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# Chapter 1. Emitter Framework

The entry classes are arranged into the class hierarchy shown below.

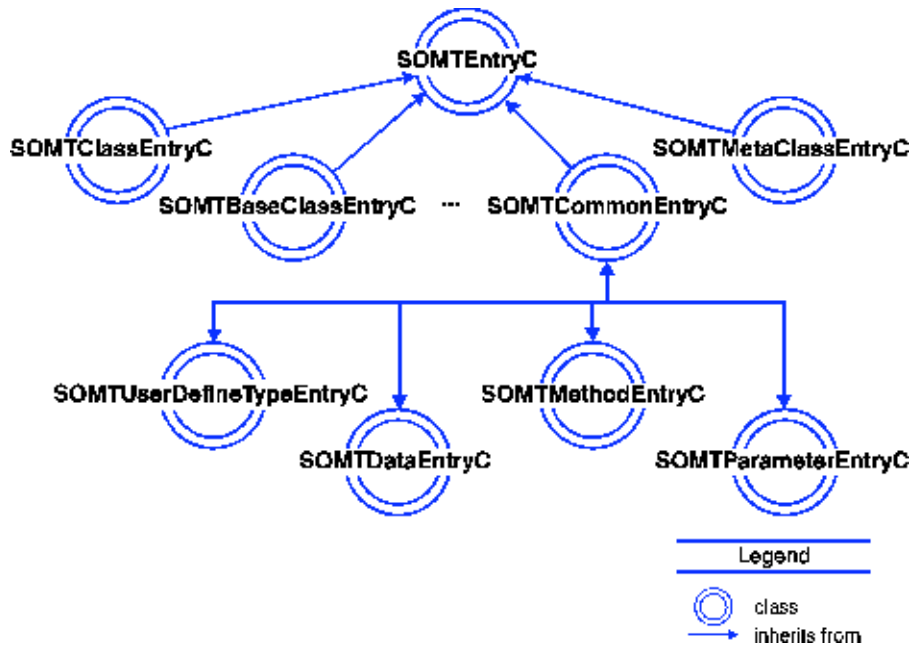


Figure 1. Entry Class Hierarchy

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## SOMTAttributeEntryC Class

A **SOMTAttributeEntryC** object represents an attribute declaration statement in a class interface definition. It provides attributes for accessing the type of the attribute and whether it is readonly, and methods for accessing the names of the attributes being declared and their **get** and **set** methods.

### File Stem

**scattrib**

### Base

**SOMTEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass Class**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMTEntryC Class**

**SOMObject Class**

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtIsReadOnly**

(**boolean**) Whether the attribute is defined as readonly. This attribute has no **set** method.

#### **somtAttribType**

(**SOMTEntryC**) A pointer to an entry object representing the base type of the attribute. This does not include pointer stars or array declarators; to get the full type, get each attribute declarator in turn and get its **somtType** attribute. This attribute has no **set** method.

### New Methods

#### **somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**

**somtGetFirstAttributeDeclarator**

**somtGetFirstGetMethod**

**somtGetFirstsetMethod**

#### **somtGetNext<Item> Methods**

**somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator**

**somtGetNextGetMethod**

**somtGetNextsetMethod**

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**

**somDumpSelfInt Method**



## somtGetFirst<Item> Methods

These methods get the first declarator, **get** method, or **set** method for an attribute entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTDataEntryC somtGetFirstAttributeDeclarator ();
SOMTMethodEntryC somtGetFirstGetMethod ();
SOMTMethodEntryC somtGetFirstsetMethod ();
```

**Note:** These methods do not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetFirst<Item>** methods return the first item of the type shown above for the entry specified by *receiver*. The next item of the same kind can be obtained using the corresponding **somtGetNext<Item>** method. For example, the **somtGetFirstAttributeDeclarator** method returns the entry representing the first declarator of the specified attribute entry. The **somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator** can be used repeatedly to retrieve each successive declarator.

The same **somtGetFirst<Item>** and **somtGetNext<Item>** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because after the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (d1 = _somtGetFirstAttributeDeclarator(attrib); d1;
     d1 = _somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator(attrib))
  for (d2 = _somtGetFirstAttributeDeclarator(attrib); d2;
       d2 = _somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator(attrib))
    /* etc. */
```

Nested loops such as the one above are permissible if the target object (for example, “attrib”) of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item>** method is used in the inner loop (for instance, you can nest a **somtGetNextGetMethod** loop inside a **somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator** loop).

### Parameters

**receiver**

The entry whose first item is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

These methods return the first declarator, **get** method, or **set** method for an attribute entry.

### Example

To iterate through the declarators of an attribute statement:

```
SOMTDataEntryC myEntry;
SOMTAttributeClassEntryC attrib;

printf("List of declarators:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstAttributeDeclarator(attrib);
     myEntry;
     myEntry = _somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator(attrib))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

### Related Information

**somtGetNext<Item> Methods**

## somtGetNext<Item> Methods

These methods get the next declarator, **get** method, or **set** method for an attribute entry, relative to the previous call for a similar entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTDataEntryC somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator ();
SOMTMethodEntryC somtGetNextGetMethod ();
SOMTMethodEntryC somtGetNextsetMethod ();
```

**Note:** These methods do not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetNext<Item>** methods return the next declarator, **get** method, or **set** method for the entry represented by receiver, if it has a next item of that type. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

A call to a **somtGetNext<Item>** method is relative to the last call of either the same method or the corresponding **somtGetFirst<Item>** method applied to the same entry object.

This implies that the same **somtGetFirst<Item>** and **somtGetNext<Item>** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (d1 = _somtGetFirstAttributeDeclarator(attrib); d1;
     d1 = _somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator(attrib))
  for (d2 = _somtGetFirstAttributeDeclarator(attrib); d2;
       d2 = _somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator(attrib))
    /* etc. */
```

Nested loops such as the one above are permissible if the target object of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item>** method is used in the inner loop.

### Parameters

#### receiver

The entry whose next item is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

These methods return the next item for the entry represented by *receiver*, if it has a next item. Otherwise, it returns NULL. The type of item returned is specific to the method.

### Example

To iterate through the declarators of an attribute statement:

```
SOMTDataEntryC myEntry;
SOMTAttributeClassEntryC attrib;

printf("List of declarators:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstAttributeDeclarator(attrib);
     myEntry;
     myEntry = _somtGetNextAttributeDeclarator(attrib))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

### Related Information

**somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**

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## SOMTBaseClassEntryC Class

A **SOMTBaseClassEntryC** object represents a base class declaration in a class definition. The entry for the base class itself is accessed via the **somtBaseClassDef** attribute.

### File Stem

scbase

### Base

SOMTEntryC Class

### MetaClass

SOMClass Class

### Ancestor Classes

SOMTEntryC Class

SOMObject Class

### Attributes

Listed below is the available attribute, its corresponding type in parentheses and a description of its purpose:

**somtBaseClassDef**

(**SOMTClassEntryC**) An entry object representing the definition of the base class named in this entry. This attribute has no set method.

### New Methods

None

### Overriding Methods

**somDumpSelfInt** Method

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry** Method

---

## SOMTClassEntryC Class

A **SOMTClassEntryC** object represents a complete class interface definition. A **SOMTClassEntryC** object provides methods for accessing the constants, types, structs, unions, enums, sequences, attributes, and methods defined within an interface statement. It also provides methods for accessing the instance data, passthru, and release names defined in the SOM IDL implementation section of the interface statement.

A number of the possible statements in an IDL definition are optional. When they are missing from the class definition, then methods that would return an entry for that kind of statement will return NULL.

### File Stem

**scclass**

### Base

**SOMTEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass Class**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMTEntryC Class**

**SOMObject Class**

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtSourceFileName**

**(string)** The name of the file containing the class definition. This attribute has no **set** method.

#### **somtMetaClassEntry**

**(SOMTMetaClassEntryC)** A pointer to an entry object representing the metaclass statement in a class definition, or NULL if there is none explicitly specified. This attribute has no **set** method.

#### **somtClassModule**

**(SOMTModuleEntryC)** The module enclosing this class, or NULL if there is not one.

#### **somtNewMethodCount**

**(long)** The number of methods the class introduces. This attribute has no **set** method.

#### **somtStaticMethodCount**

**(long)** The number of static methods the class introduces. This attribute has no **set** method.

#### **somtOverrideMethodCount**

**(long)** The number of methods the class overrides. This attribute has no **set** method.

#### **somtProcMethodCount**

**(long)** The number of procedure methods the class implements. This attribute has no **set** method.

#### **somtVAMethodCount**

**(long)** The number of methods in the class that take a variable number of arguments. This attribute has no **set** method.

**somtBaseCount**

(int) The number of base classes for the class. This attribute has no **set** method.

**somtMetaClassFor**

(**SOMTClassEntryC**) If the class is a metaclass, a pointer to an entry object representing a class for which it is a metaclass. This attribute has no **set** method.

**somtForwardRef**

(**boolean**) Whether or not this entry represents a forward reference. This attribute has no **set** method.

## New Methods

The **SOMTClassEntryC** class introduces new methods from groups scanners and filters.

### Group: scanners

**somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**

**somtGetFirstBaseClass**  
**somtGetFirstReleaseName**  
**somtGetFirstPassthru**  
**somtGetFirstData**  
**somtGetFirstMethod**  
**somtGetFirstInheritedMethod**  
**somtGetFirstAttribute**  
**somtGetFirstConstant**  
**somtGetFirstStruct**  
**somtGetFirstUnion**  
**somtGetFirstEnum**  
**somtGetFirstTypedef**  
**somtGetFirstSequence**  
**somtGetFirstPubdef**

**somtGetNext<Item> Methods**

**somtGetNextBaseClass**  
**somtGetNextReleaseName**  
**somtGetNextPassthru**  
**somtGetNextData**  
**somtGetNextMethod**  
**somtGetNextInheritedMethod**  
**somtGetNextAttribute**  
**somtGetNextConstant**  
**somtGetNextStruct**  
**somtGetNextUnion**  
**somtGetNextEnum**  
**somtGetNextTypedef**  
**somtGetNextSequence**  
**somtGetNextPubdef**

**somtGetReleaseNameList Method**

### Group: filters

**somtFilterNew Method**  
**somtFilterOverridden Method**

### Overriding Methods

**somDumpSelfInt Method**  
**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**

## somtFilterNew Method

Determines whether a method is introduced by a particular class.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtFilterNew (in SOMTMethodEntryC method);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtFilterNew** method returns TRUE if the specified method is introduced by the class represented by the *receiver*. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTClassEntryC** representing a class.

**method**

An object of class **SOMTMethodEntryC Class** representing the method to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtFilterNew** method returns TRUE if the specified method is introduced by the class represented by the *receiver*. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Example

```
SOMTClassEntryC cls = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTMethodEntryC method;
method = _somtGetFirstMethod(cls);
if (_somtFilterNew(cls, method))
    printf("Method %s is introduced by %s.\n",
        __get_somtEntryName(method),
        __get_somtEntryName(cls));
```

### Original Class

**SOMTClassEntryC**

### Related Information

**somtFilterOverridden Method**  
**somtNew Method**  
**somtNewProc Method**  
**somtNewNoProc Method**

## somtFilterOverridden Method

Determines whether a method is overridden by a particular class.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtFilterOverridden (in SOMTMethodEntryC method);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtFilterOverridden** determines whether a method is overridden by a particular class.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTClassEntryC** representing a class.

**method**

An object of class **SOMTMethodEntryC** representing the method to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtFilterOverridden** method returns TRUE if the specified method is overridden by the class represented by the receiver. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Example

```
SOMTClassEntryC cls = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTMethodEntryC method;
method = _somtGetFirstMethod(cls);
if (_somtFilterOverridden(cls, method))
    printf("Method %s is an overriding method.\n",
        __get_somtEntryName(method));
```

### Original Class

**SOMTClassEntryC**

### Related Information

**somtFilterNew Method**

**somtOverridden Method**

## somtGetFirst<Item> Methods

These methods get the first item (such as a parent class, method, constant) for a class entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTAttributeEntryC somtGetFirstAttribute ();
SOMTBaseClassEntryC somtGetFirstBaseClass ();
SOMTConstEntryC somtGetFirstConstant ();
SOMTDataEntryC somtGetFirstData ();
SOMTEnumEntryC somtGetFirstEnum ();
SOMTMethodEntryC somtGetFirstInheritedMethod ();
SOMTMethodEntryC somtGetFirstMethod ();
SOMTPassthruEntryC somtGetFirstPassthru ();
string somtGetFirstReleaseName ();
SOMTSequenceEntryC somtGetFirstSequence ();
SOMTStructEntryC somtGetFirstStruct ();
SOMTTypedefEntryC somtGetFirstTypedef ();
SOMTUnionEntryC somtGetFirstUnion ();
SOMTEntryC somtGetFirstPubdef ();
```

**Note:** These methods do not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetFirst<Item>** methods return the first item of the type shown above for the entry specified by *receiver*, if it has one. Otherwise, it returns NULL. The next item of the same kind can be obtained using the corresponding **somtGetNext<Item>** method. For example, the **somtGetFirstMethod** method returns the entry representing the first new or overriding method of the specified class. If the class has no new or overriding methods, it returns NULL. The **somtGetNextMethod** can be used repeatedly to retrieve each successive method. The **somtGetFirstPubdef** method returns the first constant/type definition of the class, whether a typedef, struct, union, etc. If the class does not explicitly declare a metaclass or include the IDL specification for **SOMClass**, then the first **pubdef** will be an entry introducing **SOMClass** as a valid type name.

Note that the same **somtGetFirst<Item>** and **somtGetNext<Item>** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextMethod** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (m1 = _somtGetFirstMethod(cls); m1;
     m1 = _somtGetNextMethod(cls))
  for (m2 = _somtGetFirstMethod(cls); m2;
       m2 = _somtGetNextMethod(cls))
    /* etc. */
```

Nested loops such as the one above are permissible if the target object of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item>** method is used in the inner loop.

### Parameters

#### receiver

The entry whose first item is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

These methods return the first item (such as a parent class, method, constant) for a class entry. The type of item returned is specific to the method.



## Example

To iterate through the base classes of a class:

```
SOMTBaseClassEntryC myEntry;

printf("List of base classes:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstBaseClass(cls); myEntry;
     myEntry = _somtGetNextBaseClass(cls))
    printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

## Related Information

[somtGetNext<Item> Methods](#)

## somtGetNext<Item> Methods

These methods get the next item for a class entry, relative to the previous call for a similar entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTAttributeEntryC somtGetNextAttribute ();
SOMTBaseClassEntryC somtGetNextBaseClass ();
SOMTConstEntryC somtGetNextConstant ();
SOMTDataEntryC somtGetNextData ();
SOMTEnumEntryC somtGetNextEnum ();
somtMethodEntryC somtGetNextInheritedMethod ();
somtMethodEntryC somtGetNextMethod ();
SOMTPassthruEntryC somtGetNextPassthru ();
string somtGetNextReleaseName ();
SOMTSequenceEntryC somtGetNextSequence ();
SOMTStructEntryC somtGetNextStruct ();
SOMTTypedefEntryC somtGetNextTypedef ();
SOMTUnionEntryC somtGetNextUnion ();
SOMTEntryC somtGetNextPubdef ();
```

**Note:** These methods do not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

**somtGetNext<Item>** return the next item for the entry represented by *receiver*, if it has a next item. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

A call to a **somtGetNext<Item>** method is relative to the last call of either the same method or the corresponding **somtGetFirst<Item>** method, applied to the same entry object. This implies that the same **somtGetFirst<Item>** and **somtGetNext<Item>** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextMethod** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (m1 = _somtGetFirstMethod(cls); m1;
     m1 = _somtGetNextMethod(cls))
  for (m2 = _somtGetFirstMethod(cls); m2;
       m2 = _somtGetNextMethod(cls))
    /* etc. */
```

Nested loops are permissible if the target object of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item>** method is used in the inner loop.

### Parameters

#### receiver

The entry whose next item is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

These methods return the next item for the entry represented by *receiver*, if it has a next item. Otherwise, it returns NULL. The type of item returned is specific to the method.

### Example

To iterate through the base classes:

```
SOMTBaseClassEntryC myEntry;
printf("List of base classes:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstBaseClass(cls); myEntry;
```

```
myEntry = _somtGetNextBaseClass(cls)  
printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

## Related Information

[somtGetFirst<Item> Methods](#)

## somtGetReleaseNameList Method

Gets the release-order list of a class.

