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Chapter 1

LibMC.NET

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1.1 Introduction

Welcome to the LibMC.NET documentation. LibMC.NET is .NET class library that wraps Mobile-C in a layer to make it accessible to .NET applications. While the wrapper is continually under development, most of the features of Mobile-C are currently available to the programmer.

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LibMC.NET Namespace Index

2.1 LibMC.NET Package List

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3.1 LibMC.NET Class List

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6.1 Package LibMC

Namespace for the .NET wrapper for Mobile-C.

Classes

- class [MCAclMessage](#)
Encapsulates ACL messages in the Mobile-C library.
- class [MCAgency](#)
Wrapper class for MCAgency_t structure.
- class [MCAgent](#)
Wrapper class for MCAgent_t structure.

Packages

- package [Properties](#)
Namespace for the .NET wrapper properties class.

6.1.1 Detailed Description

Namespace for the .NET wrapper for Mobile-C.

[LibMC](#) encapsulates the Mobile-C DLL for windows in an .NET class library. .NET programs can access the library to create agencies, connect to agencies, interact with agents, etc.

6.2 Package LibMC.Properties

Namespace for the .NET wrapper properties class.

6.2.1 Detailed Description

Namespace for the .NET wrapper properties class.

Any user or global properties that should preserved from session to session can be added here through the designer. There are currently no properties in use.

Chapter 7

LibMC.NET Class Documentation

7.1 LibMC.MCAclMessage Class Reference

Encapsulates ACL messages in the Mobile-C library.

Public Types

- enum [MC_FipaPerformative_e](#)
Enum for describing the type of an ACL message.

Public Member Functions

- [MCAclMessage](#) ()
Default constructor.
- void [New](#) ()
Creates a new, blank ACL message.
- [MCAclMessage Reply](#) ([MCAclMessage](#) acl_message)
Creates an ACL message that is a response to the argument.
- int [SetPerformative](#) ([MC_FipaPerformative_e](#) performative)
Sets the performative field of the message.
- int [SetSender](#) (String name, String address)
Sets the sender field of the message.
- int [AddReceiver](#) (String name, String address)
Adds a receiver to the list of receivers.
- int [AddReplyTo](#) (String name, String address)
Adds a "reply-to" field to the message.

- int [SetContent](#) (String content)
Sets the content field of the message.
- int [Destroy](#) ()
Destroys a message.

7.1.1 Detailed Description

Encapsulates ACL messages in the Mobile-C library.

This class contains a pointer to an ACL message in the Mobile-C library. Functions are provided to send the message, set its various fields, and destroy the message.

Definition at line 72 of file MCAclMessage.cs.

7.1.2 Member Enumeration Documentation

7.1.2.1 enum LibMC::MCAclMessage::MC_FipaPerformative_e

Enum for describing the type of an ACL message.

Note:

This enum is pulled directly from the Mobile-C library.

Enumerator:

FIPA_ERROR Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_ZERO Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_ACCEPT_PROPOSAL Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_AGREE Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_CANCEL Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_CALL_FOR_PROPOSAL Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_CONFIRM Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_DISCONFIRM Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_FAILURE Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_INFORM Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_INFORM_IF Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_INFORM_REF Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_NOT_UNDERSTOOD Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_PROPOGATE Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_PROPOSE Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_PROXY Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_QUERY_IF Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_QUERY_REF Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_REFUSE Fipa performative enum value

FIPA_REJECT_PROPOSAL Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_REQUEST Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_REQUEST_WHEN Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_REQUEST_WHENEVER Fipa performative enum value
FIPA_SUBSCRIBE Fipa performative enum value

Definition at line 79 of file MCAclMessage.cs.

7.1.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.1.3.1 LibMC.MCAclMessage.MCAclMessage ()

Default constructor.

Creates an empty ACL message object.

Definition at line 114 of file MCAclMessage.cs.

Referenced by LibMC.MCAclMessage.Reply().

7.1.4 Member Function Documentation

7.1.4.1 void LibMC.MCAclMessage.New ()

Creates a new, blank ACL message.

Creates a new ACL message. The message is blank but valid.

Definition at line 153 of file MCAclMessage.cs.

7.1.4.2 MCAclMessage LibMC.MCAclMessage.Reply (MCAclMessage *acl_message*)

Creates an ACL message that is a response to the argument.

Creates an ACL message to respond to the argument.

Parameters:

acl_message The message from which to create the reply.

Returns:

A new ACL message that is a response to the argument or an empty message if there is an error.

Definition at line 167 of file MCAclMessage.cs.

References LibMC.MCAclMessage.AclMsg, and LibMC.MCAclMessage.MCAclMessage().

7.1.4.3 int LibMC.MCAclMessage.SetPerformative (MC_FipaPerformative_e *performative*)

Sets the performative field of the message.

Sets the performative field of the message.

Parameters:

performative The fipa_performative_e enum describing the message.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_AclSetPerformative function.

Note:

The message must be a valid message or this function will fail.

Definition at line 186 of file MCAclMessage.cs.

7.1.4.4 int LibMC.MCAclMessage.SetSender (String name, String address)

Sets the sender field of the message.

Sets the performative field of the message.

Parameters:

name The name of the sending entity.

address The address of the sending entity.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_AclSetSender function.

Note:

The message must be a valid message or this function will fail.

Definition at line 202 of file MCAclMessage.cs.

7.1.4.5 int LibMC.MCAclMessage.AddReceiver (String name, String address)

Adds a receiver to the list of receivers.

Adds a receiver to the list of receivers for the message.

Parameters:

name The name of the receiver.

address The address of the receiver.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_AclAddReceiver function.

Note:

The message must be a valid message or this function will fail.

Definition at line 218 of file MCAclMessage.cs.

7.1.4.6 int LibMC.MCAclMessage.AddReplyTo (String name, String address)

Adds a "reply-to" field to the message.

Adds a "reply-to" field to the message. The reply-to field overrides the sender field when creating a reply.

Parameters:

name The name of the receiver.

address The address of the receiver.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_AclAddAddReplyTo function.

Note:

The message must be a valid message or this function will fail.

Definition at line 235 of file MCAclMessage.cs.

7.1.4.7 int LibMC.MCAclMessage.SetContent (String content)

Sets the content field of the message.

Sets the content field of the message.

Parameters:

content The string to copy to the content field.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_AclSetContent function.

