lsnes Lua functions reference

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2 Special tokens

These tokens are special, and are expanded while the script is being loaded

2.1 @@LUA SCRIPT FILENAME@@

Expanded to string token containing path and filename of this Lua script. Handy for referencing other lua scripts or resources that are relative to this Lua script.

In practicular, this is suitable to be passed as base argument of various functions like loadfile, dofile, resolve_filename, gui.bitmap_load, gui.bitmap_load_png and gui.bitmap_load_pal.

3 Global

3.1 print: Print values to console

• Syntax: none print(value... values)

Prints specified values to console.

3.2 exec: Execute Isnes commands

• Syntax: none exec(string cmd)

Execute Isnes command < cmd>.

3.3 utime: Get current time

• Syntax: (number,number) utime()

Returns two numbers. First is time since some epoch in seconds, the second is microseconds mod 10⁶ since that epoch.

3.4 emulator ready: Check if emulator has been fully initialized

• Syntax: boolean emulator_ready()

Returns true if emulator has finished booting, false if not (on startup() will be issued later).

3.5 set idle timeout: Run function after timeout when emulator is idle

• Syntax: none set idle timeout(number timeout)

Set number of microseconds to block idle for. After this timeout has expired, on idle() will be called once.

3.6 set timer timeout: Run function after timeout.

• Syntax: none set_timer_timeout(number timeout)

Set number of microseconds to block timer for. After this timeout has expired, on timer() will be called once.

3.7 bus address: Look up address in system bus.

• Syntax: none bus address(number bus addr)

Returns virtual address corresponding to specified address on system bus.

3.8 loopwrapper: Convert loop into callable function

• Syntax: function loopwrapper(function fun, ...)

Calls function <fun> with function and specified arguments. The function passed suspends execution until the function returned is called. Handy for linear flow control among multiple invocations of a hook. Example code:

3.9 list bindings: List keybindings

• Syntax: table list bindings([string cmd])

Get table of all keybindings, indexed by keyspec (modifiers mask/key). If <cmd> is specified, the table is limited to that command. Also searches for controller keys.

3.10 get alias: Get expansion of alias

• Syntax: string get_alias(string aname)

Get expansion of given alias <aname>.

3.11 set alias: Set expansion of alias

• Syntax: none set_alias(string aname, string value)

Set expansion of given alias.

3.12 create ibind: Create invese binding

• Syntax: INVERSEBIND create_ibind(string name, string cmd)

Return object representing inverse binding with specified name < name> and specified command < cmd>.

- Note: To create press/release commands, use aliases +foo and -foo .
- Note: Keep the returned object around.

3.13 create command: Create a command

- Syntax: COMMANDBIND create communad(string name, function a)
- Syntax: COMMANDBIND create commmand(string name, function a, function b)

Return object representing a command (pair).

- $\bullet\,$ If only one function is specied, the command is level-sensitive, <a> is callback.
- If is function, the function is edge-sensitive, <a> is positive edge callback and is negative edge callback.
- All callbacks get single argument: The parameters passed.
- Keep the returned object around.

3.14 loadfile: Load Lua script

• Syntax: function loadfile(string filename[, string base])

Load lua script from <filename>, resolved relative to <base> (if empty, current directory).

3.15 dofile: Execute Lua script

• Syntax: function dofile(string filename[, string base])

Execute lua script from <filename>, resolved relative to <base> (if empty, current directory) and return all return values.

3.16 resolve filename: Resolve name of file relative to another

• Syntax: string resolve_file(string filename, string base)

Resolve name of file <filename> relative to <base> and return the result.

4 Table bit:

Bitwise logical functions and related.

4.1 bit.none/bit.bnot: Bitwise none or NOT function

- Syntax: number bit.none(number...)
- Syntax: number bit.bnot(number...)

48-bit bitwise NOT / NONE function (set bits that are set in none of the arguments).

4.2 bit.any/bit.bor: Bitwise any or OR function

- Syntax: number bit.any(number...)
- Syntax: number bit.bor(number...)

48-bit bitwise OR / ANY function (set bits that are set in any of the arguments).

4.3 bit.all/bit.band: Bitwise all or AND function

- Syntax: number bit.all(number...)
- Syntax: number bit.band(number...)

48-bit bitwise AND / ALL function (set bits that are set in all of the arguments).

4.4 bit.parity/bit.bxor: Bitwise parity or XOR function

- Syntax: number bit.parity(number...)
- Syntax: number bit.bxor(number...)

48-bit bitwise XOR / PARITY function (set bits that are set in odd number of the arguments).

4.5 bit.lrotate: Rotate a number left

• Syntax: number bit.lrotate(number base[, number amount[, number bits]])

Rotate <bits>-bit (max 48, default 48) number
base> left by <amount> (default 1) places.

4.6 bit.rrotate: Rotate a number right

• Syntax: number bit.rrotate(number base[, number amount[, number bits]])

Rotate

bits>-bit (max 48, default 48) number
base> right by <amount> (default 1) places.

4.7 bit.lshift: Shift a number left

• Syntax: number bit.lshift(number base[, number amount[, number bits]])

Shift < bits>-bit (max 48, default 48) number < base> left by < amount> (default 1) places. The new bits are filled with zeroes.

4.8 bit.lrshift: Shift a number right (logical)

• Syntax: number bit.lrshift(number base[, number amount[, number bits]])

Shift

 default 48) number

 logically right by <amount> (default 1) places. The new bits are filled with zeroes.

4.9 bit.arshift: Shift a number right (arithmetic)

• Syntax: number bit.arshift(number base[, number amount[, number bits]])

Shift

bits>-bit (max 48, default 48) number

base> logically right by <amount> (default 1) places. The new bits are shifted in with copy of the high bit.

4.10 bit.extract: Extract/shuffle bits from number

• Syntax: number bit.extract(number base[, number bit0[, number bit1,...]])