### IDL Syntax

```
long somtGetReleaseNameList (in string buffer);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetReleaseNameList** method puts the release-order list of the specified class in buffer. Names in the list are delimited by newlines so that the list can be used as a symbol value suitable for list substitution. Users must allocate enough space for the buffer; no tests are made to assure that adequate space has been allocated. Upon completion, **somtGetReleaseNameList** returns the number of release-order names stored in buffer.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTClassEntryC** representing a class.

**buffer**

The address of a character buffer in which to store the release-order list.

### Return Value

The **somtGetReleaseNameList** method returns the number of names stored in buffer.

### Original Class

**SOMTClassEntryC Class**

### Related Information

**somtGetFirstReleaseName** and **somtGetNextReleaseName** as associated with **somtGetFirst<Item> Methods** and **somtGetNext<Item> Methods** respectively.

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## SOMTCommonEntryC Class

The **SOMTCommonEntryC** class defines methods and attributes that are common to its subclasses: **SOMTMethodEntryC Class**, **SOMTDataEntryC Class**, **SOMTUserDefinedTypeEntryC Class** and **SOMTParameterEntryC Class**. Entry objects that an emitter uses are instances of one of these subclasses, rather than of **SOMTCommonEntryC** itself. The **SOMTCommonEntryC** class provides attributes and methods for accessing type information.

### File Stem

sccommon

### Base

SOMTEntryC Class

### Metaclass

SOMClass Class

### Ancestor Classes

SOMTEntryC Class

SOMObject Class

### Attributes

Below is each available attribute, its corresponding type in parentheses, and its purpose.

#### somtTypeObj

(**SOMTEntryC**) A pointer to the object representing the type of the entry. This attribute may be NULL when processing an input file containing an OIDL, rather than an IDL, interface specification. This attribute has no set method.

#### somtType

(string) The IDL type of the entry, in string form. For methods, this is the return type; for data, parameters, or user-defined types, it is the type. It is in the form *<typename><pointer stars> <array- declarators>*. This attribute has no **set** method.

#### somtPtrs

(string) The string of stars associated with a pointer type. For example, a type “short \*” has `somtPtrs = “*”`, a type “short \*\*” has `somtPtrs = “**”`, and so forth. If the type of the entry is not a pointer, then `somtPtrs = NULL`. This attribute may be NULL when processing an input file containing an OIDL, rather than an IDL, interface specification. This attribute has no set method.

#### somtArrayDimsString

(string) The array dimensions, as a string, for entries of array type. There is no **set** method.

### New Methods

**somtIsArray Method**

**somtIsPointer Method**

**somtGetFirstArrayDimension Method**

**somtGetNextArrayDimension Method**

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**

**somDumpSelfInt Method**

## somtGetFirstArrayDimension Method

The **somtGetFirstArrayDimension** method gets the first array dimension for particular entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
unsigned long somtGetFirstArrayDimension ( );
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetFirstArrayDimension** method returns the first array dimension for the entry on which the method is invoked, if it has one. Otherwise, it returns zero. The next array dimension can be obtained using the corresponding **somtGetNextArrayDimension** method.

The **somtGetFirstArrayDimension** and **somtGetNextArrayDimension** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextArrayDimension** in the outer loop will return zero:

```
for (ad1 = _somtGetFirstArrayDimension(entry); ad1;
    ad1 = _somtGetNextArrayDimension(entry))
for (ad2 = _somtGetFirstArrayDimension(entry); ad2;
    ad2 = _somtGetNextArrayDimension(entry))
/* etc. */
```

Nested loops such as the one above are permissible if the target object of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item> Methods** is used in the inner loop.

The **somtGetFirstArrayDimension** method may not be reliable when processing an OIDL, rather than an IDL, interface specification.

### Parameters

#### receiver

The entry whose first array dimension is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

The **somtGetFirstArrayDimension** method returns the first array dimension for a particular entry, if it has one; otherwise, it returns zero.

### Example

To iterate through the array dimensions of a method:

```
unsigned long n;

printf("List of array dimensions:\n");
for (n = _somtGetFirstArrayDimension(method); n;
    n = _somtGetNextArrayDimension(method))
printf("[%lu]", n);
```

### Related Information

**somtGetNextArrayDimension Method**

## somtGetNextArrayDimension Method

Gets the next array dimension for a particular entry, relative to the previous call for a similar entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
unsigned long somtGetNextArrayDimension ( );
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetNextArrayDimension** method returns the next array dimension for the entry represented by *receiver*, if it has a next dimension. Otherwise, it returns zero.

A call to a **somtGetNextArrayDimension** method is relative to the last call of either the same method or the corresponding **somtGetFirstArrayDimension** method, applied to the same entry object. This implies that the same **somtGetFirstArrayDimension** and **somtGetNextArrayDimension** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextArrayDimension** in the outer loop will return zero:

```
for (ad1 = _somtGetFirstArrayDimension(entry); ad1;
    ad1 = _somtGetNextArrayDimension(entry))
  for (ad2 = _somtGetFirstArrayDimension(entry); ad2;
      ad2 = _somtGetNextArrayDimension(entry))
    /* etc. */
```

Nested loops such as the one above are permissible if the target object of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item> Methods** is used in the inner loop.

### Parameters

#### receiver

The entry whose next array dimension is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

The **somtGetNextArrayDimension** method returns the next array dimension for the specified entry, if it has a next dimension. Otherwise, it returns zero.

### Example

To iterate through the array dimensions of a method:

```
unsigned long n;

printf("List of array dimensions:\n");
for (n = _somtGetFirstArrayDimension(method); n;
    n = _somtGetNextArrayDimension(method))
  printf("[%lu]", n);
```

### Related Information

**somtGetFirstArrayDimension Method**

## somtIsArray Method

Tests to determine whether the type of a method, data item, user-defined type, attribute declarator, struct member declarator, or parameter is an array. If so, its size is returned.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtIsArray (out long *size);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtIsArray** method has a dual purpose. If the type of the *receiver* involves an array, then **somtIsArray** returns TRUE and sets *size* to the size (in the first dimension) of the array encountered. If no array is encountered, then **somtIsArray** returns FALSE.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTCommonEntryC** representing a method, data item, user-defined type, declarator, or parameter to test.

**size**

The address where the size of the array should be stored.

### Return Value

If the specified entry's type is an array, then the **somtIsArray** method returns TRUE and *size* is set to the size (in the first dimension) of the array. Otherwise, **somtIsArray** returns FALSE.

### Original Class

**SOMTCommonEntryC**

### Related Information

**somtIsPointer Method**



## somtIsPointer Method

Tests whether the type of a method, data item, user-defined type, attribute declarator, struct member declarator or parameter is a pointer.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtIsPointer ( );
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtIsPointer** method returns TRUE if the type of the **SOMTCommonEntryC** object is a pointer. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTCommonEntryC** representing the entry to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtIsPointer** method returns TRUE if the type of the **SOMTCommonEntryC** object is a pointer. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Example

```
SOMTCommonEntryC myEntry;

if(somtIsPointer(myEntry)
    printf("Saw a pointer.\n");
boolean somtIsArray (
    out long *size);else
    printf("Didn't see a pointer!\n");
```

### Original Class

**SOMTCommonEntryC**

### Related Information

**somtIsArray Method**

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## SOMTConstEntryC Class

A **SOMTConstEntryC** object represents a constant definition. It provides attributes for accessing the type and value of the constant.

### File Stem

**sconst**

### Base

**SOMEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMEntryC Class**

**SOMObject**

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtConstTypeObj**

(**SOMEntryC**) A pointer to an object representing the type of the constant's value. This attribute has no set method.

#### **somtConstType**

(**string**) The type of the constant's value, as a string. This attribute has no set method.

#### **somtConstStringVal**

(**string**) The (unevaluated) value of the constant, as a string. The value of constants of type string or char do not include the quotes, unlike the **somtConstVal** attribute. This attribute has no set method.

#### **somtConstVal**

(**string**) The evaluated value of the constant, as a string. This attribute has no set method. The **get** method return a string whose ownership is transferred to the caller.

#### **somtConstIsNegative**

(**boolean**) Whether the constant's value is a negative short or long integer.

#### **somtConstNumVal**

(**unsigned long**) The numeric value of the constant. This attribute has no set method. This attribute should only be used if the value of the constant can be represented by an unsigned long.

#### **somtConstNumNegVal**

(**long**) The numeric value of the constant, if it is a negative short or long integer. This attribute has no set method. This attribute should be used instead of **somtConstNumVal** if the value of the constant is negative.

### New Methods

None.

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**

**somDumpSelfInt Method**

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## SOMTDataEntryC Class

A **SOMTDataEntryC** object represents either an internal instance data declaration in the implementation section of a SOM IDL class interface definition or a declarator of an attribute or struct member.

### File Stem

**sdata**

### Base

**SOMTCommonEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass Class**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMTCommonEntryC Class**

**SOMEntryC Class**

**SOMObject Class**

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose. The following attributes has no set method.

**somtIsSelfRef**

(**boolean**) Whether a declarator of a structure member is self-referential (pointing to the same type of structure for which it is a member).

### New Methods

None.

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**

**somDumpSelfInt Method**

## SOMTEmitC Class

An object of the **SOMTEmitC** class represents an emitter. A new type of emitter can be constructed by subclassing this class and overriding the **somtGenerateSections Method** and other methods, if necessary.

An emitter has as attributes: a *target file*, a *target class* or *target module* and a *template*. The target file is the file to which output will be directed. The target class or module is represented by an object of **SOMTClassEntryC** or **SOMTModuleEntryC**. This object is constructed by the SOM Compiler when it compiles the IDL specification. The **SOMTClassEntryC** and **SOMTModuleEntryC** classes provide methods for accessing information found in the IDL specification of the target class or module.

The template of the emitter defines the format and content of the sections that the emitter produces. The emitter itself controls which sections are actually emitted and their order, by its implementation of the **somtGenerateSections** method. The template is represented by an object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** that is initialized from the template file (typically an **.efw** file). The template is defined in terms of symbols that, when emitted, are replaced by values appropriate for the emitter's target class/module. The **SOMTemplateOutputC** class defines several general-purpose symbols as well as methods through which an emitter can define special-purpose symbols. An emitter's template also maintains the emitter's symbol table.

The **SOMTEmitC** class provides methods for emitting sections that are common to many emitter templates. These methods are listed in the *sections* group, below. A subclass of **SOMTEmitC** can override these methods to change the way that a particular section is emitted. The **SOMTemplateOutputC** class provides methods for defining and emitting special-purpose sections.

### Emitter Sections

The **SOMTEmitC** class provides methods for emitting the following template sections. The default section name is given in parentheses. By convention, section names end in "S".

#### Prolog

Describes text to be emitted before any other sections (**prologS**).

#### Base Includes

Determines how base (parent) class **#include** statements are emitted (**baseIncludesS**).

#### Meta Include

Determines how a metaclass **#include** statement is emitted (**metaIncludeS**).

#### Class

Determines what information about the class as a whole is emitted (**classS**).

#### Base

Determines what information about a base classes of a class is emitted (**baseS**).

#### Meta

Determines what information about the class's metaclass is emitted (**metaS**).

#### Constant

Determines what information about user-defined constants is emitted (**constantS**).

#### Typedef

Determines what information about user-defined types is emitted (**typedefS**).

#### Struct

Determines what information about user-defined structs is emitted (**structS**).

**Union**

Determines what information about user-defined unions is emitted (**unionS**).

**Enum**

Determines what information about user-defined enumerations is emitted (**enumS**).

**Attribute**

Determines what information about the class's attributes is emitted (**attributeS**).

**Methods**

Determines what information about the methods of a class is emitted (**methodsS**).  
More specialized method sections can be specified using **inheritedMethodsS** or **overrideMethodsS**.

**Release**

Determines how information about the release order statement of a class definition is emitted (**releaseS**).

**Passthru**

Determines what information about passthru statements is emitted (**passthruS**).

**Data**

Determines what information about internal instance variables of a class is emitted (**dataS**).

**Interface**

Determines what information about the interfaces in a module is emitted (**interfaceS**).

**Module**

Determines what information about a module is emitted (**moduleS**).

**Epilog**

Describes text to be emitted after all other sections are emitted (**epilogS**).

## Repeating Sections

Some sections apply to a variable number of items that must be dealt with iteratively. This can be true of the base section, as well as the base includes, constant, typedef, struct, union, enum, methods, data, passthru, interface and module sections. These repeating sections can be preceded by a prolog and followed by an epilog. The **SOMTEmitC** class provides methods for emitting the following prolog and epilog sections:

**basePrologS, baseEpilogS, baseIncludesPrologS, baseIncludesEpilogS, constantPrologS, constantEpilogS, typedefPrologS, typedefEpilogS, structPrologS, structEpilogS, unionPrologs, unionEpilogS, enumPrologS, enumEpilogS, passthruPrologS, passthruEpilogS, dataPrologS, dataEpilogS, attributePrologS, attributeEpilogS, methodsPrologS, methodsEpilogS, interfacePrologS, interfaceEpilogS, modulePrologS, moduleEpilogS.**

An emitter typically emits a repeating section as follows:

- The prolog section, if any, is emitted.
- The emitter iterates over each item to be described, emitting the section body for each.
- The epilog section, if any, is emitted.

To facilitate emitting repeating sections, the **SOMTEmitC** class provides scanning methods that perform the above steps for a particular repeating section.

## File Stem

**scemit**

## Base

SOMObject

## Metaclass

SOMClass

## Ancestor Classes

SOMObject

## Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

### **somtTemplate**

(**SOMTemplateOutputC**) The template for the emitter.

### **somtTargetFile**

(**FILE**) The target file for the emitter.

### **somtTargetClass**

(**SOMTClassEntryC**) The target class for the emitter. If the emitter is handling a module rather than a class, then this attribute is NULL.

### **somtTargetModule**

(**SOMTModuleEntryC**) The target module for the emitter. If the emitter is handling a class rather than a module, then this attribute is NULL.

### **somtEmitterName**

(**string**) The name by which the emitter is invoked using the **-s** option of the **sc** command. This is typically the filestem of the emitter's **.idl** file.

## New Methods

The **SOMTEmitC** class includes new methods in the framework, sections, scanning and filters groups.

### Group: framework

**somtGenerateSections** Method

**somtOpenSymbolsFile** Method

**somtSetPredefinedSymbols** Method

**somtFileSymbols** Method

**somtGetGlobalModifierValue** Method

**somtGetFirstGlobalDefinition** Method

**somtGetNextGlobalDefinition** Method

### Group: sections

**somtEmitFullPassthru** Method

**somtEmit<Section>** Methods

**somtEmitAttributeProlog**, **somtEmitAttribute**, **somtEmitAttributeEpilog**,

**somtEmitBaseProlog**, **somtEmitBase**, **somtEmitBaseEpilog**,

**somtEmitBaseIncludesProlog**, **somtEmitBaseIncludes**,

**somtEmitBaseIncludesEpilog**, **somtEmitClass**, **somtEmitConstantProlog**,

**somtEmitConstant**, **somtEmitConstantEpilog**, **somtEmitDataProlog**,

**somtEmitData**, **somtEmitDataEpilog**, **somtEmitEnumProlog**, **somtEmitEnum**,

**somtEmitEnumEpilog**, **somtEmitEpilog**, **somtEmitInterfaceProlog**,

**somtEmitInterface**, **somtEmitInterfaceEpilog**, **somtEmitMeta**,

**somtEmitMetaIncludes**, **somtEmitMethodsProlog**, **somtEmitMethod**,

**somtEmitMethods, somtEmitMethodsEpilog, somtEmitModuleProlog,  
 somtEmitModule, somtEmitModuleEpilog, somtEmitPassthruProlog,  
 somtEmitPassthru, somtEmitPassthruEpilog, somtEmitProlog,  
 somtEmitRelease, somtEmitStructProlog, somtEmitStruct,  
 somtEmitStructEpilog, somtEmitTypedefProlog, somtEmitTypedef,  
 somtEmitTypedefEpilog, somtEmitUnionProlog, somtEmitUnion,  
 somtEmitUnionEpilog**

### **Group: scanning**

#### **somtScan<Section> Methods**

**somtScanBases, somtScanBasesF, somtScanConstants, somtScanTypedefs,  
 somtScanStructs, somtScanUnions, somtScanEnums, somtScanAttributes,  
 somtScanMethods, somtScanData, somtScanDataF, somtScanPassthru,  
 somtScanInterfaces, somtScanModules**

### **Group: filters**

**somtNew Method  
 somtImplemented Method  
 somtOverridden Method  
 somtInherited Method  
 somtAll Method  
 somtNewProc Method  
 somtNewNoProc Method  
 somtVA Method**

### **Overriding Methods**

**somDefaultInit Method  
 somDestruct Method  
 somDumpSelfInt Method**

## somtAll Method

Checks whether the target class of an emitter supports a specified instance method.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtAll (in SOMTMethodEntryC method);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtAll** method checks whether the target class of an emitter supports a specified instance method (whether the method can be invoked on instances of the class).

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

**method**

An object of class **SOMTMethodEntryC** representing a method to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtAll** method returns TRUE if the emitter's target class supports the specified method. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Example

```
_somtScanMethods(emitter, "somtAll", "somtEmitMethodsProlog",
                 "somtEmitMethod",
                 "somtEmitMethodsEpilog", TRUE);
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

- somtOverridden Method**
- somtInherited Method**
- somtImplemented Method**
- somtNew Method**
- somtNewProc Method**
- somtNewNoProc Method**
- somtVA Method**
- somtScan<Section> Methods**



## somtEmit<Section> Methods

These methods emit a particular section from an emitter's template.

### IDL Syntax

```

void somtEmitAttribute (in SOMTAttributeEntryC entry);
void somtEmitAttributeEpilog ();
void somtEmitAttributeProlog ();
void somtEmitBase (in SOMTBaseClassEntryC entry);
void somtEmitBaseEpilog ();
void somtEmitBaseIncludes (in SOMTBaseClassEntryC entry);
void somtEmitBaseIncludesEpilog ();
void somtEmitBaseIncludesProlog ();
void somtEmitBaseProlog ();
void somtEmitClass ();
void somtEmitConstant (in SOMTConstEntryC entry);
void somtEmitConstantEpilog ();
void somtEmitConstantProlog ();
void somtEmitData (in SOMTDataEntryC entry);
void somtEmitDataEpilog ();
void somtEmitDataProlog ();
void somtEmitEnum (in SOMTEnumEntryC entry);
void somtEmitEnumEpilog ();
void somtEmitEnumProlog ();
void somtEmitEpilog ();
void somtEmitInterface (in SOMTClassEntryC entry);
void somtEmitInterfaceEpilog ();
void somtEmitInterfaceProlog ();
void somtEmitMeta ();
void somtEmitMetalInclude ();
void somtEmitMethod (in SOMTMethodEntryC entry);
void somtEmitMethods (in SOMTMethodEntryC entry);
void somtEmitMethodsEpilog ();
void somtEmitMethodsProlog ();
void somtEmitModule (in SOMTModuleEntryC entry);
void somtEmitModuleEpilog ();
void somtEmitModuleProlog ();
void somtEmitPassthru (in SOMTPassthruEntryC entry);
void somtEmitPassthruEpilog ();
void somtEmitPassthruProlog ();
void somtEmitProlog ();
void somtEmitRelease ();
void somtEmitStruct (in SOMTStructEntryC entry);
void somtEmitStructEpilog ();
void somtEmitStructProlog ();
void somtEmitTypedef (in SOMTTypedefEntryC entry);
void somtEmitTypedefEpilog ();
void somtEmitTypedefProlog ();
void somtEmitUnion (in SOMTUnionEntryC entry);
void somtEmitUnionEpilog ();
void somtEmitUnionProlog ();

```

**Note:** These methods do not take an **Environment** parameter.

## Description

The **somtEmit<section>** methods emit a particular section from an emitter's template, using the **somtOutputSection Method**. In the case of a repeating section, an entry object is passed as a parameter; prior to emitting the section, the **somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method** is invoked on that entry so that the template symbols used in the section to be emitted will correspond to that entry.

