

VERITAS NetBackup™ 5.1 DataStore SDK

Programmer's Guide for XBSA™ 1.1.0

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Preface

This document describes the NetBackup XBSA Application Programming Interface (API) and how applications or facilities needing data storage management for backup or archive purposes can use this interface to create a backup or archive application that communicates with NetBackup.

The NetBackup XBSA API specification is based on the Open Group Technical Standard Systems Management: Backup Services API (XBSA). Although every effort has been made to conform to this specification, there are some cases that do not. These exceptions are noted throughout the document. See “[Resources](#)” on page 7 for more information on this specification.

This document is intended for software developers who are or will be creating a backup, archive, or other application that will be using NetBackup for data storage management.

This guide assumes some knowledge of NetBackup. While it is possible to create a fairly generic XBSA Application, there are certain environment variables and running instructions that are specific to NetBackup. While most of these do not need to be used, they can greatly enhance the usability of the application. Refer to the *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I*, or *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I*, to find information on specific topics such as policies, schedules and other concepts specific to NetBackup.



What Is In This Manual?

Chapters in This Manual

Chapter	Description
“Requirements”	Describes the requirements for compiling and running the XBSA Application.
“Introduction to NetBackup XBSA”	Describes summarizes the functionality that XBSA provides, and explains important concepts and terminology regarding it.
“How to Set Up the SDK”	Describes the SDK package and how to install and configure it.
“Using the NetBackup XBSA Interface”	Describes the XBSA Data Structures, Environment, Sessions and Transactions, and how to create an application.
“How to Build an XBSA Application”	Explains how to build an XBSA application.
“How to Run a NetBackup XBSA Application”	Explains how to run an XBSA application that you have created.
“API Reference”	Describes the type definitions and data structures used by the NetBackup XBSA Interface.
“How to Use the Sample Files”	Explains how to use the XBSA sample files included in the SDK.
“Support and Updates”	Briefly describes how to obtain support and updates for this product.



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Glossary

If you encounter unfamiliar terminology, consult the NetBackup online glossary. The glossary contains terms and definitions for NetBackup and all additional NetBackup options and agents.

The NetBackup online glossary is included in the NetBackup help file.

▼ To access the NetBackup online glossary

1. In the NetBackup Administration Console, click **Help > Help Topics**.
2. Click the **Contents** tab.
3. Click **Glossary of NetBackup Terms**.

Use the scroll function to navigate through the glossary.

Conventions

The following conventions apply throughout the documentation set.

Product-Specific Conventions

The following term is used in the NetBackup 5.1 documentation to increase readability while maintaining technical accuracy.

◆ Microsoft Windows, Windows

Terms used to describe a specific product or operating system developed by Microsoft, Inc. Some examples you may encounter in NetBackup documentation are, Windows servers, Windows 2000, Windows Server 2003, Windows clients, Windows platforms, or Windows GUI.

When Windows or Windows servers is used in the documentation, it refers to all of the currently supported Windows operating systems. When a specific Windows product is identified in the documentation, only that particular product is valid in that instance.

For a complete list of Windows operating systems and platforms that NetBackup supports, refer to the *NetBackup Release Notes for UNIX and Windows* or go to the VERITAS support web site at <http://www.support.veritas.com>.



Typographical Conventions

Here are the typographical conventions used throughout the manuals:

Conventions

Convention	Description
GUI Font	Used to depict graphical user interface (GUI) objects, such as fields, listboxes, menu commands, and so on. For example: Enter your password in the Password field.
<i>Italics</i>	Used for placeholder text, book titles, new terms, or emphasis. Replace placeholder text with your specific text. For example: Replace <i>filename</i> with the name of your file. Do <i>not</i> use file names that contain spaces. This font is also used to highlight NetBackup server-specific or operating system-specific differences. For example: <i>This step is only applicable for NetBackup Enterprise Server.</i>
Code	Used to show what commands you need to type, to identify pathnames where files are located, and to distinguish system or application text that is displayed to you or that is part of a code example.
Key+Key	Used to show that you must hold down the first key while pressing the second key. For example: Ctrl+S means hold down the Ctrl key while you press S.

You should use the appropriate conventions for your platform. For example, when specifying a path, use backslashes on Microsoft Windows and slashes on UNIX. Significant differences between the platforms are noted in the text.

Tips, notes, and cautions are used to emphasize information. The following samples describe when each is used.

Tip Used for nice-to-know information, like a shortcut.

Note Used for important information that you should know, but that shouldn't cause any damage to your data or your system if you choose to ignore it.

Caution Used for information that will prevent a problem. Ignore a caution at your own risk.



Command Usage

The following conventions are frequently used in the synopsis of command usage.

brackets []

The enclosed command line component is optional.

Vertical bar or pipe (|)

Separates optional arguments from which the user can choose. For example, when a command has the following format:

```
command arg1|arg2
```

In this example, the user can use either the *arg1* or *arg2* variable.

Navigating Multiple Menu Levels

When navigating multiple menu levels, a greater-than sign (>) is used to indicate a continued action.

The following example shows how the > is used to condense a series of menu selections into one step:

- ❖ Select **Start > Programs > VERITAS NetBackup > NetBackup Administration Console**.

The corresponding actions could be described in more steps as follows:

1. Click **Start** in the task bar.
2. Move your cursor to **Programs**.
3. Move your cursor to the right and highlight **VERITAS NetBackup**.
4. Move your cursor to the right. First highlight and then click **NetBackup Administration Console**.





Requirements

This chapter describes the requirements for compiling and running the XBSA Application.

Supported Systems

The following operating systems are supported by the NetBackup XBSA SDK.

Platform Support Matrix for NetBackup XBSA SDK

Hardware Type	Operating System and Version
HP9000 - PA-RISC	HP-UX 11.0, 11.11 (11.11i) (32/64 bit)
HP Itanium	HP-UX 11.23
HP Tru64/Alpha	TRU64 5.1, 5.1a, 5.1b
IBM	AIX 4.3.3.10
IBM	AIX 5.1 RS/6000, SP, pSeries (32/64 bit)
IBM	AIX 5.2 RS/6000, SP, pSeries (32/64 bit)
Intel 32-bit/Windows	Windows NT 4.0, SP6A
Intel 32-bit/Windows	Windows 2000, SP4
Intel 32-bit/Windows	Windows 2000 SAK
Intel 32-bit/Windows	Windows XP, SP1
Intel 32-bit/Windows	Windows 2003
Intel 32-bit/Windows	Windows Storage Server 2003
Intel 64-bit/Windows	Windows XP SP1



Platform Support Matrix for NetBackup XBSA SDK (continued)

Hardware Type	Operating System and Version
Intel 64-bit/Windows	Windows 2003
Intel 32-bit/Linux	Linux Red Hat 8.0, 9.0
Intel 32-bit/Linux	Linux Red Hat AS/ES 2.1
Intel 32-bit/Linux	Linux Red Hat WS 2.1
Intel 32-bit/Linux	Linux SuSE 8.1, 8.2
Intel 32-bit/Linux	Linux SuSE SLES 8
Intel 64-bit/Linux	Linux RedHat AS/ES 3.0
Intel 64-bit/Linux	Linux SUSE SLES 8.0
SGI	IRIX 6.5.18 - 6.5.20 (32/64 bit)
Sun	Solaris 7, 8, 9 (32/64 bit)



Requirements for Compiling

- ◆ ANSI-compatible compiler

Dependencies

Developing an Application

- ◆ NetBackup
- ◆ DataStore License Key
- ◆ NetBackup DataStore SDK installed

Running an Application

- ◆ NetBackup client installed (on client running XBSA application)
- ◆ DataStore License Key (on NetBackup server)





Introduction to NetBackup XBSA

This chapter summarizes the functionality that XBSA provides and explains important concepts and terminology regarding it.

What is NetBackup XBSA?

XBSA is an Open Group Technical Standard defining a Backup Services API (XBSA). The XBSA specification consists of source procedure calls, type definitions, data structures, and return codes to be used by client applications to use a backup service, NetBackup, to store and manage data.

The NetBackup XBSA is an API to NetBackup developed to the XBSA specifications. The NetBackup XBSA interface has extended the XBSA specifications to make it easier to use and enhance performance when used with NetBackup.

NetBackup XBSA is provided as a Software Developers Kit (SDK) that includes the header files and libraries required to create an XBSA application.

What Does NetBackup XBSA Do?

The NetBackup XBSA interface allows an XBSA application to create, query, retrieve, and delete data objects using NetBackup for data storage. The operations on the objects use the rules and policies defined and enforced by NetBackup. Examples of these rules and policies include what type of media the objects are stored on, number of copies, retention policies, scheduled operations, etc.

Objects are CREATED and RETRIEVED as a stream of data. Each object also has a set of attributes that are used to describe the object. These attributes include a CopyId, created by the NetBackup XBSA interface, which uniquely defines the object. Other attributes are specified and used by the XBSA application to describe the object. When retrieving an object, the object is returned as a data stream and it is up to the XBSA application to restore it to its original form.



An XBSA application can also `QUERY` the NetBackup XBSA interface for objects that it owns. This query is based on a subset of the attributes that were specified. The result of a query is a list, possibly empty, of objects and their attributes.

Objects can also be `DELETED` when they are no longer needed by the XBSA application. Deleting an object prevents it from being retrieved or queried but does not necessarily delete the data. When the actual data gets deleted is a function of NetBackup.

Terminology

Fundamental terms necessary to understand this NetBackup XBSA are described below.

XBSA Terms

Term	Definition
XBSA Application	Application-specific software that uses the NetBackup XBSA API to request NetBackup services. Typically an XBSA Application is tightly bound to a user application (such as a DBMS) or an operating system service (such as a file system).
NetBackup XBSA Interface	The NetBackup software that communicates with NetBackup to carry out the functions defined by this specification.
NetBackup XBSA Environment	The NetBackup XBSA Environment is the environment that exists between the NetBackup XBSA Interface and the XBSA Application. This environment is defined by a NetBackup XBSA session. NetBackup XBSA Environment variables are used to pass specific NetBackup information between the XBSA Application and the NetBackup XBSA Interface. Setting platform environment variables (such as <code>getenv</code> or <code>setenv</code>) has no effect on the NetBackup XBSA Environment.
NetBackup XBSA Session	A NetBackup XBSA session is a logical connection between a XBSA Application and NetBackup XBSA Interface. A session begins with a call to <code>BSAInit()</code> and ends with a call to <code>BSATerminate()</code> . Nested sessions are not supported.
NetBackup XBSA Object	The NetBackup XBSA API uses an object-based paradigm. Every data object visible and transferred at the NetBackup XBSA Interface is a NetBackup XBSA Object. It is up to the XBSA Application to define the objects that it will backup and restore.

Important Concepts

To get the most out of using the NetBackup XBSA interface, a working knowledge of NetBackup is required. Allowing the XBSA application to control some of the NetBackup concepts such as *policy*, *schedule*, *timeouts*, *multiplexing*, etc., will allow the XBSA application to be more robust and perform better in a NetBackup environment. Other items, such as *storage units*, determine where data gets stored, which could affect the XBSA application.

Note, however, that the NetBackup XBSA interface does not provide an interface for managing the configuration, media, jobs, etc. These types of operations must be done through other NetBackup command line or graphical interfaces.

Resources

The NetBackup XBSA API specification is based on the Open Group Technical Standard for Systems Management: Backup Services API (XBSA) Document Number: C425. More information on this standard can be found at <http://www.opengroup.org/products/publications/catalog/c425.htm>.





How to Set Up the SDK

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How to Install the SDK

The NetBackup for DataStore SDK is released on a separate CD from the rest of NetBackup. You must have this CD to install the SDK. Once installed, the files should be moved to the environment where the development of the XBSA application is to be done.

Installation Requirements

- ◆ NetBackup 5.1 server software is installed and operational on the server where the SDK will be installed.
- ◆ There must be adequate disk space (approximately 20 M) on the server that will receive the software.

Installation Instructions for UNIX Platforms

▼ To install the SDK on UNIX platforms

1. Log in as the root user on the machine.

If you are already logged in, but are not the root user, execute the following command.

```
su - root
```

2. Make sure a valid license key for NetBackup DataStore has been registered.

Refer to the *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I*, or *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I*, for information on adding license keys.

3. Insert the NetBackup DataStore SDK CD-ROM into the drive.
4. Change the working directory to the CD-ROM directory.



```
cd /CD_mount_point
```

5. Load and install the software by executing the install script.

```
./install
```

A prompt will appear asking if the package is correct.

Answer **y**.

The SDK files will be extracted into the directory
install_path/netbackup/openv/sdk.

File *version_dstore* will be extracted into directory *install_path/openv/share*.

Installation Instructions for Windows Platforms

▼ To install the SDK on Windows platforms

1. Insert the CD-ROM into the drive.
 - ◆ On systems with AutoPlay enabled for CD-ROM drives, the install program starts automatically.
 - ◆ On systems that have AutoPlay disabled, click the **Start** button and choose **Run**. Type **D:\Autorun\AutoRunI.exe**, where D:\ is your CD-ROM drive.

Configuration

Creating an XBSA application using the NetBackup XBSA SDK should require a minimum of setup. The SDK is installed as read only in the NetBackup directory. It is recommended that the files that are going to be used be moved to the development environment of the application.

The sample directory provides a Makefile for UNIX platforms and one for Windows platforms. They will create valid executables for the sample programs, but they should be used as guides only and the developers should use the compile options and libraries that are optimal for their application. The XBSA libraries and header files themselves do not require any special options.

Description of XBSA SDK Package

The NetBackup SDK contains the libraries with the XBSA interfaces for each of the platforms that the SDK supports. There are header files that are required to compile an XBSA Application. The SDK is installed in the NetBackup directory, either



`/usr/opencv/netbackup/sdk/DataStore/XBSA` on UNIX or
`install_directory\VERITAS\NetBackup\sdk\DataStore\XBSA` on Windows.
 This directory will contain all files necessary to build an XBSA Application.

The package contains the following directories.

SDK/DataStore/XBSA Directories

Directory	Description
samples	Contains sample programs and scripts.
lib	Contains the library files for each supported system.
include	Contains the header files.

Library Files

The NetBackup XBSA SDK contains the archive libraries for each of the systems. Installed with the NetBackup client is an XBSA shared object library. This allows the developer to choose the method of binding for each application. Both of these libraries contain all XBSA functions and all external references.

The XBSA libraries are found in the directory `sdk/DataStore/XBSA/lib`. In this directory is a directory for each hardware type. Within each of these directories is a directory for each supported operating system level. For UNIX operating systems, there is the `libxbsa.a` library. For the Windows operating systems, there is both an `xbsa.lib` and a `xbsas.lib`. The `xbsa.lib` was generated when creating the `xbsa.dll` and `xbsas.lib` is a full static library.



Header Files

There are two header files that are released with the SDK. These should be used when compiling the XBSA Application. These header files are found in directory `~sdk/DataStore/XBSA/include`.

Header Files

File	Description
<code>xbsa.h</code>	Header file that contains the XBSA defined structures.
<code>nbbsa.h</code>	Header file that contains NetBackup specific definitions for the NetBackup XBSA Interface.



Getting Help with the API

While working with the API, you can obtain information about XBSA. The following are additional sources of information:

- ◆ “[API Reference](#)” on page 71 contains reference information about the XBSA’s functions.
- ◆ Sample applications are included with XBSA. For information on the samples, see “[How to Use the Sample Files](#)” on page 135.

NetBackup XBSA Data Structures

This section describes the XBSA data structures and explains how the NetBackup XBSA interface and the XBSA Application use them for creating and manipulating XBSA objects.

Object Data

NetBackup XBSA Object data contains the actual data entity that is archived or backed up by an XBSA Application. The NetBackup XBSA API supports only one type of object data, namely, a variable-length, unstructured and uninterpreted byte-stream.

To a particular XBSA Application, however, the XBSA Object Data can contain an internal structure that reflects the data of the Application Object or Objects that the XBSA Application archived or backed up. In this context the XBSA Object Data can contain, for example, one of the following: a UNIX file system, a UNIX directory, a file, a document, a disk image, a data stream, or a memory dump.

Through the NetBackup XBSA Interface, object data can be stored, retrieved, or deleted, but not searched or modified. Since object data may be stored on slow (or off-line) media, it is generally not advisable for an XBSA Application to store metadata in object data, especially information that could influence a data-retrieval decision.



However, the metadata of an XBSA Object, which is stored in the catalog, may be replicated in its object data if it could enhance the performance of the restore of the object. This is an XBSA Application implementation decision.

Object Descriptors

A NetBackup XBSA Object has a `BSA_ObjectDescriptor`, containing cataloging information and optional application-specific object metadata. Cataloging information is capable of interpretation and searching by the NetBackup XBSA Interface. Application-specific object metadata is not interpretable by the NetBackup XBSA Interface but may be retrieved and interpreted by an application. Using an object's `objectName` or its assigned `copyId` identifier, the corresponding `BSA_ObjectDescriptor` and object data can be retrieved through the NetBackup XBSA Interface.

A `BSA_ObjectDescriptor` consists of a collection of object attributes. The basic data types used for XBSA Object attributes are:

- ◆ Fixed-length character strings
- ◆ Hierarchical character strings (with a specified delimiter, and a length limit on the overall string)
- ◆ Enumerations
- ◆ Integers (with a specified range limit)
- ◆ Date-time (in a standard C `TM` structure) format and precision, for example, `yyyymmddhhmm`)

The attributes are shown in the following table:

`BSA_ObjectDescriptor` Attributes

Attribute	Data Type	Searchable
<code>objectOwner</code>	(consisting of two parts)	Yes
<code>bsa_ObjectOwner</code>	[fixed-length character string]	
<code>app_ObjectOwner</code>	[hierarchical character string]	
<code>objectName</code>	(consisting of two parts)	Yes
<code>objectSpaceName</code>	[fixed-length character string]	
<code>pathName</code>	[hierarchical character string]	
<code>createTime</code>	[date-time]	Yes

BSA_ObjectDescriptor Attributes (continued)

Attribute	Data Type	Searchable
copyType	[enumeration]	Yes
copyId	64-bit unsigned integer	No
restoreOrder	64-bit unsigned integer	No
resourceType	[fixed-length character string]	No
objectType	[enumeration]	Yes
objectStatus	[enumeration]	Yes
objectDescription	[fixed-length character string]	No
estimatedSize	[64-bit unsigned integer]	No
objectInfo	[fixed-length byte string]	No

Each NetBackup XBSA Object is a copy of certain application object(s):

- ◆ To preserve the semantics of the use of each copy within the BSA_ObjectDescriptor, each NetBackup XBSA Object has a copyType of either backup or archive, which is recognized by the NetBackup XBSA Interface so that the two types of objects can be managed differently and accessed separately. Note that it is up to the XBSA Application to manage these types differently, as the NetBackup XBSA Interface only keeps track of which type the object is.
- ◆ Each NetBackup XBSA Object also has an objectStatus of either most_recent or not_most_recent.
- ◆ To capture an application object's type information, the corresponding NetBackup XBSA Object may have a resourceType (for example, "filesystem") and a possibly resource-specific BSA_ObjectType (for example, BSA_ObjectType_FILE).

A XBSA Application may search for a particular NetBackup XBSA Object within a certain search scope (for example, among objects in a certain objectSpaceName) by qualifying the search on the value of the appropriate searchable attributes.

On the other hand, non-searchable, application-specific attributes may be provided by a XBSA Application for storage in the BSA_ObjectDescriptor, but the NetBackup XBSA Interface does not interpret these attributes. They are stored in the NetBackup XBSA Object attributes objectInfo, resourceType, and objectDescription.



The `objectInfo` field defaults to a character string. It can also be used to store binary data by using the `NBBSA_OBJINFO_LEN` XBSA environment variable.

Through these descriptor attributes, application-specific metadata may be stored in the catalog so that this metadata can be efficiently retrieved without retrieving the actual object data stored in the repository. These attributes can be used by a XBSA Application to maintain inter-object relationships and dependencies. Be aware though that some consideration should be given to how much data is being stored in the NetBackup Catalog. The amount of metadata stored with a few large objects can be larger than that stored for a million small objects.

Query Descriptors

A `BSA_QueryDescriptor` is the structure that is used in the query process to find an individual or set of objects. It contains those fields from the object descriptor that are searchable. When doing a query, it is required that the enumeration fields are specified. If they are unknown, they all allow an "ANY" enumeration. It is also required to specify the `objectName.pathName`. Wild cards are allowed for this field and `"/**"` is a valid pathname for querying. The other strings in the descriptor can be empty strings, but they will still be used for comparison to find an object descriptor that matches the query descriptor. If these fields are unknown, wild cards are allowed here also. The start (`createTime_from`) and end (`createTime_to`) dates are not required.