Note:

The message must be a valid message or this function will fail.

Definition at line 250 of file MCAclMessage.cs.

7.1.4.8 int LibMC.MCAclMessage.Destroy ()

Destroys a message.

This function destroys a message in the Mobile-C library. It releases the underlying memory and must be called when the message is no longer needed.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_AclDestroy function.

Note:

The message must be a valid message or this function will fail. In addition, messages are not automatically destroyed by the garbage collector. Use care when creating messages and ensure they are properly destroyed.

Definition at line 269 of file MCAclMessage.cs.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- </home/dko/projects/mobilec/trunk/src/win32/LibMC.net/LibMC/MCAclMessage.cs>

7.2 LibMC.MCAgency Class Reference

Wrapper class for MCAgency_t structure.

Public Types

- enum [MCAgencyState](#)
Enum for describing the state of the agency.
- enum [ChShellType](#)
Ch shell type.
- enum [MC_ThreadIndex_e](#)
Enum for describing the different threads that Mobile-C uses.
- enum [MC_SteerCommand_e](#)
Available commands for MC_Steer.

Public Member Functions

- [MCAgency](#) ()
Default constructor.
- int [Initialize](#) ()
Starts the agency.
- int [End](#) ()
Stops and destroys the agency.
- int [ChInitializeOptions](#) ([ChShellType](#) shellType, String home)
Initializes Ch options for the agency.
- int [SetThreadsAllOff](#) ()
Sets all threads for the agency to "off".
- int [SetThreadOn](#) ([MC_ThreadIndex_e](#) index)
Sets an individual thread for the agency to "on".
- int [SetThreadOff](#) ([MC_ThreadIndex_e](#) index)
Sets an individual thread for the agency to "off".
- int [HaltAgency](#) ()
Temporarily halts the agency.
- int [ResumeAgency](#) ()
Resumes a halted agency.
- int [SetDefaultAgentStatus](#) ([MCAgent.MC_AgentStatus_e](#) status)

Sets the default state of an agent in the agency.

- [MCAgent WaitRetrieveAgent \(\)](#)
Waits for an agent to arrive and returns the agent.
- [int WaitAgent \(\)](#)
Waits for an agent to arrive.
- [int SendAgentMigrationMessageFile \(String filename, String hostname, int port\)](#)
Sends an agent migration message file to an agency.
- [int LoadAgentMigrationMessageFile \(String filename\)](#)
Load an agent migration message.
- [int SendAgentMigrationMessage \(String message, String hostname, int port\)](#)
Sends an agent migration message to an agency.
- [int CondBroadcast \(int id\)](#)
Broadcast a condition signal.
- [int CondSignal \(int id\)](#)
Signal a condition.
- [int CondReset \(int id\)](#)
Reset a condition signal.
- [int CondWait \(int id\)](#)
Wait for a condition signal.
- [int MutexLock \(int id\)](#)
Lock a mutex.
- [int MutexUnlock \(int id\)](#)
Unlock a mutex.
- [int SemaphorePost \(int id\)](#)
Posts a semaphore.
- [int SemaphoreWait \(int id\)](#)
Wait for a semaphore to be posted.
- [int ResetSignal \(\)](#)
Reset an agency signal.
- [int SyncDelete \(int id\)](#)
Delete a synchronization variable.
- [int SyncInit \(int id\)](#)
Create a new synchronization variable.

- int [WaitSignal](#) (int signals)
Wait for agency signals.
- int [BarrierDelete](#) (int id)
Delete a barrier object.
- int [BarrierInit](#) (int id, int num_procs)
Create a new barrier.
- [MC_SteerCommand_e SteerControl](#) ()
Steering control function.
- int [Steer](#) (IntPtr funcptr, IntPtr arg)
Steering control function.
- int [RegisterService](#) (MCAgent agent, int agentID, String agentName, String[] serviceNames, int numServices)
Registers services in the agency.
- int [SearchForService](#) (String searchString, IntPtr agentNames, IntPtr serviceNames, IntPtr agentIDs, IntPtr numResults)
Searches for services in the agency.
- int [AddAgent](#) (MCAgent agent)
Add an agent to the agency.
- [MCAgent FindAgentByName](#) (String name)
Finds an agent by its name.
- [MCAgent FindAgentByID](#) (int id)
Find an agent by its ID.
- [MCAgent RetrieveAgent](#) ()
Retrieve an agent from the agency.
- int [AclSend](#) (MCAclMessage acl_message)
Send an ACL message to the agency.
- int [MainLoop](#) ()
Makes the agency wait indefinitely.

Properties

- int [Port](#) [get, set]
Accessor for the port number of the agency.
- [MCAgencyState State](#) [get]
Accessor for the agency state.

7.2.1 Detailed Description

Wrapper class for MCAgency_t structure.

This class provides an interface to the Mobile-C agency. Member functions for the class are generally overloaded versions of the respective functions in the Mobile-C library. The class maintains a pointer to the Mobile-C agency in unmanaged memory. The pointer is not accessible by the user.

Definition at line 329 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.2 Member Enumeration Documentation

7.2.2.1 enum LibMC::MCAgency::MCAgencyState

Enum for describing the state of the agency.

This enum is used to determine whether or not certain actions should be permitted, such as halting, resuming, and ending an agency

Enumerator:

- NoState* Default, uninitialized state
- Initialized* Agency initialized, but not started
- Running* Agency is running
- Halted* Agency has been stopped (can be resumed)
- Ended* Agency is stopped (destroyed)

Definition at line 337 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.2.2 enum LibMC::MCAgency::ChShellType

Ch shell type.

Used to set the shell type for the Ch interpreter.

Enumerator:

- CH_REGULARCH* Default, regular shell
- CH_SAFECH* Safe shell

Definition at line 351 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.2.3 enum LibMC::MCAgency::MC_ThreadIndex_e

Enum for describing the different threads that Mobile-C uses.

These enums can be used to turn threads on and off before an agency is initialized.

Note:

This enum is pulled directly from the Mobile-C library.

Enumerator:

- MC_THREAD_DF* Directory Facilitator

MC_THREAD_AMS Agent Management system
MC_THREAD_ACC Agency communications
MC_THREAD_CP Command Prompt
MC_THREAD_AGENT Agent threads

Definition at line 79 of file MCEExports.cs.