Returns number that has bit0-th bit as bit 0, bit1-th bit as 1 and so on.

- Note: Bit numbers up to 51 should work reliably (then things start falling apart due to double precision issues).
- Note: There are two special bit positions, true and false, standing for always set bit and always clear bit.

4.11 bit.value: Construct number with specified bits set

• Syntax: number bit.value([number bit1[, number bit2,...]])

Returns bitwise OR of 1 left shifted by <bit1> places, 1 left shifted by <bit2> places and so on. As special value, nil argument is no-op.

4.12 bit.test any: Test if any bit is set

• Syntax: boolean bit.test any(number a, number b)

Returns true if bitwise and of $\langle a \rangle$ and $\langle b \rangle$ is nonzero, otherwise false.

4.13 bit.test all: Test if all bits are set

• Syntax: boolean bit.test all(number a, number b)

Returns true if bitwise and of <a> and equals , otherwise false.

4.14 bit.popcount: Population count

• Syntax: number bit.popcount(number a)

Returns number of set bits in $\langle a \rangle$.

4.15 bit.clshift: Chained left shift

• Syntax: (number, number) bit.clshift(number a, number b, [number amount, [number bits]])

Does chained left shift on $\langle a \rangle$, $\langle b \rangle$ by $\langle amount \rangle$ positions (default 1), assuming numbers to be of specified number of bits $\langle bits \rangle$ (default 48).

4.16 bit.crshift: Chained right shift

• Syntax: (number, number) bit.crshift(number a, number b, [number amount,[number bits]])

Does chained right shift on <a>, by <amount> positions (default 1), assuming numbers to be of specified number of bits
bits> (default 48).

4.17 bit.flagdecode: Decode bitfield into flags

• Syntax: string bit.flagdecode(number a, number bits, [string on, [string off]])

Return string of length bits where ith character is ith character of on if bit i is on, otherwise ith character of off. Out of range reads give last character.

- Note: <on> defaults to '*' if empty.
- Note: <off> defaults to '-' if empty.

4.18 bit.rflagdecode: Decode bitfield into flags

• Syntax: string bit.rflagdecode(number a, number bits, [string on, [string off]])

Like bit.flagdecode, but outputs the string in the opposite order (most significant bit first).

5 Table gui:

- Functions that draw to screen can only only be called in on_paint and on_video callbacks or if non-default render queue has been set.
- Colors are 32-bit. Bits 0-7 are the blue component, bits 8-15 are the green component, bits 16-23 are the red component, bits 24-31 are alpha component (0 is fully opaque, 255 is almost transparent). -1 is the fully transparent color.
- Alpha values greater than 127 do work properly.
- Origin of coordinates is at top left corner of game display area. Left and top gaps correspond to negative coordinates.

5.1 gui.resolution: Get current resolution

• Syntax: (number, number) gui.resolution()

Returns 2-tuple (hresolution, vresolution).

5.2 gui.left gap/gui.right gap/gui.top gap/gui.bottom gap: Set edge gaps

- Syntax: number gui.left_gap(number gap)
- Syntax: number gui.right gap(number gap)
- Syntax: number gui.top_gap(number gap)
- Syntax: number gui.bottom gap(number gap)

Set the specified edge gap to specified value <gap> (max gap is 8191). If successful, old gap is returned.

- Syntax: number gui.delta left gap(number dgap)
- Syntax: number gui.delta_right_gap(number dgap)
- Syntax: number gui.delta top gap(number dgap)
- Syntax: number gui.delta_bottom_gap(number dgap)

Increase the specified edge gap by specified value <dgap> (max gap is 8191) and return the old gap (returns nothing on error).

5.4 gui.text/gui.textH/gui.textV,gui.textHV: Draw text

- Syntax: none gui.text(number x, number y, string text[, number fgc[, number bgc]])
- Syntax: none gui.textH(number x, number y, string text[, number fgc[, number bgc]])
- Syntax: none gui.textV(number x, number y, string text[, number fgc[, number bgc]])
- Syntax: none gui.textHV(number x, number y, string text[, number fgc[, number bgc]])

Draw specified text on the GUI (each character cell is 8 or 16 wide and 16 high). Parameters:

- x: X-coordinate to start the drawing from (and x-coordinate at begining of the lines).
- y: Y-coordinate to start the drawing from.
- text: The text to draw.
- fgc: Text color (default is 0xFFFFFF (white))
- bgc: Background color (default is -1 (transparent))

Note: The H variants draw at double width and V variants draw at double height.

5.5 gui.rectangle: Draw a rectangle

• Syntax: none gui.rectangle(number x, number y, number width, number height[, number thickness[, number outline[, number fill]])

Draw rectangle on the GUI. Parameters:

- x: X-coordinate of left edge.
- y: Y-coordinate of upper edge.
- width: Width of rectangle.
- height: Height of rectangle.
- thickness: Thickness of outline (default is 1).
- outline: Color of outline (default is 0xFFFFFF (white))
- fill: Color of fill (default is -1 (transparent))

5.6 gui.box: Draw a 3D-effect box

• Syntax: none gui.box(number x, number y, number width, number height[, number thickness[, number outline1[,number outline2[, number fill]]]])

Draw rectangle with 3D effect on the GUI. Parameters:

- x: X-coordinate of left edge.
- y: Y-coordinate of upper edge.
- width: Width of rectangle.
- height: Height of rectangle.
- ullet thickness: Thickness of outline (default is 1).
- outline1: First color of outline (default is 0xFFFFFF (white))
- outline2: First color of outline (default is 0x808080 (dark gray))
- fill: Color of fill (default is 0xC0C0C0 (light grayy))

5.7 gui.pixel: Draw a single pixel

 Syntax: none gui.pixel(number x, number y[, number color])

Draw one pixel on the GUI. Parameters:

- x: X-coordinate of the pixel
- y: Y-coordinate of the pixel
- color: Color of the pixel (default is 0xFFFFFF (white))

5.8 gui.crosshair: Draw a crosshair

• Syntax: none gui.crosshair(number x, number y[, number length[, number color]])

Draw a crosshair. Parameters:

- x: X-coordinate of the crosshair
- y: Y-coordinate of the crosshair
- length: Length of the crosshair lines (default 10).
- color: Color of the crosshair (default is 0xFFFFFF (white))

5.9 gui.line: Draw a line

• Syntax: none gui.line(number x1, number y1, number x2, number y2[, number color])

Draw a thin line. Parameters:

- x1: X-coordinate of one end.
- y1: Y-coordinate of one end.
- x2: X-coordinate of the other end.
- y2: Y-coordinate of the other end.
- color: Color of the line (default is 0xFFFFFF (white)).

