built-in function as a string, for example "1.0".
<code>public String getGeneralDescription()</code>	Returns a general description of the function as a string. The return value will be embedded within HTML, so HTML formatting can be used if required.
<code>public String getArgumentDescription(int arg)</code>	Returns the description of the argument for the specific number (starting from 0). This will be called for each argument from 0 up to, but not including, <code>getNumArgs()</code> . The return value will be embedded within HTML, so HTML formatting can be used if required. If there is an unlimited number of arguments (i.e. <code>Integer.MAX_VALUE</code>) then only the description for the first optional argument is displayed.
<code>public String getReturnDescription()</code>	Returns a description of the function's return value. The return value will be embedded within HTML, so HTML formatting can be used if required.
<code>public String getGroup()</code>	Returns the name of the group of functions within which to list this built-in in the interface. <div data-bbox="758 1848 1340 1993"><p> Note: This does not need to be an existing group, a new group will be created if it does not already exist.</p></div>

Function	Description
	<p>If this is unimplemented or returns null, then the functions will be listed in a default group.</p> <p>Default groups are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geometric• Identity• Mathematical• Bit Manipulation• String• Timestamp• Topological• Collection• Shifting

Casting Input Parameters

The input parameters to a function are passed in to the `evaluate()` method as an array of `Java.Lang.Objects`.

You should cast each array value into the correct Java class. The values in the array are in the same order as the parameters passed to the function. The mapping from 1Integrate data types to Java objects is as follows:

1Integrate data type	Java object
Boolean	<code>java.lang.Boolean</code>
Date/Timestamp	<code>gothic.descriptor.Timestamp</code>
Geometry 2D	<code>gothic.descriptor.Geometry</code>
Geometry 3D	<code>gothic.descriptor.HeightedGeometry</code>
Integer	<code>java.lang.Integer</code>
Integer64	<code>java.lang.Long</code>
Object	<code>gothic.main.GothicObject</code>
Real	<code>java.lang.Double</code>
String	<code>java.lang.String</code>


Returning Values from a Function

Typically you will return values of types listed in "[Casting Input Parameters](#)" on the previous page, which then get assigned or reported within a rule or action.

Destroying Geometries and Descriptor Objects

All objects inheriting from `gothic.descriptor.Descriptor` that are created inside the `evaluate ()` must be destroyed to prevent memory leaks and keep memory usage low during processing.

The most commonly used objects of this class are `gothic.descriptor.Geometry`.

 **Note:** All input parameters will be destroyed by `Integrate` after the method has returned. If any `gothic.descriptor` input parameters will be modified and returned from the method, ensure that you return a copy of the object (using the `copy ()` method) before returning the value. For geometries, do not make any modifications to the input geometry before copying it. Otherwise, you will modify the original geometry passed in to the function and the Rule or Action may produce unexpected results.

To destroy the objects, call the `destroy ()` method on each object before the method returns. To ensure that this happens in all cases, put the destroy call within a `finally ()` block.

For example:

```
Geometry inputGeom = (Geometry)args[0];
Geometry bufferedGeometry = null;
try
{
    bufferedGeometry = inputGeom.bufferCreate
```


```
(10.0, 10.0);
    return bufferedGeometry.getData().areaArea
}
finally
{
    if (bufferedGeometry != null)
        bufferedGeometry.destroy();
}
```

Creating an Extension jar

Custom built-ins must be compiled and packaged into a **.jar** file.

When compiling the java files, you must ensure the `gothic-java-jar` file is on the classpath.


In order for 1Integrate to find the new built-ins, a java ServiceLoader configuration file must also be present within the **.jar** file. This should be a single file called `META-INF/services/com.onespatial.rule.interfaces.BuiltInFn`. The file should contain fully qualified names of any built-in function implementation classes that you have created, with one per line.

 **Note:** The **.jar** file can be created using any standard Java development environment, such as Eclipse.


Deployment

Custom extensions can be stored in the `EXTENSIONS` folder in the 1Integrate bundle.

