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# 1 Introduction

The CIFOBJ class library was developed in order to provide an object view of the mmCIF dictionary. The class library has two components as illustrated in Figure 1. The first component builds a persistent store of objects of type: item, sub-category, category, and dictionary. Each object is a container for all relevant attributes for that object type. CIBOBJ accesses and checks the dictionary contents using methods provided by CIFLIB. The CIFOBJ loader class assembles the dictionary objects and passes these to the object storage manager. The second component of the CIFOBJ class library provides methods for building dictionary objects from the persistent store. CIFOBJ implements methods to access all of the attributes for each object type and returns this information as a string or an array of strings.

- reads and writes mmCIF dictionary objects.
- provides read and store access to individual dictionary attributes.
- provides efficient persistent storage management of dictionary objects.
- provides a stable callable interface in the C++ programming language.

This document describes the public interface to CIFOBJ.

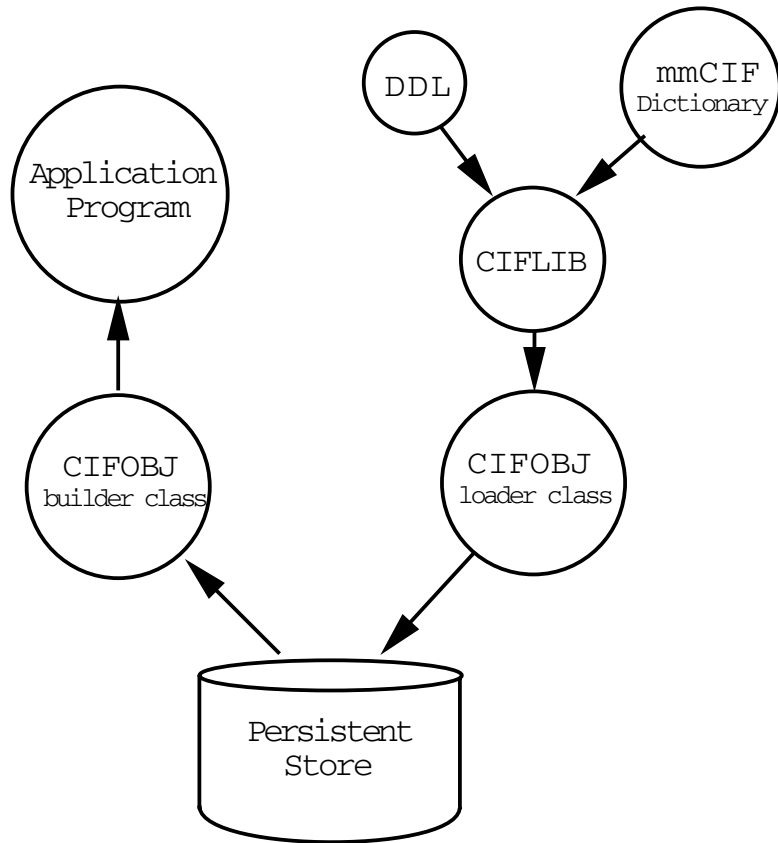


Figure 1: Functional diagram of the CIFOBJ class library.

## **2 Method Description**

The following section describes the public interface methods provided by the CifBuilder class. It has been subdivided into six sections: general methods, item access methods, category access methods, subcategory access methods, dictionary access methods, and debugging methods.



## **2.1 General Methods**

This section deals with basic methods that are necessary to call before using methods from any other section. These methods provide basic initialization of the CifBuilder class.

## 2.1.1 CifBuilder

### NAME

*CifBuilder*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder::CifBuilder(char * filename);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");
```

### PURPOSE

*CifBuilder* is a constructor for the CifBuilder class

### RECEIVES

filename	the name of the persistent storage file to be used in building the cifobjs
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### RETURN VALUE

None

### REMARKS

See also: *OpenFile*

## 2.1.2 OpenFile

### NAME

*OpenFile*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

int CifBuilder::OpenFile(char * filename);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb();

cb.OpenFile("mmCif96.psf");
```

### PURPOSE

*OpenFile* opens the persistent storage file named by filename and associates the CifBuilder object with it

### RECEIVES

filename	the name of the persistent storage file to be used in building the cifobj's
----------	---

### RETURN VALUE

Returns an integer error code, with NO\_ERROR upon success and a negative value for failure

### REMARKS

See also: *CifBuilder*

### 2.1.3 BuildDictionaryList

#### NAME

*BuildDictionaryList*

#### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

int CifBuilder::BuildDictionaryList();
```

#### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
```

#### PURPOSE

*BuildDictionaryList* is used to build the index used in reconstructing dictionary datablock objects from the persistent store. *This method must be called before any other methods that retrieve data from the persistent storage file.*

#### RECEIVES

No Arguments

#### RETURN VALUE

Returns an integer error code, with NO\_ERROR upon success and a negative value for failure