The attributes of the `BSA_QueryDescriptor` are shown in the following table:

`BSA_QueryDescriptor` Attributes

Attribute	Data Type
<code>objectOwner</code>	(consisting of two parts)
<code>bsa_objectOwner</code>	[fixed-length character string]
<code>app_objectOwner</code>	[hierarchical character string]
<code>objectName</code>	(consisting of two parts)
<code>objectSpaceName</code>	[fixed-length character string]
<code>pathName</code>	[hierarchical character string]
<code>createTime_from</code>	[date-time]
<code>createTime_to</code>	[date-time]

BSA_QueryDescriptor Attributes (continued)

Attribute	Data Type
CopyType	[enumeration]
objectType	[enumeration]
objectStatus	[enumeration]

Note The createTime_from and createTime_to fields are not part of the XBSA specification for the BSA_QueryDescriptor structure. The NetBackup XBSA Interface is using 2 reserved fields from the BSA_QueryDescriptor structure to allow this information to be used (if available) for the query. These fields are not required, although if the XBSA Application can specify these dates, it can, in some instances, greatly speed up query time.

Buffers

All buffers that are used by NetBackup XBSA Interface are allocated by the XBSA Application. The NetBackup XBSA Interface fills data into the buffers, but never allocates any memory that is passed back to the XBSA Application. This simplifies buffer allocation and deletion since the XBSA Application is solely responsible.

However, to allow the NetBackup XBSA Interface to influence how buffers should be allocated and to provide an interface with the ability to reserve private sections in certain buffers, the API uses several conventions.

Buffer Size

For API calls that specify the size of the buffer as a separate parameter, the interface uses the following convention to signal that a buffer is not large enough and provide the XBSA Application with the means to discover what the correct size should be.

The parameter that specifies the size is a pointer, so that the NetBackup XBSA Interface can alter the parameter. The size is always in bytes. If the size is adequate and a valid buffer is given, the NetBackup XBSA Interface will copy the requested data into the buffer and set the actual size in the size parameter.

If the size is inadequate, the NetBackup XBSA Interface will not copy the data into the buffer. It will set the size parameter to the actual size of the data to be copied and return from the function call with BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL. This allows the XBSA Application to allocate a buffer of adequate size and to call the function again.



The functions that use this convention are `BSAGetEnvironment()`, `NBBSAGetEnv()` and `BSAQueryServiceProvider()`.

Private Buffer Space

For function calls that use the `BSA_DataBlock32` structure, a convention has been adopted that allows the NetBackup XBSA Interface to reserve certain portions of the buffer for its own use. There are two areas that can be reserved by the NetBackup XBSA Interface:

Header	A contiguous area starting at offset 0 (that is, the start of the buffer)
Trailer	A contiguous area that ends at the end of the buffer (that is, the tail of the buffer)

The area reserved for the XBSA Application is the:

Data Segment	A contiguous area that lies in between the Header and Trailer
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To make this preference known to the XBSA Application, the NetBackup XBSA Interface may set certain parameters in the `BSA_DataBlock32` structure when a data transfer is initiated. Specifically, when the XBSA Application issues either the `BSACreateObject()` call or the `BSAGetObject()` call, the `BSA_DataBlock32` structure is not used for passing data but for passing the NetBackup XBSA Interface's preference. The parameters that are set by the NetBackup XBSA Interface, and their meaning, are specified in the following table:

Parameters in the `BSA.DATABlock32` Structure

Parameter	Preference
<code>bufferLen == 0</code>	The interface has no restrictions on the buffer length. No trailer portion is required.
<code>bufferLen != 0</code>	The interface accepts buffers that are at least <code>bufferLen</code> bytes in length (minimum length). It also accepts larger buffers. For a <code>BSASendData()</code> call, the interface accepts a trailer that is at least as large as: <code>trailerBytes >= (bufferLen - numBytes - headerBytes)</code> For a <code>BSAGetData()</code> call, the interface returns a trailer that is not larger than: <code>trailerBytes <= (bufferLen - numBytes - headerBytes)</code>
<code>numBytes == 0</code>	The interface has no restrictions on the length of the data portion of the buffer.

Parameters in the BSA.DATABlock32 Structure (continued)

Parameter	Preference
numBytes != 0	The interface accepts (for a BSASendData() call), or returns (for a BSAGetData() call), a data segment that does not exceed numBytes bytes.
headerBytes == 0	The interface only accepts or returns buffers with no header.
headerBytes != 0	The length of the header portion of buffers accepted or returned by the interface is headerBytes bytes.
bufferPtr	Not used

Subsequent calls to BSAGetData() or BSASendData() must adhere to the preferences that were specified by the NetBackup XBSA Interface.

The NetBackup XBSA Interface can write anything into the header and trailer area of the actual buffer, as specified by the bufferPtr parameter in the BSA_DataBlock32 structure.

The NetBackup XBSA Interface has a buffer size limit of 1 Gigabyte.

Note For NetBackup XBSA Version 1.1.0, there are no header or trailer requirements. The format documented here is defined by the XBSA specifications and may be used in the future by NetBackup.

Use of BSA_DataBlock32 in BSASendData()

For BSASendData(), all parameters in the BSA_DataBlock32 structure must be set by the XBSA Application and adhere to the NetBackup XBSA Interface preferences or the function will fail with a BSA_RC_INVALID_DATABLOCK error. The NetBackup XBSA Interface is not allowed to change any of the parameters.

The buffers being passed by BSASendData() must be full. This means that numBytes must be equal to bufferLen. The buffer for the last BSASendData() call for an object does not need to be full.

Use of BSA_DataBlock32 in BSAGetData()

For BSAGetData(), all parameters in the BSA_DataBlock32 structure must be set by the XBSA Application and adhere to the NetBackup XBSA Interface preferences or the function will fail with a BSA_RC_INVALID_DATABLOCK error. The NetBackup XBSA Interface will change the numBytes parameter setting the actual number of bytes copied into the data segment. NetBackup is not allowed to change any of the other parameters.



Shared Memory

Note Passing of data in shared memory blocks between the XBSA Application and the NetBackup XBSA Interface is not supported for NetBackup XBSA Version 1.1.0.

The `BSA_DataBlock32` structure contains fields to allow the use of shared memory blocks for passing data between a XBSA Application and the NetBackup XBSA Interface. The `shareId` and `shareOffset` fields of the `BSA_DataBlock32` structure are used to define shared memory buffers. NetBackup XBSA Interface version 1.1.0 does not use these fields.



NetBackup XBSA Environment

The NetBackup XBSA environment is created when an XBSA Application calls `BSAInit()` to initiate a session. This environment only exists between the NetBackup XBSA Interface and the XBSA Application. XBSA environment variables are used to pass specific NetBackup information in both directions between the XBSA Application and the NetBackup XBSA Interface. The environment variables are generally set or modified by the XBSA Application, but the NetBackup XBSA Interface does create and/or modify some variables in order to pass information back to the XBSA Application. Setting platform environment variables (`getenv` or `setenv`) has no effect on the NetBackup XBSA environment.

There are restrictions on when some of the variables can be set/modified. Most of them can be set on the call to `BSAInit()`, which initiates a session. Some can also be modified within a session but outside of a transaction. And a few can be modified within a transaction. These limitations are outlined below in the descriptions for each of the variables.

Each XBSA environment variable is defined as a keyword followed by an "=" and followed by a null-terminated value. No spaces are allowed around the "=".

"`BSA_API_VERSION=1.1.0`" is valid while "`BSA_API_VERSION = 1.1.0`" is not.

The functions used to create, modify, and view these environment variables are:

- ◆ `BSAInit()`
- ◆ `BSAGetEnvironment()`
- ◆ `NBBSAUpdateEnv()`
- ◆ `NBBSASetEnv()`
- ◆ `NBBSAGetEnv()`

These functions are defined later in the API Function Definitions section of this document.



Environment Variable Definitions

The following XBSA environment variables are defined as part of the XBSA specification and are accepted by the NetBackup XBSA Interface.

XBSA Environment Variables

Variable Name	Description	Format
BSA_API_VERSION	Mandatory. Specifies the version of the specification that the calling XBSA Application requires. BSAQueryApiVersion() can retrieve the value of the current NetBackup XBSA Interface.	A string containing 3 numeric elements, (version, issue, level) separated by periods.
BSA_DELIMITER	Optional. The delimiter used in hierarchical character strings (default "/").	A single ASCII character.
BSA_SERVICE_PROVIDER	Optional. Identifies the XBSA implementation. BSAQueryServiceProvider() can retrieve this value.	A hierarchical character string with 3 fields.
BSA_SERVICE_HOST	Optional. Identifies a specific host system for the NetBackup Server.	A string containing a host name.

In addition to the environment variables defined in the XBSA specification, the following NetBackup XBSA environment variables are defined as part of this specification. These are specific to NetBackup and have no relevance to other XBSA implementations. See the *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I*, or *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I*, for a more complete definition of NetBackup policy, schedule, and logging. The NetBackup environment variables all are prefaced with "NB."

NetBackup Environment Variables

Variable Name	Description	Format
NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST	Optional. Identifies a specific host system for the NetBackup client.	A string containing a host name.
NBBSA_DB_TYPE	Optional. This specifies a specific policy type.	A string containing the policy type.
NBBSA_FEATURE_ID	Optional. This specifies a specific NetBackup licensed feature within the DataStore policy type.	An integer value.



NetBackup Environment Variables (continued)

Variable Name	Description	Format
NBBSA_KEYWORD	Optional. If this is specified, this value will be used for the NetBackup Keyword field for this image.	A string containing a keyword value <= 100 characters.
NBBSA_LOG_DIRECTORY	Optional. Identifies the name of directory that will contain the log files of the XBSA Application.	A string containing a single directory name.
NBBSA_OBJECT_GROUP	Optional. This variable is used to define the object group owner of an object being created.	A string containing the group.
NBBSA_OBJECT_OWNER	Optional. This variable is used to define the object owner of an object being created.	A string containing the owner.
NBBSA_OBJINFO_LEN	Optional. If this variable is set before an XBSA Object is created the objectInfo field will be considered to be of this length and the object will be considered binary.	An integer value <= 256.
NBBSA_POLICY	Optional. Identifies a specific NetBackup policy to be used.	A string containing a NetBackup policy name.
NBBSA_SCHEDULE	Optional. Identifies a specific NetBackup XBSA Schedule to be used.	A string containing a NetBackup schedule name.
NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_GROUP	Optional. This variable can be set to cause the group of an object to be something other than the login user creating the object.	An integer value between 0 and 4.
NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_OWNER	Optional. This variable can be set to cause the owner of an object to be something other than the login user creating the object.	An integer value between 0 and 4.



The following XBSA environment variables are set by the NetBackup XBSA Interface from values in the NetBackup configuration files. These environment variables are used to pass required information from NetBackup to the XBSA Application. Descriptions of these NetBackup configuration values can be found in the *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I*, or *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I*.

XBSA Environment Variables for NetBackup Configuration Values

Variable Name	Description	Format
NBBSA_VERBOSE_LEVEL	The verbose level of the database logs.	An integer value between 0 and 9.
NBBSA_MULTIPLEXING	The NetBackup MULTIPLEXING value.	An integer value.
NBBSA_SERVER_BUFFSIZE	The NetBackup Server Buffer Size value.	An integer value in bytes.
NBBSA_MEDIA_MOUNT_TIMEOUT	The NetBackup MEDIA_MOUNT_TIMEOUT value.	An integer value in seconds.
NBBSA_CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT	The NetBackup CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT value. This value can be modified by the XBSA Application.	An integer value in seconds.

Extended Environment Variable Definitions

Extended Environment Variables

Variable Name	Extended Description
BSA_API_VERSION	<p>BSA_API_VERSION specifies the version of the XBSA specification. It is set by the XBSA Application as the version that the XBSA Application requires. This value is required to be in the environmental variable list in the call to BSAInit(), where it will be verified as a supported version of the NetBackup XBSA Interface.</p> <p>The current value of BSA_API_VERSION that is supported by the NetBackup XBSA Interface can be retrieved with a call to BSAQueryApiVersion().</p> <p>Once BSA_API_VERSION has been set in the XBSA environment, it cannot be changed via calls to NBBSAUpdateEnv() or NBBSASetEnv().</p> <p>The version supported for this feature pack is "1.1.0".</p>

Extended Environment Variables (continued)

Variable Name	Extended Description
BSA_DELIMITER	<p>BSA_DELIMITER is the delimiter used in hierarchical character strings. The NetBackup XBSA Interface sets this XBSA environment variable.</p> <p>The delimiter used by this feature pack is <code>"/"</code>. This value can be retrieved by <code>BSAQueryServiceProvider()</code>.</p>
BSA_SERVICE_HOST	<p>BSA_SERVICE_HOST identifies the host system for the NetBackup Server. If this variable is not provided, the currently configured server for the NetBackup Client will be used.</p> <p>See the <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I</i>, or <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I</i>, for information on how to use the configuration file, <code>bp.conf</code>, to specify the NetBackup servers.</p> <p>This XBSA environment variable may be set by the XBSA Application via <code>BSAInit()</code>, <code>NBBSASetEnv()</code>, or <code>NBBSAUpdateEnv()</code> but may not be set or modified after a transaction has begun.</p>
BSA_SERVICE_PROVIDER	<p>BSA_SERVICE_PROVIDER identifies the XBSA implementation. The NetBackup XBSA Interface sets this XBSA environment variable.</p> <p>It is defined as: <code>VERITAS/NetBackup/1.1.0</code>.</p> <p><code>BSAQueryServiceProvider()</code> may also retrieve this value.</p>
NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST	<p>NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST identifies a specific host system as the NetBackup client. If this variable is not provided, the host the XBSA Application is running on is the client.</p> <p>This variable is useful for queries and restores when restoring data that was backed up from a different host than the host where the data is being restored. For backups, if the NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST is logically different from the client host the backup is being initiated from, this will result in an error, as you cannot create objects from another host.</p> <p>This XBSA environment variable may be set by the XBSA Application via <code>BSAInit()</code>, <code>NBBSASetEnv()</code>, or <code>NBBSAUpdateEnv()</code> but may not be set or modified after a transaction has begun.</p>



Extended Environment Variables (continued)

Variable Name	Extended Description
NBBSA_CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT	<p>NBBSA_CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT is used to determine or reset the NetBackup CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT value.</p> <p>The NetBackup XBSA Interface creates this XBSA environment variable in the function BSACreateObject() or BSAGetObject(). After BSACreateObject(), the NBBSA_CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT value may be reset by the XBSA Application via NBBSAUpdateEnv() or NBBSASetEnv(). Setting it at any other time will have no effect.</p> <p>See the <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I</i>, or <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I</i>, for more information about CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT.</p>
NBBSA_DB_TYPE	<p>NBBSA_DB_TYPE is an internal string representation of a NetBackup policy type. This is generally only used for NetBackup internal agents, but in certain instances may be set up for external use. If this variable is not specified, it defaults to the SDK default of DataStore policy type. If this variable is used, the NBBSA_FEATURE_ID must also be specified.</p>
NBBSA_FEATURE_ID	<p>NBBSA_FEATURE_ID identifies a specific NetBackup licensed feature to be used for the session. If this variable is not provided, the default DataStore feature id will be used. In general this environment variable does not need to be set, but it allows an application, working with NetBackup product management, to use a specific NetBackup license.</p> <p>This value may be set by the XBSA Application via BSAInit(), NBBSASetEnv(), or NBBSAUpdateEnv() but may not be set or modified after a transaction has begun.</p>
NBBSA_KEYWORD	<p>NBBSA_KEYWORD will allow the XBSA Application to specify a NetBackup keyword. This keyword is typically used to group images together and can speed up a search. If this variable is specified for a backup transaction, the keyword will be stored with the image. If it is specified before a query or restore transaction, the keyword will be used to help in the search process.</p> <p>This value may be set by the XBSA Application via BSAInit(), NBBSASetEnv(), or NBBSAUpdateEnv() but may not be set or modified after a transaction has begun.</p>

Extended Environment Variables (continued)

Variable Name	Extended Description
NBBSA_LOG_DIRECTORY	<p>NBBSA_LOG_DIRECTORY identifies the name of directory that will contain the log files of the NetBackup XBSA Interface and possibly for the XBSA Application. This directory will be located in <code>/usr/openv/netbackup/logs</code> on UNIX and <code>install_directory\VERITAS\NetBackup\Logs</code> on Windows. If not specified, the directory name will be <code>exten_client</code>.</p> <p>All debug messages from the NetBackup XBSA Interface and from function <code>NBBSALogMsg()</code> go to a dated log file in this directory.</p> <p>This value may be set by the XBSA Application via <code>BSAInit()</code>. It may not be modified after the call to <code>BSAInit()</code>.</p>
NBBSA_MEDIA_MOUNT_TIMEOUT	<p>NBBSA_MEDIA_MOUNT_TIMEOUT is used to determine the NetBackup MEDIA_MOUNT_TIMEOUT value.</p> <p>The NetBackup XBSA Interface creates this XBSA environment variable in the function <code>BSACreateObject()</code> or <code>BSAGetObject()</code>. NBBSA_MEDIA_MOUNT_TIMEOUT may not be modified by the XBSA Application.</p> <p>See the <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I</i>, or <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I</i>, for more information about MEDIA_MOUNT_TIMEOUT.</p>
NBBSA_MULTIPLEXING	<p>NBBSA_MULTIPLEXING the number of streams that NetBackup has been configured to accept at one time.</p> <p>The NetBackup XBSA Interface creates this XBSA environment variable in the function <code>BSACreateObject()</code> or <code>BSAGetObject()</code>. NBBSA_MULTIPLEXING may not be modified by the XBSA Application.</p> <p>See the <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I</i>, or <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I</i>, for more information about multiplexing.</p>
NBBSA_OBJECT_GROUP	<p>NBBSA_OBJECT_GROUP can be used in conjunction with variable NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_GROUP to define the group ownership of an object. When NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_GROUP = <code>VxENV_OWNER</code>, the name defined in this string becomes the group owner of an object that is created. This group should be a valid groupname on the client.</p> <p>This value may be set by the XBSA Application via <code>BSAInit()</code>, <code>NBBSASetEnv()</code>, or <code>NBBSAUpdateEnv()</code>. It can be modified within a transaction and each object created within one transaction could have a different group.</p>



Extended Environment Variables (continued)

Variable Name	Extended Description
NBBSA_OBJECT_OWNER	<p>NBBSA_OBJECT_OWNER can be used in conjunction with variable NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_OWNER to define the ownership of an object. When NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_OWNER = VxENV_OWNER, the name defined in this string becomes the owner of an object that is created. This owner should be a valid username on the client.</p> <p>This value may be set by the VxBSA Application via BSAInit(), NBBSASetEnv(), or NBBSAUpdateEnv(). It can be modified within a transaction and each object created within one transaction could have a different owner.</p>
NBBSA_OBJINFO_LEN	<p>NBBSA_OBJINFO_LEN is used by BSACreateObject() to allow the objectInfo field of the object descriptor to contain non-ASCII values. If this variable is not specified, the objectInfo field will be treated as a NULL terminated character string. It is not required to specify this variable for a query or restore transaction.</p> <p>This value may be modified by the XBSA Application at any time during a backup transaction using BSAInit(), NBBSASetEnv(), or NBBSAUpdateEnv(). If the length of the objectInfo field is different for each object, it can be changed before each BSACreateObject() call.</p>
NBBSA_POLICY	<p>NBBSA_POLICY identifies a specific NetBackup policy to be used for the transaction. If this variable is not provided, the NetBackup configuration will be used to find the default policy to use. For backups, if a policy is configured in NetBackup on the client, that policy is used for the backup. For queries, restores, and deletes, the configured policy is not used.</p> <p>See the <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I</i>, or <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I</i>, for information on how to create and configure a NetBackup policy.</p> <p>This value may be set by the XBSA Application via BSAInit(), NBBSASetEnv(), or NBBSAUpdateEnv() but may not be set or modified after a transaction has begun.</p>



Extended Environment Variables (continued)

Variable Name	Extended Description
NBBSA_SCHEDULE	<p>NBBSA_SCHEDULE identifies a specific NetBackup schedule to be used. If this variable is not provided, the NetBackup configuration will be used to find the default schedule to use. For backups, if a schedule is configured in NetBackup on the client, that schedule is used for the backup. For queries, restores, and deletes, the configured schedule is not used.</p> <p>See the <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I</i>, or <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I</i>, for information on how to create and configure a NetBackup Schedule.</p> <p>This value may be set by the XBSA Application via <code>BSAInit()</code>, <code>NBBSASetEnv()</code>, or <code>NBBSAUpdateEnv()</code> but may not be set or modified after a transaction has begun.</p>
NBBSA_SERVER_BUFFSIZE	<p>NBBSA_SERVER_BUFFSIZE the NetBackup configured size of the <code>NET_BUFFER_SZ</code>. This can be used by XBSA application to help improve performance.</p> <p>The NetBackup XBSA Interface creates this XBSA environment variable in the function <code>BSACreateObject()</code> or <code>BSAGetObject()</code>. NBBSA_SERVER_BUFFSIZE may not be modified by the XBSA Application.</p> <p>See the <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I</i>, or <i>NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I</i>, for more information about setting the buffer size.</p>



Extended Environment Variables (continued)

Variable Name	Extended Description
NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_GROUP	<p>NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_GROUP allows the agent to define the group owner of objects created with VxBsacreateObject(). The default group of an object is the login user of the process creating the object (not the primary group of the login user, but the actual login user). This variable allows the agent to specify the ownership as follows.</p> <p>VxLOGIN_USER 0 - Default, group field is set to the login user VxLOGIN_GROUP 1 - Group field is set to the primary group of the login user VxBsa_Owner 2 - Group field is set to objectDescriptor->objectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner VxApp_Owner 3 - Group field is set to objectDescriptor->objectOwner.app_ObjectOwner VxEnv_Owner 4 - Group field is set to value of NBBSA_GROUP_OWNER variable</p> <p>This value may be set by the BSA Application via BSAInit(), NBBSASetEnv(), or NBBSAUpdateEnv() but may not be set or modified after a transaction has begun.</p>
NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_OWNER	<p>NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_OWNER allows the agent to define the owner of objects created with BSAcreateObject(). The default ownership of an object is the login user of the process creating the object. This variable allows the agent to specify the ownership as:</p> <p>VxLOGIN_USER 0 - Default, owner field is set to the login user VxBsa_Owner 2 - Owner field is set to objectDescriptor->objectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner VxApp_Owner 3 - Owner field is set to objectDescriptor->objectOwner.app_ObjectOwner VxEnv_Owner 4 - Owner field is set to value of NBBSA_OBJECT_OWNER variable</p> <p>This value may be set by the XBSA Application via BSAInit(), NBBSASetEnv(), or NBBSAUpdateEnv() but may not be set or modified after a transaction has begun.</p>

Extended Environment Variables (continued)

Variable Name	Extended Description
NBBSA_VERBOSE_LEVEL	<p>NBBSA_VERBOSE_LEVEL is the verbose level of the NetBackup debug logs. The verbose level can be configured through both the Backup, Archive, and Restore interface or the NetBackup Administration Console.</p> <p>This value may be useful if the XBSA Application, using <code>NBBSALogMsg()</code>, wants to log different levels of messages to the NetBackup XBSA logs based on the verbose level that is configured in NetBackup.</p> <p>The NetBackup XBSA Interface will originally set this value in <code>BSAInit()</code>. The XBSA Application may reset this environment variable, using <code>NBBSASetEnv()</code> or <code>NBBSAUpdateEnv()</code>, if it wants to change the level of logging.</p>



XBSA Sessions and Transactions

All operations for NetBackup must be in an XBSA session. Each session can contain one or more transactions. This section defines how XBSA sessions are defined and what can be in each transaction.