7.2.2.4 enum LibMC::MCAgency::MC_SteerCommand_e

Available commands for MC_Steer.

Note:

This enum is pulled directly from the Mobile-C library.

Enumerator:

MC_RUN Continue the algorithm
MC_SUSPEND Suspend/pause the algorithm
MC_RESTART Restart the algorithm from the beginning
MC_STOP Stop the algorithm

Definition at line 94 of file MCEExports.cs.

7.2.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.2.3.1 LibMC.MCAgency.MCAgency ()

Default constructor.

The default constructor for the [MCAgency](#) class. It creates a new agency, default options for the agency, and initializes the agency. It does not start the agency.

Definition at line 369 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4 Member Function Documentation

7.2.4.1 int LibMC.MCAgency.Initialize ()

Starts the agency.

Starts the agency and sets the agency state.

Returns:

0 on success, -1 on failure.

Note:

The agency port and any other options must be set before calling this function.

Definition at line 445 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.2 `int LibMC.MCAgency.End ()`

Stops and destroys the agency.

Stops the agency and sets the agency state appropriately.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying `MC_End` function.

Note:

This call will fail if the underlying Mobile-C agency is not in the correct state.

Definition at line 467 of file `MCAgency.cs`.

7.2.4.3 `int LibMC.MCAgency.ChInitializeOptions (ChShellType shellType, String home)`

Initializes Ch options for the agency.

Can be used to set the home directory and shell mode for the Ch interpreter.

Parameters:

shellType The type of shell Ch should use: `CH_REGULARCH` or `CH_SAFECH`.

home The home directory Ch should use.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying `MC_ChInitializeOptions` function.

Note:

This function must be called before the agency is started.

Definition at line 485 of file `MCAgency.cs`.

7.2.4.4 `int LibMC.MCAgency.SetThreadsAllOff ()`

Sets all threads for the agency to "off".

Sets all threads for the agency to "off." Not recommended for use.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying `MC_SetThreadsAllOff` function.

Note:

This function must be called before the agency is started.

Definition at line 516 of file `MCAgency.cs`.

7.2.4.5 int LibMC.MCAgency.SetThreadOn (MC_ThreadIndex_e *index*)

Sets an individual thread for the agency to "on".

Threads are on by default. If they have been turned off, this function turns them on again.

Parameters:

index The enum that identifies the thread to be turned on.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_SetThreadOn function.

Note:

This function must be called before the agency is started.

Definition at line 532 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.6 int LibMC.MCAgency.SetThreadOff (MC_ThreadIndex_e *index*)

Sets an individual thread for the agency to "off".

Most commonly used to turn the command prompt thread off.

Parameters:

index The enum that identifies the thread to be turned off.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_SetThreadOff function.

Note:

This function must be called before the agency is started.

Definition at line 547 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.7 int LibMC.MCAgency.HaltAgency ()

Temporarily halts the agency.

Halts the agency until it is resumed or ended.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_HaltAgency function.

Note:

The underlying Mobile-C agency must be in the correct state to call this function or it will fail.

Definition at line 562 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.8 int LibMC.MCAgency.ResumeAgency ()

Resumes a halted agency.

Resumes a halted agency. Cannot be used on ended agencies.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_ResumeAgency function.

Note:

The underlying Mobile-C agency must be in the correct state to call this function or it will fail.

Definition at line 579 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.9 int LibMC.MCAgency.SetDefaultAgentStatus (MCAgent.MC_AgentStatus_e status)

Sets the default state of an agent in the agency.

Can be used to set the default status of agents, but most agents managed their state on their own.

Parameters:

status The enum that identifies the desired agent state.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_SetDefaultAgentStatus function.

Definition at line 595 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.10 MCAgent LibMC.MCAgency.WaitRetrieveAgent ()

Waits for an agent to arrive and returns the agent.

Waits for an agent to arrive in the agency, then returns that agent. The agent is not allowed to execute.

Returns:

The agent that was retrieved or an empty agent if it fails.

Definition at line 608 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.11 int LibMC.MCAgency.WaitAgent ()

Waits for an agent to arrive.

Waits for an agent to arrive in the agency. The agent is allowed to execute normally.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_WaitAgent function.

Definition at line 625 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.12 int LibMC.MCAgency.SendAgentMigrationMessageFile (String filename, String hostname, int port)

Sends an agent migration message file to an agency.

Sends the specified XML file to another agency (local or remote).

Parameters:

filename The name of the file to send (fully qualified).

hostname The URL, IP address, or other identifier for the agency host.

port The port to send to.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_SendAgentMigrationMessageFile function.

Definition at line 644 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.13 int LibMC.MCAgency.LoadAgentMigrationMessageFile (String filename)

Load an agent migration message.

Loads the specified XML file to this agency automatically. There is no need to specify a port or agency location.

Parameters:

filename The name of the file to send (fully qualified).

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_SendAgentMigrationMessageFile function.

Definition at line 658 of file MCAgency.cs.

References LibMC.MCAgency.Port.

7.2.4.14 int LibMC.MCAgency.SendAgentMigrationMessage (String message, String hostname, int port)

Sends an agent migration message to an agency.

Sends an agent migration message to another agency (local or remote).

Parameters:

message The agent migration message.

hostname The URL, IP address, or other identifier for the agency host.

port The port to send to.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_SendAgentMigrationMessageFile function.

Definition at line 673 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.15 `int LibMC.MCAgency.CondBroadcast (int id)`

Broadcast a condition signal.

Broadcasts a signal in the agency. The parameter "id" is the ID of the agency sync variable created with [SyncInit\(\)](#).

Parameters:

id The ID number of the condition to signal.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_CondBroadcast function.

Definition at line 691 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.16 `int LibMC.MCAgency.CondSignal (int id)`

Signal a condition.

Signals a condition in the agency. The parameter "id" is the ID of the agency sync variable to signal that was created with [SyncInit\(\)](#).

Parameters:

id The ID number of the condition to signal.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_CondSignal function.

Definition at line 705 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.17 `int LibMC.MCAgency.CondReset (int id)`

Reset a condition signal.

Resets a signal in the agency. The parameter "id" is the ID of the agency sync variable created with [SyncInit\(\)](#). This function must be called after a condition is received in order to clear it.