#### REMARKS

None

## 2.1.4 SetContext

### NAME

*SetContext*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

void CifBuilder::SetContext(const char * dataBlockName);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");
```

### PURPOSE

*SetContext* sets the current searchable dictionary datablock to *dataBlockName*, which must occur in the dictionary list built by *BuildDictionaryList*

### RECEIVES

<code>dataBlockName</code>	the context into which subsequent searches will be made, i.e. the current dictionary datablock's name
----------------------------	---

### RETURN VALUE

None

### REMARKS

None

## 2.1.5 GetDictionaryNames

### NAME

*GetDictionaryNames*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryNames();
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
char ** dictNames = cb.GetDictionaryNames();
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryNames* returns an array of the dictionary datablock names in the persistent storage file

### RECEIVES

No Arguments

### RETURN VALUE

Returns an array of dictionary datablock names or a NULL value for failure. The number of names returned in the array can be retrieved by a call to *CountDictionaries*

### REMARKS

See also: *CountDictionaries*

## 2.1.6 CountDictionaries

### NAME

*CountDictionaries*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

uWord CifBuilder::CountDictionaries();
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
uWord numDict = cb.CountDictionaries();
```

### PURPOSE

*CountDictionaries* returns the number of dictionary names in the persistent storage file. This will be the number of names returned by *GetDictionaryNames*.

### RECEIVES

No Arguments

### RETURN VALUE

Returns a uWord representing the number of dictionary datablocks in the persistent storage file.

### REMARKS

See also: *GetDictionaryNames*

## **2.2 Item Access Methods**

These methods provide context-dependent access into item objects via the dictionary object that defines the item.



## 2.2.1 GetItemDescription

### NAME

*GetItemDescription*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetItemDescription(const char * itemName);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");
char * description = cb.GetItemDescription("_atom_site.cartn_x");
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemDescription* returns the description for the item *itemName* in the current context

### RECEIVES

`itemName`                      the name of the item

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the description as a char \* or NULL.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.2.2 GetItemType

### NAME

*GetItemType*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetItemType(const char * itemName);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");
char * type = cb.GetItemType("_atom_site.cartn_x");
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemType* returns the type for the item *itemName* in the current context

### RECEIVES

*itemName*                      the name of the item

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the type as a char \* or NULL.

### REMARKS

None

### 2.2.3 GetItemPrimitiveCode

#### NAME

*GetItemPrimitiveCode*

#### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetItemPrimitiveCode(const char * itemName);
```

#### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");
char * primitiveCode = cb.GetItemPrimitiveCode("_atom_site.cartn_x");
```

#### PURPOSE

*GetItemPrimitiveCode* returns the primitive code for the item *itemName* in the current context

#### RECEIVES

*itemName*                      the name of the item

#### RETURN VALUE

Returns the primitive code as a char \* or NULL.

#### REMARKS

None

## 2.2.4 GetItemRegex

### NAME

*GetItemRegex*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetItemRegex(const char * itemName);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");
char * regularExpression = cb.GetItemRegex("_atom_site.cartn_x");
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemRegex* returns the regular expression for the item *itemName* in the current context

### RECEIVES

*itemName*                      the name of the item

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the regular expression as a char \* or NULL.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.2.5 GetItemMandatoryCode

### NAME

*GetItemMandatoryCode*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetItemMandatoryCode(const char * itemName);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");
char * mandatory = cb.GetItemMandatoryCode("_atom_site.cartn_x");
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemMandatoryCode* returns the mandatory code for the item *itemName* in the current context

### RECEIVES

*itemName*                      the name of the item

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the mandatory code as a char \* or NULL.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.2.6 GetItemDefaultValue

### NAME

*GetItemDefaultValue*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetItemDefaultValue(const char * itemName);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");
char * default = cb.GetItemDefaultValue("_atom_site.cartn_x");
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemDefaultValue* returns the default value for the item *itemName* in the current context

### RECEIVES

*itemName*                      the name of the item

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the default value as a char \* or NULL.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.2.7 GetItemUnits

### NAME

*GetItemUnits*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetItemUnits(const char * itemName);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");
char * units = cb.GetItemUnits("_atom_site.cartn_x");
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemUnits* returns the units for the item *itemName* in the current context

### RECEIVES

*itemName*                      the name of the item

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the units as a char \* or NULL.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.2.8 GetItemItemStructure

### NAME

*GetItemItemStructure*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetItemItemStructure(const char * itemName);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");
char * iStructure = cb.GetItemItemStructure("_atom_site.cartn_x");
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemItemStructure* returns the item structure for the item *itemName* in the current context

### RECEIVES

*itemName*                      the name of the item

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the item structure as a char \* or NULL.