Sessions

In order to use most of the NetBackup XBSA API calls, it is necessary for a XBSA Application to set up a session with the NetBackup XBSA Interface by invoking the `BSAInit()` call. The functions `BSAQueryApiVersion()` and `BSAQueryServiceProvider()` may be invoked prior to calling `BSAInit()`. These functions are used to determine the current version of the API used by the NetBackup XBSA Interface and a string describing the provider of the NetBackup XBSA Interface, respectively, and are not dependent on being within a session.

Initialization and Termination

A session is initiated by a `BSAInit()` call. This call sets up a session with the NetBackup XBSA Interface and creates a context, defined by handle, for the caller to be used in subsequent calls. The XBSA environment is set up within that context and remains in place until the session is terminated. Nested sessions are not permitted.

A session is terminated by a `BSATerminate()` call, which will release any resources acquired during the NetBackup XBSA session. If `BSATerminate()` is called within a transaction, the transaction is aborted.

Authentication

In NetBackup XBSA Version 1.1.0, all authentication and security is handled by NetBackup based on the login user. Object ownership is determined by the login user of the session that created the object. In order to query or restore an object, the login user doing the request must be the same user who created the object or a root administrator.

Note NetBackup XBSA Version 1.1.0 does not validate the `objectOwner` and `SecurityToken` parameters of `BSAInit()`. The `objectOwner` fields, `bsa_objectOwner` and `app_objectOwner`, can be specified and will be stored with an object, but the login user who created the object determines the official ownership of an object. This user, or a root admin, are the only users who can query or restore this object.

Transactions

Within each session, a XBSA Application can make a sequence of calls (for example, to backup some objects, to query the set of objects it has backed up, or to restore objects). These calls must be grouped into a transaction by invoking `BSABeginTxn()` at the beginning of the group of calls and invoking `BSAEndTxn()` at the end. The latter either commits the transaction or aborts it.

If a transaction is aborted either by a `BSAEndTxn()` or `BSATerminate()` call, then the effect of all the calls made within the transaction is nullified. If a transaction is committed, then the effect of all the calls within the transaction is made permanent.

Within a single session, transactions cannot be nested and cannot overlap. Transactions are categorized into the following types:

- ◆ NetBackup XBSA Object modification transactions - in which NetBackup XBSA Objects may be created or deleted.
- ◆ NetBackup XBSA Object retrieval transactions - in which NetBackup XBSA Objects may only be queried and/or retrieved. This type of transaction provides no functional benefit for the calling XBSA Application, and is only included for completeness.

The type of a transaction is established by the first create/delete/retrieve operation performed. Attempts to mix operations in a transaction will result in a `BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE` error. The permissible call sequences are defined later in this chapter.

Once a transaction starts, many of the XBSA Environment variables can no longer be reset. `BSA_SERVICE_HOST`, `NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST`, `NBBSA_POLICY`, and `NBBSA_SCHEDULE` cannot be modified within a transaction. If these need to be modified, the XBSA Application must exit the transaction, make the variable changes, and start a new transaction.

Backup Transaction

A XBSA Application can create a NetBackup XBSA Object in a backup transaction. The backup transaction is defined by the first `BSACreateObject()` call. The `BSACreateObject()` function takes as input an object descriptor that has all of the XBSA attributes of the object. After the `BSACreateObject()` call, the object's data is passed to NetBackup in buffers using a sequence of `BSASendData()` calls. When all data has been sent, the object is completed with a `BSAEndData()` call. Multiple objects may be created in one transaction, although `BSAEndData()` must be called before the next `BSACreateObject()` is called.

The NetBackup XBSA Interface treats backup and archive transactions the same. It is up to the XBSA Application to do any extra operations that may be associated with an archival. The XBSA Application is also responsible for any other backup types such as an



incremental backup. The NetBackup archive and incremental backups do not apply to the NetBackup XBSA Interface. It is also important to note that all information required to restore an object needs to be contained in the object descriptor or object data.

Within a backup transaction, query, delete, and restore operations are not allowed.

Restore Transaction

The Restore transaction is similar to Backup transaction, except that the data flow is reversed. The restore transaction is defined by a call to `BSAGetObject()`.

In order to restore an XBSA object, the NetBackup XBSA Interface needs to know the `copyId` of that object. The `copyId` can be obtained from a catalogue maintained by the XBSA Application or from a prior `BSAQueryObject()` call. Query operations can be mixed in with restore operations to get this data.

The `BSAGetObject()` call is used to initiate the restore of an object. It takes as input an object descriptor that contains the `copyId` of the object to be restored. Then a series of `BSAGetData()` calls are used to get data for the object in buffers, and the `BSAEndData()` call is to signal the end of getting data for the object. It is up to the XBSA Application to recreate the object being restored using the object descriptor and data. When restoring multiple objects, the XBSA Application must get all data for an object and call `BSAEndData()` before calling `BSAGetObject()` to start restoring the next object.

Within a restore transaction, it is permissible to have `BSAQueryObject()` and `BSAGetNextQueryObject()` calls. This allows the XBSA Application to intermix restore operations with `BSAQueryObject()` and `BSAGetNextQueryObject()` calls in order to restore multiple objects within one transaction. Backup and delete operations are not allowed within a restore transaction.

It should be noted that the use of transactions for restore operations does not provide any functional benefit to the XBSA Application but is required for completeness. If a restore is aborted via a call to `BSAEndTxn()` or `BSATerminate()` before the restore has completed, the NetBackup XBSA Interface will free up the NetBackup resources but it is up to the XBSA Application to leave the object being restored in a consistent state.

Delete Transaction

A XBSA Application may delete a NetBackup XBSA Object using the `BSADeleteObject()` call. `BSADeleteObject()` takes a `copyId` as a parameter and marks that object to be deleted. The actual delete of an object does not take place until the `BSAEndTxn()` call commits the transaction, so a query within a delete transaction could return an object to be deleted. If an object was backed up to a tape device, the data will not be deleted as part of this transaction. When all images on a tape have been deleted or expired, NetBackup will free the tape to be reused.

Within a delete transaction, it is permissible to embed `BSAQueryObject()` and `BSAGetNextQueryObject()` calls. This allows the XBSA Application to intermix delete operations with `BSAQueryObject()` and `BSAGetNextQueryObject()` calls in order to delete multiple objects within one transaction. Backup and restore operations are not allowed within a delete transaction.

Note For NetBackup XBSA Version 1.1.0, `BSADeleteObject()` has a limitation that there can only be one object in a NetBackup image for the delete to work. This means that when the object was created, it was the only object created in the transaction. If there are multiple objects, `BSADeleteObject()` will return a `BSA_RC_SUCCESS` status, but the object will still exist.

NetBackup takes care of deleting objects via the retention period setting which is part of the configuration of a NetBackup schedule. In general, due to the way the data is stored on tape and other media, deleting individual objects has limited value.

Query Transaction

A XBSA Application may query for NetBackup XBSA Objects that have been created in a query transaction. The `BSAQueryObject()` call is used to query the NetBackup catalogue for NetBackup XBSA Objects. Since retention of NetBackup XBSA Objects is a function of NetBackup there is no guarantee that the call to `BSAQueryObject()` will return any objects.

The query is based on a subset of the object descriptor attributes, contained in a query descriptor. All fields in the query descriptor must be populated and the query will search for objects that match all fields. Each of the fields does have a wildcard or 'ANY' value that can be used. But leaving a field blank will only match objects that also have blanks in that field.

The result of a query can return Object Descriptors, but never XBSA Object Data. If a query finds multiple object descriptors, `BSAQueryObject()` will return the first object descriptor and the remaining objects can be retrieved one at a time by using a succession of `BSAGetNextQueryObject()` calls.

It should be noted that the use of transactions for query operations does not provide any functional benefit to the XBSA Application but is required for completeness. And as noted in the other transaction types, queries can be embedded in restore and delete transactions.



Creating a NetBackup XBSA Application

This section contains information on initiating an XBSA session, using XBSA objects, logging, running an XBSA application in a clustered environment, and hints for getting the best performance out of the NetBackup XBSA Interface.

Initiating a Session

A session is initiated with a call to `BSAInit()`. One of the parameters of `BSAInit()` is the list of environment variables that is used to set up the XBSA environment between the XBSA Application and the NetBackup XBSA Interface. The only variable that is required by the NetBackup XBSA Interface is `BSA_API_VERSION`. `BSAInit()` will validate that the XBSA Application is using a supported version. Other environmental variables can be included to increase flexibility of the application or to override values from the NetBackup configuration. But if these variables are not set, there are defaults from the configuration that will be used.

Be aware that using these environment variables does not allow the XBSA Application to bypass the NetBackup configuration, only to change from the default. All hosts, policies, schedules, etc. that are used must still be defined in the NetBackup configuration in order for the transactions to work. See the *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I*, or *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I*, for more information on how to configure NetBackup.

The XBSA Application should allow the XBSA environment variables to be set from run time values. These values can be obtained from parameters or from system environment variables. This will allow the maximum flexibility for the application. See [“How to Run a NetBackup XBSA Application”](#) on page 67.

Some of the XBSA environment variables must be specified in the call to `BSAInit()` and cannot be changed within the session. Others can be set or modified within the session. See [“NetBackup XBSA Environment”](#) on page 21 for individual variables. This gives the XBSA Application maximum flexibility.

Modifying XBSA Environment within a session

The XBSA environment is created when the session is initiated. A couple of the variables, like `BSA_API_VERSION` and `NBBSA_LOG_DIRECTORY`, cannot be changed once the session has started. Many of the other variables can still be modified. If the XBSA Application is going to set `BSA_SERVICE_HOST`, `NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST`, `NBBSA_POLICY`, or `NBBSA_SCHEDULE`, this needs to be done outside of a transaction, either before the first transaction or between transactions.

Once within a session, the XBSA Environment can be updated with either `NBBSASetEnv()` or `NBBSAUpdateEnv()`. These are extensions to the XBSA specification. `NBBSASetEnv()` is used to set an individual XBSA environment variable and `NBBSAUpdateEnv()` updates the entire XBSA environment.

Session Example

The following example sets up a session and begins a transaction. It sets up the XBSA environment, a `BSA_ObjectOwner` structure, and a `BSA_SecurityToken`. The security token is `NULL` because the NetBackup XBSA Interface does not use this security method. The session is initiated by a `BSAInit()` call that returns a `BSA_Handle`. This handle is then used when beginning a transaction and for all XBSA function calls within the session. Within the session, the XBSA environment is modified to change the `NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST`. Lastly a transaction is started.

```
BSA_Handle      BsaHandle;
BSA_ObjectOwner BsaObjectOwner;
BSA_SecurityToken *security_tokenPtr;
BSA_UInt32      Size;
char            *envx[3];
char            ErrorString[512];
char            msg[1024];
int             status;

/* Allocate memory for the XBSA environment variable array. */
envx[0] = malloc(40);
envx[1] = malloc(40);

/* Populate the XBSA environment variables for this session.
 * Normally the BSA_SERVICE_HOST would not be hard coded like this but
 * would be retrieved via a parameter or environment variable.
 */
strcpy(envx[0], "BSA_API_VERSION=1.1.0");
strcpy(envx[1], "BSA_SERVICE_HOST=server_host");
envx[2] = NULL;

/* The NetBackup XBSA Interface does not use the security token. */
security_tokenPtr = NULL;
```



```
/* Populate the object owner structure. */

strcpy(BsaObjectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner, "XBSA Client");
strcpy(BsaObjectOwner.app_ObjectOwner, "XBSA App");

/* Initialize an XBSA session. */
status = BSAINit(&BsaHandle, NULL, &BsaObjectOwner, envx);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrString);
    printf("ERROR: BSAINit failed with error: %s\n", ErrString);
    exit(status);
}

/* Set the hostname of the client for the next transaction. */
NBBSASetEnv(BsaHandle, "NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST", "client_host");

/* Begin a transaction. If it fails, terminate the session. */
status = BSABeginTxn(BsaHandle);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSABeginTxn failed with error: %s",
        ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Backup");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}
```

Backup - Creating an object

Once the application has started a transaction, it can start a backup. A backup transaction is identified by the first BSACreateObject() call. BSACreateObject() will start the process of backing up an object. Once the object has been created, multiple BSASendData() calls are used to send the data associated with an object. This object is then completed with a BSAEndData() call.

The ability to pass data in buffers allows an XBSA Application to use any buffering technique that is appropriate to ensure consistency or to improve performance. When data is passed in buffers, all the data for one object must be passed, in the proper sequence, before any other operation is started.

Creating an Object

An object descriptor defines an XBSA object. It is up to the XBSA Application to define the attributes of the object such that the application will know how to restore the object. For example, if the XBSA Application wants to implement an incremental type of backup, enough information will need to be kept in the object descriptor to identify if the object is a full or incremental and any other information that will be required to restore the object.

The following fields of an object descriptor are user-defined and need to be defined by the XBSA Application before the descriptor is passed to `BSACreateObject()`. See “[Object Descriptors](#)” on page 14 for more definition of the `BSA_ObjectDescriptor`. The fields that are defined as strings can be empty strings, except for the `pathName`, which must have a valid path. The fields that are enumerations cannot have the ANY value. The `estimatedSize` field must have a value greater than zero if the object will have data and zero if there will be no data. While it is good practice to have the estimated size field be as accurate as possible, it does not affect how NetBackup will store the object.

Required BSA.ObjectDescriptor Fields

objectOwner bsa_objectOwner app_objectOwner
objectName pathName objectSpaceName
copyType
resourceType
objectType
objectDescription
estimatedSize
objectInfo

The NetBackup XBSA Interface will populate the other fields in the object descriptor.

The other structure that is required before creating an object is the `BSA_DataBlock32` structure. The structure does not need to be populated because `BSACreateObject()` will populate select fields with values that define how the data needs to be passed in buffers. See “[Buffers](#)” on page 17 for more information on this.



Those are the two parameters to `BSACreateObject()`. The `BSACreateObject()` function will create the object and prepare the NetBackup to be able to accept data. This includes mounting a tape if that is required. When `BSACreateObject()` has successfully created the object and returns, the object descriptor will have the `copyId` field populated. This is the unique identifier that is associated with this object. If the XBSA Application is going to keep any information about an object in an application catalog, this `copyId` should be a key value. It can be used to restore or delete this object.

There are four environmental variables that are created during `BSACreateObject()`. These are `NBBSA_CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT`, `NBBSA_MEDIA_MOUNT_TIMEOUT`, `NBBSA_MULTIPLEXING`, and `NBBSA_SERVER_BUFFSIZE`. These variables are part of the NetBackup configuration and can be used to determine if the XBSA application will be successful. The `NBBSA_CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT` and `NBBSA_MEDIA_MOUNT_TIMEOUT` values can be reset by the XBSA application if it knows it needs to override the default NetBackup configuration.

`NBBSA_CLIENT_READ_TIMEOUT` is the amount of time, in seconds, the NetBackup server will wait for data to be received. If the time between when the NetBackup server starts the backup and the time the transmission of data starts exceeds this timeout value, the backup job will fail. This is to ensure that a hung or failed process on the client does not cause the job to wait, and take up resources, indefinitely. If the XBSA Application knows it will take longer than this to prepare the data to be sent, this value should be reset to a higher value.

`NBBSA_MEDIA_MOUNT_TIMEOUT` is the amount of time the NetBackup client will wait for the media to be mounted. If the time between when the NetBackup server starts the backup and the time the media is mounted exceeds this timeout value, the XBSA Interface will return a fail condition.

`NBBSA_MULTIPLEXING` is the number of streams that can be accepted by NetBackup. This value cannot be changed but if the XBSA Application is processing multiple streams, it should be evaluated to make sure that NetBackup will accept all streams that are being sent.

`NBBSA_SERVER_BUFFSIZE` is the size configured for `NET_BUFF_SZ`. This value cannot be changed but, if the XBSA Application has the ability to modify the size of the buffers it uses, these could be modified to enhance performance of the transfer of data.

If everything is OK so far, data can be sent to the NetBackup XBSA Interface via buffers by `BSASendData()`. The buffers are defined by the `BSA_DataBlock32` structure. The key fields to set are the `numBytes`, which contains the number of bytes being sent, `bufferLen`, which contains the length of the buffer in bytes, and `bufferPtr`, which is a pointer to the buffer. The number of bytes must equal the buffer length except for the last buffer, which can be only partially full. `BSASendData()` can be called any number of times to pass all the data from an object.

Once all data has been sent, `BSAEndData()` must be called to signal to the NetBackup XBSA Interface that the object is complete.

If multiple objects are to be created, this whole process can be repeated multiple times. The most efficient way to create multiple objects is to repeat this within one transaction. It is also possible to create multiple objects by creating one object per transaction and doing multiple transactions.

Once all objects for a transaction have been created, the transaction is completed with `BSAEndTxn()`. `BSAEndTxn()` can either commit or abort the transaction. If the transaction is aborted, all objects that were created in the transaction are not saved. If the transaction is committed, the object(s) are saved in the NetBackup catalog and can at a future point be restored. The `BSATerminate()` function also acts as an abort to the transaction.

NetBackup Object Ownership

Default behavior

When the NetBackup XBSA interface is used to create an object, by default the owner of the object will be the login user of the process that created the object. The default group of the object will also be the login user, *not* the primary group of the login user, but the exact same name as the login user name. The permissions of the file will be set to 600, or `'rw- - - - -'`, which is read/write for owner and no access permissions for anyone else. This requires that the user restoring an object be an administrator or the same user that created the object. The XBSA `objectOwner` fields are saved in the NetBackup catalog with the object, but they are kept as attributes of the object and are not used for security purposes.

Ownership options

Using the XBSA environmental variables `NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_OWNER`, `NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_GROUP`, `NBBSA_OBJECT_OWNER`, and `NBBSA_GROUP_OWNER`, an agent can change the default owner. These variables allow the XBSA agent to be able to specify who owns the objects.

Note Specifying object ownership only works when creating objects using `BSACreateObject()`. Accessing the objects via `BSAQueryObject()` and `BSAGetObject()` is dependent on the login process having permissions to access the objects. So if `user_Y` creates an object with an object owner of `user_X`, then `user_X` or an administrator (`root`) can access and restore the object, but `user_Y` cannot.