Parameters:

id The ID number of the condition to reset.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_CondReset function.

Definition at line 720 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.18 `int LibMC.MCAgency.CondWait (int id)`

Wait for a condition signal.

Waits for a condition signal in the agency. The parameter "id" is the ID of the agency sync variable created with [SyncInit\(\)](#). This function blocks until the signal is received.

Parameters:

id The ID number of the condition to wait for.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_CondWait function.

Definition at line 735 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.19 int LibMC.MCAgency.MutexLock (int *id*)

Lock a mutex.

Locks a mutex in the agency. The parameter "id" is the ID of the agency sync variable created with [SyncInit\(\)](#). This function blocks until the mutex is locked.

Parameters:

id The ID number of the mutex to lock.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_MutexLock function.

Definition at line 750 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.20 int LibMC.MCAgency.MutexUnlock (int *id*)

Unlock a mutex.

Locks a mutex in the agency. The parameter "id" is the ID of the agency sync variable created with [SyncInit\(\)](#).

Parameters:

id The ID number of the mutex to unlock.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_MutexUnlock function.

Definition at line 764 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.21 int LibMC.MCAgency.SemaphorePost (int *id*)

Posts a semaphore.

Posts a semaphore in the agency. The parameter "id" is the ID of the agency sync variable created with [SyncInit\(\)](#).

Parameters:

id The ID number of the semaphore to post.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_SemaphorePost function.

Definition at line 778 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.22 int LibMC.MCAgency.SemaphoreWait (int *id*)

Wait for a semaphore to be posted.

Wait for a semaphore in the agency to be posted. The parameter "id" is the ID of the agency sync variable created with [SyncInit\(\)](#). This function blocks until the semaphore is posted.

Parameters:

id The ID number of the semaphore to wait for.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_SemaphoreWait function.

Definition at line 793 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.23 int LibMC.MCAgency.ResetSignal ()

Reset an agency signal.

Resets a signal in the agency. The parameter "id" is the ID of the agency sync variable created with [SyncInit\(\)](#).

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_ResetSignal function.

Definition at line 806 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.24 int LibMC.MCAgency.SyncDelete (int *id*)

Delete a synchronization variable.

Deletes a synchronization variable in the agency. The parameter "id" is the ID of the agency sync variable created with [SyncInit\(\)](#).

Parameters:

id The ID number of the variable to delete.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_SyncDelete function.

Definition at line 820 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.25 int LibMC.MCAgency.SyncInit (int *id*)

Create a new synchronization variable.

Creates a new synchronization variable in the agency. The parameter "id" is desired ID of the variable. A random ID is returned if "id" is already in use.

Parameters:

id The ID number of the condition to signal.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_CondBroadcast function- either a random ID or the desired ID if the desired ID is already in use.

Definition at line 836 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.26 int LibMC.MCAgency.WaitSignal (int signals)

Wait for agency signals.

Waits for signals to occur in the agency.

Parameters:

signals The ID number of the condition to signal.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_WaitSignal function.

Definition at line 849 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.27 int LibMC.MCAgency.BarrierDelete (int id)

Delete a barrier object.

Deletes a barrier object from the agency. The parameter "id" is the ID of the agency sync variable created with [BarrierInit\(\)](#).

Parameters:

id The ID number of the barrier to delete.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_BarrierDelete function.

Definition at line 863 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.28 int LibMC.MCAgency.BarrierInit (int id, int num_procs)

Create a new barrier.

Creates a new barrier object in the agency.

Parameters:

id The ID number of the condition to signal.

num_procs the number of process to block (?)

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_BarrierInit function.

Definition at line 877 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.29 MC_SteerCommand_e LibMC.MCAgency.SteerControl ()

Steering control function.

Really not sure.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_SteerControl function.

Todo

Test MC_SteerControl, MC_Steer.

Definition at line 895 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.30 int LibMC.MCAgency.Steer (IntPtr funcptr, IntPtr arg)

Steering control function.

Really not sure.

Parameters:

funcptr Pointer to the steering function

arg Argument to function

Returns:

The return value of the underlying _MC_Steer function.

Note:

This function does nothing but throw an exception right now.

Bug

MC_Steer is not yet implemented.

Todo

Implement MC_Steer

Definition at line 913 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.31 int LibMC.MCAgency.RegisterService (MCAgent agent, int agentID, String agentName, String[] serviceNames, int numServices)

Registers services in the agency.

Registers services provided by agents with the agency. Not really useful in binary space.

Parameters:

agent The agent providing the services.

agentID The agent ID number.

agentName The agent name.
serviceNames An array of service names.
numServices The number of services provided.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_RegisterService function.

Todo

Test MC_RegisterService and MC_SearchForService.

Definition at line 938 of file MCAgency.cs.

References LibMC.MCAgent.Agent.

7.2.4.32 int LibMC.MCAgency.SearchForService (String searchString, IntPtr agentNames, IntPtr serviceNames, IntPtr agentIDs, IntPtr numResults)

Searches for services in the agency.

Searches for services provided by agents with the agency. Not really useful in binary space.

Parameters:

searchString The agent providing the services.
agentNames The agent ID number.
serviceNames The agent name.
agentIDs An array of service names.
numResults The number of services provided.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_SearchForService function.

Note:

This function does nothing but throw an exception right now.

Bug

MC_SearchForService is not yet implemented.

Todo

Implement SearchForService

Definition at line 961 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.33 int LibMC.MCAgency.AddAgent (MCAgent agent)

Add an agent to the agency.

Adds an agent to the agency.

Parameters:

agent The agent to add.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_AddAgent function.

Definition at line 979 of file MCAgency.cs.

References LibMC.MCAgent.Agent.

7.2.4.34 MCAgent LibMC.MCAgency.FindAgentByName (String name)

Finds an agent by its name.

Finds an agent in the agency by its name.

Parameters:

name The name of the agent to search for.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_FindAgentByName function.

Definition at line 992 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.35 MCAgent LibMC.MCAgency.FindAgentByID (int id)

Find an agent by its ID.

Finds an agent in the agency by its ID number.

Parameters:

id The ID number of the condition to signal.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_FindAgentByID function.

Definition at line 1005 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.36 MCAgent LibMC.MCAgency.RetrieveAgent ()

Retrieve an agent from the agency.

