Lua documentation for Illarion scripting v5.15

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1. General

1.1. Formalism

System variables and variables of structures are accessed by ".".

Functions are called by ":".

If a function has no parameters, one still has to write ().

Lines that start with "?" refer to unclear commands.

Lines that start with "!" refer to suggested commands.

For variables, "r:" in front of them means reading access, "rw:" means reading and writing access.

Names in this font refer to illarion-specific key words.

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Names in (in this format) are placeholder and can be seen as variables.

Names in normal fixed font refer to a special choice of variables.

Names of functions are designed to be self explaining, therefore there are a lot of undocumented functions around.

Examples:

```
XKoordinate=TargetItem.pos.x;
User:talk(Character.say, "Hallo Welt!");
```

Important note: Lua is case sensitive.

1.2. General introduction

Everytime certain events happen (someone shift-clicks an object, a monster dies, someone looks at an object, ... see the section about "entry points"), a script is started. The name of that script is usually defined in the SQL-database in a separate row. For example, the table common, which holds information about all items in illarion (weight, ...), has a row called com_script, which holds the name of the script that is linked to each item. If someone shift-clicks an item, the lua-script that is linked to this item in common is executed. This script then consists of several functions, defining what happens in certain cases: the item can be used with another item (shift-clicks), with a character and so on. This means, a general item has the following lua-file

```
-- item.lua
function UseItem(User, SourceItem)
...
end

function UseItemWithCharacter(User, SourceItem, Character)
...
end
```

```
function LookAtItem(User, Item)
    ...
end
...
```

Such a lua-file does not need all possible functions; if an item has no LookAtItem(-) function (LookAt=left-click), it simply does nothing (special) when looked at. There are also entry points for magic and NPCs, which can be found in the entry points section again.

1.3. Variable types

- $\langle User \rangle$, $\langle Originator \rangle$, $\langle Character \rangle$: Character-type variables, see chapter "Characters".
- $\langle SourceItem \rangle$, $\langle TargetItem \rangle$: Item-type variables, see chapter "Items".
- $\langle Pos \rangle$, $\langle ItemPos \rangle$, $\langle TargetItemPos \rangle$, $\langle TargetPos \rangle$: Position-type variables, see chapter "Positions"
- dataTable: Type that represents a Lua table, mapping data keys (strings) to data values (strings or integers).
- Skill: Type that represents a skill, embedded in Character like this: Character. $\langle name \rangle$. Valid values for $\langle name \rangle$ are defined in the database in skills.skl_name.

2. Quickstart: Tutorials

To provide you with a way to start very quickly with scripting simple things, here's a tutorial section.

2.1. Level 0: Before we start

Before you start, you need

- Access to the script-SVN-repository; that includes free the tortoise SVN client or similar.
- A text editor (for starters, the Windows-Editor or Wordpad will do).
- Access to Illarion's testserver and the testclient and a character on the testserver with GM-rights.
- Creativity!
- Optional: DB access.

2.2. Level 1: Your first script

As your first script, we recommend to use the item with the ID 2. It is bound to the script named "I_2_mehl.lua". Open it in your text editor and delete the whole file except for the following lines:

```
function UseItem(User, SourceItem, ltstate)
```

end

What does this mean?

Every time someone "uses" (=shift clicks) an item with ID 2 (flour), the function UseItem(...) inside the script I_2_mehl.lua is called. The server provides this script with the following information:

- User contains all information about the character "using" the flour, like his position on the map, his hitpoints, skills, attributes and so on.
- SourceItem contains all information about the "used" item—the flour in our case—like where it is on the map, what data-value it has and so on.
- TargetItem is only used in case you "used" the flour with some other item. In that case, it contains all information about the second item.
- ltstate can be ignored for now as it is not important for our scripts.

Let's try the following script:

```
function UseItem(User, SourceItem, ltstate)
    User:inform(User.name.." has used me!");
end
```

Commit this script to the svn-repository, log into the testserver (if you haven't already), reload the itemscripts by saying "!rd" with your character and wait until it finishes with "***Definitions reloaded***". Then produce flour (by saying "!create 2", you get one) and shift-click it. In my case, what appears is: Ciryon: Ciryon has used me!

3. Positions

3.1. Functions

```
posStruct \ \langle position \rangle = \texttt{position}(int \ \langle x \rangle, int \ \langle y \rangle, int \ \langle z \rangle) Creates position-structure for the point (x,y,z). boolean \ posStruct \ \langle posA \rangle == posStruct \ \langle posB \rangle Compares two position structs. Returns \langle true \rangle if they are equal, \langle false \rangle otherwise. text \ tostring(posStruct \ \langle pos \rangle) Returns "(" .. pos.x .. ", " .. pos.y .. ", " .. pos.z .. ")".
```

3.2. Variables

```
rw: int \( position \)\.x
rw: int \( position \)\.z
rw: int \( position \)\.z
Usage: XCoordinate=User.pos.x
```

3.3. Additional information

Note that a position from a character struct is only a pointer. Thus it will change if the character changes its position. Example:

```
User:forceWarp( position(0,0,0) );
testPos = User.pos; -- testPos is (0,0,0)
User:forceWarp( position(1,1,1) ); -- now User.pos AND testPos is (1,1,1)
```

Avoid this by copying the single x,y and z coordinates in a new position struct.

4. Characters

4.1. Functions

4.1.1. Text/Speech

Same as talk(...) except that players will only hear speech in their own language.

```
void\ \langle character \rangle:inform(text \langle Text \rangle, int \langle informtype \rangle = Character.mediumPriority)
void\ \langle character \rangle:inform(text \langle germanText \rangle, text \langle englishText \rangle, int \langle informtype \rangle = Character.mediumPriority)
```

Informs a player with a short $\langle \textit{Text} \rangle$ and has no effect when used with other character types. Except for debugging the second syntax should be used to add native language support. Different priorities can be selected. These determine how prominent the $\langle \textit{Text} \rangle$ is shown on the screen. Valid priorities are: Character.lowPriority, Character.mediumPriority as default if this parameter is omitted and Character.highPriority.

Examples: User:inform("Du bist betrunken.", "You are drunk.")

User:inform("A raindrop falls on your head.", Character.lowPriority)

```
void \( \character \): introduce(Player \( \lambda player \rangle ) \)
```

Introduces $\langle player \rangle$ to $\langle character \rangle$ if character is a player as well. Otherwise it has no effect. void $\langle character \rangle$:move(int $\langle direction \rangle$, boolean $\langle active\ move \rangle$)

 $\langle character \rangle$ makes a step into $\langle direction \rangle$. $\langle active\ move \rangle$ is true if the move was done actively (normal case) and false otherwise.

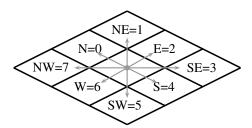


Figure 4.1.: The 8 possible directions

```
\begin{tabular}{ll} void $$ \langle character \rangle : turn(int \ \langle direction \rangle) $ \\ void \ \langle character \rangle : turn(posStruct \ \langle position \rangle) $ \\ Turns \ \langle character \rangle : into the given \ \langle direction \rangle $ or towards the given \ \langle position \rangle. $ \\ text \ \langle character \rangle : alterMessage(text \ \langle Text \rangle, int \ \langle LanguageSkill \rangle) $ \\ Returns the altered \ \langle Text \rangle $ with respect to the \ \langle LanguageSkill \rangle $ given. $ \\ void \ \langle character \rangle : sendCharDescription(int \ \langle id \rangle, text \ \langle text \rangle) $ \\ Shows the \ \langle text \rangle $ as character description of the character with ID \ \langle id \rangle $ (just next to the avatar) $ only to this \ \langle character \rangle. $ \\ void \ \langle character \rangle : sendBook(int \ \langle id \rangle) $ \\ Tells the client to display book \ \langle id \rangle $ for \ \langle character \rangle. $ Books are stored as client resources. $ \\ \end{tabular}
```

4.1.2. Skills and Attributes

NOTE: There are two kinds of attributes: fixed and variable ones. All attributes that are not meant to develop during the game are fixed, e.g. strength, perception, age, sex etc.

On the other hand there are the variable attributes, e.g. any skill (of course), hitpoints, mana etc. Any change to those will be permanently written to the database.

Any change to fixed attributes is only temporary and will be null upon the next login. Example: You want to create an amulet that gives a +2 STR bonus when worn. It does not suffice to change the strength when the amulet is put on, you have to use a Long Time Effect that does the change again after a login (and checks if the amulet is still in its place).

```
text \langle character \rangle:getSkillName(Skill \langle skill \rangle)
```

Returns the name of the given $\langle skill \rangle$ in the player's language.

```
int \langle character \rangle:getSkill(Skill \langle skill \rangle)
Character:skillvalue \langle character \rangle:getSkillValue(Skill \langle skill \rangle)
```

skill value is a table with two fields, major and minor, representing the skill and the minor skill.

```
int \langle character \rangle:setSkill(Skill \langle skill \rangle, int \langle major \rangle, int \langle minor \rangle)
```

Directly sets major and minor skill. Returns the new major skill. If the skill does not exist in the database, nothing is set and 0 is returned.

```
int \langle character \rangle:increaseSkill(Skill \langle skill \rangle, int \langle value \rangle) int \langle character \rangle:increaseMinorSkill(Skill \langle skill \rangle, int \langle value \rangle)
```

Increase major and minor skill, respectively. Return the new major skill. If the skill does not exist in the database, nothing is increased and 0 is returned.

```
void \langle character \rangle:learn(Skill \langle skill \rangle, int \langle actionPoints \rangle, int \langle learnLimit \rangle)
\langle skill \rangle: Constant of the skill.
\langle actionPoints \rangle: Number of actionPoints used up for the action which resulted in learning.
\langle learnLimit \rangle: The skill will not be advanced beyond this limit and never beyond 100.
```

```
int \langle character \rangle: increaseAttrib(text \langle AttribName \rangle, int \langle value \rangle)
```

Increases the attribute given (see below) and returns the new attribute value. Use $\langle value \rangle = 0$ to read the attribute's value. Note that this command also sends a player update to all characters in range if necessary.

```
void \langle character \rangle:setAttrib(text \langle AttribName \rangle, int \langle value \rangle)
```

 $\langle AttribName \rangle$ can be: "sex", "age", "body_height", "attitude", "luck", "strength", "dexterity", "constitution", "agility", "intelligence", "perception", "willpower", "essence", "foodlevel", "hitpoints", "mana", "poisonvalue". And "sex" can be: Character.male, Character.female

Be aware that any attribute change to fixed attributes like "strength" will only last for the current session and will be reset to the database value upon the next login.

```
boolean \langle character \rangle:isBaseAttributeValid(text \langle attribute \rangle, int \langle value \rangle)
```

Returns whether $\langle value \rangle$ is acceptable for the given $\langle attribute \rangle$ and the race of the character, respecting limits given in table raceattr.

```
int \langle character \rangle:getBaseAttributeSum()
```

Returns the current sum of the eight primary attributes: agility, constitution, dexterity, essence, intelligence, perception, strength and willpower.

```
int \( character \): getMaxAttributePoints()
```

Returns the value which getBaseAttributeSum() needs to result in, so that the base attributes can be saved. Can be used to make tests before actually trying to save the base attributes.

```
int \langle character \rangle: getBaseAttribute(text \langle attribute \rangle)
```

Returns the base value of the given $\langle attribute \rangle$, that is the value that this attribute normally has, when no special effects are active.

```
boolean \langle character \rangle:setBaseAttribute(text \langle attribute \rangle, int \langle value \rangle)
```

Sets the base value of the given $\langle attribute \rangle$ and returns $\langle true \rangle$ if isBaseAttributeValid(...) would return $\langle true \rangle$. Otherwise is a no-op and returns $\langle false \rangle$.

```
boolean \langle character \rangle:increaseBaseAttribute(text \langle attribute \rangle, int \langle amount \rangle)
```

If isBaseAttributeValid(...) would return $\langle true \rangle$, increases or decreases the base value of the given $\langle attribute \rangle$ and returns $\langle true \rangle$. Otherwise is a no-op and returns $\langle false \rangle$.

```
boolean \langle character \rangle:saveBaseAttributes()
```

