

## Base Language - Bug #4754

### DYNAMIC-FUNCTION parsing fails when first parameter is not an expression

07/12/2020 05:24 PM - Roger Borrello

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#### History

##### #1 - 07/12/2020 05:31 PM - Roger Borrello

The second DYNAMIC-FUNCTION call fails to parse:

```
DEFINE VARIABLE phTarget AS HANDLE NO-UNDO.  
DEFINE VARIABLE hFunc AS HANDLE NO-UNDO.
```

```
hFunc:BUFFER-VALUE = DYNAMIC-FUNCTION('hFunc-NAME' IN phTarget) NO-ERROR.  
hFunc:BUFFER-VALUE = DYNAMIC-FUNCTION(hFunc:NAME IN phTarget) NO-ERROR.
```

```
./uast/handle/handle_attr_dyn_func.p:5:53: unexpected token: phTarget  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.widget_qualifier (ProgressParser.java:58653)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.chained_object_members (ProgressParser.java:22234)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.un_type (ProgressParser.java:57875)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.prod_expr (ProgressParser.java:57742)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.sum_expr (ProgressParser.java:41663)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.compare_expr (ProgressParser.java:57328)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.log_not_expr (ProgressParser.java:57180)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.bitwise_xor_expr (ProgressParser.java:57111)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.log_and_expr (ProgressParser.java:57050)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.expr (ProgressParser.java:12178)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.func_call_parm (ProgressParser.java:61588)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.dynamic_function_func (ProgressParser.java:59597)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.primary_expr (ProgressParser.java:58168)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.chained_object_members (ProgressParser.java:22170)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.un_type (ProgressParser.java:57875)  
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  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.expr (ProgressParser.java:12178)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.un_type (ProgressParser.java:57898)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.prod_expr (ProgressParser.java:57742)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.sum_expr (ProgressParser.java:41663)  
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  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.log_and_expr (ProgressParser.java:57050)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.expr (ProgressParser.java:12178)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.assignment (ProgressParser.java:8691)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.single_block (ProgressParser.java:7334)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.block (ProgressParser.java:7017)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ProgressParser.external_proc (ProgressParser.java:6944)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.AstGenerator.parse (AstGenerator.java:1571)  
  at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.AstGenerator.processFile (AstGenerator.java:996)
```

```

at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ScanDriver.lambda$scan$0 (ScanDriver.java:375)
at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ScanDriver.scan (ScanDriver.java:410)
at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ScanDriver.scan (ScanDriver.java:248)
at com.goldencode.p2j.convert.TransformDriver.runScanDriver (TransformDriver.java:369)
at com.goldencode.p2j.convert.TransformDriver.front (TransformDriver.java:234)
at com.goldencode.p2j.convert.TransformDriver.executeJob (TransformDriver.java:944)
at com.goldencode.p2j.convert.ConversionDriver.main (ConversionDriver.java:1025)
Failure in file '/home/rfb/projects/VirtualBox-VMs/shared/projects/testcases/uast/handle/handle_attr_dyn_func.p':
com.goldencode.ast.AstException: Error processing ./uast/handle/handle_attr_dyn_func.p
at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.AstGenerator.processFile (AstGenerator.java:1008)
at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ScanDriver.lambda$scan$0 (ScanDriver.java:375)
at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ScanDriver.scan (ScanDriver.java:410)
at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.ScanDriver.scan (ScanDriver.java:248)
at com.goldencode.p2j.convert.TransformDriver.runScanDriver (TransformDriver.java:369)
at com.goldencode.p2j.convert.TransformDriver.front (TransformDriver.java:234)
at com.goldencode.p2j.convert.TransformDriver.executeJob (TransformDriver.java:944)
at com.goldencode.p2j.convert.ConversionDriver.main (ConversionDriver.java:1025)
Caused by: java.lang.RuntimeException: Parser encountered 1 errors
at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.AstGenerator.parse (AstGenerator.java:1640)
at com.goldencode.p2j.uast.AstGenerator.processFile (AstGenerator.java:996)
... 7 more