Really not sure.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_CondBroadcast function.

Definition at line 1017 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.4.37 int LibMC.MCAgency.AclSend (MCAclMessage *acl_message*)

Send an ACL message to the agency.

Sends an ACL message to the agency. The message is delivered appropriately.

Parameters:

acl_message The message to send.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_CondBroadcast function.

Definition at line 1034 of file MCAgency.cs.

References LibMC.MCAclMessage.AclMsg.

7.2.4.38 int LibMC.MCAgency.MainLoop ()

Makes the agency wait indefinitely.

Makes the agency wait indefinitely until it receives a "quit" command or is otherwise terminated.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_MainLoop function.

Definition at line 1047 of file MCAgency.cs.

7.2.5 Property Documentation**7.2.5.1 int LibMC.MCAgency.Port [get, set]**

Accessor for the port number of the agency.

Allows the user to set the agency port or get the port number while it is running.

Note:

The port must be set before the agency is started. Once the agency is started, the port cannot be changed.

Definition at line 404 of file MCAgency.cs.

Referenced by LibMC.MCAgency.LoadAgentMigrationMessageFile().

7.2.5.2 MCAgencyState LibMC.MCAgency.State [get]

Accessor for the agency state.

Allows the user to query the state of the agency.

Note:

The state cannot be set by the user. It is controlled internally.

Definition at line 424 of file MCAgency.cs.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- [/home/dko/projects/mobilec/trunk/src/win32/LibMC.net/LibMC/MCAgency.cs](#)
- [/home/dko/projects/mobilec/trunk/src/win32/LibMC.net/LibMC/MCExports.cs](#)

7.3 LibMC.MCAgent Class Reference

Wrapper class for MCAgent_t structure.

Public Types

- enum [MC_AgentType_e](#)
Enum for describing the type of an agent.
- enum [MC_AgentStatus_e](#)
Enum for describing the status of an agent.

Public Member Functions

- [MCAgent](#) ()
Default constructor.
- override string [ToString](#) ()
Display the agent's fields.
- int [DeleteAgent](#) ()
Deletes an agent.
- String [GetAgentXMLString](#) ()
Gets the agent's XML string.
- int [PrintAgentCode](#) ()
Gets the agent's C code string.
- String [RetrieveAgentCode](#) ()
Gets the agent's C code string.
- int [TerminateAgent](#) ()
Terminates an agent.
- int [AclPost](#) (MCAclMessage message)
Posts an ACL message to the agent.
- MCAclMessage [AclRetrieve](#) ()
Retrieve an ACL message from the agent.
- MCAclMessage [AclWaitRetrieve](#) ()
Wait for and retrieve an ACL message from the agent.
- int [CallAgentFunc](#) (String funcName, IntPtr retval, IntPtr varg)
Calls a function in an agent script.
- IntPtr [GetAgentExecEngine](#) ()

Gets an agent's Ch interpreter.

- int [GetAgentReturnData](#) (int task_num, IntPtr data, IntPtr dim, IntPtr extent)
Calls a function in an agent script.

Properties

- int [AgentID](#) [get]
Gets the agent's ID number.
- String [AgentName](#) [get]
Gets the agent's name.
- int [AgentNumTasks](#) [get]
Gets the agent's number of tasks.
- [MC_AgentStatus_e AgentStatus](#) [get, set]
Gets or sets the agent's status.
- [MC_AgentType_e AgentType](#) [get]
Gets the agent's type.

7.3.1 Detailed Description

Wrapper class for MCAgent_t structure.

This class provides an interface to the Mobile-C agent structure. Member functions for the class are generally overloaded versions of the respective functions in the Mobile-C library. The class maintains a pointer to a Mobile-C agent in unmanaged memory. The pointer is not accessible by the user.

Definition at line 60 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.2 Member Enumeration Documentation

7.3.2.1 enum LibMC::MCAgent::MC_AgentType_e

Enum for describing the type of an agent.

Note:

This enum is pulled directly from the Mobile-C library.

Enumerator:

MC_NONE Default value to describe uninitialized agent.

MC_REMOTE_AGENT A remote agent.

MC_LOCAL_AGENT A local agent.

MC_RETURN_AGENT A returning agent.

Definition at line 74 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.2.2 enum LibMC::MCAgent::MC_AgentStatus_e

Enum for describing the status of an agent.

Note:

This enum is pulled directly from the Mobile-C library.

Enumerator:

MC_NO_STATUS Default value for uninitialized agent
MC_WAIT_CH Waiting to be started
MC_WAIT_MESSGSEND Finished, waiting to migrate
MC_AGENT_ACTIVE Running
MC_AGENT_NEUTRAL Not running, but do not flush
MC_AGENT_SUSPENDED Unused
MC_WAIT_FINISHED Finished, waiting to be flushed

Definition at line 87 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

7.3.3.1 LibMC.MCAgent.MCAgent ()

Default constructor.

Creates an empty agent.

Definition at line 103 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.4 Member Function Documentation

7.3.4.1 override string LibMC.MCAgent.ToString ()

Display the agent's fields.

Formats an returns a string with all of the agents properties.

Returns:

A string containing a formatted representation of the agent's properties.

Note:

The agency port and any other options must be set before calling this function.

Definition at line 125 of file MCAgent.cs.

References LibMC.MCAgent.AgentID, LibMC.MCAgent.AgentName,
LibMC.MCAgent.AgentNumTasks, LibMC.MCAgent.AgentStatus, and LibMC.MCAgent.AgentType.

7.3.4.2 int LibMC.MCAgent.DeleteAgent ()

Deletes an agent.

Deletes an agent from the agency.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_DeleteAgent function call.

Definition at line 299 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.4.3 String LibMC.MCAgent.GetAgentXMLString ()

Gets the agent's XML string.

Returns the full XML string associated with the agent.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_GetAgentXMLString function call.

Definition at line 312 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.4.4 int LibMC.MCAgent.PrintAgentCode ()

Gets the agent's C code string.

Prints the C code associated with the agent to stdout.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_PrintAgentCode function call.

Definition at line 325 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.4.5 String LibMC.MCAgent.RetrieveAgentCode ()

Gets the agent's C code string.

Returns the C code associated with the agent.