Saves the eight primary base attributes to the database, iff getBaseAttributeSum() == getMaxAttributePoints(). On failure resets primary attribute values to database values. Returns whether the operation was successful or not.

```
void\ \langle character \rangle:setSkinColor(int \langle red \rangle, int \langle green \rangle, int \langle blue \rangle)
```

Sets the color of the skin to the given rgb-values. $\langle red \rangle$, $\langle green \rangle$ and $\langle blue \rangle$ must be between 0 and 255.

```
void \langle character \rangle:setHairColor(int \langle red \rangle, int \langle green \rangle, int \langle blue \rangle)
```

```
Sets the color of the hair and beard to the given rgb-values. \langle red \rangle, \langle green \rangle and \langle blue \rangle must be between 0 and 255.
```

```
int , int , int \( \character \):getSkinColor()
```

Returns the $\langle red \rangle$, $\langle green \rangle$ and $\langle blue \rangle$ values of the skin color, each being between 0 and 255.

```
int , int , int \( \character \):getHairColor()
```

Returns the $\langle red \rangle$, $\langle green \rangle$ and $\langle blue \rangle$ values of the hair color, each being between 0 and 255.

```
void \langle character \rangle:setHair(int \langle hairID \rangle)
```

Returns the ID of the present hair, 0 for no hair.

```
void \langle character \rangle:setBeard(int \langle beardID \rangle)
```

Returns the ID of the present beard, 0 for no beard.

```
int \langle character \rangle: getHair()
```

Returns the ID of the present hair, 0 for no hair.

```
int \langle character \rangle: getBeard()
```

Returns the ID of the present beard, 0 for no beard.

```
int \langle character \rangle:setRace(int \langle race \rangle)
```

Temporarily sets the race of a character. See table 4.1 for details.

```
int \( character \):getRace()
```

Returns the race of a character. See table 4.1 for details.

```
int \langle character \rangle: getMonsterType()
```

Returns the monster-ID of a monster. For a list of the current monster-IDs, please consult the database or one of the other developers.

```
int \( character \):getFaceTo()
```

Returns an integer between 0 and 7 inclusively that indicates the direction the character is facing to. For a list of the directions, see Fig.(4.1).

```
int \langle character \rangle: getType()
```

Returns Character.player for players, Character.monster for monsters and Character.npc for NPCs.

```
\begin{tabular}{ll} void $$ \langle character \rangle$: increasePoisonValue($\langle value \rangle$) int $$ \langle character \rangle$: getPoisonValue(int $\langle value \rangle$) int $$ \langle character \rangle$: getMentalCapacity() void $$ \langle character \rangle$: setMentalCapacity(int $\langle value \rangle$) void $$ \langle character \rangle$: increaseMentalCapacity(int $\langle value \rangle$) int $$ \langle character \rangle$: getMagicType() returns $$ MagicType $$ \end{tabular}
```

Name	$\langle rID \rangle$	Name	$\langle rID \rangle$	Name	$\langle rID \rangle$
human	0	blackwolf	41	blacktroll	80
dwarf	1	greywolf	42	redtroll	81
halfling	2	redwolf	43	blackzombie	82
elf	3	redraptor	48	transparentzombie	83
orc	4	silverbear	49	redzombie	84
lizardman	5	blackbear	50	blackhellhound	85
gnome	6	bear	51	transparenthellhound	86
troll	9	raptor	52	greenhellhound	87
mumie	10	zombie	53	redhellhound	88
skeleton	11	hellhound	54	redimp	89
beholder	12	imp	55	blackimp	90
blackbeholder	13	irongolem	56	blueirongolem	91
transparentbeholder	14	ratman	57	redratman	92
brownmummy	15	dog	58	greenratman	93
bluemummy	17	beetle	59	blueratman	94
sheep	18	fox	60	reddog	95
spider	19	slime	61	greydog	96
demonskeleton	20	chicken	62	blackdog	97
redspider	21	bonedragon	63	greenbeetle	98
greenspider	22	blackbonedragon	64	copperbeetle	99
bluespider	23	redbonedragon	65	redbeetle	100
pig	24	transparentbonedragon	66	goldbeetle	101
boar	25	greenbonedragon	67	greyfox	102
transparentspider	26	bluebonedragon	68	redslime	103
wasp	27	goldbonedragon	69	blackslime	104
redwasp	28	redmummy	70	transparentslime	105
stonegolem	30	greymummy	71	brownchicken	106
brownstonegolem	31	blackmummy	72	redchicken	107
redstonegolem	32	goldmummy	73	blackchicken	108
silverstonegolem	33	transparentskeleton	74		
transparentstonegolem	34	blueskeleton	75		
cow	37	greenskeleton	76		
bull	38	goldgolem	77		
wolf	39	goldskeleton	78		
transparentwolf	40	bluetroll	79		

Table 4.1.: List of available races with Race-IDs ($\langle \mathit{rID} \rangle)$

```
\label{eq:character} $$\operatorname{void} \ \operatorname{character} : \operatorname{setMagicType}(\operatorname{int} \ \operatorname{MagicType})$$ $$\operatorname{MagicType}: "\operatorname{mage}"=0, "\operatorname{priest}"=1, "\operatorname{bard}"=2, "\operatorname{druid}"=3$$ $\operatorname{int} \ \operatorname{character} : \operatorname{getMagicFlags}(\operatorname{int} \ \operatorname{MagicType})$$ $\operatorname{void} \ \operatorname{character} : \operatorname{teachMagic}(\operatorname{int} \ \operatorname{MagicType}), \operatorname{int} \ \operatorname{MagicFlag})$$ $\operatorname{int} \ \operatorname{character} : \operatorname{getPlayerLanguage}()$$
```

Returns the player's language: Player.german or Player.english.

4.1.3. Quest progress

```
void\ \langle character \rangle:setQuestProgress(int \langle questID \rangle,int \langle progress \rangle)
```

A questprogress can be set for a specific quest.

```
int \langle progress \rangle [, int \langle time \rangle] \langle character \rangle : getQuestProgress(int \langle questID \rangle)
```

Returns the $\langle progress \rangle$ for a specific quest. Optionally also returns the $\langle time \rangle$ when this progress was last set as Unix timestamp.

4.1.4. Item handling

```
int \langle character \rangle:createItem(int \langle itemID \rangle, int \langle count \rangle, int \langle quality \rangle, dataTable \langle data \rangle)
```

Item is created in the belt or backpack of $\langle character \rangle$. If that is not possible, the items will not be created. The function returns an integer that gives the number of items that cannot be created. world:createItemFromId might be a good choice in addition.

```
void \langle character \rangle: createAtPos(int \langle Position\_body \rangle, int \langle itemId \rangle, int \langle count \rangle)
```

Creates an item at a special body position (see below).

```
void \langle character \rangle: changeQualityAt(int \langle Position\_body \rangle, int \langle qly\_amount \rangle)
```

Changes the quality by amount at position_body.

```
int \langle character \rangle:eraseItem(int \langle itemID \rangle,int \langle count \rangle)
int \langle character \rangle:eraseItem(int \langle itemID \rangle,int \langle count \rangle, dataTable \langle data \rangle)
```

 $\langle count \rangle$ item with $\langle itemID \rangle$ (=number!) are erased from the $\langle character \rangle$ inventory. You have no influence on which items are deleted, you can just determine ID and number. The return value contains the amount of items that could not be deleted. In case the optional $\langle data \rangle$ parameter is set, only items that include these data values are deleted. If the data table is empty however, only items without data are erased.

```
int \langle character \rangle:countItem(int \langle itemID \rangle)
int \langle character \rangle:countItemAt(text \langle location \rangle,int \langle itemID \rangle)
int \langle character \rangle:countItemAt(text \langle location \rangle,int \langle itemID \rangle,dataTable \langle data \rangle)
```

Counts only at a certain position; $\langle character \rangle$:countItemAt("all",...) is the same as $\langle character \rangle$:countItem(...) $\langle location \rangle$ can be "all", "belt", "body", "backpack". The variant with $\langle data \rangle$ does only count items that include these data values. If the data table is empty however, only items without data are counted.

```
void \langle character \rangle:increaseAtPos(int \langle Position\_body \rangle,int \langle count \rangle)
void \langle character \rangle:swapAtPos(int \langle Position\_body \rangle,int \langle itemID \rangle,int \langle quality \rangle)
      Position_body: BACKPACK=0, HEAD=1, NECK=2, BREAST=3, HANDS=4, LEFT_TOOL=5, RIGHT_TOOL=6,
      FINGER_LEFT_HAND=7, FINGER_RIGHT_HAND=8, LEGS=9, FEET=10, COAT=11, LAST_WEARABLE=11
      To be combined with \langle Item \rangle:getType().
      See fig.(7.1).
      If quality=0, then the quality remains the same.
scrItem \langle character \rangle:getItemAt(int \langle Position_body \rangle)
       (Position_body): Character.backpack=0, Character.head=1, Character.neck=2,
      Character.breast=3, Character.hands=4, Character.left_tool=5,
      Character.right_tool=6, Character.finger_left_hand=7,
      Character.finger_right_hand=8, Character.legs=9,
      Character.feet=10, Character.coat=11, Character.belt_pos_1=12,
      Character.belt_pos_2=13, Character.belt_pos_3=14,
      Character.belt_pos_4=15, Character.belt_pos_5=16,
      Character.belt_pos_6=17
      This returns a ScriptItemStruct. See fig. (7.1).
list (scrItem ) \langle character \rangle:getItemList(int \langle ItemID \rangle)
      Returns a list with all items of this \langle ItemID \rangle.
conStruct \langle character \rangle: getBackPack()
      Returns a container-item (which is different from scriptitem and commonitem). Container-
      items can be used to pick out items which are placed in it. See \langle Container \rangle:takeItemNr(\langle itempos \rangle, \langle count \rangle).
conStruct \langle character \rangle:getDepot(int \langle depotId \rangle)
      Returns a container-item (the depot of that Character). Containeritems can be used to pick
      out items which are placed in it. See \langle Container \rangle:takeItemNr(\langle itempos \rangle, \langle count \rangle).
4.1.5. All the rest
boolean \langle character \rangle: is NewPlayer()
      Returns whether \langle character \rangle is a new player or not. The exact behaviour is defined in the
      database function is_new_player.
boolean \langle character \rangle:isInRange(Character \langle character 2 \rangle,int \langle Distance \rangle)
      Returns true if \langle character2 \rangle is within \langle Distance \rangle of \langle character \rangle, else false.
int \( character \): distanceMetric(Character \( character 2 \))
      Returns distance.
      Very similar to isInRange, but much more flexible. Better use distanceMetric.
int \langle character \rangle:distanceMetricToPosition(posStruct \langle Position \rangle)
      Returns the distance from \langle character \rangle to \langle Position \rangle.
boolean \langle character \rangle: isInRangeToPosition(posStruct \langle Position \rangle, int \langle distance \rangle)
```

Returns true when the $\langle character \rangle$ is within the $\langle distance \rangle$ to $\langle position \rangle$ and false otherwise.

void \(\character \):\text{warp(posStruct \(\lambda Position \))}

"Position" is a position-structure as described above.

 $void \langle character \rangle$:forceWarp($posStruct \langle Position \rangle$)

"Position" is a position-structure as described above. This command works exactly as warp, but it ignores any non-passable flags on the target position. That means that you can warp onto e.g. water using this command.

 $void \langle character \rangle$:startMusic(int $\langle Number \rangle$)

Starts music $\langle Number \rangle$ for $\langle character \rangle$, with 0 meaning silence. This overrides the default music given by the map until logout or a call of $\langle character \rangle$:defaultMusic()

void \(\character \):defaultMusic()

Plays the default music for $\langle character \rangle$ as defined by the map.

boolean \(\character \): is Admin()

Returns true if that character is admin (GM) and false otherwise.

 $void \langle character \rangle$:setClippingActive(boolean $\langle status \rangle$)

 $\langle status \rangle$ must be either true (walking through walls disabled) or false; this enables the character to walk on fields where he usualy can't walk (water, walls, ...). Please use with care: This has to be turned OFF again!

boolean \langle character \rangle: getClippingActive()

Returns true or false.

int \(character \):idleTime()

If $\langle character \rangle$ is a player, returns the number of seconds they are idle. Returns 0 otherwise.