5.10 gui.circle: Draw a (filled) circle

• Syntax: none gui.circle(number x, number y, number r[, number thick[, number border[, number fil]]])

Draw a circle. Parameters.

- x: X-coordinate of the center
- y: Y-coordinate of the center
- r: The radius of the circle
- thick: Border thickness
- border: Border color (default is 0xFFFFFF (white))
- fill: Fill color (default is -1 (transparent)).

5.11 gui.bitmap draw: Draw a bitmap

- Syntax: none gui.bitmap draw(number x, number y, BITMAP bitmap, PALETTE palette)
- Syntax: none gui.bitmap_draw(number x, number y, DBITMAP bitmap)

Draw a bitmap < bitmap > on screen with specified palette < palette> (if bitmap is paletted) . Parameters:

- ullet x: X-coordinate of left edge.
- $\bullet\,$ y: Y-coordinate of top edge.
- bitmap: The bitmap to draw
- palette: The palette to draw the bitmap using.

5.12 gui.palette new: Create a new palette

• Syntax: PALETTE gui.palette new()

Returns a new palette (initially all transparent).

5.13 gui.bitmap new: Create a new bitmap

• Syntax: BITMAP/DBITMAP gui.bitmap new(number w, number h, boolean direct[, bool icolor])

Returns a new bitmap/dbitmap.

Parameters:

- w: The width of new bitmap
- h: The height of new bitmap
- direct: If true, the returned bitmap is dbitmap, otherwise bitmap.
- icolor: Initital fill color (defaults to 0 on BITMAP, -1 on DBITMAP)

5.14 gui.bitmap load/gui.bitmap load str: Load a bitmap from file or string

- Syntax: DBITMAP/(BITMAP, PALETTE) gui.bitmap_load(string file[, string base])
- Syntax: DBITMAP/(BITMAP, PALETTE) gui.bitmap load str(string content)

Reads file <file> (resolved relative to <base>) or string <content> and returns loaded bitmap/dbitmap (if bitmap, the second return value is palette for bitmap).

5.15 gui.bitmap load png/gui.bitmap load png str: Load a bitmap from PNG

- Syntax: DBITMAP/(BITMAP, PALETTE) gui.bitmap load png(string file[, string base])
- Syntax: DBITMAP/(BITMAP, PALETTE) gui.bitmap load png str(string content)

Load a bitmap from PNG file <file> (resolved relative to <base>) or BASE64 encoded content <content>.

- If the PNG is of color type 3 (PALETTE), returns two value. First is BITMAP containing the image data from the PNG and second is PALETTE containing the palette data from the PNG.
- For color types 0 (GRAY), 2 (RGB), 4 (GRAY_ALPHA) and 6 (RGBA), returns one DBITMAP containg the image data loaded from the PNG.

5.16 gui.bitmap load pal/gui.bitmap load pal str: Load a palette

- Syntax: PALETTE gui.bitmap load pal(string file[, string base])
- Syntax: PALETTE gui.bitmap load pal str(string content)

Load a palette from file <file> (resolved relative to <base>) or string <content>.

- The kinds of lines supported:
 - Blank or just whitespace: Ignored
 - First non-whitespace is '#': Ignored
 - <r> <g> : Fully opaque color with specified RGB values (0-255)
 - <r> <g> <a>: Color with specified RGB values (0-255) and specified alpha (0-256, 0 being fully transparent and 256 fully opaque).
 - transparent: Fully transparent color

5.17 gui.palette set: Set palette entry

• Syntax: none gui.palette set(PALETTE palette, number index, number color)

Sets color in palette. Parameters:

- palette: The palette to manipulate
- index: Index of color (0-65535).
- color: The color value.

5.18 gui.bitmap_pset: Set pixel in bitmap

• Syntax: none gui.bitmap pset(BITMAP/DBITMAP bitmap, number x, number y, number color)

Sets specified pixel in bitmap. Parameters:

- bitmap: The bitmap to manipulate
- x: The x-coordinate of the pixel.
- y: The y-coordinate of the pixel.
- color: If bitmap is a bitmap, color index (0-65535). Otherwise color value.

5.19 gui.bitmap size: Get size of bitmap

• Syntax: (number, number) gui.bitmap size(BITMAP/DBITMAP bitmap)

Get size of bitmap < bitmap >. The first return is the width, the second is the height.

• Note: Can be used anywhere.

5.20 gui.bitmap blit: Blit a bitmap into another

• Syntax: none gui.bitmap_blit(BITMAP/DBITMAP dest, number dx, number dy, BITMAP/DBITMAP src, number sx, number sy, number w, number h[, number ck])

Blit a part of bitmap to another. Parameters:

- dest: Destination to blit to.
- dx: left edge of target
- dy: Top edge of target
- src: The source to blit from. Must be of the same type as destination.
- sx: left edge of source
- sy: Top edge of source
- w: Width of region
- h: Height of region.
- ck: Color key. Pixels of this color are not blitted.
 - If bitmaps are bitmaps, this is color index of colorkey. Values outside range 0-65535 cause no key to be used as colorkey.
 - If bitmaps are dbitmaps, this color value of colorkey.
 - May be absent or nil for no colorkey blit.