Returns:

A string containing the agent's C code.

Definition at line 337 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.4.6 int LibMC.MCAgent.TerminateAgent ()

Terminates an agent.

Terminates an agent regardless of the agent's state.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_TerminateAgent function call.

Definition at line 350 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.4.7 int LibMC.MCAgent.AclPost (MCAclMessage message)

Posts an ACL message to the agent.

Delivers an ACL message to the agent.

Parameters:

message The ACL message object to deliver.

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_AclPost function call.

Note:

The message must be a valid message or this function call will fail.

Definition at line 375 of file MCAgent.cs.

References LibMC.MCAclMessage.AclMsg.

7.3.4.8 MCAclMessage LibMC.MCAgent.AclRetrieve ()

Retrieve an ACL message from the agent.

Retrieves an ACL message from the agent if one is available.

Returns:

The ACL message or a blank ACL message if one was not available.

Note:

The message must be a valid message or this function call will fail.

Definition at line 391 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.4.9 MCAclMessage LibMC.MCAgent.AclWaitRetrieve ()

Wait for and retrieve an ACL message from the agent.

Retrieves an ACL message from the agent when one becomes available.

Returns:

The ACL message or a blank ACL message if the call fails.

Note:

This function call blocks.

Definition at line 410 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.4.10 `int LibMC.MCAgent.CallAgentFunc (String funcName, IntPtr retval, IntPtr varg)`

Calls a function in an agent script.

Calls a function in an agent's script file. This function requires manual marshaling by the user.

Parameters:

- funcName* The name of the function to call
- retval* A pointer to memory for the return value
- varg* A pointer to the argument for the function

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_CallAgentFunc function call.

Note:

BE VERY CAREFUL! You must marshal your arguments!

Todo

Find a better way to handle *retval* and *varg*

Definition at line 434 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.4.11 `IntPtr LibMC.MCAgent.GetAgentExecEngine ()`

Gets an agent's Ch interpreter.

Gets a pointer to the agent's Ch interpreter. Will be improved shortly.

Returns:

A pointer to the Ch interpreter.

Note:

Nothing in the LibMC.NET library can make use of the Ch interpreter yet.

Todo

Wrap MC_GetAgentExecEngine with an object for the void* pointer return type (Ch interpreter).

Definition at line 451 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.4.12 `int LibMC.MCAgent.GetAgentReturnData (int task_num, IntPtr data, IntPtr dim, IntPtr extent)`

Calls a function in an agent script.

Calls a function in an agent's script file. This function requires manual marshaling by the user.

Parameters:

- task_num* Task number to get data from

data A pointer to memory for the data

dim A pointer to hold the dimensions of the data

extent A pointer to hold the dimensions of the data

Returns:

The return value of the underlying MC_GetAgentReturnData function call.

Note:

This function does nothing but throw an exception right now.

Todo

Implement GetAgentReturnData

Definition at line 472 of file MCAgent.cs.

7.3.5 Property Documentation

7.3.5.1 int LibMC.MCAgent.AgentID [get]

Gets the agent's ID number.

Gets the agent's ID number as assigned by Mobile-C if the agent is a valid agent.

Returns:

The agent's ID number or -1 for an empty agent.

Definition at line 180 of file MCAgent.cs.

Referenced by LibMC.MCAgent.ToString().

7.3.5.2 String LibMC.MCAgent.AgentName [get]

Gets the agent's name.

Gets the agent's name as assigned by Mobile-C or the agent script if the agent is a valid agent.

Returns:

The agent's name or an empty string for an empty agent.

Definition at line 200 of file MCAgent.cs.

Referenced by LibMC.MCAgent.ToString().

7.3.5.3 int LibMC.MCAgent.AgentNumTasks [get]

Gets the agent's number of tasks.

Gets the agent's ID number of tasks if the agent is a valid agent.

Returns:

The agent's ID number of tasks or -1 for an empty agent.

Definition at line 219 of file MCAgent.cs.

Referenced by LibMC.MCAgent.ToString().

7.3.5.4 MC_AgentStatus_e LibMC.MCAgent.AgentStatus [get, set]

Gets or sets the agent's status.

Gets or sets the agent's status. When setting the status, the status is double-checked after setting it and may not be set depending on the state of the agent and the agency.

Returns:

The agent's status or MC_NO_STATUS for an empty agent.

Definition at line 241 of file MCAgent.cs.

Referenced by LibMC.MCAgent.ToString().

7.3.5.5 MC_AgentType_e LibMC.MCAgent.AgentType [get]

Gets the agent's type.

Gets the agent's type.

Returns:

The agent's type or MC_NONE for an empty agent.

Definition at line 263 of file MCAgent.cs.

Referenced by LibMC.MCAgent.ToString().

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [/home/dko/projects/mobilec/trunk/src/win32/LibMC.net/LibMC/MCAgent.cs](#)

Chapter 8

LibMC.NET File Documentation

8.1 `/home/dko/projects/mobilec/trunk/src/win32/LibMC.net/LibMC/MCAclMess` File Reference

Namespaces

- namespace [LibMC](#)
- namespace **System**
- namespace **System.Collections.Generic**
- namespace **System.Text**

Classes

- class [LibMC.MCAclMessage](#)
Encapsulates ACL messages in the Mobile-C library.

8.1.1 Detailed Description

Defines the MCAclMessage object and its member functions.

Definition in file [MCAclMessage.cs](#).

8.2 /home/dko/projects/mobilec/trunk/src/win32/LibMC.net/LibMC/MCAgency.c File Reference

Namespaces

- namespace [LibMC](#)
- namespace [System.Runtime.InteropServices](#)

Classes

- class [LibMC.MCAgency](#)
Wrapper class for MCAgency_t structure.

8.2.1 Detailed Description

Defines the MCAgency object and its member functions.

Definition in file [MCAgency.cs](#).

8.3 /home/dko/projects/mobilec/trunk/src/win32/LibMC.net/LibMC/MCAgent.cs File Reference

Namespaces

- namespace [LibMC](#)

Classes

- class [LibMC.MCAgent](#)
Wrapper class for MCAgent_t structure.

8.3.1 Detailed Description

Defines the MCAgent object and its member functions.

Definition in file [MCAgent.cs](#).