The section emitted by each of these methods is determined by a section-name symbol. To change the section to be emitted by a particular method, change the value of the corresponding section-name symbol, using **somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method**, prior to invoking the section-emitting method. For example, to have the **somtEmitBase** method emit the **mybaseS** section of the template instead of the **baseS** section, which is the default, set the **baseSN** symbol to **mybaseS** prior to invoking **somtEmitBase**.

The **somtEmitMethod** method emits a specialized methods section for the specified method, according to whether the method is new, inherited, or overriding. The specialized sections are, by default, **methodsS**, **inheritedMethodsS**, and **overrideMethodsS**, depending on the value of section-name symbols **methodsSN**, **inheritedMethodsSN** and **overrideMethodsSN**. The **somtEmitMethods** method, by contrast, emits the generic methods section for the specified method. The generic methods section is determined by the value of the **methodsSN** symbol, which is by default **methodsS**.

## Parameters

### receiver

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

### entry

An entry object to be used to set the values of the symbols used in the template section to be emitted.

## Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

## Related Information

**somtEmitFullPassthru Method**

**somtScan<Section> Methods**

<u>Symbol Name</u>	<u>Initial Value (Section Name)</u>	<u>Used by Method</u>
attributeS	attributeS	somtEmitAttribute
attributeEpilogSN	attributeEpilogS	somtEmitAttributeEpilog
attributePrologSN	attributePrologS	somtEmitAttributeProlog
baseSN	baseS	somtEmitBase
baseEpilogSN	baseEpilogS	somtEmitBaseEpilog
baseIncludesSN	baseIncludesS	somtEmitBaseIncludes
baseIncludesEpilogSN	baseIncludesEpilogS	somtEmitBaseIncludesEpilog
baseIncludesPrologSN	baseIncludesPrologS	somtEmitBaseIncludesProlog
basePrologSN	basePrologS	somtEmitBaseProlog
classSN	classS	somtEmitClass
constantSN	constantS	somtEmitConstant
constantPrologSN	constantPrologS	somtEmitConstantProlog
constantEpilogSN	constantEpilogS	somtEmitConstantEpilog
dataSN	dataS	somtEmitData
dataEpilogSN	dataEpilogS	somtEmitDataEpilog
dataPrologSN	dataPrologS	somtEmitDataProlog
enumSN	enumS	somtEmitEnum
enumEpilogSN	enumEpilogS	somtEmitEnumEpilog
enumPrologSN	enumPrologS	somtEmitEnumProlog
epilogSN	epilogS	somtEmitEpilog
inheritedMethodsSN	inheritedMethodsS	somtEmitMethod
interfaceSN	interfaceS	somtEmitInterface
interfaceEpilogSN	interfaceEpilogS	somtEmitInterfaceEpilog
interfacePrologSN	interfacePrologS	somtEmitInterfaceProlog
metaSN	metaS	somtEmitMeta
metaIncludeSN	metaIncludeS	somtEmitMetaIncludes
methodsSN	methodsS	somtEmitMethod
methodsSN	methodsS	somtEmitMethods
methodsEpilogSN	methodsEpilogS	somtEmitMethodsEpilog
methodsPrologSN	methodsPrologS	somtEmitMethodsProlog
moduleSN	moduleS	somtEmitModule
moduleEpilogSN	moduleEpilogS	somtEmitModuleEpilog
modulePrologSN	modulePrologS	somtEmitModuleProlog
overrideMethodsSN	overrideMethodsS	somtEmitMethod
passthruSN	passthruS	somtEmitPassthru
passthruEpilogSN	passthruEpilogS	somtEmitPassthruEpilog
passthruPrologSN	passthruPrologS	somtEmitPassthruProlog
prologSN	prologS	somtEmitProlog
releaseSN	releaseS	somtEmitRelease
structSN	structS	somtEmitStruct
structEpilogSN	structEpilogS	somtEmitStructEpilog
structPrologSN	structPrologS	somtEmitStructProlog
typedefSN	typedefS	somtEmitTypedef
typedefEpilogSN	typedefEpilogS	somtEmitTypedefEpilog
typedefPrologSN	typedefPrologS	somtEmitTypedefProlog
unionEpilogSN	unionEpilogS	somtEmitUnionEpilog
unionSN	unionS	somtEmitUnion
unionPrologSN	unionPrologS	somtEmitUnionProlog

## somtEmitFullPassthru Method

Emits the passthru section for each of a class's passthru's having a particular target and before/after classification.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtEmitFullPassthru (in boolean before, in string language);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtEmitFullPassthru** method emits the passthru section for each passthru item defined for an emitter's target class that has the specified target language and the specified before/after setting and whose target is the emitter on which the method is invoked.

The **somtIsBeforePassthru Method** is used to check that passthru entries match the before parameter. The **somtPassthruLanguage** attribute of each passthru entry is matched against the language parameter. The **somtPassthruTarget** attribute of each passthru entry is matched against the **somtEmitterName** attribute of the emitter on which the method is invoked.

This method first invokes the **somtEmitPassthruProlog** method. Then, for each passthru entry that satisfies the above requirements, this method invokes the **somtEmitPassthru** method. Finally, it invokes the **somtEmitPassthruEpilog** method.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

#### before

Whether before (TRUE) or after (FALSE) passthru's are to be emitted.

#### language

The target language of the passthru's for which sections are to be emitted (in upper case only). "C" is used for both C and C++.

### Example

```
__set_somtEmitterName(emitter, "mine");
__set_somtTargetClass(emitter, oCls);
__set_somtTargetFile(emitter, fp);
__somtEmitFullPassthru(emitter, TRUE, "C");
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

**somtEmitPassthruProlog**

**somtEmitPassthruEpilog**

**somtEmitPassthru**

**somtIsBeforePassthru Method**

## somtFileSymbols Method

Sets predefined symbols that have a single value in all sections of the output template.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtFileSymbols ( );
```

### Description

The **somtFileSymbols** method sets predefined symbols that have a single value in all sections of the output template. This includes symbols for the target class or target module, symbols for the metaclass of the target class, if any, and special symbols like `timeStamp`.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

### Example

```
emitter = MyEmitterNew();  
__set_somtTargetFile(emitter, fp);  
__set_somtTargetClass(emitter, oCls);  
_somtFileSymbols(emitter);
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

## somtGenerateSections Method

Calls each of the section-emitting methods.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtGenerateSections ( );
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The default implementation calls each of the section-emitting methods in the following order:

For emitters having a target class:

```
somtEmitProlog
somtEmitBaseIncludes, (for each base class)
somtEmitBaseIncludesEpilog
somtEmitMetaInclude
somtEmitClass
somtEmitBaseProlog
somtEmitBase (for each base class)
somtEmitBaseEpilog
somtEmitMeta
somtEmitConstantProlog
somtEmitConstant (for each constant)
somtEmitConstantEpilog
somtEmitTypedefProlog
somtEmitTypedef (for each typedef)
somtEmitTypedefEpilog
somtEmitStructProlog
somtEmitStruct (for each struct)
somtEmitStructEpilog
somtEmitUnionProlog
somtEmitUnion (for each union)
somtEmitUnionEpilog
somtEmitEnumProlog
somtEmitEnum (for each enum)
somtEmitEnumEpilog
somtEmitAttributeProlog
somtEmitAttribute (for each attribute)
somtEmitAttributeEpilog
somtEmitMethodsProlog
somtEmitMethod (for each method)
somtEmitMethodsEpilog
somtEmitRelease
somtEmitPassthruProlog
somtEmitPassthru (for each passthru item)
somtEmitPassthruEpilog
somtEmitDataProlog
somtEmitData (for each data item)
somtEmitDataEpilog
somtEmitEpilog
```

For emitters having a target module:

```
somtEmitProlog
```

**somtEmitConstantProlog**  
**somtEmitConstant** (for each constant)  
**somtEmitConstantEpilog**  
**somtEmitTypedefProlog**  
**somtEmitTypedef** (for each typedef)  
**somtEmitTypedefEpilog**  
**somtEmitStructProlog**  
**somtEmitStruct** (for each struct)  
**somtEmitStructEpilog**  
**somtEmitUnionProlog**  
**somtEmitUnion** (for each union)  
**somtEmitUnionEpilog**  
**somtEmitEnumProlog**  
**somtEmitEnum** (for each enum)  
**somtEmitEnumEpilog**  
**somtEmitInterfaceProlog**  
**somtEmitInterface** (for each interface)  
**somtEmitInterfaceEpilog**  
**somtEmitModuleProlog**  
**somtEmitModule** (for each embedded module)  
**somtEmitModuleEpilog**  
**somtEmitEpilog**

Repeating sections (such as **somtEmitBase**) are emitted using the corresponding **somtScan<Section> Methods**.

To rearrange the order of sections, or to add or delete sections in your emitter, override the **somtGenerateSections** method.

## Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

## Return Value

The **somtGenerateSections** method returns TRUE.

## Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

## Related Information

**somtEmit<Section> Methods**  
**somtEmitFullPassthru Method**  
**somtScan<Section> Methods**

## somtGetFirstGlobalDefinition Method

Returns the first type, constant, exception or forward declaration not associated with an interface or module.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTEmitC somtGetFirstGlobalDefinition ( );
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

Returns the first type, constant, exception or forward declaration not associated with any interface or module. Type declarations include struct and union declarations. In the IDL source file, these global declarations must be surrounded by **#pragma somemittypes** statements to be visible via this method:

```
#pragma somemittypes on
    typedef sequence <long,10> vec10;
    exception BAD_FLAG { long ErrCode; char Reason[80]; };
    typedef long long_t;
#pragma somemittypes off
```

### Parameters

#### receiver

A pointer to an object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

### Return Value

Returns a pointer to an object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing the first global type, constant, exception or forward declaration in the receiver.

### Example

```
SOMTEmitC entry;
for (entry = _somtGetFirstGlobalDefinition(emitter);
     entry; entry = _somtGetNextGlobalDefinition(emitter))
if ((__get_somtElementType(entry) == SOMTClassE) &&
    __get_somtForwardRef(entry))
    /* "entry" represents a forward declaration
     * for a class; handle it appropriately
     */
else
    /* "entry" represents something else, such as a
     * constant, typedef, etc. Determine what it
     * represents using __get_somtElementType as
     * above and handle it appropriately.
     */
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

**somtGetNextGlobalDefinition Method**



## somtGetGlobalModifierValue Method

Gets the value of a global modifier specified via the `-m` option when the SOM Compiler is invoked.

### IDL Syntax

```
string somtGetGlobalModifierValue (in string modifierName);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetGlobalModifierValue** method gets the value of a global modifier specified via the `-m` option when the SOM Compiler is invoked. For example,

```
sc -m"foo=bar" file.idl
```

specifies to the SOM Compiler that the global modifier `foo` has the value `bar`. Values of global modifiers are transient; they last only for the duration of the compile for which they were specified. If a modifier is specified with no value (for modifiers that are boolean), as in

```
sc -mfoo file.idl
```

then the result of this method will be non-NULL. If the requested modifier was not specified in the `sc` command, then the result of this method is NULL.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

**modifierName**

The name of the global modifier whose value is needed.

### Return Value

The value of the global modifier is returned. If the modifier is present but has no value (for modifiers that are boolean), the result of this method will be **non-NULL**. **If the** requested modifier was not specified in the `sc` command, then the result of this method is NULL.

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

## somtGetNextGlobalDefinition Method

Returns the next type, constant, exception, or forward declaration that is *not* associated with any interface or module, relative to a similar, preceding call.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTEmitC somtGetNextGlobalDefinition ( );
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetNextGlobalDefinition** method returns the next type, constant, exception, or forward declaration that is not associated with any interface or module, relative to a prior call to method **somtGetFirstGlobalDefinition** or **somtGetNextGlobalDefinition**. In the IDL source file, these global declarations must be surrounded by **#pragma somemittypes** statements for them to be visible via this method.

### Parameters

**receiver**

A pointer to an object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

### Return Value

The **somtGetNextGlobalDefinition** method returns a pointer to an object of **SOMTEmitC** representing the next global type, constant, exception, or forward declaration in the receiver, relative to a previous call to either method **somtGetFirstGlobalDefinition** or **somtGetNextGlobalDefinition**.

### Example

```
SOMTEmitC entry;
for (entry = _somtGetFirstGlobalDefinition(emitter);
     entry; entry = _somtGetNextGlobalDefinition(emitter))
if ((__get_somtElementType(entry) == SOMTClassE) &&
    __get_somtForwardRef(entry))
    /* "entry" represents a forward declaration
     * for a class; handle it appropriately
     */
else
    /* "entry" represents something else, such as a
     * constant, typedef, etc. Determine what it
     * represents using __get_somtElementType as
     * above and handle it appropriately.
     */
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

**somtGetFirstGlobalDefinition Method**

## somtImplemented Method

Checks whether the target class of an emitter introduces or overrides a specified method.

### IDL Syntax

**boolean somtImplemented (in SOMTMethodEntryC *method*);**

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtImplemented** method checks whether the target class of the receiver introduces or overrides the method specified by *method*.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

**method**

An object of class **SOMTMethodEntryC** representing the method to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtImplemented** method returns TRUE if the emitter's target class introduces or overrides the specified method. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Example

```
_somtScanMethods(emitter, "somtImplemented",
                  "somtEmitMethodsProlog",
                  "somtEmitMethod",
                  "somtEmitMethodsEpilog", TRUE);
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

- somtAll Method**
- somtInherited Method**
- somtOverridden Method**
- somtNew Method**
- somtNewNoProc Method**
- somtNewProc Method**
- somtVA Method**
- somtScan<Section> Methods**

## somtInherited Method

Checks whether the target class of an emitter inherits a specified method.

### IDL Syntax

**boolean somtInherited (in SOMTMethodEntryC *method*);**

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtInherited** method checks whether the target class of an emitter inherits a specified method.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

**method**

An object of class **SOMTMethodEntryC** representing the method to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtInherited** method returns TRUE if the emitter's target class inherits the specified method. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Example

```
_somtScanMethods(emitter, "somtInherited",
                 "somtEmitMethodsProlog",
                 "somtEmitMethod",
                 "somtEmitMethodsEpilog", TRUE);
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

- somtAll Method**
- somtOverridden Method**
- somtImplemented Method**
- somtNew Method**
- somtNewNoProc Method**
- somtNewProc Method**
- somtVA Method**
- somtScan<Section> Methods**

## somtNew Method

Checks whether a method is newly defined (introduced) by an emitter's target class.

### IDL Syntax

**boolean somtNew (in SOMTMethodEntryC *method*);**

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtNew** method tests whether a method is newly defined (introduced) by an emitter's target class.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

#### method

An object of class **SOMTMethodEntryC** representing the method to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtNew** method returns TRUE if the specified method is introduced by the emitter's target class.

### Example

```
SOMTMethodEntryC mp;
mp = _somtGetFirstMethod(__get_somtTargetClass(emitter));
if (_somtNew(emitter, mp)) /* Check to see if method is new. */
{
    _somtSetSymbolsOnEntry(mp, emitter, "method");
    _somtEmitMethod(emitter, mp);
}
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

- somtAll Method**
- somtInherited Method**
- somtImplemented Method**
- somtOverridden Method**
- somtNewNoProc Method**
- somtNewProc Method**
- somtVA Method**
- somtScan<Section> Methods**
- somtFilterNew Method**

## somtNewNoProc Method

Checks whether a method is newly defined (introduced) by an emitter's target class and whether the method is a true method, and not a direct-call procedure.

### IDL Syntax

**boolean somtNewNoProc (in SOMTEmitC *method*);**

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtNewNoProc** method tests whether a method is newly defined (introduced) by an emitter's target class and whether the method is a true method, and not a direct-call procedure (as determined by the absence of the procedure SOM IDL method modifier in the **.idl** file).

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

**method**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing the method to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtNewNoProc** method returns TRUE if the specified method is introduced by the emitter's target class and the method is not a direct-call procedure. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Example

```
SOMTEmitC cls = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTEmitC method;
method = _somtGetFirstMethod(cls);
if (_somtNewNoProc(emitter, method))
    printf("Method %s is really a method!.\n",
        __get_somtEntryName(method));
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

- somtOverridden Method**
- somtInherited Method**
- somtImplemented Method**
- somtNew Method**
- somtNewProc Method**
- somtVA Method**
- somtScan<Section> Methods**
- somtFilterNew Method**

## somtNewProc Method

Checks whether a method is newly defined (introduced) by an emitter's target class and whether the method is a direct-call procedure.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtNewProc (in SOMTEmitC emitter);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtNewProc** method tests whether a method is newly defined (introduced) by an emitter's target class and whether the method is a direct-call procedure (it has the **procedure** SOM IDL method modifier in the **.idl** file).

