



ISPF Behind the Scenes



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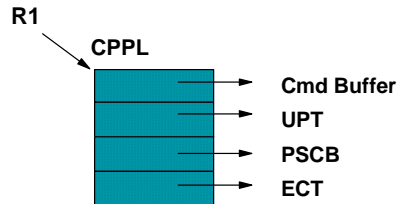
Agenda

Understanding ISPF Dialogs

- ISPF Initialization
- ISPF task structure
- SELECT service
- LIBDEF
- Debugging Tools

ISPF Initialization

- Invoked from TSO as command processor
 - Expects a CPPL as input
 - Makes call to TSO routines



- Command format
 - **ISPF** or **PDF**
 - `PANEL (ISR@PRIM) NEWAPPL (ISR)`
 - **ISPSTART**
 - `PANEL (ISP@MSTR) NEWAPPL (ISP)`
 - **ISPF CMD/PGM/PANEL**
 - Gets **APPLID** of **ISP** if none specified

ISPF Initialization...

- PROFILES
 - ISPPROF
 - Read from ISPPROF DD
 - If not found then read from ISPTLIB and write to ISPPROF
 - xxxxPROF
 - Read from ISPPROF DD
 - If not found then read from ISPTLIB
 - If still not found then read ISPPROF member from ISPTLIB
 - Write back to ISPPROF DD
 - If ZPROFAPP set then open read only extension
 - The enqueues done creating default profiles are on the first data set in the ISPTLIB concatenation
 - For batch jobs this can cause enqueue problems

```
//ISPTLIB DD DISP=(NEW,DELETE),
//          RECFM=FB,LRECL=80,SPACE=(TRK,(1,0,1))
//          DD DSN=ISP.SISPTLIB,DISP=SHR
//          ...
```

ISPF Initialization...

- Additional Tables
 - ISRPLIST (Personal reference list)
 - Read from ISPPROF DD
 - If not found created with TBCREATE
 - ISRLLIST (Personal library list)
 - Read from ISPPROF DD
 - If not found created with TBCREATE
 - Command Tables
 - Read from ISPTLIB
 - ISPCMDS (ISPF command table)
 - Severe error if not found
 - xxxxCMDS (application command table)
 - User – if specified
 - Site – if specified

ISPF Initialization...

- Screen initialization
 - Each screen is started using parameters from product initialization
 - START command can specify it's own CMD/PGM/PANEL
 - eg: ISPF invoked using command:


```
ISPF CMD(%mycmd myparms) or
ISPF PANEL(mypanel)
```
 - START or SPLIT command will start the new screen and invoke command


```
CMD (%mycmd myparms) or
PANEL(mypanel)
```
 - REXX environment initialized on each screen start
 - Note: Must terminate screen to reload a modified REXX panel exit
 - ISPF error panel will restart a screen

KEYLISTS

- PF Key definitions associated with panels
- Coded with)PANEL statement
 -)PANEL [KEYLIST(keylist name,[applid],[SHARED])]
 - ISPKYLST is used if keylist not specified
- Normally in xxxxKEYS table in ISPTLIB
 - Use DTL to create


```
<!DOCTYPE DM SYSTEM>
<KEYL NAME=MYKEYLST APPLID=ABC>
  <KEYI KEY=F1  CMD=HELP  FKA=YES>Help
  <KEYI KEY=F2  CMD=SPLIT FKA=LONG>Split
  <KEYI KEY=F3  CMD=EXIT  FKA=YES>Exit
  ...
  <KEYI KEY=F24 CMD=CANCEL FKA=YES>Cancel
</KEYL>
```
- Private copies
 - Created by Keylist Utility
 - Stored in xxxxPROF
 - Stored in ISPSPROF for applid ISP

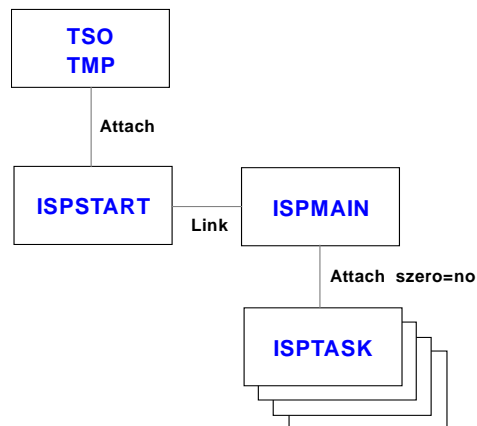
KEYLISTS...