### REMARKS

See also:                      *GetItemItemStructureOrganization*



## 2.2.9 GetItemItemStructureOrganization

### NAME

*GetItemItemStructureOrganization*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetItemItemStructureOrganization(const char *
                                                    itemName);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");
char * iStructureOrg =
    cb.GetItemItemStructureOrganization("_atom_site.cartn_x");
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemItemStructureOrganization* returns the item structure organization for the item *itemName* in the current context

### RECEIVES

*itemName*                      the name of the item

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the item structure organization as a char \* or NULL.

### REMARKS

See also                      *GetItemItemStructure*

## 2.2.10 GetItemExamplesCase

### NAME

*GetItemExamplesCase*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemExamplesCase(const char * itemName,
                                         uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numExamples = 0;
char ** examples = cb.GetItemExamplesCase("_atom_site.cartn_x",
                                          numExamples);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemExamplesCase* returns an array of examples for the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<code>itemName</code>	the name of the item
<code>n</code>	a reference to a <code>uWord</code> to hold the number of examples

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the examples as a `char **` or `NULL`. The number of examples will be passed back via the second argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetItemExamplesDetail*

## 2.2.11 GetItemExamplesDetail

### NAME

*GetItemExamplesDetail*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemExamplesDetail(const char * itemName,
                                          uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numExamples = 0;
char ** examplesDetail =
    cb.GetItemExamplesDetail("_atom_site.cartn_x", numExamples);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemExamplesDetail* returns an array of example details for the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of examples

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the example details as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of examples will be passed back via the second argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetItemExamplesCase*

## 2.2.12 GetItemEnumeration

### NAME

*GetItemEnumeration*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemEnumeration(const char * itemName,
                                       uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numEnumeration = 0;
char ** enumeration = cb.GetItemEnumeration("_atom_site.cartn_x",
                                           numEnumeration);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemEnumeration* returns an enumeration for the item *itemName* as an array of char \*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the length of the enumeration

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the enumeration as a char \*\* or NULL. The length of the enumeration will be passed back via the second argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetItemEnumerationDetail*

### 2.2.13 GetItemEnumerationDetail

#### NAME

*GetItemEnumerationDetail*

#### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemEnumerationDetail(const char * itemName,
                                             uWord & n);
```

#### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numEnumeration = 0;
char ** enumDetail =
    cb.GetItemEnumerationDetail("_atom_site.cartn_x", numEnumeration);
```

#### PURPOSE

*GetItemEnumerationDetail* returns an array of descriptions for the enumeration of the item *itemName*.

#### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of enumeration details

#### RETURN VALUE

Returns the enumeration details as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of entries in the enumeration will be passed back via the second argument.



## REMARKS

See also: *GetItemEnumeration*

## 2.2.14 GetItemRangeMin

### NAME

*GetItemRangeMin*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemRangeMin(const char * itemName,
                                     uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numRange = 0;
char ** min = cb.GetItemRangeMin("_atom_site.cartn_x", numRange);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemRangeMin* returns an array containing the range minimums for the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of range minimums

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the range minimums as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of minimums will be passed back via the second argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetItemRangeMax*

## 2.2.15 GetItemRangeMax

### NAME

*GetItemRangeMax*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemRangeMax(const char * itemName,
                                     uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numRange = 0;
char ** max = cb.GetItemRangeMax("_atom_site.cartn_x", numRange);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemRangeMax* returns an array containing the range maximums for the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of range maximums

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the range maximums as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of maximums will be passed back via the second argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetItemRangeMin*

## 2.2.16 GetItemAliases

### NAME

*GetItemAliases*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemAliases(const char * itemName,
                                   uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numAliases = 0;
char ** aliases = cb.GetItemAliases("_atom_site.cartn_x",
                                    numAliases);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemAliases* returns an array containing the aliases for the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of aliases

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the aliases as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of aliases will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetItemAliasesDictionary*

*GetItemAliasesDictionaryVersion*

## 2.2.17 GetItemAliasesDictionary

### NAME

*GetItemAliasesDictionary*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemAliasesDictionary(const char * itemName,
                                             uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numAliases = 0;
char ** aliasDicts =
    cb.GetItemAliasesDictionary("_atom_site.cartn_x", numAliases);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemAliasesDictionary* returns an array containing the names of the dictionaries from which the aliases of the item *itemName* came.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of aliases

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the alias dictionary names as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of aliases will be passed back via the second argument.



