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Chapter 1

Introduction

PEARL stands for **P**rocess and **E**xperiment **A**utomation **R**ealtime **L**anguage; it is a higher programming language that allows a comfortable, safe and to a large extent computer-independent programming of multitasking and real-time tasks. PEARL was standardised by DIN in different extension steps:

- DIN 66253, part 1, Basic PEARL, 1981 (subset of Full PEARL)
- DIN 66253, part 2, Full PEARL, 1982
- DIN 66253, part 3, Distributed System PEARL, 1988

Based on the experiences from hundreds of PEARL projects, a gremium of PEARL users and implementators worked out a definition of PEARL 90 in 1989 and 1990 (cf. Stieger, K.: “PEARL 90 — Die Weiterentwicklung von PEARL”, in: *Informatik-Fachberichte 231*, PEARL '89 Workshop über Realzeitsysteme, Springer 1989).

PEARL 90 corresponds to Full PEARL, though some language elements not needed in practice are omitted. On the other hand, PEARL 90 contains some progressive extensions.

This report defines the concrete implementation of the PEARL 90 language in the *OpenPEARL* language, which is a subset of PEARL 90. Some language elements of PEARL 90 are not supported, others are described more detailed.

The appendix contains a list of all data types and their possible applications, a description of the available predefined functions, a complete description of the syntax, because for didactical reasons not all syntactic possibilities are described in the respective sections, as well as a list of all keywords.

Chapter 2

Fundamental Features of PEARL

2.1 Multitasking Characteristics

A data processing program for on-line control or on-line analysis of a technical process must be able to react as soon as possible to spontaneous requests of the process or temporal events. Thus, in most cases it is not sufficient to arrange and to carry out the individual programming steps sequentially, i.e. in temporally unchangeable order. The more or less complex automation problem has rather to be split up into problem related parts with varying urgency, and the program structure has to be adapted to this problem structure. Upon this, independent program components for problem parts are created that can be worked on sequentially within other components (e.g. procedures); but also independent program components for problem parts arise that have immediately to be executed in parallel to all other components because of a temporally not necessarily fixed stimulus (e.g. a fault indication from the process). Such a program component is called task; in order to fix their urgency, tasks can be provided with priorities.

For the declaration and the working together of tasks with each other and with the technical process, PEARL offers the following possibilities:

- declaration of tasks, e.g.
`supplies: TASK PRIORITY 2;`
`! task object (declarations, statements)`
`END;`
- starting (activation), e.g.
`ACTIVATE supplies;`
- terminating, e.g.
`TERMINATE printing;`
- suspending, e.g.
`SUSPEND statistics;`

- continuing, e.g.
CONTINUE statistics;
- resuming, e.g.
AFTER 5 SEC RESUME;

According to the requests of automation tasks, some of these statements can be scheduled for (repeated) execution, e.g. if a time, the end of a duration, or a message arrives:

WHEN ready **ACTIVATE** supplies;

(meaning: every time when the interrupt ready occurs, the task supplies has to be activated)

A temporal periodical start can also be scheduled:

AT 12:0:0 ALL 1 SEC UNTIL 12:15:0 ACTIVATE measuring;

Different tasks execute their statements independently of one another, provided relevant measures do not prevent that. However, sometimes a synchronisation of two or more tasks is necessary, e.g. if a task produces data and stores them into a buffer. Here the producer must not work faster than the consumer. More complex synchronisation problems occur, if e.g. a task has to access to a file exclusively (because writing), whereas others can access simultaneously (because reading). In order to solve these synchronisation problems, PEARL contains the data types SEMA and BOLT with corresponding statements, such as

- **REQUEST** conveyorBelt;
- **RELEASE** communicationBuffer;

It is fundamental that these multitasking statements are *computer platform independent*, i.e. *OpenPEARL* programs can run on Linux and Microcontrollers enhanced with FreeRTOS without any changes.

In addition to this, there is the great advantage that the PEARL programmer can program his multitasking statements in a *problem oriented way* with high comfort without becoming deeply involved in the peculiarities of the various operating systems — e.g. in the handling of fork and message queue mechanisms of Unix. The conversion of problem oriented multitasking statements of PEARL into the mechanisms of multitasking operating systems is taken over by the PEARL compiler.

2.2 Possibilities of Input and Output

The transmission of data to or from devices of the standard peripherals (printer, hard disk etc.) or process peripherals (sensors, actuators, etc.), respectively, as well as the control of files take place in PEARL with the help of computer independent statements.

Devices and files are summarised by the term data station. Two kinds of data transmission are distinguished essentially:

- The transmission of data without format control, i.e. without conversion into an external representation:

This kind of data transmission is used for file communication that allows for sequential and direct access as well as for the transmission of process data.

Examples:

```
READ record FROM file BY POS (10);  
WRITE data_set TO logbook;  
TAKE measured_value FROM temperatureSensor;  
SEND on TO motor;
```

- The transmission of data with format control, i.e. with conversion between internal format and external representation with those possibilities available at the data station:

This means e.g. the representation in the characters of a character set of the data station.

Examples:

```
PUT event TO printer BY F(5);  
GET receipt FROM terminal;
```

The names of the data stations can be chosen freely. This is reached by the partitioning of a PEARL program into computer dependent and mostly computer independent parts.

In order to address special devices, the compiler offers a driver interface, to which the PEARL programmer himself can connect device drivers.

2.3 Program Structure

Program systems for the solution of complex automation tasks should be structured in a modular way. PEARL meets this requirement, because a PEARL program consists of one or several separately compilable modules.

Connections between modules are possible by means of so-called global objects (e.g. variables, procedures, tasks).

In order to be able to program the statements for data transmission and to schedule the reactions to the events from the technical process (interrupts) or of the computer hardware (signals) computer independently, a module is usually structured into a system part and a problem part.

In the system part, the used hardware configuration is described. Particularly freely chosen names can here be assigned to the devices and their connections, the interrupts and signals.

Thus, the following example means that a button may emit an interrupt when pressed. The button is connected to the computer at location specified by the system name `GpioInterrupt(2)`.

The button, i.e. `GpioInterrupt 2`, is to be called by the freely selectable computer independent user name `start`:

```
start:  GpioInterrupt(2);
```

Using the user name introduced in the system part, the actual algorithm for the solution of the automation task is programmed computer independently in the problem part, e.g.:

```
WHEN start ACTIVATE measurement_task;
```

In order to structure the algorithms, (named) blocks, procedures and tasks (parallel activities) are available.

2.4 Data Types

The following data types are available in PEARL:

- **FIXED** and **FLOAT** with specifyable precision
- **BIT** and **CHARACTER** strings with specifyable length
- **CLOCK** and **DURATION** for times and durations
- references (**REF**) for indirect addressing
- devices and files (**(DATION)** for standard and process input and output
- interrupts (**INTERRUPT**) for external interrupts
- signals (**SIGNAL**) for internal exceptional situations
- semaphores (**SEMA**) and bolt variables (**BOLT**) for coordinating the access of tasks to shared object

From this, the user himself can build up more complex data structures like arrays, hierarchical structures (**STRUCT**) and lists; with the help of the **TYPE** definition, they can be declared as new, problem oriented data types as well.

2.5 Control Structures

The following control structures are available:

- conditional statement

```
IF expression  
THEN statement...  
ELSE statement...  
FIN;
```

- statement selection_1

```
CASE expression  
ALT (alternative 1) statement...  
ALT (alternative 2) statement...  
...  
OUT statement...  
FIN;
```

- statement selection_2

```
CASE Case_Index  
ALT (Case_List) statement...  
ALT (Case_List) statement...  
...  
OUT statement...  
FIN;
```

- loops

```
FOR ControlVariable FROM start BY StepLength TO end  
REPEAT  
statement...  
END;
```

```
WHILE condition  
REPEAT  
statement...  
END;
```

- exit statement

```
EXIT block;
```


Chapter 3

Rules for the Construction of PEARL Language Forms

A PEARL program can be written free of format; particularly, it is not necessary to pay attention to the fact that a statement starts in a certain column.

All elements of a PEARL program are produced from characters of the following character set. Certainly, character string constants and comments may contain any character that is allowed by ISO 646 and national variants of ISO 646.

OpenPEARL does not check input data for data of type CHAR and the TOCHAR operator to result in values according ISO 646.

3.1 Character Set

The character set of PEARL is a partial set of the ISO 7 bit character set (ISO 646). It contains

- the upper-case letters A to Z
- the lower-case letters a to z
- the digits 0 to 9, and
- the special characters
 - underline
 - space (for better clearness sometimes, underline _ is used)
 - ! exclamation mark (start of the line comment)
 - ' apostrophe
 - (open round parenthesis

)	close round parenthesis
,	comma
.	full stop
;	semicolon
:	colon
+	plus sign (e.g. for addition, algebraic sign)
-	minus sign (e.g. for subtraction, algebraic sign)
*	asterisk (e.g. for multiplication)
/	oblique stroke (e.g. for division)
=	equals sign (e.g. for assignment)
<	less sign
>	greater sign
[square bracket
]	square bracket
\	backslash (for control signs in character strings)

The following character combinations are interpreted as an entity (a compound symbol):

:=	assignment symbol
**	exponentiation symbol
/*	start comment
*/	end comment
//	symbol for integer division
==	equals symbol
/=	not equals symbol
<=	greater or equal symbol
>=	less or equal symbol
<>	cyclic-shift symbol
><	concatenation symbol
'\	start of a control character sequence in character string constants
\'	end of a control character sequence in character string constants

If not all symbols required for program notation are available on a device, the following character sequences can be used alternatively:

LT	for <
GT	for >
EQ	for ==
NE	for /=
LE	for <=
GE	for >=
CSHIFT	for <>
CAT	for ><
(/	for [
/)	for]

This feature is kept for backward compatibility. The equality (==) and not equality (/=) operators are avoided in this document due to possible misinterpretation with the divide operator in C and C++. The substitutes EQ and NE are used.

3.2 Basic Elements

A PEARL program is built up from the following basic elements:

- identifiers
- constants
- delimiters (meaning special characters and compound symbols), and
- comments

Character sequences for identifiers and constants must be followed by delimiters or comments.

3.2.1 Identifiers

Identifiers are used for constructing names of objects (e.g. numerical variables, procedures). They consist of a sequence of letters (upper-case or lower-case), the underline and/or numerals; this sequence has to start with a letter. For identifiers, PEARL distinguishes between upper-case and lower-case letters, i.e., `valve`, `VALVE` and `Valve` denote different objects.

Examples: `counter_1`, `DISPO`, `wait`

Some words have a specific meaning at prescribed positions in the PEARL program; these words are called keywords. E.g., the words `BIT` or `GOTO` are such keywords. The appendix contains a list of all keywords. They must not be used as identifiers and have always to be written with upper-case letters.

To avoid conflicts it is recommended that identifiers start with a lower case letter.

3.2.2 Constants

Constants are integer numbers, floating point numbers, bit strings, character strings, times and durations. They are described in Chapter 5 together with the corresponding variables.

3.2.3 Comments

Comments are used to explain the program and are of no importance for running of the program. There are two kinds of comments: One kind may cover several lines and is put in brackets by the compound symbols `/*` and `*/`. Within these brackets, any characters may occur except the compound symbol `*/` for the end of the comment.

The other kind, the line of comment, starts with an exclamation mark `!` and is terminated by the end of the line.

Comments may be inserted wherever spaces are allowed.

Examples:

```
/* This comment is not ended
   by the end of the line */
! This comment is limited to 1 line
```

3.3 Construction of Language Forms

In the following chapters, the language forms allowed in PEARL are described. In order to make these descriptions exact and as compact as possible, some formal possibilities are needed apart from the verbal formulation:

Each language form has a name, by which it is defined with the help of the (meta) symbol `::=` :

```
NameOfTheLanguageForm ::=
    DefinitionOfTheLanguageForm
```

Example:

```
UpperCaseLetter ::=
    A or B or ... or Z
```

```
Digit ::=
    0 or 1 or ... or 9
```

As this example shows, the definition of a language form may contain elements that are given alternatively when constructing the language form. To shorten that, in the following the alternatively possible elements are divided by the symbol `"|"`:

Example:

```
Letter ::=
    A | B | ... | Z | a | b | ... | z

Digit ::=
    0 | 1 | 2 | ... | 9
```

If one element shall occur on different occasions, but at least once, it is to be provided with three superscribed dots.

Example:

```
SimpleInteger ::=
    Digit ...
```

To express that an element may be missing while constructing the language form, it is given in square brackets “[...]” (The same symbols are used in the PEARL language in conjunction with data structures. To avoid confusion, the brackets in data structures are printed **boldly**).

Example:

```
Identifier ::=
    Letter [ { Letter | Digit | - } ... ]
```

Here, already two further rules were used: The definition of a language form may again contain names of language forms; furthermore the braces and square brackets are also used to put together elements to new elements. Thus, the last example is equivalent to the following:

Example:

```
Identifier ::=
    Letter [ Letter | Digit | - ] ...
```

For the description of lists whose elements are separated by a certain symbol, the list element and the delimiter are given in the form

```
ListElement [ Delimiter ListElement ] ...
```

to define the corresponding language form.

Example:

```
IdentifierList ::=
    Identifier [ , Identifier ] ...
```

For a better understanding or a more exact description of the definition of a language form, elements are often provided with an explanatory or restricting comment that is separated from

the element by the symbol §.

Example:

```
DeviceList ::=
    Identifier$Device [ , Identifier$Device ] ...
```

Chapter 4

Program Structure

4.1 Modules

A PEARL program is constructed of one or several parts, so-called modules, which are translated independently. Each module consists of a system part and/or a problem part.

The general form of a PEARL program reads as follows:

```
Program ::=
    Module ...

Module ::=
    MODULE ( Identifier$OfTheModule ) ;
    { SystemPart [ ProblemPart ] } | ProblemPart
    MODEND ;

SystemPart ::=
    SYSTEM ;
    [ { UserNameDeclaration$ForDationInterruptOrSignal
      | ConfigurationElement } ... ]

ProblemPart ::=
    PROBLEM;
    [{ Declaration | Specification | Identification } ... ]
```

In the system part, the connections of the projected computer are described with the elements of the technical process (sensors, actuators, etc.) and the standard peripherals (keyboard, monitor,

printer, disks, tapes, etc.). The programmer can assign freely selectable names to the entries of the interrupt controller and the peripherals addressed in the I/O statements (in the problem part) to refer to these (computer independent) names in the problem part.

In the problem part, the algorithm for solving the given automation problem is described. For this, the programmer declares the following objects:

- variables and constants for integers, floating point numbers, bit strings, character strings, durations, times, references
- labels
- procedures for frequently occurring partial evaluations
- tasks for the temporarily parallel execution of tasks
- blocks for structuring procedures and tasks
- interrupts
- signals
- synchronisation variables (Sema and Bolt variables) as well as
- data stations and formats for input/output

The required statements are given in the procedures and tasks, together with other “local” declarations which are only needed there. In general, objects may not be used (in statements) until they are declared.

Example:

```

MODULE (moduleName) ;

SYSTEM;
    ! description of the connections and introduction of names for the
    ! peripherals

PROBLEM;
    ! declaration of constants and variables
    ! declaration of interrupts
    ! declaration of data stations

    ! declaration of a task
    !     declaration of local constants and variables
    !     statements

    ! declaration of a procedure
    !     declaration of local constants and variables
    !     statements
    ...

```



```
MODEND;
```

Objects are declared at module level, i.e., outside procedures and tasks, or in procedures and tasks. Objects declared at module level are known in the entire module and can be used or, if needed, changed by each task and procedure of the module, when mentioning the identifier. A declared object in the task or procedure is only known in the respective task or procedure and can only be used or, if needed, changed there.

4.2 Declarations and Specifications

Objects are introduced by *declaration* or *specification*.

4.2.1 Declaration (DCL)

The declaration serves to introduce an object and its name, i.e., when evaluating the declaration, memory space for the object is allocated, and up from now, it can be accessed under the name given in the declaration.

At the module level or in a procedure or task, an object may be declared only once. If an identifier *X* is declared as object both at module level and in a procedure or task, two objects are introduced: In the respective procedure or task, identifier *X* refers to the object (locally) declared there, outside the procedure or task it refers to the object declared at module level (cf. section 4.3, Block Structure).

Example:

```
PROBLEM;
  DECLARE x FLOAT;    ! 1st declaration at module level
  DECLARE x FIXED;    ! 2nd declaration at module level (wrong)

p: PROCEDURE;
  DECLARE x FIXED;    ! declaration in procedure p (permitted)
  ...
  x := 3;              ! assignment to the local variable x
  ...
END;                 ! p

t: TASK;
  ...
  x := 5;              ! assignment to variable x declared at
                      ! module level
END;                 ! t
...
```

Table 4.1: Permissibility of declarations

object	declaration possible on			
	module level	task level	procedure level	block level
variable, constant	x	x	x	x
label	—	x	x	x
procedure	x	—	—	—
task	x	—	—	—
block	—	x	x	x
Sema, Bolt variable	x	—	—	—
data station, format	x	—	—	—
type	x	x	x	x
signal	x	—	—	—

The different declaration forms are treated with the various objects in the subsequent chapters.

In procedures and tasks,

- tasks
- procedures
- interrupts
- signals
- synchronising variables
- data stations, as well as
- formats

must not be declared or specified.

Table 4.1 shows where which objects may be declared or specified.

4.2.2 Specification (SPC) and Identification (SPC IDENT)

With a specification, an already declared object is referred to. This is meaningful for objects which are declared in a module, and which shall be used in other modules (cf. 4.4, References between Modules), but also for introducing additional names for already declared objects in general.

Example:

Object x of type `FIXED (15)` shall get xx as 2nd name — or formulated in a different way: Object x shall be *identified* with name xx:

```

PROBLEM;
...
DECLARE x FIXED;
...
SPECIFY xx FIXED IDENT (x);
...
xx := 7; ! assignment to object x inside a PROC or TASK

```

In general, the form of identification reads as follows:

```

Identification ::=
    { SPC | SPECIFY } Identifier [ INV ] Type IdentificationAttribute ;

IdentificationAttribute ::=
    IDENT ( Name§Object )

```

The given type has to correspond to the type of the named object. More details are defined when presenting the various objects.

4.3 Block Structure, Validity of Objects

Blocks are used to structure task or procedure bodies and to influence the scope and the life-span of PEARL objects. A block is a summary of declarations and statements:

```

Block ::=
    BEGIN
        [{ Declaration | Identification } ... ]
        [ Statement ... ]
    END [ Identifier§Block ] ;

```

Blocks are regarded as statements and may thus only occur in tasks and procedures, but there even nested. The entry into a block takes place when executing **BEGIN**. A block is left by the corresponding **END** or by a branch to a statement outside the block, e.g., by the **EXIT** statement (cf. 7.5). Jumps into a block are not allowed.

Within the blocks, no procedures may be declared!

Memory space is not allocated to the (local) objects declared in a block until the block is entered; it is abandoned when leaving the block. Like tasks, procedures and repetitions, blocks can

introduce and remove objects dynamically and thus provide the opportunity to use the available memory space repeatedly.

Thus, some rules for the life-span and the scope range of these objects have to be established:

The life-span of an object is the (processing) time between the evaluation of its declaration and the execution of the end of the block (or of the repetition, procedure, task or module), where the declaration takes place.

The scope of an object are all parts of the program where the object can be used. The following rules are to be obeyed:

- An object declared at module level is usable at the module level and in all tasks and procedures of this module (however, see 4.4), even in all encapsulated procedures, blocks and repetitions with the following exception: The scope range is restricted, if in one of the tasks or procedures another object is declared under the same name.
- An object declared in a task, procedure, repetition or block is usable in this task, procedure, repetition or block and all encapsulated procedures, repetitions and blocks with the following exception: The scope is restricted, if in one of the encapsulated procedures, repetitions or tasks another object is declared under the same name.

Example:

```

PROBLEM;
DCL x FIXED;
    ...
SPC xx FIXED IDENT (x);
t: TASK;
    ...
END; ! t

p: PROC;
    DCL y FIXED;
    x := 2;
    BEGIN
        DCL x FLOAT;
        x := 3 ;
        ...
        BEGIN
            DCL x DUR;
            ...
        END;
        ...
    END;
    y := x; ! y = 2
    ...
END; ! p
    ...

```

MODEND;

After **END**, blocks can be provided with identifiers, so that encapsulated blocks can be left deliberately with the help of the **EXIT** statement (cf. 7.5).

4.4 References between Modules

If a PEARL program consists of several modules, it can be necessary to use objects declared in a module and occupying memory space there (data, procedures, etc.) in other modules as well. For this reason, these (global) objects are declared with the global attribute at module level in the module where they are to occupy memory space, and specified with the global attribute at the module level in the other modules. In this way, the scope of objects declared at module level can be extended.

Example:

<pre> MODULE (a); PROBLEM; ... DCL x FIXED GLOBAL; ... x := 2; ... MODEND; </pre>	<pre> MODULE (b); PROBLEM; ... SPC x FIXED GLOBAL (a); ... x := 3; ... MODEND; </pre>
--	--

All data stations, interrupts and signals given in the system part of a certain module are regarded as declared (implicitly) with the global attribute.

The general form of the global attribute reads:

<pre> GlobalAttribute ::= GLOBAL [(Identifier\$OfTheModule)] </pre>
--

In declarations `Identifier$OfTheModule` is forbidden.

In specifications, the `Identifier$OfTheModule` may be omitted. In this case, the identifier of the module is inserted. The `Identifier$OfTheModule` denotes the module name of the corresponding declaration. The same module name may be used in different source files.

Identifiers, which are defined in modules with different names, are distinct.

When specifying an object, all attributes have to be taken over from its declaration, except for a given priority. The effective precision or length must fit exactly. Maybe the literal specification and declaration differ due to different length declarations in the corresponding section of the program.

Example:

```
MODULE (a) ;
PROBLEM;
t: TASK PRIO 3 GLOBAL;
    ! task body

END; ! t

p: PROC (A(,) FIXED IDENT)
    GLOBAL;
    ! procedure body
END; ! p
...
MODEND;
```

```
MODULE (b) ;
PROBLEM;
SPC t TASK GLOBAL (a) ,
    p PROC ((,) FIXED IDENT)
    GLOBAL (a) ;
init: TASK;
    DCL tab (10,20) FIXED;
    ...
    CALL p (tab);
    ...
    ACTIVATE t;
END; ! init
...
MODEND;
```

The different forms of specifying global objects are defined when presenting the objects.

4.5 Execution of a Program

After the loading of a PEARL program, the PEARL run time system automatically starts all tasks marked by the attribute MAIN according to their priority. OpenPEARL supports tasks with attribute MAIN in multiple modules.

Example:

```
MODULE (Main);
SYSTEM;
PROBLEM;
start: TASK MAIN;
    ! activating and scheduling of other tasks
END; start

measuring: TASK PRIO 1;
    ! task body
END; ! measuring
...
MODEND;
```

After the loading, the task `start` is started first.

Chapter 5

Variables and Constants

5.1 Declaration and Specification of Variables and Constants

Upon its execution, a PEARL program uses and modifies integers, floating point numbers, bit strings, character strings, times and durations. These data occur in form of constants or as values of variables. Constants are identified by their notations and keep their values during the entire program execution. Variables denote data (their values) which can change during the program execution.

Generally, the value range of a variable is limited to a single kind of data, e.g. bit strings, which determines the type of the variable (Bit string variables have only bit strings as values, e.g.). This type has to be defined with its identifier, when declaring or specifying a variable.

Example:

```
/* declaration of a variable switch of type bit string of length 1 */  
DECLARE switch BIT;  
  
/* specification of a global variable status of type bit string  
of length 16 */  
SPECIFY status BIT(16) GLOBAL(otherModule);
```

A variable denotes *one* data element, e.g. *one* integer, *one* bit string, etc.; in the following, such scalar variables are treated. The possibilities to summarise scalar variables to arrays and structures are described in [5.10](#) and [5.11](#).

When declaring a variable, its type has to be given in a type attribute; if different variables with the same type attribute are to be declared, this can take place in form of a list in a declaration, e.g., by

DECLARE (x, y, z) **FLOAT**;

the three variables x, y, and z are declared with the type attribute **FLOAT**. For simpler notation, different declarations may be formulated in a declaration by separating them by commas:

```
DECLARE x FLOAT,
        i FIXED;
```

Summarised, scalar variables can be declared as follows:

```
ScalarVariableDeclaration ::=
    { DECLARE | DCL } ScalarDeclareDataSentence
    [ , ScalarDeclareDataSentence ] ... ;

ScalarDeclareDataSentence ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList [ INV ] TypeAttribute [ GlobalAttribute ]
    [ InitialisationAttribute ]

TypeAttribute ::=
    SimpleType | TypeReference | Identifier$ForType

SimpleType ::=
    TypeFixed | TypeFloat |
    TypeBitString | TypeCharacterString |
    TypeClock | TypeDuration
```

The general form of specifying scalar variables reads as follows:

```
ScalarVariableSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } VariableDenotationS
    [ , VariableDenotationS ] ... ;

VariableDenotationS ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList [ INV ] TypeAttribute
    { GlobalAttribute | IdentificationAttribute }
```

Allocation protection and initialisation attribute are described in 5.14, identification and global attributes were already defined in 4.2 and 4.4.

Subsequently, the different type possibilities are presented; variables of type Sema, Bolt, Interrupt or Signal are considered in 9.4, 9.5 and 10.

5.2 Integers (FIXED)

Integers can be written in decimal or dual representation. The decimal representation of an integer consists of a sequence of decimal digits. The dual representation consists of a sequence of the digits 0 and 1, terminated with character B.

Examples:

integer	decimal pres.	dual pres.
6	6	110B
123	123	1111011B

Furthermore, the precision of the representation can be defined for a numerical constant by noting the number of bit positions, in which it shall be represented computer internally without signs, in brackets behind the numerical constant.

Example: 123 (31) Integer 123 is presented in 31 bit positions.

If no precision is given for a constant, the precision is derived from the corresponding LENGTH specification.

Variables for integers are declared with the type attribute FIXED.

```
TypeFixed ::=
    FIXED [ ( Precision ) ]

Precision ::=
    IntegerWithoutPrecision$GreaterOrEqualZero
```

The precision gives the number of bit positions in which the corresponding value of the variable (without signs) is represented. If the precision declaration is lacking, the precision defined in a length specification (see 5.6) is inserted.

OpenPEARL assumes that FIXED values are stored in the two's-complement representation. The lengths from 0 to 63 are supported. All operations are monitored for successful operation. In case of a range violations the signal FixedRangeSignal is induced. In case of divide by zero or remainder by zero the signal FixedDivideByZeroSignal is induced.

Example:

```
DCL counter FIXED (31) ,
      (i, j, k) FIXED;
...
i := 2;
```

5.3 Floating Point Numbers (FLOAT)

Constants for floating point numbers can be represented as a sequence of

1. a point, an integer and possibly an exponent to the basis 10, where an exponent consists of a sequence of the character E, possibly a plus or minus sign, and an integer

Example: .123 (corresponds to 0.123)
 .123E2 (corresponds to 12.3)
 .123E-1 (corresponds to 0.0123)

2. an integer followed by a sequence given in 1.

Example: 3.123E2 (corresponds to 312.3)

3. an integer, a point, and possibly an exponent

Example: 3. (corresponds to 3.0)

4. an integer and an exponent

Example: 3E-2 (corresponds to 0.03)

Analogously to integers, even constants for floating point numbers can be defined with precision.

Variables of type floating point number (with integers or floating point numbers as values) are declared with type attribute `FLOAT`.

```
TypeFloat ::=
    FLOAT [ ( Precision ) ]
```

OpenPEARL supports the lengths 23 and 52 according the IEEE-754 standard. All operations are monitored for successful operation. In case of range violations or divide by zero the result is set to INF (infinity) and `FloatIsINFSignal` is induced. In case of operations leading to NaN (not a number) the signal `FloatIsNaNSignal` is induced. The default preset value of `FLOAT` values is NaN, which will produce the `FloatIsNaNSignal` when used without prior assignment.

The precision for float literals is derived in the priority from:

1. the given precision like 1.0(53)
2. the `LENGTH` statement
3. the default value is given in table [5.1](#)

Example:

```

DCL (x,y,z) ,
      coeff FLOAT(52);
...
x:=3.5; y:=1; coeff:=3.14E-10;

```

5.4 Bit Strings (BIT)

A bit string constant can be given in binary form (B1), in form of tetrades (B2), octades (B3), or in hexadecimal form (B4).

The form Bi (i=1,...,4) consists of an apostrophe, a sequence of

- digits 0 and 1 in case B1
- digits 0 to 3 in case B2
- digits 0 to 7 in case B3
- digits 0 to 9 and letters A to F in case B4

followed by an apostrophe and the corresponding attribute B1 or B2 or B3 or B4.

Example:

```

'110010100111'B1  corresponds to
'302213'B2        corresponds to
'6247'B3          corresponds to
'CA7'B4

```

Instead of B1, B can be written in a shorter way. The following tables show the assignment between the binary form and the other forms:

B2	B1	B3	B1	B4	B1	B4	B1
0	00	0	000	0	0000	8	1000
1	01	1	001	1	0001	9	1001
2	10	2	010	2	0010	A	1010
3	11	3	011	3	0011	B	1011
		4	100	4	0100	C	1100
		5	101	5	0101	D	1101
		6	110	6	0110	E	1110
		7	111	7	0111	F	1111

Variables for bit strings are to be declared with type attribute BIT.

```

TypeBitString ::=
    BIT [ ( LengthOfString ) ]

LengthOfString ::=
    IntegerWithoutPrecision§GreaterZero

```

Length gives the number of elements of the bit string. If the length option is lacking, it had either to be defined in a length definition (see 5.6), or 1 is assumed as length.

Example:

```

DCL xCoord BIT (2) ,
      yCoord BIT (8) ;
...
xCoord := '01'B;
yCoord := 'A9'B4;

```

The addressing of parts of bit strings is treated in 6.1, Expressions.

OpenPEARL supports all lengths from 1 to 64. In case of selecting a slice which is not part of the bit string, the signal `BitIndexOutOfRangeSignal` is induced.

5.5 Character Strings (CHARACTER)

A character string constant consists of an apostrophe, a sequence of any characters (besides of apostrophe) and an apostrophe.

Example: `'fault no.: '`

If, however, the character string has to contain an apostrophe, it has to be represented by two subsequent apostrophes.

Example: `'fault''no.: '`

Control characters can be inserted into character string constants with the help of the switch symbols `'\` and `\'`. The control characters are given as pairs of sedecimal digits.