Object Owner

To specify the owner of an object, the XBSA environment variable `NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_OWNER` needs to be set. There are 4 values that this variable can be set to. These values are defined in `nbbsa.h`.



```
/*
 * XBSA values to use to define how to specify NetBackup object ownership
 */
#define VxLOGIN_USER 0 /* Default, owner/group field is set to the login user */
#define VxLOGIN_GROUP 1 /* group field is set to the primary group of the login user */
#define VxBSA_OWNER 2 /* owner/group field is set to
objectDescriptor->objectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner */
#define VxAPP_OWNER 3 /* owner/group field is set to
objectDescriptor->objectOwner.app_ObjectOwner */
#define VxENV_OWNER 4 /* owner/group field is set to value of
NBBSA_OBJECT_OWNER/NBBSA_OBJECT_GROUP */
```

VxLOGIN_USER is the default behavior that you would get if the NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_OWNER variable wasn't set.

VxLOGIN_GROUP does not apply to object ownership.

VxBSA_OWNER will set the object owner to the value stored in the objectDescriptor field objectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner. The value in the bsa_ObjectOwner field will need to be a valid username without any spaces in the name. The value in objectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner will still be stored as an attribute of the object and a query will need to correctly specify this field in the query descriptor to successfully find the object.

VxAPP_OWNER will set the object owner to the value stored in the objectDescriptor field objectOwner.app_ObjectOwner. The value in the app_ObjectOwner field will need to be a valid username without any spaces in the name. The value in objectOwner.app_ObjectOwner will still be stored as an attribute of the object and a query will need to correctly specify this field in the query descriptor to successfully find the object.

VxENV_OWNER will set the object owner to the value of the XBSA environmental variable NBBSA_OBJECT_OWNER. The value stored in the NBBSA_OBJECT_OWNER will need to be a valid username without any spaces in the name.

The variables NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_OWNER and NBBSA_OBJECT_OWNER can be changed within a transaction so that an XBSA agent can set different ownership of each object in a transaction if it so desires.

Object Group

An XBSA agent can also change the group ownership of an object. When the group ownership is set via one of these options, other than the default, the permissions on the object are set to 660, or 'rw - rw- - -', which is read/write for owner and group. This allows any user in the specified group to access and restore the object.

To specify the group of an object, the XBSA environment variable NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_GROUP needs to be set. There are 5 values that this variable can be set to. These values are defined in nbbsa.h.

```

/*
 * XBSA values to use to define how to specify NetBackup object ownership
 */
#define VxLOGIN_USER    0 /* Default, owner/group field is set to the login user */
#define VxLOGIN_GROUP  1 /* group field is set to the primary group of the login user */
#define VxBSA_OWNER    2 /* owner/group field is set to
objectDescriptor->objectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner */
#define VxAPP_OWNER    3 /* owner/group field is set to
objectDescriptor->objectOwner.app_ObjectOwner */
#define VxENV_OWNER    4 /* owner/group field is set to value of
NBBSA_OBJECT_OWNER/NBBSA_OBJECT_GROUP */

```

VxLOGIN_USER is the default behavior that you would get if the NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_GROUP variable wasn't set. The group name will be the same name as the owner field, whether that is the login user or a user name defined by one of the other options, and the permissions of the object will be 600, owner read/write only.

VxLOGIN_GROUP will set the group field to the primary group of the login user.

VxBSA_OWNER will set the object group to the value stored in the objectDescriptor field objectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner. The value in the bsa_ObjectOwner field will need to be a valid username without any spaces in the name. The value in objectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner will still be stored as an attribute of the object and a query will need to correctly specify this field in the query descriptor to successfully find the object.

VxAPP_OWNER will set the object group to the value stored in the objectDescriptor field objectOwner.app_ObjectOwner. The value in the app_ObjectOwner field will need to be a valid username without any spaces in the name. The value in objectOwner.app_ObjectOwner will still be stored as an attribute of the object and a query will need to correctly specify this field in the query descriptor to successfully find the object.

VxENV_OWNER will set the object group to the value of the XBSA environmental variable NBBSA_OBJECT_GROUP. The value stored in the NBBSA_OBJECT_GROUP will need to be a valid username without any spaces in the name.

The variables NBBSA_USE_OBJECT_GROUP and NBBSA_OBJECT_GROUP can be changed within a transaction so that an XBSA agent can set different group ownership of each object in a transaction if it so desires.

Creating an Empty Object

It is acceptable to create an XBSA object without any associated data. This is created in much the same way as an object with data with two differences. The estimatedSize.left and estimatedSize.right fields need to be zero so the NetBackup XBSA Interface knows that the object is going to be empty. After the BSACreateObject() call, the XBSA Application calls BSAEndData() to end the object. If estimatedSize is set to zero and BSASendData() is called, this will result in an error.



Backup Example

The following example goes through the process of creating an object. It is assumed the transaction has already been started (see “[Initiating a Session](#)” on page 36). The BSA_ObjectDescriptor is populated with the values that are associated with the object. Then the DataBlock32 structure is created to receive any restrictions put on the data by the NetBackup Interface. BSACreateObject() is then called to create the object and start the backup process. Once the object is created, this example sends one buffer of data with the BSASendData() call. After the last BSASendData() call, the object is completed with a BSAEndTxn(), which commits the object.

This highly simplistic example only creates one object and only sends one buffer of data. In general, objects will take multiple buffers and a transaction can create multiple objects.

```
BSA_Handle          BsaHandle;
BSA_ObjectOwner    BsaObjectOwner;
BSA_SecurityToken  *security_tokenPtr;
    BSA_DataBlock32 *data_block;
BSA_ObjectDescriptor *object_desc;
BSA_UInt32         DataBuffSz;
BSA_UInt32         Size;
char               *envx[5];
char               DataBuff[512];
char               ErrorString[512];
char               msg[1024];
int                status;
.
.
.
BSAInit(&BsaHandle, security_tokenPtr, &BsaObjectOwner, envx);
.
.
.
BSABeginTxn(BsaHandle);

/* Populate the object descriptor of the first object to be backed up. */

object_desc = (BSA_ObjectDescriptor *)malloc(sizeof(BSA_ObjectDescriptor));

strcpy(object_desc->objectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner, "XBSA Client");
strcpy(object_desc->objectOwner.app_ObjectOwner, "XBSA App");
strcpy(object_desc->objectName.pathName, "/xbsa/sample/object1");
strcpy(object_desc->objectName.objectSpaceName, "");
strcpy(object_desc->resourceType, "Sample");
strcpy(object_desc->objectDescription, "Sample description of Object 1.");
strcpy(object_desc->objectInfo, "Object 1");
object_desc->copyType = BSA_CopyType_BACKUP;
object_desc->estimatedSize.left = 0;
object_desc->estimatedSize.right = 100;
object_desc->objectType = BSA_ObjectType_FILE;
```

```

/* Initialize the BSA_DataBlock32 structure. */

data_block = (BSA_DataBlock32 *)malloc(sizeof(BSA_DataBlock32));
memset(data_block, 0x00, sizeof(BSA_DataBlock32));

/* Create the sample object. If the object cannot be created, terminate the session. */

status = BSACreateObject(BsaHandle, object_desc, data_block);
if (status == BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    printf("copyId: %d - %d\n", object_desc->copyId.left, object_desc->copyId.right);
} else {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSACreateObject failed with error: %s",
        ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Backup");
    BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_ABORT);
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* For the purposes of this sample, we will assume that the data in the DataBuff
 * buffer has been populated from reading the data from the object being backed up. */

strcpy(DataBuff, "This is the sample data that is contained in the sample object that is being
backed up for the purposes of showing how data can be backed up and restored.");
DataBuffSz = strlen(DataBuff);

/* BSACreateObject sets values in the BSA_DataBlock32 to indicate
 * header and trailer requirements. The NetBackup implementation has
 * no such requirements and are not checked here. Set the other
 * fields of the data_block for the BSASendData call. */

data_block->bufferLen = 512;
data_block->bufferPtr = DataBuff;
data_block->numBytes = DataBuffSz;

/* Send the data to be backed up. In normal implementations, BSASendData
 * would be in a loop reading the data into the buffer and then sending it
 * until all the data of the object has been sent. */

status = BSASendData(BsaHandle, data_block);
if (status == BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    printf("Bytes backed up: %d\n", data_block->numBytes);
} else {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSASendData failed with error: %s\n", ErrorString);
}

```



```
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Backup");
    BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_ABORT);
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* All data has been sent for the object. */

status = BSAEndData(BsaHandle);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSAEndData failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Backup");
    BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_ABORT);
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* End the backup transaction and commit the object. */

status = BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_COMMIT);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSAEndTxn failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Backup");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}
```

Query - Finding an object descriptor

An XBSA Application may query the NetBackup XBSA Interface for XBSA objects that have been created. The `BSAQueryObject()` call is used to query the NetBackup catalog for these objects. The query is based on a subset of the object descriptor attributes, contained in a query descriptor. If the result of the query is multiple object descriptors, `BSAQueryObject()` will return the first (most recent) object and the rest can be retrieved one object descriptor at a time by using a succession of `BSAGetNextQueryObject()` calls.

Querying for an object

When querying for an object, the object attributes that the XBSA Application is querying for are contained in a query descriptor. This query descriptor is made up of strings and enumerations. They will be evaluated against the objects stored in the NetBackup catalog for objects that match all fields. Each field of the query descriptor must be populated. If a

string field is populated with an empty string or NULL, it will only match objects that also have an empty string for that field. Wildcards and 'ANY' enumerations allow the XBSA application to search for objects that have some fields that are unknown.

There are two fields that are not part of the XBSA specifications but can be very useful. The `createTime_from` and `createTime_to` fields limit the search to the time period between these dates. These are optional fields, the default is to search all objects, but can greatly speed up the search when the NetBackup catalog is very large.

When doing the query, the XBSA application will only return objects that are owned by login user running the query, unless that user is a root admin. NetBackup XBSA Version 1.1.0 uses the login user as the object owner. The `objectOwner` field is considered an attribute and is not used for security.

The query, by default, will also only return objects that were created on the hostname from which the query is being run. If the XBSA Application needs to find an object that was created from a different host, the `NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST` environment variable must be set to the hostname from which the object was created. This variable can only be set before a transaction begins. If the application is looking for objects from multiple hosts, the application will need to do queries in separate transactions.

Query Example

Here is a simple example of a query. It starts with populating a query descriptor, which identifies what objects are being searched for. Then it makes the initial query

```
BSA_Handle          BsaHandle;
BSA_ObjectOwner     BsaObjectOwner;
BSA_SecurityToken   *security_tokenPtr;
BSA_QueryDescriptor *query_desc;
BSA_ObjectDescriptor *object_desc;
BSA_UInt32          Size;
char                *envx[3];
char                ErrorString[512];
char                msg[1024];
int                 status;
.
.
.
BSAInit(&BsaHandle, security_tokenPtr, &BsaObjectOwner, envx);
.
.
.
BSABeginTxn(BsaHandle);

/* Populate the query descriptor of the object to be searched for. */
query_desc = (BSA_QueryDescriptor *)malloc(sizeof(BSA_QueryDescriptor));
```



```
query_desc->copyType = BSA_CopyType_BACKUP;
query_desc->objectType = BSA_ObjectType_FILE;
query_desc->objectStatus = BSA_ObjectStatus_ANY;
strcpy(query_desc->objectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner, "XBSA Client");
strcpy(query_desc->objectOwner.app_ObjectOwner, "XBSA App");
strcpy(query_desc->objectName.pathName, "/xbsa/sample/object1");
strcpy(query_desc->objectName.objectSpaceName, "");

object_desc = (BSA_ObjectDescriptor *)malloc(sizeof(BSA_ObjectDescriptor));

/* Begin searching for objects matching the query criteria.  BSAQueryObject()  *
 * returns the first (most recent) object found.                               */

status = BSAQueryObject(BsaHandle, query_desc, object_desc);
if (status == BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    printf("copyId: %d - %d\n", object_desc->copyId.left, object_desc->copyId.right);
} else if (status == BSA_RC_NO_MATCH) {
    sprintf(msg, "WARNING: BSAQueryObject() did not find an object matching the query");
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSWARNING, msg, "Query");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
} else {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSAQueryObject() failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Query");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* Continue searching for other objects which match the query criteria.  *
 * BSAGetNextQueryObject() should return BSA_RC_NO_MORE_DATA when there  *
 * are not more objects.                                                */

while ((status = BSAGetNextQueryObject(BsaHandle, object_desc)) == BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    printf("CopyId: %d.%d\n", object_desc->copyId.left, object_desc->copyId.right);
}
if (status != BSA_RC_NO_MORE_DATA) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSAGetNextQueryObject() failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Query");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* End the query transaction.  BSA_Vote_COMMIT and BSA_Vote_ABORT are equivalent as *
 * there is nothing to commit or abort.                                          */

status = BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_COMMIT);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
```

```

Size = 512;
NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSAEndTxn() failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Query");
BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
exit(status);
}

```

Restore - Retrieving an object's data

Another type of transaction is a restore transaction. A restore transaction is identified by the first `BSAGetObject()` call. A difference from a backup transaction is that there can also be `BSAQueryObject()` calls within a restore transaction, which is useful to get the object descriptor of the object the XBSA Application is restoring. `BSAGetObject()` will start the process of retrieving an object. Once the object has been retrieved, multiple `BSAGetData()` calls are used to retrieve the data associated with an object. The last `BSAGetData()` call will return `BSA_NO_MORE_DATA` that will signal that the NetBackup XBSA Interface has completed sending the data. The `BSAEndData()` call will then release all resources.

Restoring an object

When restoring an XBSA object, the login user must be the owner of the XBSA object or a root admin. (The owner of an object is the login user of the process that created the object.) If a different user tries to restore the object, the NetBackup XBSA Interface will return a `BSA_RC_OBJECT_NOT_FOUND` error. This error could also be returned if the host on which the restore is being done is different from the host which backed up the object. See [“Redirected Restore to a Different Client”](#) on page 50 on how to restore to a different computer.

The XBSA Application is responsible for recreating the object. The NetBackup XBSA Interface sends a stream of data to the XBSA Application. It is up to the XBSA Application to ensure the correct permissions exist for restoring the object, recreating all attributes, etc. If any of these attributes are stored in the object descriptor of the XBSA object, the object descriptor needs to be retrieved with a `BSAQueryObject()` call. The call to `BSAGetObject()` does not populate the object attributes.

To restore an XBSA object, the NetBackup XBSA Interface needs to have an object descriptor that contains the `copyId` of the object being restored. This `copyId` can be obtained from either a query process or from information stored by the XBSA Application. It is permissible to mix query operations in a restore transaction.

The other structure that is required before restoring an object is the `BSA_DataBlock32` structure. The structure does not need to be populated as `BSAGetObject()` will populate select fields with values that define how the data buffers will be used. See [“Buffers”](#) on page 17 for more information on this.



The restore is initiated with a call to `BSAGetObject()` with this object descriptor and data block as parameters. This function starts the process of retrieving the object. If `BSAGetObject()` returns with good status, `BSAGetData()` can retrieve the object data from the NetBackup XBSA Interface via buffers. The buffers are defined by the `BSA_DataBlock32` structure. It is the responsibility of the XBSA Application to allocate the buffers. `BSAGetObject()` will fill the buffers with data and set the `numBytes` field of the `BSA_DataBlock32` with the number of bytes in the buffer. When the last buffer of data for the object has been passed, `BSAGetObject()` will return `BSA_NO_MORE_DATA`. `BSAEndData()` should then be called to signal to the NetBackup XBSA Interface that the object is restored and that it can free up the resources. The NetBackup XBSA Interface requires that all data for an object is retrieved or the return status of the NetBackup server would be an error status. This will not affect the XBSA Application, but may impact how a user of the application interprets the results of the restore.

After the object(s) have been restored, the transaction should be closed. From the NetBackup XBSA Interface point of view, a committed or aborted transactions are handled the same, as there is nothing for NetBackup to commit.

Redirected Restore to a Different Client

One specific type of restore that deserves special notice is what is considered a redirected restore to a different client. An XBSA object is stored within NetBackup with a specific client from which it was backed up. The default is to assume that the object is being restored to the same client. If the hostname that is initiating the restore is different from the hostname on which the object was backed up, the `NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST` environment variable needs to be set.

The `NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST` must be set, before entering the transaction, to the hostname on which the object was backed up. If this variable has not been specified, the NetBackup XBSA Interface will not be able to find the object.

Restore Example

Here is an example of a restore. It assumes that the object descriptor has been populated with the `copyId` of the object either from a query or the XBSA application having stored this information.

```
BSA_Handle           BsaHandle;
BSA_ObjectOwner      BsaObjectOwner;
BSA_SecurityToken    *security_tokenPtr;
BSA_DataBlock32     *data_block;
BSA_UInt32           EnvBufSz = 512;
BSA_ObjectDescriptor *object_desc;
BSA_QueryDescriptor  *query_desc;
BSA_UInt32           Size;
char                 *envx[3];
char                 EnvBuf[512];
```

```

char          ErrorString[512];
char          msg[1024];
char          *restore_location;
int           total_bytes = 0;
int           status;
.
.
.
BSAInit(&BsaHandle, security_tokenPtr, &BsaObjectOwner, envx);
.
.
.
BSABeginTxn(BsaHandle);

/* Get the object. */

data_block = (BSA_DataBlock32 *)malloc(sizeof(BSA_DataBlock32));

status = BSAGetObject(BsaHandle, object_desc, data_block);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSAQueryObject() failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Restore");
    BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_ABORT);
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* The application is responsible for recreating the file or other object
 * type that is being restored using the information that is stored in the
 * object_descriptor. This sample prints the results to the screen. */

restore_location = (char *)malloc((EnvBufSz + 1) * sizeof(char));
memset(restore_location, 0x00, EnvBufSz + 1);

/* Initialize the data_block structure. */

data_block->bufferLen = EnvBufSz;
data_block->bufferPtr = EnvBuf;
memset(data_block->bufferPtr, 0x00, EnvBufSz);

/* Read data until the end of data. */

while ((status = BSAGetData(BsaHandle, data_block)) == BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {

    /* Move the retrieved data to where it is to be restored to and
     * reset the data_block buffer. */
}

```



```
memcpy(restore_location, data_block->bufferPtr, data_block->numBytes);
total_bytes += data_block->numBytes;

printf("%s", restore_location);

memset(restore_location, 0x00, EnvBufSz + 1);
memset(data_block->bufferPtr, 0x00, EnvBufSz);
}
if (status == BSA_RC_NO_MORE_DATA) {

    /* The last BSAGetData() that returns BSA_RC_NO_MORE_DATA may have data *
       * in the buffer. */

    memcpy(restore_location, data_block->bufferPtr, data_block->numBytes);
    total_bytes += data_block->numBytes;

    printf("%s\n", restore_location);
    printf("Total bytes retrieved: %d\n", total_bytes);
} else {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSAGetData() failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Restore");
    BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_ABORT);
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* Done retrieving data. */

status = BSAEndData(BsaHandle);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSAEndData() failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Restore");
    BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_ABORT);
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* End the restore transaction. BSA_Vote_COMMIT and BSA_Vote_ABORT are equivalent as *
/* there is nothing to commit or abort for a restore transaction. */
```

```
status = BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_COMMIT);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSAEndTxn() failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Restore");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}
```

Multiple Object Restore

If multiple objects are going to be restored in one session or transaction, the XBSA agent should consider using the `NBBSAGetMultipleObjects` function call. This is a NetBackup extension to the XBSA interface to optimize the retrieval of objects in a NetBackup environment. This is especially useful when retrieving many small objects.

The reason this provides a performance improvement is that each NetBackup restore operation creates a NetBackup job, which acquires resources and then frees them up when the job is complete. Each `BSAGetObject` call translates into one NetBackup job. The initial time required to start a NetBackup job and establish communication are minimal, especially when compared to the time to transfer large amounts of data. But if the objects are small and numerous, this overhead per object will be noticeable. It is also possible on heavily loaded NetBackup systems that successive `BSAGetObject` calls may get queued up behind other NetBackup jobs and resource requests. Any of these could cause performance issues if the separate objects are really all part of one restore.

To address this behavior of NetBackup, we have added a multiple object restore interface to the XBSA interface. This is an extension of the XBSA specification to enhance performance for NetBackup XBSA Applications. The use of this interface is not required and does not provide functionality on objects that is not available through the interfaces defined by XBSA.

Requirements

- ◆ In order to do a multiple object restore, the XBSA Application needs to have created the objects in ways that will allow this and there are restrictions on how the objects can be retrieved.
- ◆ All the objects to be restored within a multiple object restore must be part of the same NetBackup image, which means that the objects were created in one transaction. This can be verified by checking that each object being restored has the same `copyId.left`.
- ◆ The objects must be retrieved in the same order that they were created. Some objects in the image can be skipped, but the objects being retrieved must be ordered in a way that will not cause the media to have to position backwards. The ordering of objects can be determined by verifying that the `copyId.right` for each object is in ascending order.



- ◆ While not all objects in an image need to be retrieved, all objects in the list created by `NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList` must be retrieved in the order in which they are on the list. Objects cannot be skipped or added.
- ◆ Each object in the list will be retrieved with `BSAGetObject` followed by successive `BSAGetData` calls to retrieve all the data. All data for an object must be retrieved before moving on to the next object.