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

**method**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing the method to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtNewProc** method returns TRUE if the specified method is introduced by the emitter's target class and the method is a direct-call procedure. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Example

```
SOMTEmitC cls = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTEmitC method;
method = _somtGetFirstMethod(cls);
if (_somtNewProc(emitter, method))
    printf("Method %s is really a direct-call procedure.\n",
        __get_somtEntryName(method));
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

- somtAll Method**
- somtInherited Method**
- somtOverridden Method**
- somtImplemented Method**
- somtNew Method**
- somtNewNoProc Method**
- somtVA Method**
- somtScan<Section> Methods**
- somtFilterNew Method**

## somtOpenSymbolsFile Method

Opens the symbols file of an emitter.

### IDL Syntax

**FILE \*somtOpenSymbolsFile (in string *fileName*, in string *mode*);**

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtOpenSymbolsFile** method opens an emitter's symbol file (the file containing the template definitions). If the specified file does not exist in the current working directory, then the method attempts to find the file in the directories specified in the **SINCLUDE** environment variable.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

#### fileName

A **string** representing the name of the file to be opened.

#### mode

A **string** indicating the mode in which the file should be opened (usually "r" for read only). This parameter is passed to the standard C library **fopen** function.

### Return Value

A pointer to the open file is returned. If the file is not found, NULL is returned.

### Example

```
FILE *fp;
SOMTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
fp = _somtOpenSymbolsFile(emitter, "myfile.efw", "r");
_somtReadSectionDefinitions(template, fp);
fclose(fp);
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

**somtReadSectionDefinitions Method**



## somtOverridden Method

Checks whether the specified method is an overriding method of the target class of an emitter.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtOverridden (in SOMTMethodEntryC method);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtOverridden** method checks whether *method* represents an overriding method of the target class of the emitter on which the method is invoked.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

**method**

An object of class **SOMTMethodEntryC** representing the method to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtOverridden** method returns TRUE if the emitter's target class overrides the specified method. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Example

```
SOMTClassEntryC cls = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTMethodEntryC method;
method = _somtGetFirstMethod(cls);
if (_somtOverridden(emitter, method))
    printf("Method %s is an overriding method.\n",
        __get_somtEntryName(method));
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

- somtAll Method**
- somtInherited Method**
- somtImplemented Method**
- somtNew Method**
- somtNewNoProc Method**
- somtNewProc Method**
- somtVA Method**
- somtScan<Section> Methods**
- somtFilterOverridden Method**

## somtScan<Section> Methods

These methods emit a particular repeating section of an emitter's template for each item to which that section applies, with the appropriate prolog and epilog sections.

### IDL Syntax

```

boolean somtScanBases (in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog);
boolean somtScanBasesF (in string filter, in string prolog, in string each,
                        in string epilog, in boolean forceProlog);
boolean somtScanData (in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog);
boolean somtScanDataF (in string filter,
                       in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog,
                       in boolean forceProlog);
boolean somtScanMethods (in string filter,
                          in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog,
                          in boolean forceProlog);
boolean somtScanPassthru (in boolean before,
                           in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog);
boolean somtScanConstants (in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog);
boolean somtScanTypedefs (in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog);
boolean somtScanStructs (in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog);
boolean somtScanUnions (in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog);
boolean somtScanEnums (in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog);
boolean somtScanAttributes (in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog);
boolean somtScanInterfaces (in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog);
boolean somtScanModules (in string prolog, in string each, in string epilog);

```

**Note:** These methods do not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtScan<Section>** methods iterate through a repeating section for each item of the emitter's target class or module to which the repeating section applies. The **somtScanBases** method iterates through the base classes of the emitter's target class, calling the section-emitting method whose name is specified by each for each one.

Prior to emitting the first repeating section, the specified prolog-emitting method is invoked. After emitting the final repeating section, the specified epilog-emitting method is called. Methods whose names are suitable for passing as values of the prolog, each, and epilog parameters are the **somtEmit<Section> Methods** provided by the Emitter Framework; user-written methods having the same signature as those methods can also be used.

For scanning methods that have a filter parameter, a section is emitted only for entries that satisfy the specified filter method. The following methods are suitable for passing as a filter: **somtNew**, **somtImplemented**, **somtOverridden**, **somtInherited**, **somtAll**, **somtNewProc**, **somtNewNoProc** and **somtVA**. User-written methods having the same signature as those methods can be used. For methods that have a *forceProlog* parameter, if *forceProlog* is FALSE, the prolog and epilog sections are emitted only if there is at least one entry that satisfies the specified *filter* method.

The **somtScanPassthru** method only emits sections for passthru items for which the **somtIsBeforePassthru Method** returns the same value as given for **somtScanPassthru**'s *before* parameter.

The **somtScanBases**, **somtScanBasesF**, **somtScanAttributes**, **somtScanMethods**, **somtScanData**, **somtScanDataF** and **somtScanPassthru** methods must only be invoked on an emitter whose target class is not NULL. The **somtScanInterfaces** and

**somtScanModules** methods must only be invoked on an emitter whose target module is not NULL.

## Parameters

### receiver

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

### prolog

A string representing the name of a prolog-emitting method.

### each

A string representing the name of a repeating-section emitting method.

### epilog

A string representing the name of an epilog-emitting method.

### filter

A string representing the name of a filter method.

### forceProlog

A boolean indicating whether or not to emit the prolog and epilog sections if the emitter's target class/module has no entries that satisfy the specified filter.

### before

A boolean indicating whether to emit passthru sections for before passthru items (TRUE) or for after passthru items (FALSE).

## Return Value

The **somtScan<Section>** methods return TRUE.

## Example

To scan the new methods of a class:

```
_somtScanMethods(emitter,
                  "somtNew",
                  "somtEmitMethodsProlog",
                  "somtEmitMethod",
                  "somtEmitMethodsEpilog",
                  FALSE);
```

## Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

## Related Information

- somtEmit<Section> Methods**
- somtNew Method**
- somtImplemented Method**
- somtOverridden Method**
- somtInherited Method**
- somtAll Method**
- somtNewProc Method**
- somtNewNoProc Method**
- somtVA Method**

## somtSetPredefinedSymbols Method

Sets predefined symbols used for section names.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtSetPredefinedSymbols ( );
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtSetPredefinedSymbols** method sets predefined symbols used for section names. These symbols are used by the section-emitting methods of **SOMTEmitC** to determine the section to emit. For example, the **somtEmitProlog** method uses the value of the **prologSN** symbol to determine what section to emit. The **somtSetPredefinedSymbols** method sets the **prologSN** symbol to the value **prologS**, so that the **somtEmitProlog** method by default emits the **prologS** section.

### Parameters

**receiver**

A pointer to an object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

**somtFileSymbols Method**

**somtEmit<Section> Methods**

## somtVA Method

Checks whether a method accepts a variable number of arguments.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtVA (in SOMTEmitC method);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtVA** method checks whether the specified method is a varargs method (that is, whether it accepts a variable number of arguments).

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

**method**

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing the method to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtVA** method returns TRUE if the specified method accepts a variable number of arguments. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Example

```
SOMTEmitC cls = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTEmitC method;
method = _somtGetFirstMethod(cls);
if (_somtVA(emitter, method))
    printf("Method %s takes a variable number of arguments.\n",
        __get_somtEntryName(method));
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

### Related Information

- somtInherited Method**
- somtImplemented Method**
- somtNew Method**
- somtNewProc Method**
- somtNewNoProc Method**
- somtOverridden Method**
- somtScan<Section> Methods**

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## SOMTEEntryC Class

The SOM Compiler compiles a class interface definition in IDL to produce a graph structure whose nodes are instances of **SOMTEEntryC** or its subclasses. Each entry is derived from a portion of the IDL definition to which the attributes defined in **SOMTEEntryC** and its subclasses refer. Thus, a **SOMTEEntryC** object serves to hide the syntax of the class IDL.

The **SOMTEEntryC** class provides methods for accessing information about particular portions of a class definition: the line number, its accompanying comment, its SOM IDL modifiers, its name (both scoped and unscoped) and the kind of entity represented.

### File Stem

**scentry**

### Base

**SOMObject**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMObject**

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

**somtEntryName**

(**string**) The unscoped name of the entry.

**somtIDLScopedName**

(**string**) The scoped name of the entry, in IDL form (using “::” as the delimiter).

**somtCScopedName**

(**string**) The scoped name of the entry, in C form (with underscore as the delimiter). This attribute has no **set** method.

**somtElementType**

(**SOMTypes**) The type of the entry (class, method, attribute, typedef, etc.).

**somtElementTypeName**

(**string**) The string form of **somtElementType**.

**somtEntryComment**

(**string**) The comment associated with the entry or NULL. Comments have comment delimiters removed but retain newline characters.

**somtSourceLineNumber**

(**unsigned long**) The line number in the source file where this entry’s syntactic form ends.

**somtTypeCode**

(**TypeCode**) The type code, if appropriate, or NULL

**somtIsReference**

(**boolean**) Whether this entry represents a type reference rather than a declaration of it.

## **New Methods**

- somtGetModifierValue Method**
- somtGetFirstModifier Method**
- somtGetNextModifier Method**
- somtFormatModifier Method**
- somtGetModifierList Method**
- somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**

## **Overriding Methods**

- somDefaultInit Method**
- somDestruct Method**
- somPrintSelf Method**
- somDumpSelfInt Method**
- somDumpSelf Method**

## somtFormatModifier Method

Formats a SOM IDL modifier name/value pair into a buffer.

### IDL Syntax

```
long somtFormatModifier (in string buffer,  
                        in string name, in string value);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtFormatModifier** method formats the specified SOM IDL modifier name/value pair into the specified buffer. The buffer must be large enough to hold the formatted pair; no checks are made to ensure that it is large enough. The method returns the number of characters stored in the buffer, not including the terminating NULL character.

The **somtFormatModifier** method is not intended to be invoked directly, but it can be overridden by subclasses of **SOMEntryC** to control the format returned by the method **somtGetModifierList**.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMEntryC**.

**buffer**

The address of a character buffer where the formatted output will be stored.

**name**

A character string representing the modifier name.

**value**

A character string representing the modifier value.

### Return Value

The **somtFormatModifier** method stores the formatted modifier name/value pair in the specified buffer and returns the number of characters stored in the buffer, not including the terminating NULL character.

### Original Class

**SOMEntryC**

### Related Information

**somtGetModifierValue Method**

**somtGetFirstModifier Method**

**somtGetNextModifier Method**

**somtGetModifierList Method**



## somtGetFirstModifier Method

The **somtGetFirstModifier** method gets the first modifier for a particular entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtGetFirstModifier (inout string modifierName,  
                             inout string modifierValue);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an Environment parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetFirstModifier** method gets the first modifier for the entry specified by *receiver*, if it has one. Otherwise, it returns FALSE. The next modifier can be obtained using the corresponding **somtGetNextModifier Method**.

The **somtGetFirstModifier** and **somtGetNextModifier** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextModifier** in the outer loop will return FALSE:

```
for (m1 = _somtGetFirstModifier(cls, &name, &value); m1;  
     m1 = _somtGetNextModifier(cls, &name, &value))  
  for (m2 = _somtGetFirstModifier(cls, &name, &value); m2;  
       m2 = _somtGetNextModifier(cls, &name, &value))  
    /* etc. */
```

Nested loops such as the one above are permissible if the target object of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item>** method is used in the inner loop.

The **somtGetFirstModifier** method accesses the first SOM IDL modifier of the specified entry. The address of a buffer containing the name of the modifier is stored in the location pointed to by *modifierName*, and the address of a buffer containing the value of the modifier is stored in the location pointed to by *modifierValue*.

### Parameters

#### **receiver**

The entry whose first modifier is to be retrieved.

#### **modifierName**

A pointer to a location where the address of a buffer containing the modifier name will be placed.

#### **modifierValue**

A pointer to a location where the address of a buffer containing the modifier value will be placed.

### Return Value

This method returns TRUE if a modifier name/value pair was retrieved, or FALSE if the specified entry has no modifiers.

### Example

To iterate through the modifiers of a class:

```
boolean done;  
string name, value;  
  
printf("List of modifiers:\n");  
for (done = _somtGetFirstModifier(cls, &name, &value); done;  
     done = _somtGetNextModifier(cls, &name, &value))
```

somtGetFirstModifier Method

```
printf(" modifier %s has value %s.\n", name, value);
```

## Related Information

**somtGetNextModifier Method**

## somtGetModifierList Method

Gets the SOM IDL modifiers for an entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
long somtGetModifierList (in string buffer);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an Environment parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetModifierList** method stores the SOM IDL modifiers for the specified **SOMEntryC** object in the specified *buffer*, separated by newline characters. The buffer must be large enough to hold all the modifiers; no checks are made to ensure that the buffer is large enough. The method returns the number of modifiers stored in the buffer.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMEntryC** representing the entry whose modifiers are needed.

**buffer**

A pointer to a character buffer where the modifier list will be stored.

### Return Value

The **somtGetModifierList** method stores the modifiers for the specified **SOMEntryC** object in the specified *buffer* and returns the number of modifiers stored in the buffer.

### Original Class

**SOMEntryC**

### Related Information

**somtFormatModifier Method**  
**somtGetFirstModifier Method**  
**somtGetModifierValue Method**  
**somtGetNextModifier Method**

## somtGetModifierValue Method

Gets the value of a SOM IDL modifier for an entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
string somtGetModifierValue (in string modifierName);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an Environment parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetModifierValue** method returns the value of the SOM IDL modifier named **modifierName** if the entry has that modifier in the **.idl** file. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMEntryC** representing the entry whose modifier is needed.

**modifierName**

A string representing the name of the modifier whose value is needed.

### Return Value

The **somtGetModifierValue** method returns a string representing the value of the specified modifier, if the receiver has that modifier. Otherwise, it returns NULL. If the modifier is present but has no value, then a non-NULL value is returned.

### Original Class

**SOMEntryC**

### Related Information

**somtFormatModifier Method**  
**somtGetFirstModifier Method**  
**somtGetModifierList Method**  
**somtGetNextModifier Method**

## somtGetNextModifier Method

This method gets the next modifier for a particular entry, relative to the previous call for a modifier.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtGetNextModifier (inout string modifierName,  
                             inout string modifierValue);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an Environment parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetNextModifier** methods return the next modifier for the entry on which the method was invoked, if it has a next modifier. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

A call to a **somtGetNextModifier** method is relative to the last call of either the same method or the corresponding **somtGetFirstModifier Method**, applied to the same entry object. Note that this implies that the **somtGetFirstModifier** and **somtGetNextModifier** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextModifier** in the outer loop will return FALSE:

```
for (m1 = _somtGetFirstModifier(cls, &name, &value); m1;  
    m1 = _somtGetNextModifier(cls, &name, &value))  
  for (m2 = _somtGetFirstModifier(cls, &name, &value); m2;  
      m2 = _somtGetNextModifier(cls, &name, &value))  
    /* etc. */
```

Nested loops such as the one above are permissible if the target object of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item>** method is used in the inner loop.

The **somtGetNextModifier** method accesses the next SOM IDL modifier of the specified entry, relative to the last call to **somtGetFirstModifier** or **somtGetNextModifier** on the same entry. The address of a buffer containing the name of the modifier is stored in the location pointed to by **modifierName**, and the address of a buffer containing the value of the modifier is stored in the location pointed to by *modifierValue*. If the specified entry had at least one more modifier, the method returns TRUE. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Parameters

#### receiver

The entry whose next modifier is to be retrieved.

#### modifierName

A pointer to a location where the address of a buffer containing the modifier name will be placed.

#### modifierValue

A pointer to a location where the address of a buffer containing the modifier value will be placed.

### Return Value

This method returns TRUE if a modifier name/value pair was retrieved, or FALSE if the specified entry has no next modifier.

### Example

To iterate through the modifiers of a class:

```
boolean done;
```

## somtGetNextModifier Method

```
string name, value;

printf("List of modifiers:\n");
for (done = _somtGetFirstModifier(cls, &name, &value); done;
     done = _somtGetNextModifier(cls, &name, &value))
    printf(" modifier %s has value %s.\n", name, value);
```

## Related Information

**somtGetFirstModifier Method**

## somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method

Places predefined symbol/value pairs for an entry into the symbol table.

### IDL Syntax

```
long somtSetSymbolsOnEntry (in SOMTEmitC emitter, in string prefix);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an Environment parameter.

### Description

The **somtSetSymbolsOnEntry** method places predefined pairs for the specified entry in the specified emitter's symbol table. In default implementation, all symbol names begin with the string specified in *prefix*. For example, **SOMTEmitC** implementation of **somtSetSymbolsOnEntry** defines the *prefixName* and *prefixComment* symbols. Hence, when invoked on a **SOMTClassEntryC** object with `prefix = class`, this method defines symbols **className** and **classComment** for the entry.

This method is invoked by the **somtEmit<Section> Methods** that takes an entry as an additional parameter. The symbols will be defined for that entry when the section is emitted. For example, the **somtEmitBase** method invokes **somtSetSymbolsOnEntry** on the **SOMTBaseClassEntryC** object passed to it prior to emitting the baseS section. The symbols used within the baseS section will have values appropriate for the base-class entry.

This method can be overridden in subclasses of **SOMTEmitC**, or subclasses of any of its subclasses, to define additional symbols or to change the default symbol settings. Overriding methods should invoke the parent method either before or after defining new symbols.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** for which symbols are to be defined.

#### emitter

An object of class **SOMTEmitC** representing an emitter.

#### prefix

A **string** representing the symbol-name prefix to be used.

### Return Value

The **somtSetSymbolsOnEntry** method returns 1.

### Example

```
SOMTMethodEntryC method;
SOMTClassEntryC class = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
for (method = _somtGetFirstMethod(class); method;
     method = _somtGetNextMethod(class))
{
    _somtSetSymbolsOnEntry(method, emitter, "method");
    _somtOutputSection(template, "myMethodSection");
}
```

### Original Class

**SOMTEmitC**

somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method

## **Related Information**

**somtExpandSymbol Method**  
**somtCheckSymbol Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyBoth Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method**  
**somtGetSymbol Method**  
**somtSetSymbol Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyName Method**



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## SOMTEnumEntryC Class

A **SOMTEnumEntryC** object represents an enumeration definition. It provides methods for accessing the enumerator names within the enumeration.

### File Stem

scenum

### Base

SOMTEnumEntryC Class

### Metaclass

SOMClass

### Ancestor Classes

SOMTEnumEntryC Class

SOMObject

### Attributes

None.

### New Methods

somtGetFirstEnumName Method

somtGetNextEnumName Method

### Overriding Methods

somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method

somDumpSelfInt Method

## somtGetFirstEnumName Method

Gets the first enumerator name for a **SOMTEnumEntryC** object.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTEnumNameEntryC somtGetFirstEnumName ( );
```

This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetFirstEnumName** method returns the first enumerator name for the entry on which the method was invoked. The next enumerator name can be obtained using the corresponding **somtGetNextEnumName** method.

The **somtGetFirstEnumName** and **somtGetNextEnumName** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextEnumName** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (e1 = _somtGetFirstEnumName(enum); e1;
     e1 = _somtGetNextEnumName(enum))
  for (e2 = _somtGetFirstEnumName(enum); e2;
       e2 = _somtGetNextEnumName(enum))
    /* etc. */
```

### Parameters

#### receiver

The enumeration entry whose first enumerator name is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

This method returns the first enumerator name for the specified enumeration entry.