Examples:

```

'This string '\ 0D 0A \'' contains two control characters'
''\1B\' control character at the start of the string'
'control character at the end of the string'\00\'
''\00\' /* string consisting of one single control character */

```

Example: Note that `'20'B4` is the code of the space character

```
'By changing over to the control character sequence'\20
\' very long character string constants'\20
\' can be created (independently from the used editor).'
```

Variables for character strings are declared by the type attribute CHARACTER.

```
TypeCharacterString ::=
    { CHARACTER | CHAR } [ ( LengthOfString ) ]
```

Length gives the number of characters. If no length is indicated, it had either to be defined in a length specification (see 5.6) or length 1 is assumed.

Examples:

```
DCL articleIdentifier CHAR(6);
...
articleIdentifier:='BCD/27';
```

The addressing of parts of character strings is treated in 6.1, Expressions.

OpenPEARL supports all lengths from 1 to 32767. All operations are monitored: In case defining a CHAR variable with more than 32767 elements the `CharacterTooLongSignal` is induced. In case of selecting a slice which is not part of the CHAR variable the `CharacterIndexOutOfRangeSignal` is induced.

5.6 The Length Definition

With the length definition, the precisions and lengths for such number and string objects are defined, whose precisions and lengths are not determined by notation (for constants) or declaration (for variables).

```
LengthDefinition ::=
    LENGTH { { FIXED | FLOAT } ( Precision ) |
             { BIT | CHARACTER | CHAR } ( LengthOfString ) };
```

Example:

```
PROBLEM;
  LENGTH FIXED(15);
  LENGTH FLOAT(52);
  DCL a    FIXED,      /* A is of type FIXED(15) */
      x    FLOAT,     /* X is of type FLOAT(52) */
```

```

    y  FLOAT(23);    /* Y is of type FLOAT(23) */
    ...

```

For a length definition, the same validity rules are valid as for variable declarations (see 4.3, Block Structure).

The default length for the data types is shown in table 5.1.

Type	default length
FIXED	31
FLOAT	23
CHAR	1
BIT	1

Table 5.1: Default length of the data types in OpenPEARL

5.7 Times (CLOCK)

A time constant consists of a positive integer to state the hour, an integer between 0 and 59 for the minute, and a floating point number between 0 and 59.999... for the second — separated by a colon, each. The hour is interpreted modulo 24.

Example:

```

11:30:00      means 11.30
15:45:3.5     means 15.45 and 3.5 seconds
25:00:00      means 1.00

```

Variables for times are declared with type attribute `CLOCK`.

```

TypeClock ::=
    CLOCK

```

Example:

```

DCL time CLOCK;
...
time:=12:30:00;

```

OpenPEARL provides a resolution for `CLOCK` values of $1\mu s$

5.8 Durations (DURATION)

A duration constant is composed of stating an hour, a minute, and a second, however, single pieces of specifications may be lacking. An hour is given by an integer and the character sequence HRS, a minute by an integer and the character sequence MIN, a second by a floating point number and the character sequence SEC.

Examples:

5 **MIN** 30 **SEC** means 5 minutes and 30 seconds
 .05 **SEC** means 50 milliseconds
 5 **HRS** 10 **SEC** means 5 hours and 10 seconds

The integers and floating point numbers in time constants must not contain precision specifications.

Variables for durations have to be declared with the type attribute DURATION or DUR.

```
TypeDuration ::=
    DURATION | DUR
```

Example:

```
DCL delay DUR;
...
delay:=0.1 SEC;
```

OpenPEARL provides a resolution for DURATION values of $1\mu s$ and a range of $\approx \pm 100days$. In case of an arithmetic overflow in calculations with durations, the `DurationValueSignal` is induced. In case of division by a duration or numeric value of zero, the `DurationDivideByZeroSignal` is induced.

5.9 References (REF)

For the indirect addressing, so-called reference variables (pointer variables, pointers) are provided in PEARL. Reference variables have the names of variables as values (they point at variables). Analogously to the variables introduced up to now, the value range of a reference variable is limited to a type of variables given when declaring the reference variables (see, however, 5.11, Interference of Data Structures).

The value of a reference variable, the referenced variable, is referred to with the help of the monadic operator `CONT` (“content”); this process is called “dereferentiation”.

Examples:

```

DCL (k,l) FIXED,
    x FLOAT
    (rk1,rk2) REF FIXED, /* fixed reference variable */
    rx REF FLOAT;        /* float reference variable */
rk1:=k;                    /* rk1 points at k */
rk1:=l;                    /* rk1 points at l */
rk2:=rk1;                  /* rk2 points at l, pointer assignment */
rx:=x;                     /* rx points at x */
rx:=k;                     /* wrong, type unequal */
rx:=rk1;                   /* wrong, type unequal */
l:=2;
k:=CONT rk1;              /* k obtains value 2 */
rk2:=3;                    /* wrong, 3 is no variable */
CONT rk2:=3;              /* l obtains value 3 */
CONT rk2:=k;              /* l obtains value 2 */

```

Instead of `k:=CONT rk1`, `k:=rk1` can be written in a simpler way; i.e., operator `CONT` may be omitted on the right side of an assignment (“implicit dereferentiation”).

In general, it holds:

```

TypeReference ::=
    REF {
        [ VirtualDimensionList ] [ INV ] { SimpleType | StructuredType }
        | [ VirtualDimensionList ] { TypeDation | SEMA | BOLT }
        | TypeProcedure | TASK | INTERRUPT | IRPT | SIGNAL
        | CHAR( )
    }

VirtualDimensionList ::=
    ( [ , ... ] )

Dereferentiation ::=
    CONT { Name$Reference | FunctionCall }

```

The lifetime of the referenced object must be longer or equal as the lifetime of the reference object.

The definition of the language form `TypeReference` shows, which type a variable may have, at which a reference variable shall point. Particularly, reference variables may also point at arrays and structures (cf. 5.10 and 5.11). The number n of commas in the virtual dimension list states that the referenced variable is an $(n + 1)$ dimensional array. On the other hand, reference variables must not point at reference variables; referenced arrays and structures, however, may possess reference variables as elements and components. This can be used, e.g., to interlink structures, or to build up lists in general. Section 5.12, Type Definition, gives an example for

that.

`TypeStructure` and `TypeDation` are defined in 5.12 and 10.2, `TypeProcedure` and `TASK` in 8.3 and 9.1.1, and `REF CHAR()` in 5.9.1.

If a reference variable `R` points at an array `F` with elements `F(i,j,k,...)` or at a structure `S` with components `S.Ki`, the elements of `F` or the components of `S` are addressed (taking `R` as starting-point) with `R(i,j,k,...)` or `R.Ki` without using `CONT`.

Furthermore, a reference variable is dereferentiated implicitly,

- if it is the actual parameter of a procedure call, and if the formal parameter belonging to it is no reference variable.
- if it is used as operand of a dyadic operator, as far as the latter is not defined for values of reference variables like `IS` (see below).

Example:

```
DCL rk REF FIXED,
    k  FIXED;
...
rk:=k; k:=2;
k:=rk+1;      /* equivalent      k:=k+1; */
```

E.g., to mark the end of a linked list a reference variable `NIL` (zero pointer) is provided, possessing a certain, constant value.

To compare the values of reference variables, the dyadic operators `IS` or `ISNT` can be used; `IS` (`ISNT`) provides the result `'1'B ('0'B)`, if both the given reference variables points to the same (different) object(s), otherwise it provides the result `'0'B ('1'B)`.

Example:

```
! TypeOrder is an application specific TYPE
DCL nextOrder REF TypeOrder;
...
IF nextOrder IS NIL THEN
...
FIN;
```

5.9.1 Variable Character String Pointers (REF CHAR())

Variably long character strings can easily be processed with special pointer objects, so-called variable character string pointers.

Example: Declarations of variable character string pointers

```

DCL strPtr REF CHAR();           /* pointer declaration */
SPC print f PROC (REF CHAR()) GLOBAL; /* pointer as parameter */

```

A pointer of type `REF CHAR ()` contains, besides of the address of a character string, two counters storing the maximum length and the actually used length of the referenced character string variable. When assigning the address of a character string variable to a variable character string pointer, both counters are initialised with the length of the referenced character string variable.

Example: Initialisation of a variable character string pointer

```

DCL s1      CHAR(20);
DCL s2      CHAR(100);
DCL strPtr REF CHAR() ;
strPtr:=s1;           /* adr=s1, length=20, max=20 */
strPtr:=s2;           /* adr=s2, length=100, max=100 */

```

Thus, the variable pointer differs at first not from a character string pointer with constant length. When assigning to the character string variable via this pointer, the length of the assigned character string, however, is stored in the counter for the actual length, and the otherwise usual filling of the character string with blanks up to the maximum length is omitted.

Example: Assignment to the referenced variable

```

strPtr:=s1;           /* adr=s1, length=20, max=20 */
CONT strPtr:='OpenPEARL'; /* adr=s1, length=9, max=20 */

strPtr:=s2;           /* adr=s2, length=100, max=100 */
CONT strPtr:='HS Furtwangen'; /* adr=s2, length=13, max=100 */

```

For the subsequent accesses to the character string via this pointer, only the actual length is used.

Example:

```

DCL s1 CHAR(20);
DCL s2 CHAR(100);           /* filler */
DCL strPtr REF CHAR();     /* variable pointer */

strPtr:=s2;           /* adr=s2, length=100, max=100 */
CONT strPtr:='D78120 ' CAT 'Furtwangen'; /* adr=s2, length=17,
                                           max=100 */
s1 := CONT strPtr;

```

After this assignment, the variable `s2` contains the characters `'D78120 Furtwangen'` in the first 17 positions, the other characters were not changed by the assignment. The length index of `'strPtr'` was set to the actual length 17.

For the assignment to `s1`, `CONT strPtr` generates the character string value `'D78120 Furtwangen'` (with type `CHAR(17)`). Due to the assignment rules of PEARL, the character string is extended by three blanks, before this value is assigned to variable `s1` (with type `CHAR(20)`).

Variable character string pointers turn out particularly useful as formal parameters of procedures. Apart from the address of a character string variable, the compiler passes its actual length at the call position. Thus, e.g. an error routine can give out error texts of different length.

Example: Character string pointer as parameters

```
SPC printError PROC (REF CHAR()) GLOBAL};
DCL s1 CHAR(20) INIT('...');
DCL s2 CHAR(100) INIT('...');

...
CALL printError (s1);
CALL printError (s2);
```

Even character string constants may be passed, if the formal parameter was defined with type `REF INV CHAR()`.

Example:

```
SPC printMessage PROC (REF INV CHAR()) GLOBAL;

...
CALL printMessage ('text 1');
CALL printMessage ('longer text 2');
```

A variable character string pointer can be used in all expressions analogously to constant character string pointers. The length check belonging to the type check takes first place at run time.

A variable character string pointer is not allowed as result value of a function. Type `CHAR()` may only be used in combination with `REF`, i.e., parameter type `CHAR() IDENT` is not allowed.

5.10 Arrays

If possible, objects of the same kind are summarised in one identifier, and the various objects are addressed with indices.

The value of all indices must be within the range, otherwise an `IndexOutOfRangeException` is induced. Each index value must fit into `FIXED(31)`.

Example:

An embedded controller controls three devices G(1), G(2), and G(3). For the output of the bit string '0001'B to the controller, G(1) shall be switched on, device G(2) for '0010'B, and device G(3) for '0100'B. Here it suggests itself to summarise the three switch-on signals under one identifier, e.g., switchOn, and to address them with indices:

```
DCL switchOn(1:3) BIT(4),
    i                FIXED;
...
switchOn(1) := '0001'B;
switchOn(2) := '0010'B;
switchOn(3) := '0100'B;
...
/* taking over value of i (index of the device to be switched on)
   from another program part the indicated device may be switched
   on via the usage of switchOn(i) */
```

In general, scalar variables or structs of the same type can be combined into n-dimensional arrays (n=1,2,3,...).

When declaring the array, an identifier is assigned to it; the various array elements (scalar variables) are addressed under this identifier and the definition of their positions within the array (the index).

Thus, with the help of

```
DCL koeff(1:2, 0:3) FIXED;
```

a 2-dimensional array is declared, where the first dimension has the lower boundary 1 and the upper boundary 2, i.e., length 2, whereas the second dimension has the lower boundary 0 and the upper boundary 3, i.e., length 4. This means that koeff consists of the 8 scalar fixed variables

```
koeff(1,0)    koeff(1,1)    koeff(1,2)    koeff(1,3)
koeff(2,0)    koeff(2,1)    koeff(2,2)    koeff(2,3)
```

The general form of a array declaration reads as follows:

```
ArrayDeclaration ::=
    { DECLARE | DCL } ArrayDenotation [ , ArrayDenotation ] ... ;

ArrayDenotation ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList DimensionAttribute
    [ INV ] TypeAttributeForArray
    [ GlobalAttribute ] [ InitialisationAttribute ]

TypeAttributeForArray ::=
    SimpleType | TypeStructure
    | TypeDefinition
```

```

| REF { TypeDation | SEMA | BOLT
      | TypeProcedure | TASK | CHAR ()
      | INTERRUPT | IPRT | SIGNAL
      }

DimensionAttribute ::=
    ( DimensionBoundaries [ , DimensionBoundaries ] ... )

DimensionBoundaries ::=
    [ ConstantFIXEDExpression$ForLowerBoundary : ]
    ConstantFIXEDExpression$ForUpperBoundary

```

Thus, even negative integers are allowed as dimension boundary. The upper boundary of a dimension, however, has always to be greater or equal its lower boundary.

If the lower boundary is not given, value 1 is assumed for it.

Examples:

```

DCL switchOn(3)    BIT(4),
    coeff(2, 0:3) FIXED,
    message(20)    CHAR(12);

```

The one-dimensional array message contains e.g. 20 error texts, so that, in the case of error *i*, a program can pass the message(*i*) to a console (*i*=1,...,20).

Arrays can also be declared mixed with scalar variables in a declaration, e.g.:

```

DCL numberOfMessages INV FIXED(15) INIT(20);
...

DCL message (numberOfMessages) CHAR(12),
    (i, j, k)                FIXED,
    (switchOn, switchOff)(3) BIT(4);

```

The general specification form of an array reads:

```

ArraySpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } ArrayDenotations [ , ArrayDenotations ] ...

ArrayDenotations ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList VirtualDimensionList
    [ INV ] TypeAttributeForArray
    { GlobalAttribute | IdentificationAttribute }

VirtualDimensionList ::=

```

$([, \cdots])$

The number n of commas in the virtual dimension attribute informs that the specified array has $n+1$ dimensions.

In section A.1 of the appendix it is described in tabular form, which objects may be combined to arrays.

5.11 Structures

Arrays allow to combine scalar variables of the *same* type under one identifier; the various variables are addressed by this identifier and their indices.

For many automation problems, especially for those with dispositive character, however, data structures have to be described, whose components have *different* types.

Example:

The contributions for the TV news of one day are stored on magnetic tapes (VTR); the contribution sequence of a certain news broadcast of that day is composed by the editors with the help of a computer controlling the corresponding VTR. For this, a data set is necessary for each contribution with, e.g. the following structure:

- identity label of the contribution
- archive number
- notes whether the contribution already was broadcast in the first, second or third news broadcast of that day
- initial position of the contribution on the tape
- end position of the contribution on the tape
- notes whether original sound is available
- length of the text to be stored, if needed
- a text to be stored, if needed

Such data structures can be described in a problem oriented way as structures; the above structure contribution, e.g., is declared as follows:

```
DCL contribution STRUCT
    [ (identNo, archive) FIXED,
      alreadyBroadcast(3) BIT(1),
```



```
(start, end) FIXED,  
originalSound BIT(1),  
textLength FIXED,  
text CHAR(200)  
];
```

In contrast to array elements, the components of a structure are not addressed via the joint identifier and an index, but via the joint identifier and the identifier denoted in their declaration, where both identifiers are separated by a full-stop.

Example:

By the statement

```
contribution.start := 1027;
```

value 1027 is assigned to the component `Start` of structure `Contribution`.

As the declaration of `contribution` shows, components of structures may be arrays; as usual, the array elements are then addressed with their indexed identifier preceded by the structure identifier, such as in the form

```
IF contribution.alreadyBroadcast(i) THEN...FIN;
```

A structure component, however, can also be a structure itself, so that not only linear, but also hierarchical data structures can be modeled.

Example:

A staff file shall contain descriptions of the staff members; these descriptions each have the structure shown in [Figure 5.1](#).

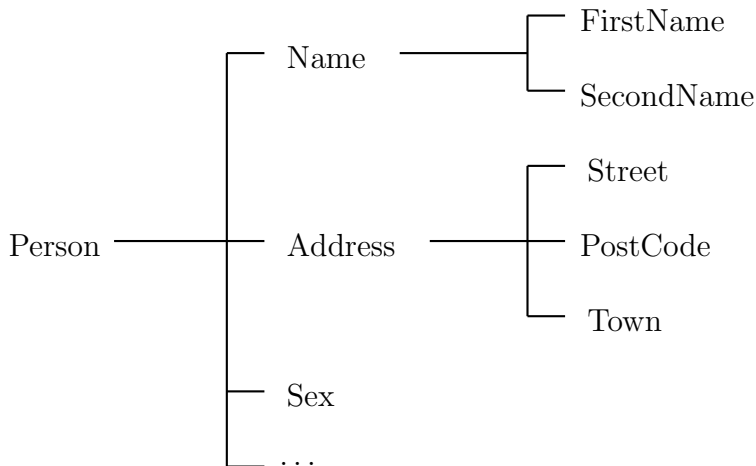


Figure 5.1:

The components Name and Address are structures themselves, namely substructures of the main structure person which can be declared as follows:

```

DCL person STRUCT
  [ name STRUCT
    [ firstName CHAR(10),
      secondName CHAR(15),
    ],
    address STRUCT
    [ street CHAR(15),
      areaCode FIXED,
      town CHAR(15)
    ],
    sex CHAR(1)
    ...
  ];
...

```

Therefore, substructures can be addressed via their identifier and the preceding identifiers of the respective higher level structures.

The type of a structure is determined by the arrangement of its components and their types. Structures of the same type can be combined into arrays:

```

DCL contribution(20) STRUCT...; /* see above */

```

Thus, any component of a structure is generally addressed with its (if needed, indexed) identifier and the (if needed, indexed) identifiers of all higher level structures, where the names are separated by a full-stop, each.

Example:

```

person.name.firstName := 'OTTO';
IF contribution(i).alreadyBroadcast(j) THEN...FIN;

```

The general form of the structure declaration reads:

```

StructureDeclaration ::=
    { DECLARE | DCL } StructureDenotation
    [ , StructureDenotation ] ... ;

StructureDenotation ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList§MainStructure [ DimensionAttribute ]
    [ INV ] TypeStructure
    [ GlobalAttribute ] [ InitialisationAttribute ]

TypeStructure ::=
    STRUCT [ StructureComponent [ , StructureComponent ] ... ]

StructureComponent ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList§ForStructureComponent [ DimensionAttribute ]
    TypeAttributeInStructureComponent

TypeAttributeInStructureComponent ::=
    [ INV ] { SimpleType | StructuredType | TypeReference }

```

The general form of the structure specification reads:

```

StructureSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } StructureDenotationS
    [ , StructureDenotationS ] ... ;

StructureDenotationS ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList§MainRecord [ VirtualDimensionList ]
    [ INV ] TypeStructure
    { GlobalAttribute | IdentificationAttribute }

```

5.12 Type Definition (TYPE)

A certain structure, e.g., can occur as parameter, as substructure in other structures, or as type of the transmission data of a data station. Each time, the type of this structure must be stated, which might cause extensive writing effort for complex structures. For that reason, and to increase the readability of the program, the type of a structure can be defined as new data

type under a freely selectable identifier, and used under this identifier, e.g., to declare variables of this data type.

Example:

```

PROBLEM;
...
TYPE Message STRUCT
    [ (identNo, archive) FIXED,
      alreadyBroadcast(3) BIT(1),
      (start, end) FIXED,
      originalSound BIT(1),
      textLength FIXED,
      text CHAR(200)
    ];

    DCL contentVTR DATION INOUT Message ...;

coord: TASK;
    DCL contribution Message;
    ...
    READ contribution FROM contentVTR;
    ...
END; ! coord
...

```

Generally, a new data type is defined as follows:

```

TypeDefinition ::=
    TYPE Identifier§ForType { SimpleType | TypeStructure } ;

```

The definition of a new data type has to take place before its use. Besides, data types defined at module level, can be used in all tasks and procedures of the module; the usability of locally defined data types depends on the rules of the block structure.

In contrast to global objects, re-defined data types can only be used in the module where they are defined. Thus, type definitions for global objects have to be repeated in all used modules.

Example:

<pre> MODULE (ModuleA); PROBLEM; TYPE MyType STRUCT [...]; ... DCL x MyType GLOBAL; ... MODEND; </pre>	<pre> MODULE (ModuleB); PROBLEM; TYPE MyType STRUCT [...]; ... SPC x MyType GLOBAL (ModuleA); ... MODEND; </pre>
--	--

For clear readability it is recommended to start type names with a upper case letter followed by lower case letters.

5.13 The Initialisation Attribute (INITIAL)

The initialisation attribute allows to assign initial values to variables upon their declaration. For variables with assignment protection (see 5.14), this is the only possibility of allocating values. The initialisation attribute is given as last attribute of the respective declaration:

```

InitialisationAttribute ::=
    { INITIAL | INIT } ( InitElement [ , InitElement ] ... )

InitElement ::=
    Constant
    | Identifier$NamedConstant
    | ConstantExpression

Constant ::=
    Integer | FloatingPointNumber
    | BitStringConstant | CharacterStringConstant
    | TimeConstant | DurationConstant
    | NIL

```

The type of the given init element has to be compatible with the type of the declared variable in accordance with the rules for assignment (cf. 6.2):

Example:

```

...
DCL numberOfDevices FIXED INIT(12),
    (lowerLimit, upperLimit) FIXED INIT(2,15);
...
FOR i FROM 1 TO numberOfDevices

```

```
...
```

Here, the variables `numberOfDevices`, `lowerLimit` and `upperLimit` have the values 12, 2 and 15, i.e., the elements of a declared constant list are assigned in the sequence of writing down the declared identifier list.

Arrays and structures can also be initialised at the position of declaration. For all structure components, one initial value has to be given, each. For arrays, the initialisation list may be shorter than the number of array elements. In this case, the last initial value for the remaining elements is used repeatedly. Multidimensional arrays are initialized in the same sequence as in the programming language C. The last index runs first. `koeff(1,2)` will be initialized with 12 in the following example.

Example:

```
...
DCL address STRUCT
    [ araaCode    FIXED,
      town       CHAR(20),
      street     CHAR(20),
      houseNumber FIXED
    ] INIT (78120, 'Furtwangen', 'Robert Gerwig Platz', 1);

DCL colours(3)      CHAR(7) INIT ('black ', 'white ', 'red ');
DCL allSixes(6)     FIXED  INIT (6);
DCL koeff(1:2, 0:3) FIXED  INIT (10,11,12,13,20,21,22,23);
...
```

The initialisation list can, besides constants, even contain identifiers of named constants as well as expressions calculable by the compiler (cf. 5.14.1 and 5.14.2).

5.14 Assignment Protection (INV)

Variables can be declared with an assignment protection, i.e. the attribute `INV` (from “invariant”), in order to forbid — apart from initialisation — assignments to these variables. The attribute `INV` is noted immediately before the type attribute.

Example:

```
...
DCL Pi INV FLOAT INIT(3.141);

Pi := 3; /* results in error message of the compiler */
```

An assignment protection which once is associated with an object in its declaration cannot be revoked; thus it must be considered in specifications of this object, but also when transmitting

it as actual procedure parameter or when using it as value of reference variables. On the other hand, in one of this ways an assignment protection may arise which was not associated in the declaration.

Example:

```

...
p: PROC(a (,) INV FIXED IDENT, x FLOAT IDENT);
    /* procedure body */
END; ! p

DCL tab(10,20) FIXED,
    pi  INV FLOAT INITIAL(3.141),
    r1  REF FLOAT,
    r2  REF INV FIXED;
...
SPC aliasForPi FLOAT IDENT (pi); /* wrong */
...
CALL p (tab, pi);                /* wrong */
r1:=pi;                          /* wrong */
r2:=tab(5,7);                    /* ok   */

```

The specification of `aliasForPi` is wrong, because assignments to `aliasForPi` are allowed, and thus the assignment protection of `pi` is circumvented.

The call of `p` is wrong, because the formal parameter `x` belonging to `pi` is specified without assignment protection, and thus a (forbidden) value change of `pi` could happen in the body of `p` via an assignment to `x`.

In contrast, in the same call, the parameter transmission from `tab` to `a` is correct, because only an assignment protection for `tab` arises which was not introduced yet.

The assignment `r1:=pi` is not permitted, because otherwise the assignment protection for `pi` via (allowed) assignments to `CONT r1` could be revoked. The assignment `r2:=tab(5,7)`, however, is permitted; a value modification of the tabular element via `CONT` is not possible.

5.14.1 Named Constants (INV Constants)

The compiler treats objects of type `FIXED`, `BIT`, `CHAR(1)`, `CLOCK` and `DURATION` declared with attribute `INV` as (named) constants. The names of these objects may be used after their declaration (with initialisation) for declaring and initialising further objects. For this, they may be applied as dimension boundary denotation in array declarations as well as in initialisation lists.

Example:

A surveillance program shall be adapted for various projects with different numbers of embedded controllers. The number of message buffers and synchronising variables belonging to them (cf. 9.4) can be adapted easily by changing the constant `numberControls`:

```
...
DCL .umberControls INV FIXED INIT(11);

DCL messageBuffer (numberControls) CHAR(100);
DCL BufferAccess (numberControls) BOLT;
...
```

For a further project with another number of controls, only the named constant `NumberControls` has to be adapted to the actual conditions. The memory areas dependent on that are adapted by the compiler.

Since the compiler does not generate any run time objects for named objects, they may not be assigned to a reference variable. Likewise, they cannot be used as actual parameters of a procedure, if the formal parameter was specified with the `IDENTICAL` attribute or as reference variable (cf. 8.1).

5.14.2 Constant Expressions (of Type `FIXED`)

In all positions where the compiler expects constants, also constant expressions may occur. These expressions may only contain constants (also named constants) as operands. They are evaluated by the compiler, and the results are inserted in the respective positions.

```
ConstantExpression ::=
    { + | - } FloatingPointNumber
    | { + | - } DurationConstant
    | ConstantFIXEDExpression

ConstantFIXEDExpression ::=
    Term [ { + | - } Term ] ...

Term ::=
    Factor [ { * | // | REM } Factor ] ...

Factor ::=
    [ + | - ]
    { Integer
    | ( ConstantFIXEDExpression )
    | TOFIXED
    { CharacterStringConstant$OfLength1 | BitStringConstant }
    | Identifier$NamedFIXEDConstant }
```



```

    }
    [ FIT ConstantFIXEDExpression ]

```

Constant expressions of type FIXED can, e.g., be applied in the following positions:

- denotation of dimension boundaries in array declarations,
- precision declaration (for FIXED and FLOAT variables),
- length definition (for CHAR and BIT variables),
- in initialisation lists (also for PRESET),
- priority definition in task declarations and task statements
- in the constant lists of the CASE statement
- on the right side of an assignment

Often, several objects of a program (variables, constants) are dependent from one another. If this dependence can be described by a simple formula, a program can probably be configured by just adapting few constants.

Example:

A warning shall be given, if a buffer system is filled up to the last 10 %:

```

...
DCL maxBuffer      INV FIXED INIT(1000);
DCL warnBoundary  INV FIXED INIT(maxBuffer - maxBuffer // 10);
DCL buffer (maxBuffer) FIXED;
DCL actualBufferIndex FIXED INIT(1);
...
actualBufferIndex := actualBufferIndex+1;
IF actualBufferIndex > warnBoundary
THEN
    /* output of warning */
FIN;
...

```


Chapter 6

Expressions and Assignments

6.1 Expressions

Expressions are used for various language forms, e.g.,

- as values for assignment statements:
e.g., `pi := 4.0 * atan(1.0);`
- as index when addressing array elements:
`Identifier$Array(Expression,Expression)`
e.g., `tab(k, 2*i)`
- as value for the return statement in function procedures (see 8.1):
RETURN (Expression) ;
e.g., **RETURN** (No) ;
- as parameter when calling procedures (see 8.2):
`ListOfActualParameters ::= (Expression [, Expression] ...)`
e.g., **CALL** p(a, tab (k, 2*i));
- as start condition for tasks (see 9.3.1):
AT Expression\$Time
e.g., **AT** 12:00:00 **ACTIVATE** task1;

These examples show that an expression at least can be

- a constant
- an identifier
- an indexed identifier or

- an arithmetical expression (e.g., $2*i$).

Identifiers, indexed identifiers and names of structure components are generally summarised under the notion “Name”:

```
Name ::=
    Identifier [ ( Index [ , Index ] ... ) ] [ . Name ]

Index ::=
    Expression §WithIntegerAsValue
```

Examples:

a , $a(3)$, $a(i, j, 2*k)$, $a.b$, $a.b.c$, $a(3).b.c(i, j)$

The identifiers of the components of a structure can be selected independently from the identifiers outside the structure:

```
DCL person STRUCT
    [ ..., /* see above */
      town CHAR(15);
      ...
    ]
    ...
person.address.town := town;
```

Generally, the names denoted in expressions have to be names of scalar variables; however, in the expression lists of the output statements (cf. 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7) even identifiers of arrays may be given.

In general, an expression has the form

```
Expression ::=
    [ MonadicOperator ] Operand [ DyadicOperator Expression ] ...
```

Monadic operators have only one operand, dyadic operators have two operands.

```
MonadicOperator ::=
    + | - | NOT | ABS | SIGN | LWB | UPB | SIZEOF | CONT
    | TOFIXED | TOFLOAT | TOBIT | TOCHAR | ENTIER | ROUND

DyadicOperator ::=
```

```

+ | - | * | / | // | REM | **
| < | LT | > | GT | <= | LE | >= | GE | == | EQ | /= | NE
| AND | OR | EXOR | >< | CAT | <> | CSHIFT | SHIFT | LWB | UPB
| IS | ISNT | FIT

```

Operand ::=

```

Constant | Name | FunctionCall
| Dereferentiation | StringSelection | ( Expression )
| PRIO [ ( Name§Task ) ] | TASK [ ( Name§Task ) ] | TRY Name§Sema

```

Examples:

- `-a + b * c - d/e**2`
- `(a - b) / (a + b)`
- `f(tab(k, 2*i)) / (f(i) - 3)`
- `a < b OR a < c`
- `processImageNew AND NOT processImageOld`
(the result has 1 in *that* bit place where `processImageOld` has 0 and `processImageNew` has 1)
- `xCoord >< yCoord >< zCoord`
(the three bit strings are concatenated to one bit string)

The importance of dereferentiation was treated in 5.9, References. The general form reads:

```

Dereferentiation ::=
    CONT { Name§Reference | FunctionCall }

```

The *i*-th bit of a bit string can be addressed with the help of the standard attribute `BIT(i)` which — separated by a full-stop — is mentioned behind the name of the bit string. Therefore, a bit string `b` of length `lg` is considered as structure `b`, which as only component has a one-dimensional array `BIT` of length `lg`, whose elements are of type `BIT(1)`. Analogously, the *i*-th character of a character string `z` can be addressed with `z.CHAR(i)` or `z.CHARACTER(i)`. The bits or characters of a bit or character string are numbered from the left to the right, starting with 1.