 $boolean isValidChar(Character \langle char \rangle)$

Returns true iff $\langle char \rangle$ is still valid and safe to use. Validity has to be checked if $\langle char \rangle$ is used in another entrypoint call than the one where it was originally obtained, since a player might have logged out, an NPC might have been deleted and a monster might have been killed in the meantime.

 $boolean \langle character \rangle$:pageGM($text \langle ticket \rangle$)

Returns true iff $\langle ticket \rangle$ is successfully logged as message to the GM team. Differing from the normal !gm command, the originating player is not informed about success.

void \(\character \):logAdmin(text \(\lambda message \))

Writes $\langle message \rangle$ for the given user into the server log using the admin facility. Only used to record GM actions.

4.2. Variables

 $r: text \langle character \rangle.$ lastSpokenText

Returns this characters last spoken line of text

 $r: posStruct \langle character \rangle.pos$

Position-structure

r: $text \langle character \rangle$.name

 $r: int \langle character \rangle.id$

r: boolean \(\character \rangle \).attackmode

true if character currently attacks, false otherwise.

 $rw: int \langle character \rangle$.activeLanguage

"common language"=0, "human language"=1, "dwarf language"=2, "elf language"=3, "lizard language"=4, "orc language"=5, "halfling language"=6, "fairy language"=7, "gnome language"=8, "goblin language"=9, "ancient language"=10

 $rw: int \langle character \rangle.$ movepoints

A character has usually (when being idle) 21 movepoints. Every action like talking, fighting, using etc. needs at least ca. 6 movepoints. The reduction of movepoints depends on the character's agility. The regeneration is for all the same: +10 per second. A greater amount than 21 movepoints is not possible as it is immediately set again to 21.

5. Containers

Some items can contain other items. These are for example a character's backpack and depot. There are multiple functions to get access to such a container variable. Here is what you can do with those:

5.1. Functions

```
boolean, scrItem, conStruct \langle Container \rangle: viewItemNr(int \langle itempos \rangle)
```

Returns three values in that specific order: bool $\langle success \rangle$, structitem $\langle item \rangle$, containeritem $\langle container \rangle$. $\langle success \rangle$ is true if Lua was able to get the item, $\langle item \rangle$ holds the item at that position number and $\langle container \rangle$ holds the containerstruct in case the item at that position was a container. This can be used together with $\langle Container \rangle$:takeItemNr($\langle itempos \rangle$, $\langle count \rangle$).

```
boolean, scrItem, conStruct \langle Container \rangle:takeItemNr(int \langle itempos \rangle, int \langle count \rangle)
```

Returns three values in that specific order: bool $\langle success \rangle$, structitem $\langle item \rangle$, containeritem $\langle container \rangle$ and deletes this item ($\langle count \rangle$ of them). $\langle success \rangle$ is true if Lua was able to get the item, $\langle item \rangle$ holds the item at that position number and $\langle container \rangle$ holds the containerstruct in case the item at that position was a container. Example:

```
TheDepot=User:getDepot(1);
for i=0,30 do
    worked,theItem,theContainer=TheDepot:takeItemNr(i,1);
    if (worked==true) then
        if (theContainer==nil) then
            User:inform("This is no container. It's item-ID is "..theItem.id);
    else
            User:inform("This is a container. It's item-ID is "..theItem.id);
    end
    end
end
```

 $void\ \langle Container \rangle$: changeQualityAt(int $\langle itempos \rangle$,int $\langle amount \rangle$)

Changes the quality of an item at a given position inside a container. Returns true if it worked.

```
boolean \langle Container \rangle:insertContainer(scrItem \langle item \rangle, conStruct \langle container \rangle)
boolean \langle Container \rangle:insertContainer(scrItem \langle item \rangle, conStruct \langle container \rangle, int \langle itempos \rangle)
```

If $\langle itempos \rangle$ has been provided, tries to insert a container at that position. If not, or if that position is not free, inserts the container at the first free position. Returns true if successful.

```
void \langle Container \rangle:insertItem(scrItem \langle Item \rangle, boolean \langle merge \rangle)
```

Inserts an item into a container. Collects identical items which are stackable together to a stack if $\langle merge \rangle$ is true. If there already is an item it will probably be overwritten!

```
void \langle Container\rangle:insertItem(scrItem \langle Item\rangle)
```

Inserts an item which is then placed on the last slot in that container.

```
int void \langle Container \rangle:countItem(int \langle itemid \rangle)
int void \langle Container \rangle:countItem(int \langle itemid \rangle, dataTable \langle data \rangle)
```

Counts the number of items in a container of a given ID. It works recursively, which means that if there is a container in that container containing items of that ID, they are counted as well. In case the optional $\langle data \rangle$ parameter is set, only items that include these data values are counted. If the data table is empty however, only items without data are counted.

```
int void \langle Container \rangle:eraseItem(int \langle itemid \rangle, int \langle count \rangle)
int void \langle Container \rangle:eraseItem(int \langle itemid \rangle, int \langle count \rangle, dataTable \langle data \rangle)
```

 $\langle count \rangle$ item with $\langle itemid \rangle$ (=number!) are erased from the $\langle Container \rangle$ inventory. You have no influence on which items are deleted, you can just determine ID and number. The return value contains the amount of items that could not be deleted. In case the optional $\langle data \rangle$ parameter is set, only items that include these data values are deleted. If the data table is empty however, only items without data are erased.

```
int void \langle Container \rangle:increaseAtPos(int \langle pos \rangle, int \langle value \rangle)
```

Increases the number of items at a given position. Supposedly returns the number of items afterwards.

```
boolean void \langle Container \rangle:swapAtPos(int \langle pos \rangle, int \langle newid \rangle, int \langle newquality \rangle)
```

Changes an item to another one with a new ID, returns true on success.

```
int void (Container):weight();
```

Returns the total weight of that container.

6. Dialogs

Dialogs are a more sophisticated approach to aquire user input than e.g. User.lastSpokenText. Each dialog serves a specific purpose as displaying bulk text, interfacing with a merchant or with the crafting system. Dialogs should be the preferred interaction method. If necessary new types should be implemented rather than abusing old variants or falling back to lastSpokenText. Please note, that as with many functions dialog work with all types of characters (players, monsters, npcs) but only make sense with players. Using the other two types will work but do nothing at all. Creating a dialog instance always consists of three descrete steps:

- 1. Create a callback function to be triggered automatically when the user closes the dialog. This function has to have a single parameter to which the dialog will be passed with obtained results.
- 2. Invoke the constructor of a specific dialog to create a dialog instance, passing required parameters and callback.
- 3. Have a player object request the dialog in the user's client. Script execution does not stop after this request. The callback with results is called whenever the user closes the dialog.

Usually creating an object would be described before talking about results. However, here we chose a different order to follow the three steps mentioned above, which reflect the order in which you would write a dialog, and to review the most interesting details first, namely what each dialog actually contributes to a particular script.

6.1. MessageDialog

Use this dialog to display bulk text in an on-screen window. The user can close the window at any time.

6.1.1. Results

This type of dialog by it's very nature has no results to be accessed. Still a callback makes sense, because you might want to react on the dialog being closed.

6.1.2. Construction

 $MessageDialog MessageDialog(text \langle title \rangle, text \langle text \rangle, function \langle callback \rangle)$

Creates a Message Dialog with specific $\langle title \rangle$ and message $\langle text \rangle$.

6.1.3. Request

 $void\ \langle character \rangle$:requestMessageDialog($MessageDialog\ \langle dialog \rangle$)

6.2. Input Dialog

This dialog requests alphanumeric input from the user. If you want to further restrict the input, make that clear to the user with the description and enforce it inside the callback. For different kinds of input (e.g. items) use or request development of a different type of dialog.

6.2.1. Results

boolean \langle InputDialog \rangle: getSuccess()

The result is true if the dialog was confirmed and false if it was aborted.

text \langle InputDialog \rangle: getInput()

Returns the user's input if the dialog was successful. Otherwise the result is undefined.

6.2.2. Construction

InputDialog InputDialog(text $\langle title \rangle$, text $\langle description \rangle$, boolean $\langle multiline \rangle$, int $\langle maxChars \rangle$, function $\langle callback \rangle$)

Creates an InputDialog with $\langle title \rangle$ and $\langle description \rangle$. It allows linebreaks iff $\langle multiline \rangle$ is set to true. The input can be up to $\langle maxChars \rangle$ characters long.

6.2.3. Request

 $void \langle character \rangle$:requestInputDialog(InputDialog $\langle dialog \rangle$)

6.3. Selection Dialog

With this dialog you can prompt the user to select one of multiple choices. You can use an item graphic with your choices to illustrate them.

6.3.1. Results

boolean \langle SelectionDialog \rangle: getSuccess()

The result is true if the dialog was confirmed and false if it was aborted.

 $int \ \langle SelectionDialog \rangle : {\tt getSelectedIndex()}$

Returns the user's selection if the dialog was successful. Otherwise the result is undefined.

6.3.2. Construction

SelectionDialog SelectionDialog(text $\langle title \rangle$, text $\langle description \rangle$, function $\langle callback \rangle$)

Creates a Selection Dialog with specific $\langle title \rangle$ and $\langle description \rangle$.

void \langle SelectionDialog \rangle:setCloseOnMove()

If invoked on a Selection Dialog, the dialog will be closed by the server when the player, who owns the dialog, moves.

```
void \langle SelectionDialog \rangle:addOption(int \langle itemId \rangle, text \langle name \rangle)
```

Adds an option to the dialog. The $\langle itemId \rangle$ stands for an item graphic displayed along with the option described by $\langle name \rangle$. If $\langle itemId \rangle$ is 0 at least once, no graphics are displayed at all. The first option to be added has index 0, increasing from there.

6.3.3. Request

 $void \langle character \rangle$:requestSelectionDialog(SelectionDialog $\langle dialog \rangle$)

6.4. Merchant Dialog

This dialog is used as an interface to merchant NPCs. All trading with NPCs should be done with this type of dialog. The dialog is kept open until aborted.

6.4.1. Results

int \langle MerchantDialog \rangle: getResult()

The result is one of MerchantDialog.playerAborts, MerchantDialog.playerSells, MerchantDialog.playerBuys, depending on player action.

int \langle MerchantDialog \rangle: getPurchaseIndex()

Returns the user's purchase selection if getResult() equals MerchantDialog.playerBuys. Otherwise the result is undefined.

int \langle MerchantDialog \rangle:getPurchaseAmount()

Returns the amount the user wants to buy if getResult() equals MerchantDialog.playerBuys. Otherwise the result is undefined.

scrItem \langle MerchantDialog \rangle:getSaleItem()

Returns the item the user wants to sell if getResult() equals MerchantDialog.playerSells. Otherwise the result is undefined.

6.4.2. Construction

 $MerchantDialog MerchantDialog(text \langle title \rangle, function \langle callback \rangle)$

Creates a Merchant Dialog with a specific $\langle title \rangle$.

void $\langle MerchantDialog \rangle$:addOffer(int $\langle itemId \rangle$, text $\langle name \rangle$, int $\langle price \rangle$, int $\langle stack \rangle = 1$)

Adds an offer to the dialog, i.e. something that can be sold to a player. The $\langle itemId \rangle$ stands for an item graphic displayed along with the offer described by $\langle name \rangle$. The first offer to be added has index 0, increasing from there. The $\langle price \rangle$ is given in copper. Optionally a $\langle stack \rangle$ can be given so that only stacks of this amount can be purchased by a player.

 $void \langle Merchant Dialog \rangle$: addSecondaryRequest(int $\langle item Id \rangle$, text $\langle name \rangle$, int $\langle price \rangle$)

Adds a secodary request to the dialog, i.e. something that can be sold to an NPC for the regular rate. The $\langle itemId \rangle$ stands for an item graphic displayed along with the request described by $\langle name \rangle$. The $\langle price \rangle$ is given in copper.

```
void \langle MerchantDialog \rangle:addPrimaryRequest(int \langle itemId \rangle, text \langle name \rangle, int \langle price \rangle)
```

Adds a primary request to the dialog, i.e. something that can be sold to an NPC for a premium rate. The $\langle itemId \rangle$ stands for an item graphic displayed along with the request described by $\langle name \rangle$. The $\langle price \rangle$ is given in copper.