Functions and use

There are three new functions provided as part of the XBSA interface that can be used to do multiple object restores.

- ◆ `NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList` takes an object descriptor and it to a descriptor list. This function is called for each object that is to be retrieved as part of one restore job. It is highly recommended to use this function to create the list because it allows the XBSA interface to be in charge of memory allocation and deletion.
- ◆ `NBBSAGetMultipleObjects` starts the multiple object restore job. It takes the list of descriptors built by `NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList` and submits a request to restore all objects.
- ◆ `NBBSAEndGetMultipleObjects` ends the multiple object restore job. This function cleans up the memory from the object list and allows the application to COMMIT or ABORT the restore, which has no real effect on the data.

The process is very similar to the single object restores. First, all `objectDescriptors` to be retrieved are added to a list using the `NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList`. The `objectDescriptors` can be generated from `BSAQueryObject` or populated by the application. Once the list is ready, a call to `NBBSAGetMultipleObjects` will initiate the restore process. Then, each object is retrieved using the standard `BSAGetObject`, `BSAGetData`, and `BSAEndData` function calls. The difference is that `BSAGetObject` knows it is part of a larger restore job. After all objects have been retrieved, `NBBSAEndGetMultipleObjects` is called to end the restore process. The transaction can then be ended. If an object is skipped or not all data is retrieved, the entire job will fail.

Multiple Object Restore Example

Here is an example of a multiple object restore. Examples of `BSAQueryObject` and `BSAGetObject` are included elsewhere in this document, so this example bypasses some of the error handling associated with those calls.

```
BSA_Handle          BsaHandle;
BSA_ObjectOwner     BsaObjectOwner;
BSA_SecurityToken   *security_tokenPtr;
BSA_DataBlock32     *data_block;
BSA_QueryDescriptor *query_desc;
BSA_ObjectDescriptor *object_desc;
```



```

BSA_ObjectDescriptor *object_desc_current;
NBBSA_DESCRIPTOR_LIST *object_list = NULL;
NBBSA_DESCRIPTOR_LIST *object_list_current;
BSA_UInt32 EnvBufSz = 512;
BSA_UInt32 Size;
char *envx[3];
char EnvBuf[512];
char ErrorString[512];
char msg[1024];
char *restore_location;
int total_bytes = 0;
int status;
.
.
.
BSAInit(&BsaHandle, security_tokenPtr, &BsaObjectOwner, envx);
.
.
.
BSABeginTxn(BsaHandle);

/* Populate the query descriptor of the object to be searched for. */

query_desc = (BSA_QueryDescriptor *)malloc(sizeof(BSA_QueryDescriptor));
object_desc = (BSA_ObjectDescriptor *)malloc(sizeof(BSA_ObjectDescriptor));
data_block = (BSA_DataBlock32 *)malloc(sizeof(BSA_DataBlock32));

query_desc->copyType = BSA_CopyType_BACKUP;
query_desc->objectType = BSA_ObjectType_FILE;
query_desc->objectStatus = BSA_ObjectStatus_MOST_RECENT;
strcpy(query_desc->objectOwner.bsa_ObjectOwner, "BSA Client");
strcpy(query_desc->objectOwner.app_ObjectOwner, "BSA App");
strcpy(query_desc->objectName.pathName, "/xbsa/sample/object1");
strcpy(query_desc->objectName.objectSpaceName, "");

/* Search for an object matching the query criteria. */

status = BSAQueryObject(BsaHandle, query_desc, object_desc);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    /* handle error condition */
}

/* Start building the objectList by adding the object descriptor to the list. */

status = NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList(BsaHandle, &object_list, object_desc);

```



```
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList() failed with error: %s",
        ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, ERROR, msg, " Multiple Object Restore");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* Search for a second object. */

strcpy(query_desc->objectName.pathName, "/xbsa/sample/object2");
status = BSAQueryObject(BsaHandle, query_desc, object_desc);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    /* handle error condition */
}

/* Add the second object descriptor to the objectList. */

status = NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList(BsaHandle, &object_list, object_desc);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList() failed with error: %s",
        ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, ERROR, msg, " Multiple Object Restore");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* Start the multiple object restore by passing in the object list. The object list
 * will be evaluated and the restore job will be started.
 */

status = NBBSAGetMultipleObjects(BsaHandle, object_list);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: NBBSAGetMultipleObjects () failed with error: %s",
        ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, ERROR, msg, "Multiple Object Restore");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* Create a pointer to the object list in order to keep track of the current object
 * being restored. A list created by the application could also be used.
 * Point the object descriptor at the first object
 */
```

```
object_list_current = object_list;
object_desc_current = object_list_current->Descriptor;

/* Get the first object. */

status = BSAGetObject(BsaHandle, object_desc_current, data_block);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    /* handle error condition */
}

restore_location = (char *)malloc((EnvBufSz + 1) * sizeof(char));
memset(restore_location, 0x00, EnvBufSz + 1);

data_block->bufferLen = EnvBufSz;
data_block->bufferPtr = EnvBuf;
memset(data_block->bufferPtr, 0x00, EnvBufSz);

/* Read data until the end of data. */

while ((status = BSAGetData(BsaHandle, data_block)) == BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {

    /* Move the retrieved data to where it is to be restored to and
     * reset the data_block buffer. */

    memcpy(restore_location, data_block->bufferPtr, data_block->numBytes);
    total_bytes += data_block->numBytes;

    memset(restore_location, 0x00, EnvBufSz + 1);
    memset(data_block->bufferPtr, 0x00, EnvBufSz);
}
if (status == BSA_RC_NO_MORE_DATA) {

    memcpy(restore_location, data_block->bufferPtr, data_block->numBytes);
    total_bytes += data_block->numBytes;

    printf("Total bytes retrieved: %d\n", total_bytes);
} else {
    /* handle error condition */
}

/* Done retrieving data for the first object. */

status = BSAEndData(BsaHandle);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    /* handle error condition */
}

/* Set the object descriptor to the next object in the list. */
object_list_current = object_list_current->next;
object_desc_current = object_list_current->Descriptor;
```



```
if (object_desc_current == NULL) {
    /* handle error condition */
}

/* Get the next object. */

status = BSAGetObject(BsaHandle, object_desc_current, data_block);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    /* handle error condition */
}

restore_location = (char *)malloc((EnvBufSz + 1) * sizeof(char));
memset(restore_location, 0x00, EnvBufSz + 1);

data_block->bufferLen = EnvBufSz;
data_block->bufferPtr = EnvBuf;
memset(data_block->bufferPtr, 0x00, EnvBufSz);

/* Read data until the end of data. */

while ((status = BSAGetData(BsaHandle, data_block)) == BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {

    /* Move the retrieved data to where it is to be restored to and
     * reset the data_block buffer. */

    memcpy(restore_location, data_block->bufferPtr, data_block->numBytes);
    total_bytes += data_block->numBytes;

    memset(restore_location, 0x00, EnvBufSz + 1);
    memset(data_block->bufferPtr, 0x00, EnvBufSz);
}
if (status == BSA_RC_NO_MORE_DATA) {

    memcpy(restore_location, data_block->bufferPtr, data_block->numBytes);
    total_bytes += data_block->numBytes;

    printf("Total bytes retrieved: %d\n", total_bytes);
} else {
    /* handle error condition */
}

/* Done retrieving data for the second object. */

status = BSAEndData(BsaHandle);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    /* handle error condition */
}

/* End the multiple object restore transaction. Set any references to objects
 * in the object list to NULL as the memory associated to the list has been freed.
 */
```

```

status = NBBSAEndGetMultipleObjects(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_COMMIT, object_list);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: NBBSAEndGetMultipleObjects() failed with error: %s",
            ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, ERROR, msg, "Multiple Object Restore");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}
object_list_current = NULL;
object_desc_current = NULL;

/* End the restore transaction. BSA_Vote_COMMIT and BSA_Vote_ABORT are
 * equivalent as there is nothing to commit or abort for a restore transaction.
 */

status = BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_COMMIT);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSAEndTxn() failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, ERROR, msg, " Multiple Object Restore");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

```

Delete - Deleting an Object

Deleting a NetBackup XBSA Object is done with the `BSADeleteObject()` function. `BSADeleteObject()` will not always delete the object specified, even if it return a success status. The only objects that can be deleted are objects in which there was only one object created per transaction. Also note that it is possible for a deleted object to show up again as delete only removes the entry from the NetBackup catalog and the objects are not deleted from the tape media they are on. NetBackup allows media to be imported to recreate all images from that media, which could recreate an object that was deleted.

Based on those limitations, the `BSADeleteObject()` function is pretty straightforward. It takes a `copyId` as its parameter and deletes this object. Multiple objects can be deleted in one transaction and it is permissible to have query operations within a delete transaction. The object is not deleted until the transaction is committed so these query operations in a delete transaction could return a deleted object.



Delete Example

This delete example is very simple. It assumes that the copyId has been populated from a previous query or from information stored by the XBSA Application. It then deletes one object and commits the transaction that does the delete of the object.

```

BSA_Handle           BsaHandle;
BSA_ObjectOwner      BsaObjectOwner;
BSA_SecurityToken    *security_tokenPtr;
BSA_ObjectDescriptor *object_desc;
BSA_QueryDescriptor  *query_desc;
BSA_UInt32           Size;
char                 *envx[3];
char                 ErrorString[512];
char                 msg[1024];
int                  status;
.
.
.
BSAInit(&BsaHandle, security_tokenPtr, &BsaObjectOwner, envx);
.
.
.
BSABeginTxn(BsaHandle);

/* Delete the object from NetBackup. */

status = BSADeleteObject(BsaHandle, object_desc->copyId);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSADeleteObject() failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Delete");
    BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_ABORT);
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

/* End the delete transaction, commit will delete the object */

status = BSAEndTxn(BsaHandle, BSA_Vote_COMMIT);
if (status != BSA_RC_SUCCESS) {
    Size = 512;
    NBBSAGetErrorString(status, &Size, ErrorString);
    sprintf(msg, "ERROR: BSAEndTxn() failed with error: %s", ErrorString);
    NBBSALogMsg(BsaHandle, MSERROR, msg, "Delete");
    BSATerminate(BsaHandle);
    exit(status);
}

```

Logging and NetBackup

NetBackup has a log directory that contains the debug logs for the various processes that make up the NetBackup server and/or client. There is a configurable verbose level that controls how much information is logged to these debug logs. This verbose level is a value from 0 to 5, with 0 indicating minimal logging and 5 being debug. These logs are used by NetBackup support to help solve customer problems. The log directory is located at `/usr/opensv/netbackup/logs` on UNIX systems and `install directory\Veritas\NetBackup\logs` on Windows. Within this directory are directories for the different processes such as `bpsched`, `bprd`, `bpbrm`, etc. One log file gets created for each day, and NetBackup automatically cleans up old files from this directory. The NetBackup XBSA Interface by default logs to the directory `exten_client`.

The NetBackup XBSA Interface allows the XBSA Application to log in a manner consistent with other NetBackup processes. By using the `NBBSALogMsg()` function, the XBSA Application will log messages to the same file as the NetBackup XBSA Interface. This may cause some confusion for the developer at first, especially at high debug levels, but allows the application to see what is causing errors and could help NetBackup support see what the XBSA Application is doing. The log messages contain a timestamp along with the process id, which is useful when there are multiple processes going at once.

The log message also contains a debug level. The different error levels used by NetBackup are defined in `nbbsa.h`. One of these values should be used in the `msgType` parameter of `NBBSALogMsg()`. While there are no hard definitions of when to use each of these values, using these values may help if NetBackup support or engineering is ever involved in looking at a debug log.

```
#define MSINFO          4
#define MSWARNING      8
#define MSERROR        16
#define MSCRITICAL     32
```

The XBSA Application is not required to log information to the NetBackup logs. If the XBSA Application is the backup portion of another application or database, it may make more sense to log information to a place consistent with the rest of the application.

Client in a Cluster

Running an XBSA Application in a clustered environment is a valid mode of operation. The key thing about running in a cluster is to ensure that the client name used when an object is created is the same as the client name used when the object is being queried or retrieved. To ensure that the same client name is used, the XBSA Application should use the virtual name of the clients in the cluster. The best way to do this would be to use the `NBBSA_CLIENT_HOST` variable and set it to the virtual name for both creating and retrieving an object. The virtual name needs to be the client name that is configured in the NetBackup policy. Another option is to configure the virtual name as the default



NetBackup client name. Configuring this way will then cause other NetBackup jobs, such as the file system backups, to use this virtual name also, which may not be desired. If neither of these options is used by the XBSA Application, the XBSA Interface will use the default client name, which will be the physical address of the client. What will happen then is that the objects will be created successfully, but if the query or retrieval is done from a different node in the cluster, the object will not be found.

Performance Considerations

For the most part, the performance of the NetBackup XBSA Interface in conjunction with the XBSA Application is dependent on how NetBackup is configured and how fast the XBSA Application can send or receive data. It is important that the developers of an XBSA Application have some understanding of NetBackup to get the most out of it. But much of that is determined by any individual implementation. But there are areas that the application can make a difference in performance.

Here are some hints to help you get the most out of the NetBackup XBSA Interface.

- ◆ Use `copyId` if you know it. If the XBSA Application has the ability to know or keep the `copyId` for further reference, this is the most efficient method of getting the object for restore.
- ◆ Specify dates when doing a query. If start and end dates are not specified when doing a query, the NetBackup XBSA Interface may need to search through the entire NetBackup catalog to find the object. Specifying dates allows it to narrow its search.
- ◆ Limit use of wildcards when doing a query. Wildcards, including the “ANY” value of the enumeration types, cause more overhead searching and can also cause large portions of the NetBackup catalog to be searched. This is especially true of the `pathName`. Wildcards can be very useful, but from a performance perspective they are harmful.
- ◆ Use `OBJECT_STATUS_MOST_RECENT`. If the XBSA application knows that a `pathName` is unique, or that it is searching for only the most recent copy of that object, set the `objectStatus` of the query descriptor to `OBJECT_STATUS_MOST_RECENT`. This will let NetBackup stop searching once one copy has been found.
- ◆ Unless the images are very large, create multiple objects per transaction rather than one object per transaction when there are multiple objects being created. Every transaction creates a NetBackup job that must be scheduled, open sockets, mount tapes, etc. For large objects, this overhead is dwarfed by the time it takes to backup the data. On the other hand if there are many small objects, this overhead becomes significant. Of course, creating multiple objects within one transaction limits the ability of the NetBackup XBSA Interface to delete an object.

How to Build an XBSA Application

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This chapter explains how to build an XBSA Application.

Getting Help

Included in the NetBackup DataStore SDK are XBSA sample files that can be used as a basis for creating an application. Included are both source files and Makefiles. See the chapter [“How to Use the Sample Files”](#) on page 135 for information on building and using the sample programs. The Makefiles included in the sample directory can be used as a basis for setting up an environment for creating an XBSA application.

Flags and Defines

There are no specific flags or defines that need to be used in order to compile using the NetBackup XBSA Interface. You should be able to use any values to make your application compile efficiently.

How to Build in Debug Mode

There is no compile level debug mode built into the XBSA libraries or header files. The NetBackup Verbose level controls debug messages.

How to Debug the Application

Debugging an XBSA application is best done through the log files generated by NetBackup. This assumes that the XBSA application itself compiles and does not have any known runtime errors. See [“Logging and NetBackup”](#) on page 61 for more information on this topic. You should also see the 'Logging' sections in the *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for UNIX, Volume I*, or *NetBackup System Administrator's Guide for Windows, Volume I*. The NetBackup Verbose level controls the amount of debug messages that are sent to the logs.



One of the advantages of debugging in this way is that it ties in with the NetBackup logging that is going on for the other NetBackup processes. In many cases, it could be a configuration issue that is causing a failure rather than a problem in the NetBackup XBSA interface or the XBSA application.

Static Libraries

The example Makefiles have example entries for using static libraries for your XBSA application. These entries include the path to the static archive library, `libxbsa.a`, along with the system libraries that are also required to be included. For the platforms on which we support 64-bit binaries (see “[Supported Systems](#)” on page 1) there is also a `libxbsa64.a` that can be used to link to a 64-bit XBSA application.

For the UNIX platforms, (from `Makefile.unix`):

```
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/Solaris/Solaris7/libxbsa.a -lintl -lsocket -lnsl -ldl -ladm
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/Solaris/Solaris7/libxbsa64.a -lintl -lsocket -lnsl -ldl -ladm
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/HP9000-800/HP-UX11.00/libxbsa.a
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/HP9000-800/HP-UX11.00/libxbsa64.a
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/HP9000-800/HP-UX11.11/libxbsa.a
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/HP9000-800/HP-UX11.11/libxbsa64.a
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/RS6000/AIX4.3.3/libxbsa.a -ldl -lc
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/RS6000/AIX4.3.3/libxbsa64.a -ldl -lc
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/RS6000/AIX5/libxbsa.a -ldl -lc
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/RS6000/AIX5/libxbsa64.a -ldl -lc
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/SGI/IRIX65/libxbsa.a -lc
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/SGI/IRIX65/libxbsa64.a -lc
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/ALPHA/OSF1_V5/libxbsa.a -lc
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/Linux/RedHat2.4/libxbsa.a -lc -ldl
```

For the Windows platforms, use:

```
LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)\lib\PC\WindowsNT\xbsas.lib
```

Dynamic Libraries

The example Makefiles have example entries for using dynamic libraries for your XBSA application.

For the UNIX platforms, (from `Makefile.unix`), choose the 32- or 64-bit dynamic library:

```
# Use one of these LIBS to bind dynamically
```

```
LIBS = -L/usr/opensv/lib -lxbsa -lVcvcomb
#LIBS = -L/usr/opensv/lib -lxbsa64 -lVcvcomb64
```

For the Windows platforms, (from `Makefile.nt`):

```
LIBS    = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)\lib\PC\WindowsNT\xbsa.lib
```

The dynamic shared object libraries will be installed with the NetBackup 5.1 Client on any supported client platform. Similar to the static libraries, on platforms that NetBackup supports both 32- and 64-bit applications, there will be a `libxbsa.so(sl)` and a `libxbsa64.so(sl)`. On UNIX platforms, the libraries are installed to `/usr/obj/lib`. On Windows platforms, the libraries are installed to `install_directory\netbackup\bin`.

End-user Configuration

Once an XBSA application has been created and installed on a NetBackup Client, a NetBackup Policy and schedule must be configured through the NetBackup GUI or command line. See the chapter [“How to Run a NetBackup XBSA Application”](#) on page 67.





How to Run a NetBackup XBSA Application

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Once an XBSA Application has been created, it can be used in a NetBackup environment to store and retrieve data. To use an XBSA application, at least one “DataStore” policy with the appropriate schedules needs to be defined. A configuration can have a single policy that includes all clients or there can be many policies, some of which include only one client.

This manual only contains a brief description of configuring a DataStore policy. More information on creating policies and configuring NetBackup can be found in the *NetBackup System Administrator’s Guide for UNIX, Volume I*, or *NetBackup System Administrator’s Guide for Windows, Volume I*.

Creating a NetBackup Policy

A NetBackup policy defines the backup criteria for a specific group of one or more clients. These criteria include:

- ◆ storage unit and media to use
- ◆ backup schedules
- ◆ script files to be executed on the clients
- ◆ clients to be backed up

Selecting a Storage Unit

Each policy sends the data to a defined storage unit. The storage units must have already been defined and one needs to be selected for the DataStore policy.

Adding New Schedules

Each policy has its own set of schedules. These schedules control initiation of automatic backups and also specify when user operations can be initiated.



A XBSA application requires each policy to have at least an *Application Backup* schedule. To help satisfy this requirement, an Application Backup schedule named *Default-Application-Backup* is automatically created when you configure a new DataStore policy. The backup window for an Application Backup schedule must encompass the time period during which all NetBackup DataStore jobs, scheduled and unscheduled, will occur. This is necessary because the Application Backup schedule starts processes that are required for all XBSA application backups, including those started automatically.

If the user wants NetBackup to initiate the XBSA application, an *Automatic Backup* schedule will also be required. An Automatic Backup schedule specifies the dates and times when NetBackup will automatically start backups by running the XBSA scripts in the order that they appear in the Files list. If there is more than one client in the DataStore policy, the XBSA scripts are executed on each client.

Adding Script Files to the Files List

Each policy has a Files list. When a DataStore policy is configured, the Files list is actually a list of script(s) that are to be executed when the backup is initiated. That script that will be executed as a user-directed backup. Within the script should be any commands that are required to prepare the application for a backup, including setting up an environment, halting processes, etc., along with calling the XBSA Application with whatever parameters are required to execute the backup operations.

Adding New Clients

Each policy also has a list of NetBackup clients. This list should contain all clients on which the XBSA application is going to run.

Running a NetBackup XBSA Application

Once configured, backups and restores can be run either from the XBSA application or through jobs scheduled through NetBackup. NetBackup can run backups and restores indirectly through the XBSA Application by executing scripts that contain XBSA Application backup or restore commands.