Example:

```

...
DCL byte  BIT(8),
      bt   BIT(1),
      i     FIXED;
...

```

```

byte:='11101111'B;
bt:=byte.BIT(4);      /* Bt obtains value '0'B */
byte.BIT(2):='0'B;    /* Byte has value '10101111'B */
i:=8;
byte.BIT(i):=bt;      /* Byte has value '10101110'B */

```

Furthermore, segments of bit or character strings containing several bits or characters can be addresses analogously; the general form of addressing is:

```

StringSelection ::=
    Name$String . { BIT | CHAR | CHARACTER }
    ( Expression$Start [ : Expression$End ] )

```

The expressions Start and End must have integer values. End must be greater than or equal to Start, and both values must be within the declared string length. If Start or End is outside of the boundaries of the char string the `CharacterIndexOutOfRangeSignal` is induced. If Start or End is outside of the boundaries of the bit string the `BitIndexOutOfRangeSignal` is induced.

The result of such a string segment expression has type `BIT(lg)` or `CHAR(lg)`, resp., where $lg := \text{End} - \text{Start} + 1$ holds. For bit strings, the compiler must be able to calculate length lg , so that further type checks are possible when using the string segment expression.

The following cases are distinguished by the compiler:

1. Name.{ **BIT** | **CHAR** } (Expression)
2. Name.{ **BIT** | **CHAR** } (constant-FIXED-Expression : constant-FIXED-Expression)
3. Name.{ **BIT** | **CHAR** } (Expression1 : Expression2 + FIXED-Constant)
4. Name.**CHAR** (Expression\$Start : Expression\$End)

In case (1), the length of the string segment equals 1, “Expression” denotes the bit number or the character position, respectively.

In case (2), the compiler calculates the values of the two constant expressions and determines the length “ $lg := \text{Constant\$End} - \text{Constant\$Start} + 1$ ”.

In case (3), Expression1 and Expression2 must be equal. Thus, the length results from the additive constant: “ $lg := \text{FIXED-Constant} + 1$ ”.

In case (4), the compiler cannot calculate the length of the string segment! This is not allowed for bit strings. Case (4) provides a variable character string, i.e., the length is not calculable until run time. Variable character strings can be used anywhere, besides in conjunction with the CAT operator.

Example:

Let a transport vehicle in a warehouse be connected to a digital input via 16 consecutive positions.
Let the meaning of the connectors be as follows:

```
connector 1-8   : X coordinate
connector 9-12  : Y coordinate
connector 13    : Z coordinate
connector 14-16 : further parameters
```

When positioning has been completed, the actual position shall be retrieved and checked.

```
MODULE (moduleName);
SYSTEM;
  rfz : RpiDigitalIn(1,16);
  ...
PROBLEM;
  SPC rfz DATION IN SYSTEM BIT(16);
  DCL uRfz DATION IN BIT(16) CREATED(rfz);
  ...
control: TASK;
  DCL rfzState BIT(16),
    xCoord BIT(8), yCoord BIT(4), zCoord BIT(1);
  ...
  /* positioning */
  TAKE rfzState FROM uRfz;
  xCoord:=rfzState.BIT(1:8);
  yCoord:=rfzState.BIT(9:12);
  zCoord:=rfzState.BIT(13);
  /* checking of the actual position */
  ...
END; ! control
  ...
```

This program part can be programmed more flexibly by additionally recording the initial positions of the partial strings xCoord, yCoord and zCoord in variables initX, initY, initZ.

```
control: TASK;
  ...
  DCL (initX, initY, initZ) INV FIXED INIT(1, 9, 13);
  ...
  xCoord := rfzState.BIT(initX:initX+7);
  yCoord := rfzState.BIT(initY:initY+3);
  zCoord := rfzState.BIT(initZ);
  ...
END; ! control
```

Assignments to string segments are possible, too; furthermore, they may occur as operands in expressions.

Table 6.1: Monadic operators for numerical, temporal and bit values

Expression	Operand type	Result type	Meaning of operator
+ a	FIXED (g) FLOAT (g) DURATION	FIXED (g) FLOAT (g) DURATION	identity
- a	FIXED (g) FLOAT (g) DURATION	FIXED (g) FLOAT (g) DURATION	changing the sign of a
NOT a	BIT (lg)	BIT (lg)	inverting all bit positions of a
ABS a	FIXED (g) FLOAT (g) DURATION	FIXED (g) FLOAT (g) DURATION	absolute value of a
SIGN a	FIXED (g) FLOAT (g) DURATION	FIXED (1)	determining the sign of a 1 for a > 0 0 for a = 0 -1 for a < 0

Parts of an expression may be written in brackets to influence the order of the expression calculation (cf. 6.2), e.g.

a - (b + c)

6.1.1 Monadic Operators

Table 6.1 describes for each listed monadic operator

- which type the operand may have
- which type the result (of the operation) has, and
- the meaning of the operator.

In tables 6.1 to 6.4, “a” stands for any operand, g for the precision, and lg for the length of the operand.

Examples (Table 6.1):

```

DCL (x, y)  FLOAT,
          b    BIT (4) ;
x := 3;
b := '1001'B
y := -x;           /* y has value -3 */
b := NOT b;        /* b has value '0110'B */

```


Table 6.2: Monadic operators for explicit type conversions

Expression	Operand type	Result type	Meaning of operator
TOFIXED a	CHARACTER (1)	FIXED (7)	internal representation for operand character
	BIT (lg)	FIXED (g)	interpreting the bit pattern of the operand as an integer, with $g = \lg - 1$
TOFLOAT a	FIXED (g)	FLOAT (g)	converting the operand into a floating point number
TOBIT a	FIXED (g)	BIT (lg)	interpreting the operand as bit pattern, with $\lg = g + 1$
TOCHAR a	FIXED	CHARACTER (1)	character for the internal code of the operand
ENTIER a	FLOAT (g)	FIXED (g)	greatest integer less or equal than the operand
ROUND a	FLOAT (g)	FIXED (g)	next integer
CONT a	REF type	type	explicit de-referentiation

In general, in an assignment, the type of the variable given to the left of the assignment character must match the type of the value of the assigned expression (cf. section 6.2). Particularly, only values of type integer may be assigned to variables of integers. Furthermore, the types of operands of dyadic operators must be compatible.

Thus, several operators are provided which cause a possibly needed conversion of the type of objects.

Examples (Table 6.2):

```

DCL a  FIXED (31),
     x  FLOAT (23),
     a1 FIXED (31),
     b  BIT (15),
     c  BIT (32);

...
a1 := ENTIER x//2;      /* corresponds to a := (ENTIER x)//2; */
a1 := ENTIER (x/2.0);  /* with float division */
a1 := ENTIER 3.4;      /* delivers 3 */
a1 := ENTIER 3.5;      /* delivers 3 */
a1 := ENTIER -3.4;     /* delivers -3 */
a1 := ENTIER -3.5;     /* delivers -3 */
a1 := ROUND 3.4;       /* delivers 3 */
a1 := ROUND 3.5;       /* delivers 4 */
a1 := ROUND -3.4;      /* delivers -3 */
a1 := ROUND -3.5;      /* delivers -4 */
c := TOBIT a AND b;
a := ROUND x + TOFIXED b;

```

Table 6.3: Monadic arithmetical operators

Expression	Operand type	Result type	Meaning of operator
SQRT a	FLOAT (g) or FIXED (g)	FLOAT (g)	square root of operand
SIN a			sine of operand
COS a			cosine of operand
EXP a			e^a , with e=Euler's number
LN a			natural logarithm of operand
TAN a			tangent of operand
ATAN a			arcus tangent of operand
TANH a			tangent hyperbolicus of operand

Table 6.4: Other monadic operators

Expression	Operand type	Result type	Meaning of operand
LWB a	array	FIXED (31)	lower boundary of the first dimension of the operand array
UPB a	array	FIXED (31)	upper boundary of the first dimension of the operand array
	CHARACTER (lg)	FIXED (15)	result := Lg
SIZEOF a	Identifier	FIXED (31)	memory size of the identified object at run time in bytes
	SimpleType TypeStructure Identifier\$ForType		memory size of an object of the given type in bytes
SIZEOF a MAX	REF CHAR ()	FIXED (31)	maximum length of the referenced character string variable
SIZEOF a LENGTH	REF CHAR ()	FIXED (31)	actual length of the referenced character string variable
TRY a	SEMA	BIT (1)	try of a REQUEST, '1'B if successful

6.1.2 Dyadic Operators

Tables 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 and 6.8 describe for each listed dyadic operator

- which type the operands may have
- which type the result (of the operation) has, and
- the meaning of the operator,

where

- “op1” and “op2”, denote the first and second operand, resp.
- g1, g2, ..., and lg1, lg2, ..., denote the precision and lengths, resp., of the operands and the results.

Since the precision of the result of an addition, subtraction, multiplication or division equals the maximum of the precisions of both operands, it may happen that the overflows arising in these operations are cut off. Hence, the dyadic operator FIT is provided. It causes the conversion from the precision of operand “a” into the precision of operand b. FIT has rank 1.

Table 6.5: Dyadic operators for numerical and temporal values

Expression	Type operand 1	Type operand 2	Result type	Meaning of operator
op1 + op2	FIXED (g1) FIXED (g1) FLOAT (g1) FLOAT (g1) DURATION DURATION CLOCK	FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) DURATION CLOCK DURATION	FIXED (g3) FLOAT (g3) FLOAT (g3) FLOAT (g3) DURATION CLOCK CLOCK	addition of the values of the operands op1 and op2 g3 = max (g1, g2)
op1 - op2	FIXED (g1) FIXED (g1) FLOAT (g1) FLOAT (g1) DURATION CLOCK CLOCK	FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) DURATION DURATION CLOCK	FIXED (g3) FLOAT (g3) FLOAT (g3) FLOAT (g3) DURATION CLOCK DURATION	subtraction of the values of the operands op1 and op2 g3 = max (g1, g2)
op1 * op2	FIXED (g1) FIXED (g1) FLOAT (g1) FLOAT (g1) FIXED (g1) DURATION FLOAT (g1) DURATION	FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) DURATION FIXED (g2) DURATION FLOAT (g2)	FIXED (g3) FLOAT (g3) FLOAT (g3) FLOAT (g3) DURATION DURATION DURATION DURATION	multiplication of the values of the operands op1 and op2 g3 = max (g1, g2)
op1 / op2	FIXED (g1) FLOAT (g1) FIXED (g1) FLOAT (g1) DURATION DURATION DURATION	FIXED (g2) FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) FLOAT (g2) FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) DURATION	FLOAT (g3) FLOAT (g3) FLOAT (g3) FLOAT (g3) DURATION DURATION FLOAT (g4)	division of the values of the operands op1 and op2, if op2 \neq 0 g3 = max (g1, g2) g4 = e.g. 52 (dependent on implementation)
op1 // op2	FIXED (g1)	FIXED (g2)	FIXED (g3)	integer division of the values of the operands op1 and op2 g3 = max (g1, g2)
op1 REM op2	FIXED (g1)	FIXED (g2)	FIXED (g3)	remainder of the integer division of the values of the operands op1 and op2
op1 ** op2	FIXED (g1) FLOAT (g1)	FIXED (g2) FIXED (g2)	FIXED (g1) FLOAT (g1)	exponentiation of the values of the operands op1 and op2
op1 FIT op2	FIXED (g1) FLOAT (g1)	FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2)	FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2)	changing the precision of operand op1 into the precision of operand op2

Example:

```

...
DCL (a, b) FIXED(15),
      c FIXED(31);
DCL d BIT(16);
a := 32767;
b := 4;
c := (a FIT c)*b;          /* c obtains value 131068 */
a := a FIT c;              /* assignment not permitted */
a := C FIT a;              /* OK, but may induce FixedOverflowSignal*/
a := (-5) REM (-3);        /* delivers -2 */
a := (-5) REM (+3);        /* delivers -2 */
a := (+5) REM (-3);        /* delivers +2 */
a := (+5) REM (+3);        /* delivers +2 */

/* conversion of FIXED and BIT objects */
/* without conversion of the internal presentation */
a := TOFIXED d;            /* ok */
a := (TOFIXED d) FIT a;    /* ok; FIT A is obsolete! */
d := TOBIT (a FIT 1(16)); /* error assign BIT(17) to BIT(16) not ok */
d := TOBIT a;              /* ok */

```

In order to enable the user to reconstruct the result of a comparison operation of two character strings, the comparison algorithm is given here (the shorter character string is filled with blanks on the right side).

Algorithm to compare two character strings, where it holds “ $lg3 = \max(lg1, lg2)$ ”:

```

TYPE StringCheck FIXED;
DCL (less, equal, greater) INV FIXED INIT}{-1, 0, 1};
stringComparison: PROC((string1, string2) REF INV CHAR(lg3))
      RETURNS(StringCheck);
  FOR i TO lg3 REPEAT
    IF TOFIXED string1.CHAR(i) < TOFIXED string2.CHAR(i)
    THEN
      RETURN(less);
    ELSE IF TOFIXED string1.CHAR(i) > TOFIXED string2.CHAR(i)
    THEN
      RETURN(greater);
    FIN;
  FIN;
END; ! loop
RETURN(equal);
END; ! PROC stringComparison

```

Two further dyadic standard operators relating to array bounds are defined in Table 6.9.

Table 6.6: Dyadic comparison operators

Expression	Type operand 1	Type operand 2	Result type	Meaning of operator
op1 < op2 or op1 LT op2	FIXED (g1) FIXED (g1) FLOAT (g1) FLOAT (g1) CLOCK DURATION CHAR (lg1)	FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) CLOCK DURATION CHAR (lg2)	BIT (1)	“less than” If op1 is less than op2, the result has value '1'B, otherwise '0'B. character string comparison if lg1 \neq lg2 the shorter character string is padded with spaces on the right side to match the length. Then the internal representations are compared character by character from left to right
op1 > op2 or op1 GT op2	refer op1 < op2	refer op1 < op	BIT (1)	“greater than”: If op1 is greater than op2, the result has value '1'B, otherwise '0'B.
op1 <= op2 or op1 LE op2	refer op1 < op2	refer op1 < op2	BIT (1)	“less or equal” If op1 is less or equal op2, the result has value '1'B, otherwise '0'B.
op1 >= op2 or op1 GE op2	refer op1 < op2	refer op1 < op2	BIT (1)	“greater or equal” If op1 is greater or equal op2, the result has value '1'B, otherwise '0'B.
op1 == op2 or op1 EQ op2	FIXED (g1) FIXED (g1) FLOAT (g1) FLOAT (g1) CLOCK DURATION CHAR (lg1) BIT (lg1)	FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) FIXED (g2) FLOAT (g2) CLOCK DURATION CHAR (lg2) BIT (lg2)	BIT (1)	“equal” If op1 is equal op2, the result has value '1'B, otherwise '0'B. If lg2 \neq lg1, the shorter character or bit string, resp., is padded with blanks or zeros, resp., on the right side to match the length of the longer string.
op1 /= op2 or op1 NE op2	refer op1 == op2	refer op1 == op2	BIT (1)	“not equal” If op1 is not equal op2, the result has value '1'B, otherwise '0'B. If lg2 \neq lg1, refer “equal”
op1 IS op2	REF type	REF type	BIT (1)	Comparison for equality of the objects of references variables. The result upon equality is '1'B.
op1 ISNT op2	REF type	REF type	BIT (1)	Comparison for equality of the objects of references variables. The result upon non-equality is '1'B.

Table 6.7: Dyadic Boolean and shift operators

Expression	Type operand 1	Type operand 2	Result type	Meaning of operator
op1 AND op2	BIT(lg1)	BIT(lg2)	BIT(lg3)	Boolean bitwise conjunction, disjunction, or antivalence, resp., of the operands lg3 = max (lg1, lg2). The shorter operand is padded with zeros on the right side to match the length of the longer operand.
op1 OR op2	BIT(lg1)	BIT(lg2)	BIT(lg3)	
op1 EXOR op2	BIT(lg1)	BIT(lg2)	BIT(lg3)	
op1 <> op2 or op1 CSHIFT op2	BIT(lg)	FIXED(g)	BIT(lg)	Cyclic shift of operand op1 for the number of positions determined by operand op2. If operand op2 > 0, op1 is shifted to the left, otherwise to the right.
op1 SHIFT op2	BIT(lg)	FIXED(g)	BIT(lg)	Shifting of operand op1 for the number of positions determined operand op2. If operand op2 > 0, op1 is shifted to the left, otherwise to the right. In both cases, zeros are padded.

Table 6.8: Dyadic character string operators

Expression	Type operand 1	Type operand 2	Result type	Meaning of operator
op1 >< op2 or op1 CAT op2	CHAR(lg1) BIT(lg1)	CHAR(lg2) BIT(lg2)	CHAR(lg3) BIT(lg3)	Concatenation of the strings op1 and op2. Op2 is linked to op1 on the right side. lg3 = lg1 + lg2.

Table 6.9: Other dyadic operators

Expression	Type operand 1	Type operand 2	Result type	Meaning of operator
op1 LWB op2	FIXED (g)	array	FIXED (31)	lower boundary of the dimension (given by op1) of the array (determined by op2), if existing
op1 UPB op2	FIXED (g)	array	FIXED (31)	upper boundary of the dimension (given by op1) of the array (determined by op2), if existing

The first operand of UPB and LWB starts counting at 1 for the first index. If the given index is outside of the definition of the array the `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsSignal` is induced in *OpenPEARL*.

Example (for usage of LWB and UPB):

```

...
p: PROC (a(, ) FIXED IDENT);
...
  FOR i FROM LWB a TO UPB a
  REPEAT
    FOR k FROM 2 LWB a TO 2 UPB a
    REPEAT
      ...
    END; ! for k
    ...
  END; ! for i
...
END; ! proc p
...
DCL tab1(5,10) FIXED,
     tab2(-1:2, 3:5) FIXED;
...
CALL p(tab1);
...
CALL p(tab2);

```

6.1.3 Evaluation of Expressions

In the sequel, lower-case letters a, b, c ... denote constants or scalar variables.

According to the rules of arithmetics, the order of calculating an expression is dependent on the (pre-)rank of the various operators in the expression. The dyadic operator “*”, e.g., has a higher

Table 6.10: Ranks of the operators defined in PEARL

rank	dyadic operators	evaluation order
1	** , FIT , LWB , UPB	from the right to the left
2	* , / , >< , // , REM	from the left to the right
3	+ , - , <> , SHIFT	from the left to the right
4	< , > , <= , >=	from the left to the right
5	== , /= , IS , ISNT	from the left to the right
6	AND	from the left to the right
7	OR , EXOR	from the left to the right

rank than the dyadic operator “+”: In the expression “a+b*c”, hence, “b*c” is calculated first, and the product is added to a.

The ranking of dyadic operators is defined in Table 6.10. Lower numbers correspond to higher ranks.

All monadic standard operators have rank 1.

The order of calculating an expression is furthermore influenced in the common way of putting parentheses around parts of the expression; e.g., in the expression

a * (b - (c - d))

first c-d is calculated, this first intermediate result is subtracted from b, and then this second intermediate result is multiplied by a.

In general, an expression is calculated according to following rules:

1. The partial expression with the highest rank operator is calculated first, unless one of the rules 2 or 3 is violated.
2. If several operators of the same rank occur, the calculation takes place
 - from the left to the right in case $2 \geq \text{rank} \geq 7$
 - from the right to the left in case $\text{rank} = 1$
 Example: $-a**b$ corresponds to $-(a**b)$
3. parenthesised partial expressions are completely calculated due to the rules above, before they are combined with another partial expression.

6.2 Assignments

Assignments are implemented for scalar variables and for structures, but not for arrays.

```
Assignment ::=
    ScalarAssignment | StructureAssignment | RefProcAssignment
```

6.2.1 Assignments for Scalar Variables

Assignments for scalar variables are defined as follows:

```
ScalarAssignment ::=
    Name§ScalarVariable { := | = } Expression;
```

The statement causes that the value of the expression on the right side is assigned to the variable given on the left of the assignment sign (“:=” or “=”), i.e., after the execution of the assignment, this name can be used to refer to the value determined by this expression and, if needed, calculated before the actual assignment:

```
result(i) := coeff * SIN((x(i+1) - x(i)) / x(i));
```

The type of the variable given to the left of the assignment sign has to match the type of the value of the expression, with the following exceptions:

- The value of a `FIXED` variable or an integer, resp., may be assigned to a `FLOAT` variable.
- The precision of a numeric variable to the left of an assignment sign may be greater than the precision of the value of the expression.
- A bit or character string, resp., to the left may have a greater length than the value to be assigned; if needed, the latter is extended by zeros or spaces, resp., on the right.

Operators for needed type conversions are described in 6.2.

Examples:

```
DCL (i, j)      FIXED(15),
      k         FIXED(31),
      (x, y)    FLOAT,
      bit8      BIT(8),
      bit12     BIT(12),
      text4     CHAR(4),
      text10    CHAR(10),
      duration(2) DURATION,
      time(2)   CLOCK;

i := 2.0;           ! wrong
j := 3;
```

```

x := j+5; y := 0;
k := j;
j := k;           ! wrong
text10 := 'Result'; ! text10 has value 'Result '
bit8 := 'A9F'B4;   ! wrong, because too long
duration(1) := 1 HRS;
duration(2) := 30 MIN;
time(1) := 11:00:00;
IF time(1) < 12:00:00
THEN
    time(2) := time(1) + duration(1);
ELSE
    time(2) := time(1) + duration(2);
FIN;

bit8 := '10001100'B;
bit12 := bit8 >< '11'B; ! Bit12 has value '100011001100'B
bit8 := bit8 CSHIFT 3; ! Bit8 has value '01100100'B
bit12 := bit8 SHIFT -6; ! Bit12 has value '000000000001'B

```

It is possible to declare variables with an attribute for assignment protection (cf. 5.14). Assignments to such variables result in error messages.

6.2.2 Assignments for Structures

The values of all components of a structure can be assigned to another structure in one single assignment:

```

StructureAssignment ::=
    Name§Structure_1 { := | = } Expression§Structure_2;

```

The values of the components of Structure_2 are assigned to the corresponding components of Structure_1. Both structures must have the same type; i.e., the number of components and their types must match; an implicit type adaptation like for scalar variables takes not place.

Example:

```

TYPE TypeMeasurement STRUCT
    [ timeStamp CLOCK,
      value      FLOAT(52)
    ];

DCL workpiece STRUCT
    [ ident      CHAR(8),
      quality    TypeMeasurement,

```

```
        ...  
    ];  
DCL measurement TypeMeasurement;  
    ...  
    workpiece.quality := measurement;
```

Chapter 7

Statements for the Control of Sequential Execution

A task or procedure declaration defines a sequence of statements which are processed sequentially in the defined order when executing the task or the procedure, unless control statements designated for this influence the order of processing.

Such control statements are

- the conditional statement
- the statement selection
- the empty statement
- the repetition
- the jump statement
- the exit statement

```
SequentialControlStatement ::=  
    IfStatement | CaseStatement | LoopStatement | ExitStatement  
    | ProcedureCall | ReturnStatement | GoToStatement  
    | EmptyStatement
```

7.1 Empty Statement

The empty statement consists of one semicolon only and has no effects.

The general form of the empty statement reads:

```
EmptyStatement ::=
    ;
```

7.2 Conditional Statement (IF)

With the help of the conditional statement, it is determined depending on the result of an expression with which statement the program execution is to continued.

```
IfStatement ::=
    IF Expression §OfType-BIT(1)
    THEN Statement ...
    [ ELSE Statement ... ]
    FIN ;
```

The result of the expression must be of type BIT(1). If the expression provides value '1'B (true), the statements following THEN are evaluated; otherwise the statements following ELSE are evaluated.

If the execution of the statements following THEN or ELSE, resp., does not result in a jump out of the conditional statement, the statement following FIN is evaluated subsequently.

Example:

```
IF gradient > degreeBound
THEN
    alarm;
ELSE
    IF gradient > degreeThreshold
    THEN
        ALL 1 SEC ACTIVATE measurement; ! measure more often
    FIN;
FIN;
...
```

7.3 Statement Selection (CASE)

Let us assume that a (function) procedure control shall be used for controlling several devices of the same kind, after each call returning a number between 1 and 4 meaning:

- returned value = 1: request carried out
- returned value = 2: request data wrong
- returned value = 3: device not addressable
- returned value = 4: device does not work correctly

The task supply shall perform a measure planned for each case.

For the programming of such case distinctions, the statement selection provided in two (historically caused) forms is suitable: The older form allows only integers as distinction criteria; the newer one permits also characters. At first, the older form is described:

```
CaseStatement ::=
    CaseStatement1 | CaseStatement2

CaseStatement1 ::=
    CASE Expression$WithIntegerAsValue
    { ALT Statement ... } ...
    [ OUT Statement ... ]
    FIN ;
```

The number 1 is assigned to the statement sequence following the first ALT (alternative 1), the number 2 to the statement sequence following the second ALT (alternative 2), etc.

Upon execution of the case statement, the given expression is evaluated; it must result in a value of type FIXED. If the integer value is between 1 and the number of given alternatives, the associated statement sequence is executed; otherwise the statement sequence following OUT (if given) is executed.

If the selected statement sequence does not contain a jump out of the statement selection, the statement following FIN is evaluated subsequently.

Example:

The above problem can be programmed as follows:

```
control: PROC(deviceNumber FIXED,      ! device
              order      BIT(8))      ! order information
          RETURNS (FIXED);
```

```

    ! procedure body for carrying out the control order
END; ! control

supply: TASK Prio 7;
! creating an order for the device with index no
...
again:
    CASE control (no, order)
    ALT                                     ! order carried out
    ;
    ALT                                     ! order inf. wrong
        CALL error(2);
        GOTO end;
    ALT                                     ! device dead
        ACTIVATE deviceBreakdown Prio 2;
        CALL error(3);
        GOTO end;
    ALT                                     ! device works incorrectly
        CALL deviceCheck;
        GOTO again;
    OUT                                     ! result out of range
        CALL error(5);
    FIN;
    ...
end:
END; ! supply

```

The keyword **ALT** must be followed by one statement at least; this may also be an empty statement. It has no effects and is only of interest in conditional statements and statement selections.

In the example, the empty statement results in the immediate execution of the statement following **FIN** in the case of success (“request carried out”).

The second form of the statement selection has the following form:

```

CaseStatement2 ::=
    CASE CaseIndex
    { ALT ( CaseList ) Statement ... } ...
    [ OUT Statement ... ]
    FIN ;

CaseIndex ::=
    Expression §With Value Of Type-FIXED-Or-CHAR(1)

CaseList ::=
    IndexRange [ , IndexRange ] ...

```



```

IndexRange ::=
    ConstantFIXEDExpression [ : ConstantFIXEDExpression ]
    | CharacterStringConstant$OfLength1
      [ : CharacterStringConstant$OfLength1 ]

```

All given constants must be of type CaseIndex expression; CHAR(1) or FIXED are allowed.

When executing the StatementSelection2, the CaseIndex is evaluated. If the value is contained in one of the given case lists, the associated statement sequence is executed; otherwise the statement sequence following OUT (if given) is executed.

If the selected statement sequence does not contain a jump out of the statement selection, the statement following FIN is evaluated subsequently.

Examples:

```

DCL  (operator, chr) CHAR(1),
      (x, y)          FIXED;

...
CASE operator
ALT  ('+')
    x := x + y;
ALT  ('-')
    x := x - y;
ALT  ('*')
    x := x * y;
ALT  ('/')
    CASE y
    ALT (0) CALL error;
    OUT x := x/y;
    FIN;
FIN;

CASE chr
ALT  ('A':'Z')
    CALL uppercase;
ALT  ('a':'z')
    CALL lowercase;
FIN;

CASE chr
ALT  ('A', 'E', 'I', 'O', 'U', 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u')
    CALL vocal(chr);
FIN;

```

It is not intended to mix both forms of the statement selection. Thus, e.g., the following is not correct:

```

CASE errNum
ALT /* 1 */
    CALL ok;
ALT (0)
    CALL nothingDone;
ALT (-99:-1)
    CALL errorMsg (errNum);
    ...
FIN;

```

The selection must be deterministic.

Jumps into a case statement are forbidden (refer chapter 7.5).

7.4 Repetition (FOR – REPEAT)

Often, a statement sequence must be executed repeatedly, with only one parameter changing. E.g., various devices are to be checked; let `numberOfDevices` be the number of devices:

```

FOR i FROM 1 BY 1 TO numberOfDevices
REPEAT
    ! checking of device(i)
END;

```

In general, such “program loops” are constructed like this:

```

LoopStatement ::=
    [ FOR Identifier$ControlVariable ]
    [ FROM Expression$InitialValue ]
    [ BY Expression$StepLength ]
    [ TO Expression$EndValue ]
    [ WHILE Expression$Condition ]
    REPEAT
        [ { Declaration | Identification } ... ]
        [ Statement ... ]
    END [ Identifier$Loop ] ;

```

The declarations and statements following **REPEAT**, i.e., the loop body, are run so often as specified by the clauses given in front of them; the statement following **END** is carried out subsequently. However, it is also possible to leave the loop body prematurely by a jump statement (cf. 7.5) or the exit statement (cf. 7.6). Jumps into the loop body are not permitted.

In the loop body, all statements are permitted; thus, particularly repetitions can be nested:

```

FOR i TO 10
REPEAT
  FOR k TO 10
  REPEAT
    c (i,k) := a (i,k) + b (i,k);
  END;
END;

```

If InitialValue or Increment are missing, they are assumed as 1. If FinalValue is lacking, the loop body can be repeated unrestrictedly.

The ControlVariable may neither be declared nor changed; it has implicitly type `FIXED`. The values of the expressions for InitialValue, Increment and FinalValue have to be of type `FIXED`, the value of the expression for the Condition must be of type `BIT(1)`.