8.4 /home/dko/projects/mobilec/trunk/src/win32/LibMC.net/LibMC/MCExports. File Reference

Namespaces

- namespace [LibMC](#)

Classes

- class [LibMC.MCAgency](#)
Wrapper class for MCAgency_t structure.

8.4.1 Detailed Description

Imports functions, structs, and enums from the Mobile-C library.

Definition in file [MCExports.cs](#).

Chapter 9

LibMC.NET Example Documentation

9.1 LibMCConsole/Program.cs

Basic Mobile-C console demo program

9.2 LibMCCppEx/LibMCCppEx.cpp

Demonstrates using LibMC.NET from a VC++ program.

9.3 LibMCFipaTest/Program.cs

Mobile-C FIPA ACL message demo program.

9.4 LibMCGui/Form1.cs

Basic Mobile-C Windows Forms demo program

9.5 LibMCMiscTest/Program.cs

Demonstrates miscellaneous Mobile-C functions.

9.6 LibMCVbEx/Form1.vb

Demonstrates using LibMC.NET from a VB program.

Chapter 10

LibMC.NET Page Documentation

10.1 MCAclMessage

Examples of commonly used MCAclMessage operations:

Create a new, blank ACL message:

```
MCAclMessage tmp = new MCAclMessage();  
tmp.New();
```

Set the performative field:

```
tmp.SetPerformative(MCAclMessage.MC_FipaPerformative_e.FIPA_INFORM);
```

Set the sender:

```
tmp.SetSender("agency", "http://" + host + ":" +  
    localport.ToString() + "/acc");
```

Add an alternate reply-to field:

```
tmp.AddReplyTo("mobagent2", "http://" + host + ":" +  
    localport.ToString() + "/acc");
```

Add a receiver to the message:

```
tmp.AddReceiver("mobagent1", "http://" + host + ":" +  
    localport.ToString() + "/acc");
```

Set the content of the message:

```
tmp.SetContent("This is content. Yay!");
```

Finally, send and destroy the message:

```
Agency.AclSend(tmp);  
tmp.Destroy();
```

Note that messages contain a pointer to allocated unmanaged memory and need to be disposed of after they are used. The agency creates a copy of the message when it is sent, and therefore the MCAclMessage object is no longer needed.

10.2 Installing LibMC.NET

Installing LibMC.NET is straightforward but involves several steps.

10.2.1 Requirements

In order to use LibMC.NET you will need the following:

- Ch version 6.0.0 or greater from <http://www.softintegration.com/>.
- Embedded Ch version 6.0.0 or greater, also from <http://www.softintegration.com/>.
- Mobile-C 1.10.0 or greater. See Section [Downloading Mobile-C](#) for instructions on how to obtain Mobile-C.
- Visual Studio 2005 or later. Express versions of Visual Studio can be found at <http://www.microsoft.com/express/>.

10.2.2 Downloading Mobile-C

First, you must obtain a version of the Mobile-C source code. If you are reading this, chances are you have already completed this step. If you have not already downloaded the source code, it can be done in one of three ways:

- Download a supported release of Mobile-C. Visit [the Mobile-C website](#) for more information on supported releases.
- Download the latest source (unsupported) from [Sourceforge](#). This will give you the most current version of Mobile-C, but not necessarily the most stable version.
- Check out the latest source code from the SVN repository. This requires that you have a subversion client installed. More information can be found at [this location](#).

10.2.3 Building the Mobile-C Libraries

Once you have obtained the Mobile-C source, please see the Mobile-C User's Guide for information on compiling Mobile-C under Windows. Currently, only the Visual Studio .NET 2005 project is supported for LibMC.NET. Section 2.3 of the User's Guide describes how to compile Mobile-C into a static library. For LibMC.NET, at least one of two configurations are required: the "Debug_DLL" or "Release_DLL" versions. To build either one, select the appropriate configuration (this replaces step 3 in the User's Guide, Section 2.3.1) and build the solution (step 4). Alternatively, you may select "Batch Build" from the "Build" menu and build all four possible configurations.

10.2.4 Install the Mobile-C Libraries

After building the Mobile-C DLL files, the project will automatically copy the files to the system directory. By default, the files are copied to C:/Windows/System32/. If your system is configured differently or you wish to change the installation directory, right-click on the mc_lib_win32 project in the Solution Explorer and select "Properties." In the mc_lib_win32 Property Pages treeview, select "Configuration Properties," then "Build Events," and finally "Post-Build Event." You can then change the "Command Line" field to copy the files to the directory of your choice. If you change the installation directory, be sure that your chosen directory is in the system path and that you remove any other versions of the files. You will also need to execute a "Rebuild" on the project to ensure the files are copied to the new location.

10.2.5 Build LibMC.NET

Once you have built the Mobile-C DLL files, you can build LibMC.NET. Open the LibMC.NET solution file located in the directory you installed or checked out Mobile-C to at src/win32/LibMC.NET/LibMC.Net.sln. From the "Build" menu, select "Rebuild Solution." You may want to build both the "Debug" and "Release" versions, or perform a batch build as described previously.

10.3 Getting Started

LibMC.NET is very easy to use. The demo programs provided with the download are a good place to start. Please see the Examples section for more information.

10.3.1 Build the Demo Programs

The LibMC.NET demo program solution is located in the directory you installed or checked out Mobile-C to at demos/win32/LibMC.NET/LibMCDemos.sln. As before, select "Rebuild Solution" from the "Build" menu. Note that the demo program solution contains the LibMC.NET project as well. You may also build LibMC.NET from within the demo program solution.

By default, the LibMCGui demo is selected in the demo program solution. You may run this program by selecting the "Debug" menu then "Start Debugging" or by pressing F5. Other demo programs can be started by right-clicking the project in the Solution Explorer and selecting "Debug" then "Start new instance." The demo programs have their own documentation as well. See the README file in src/win32/LibMC.NET or demos/win32/LibMC.NET for information on how to build the demo program documentation.

10.4 Using LibMC.NET

This section explains how to use the LibMC.NET class library in your .NET project. Currently, it only describes the process for using the library in a C# console or GUI application. Other languages, such as VB and managed C++, will require similar actions.

