

# Chapel Language Specification 0.6.0

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## **1 Scope**

Chapel is a new parallel programming language that is under d



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### **3 Organization**

This specification is organized as follows:

- Section 1, Scope, describes the scope of this specification.
- Section 2, Notation, introduces the notation that is used th











### **5.1.2 Locality Aware Programming**

Locality-aware programming, in the style of HPF and ZPL, provides without requiring a fragmentation of control structure. Th





#### **5.2.4 Statements and Expressions**

Examples of

Statement	Example
For Loop	



Expression	Example
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( )	





## **7 Types**



### 7.1.6 The String Type

Strings are a primitive type designated by the symbol `string`. Their length is unbounded.

### 7.1.7 Primitive Type Literals

Bool literals are designated by the following syntax:

*bool-literal*:

Note that real literals require that a digit follow the decim















## **9 Conversions**

### **9.1.3 Implicit Class Conversions**

An expression of class tyoe







A *call-expression* is resolved to a particular function according to the algorithm for function resolution described in §13.8.

A *named-*













```
def *(a: real(128), b: real(128)): real(128)

def *(a: imag(32), b: imag(32)): real(32)
def *(a: imag(64), b: imag(64)): real(64)
def *(a: imag(128), b: imag(128)): real(128)

def *(a: complex(64), b:
```

```
def /(a: complex
```

### **10.9.8 Exponentiation Operators**



For each of these definitions that return a value, the result is computed by applying the AND operation to the bits of the operands.

It is a compile-time error to apply the bitwise and operator to

```
def <<(a: int(32), b): int(32)
```

## **10.13 Relational Operators**













Values of one primitive or enumerated type can be assigned to another primitive or enumerated type if an



## **11.8 The For Loop**

### 11.8.3 Parameter For Loops

Parameter for loops are unrolled by the compiler so that the index variable is a parameter rather than a variable. The syntax for a parameter for loop statement is given by:

```
param-for-statement :  
  for param identifier in
```

























arity	operators
unary	+ - ! ~
binary	+ - * / % ** &&     ! == <= >= < > << >> &   ^ #

The arity and precedence of the operator must be maintained when it is overloaded. Operator resolution follows the same algorithm as function resolution.

## 13.8 Function Resolution

Given a function call, the function that the call resolves to is determined according to the following algorithm:

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- If

## *Functions*







#### 14.4.1 Class Method Declarations

Methods are functions that are bound to a class. They are declared with the following syntax:

```
method - declaration - statement :- ef type - binding fn nctio n
```













## **16   Unions**

This section is forthcoming.









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## **18.5 Iteration over Sequences**

### 18.7.2 Sequence Indexing by Tuples

If  $s$  is a sequence and  $\tau$  is a tuple of integers of size  $k$ , then the expression  $s(\tau)$  indexes into the sequence  $s$   $k$  times using the integers in the tuple. In this case,  $s$  must be a sequence whose rank is at least as great as the size of  $\tau$ . If  $s$  has rank less than the size of the tuple, then the result is a sequence.

If the integers in tuple  $\tau$  are  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k$ , then the expression  $s(\tau)$  is equivalent to  $s[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k]$ . For example, if  $s$  is a sequence of rank 3 and  $\tau = (1, 2, 3)$ , then  $s(\tau)$  is equivalent to  $s[1, 2, 3]$ . If  $s$  has rank less than the size of the tuple, then the result is a sequence.



### 18.10.1 Sequences in Select Statements

When a sequence expression is used as a top-level expression in the condition of a select statement, there are two interpretations. If the condition in the when expression is itself a sequence, the equality operator is used to compare the sequences and then an implicit `&&` reduction is applied to produce a single bool alue. If the condition in the when expression is a scalar, the equality operat

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**18.12.3 The**









**19.1.2 Index Types**





If the zipper iteration is illegal, then the assignment is illegal. Notice that the assignment is implemented with

values of their element type. In this case, each element in the array is  
implicitly

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*Example.* The expression  $[1..5, 1..5]$  defines a



## **19.6 Opaque Domains and Arrays**

This section is forthcoming.

### **19.6.1 Opaque Domain and Array Types**

This section is forthcoming.

### **19.6.2 Opaque Domain Index Types**

This section is forthcoming.

### **19.6.3 Adding Indices to Opaque Domains**

This section is forthcoming.

### **19.6.4 Removing Indices from Opaque Domains**

This section is forthcoming.

## **19.7 Enumerated Domains and Arrays**

This section is forthcoming.

### **19.7.1 Enumerated Domain and Array Types**

This section is forthcoming.

### **19.7.2 Enumerated Domain Index Types**

This section is forthcoming.

## **19.8 Association of Arrays to Domains**

This section is forthcoming.



## **20 Iterators**

An iterator is a function that conceptually returns a sequence of values rather than simply a single value.



## 21 Generics

Chapel supports generic functions and types that are parameterizable over both types and parameters. The generic functions and types look similar to non-generic functions and types already discussed.

### 21.1 Generic Functions

A function is generic if any of the following conditions hold:

- Some argument is specified with a variant of `type`.
- Some argument has no specified type and no default value.
- Some argument is specified with a queried type.
- The type of some argument is a generic type, e.g., `int`.
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### **21.3.3 Fields without Types**

## 21.4 **fh**here Expressions



**22.1.2 Forall Expressions**













**var**

## **23 Locality and Distribution**





```
forall d in D {
```



## *Reductions and Scans*



## **25 Input and Output**

This section is forthcoming.







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