```

The fact that the second instance has a handle attribute, instead of an expressions seems to mess up func\_call\_param:

```

func_call_parm [boolean builtin]
{
    boolean isInputFunc = (LA(1) == KW_INPUT &&
        LA(2) == KW_FRAME &&
        resolveLvalueCoreType(4, false) != -1);
    boolean classLookup = sym.isClassLookup();
    sym.setClassLookup(false);
}
:
// this should be merged with the parameter rule (this one doesn't create a root
// node and here we match KW_INPUT as a builtin based on the flag passed in)
(
    options { generateAmbigWarnings = false; }
    :
    { !builtin && !isInputFunc }?
    KW_INPUT
    | KW_OUTPUT
    | KW_IN_OUT
)?
expr
(KW_APPEND | KW_BY_VALUE | KW_BY_REF | KW_BIND)*
{
    sym.setClassLookup(classLookup);
}
;

```

In debugging, the call to func\_call\_param for the first DYNAMIC-FUNCTION determines it is an expression. But on the second, does not.

### #3 - 07/12/2020 05:37 PM - Roger Borrello

Added testcase uast/handle/handle\_attr\_dyn\_func.p

### #4 - 07/12/2020 06:06 PM - Greg Shah

Roger Borrello wrote:

It is like the IN is never parsed.

No, the IN is seen but the following token is unrecognized.

```
widget_qualifier
:
  KW_IN^
  (
    options { generateAmbigWarnings = false; }
    :
      frame_reference[false]
    | menu_reference

    // used to be browse_reference but that rule was removed and this
    // was consolidated as a recursive call to lvalue
    | { LA(1) == KW_BROWSE }? lvalue
  )
;
```

There is no provision to match a "bare" expression of type handle. It only will match FRAME framename or MENU menuname or SUBMENU submenuname or BROWSE browsename. The lvalue is only used is KW\_BROWSE is the next token after KW\_IN. We could try removing the constraint (officially this is a "semantic predicate") of { LA(1) == KW\_BROWSE }?. This would allow any kind of handle expression (and much more). But this may be wrong if any kind of handle sub-expression can be written here. In that case you could leave the semantic predicate and instead add an alternative for the handle rule after it.

```
handle
:
  h:chained_object_members
  {
    #h.getType() == VAR_HANDLE ||
    #h.getType() == FIELD_HANDLE ||
    #h.getType() == FUNC_HANDLE ||
    #h.getType() == COLON ||
    #h.getType() == OBJECT_INVOCATION ||
    #h.getType() == OO_METH_HANDLE ||
    #h.getType() == SYS_HANDLE ||
    #h.getType() == VAR_COM_HANDLE ||
    #h.getType() == FIELD_COM_HANDLE ||
    #h.getType() == FUNC_COM_HANDLE ||
    #h.getType() == OO_METH_COM_HANDLE
  }?
;
```

From Roger:

Why would `widget_qualifier` be parsing, instead of `dynamic_function_func`

```
dynamic_function_func
:
  d:KW_DYN_FUNC^
  {
    #d.setType(FUNC_POLY);
  }
  lparens
  (
    func_call_parm[false] (in_procedure_clause)?
    (comma func_call_parm[false])*
  )
  rparens
  {
    // save the original token type that rewriting erased
    ##.putAnnotation("oldtype", new Long(KW_DYN_FUNC));

    // write our function-specific annotations
    sym.annotateFunction(#d.getText(), ##, false);
  }
;
```

and `in_procedure_clause`?

```
/**
 * Matches the IN keyword and the required following expression
 * that resolves to the procedure handle construct in which the internal
 * procedure is to be run.
 * <p>
 * Used by {@link #run_stmt}, {@link #dynamic_function_func}, {@link #event_proc_clause},
 * {@link #subscribe_stmt} and {@link #unsubscribe_stmt}, the subtree is rooted by the keyword
 * (which is the reason for using a separate rule for something so simple).
 */
in_procedure_clause
:
  KW_IN^ expr
;
```

## #6 - 07/12/2020 06:10 PM - Greg Shah

Because the 2nd case is not supposed to match an `in_procedure_clause`. The 2nd usage is an attribute that is being qualified by a widget handle. Did you try my original suggestion for changing `widget_qualifier`?