The ControlVariable may not be used in the given expressions, except for Expression\$Condition, but in the statements to be repeated.

Besides, all rules for blocks are valid for the loop body (cf. 4.3).

The precision of the control variable is derived from the required precision defined by the initial and final expression if specified. The default precision is 31.

The flow chart depicted in Figure 7.1 is an equivalent representation of the statement

```

FOR Identifier$ControlVariable
FROM Expression$InitialValue
BY Expression$Increment
TO Expression$FinalValue
WHILE Expression$Condition
REPEAT
  LoopBody
END;

```

Regard that the expression for the increment and the final value are calculated once. Modifications of these expressions in the loop body does not effect the loop behavior.

The increment of the control variable does not cause a range exception.

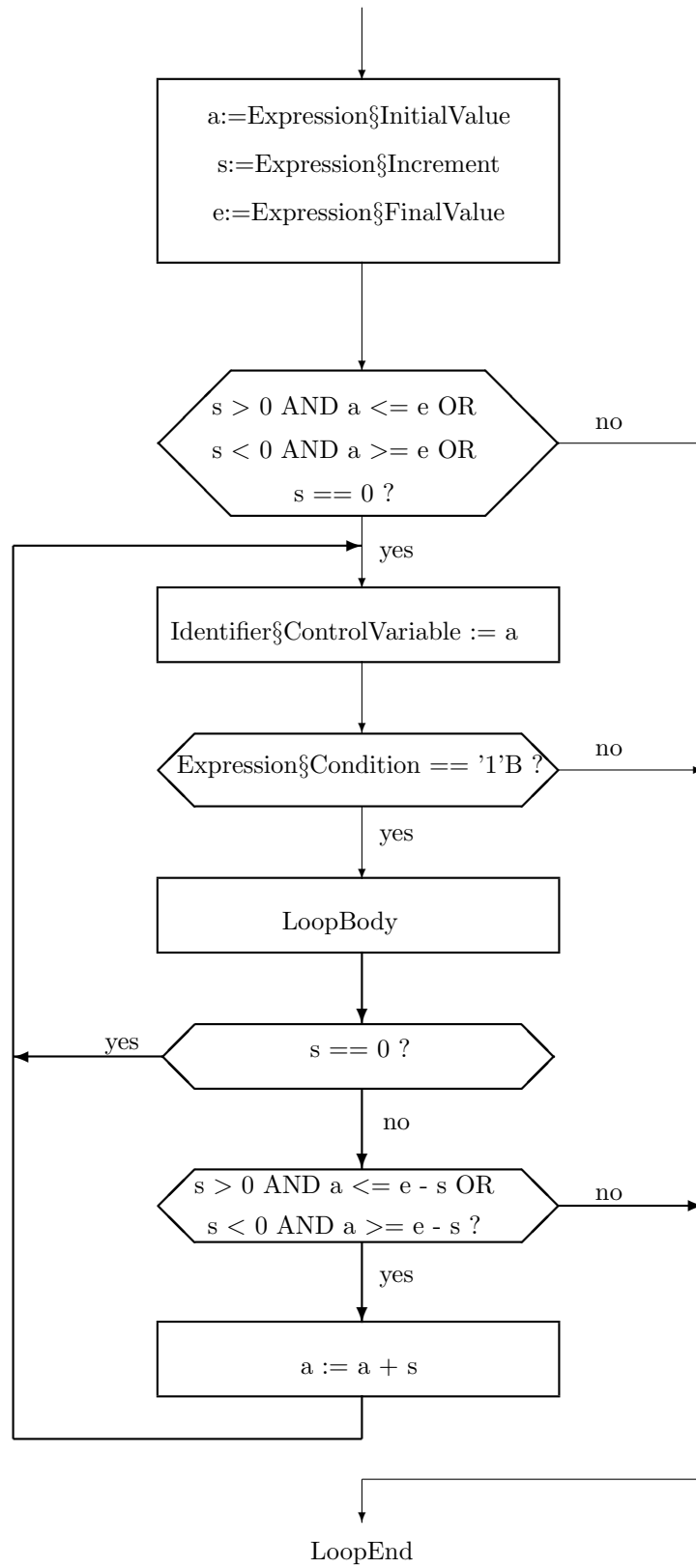


Figure 7.1: Flow chart for evaluating a repetition statement

7.5 GoTo Statement (GOTO)

```
GoToStatement ::=
    GOTO Identifier$Label ;
```

This statement has the result that program processing is continued at the program position determined by the label identifier. The label for a goto statement must be defined in the same block or in an outer block in the same procedure or task.

Example:

```
...
measure: read: READ value FROM device;
...
GOTO read;
```

In general, statements can (several times) be marked with labels; i.e., the label is given immediately before the (possibly already marked) statement, separated by a colon.

7.6 Exit Statement (EXIT)

The exit statement serves to exit blocks and loops deliberately. With EXIT, also blocks and loops nested several times can be exited deliberately, which must have an identifier (the jump target) at the corresponding end.

```
ExitStatement ::=
    EXIT [ Identifier$BlockOrLoop ] ;
```

If the identifier is missing, program processing is continued with the statement following the end of the block or the loop containing the exit statement.

If the identifier is given, program processing is continued with the statement following the end of the indicated block or loop, the exit statement being in an internal block or loop.

Example:

```
...
BEGIN                                ! analysis
...
TO number REPEAT                    ! comparison */
...
IF measuredValue < boundaryValue
```

```
    THEN
        EXIT analysis;
    ELSE
        ...
    FIN;
    ...
END comparison;
...
END analysis;
RETURN (ok);
...
```

The execution of `EXIT analysis;` would immediately be followed by `RETURN (ok);`.

Chapter 8

Procedures

When solving an automation problem, in the sense of structured programming an independent program part is formulated and named for a logically independent algorithm, particularly if the processing of the algorithm is needed in several parts of the program, eventually only changing the arguments of the algorithm, its parameters. The execution of such a program part is initiated by calling its name — possibly provided with actual parameters.

If this call shall have the same effect as executing the proper program part instead of it, in PEARL this program part is declared and called as a procedure. Otherwise — namely, if the statements following the call are to be executed simultaneously with the called program part — the program part is declared and started as task. Tasks are treated in chapter 9, Parallel Activities.

Procedures returning a result to their call position are called function procedures, all other ones are called subprogram procedures.

Example for a subprogram procedure:

Let the procedure output convert a position indication of type `FIXED` into a bit string `binPos` and pass it to a machine to be positioned and marked by number `machineNumber` of type `FIXED`. Let the procedure output be called by the task control.

```
PROBLEM;
output: PROC ((position, machineNumber) FIXED);
    DCL binPos BIT(8);
    ! transmission of position into binPos
    ! output of binPos to machine machineNumber
END; ! declaration of output

control: TASK;
    DCL (pos,      /* actual nominal position */
        number    /* no of the device */ ) FIXED;
    ...
```

```

    /* assignments to pos and number */
    ...
    CALL output (pos, number);
    ...
END; ! declaration of control
    ...

```

position and machineNumber are the formal parameters of output; pos and number are actual parameters. binPos is a local variable of output only known within this procedure.

Example for a function procedure:

Due to a schedule occPlan, procedure nextMachine shall determine the number of the machine to be occupied next among all available machines. occPlan shall not be passed on as parameter. Let the number to be returned be of type FIXED. nextMachine shall be called within the task supply.

```

PROBLEM;
    DCL occPlan ...;

nextMachine: PROCEDURE RETURNS (FIXED);
    DCL next FIXED; ! Number of the next machine
    ! establishing of next with the help of occPlan
    ...
    RETURN
END; ! Declaration of nextMachine

supply: TASK;
    DCL machineNumber FIXED;
    ...
    ...

machineNumber := nextMachine;
    ...
END; ! Declaration of supply
    ...

```

Since the variable occPlan is declared at module level, it can be used and, if needed, changed by all procedures and tasks of the module.

8.1 Declaration and Specification of Procedures (PROC)

The statement sequence to be executed when calling a procedure is prescribed in a procedure declaration, defining a procedure identifier. The statements of the procedure can use data

- which are declared at module level (see 4.1),
- which are specified as formal parameters, i.e., as representatives for those expressions or variables, which, upon calling, are passed to the procedure as actual parameters, or
- which are locally declared in the procedure.

The local declarations and the statements of the procedure form the procedure body.

```

ProcedureDeclaration ::=
    Identifier : { PROC | PROCEDURE } [ ListOfFormalParameters ]
    [ ResultAttribute ] [ GlobalAttribute ] ;
    ProcedureBody
    END ;

ProcedureBody ::=
    [ { Declaration | Identification } ... ] [ Statement ... ]

ListOfFormalParameters ::=
    ( FormalParameter [ , FormalParameter ] ... )

FormalParameter ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList [ VirtualDimensionList ] [ INV ]
    ParameterType [ IDENT | IDENTICAL ]

VirtualDimensionList ::=
    ( [ , ... ] )

ParameterType ::=
    { SimpleType | TypeReference } | TypeStructure
    | Identifier$ForType | TypeDation | TypeRealTimeObject

ResultAttribute ::=
    RETURNS ( ResultType )

TypeRealTimeObject ::=
    SEMA | BOLT | INTERRUPT | IRPT | SIGNAL

ResultType ::=
    SimpleType | StructuredType | TypeReference | Identifier$ForType

```

The general form of the specification of a procedure reads as follows:

```

ProcedureSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } Identifier$Procedure { PROC | PROCEDURE }
    [ ListOfParametersForSPC ] [ ResultAttribute ] GlobalAttribute ;

```

```

ListOfParametersForSPC ::=
    ( ParameterSpecification [ , ParameterSpecification ] ... )

ParameterSpecification ::=
    [ Identifier ] [ VirtualDimensionList ] [ INV ]
    ParameterType [ IDENTICAL | IDENT ]

```

In the procedure specification, the (optionally) definable identifiers of parameters are only of documentary importance; however, it is thus possible to copy the head of a procedure declaration into another module and to generate a correct specification of the procedure by adding the keyword SPECIFY.

Subprogram procedures are declared without and function procedures with result attribute. The result type determines the type of the calculated result which is returned to the call position. With the help of the return statement, this return takes place in the form

```

ReturnStatement ::=
    RETURN [ ( Expression ) ] ;

```

Thus, the value of the expression must have the type specified by the result attribute.

Execution of the procedure body of a function procedure is terminated by executing a return statement. Function procedures may only be terminated this way and no other.

Execution of a subprogram procedure is terminated by

- executing the return statement in the form
RETURN;
- executing the last statement of the procedure body.

The procedure body can contain declarations, e.g., declarations of local variables which are only known within the procedure body. Procedures may only be declared at module level.

Due to the call, variables or expressions are associated with the specified formal parameters of the procedure as actual parameters. How this association takes place (two possibilities), is determined by the fact whether the attribute IDENTICAL is given or not. Both ways are explained in chapter 8.2, Call of Procedures.

The number n of commas in the virtual dimension list indicates that the parameter is an $(n+1)$ dimensional array. Formal array parameters (virtual dimension list is present) may only be specified together with the IDENTICAL attribute. If, e.g., the one-dimensional array “a(10) FIXED” shall be passed on to a procedure p with the corresponding formal parameter array, array is to be specified like this: “array() FIXED IDENTICAL”.

Procedures declared at module level, are translated by the compiler with the *re-entrancy* capability, so that they can be used simultaneously by several tasks (see 9). The recursive call of procedures is allowed for all procedures. However, since for each task only limited memory space for the local data of the called procedures (stack) is provided, the programmer should avoid (or suitably restrict) recursion in the sense of safe programs.

8.2 Calls of Procedures (CALL)

Subprogram procedures are called with the help of the keyword CALL or only with their identifiers:

```

ProcedureCall ::=
    [ CALL ] Name$SubprogramProcedure [ ListOfActualParameters ] ;

ListOfActualParameters ::=
    ( Expression [ , Expression ] ... )

```

Example:

```

SPC output PROC (p FIXED, n FIXED) GLOBAL (moduleOfOutput);
DCL (pos, nbr) FIXED;
...
! Assignments to pos and nbr
CALL output (pos, nbr);

```

The call statement results in associating the given actual parameters to the formal parameters of the indicated procedure in the order of writing down them, and then executing the procedure body. Subsequently, the statement following the call statement is executed.

The call of a function procedure does not take place as an independent statement, but within expressions upon stating the identifier and the actual parameters:

```

FunctionCall ::=
    Name$FunctionProcedure [ ListOfActualParameters ]

```

Example:

The function procedure `ari` shall calculate the arithmetic average of an array of `n` `FLOAT` variables. This average shall then be printed together with the text “Arith.Average”.

```

ari: PROC (array() FLOAT IDENTICAL) RETURNS (FLOAT);
    DCL sum FLOAT;
    DCL (lowerBound, upperBound) FIXED;

```

```

    sum := 0;
    lowerBound := LWB array;
    upperBound := UPB array;
    FOR i FROM lowerBound BY 1 TO upperBound
    REPEAT
        sum := sum + array(i);
    END; ! loop
    RETURN (sum/(upperBound - lowerBound + 1));
END; ! ari

DCL measuredValue(10) FLOAT;
...
/* Acquisition of the measured values */
PUT ari(measuredValue), 'Arith.Average' TO printer BY LIST;
...

```

When evaluating a function call, the given actual parameters are associated with the formal parameters of the indicated function procedure from left to right; then the procedure body is executed. Subsequently, the evaluation of the expression where the function call took place is continued — in the above example the evaluation of the expression 'Arith.Average' in the put statement.

Both in the call statement and in the function call, the types of the actual parameters must match the types of the formal parameters corresponding to them.

The association of the actual parameters with the formal parameters can take place in two ways: If the specification of a formal parameter has the attribute IDENTICAL or IDENT, the association takes places with the help of identification, otherwise by value transmission.

In the case of value transmission (also called *call by value*), a new object, having the type of the formal parameter and being local to the procedure body, is declared for each defined formal parameter when invoking the procedure; i.e., the formal parameters become local variables of specified types. Then, the values of the actual parameters are assigned to the corresponding formal parameters. An assignment to a formal parameter by a statement in the procedure body, hence, does not result in a change of the actual parameter. Furthermore, in this case any expressions may be passed as actual parameters.

When associating with the help of identification (also called *call by reference*), a formal parameter is identified with the corresponding actual parameter; i.e., in the procedure body, the data of the actual parameter are referred to under the name of the formal parameter. An assignment to a formal parameter in the procedure body means, thus, an assignment to the variable passed as corresponding actual parameter. Hence, in this case, not expressions, but only names (of variables) may be passed as actual parameters.

Example:

```

PROBLEM;

```

```

p1: PROC (pi FIXED, pj FLOAT IDENT);
    ...
    pi := 3;
    pj := 5.0;
END; ! p1

p2: PROC ...;
    DCL (i, j) FIXED, a(100) FLOAT;
    ...
    i := 2;
    a(i) := 2.5;
    CALL p1(i, a(i));
    ...
END; ! p2
...

```

After the call of p1 in p2 i (still) has the value 2, but a(i) has the value 5.0.

As the language form of the procedure declaration already shows (see 8.1), the values of the actual parameters may be of type

- Integer or FloatingPointNumber, or
- BitString or CharacterString, or
- Time or Duration, or
- Structure or Identifier\$For_Type, or
- TypeReference.

No explicit values are assigned to objects of types

- DATION, SEMA, BOLT, INTERRUPT and SIGNAL.

Such objects may only be passed to a procedure via identification, i.e., the formal parameter may only be defined with the IDENTICAL attribute.

8.3 References to Procedures (REF PROC)

The opportunity to use procedure reference variables is a first step towards object oriented programming. With the help of it, e.g., data structures and the necessary procedures for the controlled manipulation of these structures can be combined into new, abstract data structures.

A declaration of reference variables for procedures contains the description of all parameter types, as well as the type of the result.

```

ProcedureReferenceDeclaration ::=
    { DECLARE | DCL } OneIdentifierOrList [ DimensionAttribute ]
    [ INV ] REF TypeProcedure [ GlobalAttribute ]
    [ InitialisationAttribute ] ;

TypeProcedure ::=
    { PROC | PROCEDURE } [ ParameterListForSPC ] [ ResultAttribute ]

```

The general form of the specification of procedure reference variables reads:

```

ProcedureReferenceSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } OneIdentifierOrList [ VirtualDimensionList ]
    [ INV ] REF TypeProcedure GlobalAttribute;

```

The value assignment to a procedure reference variable takes place with the assignment:

```

RefProcAssignment ::=
    Name$RefProcVariable { := | = }
    { Identifier$Procedure | Name$RefProcVariable } ;

```

The required matching of types means in this case, that the number of parameters, all parameter types and also the type of the result attributes match.

Calling a procedure via a procedure reference variable takes simply place by giving the reference variable, followed by a list of the actual parameters. For procedures without parameters, CALL, or in the case of function procedures, also CONT, can be used.

Examples:

```

DCL procPointer REF PROC (a FIXED, b FIXED, c FIXED IDENT);

add: PROC (a FIXED, b FIXED, c FIXED IDENT);
    c := a + b;
END;

...
DCL (a, b, c) FIXED;
procPointer := add;
procPointer (a, b, c);

```

```

DCL funcPointer REF PROC RETURNS (CLOCK);

time: PROC RETURNS (CLOCK);
    RETURN (NOW);
END;

```

```
...  
DCL (a,b) CLOCK};  
funcPointer := time;  
a := funcPointer;      ! both statements  
b := CONT funcPointer; ! invoke the same function
```


Chapter 9

Parallel Activities

Typical for a program to control a technical process are

- asynchronous processes as program parts which run parallel in time and independent from one another, and which are initiated by spontaneous events or at certain (scheduled) times, as well as
- the synchronisation of such processes at certain program points, e.g., to be able to exchange data with one another.

To program such processes, in PEARL tasks, interrupts and synchronisation objects are used.

A task is of a program part which is executed under the control of the operating system. The task body, like a procedure body consists of PEARL declarations and statements. Before using it, a task must be declared; upon this, an identifier is assigned to it, which is then mentioned in tasking operations such as start or resumption.

Since usually only one processor is available to the tasks of a program, they must compete for its use — but also for the access to other resources (such as I/O devices) which have to be shared. The operating system, assigns the resources taking account of the tasks' priority. Thus, a positive integer can be allocated to a task as priority, smaller numbers meaning higher priority. The thus determined task priorities are used by the operating system to control the allocation of resources. If a task, e.g., possesses the only processor and requests another, exclusively occupied resource, the operating system withdraws the processor from this task and allocates it to the task of highest priority among all runnable tasks waiting for the processor. To runnable tasks of the same priority, the processor is allocated due to the Round-Robin-Strategy.

Such a priority controlled re-allocation of a processor takes place each time, when one of its operating system functions is called, e.g., upon the occurrence of an interrupt or upon executing statements for task control, for synchronisation and for input and output.

9.1 Declaration and Specification of Tasks (TASK)

The declaration of tasks takes place analogously to the declaration of procedures. Like procedures, tasks may only be declared at module level — i.e., not within procedure or task bodies. Furthermore, parameters are not permitted. However, since in a task body all PEARL objects declared at module level may be used and — as far as it is possible — changed, the data exchange with a task can take place via data which are declared at module level. Particularly the access of several tasks to the same data, however, should carefully be synchronised with the means described in 9.4. In the case of the data exchange by I/O statements, the input/output functions already take over the synchronisation.

Example:

A task protocol deposits protocol texts in the variable `text` to be delivered to a terminal via the task output. (The needed synchronisation statements are explained in 9.4.)

```

PROBLEM;
    DCL text CHAR(60);
protocol: TASK;
    text := protocolText(27);
    ...
END; ! protocol

output: TASK;
    PUT Text TO printer BY LIST;
    ...
END; ! output
...

```

The general form of a task declaration reads:

```

TaskDeclaration ::=
    Identifier : TASK [ PriorityAttribute ] [ MAIN ]
    [ GlobalAttribute ] ;
    TaskBody
    END;

PriorityAttribute ::=
    { PRIORITY | PRIO } ConstantFIXEDExpression$GreaterZero

TaskBody ::=
    [{ Declaration | Identification }...]
    [Statement...]

```

If no priority is given in a task declaration, priority 255 is assumed. The priority value must be in

the range from 1 to 255. In case the priority value is not inside this range the `PrioOutOfRangeSignal` is induced. Each target platform must support at least the priorities 1 and 255. In case a requested priority is not available on the current *OpenPEARL* platform the `PrioNotMappableSignal` is induced.

The general form of a task specification reads:

```
TaskSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } Identifier$Task TASK GlobalAttribute ;
```

Upon program or system start, the tasks marked with `MAIN` are started according to their priority. As mentioned in section 4.5, *OpenPEARL* accepts tasks with `MAIN` attribute in different modules.

The global attribute is explained in 5.9.

9.1.1 References to Tasks (REF TASK)

The control of all task activities is also possible via references to objects of type `TASK`. The declaration of corresponding reference variables can take place like this:

```
TaskReferenceDeclaration ::=
    { DECLARE | DCL } OneIdentifierOrList [ DimensionAttribute ]
    [ INV ] REF TASK [ GlobalAttribute ] [ InitialisationAttribute ] ;
```

The general form of the specification of task reference variables reads:

```
TaskReferenceSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } OneIdentifierOrList [ VirtualDimensionList ]
    [ INV ] REF TASK GlobalAttribute ;
```

The following short example shows an application possibility for task reference variables:

Example:

Both segments from two PEARL programs show how various tasks can be started from a procedure, once via their names, once via references.

```
PROBLEM;
    SPC (consumer_1, consumer_2, consumer_3) TASK GLOBAL;
    ...
startTask: PROC (index FIXED);
    CASE index
    ALT
```

```

    ACTIVATE consumer_1;
ALT
    ACTIVATE consumer_2;
ALT
    ACTIVATE consumer_3;
FIN;
END;
...

```

```

PROBLEM;
    SPC (consumer_1, consumer_2, consumer_3) TASK GLOBAL;
    DCL consumers (3) INV REF TASK GLOBAL
        INIT (consumer_1, consumer_2, consumer_3);
...
startTask: PROC (index FIXED);
    IF index LE UPB consumers AND index GE LWB consumers
    THEN
        ACTIVATE consumers (index);
    FIN;
END; ! startTask
...

```

9.1.2 Determining Task Addresses

The address of a task can be obtained by calling the predefined function `TASK` or simply by assigning a task identifier to a task reference variable.

Example:

```

SPC temperatureMeasurement TASK GLOBAL;
DCL ptrTask REF TASK;
...
ptrTask := TASK (temperatureMeasurement);
ptrTask := temperatureMeasurement;

```

Both assignments are equivalent, however, the first form should be used, because it documents the address assignment in a better way.

The address of the running task is received by invoking the function `TASK` without stating a parameter.

Example:

```

...
ptrTask := TASK;    ! provides address of the task containing
                    ! this statement.
...

```

The general form of task reference assignment reads:

```
RefTaskAssignment ::=
    Name§RefTaskVariable { := | = }
    { Identifier§Task | Name§RefTaskVariable } ;
```

Besides using task reference variables in task statements, they can also be used for identifying tasks (cf. IS and ISNT operators).

Example:

```
IF ptrTask IS TASK(hello)
THEN
    ...
FIN;
IF ptrTask IS TASK
THEN
    /* points to running task */
    ...
FIN;
```

9.1.3 Determining Task Priorities

The (current) priority of a task can be obtained by the predefined function `PRIO`. Without stating a parameter, it provides the priority of the running task, and with a task name as parameter, it returns the priority of that task.

Example:

```
DCL currPrio    FIXED(15);
DCL currTaskA   FIXED}(15);
SPC taskA       TASK GLOBAL;
...
currPrio    := PRIO;
prioTaskA   := PRIO (taskA);
CONTINUE TaskA PRIO currPrio + 1;
```

9.2 Clock Time Adjustment

The internal clock is usually realized upon a realtime clock and periodic ticks, which defines the clock resolution.

One problem arises if the absolute time does not match the internal time due to e.g. daylight saving setting or other influences like temperature drift. An automatic reexecution of the task scheduling statements (see 9.3) may be wrong in some cases.

To adress this problem, an element in the system part is provided in *OpenPEARL* to induce an interrupt, when a difference between a reference clock and the *OpenPEARL* specific time is detected. In applications, which are sensitive to the absolute time, this interrupt should be treated and the task scheduling statements reexecuted fitting to the requirements of the application.

Example:

```
SYSTEM;
    clockChangeInterrupt: ClockDifference(3600, -20.5, +300.0) ---
                          Lpc17xxRTC;
```

If the difference of the hardware clock in Lpc17xxRTC is detected to be more than 20.5 seconds in the past, or more than 300 seconds in the future, the *OpenPEARL* clock base is changed and the interrupt triggered. The check is repeated all 3600 seconds.

9.3 Statements for Controlling Tasks

A task can be started, terminated, suspended, continued, resumed and descheduled.

9.3.1 Starting a Task (ACTIVATE)

Unlike procedures, tasks are not executed immediately by calls, but in dependence of time instants and interrupts. Thus, a task must first be **scheduled** for the start by a task control statement of the syntax

```
TaskStarting ::=
    [ StartCondition ] ACTIVATE Name§Task [ PriorityExpression ] ;
```

The start itself is managed by a real time operating system. If the *StartCondition* defined in the control statement is fulfilled, the task first becomes “runnable”; but it is not started, i.e., transferred into the state “running”, until it has become the runnable task of highest priority.

Examples:

```
AT 20:0:0 ACTIVATE statistics;
```

The task “statistics” is not to be started until the future time “8 o’clock p.m.”.

```
ACTIVATE statistics;
```

the task “statistics” is to be started immediately.

With the start condition, tasks can be scheduled for cyclic (repeated) start, in accordance with the syntax definition

```

StartCondition ::=
    AT Expression$Time [ Frequency ]
    | AFTER Expression$Duration [ Frequency ]
    | WHEN Name$Interrupt [ AFTER Expression$Duration ] [ Frequency ]
    | Frequency

Frequency ::=
    ALL Expression$Duration
    [ { UNTIL Expression$Time } | { DURING Expression$Duration } ]

```

Examples:

ALL t **ACTIVATE** regulator;

The task regulator becomes runnable at each integer multiple of the time interval t.

WHEN alarm **ACTIVATE** shutDown;

The task shutDown becomes runnable each time when the interrupt alarm occurs.

AT Expression\$Time determines, at which time the task shall be executed for the first time, AFTER Expression\$Duration determines, from when on this is to happen relative to the execution of the task control statement, and WHEN Name\$Interrupt determines that this is to happen when the denoted interrupt occurs, possibly delayed by the duration denoted in AFTER Expression\$Duration. If AT, AFTER and WHEN are lacking, the task becomes runnable immediately after the execution of the task control statement.

If the task is to be repeated after equal time intervals, the time between two executions is to be determined by ALL Expression\$Duration. To limit the repeated executions, a time can be determined by UNTIL Expression\$Time, or a duration with DURING Expression\$Duration, respectively, after which no more task starts are repeated.

If the start condition commences with WHEN, the task becomes runnable each time the denoted interrupt occurs, considering further components of the start condition. A schedule determined by ALL becomes re-effective, relative to the occurrence of the interrupt, whereas the previous schedule becomes ineffective.

In combinations of WHEN and AFTER each interrupt occurrence restarts the delay period for the tasks activation. This is shown in figure 9.1. The restart of the timer is also true for the frequency.

The start condition becomes ineffective ,

- if it commences with AFTER or ALL and an end condition determined by UNTIL or DURING

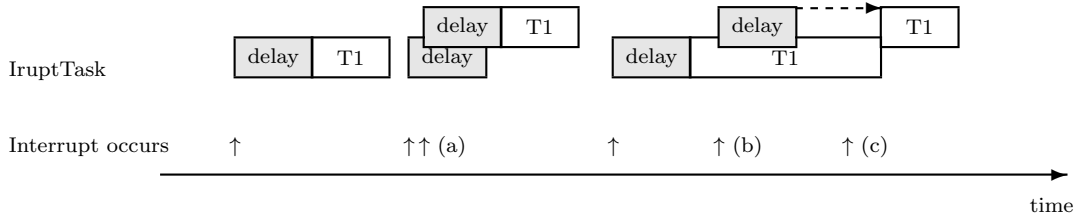


Figure 9.1: The task IrupTask becomes activated by an interrupt. The activation itself is delayed for 1 second. If the interrupt re-occurs during the delay period - the delay period is retriggered (a). If the interrupt occurs while the task is still active, the delay timer is started again (b). If the task is still active at the end of the delay time the activation is buffered once and executed immediately after the task’s termination (c).

is reached, or if it has the form `AFTER Expression$Duration` and the denoted Duration reckoning from the execution of the task control statement has passed,

- because a statement to deschedule a task is executed (see 9.3.6),
- upon execution of a new task control statement of the same type (`ACTIVATE`). The previous start condition is replaced by the new one , or, if no new condition is denoted, deleted.

Example:

```
...
AT 12:0:0 ACTIVATE protocol;
ALL 2 HRS ACTIVATE protocol;
...
```

These two schedulings cannot be valid at the same time. On the contrary, start condition `ALL 2 HRS` replaces start condition `AT 12:0:0`, unless time “12 o’clock” does not occur before executing the second statement.

Executing a start statement causes that the indicated task applies for the allocation of a processor immediately (form without start condition) or at the instant determined by the start condition — competing with all other tasks being runnable at the moment of the start (being runnable) as well. Thus, upon an immediate start, the started task competes particularly with the starting task, if only one processor is provided.

Possibly, the indicated task has already been started and not been terminated when executing the start statement. If in this case no `StartCondition` is denoted, an error message occurs.

However, if the start statement contains a `StartCondition`, the indicated task is not changed, and its re-start is scheduled (buffered) according to the `StartCondition`, replacing a possibly existing scheduling by the new one.

Possibly the task is still active when the `StartCondition` should activate the task. In this case the task will be re-started as soon as the task terminates. This buffering is limited to 1 re-start action.

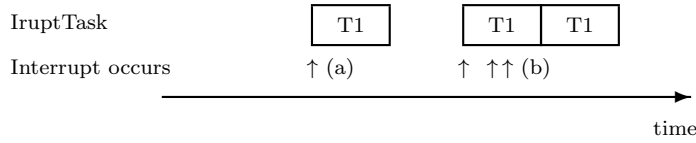


Figure 9.2: The task `IruptTask` becomes activated by an interrupt (a). If the interrupt occurs while the task is still active, the activation is buffered once and executed immediately after the task's termination (b).