5.21 gui.repaint: Arrange a repaint

• Syntax: none gui.repaint()

Request on repaint() to happen as soon as possible.

5.22 gui.subframe update: Enable/Disable subframe updates

• Syntax: none gui.subframe update(boolean on)

Request subframe updates (calling on_paint() on subframes) to happen (<on>=true) or not happen (<on>=false).

5.23 gui.screenshot: Write a screenshot

• Syntax: none gui.screenshot(string filename)

Write PNG screenshot of the current frame (no drawings) to specified file <filename>.

5.24 gui.color: Compose a color.

• Syntax: number gui.color(number r, number g, number b[, number a])

Returns color (in notation Lua scripts use) corresponding to color ($\langle r \rangle, \langle g \rangle, \langle b \rangle$), each component in scale 0-255. If $\langle a \rangle$ is specified, that is alpha (0 is fully transparent, 256(sic) is fully opaque). The default alpha is 256.

5.25 gui.status: Set status variable

• Syntax: none gui.status(string name, string value)

Set status field "L[<name>]" to <value> in status area.

5.26 gui.rainbow: Rainbow color calculation

• Syntax: number gui.rainbow(number step, number steps[, number color])

Perform hue rotation of color < color > (default bright red), by < step > steps. The number of steps per full rotation is given by absolute value of < steps >.

If <steps> is negative, the rotation will be counterclockwise.

5.27 gui.renderq new: Create a render queue

• Syntax: RENDERQUEUE gui.renderq new(number width, number height)

Create render queue with specified reported size and return it.

5.28 gui.renderq clear: Clear a render queue

• Syntax: none gui.renderq clear(RENDERQUEUE queue)

Clear specified render queue.

5.29 gui.renderq set: Change active render queue

• Syntax: none gui.renderq_set(RENDERQUEUE queue)

Switch to specified render queue. Use nil as queue to switch to default queue.

• Note: When switched to another queue, all drawing functions work and draw there, even outside on video/on paint.

5.30 gui.renderq run: Run render queue

• Syntax: none gui.renderq run(RENDERQUEUE queue)

Run specified render queue, copying the objects to current render queue.

• Warning: Don't try to run the current render queue.

5.31 gui.loadfont: Load a font file

• Syntax: CUSTOMFONT gui.loadfont(string filename)

Loads font from specified file (CUSTOMFONT object).

5.32 CUSTOMFONT(): Render text to screen

• Syntax: none CUSTOMFONT(number x, number y, string text[, number fgc[, number bgc[, number hlc]]])

Draw string with custom font to screen. The parameters are the same as in gui.text, except <hlc> is the halo color (default is no halo).

5.33 gui.adjust transparency: Adjust transparency of DBITMAP or PALETTE

- Syntax: none gui.adjust transparency(DBITMAP obj, number adj)
- Syntax: none gui.adjust transparency(PALETTE obj, number adj)

Multiply alpha channel of <obj> by <adj>/256. Useful for making "ghosts" out of solid bitmaps.

6 table input

Input handling. Functions manipulating input are only available in on input callback.

6.1 input.get: Read controller button/axis (deprecated)

• Syntax: number input.get(number controller, number index)

Read the specified index <index> (zero-based) from specified controller <controller> (zero-based).

6.2 input.set: Write controller button/axis (deprecated)

• Syntax: none input.set(number controller, number index, number value)

Write the specified index <index> (zero-based) from specified controller <controller> (zero-based), storing value <value>.

6.3 input.get2: Read controller button/axis

• Syntax: number input.get2(number port, number controller, number index)

Read the specified input tuple. Port 0 is system port.

6.4 input.set2: Write controller button/axis

• Syntax: input.set2(number port, number controller, number index, number value)

Write the specified input tuple. Port 0 is system port.

6.5 input.lcid to pcid2: Look up logical controller

• Syntax: (number, number) input.lcid to pcid2(number lcid)

Look up physical pcid pair (port, controller) corresponding to specified logical controller (1-based). Returns nothing if controller does not exist.

6.6 input.port type: Look up port type

• Syntax: string input.port_type(number port)

Return type of specified port.

6.7 input.controller info: Get information about controller

• Syntax: table input.controller info(number port, number controller)

Get controller info for specified controller. If controller does not exist, returns nil. Otherwise returns a table with following fields:

- type (string): Type of the controller.
- class (string): Class of the controller.
- classnum (number): Number of the controller within its class (1-based)
- lcid (number): Logical controller number of the controller.
- button count (number): Number of buttons on controller
- buttons (array): Array of following info about each button:
 - type (string): Type of button. Currently one of "null", "button", "axis", "raxis".
 - name (string): Name of button.
 - symbol (string): Symbol of button. Only present for type "button".
 - hidden (boolean): True if hidden button.

6.8 input.veto button: Veto a button press

• Syntax: none input.veto button()

Signals that the button event should be vetoed. Only valid in on button callback.

6.9 input.geta: Get all buttons for controller (deprecated)

• Syntax: (number, number...) input.geta(number controller)

Get input state for entiere controller. Returns n return values.

- 1st return value: Bitmask: bit i is set if i:th index is nonzero
- 2nd- return value: value of i:th index.

6.10 input.seta: Set all buttons for controller (deprecated)

• Syntax: none input.seta(number controller, number bitmask, number args...)

Set state for entiere controller. args is up to N values for indices (overriding values in bitmask if specified).

6.11 input.controllertype: Get controller type (deprecated)

• syntax: string input.controllertype(number controller)

Get the type of controller as string.

6.12 input.reset: Execute (delayed) reset

• Syntax: none input.reset([number cycles])

Execute reset. If <cycles> is greater than zero, do delayed reset. 0 (or no value) causes immediate reset.

• Note: Only available with subframe flag false.