6.4.3. Request

 $void \langle character \rangle$:requestMerchantDialog(MerchantDialog $\langle dialog \rangle$)

6.5. Crafting Dialog

This dialog is used as an interface for crafting. All crafting should be done with this type of dialog. The dialog is kept open until aborted.

6.5.1. Results

```
int \langle CraftingDialog \rangle: getResult()
```

The result is one of CraftingDialog.playerAborts, CraftingDialog.playerCrafts, CraftingDialog.playerLooksAtCraftable, CraftingDialog.playerLooksAtIngredient, CraftingDialog.playerCraftingComplete, CraftingDialog.playerCraftingAborted, depending on player action and crafting progress.

```
int \(\langle CraftingDialog \rangle:\text{getCraftableId()}\)
```

Returns the user's product selection if getResult() equals CraftingDialog.playerCrafts, the product the user looks at if getResult() equals CraftingDialog.playerLooksAtCraftable or the product including an ingredient the user looks at if getResult() equals CraftingDialog.playerLooksAtIngredient. Otherwise the result is undefined.

```
int \langle CraftingDialog \rangle:getCraftableAmount()
```

Returns the amount the user wants to craft if getResult() equals CraftingDialog.playerCrafts. Otherwise the result is undefined.

```
scrItem \langle CraftingDialog \rangle: getIngredientIndex()
```

Returns the ingredient index the user looks at if getResult() equals CraftingDialog.playerLooksAtIngredient. Otherwise the result is undefined.

6.5.2. Construction

```
CraftingDialog CraftingDialog(text \langle title \rangle, int \langle sfx \rangle, int \langle sfxDuration \rangle, function \langle callback \rangle)
```

Creates a CraftingDialog with a specific $\langle title \rangle$ and sound effect $\langle sfx \rangle$ to be played repeatedly while crafting. The duration of one single playback of that sound effect has to be specified in $\langle sfxDuration \rangle$.

```
void \(\langle CraftingDialog \rangle: clearGroupsAndProducts()
```

Removes all groups and products from the dialog. Can be used e.g. when a user gains skill and the product list has to be created from scratch.

```
void \langle CraftingDialog \rangle : addGroup(text \langle title \rangle)
```

Adds a group with \(\lambda title\rangle\) to the dialog. Each group is associated with an id, starting at 0.

 $void \ \langle \mathit{CraftingDialog} \rangle : \texttt{addCraftable}(\mathsf{int} \ \langle \mathit{index} \rangle, \ \mathsf{int} \ \langle \mathit{groupId} \rangle, \ \mathsf{int} \ \langle \mathit{itemId} \rangle, \ \mathsf{text} \ \langle \mathit{name} \rangle, \ \mathsf{int} \ \langle \mathit{deciseconds} \rangle, \ \mathsf{int} \ \langle \mathit{stack} \rangle = 1)$

Adds a product to the dialog, i.e. something that can be crafted. The $\langle index \rangle$ will be returned by getCraftableId. The $\langle itemId \rangle$ stands for an item graphic displayed along with the product described by $\langle name \rangle$. The first product to be added has index 0, increasing from there. The product needs a certain amount of $\langle deciseconds \rangle$ to be crafted. Optionally a $\langle stack \rangle$ can be given if more than one item should be created each time this product is crafted.

```
void \ \langle CraftingDialog \rangle:addCraftableIngredient(int \langle itemId \rangle, int \langle stack \rangle = 1)
```

Adds an ingredient to the product added last. The $\langle itemId \rangle$ stands for an item graphic displayed along with the ingredient. Optionally a $\langle stack \rangle$ can be given if more than one piece of this ingredient is required for crafting the corresponding product.

6.5.3. Request

 $void\ \langle character \rangle$:requestCraftingDialog($CraftingDialog\ \langle dialog \rangle$)

6.6. Examples

6.6.1. MessageDialog

```
local callback = function(dialog)
    User:inform("Dialog closed")
end
local lyrics = [[
0 Fortuna, velut Luna
statu variabilis,
...
]]
local dialog = MessageDialog("O Fortuna", lyrics, callback)
User:requestMessageDialog(dialog)
```

6.6.2. InputDialog

```
local callback = function(dialog)
   if not dialog:getSuccess() then
        User:inform("You canceled! How dare you?")
   else
        User:inform("You wrote: " .. dialog:getInput())
   end
end
local dialog = InputDialog("Insert some text!", false, 255, callback)
User:requestInputDialog(dialog)
```

7. Items (scriptItem)

There are two kinds of items in lua. This is of the type scriptItem. These types of item-variables are the parameters in the entry point functions (TargetItem etc.). This kind of item variable holds the individual information about the item (position, ...), but not the general ones (weight, ...). It refers to an individual item (stack). You can, however, identify the commonStruct of an individual item, which can be achieved with the world:getItemStats(\(\langle \text{criptItem} \rangle \rangle \). Clearly, the other direction is not possible (gaining knowledge about an individual item via a general item). If you change item properties, you have to propagate the changes to the server:

```
item.quality = 284;
item.setData("name", "John's Item");
world:changeItem(item);
```

7.1. Functions

```
int \langle Item \rangle: getType()
```

```
Return values: notdefined=0, showcase1=1, showcase2=2, field=3, inventory=4, belt=5 void \langle Item \rangle:setData(text \langle key \rangle, text \langle value \rangle) void \langle Item \rangle:setData(text \langle key \rangle, int \langle value \rangle)
```

Sets the customizable data with the key $\langle key \rangle$ of an item to $\langle value \rangle$. Example:

```
...
SourceItem:setData( "magicbonus", 25 );
SourceItem:setData( "prefix", "very strong " );
...
if ( SourceItem:getData("prefix") ~= "" ) then
    if ( tonumber( SourceItem:getData(magicbonus) ) < 30 ) then</pre>
```

Note that a number gets automatically converted into the corresponding string (25).

```
text \langle Item \rangle:getData(text \langle key \rangle)
```

Returns the customizable data for the key $\langle key \rangle$ of an item if that key exists and an empty string otherwise.

7.2. Variables

```
r: Character \langle Item \rangle.owner has the type of \langle character \rangle.
```



Figure 7.1.: Illustration for positions of items. Red: itempos, Green: getType

 $r: posStruct \langle Item \rangle.pos$

has the type of $\langle position \rangle$, this means that the item lies on the floor.

r: $int \langle Item \rangle$.itempos

Returns the position of an item if it is at a character.

 $rw: int \langle Item \rangle.id \ rw: int \langle Item \rangle.wear$

Measures how long it will take until the item decays.

 $rw: int \langle Item \rangle.$ quality

The quality of an item is a combination of actual quality (0-9) and durability (0-99). A quality of 872 stands for actual quality 8 and durability 72. The item decays shortly after durability hits zero. A quality below 100 describes an unfinished item (e.g. for crafting purposes). Quality 64 denotes a 64% completed item for example.

 $\mathit{rw} \colon \mathit{int} \ \langle \mathit{Item} \rangle.\mathtt{number}$

The number of items on that stack.

8. Items (commonStruct)

There are unfortunately two types of items. This refers to commonStruct-Items. Note that there are important functions for items in the chapter "World". This kind of item variable holds general information about an item (weight, ID,...), not individual ones like, for example, the current position or things like that. It is, so to say, a generalized item.

8.1. Variables

```
r: int \langle Item \rangle.id
r: int \langle Item \rangle.AgeingSpeed
r: int \langle Item \rangle.Weight
r: int \langle Item \rangle.ObjectAfterRot
r: int \langle Item \rangle.MaxStack
r: boolean \langle Item \rangle.rotsInInventory
r: int \langle Item \rangle.Brightness
r: int \langle Item \rangle.Worth
r: text \langle Item \rangle.English
r: text \langle Item \rangle.German
```

These variables are accessible for common struct items and script items (where they refer to the corresponding common struct item!).

Usage:

MyItem.id, MyItem.AgeingSpeed, ...

9. Weapons and Armor

9.1. WeaponStruct

```
r: int \langle weaponstruct \rangle.Attack
r: int \langle weaponstruct \rangle.Defence
r: int \langle weaponstruct \rangle.Accuracy
r: int \langle weaponstruct \rangle.Range
r: int \langle weaponstruct \rangle.WeaponType
r: int \langle weaponstruct \rangle.ActionPoints
r: int \langle weaponstruct \rangle.MagicDisturbance
r: int \langle weaponstruct \rangle.PoisonStrength
r: int \langle weaponstruct \rangle.Level
```

WeaponType can be one of the following: WeaponStruct. {slashing, concussion, puncture, slashingTwoHand, concussionTwoHand, punctureTwoHand, firearm, arrow, bolt, stone, stave, shield}

9.2. ArmorStruct

```
r: int \langle armorstruct \rangle. BodyParts
r: int \langle armorstruct \rangle. PunctureArmor
r: int \langle armorstruct \rangle. StrokeArmor
r: int \langle armorstruct \rangle. ThrustArmor
r: int \langle armorstruct \rangle. MagicDisturbance
r: int \langle armorstruct \rangle. Stiffness
r: int \langle armorstruct \rangle. Level
r: int \langle armorstruct \rangle. Type
```

Type can be one of the following: ArmorStruct. {clothing, general, light, medium, heavy, jewellery}

9.3. NaturalArmor

Monsters can have these intrinsic armor properties:

```
r: int \langle naturalarmor \rangle.strokeArmor r: int \langle naturalarmor \rangle.thrustArmor
```

 $r: int \langle naturalarmor \rangle$.punctureArmor

10. World

10.1. Functions

```
tleStruct world:getField(posStruct \langle position \rangle)
      (position) is a position-structure. The function returns a reference to a field.
      Example:
                       Field=world:getField(position(22,10,-3));
                                                                                    -- get reference to "Field"
                       TileID=Field.tile;
                                                                                    -- Determine the Tile-ID of that field
int world:getTime(text "\langle time \rangle")
      (time) can be "year", "month", "day", "hour", "minute", "second" or "unix". The last is the
      amount of seconds since 1th January 1970 00:00. The others are ingame dates.
void world:erase(scrItem \langle Item \rangle, int \langle amount \rangle)
      Example 1:
      world:erase(TargetItem,3)
      erases 3 items on the TargetItem-Stack if possible
      Example 2:
      world:erase(TargetItem,0)
      erases the whole TargetItem-Stack. (NOTE: Temporarily DISABLED!) If there are not
      enough of the items to erase, this function returns "false" and does not delete anything.
void world:increase(scrItem \langle Item \rangle, int \langle count \rangle)
      Increases the item number of \langle Item \rangle (\langle SourceItem \rangle, \langle TargetItem \rangle, ...) by \langle count \rangle.
void world:itemInform(Character \langle User \rangle, scrItem \langle Item \rangle, ItemLookAt \langle lookAt \rangle)
      Useable in LookAtItem: Displays information about an item. ItemLookAt is a class where
      certain information about the item is stored. An empty instance can be created with lookAt
      = ItemLookAt(). ItemLookAt has the fields as listed in table 10.1. All fields are optional and
      some of them are coupled with a dedicated item data, storing the corresponding value.
void world:swap(scrItem \langle Item \rangle, int \langle newItemID \rangle, int \langle quality \rangle)
      Exchanges \langle Item \rangle (ScriptItem!) with a new one with \langle newItemId \rangle and \langle quality \rangle.
scrItem world:createItemFromId(int \langle ItemID \rangle, int \langle count \rangle, posStruct \langle position \rangle, boolean \langle always-flag \rangle, int
\langle quality \rangle, dataTable \langle data \rangle)
      where \langle position \rangle is a position-structure and the always-flag is true (create also when there is
      already something on that field) or false, depending on how to create the item. It returns
      a script item sctruct.
```

ItemLookAt field	type	item data	description
name	string	"nameDe"	
		"nameEn"	
rareness	ItemLookAt.	"rareness"	
	commonItem		
	uncommonItem		
	rareItem		
	epicItem		
description	string	"descriptionDe"	
		"descriptionEn"	
$\operatorname{craftedBy}$	string	"craftedBy"	
type	string	-	derived from Weapon-
			Struct or ArmorStruct
level	number	-	0100
usable	boolean	-	can the player use this?
weight	number	-	
worth	number	-	selling price in copper
qualityText	string	-	
durabilityText	string	-	
durabilityValue	number	-	0100 in percent
$\operatorname{diamondLevel}$	number	"magicalDiamond"	magic gem level: 010
emeraldLevel	number	"magicalEmerald"	magic gem level: 010
rubyLevel	number	"magicalRuby"	magic gem level: 010
sapphireLevel	number	"magicalSapphire"	magic gem level: 010
amethystLevel	number	"magicalAmethyst"	magic gem level: 010
obsidianLevel	number	"magicalObsidian"	magic gem level: 010
topazLevel	number	"magicalTopaz"	magic gem level: 010
bonus	number	-	gem bonus: 0255

Table 10.1.: ItemLookAt member variables

```
void world:createItemFromItem(scrItem \langle Item \rangle, posStruct \langle Position \rangle, varalways-flag)
```

where $\langle Item \rangle$ is of the scriptitem-structure. (NOT of the common-structure! Therefore this IS usable with TargetItem!). It creates an identical copy of a scriptitem.