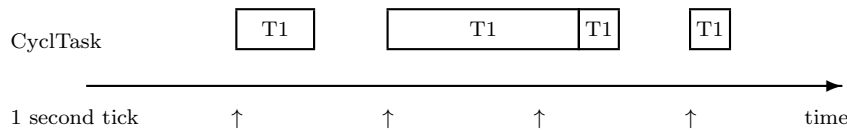


Figure 9.3: The task `CyclTask` should become activated all 1 sec. The execution time varies. If the task is still active at the next activation time, the activation is buffered once and executed immediately after the task's termination.

This behavior is shown in figure 9.2 and 9.3. The rectangles denote the time period, where the tasks are active. The arrows mark the time of interaction.

A possibly stated priority overwrites the priority stated in the declaration of the indicated task. The new priority is valid only for this activation. Subsequent activations will use the priority, which is specified in the task declaration.

Example:

AT 22:00:00 ALL 2 HRS UNTIL 2:00:00 ACTIVATE t1;

will produce the activation of the task `t1` at the following time, depending on the time of the execution of the scheduled activation statement.

current time	activation times
12:00:00	22:00:00, 0:00:00 (tomorrow), 2:00:00 (tomorrow)
23:00:00	22:00:00 (tomorrow), 0:00:00 (day after tomorrow) , 2:00:00 (day after tomorrow)

Note that *OpenPEARL* treats time intervals inclusive the borders.

To avoid problems from jitter, it is recommended that the activation frequency and border expression have a sufficient spacing.

Figure 9.4 illustrates the possibilities to start a task immediately or under various start conditions.

Possible problem situations:

TaskRunningSignal is induced, if the task is still active when an **ACTIVATE** statement with-

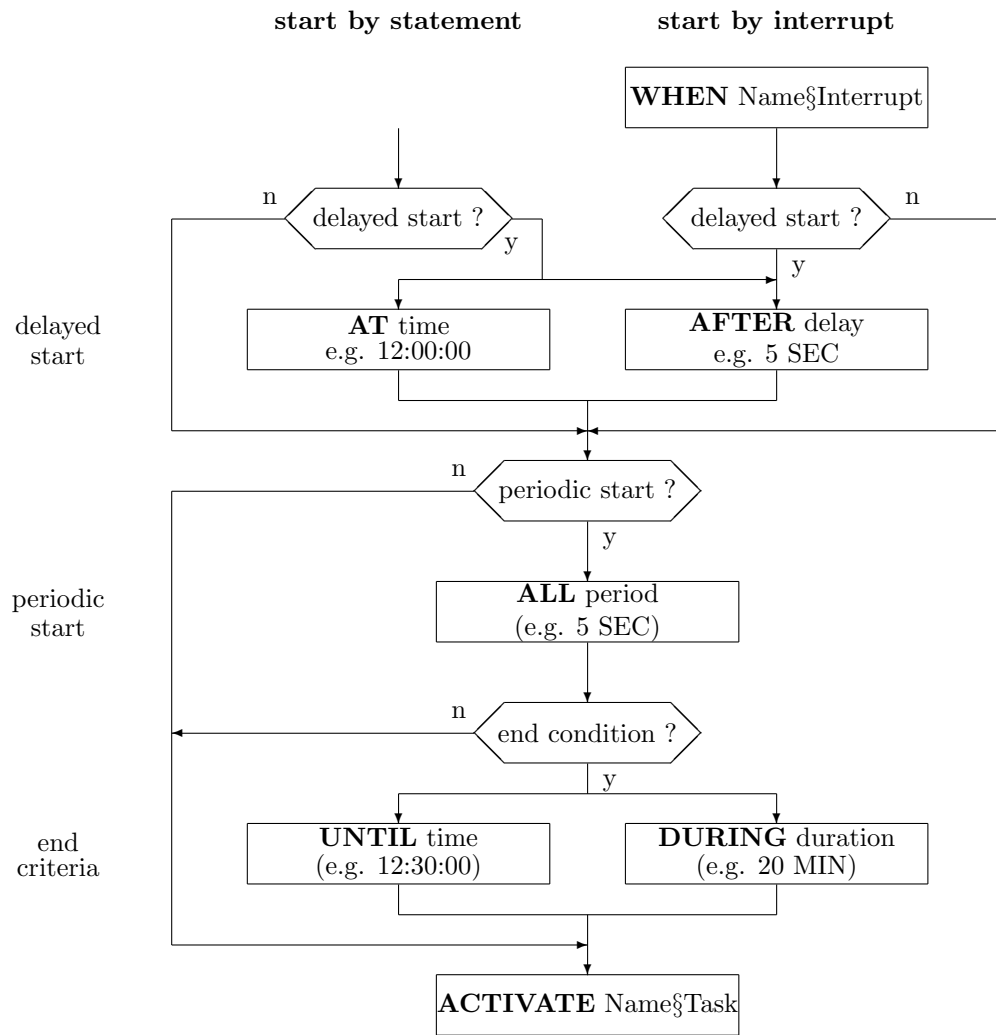


Figure 9.4: Possibilities to start a task immediately or under various conditions. The period of the element **DURING** starts after the *delayed start* has completed.

out start-condition is executed.

IllegalSchedulingSignal is induced, if at least one the values of AFTER, ALL or DURING is non positiv.

The first activation will be on the next day, if the current time is larger than the value of the AT parameter. If the time specified by UNTIL is less than the time of AT, the period will end the day after the first scheduled activation. This is true independent of the way of specifying the first activation.

A task is terminated

- when it reaches the terminating END statement of its body, or
- by executing a statement to terminate tasks related to the task (see [9.3.2](#)).

Example:

The task pressureMeasurement shall measure all 5 seconds the pressure in a tank and transfer it to the task checking. If the pressure increases significantly fast, the measurement shall by taken all second with increased priority. The task checking is started immediately by task initial.

```

PROBLEM;

initial: TASK MAIN;
    ACTIVATE checking;
    /* further initialisations */

END; ! initial

checking: TASK PRIORITY 6;
    ALL 5 SEC ACTIVATE pressureMeasurement;
    /* taking over the measured values
       if the pressure rises: */
        ALL 1 SEC ACTIVATE pressureMeasurement PRIO 2;
        ...
END; ! checking

pressureMeasurement: TASK PRIO 5;
    /* measuring and passing over to checking */
END; ! pressureMeasurement
...

```

9.3.2 Terminating a Task (TERMINATE)

The premature termination of a task is achieved by following statement:

```
TaskTerminating ::=
    TERMINATE [ Name§Task ] ;
```

If the denotation Name§Task is lacking, the statement refers to the task in whose body it is contained.

All resources occupied by the terminated task (including processor) are withdrawn from it. Synchronisation variables blocked by the task, however, are not released automatically.

Possible problem situations:

TaskTerminatedSignal is induced, if the task is in terminated state when a **TERMINATE** statement is executed.

Termination is delayed , if the task is doing i/o. The task's termination is delayed until the i/o-statement is completed, or a record mark (**SKIP**) is encountered. This is done to enshure the integrity of the i/o-behavior.

9.3.3 Suspending a Task (SUSPEND)

By executing the statement

```
TaskSuspending ::=
    SUSPEND [ Name§Task ] ;
```

the indicated task — or the executing task, respectively, if Name§Task is lacking — is suspended, i.e., its execution is postponed. The processor allocated to it is withdrawn from it — but not all the other resources occupied by it.

A suspended task can only be continued by executing a continue statement (see 9.3.4).

Possible problem situations:

TaskTerminatedSignal is induced, if the task is not activated when a **SUSPEND** statement is executed.

TaskSuspendedSignal is induced, if the task is already suspended when a **SUSPEND** statement is executed.

Suspending is delayed , if the task is doing i/o. The task's suspension is delayed until the i/o-statement is completed, or a record mark (**SKIP**) is encountered. This is done to enshure the integrity of the i/o-behavior.

9.3.4 Continuing a Task (CONTINUE)

A suspended task can be continued immediately, at a certain point in time, after a certain duration or after the occurrence of an interrupt by the following statement:

```
TaskContinuing ::=
    [ SimpleStartCondition ] CONTINUE [ Name§Task ]
    [ PriorityExpression ];

SimpleStartCondition ::=
    AT Expression§Time
    | AFTER Expression§Duration
    | WHEN Name§Interrupt
```

If Name§Task is stated, the statement causes that the indicated task competes for the processor immediately (form without start condition) or at the instant determined by the start condition — possibly with the given priority replacing the declared one.

The form without Name§Task causes that the executing task re-competes for the processor at the instant determined by the start condition — possibly with the given priority replacing the declared one.

Example:

The task acquisition shall cause an output and not continue until the occurrence of the interrupt continuation, but then with higher priority.

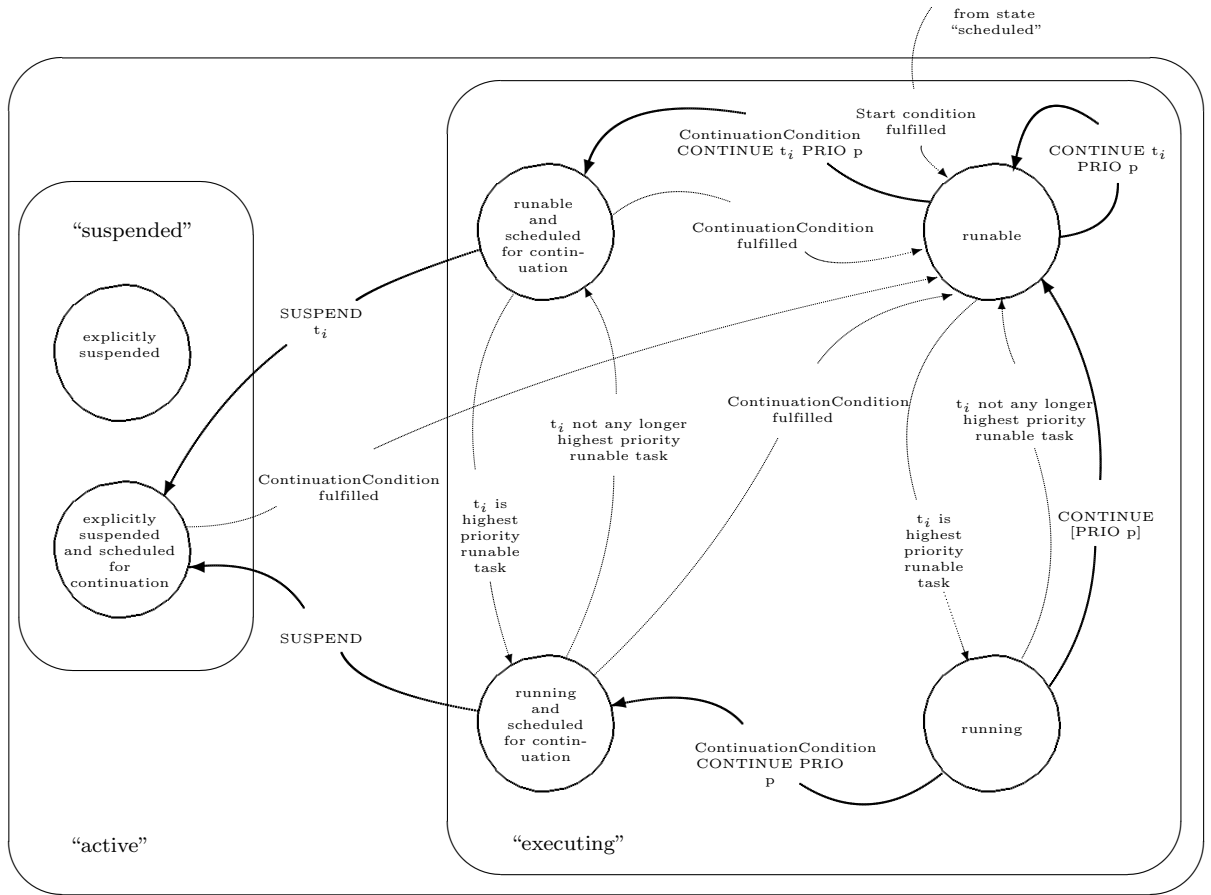
```
acquisition: TASK Prio 8;
    ! Acquisition of data
    WHEN continuation CONTINUE Prio 5;
    ! Output
    SUSPEND;
    ! Acquisition of data
END; ! Acquisition
```

In Figure 9.5, the state transitions of a task possible by executing CONTINUE instructions are illustrated graphically. For the case of “scheduled continuations”, the state transitions for SUSPEND statements are given additionally. Note that fulfilling the continuation condition annihilates the SimpleStartCondition.

Possible problem situations:

TaskTerminatedSignal is induced, if the task is not activated when a CONTINUE statement is executed, without a SimpleStartCondition.

Priority update occurs at any CONTINUE Prio xxx statement, except if the tasks state is terminated.

Figure 9.5: State transition diagram of task t_i when executing **CONTINUE**

executing a scheduled **CONTINUE** never induces a signal. The action will be discarded, if the tasks state is not suspended. The priority will be updated, if the tasks state is not terminated.

9.3.5 Delaying a Task (**RESUME**)

If the running task shall release the processor allocated to it for a certain duration or until the occurrence of a certain point in time or an interrupt, respectively, (if it is to be delayed), the following statement is to be executed:

```
TaskResuming ::=
    SimpleStartCondition RESUME ;
```

This statement is equivalent to the non-devisable combination of the statements

SimpleStartCondition **CONTINUE;**
SUSPEND;

After having executed the statement RESUME, the start condition is ineffective, i.e., the execution is once.

Note that RESUME annihilates a SimpleStartCondition for the current task, due to the implicit CONTINUE-statement.

Example:

The task control shall turn on a device and check 10 seconds later, whether the device works as desired.

```
control: TASK;
    ! turning on the device
    AFTER 10 SEC RESUME;
    ! ckecking the function of the device
    ...
END; ! control
```

9.3.6 De-scheduling a Task (PREVENT)

Sometimes it is necessary to cancel the schedules existing for a task, i.e., to take care that the start conditions related to this task become ineffective. This can be achieved with the following statement:

```
TaskPreventing ::=
    PREVENT [ Name$Task ] ;
```

This statement does not terminate the corresponding task; if Name\$Task is not given, the statement effects the running task.

Example:

The procedure control called by a higher level task, gives a move request to an AGV (Automatic Guided Vehicle) which has to send the ready message ready within 30 seconds in order to start the task supply. If the ready message has not arrived within 30 seconds, the task malfunction shall be started, and the probably still possible, but delayed start of supply shall be de-scheduled. In the normal case — ready arrives within 30 seconds — the already scheduled start of malfunction must be de-scheduled.

```
PROBLEM;
    SPECIFY ready INTERRUPT;
```

```

control: PROC (x FIXED, /* X coordinate */
              y FIXED); /* Y coordinate */
  /* converting the coordinates taken over into a bit string,
    output of the bit string to the AGV */
  WHEN ready ACTIVATE supply;
  AFTER 30 SEC ACTIVATE malfunction;
  ...
END; ! control

supply: TASK PRIO 3;
  PREVENT malfunction;
  ...
END; ! supply

malfunction: TASK PRIO 2;
  PREVENT supply;
  ...
END; ! malfunction

```

9.4 Synchronising Tasks

Generally, tasks are run independently from one another. However, it may happen that several tasks work on parts of a more complex, overall problem and have to use certain resources, particularly data, jointly.

Example:

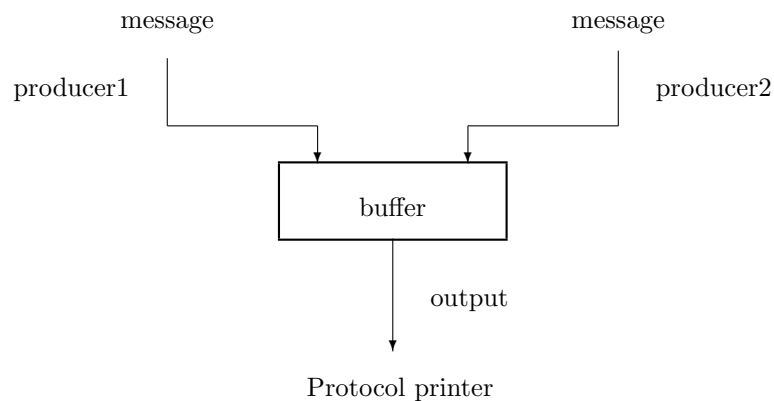


Figure 9.6: Example for task co-ordination

According to Figure 9.6 the tasks `producer1` and `producer2` produce messages which they want to store in a common buffer; by the task `output`, a message is taken from the buffer and displayed in a formatted way on a protocol printer.

For a correct execution of the operations, they have to be co-ordinated as follows:

- The task `output` creates only an output, if a message was buffered, which means that it possibly waits that the buffer is filled by `producer1` or `producer2`.
- `producer1` and `producer2` can only buffer a message, if no previous message is being sent out by `output`, i.e., they must possibly be suspended until `output` has issued the previous message completely.
- The tasks `producer1` and `producer2` to buffer a message have to be mutually exclusive.

To control such co-ordination tasks, two types of synchronisation variables are provided, namely semaphore and bolt variables. If the access to jointly used resources (e.g., data, procedures, devices) is to be co-ordinated, one synchronisation variable is associated to each resource; then the using tasks execute a locking statement on the associated synchronisation variable before and a release statement after using a resource.

The association of synchronisation variables to resources does not take place by PEARL statements; it is only assumed and is realised by using a certain synchronisation variable always in combination with a certain resource, only. Such an association is not restricted to data, procedures, devices, etc., sometimes it must also be done for program parts (e.g., for executing sub-tasks), which shall all be terminated until a certain other program part (e.g., the main task) is to be continued.

9.4.1 Semaphore Variables (SEMA) and Statements (REQUEST, RELEASE, TRY)

Semaphore variables can have non-negative integers as values. These numbers represent the states “free” or “locked”: Zero means state “locked” (the semaphore variable “locks”), positive numbers mean the state “free”. These states can only be changed by special request or release statements.

Semaphore variables are declared as follows:

DCL Identifier_or.IdentifierList **SEMA**;

Example:

DCL (on, off) **SEMA**;

After its declaration, a semaphore variable has the state “locked”.

If a semaphore variable explicitly is to assume the state “locked”, the following locking statement is to be executed:

REQUEST Name\$Sema;

The effect of this statement depends on the actual value of the indicated semaphore variable:

- If the value is greater than zero, it is decremented by 1.
- If the value equals zero, it stays the same; the executing task, however, is suspended and placed in a queue which is (implicitly) associated to the semaphore variable (the task is blocked).

The execution of the release statement

RELEASE Name\$Sema;

causes that the value of the indicated semaphore variable is incremented by 1. Furthermore, the tasks in the queue of the semaphore variable are released; they repeat their request statement in the order of their priorities.

Example:

With these means, the problem of buffering messages can be solved as follows:

For entering messages into the buffer, a semaphore variable `intoBuffer`, for the output out of the buffer, a semaphore variable `outOfBuffer` is declared. Upon declaration, `intoBuffer` and `outOfBuffer` are implicitly initialised with “locked”. The task consumer is started from outside. Before it starts the tasks `producer_1` and `producer_2`, `intoBuffer` must receive the state “free”.

```

PROBLEM;
  DCL (intoBuffer, outOfBuffer) SEMA;

consumer: TASK;
  RELEASE intoBuffer;
  ACTIVATE producer_1;
  ACTIVATE producer_2;
  REPEAT
    REQUEST outOfBuffer;
    ! Output to the protocol printer
    RELEASE intoBuffer;
  END; ! Loop
END; ! consumer

producer_1: TASK;
  REPEAT
    ! Preparing the message
    REQUEST intoBuffer;
    ! Buffering
    RELEASE outOfBuffer;
  END; ! Loop
END; ! producer_1

```

```

producer_2: TASK;
  REPEAT
    ! Preparing the message
    REQUEST intoBuffer;
    ! Buffering
    RELEASE outOfBuffer;
  END; ! Loop
END; ! producer_2

```

Explanation:

Output waits first for the release of codeoutOfBuffer, i.e., the buffering of a message, because outOfBuffer can only be released by producer_1 or producer_2. After the output has taken place, consumer releases intoBuffer, i.e., admits buffering, and waits for a new request. producer_1 and producer_2 can only buffer a message, if state “free” is defined for intoBuffer; after buffering a message, they release outOfBuffer resulting in the continuation of consumer.

The state of a semaphore variable can be obtained with the monadic operator

TRY Name\$Sema;

As result, the operator provides a BIT(1) value to be used in all logical expressions. If the semaphore variable is “free”, the operator executes a REQUEST statement and provides value '1'B as result. If the semaphore variable has already state “locked”, no REQUEST statement is executed, and value '0'B is provided. Therefore a possible blocking of the running task can be avoided when using the TRY operator!

Example:

In a dialogue system the function function1 may not be called twice at the same time, although the blocking of a task calling function1 has to be avoided.

```

PROBLEM;
  DCL func_1 SEMA;

dialogue: TASK;
  ...
  IF TRY func_1
  THEN
    ! Semaphore variable func_1 had state 'free'
    CALL function1;      ! execute function
    RELEASE func_1;      ! release semaphore
  ELSE
    ! Semaphore variable func_1 had state 'locked'
    PUT 'function 1 not possible at present' TO terminal;
  FIN;
  ...
END; ! dialogue

```

Due to erroneous synchronisations, tasks can constantly block one another; such a deadlock, e.g., could arise due to the following program organisation:

```
/* Task t1 */
REQUEST s1;
    1st segment
REQUEST s2;
    2nd segment
RELEASE s2;
RELEASE s1;
```

```
/* Task t2 */
REQUEST s2;
    1st segment
REQUEST s1;
    2nd segment
RELEASE s1;
RELEASE s2;
```

If tasks t_1 and t_2 are in their first segments at the same time, a deadlock occurs, for on the one hand, t_1 is blocked by the execution of statement “**REQUEST** s_2 ;”, because t_2 has already built up the lock with the semaphore variable s_2 , and on the other hand, t_2 is blocked by the execution of statement “**REQUEST** s_1 ;”. If no other task executes a release, the blockings remain permanently.

To avoid such situations, lists of semaphore variables can be stated for locking statements.

By executing the statement

REQUEST Name\$Sema [, Name\$Sema] \cdots ;

the running task is suspended, if at least one of the indicated semaphore variables is in state “locked”; the task is not continued until none of the semaphore variables is locking any longer. If none of the indicated semaphore variables is locking, the executing task is continued after decrementing the values of each of these semaphore variables by 1.

The statement

RELEASE Name\$Sema [, Name\$Sema] \cdots ;

has the effect, as if a release statement were executed for each of the indicated semaphore variables without any interruption.

In the last example, the deadlock could be avoided by the following program organisation:

```
/* Task t1 */
REQUEST s1, s2;
    1st segment
    2nd segment
RELEASE s2;
RELEASE s1;
```

```
/* Task t2 */
REQUEST s1, s2;
    1st segment
    2nd segment
RELEASE s1;
RELEASE s2;
```

The order of the semaphore variables in the list is of no significance.

After the TRY operator, only one single semaphore variable may be given, a list of semaphore variables is not allowed.

The general forms for the declaration of semaphore variables as well as locking and release statements read:

```

SemaDeclaration ::=
    { DECLARE | DCL } OneIdentifierOrList [ DimensionAttribute ] SEMA
    [ GlobalAttribute ]
    [ PRESET ( IntegerWithoutPrecision$GreaterOrEqualZero
        [ , IntegerWithoutPrecision$GreaterOrEqualZero ] ... ) ] ;

SemaStatement ::=
    { REQUEST | RELEASE } OneIdentifierOrList$Sema ;

TRYOperator ::=
    TRY Name$Sema

```

Thus, also arrays of semaphore variables are possible; the various elements are addressed by indices in the request and release statements.

Semaphore variables must be declared at module level. Upon declaration, semaphore variables can also be initialised explicitly by PRESET statement; the given values are assigned to the corresponding semaphore variables according to their order.

Example:

Upon declaration, values 3 and 5 shall be assigned to the semaphore variables s1 and s2, respectively.

```
DCL (s1, s2) SEMA PRESET (3, 5);
```

The general form for the specification of semaphore variables reads:

```

SemaSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } OneIdentifierOrList [ VirtualDimensionList ] SEMA
    [ GlobalAttribute ] [ IdentificationAttribute ] ;

```

Possible problem situations:

SemaOverflowSignal is induced, if too many release operations are executed and the range of a FIXED (32) would exceed.

9.4.2 Bolt Variables (BOLT) and Statements (ENTER, LEAVE, RESERVE, FREE)

We assume that in different tasks the same data are used for calculation, but not modified (e.g., comparison quantities for supervision processes); additionally, another task shall re-establish these data (e.g., establishing new supervision data). It shall be granted that the processes for modifying and using data mutually exclude each other; in contrast, the simultaneous use of data (by various tasks) is desired.

These problems can principally be solved with the described locking and release statements; the formulation, however, is relatively complicated, and the run time for the execution considerable. Thus, four more statements working on variables of data type bolt are provided.

A bolt variable can take on the states “locked”, “lock possible”, or “lock not possible”, depending on whether the associated resource is used exclusively, is free or is used simultaneously.

Bolt variables, e.g., are declared as follows:

DCL Identifier_or_IdentifierList **BOLT**;

After its declaration, a bolt variable has the state “lock possible”.

Let the bolt variable *b* be associated to a resource. When entering a critical section for the exclusive use of this resource, the access by other tasks is locked by executing the statement

RESERVE *b*;

When leaving this critical section, the release takes place by the statement

FREE *b*;

The critical sections for the simultaneous use of the resource are initiated and terminated, respectively, by executing the statements

ENTER *b*; or **LEAVE** *b*;

The exact description of the effect of these statements considers the state and the modification of the bolt variables:

Effect of RESERVE *b*; If *b* has state “lock possible”, *b* assumes state “locked”; otherwise, the executing task is suspended and placed in a queue associated with *b*.

Effect of FREE *b*; *b* assumes state “lock possible”. Furthermore, all tasks waiting in the queue of *b* due to a RESERVE statement are released; the tasks repeat their locking statements in the order of their priorities. If no task is waiting due to a RESERVE statement, all other waiting tasks, due to their ENTER-instruction, are released, in turn repeating the ENTER statement in the order of their priorities.

Effect of ENTER *b*; If *b* has state “locked”, or if a task is in the queue of *b* due to a RESERVE

statement, the executing task is suspended and placed in the queue of *b*. Otherwise, *b* assumes state “lock not possible”, to prohibit exclusive access; furthermore, the (internally noted) number *Z* of “using” tasks is incremented by 1.

(I.e., tasks executing “ENTER *b*” are continued not before the tasks requiring exclusive access to the resource.)

Effect of LEAVE *b*; If $Z = 1$, this statement has the same effect as “FREE *b*;”. Otherwise, *Z* is decremented by 1, and *b* keeps the state “lock not possible”.

Example:

A task measurement continuously acquires values of comparison quantities needed by the tasks control and disposition for calculations from a process to be supervised. It shall be granted that measurement changes the comparison quantities only if they are not used; in contrast, control and disposition shall use the comparison quantities simultaneously.

For this, a bolt variable *valueAccess* is declared; in the bodies of the three tasks the critical sections of the modification or the use of the comparison quantities are initiated or terminated, respectively, as follows:

<pre> /* body of measurement: */ ... RESERVE valueAccess; ! modification FREE valueAccess; ... </pre>	<pre> /* bodies of control and disposition: */ ... ENTER valueAccess; ! use LEAVE valueAccess; ... </pre>
---	--

All statements for bolt variables are also defined for lists of bolt variables — analogously to the request and release statements for semaphore variables.

Generally, bolt variables can be declared and used as follows:

```

BoltDeclaration ::=
    { DECLARE | DCL } OneIdentifierOrList [ DimensionAttribute ] BOLT
    [ GlobalAttribute ] ;

BoltSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } OneIdentifierOrList [ VirtualDimensionList ]
    BOLT [ GlobalAttribute ] [ IdentificationAttribute ] ;

BoltStatement ::=
    { RESERVE | FREE | ENTER | LEAVE } OneIdentifierOrList $Bolt ;

```

Also arrays of bolt variables can be declared.

Bolt declarations must take place at module level.

Possible problem situations:

BoltStateSignal is induced, if a LEAVE or FREE operation is executed and no ENTER or RESERVE operation (respectively) was executed before.

BoltEnterOverflowSignal if more than the range of FIXED (32) enter operations were executed in sequence.

9.5 Interrupts and Interrupt Statements

9.5.1 Declarations of Interrupts and Software Interrupts

An interrupt is a message of the controlled process via an interrupt input line of the interrupt controller to the operating system, which, after occurrence of the interrupt has to initiate the reaction planned by the programmer for that case, e.g., “Upon occurrence of interrupt ready, task supply is to be started”.

The interrupt channels provided in a computer system are described in the user manual, giving their (system) names. The interrupt channels required by a PEARL program are declared in the system part, where user names can be associated to them. Under these user names, they are specified as interrupts in the problem part, to be able to use them in the task control statements (see 9.3) and the interrupt statements.

Example:

```

MODULE (moduleName) ;
SYSTEM;
    ready: Hard_Int(7); ! Hard_Int is the system name

PROBLEM;
    SPECIFY ready INTERRUPT;
    ...
initialisation: TASK;
    ...
    WHEN ready ACTIVATE supply; \\
    ...
END; ! initialisation

..
supply: TASK PRIORITY 2;
    ! task body
END; ! supply
    ...

```


The general form of an interrupt declaration and specification reads:

```
SystemInterruptDeclaration ::=
    Identifier§InterruptSystemName [ ( ListOfConstants ) ]
    [ Association ] ;

InterruptSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } OneIdentifierOrList { INTERRUPT | IRPT }
    [ GlobalAttribute ] ;
```

Most modern computers and operating systems, however, do not provide the possibility to address interrupt channels anymore, because hardware oriented device control and supervision are taken over by programmable logic controllers. The possibilities for interrupts provided by PEARL, however, are also usable for so-called *software interrupts* introduced into the system part under their own system names. The user manual gives information about the system name and usage possibilities.

9.5.2 Interrupt Statements (TRIGGER, ENABLE, DISABLE)

First, interrupts are disabled by their declarations and have to be enabled by an enable statement.

If the effect of an enabled interrupt, e.g., upon malfunctions in the technical process, shall be suppressed, i.e., start conditions for task statements related to it shall stay ineffective although the interrupt occurs, a disable statement is to be executed for this purpose, which in turn can be revoked again by executing an enable statement.

```
InterruptStatement ::=
    { ENABLE | DISABLE | TRIGGER } Name§Interrupt ;
```

The validity range of the disable statement starts with its execution and ends upon execution of an enable statement.