6.13 input.raw: Return raw input data

• Syntax: table input.raw()

Returns table of tables of all available keys and axes. The first table is indexed by key name (platform-dependent!), and the inner table has the following fields:

- value: Last reported value for control
 - For keys: 1 for pressed, 0 for released.
 - For axes: -32767...32767.
 - For presure-sensitive buttons: 0...32767.
 - For hats: Bitmask: 1=>Up, 2=>Right, 4=>Down, 8=>Left.
 - For mouse: Coordinates relative to game area.
- ktype: Type of key (disabled, key, mouse, axis, hat, pressure).

6.14 input.keyhook: Hook a key

• Syntax: none input.keyhook(string key, boolean state)

Requests that keyhook events to be sent for key <key> (<state>=true) or not sent (<state>=false).

6.15 input.joyget: Get controls for controller

• Syntax: table input.joyget(number logical)

Returns table for current controls for specified logical controller < logical>. The names of fields vary by controller type.

- The buttons have the same name as those are referred to in other contexts in the emulator
- The analog axes are usually "xaxis" and "yaxis".
- Each field is numeric or boolean depending on axis/button.

6.16 input.joyset: Set controls for controller

• Syntax: none input.joyset(number controller, table controls)

Set the the state of specified controller to values specified in specified table.

- Each field can be boolean or number.
- Also, buttons allow strings, which cause value to be inverted.

6.17 input.lcid to pcid: Look up logical controller (deprecated)

• Syntax: (number, number, number) input.lcid_to_pcid(number lcid)

Returns the legacy pcid for controller (or false if there isn't one), followed by pcid pair. Returns nothing if controller does not exist.

7 Table keyboard

Various keybinding-related functions

7.1 keyboard.bind: Bind a key

• Syntax: none keyboard.bind(string mod, string mask, string key, string cmd)

Bind specified key with specified modifiers to specified command.

7.2 keyboard.unbind: Unbind a key

• Syntax: none keyboard.unbind(string mod, string mask, string key)

Unbind specified key with specified modifers.

7.3 keyboard.alias: Set alias expansion

• Syntax: none keyboard.alias(string alias, string expansion)

Set expansion of given command.

8 Table subtitle

Subtitle handling

8.1 subtitle.byindex: Look up start and length of subtitle by index

• Syntax: (number, number) subtitle.byindex(number i)

Read the frame and length of ith subtitle. Returns nothing if not present.

8.2 subtitle.set: Write a subtitle

Set the text of subtitle.

8.3 subtitle.get: Read a subtitle

• Syntax: string subtitle.get(number f, number l)

Get the text of subtitle.

8.4 subtitle.delete: Delete a subtitle

• Syntax: nonesubtitle.delete(number f, number l)

Delete specified subtitle.

9 Table hostmemory

Host memory handling (extra memory saved to savestates). Host memory starts empty.

- Reads out of range return false.
- Writes out of range extend the memory.

9.1 hostmemory.read: Read byte from host memory

• Syntax: number hostmemory.read(number address)

Reads byte from hostmemory slot address < address >.

9.2 hostmemory.write: Write byte to host memory

• Syntax: none hostmemory.write(number address, number value)

Writes hostmemory slot with value < value> 0-255.

9.3 hostmemory.read{,s}{byte,{,d,q}word}: Read from host memory

- Syntax: number hostmemory.readbyte(number address)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.readsbyte(number address)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.readword(number address)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.readsword(number address)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.readdword(number address)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.readsdword(number address)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.readqword(number address)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.readsqword(number address)

Read elements (little-endian) from given address < address>.

- byte is 1 element
- word is 2 elements
- dword is 4 elements
- qword is 8 elements.
- The 's' variants do signed read.

9.4 hostmemory.write{,s}{byte,{,d,q}word}: Write to host memory

- Syntax: number hostmemory.writebyte(number address, number value)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.writesbyte(number address, number value)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.writeword(number address, number value)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.writesword(number address, number value)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.writedword(number address, number value)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.writesdword(number address, number value)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.writeqword(number address, number value)
- Syntax: number hostmemory.writesqword(number address, number value)

Write value < value > to elements (little-endian) starting from given address < address >.

- byte is 1 element
- word is 2 elements
- ullet dword is 4 elements
- qword is 8 elements.
- $\bullet\,$ The 's' variants do signed write.

10 Table movie

Movie handling

10.1 movie.currentframe: Get current frame number

• Syntax: number movie.currentframe()

Return number of current frame.

10.2 movie.framecount: Get move frame count

• Syntax: number movie.framecount()

Return number of frames in movie.

10.3 movie.readonly: Is in readonly mode?

• Syntax: boolean movie.readonly()

Return true if in readonly mode, false if in readwrite.

10.4 movie.rerecords: Movie rerecord count

• Syntax: number movie.rerecords()

Returns the current value of rerecord count.

10.5 movie.set readwrite: Set read-write mode.

• Syntax: none movie.set readwrite()

Set readwrite mode (does not cause on readwrite callback).

10.6 movie.frame subframes: Count subframes in frame

• Syntax: number movie.frame_subframes(number frame)

Count number of subframes in specified frame <frame> (frame numbers are 1-based) and return that.

10.7 movie.read subframes: Read subframe data (deprecated)

• Syntax: table movie.read subframes(number frame, number subframe)

Read specified subframe in specified frame and return data as array.

10.8 movie.read rtc: Read current RTC time

• Syntax: (number, number) movie.read rtc()

Returns the current value of the RTC as a pair (second, subsecond).

10.9 movie.unsafe rewind: Fast movie rewind to saved state

• Syntax: none movie.unsafe rewind([UNSAFEREWIND state])

Start setting point for unsafe rewind or jump to point of unsafe rewind.

- If called without argument, causes emulator to start process of setting unsafe rewind point. When this has finished, callback on set rewind occurs, passing the rewind state to lua script.
- If called with argument, causes emulator rewind to passed rewind point as soon as possible. Readwrite mode is implicitly activated.