### Example

To iterate through the enumerator names of an enumeration entry:

```
SOMTEnumNameEntryC myEntry;

printf("List of enumerator names:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstEnumName(enum); myEntry;
     myEntry = _somtGetNextEnumName(enum))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

### Related Information

**somtGetNextEnumName Method**

## somtGetNextEnumName Method

Gets the next enumerator name for an enumeration entry, relative to the previous call for an enumerator name.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTEnumNameEntryC somtGetNextEnumName ( );
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetNextEnumName** method returns the next enumerator name for the entry on which the method was invoked, if it has a next enumerator name. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

A call to a **somtGetNextEnumName** method is relative to the last call of either the same method or the corresponding **somtGetFirstEnumName** method, applied to the same entry object. This implies that the **somtGetFirstEnumName** and **somtGetNextEnumName** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextEnumName** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (e1 = _somtGetFirstEnumName(enum); e1;
     e1 = _somtGetNextEnumName(enum))
  for (e2 = _somtGetFirstEnumName(enum); e2;
       e2 = _somtGetNextEnumName(enum))
    /* etc. */
```

### Parameters

**receiver**

The entry whose next enumerator name is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

This method returns the next enumerator name for the entry represented by *receiver*, if it has a next enumerator. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

### Example

To iterate through the enumerator names of an enumeration entry:

```
SOMTEnumNameEntryC myEntry;

printf("List of enumerator names:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstEnumName(enum); myEntry;
     myEntry = _somtGetNextEnumName(enum))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

### Related Information

**somtGetFirstEnumName Method**

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## SOMTEnumNameEntryC Class

A **SOMTEnumNameEntryC** object represents an enumerator name. It provides attributes for accessing the enumeration in which it is defined and its value.

### File Stem

**scenumnm**

### Base

**SOMTEnumNameEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMTEnumNameEntryC Class**

**SOMObject**

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

**somtEnumPtr**

(**SOMTEnumNameEntryC**) A pointer to the enumeration that defines this enumerator name.

**somtEnumVal**

(**unsigned long**) The value of the enumerator.

### New Methods

None.

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**

**somDumpSelfInt Method**

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## SOMTMetaClassEntryC Class

A **SOMTMetaClassEntryC** object represents the metaclass statement in the implementation section of a SOM IDL class interface definition. The actual metaclass is represented by a **SOMTClassEntryC** object accessed via the **somtMetaClassDef** attribute.

### File Stem

scmeta

### Parent

SOMTEntryC Class

### Metaclass

SOMClass

### Ancestor Classes

SOMTEntryC Class

SOMObject

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtMetaFile**

(**string**) The name of the file containing the definition of this metaclass.

#### **somtMetaClassDef**

(**SOMTClassEntryC**) A pointer to an entry object representing the class definition entry for this metaclass.

### New Methods

None.

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**

**somDumpSelfInt Method**

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## SOMTMethodEntryC Class

A **SOMTMethodEntryC** object represents a method declaration within a class interface definition. It provides attributes and methods for accessing the method's type, arguments, context, exceptions, and parameters. For overriding methods, it provides attributes for accessing the overridden method and the overridden method's class.

### File Stem

**scmethod**

### Base

**SOMTCommonEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMTCommonEntryC**  
**SOMTEntryC**  
**SOMObject**

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtCReturnType**

(**string**) The C/C++ return type of the method.

#### **somtIsVarargs**

(**boolean**) TRUE if the method definition includes a *va\_list* parameter; FALSE, otherwise.

#### **somtOriginalMethod**

(**SOMTMethodEntryC**) For an overriding method definition, the entry for the method being overridden.

#### **somtOriginalClass**

(**SOMTClassEntryC**) For an overriding method, the entry for the class whose method is being overridden. For a new method, the entry for the class that introduced the method.

#### **somtIsOneway**

(**boolean**) Whether the method is defined as oneway.

#### **somtArgCount**

(**short**) The number of explicit arguments of the method (not including the method's receiver the Environment parameter, or the Context parameter, if any).

#### **somtContextArray**

(**string \***) An array of the context string-literals for the method.

## New Methods

- somtGetFirst<Item> Methods
- somtGetNext<Item> Methods
- somtGetIDLParamList Method
- somtGetShortCParamList Method
- somtGetFullCParamList Method
- somtGetShortParamNameList Method
- somtGetFullParamNameList Method
- somtGetNthParameter Method

## Overriding Methods

- somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method
- somDumpSelfInt Method

## somtGetFirst<Item> Methods

These methods get the first exception or parameter for a method entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTStructEntryC somtGetFirstException ();
SOMTParameterEntryC somtGetFirstParameter ();
```

**Note:** These methods do not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetFirst<Item>** methods return the first exception or parameter for the entry on which the method was invoked. Otherwise, it returns NULL. The next item of the same kind can be obtained using the corresponding **somtGetNext<Item> Methods**. For example, the **somtGetFirstException** method returns the entry representing the first exception of the specified method. The **somtGetNextException** method can be used repeatedly to retrieve each successive exception.

The same **somtGetFirst<Item>** and **somtGetNext<Item>** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextException** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (e1 = _somtGetFirstException(method); e1;
     e1 = _somtGetNextException(method))
  for (e2 = _somtGetFirstException(method); e2;
       e2 = _somtGetNextException(method))
    /* etc. */
```

Nested loops such as the one above are permissible if the target object of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item>** method is used in the inner loop.

For the **somtGetFirstParameter** method, only explicit method parameters are returned. In other words, the method's receiver, the **Environment** and the **Context** parameters are not included as parameters.

### Parameters

#### receiver

The method entry whose first item is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

These methods return the first exception or parameter for a method entry. The type of item returned is specific to the method; see the method call syntax shown above.

### Example

To iterate through the parameters of a method:

```
SOMTParameterEntryC myEntry;

printf("List of parameters:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstParameter(method); myEntry;
     myEntry = _somtGetNextParameter(method))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

### Related Information

**somtGetNext<Item> Methods**



## somtGetFullCParamList Method

Gets the formal parameter list, including the type and name of each parameter, of a method's C procedure.

### IDL Syntax

```
string somtGetFullCParamList (in string buffer, in string varargsParm);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetFullCParamList** method returns the formal parameter list for the specified method's C procedure. The list includes both the type and the name of each parameter. The parameter list is built in *buffer* and the address of *buffer* is returned. The list is delimited by newlines rather than commas so that it can be used as a symbol value suitable for list substitution in the template.

This method gives the types of the parameters as they appear in the method's C procedure, which may differ from the IDL types. For example, an out or inout parameter may have pointer stars added in the C form. This method includes in the result the method's receiver, the **Environment** parameter or the **Context** parameter, if any.

If the method takes a variable number of arguments, then the *va\_list* parameter is replaced by the string specified in *varargsParm*, unless *varargsParm* is NULL, in which case the *va\_list* parameter is removed.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTMethodEntryC** representing a method entry whose parameter list is needed.

#### buffer

The address of a character buffer to receive the argument list.

#### varargsParm

A string representing the variable arguments parameter, or NULL to remove the variable arguments parameter.

### Return Value

The **somtGetFullCParamList** method returns a string representing the formal argument list of the method's C procedure, including the type and name of each argument. This string is stored in *buffer*. The list is delimited by newlines rather than commas so that it can be used as a symbol value suitable for list substitution in the template.

### Example

```
char buf[MAX_BUFFER];
SOMTMethodEntryC method;
SOMTClassEntryC class = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
method = _somtGetFirstMethod(class);
_somtGetFullCParamList(method, buf, "va_list ap");
_somtSetSymbolCopyBoth(template, "methodFullCParamList", buf);
```

### Original Class

**SOMTMethodEntryC**

somtGetFullCParamList Method

## Related Information

- somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**
- somtGetFullParamNameList Method**
- somtGetIDLParamList Method**
- somtGetNext<Item> Methods**
- somtGetNthParameter Method**
- somtGetShortCParamList Method**
- somtGetShortParamNameList Method**

## somtGetFullParamNameList Method

Gets the list of parameter names for a method's procedure.

### IDL Syntax

```
string somtGetFullParamNameList (in string buffer, in string varargsParm);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetFullParamNameList** method returns a list of parameter names for a specified method's procedure. Unlike the **somtGetShortParamNameList**, the method's receiver, the **Environment** and **Context** parameters, if present, are included in the list.

The argument list is built in buffer and the address of buffer is returned. The list is delimited by newlines rather than commas so that it can be used as a symbol value suitable for list substitution in the template.

If the method takes a variable number of arguments, then the *va\_list* parameter is replaced by the string specified by *varargsParm*.

### Parameters

#### receiver

A **SOMTMethodEntryC** object representing a method whose parameter names are needed.

#### buffer

The address of a buffer in which to build the parameter list.

#### varargsParm

A **string** representing the variable arguments parameter, or NULL to remove the variable arguments parameter.

### Return Value

A pointer to the string representing the parameter list for the specified method's procedure.

### Example

To get the parameter list of a method's procedure:

```
char buf[MAX_BUFFER];
SOMTMethodEntryC method;
SOMTClassEntryC class = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
method = __somtGetFirstMethod(class);
__somtGetFullParamNameList(method, buf, "ap");
__somtSetSymbolCopyBoth(template, "methodFullParmNameList", buf);
```

### Original Class

**SOMTMethodEntryC**

### Related Information

- somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**
- somtGetFullCParamList Method**
- somtGetIDLParamList Method**
- somtGetNext<Item> Methods**
- somtGetNthParameter Method**
- somtGetShortCParamList Method**
- somtGetShortParamNameList Method**

## somtGetIDLParamList Method

Gets the formal parameter list, including the type and name of each parameter, of a method, in IDL syntax.

### IDL Syntax

```
string somtGetIDLParamList (in string buffer);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetIDLParamList** method returns the formal parameter list (in IDL form) for the specified method. The list includes both the type and the name of each parameter; for example, `in int x\n in float y\n in char z`. The parameter list is built in *buffer* and the address of *buffer* is returned. The list is delimited by newlines rather than commas so that it can be used as a symbol value suitable for list substitution in the template.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTMethodEntryC** representing a method entry whose parameter list is needed.

#### buffer

The address of a character buffer to receive the parameter list.

### Return Value

The **somtGetIDLParamList** method returns a string representing the formal parameter list of the method, including the type and name of each parameter, in IDL syntax. This string is stored in *buffer*. The list is delimited by newlines rather than commas so that it can be used as a symbol value suitable for list substitution in the template.

### Example

```
char buf[MAX_BUFFER];
SOMTMethodEntryC method;
SOMTClassEntryC class = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
method = _somtGetFirstMethod(class);
_somtGetIDLParamList(method, buf);
_somtSetSymbolCopyBoth(template, "methodIDLParamList", buf);
```

### Original Class

**SOMTMethodEntryC**

### Related Information

- somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**
- somtGetFullCParamList Method**
- somtGetFullParamNameList Method**
- somtGetNext<Item> Methods**
- somtGetNthParameter Method**
- somtGetShortCParamList Method**
- somtGetShortParamNameList Method**

## somtGetNext<Item> Methods

These methods get the next exception or parameter for a method entry, relative to the previous call for a similar entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTStructEntryC somtGetNextException ();
SOMTParameterEntryC somtGetNextParameter ();
```

These methods do not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetNext<Item>** methods return the next item for the entry on which the method was invoked, if it has a next item of that type. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

A call to a **somtGetNext<Item>** method is relative to the last call of either the same method or the corresponding **somtGetFirst<Item>** method, applied to the same entry object. This implies that the same **somtGetFirst<Item>** and **somtGetNext<Item>** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextException** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (e1 = _somtGetFirstException(method); e1;
    e1 = _somtGetNextException(method))
  for (e2 = _somtGetFirstException(method); e2;
      e2 = _somtGetNextException(method))
    /* etc. */
```

Nested loops such as the one above are permissible if the target object of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item>** method is used in the inner loop.

Note that for the **somtGetNextParameter** method, only explicit method parameters are returned. In other words, the method's *receiver*, the **Environment** and **Context** parameters are not included as parameters.

### Parameters

#### receiver

The method entry whose next item is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

These methods return the next exception or parameter for the entry on which the method was invoked, if it has a next item of that type. Otherwise, it returns NULL. The type of item returned is specific to the method; see the method call syntax shown above.

### Example

To iterate through the parameters of a method:

```
SOMTParameterEntryC myEntry;

printf("List of parameters:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstParameter(method); myEntry;
    myEntry = _somtGetNextParameter(method))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

### Related Information

**somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**

## somtGetNthParameter Method

Gets the entry representing a particular parameter of a method.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTPParameterEntryC somtGetNthParameter (in short n);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetNthParameter** method returns the entry object representing the specified explicit parameter of the receiver. The first argument is numbered zero. The receiver of the method, the **Environment** and **Context** parameters, if any, are not returned and are not counted.

### Parameters

**receiver**

A **SOMTMethodEntryC** object representing a method whose parameter is needed.

**n**

The number of the parameter to return, starting from zero.

### Return Value

The **somtGetNthParameter** returns the **SOMTPParameterEntryC** object representing the *n*th parameter of receiver.

### Original Class

**SOMTMethodEntryC**

### Related Information

- somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**
- somtGetFullCParamList Method**
- somtGetFullParamNameList Method**
- somtGetIDLParamList Method**
- somtGetNext<Item> Methods**
- somtGetShortCParamList Method**
- somtGetShortParamNameList Method**

## somtGetShortCParamList Method

Gets the formal parameter list, including the type and name of each parameter, of a method's C procedure.

### IDL Syntax

```
string somtGetShortCParamList (in string buffer,
                               in string selfParm, in string varargsParm);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetShortCParamList** method returns the formal parameter list for the specified method's C procedure. The list includes both the type and the name of each parameter. The parameter list is built in buffer and the address of buffer is returned. The list is delimited by newlines rather than commas so that it can be used as a symbol value suitable for list substitution in the template.

This method gives the types of the parameters as they appear in the method's C procedure, which may differ from the IDL types. For example, an out or inout parameter may have pointer stars added in the C form. This method does not include in the result the method's receiver, the **Environment** parameter or the **Context** parameter, if any.

If selfParm is not null, then it is added as an initial parameter. The selfParm value can contain multiple parameters, delimited by newlines.

If the method takes a variable number of parameters, then the *va\_list* parameter is replaced by the string specified by *varargsParm*, unless *varargsParm* is NULL, in which case the *va\_list* parameter is removed.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTMethodEntryC** representing a method entry whose parameter list is needed.

#### buffer

The address of a character buffer to receive the parameter list.

#### selfParm

A string representing a parameter (or list of newline-separated parameters) to be inserted at the start of the list.

#### varargsParm

A string representing the variable arguments parameter, or NULL to remove the variable arguments parameter.

### Return Value

The **somtGetShortCParamList** method returns a string representing the formal parameter list of the method's C procedure, including the type and name of each parameter. This string is stored in buffer. The list is delimited by newlines rather than commas so that it can be used as a symbol value suitable for list substitution in the template.

### Example

```
char buf[MAX_BUFFER];
SOMTMethodEntryC method;
SOMTClassEntryC class = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
method = _somtGetFirstMethod(class);
```

somtGetShortCParamList Method

```
_somtGetShortCParamList(method, buf, NULL, "va_list ap");  
_somtSetSymbolCopyBoth(template, "methodShortCParamList", buf);
```

## Original Class

**SOMTMethodEntryC**

## Related Information

**somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**  
**somtGetFullCParamList Method**  
**somtGetFullParamNameList Method**  
**somtGetIDLParamList Method**  
**somtGetNext<Item> Methods**  
**somtGetNthParameter Method**  
**somtGetShortParamNameList Method**



## somtGetShortParamNameList Method

Gets the list of explicit parameter names for a method.

### IDL Syntax

```
string somtGetShortParamNameList ( in string buffer,
                                   in string selfParm, in string varargsParm);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetShortParamNameList** method returns a list of explicit parameter names for a specified method. The method's receiver, the **Environment** and **Context** parameters are not included in the list; only the explicit method parameters (as declared in IDL) are present in the result of this method.

The parameter list is built in *buffer* and the address of *buffer* is returned. The list is delimited by newlines rather than commas so that it can be used as a symbol value suitable for list substitution in the template.

If *selfParm* is not null, then it is added as an initial parameter. The *selfParm* value can contain multiple parameters, delimited by newlines.

If the method takes a variable number of arguments, then the *va\_list* parameter is replaced by the string specified by *varargsParm*, unless *varargsParm* is NULL, in which case the *va\_list* parameter is removed.

### Parameters

#### receiver

A **SOMTMethodEntryC** object representing the method whose parameter names are needed.

#### buffer

The address of a buffer in which to build the parameter list.

#### selfParm

A string representing a parameter (or list of newline-separated parameters) to be inserted at the start of the list.

#### varargsParm

A string representing the variable arguments parameter, or NULL to remove the variable arguments parameter.

### Return Value

The **somtGetShortParamNameList** returns a pointer to the string representing the parameter list for the specified method.

### Example

To get the parameter list of a method:

```
char buf[MAX_BUFFER];
SOMTMethodEntryC method;
SOMTClassEntryC class = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
method = _somtGetFirstMethod(class);
_somtGetShortParamNameList(method, buf, NULL, "ap");
_somtSetSymbolCopyBoth(template, "methodShortParamNameList", buf);
```

somtGetShortParamNameList Method

## Original Class

SOMTMethodEntryC

## Related Information

**somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**  
**somtGetFullCParamList Method**  
**somtGetFullParamNameList Method**  
**somtGetIDLParamList Method**  
**somtGetNext<Item> Methods**  
**somtGetNthParameter Method**  
**somtGetShortCParamList Method**

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## SOMTModuleEntryC Class

A **SOMTModuleEntryC** object represents an IDL module definition. It provides methods for accessing the structs, unions, enums, types, sequences, constants, interfaces and nested modules within the module.

### File Stem

**scmodule**

### Base

**SOMTEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMTEntryC Class**  
**SOMObject**

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

**somtModuleFile**

(**string**) The name of the file in which the module is defined.

**somtOuterModule**

(**SOMTModuleEntryC**) The module enclosing this module, or NULL if there is none.