Example:

```
PROBLEM;

    SPC alarm INTERRUPT;
    ...
init: TASK MAIN;
    WHEN alarm ACTIVATE recovery;
    ENABLE alarm;
    ...
END; ! init
```

```

recovery: TASK PRIO 1;
    DISABLE alarm;
    ! checking the reason
    ! initiate reaction
    ENABLE alarm;
END; ! recovery
...

```

The test of real time programs requires sometimes to simulate the effect of interrupts, particularly if the technical process has not been connected to the computer, yet. For such simulations, the trigger statement is provided.

Example:

```

MODULE (moduleIrpt);
SYSTEM;

    ready: Soft_Int;
    ...
PROBLEM;
    ...
    WHEN ready ACTIVATE control;
    ...
MODEND;

```

```

MODULE (test);
PROBLEM;

SPC ready IRPT GLOBAL (moduleIrpt);

    ...
    /* e.g., at random times */
    TRIGGER ready;
    ...
MODEND;

```

Chapter 10

Input and Output

The input and output statements enable the transfer of data from the working memory of the computer to an external data station (output) and vice versa, the transfer of data from an external data station to the working memory (input). Primarily, data stations are standard peripheral devices (printer, console, disk, magnetic tape, keyboard, etc.) or process peripherals (sensors, actuators, embedded controllers, etc.).

On these *system defined* data stations, *user defined* data stations can be created in the program to store data, e.g., on disks, magnetic tapes, printers, etc.

In the I/O statements of the problem part, the data stations are addressed under freely selectable, logical user names; the features of the data stations are to be specified before mentioning these names.

In conventional programming languages, the association of the logical identifiers (user names) for data stations used in the program to the devices of a particular computer system is done by additional control definitions when setting up a compiler program (job control definitions). In PEARL, these associations take place in standardised notation by declarations in the system part.

10.1 System Part

The system part serves for describing the used I/O configurations of a PEARL program. A system name must be associated with all devices of a computer system which can directly be addressed with PEARL I/O statements. A list of these devices and their system names can be found in the PEARL user manual of the corresponding target system. In the system part, freely selectable user names must be assigned to the system names of the needed devices. The devices can only be addressed in I/O statements of the problem part via these user names.

```

SystemPart ::=
    SYSTEM ;
    [ { UserNameDeclaration } ForDationInterruptOrSignal
      | ConfigurationElement } ... ]

```

Devices may be connected directly to the computer or they are connected via a bus like I2C to the computer. In this case, the bus is represented by a separate user name declaration. The identifier of the bus may be used in conjunction with the connection symbol (---) to a bus component. If the bus component is only used once in the system part, it may be specified directly. In other cases, a user supplied name must be introduced and used.

Thus, a system part consists of a number of device associations of the following form:

```

UserNameDeclaration ::=
    { SystemDationDeclaration
      | SystemSignalDeclaration
      | SystemInterruptDeclaration }

```

The declaration of interrupts and signals are defined in chapter 9.5 and ??.

```

SystemDationDeclaration ::=
    Identifier $UserName: Identifier $DationSystemName
        [ ( ListOfConstants ) ] [Association] ;

Association ::=
    --- { Identifier $UsernameOfConnectionProvider
          | Identifier $ConnectionProviderSystemName [ ( ListOfConstants ) ] }
    [ --- { Identifier $UsernameOfConnectionProvider
          | Identifier $ConnectionProviderSystemName [ ( ListOfConstants ) ] } ]
    ...
    ;

ListOfConstants ::=
    ConstantParameter [, ConstantParameter ] ...

ConstantParameter ::=
    IntegerWithoutPrecision
    | BitStringConstant
    | CharacterStringConstant

```

Especially for standalone running microcontrollers the system part may configure the behavior of the PEARL environment, like the definition of an error output channel.

```
ConfigurationElement ::=
    Identifier$ConfigurationItem [ ( ListOfConstants ) ] [ Association ] ;
```

For the example of a system part as given below, a typical linux computer system is considered, with the following provided system names in *OpenPEARL*:

SystemName	Parameter	Device
StdIn	-	standard input
StdOut	-	standard output
Disc	'/home', 10	files for reading and writing are located in the given folder. The maximum of concurrent open files also specified.
RPiDigitalIn	...	Digital input: Details are described in the platform users guide
RPiDigitalOut	...	Digital output: Details are described in the platform users guide

PEARL example for the system part:

```
MODULE (example);
SYSTEM;
    ! system dations
    termin: StdIn;
    termout: StdOut;
    folder: Disc('/tmp' ,10) ;
    counter: RPiDigitalIn(2,1);
    switch: RPiDigitalOut(3,1);
    motor: RPiDigitalOut(8,4); ! Bit 8-11
    ic2bus1: I2Cbus('/dev/i2c-0', 100000);
    temp: LM75('48'B4) --- i2cbus1;

    ! configuration elements
    Log('EW') --- LogFile('pearl_log.txt') --- folder;
PROBLEM;
    ...
```

The configuration item for logging denotes that errors and warnings ('EW') should be gathered in the file 'pearl_log.txt' in the disc folder specified by the previous defined folder on the disc drive.

The available devices and the associated system names must be taken from the corresponding user manual of the *OpenPEARL* platform specific implementation.

10.2 Specification and Declaration of Data Stations (DATION) in the Problem Part

10.2.1 System Data Stations

Before using system defined data stations, they must be specified in the problem part, defining their associated user names.

The general form reads:

```
DationSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } OneIdentifierOrList TypeDationSystem
    [ GlobalAttribute ] ;

TypeDationSystem ::=
    DATION SourceSinkAttribute SYSTEM ClassAttribute
    [ Typology ] [ AccessAttribute ]
```

The different attributes in a system dation specification describe the fundamental features of the physical device to be communicated with. The features of a device and the possible attributes are described for all devices in the user manual.

For the declarations from the above example, this can take place as:

```
SPC termin  DATION IN    SYSTEM ALPHIC,
      termout DATION OUT  SYSTEM ALPHIC,
      folder  DATION INOUT SYSTEM ALL,
      counter DATION IN    SYSTEM BIT(1) ,
      switch  DATION OUT   SYSTEM BIT(1) ,
      motor   DATION OUT   SYSTEM BIT(4) ;
```

10.2.2 User Defined Data Stations

By a dation declaration, a logical, so-called user defined data station (or user dation) is created on a physical device (system dation). The allocation to a device is determined by the `CREATED` attribute.

All input/output statements described in the following refer to user dations — the direct declaration of system dations leads to run time errors.

```
DationDeclaration ::=
    { DECLARE | DCL } OneIdentifierOrList TypeDation [GlobalAttribute]
    CREATED (Identifier§UserNameOfSystemDation) ;
```

Hence, no arrays of data stations may be declared. However, it is possible to declare arrays of references to data stations to enable also indexed addressing of data stations.

The various attributes enable the detection of contradictions between the features of data stations and their way of using in I/O statements already at compilation time.

```
TypeDation ::=
    DATION SourceSinkAttribute ClassAttribute
    [ Typology ] [ AccessAttribute ]
```

Each data station is source and/or sink of a data transmission. The corresponding feature must be given upon declaration:

```
SourceSinkAttribute ::=
    IN | OUT | INOUT
```

IN means that this data station is a source for data, i.e., it may only appear in such data transmission statements which transmit these data *into* the working memory (e.g., digital inputs, keyboard).

Data stations specified with OUT may only be used as sinks for outputs from the working memory (e.g., printer).

A data station with attribute INOUT allows for data transmissions in both directions (e.g., disk).

The data transmissions take place with the computer internal format of the data or by means of conversion between computer internal and external format. For this, PEARL provides three different kinds of I/O statements:

- The READ/WRITE statements for transmission in computer internal format (e.g., for disk data, see [10.4](#)).
- The PUT/GET statements for transmission with conversion between internal format and representation in the character set available on the data station (e.g., for printer output, see [10.5](#)).
- The TAKE/SEND statements for transmitting process data (see [10.7](#)).

The data transmission to or from a data station can only take place in one of the given ways.

The selection is made when declaring the data station by means of the class attribute stating to which of the three classes the data belong:

- If the READ/WRITE statements are to be used, i.e., if the data station records data in computer internal form, the type of data to be transmitted is stated as class attribute, e.g., FIXED, or FLOAT, or BIT (16), or ALL (for various types).
- If the data are represented alphanumerically on the data stations (case PUT/GET), the data station gets the class attribute ALPHIC .
- Data stations for transmissions with the TAKE/SEND statements have class attribute BASIC .

The general form of the class attribute reads:

```

ClassAttribute ::=
    ALPHIC |
    BASIC TypeOfTransmissionData |
    TypeOfTransmissionData

TypeOfTransmissionData ::=
    ALL | SimpleType | IOCompoundType

SimpleType ::=
    TypeFixed | TypeFloat |
    TypeBitString | TypeCharacterString |
    TypeClock | TypeDuration

IOCompoundType ::=
    IOStructure | Identifier$ForNewTypeFromSimpleTypes

IOStructure ::=
    STRUCT [ IOStructureComponent [ , IOStructureComponent ] ... ]

IOStructureComponent :=
    OneIdentifierOrList
    { SimpleType | IOStructure | Identifier$ForNewTypeFromSimpleTypes }

```

Hence, the type of the transmission data may also be a multiply structured structure or a newly defined type, but no component being of type reference.

Example:

```

...
TYPE KindStructure STRUCT
    [ (index, number) FIXED,
      weight          FLOAT,
      ...

```



```

    ];
DCL kindFile DATION INOUT KindStructure ...,
    tab      DATION INOUT FIXED ...;

```

The attribute ALL includes all other possibilities of type of transmission data. No type checking occurs in this case.

Example:

On a disk memory drive with system name `Disk` and user name `Disk`, a file `File1` for the input of `FIXED` quantities and a file `File2` for the input/output of `FLOAT` quantities with computer internal format are to be created.

```

SYSTEM;
    disk: Disk('/home',10);
PROBLEM;
    SPC disk  DATION INOUT SYSTEM ALL ...;
    DCL file1 DATION IN      FIXED ... CREATED (disk);
    DCL file2 DATION INOUT FLOAT ... CREATED (disk);

```

The source/sink attribute and the class attribute must be defined for each data station, in contrast to the now described attributes for the structure and access possibilities of a data stations.

The smallest data set transmitted to or from a data station is called data element. Its type is determined by the class attribute. Several data elements can be combined into a record (synonymously, line), and several records to a segment (syonymously, page), i.e., all elements make up a 1-, 2-, or 3-dimensional array. For this, the number of data elements in a line, the number of lines in a page, and the number of pages must be denoted in the structure attribute:

```

Typology ::=
    TypologyDeclaration | TypologySpecification

TypologyDeclaration ::=
    DIM ( { * | ConstantFIXEDEExpression$GreaterZero }
          [ , { * | ConstantFIXEDEExpression$GreaterZero }
            [ , { * | ConstantFIXEDEExpression$GreaterZero } ] ] )
    [ TFU ]

TypologySpecification ::=
    DIM ( [ , [ , ] ] )

```

The Constant-FIXED-Expressions of each dimension size must have a positive value.

The furthest dimension value to the right always denotes the number of elements per line, the next (possibly lacking) value denotes the number of lines per page, and the next (possibly lacking) value denotes the number of pages.

The denotation $*$ means that the corresponding number is not limited. E.g., a data station printer with 120 characters per line, 60 lines per page, and any number of pages can obtain the structure $(*, 60, 120)$.

The following combinations are possible:

- 3-dimensional typology
`DIM (number of pages, number of lines, number of elements) , or`
`DIM (*, number of lines, number of elements)`
- 2-dimensional typology
`DIM (number of lines, number of elements) , or`
`DIM (*, number of elements)`
- 1-dimensional typology
`DIM (number of elements) , or`
`DIM (*)`

modified

Furthermore, the typology indicates, how many data elements are transmitted *at least* upon the execution of *one* data transmission statement:

- If the attribute TFU is lacking, single data elements, lines or pages can be transmitted.
- The TFU attribute means that only lines are transferable. If the actual number of data elements in a data transmission statement is less than the number of data elements of a line, this line is implicitly padded with spaces (ALPHIC data stations) or zeros (BASIC data stations).

Example:

```
DCL printer DATION OUT ALPHIC DIM(*, 60, 120) TFU ... ;
...
PUT 'PEARL' TO printer;
```

This PUT statement has the effect that the five characters P, E, A, R, L are written out in one (new) line by printer.

- TFU may only be used if the number of elements of a record is defined. Obviously, it is not allowed for a typology like `DIM (*)`.
- It is possible to use SKIP additionally to indicate the end of line. Multiple SKIP-statements will produce empty lines on output.
- On input, a complete line will be processed. Any data after the last read input element will be discarded. A single SKIP statement at the end of the line is ignored in the format list. Multiple SKIP statements will discard input lines.
- TFU enshures the correct record structure. Obviously STREAM is not allowed in combination with TFU.

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Details about the behavior of TFU:

- If the system dation requires transfer units, the size is specified in the system dation definition. The record length of the user dation must not exceed this length.
- If the system dation does not require TFU, the behavior is simulated by the user dation.
- If a user dation is declared with TFU, the record length is defined by
 - the position of the end-of-record marker (e.g. NL) for ALPHIC dations with access attribute FORWARD
 - the number of data elements in a line and the size of the data elements for all other non basic dation types. No end-of-record markers are used.
- On output:
 - If the record length of the system dation is larger than the record length of the user dation, the remaining elements are padded with zeros or spaces according the dation type.
 - The TFU buffer is transfered to the device:
 - * at the end of the output statement
 - * if a positioning statement leaves the current record
- On input:
 - If the record length of the system dation is larger than the record length of the user dation, the remaining elements must be equal to the padding element. If the input record is shorter, the remaining elements are ignored.
 - A new TFU record is read from the device, the first data input format element in the input statement after a positioning statement which leaves the current record is treated.

The possible ways of accessing a data station are determined by the access attribute:

```
AccessAttribute ::=
  { DIRECT | FORWARD }
  [ NOCYCL | CYCLIC ]
  [ STREAM | NOSTREAM ]
```

DIRECT means that (based on a transmitted data element) any data element can directly be accessed, giving the position of the element (see [10.4](#), [10.5](#)).

The attribute **FORWARD** mean sequential access; i.e., the access may (based on a transmitted element) only take place in the order determined by the structure, possibly giving the relative

position of the wanted element to the element just transmitted (see 10.4, 10.5).

NOCYCL , CYCLIC, STREAM and NOSTREAM are treated in the context of the I/O statements in 10.4 and 10.5.

Example:

On a disk drive with system name `Disc` and user name `disc` a file for a table with 300 lines and 5 columns (elements per line) is to be created. Let the table elements be floating point numbers; the access takes place to elements directly and only reading.

```
MODULE (modulename) ;

SYSTEM;
disc: Disc('/home', 10);
...
ROBLEM;
    SPC disc DATION INOUT SYSTEM ALL;
    DCL table DATION IN FLOAT DIM(300, 5) DIRECT GLOBAL CREATED (disc);
    ...
```

Examples for the declaration of data stations for inputs/outputs in character form are described in 10.4 and 10.5.

The characteristics of the system dation must fit to the specification:

- ALPHIC specification is allowed upon system dations of type ALPHIC, ALL or CHAR
- FORWARD specification is compatible with DIRECT attribute of the system dation
- DIM specifications must not exceed the size of the system dation — more artificial dimensions may be specified

10.3 Opening and Closing of Data Stations (OPEN, CLOSE)

Before a data station may be used for the first time in a data transmission statement, it must be opened by the open statement:

```
OpenStatement ::=
    OPEN Name%Dation [ BY OpenParameter [ , OpenParameter ] ... ] ;
```

When executing the open statement, a data station with typology is positioned at its beginning. The open parameters serve to handle data stations containing identifiable files. E.g., a system defined data station `Disc` can possess a file `TAB1`, which is also maintained after terminating

the program under this name. Later on, the same or another program can create a user defined data station table on disc, identified with file TAB1 in the open statement.

```
OpenParameter ::=
    RST ( Name$errorVariable-FIXED )
    | IDF ( { Name$CharacterStringVariable | CharacterStringConstant } )
    | { OLD | NEW | ANY }
    | { CAN | PRM }
```

The open parameters may not conflict — e.g. OLD and NEW are not allowed in the same statement.

Meaning of the parameters:

- IDF (Name\$CharacterVariable | CharacterStringConstant)
The value of the specified character variable or the specified character string constant is the name of the file to be identified with the data station named Name\$Dation.
- RST (Name\$errorVariable-FIXED)
If an error occurs during the OPEN execution, the specified variable is assigned an error number unequal to zero; in the error-free case, it is set to zero (see 10.8).
- OLD
If there is a file with IDF name, it its allocated on the notated data station. Otherwise, or if IDF is lacking, an error message is given, or the RST variable is set with the error number.
- NEW
A file with IDF name is created and identified with the notated data station. If there is already a file with this name, or if IDF is lacking, an error message is given, or the RST variable is set with the error number. If the dation has a fixed topology like DIM(10,10) the content is filled with spaces or null bytes for ALPHIC or typed dations, respectively.
- ANY
If there is already a file with IDF name, it is identified with the notated data station. Otherwise, a new file is created for it. If IDF is lacking, a new file is created under a name determined by the system and identified with the denoted data station.
- CAN (from “cancel”)
The file is no longer to be made accessible after executing the close statement (see below).
- PRM (from “permanent”)
The file is still there after executing the close statement, and again accessible with the same name after re-executing an open statement.

If the open parameter about the previous state of the file (e.g. OLD, NEW, ANY) is missing ANY is assumed. If the parameter about the state of the file after closing (e.g. CAN, PRM) is missing in OPEN and CLOSE statements PRM is assumed.

When executing the close statement, a file is closed; i.e., it is usable again not before the execution of an open statement.

```
CloseStatement ::=
    CLOSE Name§Dation [ BY CloseParameter [ , CloseParameter ] ... ] ;
```

The settings for closing a data station made in the open statement can be overwritten by a close statement:

```
CloseParameter ::=
    RST ( Name§ErrorVariable-FIXED )
    | { CAN | PRM }
```

Generally, the following rules hold:

- The close parameters may not conflict — e.g. ether CAN or PRM is allowed
- Not every task executing an access to a data station must execute an OPEN or CLOSE statement.
- The dation must be opened before any access to its data.
- Corresponding OPEN and CLOSE statements need not be executed by the same task.
- Upon lacking parameters, PRM is assumed, unless earlier executed close or open statements have made explicit settings.
- Executing the OPEN statement on an already opened dation will cause an error message or the RST variable is set with the error number.
- Executing the CLOSE statement on an already closed dation will cause an error message or the RST variable is set with the error number.

Example:

```
MODULE (modulename) ;
SYSTEM;
    printer: DRUA;
    disc: Disc('/home' ,10);
    ...
PROBLEM;
    SPC printer DATION OUT SYSTEM ALPHIC;
    DCL tabProt DATION OUT ALPHIC DIM($^*$, 50, 30) FORWARD GLOBAL
        CREATED (printer);
    SPC disc DATION INOUT SYSTEM ALL;
    DCL table DATION IN FLOAT DIM(300, 5) DIRECT GLOBAL CREATED (disc);
```

```

start: TASK MAIN;
    OPEN tabProt;
    OPEN table BY IDF('TAB-1'), OLD;
    ACTIVATE prot;
    ...
END; ! start

prot: TASK;
    ! Data transmission statements with table and tabProt
    ...
    CLOSE tabProt;
    CLOSE table;
END; ! prot
    ...
MODEND;

```

10.4 The Read and Write Statements (READ, WRITE)

The read statement serves for the input, the write statement for the output of data without converting the computer internal representation (binary input/output). Data can be transmitted to or from the connected devices (e.g., a file on disk or magnetic tape). The corresponding data stations must be declared with the class attribute "TypeOfTransmissionData".

Examples:

1. Columns 4 and 5 in the dation table (cf. the example on page [134](#)) are to be replaced by re-calculated values.

```

...
DCL (x, y, z) FLOAT;
...
FOR line FROM 1 TO 300
REPEAT
    ! calculation of x, y, z
    WRITE x, SIN(y+z) TO table BY POS(line, 4);
END;

```

2. A task measurement periodically acquires 14 temperature values (Procedure getTemp), processes them, and writes them sequentially in blocks with 14 values in a logbook on the disk.

```

PROBLEM;
    SPC getTemp PROC(i FIXED) RETURNS ( FIXED(15)) GLOBAL;
    SPC disc    DATION INOUT SYSTEM ALL;
    DCL logbook DATION OUT          FIXED(15) DIM(*, 14)
                TFU FORWARD CREATED (disc);

```

```

    DCL numTemp INV FIXED(15) INIT (14);

start: TASK MAIN;
    OPEN logbook; ! Positioning to beginning
    ALL 10 SEC ACTIVATE measurement;
    ...
END; ! start

measurement: TASK;
    DCL temperature (numTemp) FIXED(15);
    FOR i TO numTemp
    REPEAT
        temperature(i) := getTemp(i);
    END;
    ! Processing the measured values
    WRITE temperature TO logbook;
END; ! measurement

```

The general forms of the read and write statements read:

```

ReadStatement ::=
    READ [ { Name$Variable | Slice } [ , { Name$Variable | Slice } ] ... ]
    FROM Name$Dation [ BY Position [ , Position ] ... ] ;

WriteStatement ::=
    WRITE [ { Expression | Slice } [ , { Expression | Slice } ] ... ]
    TO Name$Dation [ BY Position [ , Position ] ... ] ;

```

A slice may be defined as range of the last index of an array.

```

Slice ::=
    Name$Array ( [ Index , ] ... Index : Index )

Position ::=
    AbsolutePosition | RelativePosition
    | RST ( Name$errorVariable-FIXED )

AbsolutePosition ::=
    { COL | LINE } (Expression)
    | POS ( [ [ Expression , ] Expression , ] Expression )
    | SOP ( [ [ Name , ] Name , ] Name )

RelativePosition ::=
    { X | SKIP | PAGE } [ (Expression) ]
    | ADV ( [ [ Expression , ] Expression , ] Expression )

```


EOF

Upon entry with the read statement, the addressed data elements are read one after the other and correspondingly assigned to the variables in the variable list. The variables are assigned according to the general rules for assignments. If an element of the variable list is an array, the addressed data are assigned by rows; if it is a structure, the data are assigned to the structure components in the order determined by the structure declaration.

For simplicity in writing, the elements (of the last dimension) of an array following one another in the variable list can be declared in form of a segment. Let list be an array with ten elements `list(1), ... , list(10);` then the two following statements are equivalent:

```
READ list(2), list(3), list(4) ... ;
READ list (2 : 4), ... ;
```

All position expressions are completely evaluated, before values are assigned to the data elements.

Example:

Read `x` from position 3 and `y` from position 5 from the data file:

```
READ x FROM file BY POS(3) ;
READ y FROM file BY POS(5) ;
```

The execution of the statement

```
READ x,y FROM file BY POS(3), POS(5) ;
```

however, results in that `x` being read from position 5 and `y` from the subsequent position.

The `RST` attribute (cf. 10.8) can occur anywhere in the position list. However, it does not become effective until it is evaluated. A position list is elaborated one after the other, starting from the left. If an error occurs, the elaboration of the I/O statement is aborted in this position, and the error reaction valid at this moment (error assignment to an `RST` variable or system reaction) is executed.

These statements analogously hold for the write statement.

The type of the variables in the variable list of the read statement must be compatible with the class attribute of the given data station; this holds analogously for the results of the expressions in the expression list of the write statement.

The variable or expression list of the read or write statement may be lacking, if these statements shall only be used for positioning in the denoted data stations. In this case, however, a position must be given.

The values in the position list refer to the structure of the data station and determine the data elements to be transmitted. Thus, the values of the expressions must be of type `FIXED` and must be compatible with the structure.

When using an absolute position, i.e., a position independent from the actual data element, the data station must have the access attribute `DIRECT`. A relative position denotes the distance of the data element to be transmitted from the current data element; in this case, the data station must have the access attribute `FORWARD` or `DIRECT`.

In detail, the possible position attributes have the following meanings:

- `COL (Expression)`
refers to the first dimension (from the right) of the structure and determines the *i*-th element in the current line of the data station, if *i* equals the value of the expression.
- `LINE (Expression)`
refers to the second dimension of the structure and determines the *i*-th line of the current page of the data station, if *i* equals the value of the expression.

Example:

A 2-dimensional array corresponds to the structure (5,10):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1											
2											LINE(2)
3											
4											
5											
											COL(4)

- `POS ([[Expression$Page ,] Expression$Row ,] Expression$Column)`
gives the position of a data element in the *n*-dimensional structure (*n* = 1, 2, 3) of a data station. Lacking expressions are replaced by the respective current value.

Example:

With the statement

```
READ x FROM file1 BY POS (3,2,8);
```

the eighth data element of the second row of the third page of `file1` is read into `x`. If this is followed by the statement

```
READ x FROM file1 BY POS (4,5);
```

the fifth data element of the fourth row of the third page of `file1` is read into `x`.

- `SOP ([[Name$Page ,] Name$Row ,] Name$Column)`
is the counterpart to `POS`. With `SOP`, the current positions of a dation can be assigned to the given program variables. The number of names in `SOP` may not exceed the number of dimensions in the addressed dation.

In the following, let i be the value of the respective expression.

- `X [(Expression)]`
refers to the first dimension of the structure and determines the i -th element behind (i positive) or before (i negative), respectively, the current element in the current row of the data station; $i = 0$ denotes the current element.
- `SKIP [(Expression)]`
refers to the second dimension of the structure and determines the start (the first element) of the i -th row behind (i positive) or before (i negative), respectively, the current row of the current page of the data station; $i = 0$ denotes the current row.
- `PAGE [(Expression)]`
refers to the third dimension of the structure and determines the start of the i -th page behind (i positive) or before (i negative), respectively, the current page of the data station; $i = 0$ denotes the current page.

If the Expression denotation is not present for `X`, `SKIP`, or `PAGE`, respectively, value 1 is assumed. The value of a given expression must be positive, if the data station has the attribute `FORWARD`.

- `ADV ([[Expression$Page ,] Expression$Row ,] Expression$Column)`
gives the distance of the data element to be transmitted from the current data element. Missing expressions are replaced by the value zero. If the data station has the attribute `FORWARD`, the value for the expression furthest to the left must be positive or zero.
- `EOF`
refers to the end of the dation. If used in conjunction with fixed typology and `CYCLIC` attribute the compiler will emit a warning that the effective position will be the beginning of the dation.

Examples:

Let the corresponding data station `file1` have the structure (10, 10, 10), let the actual position be (5,3,8).

position statement	new position	
X	(5,3,9)	
X (-5)	(5,3,3)	
X (4)	(5,4,2)	(1)
SKIP (2)	(5,5,1)	
SKIP (-1)	(5,2,1)	
PAGE	(6,1,1)	
PAGE (6)	(1,1,1)	(2)
PAGE (-4)	(1,1,1)	
ADV (2, 5, 1)	(7,8,9)	
ADV (1, 0)	(5,4,8)	
ADV (-3, -2, 1)	(2,1,9)	
ADV (1, 8, 0)	(7,1,8)	(3)

With a relative positioning, dimension boundaries may not be exceeded (cf. the marked examples), unless the data station possesses the access attribute `STREAM` or `CYCLIC`, respectively. `STREAM` allows to exceed the internal dimension boundary (examples (1) and (3)), but not to exceed the boundary of the highest dimension (example (2)). For this, a data station must possess the attribute `CYCLIC`. If error reactions shall occur upon exceeding the corresponding boundaries, the attributes `NOSTREAM` or `NOCYCL`, respectively, must be given. By default, `STREAM` and `NOCYCL` are assumed.

Example:

```
DCL file1 DATION INOUT FIXED DIM(10,10,10) FORWARD CYCLIC
GLOBAL CREATED(disc);
```

Let each time the current position be (5,3,8). Then it holds:

position statement	new position
X (6)	(5,4,4)
SKIP (8)	(6,1,1)
PAGE (7)	(2,1,1)
ADV (9, 0, 3)	(4,4,1)

The positioning controls work differently on `FORWARD` and `DIRECT` dations. `FORWARD` dations does not allow to adjust the real position for read and write directly. Thus the positioning discards input data in the `READ` statement and writes as many zero bytes as required to fill the amount of data elements in the `WRITE` statements.

For dations with the ClassAttribute `ALL` the positioning operates on byte level.

10.5 The Get and Put Statements (GET, PUT)

The get statement serves for the input, the put statement for the output of data with conversion between computer internal and external, character oriented representations on ALPHIC data stations. To control this conversion, formats can be declared.

Examples:

1. The following text is to appear on the monitor of a storekeeper:

```
___article no:___4711
___stock:_____1281
```

Program steps required:

```
...
DCL stockMonitor DATION INOUT ALPHIC DIM(*,20,80)
      FORWARD GLOBAL CREATED (monitor);
DCL (artno, stock) FIXED;
...
PUT 'article no:', artno, 'stock:', stock TO stockMonitor
  BY X(3), A(13), F(4), SKIP, X(3), A(13), F(4);
...
```

2. Output of two values in standard format on a new page of the printer.

```
...
DCL printer DATION OUT ALPHIC DIM(*,50,120) FORWARD
  GLOBAL CREATED (thermoPrint);
DCL a FIXED(15), x FLOAT(23);
...
a := 5;
x := 2.33;
...
PUT TO printer BY PAGE;
PUT a, x TO printer BY LIST;
```

The execution results in the following printer layout:

```
___5___2.33000E+00
```

3. Let data be stored in an input file on floppy disk in the following form:

```
column 1 – 10 :article identifier (CHARACTER)
column 12 – 20:quantity (FIXED)
column 22 – 30:price per unit right-justified (e.g., ___124.57)
```

They are to be read into the variables articleId, quantity, price:

```
...
DCL inputFile DATION IN ALPHIC DIM(*,80) TFU FORWARD
  GLOBAL CREATED (floppyDisk),
  articleId CHAR(10),
  quantity FIXED,
  price FLOAT;
...
GET articleId, quantity, price FROM inputFile BY
  A(10), X, F(9), X, E(9), SKIP;
```

The general forms of the get and put statements read:

```

GetStatement ::=
    GET [ { Name$Variable | Slice } [ , { Name$Variable | Slice } ] ... ]
    FROM Name$Dation [ BY FormatOrPosition [ , FormatOrPosition ] ... ] ;

PutStatement ::=
    PUT [ { Expression | Slice } [ , { Expression | Slice } ] ... ]
    TO Name$Dation [ BY FormatOrPosition [ , FormatOrPosition ] ... ] ;

FormatOrPosition ::=
    [ FormatFactor ] { Format | Position }
    | FormatFactor ( FormatOrPosition [ , FormatOrPosition ] ... )

FormatFactor ::=
    ( Expression$IntegerGreaterZero ) | IntegerWithoutPrecision$GreaterZero

Format ::=
    FixedFormat | FloatFormat |
    CharacterStringFormat | BitFormat |
    TimeFormat | DurationFormat |
    ListFormat | RFormat

```

Upon input with the get statement, the addressed data elements are read one after the other and correspondingly assigned to the variables in the variable list (analogously to the read statement). The assignment to the variables takes place according to the general assignment rules.