**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetItemAliases*

*GetItemAliasesDictionaryVersion*

## 2.2.18 GetItemAliasesDictionaryVersion

### NAME

*GetItemAliasesDictionaryVersion*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemAliasesDictionaryVersion(const char *
                                                    itemName,
                                                    uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numAliases = 0;
char ** aliasDictVersions =
    cb.GetItemAliasesDictionaryVersion("_atom_site.cartn_x",
                                       numAliases);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemAliasesDictionaryVersion* returns an array containing the versions of the dictionaries from which the aliases of the item *itemName* came.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of aliases

## RETURN VALUE

Returns the alias dictionary versions as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of aliases will be passed back via the second argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetItemAliases*  
*GetItemAliasesDictionary*

## 2.2.19 GetItemDependents

### NAME

*GetItemDependents*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemDependents(const char * itemName,
                                     uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numDependents = 0;
char ** dependents = cb.GetItemDependents("_atom_site.cartn_x",
                                         numDependents);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemDependents* returns an array containing the names of the dependent items for the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of dependent items

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the dependent item names as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of dependent items will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

None

## 2.2.20 GetItemRelated

### NAME

*GetItemRelated*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemRelated(const char * itemName,
                                   uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numRelated = 0;
char ** related = cb.GetItemRelated("_atom_site.cartn_x",
                                    numRelated);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemRelated* returns an array containing the names of the related items for the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of related items

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the related item names as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of related items will be passed back via the second argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetItemRelatedFunctionCode*

## 2.2.21 GetItemRelatedFunctionCode

### NAME

*GetItemRelatedFunctionCode*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemRelatedFunctionCode(const char *
                                              itemName,
                                              uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numRelated = 0;
char ** relatedFCode =
    cb.GetItemRelatedFunctionCode("_atom_site.cartn_x", numRelated);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemRelatedFunctionCode* returns an array containing the function codes for the items related to the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of related items



**RETURN VALUE**

Returns the related item function codes as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of related items will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

See also: *GetItemRelated*

## 2.2.22 GetItemSubcategories

### NAME

*GetItemSubcategories*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemSubcategories(const char * itemName,
                                         uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numSubcat = 0;
char ** subcategories =
    cb.GetItemSubcategories("_atom_site.cartn_x", numSubcat);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemSubcategories* returns an array containing the subcategories that the item *itemName* belongs to.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of subcategories

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the subcategory names as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of subcategories will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

None

## 2.2.23 GetItemLinkedChildren

### NAME

*GetItemLinkedChildren*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemLinkedChildren(const char * itemName,
                                         uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numChild = 0;
char ** children =
    cb.GetItemLinkedChildren("_atom_site.cartn_x", numChild);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemLinkedChildren* returns an array containing the child item names of the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of child items

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the child item names as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of children will be passed back via the second argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetItemLinkedParents*

## 2.2.24 GetItemLinkedParents

### NAME

*GetItemLinkedParents*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemLinkedParents(const char * itemName,
                                         uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numParent = 0;
char ** parents = cb.GetItemLinkedParents("_atom_site.cartn_x",
                                         numParent);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemLinkedParents* returns an array containing the parent item names of the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of parent items

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the parent item names as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of parents will be passed back via the second argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetItemLinkedChildren*

## 2.2.25 GetItemMethods

### NAME

*GetItemMethods*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemMethods(const char * itemName,
                                   uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numMethods = 0;
char ** methods = cb.GetItemMethods("_atom_site.cartn_x",
                                    numMethods);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemMethods* returns an array containing the method IDs for the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of methods

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the methods IDs as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of methods will be passed back via the second argument.



**REMARKS**

None

## 2.2.26 GetItemTypeConditions

### NAME

*GetItemTypeConditions*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetItemTypeConditions(const char * itemName,
                                          uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numConditions = 0;
char ** conditions =
    cb.GetItemTypeConditions("_atom_site.cartn_x", numConditions);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetItemTypeConditions* returns an array containing the item type conditions of the item *itemName*.

### RECEIVES

<i>itemName</i>	the name of the item
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of type conditions

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the type conditions as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of type conditions will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

None

## **2.3 Category Access Methods**

These methods provide context-dependent access into category objects via the dictionary object that defines the category.

### 2.3.1 GetCategoryDescription

#### NAME

*GetCategoryDescription*

#### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetCategoryDescription(const char * categoryId);
```

#### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

char * description = cb.GetCategoryDescription("atom_site");
```

#### PURPOSE

*GetCategoryDescription* returns the description of a category in the current context.

#### RECEIVES

categoryId                      the name of the category

#### RETURN VALUE

Returns the description of the category as a char \*.