### New Methods

**somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**

**somtGetNext<Item> Methods**

### Overriding Methods

**somDumpSelfInt Method**

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**

## somtGetFirst<Item> Methods

The **somtGetFirst<Item>** methods get the first item for a module entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTClassEntryC somtGetFirstInterface ( );
SOMTModuleEntryC somtGetFirstModule ( );
SOMTConstEntryC somtGetFirstModuleConstant ( );
SOMTEnumEntryC somtGetFirstModuleEnum ( );
SOMTSequenceEntryC somtGetFirstModuleSequence ( );
SOMTStructEntryC somtGetFirstModuleStruct ( );
SOMTTypedefEntryC somtGetFirstModuleTypedef ( );
SOMTUnionEntryC somtGetFirstModuleUnion ( );
SOMTEntryC somtGetFirstModuleDef ( );
```

**Note:** These methods do not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetFirst<Item>** methods return the first item of the type shown above for the entry on which the method was invoked; otherwise, it returns NULL. The next item of the same kind can be obtained using the corresponding **somtGetNext<Item>** method. For example, **somtGetFirstInterface** returns the entry representing the first interface of the specified module. If the module has no interfaces, it returns NULL. **somtGetNextInterface** can be used repeatedly to retrieve each successive interface. **somtGetFirstModuleDef** returns the first constant/type definition of the module.

The same **somtGetFirst<Item>** and **somtGetNext<Item>** cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextInterface** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (m1 = _somtGetFirstInterface(mod); m1;
     m1 = _somtGetNextInterface(mod))
  for (m2 = _somtGetFirstInterface(mod); m2;
       m2 = _somtGetNextInterface(mod))
    /* etc. */
```

Nested loops such as the one above are permissible if the target object of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item>** is used in the inner loop.

### Parameters

#### receiver

The entry whose first item is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

These methods return the first item for a module entry. The type of item returned is specific to the method; see the method call syntax shown above.

### Example

To iterate through the nested modules of a module:

```
SOMTModuleEntryC myEntry;

printf("List of nested modules:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstModule(mod); myEntry;
     myEntry = _somtGetNextModule(mod))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

## Related Information

[somtGetNext<Item> Methods](#)

## somtGetNext<Item> Methods

These methods get the next item for a module entry, relative to the previous call for a similar entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTClassEntryC somtGetNextInterface ( );
SOMTModuleEntryC somtGetNextModule ( );
SOMTConstEntryC somtGetNextModuleConstant ( );
SOMTEnumEntryC somtGetNextModuleEnum ( );
SOMTSequenceEntryC somtGetNextModuleSequence ( );
SOMTStructEntryC somtGetNextModuleStruct ( );
SOMTTypedefEntryC somtGetNextModuleTypedef ( );
SOMTUnionEntryC somtGetNextModuleUnion ( );
SOMTEntryC somtGetNextModuleDef ( );
```

**Note:** These methods do not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetNext<Item>** methods return the next item for the entry on which the method was invoked, if it has a next item of that type. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

**somtGetNextModuleDef** returns the next constant/type definition of the module.

A call to a **somtGetNext<Item>** is relative to the last call of either the same method or the corresponding **somtGetFirst<Item>**, applied to the same entry object. This implies that the same **somtGetFirst<Item>** and **somtGetNext<Item>** cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextInterface** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (m1 = _somtGetFirstInterface(mod); m1;
     m1 = _somtGetNextInterface(mod))
  for (m2 = _somtGetFirstInterface(mod); m2;
       m2 = _somtGetNextInterface(mod))
    /* etc. */
```

Nested loops such as the one above are permissible if the target object of the inner loop differs from the target object of the outer loop, or if a different **somtGetFirst<Item>** method is used in the inner loop.

### Parameters

#### receiver

The entry whose next item is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

These methods return the next item (of the type shown above) for the entry represented by *receiver*, if it has a next item of that type. Otherwise, it returns NULL. The type of item returned is specific to the method; see the method call syntax shown above.

### Example

To iterate through the nested modules of a module:

```
SOMTModuleEntryC myEntry;

printf("List of nested modules:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstModule(mod); myEntry;
     myEntry = _somtGetNextModule(mod))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

## Related Information

[somtGetFirst<Item> Methods](#)

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## SOMTParameterEntryC Class

A **SOMTParameterEntryC** object represents a parameter of a method.

### File Stem

scparm

### Base

**SOMTCommonEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMTCommonEntryC Class**

**SOMTEntryC Class**

**SOMObject**

### Types

```
enum somtParameterDirectionT { somtInE, somtOutE, somtInOutE }
```

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtParameterDirection**

(**somtParameterDirectionT**) The I/O direction for the parameter. There are three possible parameter directions:

- **somtInE**: The parameter is for input.
- **somtOutE**: The parameter is for output.
- **somtInOutE** The parameter is for both input and output

#### **somtIDLParameterDeclaration**

(**string**) The IDL declaration of the parameter, including its type and name.

#### **somtCParameterDeclaration**

(**string**) The declaration for the parameter within a C/C++ method procedure prototype. This may differ from the IDL declaration; in particular, pointer stars may be added, depending on the direction of the parameter.

### New Methods

None.

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**

**somDumpSelfInt Method**



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## SOMTPassthruEntryC Class

An object of class **SOMTPassthruEntryC** represents a passthru item in a class definition. It provides attributes for accessing the target, language and body of the passthru, as well as whether the passthru is a before or after passthru.

### File Stem

**scpass**

### Base

**SOMTEEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMTEEntryC Class**  
**SOMObject**

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtPassthruTarget**

**(string)** The target emitter for a passthru entry.

#### **somtPassthruLanguage**

**(string)** The name of the language for which a passthru entry is intended. Language names are always in upper case.

#### **somtPassthruBody**

**(string)** The source text of a passthru entry, without modification. Newlines present in the source are retained.

### New Methods

**somtIsBeforePassthru Method**

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**  
**somDumpSelfInt Method**

## somtIsBeforePassthru Method

Tests whether a passthru entry represents a before or after passthru.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtIsBeforePassthru (SOMTPassthruEntryC receiver);
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtIsBeforePassthru** method tests whether a passthru entry represents a passthru intended to be put at the beginning of the output file or inserted after the **#include** statements, as specified in the **.idl** file.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTPassthruEntryC** representing a passthru item to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtIsBeforePassthru** method returns **TRUE** if this passthru entry is a before passthru (intended to be put at the beginning of the emitted file), or it returns **FALSE** if this passthru entry is an after passthru (intended to be put after the **#include** statements in the emitted file).

### Original Class

**SOMTPassthruEntryC**

### Related Information

**somtEmitFullPassthru Method**  
**somtGetFirst<Item> Methods**  
**somtGetNext<Item> Methods**  
**somtEmit<Section> Methods**

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## SOMTSequenceEntryC Class

A **SOMTSequenceEntryC** object represents a sequence type definition. It provides attributes for accessing the type and length of the sequence.

### File Stem

**scseqnce**

### Base

**SOMTEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMTEntryC Class**

**SOMObject**

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtSeqLength**

**(long)** The length of the sequence, as specified in the **.idl** file. If unspecified, this attribute is zero.

#### **somtSeqType**

**(SOMTEntryC)** A pointer to an object representing the type of the sequence.

### New Methods

None.

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**

**somDumpSelfInt Method**

## SOMTStringEntryC Class

A **SOMTStringEntryC** object represents a string type definition.

### File Stem

scstring

### Base

SOMTEntryC Class

### Metaclass

SOMClass Class

### Ancestor Classes

SOMTEntryC Class  
SOMObject Class

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtStringLength**

(**long**) The length of the string, as specified in the **.idl** file. If unspecified, this attribute is zero.

### New Methods

None

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry** Method  
**somDumpSelfInt** Method

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## SOMTStructEntryC Class

A **SOMTStructEntryC** object represents a struct definition or an exception. Every class entry holds a pointer to a struct entry (**SOMTStructEntryC** object) for each struct defined within the class's interface specification. Each struct entry has attributes that represent the class in which the struct was defined (**somtStructClass**) and whether the struct actually represents an exception (**somtIsException**), and methods for accessing the members of the struct. The members of the struct are represented by **SOMTypedefEntryC** objects whose attributes and methods give the member types and declarator names.

### File Stem

**scstruct**

### Base

**SOMEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass Class**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMEntryC Class**  
**SOMObject Class**

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

**somtStructClass**

(**SOMTClassEntryC**) A pointer to an object representing the class in which this struct was defined.

**somtIsException**

(**boolean**) Whether the struct actually represents an exception.

### New Methods

**somtGetFirstMember Method**  
**somtGetNextMember Method**

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**  
**somDumpSelfInt Method**

## somtGetFirstMember Method

The **somtGetFirstMember** method gets the first member for a struct entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTTypedefEntryC somtGetFirstMember ();
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetFirstMember** method returns the first member for the struct entry on which the method was invoked. The next member can be obtained using the corresponding **somtGetNextMember** method.

Note that the **somtGetFirstMember** and **somtGetNextMember** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextMember** in the outer loop will **return NULL**:

```
for (m1 = _somtGetFirstMember(struct); m1;
     m1 = _somtGetNextMember(struct))
  for (m2 = _somtGetFirstMember(struct); m2;
       m2 = _somtGetNextMember(struct))
    /* etc. */
```

### Parameters

**receiver**

The struct entry whose first member is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

This method returns the first member for a struct entry.

### Related Information

**somtGetNextMember Method**

## somtGetNextMember Method

Get the next member for a struct entry, relative to the previous call for a similar entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTTypeDefEntryC somtGetNextMember ();
```

**Note:** This method does not take an **Environment** parameter.

### Description

The **somtGetNextMember** method returns the next member for the struct entry on which the method was invoked, if it has a next member. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

A call to a **somtGetNextMember** method is relative to the last call of either the same method or the corresponding **somtGetFirstMember** method, applied to the same entry object. This implies that the **somtGetFirstMember** and **somtGetNextMember** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextMember** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (m1 = _somtGetFirstMember(struct); m1;
     m1 = _somtGetNextMember(struct))
  for (m2 = _somtGetFirstMember(struct); m2;
       m2 = _somtGetNextMember(struct))
    /* etc. */
```

### Parameters

**receiver**

The struct entry whose next item is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

This method returns the next member for the struct entry represented by *receiver*, if it has a next member. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

### Related Information

**somtGetFirstMember Method**

## SOMTemplateOutputC Class

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** represents the output template for an emitter. The template controls the format and content of the sections that an emitter emits. The emitter itself controls which sections are actually emitted and their order, through its implementation of **somtGenerateSections Method**. The template is initialized from the template **.efw** file. The template consists of a set of section names and corresponding text templates containing symbols that, when emitted, are replaced by values appropriate for the emitter's target class/module. For example, the following fragment of a template file specifies the format of the *class* section for a particular emitter:

```
:classS
The class name is <className>.
```

Lines that begin with a colon introduce a section. By convention, section names end with **S**. When the SOM Compiler compiles the definition of class `Foo` and invokes the emitter with the above template, the emitter will produce the following text when it emits the *class* section:

```
The class name is Foo.
```

Lines in a template that begin with a question mark (?) are emitted only if at least one symbol appearing on that line is defined with a non-NULL value. In addition to simple symbol substitution, two forms of complex substitution are supported: list substitution and comment substitution.

Comment substitution is specified by two dashes before the symbol name. For example,

```
<- - methodComment>
```

indicates that the value of the symbol *methodComment* should be emitted in comment form. The comment form used depends on the **somtCommentStyle** and **somtCommentNewline** attributes of the template.

List substitution is specified by “...” preceding the closing angle bracket. In addition, any characters preceding the symbol name indicate the prefix for non-empty lists, and any characters after the symbol name and before the “...” indicate the delimiter for list items. For example,

```
<:methodShortParamNameList, ...>
```

indicates that the items that constitute the value of symbol *methodShortParamNameList* should be emitted with a preceding colon and with a comma and a space between each item, as in

```
:x, y, z
```

Items are delimited in the symbol's value by newline characters. The **somtLineLength** attribute of the template controls how many list items appear on each line.

The **SOMTemplateOutputC** class provides methods for maintaining the emitter's symbol table. The **SOMTemplateOutputC** class defines several general-purpose symbols as well as methods through which an emitter can define special-purpose symbols. It provides methods whereby an emitter can define and emit special-purpose sections in addition to those defined by the **SOMTEmitC Class**. The general-purpose symbols predefined by the **SOMTemplateOutputC** class are as follows:

- attributeDeclarators, attributeBaseType, attributeComment, attributeLineNumber, attributeMods
- attributeDeclarators, attributeBaseType, attributeComment, attributeLineNumber, attributeMods



- baseMajorVersion, baseMinorVersion, baseSourceFile, baseSourceFileStem, baseInclude, baseName, baseIDLScopedName, baseCScopedName, baseComment, baseLineNumber
- classMajorVersion, classMinorVersion, classSourceFile, classSourceFileStem, classReleaseOrder, classInclude, className, classComment, classLineNumber, classMods, classIDLScopedName, classCScopedName
- constantName, constantIDLScopedName, constantCScopedName, constantComment, constantLineNumber, constantMods, constantType, constantValueUnevaluated, constantEvaluated,
- dataName, dataIDLScopedName, dataCScopedName, dataComment, dataLineNumber, dataMods, dataType, dataArrayDimensions, dataPointer
- enumName, enumIDLScopedName, enumCScopedName, enumComment, enumLineNumber, enumMods, enumNames
- metaMajorVersion, metaMinorVersion, metaSourceFile, metaSourceFileStem, metaInclude, metaName, metaIDLScopedName, metaCScopedName, metaComment, metaLineNumber
- methodName, methodIDLScopedName, methodIDLCScopedName, methodComment, methodLineNumber, methodMods, methodType, methodCReturnType, methodContext, methodRaises, methodClassName, methodCParamList, methodCParamListVA, methodIDLParamList, methodShortParamNameList, methodFullParamNameList
- moduleName, moduleIDLScopedName, moduleCScopedName, moduleComment, moduleLineNumber, moduleMods, and timeStamp
- parameterType, parameterDirection, parameterCDeclaration, parameterIDLDeclaration, parameterName, parameterMods, parameterLineNumber, parameterComment, parameterIDLScopedName, parameterCScopedName
- passthruName, passthruComment, passthruLineNumber, passthruMods, passthruLanguage, passthruTarget, passthruBody
- stringLength, sequenceLength
- structName, structIDLScopedName, structCScopedName, structComment, structLineNumber, structMods
- typedefComment, typedefLineNumber, typedefBaseType, typedefDeclarators
- unionName, unionIDLScopedName, unionCScopedName, unionComment, unionLineNumber, unionMods

The **SOMTemplateOutputC** class also defines the following symbols, which are used by the **somtEmit<Section> Methods** to determine what section names correspond to different sections.

**Note:** The remainder of the symbols below follow the same convention:

prologSN, baseIncludesPrologSN, baseIncludesSN, baseIncludesEpilogSN, metaIncludeSN, classSN, metaSN, basePrologSN, baseSN, baseEpilogSN, constantPrologSN, constantSN, constantEpilogSN, typedefPrologSN, typedefSN, typedefEpilogSN, structPrologSN, structSN, structEpilogSN, unionPrologSN, unionSN, unionEpilogSN, enumPrologSN, enumSN, enumEpilogSN, attributePrologSN, attributeSN, attributeEpilogSN, interfacePrologSN, interfaceSN, interfaceEpilogSN, modulePrologSN, moduleSN, moduleEpilogSN, passthruPrologSN, passthruSN, passthruEpilogSN, releaseSN, dataPrologSN, dataSN, dataEpilogSN, methodsPrologSN, methodsSN, overrideMethodsSN, overriddenMethodsSN, inheritedMethodsSN, methodsEpilogSN, epilogSN.

## File Stem

sctmpl

## Base

SOMObject

## Metaclass

SOMClass

## Ancestor Classes

SOMObject

## Types

```
enum somtCommentStyleT {somtDashesE, somtCPPE, somtCSimpleE,  
somtCBlockE }
```

## Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

### **somtCommentStyle**

(somtCommentStyleT) The style in which comments are emitted, as follows:

- **somtDashesE**: "--" at the start of each line
- **somtCPPE**: "/" at the start of each line
- **somtCSimpleE**: simple C style, each line wrapped in "/" and "/"
- **somtCBlockE**: block C style, a leading "/\*", then a "\*" on each line and a final "\*/"

### **somtLineLength**

(long) Controls the length of emitted lines, for list output only. The default line length is 72. At least one list item will be output on each line, so making this value very small cause list items to be emitted one per line.

### **somtCommentNewline**

(boolean) If TRUE, each line of comments that are emitted is preceded by a newline.

## New Methods

**somtGetSymbol Method**  
**somtSetSymbol Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyName Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyBoth Method**  
**somtCheckSymbol Method**  
**somtSetOutputFile Method**  
**somto Method**  
**somtOutputComment Method**  
**somtOutputSection Method**  
**somtAddSectionDefinitions Method**  
**somtReadSectionDefinitions Method**  
**somtExpandSymbol Method**

## Overriding Methods

**somDefaultInit Method**  
**somDestruct Method**  
**somPrintSelf Method**  
**somDumpSelfInt Method**

## somtAddSectionDefinitions Method

Reads section definitions from a string and adds them to a specified template.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtAddSectionDefinitions (in string defString);
```

### Description

The **somtAddSectionDefinitions** method adds the section definitions specified in *defString* to the template represented by receiver. The section definitions in *defString* must be in the following form:

```
:section1
value 1 line 1
value 1 line 2
:section2
value 2 line 1
:section3
value 3 line 1
```

where each line containing a colon (:) in column 1 introduces a new section. The section name is the text immediately following the colon. A backslash (\) in column 1 can be used to escape a colon that is not used to start a new section.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** representing a template.

#### defString

A string that specifies the section definitions to add to the template.

### Original Class

**SOMTemplateOutputC**

### Related Information

**somtCheckSymbol Method**  
**somtExpandSymbol Method**  
**somtReadSectionDefinitions Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyBoth Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyName Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method**

## somtCheckSymbol Method

Checks whether a symbol has been set in a specified template's symbol table.

### IDL Syntax

```
boolean somtCheckSymbol (in string name);
```

### Description

The **somtCheckSymbol** method checks whether the specified symbol has a non-NULL, non-zero length value in the template's symbol table.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** representing a template.

#### name

A string representing the name of the symbol to be tested.

### Return Value

The **somtCheckSymbol** method returns TRUE if the indicated symbol has a non-NULL, non-zero length value. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

### Example

```
SOMTemplateOutputC template;
template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
if (!_somtCheckSymbol(template, "className"))
    printf("The <className> symbol is set.\n");
```

### Original Class

**SOMTemplateOutputC**

### Related Information

- somtAddSectionDefinitions Method**
- somtExpandSymbol Method**
- somtGetSymbol Method**
- somtReadSectionDefinitions Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyBoth Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyName Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method**

## somtExpandSymbol Method

Expands a section from a template file.

### IDL Syntax

```
string somtExpandSymbol (
    in string s,
    in string buf);
```

### Description

The **somtExpandSymbol** method expands a section from a template file, given a symbol representing the name of the section, by substituting symbol values for symbol names in the template. This expansion can then be assigned as the value of another symbol, using one of the **somtSetSymbol** methods. In this way, the values of emitter symbols can be defined declaratively in the template file, rather than procedurally within the emitter's code.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** representing a template.

#### s

A **string** representing the name of the section to be expanded.

#### buf

A **string** representing the buffer which will receive the expanded section.

### Return Value

The **somtExpandSymbol** method expands the specified section in *buf* and returns *buf*.

### Example

If the template **.efw** file for an emitter contains the following section definition:

```
:methodPrefixS
<functionprefix>_
```

then the following code within an overriding implementation of the **somtGenerateSections Method** or any other method of **SOMTEmitC** will set symbol `methodPrefix` to be the expansion of the **methodPrefixS** section in the template file (that is, the value of symbol *functionprefix*, if defined by the emitter, followed by an underscore).