Character world:createMonster(int $\langle monsterID \rangle$, posStruct $\langle position \rangle$, int $\langle movepoints \rangle$)

Summons a monster with the given monster-ID at the given location. For a list of monster-IDs, please consult the database or a fellow developer.

Character world:createDynamicNPC(text $\langle name \rangle$, int $\langle race \rangle$, posStruct $\langle position \rangle$, int $\langle sex \rangle$, text $\langle scriptname \rangle$)

Summons an NPC with the given parameters, using the script that is stated.

```
list world:LoS(posStruct \( \start \) posItruct \( \start \) posStruct \( \start \) position \( \))
```

Returns a list that contains lists that contain the type of the list entry and the corresponding items and characters that block the way between $\langle start\ position \rangle$ and $\langle end\ position \rangle$ and is nil otherwise. They can easily be referenced by e.g. list[1].TYPE, which returns either "ITEM" or "CHARACTER" and list[1].OBJECT which contains either the item-struct or the character-struct. For the following example, imagine that an item with the item-ID 100 and after that, a character with the character-ID 666 block the way between startPos and endPos:

```
list=world:LoS(startPos, endPos);
if (list ~= nil) then
    for key, listEntry in pairs(list) do
        if (listEntry.TYPE == "ITEM") then
            User:inform("Item with the ID: "..listEntry.OBJECT.id);
    elseif (listEntry.TYPE == "CHARACTER") then
            User:inform("Character with the ID: "..listEntry.OBJECT.id);
    end
end
else
    User:inform("Nothing blocks the way!");
end
...
```

This will produce the output:

```
Item with the ID: 100 Character with the ID: 666
```

 $void world:makeSound(int \langle Number \rangle, posStruct \langle position \rangle)$

Starts soundeffect. 1=scream, 2=sheep, 3=sword hit, 4=thunder, 5=bang, 6=chopping wood, 7=fire, 8=smithing, 9=water splash, 10=pouring in (bottle), 11=saw, 12=drink, swallow, 13=snaring noise

void world:gfx(int \langle Number \rangle, posStruct \langle position \rangle)

```
Starts graphicseffect on \langle position \rangle.
void world: changeTile(int \langle TileID \rangle, posStruct \langle position \rangle)
comItem world:getItemStats(scrItem \langle Item\rangle)
      Returns an commonitem-struct from an \langle Item \rangle that is a scriptitem (like TargetItem). Exam-
      ple:
               myItem=world:getItemStats(TargetItem)
               if (myItem.Weight<100) then
               end
comItem world:getItemStatsFromId(int \langle ItemID \rangle)
      Returns an item-struct like world:getItemStats(\langle Item \rangle)
scrItem world:getItemOnField(posStruct \langle Position \rangle)
      Returns a scriptItem on that field.
boolean world:isItemOnField(posStruct \langle Position \rangle)
boolean world:isCharacterOnField(posStruct \langle Position \rangle)
      Returns true for a Character standing on that position and false otherwise.
Character world:getCharacterOnField(posStruct (Position))
      Returns a character-struct. See chapter "Characters". Example:
         myPosition=position(122,12,3);
         if world:isCharacterOnField(myPosition) then
              myPerson=world:getCharacterOnField(myPosition);
              myPerson:talk(Character.say,"You found me!");
         end
         . . .
Character world:getPlayersInRangeOf(posStruct \langle Position \rangle, int \langle Range \rangle)
      Returns a list of character-structs who are in the \langle Range \rangle of \langle Position \rangle. See chapter "Char-
      acters" and lists in lua.
Character world:getCharactersInRangeOf(posStruct \langle Position \rangle, int \langle Range \rangle)
Character world:getNPCSInRangeOf(posStruct \langle Position \rangle, int \langle Range \rangle)
Character world:getMonstersInRangeOf(posStruct \langle Position \rangle, int \langle Range \rangle)
Character world:getPlayersOnline()
      Returns a list of character-structs of all players online. See chapter "Characters" and lists in
void\ world: changeQuality(scrItem\ \langle ScriptItem \rangle, int\ \langle amount \rangle)
```

```
Changes the quality of a scriptitem (TargetItem, ...) for \langle amount \rangle.
```

```
void world:changeTile(int \langle tileid \rangle, posStruct \langle position \rangle)
```

Changes the tile on position-struct "position" to tileid. To be combined with the following command.

```
void world:sendMapUpdate(posStruct \langle position \rangle, int \langle range \rangle)
```

Send a map update to all clients of characters that stand in range of that position.

```
text world:getItemName(int \langle Itemid \rangle, int \langle PlayerLanguage \rangle)
```

Returns string that represents the itemname of the item with this id in playerlanguage according to table "itemnames".

```
void world:changeItem(scrItem \langle ScriptItem \rangle)
```

Changes a scriptitem against a new one. Handle with care! Example:

boolean, wpnStruct world:getWeaponStruct(int \langle itemID \rangle)

Returns two values: bool (true if it is a weapon) and the weapon struct of the given item (if there is any). Example:

```
foundWp,MyWeapon=world:getWeaponStruct(1);
if (foundWp==true) then
   User:inform("Attack: " .. MyWeapon.Attack .. " def: " .. MyWeapon.Defence);
end
...
```

boolean, armStruct world:getArmorStruct(int \langle itemID \rangle)

Returns two values: bool (true if it is an armor) and the armorstruct of the given item.

```
boolean, naturnStruct world:getNaturalArmor(int \langle raceID \rangle)
```

Returns two values: bool (true if that race has natural armor) and the natural armorstruct of the given race.

10.2. Variables

r,w: weatherStruct weather

Returns the current weather.

11. Fields

11.1. Functions

In general, these functions will be combined with world:getField($posStruct \langle position \rangle$) most of the time.

```
void \langle field \rangle:swapTopItem(int \langle newId \rangle, int \langle quality \rangle) int \langle field \rangle:countItems()
```

Returns the number of items that are placed on top of that field.

```
scrItem \langle field \rangle:getStackItem(\langle stackpos \rangle)
```

Returns the item with position $\langle stackpos \rangle$ (0 being the bottom item) within the pile of items on this field. If $\langle stackpos \rangle$ exceeds the number of items on that field, a 0-item is returned (id=0), therefore it is a good idea to check the number of items on that field first.

Changes the top item on a field to newId with quality. 0 to let the quality unchanged.

```
void \langle field \rangle:changeQualityOfTopItem(int \langle amount \rangle)
```

An easy way to change the quality of that item which the player would pick up.

```
boolean \(\field\):isPassable()
```

Determines whether a field allows a character to pass over it or having items dropped on it.

11.2. Variables

r: int tile

Returns the tile ID of that field. Recommended use with world:getField($\langle position \rangle$).

12. It's a kind of magic

12.1. Global variables

thisSpell

Refers to the ID of the spell that is currently casted.

12.2. Some words on magic

Casting a spell is done by selecting one or more runes and eventually selecting a target. We assign numbers to these runes like in fig(12.1). Every spell gets a unique spell-ID which is entirely determined



Figure 12.1.: The runes

by the used runes. Suppose we have to use the runes with the numbers $a_1 \dots a_n$ to cast that spell, the spellId can then be calculated by

$$I_{\text{spell}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} 2^{a_k - 1} = 2^{a_1 - 1} + 2^{a_2 - 1} + \dots + 2^{a_n - 1}.$$
(12.1)

To give a concrete example: Imagine for your spell you have to use runes 2 and 5. The spell Id then is

$$I_{\text{spell}} = \sum_{k=1}^{2} 2^{a_k - 1} = 2^{a_1 - 1} + 2^{a_2 - 1} = 2^{2 - 1} + 2^{5 - 1} = 2^1 + 2^4 = 2 + 16 = 17.$$
 (12.2)

The caption of every spell script should include a brief description of the spell, the rune combination and the SQL insert statement (as comments, of course):

INSERT INTO spells VALUES($\langle spellID \rangle$, $\langle magicType \rangle$, $\langle scriptname.lua \rangle$)

In our case, that might be: INSERT INTO spells VALUES(17,0,'m_17_fireball.lua')

13. Weather

Till now, weather is a global effect. Once you set the weather to a specific value, it's the same everywhere. Eventually there will be "areas" of weather in the future. A weatherStruct is a set of different variables, just like any other struct so far. Altering these variables changes the weather.

13.1. Variables

```
rw: int \langle weatherStruct \rangle.cloud_density
    Varies between 0 (no clouds) and 100 (full clouds).
rw: int \langle weatherStruct \rangle.fog_density
rw: int \langle weatherStruct \rangle.gust_strength
rw: int \langle weatherStruct \rangle.percipitation_strength
rw: int \langle weatherStruct \rangle.percipitation_type
rw: int \langle weatherStruct \rangle.thunderstorm
rw: int \langle weatherStruct \rangle.thunderstorm
rw: int \langle weatherStruct \rangle.thunderstorm
```

13.2. Functions

13.3. Entry point

There is just one entry point for weather scripts: function changeWeather()

Is invoked everytime the weather should be changed.

14. Long time effects

14.1. Basic idea

Long time effects (LTEs) allow you to influence a character over a period of time. The values are saved in the database, so they endure even a server crash.

LTEs are bound to a character. They basically consist of:

- The name (only visible in the database) and the ID of the LTE
- A script that defines the LTE
- A counter that counts how often an effect had been called already
- A variable that controls when this effect on this character will be called again
- Several self defined variables that can be accessed by a key string and that can hold an integer.

First, one has to add the LTE to the database with a unique ID, a name and a script name, e.g. 42 is the ID, myeffect the name and myeffect.lua the script.

Then one has to add the effect to a character, e.g. inside an item script. How the effect works has to be defined in its script myeffect.lua. Everytime the LTE is called, its script is invoked; to be exact, the function callEffect is invoked, see the section about Entry Points. There one can change the character's attributes etc. Note that you should always save any change of fixed attributes as a value of the LTE, so you can restore everything when the LTE ends.

If the character logs out, all values are saved. If he logs in again, the function loadEffect in the LTE script is invoked. Any temporary change of attributes will be gone by now, so here you can read the value you have saved and do the change again.

The example at the end of this chapter will help you a lot.

14.2. Functions

```
void \langle effect \rangle:addValue(text \langle name \rangle, int \langle value \rangle)
```

 $\langle name \rangle$ is an arbitrary name for a variable that can be introduced and filled with $\langle value \rangle$ and is added to that effect. It can later (at one of the following calls, for example) be read or changed again. Note that $\langle value \rangle$ can be any integer x, but it will be saved as y, where $0 \le y < 2^{32}$ and $x \equiv y \pmod{2^{32}}$.

```
void \langle effect \rangle:removeValue(text \langle name \rangle)
```

 $\langle name \rangle$ is the name of a value that will be removed from that effect.

```
boolean, int \langle effect \rangle:findValue(text \langle name \rangle)
```

This function returns true if a value $\langle name \rangle$ is found plus its value and false otherwise. Note that these are two values!

```
boolean, effStruct (Character).effects:find((effect-ID))
```

This function returns true if an effect with $\langle effect-ID \rangle$ was found and the respective $\langle effect \rangle$, false otherwise.

```
void\ \langle Character \rangle.effects:addEffect(LongTimeEffect(\langle effect\text{-}ID \rangle,int \langle nextCalled \rangle))
```

This function adds the effect $\langle effect\text{-}ID\rangle$ to a character. One also has to set the initial $\langle nextCalled\rangle$ value. Thus, right after the script, which contains this command, is completely executed, the function addEffect in the effect's script is called and, if not changed in addEffect, the function callEffect is called after $\langle nextCalled\rangle \cdot \frac{1}{10}$ seconds.

```
boolean \langle Character \rangle.effects:removeEffect(\langle effect-ID \rangle)
```

This function removes the effect $\langle effect\text{-}ID \rangle$ from a character. It returns a boolean which indicates whether that worked or not.