The following warnings apply to unsafe rewinding:

- There are no safety checks against misuse (that's what "unsafe" comes from)!
- Only call rewind from timeline rewind point was set from.
- Only call rewind from after the rewind point was set.

10.10 movie.to rewind: Load savestate as rewind point

• Syntax: UNSAFEREWIND movie.to rewind(string filename)

Load specified savestate file <filename> as rewind point and return UNSAFEREWIND corresponding to it.

• Note: This operation does not take emulated time.

10.11 movie.copy movie/INPUTMOVIE::copy movie: Copy movie to movie object

- Syntax: INPUTMOVIE movie.copy movie([INPUTMOVIE movie])
- Syntax: INPUTMOVIE INPUTMOVIE::copy movie()

Copies specified movie < movie > /current object (if none or nil, the active movie) as new movie object.

10.12 movie.get frame/INPUTMOVIE::get frame: Read specified frame in movie.

- Syntax: INPUTFRAME movie.get frame([INPUTMOVIE movie,] number frame)
- Syntax: INPUTFRAME INPUTMOVIE::get frame(number frame);

Get INPUTFRAME object corresponding to specified frame in specified movie.

10.13 movie.set frame/INPUTMOVIE::set frame: Write speicifed frame in movie.

- Syntax: none movie.set_frame([INPUTMOVIE movie,] number frame, INPUTFRAME data)
- Syntax: none INPUTMOVIE::set_frame(number frame, INPUTFRAME data)

Set data in specified frame.

• Note: Past can't be edited in active movie.

$10.14 \quad movie.get \quad size/INPUTMOVIE::get_size: \ Get \ size \ of \ movie$

- Syntax: integer movie.get size([INPUTMOVIE movie])
- Syntax: integer INPUTMOVIE::get size()

Return number of subframes in specified movie.

10.15 movie.count frames/INPUTMOVIE::count frames: Count frames in movie

- Syntax: number movie.count frames([INPUTMOVIE movie])
- Syntax: number INPUTMOVIE::count frames()

Return number of frames in movie.

10.16 movie.find_frame/INPUTMOVIE::find_frame: Find subframe corresponding to frame

- Syntax: number movie.find frame([INPUTMOVIE movie], number frame)
- Syntax: number INPUTMOVIE::find frame(number frame)

Returns starting subframe of given frame (frame numbers are 1-based). Returns -1 if frame number is bad.

10.17 movie.blank frame/INPUTMOVIE::blank frame: Return a blank frame

- Syntax: INPUTFRAME movie.blank frame([INPUTMOVIE movie])
- Syntax: INPUTFRAME INPUTMOVIE::blank frame()

Return blank INPUTFRAME with frame type from specified movie.

10.18 movie.append frames/INPUTMOVIE::append frames: Append blank frames

- Syntax: none movie.append frames([INPUTMOVIE movie,] number frames)
- Syntax: none INPUTMOVIE::append frames(number frames)

Append specified number <frames> of frames.

10.19 movie.append frame/INPUTMOVIE::append frame: Append a frame

- Syntax: none movie.append frame([INPUTMOVIE movie,] INPUTFRAME frame)
- Syntax: none INPUTMOVIE::append frame(INPUTFRAME frame)

Append specified frame < frame>. Past of current movie can't be edited.

10.20 movie.truncate/INPUTMOVIE::truncate: Truncate a movie.

- Syntax: none movie.truncate([INPUTMOVIE movie,] number frames)
- Syntax: none INPUTMOVIE::truncate(number frames)

Truncate the specified movie to specified number of frames.

10.21 movie.edit/INPUTMOVIE::edit: Edit a movie

- Syntax: none movie.edit([INPUTMOVIE movie,] number frame, number port, number controller, number control, number/bool value)
- Syntax: none INPUTMOVIE::edit(number frame, number port, number controller, number control, number/bool value)

Change specified control in specified frame in specified movie. Past can't be edited in active movie.

10.22 movie.copy frames2: Copy frames between movies

• Syntax: none movie.copy_frames2([INPUTMOVIE dstmov,] number dst, [INPUTMOVIE srcmov,] number src, number count)

Copy specified number of frames between two movies. The copy proceeds in forward direction.

10.23 movie.copy frames/INPUTMOVIE::copy frames: Copy frames in movie

- Syntax: none movie.copy_frames([INPUTMOVIE mov,] number dst, number src, number count, bool backwards)
- Syntax: none INPUTMOVIE::copy frames(number dst, number src, number count, bool backwards)

Copy specified number of frames from one point in movie to another. If backwards is true, the copy will be done backwards.

10.24 movie.serialize/INPUTMOVIE::serialize: Serialize movie

- Syntax: none movie.serialize([INPUTMOVIE movie,] string filename, bool binary)
- Syntax: none INPUTMOIVE::serialize(string filename, bool binary)

Serialize given movie into file. If binary is true, binary format (more compact and much faster) is used.

10.25 movie.unserialize: Unserialize movie

• Syntax: INPUTMOVIE movie.unserialize(INPUTFRAME template, string filename, bool binary)

Unserialize movie from file. The given frame is used as template to decide the frame type. If binary is true, binary format is decoded (much faster).

10.26 movie.current first subframe: Return first subframe in current frame

• Syntax: number movie.current first subframe()

Returns first subframe in current frame.

10.27 movie.pollcounter: Return poll counter for speified control

• Syntax: number movie.pollcounter(number port, number controller, number control)

Returns number of times the specified control has been polled this frame.

10.28 INPUTFRAME::get button: Get button

• Syntax: boolean INPUTFRAME::get_button(number port, number controller, number control)

Returns state of given button as boolean.

10.29 INPUTFRAME::get axis: Get axis

• Syntax: number INPUTFRAME::get axis(number port, number controller, number control)

Returns state of given axis as number.

10.30 INPUTFRAME::set button/INPUTFRAME::set axis: Set button or axis

- Syntax: none INPUTFRAME::set_button(number port, number controller, number control, number/bool value)
- Syntax: none INPUTFRAME::set_axis(number port, number controller, number control)

Set the given button/axis to given value.