Backups and Restores Initiated by NetBackup (via a script)

The XBSA Application can be initiated through NetBackup. This allows the XBSA Application to be treated like the rest of the system environment when creating and scheduling backup windows and other resource considerations. Backup and restore operations through NetBackup are done via scripts. When a DataStore policy is configured, the Files list is actually a script that is to be executed when the backup or restore is initiated. That script that will be executed as a user-directed backup. Within

these scripts should be any commands that are required to prepare the application for a backup or restore, including setting up an environment, halting processes, etc., along with calling the XBSA Application with whatever parameter are required to execute the backup or restore operations.

What is not available is the ability to browse for backups. The Files list is a script to be executed, not a list of objects that can be restored. It is up to these scripts to determine what needs to be backed up or conversely what XBSA objects need to be restored. In this regard, the XBSA Application needs to be fairly intelligent or allow options that can be specified to give the script the ability to be intelligent.

Backups and Restores from the Command Line

The NetBackup XBSA Application can also be initiated from the command line to run a backup or restore. Commands included in the backup or restore scripts can also be run directly from the command line. The XBSA application will connect to NetBackup through the XBSA interface and a NetBackup job will be started. For backups, a backup window must be open in the Application Backup schedule.





API Reference

This chapter describes the type definitions and data structures used by the NetBackup XBSA Interface. They are defined in a C Language Header File `xbsa.h` that is released with the SDK.

Error Messages

The following table lists the possible return codes for the NetBackup XBSA functions. The descriptions of each individual function will list the valid return codes are valid for that function.

The return code `BSA_RC_SUCCESS` is returned on successful completion by all NetBackup XBSA function calls.

Error Messages for NetBackup XBSA Functions

Value	Return Code Name	Meaning
0x00	<code>BSA_RC_SUCCESS</code>	The function succeeded.
0x03	<code>BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR</code>	System detected error, operation aborted.
0x04	<code>BSA_RC_AUTHENTICATION_FAILURE</code>	There was an authentication failure.
0x05	<code>BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE</code>	The sequence of API calls is incorrect.
0x06	<code>BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE</code>	The handle used to associate this call with a previous <code>BSAInit()</code> call is invalid.
0x0B	<code>BSA_RC_INVALID_VOTE</code>	The value specified for vote is invalid.
0x0E	<code>NBBSA_RC_MORE_DATA</code>	There are more objects to restore in a multiple object restore operation.
0x0D	<code>NBBSA_RC_FEATURE_NOT_LICENSED</code>	The license for the requested feature is not available.



Error Messages for NetBackup XBSA Functions (continued)

Value	Return Code Name	Meaning
0x11	BSA_RC_NO_MATCH	No XBSA Object matched the specified predicate.
0x12	BSA_RC_NO_MORE_DATA	No more data is available.
0x15	NBBSA_RC_INVALID_PARAMETER	A parameter passed to this function has an invalid value.
0x1A	BSA_RC_OBJECT_NOT_FOUND	There is no copy of the requested XBSA Object.
0x20	BSA_RC_TRANSACTION_ABORTED	The transaction was aborted.
0x34	BSA_RC_INVALID_DATABLOCK	The BSA_DataBlock32 parameter contained an inconsistent value.
0x4B	BSA_RC_VERSION_NOT_SUPPORTED	The NetBackup implementation does not support the specified version of the interface.
0x4D	BSA_RC_ACCESS_FAILURE	Access to the requested XBSA Object is not possible.
0x4E	BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL	The supplied buffer is too small to contain the data, as specified by the accompanying size parameter.
0x4F	BSA_RC_INVALID_COPYID	The copyId field contained an unrecognized value.
0x50	BSA_RC_INVALID_ENV	An entry in the environment structure is invalid or missing.
0x51	BSA_RC_INVALID_OBJECTDESCRIPTOR	The BSA_ObjectDescriptor was invalid.
0x53	BSA_RC_INVALID_QUERYDESCRIPTOR	The BSA_QueryDescriptor was invalid.
0x55	BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.



Function Calls

This section contains the C language definitions for the NetBackup XBSA API functions. The NetBackup XBSA Interface includes functions defined by the XBSA specifications and some NetBackup extended functions. Both of these function sets use the type definitions and data structures defined in the next chapter.

The following table lists the XBSA function specifications defined in the remainder of this chapter.

XBSA Function Specifications

Function Call	Operation
BSAInit	Initialize the environment and set up a session
BSATerminate	Terminate a session
BSABeginTxn	Begin a transaction
BSAEndTxn	End a transaction
BSACreateObject	Create a XBSA Object
BSASendData	Send a byte stream of data in a buffer
BSAGetObject	Get an XBSA Object
BSAGetData	Get a byte stream of data using buffers
BSAEndData	End a BSAGetData() or BSASendData() sequence
BSADeleteObject	Delete a XBSA Object
BSAQueryObject	Query about XBSA Object copies
BSAGetNextQueryObject	Get the next XBSA Object relating to a previous query



XBSA Function Specifications (continued)

Function Call	Operation
BSAGetEnvironment	Retrieve the current environment for the session
BSAGetLastError	Retrieve the error code for the last system error
BSAQueryApiVersion	Query for the current version of the API
BSAQueryServiceProvider	Query the name of NetBackup implementation

The following table lists the NetBackup XBSA function extensions defined later in this chapter. These functions are provided by the NetBackup XBSA Interface to enhance the usability and performance of an XBSA Application used in conjunction with NetBackup. The use of these functions is not required. An application using strictly XBSA functions is supported.

NetBackup XBSA Function Extensions

Function Call	Operation
NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList	Add objects to a list of objects to be restored in one job
NBBSAEndGetMultipleObjects	End the restore of multiple objects
NBBSAGetEnv	Get the value of a single XBSA environment value
NBBSAGetErrorString	Get the string error message of an XBSA error code
NBBSAGetMultipleObjects	Initiate a restore of a list of objects
NBBSAGetServerError	Get the NetBackup error code and text from the NetBackup server.
NBBSALogMsg	Log a message to the XBSA logs
NBBSASetEnv	Set the value of a single XBSA environment value
NBBSAUpdateEnv	Update the current environment for the session
NBBSAValidateFeatureId	Validate the license key for the specified feature id

Conventions

The following conventions are used to indicate input or output for parameters:

(I) indicates input

(O) indicates output

(I/O) indicates input and output

In many cases, the actual input parameter is a pointer to a data structure. In these cases the terms “I”, “O” and “I/O” refer to changes in the value of the data structure rather than to changes in the value of the pointer itself.



Function Specifications

The following is a list of the function specifications for XBSA.

BSABeginTxn

Begin a transaction.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSABeginTxn(BSA_Handle bsaHandle)
```

DESCRIPTION

The BSABeginTxn() call indicates to the NetBackup XBSA Interface the beginning of one or more actions that will be executed as an atomic unit, that is, all the actions will succeed or none will succeed. An action can be assumed to be either a single function call or a series of function calls that are made for a particular purpose.

For example, a BSACreateObject() call followed by a number of BSASendData() calls and terminated by a BSAEndData() call can be considered to be a single action.

In normal use, a BSABeginTxn() call is always coupled with a subsequent BSAEndTxn() call. If BSATerminate() is called during a transaction, the transaction will be aborted.

If BSA_SERVICE_HOST has not been specified prior to calling BSABeginTxn(), the default NetBackup server will be determined and the feature will be checked for a valid license key. The feature_ID will be the default DataStore feature_ID unless a specific NetBackup feature_ID has been specified using NBBSA_FEATURE_ID. If a valid license is not found, the transaction will return a NBBSA_RC_FEATURE_NOT_LICENSED error and not open the transaction.

Nested transactions are not supported.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
--------------------------	--

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect. Nested transactions are not supported.
NBBSA_RC_FEATURE_NOT_LICENSED	The license for the requested feature is not available.
BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.



BSACreateObject

Create an XBSA Object.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSACreateObject(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, BSA_ObjectDescriptor  
*objectDescriptorPtr, BSA_DataBlock32 *dataBlockPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

The BSACreateObject() call creates an XBSA Object within NetBackup. Duplicate BSA_ObjectNames are allowed.

The BSACreateObject() call is used to create an XBSA Object based on the information in the objectDescriptor. This call initiates the communication between the NetBackup XBSA Interface and the NetBackup server. The XBSA Object's data can then be passed in memory buffers. The dataBlockPtr parameter in the BSACreateObject() call allows the caller to obtain information about the buffer structure required by the NetBackup XBSA Interface.

The XBSA Object's data is passed through one or more BSASendData() calls. If there is no data to be sent, then a BSAEndData() call must be used to indicate completion of the XBSA Object. The BSASendData() and BSAEndData() calls must follow the BSACreateObject() call and must be in the same transaction.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
BSA_ObjectDescriptor *objectDescriptorPtr (I/O)	This parameter is used to pass XBSA Object attributes, including its name, copy type, and so on.
BSA_DataBlock32 *dataBlockPtr (O)	This parameter is a pointer to a structure that is used to obtain the details of the required buffer structure.

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

Within the XBSA Object descriptor, all fields must contain valid values. Enumerations must contain one of their enumerated values. Strings must be null-terminated. All other fields must be in the range of valid values for that field.

The following fields in the XBSA Object descriptor are optional: `objectOwner`, `objectDescription`, and `objectInfo`. The optional value for either field of `objectOwner` and the field `objectDescription` is the empty string. The optional value for `objectInfo` is all zeros. If the `bsa_ObjectOwner` is empty it will default to the value specified in `BSAInit()`.

Note For NetBackup XBSA Version 1.1.0, the NetBackup XBSA Interface and NetBackup determine XBSA Object ownership. If the `bsa_ObjectOwner` field is specified it will be saved with the object but will not define ownership.

The following fields in the XBSA Object descriptor are mandatory: `objectName`, `copyType`, `estimatedSize`, `resourceType`, and `objectType`. For `objectName` this means that the `pathName` must contain a non-empty string. For `copyType` and `objectType` the enumeration value "ANY" is not allowed.

The `estimatedSize` must contain a non-zero estimate if the XBSA Application intends to create a non-empty XBSA Object (that is, there will be XBSA Object Data). This size is in bytes. If the `estimatedSize` is zero, this call must be followed by a `BSAEndData()` without calling `BSASendData()` in between. There are no resource allocations based on this estimate, only whether the object will have data or not. So the estimate does not need to be accurate.

The NetBackup XBSA Interface may return several values to the XBSA Application through the `objectDescriptorPtr` for a newly created XBSA Object. The interface returns either all or none of these values.

The `copyId` attribute is a persistent, fixed-length Object Identifier that remains unchanged throughout the life of the XBSA Object.

Note For NetBackup XBSA Version 1.1.0 the `copyId` is only guaranteed unique on a given NetBackup Master Server.

If the `copyId` field is non-zero, the NetBackup XBSA Interface returned values for the `copyId`, `createTime`, `restoreOrder`, and `objectStatus` fields.

The `createTime` field is in UTC. The `restoreOrder` field can have the value zero, which means that the NetBackup XBSA Interface did not specify a restore order.

The `dataBlockPtr` structure does not point to an actual data buffer. All values in the `dataBlockPtr` should be zero, and will be overwritten. The structure is used by the NetBackup XBSA Interface to provide the XBSA application with the interface's preference for the structure of the data blocks that will be used to pass the NetBackup



XBSA Object's data. The XBSA Application should examine the values returned in order to determine the buffer structure that it should create. The significance of the returned values is as follows:

bufferLen == 0	NetBackup has no restrictions on the buffer length. No trailer portion is required.
bufferLen != 0	NetBackup accepts buffers that are at least bufferLen bytes in length (minimum length). The length of the trailer portion of buffers is: trailerBytes >= (bufferLen - numBytes - headerBytes)
numBytes == 0	NetBackup has no restrictions on the length of the data portion of the buffer.
numBytes != 0	The maximum length of the data portion of buffers accepted by NetBackup must not exceed numBytes bytes.
headerBytes == 0	NetBackup only accepts buffers with no header portion.
headerBytes != 0	The length of the header portion of buffers accepted by NetBackup is headerBytes bytes.
bufferPtr	Not used

The values returned by the call to BSACreateObject() remain in effect for the duration of the data transfer of the XBSA Object being created, that is, until the next BSAEndData() call. The NetBackup XBSA Interface currently does not have any header or trailer requirements, so the full buffer specified can be used by the XBSA Application. This is documented for completeness with the XBSA specification and to allow for future use of these fields as specified by the XBSA specifications.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_ACCESS_FAILURE	Cannot create XBSA Object with given descriptor.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect.
BSA_RC_INVALID_DATABLOCK	The BSA_DataBlock32 parameter contained an inconsistent value.
BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.



BSA_RC_INVALID_OBJECTDESCRIPTOR	The BSA_ObjectDescriptor was invalid.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.



BSADeleteObject

Delete a NetBackup XBSA Object.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSADeleteObject(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, BSA_UInt64 copyId)
```

DESCRIPTION

The BSADeleteObject() call only deletes an XBSA Object from NetBackup. The value for copyId can be obtained from a previous BSAQueryObject() call. The copyId value is unique on a given NetBackup Master Server. A XBSA Application can only delete NetBackup XBSA Objects that it owns.

BSADeleteObject() only works when there is only one object in an image, i.e., one object created per transaction. If there are multiple objects, BSADeleteObject() will return a BSA_RC_SUCCESS status, but the object will still exist.

The actual delete of the object from NetBackup occurs when the transaction is closed with a commit. A query in the same transaction may still return the object. If the transaction is aborted, the object is not deleted.

If the object data is stored in a NetBackup disk storage unit, the data will be deleted with the object. If the object is on a tape storage unit, the data is considered expired but will not be deleted until all objects on the media are expired. It is not possible to create and then delete the same NetBackup XBSA Object within a single transaction.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
BSA_UInt64 copyId (I)	This parameter is the unique id of the XBSA Object to be deleted. The value(s) for a specific XBSA Object can be obtained through a BSAQueryObject() call.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
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BSA_RC_ACCESS_FAILURE	Cannot delete XBSA Object with given copyId.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect.
BSA_RC_INVALID_COPYID	The copyId field cannot be zero.
BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_OBJECT_NOT_FOUND	The given copyId does not exist.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.



BSAEndData

End a BSAGetData() or BSASendData() sequence.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSAEndData(BSA_Handle bsaHandle)
```

DESCRIPTION

The caller issues BSAEndData() after a call to BSACreateObject() followed by zero or more BSASendData() calls, or after a call to BSAGetObject() followed by zero or more BSAGetData() calls to signify the end of data. When used with BSAGetObject() or BSAGetData() calls, BSAEndData() will not transfer any more data for the NetBackup XBSA Object to the caller. When used with BSACreateObject() or BSASendData() calls, BSAEndData() tells the NetBackup XBSA Interface that the caller has finished sending data for a particular NetBackup XBSA Object. BSAEndData() signifies the end of data for the immediately preceding BSACreateObject(), BSAGetObject(), BSAGetData(), or BSASendData().

It is also required after a call to BSAGetObject() or BSACreateObject() if the object is empty.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
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RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect.
BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.

BSAEndTxn

End a transaction.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSAEndTxn(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, BSA_Vote vote)
```

DESCRIPTION

BSAEndTxn() is coupled with BSABeginTxn() to identify the API call or set of API calls that are to be treated as a transaction. The caller must specify as a parameter to the BSAEndTxn() call whether or not the transaction is to be committed.

The BSA_RC_TRANSACTION_ABORTED error is only returned when a vote of BSA_Vote_COMMIT has been specified but an error has occurred which causes the transaction to be aborted. A BSAEndTxn() specifying a vote of BSA_Vote_ABORT will return a success status.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
BSA_Vote vote (I)	This parameter indicates whether or not the caller wants to commit all the actions done between the previous BSABeginTxn() call and this call.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	There is no corresponding BSABeginTxn().
BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_INVALID_VOTE	The value specified for vote is invalid.



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BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.
BSA_RC_TRANSACTION_ABORTED	The transaction was aborted.



BSAGetData

Get a byte stream of data using buffers.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSAGetData(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, BSA_DataBlock32 *dataBlockPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

BSAGetData() allows the caller to request a buffer full of XBSA Object Data from the NetBackup XBSA Interface. This call is used after a BSAGetObject() call or after other BSAGetData() calls.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
BSA_DataBlock32 *dataBlockPtr (I/O)	This parameter is a pointer to a structure that includes both a pointer to the buffer for the data that is to be received and the size of the buffer. Further, the API will return, in this structure, the number of bytes of data that have been sent to the caller for this call.

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

The NetBackup XBSA Interface overwrites the numBytes field to provide the actual values used. The NetBackup XBSA Interface will not modify any other fields. The XBSA Application may only use the data portion of the buffer, in which the XBSA Object data is contained.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect.
BSA_RC_INVALID_DATABLOCK	The BSA_DataBlock32 parameter contained an inconsistent value.



BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_NO_MORE_DATA	There is no more data.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.



BSAGetEnvironment

Retrieve the current NetBackup XBSA Environment variables for the session.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSAGetEnvironment(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, BSA_UInt32 *sizePtr, char
**environmentPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

The BSAGetEnvironment() call returns the (keyword, value) pairs that are currently defined in the NetBackup XBSA Environment for the session

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
BSA_UInt32 *sizePtr (I/O)	This parameter contains the size of the environment buffer in bytes.
char **environmentPtr (O)	This parameter is a pointer to an array of character pointers to the environment variables strings for the session. Each string consists of a keyword followed by an "=" followed by a null-terminated value. A NULL pointer terminates the array of pointers.

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

If a buffer too small error is encountered, the required size is returned in the sizePtr parameter. If the sizePtr parameter is set to zero, this will force a buffer too small error, thus providing a mechanism to query the required size.

See "[Environment Variable Definitions](#)" on page 22 for the list of XBSA environment variable defined for this specification.



RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL	The size of the data buffer is invalid.
BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.



BSAGetLastError

Return the last system error code.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSAGetLastError(BSA_UInt32 *sizePtr, char *errorCodePtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

The BSAGetLastError() call returns a textual description of the last error encountered by the NetBackup XBSA Interface. It is used to return NetBackup-specific information describing the underlying cause of the failure of the most recent XBSA call, for example, a network failure.

PARAMETERS

BSA_UInt32 sizePtr (I/O)	This parameter contains the size of the error buffer in bytes.
char *errorPtr (O)	This parameter is a pointer to a data area that contains a text string describing the last error encountered.

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

If the NetBackup XBSA Interface sets the sizePtr parameter to zero, it is unable to return a string describing the last error. This indicates that the NetBackup XBSA Interface has no record of what error occurred.

If a BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL error is encountered, the required size is returned in the sizePtr parameter. If the XBSA Application sets the sizePtr parameter to zero, this will force a BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL error, thus providing a mechanism to query the required size.



RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL	The size of the data buffer is invalid.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect.
BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.



BSAGetNextQueryObject

Get the next NetBackup XBSA Object found from a previous query.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSAGetNextQueryObject(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, BSA_ObjectDescriptor
*objectDescriptorPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

The BSAGetNextQueryObject() call returns the next NetBackup XBSA Object descriptor that is a member of a previous query. Successive calls to BSAGetNextQueryObject() will return all NetBackup XBSA Object descriptors from a query one object at a time. When the last object descriptor from a query has been found, the function will return a status of BSA_RC_NO_MORE_DATA.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
BSA_ObjectDescriptor *objectDescriptorPtr (O)	This parameter is a pointer to an XBSA Object descriptor structure that will be populated with the values from the next XBSA Object in the list generated by the query.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect.
BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_NO_MORE_DATA	There is no more data.



BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.

BSAGetObject

Get an object.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSAGetObject(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, BSA_ObjectDescriptor *objectDescriptorPtr,
BSA_DataBlock32 *dataBlockPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

BSAGetObject() retrieves the NetBackup XBSA Object identified by the copyId and prepares the NetBackup XBSA Interface to retrieve the XBSA Object Data. It initiates the communication with the NetBackup server to retrieve the object.

The dataBlockPtr parameter in the BSAGetObject() call allows the caller to obtain information about the buffer structure required by the NetBackup XBSA Interface. The caller obtains the NetBackup XBSA Object's data through subsequent BSAGetData() calls. The caller must terminate receipt of the data by using the BSAEndData() call.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
BSA_ObjectDescriptor *objectDescriptorPtr (I)	This parameter is a pointer to a data area used to pass the NetBackup XBSA Object's copyId to the NetBackup XBSA Interface.
BSA_DataBlock32 *dataBlockPtr (O)	This parameter is a pointer to a structure that is used to obtain the details of the required buffer structure.

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

It is mandatory that the copyId field in the BSA_ObjectDescriptor structure is set as this is the only field that is checked. A copyId value of zero cannot identify a valid XBSA Object. BSAGetObject() matches the copyId field for equality.