The input is terminated, when the the variable list is worked off. If there still are list elements, but no data elements, an error message is displayed.

When executing the put statement, the values of the expressions following PUT in the list are written out in the given order.

In the order of notation, a format in the format position list is associated with each variable in the variable list of the get statement, describing the external representation of the data on the named data station and used for converting into computer internal representation. If no formats are specified, the kind of format is determined by the type of the variable (see LIST 10.5.7). Besides formats, the list of the format positions can also contain position statements (cf. 10.4) for positioning in the data station. If the variable list is not exhausted, yet, the further positionings are executed and the just mentioned association is continued with the next following format. If, on the contrary, the variable list is already exhausted, the following position attributes are elaborated, until a format is encountered or the list is worked off.

If the variable list contains an array or a segment, the following formats are associated with the array elements one after the other.

The number of the transmitted data elements is only determined by the variable list, not by the format position list. If there are more formats than variables, the surplus formats are neglected. If there are still variables left, when the format position list is worked off, it is re-started with the first element of the format position list. In each case, the transmission is terminated, when the variable list is exhausted.

The above analogously holds for the PUT statement with “variable” replaced by “expression”.

The data station must possess the class attribute ALPHIC, a structure, and an access attribute. The selection of the access attribute possibly limits the positioning possibilities (cf. 10.4).

The format position list consists of format and position statements. To simplify notation, repetition factors may be used in the list. For instance, the format position list

```
X(2), F(12,3), X(2), F(12,3), X(2), F(12,3)
```

can be written in an easier way:

```
(3) (X(2), F(12,3))
```

The following table shows the permitted associations between formats and types of the data elements to be transferred:

format	data type
fixed format	FIXED, FLOAT
float format	FIXED, FLOAT
bit format	BIT
character string format	CHARACTER
time format	CLOCK
duration format	DURATION
list format	all given data types

In detail, the formats have the following forms and meanings (the position statements were explained in 10.4).

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If no FormatOrPosition elements are specified the default format is LIST for each data element.

The positioning controls work differently on FORWARD and DIRECT dations. FORWARD dations does not allow to adjust the real position for read and write directly. Thus the positioning discards input data in the GET statement and writes as may space characters as required to fill the amount of data elements in the PUT statements.

10.5.1 The Fixed Format (F)

```

FixedFormat ::=
    F ( FieldWidth [ , DecimalPositions ] )

FieldWidth ::=
    Expression$WithPositiveIntegerAsValue

DecimalPositions ::=
    Expression$WithNonNegativeIntegerAsValue

```

The fixed format describes the external representation of decimal fixed point numbers. The field width w is the complete number of characters available for the decimal number; decimal positions d denote the number of digits behind the decimal point. The behavior is described separately for input and output.

1. Output

- (a) The decimal number is stored right-justified in a field of length w in the form
 $[-] \text{ pi } [. \text{ pi }]$
 where pi means positive integer. If the number does not occupy the entire field, the left part is padded with spaces.
- (b) If $0 > d$ or $w \leq d$, the `FixedFormatSignal` is induced
- (c) In case $w \leq 0$, the `FixedFormatSignal` is induced
- (d) If $d = 0$ or is not given, only the integer part of the decimal number rounded without decimal point is written out.
- (e) Except for the zero immediately in front of the decimal point, leading zeros are suppressed.
- (f) if the output value does not fit into the given field width (also regarding negative sign), the `FixedValueSignal` is induced.
- (g) Example for output:

value	format	output	
13.5	F (7 , -1)		<i>FixedFormatSignal!</i>
13.5	F (0)		<i>FixedFormatSignal!</i>
13.5	F (7 , 2)	__13.50	
-13.5	F (7 , 2)	_-13.50	
275.2	F (4 , 1)		<i>FixedValueSignal!</i>
22.8	F (5)	___23	
212.73	F (9 , 2)	___212.73	

2. Input

- (a) A field of length w is read, containing a decimal fixed point number in the following representation:
 $[[+ | -] \text{ pi } [. [\text{ pi }]]]$

- (b) Spaces preceding or following the number are ignored.
- (c) If the entire field is empty, the `FixedValueSignal` is induced.
- (d) If no decimal point occurs in the representation, the last `d` digits are interpreted as positions following a decimal point.
- (e) If a decimal point occurs in front of the last `b` digits in the representation, then it has priority over the specification by `d`. In this case, the statement of `d` has no meaning. Nevertheless the value must be reasonable in respect to the other rules.
- (f) If $w \leq 0$ or $d < 0$ or $w \leq d$, no assignment takes place; the `FixedFormatSignal` is induced
- (g) If the data in the input field does not match a valid fixed number, the `FixedValueSignal` is induced
- (h) Example for input:

external value		input as	
		FIXED	FLOAT
13.5	F (7, 1)	14	13.5
13.5	F (5)	14	13.5
275.2	F (4, 1)	275	275.2
---212.73	F (9, 2)	213	213,73
-----	F (5)	0	0.0
..3A---	F (5)	<i>FixedValueSignal!</i>	

10.5.2 The Float Format (E)

```
FloatFormat ::=
    E[3] (FieldWidth [ , DecimalPositions [ , Significance ] ] )

Significance ::=
    Expression$WithIntegerAsValue
```

The float format describes the external representation of decimal floating point numbers of the form

[+ | -] FloatingPointNumber

where the exponent consists of two (E) or three (E3) digits. Field width and decimal positions have the same meaning as in the fixed format; significance `s` denotes the number of significant digits; i.e., the length of the mantissa.

$E(w,d)$ is of equivalent to $E(w,d,d+1)$, and $E(w)$ to $E(w,0)$.

1. Output

- (a) If $w < d$ or $w \leq 0$, the `ExpFormatSignal` is induced.
- (b) If w is too small to mention a digit of the mantissa, the `ExpValueSignal` is induced
- (c) The floating point number is stored right-justified in a field of length w .
- (d) In case $w > d > s$, the mantissa is chosen so that it holds:

$$10^{s-d-1} \leq |\text{mantissa}| < 10^{s-d}$$
- (e) If $d > 0$, the number has the form

$$[-] s\text{-}d \text{ digits} . d \text{ digits } E \{ + | - \} \text{ exponent.}$$

The exponent is determined in such a way that the leading digit of the mantissa does not equal zero, if the number is different from zero.
- (f) If $d = 0$, the number has the form

$$[-] s \text{ digits } E \{ + | - \} \text{ exponent}$$
- (g) the exponent field used two digits in E-format and three digit in E3-format
- (h) If $s < d + 1$ the `ExpFormatSignal` is induced.
- (i) Example for output:

value	format	output	
-0.07	E (9, 1)	_-7.0E-02	
2713.5	E (11, 2, 4)	__27.14E+02	rounding occurs
2721	E (8)	___2E+03	
2721	E3 (8)	__2E+003	

2. Input

- (a) If $w \leq 0$, or $d < 0$, or $s < d + 1$, no assignment happens and the `ExpFormatSignal` is induced
- (b) If the field is empty, the `ExpValueSignal` is induced.
- (c) If the data in the field does not match a valid number, no data is assigned and the `ExpValueSignal` is induced.
- (d) A field of length w is read, containing a decimal floating point number in one of the possible representations (cf. 5.3). Otherwise the `ExpValueSignal` is induced.

10.5.3 The Character String Formats (A)

```
CharacterStringFormat ::=
  A [ (Expression$NumberCharacters) ]
```

The character formats describe the external representation of character strings (character quantities) of the form

Character...

The value of the expression in character string format means the total number w of the character positions available for the representation.

1. Output

- (a) If the format has form “A (Expression)”, the character string is written out left-justified in the above presented form in a field of length w .
- (b) If the character string consists of more than w characters, it is truncated on the right; if it consists of less than w characters, the field is padded with spaces on the right.
- (c) If $w \leq 0$, the `CharacterFormatSignal` is induced
- (d) If the expression is not given in the format, i.e., the format has the form “A”, the string is written out in a field, whose length equals the string length.

2. Input

- (a) Characters up to the maximum of w or until encountering the next record delimiter (e.g., CR) are read in. A record delimiter is not transferred into the character string variable.
- (b) If w is smaller than length lg of the associated character string variable, the right part is padded with spaces; in case $w > lg$, the right part is truncated.
- (c) If $w \leq 0$, no assignment happens and the `CharacterFormatSignal` is induced.

Examples:

The output of the character string 'PEARL' in format

- A results in PEARL
- A(5) results in PEARL
- A(7) results in PEARL__
- A(2) results in PE

The input of the character string 'PEARL__' to a `CHAR(5)` variable `text` in format

- A is equivalent to `text := 'PEARL';`
- A(5) is equivalent to `text := 'PEARL';`
- A(7) is equivalent to `text := 'PEARL';`
- A(2) is equivalent to `text := 'PE___';`

10.5.4 The Bit Format (B)

```
BitFormat ::=
    { B | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 } [ ( Expression$NumberCharacters ) ]
```

The bit format describes the external representation of bit strings (bit quantities), namely (cf. 5.4)

- in binary form by the format: { B | B1 } [(Expression)] ,
- in form of tetrades by the format: B2 [(Expression)] ,
- in form of octades by the format: B3 [(Expression)] ,
- in hexadecimal form by the format: B4 [(Expression)] .

The value of the expression in bit format means the total number w of the character positions available for the representation.

1. Output

- (a) If the expression is declared in the format, the bit string is written out left-justified in the above represented form in a field of length w .
- (b) If the bit string consists of more than w characters, it is truncated on the right; if it consists of less than w characters, the field is padded with zeros on the right.
- (c) If w is not given, and if the bit format thus has the form B | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4, the string is written out in a field, whose length equals the length of the string.
- (d) If $w \leq 0$, no data is written and the BitFormatSignal is induced.

2. Input

- (a) The expression must be given.
- (b) A field of length w is read in, which must contain a bit string of the above described form. If the data field does not match a valid bit representation, or the field consists completely of spaces, the BitValueSignal is induced.
- (c) Spaces preceding or following the string are ignored.
- (d) If $w \leq 0$, no data is assigned and the BitFormatSignal is induced.

Example:

The output of the bit string '0101110' in the format

- B (5) results in 01011
- B2 (3) results in 113

- B3 (3) results in 270
- B4 (2) results in 5C

Let the variable bit string be of type BIT (8) ; the input, there are the following possibilities:

data element to be entered	format	value of bit string
11111	B (5)	11111000
201	B2 (3)	10000100
235	B3 (3)	01001110
AB	B4 (2)	10101011

10.5.5 The Time Format (T)

```
TimeFormat ::=
    T ( FieldWidth [ , DecimalPositions ] )
```

The time format describes the external representation of time data. The field width means the total number w of the character positions available for the representation; decimal positions stands for the number d of the digits for the fractional parts of seconds of the clock time. The number of decimal positions defaults to 0.

1. Output

- If $w \leq 0$ or $d < 0$, no data is written and the `ClockFormatSignal` is induced.
- If w is too small for the given clock value, the `ClockValueSignal` is induced.
- The time is written out right-justified in a field of length w in the form
`[Digit] Digit : Digit Digit : Digit Digit [. pi]`
- If the first digit is zero, it is replaced by spaces. In case $d = 0$, decimal point and fractional parts of seconds are not written out.
- If the output value does not occupy the entire field, the left part is padded up with spaces.

2. Input

- A field of length w is read in, which must contain a time in a permitted representation (see 5.7). Preceding and following spaces are ignored.
- If $w \leq 0$ or $d < 0$, no data is read and the `ClockFormatSignal` is induced.
- If the input field does not match a valid clock constant, the `ClockValueSignal` is induced.
- The parameter `DecimalPosition` is not regarded in input — the decimal point must be given explicitly.

Examples:

value	format	output
12.30 hours 5.2 sec	T (12, 1)	__12:30:05.2
8 hours	T (8)	__8:00:00

10.5.6 The Duration Format (D)

```
DurationFormat ::=
    D ( FieldWidth [ , DecimalPositions ] )
```

The duration format describes the external representation of durations. The value of the field width means the total number w of the character positions available for representation, the value of decimal positions means the number d of the digits for the fractional parts of seconds of the duration.

1. Output

- (a) The duration is written out right-justified in a field of length w in the form
`[[[[Digit] Digit HRS] Digit] Digit MIN] Digit] Digit [. pi] SEC`
- (b) If $w \leq 0$ or $d < 0$, no data is written and the `DurationFormatSignal` is induced.
- (c) If w is too small for the given clock value, the `DurationValueSignal` is induced.
- (d) Leading fields with hours and minutes may be suppressed by choosing a small value of w .
- (e) Examples:

value	format	output
11 hours 15 minutes	D (20)	11_HRS_15_MIN_00_SEC
100 milliseconds	D (24, 3)	_0_HRS_00_MIN_00.100_SEC
100 milliseconds	D (9, 3)	0.100_SEC
-100 milliseconds	D (9, 3)	DurationValueSignal
-100 milliseconds	D (9, 2)	-0.10_SEC

The character `_` means a space.

2. Input

- (a) If $w \leq 0$ or $d < 0$, no data is read and the `DurationFormatSignal` is induced.
- (b) A field of length w is read in, which must contain a duration in a permitted representation (see 5.8). Preceding and following spaces are ignored.
- (c) If the input field does not match a valid duration constant, the `DurationValueSignal` is induced.
- (d) A valid duration constant from chapter 5.8 is accepted. No delimiting spaces are required.

- (e) The value of *d* is not used in input. A decimal point is required in the input field for precisions better than 1 SEC.

- (f) Examples:

input	format	value
11 HRS 15 MIN	D (20)	11_HRS_15_MIN_00_SEC
0.100 SEC	D (24, 3)	_0_HRS_00_MIN_00.100_SEC
100 SEC	D (24, 3)	DurationValueSignal
10MIN1SEC	D (24, 3)	_0_HRS_10_MIN_01_SEC
-10MIN1SEC	D (24, 3)	-0_HRS_10_MIN_01_SEC

The character _ means a space.

10.5.7 The List Format (LIST)

```
ListFormat ::=
LIST
```

The list format serves for the input/output of fixed, float, bit, char, clock, and dur quantities.

1. Output

Subsequent output data are separated by two spaces, each. The data are written out in such a way, as if for a quantity of type

CHAR(k)	format	A(k)
BIT(k)	format	B(k)
FIXED(k)	format	F(n)
FLOAT(k)	format	E(m,m-7,m-6)
CLOCK	format	T(8)
DUR	format	D(20)

with $n = \text{ENTIER}(k/3.32) + 2$, $m = \text{ENTIER}(k/3.32) + 3$ were declared.

2. Input

The input data can have any form permitted for the representation of constants.

added

The same format replacements as on output are used. Only one data element should be read in one input line.

removed

They are separated by a comma or at least two spaces. If no constant is between two commas, the corresponding element of the variable list remains unchanged.

Examples:

data type	value	implicit format	output
FIXED(15)	127	F(6)	___127
FLOAT(23)	3.28E+28	E(9,2,3)	.3.28E+28
BIT(8)	'EF'B4	B(8)	11101111

10.5.8 The R Format (R)

Sometimes, the same format position lists are used in more than one get or put statement. The R format serves to describe these lists only once. For this, a list with the so-called format declaration is introduced.

```
FormatDeclaration ::=
    Identifier : FORMAT ( FormatOrPosition
        [ , FormatOrPosition ] ... ) ;
```

Example:

```
fTab : FORMAT ( X(2), F(8,3), (3) ( X(2), E(10,3) ) ) ;
```

A format declared in such a way can be used in a get or put statement, stating its identifier:

```
RFormat ::=
    R ( Identifier$Format )
```

When transmitting data, the R format is replaced by the format position list contained in the indicated format declaration.

Example:

```
PUT a, x, y, z TO printer BY R(fTab) ;
```

The format position list in the format declaration must not contain any R format referring directly or indirectly (via another format declaration) to its own format declaration.

10.6 The Convert Statement (CONVERT)

The comfortable conversion of number values in character strings and vice versa is very important for many applications, e.g., for the creation of display masks or for data exchange via communication interfaces which cannot transfer binary data. The PUT and GET statements enable that in connection with data stations. Following that, the CONVERT statement is defined, performing formatted data exchange with a character string or character string variable, respectively, instead of a data station.

The general forms of the convert statement are:

```

ConvertStatement ::=
    ConvertToStatement | ConvertFromStatement

ConvertToStatement ::=
    CONVERT Expression [ , Expression ] ...
    TO Name§CharacterStringVariable
    [ BY FormatOrPositionConvert [ , FormatOrPositionConvert ] ... ] ;

ConvertFromStatement ::=
    CONVERT Name§Variable [ , Name§Variable ] ...
    FROM Expression§CharacterString
    [ BY FormatOrPositionConvert [ , FormatOrPositionConvert ] ... ] ;

FormatOrPositionConvert ::=
    [ FormatFactor ] { Format | PositionConvert }
    | FormatFactor ( FormatOrPositionConvert
        [ , FormatOrPositionConvert ] ... )

PositionConvert ::=
    RST ( Name§ErrorVariable-FIXED )
    | X [ ( Expression ) ]
    | { POS | ADV } ( Expression )
    | SOP ( Name§PositionVariable-FIXED )

```

All permitted formats have the same meaning as for the PUT and GET statements on FORWARD DATATIONS.

Example:

```

DCL (index, convError) FIXED,
    value FLOAT,
    stringOut CHAR(40),
    stringIn CHAR(20);
...
CONVERT 'Index =', index TO stringOut BY A, F(4), A;
CONVERT index, value FROM stringIn BY RST(convError), F(4), E(10,2);

```

10.7 The Take and Send Statements

The take statement serves for the input, the send statement for the output of data. These statements are provided for the transmission of process data, and for the data exchange with user specific drivers, respectively. The data station must possess the class attribute BASIC.

```

TakeStatement ::=
    TAKE [ Name$Variable ] FROM Name$Dation
    [ BY RSTFormat ] ;

SendStatement ::=
    SEND [ Expression ] TO Name$Dation
    [ BY RSTFormat ] ;

RSTFormat ::=
    RST ( Name$ErrorVariable-FIXED )

```

The types of the “variable” in the take statement or the “expression” in the send statement, respectively, must fit to the type in the dation declaration. If the dation declaration specifies ALL, no type checking occurs.

Example:

```

PROBLEM;
    SPC motor DATION OUT SYSTEM BASIC BIT(4);
    DCL m      DATION OUT          BASIC BIT(4) CREATED ( motor );
    DCL on     INV BIT(4) INIT('1010'B1);

    SEND on TO m;

```

10.8 Error Handling in I/O Statements (RST)

Usually, errors are recognised when the execution of I/O statements lead to the termination of the responsible task, and an error message is written out. This standard reaction of the PEARL system is suppressed by defining

```
RST ( Name$ErrorVariable-FIXED )
```

in the parameter list of the OPEN/CLOSE statement, or as format or position element in the other data transmission statements, respectively.

“Name” must denote a variable of type FIXED, in which an error number not equal to zero is written in the case of error. Upon error free execution of the I/O statement, the variable is set to zero. Possible errors and their identification are to be found in the PEARL user manual of the respective computer system.

The RST definition can be located in any position of the format or position list of PUT, GET, WRITE, READ and CONVERT statements; also multiple definitions with different variables are permitted. The RST definition does not change the error reaction before the RST element is evaluated in the format or position list. Upon recognition of an error, the I/O statement is immediately aborted, and the error reaction valid at this point in time (assignment of an error

number to an RST variable or the system reaction) is carried out.

10.9 Interface for Additional Drivers

The diversity of — particularly in the world of PCs and micro controllers — existing I/O controllers and devices does not allow the compiler supplier to account for all I/O devices in the system part and create system names for them. To be able to address special I/O devices from PEARL in spite of that fact, a driver interface can be provided for certain operating systems, to which the PEARL programmer himself can connect drivers. This interface is described in the respective user manual (in the chapter “Open Driver Interfaces”).

Chapter 11

Signals

When executing certain statements, internal events, so-called signals, can occur, leading to an interruption of the running task; such signals may, e.g., be an overflow in course of an arithmetic operation, a division by zero, or reaching the end of a file.

A program abortion can be avoided by enabling a corresponding error handling upon the occurrence of a signal.

11.1 System Part Entries

The signals needed for a program are declared in the system part, where freely selectable user names can be assigned to them.

```
SystemSignalDeclaration ::=  
    Identifier$UserName: Identifier$SignalSystemName [ Association ] ;
```

The signals and their associated error numbers possible on a certain computer are described in the respective user manual, giving their system names and meanings.

11.2 Declaration and Specification of Signals

Before signals are used, they must be specified under their user names in the problem part at module level.

Example:

FixedOverflowSignal and DationEOFSignal are system names.

```

MODULE (moduleName);
SYSTEM;
    overflow : FixedOverflowSignal;
    eof : DationEOFSignal;
    ...
PROBLEM;
    SPC ( overflow, eof ) SIGNAL;
    ...
MODEND;

```

The general form of the specification of signals reads:

```

SignalSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } OneIdentifierOrList SIGNAL [ GlobalAttribute ] ;

```

In larger software systems it may be useful to define own signals, e.g. for wrong usage of functions. The declaration of a user defined signal is allowed on module level.

```

UserSignalDeclaration ::=
    { DCL | DECLARE } Identifier SIGNAL
    RST ( ConstantFIXEDExpression$errorNumber )
    [ GlobalAttribute ] ;

```

Valid ranges for the error number are listed in the platform specific manual.

11.3 Signal Reactions

The reaction planned for the occurrence of a signal is scheduled with the following statement:

```

SchedulingSignalReaction ::=
    ON Name$Signal [ RST ( Name$errorVariable-FIXED ) ] :
        SignalReaction ;

SignalReaction ::=
    SignalFinalStatement |
    Block$terminatedWithSignalFinalStatement ;

SignalFinalStatement ::=
    ReturnStatement |

```

```

GoToStatement |
InduceStatement |
TERMINATE ;

InduceStatement ::=
INDUCE [ NameSignal [ RST ( ExpressionErrorNumber-FIXED ) ] ] ;

```

Instead of UnlabeledStatement, all statements besides the statement SchedulingSignalReaction are permitted, particularly blocks, which end with a SignalFinalStatement.

The statement SchedulingSignalReaction is not permitted within BEGIN and REPEAT blocks, or as SignalReaction.

- Validity range of scheduling a signal reaction:
The validity range of scheduling a signal reaction reaches from the execution of the corresponding ON statement to the end of the scheduling task or procedure, respectively.
If another scheduling for the same signal (e.g., in a procedure called by the scheduling task) is run, it hides the preceding scheduling until the end of the validity range of the new schedule (in the example until the end of the scheduling procedure).
- Leaving a procedure (task) after the execution of a signal reaction:
If a signal occurs within the validity range of scheduling a signal reaction, the procedure (task) in which the signal reaction is scheduled is left by the explicit INDUCE, RETURN or TERMINATE after having executed the corresponding signal reaction, unless the signal reaction is left by a GOTO statement.
- Validity of signal schedulings during the execution of a signal reaction:
If a signal reaction is scheduled at procedure level, only those ON schedulings are valid during the execution of this signal reaction which were already executed before calling this procedure.
If the signal reaction is scheduled at task level, no ON schedulings are valid during the execution of this signal reaction.
- Validity of signal schedulings after leaving a signal reaction by GOTO:
If the execution of a signal reaction scheduled at procedure or task level is left by GOTO, the signal schedulings which were already executed before triggering the signal, particularly those of the triggered signal, are valid again.

To test the reaction scheduled for a signal, the occurrence of a signal can be simulated analogously to the occurrence of an interrupt:

```

InduceStatement ::=
INDUCE [ NameSignal [ RST ( ExpressionErrorNumber-FIXED ) ] ] ;

```

The variant of the INDUCE statement without a specified signal is only allowed inside a signal

reaction. This will trigger the signal handler of the superior function or task with the identical signal.

Whereas it is possible to react to asynchronous exception situations (i.e., influences effecting from outside) by interrupts, the signal treatment serves exclusively for reacting to synchronous error states (i.e., cause and treatment of the error state originate from the same task).

Example:

The procedure `analysis` shall sequentially analyse a logbook created in the course of a day; the single data elements of the `logBook` are of type `Event`

```
...
PROBLEM;
    SPC eof SIGNAL,
        tape DATION INOUT SYSTEM ALL;
    TYPE Event ...;
    DCL logBook DATION IN Event DIM(*) FORWARD CREATED(tape);

analysis: PROC;
    DCL input Event;
    ...
    OPEN logBook;
    ON eof:
        BEGIN
            CLOSE logBook;
            RETURN;
        END; ! ON eof
    ...
    REPEAT
        READ input FROM logBook;
        ...
    END;
END; ! analysis
```

For testing, the statement

```
INDUCE eof;
```

could be executed sporadically instead of the read statement.

If a signal is induced, whether by an error state or an induce statement, and no signal reaction is scheduled for it, the system reaction is triggered (i.e., generally an error message of the run time system), which terminates the causing task.

By stating a variable after `RST` in the signal scheduling, the programmer gets access to the error number (error cause). In this case, the signal `SignalName` can be induced for the error with the number `ErrorNumber` by

INDUCE SignalName **RST** (ErrorNumber) ;

In case of inducing a signal with an error number, the predefined number is superseded for only this action with the given value. This does not change the identity of a signal, when setting the actual number to the system number of another signal.

Example:

The signal taskSignal shall be simulated with the superseded error number “1010“ and not superseded error number The causing task shall react by writing out the error number on the console:

```

PROBLEM};\
  SPC taskSignal SIGNAL;    ! assume signal number as 1234
  DCL errorNummer FIXED;

regulator: TASK Prio 20;
restart:
  ON TaskSignal RST (errorNumber):
    BEGIN
      PUT errorNumber TO console;
      GOTO restart;
    END;    ! of error handler
    ...
    CALL test;
    ...
END;    ! regulator

start: TASK MAIN;
  ALL ... ACTIVATE regulator;
END;    ! start

test: PROC;
  IF ...
  THEN
    ...
    INDUCE taskSignal; ! prints 1234
  ELSE
    ...
    INDUCE taskSignal RST (1010); ! prints 1010
  FIN;
END;    ! test

```


Appendix A

Appendix

A.1 Data Types and their usability

The following overview shows for each of the available data types, whether objects of this type may

- be summarised to arrays,
- occur as structure components,
- be formal procedure parameters,
- be results of a function procedure,
- be values of a reference variable,
- be transmitted to or from data stations,
- be provided with allocation protection,
- be global, or
- be provided with the initialisation attribute.

Objects of type SEMA, BOLT, IRPT, SIGNAL, DATION or array may only be passed on by means of identification (IDENT) as procedure parameters.

type	usage								
	array	struct.	para- meter	result type	ref. value	dation class	INV	GLOBAL	INIT
FIXED	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
FLOAT	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
BIT	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
CHAR	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
CLOCK	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
DUR	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
SEMA	x	—	x	—	x	—	—	x	—
BOLT	x	—	x	—	x	—	—	x	—
IRPT	—	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—
SIGNAL	—	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—
DATION	x	—	x	—	x	—	—	x	—
array	—	x	x	—	x	—	x	x	x
STRUCT	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
new type	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
REF	x	x	x	x	—	—	x	x	x
procedure	—	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—
TASK	—	—	—	—	x	—	—	x	—
FORMAT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
REF CHAR ()	x	x	x	—	—	—	x	x	x
REF PROC	x	x	x	—	—	—	x	x	x
REF TASK	x	x	x	x	—	—	x	x	x

A.2 Predefined Functions

This appendix describes the functions known to the PEARL System. They can be used in the single modules by specifying them before. A user supplied global function with the same signature substitutes the predefined function in the whole program.

A.2.1 The Function NOW

The function procedure NOW passes back the actual time or system time, resp., as value of type CLOCK. The specification of the function looks like this:

```
SPC NOW PROC RETURNS ( CLOCK ) GLOBAL ;
```

A.2.2 The Function DATE

The actual date can be received by invoking the function procedure DATE. The function result is a character string constant of length 10, containing the date in the form “year–month–day”. Here an example for December 5, 1991: “1991–12-05”. The function must be specified like this:

```
SPC DATE PROC RETURNS ( CHAR(10) ) GLOBAL ;
```

A.3 CPP-Insertions

The language translation is done in two steps. Step 1 translates *OpenPEARL* into C++. Step 2 translates C++ into the platform specific machine code.

It is possible to insert C++ statements into the generated C++ code in tasks and procedures. The position of the insertion is just between the output of the surrounding statements.

The syntax is.

```
CPPIInsertion ::=
    __cpp__ ( CStringConstant... ) ;
```

The CStringConstants are expected in C notation. All quotations from C apply for these constants.

Example:

```
__cpp__(
    "// a simple C++ comment!"
    " char c = 'c';    "
    " printf(\"this we be sent to stdout\n\");  "
);
```

A.4 Syntax

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die Syntaxelemente sind ggf. noch besser zu ordnen. Es koennen auch noch ueberzaehlige Elemente vorhanden sein!

ParameterListForSPC kann vermutlich durcgListOfFormalParameters ersetzt werden.

Following meta characters are used in the syntax description:

meta character	meaning
<code>::=</code>	introduction of a Name (nonterminal symbol) for a language form
<code>[]</code>	bracketing of optional parts of a language form
<code> </code>	separation of alternative parts of a language form
<code>{ }</code>	putting together several elements to a new element
<code>...</code>	one or multiple repetition of the preceding element (or of several elements bracketed by <code>{ }</code> or <code>[]</code>)
<code>§</code>	separates an explaining comment from a language form Name
<code>/* */</code>	comment brackets: includes an explaining text, possibly explaining the language form in detail instead of a formal description

All other elements occurring in the syntax rules are either Names of language forms or terminal symbols. Examples for terminal symbols are the PEARL keywords (printed **boldly**) or the characters semicolon “;”, opening round bracket “(” and closing round bracket “)”, or the apostrophe “’”; the terminal symbols opening square bracket “[” and closing square bracket “]” are printed **boldly** to distinguish them from the meta symbols for optional parts. Attention: the round brackets are no meta characters and have thus no grouping effect!

The symbol PEARL-Program is the initial symbol of the following syntax description.