#### REMARKS

None

## 2.3.2 GetCategoryMandatoryCode

### NAME

*GetCategoryMandatoryCode*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetCategoryMandatoryCode(const char *
                                           categoryId);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

char * mandCode = cb.GetCategoryMandatoryCode("atom_site");
```

### PURPOSE

*GetCategoryDescription* returns the mandatory code of a category in the current context.

### RECEIVES

categoryId                    the name of the category

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the mandatory code of the category as a char \*.

### REMARKS

None

### 2.3.3 GetCategoryKeys

#### NAME

*GetCategoryKeys*

#### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetCategoryKeys(const char * categoryId,
                                     uWord & n);
```

#### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numKeys = 0;
char ** keys = cb.GetCategoryKeys("atom_site", numKeys);
```

#### PURPOSE

*GetCategoryKeys* returns an array containing the item names that are the keys to the category *categoryId*.

#### RECEIVES

<code>categoryId</code>	the name of the category
<code>n</code>	a reference to a <code>uWord</code> to hold the number of keys

#### RETURN VALUE

Returns the keys as a `char **` or `NULL`. The number of keys will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

None



### 2.3.4 GetCategoryExamplesCase

#### NAME

*GetCategoryExamplesCase*

#### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetCategoryExamplesCase(const char * categoryId,
                                           uWord & n);
```

#### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numExamples = 0;
char ** examples = cb.GetCategoryExamplesCase("atom_site",
                                             numExamples);
```

#### PURPOSE

*GetCategoryExamplesCase* returns an array of examples for the category *categoryId*.

#### RECEIVES

<code>categoryId</code>	the name of the category
<code>n</code>	a reference to a <code>uWord</code> to hold the number of examples

#### RETURN VALUE

Returns the examples as a `char **` or `NULL`. The number of examples will be passed back via the second argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetCategoryExamplesDetail*

### 2.3.5 GetCategoryExamplesDetail

#### NAME

*GetCategoryExamplesDetail*

#### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetCategoryExamplesDetail(const char *
                                             categoryId,
                                             uWord & n);
```

#### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numExamples = 0;
char ** examplesDetail = cb.GetCategoryExamplesDetail("atom_site",
                                                    numExamples);
```

#### PURPOSE

*GetCategoryExamplesDetail* returns an array of example details for the category *categoryId*.

#### RECEIVES

<i>categoryId</i>	the name of the category
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of examples

**RETURN VALUE**

Returns the example details as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of examples will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

See also: *GetCategoryExamplesCase*

## 2.3.6 GetCategoryCategoryGroups

### NAME

*GetCategoryCategoryGroups*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetCategoryCategoryGroups(const char *
                                              categoryId,
                                              uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numGroups = 0;
char ** categoryGroups = cb.GetCategoryCategoryGroups("atom_site",
                                                       numGroups);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetCategoryCategoryGroups* returns an array of category group names to which the category *categoryId* belongs.

### RECEIVES

<i>categoryId</i>	the name of the category
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of category groups

**RETURN VALUE**

Returns the category group names as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of category groups will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

None

### 2.3.7 GetCategoryMethods

#### NAME

*GetCategoryMethods*

#### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetCategoryMethods(const char * categoryId,
                                       uWord & n);
```

#### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numMethods = 0;
char ** methods = cb.GetCategoryMethods("atom_site", numMethods);
```

#### PURPOSE

*GetCategoryMethods* returns an array of category method IDs that are associated with the category *categoryId*.

#### RECEIVES

<code>categoryId</code>	the name of the category
<code>n</code>	a reference to a <code>uWord</code> to hold the number of category methods

#### RETURN VALUE

Returns the category method IDs as a `char **` or `NULL`. The number of methods will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

None



## 2.4 Subcategory Access Methods

These methods provide context-dependent access into subcategory objects via the dictionary object that contains it.

## 2.4.1 GetSubcategoryDescription

### NAME

*GetSubcategoryDescription*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetSubcategoryDescription(const char *
                                           subcategoryId);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

char * description = cb.GetSubcategoryDescription("matrix");
```

### PURPOSE

*GetSubcategoryDescription* returns the description of a subcategory in the current context.

### RECEIVES

subcategoryId            the name of the subcategory

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the description of the subcategory as a char \* or NULL.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.4.2 GetSubcategoryExamplesCase

### NAME

*GetSubcategoryExamplesCase*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetSubcategoryExamplesCase(const char *
                                              subcategoryId,
                                              uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numExamples = 0;
char ** examples = cb.GetSubcategoryExamplesCase("matrix",
                                                numExamples);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetSubcategoryExamplesCase* returns an array of examples for the subcategory *subcategoryId*.

### RECEIVES

<i>subcategoryId</i>	the name of the subcategory
<i>n</i>	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of examples

**RETURN VALUE**

Returns the examples as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of examples will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

See also: *GetSubcategoryExamplesDetail*

### 2.4.3 GetSubcategoryExamplesDetail

#### NAME

*GetSubcategoryExamplesDetail*

#### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetSubcategoryExamplesDetail(const char *
                                                subcategoryId,
                                                uWord & n);
```

#### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numExamples = 0;
char ** examplesDetail =
    cb.GetSubcategoryExamplesDetail("matrix", numExamples);
```

#### PURPOSE

*GetSubcategoryExamplesDetail* returns an array of example descriptions for the subcategory *subcategoryId*.