10.31 INPUTFRAME::serialize: Serialize a frame

• Syntax: string INPUTFRAME::serialize()

Return string representation of frame.

10.32 INPUTFRAME::unserialize: Unserialize a frame

• Syntax: none INPUTFRAME::unserialize(string data)

Set current frame from given data.

10.33 INPUTFRAME::get_stride: Get movie stride

• Syntax: number INPUTFRAME::get stride()

Return number of bytes needed to store the input frame. Mainly useful for some debugging.

11 Table settings

Routines for settings manipulation

11.1 settings.get: Get value of setting

• Syntax: string settings.get(string name)

Get value of setting <name>. If setting value can't be obtained, returns (nil, error message).

11.2 settings.set: Set value of setting

• Syntax: none settings.set(string name, string value)

Set value < value> of setting < name>. If setting can't be set, returns (nil, error message).

12 Table memory

Contains various functions for managing memory

12.1 memory.vma count: Count number of VMAs.

• Syntax: number memory.vma_count()

Returns the number of VMAs

12.2 memory.read vma: Lookup VMA info by index

• Syntax: string memory.read_vma(number index)

Reads the specified VMA (indices start from zero). Trying to read invalid VMA gives nil. The read VMA is table with the following fields:

- region name (string): The readable name of the VMA
- baseaddr (number): Base address of the VMA
- lastaddr (number): Last address in the VMA.
- size (number): The size of VMA in bytes.
- readonly (boolean): True of the VMA corresponds to ROM.
- iospace (boolean): True if the VMA is I/O space.
- native endian (boolean): True if the VMA has native endian as opposed to little endian.

12.3 memory.find vma: Find VMA info by address

• Syntax: table memory.find vma(number address)

Finds the VMA containing specified address. Returns table in the same format as read vma or nil if not found.

12.4 memory.read $\{,s\}$ {byte, $\{,d,q\}$ word}: Write memory

- Syntax: none memory.readbyte([string vma,]number address)
- Syntax: none memory.readword([string vma, |number address)
- Syntax: none memory.readdword([string vma, |number address)
- Syntax: none memory.readqword([string vma,]number address)
- Syntax: none memory.readsbyte([string vma,]number address)
- Syntax: none memory.readsword([string vma,]number address)
- Syntax: none memory.readsdword([string vma,]number address)
- Syntax: none memory.readsqword([string vma,]number address)

Reads the specified address <ddress> (if 's' variant is used, do undergo 2's complement).

12.5 memory.write{byte,{,d,q}word}: Write memory

- Syntax: none memory.writebyte([string vma,]number address, number value)
- Syntax: none memory.writeword([string vma,]number address, number value)
- Syntax: none memory.writedword([string vma,]number address, number value)
- Syntax: none memory.writeqword([string vma,]number address, number value)

Writes the specified value < value> (negative values undergo 2's complement) to specified address < address>.

12.6 memory.map{,s}{byte,{,d,q}word}: Map an array

• Syntax: userdata memory.map<type>([[string vma,]number base, number size])

Returns a table mapping specified memory aperture for read/write. If parameters are omitted, entiere map space is the aperture.

• Type may be one of: byte, sbyte, word, sword, dword, sdword, qword or sqword.

12.7 memory.hash region: Hash region of memory

• Syntax: string memory.hash region([string vma,]number base, number size)

Hash specified number of bytes starting from specified address and return the SHA-256.

12.8 memory.hash state: Hash system state

• Syntax: string memory.hash state()

Hash the current system state. Mainly useful for debugging savestates.

12.9 memory.readregion: Read region of memory

• Syntax: table memory.readregion([string vma,]number base, number size)

Read a region of memory.

• Warning: If the region crosses VMA boundary, the results are undefined.

12.10 memory.writeregion: Write region of memory

• Syntax: none memory.writeregion([string vma,]number base, number size, table data)

Write a region of memory.

• Warning: If the region crosses VMA boundary, the results are undefined.

12.11 memory.map structure: Create mmap structure

• syntax: MMAP STRUCT memory.map structure()

Returns a new mapping structure (MMAP STRUCT)

12.12 MMAP_STRUCT(): Bind key in mmap structure

• Syntax: none MMAP STRUCT(string key, [string vma, |number address, string type)

Bind key <key> in mmap structure to specified address <address> with specified type <type>.

• Type may be one of: byte, sbyte, word, sword, dword, sdword, qword or sqword.

12.13 memory.read expr: Evaluate memory watch expression

• Syntax: string memory.read expr(string expr)

Evaluate specified watch expression and return result

12.14 memory.action: Run core action

 $\bullet \ \ memory.action(string \ action, \ [< params >])\\$

Run core action. The different models expect parameters as:

• string: String

• numeric: numeric

• enumeration: String

• boolean: String

• toggle: None.

12.15 memory.get lag flag: Get lag flag

• Syntax: boolean memory.get lag flag()

Get the value of core lag flag. True if this frame has been lag so far, false if poll has been detected.

12.16 memory.set lag flag: Set lag flag

 \bullet Syntax: none memory.set_lag_flag(boolean flag)

Set the value of core lag flag. This flag automatically gets cleared if poll is detected, but can be forcibly set or cleared if game so requires.

- Should only be used in on frame emulated callback.
- Setting or clearing this affects the emulator lag counter.

13 Table memory2

Contains newer memory functions.

13.1 memory2(): Get all VMA names.

• Syntax: table memory2()

Returns array of all valid VMA names.

13.2 memory2.<vma>:info: Get VMA info

• Syntax: table memory2.<vma>:info()

Return table describing given VMA. Includes fields address, size, last, readonly, special and endian.