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A.4.1 Program

```
Program ::=
  Module ...
```

```

Module ::=
    MODULE ( Identifier$OfTheModule ) ;
    { SystemPart [ ProblemPart ] } | ProblemPart
MODEND ;

```

A.4.2 System Part

```

SystemPart ::=
    SYSTEM ;
    [ { UserNameDeclaration$ForDationInterruptOrSignal
      | ConfigurationElement } ... ]

```

```

UserNameDeclaration ::=
    { SystemDationDeclaration
      | SystemSignalDeclaration
      | SystemInterruptDeclaration }

```

```

SystemDationDeclaration ::=
    Identifier$UserName: Identifier$DationSystemName
    [ ( ListOfConstants ) ] [Association] ;

```

```

SystemSignalDeclaration ::=
    Identifier$UserName: Identifier$SignalSystemName [ Association ] ;

```

```

SystemInterruptDeclaration ::=
    Identifier$InterruptSystemName [ ( ListOfConstants ) ]
    [ Association ] ;

```

```

ConfigurationElement ::=
    Identifier$ConfigurationItem [ ( ListOfConstants ) ] [ Association ] ;

```

```

ListOfConstants ::=
    ConstantParameter [, ConstantParameter ] ...

```

```

ConstantParameter ::=
    IntegerWithoutPrecision
    | BitStringConstant
    | CharacterStringConstant

```

```

Association ::=
    --- { Identifier$UsernameOfConnectionProvider
      | Identifier$ConnectionProviderSystemName [ ( ListOfConstants ) ] }
    [ --- { Identifier$UsernameOfConnectionProvider

```

```
| Identifier § ConnectionProviderSystemName [ ( ListOfConstants ) ] } ] ...
;
```

A.4.3 Basic Elements

```
Digit ::=
    0 | 1 | 2 | ... | 9
```

```
Letter ::=
    A | B | ... | Z | a | b | ... | z
```

```
Identifier ::=
    Letter [ Letter | Digit | - ] ...
```

```
Constant ::=
    Integer | FloatingPointNumber
    | BitStringConstant | CharacterStringConstant
    | TimeConstant | DurationConstant
    | NIL
```

```
Integer ::=
    IntegerWithoutPrecision [ ( Precision ) ]
```

```
IntegerWithoutPrecision ::=
    Digit ...
    | { 0 | 1 } ... B
```

```
Precision ::=
    IntegerWithoutPrecision § GreaterOrEqualZero
```

```
FloatingPointNumber ::=
    FloatingPointNumberWithoutPrecision [ ( Precision ) ]
```

```
FloatingPointNumberWithoutPrecision ::=
    { Digit ... . [ Digit ... ] | . Digit ... } [ Exponent ]
    | Digit ... Exponent
```

```
Exponent ::=
    E [ + | - ] Digit ...
```

```
BitStringConstant ::=
```



```

    ' B1-Digit ... ' { B | B1 } | ' B2-Digit ... ' B2 | ' B3-Digit ... ' B3 | '
    B4-Digit ... ' B4

```

```

B1-Digit ::= 0 | 1

```

```

B2-Digit ::= 0 | 1 | 2 | 3

```

```

B3-Digit ::= 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7

```

```

B4-Digit ::= 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | A | B | C | D | E | F

```

```

CharacterStringConstant ::=
    ' { CharacterBesidesApostrophe | " | ControlCharacterSequence } ... '

```

```

CharacterBesidesApostrophe ::=
    Digit | Letter
    | - | + | - | * | / | \ | ( | ) | [ | ] | : | . | ; | , | = | < | > | !
    | /* more printable characters of the machine character set */

```

```

ControlCharacterSequence ::=
    '\ { B4-Digit B4-Digit } ... \'

```

```

TimeConstant ::=
    Digit ... : Digit ... : Digit ... [ . Digit ... ]

```

```

DurationConstant ::=
    Hours [ Minutes ] [ Seconds ]
    | Minutes [ Seconds ]
    | Seconds

```

```

Hours ::=
    IntegerWithoutPrecision HRS

```

```

Minutes ::=
    IntegerWithoutPrecision MIN

```

```

Seconds ::=

```

```

    { IntegerWithoutPrecision | FloatingPointNumberWithoutPrecision
  } SEC

```

```

ConstantExpression ::=
    { + | - } FloatingPointNumber
    | { + | - } DurationConstant
    | ConstantFIXEDExpression

```

```

ConstantFIXEDExpression ::=
    Term [ { + | - } Term ] ...

```

```

Term ::=
    Factor [ { * | // | REM } Factor ] ...

```

```

Factor ::=
    [ + | - ]
    { Integer
    | ( ConstantFIXEDExpression )
    | TOFIXED
        { CharacterStringConstant§OfLength1 | BitStringConstant }
    | Identifier§NamedFIXEDConstant
    }
    [ FIT ConstantFIXEDExpression ]

```

A.4.4 Problem Part

```

ProblemPart ::=
    PROBLEM;
    [{ Declaration | Specification | Identification } ... ]

```

Declaration

```

Declaration ::=
    LengthDefinition
    | TypeDefinition
    | VariableDeclaration
    | FormatDeclaration
    | ProcedureDeclaration
    | TaskDeclaration
    | UserSignalDeclaration

```

```

LengthDefinition ::=
    LENGTH { { FIXED | FLOAT } ( Precision ) |
             { BIT | CHARACTER | CHAR } ( LengthOfString ) };

```

```

TypeDefinition ::=
    TYPE Identifier §ForType { SimpleType | TypeStructure };

```

to discuss

Type ::=
 hier fehlt wohl was? sollte das eine Sammlung der moeglichen Typen
 (FIXED,...STRUCT,... TASK, ...) sein? Ist es identisch zu TypeAttribute?

```

TypeFixed ::=
    FIXED [ ( Precision ) ]

```

```

TypeFloat ::=
    FLOAT [ ( Precision ) ]

```

```

TypeBitString ::=
    BIT [ ( LengthOfString ) ]

```

```

TypeCharacterString ::=
    { CHARACTER | CHAR } [ ( LengthOfString ) ]

```

```

TypeClock ::=
    CLOCK

```

```

TypeDuration ::=
    DURATION | DUR

```

```

LengthOfString ::=

```

`IntegerWithoutPrecision`§GreaterZero

```
ScalarVariableDeclaration ::=
  { DECLARE | DCL } ScalarDeclareDataSentence
  [ , ScalarDeclareDataSentence ] ... ;
```

```
ScalarDeclareDataSentence ::=
  OneIdentifierOrList [ INV ] TypeAttribute [ GlobalAttribute ]
  [ InitialisationAttribute ]
```

```
TypeAttribute ::=
  SimpleType | TypeReference | Identifier§ForType
```

to discuss

sind DeclareSentence und DationAttribute noch notwendig?

Es gibt ScalarVariableDeclaration, Bezug zu VariableDeclaration?

```
VariableDeclaration ::=
  { DECLARE | DCL } DeclareSentence [ , DeclareSentence ] ... ;
```

```
DeclareSentence ::=
  OneIdentifierOrList [ DimensionAttribute ]
  { ProblemDataAttribute | SemaAttribute | BoltAttribute |
  DationAttribute }
```

to discuss

Doppelte Regel mit DationDeclaration

```
DationAttribute ::=
  TypeDation
  [ GlobalAttribute ]
  CREATED ( Identifier§UserNameForSytemDation )
```

```
OneIdentifierOrList ::=
  Identifier | ( Identifier [ , Identifier ] ... )
```

```
DimensionAttribute ::=
  ( DimensionBoundaries [ , DimensionBoundaries ] ... )
```

```
DimensionBoundaries ::=
  [ ConstantFIXEDExpression§ForLowerBoundary : ]
  ConstantFIXEDExpression§ForUpperBoundary
```

```

ProblemDataAttribute ::=
    [ INV ] { SimpleType | StructuredType | TypeReference }
    [ GlobalAttribute ] [ InitialisationAttribute ]

```

```

SimpleType ::=
    TypeFixed | TypeFloat |
    TypeBitString | TypeCharacterString |
    TypeClock | TypeDuration

```

```

StructuredType ::=
    TypeStructure | Identifier$ForNewDefinedType

```

```

StructureComponent ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList$ForStructureComponent [ DimensionAttribute ]
    TypeAttributeInStructureComponent

```

```

TypeAttributeInStructureComponent ::=
    [ INV ] { SimpleType | StructuredType | TypeReference }

```

```

TypeReference ::=
    REF {
        [ VirtualDimensionList ] [ INV ] { SimpleType | StructuredType }
        | [ VirtualDimensionList ] { TypeDation | SEMA | BOLT }
        | TypeProcedure | TASK | INTERRUPT | IRPT | SIGNAL
        | CHAR( )
    }

```

```

VirtualDimensionList ::=
    ( [ , ... ] )

```

```

ArrayDeclaration ::=
    { DECLARE | DCL } ArrayDenotation [ , ArrayDenotation ] ... ;

```

```

ArrayDenotation ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList DimensionAttribute
    [ INV ] TypeAttributeForArray
    [ GlobalAttribute ] [ InitialisationAttribute ]

```

```

TypeAttributeForArray ::=
    SimpleType | TypeStructure
    | TypeDefinition

```

```

| REF { TypeDation | SEMA | BOLT
      | TypeProcedure | TASK | CHAR()
      | INTERRUPT | IPRT | SIGNAL
      }

```

```

ArraySpecification ::=
  { SPECIFY | SPC } ArrayDenotationS [ , ArrayDenotationS ] ...

```

```

ArrayDenotationS ::=
  OneIdentifierOrList VirtualDimensionList
  [ INV ] TypeAttributeForArray
  { GlobalAttribute | IdentificationAttribute }

```

```

StructureDeclaration ::=
  { DECLARE | DCL } StructureDenotation
  [ , StructureDenotation ] ... ;

```

```

StructureDenotation ::=
  OneIdentifierOrList §MainStructure [ DimensionAttribute ]
  [ INV ] TypeStructure
  [ GlobalAttribute ] [ InitialisationAttribute ]

```

```

TypeStructure ::=
  STRUCT [ StructureComponent [ , StructureComponent ] ... ]

```

```

StructureSpecification ::=
  { SPECIFY | SPC } StructureDenotationS
  [ , StructureDenotationS ] ... ;

```

```

StructureDenotationS ::=
  OneIdentifierOrList §MainRecord [ VirtualDimensionList ]
  [ INV ] TypeStructure
  { GlobalAttribute | IdentificationAttribute }

```

```

SemaAttribute ::=
  SEMA [ GlobalAttribute ]
  [ PRESET ( ConstantFIXEDExpression
             [ , ConstantFIXEDExpression ] ... ) ]

```

```

BoltAttribute ::=
  BOLT [ GlobalAttribute ]

```

```

GlobalAttribute ::=
  GLOBAL [ ( Identifier §OfTheModule ) ]

```

```

InitialisationAttribute ::=
    { INITIAL | INIT } ( InitElement [ , InitElement ] ... )

InitElement ::=
    Constant
    | Identifier$NamedConstant
    | ConstantExpression

DationDeclaration ::=
    { DECLARE | DCL } OneIdentifierOrList TypeDation [GlobalAttribute]
    CREATED (Identifier$UserNameOfSystemDation) ;

TypeDationSystem ::=
    DATION SourceSinkAttribute SYSTEM ClassAttribute
    [ Typology ] [ AccessAttribute ]

TypeDation ::=
    DATION SourceSinkAttribute ClassAttribute
    [ Typology ] [ AccessAttribute ]

SourceSinkAttribute ::=
    IN | OUT | INOUT

ClassAttribute ::=
    ALPHIC |
    BASIC TypeOfTransmissionData |
    TypeOfTransmissionData

TypeOfTransmissionData ::=
    ALL | SimpleType | IOCompoundType

IOCompoundType ::=
    IOStructure | Identifier$ForNewTypeFromSimpleTypes

IOStructure ::=
    STRUCT [ IOStructureComponent [ , IOStructureComponent ] ... ]

IOStructureComponent ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList
    { SimpleType | IOStructure | Identifier$ForNewTypeFromSimpleTypes }

Typology ::=
    TypologyDeclaration | TypologySpecification

TypologyDeclaration ::=
    DIM ( { * | ConstantFIXEDExpression$GreaterZero }
    [ , { * | ConstantFIXEDExpression$GreaterZero }

```

```

    [ , { * | ConstantFIXEDExpression§GreaterZero } ] ] )
  [ TFU ]

TypologySpecification ::=
  DIM ( [ , [ , ] ] )

AccessAttribute ::=
  { DIRECT | FORWARD }
  [ NOCYCL | CYCLIC ]
  [ STREAM | NOSTREAM ]

FormatDeclaration ::=
  Identifier : FORMAT ( FormatOrPosition
    [ , FormatOrPosition ] ... ) ;

ProcedureDeclaration ::=
  Identifier : { PROC | PROCEDURE } [ ListOfFormalParameters ]
  [ ResultAttribute ] [ GlobalAttribute ] ;
  ProcedureBody
END;

ProcedureBody ::=
  [ { Declaration | Identification } ... ] [ Statement ... ]

ListOfFormalParameters ::=
  ( FormalParameter [ , FormalParameter ] ... )

FormalParameter ::=
  OneIdentifierOrList [ VirtualDimensionList ] [ INV ]
  ParameterType [ IDENT | IDENTICAL ]

ParameterType ::=
  { SimpleType | TypeReference } | TypeStructure
  | Identifier§ForType | TypeDation | TypeRealTimeObject

TypeRealTimeObject ::=
  SEMA | BOLT | INTERRUPT | IRPT | SIGNAL

ResultAttribute ::=
  RETURNS ( ResultType )

ResultType ::=
  SimpleType | StructuredType | TypeReference | Identifier§ForType

TaskDeclaration ::=
  Identifier : TASK [ PriorityAttribute ] [ MAIN ]
  [ GlobalAttribute ] ;
  TaskBody
END;

```



```

TaskBody ::=
    [{ Declaration | Identification }...]
    [Statement...]

PriorityAttribute ::=
    { PRIORITY | PRIO } ConstantFIXEDExpression§GreaterZero

```

A.4.5 Specification and Identification

to discuss

Auswirkung auf alte Teile pruefen

```

ScalarVariableSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } VariableDenotationS
    [, VariableDenotationS ] ...;

VariableDenotationS ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList [ INV ] TypeAttribute
    { GlobalAttribute | IdentificationAttribute }

```

```

Specification ::=
    { SPC | SPECIFY } SpecificationDefinition
    [ , SpecificationDefinition ] ... ;

SpecificationDefinition ::=
    OneIdentifierOrList
    { SpecificationAttribute | ProcedureUsageAttribute |
    TaskUsageAttribute }

SpecificationAttribute ::=
    [ VirtualDimensionList ]
    { [ INV ] { SimpleType | StructuredType | TypeReference }
      | SEMA | BOLT | INTERRUPT | IRPT | SIGNAL | TypeDation
    }
    [ GlobalAttribute ]

ProcedureUsageAttribute ::=
    PROC [ ParameterListForSPC ] [ ResultAttribute ] GlobalAttribute

```

```

ProcedureSpecification ::=
    { SPECIFY | SPC } Identifier § Procedure { PROC | PROCEDURE }
    [ ListOfParametersForSPC ] [ ResultAttribute ] GlobalAttribute ;

ListOfParametersForSPC ::=
    ( ParameterSpecification [ , ParameterSpecification ] ... )

ParameterSpecification ::=
    [ Identifier ] [ VirtualDimensionList ] [ INV ]
    ParameterType [ IDENTICAL | IDENT ]

TypeProcedure ::=
    { PROC | PROCEDURE } [ ParameterListForSPC ] [ ResultAttribute ]

```

```

TaskUsageAttribute ::=
    TASK GlobalAttribute

```

```

Identification ::=
    { SPC | SPECIFY } Identifier [ INV ] Type IdentificationAttribute ;

```

```

IdentificationAttribute ::=
    IDENT ( Name § Object )

```

A.4.6 Expressions

Expression ::=
 [**MonadicOperator**] **Operand** [**DyadicOperator** Expression] ...

MonadicOperator ::=
 + | - | **NOT** | **ABS** | **SIGN** | **LWB** | **UPB** | **SIZEOF** | **CONT**
 | **TOFIXED** | **TOFLOAT** | **TOBIT** | **TOCHAR** | **ENTIER** | **ROUND**

DyadicOperator ::=
 + | - | * | / | // | **REM** | **
 | < | **LT** | > | **GT** | <= | **LE** | >= | **GE** | == | **EQ** | /= | **NE**
 | **AND** | **OR** | **EXOR** | >< | **CAT** | <> | **CSHIFT** | **SHIFT** | **LWB** | **UPB**
 | **IS** | **ISNT** | **FIT**

Operand ::=
 Constant | Name | **FunctionCall**
 | **Dereferentiation** | **StringSelection** | (Expression)
 | **PRIO** [(Name§Task)] | **TASK** [(Name§Task)] | **TRY** Name§Sema

Name ::=
 Identifier [(Index [, Index] ...)] [. Name]

Index ::=
 Expression§WithIntegerAsValue

FunctionCall ::=
 Name§FunctionProcedure [ListOfActualParameters]

ListOfActualParameters ::=
 (Expression [, Expression] ...)

Dereferentiation ::=
CONT { Name§Reference | **FunctionCall** }

StringSelection ::=
 Name§String . { **BIT** | **CHAR** | **CHARACTER** }
 (Expression§Start [: Expression§End])

A.4.7 Statements

```

Statement ::=
    [ Identifier$Label : ] ... UnlabelledStatement

UnlabelledStatement ::=
    EmptyStatement | Assignment | Block | SequentialControlStatement
    | RealTimeStatement | ConvertStatement | I/O-Statement

```

```

EmptyStatement ::=
    ;

```

```

Assignment ::=
    ScalarAssignment | StructureAssignment | RefProcAssignment

```

```

ScalarAssignment ::=
    Name$ScalarVariable { := | = } Expression;

```

```

StructureAssignment ::=
    Name$Structure.1 { := | = } Expression$Structure.2;

```

```

RefProcAssignment ::=
    Name$RefProcVariable { := | = }
    { Identifier$Procedure | Name$RefProcVariable } ;

```

```

Block ::=
    BEGIN
        [{ Declaration | Identification } ... ]
        [ Statement ... ]
    END [ Identifier$Block ] ;

```

```

SequentialControlStatement ::=
    IfStatement | CaseStatement | LoopStatement | ExitStatement
    | ProcedureCall | ReturnStatement | GoToStatement
    | EmptyStatement

```

```

IfStatement ::=
    IF Expression$OfType-BIT(1)
    THEN Statement ...
    [ ELSE Statement ... ]
    FIN ;

```

```

CaseStatement ::=
    CaseStatement1 | CaseStatement2

CaseStatement1 ::=
    CASE Expression§WithIntegerAsValue
    { ALT Statement ... } ...
    [ OUT Statement ... ]
    FIN ;

CaseStatement2 ::=
    CASE CaseIndex
    { ALT ( CaseList ) Statement ... } ...
    [ OUT Statement ... ]
    FIN ;

CaseIndex ::=
    Expression§WithValueOfType-FIXED-Or-CHAR(1)

CaseList ::=
    IndexRange [ , IndexRange ] ...

IndexRange ::=
    ConstantFIXEDEExpression [ : ConstantFIXEDEExpression ]
    | CharacterStringConstant§OfLength1
      [ : CharacterStringConstant§OfLength1 ]

LoopStatement ::=
    [ FOR Identifier§ControlVariable ]
    [ FROM Expression§InitialValue ]
    [ BY Expression§StepLength ]
    [ TO Expression§EndValue ]
    [ WHILE Expression§Condition ]
    REPEAT
        [{ Declaration | Identification } ... ]
        [ Statement ... ]
    END [ Identifier§Loop ] ;

ExitStatement ::=
    EXIT [ Identifier§BlockOrLoop ] ;

ProcedureCall ::=
    [ CALL ] Name§SubprogramProcedure [ ListOfActualParameters ] ;

ReturnStatement ::=

```

```
RETURN [ ( Expression ) ] ;
```

```
GoToStatement ::=
    GOTO Identifier§Label ;
```

```
RealTimeStatement ::=
    TaskControlStatement | TaskCoordinationStatement
    | InterruptStatement | SignalStatement
```

```
TaskControlStatement ::=
    TaskStarting | TaskTerminating
    | TaskSuspending | TaskContinuing
    | TaskResuming | TaskPreventing
```

```
TaskStarting ::=
    [ StartCondition ] ACTIVATE Name§Task [ PriorityExpression ] ;
```

```
SimpleStartCondition ::=
    AT Expression§Time
    | AFTER Expression§Duration
    | WHEN Name§Interrupt
```

```
PriorityExpression ::=
    { PRIORITY | PRIO } Expression§PositiveInteger
```

```
StartCondition ::=
    AT Expression§Time [ Frequency ]
    | AFTER Expression§Duration [ Frequency ]
    | WHEN Name§Interrupt [ AFTER Expression§Duration ] [ Frequency ]
    | Frequency
```

```
Frequency ::=
    ALL Expression§Duration
    [ { UNTIL Expression§Time } | { DURING Expression§Duration } ]
```

```
TaskTerminating ::=
    TERMINATE [ Name§Task ] ;
```

```
TaskSuspending ::=
    SUSPEND [ Name§Task ] ;
```

```
TaskContinuing ::=
    [ SimpleStartCondition ] CONTINUE [ Name§Task ]
```

```

    [ PriorityExpression ];

TaskResuming ::=
    SimpleStartCondition RESUME ;

TaskPreventing ::=
    PREVENT [ Name$Task ] ;

TaskCoordinationStatement ::=
    { SemaStatement | BoltStatement }

SemaStatement ::=
    { REQUEST | RELEASE } OneIdentifierOrList$Sema ;

BoltStatement ::=
    { RESERVE | FREE | ENTER | LEAVE } OneIdentifierOrList$Bolt ;

InterruptStatement ::=
    { ENABLE | DISABLE | TRIGGER } Name$Interrupt ;

UserSignalDeclaration ::=
    { DCL | DECLARE } Identifier SIGNAL
    RST ( ConstantFIXEDExpression$ErrorNumber )
    [ GlobalAttribute ] ;

SignalStatement ::=
    ON Name$Signal [ RST ( Name$ErrorVariable-FIXED ) ] :
        SignalReaction ;

SignalReaction ::=
    SignalFinalStatement |
    Block$terminatedWithSignalFinalStatement ;

SignalFinalStatement ::=
    ReturnStatement |
    GoToStatement |
    InduceStatement |
    TERMINATE ;

InduceStatement ::=
    INDUCE [ Name$Signal [ RST ( Expression$ErrorNumber-FIXED ) ] ] ;

ConvertStatement ::=
    ConvertToStatement | ConvertFromStatement

ConvertToStatement ::=
    CONVERT Expression [ , Expression ] ...
    TO Name$CharacterStringVariable

```

```
[ BY FormatOrPositionConvert [ , FormatOrPositionConvert ] ... ] ;
```

```
ConvertFromStatement ::=
```

```
  CONVERT Name$Variable [ , Name$Variable ] ...  
  FROM Expression$CharacterString  
  [ BY FormatOrPositionConvert [ , FormatOrPositionConvert ] ... ] ;
```

```
FormatOrPositionConvert ::=
```

```
  [ FormatFactor ] { Format | PositionConvert }  
  | FormatFactor ( FormatOrPositionConvert  
    [ , FormatOrPositionConvert ] ... )
```

```
PositionConvert ::=
```

```
  RST ( Name$errorVariable-FIXED )  
  | X [ ( Expression ) ]  
  | { POS | ADV } ( Expression )  
  | SOP ( Name$PositionVariable-FIXED )
```

```
I/O-Statement ::=
```

```
  OpenStatement | CloseStatement  
  | PutStatement | GetStatement  
  | WriteStatement | ReadStatement  
  | SendStatement | TakeStatement
```

```
OpenStatement ::=
```

```
  OPEN Name$Dation [ BY OpenParameter [ , OpenParameter ] ... ] ;
```

```
OpenParameter ::=
```

```
  RST ( Name$errorVariable-FIXED )  
  | IDF ( { Name$CharacterStringVariable | CharacterStringConstant } )  
  | { OLD | NEW | ANY }  
  | { CAN | PRM }
```

```
CloseStatement ::=
```

```
  CLOSE Name$Dation [ BY CloseParameter [ , CloseParameter ] ... ] ;
```

```
CloseParameter ::=
```

```
  RST ( Name$errorVariable-FIXED )  
  | { CAN | PRM }
```

```
PutStatement ::=
```

```
  PUT [ { Expression | Slice } [ , { Expression | Slice } ] ... ]  
  TO Name$Dation [ BY FormatOrPosition [ , FormatOrPosition ] ... ] ;
```

```
GetStatement ::=
```



```

GET [ { Name$Variable | Slice } [ , { Name$Variable | Slice } ] ... ]
FROM Name$Dation [ BY FormatOrPosition [ , FormatOrPosition ] ... ] ;

```

WriteStatement ::=

```

WRITE [ { Expression | Slice } [ , { Expression | Slice } ] ... ]
TO Name$Dation [ BY Position [ , Position ] ... ] ;

```

ReadStatement ::=

```

READ [ { Name$Variable | Slice } [ , { Name$Variable | Slice } ] ... ]
FROM Name$Dation [ BY Position [ , Position ] ... ] ;

```

SendStatement ::=

```

SEND [ Expression ] TO Name$Dation
[ BY RSTFormat ] ;

```

TakeStatement ::=

```

TAKE [ Name$Variable ] FROM Name$Dation
[ BY RSTFormat ] ;

```

RSTFormat ::=

```

RST ( Name$errorVariable-FIXED )

```

Slice ::=

```

Name$array ( [ Index , ] ... Index : Index )

```

FormatOrPosition ::=

```

[ FormatFactor ] { Format | Position }
| FormatFactor ( FormatOrPosition [ , FormatOrPosition ] ... )

```

FormatFactor ::=

```

( Expression$IntegerGreaterZero ) | IntegerWithoutPrecision$GreaterZero

```

Format ::=

```

FixedFormat | FloatFormat |
CharacterStringFormat | BitFormat |
TimeFormat | DurationFormat |
ListFormat | RFormat

```

FixedFormat ::=

```

F ( FieldWidth [ , DecimalPositions ] )

```

FloatFormat ::=

```

E[3] ( FieldWidth [ , DecimalPositions [ , Significance ] ] )

```

CharacterStringFormat ::=

```

A [ ( Expression§NumberCharacters ) ]

BitFormat ::=
    { B | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 } [ ( Expression§NumberCharacters ) ]

TimeFormat ::=
    T ( FieldWidth [ , DecimalPositions ] )

DurationFormat ::=
    D ( FieldWidth [ , DecimalPositions ] )

ListFormat ::=
    LIST

RFormat ::=
    R ( Identifier§Format )

FieldWidth ::=
    Expression§WithPositiveIntegerAsValue

DecimalPositions ::=
    Expression§WithNonNegativeIntegerAsValue

Significance ::=
    Expression§WithIntegerAsValue

Position ::=
    AbsolutePosition | RelativePosition
    | RST ( Name§ErrorVariable-FIXED )

AbsolutePosition ::=
    { COL | LINE } ( Expression )
    | POS ( [ [ Expression , ] Expression , ] Expression )
    | SOP ( [ [ Name , ] Name , ] Name )

RelativePosition ::=
    { X | SKIP | PAGE } [ ( Expression ) ]
    | ADV ( [ [ Expression , ] Expression , ] Expression )
    | EOF

```

A.5 List of Keywords with Shortforms

The denotation behind the keyword refers to the paragraph where it is introduced.

ACTIVATE 9.3.1	FIN 7.2 , 7.3
AFTER 9.3.1	FIXED 5.2
ALL 9.3.1	FLOAT 5.3
ALPHIC 10.2	FOR 7.4
ALT 7.3	FORBACK 10.2
AT 9.3.1	FORMAT 10.5.8
	FORWARD 10.2
	FREE 9.4.2
BASIC 10.2	FROM 7.4 , 10.4
BEGIN 4.3	
BIT 5.4	GET 10.5
BOLT 9.4.2	GLOBAL 4.4
BY 7.4 , 10.3	GOTO 7.5
CALL 8.2	HRS 5.8
CASE 7.3	
CHARACTER, CHAR 5.5	
CLOCK 5.7	IDENTICAL, IDENT 4.2.2 , 8.1
CLOSE 10.3	IF 7.2
CONT 5.9	IN 10.2
CONTINUE 9.3.4	INDUCE 11.3
CONTROL 10.2	INITIAL, INIT 5.13
CONVERT 10.2	INOUT 10.2
CREATED 10.2	INTERRUPT, IRPT 9.5
CYCLIC 10.2	INV 5.14
DATION 10.2	LEAVE 9.4.2
DECLARE, DCL 4.2.1	LENGTH 5.6
DIM 10.2	
DIRECT 10.2	MAIN 9.1
DISABLE 9.5.2	MAX 10.2
DURATION, DUR 5.8	MIN 5.8
DURING 9.3.1	MODEND 4.1
	MODULE 4.1
ELSE 7.2	
ENABLE 9.5.2	NIL 5.9
END 4.3 , 7.4 , 8.1 , 9.1	NOCYCL 10.2
ENTER 9.4.2	NOSTREAM 10.2
EXIT 7.6	

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ABS 6.1.1	
ADV 10.4	
AND 6.1.2	LE 6.1.2
ANY 10.3	LINE 10.4
ATAN 6.1.1	LIST ??
	LN 6.1.1
	LT 6.1.2
	LWB 6.1.1 , 6.1.2
B 10.5.4	
B1 10.5.4	
B2 10.5.4	
B3 10.5.4	NE 6.1.2
B4 10.5.4	NEW 10.3
	NOT 6.1.1
	NOW A.2.1
CAN 10.3	
CAT 6.1.2	
COL 10.4	OLD 10.3
CONT 5.9	OR 6.1.2
COS 6.1.1	
CSHIFT 6.1.2	
	PAGE 10.4
D 10.5.6	POS 10.4
DATE A.2.2	PRM 10.3
E 10.5.2	R 10.5.8
ENTIER 6.1.1	REM 6.1.2
EQ 6.1.2	ROUND 6.1.1
EXOR 6.1.2	RST 10.3 , 10.8 , 11.3
EXP 6.1.1	
	SHIFT 6.1.2
F 10.5.1	SIGN 6.1.1
FIT 6.1.2	SIN 6.1.1
	SIZEOF 6.1.1
	SKIP 10.4
GE 6.1.2	SOP 10.4
GT 6.1.2	SQRT 6.1.1
IDF 10.3	T 10.5.5
IS 5.9 , 6.1.2	TAN 6.1.1
	TANH 6.1.1

TOBIT [6.1.1](#)
TOCHAR [6.1.1](#)
TOFIXED [6.1.1](#)
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