- KEYLIST Search
 - Keylists ignored if profile variable **ZKLUSE=N** (unless SHARED specified)
 - SHARED
 1. xxxxKEYS
 2. ISPKEYS
 - SHARED not specified
 1. xxxxPROF
 2. xxxxKEYS
 3. ISPSPROF
 4. ISPKEYS
 - ISPF uses the current APPLID if no applid is specified

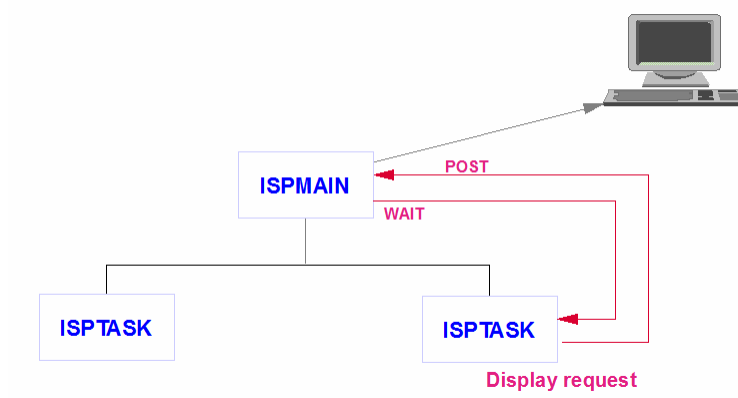
ISPF Services

- All ISPF services are run from ISPTASK TCB
- Interface:
 - ISPLINK
 - eg: `CALL ISPLINK('SETMSG ','ISPZ001 ',' ','ZCMD')`
 - ISPEXEC
 - eg: `ISPEXEC SETMSG MSG(ISPZ001) MSGLOC(ZCMD)`
- ISPLINK parameters
 - Positional
 - To omit a parameter and use default - code a blank
 - **Note:** An address starting with x'40' will be treated as an omitted parameter.
 - Last address in parameter list must have high order bit on
 - Use the VL keyword in Assembler call statements
 - Standard linkage conventions are observed
 - Keywords and names should be padded to the max length of 8
 - Numeric values are full word binary
 - Don't rely on coding constant. Compiler may not generate a full word value.

ISPF Task Structure



ISPF Task Structure...



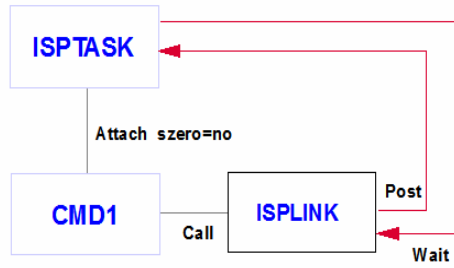
ISPF Task Structure...

➤ DISPLAY of panel

- Actual display is done by ISPMAIN task with SVC 93 (TPUT/TGET)
- ISPMAIN will normally be in wait state waiting for user to press enter key
- ISPTASK is in wait

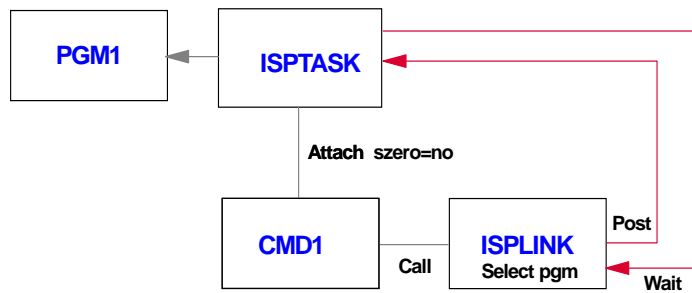
ISPF Task Structure...

