The Language Loan

BNF-converter

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The lexical structure of Loan

Identifiers

Identifiers ⟨*Ident*⟩ are unquoted strings beginning with a letter, followed by any combination of letters, digits, and the characters `_ '`, reserved words excluded.

Literals

Integer literals ⟨*Int*⟩ are nonempty sequences of digits.

Double-precision float literals ⟨*Double*⟩ have the structure indicated by the regular expression ⟨*digit*⟩ + '*.*'⟨*digit*⟩ + ('*e*''*-*'?⟨*digit*⟩+)? i.e. two sequences of digits separated by a decimal point, optionally followed by an unsigned or negative exponent.

String literals ⟨*String*⟩ have the form `"`x`"`, where x is any sequence of any characters except `"` unless preceded by `\`.

URILit literals are recognized by the regular expression '<'(⟨*anychar*⟩ − [“<>”{}|\”]) ∗ '>'

Reserved words and symbols

The set of reserved words is the set of terminals appearing in the grammar. Those reserved words that consist of non-letter characters are called symbols, and they are treated in a different way from those that are similar to identifiers. The lexer follows rules familiar from languages like Haskell, C, and Java, including longest match and spacing conventions.

The reserved words used in Loan are the following:

```
extension  false  future
intension  not    past
present    true
```

The symbols used in Loan are the following:

```
@base     .       @prefix
@import   @delay  @operator
?         !       ==>
<=>       =/>     =\
=|>       </>     <|>
&&        ||      ;
,         -->     <->
}->       --[     }-[
(         )       &
|         -       ~
-|-       {       }
[         ]       #
:         %
```

Comments

Single-line comments begin with `//`.
Multiple-line comments are enclosed with `/*` and `*/`.

The syntactic structure of Loan

Non-terminals are enclosed between ⟨ and ⟩. The symbols ::= (production), | (union) and ϵ (empty rule) belong to the BNF notation. All other symbols are terminals.

⟨*Document*⟩ ::= ⟨*BaseRule*⟩ ⟨*ListSentence*⟩
    | ⟨*ListSentence*⟩

⟨*BaseRule*⟩ ::= `@base` ⟨*URILit*⟩ `.`

⟨*ListSentence*⟩ ::= ϵ
    | ⟨*Sentence*⟩ ⟨*ListSentence*⟩

```
⟨Sentence⟩  ::=  @prefix ⟨NSPrefix⟩ ⟨URILit⟩ .
              |  @import ⟨URILit⟩ .
              |  @delay ⟨Integer⟩ .
              |  @operator ⟨URIRef⟩ .
              |  ⟨Stm⟩ ⟨TruthValue⟩ .
              |  ⟨Stm⟩ ?
              |  ⟨Stm⟩ ⟨TruthValue⟩ !

⟨Stm⟩  ::=  ⟨Stm⟩ ==> ⟨Stm1⟩
         |  ⟨Stm⟩ <=> ⟨Stm1⟩
         |  ⟨Stm⟩ =/> ⟨Stm1⟩
         |  ⟨Stm⟩ =\ ⟨Stm1⟩
         |  ⟨Stm⟩ =|> ⟨Stm1⟩
         |  ⟨Stm⟩ </> ⟨Stm1⟩
         |  ⟨Stm⟩ <|> ⟨Stm1⟩
         |  ⟨Stm1⟩

⟨Stm1⟩  ::=  ⟨Stm1⟩ && ⟨Stm2⟩
          |  ⟨Stm1⟩ || ⟨Stm2⟩
          |  ⟨Stm1⟩ ; ⟨Stm2⟩
          |  ⟨Stm1⟩ , ⟨Stm2⟩
          |  ⟨Stm2⟩

⟨Stm2⟩  ::=  not ⟨Stm3⟩
          |  past ⟨Stm3⟩
          |  present ⟨Stm3⟩
          |  future ⟨Stm3⟩
          |  ⟨Stm3⟩

⟨Stm3⟩  ::=  ⟨Term⟩ --> ⟨Term⟩
          |  ⟨Term⟩ <-> ⟨Term⟩
          |  ⟨Term⟩ }-> ⟨Term⟩
          |  ⟨Term⟩ --[ ⟨Term⟩
          |  ⟨Term⟩ }-[ ⟨Term⟩
          |  ⟨Term⟩ ( ⟨ListTerm⟩ )
          |  ⟨Term⟩
          |  ( ⟨Stm⟩ )

⟨Term⟩  ::=  ⟨Term⟩ & ⟨Term1⟩
          |  ⟨Term⟩ | ⟨Term1⟩
          |  ⟨Term1⟩

⟨Term1⟩  ::=  ⟨Term1⟩ - ⟨Term2⟩
           |  ⟨Term1⟩ ~ ⟨Term2⟩
           |  ⟨Term2⟩
```

```
⟨Term2⟩      ::=  ⟨Term⟩ extension ( ⟨ListTerm⟩ _|_ ⟨ListTerm⟩ )
              |   ⟨Term⟩ intension ( ⟨ListTerm⟩ _|_ ⟨ListTerm⟩ )
              |   ⟨Term3⟩

⟨Term3⟩      ::=  { ⟨ListTerm⟩ }
              |   [ ⟨ListTerm⟩ ]
              |   ( ⟨ListTerm⟩ )
              |   ⟨Literal⟩
              |   ( ⟨Stm⟩ )
              |   ( ⟨Term⟩ )

⟨ListTerm⟩   ::=  ϵ
              |   ⟨Term⟩
              |   ⟨Term⟩ , ⟨ListTerm⟩

⟨ListIdent⟩  ::=  ϵ
              |   ⟨Ident⟩
              |   ⟨Ident⟩ , ⟨ListIdent⟩

⟨URIRef⟩     ::=  ⟨URILit⟩
              |   ⟨NSPrefix⟩ ⟨Ident⟩

⟨Literal⟩    ::=  ? ⟨Ident⟩
              |   ?
              |   # ⟨Ident⟩ ( ⟨ListIdent⟩ )
              |   # ⟨Ident⟩
              |   ⟨URIRef⟩
              |   ⟨Integer⟩
              |   ⟨Double⟩
              |   ⟨String⟩
              |   true
              |   false

⟨NSPrefix⟩   ::=  ⟨Ident⟩ :
              |   :

⟨TruthValue⟩ ::=  ϵ
              |   % ⟨Double⟩ %
              |   % ⟨Double⟩ ; ⟨Double⟩ %
```