WAL: Waveform Analysis Language

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The Waveform Analysis Language (WAL) is a *Domain Specific Language* (DSL) for analyzing waveforms produced by hardware simulators. It gives developers the tools they need to naturally express hardware analyzis problems.

1 Introduction

The core unit of WAL are expressions. An expression can be either literals, symbols, or lists. Literals are data like 1 or "hello". Symbols are names that can refer to variables, signals or functions. Some examples for signals are x, Top.module1.input, or print.

2 WAL API

This section contains the documentation for all WAL functions.

2.1 Organization

Organization function can be used to load and step through waveforms as well as introducing aliases for signals.

```
(load path id) \rightarrow ()
path : string
id : symbol
```

Loads the waveform in file path and makes it available to WAL code usign the id id.

```
(step [id amount]) → ()
  id : symbol = all
  amount : integer = 1
```

Step trace id by amount. Both arguments are optional. If no id is provided all traces will be stepped by amount.

```
(alias name signal) → ()
  name : symbol
  signal : symbol
```

Introduces an alias for signal such that it can be also referenced using name.

```
(alias name) \rightarrow () name : symbol
```

Removes the alias name.