SELECT CMD



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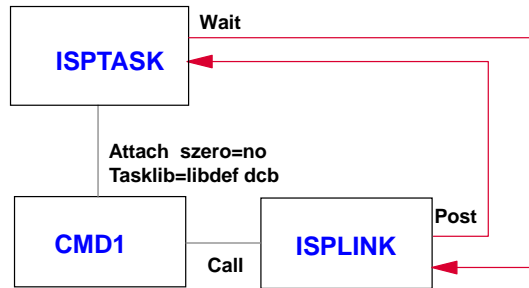
SELECT CMD invoking SELECT PGM





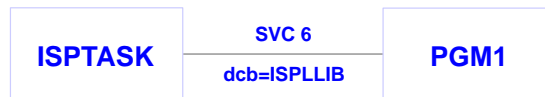
ISPF Task Structure...

`SELECT CMD with LIBDEF of ISPLLIB`



ISPF Task Structure...

`SELECT PGM with LIBDEF of ISPLLIB`



ISPF SELECT Service

➤ SELECT CMD

- For CLIST - Parsed and run by ISPF. ISPF is aware of TSO commands and will do the ATTACH
- For REXX - ISPF attaches EXEC and REXX runs the exec. TSO commands are attached by REXX
 - SELECT PGM/CMD needs to be used to create new function pool unlike CLIST processing
 - SELECT is also needed for ISPTCM lookup and ISPF exits to be invoked
 - ISPF will pull from the data stack on end of the REXX exec unless the BARRIER keyword is used
- Commands - Attached as command processors under ISPTASK
 - IKJTBL5 called to do authorization check
 - IKJEFTSR is used to invoke authorized commands
- NEST keyword - Allows nesting and output trapping
 - ISPF uses TSO macro: **STACK BARRIER=***
 - Default: **STACK BARRIER=NONEST**

ISPF SELECT Service...

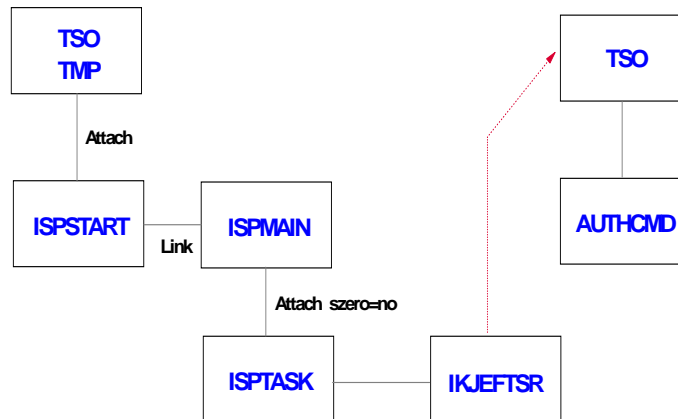
➤ SELECT PGM

- LINK (SVC 06) macro used to invoke program
- Authorization check done with call to IKJTBL5
- LIBDEF only affects selected pgm
- PARM - half word length followed by data

➤ NEWAPPL

- Opens the following ISPF tables
 - xxxxPROF
 - xxxxCMDS
- Edit will open xxxxEDIT
- LIBDEF of ISPTLIB must be done prior to SELECT to affect xxxxCMDS

ISPF SELECT Authorized Commands



ISPF LIBDEF - ISPLLIB

➤ ISPLLIB

- Used to pick up ISPF modules on product initialization
- On invocation of ISPF it is used as TASKLIB to start an ISPF screen