## #7 - 07/13/2020 12:07 AM - Roger Borrello

Greg Shah wrote:

Because the 2nd case is not supposed to match an `in_procedure_clause`. The 2nd usage is an attribute that is being qualified by a widget handle. Did you try my original suggestion for changing `widget_qualifier`?

I tried both ways:

```
widget_qualifier
:
  KW_IN^
  (
    options { generateAmbigWarnings = false; }
    :
      frame_reference[false]
    | menu_reference

      // used to be browse_reference but that rule was removed and this
      // was consolidated as a recursive call to lvalue
    | lvalue
  )
;
```

and

```
widget_qualifier
:
  KW_IN^
  (
    options { generateAmbigWarnings = false; }
    :
      frame_reference[false]
    | menu_reference

      // used to be browse_reference but that rule was removed and this
      // was consolidated as a recursive call to lvalue
    | { LA(1) == KW_BROWSE }? lvalue
    | handle
  )
;
```

Both worked and generated equivalent ast files.

## #8 - 07/13/2020 03:16 AM - Constantin Asofiei

What's the generated Java code for this call? The `dynamic_function_func` rule checks for `func_call_parm[false]` (`in_procedure_clause`)?, which has:

```
in_procedure_clause
:
  KW_IN^ expr
;
```

I don't think `func_call_parm` should resolve the IN clause via the `widget_qualifier`. `widget_qualifier` needs to check expressions like ... IN <frame-reference> (or other kind of reference, not handle). There is no syntax AFAIK which can have a widget qualifier with a handle on the right-side of IN.

## #9 - 07/13/2020 08:33 AM - Roger Borrello

The 4GL in the ADM2 panel.p is:

```
DO iFunc = 1 TO hBuffer:NUM-FIELDS.
  hFunc = hBuffer:BUFFER-FIELD(iFunc).
  ghTargetProcedure = TARGET-PROCEDURE.
  hFunc:BUFFER-VALUE = DYNAMIC-FUNCTION(hFunc:NAME IN phTarget) NO-ERROR.
END.
```

and the converted code is:

```
doTo("loopLabel10", toClause2, new Block((Body) () ->
{
  hFunc.assign(hBuffer.unwrapBuffer().bufferField(iFunc));
  ghTargetProcedure.assign(targetProcedure());
  silent(() -> hFunc.unwrapBufferField().changeValue(ControlFlowOps.invokeDynamicFunctionIn(hFunc.un
wrap().name(), phTarget_1)));
}));
```

I was a little confused that Greg had pointed out the change was in `widget_qualifier`, but that certainly worked. The large ChUI regression test passed with the 2nd version of his recommended changes, and the first is running now.

## #10 - 07/13/2020 08:46 AM - Constantin Asofiei

hFunc:NAME is a character, which in the DYNAMIC-FUNCTION's syntax for the first argument (function-name[ IN proc-handle]) is the target function name. IN phTarget is the persistent program handle.

My opinion is that the parser should no go down the widget\_qualifier path - if we change widget\_qualifier to accept IN handle, then we are adding to the 4GL syntax...

## #11 - 07/13/2020 09:12 AM - Greg Shah

If you are sure that this is procedure handle syntax instead of widget qualifier syntax, then we may need a different approach. However, the solution is messy.

The widget:attribute IN frame\_or\_menu\_or\_browse is valid 4GL syntax. The parser predicts this match in preference to the in\_procedure\_clause because func\_call\_parm uses expr and expr will "see" the KW\_IN before it exits back into dynamic\_function\_func where it could match to in\_procedure\_clause. More specifically, in chained\_object\_members, we match the COLON followed by attribute\_or\_method and this is where we optionally match widget\_qualifier.