#### RECEIVES

subcategoryId	the name of the subcategory
n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of examples

**RETURN VALUE**

Returns the example details as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of examples will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

See also: *GetSubcategoryExamplesCase*

## 2.4.4 GetSubcategoryMethods

### NAME

*GetSubcategoryMethods*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetSubcategoryMethods(const char *
                                         subcategoryId,
                                         uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numMethods = 0;
char ** methods = cb.GetSubcategoryMethods("matrix", numMethods);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetSubcategoryMethods* returns an array of subcategory method IDs that are associated with the subcategory *subcategoryId*.

### RECEIVES

subcategoryId	the name of the subcategory
n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of subcategory methods

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the subcategory method IDs as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of methods will be passed back via the second argument.

**REMARKS**

None



## **2.5 Dictionary Access Methods**

These methods provide access into the current dictionary object (context), including access into various static tables.

## 2.5.1 GetDictionaryTitle

### NAME

*GetDictionaryTitle*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetDictionaryTitle();
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

char * title = cb.GetDictionaryTitle();
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryTitle* returns the title of the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

No Arguments

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the title of the dictionary datablock as a char \* or NULL.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.5.2 GetDictionaryVersion

### NAME

*GetDictionaryVersion*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetDictionaryVersion();
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

char * version = cb.GetDictionaryVersion();
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryVersion* returns the version of the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

No Arguments

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the version of the dictionary datablock as a char \* or NULL.

### REMARKS

None

### 2.5.3 GetDictionaryDescription

#### NAME

*GetDictionaryDescription*

#### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char * CifBuilder::GetDictionaryDescription();
```

#### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

char * description = cb.GetDictionaryDescription();
```

#### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryDescription* returns the description of the current dictionary datablock (context).

#### RECEIVES

No Arguments

#### RETURN VALUE

Returns the description of the dictionary datablock as a char \* or NULL.

#### REMARKS

None

## 2.5.4 GetDictionaryHistoryVersion

### NAME

*GetDictionaryHistoryVersion*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryHistoryVersion(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numV = 0;
char ** versions = cb.GetDictionaryHistoryVersion(numV);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryHistoryVersion* returns an array of versions that are associated with the history of the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of versions
---	---

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the versions as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of versions will be passed back via the argument.

### REMARKS

See also: *GetDictionaryHistoryUpdate*  
*GetDictionaryHistoryRevision*

## 2.5.5 GetDictionaryHistoryUpdate

### NAME

*GetDictionaryHistoryUpdate*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryHistoryUpdate(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numU = 0;
char ** updates = cb.GetDictionaryHistoryUpdate(numU);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryHistoryUpdate* returns an array of dates on which the history revisions of the current dictionary datablock (context) were made.

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of dates
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the dates as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of dates will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryHistoryVersion*  
*GetDictionaryHistoryRevision*

## 2.5.6 GetDictionaryHistoryRevision

### NAME

*GetDictionaryHistoryRevision*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryHistoryRevision(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numRev = 0;
char ** revisions = cb.GetDictionaryHistoryRevision(numRev);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryHistoryRevision* returns an array of history revisions of the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of revisions
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the revisions as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of revisions will be passed back via the argument.

### REMARKS

See also: *GetDictionaryHistoryUpdate*  
*GetDictionaryHistoryVersion*



## 2.5.7 GetDictionarySubcategories

### NAME

*GetDictionarySubcategories*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionarySubcategories(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numSubcat = 0;
char ** subcategories = cb.GetDictionarySubcategories(numSubcat);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionarySubcategories* returns an array of the subcategory names in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of subcategories
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the subcategories as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of subcategories will be passed back via the argument.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.5.8 GetDictionaryCategories

### NAME

*GetDictionaryCategories*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryCategories(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numCat = 0;
char ** categories = cb.GetDictionaryCategories(numCat);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryCategories* returns an array of the category names in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of categories
---	---

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the categories as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of categories will be passed back via the argument.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.5.9 GetDictionaryItems

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItems*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItems(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numItems = 0;
char ** items = cb.GetDictionaryItems(numItems);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItems* returns an array of the item names in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of items
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the items as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of items will be passed back via the argument.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.5.10 GetDictionaryMethods

### NAME

*GetDictionaryMethods*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryMethods(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numMethods = 0;
char ** methods = cb.GetDictionaryMethods(numMethods);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryMethodsId* returns an array of the “methods” for the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of methods
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the methods as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of methods will be passed back via the argument.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.5.11 GetDictionaryMethodsId

### NAME

*GetDictionaryMethodsId*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryMethodsId(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numMethods = 0;
char ** methods = cb.GetDictionaryMethodsId(numMethods);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryMethodsId* returns an array of the method IDs for the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of methods
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the method IDs as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of methods will be passed back via the argument.