14.3. Variables

```
 \begin{array}{l} r \colon \operatorname{int} \ \langle \operatorname{effect} \rangle. \operatorname{effectId} \\ r \colon \operatorname{int} \ \langle \operatorname{effect} \rangle. \operatorname{effectName} \\ r, w \colon \operatorname{int} \ \langle \operatorname{effect} \rangle. \operatorname{nextCalled} \\ IMPORTANT \colon \operatorname{nextCalled} \ \operatorname{must} \ \operatorname{not} \ \operatorname{exceed} \ 2^{31} - 1, \ \operatorname{otherwise} \ \operatorname{the} \ \operatorname{effect} \ \operatorname{won't} \ \operatorname{be} \ \operatorname{safed} \ \operatorname{properly}. \\ r \colon \operatorname{int} \ \langle \operatorname{effect} \rangle. \operatorname{lastCalled} \\ r \colon \operatorname{int} \ \langle \operatorname{effect} \rangle. \operatorname{numberCalled} \\ \end{array}
```

14.4. Entry points for longtime effects

Inside that script which was invoked, there are several possible entry points that can be called: $function \ call Effect (\langle Effect \rangle, \langle Character \rangle)$

MUST either return true if the effect should be called again or false if not! $\langle Effect \rangle$.nextCalled has to be set. It will be lowered by 1 every $\frac{1}{10^{\text{th}}}$ second and callEffect will be called as soon as it reaches 0.

```
function addEffect(\langle Effect \rangle, \langle Character \rangle)
```

Is invoked when an effect is newly created.

```
function removeEffect(\langle Effect \rangle, \langle Character \rangle)
```

Is invoked after an effect ended (by having callEffect return false.

```
function doubleEffect(\langle Effect \rangle, \langle Character \rangle)
```

Is invoked when an effect is added to a character that already has that effect. Note that a character can hold just one effect of one type at a time!

This function is currently bugged, as all effect values are deleted when the effect is re-added (see Mantis issue #451).

```
function loadEffect(\langle Effect \rangle, \langle Character \rangle)
```

Is invoked when a player character logs into the game. It should be used to set temporary stats changes and so on, which can be stored in effect-variables, using findValue and so on.

14.5. Example: Adding long time effects to characters

Imagine the following situation: You drink a potion of a fluid and after that, you get "drunk", that means that your perception and agility are lowered and you sometimes make uncontrolled steps for the next 4 minutes. The first thing to do is to create a table entry in longtimeeffects in the following way:

To start with, we need to script the bottle (bottle.lua) which adds the effect 666 (alcohol) to the character drinking that bottle.

function UseItem(User, SourceItem, LTstate)

```
foundEffect, alcEffect = User.effects:find(666); -- does effect #666 already exist?
if (not foundEffect) then
                                      -- if that effect is not there...
    alcEffect = LongTimeEffect(666,10); -- create new effect
    User.effects:addEffect(alcEffect); -- add effect #666
                        -- funct. "addEffect(...)" in the LT-script will be called.
                        -- 1 second until first call of "callEffect(...)"
    foundEffect = User.effects:find(666); -- does effect #666 exist now?
    if (not foundEffect) then
                                          -- effect not found (security check)
       User:inform("An error occured, inform a developer.");
                                           -- exit immediately if not found!
    end
end
alcEffect:addValue("alcLevel",10);
                                       -- sets the alcLevel-value to 10.
alcEffect:addValue("strMod",-5);
                                      -- sets modifier for strength to -5.
```

end

So, this script simply adds alcEffect (666) to the User of the bottle and adds the value alcLevel to this effect and sets it to 10.

The next thing to be done is to define this effect. This is done in the actual long time script we defined in the database before, lte_alcohol.lua:

```
function addEffect(myEffect, Character)
                                            -- called only the first time
    Character:inform("You feel a little bit dizzy.");
    found, strMod = myEffect:findValue("strMod");
    if found then
                                            -- read the str modificator
        Character:increaseAttrib("strength",strMod);
                                            -- if modificator is not found
    else
        Character:inform("Error, please inform a developer");
        myEffect:addValue("strMod",-5); -- set to a default value
    end
end
function callEffect(myEffect, Character)
                                          -- is called everytime
    found, alcLevel = myEffect:findValue("alcLevel");
```

```
-- get value
   Character:talk(Character.say, "Hick!"); -- Hick!
        -- add some more effects
    if not found then
       Character:inform("Error, please inform a developer!")
                                            -- bug occured! remove effect
       return false;
   else
        if (alcLevel>0) then
                                            -- alcohol still has effect
            myEffect.nextCalled=200;
                                            -- next call in 20 s.
            myEffect:addValue("alcLevel",alcLevel-1);
                                            -- just override the value
            return true;
        else
                                            -- alcohol has no more effect
            myEffect:removeValue("alcLevel");
            return false;
                                            -- return false and remove effect
        end
    end
end
function loadEffect(myEffect, Character)
                                            -- is called when the character logs in
                                            -- do the STR change again
    Character:inform("You still feel a little bit dizzy.");
   found, strMod = myEffect:findValue("strMod");
                                            -- read the str modificator
    if found then
        Character:increaseAttrib("strength",strMod);
                                            -- if modificator is not found
    else
       Character:inform("Error, please inform a developer");
        myEffect:addValue("strMod",-5); -- set to a default value
    end
end
```

14.6. Ideas for usage

Long time effects can be used for many effects, here are just some ideas:

- Illness, epidemy, infections and deseases
- Injuries
- Effects of potions (of all kinds)
- Effects of poison
- Punishment
- ...

15. Delayed execution and disturbation

There is a way to have a script being executed after some time. Of course, this could also be done using long time effects, which were described above. However, there is something that long time effects can't detect: If "something" happened between two invokations of an effect. Take, for example, a magician who casts a spell. Assume that there is a delay between casting that spell and having an effect (it needs some time of concentration). What happens if, for example, this mage is disturbed during the concentration phase (because he's under attack or alike)? There is no way to detect that in long time effect scripts.

15.1. Functions

```
void\ \langle \mathit{Character}\rangle : \mathtt{startAction}(\mathsf{int}\ \langle \mathit{time}\rangle, \mathsf{int}\ \langle \mathit{GFX-ID}\rangle, \mathsf{int}\ \langle \mathit{GFX-interval}\rangle, \mathsf{int}\ \langle \mathit{SFX-ID}\rangle, \mathsf{int}\ \langle \mathit{SFX-ID}\rangle,
```

Changes the source variable of the entrypoint used for subsequent calls of the current action. This has to be called explicitly to propagate changes of a source object to the action.

15.2. Constants

int Action.none
int Action.abort

15.3. Usage

In all "Use"-functions like UseItem(...), the last parameter is the integer $\langle ltstate \rangle$. Its value is one of the constants above. So one can check the $\langle ltstate \rangle$ and eventually start an action.

There can only be one action at a time for a character. If multiple actions are started in the same script, only the last one counts (nevertheless the "first" sound is played and the "first" gfx is shown for every action immediately, if the interval is greater than 0).

After starting an action, the script is still executed until its end. Then after the $\langle time \rangle$ OR if the character got interrupted (was attacked, moved, used something...), the script is called again and is normally executed. So make sure to check the $\langle ltstate \rangle$!

15.4. Example

A simple example of a potion script is helpful:

```
-- check for ltstate == Action.abort
-- means the script got interrupted before the time needed was up
-- (-> drinking was not finished!)
if (ltstate == Action.abort) then
    -- Cast forced emotes from the Charakter who uses our potion
    -- (german for germans, english for the rest)
    User:talk(Character.say, "#me verschüttet den Trank.", "#me spills the potion.")
    -- [...] possibly remove the bottle etc.
    -- since the user failed to drink the potion we are done now
end
-- [...] possibly check if the character is in attackmode
-- Now we check if the character is drinking the potion currently or not
-- (since the drinking process needs some time)
if (ltstate == Action.none) then
    -- Action.none so the character does nothing.
    -- Lets open the bottle and drink the potion
    -- Start the action!
    -- 2,0 seconds until the action is done
    -- GFX id 0 is shown while the waiting time ( so no gfx )
    -- every O seconds the GFX is shown ( so never )
    -- SFX id 15 is played (drinking sound)
    -- every 2,5 seconds. So the sound is only played once (at the beginning)
    User:startAction(20,0,0,15,25);
    -- let's tell everyone that our user drank a potion with a forced emote
    User:talk(Character.say, "#me beginnt einen Trank zu trinken.", "#me starts to trink a potio
    -- And quit the script since we are done now and waiting for the next call
    return
end
-- since we are here the character started already to drink
-- but got not interrupted. Now we offer some results
-- [...] possibly remove the bottle, give healthpoints and foodpoints
-- and slow down the character
-- [...] etc.
```

function UseItem(User, SourceItem, ltstate)

end

16. Waypoints

The waypoint system allows us to use the pathfinding algorithm of the server for moving monsters and NPCs through the terrain. There is an internal list of position data which is handled like a queue, so first in - first out. The character always tries to reach the first waypoint, until the list is empty.

The algorithm checks for obstacles and a free way only in a certain radius. This process is quite expensive (and even more important: the server freezes until the algorithm finishes!), so the radius shouldn't be too big; around 15 tiles should suffice (the default value is currently unknown, but it won't be much more).

16.1. Functions

The waypoint list can be accessed by $\langle character \rangle$ waypoints and the following operations are possible:

```
void \langle character \rangle.waypoints:addFromList(\langle waypointlist \rangle)
```

Adds a whole Lua list of position structs to the end of the internal list.

```
void\ \langle character \rangle.waypoints:addWaypoint(\langle pos \rangle)
```

Adds a single position struct $\langle pos \rangle$ as last waypoint to the internal list.

```
list ( posStruct ) \langle character \rangle.waypoints:getWaypoints()
```

Returns the internal list as Lua list of position structs.

```
void \( character \)\).waypoints:clear()
```

Clears the internal list.

For controling the character there are these functions:

```
void \( \character \):setOnRoute(boolean \( \character \))
```

The character starts the route if $\langle toggleRoute \rangle$ is true and stops if it is false.

```
boolean \langle character \rangle: getOnRoute()
```

Returns if the character is currently on a route.

```
boolean, int \langle character \rangle:getNextStepDir(posStruct \langle pos \rangle, int \langle rangeToCheck \rangle)
```

Returns two values. The first is true if a way to $\langle pos \rangle$ is found considering only a radius of $\langle rangeToCheck \rangle$ tiles, false otherwise. The second is the direction of the next step for the found way.

This function does not move the character, it just returns the direction for the next step.

```
list (int) \langle character \rangle : getStepList(posStruct \langle pos \rangle, int \langle rangeToCheck \rangle)
```

Same as getNextStepDir(b)ut returns a complete step list to reach $\langle pos \rangle$.

16.2. Entry Points

If a character (Monster/NPC) is on a route, no other handling inside the server is done (no fighting) but all the script entry points like enemyNear or enemyInSight are called.

There is one special entry point for both monsters and NPCs: function abortRoute($\langle character \rangle$)

Is called if the $\langle character \rangle$ has reached the destination or if items block the way and the destination can't be reached.

17. Global Scriptvariables

These ScriptVars allow us to save a value in the database and access it by an identifier string. Use with caution as they have global effect. All ScriptVars are automatically saved upon a server shutdown.