10.4.1 Create a Project

First, create the type of project you would like to use from the Visual Studio "Start Page" or the "File" menu. Select the name and location of the project as you would any other project. Second, add a reference to the configuration of LibMC.NET you would like to use. For debugging purposes, the "Debug" configuration is probably best. To add the reference, right click the "References" item in the Solution Explorer for the project you just created. Select the "Browse" tab and navigate to the output directory of the LibMC.NET project. The directory is located at src/win32/LibMC.NET/bin/Configuration/ in the Mobile-C source directory, where Configuration is either "Debug" or "Release." Select the DLL file and click "Ok." The References item in the Solution Explorer should now list "LibMC." Be sure to save the solution at this point.

10.4.2 Using LibMC.NET Classes and Functions

As with any other namespace, you must add the declaration "using LibMC;" to any file you want to have access to the class libraries. Once you have added the using statement, you can declare objects from the library as you normally would declare any other objects. See the example programs for more details.

10.4.3 Other Options

You may want to enable one or more features in your project that can help you use LibMC.NET or debug problems. If you add any XML files to your project, you probably will want to set their properties in the project to copy the files to the output directory. This is done by selecting the file in the Solution Explorer, opening its properties, and setting two fields:

- Set the "Build Action" field to "Content" if it is not already set. This will make the file part of the project should you decide to publish or package it.
- Set the "Copy to output directory" to "Copy if newer" or "Copy always." This will copy the file when you build the project.

There is also one important note regarding XML files in Visual Studio. *Do not create XML files from within Visual Studio.* The Visual Studio XML file template contains a few leading characters that specify the encoding of the file. They are hidden and you will not be able to change them. These characters are not currently supported by Mobile-C and will crash a receiving agency.

To open the project properties, right-click the project in the Solution Explorer and select "Properties." In the "Debug" pane, you may wish to set an alternate working directory for the project if you want easy access to XML files outside of the project. This is useful for debugging, but may result in errors finding files if you package the project or create an installer. In general, it is best to specify all files with full paths because the Mobile-C library loads from a different location than the project. If you would like to be able to debug the Mobile-C library, you should select the "Enable unmanaged code debugging" check box. This will allow you to more easily see any errors that may occur in the unmanaged library, though hopefully none will.

10.5 Common Operations

This section contains examples of commonly used operations for three main [LibMC](#) classes:

- [MCAgency](#) The mobile agent agency.
- [MCAGENT](#) Mobile agents.
- [MCAclMessage](#) Agent communication language messages.

For complete programs and more detailed examples, see the Examples section.

10.6 MCAgency

Examples of commonly used MCAgency operations:

Declare an agency as a member of a class:

```
public static MCAgency Agency = new MCAgency();
```

Set the agency's port:

```
int temp = 5051;
Agency.Port = temp;
```

Start an agency:

```
int temp;
temp = Agency.Initialize();
if (temp != 0)
    Console.WriteLine("Initialize: " + temp.ToString());
```

Pause and resume an agency:

```
Agency.HaltAgency();
Agency.ResumeAgency();
```

Turn off the command prompt thread:

```
temp = Agency.SetThreadOff(MCAgency.MC_ThreadIndex_e.MC_THREAD_CP);
if (temp != 0)
    Console.WriteLine("SetThreadOff: " + temp.ToString());
```

Load an agent into a local agency:

```
String filename = "agent.xml";
try
{
    Agency.LoadAgentMigrationMessageFile(filename);
}
catch (Exception ex)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Error loading file: " + ex.Message);
}
```

Ideally, the file name should be specified absolutely.

Send an agent to a remote agency:

```
String filename = "agent.xml";
String ip = "192.168.23.93";
int port = 5051;
try
{
    Agency.SendAgentMigrationMessageFile(filename, ip, port);
}
catch (Exception ex)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Error sending file: " + ex.Message);
}
```

Find an agent by name:

```
MCAgent agent;
try
{
    agent = Agency.FindAgentByName("persistent1");
}
catch (Exception e)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Exception: " + e.Message);
}
```

Wait for an agent to arrive:

```
MCAgent agent;
Agency.ResetSignal();
try
{
    agent = Agency.WaitRetrieveAgent();
}
catch (Exception e)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Exception: " + e.Message);
}
```

Wait indefinitely while an agency runs:

```
Agency.MainLoop();
```

10.7 MCAgent

Examples of commonly used MCAgent operations: Find an agent by name (assumes an MCAgency named Agency):

```
MCAgent agent;
try
{
    agent = Agency.FindAgentByName("persistent1");
}
catch (Exception e)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Exception: " + e.Message);
}
```

Terminate an agent

```
int temp;
try
{
    temp = agent.TerminateAgent();
    Console.WriteLine("TerminateAgent() returned " +
        temp.ToString() + ".");
}
catch (Exception e)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Exception: " + e.Message);
}
```

Print information about an agent:

```
Console.WriteLine(agent.ToString());
Console.WriteLine(agent.GetAgentXMLString());
Console.WriteLine(agent.RetrieveAgentCode());
```

10.8 Todo List

Member **LibMC::MCAgency.SteerControl()** Test MC_SteerControl, MC_Steer.

Member **LibMC::MCAgency.Steer(IntPtr funcptr, IntPtr arg)** Implement MC_Steer

Member **LibMC::MCAgency.RegisterService(MCAgent agent, int agentID, String agentName, String[] serviceNames, IntPtr data)**
Test MC_RegisterService and MC_SearchForService.

Member **LibMC::MCAgency.SearchForService(String searchString, IntPtr agentNames, IntPtr serviceNames, IntPtr data)**
Implement SearchForService

Member **LibMC::MCAgent.CallAgentFunc(String funcName, IntPtr retval, IntPtr varg)** Find a better way to handle retval and varg

Member **LibMC::MCAgent.GetAgentExecEngine()** Wrap MC_GetAgentExecEngine with an object for the void* pointer return type (Ch interpreter).

Member **LibMC::MCAgent.GetAgentReturnData(int task_num, IntPtr data, IntPtr dim, IntPtr extent)**
Implement GetAgentReturnData

10.9 Bug List

Member `LibMC::MCAgency.Steer(IntPtr funcptr, IntPtr arg)` MC_Steer is not yet implemented.

Member `LibMC::MCAgency.SearchForService(String searchString, IntPtr agentNames, IntPtr serviceNames, IntPtr a`
MC_SearchForService is not yet implemented.

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