The dataBlockPtr structure does not point to an actual buffer. All values in the dataBlockPtr should be zero, and will be overwritten. The structure is used by the NetBackup XBSA Interface to provide the XBSA Application with the interface's preference for the structure of the data blocks that will be used to pass the NetBackup



XBSA Object's data. The XBSA Application should examine the values returned in order to determine the buffer structure that it should create. The significance of the returned values is as follows:

bufferLen == 0	NetBackup has no restrictions on the buffer length. No trailer portion is required.
bufferLen != 0	NetBackup accepts buffers that are at least bufferLen bytes in length (minimum length). The length of the trailer portion of buffers is: trailerBytes >= (bufferLen - numBytes - headerBytes).
numBytes == 0	NetBackup has no restrictions on the length of the data portion of the buffer.
numBytes != 0	The minimum length of the data portion of buffers accepted by NetBackup must be numBytes bytes. If the interface provides a larger data portion, NetBackup may take advantage of it.
headerBytes == 0	NetBackup only accepts buffers with no header portion.
headerBytes != 0	The length of the header portion of buffers accepted by NetBackup is headerBytes bytes.
bufferPtr	Not used.

The values returned by the call to BSAGetObject() remain in effect for the duration of the data transfer of the NetBackup XBSA Object being retrieved, that is, until the next BSAEndData() call. The NetBackup XBSA Interface currently does not have any header or trailer requirements, so the full buffer specified can be used by the XBSA Application. This is documented for completeness with the XBSA specification and to allow for future use of these fields as specified by the XBSA specifications.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_ACCESS_FAILURE	Access to the requested XBSA Object is not possible. Cannot retrieve XBSA Object with given copyId.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect.
BSA_RC_INVALID_COPYID	The copyId cannot be zero.

BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.
BSA_RC_OBJECT_NOT_FOUND	The given copyId does not exist.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.



BSAInit

Initialize the environment and set up a session.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSAInit(BSA_Handle *bsaHandlePtr, BSA_SecurityToken *tokenPtr,  
           BSA_ObjectOwner *objectOwnerPtr,  
           char **environmentPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

The BSAInit() call authenticates the XBSA Application, sets up a session with the NetBackup XBSA Interface and an environment for subsequent API calls for the caller. Nested sessions are not supported.



PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle *bsaHandlePtr (O)	This parameter is used to return the handle that identifies this session and must be used for subsequent API calls using this session.
BSA_SecurityToken *tokenPtr (I)	For NetBackup XBSA Version 1.1.0 this parameter is ignored. Client authentication is part of NetBackup functionality and is performed between the NetBackup XBSA Interface and the NetBackup Server.
BSA_ObjectOwner *objectOwnerPtr (I)	This parameter is a pointer to a structure used to specify both the bsa_ObjectOwner and the app_ObjectOwner. For NetBackup XBSA Version 1.1.0, the NetBackup XBSA Interface and NetBackup determine object ownership. If the bsa_ObjectOwner field is specified it will be ignored. The app_ObjectOwner is optional and can be the empty string. The BSA_ObjectOwner established when the session is created is used in subsequent authorization checking.
char **environmentPtr (I)	This parameter is a pointer to a structure that contains the new NetBackup XBSA Environment variables (keyword, value) pairs, for the session. The new NetBackup XBSA Environment consists of a pointer to an array of strings. Each string consists of a keyword followed by an '=' and followed by a null-terminated value. No spaces are allowed around the '='. A NULL pointer terminates the array of pointers.

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

See “[Environment Variable Definitions](#)” on page 22 for the list of supported XBSA environment variables, their descriptions, and their format.

Variables defined by the XBSA Application but not interpreted by the NetBackup XBSA Interface are silently ignored and not added to the NetBackup XBSA Environment. Variables required by the NetBackup XBSA Interface and not specified by the application may result in a BSA_RC_INVALID_ENV error during a BSAInit() call. The BSAGetEnvironment() call only returns NetBackup XBSA Environment variables that are meaningful to the NetBackup XBSA Interface. This allows the XBSA Application to discover which variables specified in the call to BSAInit() the NetBackup XBSA Interface interpreted.

When a XBSA Application connects to a NetBackup XBSA Interface, it can make an initial call to BSAQueryApiVersion() to determine the highest version of the specification supported. If the application supports that version, it should specify it when calling BSAInit(). If the application does not support that version, or did not call BSAQueryApiVersion(), the XBSA Application should specify the version it requires. If a “version not supported” error is encountered, and the XBSA Application supports other versions, the XBSA Application may retry the call to BSAInit() specifying a different version.



BSAInit() will also determine the verbose level and open the log file if the log directory exists. Thus the XBSA Application can start logging after BSAInit().

If BSA_SERVICE_HOST and NBBSA_FEATURE_ID are specified in the list of XBSA environment variables, the feature will be checked for a valid license key. If a valid license is not found, the transaction will return a NBBSA_RC_FEATURE_NOT_LICENSED error and not open the session.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_AUTHENTICATION_FAILURE	There was an authentication failure.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect. Nested sessions are not supported.
BSA_RC_INVALID_ENV	An entry in the environment structure is invalid or missing.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.
NBBSA_RC_FEATURE_NOT_LICENSED	The license for the requested feature is not available.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.
BSA_RC_VERSION_NOT_SUPPORTED	The NetBackup XBSA Interface does not support the specified version of the interface.



BSAQueryApiVersion

Query for the current version of the API.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSAQueryApiVersion(BSA_ApiVersion *apiVersionPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

The BSAQueryApiVersion() call is used to determine the current version of the NetBackup XBSA Interface. The version information consists of the issue, version within the issue, and level within the version. If the NetBackup XBSA Interface supports more than one version, the latest version information will be returned.

PARAMETERS

BSA_ApiVersion *apiVersionPtr (O)	This parameter is a pointer to a structure that is to be used to return the current issue, version, and level, of the API.
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RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL apiVersionPtr was encountered.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.



BSAQueryObject

Query about XBSA Object copies.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSAQueryObject(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, BSA_QueryDescriptor  
*queryDescriptorPtr,  
                  BSA_ObjectDescriptor *objectDescriptorPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

The BSAQueryObject() call initiates a request for information on NetBackup XBSA Object copies from the NetBackup XBSA Interface. The results of the query will be determined by the search conditions specified in the query descriptor. The XBSA Object descriptor for the first XBSA Object satisfying the query search conditions is returned in the BSA_ObjectDescriptor (referenced by the objectDescriptorPtr parameter). The application can obtain the other XBSA Object descriptors found by the query by successive calls to BSAGetNextQueryObject().

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
BSA_QueryDescriptor *queryDescriptorPtr (I)	This parameter is a pointer to a structure that contains the search conditions for the query.
BSA_ObjectDescriptor *objectDescriptorPtr (O)	This parameter is a pointer to a structure that is used to return the XBSA Object descriptor for the first XBSA Object that satisfies the search condition specified in the query.

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

This function may only be used as part of a retrieval transaction.

A limited wild-card capability is available as follows:

Data Type	Wild-card Options
string	<p>"*" matches 0 or more characters "?" matches exactly one character "\"*" matches a literal "*" "<>?\" matches a literal "?" "\"\" matches a literal "\"</p> <p>String matching is performed without any interpretation of the string contents. There is no implied knowledge of the structure of the string contents.</p>
time	zero value = any time
enumerations	ANY value matches any value
BSA_ObjectOwner	defaults to value specified at session initialization

The following examples illustrate wild-card string matching:

BSA_ObjectName.pathName = /server/*	would match all NetBackup XBSA Objects for this server
BSA_ObjectName.pathName = /server/rootdbs/*	would match all levels of rootdbs
BSA_ObjectName.pathName = /server/????	would match all levels whose name is exactly 4 characters long

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_ACCESS_FAILURE	Access to the requested NetBackup XBSA Object descriptor is not permitted.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect.
BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.



BSA_RC_INVALID_QUERYDESCRIPTOR	The BSA_QueryDescriptor was invalid.
BSA_RC_NO_MATCH	No NetBackup XBSA Objects matched the given query.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.

BSAQueryServiceProvider

Retrieve a string identifying NetBackup provider.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSAQueryServiceProvider(BSA_UInt32 *sizePtr, char *delimiter, char *providerPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

The BSAQueryServiceProvider() call returns a hierarchical string identifying NetBackup provider.

PARAMETERS

BSA_UInt32 *sizePtr (I/O)	This parameter contains the size of the provider buffer in bytes.
char *delimiter (O)	This parameter is a pointer to the character that is used to delimit fields in the provider hierarchical string.
char *providerPtr (O)	This parameter is a pointer to a data area that contains hierarchical string which conveys information identifying NetBackup provider.

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

The format of the provider string is the same as that of the NetBackup XBSA Environment variable BSA_SERVICE_PROVIDER (see “[BSAGetEnvironment](#)” on page 89). The delimiter character is returned in the delimiter parameter.

If a BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL error is encountered, the required size is returned in the sizePtr parameter. If the XBSA Application sets the sizePtr parameter to zero, this will force a BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL error, thus providing a mechanism to query the required size.



RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL	The size of the data buffer is invalid.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.

BSASendData

Send a byte stream of data in a buffer.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSASendData(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, BSA_DataBlock32 *dataBlockPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

BSASendData() sends a byte stream of data to the NetBackup XBSA Interface in a buffer. BSASendData() can be called multiple times, in case the byte stream of data to be sent is large. This call may be used only after a BSACreateObject() or another BSASendData() call.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
BSA_DataBlock32 *dataBlockPtr (I)	This parameter is a pointer to a structure that includes a pointer to the buffer from which the data is to be sent, as well as the size of the buffer.

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

The NetBackup XBSA Interface will not overwrite any of the fields in the BSA_DataBlock32 structure. The NetBackup XBSA Interface may write into the header and trailer portions of the buffer. See the [“Use of BSA_DataBlock32 in BSASendData\(\)”](#) on page 19 for a more complete list of requirements for sending data in the BSA_DataBlock32 structure.



RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect.
BSA_RC_INVALID_DATABLOCK	The BSA_DataBlock32 parameter contained an inconsistent value.
BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.



BSATerminate

Terminate a session.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <xbsa.h>
```

```
int BSATerminate(BSA_Handle bsaHandle)
```

DESCRIPTION

The BSATerminate() call terminates the session with the NetBackup XBSA Interface that was set up by a previous BSAInit() call and is associated with the bsaHandle. It also releases any resources acquired for the session, including closing any log files. If BSATerminate() is called within a transaction, the transaction will be aborted.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	This parameter is the handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
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RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.



NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList

Add objects to a list of objects to be restored in one job.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <nbbsa.h>
```

```
int NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList(BSA_Handle bsaHandle,  
NBBSA_DESCRIPT_LIST ** DescriptList, BSA_ObjectDescriptor * ObjectDescriptorPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

NBBSAAddToMultiObjectRestoreList() adds the objectDescriptor passed in to a linked list of objectDescriptors. This list is used when restoring multiple objects. The memory allocated in this function for the list is freed in NBBSAEndGetMultipleObjects().

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	The handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
NBBSA_DESCRIPT_LIST **DescriptList (I)	The address of a pointer to a list of BSA_ObjectDescriptor's.
BSA_ObjectDescriptor *ObjectDescriptorPtr (I)	Pointer to an BSA_ObjectDescriptor to be added to the list.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The object descriptor has been added to the list.
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NBBSAEndGetMultipleObjects

End the restore of multiple objects

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <nbbsa.h>
```

```
int NBBSAEndGetMultipleObjects(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, BSA_Vote vote,
NBBSA_DESCRIPTOR_LIST * descriptList)
```

DESCRIPTION

NBBSAEndGetMultipleObjects() closes the communications to the NetBackup server to end a multiple object restore. The objectDescriptor list is freed and a check is made to see if all the objects requested were actually restored. If not all of the objects were restored, NBBSAEndGetMultipleObjects() will return an error. A vote parameter is provided to allow the multiple object restore to be aborted. As with a single object restore, commit or abort provides no functional difference to NetBackup.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	The handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
BSA_Vote vote (I)	Allow the multiple object restore to be committed or aborted.
NBBSA_DESCRIPTOR_LIST * descriptList (I)	List of objects which were restored as part of the multiple object restore.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_MORE_DATA	Not all of the requested objects were restored.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The end of the restore has been successfully completed.



NBBSAGetEnv

Set the value of a single XBSA environment value.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <nbbsa.h>
```

```
int NBBSAGetEnv(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, char *EnvVar, char *EnvVal, int *ValSize)
```

DESCRIPTION

NBBSAGetEnv() gives the XBSA Application the ability to retrieve the value of a specific XBSA environment variable. The same results can be achieved by calling BSAGetEnvironment() and evaluating for the specific variable being sought.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	The handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
char *EnvVar (I)	Pointer to a null-terminated string that specifies the environment variable.
char *EnvVal (O)	Pointer to a buffer to receive the value of the specified environment variable.
int *ValSize (I/O)	Pointer to the size, in characters, of the buffer pointed to by the EnvVal parameter. Returns the size of EnvVal.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL	The buffer pointed to by EnvVal is not large enough, The buffer size, in characters, required to hold the value string and its terminating null character is stored in the location pointed to by ValSize.
BSA_RC_INVALID_ENV	The specified environment variable name was not found in the XBSA environment block for the current session.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.

NBBSAGetErrorString

Get the textual error message of an XBSA error code.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <nbbsa.h>
```

```
int NBBSAGetErrorString(int ErrCode, BSA_UInt32 *sizePtr, char *errorCodePtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

The NBBSAGetErrorString() call returns a textual description of the XBSA error code passed in.

PARAMETERS

int ErrCode (I)	The XBSA error code.
BSA_UInt32 *sizePtr (I/O)	Pointer to the size, in characters, of the buffer pointed to by the errorCodePtr parameter. Returns the size of errorCodePtr.
char *errorCodePtr (O)	Pointer to a buffer to receive the text of the error code.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL	The size of the data buffer is invalid.
BSA_RC_NO_MATCH	No description for error code passed in.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.



NBBSAGetMultipleObjects

Initiate a restore of a list of objects

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <nbbsa.h>
```

```
int NBBSAGetMultipleObjects(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, NBBSA_DESCRIPTOR_LIST *
descriptList)
```

DESCRIPTION

NBBSAGetMultipleObjects() prepares the NetBackup XBSA Interface for retrieving the data of multiple XBSA Objects that are from the same backup image. It validates the descriptor list, checking that all copyId's are valid, that all objects are part of the same image, and that the object descriptors are in the correct order. It will then initiate a connection with the NetBackup server to start the retrieval process for the objects. If any of the objects don't exist, the operation will be aborted at this time. Once the multiple object restore has been started, the objects now can be retrieved in order using BSAGetObject() - BSAGetData() - BSAEndData() calls.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	The handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
NBBSA_DESCRIPTOR_LIST *descriptList	Pointer to a list of objectDescriptors which are to be retrieved.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	System detected error, operation aborted.
BSA_RC_ACCESS_FAILURE	Access to the requested object is not possible. Cannot retrieve object with given copyId.
BSA_RC_INVALID_CALL_SEQUENCE	The sequence of API calls is incorrect.
BSA_RC_INVALID_COPYID	A value in the copyId is invalid.



BSA_RC_INVALID_HANDLE	The handle used to associate this call with a previous BSAInit() call is invalid.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.
BSA_RC_OBJECT_NOT_FOUND	The given copyId does not exist.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The multiple object restore has successfully been initiated.



NBBSAGetServerError

Get the error code and text from the NetBackup server.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <XBSA.h>
```

```
#include <nbbsa.h>
```

```
int NBBSAGetServerError(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, int *ServerStatus, BSA_UInt32  
sizePtr, char *ServerStatusStr)
```

DESCRIPTION

NBBSAGetServerError returns the error code and corresponding text message generated from the NetBackup processes. This can be useful in logging a more accurate cause of a failure as compared to the NBBSA error code, which tends to be very generic when the error occurred on the NetBackup server.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	The handle that associates this call with a previous call to BSAInit.
int *ServerStatus (O)	Pointer to the NetBackup error code which has been returned from the NetBackup server.
BSA_UInt32 sizePtr (I/O)	Pointer to the size of the ServerStatusStr in bytes.
char *ServerStatusStr (O)	Pointer to the text string of the server status.

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

NBBSAGetServerError requires the ServerStatusStr string to be allocated and the size of this string to be entered in the sizePtr parameter. This will ensure that the NetBackup error text can fit in the string. The function will reset the sizePtr to the actual size of the error text that is returned.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

<code>BSA_RC_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL</code>	The size of the data buffer is too small for the error text.
<code>BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT</code>	A NULL pointer was encountered in one of the arguments.
<code>BSA_RC_SUCCESS</code>	The function successfully returned the error.



NBBSALogMsg

Log a message to the XBSA logs.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <nbbsa.h>
```

```
int NBBSALogMsg(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, int msgType, char *msgBuf, char  
*callingFunc)
```

DESCRIPTION

NBBSALogMsg() gives the XBSA Application the ability to log messages to the same debug log file that is being used by the NetBackup XBSA Interface with the log messages being the same format. If used correctly, this may make debugging easier because you can follow the complete flow of the combined XBSA Application and XBSA Interface.

The log file is opened in BSAInit(), so logging cannot occur until the session has been initiated. The log file is closed in BSATerminate().

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	The handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
int msgType (I)	The level of error that will be displayed with the timestamp and message.
char *msgBuf (I)	The text of the error message.
char *callingFunc (I)	The function name that is calling this function. It will be displayed in the log file.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The function succeeded.
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NBBSASetEnv

Set the value of a single XBSA environment value.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <nbbsa.h>
```

```
int NBBSASetEnv(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, char *EnvVar, char *EnvVal)
```

DESCRIPTION

NBBSASetEnv() gives the XBSA Application the ability to set the value of a specific XBSA environment variable after the beginning of a session. If the variable does not exist in the environment, it will be added. If the variable does exist in the environment, the value will be replaced. Some of the XBSA environment variables can only be set or updated at certain points in the session. These restrictions are specified in the Environment Variable Definitions section. If the variable cannot be set/updated, the original value will be left.

The XBSA specifications do not provide a way for these XBSA environment variables to be reset after the session has been initiated with BSAInit().

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	The handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
char *EnvVar (I)	Pointer to a null-terminated string that specifies the XBSA environment variable whose value is being set.
char *EnvVal (I)	Pointer to a null-terminated string containing the new value of the specified XBSA environment variable. If this parameter is NULL, the variable is deleted from the current sessions XBSA environment.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The specified XBSA environment variable has been set.
BSA_RC_NULL_ARGUMENT	A required argument was passed as a NULL pointer.



BSA_RC_ABORT_SYSTEM_ERROR	We were unable to increase the size of the session's XBSA environment block.
BSA_RC_INVALID_ENV	Variable not a supported environment variable.

NBBSAUpdateEnv

Update the current environment for the session.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <nbbsa.h>
```

```
int NBBSAUpdateEnv(BSA_Handle *bsaHandle, char **envPtr)
```

DESCRIPTION

NBBSAUpdateEnv() resets the environment pairs in the current environment. It performs the same functionality as NBBSASetEnv() except it takes a string of multiple (keyword, value) pairs. The same restrictions apply to updating some of the restricted variables. If a variable exists in the environment but is not included in the list being updated, it will remain in the environment.

The XBSA specifications do not provide a way for these XBSA environment variables to be reset after the session has been initiated with BSAInit().

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	The handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
char **envPtr (I)	Pointer to a structure that contains the new environment variables (keyword, value) pairs, for the session. The environment consists of a pointer to an array of strings.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The specified XBSA environment variable has been set.
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NBBSAValidateFeatureId

Validate the license key for the specified feature id.