17.1. Functions

```
void ScriptVars:set(\langle identifier \rangle, \langle value \rangle)
Writes the integer or string \langle value \rangle to the ScriptVar \langle identifier \rangle.
boolean , \langle value \rangle ScriptVars:find(\langle identifier \rangle)
Returns if there exists a ScriptVar \langle identifier \rangle. If \tau_e then its \langle value \rangle is returned aswell.
boolean ScriptVars:remove(\langle identifier \rangle)
Removes the ScriptVar \langle identifier \rangle, returns \tau_e if there was such a value.
void ScriptVars:save()
```

Saves all ScriptVars immediately. Use with caution as it could cause freezes.

18. Random

Most of the time the random number generator supplied by Lua should be enough. However, if you are looking for a statistically sound implementation of a random number generator, or need another distribution besides the uniform one, this is the class you are looking for.

18.1. Functions

```
double Random.uniform()
```

Returns a random floating-point value uniformly distributed in the range [0..1).

 $int \ {\tt Random.uniform} (int \ \langle min \rangle, \ int \ \langle max \rangle)$

Returns a random integer value uniformly distributed in the range $[\langle min \rangle .. \langle max \rangle]$.

 $double \ Random.normal(double \langle mean \rangle, double \langle standard_deviation \rangle)$

Returns a random floating-point value normally distributed with given $\langle mean \rangle$ and $\langle standard_deviation \rangle$.

19. Debugging

While using luac -p for finding compilation errors is very straight forward, it is much more difficult to find runtime errors. The script error log which can be viewed via http://illarion.org/~nitram/show_log. php for the testserver and via http://illarion.org/~vilarion/show_log.php for the illarionserver shows all runtime errors and where they occured. These logs should be checked after every change and subsequent testing. Keeping the logs clean will help others to find their own bugs faster.

19.1. Functions

 $void debug(text \langle debugMessage \rangle)$

If used on the testserver prints $\langle debugMessage \rangle$ to the script log together with a stacktrace showing where the call of debug(...) originated. Has no effect on the illarionserver.

20. Entry Points

20.1. Items

```
function UseItem(\langle User \rangle, \langle SourceItem \rangle, \langle ltstate \rangle)
```

When one item is used. If it is used with another item, $\langle TargetItem \rangle$ is the ID of that item, otherwise it is 0.

```
function LookAtItem(\langle User \rangle, \langle Item \rangle)
```

When someone looks at an item.

```
function MoveItemBeforeMove(\langle User \rangle, \langle SourceItem \rangle, \langle TargetItem \rangle)
```

Is invoked when someone tries to move an item before the move is committed. If this function returns false the move of the item will not be carried out; that can be used for cursed items. Basically, $\langle SourceItem \rangle$ is the item before it was moved, $\langle TargetItem \rangle$ is the item after it was moved.

IMPORTANT: It MUST return either *true* or *false*, otherwise the server crashes! (*return true*;)

```
function MoveItemAfterMove(\langle User \rangle, \langle SourceItem \rangle, \langle TargetItem \rangle)
```

Is invoked after someone moved an item. See also MoveItemBeforeMove(.)

```
function NextCycle()
```

Is invoked every 10 seconds for commonitems.

```
function CharacterOnField(\langle User \rangle)
```

Is invoked if someone steps on that item (which therefore lies on the floor); good for traps and fields. This function requires that the corresponding item has a specialitem-flag in the db-table tilesmodificators

20.2. NPC

For effective usage of NPCs and their scripts please read the section about string handling. $function \ nextCycle(\langle npc \rangle)$

Is invoked every few server cycles (=approximately constant time intervalls, $\frac{1}{10}$ s). *IMPOR-TANT:* MUST exist in NPC scripts!

```
function receiveText(\langle npc \rangle, \langle TextTyp \rangle, \langle Text \rangle, \langle Originator \rangle)
```

Is invoked if the NPC hears someone speaking (even himself!).

```
function useNPC(\langle npc \rangle, \langle User \rangle)
```

Is invoked if the NPC is used (shift-click) by $\langle User \rangle$ without target.

```
function lookAtNpc(\langle npc \rangle, \langle SourceCharacter \rangle, \langle mode \rangle)
```

Is invoked if the player $\langle SourceCharacter \rangle$ looks at the NPC. $\langle mode \rangle$ describes what kind of lookat is done: 0 means normal, 1 means close examination.

20.3. Magic

```
function CastMagic(\langle Caster \rangle)
       Is invoked when \langle Caster \rangle casts a spell without target.
function CastMagicOnCharacter(\langle Caster \rangle, \langle TargetCharacter \rangle)
       Is invoked when \langle Caster \rangle casts a spell on another character/monster (\langle TargetCharacter \rangle).
function CastMagicOnField(\langle Caster \rangle, \langle pos \rangle)
       Is invoked when \langle Caster \rangle casts a spell on a field at the position \langle pos \rangle.
function CastMagicOnItem(\langle Caster \rangle, \langle TargetItem \rangle)
       Is invoked when a spell is casted on an item.
```

20.4. Monsters

```
function onDeath(\langle Monster \rangle)
       Is invoked as a monster dies.
function receiveText(\langle Monster \rangle, \langle TextTyp \rangle, \langle Text \rangle, \langle Originator \rangle)
       Is invoked when a monster (\langle Monster \rangle) receives spoken text.
function on Attacked (\langle Monster \rangle, \langle Attacker \rangle)
       Is invoked when a monster is attacked.
function onCasted(\langle Monster \rangle, \langle Caster \rangle)
       Is invoked when a spell is casted on a monster.
function useMonster(\langle Monster \rangle, \langle User \rangle)
       Is invoked when a monster is used by \langle User \rangle
function onAttack(\langle Monster \rangle, \langle Enemy \rangle)
       Is invoked every time when a monster would hit the enemy.
function enemyOnSight(\langle Monster \rangle, \langle Enemy \rangle)
```

Is invoked every time when a monster sees an enemy. IMPORTANT: MUST return true (did something) or false (did nothing)! It is not invoked when the monster stands on a field next to the enemy.

```
function enemyNear(\langle Monster \rangle, \langle Enemy \rangle)
```

Is invoked every time when a monster sees an enemy and stands next to it. Works exactly like enemyOnSight(,) MUST return true or false! But beware: If you plan to have setTarget(...) return 0 ("don't attack anyone"), enemyNear(...) must return false, otherwise the server is caught in an endless loop!

```
function lookAtMonster(\langle SourceCharacter \rangle, \langle monster \rangle, \langle mode \rangle)
```

Is invoked if the player $\langle SourceCharacter \rangle$ looks at the $\langle monster \rangle$. $\langle mode \rangle$ describes what kind of lookat is done: 0 means normal, 1 means close examination.

```
function onSpawn(\langle Monster \rangle)
```

Is called immediately after the $\langle Monster \rangle$ has spawned. There one can e.g. set it on a route using waypoints.

```
function setTarget(\langle Monster \rangle, \langle CandidateList \rangle)
```

If setTarget exists, it is called whenever $\langle Monster \rangle$ need to decide what it should attack. $\langle CandidateList \rangle$ is a list of players who are possible targets. To set a target, it's index in that list has to be returned. The first enemy in the list has the index 1. If the function returns 0, the monster will ignore any enemy. If setTarget() returns 0 ("don't attack anyone"), enemyNear() must return false otherwise the server is caught in an endless loop!

If setTarget does not exist, the player with lowest health is chosen by default.

20.5. Fields

```
Is invoked when a tile is shift-clicked (used).

function MoveToField(\langle User \rangle)

Is invoked if a character moves on that triggerfield (entry in "triggerfields" necessary).

function MoveFromField(\langle User \rangle)

Is invoked if a character moves away from that triggerfield.

function PutItemOnField(\langle Item \rangle, \langle User \rangle)

Is invoked if an item is put on that triggerfield.

function TakeItemFromField(\langle Item \rangle, \langle User \rangle)

Is invoked if an item is taken away from that triggerfield.

function ItemRotsOnField(\langle oldItem \rangle, \langle newItem \rangle)

Is invoked when \langle oldItem \rangle rots into \langle newItem \rangle on a triggerfield.
```

20.6. Quests

While you can create quests with setQuestProgress and getQuestProgress, it is much nicer to have an actual log of that progress in your client. This way you cannot forget about your quests and you always know what to do and where to do it. The client might even point you in the right direction. The entrypoints in this section implement that behaviour.

```
text function QuestTitle(Character \langle user \rangle)

You should return the quest title here, depending on user language.

text function QuestDescription(Character \langle user \rangle, int \langle status \rangle)
```

You should return the quest description here, depending on user language and quest $\langle status \rangle$. You can be as extensive as you want, but make sure to cover the most important points. A good description should serve as a reminder where to go to complete the next step of the quest, let the player know how to get there and what to do there. Imagine a player continuing a quest after some time, they still need to know where they are at and how to go on.

```
posStruct\ function\ QuestTargets(Character\ \langle user \rangle,\ int\ \langle status \rangle)
```

Here you should return the position where the quest continues, i.e. where a new quest status can be obtained. The client will receive this position and direct the player towards it. You can also return nil or an empty list if no such positions should be displayed in the client. Omit positions with care. Even if you think it would be cool to let players search on their own, most of the time it is just annoying. You can also return a list of positions here if the quest can continue in more than one location.

```
int function QuestFinalStatus()
```

Return the final status of your quest here. This is used by the server to determine whether the end of a quest has been reached. If so, the client is notified to display the quest as completed.

20.7. Scheduled Scripts

Scheduled scripts allow the execution of functions in arbitrary scripts in certain intervals. $function \ \langle functionname \rangle()$

This script is invoked by having an entry in the database table "scheduledscripts" after some given time intervall.

Example:

```
sc_scriptname | sc_mincycletime | sc_maxcycletime | sc_functionname
-----
scheduletest.lua | 14 | 16 | makeeffect
```

This will invoke the function makeeffect() in the script scheduletest.lua every 14-16 seconds (a random time between 14 and 16 seconds).

20.8. Server Scripts

Some scripts provide a special global service for the server. These scripts are not attached to a specific item, character or field, but define general behaviour. All of these scripts are located in server/. Server scripts should be edited with great caution, since breaking one of those scripts would break the related behaviour for the server.

20.8.1. Combat (standardfighting.lua)

Everything related to physical combat is handled by standardfighting.lua. It is called everytime a character tries to hit another character.

```
function on Attack (Character \langle Attacker \rangle, Character \langle Defender \rangle)

Is invoked for every attack by \langle Attacker \rangle against \langle Defender \rangle.
```

20.8.2. Login (login.lua)

This script is invoked when a player logs in. Here you can e.g. display login information or tax players.

```
function onLogin(Character \langle player \rangle)
Called when \langle player \rangle logs in.
```

20.8.3. Logout (logout.lua)

This script is invoked when a player logs out. Here you can e.g. substitute GM faction leaders by their NPC equivalent.

```
function onLogout(Character \langle player \rangle)
Called when \langle player \rangle logs out.
```

20.8.4. Learning (learn.lua)

```
function learn(Character \langle char\rangle, Skill \langle skill\rangle, int \langle actionPoints\rangle, int \langle opponent\rangle)
```

Called when Character:learn is invoked. See there for a description of paramters. Implements the learning system.

```
function reduceMC(Character \langle player \rangle)
```

Called every 10s for every player who is online. Use to reduce mental capacity necessary for learning.

20.8.5. Death (playerdeath.lua)

```
function playerDeath(Character \langle deadPlayer \rangle)
```

When a player dies this function is called by the server. It should handle e.g. penalties for dying.

20.8.6. Depot Access (depot.lua)

```
function onOpenDepot(Character \langle player \rangle, scrItem \langle depot \rangle)
```

When a player tries to open a depot, this function is called. It has to return either $\langle true \rangle$ if opening the depot is successful or $\langle false \rangle$ otherwise.

20.8.7. Player LookAt (playerlookat.lua)

```
function lookAtPlayer(Character \langle player \rangle, Character \langle targetPlayer \rangle, int \langle mode \rangle)
```

Is invoked when the $\langle player \rangle$ looks at the $\langle targetPlayer \rangle$. $\langle mode \rangle$ describes the type of lookat performed: 0 means normal, 1 means close examination.