### REMARKS

None

## 2.5.12 GetDictionaryMethodsList

### NAME

*GetDictionaryMethodsList*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryMethodsList(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numMethods = 0;
char ** methodsList = cb.GetDictionaryMethodsList(numMethods);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryMethodsList* returns an array of the method IDs in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of methods
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the method IDs as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of methods will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryMethodsListDetail*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListInline*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListCode*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListLanguage*

### 2.5.13 GetDictionaryMethodsListDetail

#### NAME

*GetDictionaryMethodsListDetail*

#### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryMethodsListDetail(uWord & n);
```

#### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryListDetail();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numMethods = 0;
char ** methodsListDetail =
    cb.GetDictionaryMethodsListDetail(numMethods);
```

#### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryMethodsListDetail* returns an array of char \* that describes the methods in the current dictionary datablock (context).

#### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of methods
---	--

#### RETURN VALUE

Returns the method details as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of methods will be passed back via the argument.



**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryMethodsList*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListInline*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListCode*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListLanguage*

## 2.5.14 GetDictionaryMethodsListInline

### NAME

*GetDictionaryMethodsListInline*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryMethodsListInline(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryListInline();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numMethods = 0;
char ** methodsListInline =
    cb.GetDictionaryMethodsListInline(numMethods);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryMethodsListInline* returns an array of char \* that holds the inline code of the methods in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of methods
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the inline code as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of methods will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryMethodsList*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListDetail*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListCode*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListLanguage*

## 2.5.15 GetDictionaryMethodsListCode

### NAME

*GetDictionaryMethodsListCode*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryMethodsListCode(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryListCode();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numMethods = 0;
char ** methodsListCode =
    cb.GetDictionaryMethodsListCode(numMethods);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryMethodsListCode* returns an array of char \* that holds the descriptions of the functions of the methods in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of methods
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the codes as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of methods will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryMethodsList*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListDetail*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListInline*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListLanguage*

## 2.5.16 GetDictionaryMethodsListLanguage

### NAME

*GetDictionaryMethodsListLanguage*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryMethodsListLanguage(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numMethods = 0;
char ** methodsListLanguage =
    cb.GetDictionaryMethodsListLanguage(numMethods);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryMethodsListLanguage* returns an array of char \* that holds the languages with which the methods in the current dictionary datablock (context) were written.

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of methods
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the languages as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of methods will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryMethodsList*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListDetail*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListInline*

*GetDictionaryMethodsListCode*

## 2.5.17 GetDictionaryCategoryGroupList

### NAME

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupList*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryCategoryGroupList(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numGroups = 0;
char ** CategoryGroupList =
    cb.GetDictionaryCategoryGroupList(numGroups);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupList* returns an array of char \*, which is a list of the category groups in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of category groups
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of category groups as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of groups will be passed back via the argument.



**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListParents*

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListDescription*

## 2.5.18 GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListParents

### NAME

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListParents*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListParents(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numGroups = 0;
char ** CategoryGroupListParents =
    cb.GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListParents(numGroups);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListParents* returns an array of char \*, which is a list of the (optional) parents of the category groups in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of category groups
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of category group parent names as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of groups will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupList*

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListDescription*

## 2.5.19 GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListDescription

### NAME

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListDescription*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListDescription(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numGroups = 0;
char ** CategoryGroupListDescription =
    cb.GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListDescription(numGroups);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListDescription* returns an array of char \*, which is a list of the descriptions of the category groups in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of category groups
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of category group descriptions as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of groups will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupList*

*GetDictionaryCategoryGroupListParents*

## 2.5.20 GetDictionaryItemStructureListCode

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemStructureListCode*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemStructureListCode(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numS = 0;
char ** itemStructListCode =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemStructureListCode(numS);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemStructureListCode* returns an array of names of item structures in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item structures
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of item structure names as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item structures will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryItemStructureListIndex*

*GetDictionaryItemStructureListDimension*

## 2.5.21 GetDictionaryItemStructureListIndex

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemStructureListIndex*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemStructureListIndex(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numI = 0;
char ** itemStructListIndex =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemStructureListIndex(numI);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemStructureListIndex* returns an array of indices of the item structures in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item structures
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of indices as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item structures will be passed back via the argument.