13.3 memory2.<vma>:<op>: Read/Write memory

- Syntax: none memory2.<vma>:<op>(number offset, number value)
- Syntax: number memory2.<vma>:<op>(number offset)

Read/Write value from/to given VMA < vma> at given offset < offset> (must be in-range). The value written is < value>. < Op> is of form: [i|[s] < type>, where:

- <type> is one of 'byte', 'word', 'dword', 'qword'.
- 'i' signifies that the value is treated as opposite-to-normal endianess,
- 's' signifies that value is treated as signed.

14 Table callback

Various callback-related functions.

14.1 callback.register: Register a callback

• Syntax: function callback.register(string cbname, function cbfun);

Instruct function < cbfun> to be added to list of callbacks to call on event < cbname> (See section 16). The callback name does not have the 'on_' prefix (e.g. "paint"). Returns < cbfun>.

14.2 callback.unregister: Unregister a callback

• Syntax: function callback.unregister(string cbname, function cbfun);

 $Instruct\ function\ {<}cbfun{>}\ to\ be\ removed\ from\ list\ of\ callbacks\ to\ call\ on\ event\ {<}cbname{>}.$

15 Table _SYSTEM

Contains copy of global variables from time of Lua initialization. Non-writeable.

16 Callbacks

Various callbacks to Lua that can occur.

16.1 on paint: Screen is being painted

• Callback: on_paint(bool not_synth)

Called when screen is being painted. Any gui. * calls requiring graphic context draw on the screen.

• not synth is true if this hook is being called in response to received frame, false otherwise.

16.2 on video: Dumped video frame is being painted

• Callback: on video()

Called when video dump frame is being painted. Any gui.* calls requiring graphic context draw on the video.

16.3 on frame emulated: Frame emulation complete

• Callback: on frame emulated()

Called when emulating frame has completed and on paint()/on video() calls are about to be issued.

16.4 on frame: Frame emulation starting.

• Callback: on frame()

Called on each starting whole frame.

16.5 on startup: Emulator startup complete

• Callback: on startup()

Called when the emulator is starting (Isnes.rc and -run files has been run).

16.6 on rewind: Movie rewound to beginning

• Callback: on rewind()

Called when rewind movie to beginning has completed.

16.7 on pre load: Load operation is about to start

• Callback: on pre load(string name)

Called just before savestate/movie load occurs (note: loads are always delayed, so this occurs even when load was initiated by lua).

16.8 on err Load: Load failed

• Callback: on err load(string name)

Called if loadstate goes wrong.

16.9 on post load: Load completed

• Callback: on post load(string name, boolean was savestate)

Called on successful loadstate. was_savestate gives if this was a savestate or a movie.

16.10 on pre save: Save operation is about to start

• Callback: on pre save(string name, boolean is savestate)

Called just before savestate save occurs (note: movie saves are synchronous and won't trigger these callbacks if called from Lua).

16.11 on err save: Save failed

• Callback: on err save(string name)

Called if savestate goes wrong.

16.12 on post save: Save completed

• Callback: on_post_save(string name, boolean is_savestate)

Called on successful savaestate. is savestate gives if this was a savestate or a movie.

16.13 on quit: Emulator is shutting down

• Callback: on quit()

Called when emulator is shutting down.

16.14 on input: Polling for input

Called when emulator is just sending input to bsnes core. Warning: This is called even in readonly mode, but the results are ignored.

16.15 on reset: System has been reset

• Callback: on reset()

Called when system is reset.

16.16 on readwrite: Entered readwrite mode

• Callback: on_readwrite()

Called when moving into readwrite mode as result of "set-rwmode" command (note: moving to rwmode by Lua won't trigger this, as per recursive entry protection).

16.17 on snoop/on snoop2: Snoop core controller reads

- Callback: on snoop(number port, number controller, number index, number value)
- Callback: on snoop2(number port, number controller, number index, number value)

Called each time bsnes asks for input. The value is the final value to be sent to bsnes core (readonly mode, autohold and autofire have been taken into account). Might be useful when translating movies to format suitable for console verification. Note: There is no way to modify the value to be sent.

• On_snoop2 is called instead of on_snoop if defined. Reserves port 0 for system, having first user port be port 1.

16.18 on keyhook: Hooked key/axis has been moved

• Callback: on keyhook(string keyname, table state)

Sent when key that has keyhook events requested changes state. Keyname is name of the key (group) and state is the state (same kind as table values in input.raw).

16.19 on_idle: Idle event

• Callback: on idle()

Called when requested by set idle timeout(), the timeout has expired and emulator is waiting.

16.20 on timer: Timer event

• Callback: on timer()

Called when requested by set_idle_timeout() and the timeout has expired (regardless if emulator is waiting).

16.21 on set rewind: Rewind point has been set

• Callback: on set rewind(UNSAFEREWIND r)

Called when unsafe rewind object has been constructed.

16.22 on pre rewind: Rewind is about to occur

• Callback: on_pre_rewind()

Called just before unsafe rewind is about to occur.

16.23 on post rewind: Rewind has occured

• Callback: on post rewind()

Called just after unsafe rewind has occured.

16.24 on button: Button has been pressed

• Callback: on button(number port, number controller, number index, string type)

Called on controller button press, with following parameters:

- port: Port number (0 is system)
- controller: Controller within port
- index: Index of button.
- type: Type of event, one of:
 - "pressed": Button was pressed.
 - "released": Button was released.
 - "hold": Held.
 - "unhold": Released from hold.
 - "type": Typing input on button.
 - "untype": Typing input undone.
 - "autofire <duty> <cycle>": Autofire with specifie duty and cycle.
 - "autofire": Stop autofire.
 - "analog": Analog action on axis.

16.25 on movie lost: Movie data is about to be lost

• Callback: on_movie_lost(STRING kind)

Called just before something would happen that could lose movie data. Kind can be:

- readwrite: Switching to readwrite mode.
- reload: ROM is being reloaded in readwrite mode.
- load: New movie is being loaded.
- unsaferewind: Unsafe rewind is happening.