```
SOMTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
char buf[MAX_SYMBOL_SIZE];
...
_somtSetSymbolCopyBoth(template, "methodPrefix",
    _somtExpandSymbol(
        template, "methodPrefixS", buf))
```

### Original Class

**SOMTemplateOutputC**

somtExpandSymbol Method

## **Related Information**

- somtAddSectionDefinitions Method**
- somtReadSectionDefinitions Method**
- somtCheckSymbol Method**
- somtGetSymbol Method**
- somtSetSymbol Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyBoth Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyName Method**

## somtGetSymbol Method

Gets a symbol value from a template's symbol table.

### IDL Syntax

```
string somtGetSymbol (in string name);
```

### Description

The **somtGetSymbol** method gets the value of symbol *name* from the symbol table of the template object on which the method was invoked.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** representing a template.

#### name

A string representing the name of the symbol whose value is needed.

### Return Value

The **somtGetSymbol** method returns the string representing the value of the symbol. If there is no associated value, then **somtGetSymbol** returns NULL.

### Example

To set the symbol `prefix` to the value of `externalPrefix` (if that symbol has already been given a value):

```
SOMTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
_somtSetSymbolCopyName(template, "prefix",
    _somtGetSymbol(template, "externalPrefix"));
```

### Original Class

**SOMTemplateOutputC**

### Related Information

[somtCheckSymbol Method](#)  
[somtExpandSymbol Method](#)  
[somtSetSymbolCopyBoth Method](#)  
[somtSetSymbolCopyName Method](#)  
[somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method](#)

## somto Method

Outputs a template to a file.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somto (in string tmpl);
```

### Description

The **somto** method outputs a template `tmpl` after substituting for any symbols that occur in it. (This method is usually not called directly.) Five kinds of symbol substitutions are supported: simple, list, comment, tab, and conditional.

Substitutable items in the template are bracketed with angle brackets (<>). The backslash (\) can be used to escape an angle bracket.

- Simple substitution replaces a symbol with its value. If the symbol has no value in the symbol table of the **SOMTemplateOutputC** object on which the method was invoked, then the symbol is replaced by the string `Symbol <...> is not defined.`
- List substitution replaces a symbol with a value expressed in list form, using specified delimiters. The symbol value must consist of a sequence of list items, separated by newline characters. The list-substitution specification consists of four parts: a prefix, the symbol, a separator, and a list indicator. The prefix and separator components can only be composed of blanks, commas, colons and semicolons. The list indicator is “. . .” (three periods). For example, the list-substitution specification `<, name, ...>` has a prefix of “, ”, a symbol of `name` and a separator of “, ”. The prefix will precede the list whenever there is at least one item in the list, and the separator will be used between any two list items. After each item of the list is output, the next item is evaluated to determine whether it would exceed the maximum line length (set by the receiver’s attribute **somtLineLength**). If it would, then a new line is begun and the next value is placed directly under the first item.
- Comment substitution replaces a symbol with its value in the form of a comment. A comment specification consists of the two characters “- -” followed by a symbol name. For example, `<- - classComment>` is a valid comment-substitution specification. The lines of the comment are output according to the **somtCommentStyle** attribute of the receiver, and are aligned with the starting column of the comment specification.
- Tab substitution is specified by `<@dd>`, where `dd` is a valid positive integer representing a column number. Blanks will be inserted into the output stream if necessary to position the next character of output at the column indicated by `dd`.
- Conditional substitution is specified by putting a question mark (?) in column one of the template line. The line will not be output unless at least one valid, non-blank symbol substitution occurs on the line.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** representing an emitter’s template.

#### tmpl

A string representing the template to be output.



## somtOutputComment Method

Inserts a comment into the output file.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtOutputComment (in string comment);
```

### Description

The **somtOutputComment** method inserts a comment into the output file. The specified comment must be a string in which each comment line terminates with a newline character.

### Parameters

**receiver**

An object of class **SOMTTemplateOutputC** representing a template.

**comment**

A string representing the comment to be emitted.

### Example

```
SOMTTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);  
_somtOutputComment(template, "Here is a comment to emit.");
```

### Original Class

**SOMTTemplateOutputC**

### Related Information

**somto Method**

**somtOutputSection Method**

**somtSetOutputFile Method**

## somtOutputSection Method

Outputs a section of a template.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtOutputSection (in string sectionName);
```

### Description

The **somtOutputSection** method outputs the section named by *sectionName* after substituting for any symbols in that section. The template **.efw** file defines each section. Five types of symbol substitution are supported: simple, list, comment, tab and conditional.

Substitutable items in a template are bracketed with angle brackets (<>). The backslash (\) can be used to escape an angle bracket.

- Simple substitution replaces a symbol with its value. If the symbol has no value for the **SOMTemplateOutputC** object, then the symbol is replaced by the string `Symbol <...> is not defined`.
- List substitution replaces a symbol with a value expressed in list form, using specified delimiters. The symbol value must consist of a sequence of list items, separated by newline characters. The list-substitution specification consists of four parts: a prefix, the symbol, a separator and a list indicator

The prefix and separator components can only be composed of blanks, commas, colons and semicolons. The list indicator is the periods (. . .). For example, the list-substitution specification `<, name, ...>` has a prefix of “, ”, a symbol of name and a separator of “, ”. The prefix will precede the list whenever there is at least one item in the list, and the separator will be used between any two list items. After each item of the list is output, the next item is evaluated to determine whether it would exceed the maximum line length (set by the receiver’s attribute **somtLineLength**). If it would, then a new line is begun and the next value is placed directly under the first item.

- Comment substitution replaces a symbol with its value in the form of a comment. A comment specification consists of the two characters “- -” followed by a symbol name. For example, `<- - classComment>` is a valid comment-substitution specification. The lines of the comment are output according to the **somtCommentStyle** attribute of the receiver, and are aligned with the starting column of the comment specification.
- Tab substitution is specified by `<@dd>`, where `dd` is a valid positive integer representing a column number. Blanks will be inserted into the output stream if necessary to position the next character of output at the column indicated by `dd`.
- Conditional substitution is specified by putting a question mark (?) in column one of the template line. The line will not be output unless at least one valid, non-blank symbol substitution occurs on the line.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** representing a template.

#### sectionName

A string representing the name of the section to be emitted.

### Example

```
SOMTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
_somtOutputSection(template, "metaSectionS");
```

## Original Class

SOMTemplateOutputC

## Related Information

somtAddSectionDefinitions Method  
somto Method  
somtReadSectionDefinitions Method  
somtSetOutputFile Method

## somtReadSectionDefinitions Method

Reads section definitions from a file and adds them to the specified template.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtReadSectionDefinitions (inout FILE *fp);
```

### Description

The **somtReadSectionDefinitions** method reads all section definitions from the file specified by *fp* and adds them to the template on which the method was invoked. Section definitions must be in the following form:

```
:section1
value 1 line 1
value 1 line 2
:section2
value 2 line 1
:section3
value 3 line 1
```

where each line containing a colon (:) in column 1 introduces a new section. The section name is the text immediately following the colon. A backslash (\) in column 1 can be used to escape a colon that is not used to start a new section.

### Parameter

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** representing the template to which the section definitions will be added.

#### fp

A pointer to the file containing the section definitions.

### Example

To read the section definitions from the **myfile.efw** template file:

```
MyEmitter emitter;
SOMTemplateOutputC template;

emitter = MyEmitterNew();
template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);

if (deffile = _somtOpenSymbolsFile(emitter, "myfile.efw", "r"))
    _somtReadSectionDefinitions(template, deffile);
```

### Original Class

**SOMTemplateOutputC**

### Related Information

**somtAddSectionDefinitions Method**  
**somto Method**  
**somtOpenSymbolsFile Method**  
**somtOutputSection Method**  
**somtSetOutputFile Method**

## somtSetOutputFile Method

Sets the output file for an emitter.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtSetOutputFile (inout FILE *fp);
```

### Description

The **somtSetOutputFile** method specifies the file to which all output will be directed. This method usually need not be invoked directly, because a template's output file is set when its emitter's target file is set (using **\_set\_somtTargetFile**). The default output file is *stdout*.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** representing the template of the emitter.

#### fp

A pointer to the output file.

### Original Class

**SOMTemplateOutputC**

### Related Information

**somto Method**

**somtOutputSection Method**

## somtSetSymbol Method

Sets a symbol to a given value in the symbol table of a specified template.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtSetSymbol (in string name, in string value);
```

### Description

The **somtSetSymbol** method sets a symbol name to a specified value in the symbol table of the template object on which the method was invoked. This adds the name value pair to the symbol table or overwrites a previous setting, if necessary.

The symbol table assumes ownership of both the name and value, and these strings must not be freed by the caller. If the value of the named symbol is changed by subsequent calls to a **somtSetSymbol** method, then the string passed as the value parameter will be freed by the symbol table. Hence, if the string representing the value is a static string or a string that will be freed by the caller, or if the symbol value may change during subsequent execution of the emitter and it is necessary that the string passed as the value parameter not be freed by the symbol table, then you should use the **somtSetSymbolCopyValue** or **somtSetSymbolCopyBoth** method to define the name/value pair. Likewise, if the string representing the name is a static string or a string that will be freed by the caller, you should use the **somtSetSymbolCopyName** or **somtSetSymbolCopyBoth** method to define the name/value pair.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC**, representing the template object of an emitter.

#### name

A string representing a symbol name.

#### value

A string representing a symbol value.

### Original Class

**SOMTemplateOutputC**

### Related Information

**somtCheckSymbol Method**  
**somtExpandSymbol Method**  
**somtGetSymbol Method**  
**somtSetSymbol Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyBoth Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyName Method**  
**somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method**

## somtSetSymbolCopyBoth Method

Sets a symbol to a given value in the symbol table of a specified template, using copies of the original name and value.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtSetSymbolCopyBoth (in string name, in string value);
```

### Description

The **somtSetSymbolCopyBoth** method sets a symbol name to a specified value in the symbol table of the template object on which the method is invoked. This adds the name/value pair to the symbol table or overwrites a previous setting, if necessary.

The **somtSetSymbolCopyBoth** method makes a copy of both the name and value parameters; it stores in the symbol table and takes ownership of the copies, rather than the original strings. This method is appropriate when the caller wants to maintain ownership of the strings representing both name and value, or when the name and value are static strings. Because the method makes a copy of value before storing it in the symbol table, if the value of the symbol is subsequently changed, only the symbol table's copy of the original value will be freed, and not the string passed by the caller.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** representing the template object of an emitter.

#### name

A string representing a symbol name.

#### value

A string representing a symbol value.

### Example

To set the symbol `newMethodLabel` to the value `New Sections`:

```
SOMTemplateOutputC t = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
_somtSetSymbolCopyBoth(t, "newMethodLabel", "New Sections");
```

### Original Class

**SOMTemplateOutputC**

### Related Information

- somtCheckSymbol Method**
- somtExpandSymbol Method**
- somtGetSymbol Method**
- somtSetSymbol Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyName Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method**

## somtSetSymbolCopyName Method

Sets a symbol to a given value in the symbol table of a specified template, using a copy of the original name.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtSetSymbolCopyName (in string name, in string value);
```

### Description

The **somtSetSymbolCopyName** method sets a symbol name to a specified *value* in the symbol table of the template object on which the method is invoked. This adds the name/value pair to the symbol table or overwrites a previous setting, if necessary.

**somtSetSymbolCopyName** makes a copy of the *name* parameter, but not the *value* parameter, before storing the pair in the symbol table. Use this method when you want to maintain ownership of the string or when the *name* is a static string.

After execution of **somtSetSymbolCopyName**, the symbol table assumes ownership of the string passed as the *value* parameter. Hence, this string must not be freed by the caller, and it should not be a static string. If the value of the named symbol is changed by subsequent calls to a **somtSetSymbol**, then the string passed as the *value* parameter will be freed by the symbol table. If the string representing the *value* is a static string or a string that will be freed by the caller, or if the symbol value may change during subsequent execution of the emitter and it is necessary that the string passed as the *value* parameter not be freed by the symbol table, then you should use **somtSetSymbolCopyBoth** to define the name/value pair.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** representing the template object of an emitter.

#### name

A string representing a symbol name.

#### value

A string representing a symbol value.

### Example

To set the `baseNames` variable to the value returned by a function `buildbaseNames` that returns ownership of the string it produces to the caller:

```
SOMTClassEntryC cls = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTemplateOutputC t = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);

_somtSetSymbolCopyName(t, "baseNames", buildbaseNames(cls));
```

### Original Class

**SOMTemplateOutputC**

### Related Information

- somtCheckSymbol Method**
- somtExpandSymbol Method**
- somtGetSymbol Method**
- somtSetSymbol Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyBoth Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method**



## somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method

Sets a symbol to a given value in the symbol table of a template object, using a copy of the original value.

### IDL Syntax

```
void somtSetSymbolCopyValue (in string name, in string value);
```

### Description

The **somtSetSymbolCopyValue** method sets a symbol name to a specified value in the symbol table of the template object on which the method is invoked. This adds the name/value pair to the symbol table or overwrites a previous setting, if necessary.

**somtSetSymbolCopyValue** makes a copy of the *value* parameter, but not the *name* parameter, before storing the name/value pair in the symbol table. Use this method when you want to maintain ownership of the string representing the symbol value or when the value is a static string. Because the method makes a copy of the value before storing it in the symbol table, if the value of the symbol is changed, only the symbol table's copy of the original value will be freed, and not the string passed by the caller.

After execution of this method, the symbol table assumes ownership of the string passed as the name parameter. Hence, this string must not be freed by the caller, and it should not be a static string.

### Parameters

#### receiver

An object of class **SOMTemplateOutputC** representing the template object of an emitter.

#### name

A **string** representing the symbol name.

#### value

A **string** representing the symbol value.

### Example

To change the default value of the `className` symbol so that it begins with an underscore:

```
char *s;
SOMTemplateOutputC t = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
char buf[MAX_SMALL_STRING];
...
s = _somtGetSymbol(t, "className");
if (s && *s)
    {sprintf(buf, "%s", s);
     _somtSetSymbolCopyValue(t, "className", buf);}
```

### Original Class

**SOMTemplateOutputC**

### Related Information

- somtCheckSymbol Method**
- somtExpandSymbol Method**
- somtGetSymbol Method**
- somtSetSymbol Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyBoth Method**
- somtSetSymbolCopyName Method**

## SOMTypeDefEntryC Class

A **SOMTypeDefEntryC** object represents a typedef within a class definition or a member of a user-defined struct. Each typedef entry has an attribute representing the base type (**somtTypeDefType**) of the new type(s) and methods for accessing the declarator names of the typedef. If the type of a typedef is a user-defined type, then the **somtTypeDefType** attribute will be a pointer to an instance of **SOMUserDefinedTypeEntryC**. The **somtOriginalTypedef** attribute of that object will point to a **SOMTypeDefEntryC** object that represents the typedef for that user-defined type.

For example, if the following appears in an IDL specification:

```
typedef long mytype1;
typedef mytype1 mytype2;
```

the **SOMTypeDefEntryC** object that represents the typedef of mytype2 would have a **somtTypeDefType** attribute whose value is an object of type **SOMUserDefinedTypeEntryC**. That object's **somtOriginalTypedef** attribute would point to a **somtTypeDefEntryC** object that represents the typedef of mytype1.

Because a single typedef may have several declarators (that introduce several user-defined types), the **somtTypeDefType** attribute of a typedef gives only the *base* type of the user-defined types; to get the full type, users should access each declarator in turn and get its **somtType** attribute.

### File Stem

sctdef

### Base

SOMEntryC Class

### Metaclass

SOMClass

### Ancestor Classes

SOMEntryC Class  
SOMObject

### Attributes

Listed below is the attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtTypeDefType**

(**SOMEntryC**) A pointer to an entry object representing the base type of the typedef. This doesn't include pointer stars or array declarators; to get the full type, get each of the declarators (using **somtGetFirstDeclarator** and **somtGetNextDeclarator**) and get its **somtType** attribute.

### New Methods

**somtGetFirstDeclarator Method**  
**somtGetNextDeclarator Method**

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**  
**somDumpSelfInt Method**

## somtGetFirstDeclarator Method

The **somtGetFirstDeclarator** method gets the first declarator for a typedef entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTCommonEntryC somtGetFirstDeclarator ( );
```

### Description

The **somtGetFirstDeclarator** method returns the first declarator for the typedef entry on which the method was invoked. The next declarator can be obtained using the corresponding **somtGetNextDeclarator** method.