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <nbbsa.h>
```

```
int NBBSAValidateFeatureId(BSA_Handle bsaHandle, char * featureIdList, int validationOption)
```

DESCRIPTION

NBBSAValidateFeatureId() parses the featureIdList string for the list of Feature Ids which need to be validated. If MATCH_ANY_FEATURE_ID is specified as the validationOption, BSA_RC_SUCCESS will be returned if a license key exists for any of the feature ids in the list. If MATCH_ALL_FEATURE_ID is specified as the validationOption, BSA_RC_SUCCESS will be returned if a license key exists for all of the feature ids in the list.

PARAMETERS

BSA_Handle bsaHandle (I)	The handle that associates this call with a previous BSAInit() call.
char *featureIdList (I)	This parameter is space delimited list of the license feature id(s) which are to be validated.
int validationOption (I)	Specifies which combination of features needs to exist in order to be valid. Currently supports MATCH_ANY_FEATURE_ID or MATCH_ALL_FEATURE_ID.

RETURN VALUE

The following return codes are returned by this function:

NBBSA_RC_FEATURE_NOT_LICENSED	The feature does not have a valid license.
BSA_RC_SUCCESS	The specified feature id(s) have a valid license.

Type Definitions

The following type definitions are provided for use within the NetBackup XBSA interfaces.

XBSA Type Definitions

Data Type	Type Name	Example Type Definition
16-bit Integer	BSA_Int16	<code>typedef short BSA_Int16;</code>
32-bit Integer	BSA_Int32	<code>typedef int BSA_Int32;</code>
64-bit Integer	BSA_Int64	<code>typedef struct { BSA_Int32 left; BSA_Int32 right; } BSA_Int64;</code>
16-bit Unsigned Integer	BSA_UInt16	<code>typedef unsigned short BSA_UInt16;</code>
32-bit Unsigned Integer	BSA_UInt32	<code>typedef unsigned int BSA_UInt32;</code>
64-bit Unsigned Integer	BSA_UInt 64	<code>typedef struct { BSA_UInt32 left; BSA_UInt32 right; } BSA_UInt64;</code>
Shared Memory Buffer reference	BSA_ShareId	<Not_Used>



Enumerated Types

The following enumerated type definitions are provided for use within the NetBackup XBSA interfaces. For enumerations used in queries, the value 1 is reserved for use as a wild card (ANY) value.

BSA_CopyType

The BSA_CopyType enumeration describes the type of the operation used to create a NetBackup XBSA Object. It is defined as follows:

```
typedef enum {
    BSA_CopyType_ANY = 1,
    BSA_CopyType_ARCHIVE = 2,
    BSA_CopyType_BACKUP = 3
} BSA_CopyType;
```

The meaning of the enumeration values is as follows:

BSA_CopyType Enumeration Values

Constant	Definition	Value
ANY	1	Used for matching any copy type (for example, "backup" or "archive" in the copy type field of structures for selecting query results).
ARCHIVE	2	Specifies that the copy type should be "archive."
BACKUP	3	Specifies that the copy type should be "backup."

BSA_ObjectStatus

The BSA_ObjectStatus enumeration describes the current status of the NetBackup XBSA Object. It is defined as follows:

```
typedef enum {
    BSA_ObjectStatus_ANY = 1,
    BSA_ObjectStatus_MOST_RECENT = 2,
    BSA_ObjectStatus_NOT_MOST_RECENT = 3
} BSA_ObjectStatus;
```

The meaning of the enumeration values is as follows:

BSA_ObjectStatus Enumeration Values

Constant	Value	Definition
ANY	1	Provides a wild card function. Can only be used in queries.
MOST_RECENT	2	Indicates that this is the most recent backup copy of an object.
NOT_MOST_RECENT	3	Indicates that this is not the most recent backup copy, or that the object itself no longer exists.

BSA_ObjectType

The BSA_ObjectType enumeration describes the original data type of the object. It is defined as follows:

```
typedef enum {
    BSA_ObjectType_ANY = 1,
    BSA_ObjectType_FILE = 2,
    BSA_ObjectType_DIRECTORY = 3,
    BSA_ObjectType_OTHER = 4
} BSA_ObjectType;
```

The meaning of the enumeration values is as follows:

BSA_ObjectType Enumeration Values

Constant	Value	Definition
ANY	1	Used for matching any object type (for example, "file" or directory") value in the object type field of structures for selecting query results.
FILE	2	Used by the application to indicate that the type of application object is a "file" or single object.
DIRECTORY	3	Used by the application to indicate that the type of application object is a "directory" or container of objects.
OTHER	4	Used by the application to indicate that the type of application object is neither a "file" nor a "directory".



BSA_Vote

The `BSA_Vote` enumeration describes whether or not the transaction is to be committed. It is defined as follows:

```
typedef enum {
    BSA_Vote_COMMIT = 1,
    BSA_Vote_ABORT = 2
    NBBSA_Vote_CONDITIONAL = 99
} BSA_Vote;
```

The meaning of the enumeration values is as follows:

BSA_Vote Enumeration Values

Constant	Value	Definition
COMMIT	1	The transaction is to be committed.
ABORT	2	The transaction is to be aborted.
CONDITIONAL	99	The transaction is to be committed, report only conditional success.

Constant Values

The following constants are defined for use in the NetBackup XBSA interfaces:

XBSA Constant Values

Constant	Value	Definition
BSA_ANY	1	General-purpose enumeration wild-card value
BSA_MAX_APPOBJECT_OWNER	64	Max end-user object owner length
BSA_MAX_BSAOBJECT_OWNER	64	Max BSA object owner length
BSA_MAX_DESCRIPTION	100	Description field
BSA_MAX_OBJECTSPACENAME	1024	Max ObjectSpace name length
BSA_MAX_OBJECTINFO	256	Max object info size
BSA_MAX_PATHNAME	1024	Max path name length
BSA_MAX_RESOURCECETYPE	31	Max resourceType name length

XBSA Constant Values (continued)

Constant	Value	Definition
BSA_MAX_TOKEN_SIZE	64	Max size of a security token

Data Structures

The following data structures are provided for use within the NetBackup XBSA interfaces.

BSA_ApiVersion

The BSA_ApiVersion structure describes the version of the API that is implemented. It is defined as follows:

```
typedef struct {
    BSA_UInt16    issue;
    BSA_UInt16    version;
    BSA_UInt16    level;
} BSA_ApiVersion;
```

The usage of the structure fields is defined as follows:

BSA_ApiVersion Structure Fields

Field	Description
issue	Issue Number of the XBSA Specification
version	Version Number of the XBSA Specification
level	NetBackup XBSA-defined version number

The NetBackup XBSA Interface is an implementation of the XBSA Technical Standard (document - C425), the values should be 1,1,0.

BSA_DataBlock32

The BSA_DataBlock32 structure is used to pass data between a XBSA Application and the NetBackup XBSA Interface. It is defined as follows:

```
typedef struct {
    BSA_UInt32    bufferLen;
    BSA_UInt32    numBytes;
    BSA_UInt32    headerBytes;
```



```
    BSA_ShareId shareId;
    BSA_UInt32  shareOffset;
    void        *bufferPtr
} BSA_DataBlock32;
```

The usage of the structure fields is defined as follows:

BSA_DataBlock32 Structure Fields

Field Name	Definition
bufferLen	Length of the allocated buffer
numBytes	Actual number of bytes read from or written to the buffer, or the minimum number of bytes needed
headerBytes	Number of bytes used at start of buffer for header information (offset to data portion of buffer)
shareId	Value used to identify a shared memory block.
shareOffset	Specifies the offset of the buffer in the shared memory block.
bufferPtr	Pointer to the buffer

The values assigned to the various structure fields would always obey the following relationships:

$bufferLen \geq headerBytes + numBytes$

$trailerBytes == (bufferLen - numBytes - headerBytes)$

The header and trailer portions of the buffer are reserved for the use of the NetBackup XBSA Interface, and should not be modified by the XBSA Application. The XBSA Application should only write to the data portion of the buffer, which is the only portion used for transferring application data.

The sizes for the header and trailer portions of the buffer that are required by the NetBackup XBSA Interface are obtained by calling `BSACreateObject()` or `BSAGetObject()`.

BSA_ObjectDescriptor

The BSA_ObjectDescriptor structure is used to describe an object. It is defined as follows:

```
#include <time.h>

typedef struct {
    BSA_UInt32          rsv1;
    BSA_ObjectOwner    objectOwner;
    BSA_ObjectName     objectName;
    struct tm          createTime;
    BSA_CopyType       copyType;
    BSA_UInt64         copyId;
    BSA_UInt64         restoreOrder;
    char               rsv2[31];
    char               rsv3[31];
    BSA_UInt64         estimatedSize;
    char               resourceType[BSA_MAX_RESOURCECTYPE];
    BSA_ObjectType     objectType;
    BSA_ObjectStatus   objectStatus;
    char               rsv4[31];
    char               objectDescription[MAX_RC_OBJECTDESCRIPTION];
    unsigned char      objectInfo[BSA_MAX_OBJECTINFO];
} BSA_ObjectDescriptor;
```

Some of the fields in this structure are supplied by the XBSA Application (Direction = in), and some by the NetBackup XBSA Interface (Direction = out). Some fields are optional.

The usage of the structure fields is defined as follows:

BSA_ObjectDescriptor Structure Fields

Field Name	Definition	Supplied By	Status
rsv1	reserved field	-	-
objectOwner	Owner of the object	Application	optional
objectName	Object name	Application	mandatory
createTime	Create time	Interface	mandatory
copyType	Copy type: archive or backup	Application	mandatory
copyId	Unique object identifier	Interface	mandatory



BSA_ObjectDescriptor Structure Fields (continued)

Field Name	Definition	Supplied By	Status
restoreOrder	Provides hints to the XBSA Application that allow it to optimize the order of object retrieval requests	Interface	optional
rsv2	reserved field	-	-
rsv3	reserved field	-	-
estimatedSize	Estimated object size in bytes, may be up to (2 ⁶⁴ - 1) bits	Application	mandatory
resourceType	for example, UNIX file system	Application	mandatory
objectType	for example, file, directory, database	Application	mandatory
objectStatus	Most recent / Not most recent	Interface	mandatory
rsv4	reserved field	-	-
objectDescription	Descriptive label for the object	Application	optional
objectInfo	Application-specific information	Application	optional

All values in a BSA_ObjectDescriptor must be valid before the BSA_ObjectDescriptor as a whole is valid. For enumerations valid values exclude the enumeration "ANY". For strings valid values are null-terminated.

The optional string value is the empty string. The optional restoreOrder value is zero. The optional objectInfo value is an empty string.

The mandatory objectName must have a non-empty string in the pathName field. The mandatory createTime must be a valid time in UTC. The mandatory copyId must be non-zero. The mandatory resourceType must have a non-empty string value.

All string values cannot contain any new line, carriage return, or line feed characters. Although this may not cause an error when the object is being created, the object will not be able to be restored.



BSA_ObjectName

The BSA_ObjectName structure is the name assigned by a XBSA Application to a NetBackup XBSA Object. It is defined as follows:

```
typedef struct {
    char  objectSpaceName [BSA_MAX_OBJECTSPACENAME] ;
    char  pathName [BSA_MAX_PATHNAME] ;
} BSA_ObjectName;
```

The usage of the structure fields is defined as follows:

BSA_ObjectName Structure Fields

Field Name	Definition
objectSpaceName	Highest-level name qualifier
pathName	Object name within objectSpaceName

An objectSpaceName is an optionally defined, fixed-length character string. It identifies a logical space, called an Object space, to which the object belongs. For example, an Object space may be used to identify a storage volume (for example, a disk partition, or a floppy disk), or a database in the XBSA Application's domain.

The NetBackup XBSA Interface uses the concept of an object space to provide a primary grouping of NetBackup XBSA Objects that may be used for object search by a user and/or for object management. Additional groupings are provided by object attributes. Examples of an objectSpaceName are C: Drive and VolumeLabel=XYZ.

A pathName is a hierarchical character string that identifies a NetBackup XBSA Object within an ObjectSpace. While the pathName does not need to correspond to an actual file path, NetBackup requires that the first character is a '/'. This is true of both UNIX and Windows.

An example of a pathName for the backup copy of a UNIX file may be its original path name and file name, for example, /x/y/z/xyx.c.

The value of the delimiter used to separate name components can be obtained by calling BSAGetEnvironment().



BSA_ObjectOwner

The `BSA_ObjectOwner` structure is the name of the owner of an object. It is defined as follows:

```
typedef struct {
    char    bsa_ObjectOwner[BSA_MAX_BSAOBJECT_OWNER];
    char    app_ObjectOwner[BSA_MAX_APPOBJECT_OWNER];
} BSA_ObjectOwner;
```

The usage of the structure fields is defined as follows:

BSA_ObjectOwner Structure Fields

Field Name	Definition
<code>bsa_ObjectOwner</code>	this is the name that the NetBackup XBSA Interface authenticates
<code>app_ObjectOwner</code>	this is the name defined by the application

For NetBackup XBSA Version 1.1.0 the actual object owner is determined between the NetBackup XBSA Interface and NetBackup. If the XBSA Application specifies the `bsa_ObjectOwner`, the value will be stored with the object or validated against it, but it will not define the object ownership. Thus if the object was created by a different user, unless you are a root administrator, you will not be able to restore the object even if you specify the correct `bsa_ObjectOwner`.

An `app_ObjectOwner` is an optional name, such as an actual end-user name, provided by the respective XBSA Application, so that the NetBackup XBSA Interface can provide assistance to support application-specific access control by optimizing access for the given `app_ObjectOwner`.

The `app_ObjectOwner` may have multiple components defined in the application, such as a group name and a user id. In general, it is a hierarchical character string. An `app_ObjectOwner` is not registered with the NetBackup XBSA Interface. Its registration and authentication is the XBSA Application's responsibility. Examples of a typical `app_ObjectOwner` are `Smith, AccountingDept.Clerk1` and `*` (unspecified).

BSA_QueryDescriptor

The `BSA_QueryDescriptor` structure is used to query the repository in order to locate objects. It is defined as follows:

```
#include <time.h>

typedef struct {
    BSA_ObjectOwner    objectOwner;
    BSA_ObjectName     objectName;
```

```

    struct tm          createTime_from;
    struct tm          createTime_to;
    struct tm          rsv1;
    struct tm          rsv2;
    BSA_CopyType       copyType;
    char               rsv3[31];
    char               rsv4[31];
    char               rsv5[31];
    BSA_ObjectType     objectType;
    BSA_ObjectStatus   objectStatus;
    char               rsv6[100];
} BSA_QueryDescriptor;

```

The usage of the structure fields is defined as follows:

BSA_QueryDescriptor Structure Fields

Field Name	Definition
objectOwner	Owner of the object
objectName	Object name
createTime_from	Date time to start looking for the object
createTime_to	Date time to stop looking for the object
rsv1	reserved field
rsv2	reserved field
copyType	Copy type: archive or backup
rsv4	reserved field
rsv5	reserved field
rsv5	reserved field
objectType	for example, file, directory, database
objectStatus	most recent / not most recent
rsv8	reserved field



BSA_SecurityToken

The BSA_SecurityToken structure contains an application-specific security token. It is defined as follows:

```
typedef char BSA_SecurityToken[BSA_MAX_TOKEN_SIZE];
```


How to Use the Sample Files

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This chapter explains how to use the XBSA sample files included in the SDK.

What the Sample Files Do

Included in the SDK are some simple sample programs and scripts. The sample programs can be used as examples of how to use the XBSA functions to create an XBSA application. The sample scripts are examples of how an XBSA application can be executed from a NetBackup schedule.

Sample Programs

The SDK includes some simple sample programs that can be used as an example of the sequence of function calls that are required to create new objects, query the NetBackup database for existing objects, retrieve the objects, and delete objects. There is a separate program for each of these functions, although this is for the convenience of the samples and not necessarily a recommended way of building an XBSA application.

These programs as installed will not run. First, they need to be modified to set the correct hostname of the NetBackup server. Then they can be compiled and each can be individually run. Below is the description of the programs and what to expect from them if they have not been modified other than setting the hostname.

The following section of the sample programs needs to be modified. The entries 'server_host', 'sample_policy', and 'sample_schedule' need to be replaced with actual values from your environment. Or these three entries can be eliminated so that the sample program uses default values from the NetBackup configuration.

```
/* Populate the XBSA environment variables for this session. */

strcpy(envx[0], "BSA_API_VERSION=1.1.0");
strcpy(envx[1], "BSA_SERVICE_HOST=server_host");
strcpy(envx[2], "NBBSA_POLICY=sample_policy");
strcpy(envx[3], "NBBSA_SCHEDULE=sample_schedule");
envx[4] = NULL;
```



Backup

This program will create one small object. The unique identifier, `copyId`, will be printed out along with the number of bytes backed up.

```
copyId: 1 - 1018898698
Bytes backed up: 154
```

Restore

This program will retrieve the last object created. The `copyId` will be printed out along with the text of the object data and the number of bytes that were retrieved.

```
Retrieving copyId: 1 - 1018898698
This is the sample data that is contained in the sample object that is
being backed up for the purposes of showing how data can be backed up
and restored.
Total bytes retrieved: 154
```

Query

This program will search for all objects created by the Backup program. The `copyId` of each of these objects will be printed out.

```
copyId: 1 - 1018898698
copyId: 1 - 1018898638
```

Delete

This program will delete the last object created. The `copyId` of the object being deleted will be printed out.

```
Deleting copyId: 1 - 1018898698
```

Sample Scripts

Also included are some examples of scripts that can be used to initiate an XBSA Application as a scheduled NetBackup job. Again these are very simple scripts based on the sample programs. There are sample scripts for UNIX platforms (`*.sh`) and for Windows platforms (`*.cmd`).

In general use, the XBSA Application would have parameters or use system environment variables to communicate the parameters about the backup or restore operations. See the Running an XBSA application chapter for a better explanation of how these scripts work.

Description of Sample Files

This section includes a description of the sample files provided with the SDK. All sample files are located in `~sdk/DataStore/XBSA/samples`.

Description of Sample Files

Filename	Description
Backup.c	This is an example of the functions needed to create an XBSA object.
Query.c	This is an example of the functions needed to search for an XBSA object.
Restore.c	This is an example of the functions needed to retrieve an XBSA object.
Delete.c	This is an example of the functions needed to delete an XBSA object.
Makefile.unix	This is an example Makefile which can be used to compile the sample programs on the UNIX platforms.
Makefile.nt	This is an example Makefile which can be used to compile the sample programs on Windows platforms.
backup_script.cmd	This is an example of the script needed to run an XBSA application from a NetBackup schedule on a Windows platform.
restore_script.cmd	This is an example of the script needed to run an XBSA application from a NetBackup schedule on a Windows platform.
backup_script.sh	This is an example of the script needed to run an XBSA application from a NetBackup schedule on a UNIX platform.
restore_script.sh	This is an example of the script needed to run an XBSA application from a NetBackup schedule on a UNIX platform.

How to Build the Sample Programs

Also included with the samples are a Makefile for UNIX platforms, `Makefile.unix`, and one for Windows, `Makefile.nt`. The Makefiles will compile the four sample programs using basic compiler options.

The UNIX Makefile needs to be modified to select which library to use. Library paths for all supported platforms are in the Makefile but commented out. The library for the required operating system needs to be chosen along with whether to use an archive library or a shared library.



The following lines are from `Makefile.unix`. One of the `CFLAGS` and one of the `LIBS` definitions need to be uncommented. The default is to compile 32 bit using the dynamic shared libraries.

The `CFLAGS` definitions are compile options. Select a `CFLAGS` definition for the system that is being compiled on. Note that this is a very minimal set of options and you may want to add other compile options based on your environment.

```
# Uncomment the CFLAGS for the environment that is being compiled
# General 32 bit
CFLAGS =

# Solaris 64 bit
#CFLAGS = -xarch=v9

# HP 64 bit
#CFLAGS = +DA2.0W +DS2.0

# AIX 64 bit
#CFLAGS = -q64

# SGI 64 bit
#CFLAGS = -64

# Tru64
#CFLAGS = -taso

DEFINES =
INCLUDES= -I$(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/include
```

The `LIBS` definitions define which XBSA library to link with. A shared object library is installed in `/usr/opencv/lib` on all NetBackup clients and can be used for dynamic linking. An archive library for each platform is included in the SDK and can be used to statically link the application. Select a `LIBS` definition for the system that is being compiled. Be sure to use the 64-bit libraries if you are using 64-bit compile options.

```
# Use one of these LIBS to bind dynamically
```

```
LIBS = -L/usr/opencv/lib -lxbasa -lvcvcomb
#LIBS = -L/usr/opencv/lib -lxbasa64 -lvcvcomb64
```

```
# Or choose the correct LIBS for your system to bind statically
```

```
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/Solaris/Solaris7/libxbasa.a -lintl -lsocket -lnsl -ldl -ladm
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/Solaris/Solaris7/libxbasa64.a -lintl -lsocket -lnsl -ldl -ladm
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/HP9000-800/HP-UX11.00/libxbasa.a
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/HP9000-800/HP-UX11.00/libxbasa64.a
#LIBS = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/HP9000-800/HP-UX11.11/libxbasa.a
```



```
#LIBS      = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/HP9000-800/HP-UX11.11/libxbsa64.a
#LIBS      = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/RS6000/AIX4.3.3/libxbsa.a -ldl -lc
#LIBS      = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/RS6000/AIX4.3.3/libxbsa64.a -ldl -lc
#LIBS      = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/RS6000/AIX5/libxbsa.a -ldl -lc
#LIBS      = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/RS6000/AIX5/libxbsa64.a -ldl -lc
#LIBS      = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/SGI/IRIX65/libxbsa.a -lc
#LIBS      = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/SGI/IRIX65/libxbsa64.a -lc
#LIBS      = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/ALPHA/OSF1_V5/libxbsa.a -lc
#LIBS      = $(XBSA_SDK_DIR)/lib/Linux/RedHat2.4/libxbsa.a -lc -ldl
```

The Windows Makefile does not need modification unless the SDK was installed into a directory other than the default `c:\Program Files`.



Support and Updates

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The NetBackup SDK for DataStore is sold and distributed under specific licensing agreements. These licensing agreements will define how the SDK is supported, who to contact for support, and how upgrades will be supported. The agreements should also define how an XBSA application is sold and supported in conjunction with NetBackup. Please review your licensing agreement for details on product support.





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