If you want to define your own directory outside of the 1Integrate bundle, then you will need to change the `settings.properties` file. To do this, add the following, replacing the default value:
`1integrate.extension.dir=<directory location>`

 **Note:** Manually setting the directory location is recommended if you would like to persist custom extensions between installations and upgrades.

Testing a New Function

 **Note:** The entire application server must be restarted before testing the new functionality.

Test a newly created function

1. Create a new rule with something that requires a value, such as a condition comparison.
2. Within the Element Details tab, select a **Type** of Built-in Function, then use the **Function** drop-down list to select the new function.
3. Using the **Help** tooltip, check that the number of minimum and maximum parameters, the version number, and other descriptions are correct.
4. Check you can add parameters up to, but not over, your expected maximum.
5. Create a new session and apply the rule.
6. If behaviour is not as expected, then correct any errors, rebuild the `.jar` file and re-deploy it to the application server (see "[Creating an Extension jar](#)" on the previous page).

3 Sample Code

```
package sample.oneintegrate.builtin;
import gothic.descriptor.Descriptor;
import gothic.descriptor.Geometry;
import gothic.descriptor.HeightedGeometry;
import gothic.main.GothicException;
import gothic.support.rv.GeometrySaGetDataRV;
import com.onespatial.rule.interfaces.BuiltinFn;
/**
 * Built-in function to return the 'roundness' of a
 * polygon, calculated as
 * (area * 4 * pi/(perimeter squared) of a geometry.
 */
public class Roundness implements BuiltinFn
{
    public String getName()
    {
        return "get_roundness";
    }

    public String getVersion()
    {
        return "1.1";
    }

    public int getMinNumArgs()
    {
        return 1;
    }
}
```

```
public int getMaxNumArgs()
{
    return 1;
}

public String getGeneralDescription()
{
    return "Calculate the 'roundness' of a
polygon, calculated as (area * 4 * pi/(perimeter
squared) of a geometry. Perfect circles return 1,
more complex and spidery shapes return lower
values.";
}

public String getArgumentDescription(int arg)
{
    if (arg == 0)
    {
        return "A simple or multi polygon
geometry. If empty or non-polygon geometries are
passed in then 0 is returned. If non-geometry types
are passed in then an exception is raised.";
    }
    else
    {
        return null;
    }
}

public String getReturnDescription()
{
```

```
        return "A real value between 0 and 1. 1
means a perfect circle, 0 means a fractal of
infinite complexity.";
    }

    public String getGroup()
    {
        return "Example Group";
    }

    public Object evaluate(Object[] args) throws
GothicException
    {
        Geometry geomArg = null;
        double area, perimeter;
        GeometrySaGetDataRV info;

        try
        {
            if (args[0] instanceof Geometry)
            {
                Descriptor arg0 = (Descriptor) args
[0];
                geomArgs = (Geometry)
arg0.copyDescriptor();
            }
            else if (args[0] instanceof
HeightedGeometry)
            {
                HeightedGeometry arg0 =
(HeightedGeometry) args[0];
```

```
        geomArgs = arg0.get2DGeometry();
    }
    else
    {
        throw new GothicException("This
function must be
        passed a geometry");
    }
    if (geomArg.getType() != Geometry.SIMP_
AREA && geomArg.getType() != Geometry.COMP_AREA)
    {
        return new Integer(0);
    }
    // empty geometries are ignored
    if(geomArg.testClear())
    {
        return new Integer(0);
    }
    info = geomArg.saGetData();
    area = info.totalArea;
    perimeter = info.perimeter;

    // return (area * 4 * pi) / perimeter
squared
    return new Double(area * 4 *
java.lang.Math.PI) / (perimeter * perimeter);
}
finally
{
    if (geomArg != null)
    {
```

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```
        geomArg.destroy();
    }
}
}
```