To avoid this, we must know that we are processing the first parameter of the dynamic\_function\_func somewhere further up the stack.

1. Add a member variable inDynFunc to the parser class.

2. Modify dynamic\_function\_func like this:

```
d:KW_DYN_FUNC^
{
  #d.setType(FUNC_POLY);
  inDynFunc = true;
}
lparens
(
  func_call_parm[false] { inDynFunc = false; } (in_procedure_clause)?
  (comma func_call_parm[false])*
)
rparens
```

3. Modify chained\_object\_members like this:

```
| am:attribute_or_method { refnode = #am; }
(
  // this is needed for constructs such as var:ATTR IN FRAME frame
  { !inDynFunc }?
  widget_qualifier
| // empty alternative
)
```

## #12 - 07/13/2020 10:12 AM - Roger Borrello

Why is the 1st parameter of KW\_DYN\_FUNC handled the same as the other parameters, when it is the *function-name*, not a parameter? Wouldn't that allow for parsing separate from func\_call\_parm? Something more like:

```
dynamic_function_func
:
  d:KW_DYN_FUNC^
  {
    #d.setType(FUNC_POLY);
  }
  lparens
  (
    func_call_name (in_procedure_clause)? <-- new method
    (comma func_call_parm[false])*
  )
  rparens
  {
    // save the original token type that rewriting erased
    ##.putAnnotation("oldtype", new Long(KW_DYN_FUNC));

    // write our function-specific annotations
    sym.annotateFunction(#d.getText(), ##, false);
  }
;
```

The func\_call\_name would just parse the handle?

## #13 - 07/13/2020 10:21 AM - Greg Shah

The first parameter can be an arbitrarily complex sub-expression like something + func(handle:blah:blah:method(), object-stuff:meth()) + if not trash then yatta else another:stuff:whatever():more-stuff. That matches with expr.

## #14 - 07/14/2020 11:57 AM - Roger Borrello

Greg Shah wrote:

The first parameter can be an arbitrarily complex sub-expression like something + func(handle:blah:blah:method(), object-stuff:meth()) + if not trash then yatta else another:stuff:whatever():more-stuff. That matches with expr.



But why does it need to be handled using `func_call_parm`? It's not the same as a function call parameter.

**#15 - 07/14/2020 02:19 PM - Greg Shah**

It's not the same as a function call parameter.

In what way?

We know that the parameter must be an `expr`. That is the same as a function call parameter. The only restriction is that the result must be a character expression, but that does not exclude anything of consequence. I don't see what you are trying to achieve.

Did you try my suggestion?

**#16 - 07/16/2020 09:25 AM - Roger Borrello**

Greg Shah wrote:

It's not the same as a function call parameter.

In what way?

Well, my ignorance was showing. It certainly is a function call parameter, but is a very particular one.

We know that the parameter must be an `expr`. That is the same as a function call parameter. The only restriction is that the result must be a character expression, but that does not exclude anything of consequence. I don't see what you are trying to achieve.

Did you try my suggestion?

Yes, and it works very well! Can I check it in?

**#17 - 07/16/2020 09:42 AM - Greg Shah**

Can I check it in?

Yes.

**#18 - 07/16/2020 09:56 AM - Roger Borrello**

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**#19 - 07/16/2020 10:10 AM - Greg Shah**

- Assignee set to Roger Borrello
- Status changed from New to Test
- % Done changed from 0 to 100

I'm fine with the change.

**#20 - 04/20/2021 04:09 PM - Roger Borrello**

Was this waiting for the large ChUI regression to complete in order to be closed?

**#21 - 04/20/2021 04:32 PM - Greg Shah**

No, DYNAMIC-FUNCTION() is not used in that code. If you confirm all is well, I will close it.

**#22 - 04/20/2021 05:53 PM - Roger Borrello**

All is well... at least as far as this task is concerned.

**#23 - 04/20/2021 07:20 PM - Greg Shah**

- Status changed from Test to Closed