➤ LIBDEF of ISPLLIB

▪ **SELECT PGM**

- DCB parm on LINK macro used to point to user load library
- DCB parm only affect the module that LINK invokes
- If EXCLDATA/EXCLLIBR used:
LINK with DCB=*LIBDEFed dcb*
- Otherwise BLDL is done on libdef'd DCB
 - BLDL finds module:
LINK with DCB=*LIBDEFed dcb*
 - BLDL doesn't find module:
• LINK with DCB=0

▪ **SELECT CMD**

- ATTACH of command is done with TASKLIB=*LIBDEFed dcb*

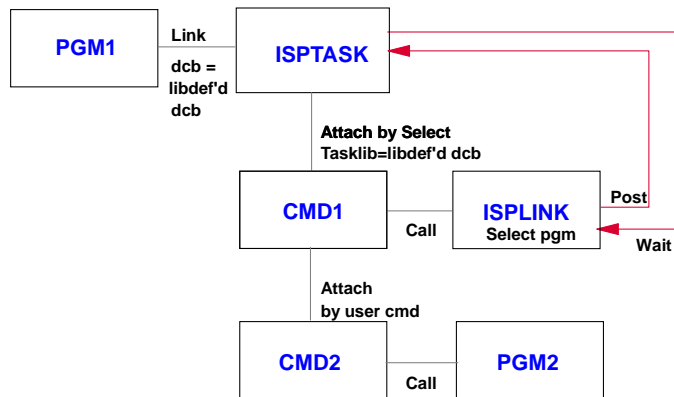
LIBDEF / ISPLLIB Example

```

000001 PROC 0
000002 |SPEXEC LIBDEF ISPLLIB DATASET ID(TEST.LOAD)
000003 |SPEXEC SELECT CMD(CMD1)
000004 EXIT CODE(0)
000005
000006 -----
000007
000008 CMD1      CSECT
000009          SAVE (14, 12)
000010          ...
000011          CALL ISPLINK, (SELECT, SELLEN, SELBUFF), VL
000012          ...
000013          ATTACH EP=CMD2, ECB=...
000014          ...
000015 SELECT    DC      CL8' SELECT'
000016 SELLEN    DC      F' 17'
000017 SELBUFF   DC      C' PGM(PGM1) PASSLIB'
000018          ...
000019          ...
000020 -----
000021
000022 CMD2      CSECT
000023          ...
000024          ...
000025          CALL  PGM2
000026          ...
    
```

ISPF LIBDEF - ISPLLIB ...

SELECT CMD invoking SELECT PGM with LIBDEF of ISPLLIB



ISPF LIBDEF – ISPLLIB...

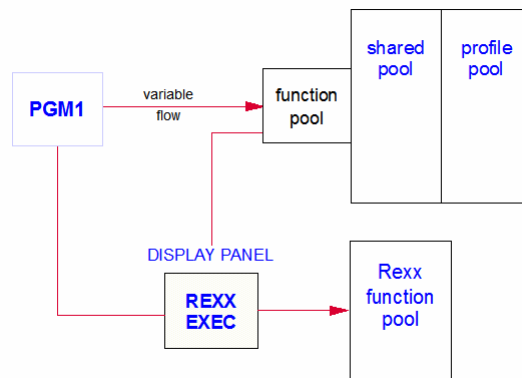
➤ MVS Search order

- Link DCB=0
 1. JPA
 2. TASKLIB, STEPLIB, JOBLIB
 3. LPA
 4. Link List

- Link DCB=libdef'd dcb
 1. JPA
 2. Specified dcb
 3. LPA
 4. Link List

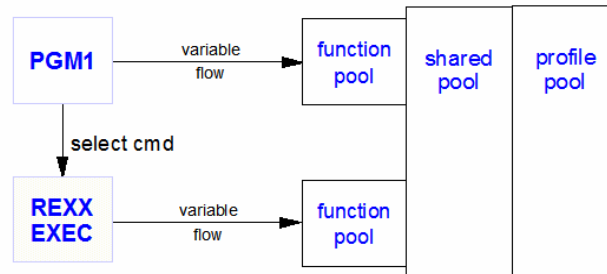
ISPF SELECT - Variables

SELECT PGM calling REXX exec without using ISPF SELECT



ISPF SELECT – Variables...