**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryItemStructureList*

*GetDictionaryItemStructureListDimension*

## 2.5.22 GetDictionaryItemStructureListDimension

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemStructureListDimension*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemStructureListDimension(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numD = 0;
char ** itemStructListDim =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemStructureListDimension(numD);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemStructureListDimension* returns the lengths of the item structure rows/columns in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item structures
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of lengths as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item structures will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryItemStructureList*

*GetDictionaryItemStructureListIndex*

## 2.5.23 GetDictionaryItemTypeListCode

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListCode*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemTypeListCode(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numT = 0;
char ** itemTypeListCode =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemTypeListCode(numT);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListCode* returns a list of the data types in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item data types
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of data types as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item data types will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListPrimitiveCode*

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListConstruct*

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListDetail*

## 2.5.24 GetDictionaryItemTypeListPrimitiveCode

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListPrimitiveCode*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemTypeListPrimitiveCode(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numPC = 0;
char ** itemTypeListPrimitiveCode =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemTypeListPrimitiveCode(numPC);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListPrimitiveCode* returns a list of the primitive codes of the item data types in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item data types
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of primitive codes as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item data types will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListCode*

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListConstruct*

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListDetail*

## 2.5.25 GetDictionaryItemTypeListConstruct

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListConstruct*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemTypeListConstruct(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numC = 0;
char ** itemTypeListConstruct =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemTypeListConstruct(numC);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListConstruct* returns a list of the constructs of the item data types in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item data types
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of constructs as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item data types will be passed back via the argument.



**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListCode*

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListPrimitiveCode*

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListDetail*

## 2.5.26 GetDictionaryItemTypeListDetail

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListDetail*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemTypeListDetail(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numD = 0;
char ** itemTypeListDetail =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemTypeListDetail(numD);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListDetail* returns a list of the descriptions of the item data types in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item data types
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of descriptions as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item data types will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListCode*

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListPrimitiveCode*

*GetDictionaryItemTypeListConstruct*

## 2.5.27 GetDictionaryItemUnitsListCode

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsListCode*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemUnitsListCode(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numUnits = 0;
char ** itemUnitsListCode =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemUnitsListCode(numUnits);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsListCode* returns a list of units in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item units
---	---

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of units as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item units will be passed back via the argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetDictionaryItemUnitsListDetail*

## 2.5.28 GetDictionaryItemUnitsListDetail

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsListDetail*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemUnitsListDetail(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numUnits = 0;
char ** itemUnitsListDetail =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemUnitsListDetail(numUnits);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsListDetail* returns a list of descriptions of the units in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item units
---	---

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of descriptions as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item units will be passed back via the argument.

## REMARKS

See also: *GetDictionaryItemUnitsListCode*

## 2.5.29 GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionOperator

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionOperator*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionOperator(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numUnitsConv = 0;
char ** itemUnitsConversionOperators =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionOperator(numUnitsConv);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionOperator* returns a list of arithmetic operators for converting between the various units in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item unit conversions
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of operators as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item unit conversions will be passed back via the argument.



**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFactor*

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionToCode*

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFromCode*

## 2.5.30 GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFactor

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFactor*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFactor(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numUnitsConv = 0;
char ** itemUnitsConversionFactors =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFactor(numUnitsConv);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFactor* returns a list of the arithmetic factors for converting between the various units in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item unit conversions
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of factors as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item unit conversions will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionOperator*

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionToCode*

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFromCode*

## 2.5.31 GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionToCode

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionToCode*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionToCode(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numUnitsConv = 0;
char ** itemUnitsConversionToCode =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionToCode(numUnitsConv);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionToCode* returns a list of the produced units after converting between the various units in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item unit conversions
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of results as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item unit conversions will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionOperator*

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFactor*

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFromCode*

## 2.5.32 GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFromCode

### NAME

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFromCode*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

char ** CifBuilder::GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFromCode(uWord & n);
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();
cb.SetContext("cifdic.m96");

uWord numUnitsConv = 0;
char ** itemUnitsConversionFromCode =
    cb.GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFromCode(numUnitsConv);
```

### PURPOSE

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFromCode* returns a list of the unit systems to be converted in the current dictionary datablock (context).

### RECEIVES

n	a reference to a uWord to hold the number of item unit conversions
---	--

### RETURN VALUE

Returns the list of target units as a char \*\* or NULL. The number of item unit conversions will be passed back via the argument.

**REMARKS**

See also:

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionOperator*

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionFactor*

*GetDictionaryItemUnitsConversionToCode*

## 2.6 Debugging Methods

These methods provide debugging functionality for the CifBuilder class.



## 2.6.1 GetAllDictionaries

### NAME

*GetAllDictionaries*

### PROTOTYPE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

void CifBuilder::GetAllDictionaries();
```

### EXAMPLE

```
#include "CifBuilder.h"

CifBuilder cb("mmCif96.psf");

cb.BuildDictionaryList();

cb.GetAllDictionaries();
```

### PURPOSE

*GetAllDictionaries* gets all of the dictionaries in the persistent storage file, all of their items, categories, and subcategories, and prints all of this out.

### RECEIVES

No Arguments

### RETURN VALUE

None

### REMARKS

For debugging