The **somtGetFirstDeclarator** and **somtGetNextDeclarator** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextDeclarator** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (d1 = _somtGetFirstDeclarator(myTypedef); d1;
     d1 = _somtGetNextDeclarator(myTypedef))
  for (d2 = _somtGetFirstDeclarator(myTypedef); d2;
       d2 = _somtGetNextDeclarator(myTypedef))
    /* etc. */
```

### Parameters

#### receiver

The typedef entry whose first declarator is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

This method returns the first declarator for a typedef entry.

### Example

To iterate through the declarators of a typedef:

```
SOMTCommonEntryC myEntry;

printf("List of declarators:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstDeclarator(myTypedef); myEntry;
     myEntry = _somtGetNextDeclarator(myTypedef))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

### Related Information

**somtGetNextDeclarator Method**

## somtGetNextDeclarator Method

This method gets the next declarator for a typedef entry, relative to the previous call for a similar entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
SOMTCommonEntryC somtGetNextDeclarator ( );
```

### Description

The **somtGetNextDeclarator** method returns the next declarator for the typedef entry on which the method was invoked, if it has a next declarator. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

A call to a **somtGetNextDeclarator** method is relative to the last call of either the same method or the corresponding **somtGetFirstDeclarator** method, applied to the same entry object. Note that this implies that the **somtGetFirstDeclarator** and **somtGetNextDeclarator** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextDeclarator** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (d1 = _somtGetFirstDeclarator(myTypedef); d1;
     d1 = _somtGetNextDeclarator(myTypedef))
  for (d2 = _somtGetFirstDeclarator(myTypedef); d2;
       d2 = _somtGetNextDeclarator(myTypedef))
    /* etc. */
```

### Parameters

#### receiver

The entry whose next item is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

This method returns the next declarator for the typedef entry represented by *receiver*, if it has a next item of that type. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

### Example

To iterate through the declarators of a typedef:

```
SOMTCommonEntryC myEntry;

printf("List of declarators:\n");
for (myEntry = _somtGetFirstDeclarator(myTypedef); myEntry;
     myEntry = _somtGetNextDeclarator(myTypedef))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName(myEntry));
```

### Related Information

**somtGetFirstDeclarator Method**

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## SOMTUnionEntryC Class

A **SOMTUnionEntryC** object represents a union definition. It provides attributes and methods for accessing the union's switch type and each of its cases.

### File Stem

scunion

### Base

**SOMTEntryC Class**

### Metaclass

**SOMClass**

### Ancestor Classes

**SOMTEntryC Class**  
**SOMObject**

### Types

```
struct somtLabelList {
    string label;
    somtLabelList *nextLabel;
};
struct somtCaseEntry {
    somtLabelList *caseLabels;
    SOMTEntryC memberType;
    SOMTDataEntryC memberDeclarator;
};
```

### Attributes

Listed below is the available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtSwitchType**

(**SOMTEntryC**) A pointer to an entry object representing the switch type of the union.

### New Methods

**somtGetFirstCaseEntry Method**  
**somtGetNextCaseEntry Method**

### Overriding Methods

**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry Method**  
**somDumpSelfInt Method**

## somtGetFirstCaseEntry Method

[The **somtGetFirstCaseEntry** method gets the first case for a union entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
somtCaseEntry * somtGetFirstCaseEntry ( );
```

### Description

The **somtGetFirstCaseEntry** method returns the first case for the union entry on which the method was invoked. The next case can be obtained using the corresponding **somtGetNextCaseEntry** method.

The **somtGetFirstCaseEntry** and **somtGetNextCaseEntry** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextCaseEntry** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (c1 = _somtGetFirstCaseEntry(myUnion); c1;
     c1 = _somtGetNextCaseEntry(myUnion))
  for (c2 = _somtGetFirstCaseEntry(myUnion); c2;
       c2 = _somtGetNextCaseEntry(myUnion))
    /* etc. */
```

### Parameters

#### receiver

The union entry whose first case is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

This method returns the first case for a union entry. The **somtGetFirstCaseEntry** method returns a pointer to a **somtCaseEntry** struct; see the reference page for the **SOMTUnionEntryC** class for the definition of **somtCaseEntry**.

### Example

To iterate through the cases of a union:

```
SOMTCaseEntry *case;

printf("List of cases:\n");
for (case = _somtGetFirstCaseEntry(myUnion); case;
     case = _somtGetNextCaseEntry(myUnion))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName
         (case->memberDeclarator));
```

### Related Information

**somtGetNextCaseEntry** Method

## somtGetNextCaseEntry Method

The **somtGetNextCaseEntry** method gets the next case for a union entry.

### IDL Syntax

```
somtCaseEntry * somtGetNextCaseEntry ( );
```

### Description

The **somtGetNextCaseEntry** method returns the next case for the union entry on which the method was invoked, if it has a next case. Otherwise, it returns NULL.

A call to a **somtGetNextCaseEntry** method is relative to the last call of either the same method or the corresponding **somtGetFirstCaseEntry** method, applied to the same entry object. Note that this implies that the **somtGetFirstCaseEntry** and **somtGetNextCaseEntry** methods cannot be used in doubly nested loops. For example, the following doubly nested loop will not work, because following the first execution of the inner loop, the invocation of **somtGetNextCaseEntry** in the outer loop will return NULL:

```
for (c1 = _somtGetFirstCaseEntry(myUnion); c1;
     c1 = _somtGetNextCaseEntry(myUnion))
  for (c2 = _somtGetFirstCaseEntry(myUnion); c2;
       c2 = _somtGetNextCaseEntry(myUnion))
    /* etc. */
```

### Parameters

#### receiver

The union entry whose next case is to be retrieved.

### Return Value

This method returns the next case for a union entry. The **somtGetNextCaseEntry** method returns a pointer to a **somtCaseEntry** struct; see the reference page for the **SOMTUnionEntryC** class for the definition of **somtCaseEntry**.

### Example

To iterate through the cases of a union:

```
SOMTCaseEntry *case;

printf("List of cases:\n");
for (case = _somtGetFirstCaseEntry(myUnion); case;
     case = _somtGetNextCaseEntry(myUnion))
  printf("%s\n", __get_somtEntryName
         (case->memberDeclarator));
```

### Related Information

**somtGetFirstCaseEntry Method**

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## SOMUserDefinedTypeEntryC Class

A **SOMUserDefinedTypeEntryC** object represents a type defined via a typedef statement in a .idl file.

### File Stem

scusrtyp

### Base

SOMEntryC Class

### Metaclass

SOMClass

### Ancestor Classes

SOMEntryC Class  
SOMObject

### Attributes

Listed below is each available attribute, with its corresponding type in parentheses, followed by a description of its purpose:

#### **somtOriginalTypedef**

(**SOMTypedefEntryC**) A pointer to the object representing the typedef that defines the user-defined type.

#### **somtBaseTypeObj**

(**SOMEntryC**) A pointer to the object representing the base type of the user-defined type, regardless of any intermediate user-defined types. For example, given:

```
typedef short x;
typedef x y;
```

The base type of user-defined type “y” is “short.”

### New Methods

None.

### Overriding Methods

**somDumpSelfInt** Method  
**somtSetSymbolsOnEntry** Method  
**\_get\_somtTypeObj**



## somterror Function

Prints an error message and increments the error count maintained by the SOM Compiler.

### Syntax

```
void somterror (string file, long lineno, string format, ...);
```

### Description

The **somterror** function prints an error message and increments the error count maintained by the SOM Compiler. The error message begins with the string “error: ” and includes the name of the file and the line number on which the error occurred, if specified.

### Parameters

**file**

The name of the file in which the error occurred, or NULL.

**lineno**

The line number on which the error occurred, or zero.

**format**

A format string suitable for passing to the printf C library function.

**varargs**

The arguments to be passed to **printf**.

### Example

```
somterror(__get_somtSourceFileName(cls),  
          __get_somtSourceLineNumber(entry),  
          "I don't understand the entry named %s.\n",  
          __get_somtEntryNae(entry));
```

### Related Information

**somtfatal** Function

**somtinternal** Function

**somtmsg** Function

**somtwarn** Function

## sombfatal Function

Prints a fatal error message and increments the internal error count maintained by the SOM Compiler.

### Syntax

```
void sombfatal (string file, long lineno, string format, ...);
```

### Description

The **sombfatal** function prints a fatal error message and increments the internal error count maintained by the SOM Compiler. The error message begins with the string “fatal error: ” and includes the name of the file and the line number on which the error occurred, if specified. After printing the error message, the routine removes the output file and terminates the process.

### Parameters

#### **file**

The name of the file in which the error occurred, or NULL.

#### **lineno**

The line number on which the error occurred, or zero.

#### **format**

A format string suitable for passing to the printf C library function.

#### **varargs**

he arguments to be passed to printf.

### Example

```
sombfatal(__get_sombSourceFileName(cls),
          __get_sombSourceLineNumber(entry),
          "The entry named %s is a disaster!.\n",
          __get_sombEntryName(entry));
```

### Related Information

**somberror** Function  
**sombinternal** Function  
**sombmsg** Function  
**sombwarn** Function

## smtfclose Function

Closes a file opened using **somtOpenEmitFile**.

### Syntax

```
int smtfclose (FILE *fp);
```

### Description

The **smtfclose** function closes a file opened using **somtopenEmitFile**. Emitters that use **somtOpenEmitFile** should use this function, rather than **fclose**, to close the output file so that, regardless of the way the standard C library is packaged or whether emitters are statically or dynamically loaded, files opened with **somtOpenEmitFile** will be properly closed. Emitters are not *required* to close their output files; normally, an emitter's return value is the file handle for the file it opened using **somtOpenEmitFile**. If an emitter needs to close its output file, however, the **smtfclose** function should be used, rather than **fclose**.

### Parameters

**fp**

A pointer to the file to be closed.

### Return Value

The **smtfclose** returns the same return code as the C library **fclose** function.

### Example

```
FILE *fp = somtopenEmitFile("hello.foo", "foo");  
__set_somtTargetFile(emitter, fp);  
...  
smtfclose(fp);
```

### Related Information

**somtopenEmitFile Function**

## somtGetObjectWrapper Function

Gets the entry object corresponding to the *cls* argument passed by the SOM Compiler to an emitter's driver program. This object should then be set as the target class or module of the emitter.

### Syntax

```
SOMTEncryC somtGetObjectWrapper (Entry *entry);
```

### Description

The **somtGetObjectWrapper** function gets the entry object corresponding to the *cls* argument passed by the SOM Compiler to an emitter's driver program. This object should then be set as the target class or module of the emitter. Before freeing the emitter object, the object returned by this function should be freed.

### Parameters

#### **entry**

The data structure passed by the SOM Compiler to an emitter's driver program.

### Return Value

The **somtGetObjectWrapper** function returns the entry object created.

### Example

```
SOMTEncryC oCls;
SOMTEncryC mod;
MyEmitter emitter;
if (cls->type == SOMTEncryE) {
    oCls = (SOMTEncryC) somtGetObjectWrapper(cls);
    emitter = MyEmitterNew();
    __set_somtTargetClass(emitter, oCls);
    ...
}
else if (cls->type == SOMTEncryE) {
    mod = (SOMTEncryC) somtGetObjectWrapper(cls);
    emitter = MyEmitterNew();
    __set_somtTargetModule(emitter, mod);
    ...
}
```

## somtinternal Function

Prints an internal error message and increments the internal error count maintained by the SOM Compiler.

### Syntax

```
void somtinternal (string file, long lineno, string format, ...);
```

### Description

The **somtinternal** function prints an internal error message and increments the internal error count maintained by the SOM Compiler. The error message begins with the string "internal error: " and includes the name of the file and the line number on which the error occurred, if specified. After printing the error message, the routine removes the output file and terminates the process.

### Parameters

#### **file**

The name of the file in which the error occurred, or NULL.

#### **lineno**

The line number on which the error occurred, or zero.

#### **format**

A format string suitable for passing to the printf C library function.

#### **varargs**

The arguments to be passed to printf.

### Example

```
somtinternal(__get_somtSourceFileName(cls),
             __get_somtSourceLineNumber(entry),
             "I really messed this one up!\n");
```

### Related Information

**somterror Function**  
**somtfatal Function**  
**somtmsg Function**  
**somtwarn Function**

## somtmsg Function

Prints an informational message.

### Syntax

```
void somtmsg (string file, long lineno, string format, ...);
```

### Description

The **somtmsg** function prints an informational message. The message includes the name of the file and the line number to which the message applies, if specified.

In order for a **somtmsg** function to produce output, you also must specify the **-v** (verbose) flag when entering the **sc** command on the command line to invoke the SOM Compiler. See **Running the SOM Compiler** on page 161 in *Programmer's Guide for SOM and DSOM*.

### Parameters

**file**

The name of the file to which the message applies, or NULL.

**lineno**

The line number to which the message applies, or zero.

**format**

A format string suitable for passing to the printf C library function.

**varargs**

The arguments to be passed to printf.

### Example

```
somtmsg(__get_somtSourceFileName(cls),  
        __get_somtSourceLineNumber(entry),  
        "I really like the entry named %s.\n",  
        __get_somtEntryName(entry));
```

### Related Information

**somterror** Function

**somtwarn** Function

**somtfatal** Function

**somtinternal** Function

## somtNewSymbol Function

Creates a new symbol name by concatenating a prefix and a name.

### Syntax

```
string somtNewSymbol (string prefix, string stem);
```

### Description

The **somtNewSymbol** function creates a new symbol name by concatenating a prefix and a name. Ownership of the string is passed to the caller. Hence, the **somtSetSymbol** or **somtSetSymbolCopyValue** method should be used to give the resulting symbol a value, instead of **somtSetSymbolCopyName** or **somtSetSymbolCopyBoth**. This function is useful for overriding implementations of the **somtSetSymbolsOnEntry** method, which takes the prefix as an argument.

### Parameters

#### **prefix**

The prefix of the symbol to be created.

#### **stem**

The base name of the symbol to be created.

### Return Value

The **somtNewSymbol** function returns the new symbol name. Ownership of the string is passed to the caller.

### Example

The following code creates the new symbol name **classComment** and sets its value:

```
SOMTClassEntryC class = __get_somtTargetClass(emitter);
SOMTemplateOutputC template = __get_somtTemplate(emitter);
string comment = __get_somtEntryComment(class);
_somtSetSymbolCopyValue(template,
                        somtNewSymbol("class", "Comment"),
                        (comment ? comment : ""));
```

### Related Information

**somtSetSymbol Method**

**somtSetSymbolCopyBoth Method**

**somtSetSymbolCopyName Method**

**somtSetSymbolCopyValue Method**

## smtopenEmitFile Function

Open an output file for an emitter.

### Syntax

```
FILE * smtopenEmitFile (char *file, char *ext)
```

### Description

The **smtopenEmitFile** function opens the named output file for an emitter. It also sets global variables needed by other library functions and adds a header to the newly opened file if *ext* is a known extension. Users can extend the list of known extensions by adding them to the value of the **SMKNOWNEXTS** environment variable, separated by a semicolon.

Depending on the setting of a global variable, set by the SOM Compiler, the file will be opened for either writing or appending. When an emitter is invoked for the first time on a particular **.idl** file, this global variable indicates that the file should be opened for writing. When the same emitter is invoked subsequently on the same input file, for example, to process interface definitions within a module definition, the global variable indicates that the file should be opened for appending. In this way, all output for a single input file goes to the same output file, even though the emitter may be invoked multiple times.

When an interrupt occurs as an emitter is executing, the file opened by **smtopenEmitFile** is removed. If you wish to prevent this during critical portions of the code, call the function **smtunsetEmitSignals** at the beginning of your code segment, and call the function **smtresetEmitSignals** after the segment.

### Parameters

#### file

The name of the file to be opened. If NULL, *stdout* is returned.

#### ext

The extension of the file to be opened. If the specified filename does not include this extension, or if it includes a different extension, a filename is constructed that has the specified extension.

### Return Value

The **smtopenEmitFile** functions returns a pointer to the opened file or *stdout*, if no filename is specified.

### Example

```
FILE *fp = smtopenEmitFile("hello.foo", "foo");
__set_somtTargetFile(emitter, fp);
...
smtfclose(fp);
```

### Related Information

**smtunsetEmitSignals** Function  
**smtresetEmitSignals** Function



## somtresetEmitSignals Function

Resumes signal processing after disabling it via the **somtunsetEmitSignals** function.

### Syntax

```
void somtresetEmitSignals ();
```

### Description

The **somtresetEmitSignals** function resumes signal processing after disabling it via the **somtunsetEmitSignals** function.

### Example

```
somtunsetEmitSignals();  
/* do some protected processing */  
somtresetEmitSignals();
```

### Related Information

**somtunsetEmitSignals** Function

## somtunsetEmitSignals Function

Prevents signals from being received as an emitter is executing.

### Syntax

```
void somtunsetEmitSignals ();
```

### Description

The **somtunsetEmitSignals** function prevents signals from being received as an emitter is executing. Normally, signals such as internal errors and user-generated interrupts are trapped within emitters. It may be necessary to prevent such interrupts from occurring in certain sections of an emitter's code.

This function is useful for preventing the output file from being removed if an interrupt occurs. Normally, when an interrupt occurs, the file opened by **somtopenEmitFile** is removed. To prevent this during critical portions of the code, call **somtunsetEmitSignals** at the beginning of your code segment, and call **somtresetEmitSignals** after the segment.

### Example

```
somtunsetEmitSignals();  
/* do some protected processing */  
somtresetEmitSignals();
```

### Related Information

**somtopenEmitFile** Function  
**somtresetEmitSignals** Function

## somtwarn Function

Prints a warning message and increments the warning count maintained by the SOM Compiler.

### Syntax

```
void somtwarn (string file, long lineno, string format, ...);
```

### Description

The **somtwarn** function prints a warning message and increments the warning count maintained by the SOM Compiler. The message begins with the string “warning:” and includes the name of the file and the line number on which the error occurred, if specified.

### Parameters

#### file

The name of the file in which the error occurred, or NULL.

#### lineno

The line number on which the error occurred, or zero.

#### format

A format string suitable for passing to the printf C library function.

#### varargs

The arguments to be passed to printf.

### Example

```
somtwarn(__get_somtSourceFileName(cls),
         __get_somtSourceLineNumber(entry),
         "I'm worried about the entry named %s.\n",
         __get_somtEntryName(entry));
```

### Related Information

- somterror Function**
- somtfatal Function**
- somtinternal Function**
- somtmsg Function**

somtwarn Function

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