SELECT PGM calling REXX exec using ISPF SELECT




ISPF SELECT - Variables - VDEFINE

➤SELECT

- Creates function pool

➤VDEFINE

- creates function variable
- Defines user storage to ISPF
- Variable definition stays around until SELECT level ends or a VDELETE is done
- 0C4 may occur if VDEFINE is done by a called program
- If program storage goes away (freemain), at same SELECT level, no VDELETE, and reference variable ... Boom 

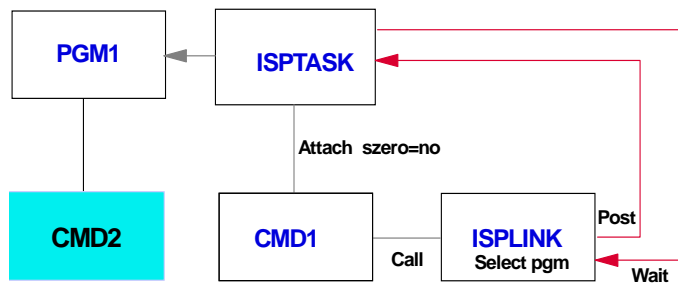
ISPF SELECT - Variables – VDEFINE...

> SELECT PGM1

- Creates function pool
- PGM1 calls PGM2
 - PGM2 issues VDEFINE for variable
 - Variable control block created with pointer to PGM2 storage
 - Return to PGM1 - storage owned by PGM2 may be freemained at this point
- DISPLAY panel
 - reference variable defined by PGM2
 - results unpredictable

ISPF Sub-Task Support

SELECT CMD invoking SELECT PGM that attaches user command program



- CMD2 should not issue ISPF services
- ISPTASK is not in a wait state (on SVC 6)
- can't post ISPTASK to issue service request



ISPF Debugging Tools

- ISRDDN
- ISPVCALL
- Dialog Test
- Other



ISRDDN

- Scrollable list of allocated DD's and associated data set names
- Invoked using TSO ISRDDN or DDLIST commands
- Documented in the ISPF User's Guide Volume I

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ISRDDNPN                               Current Data Set Allocations                               Row 3 of 172
Command ==>>                               Scroll ==>> CSR

Volume  Disposition  Act  DDname  Data Set Name  Actions: B E V M F C I Q
$$$$RB2 SHR,KEEP > -  ISPILIB  ISP.$ISPSAMP
                                             > -  ISPLLIB
$$$$RB2 SHR,KEEP > -  SYS1.DFOLLIB
$$$$RB2 SHR,KEEP > -  SYS1.DGTLLIB
$$$$RB2 SHR,KEEP > -  SYS1.SICELINK
$$$$RB2 SHR,KEEP > -  SYS1.SCBDHENU
$$$$RB2 SHR,KEEP > -  EOY.SEOYLOAD
ASIS04  SHR,KEEP > -  PDFTOOL.COMMON.LOAD
SVM600  SHR,KEEP > -  VERMERGE.V600.ISPLLIB
$FW911  SHR,KEEP > -  FILEMGR.V910.SFMNMOD1
ASPP01  SHR,KEEP > -  DIT.VIR3MG.SDITMOD1
                                             > -  ISPMLIB
ASUS17  SHR,KEEP > -  VANDYKE.ISPMLIB
A2SY01  SHR,KEEP > -  SYS2.MSGS.ISA2
ASYS01  SHR,KEEP > -  SYS2.MSGS.SYSPLEXA
$$$$RB2 SHR,KEEP > -  ISP.$ISPMENU
$$$$RB2 SHR,KEEP > -  ISP.$ISPFMLIB
F1=Help  F2=Split  F3=Exit  F5=Rfind  F7=Up  F8=Down  F9=Swap
F10=Left F11=Right F12=Cancel
  
```

ISRDDN...

➤ Line commands (actions)

- E - Edit data set
- B - Browse data set
- V - View data set
- M - Display enhanced member list
- F - Free the ddname
- C - Compress a data set
- Q - Show enqueue information
- I - Show data set information

ISRDDN...

➤ Special pseudo-ddnames

- APF
- LPA
- PARMLIB

➤ Enqueues & enq contention

- ENQ
- CON

➤ Browsing storage & loaded modules

- LOAD modname
- WHERE modname
- BROWSE modname [+offset]
- DISASM

➤ Primary commands

- Data set commands
 - FIND string
 - RFINd
 - LOCATE ddstring
 - ONLY ddstring
 - EXCLUDE ddstring
 - RESET
 - SHORT or LONG
 - MEMBER name [ddstring]
 - SELECT modname
 - COUNT [ddstring]
 - CLIST [ddstring]
 - SAVE [ddstring]
 - DUPLICATES [ddstring]
 - MLIST
 - CUSTOM

ISPVCALL

- Produces trace with the following:
 - System and session information
 - Cached panels
 - Active command tables
 - ISPF configuration table values
 - Allocated DD's
 - LIBDEF status
 - Task structure
 - SVC table
 - ISPF command stack
 - A legend
 - Usage tips
 - Module trace information
 - ISPLINK calls
 - ISPEXEC calls
 - ENQ info
 - MSG changes
 - SVC99 list
- Trace output written to dynamically allocated variable blocked data set
- Trace started and stopped using TSO ISPVCALL command

Panel Trace

- Provides debugging capability for panel processing in ISPF applications
- Traces the panel service calls (DISPLAY, TBDISPL, and PQUERY)
- Traces ISPF processing of panel statements in)ABCINIT, ABCPROC,)INIT, REINIT, and)PROC sections of a panel
- Trace output written to dynamically allocated variable blocked data set
- Documented in Appendix C of the ISPF Dialog Developer's Guide
- Trace started and stopped using TSO ISPDPTRC command

Panel Trace

- Provides debugging capability for ISPF File Tailoring applications
- Traces the File Tailoring service calls (FTOPEN, FTINCL, FTCLOSE, and FTERASE)
- Traces ISPF processing of skeleton statements
- Trace output written to dynamically allocated variable blocked data set
- Documented in Appendix C of the ISPF Dialog Developer's Guide
- Trace started and stopped using TSO ISPFTRC command

Dialog Test

- Dialog Test - ISPF option 7
 - Invoke dialog functions (option 7.1)
 - Display panels and/or messages (option 7.2)
 - List variables (option 7.3)
 - View/modify ISPF tables (option 7.4)
 - Browse ISPF log (option 7.5)
 - Run ISPF services (option 7.6)
 - Trace Dialog service calls (option 7.7.1)
 - Trace variables (option 7.7.2)
 - Breakpoint services (option 7.8)

Other Debugging Tools

- ISPF command parameters
 - TEST / TESTX / TRACE / TRACEX
- LIST service
 - Dialog can use this to write out lines to the ISPF list data set
- LOG service
 - Write message to ISPF log data set
- ENVIRON command
 - TPUT/TGET trace
 - Read Partition Query buffer
 - Enable dump

ISPF Productivity Tool (IPT)

- **Extends the productivity of ISPF**
 - Seamless integration with ISPF
 - Enhanced functionality integrated into the standard ISPF member and data set list functions
 - Create and use Object Lists which can contain items such as
 - Data sets (PDS, sequential, VSAM, tape, migrated)
 - z/OS UNIX files
 - DB2 tables
 - APF, LPA, and linklist libraries
 - Minimize panel navigation and improve productivity
 - Shortcuts
 - IPT Commands
 - Extensive "Find" capabilities across multiple files
 - ✓ DBCS and Hexadecimal searches
 - ✓ Case sensitive searches
 - ✓ Limited to specific columns
 - Global "change" function across multiple members
 - Reduce keystrokes