20.8.8. Item LookAt (itemlookat.lua)

```
function lookAtItem(Character \langle player \rangle, scrItem \langle item \rangle)
```

Handles basic item lookat if there is no lookat script attached to the given item. It has to return either $\langle true \rangle$ if a lookat was generated or $\langle false \rangle$ otherwise.

20.8.9. Reloading Scripts (reload.lua)

function onReload()

Invoked after server start as well as after the !fr command has been issued. Possibility to set defaults or initialize global variables.

21. Lua

21.1. Important commands

For a good summary of the importand commands and how they work look at http://lua-users.org/wiki/TutorialDirectory Of special interest are: for, if, function, while and the concept of lists.

21.2. Built in functions

```
math.random()
       Returns a random number between 0 (incl.) and 1 (excl.).
math.random(\langle Upper \rangle)
       Returns a random integer between 1 and \langle Upper \rangle (inclusive).
math.random(\langle Lower \rangle, \langle Upper \rangle)
       Returns a random integer between \langle Lower \rangle and \langle Upper \rangle (inclusive).
math.abs(\langle number \rangle)
       Returns the absolute value of a number. Example: math.abs-4.2-; 4.2
math.ceil(\langle number \rangle)
       Rounds \langle number \rangle to the next higher integer.
math.floor(\langle number \rangle)
       Rounds \langle number \rangle to the next lower integer.
table.getn(\langle List \rangle)
       Returns the number of entries in a table.
string.find(\langle text1\rangle, \langle text2\rangle)
       Returns nil, if \langle text2 \rangle was not found in \langle text1 \rangle. If, however, \langle text1 \rangle contains \langle text2 \rangle, it
       returns the position of the starting character of \langle text2 \rangle in \langle text1 \rangle, the end position of \langle text2 \rangle
       in \langle text1 \rangle and, in case one uses so called captures, all the captures found. Captures are a
       powerfull concept for stings to analyze them by pattern matching. See the lua wiki.
```

21.3. Binary operators

```
A=B;
```

A will get the value of B.

A==B

A is compared with B; true for A=B else false. Used in if statements and alike.

 $A\sim=B$

A is compared with B; false for A=B else true (true if A and B are not equal).

21.4. Lists

Lists are collections of variables. Lists can be created by the following simple procedure: # Start a Lua-list and insert the entries you want (itemIDs etc.) # Run through the list (with a loop) and do what you need (add them to a menue etc.) # Start the process defined by 1. and 2. (send the menue to the player) Creating a list is easy:

```
ListA = \langle value1 \rangle, \langle value2 \rangle, \langle value3 \rangle, ...
```

You can access elements of that table by

```
ListA[\langle number\ of\ element \rangle]
```

for instance

ListA[2]

would be

 $\langle value2 \rangle$

Creating a loop is easy as well:

```
for i = 1,5 do ... end
```

runs through "..." 5 times, the first time with i=1, then i=2, ... to i=5. Combining that with a list would give:

```
ListA={value1,value2,value3,value4,value5}
for i = 1,5 do
     -- do something with ListA[i]
end
```

Example 1: Lets say we want to have a list of items added to a menue.

```
ItemList={45,54,67,81,110,145,215}
                                             -- create list
 UserMenu=MenuStruct()
                                             -- make new menu
 for i = 1,7 do
                                             -- start loop
     UserMenu:addItem ItemList[i]
                                             -- add Item to menu
 end
User:sendMenu UserMenu
                                             -- send menu
Example 2: Lets say we want to have a list of items which are only accessible for the player for certain
skills. We create a difficulty list.
 ItemList={45,54,67,81,110,145,215}
                                                                -- create list
DiffList={ 1, 7,45,90, 25, 45, 65}
                                                                -- list of difficulties
UserMenu=MenuStruct()
                                                                -- make new menu
 for i = 1,7 do
                                                                -- start loop
     if (User:getSkill("smithing")>=DiffList[i]) then
                                                                -- if User has enough skill
         UserMenu:addItem(ItemList[i])
                                                                -- add Item to menu
     end
 end
User:sendMenu UserMenu
                                              -- send menu
If you are filling a list, you have to take care about the following:
Example 3: Filling a list with entries
MyList={};
                     -- initialize list (IMPORTANT!)
MyList[1]=12;
MyList[2]="Hello";
MyList[3]=56;
The important part is the first line: Without it, the script would not work. Lets now look to multidi-
mensional lists (tables, for example):
Example 4: Tables
 MyTable={};
MyTable[1]={};
MyTable[2]={};
MyTable[1][1]=23;
```

21.5. Bitoperation

MyTable[1][2]=45;
MyTable[1][3]=34;
MyTable[2][1]="Maoam";
MyTable[2][2]="Hello";
MyTable[2][3]="Hi there!";

```
There are these built in functions: LuaAnd \langle value1 \rangle, \langle value2 \rangle
```

Applies a bitwise AND operation on $\langle value1 \rangle$ and $\langle value2 \rangle$. The result is a 32 bit integer.

 $LuaOr(\langle value1 \rangle, \langle value2 \rangle)$

```
These functions are added for the Illarion server scripts:  \begin{array}{l} \textit{LuaAnd64} \, (\langle value1 \rangle, \, \langle value2 \rangle) \\ \textit{LuaOr64} \, (\langle value1 \rangle, \, \langle value2 \rangle) \\ \text{These are 64 bit versions of the standard } \textit{LuaAnd} \text{ and } \textit{LuaOr} \text{ functions.} \\ \textit{LuaLShift32} \, (\langle value \rangle, \, \langle shift \rangle) \\ \text{Shifts the } \langle value \rangle \, \langle shift \rangle \text{ bits to the left. The result is a 32 bit integer value.} \\ \textit{LuaRShift32} \, (\langle value \rangle, \, \langle shift \rangle) \\ \textit{LuaLShift64} \, (\langle value \rangle, \, \langle shift \rangle) \\ \textit{LuaRShift64} \, (\langle value \rangle, \, \langle shift \rangle) \\ \textit{LuaRShift64} \, (\langle value \rangle, \, \langle shift \rangle) \\ \textit{LuaRShift64} \, (\langle value \rangle, \, \langle shift \rangle) \\ \end{array}
```

21.6. Modules: Calling functions and variables of other lua files

Each script is in its own module. This is defined by: module ("myscript", package.seeall)

The *package.seeall* is added in order to provide the functions for other scripts and should never be dropped for consistency reasons.

The directory and file hirarchy in the repository represents the module hierarchy. So a script with the relative path "npc/base/myscript.lua" has to have this module definition: module("npc.base.myscript", package.seeall)

```
Now I can define in another script, that I need the functions of that module by: require("npc.base.myscript") and I can call its functions like this: npc.base.myscript.myfunction()
```

This works for global variables too.

Example:

```
base/file1.lua:
  module("base.file1", package.seeall);

testNumber = 3;

function DoSomething(User,text)
     User:inform(text);
end

npc/file2.lua:
  require("base.file1");
  module("npc.file2", package.seeall);

function TestingModules(Character)
   if ( base.file1.testNumber == 3 ) then
       base.file1.DoSomething(Character, "Testing this feature!");
  end
end
```

21.7. A note on namespaces, ambiguities and variable declaration

Each module has its own namespace, so there won't be any ambiguities with other scripts. But note that every variable or function that is not declared as local are global and will be present in the whole namespace of the module. At that point it does not matter if the variable is declared inside or outside a function body. All variables that are declared outside all function bodies are loaded only once.

There exists only one instance of every module, so e.g. all items of one kind (or that are bound to the same script) will use the very same instance of the module and therefore share all global variables. So if you use a variable only inside one function, declare it as local, so it will be dumped after the function call has ended and there is no possibility to interfere with other variables and to create any ambiguities. However, if there are two variables or functions (or a function and a variable) with the exact same name, the last definition will always override all previous ones. Note that Lua does not provide any mean for function overloading.

22. String handling

This is an important topic, as it is relevant for the use of Lua for NPCs (and eventually monsters). The seemably most important function is:

```
string.find(\langle text1 \rangle, \langle text2 \rangle)
```

Returns a number that indicates the position in text1 of the beginning of the first occurence of text2 in text1 and another number that indicates the last position of the last occurence.

Example:

```
a,b=string.find("Hello world","llo");
   -> a=3, b=5

a,b,c,d=string.find("I buy 20 shoes",".*buy (%d+) (.+)");
   -> a=0, b=14, c="20", d="shoes"
```

- Expressions in brackets "(...)" are returned to the variables. Without them, we would just have a and b.
- "." means: any character, digit, just anything.
- "*" means: repetition of the previous, including 0 repetitions; '.*' therefore could mean any string, including an empty one ("").
- "+" means nearly the same as '*', except that it has to have at least 1 repetition, therefore the empty string is not included.
- "%s" simply means a space (" "). "a%sb" therefore means "a b".
- "%d" means any digit. Together with "tt +" we have "%d+", which means: at least one digit, but it can be more.
- "[Ff]" would mean: The character must be a "F" or a "f". "[Hh] [Ee] [L1] + [Oo]" therefore can be "hello" or "helo" or "hello" or "helllll" or...

Therefore the above ".*buy (%d+) (.+)" means: Search for a string where you have:

- 1. any characters or nothing
- 2. followed by "buy"
- 3. followed by a space (" ")
- 4. followed by (at least) one or more digits
- 5. followed by space
- 6. followed by one or more characters of any type (could be "shoes", but could also be "!!98(jj" or "hallo" or "9982")

Beware: c and d are both strings, even if they contain a number like "23". If you perform mathematical operations with them (c^*2) , they behave like numbers, if you compare them (if c==23), they behave like strings, meaning that (c="23"; if c==23 then...) will NOT work, whereas (c="23"; if c*1==23 then...) WILL work, because c^*1 is converted into a number.

If a string is not found inside another string, it returns nil.

22.1. File I/O

It is possible to read and write data from/into files. It is important to use files and directories where the scripts are permitted to read and write.

Example:

```
filepoint,errmsg,errno=io.open("/home/martin/scrdata/testing.luadat","r");
thisline=filepoint:read("*line");
User:inform("This line reads as: "..thisline);
filepoint:close();

filepoint,errmsg,errno=io.open("/home/martin/scrdata/testing.luadat","w+");
filepoint:write("User "..User.name.." called that script!");
filepoint:close();
```

For further information see the official lua documentation (http://www.lua.org)

23. Examples

23.1. Items

Let us first begin with something simple. Say we want to have a script for a sword with the item-ID 27 (fictional) which, when shift-clicked should simply be deleted. The first thing to do is to create an empty file like "simple_sword.lua" in some text editor (be sure that it uses unix-style end-of-lines!). This file needs a UseItem-function, because the sword should disappear when it is used (shift-clicked). Then we need to write down the command for deleting that item. That's it.

```
-- simple_sword.lua
function UseItem(User, SourceItem)
  world:erase(TargetItem,1);
end
```

That will do the job. Now we only need to copy this script to /usr/share/testserver/scripts/ (via svn!) and make an entry in the commons-table of the database into the com_script colum for item 27 which reads simple_sword.lua. Only do a #r inside Illarion's testserver and it works. Let's say that we want to extend our script a little. The character should know that he has deleted something. We add an extra line that informs the player:

```
-- simple_sword.lua
function UseItem(User, SourceItem)
  world:erase(TargetItem,1);
  User:inform("You have deleted that damn sword!");
end
```

Copy that file over the old one, do a #r and here we go. As soon as you shift-click the sword, the sword disappears and you get the message "You have deleted that damn sword!". We are still not satisfied with that. Nono. We want to give out some information about that sword, too. It's weight for example. Now, how to do that? This is a little more complex (only a little) because there are two "types" of items that lua knows: the one is the kind of variable like "TargetItem", which does not know anything about it's weight or other properties. The other one knows everything about itself. So we first have to convert TargetItem into such an object. Then we need to get the weight of that. That is done as follows:

```
-- simple_sword.lua
function UseItem(User, SourceItem)
  world:erase(TargetItem,1);
  MyItem=world:getItemStats(TargetItem);
  MyWeight=MyItem.Weight;
  User:inform("You have deleted that damn sword which weights "..MyWeight);
end
```

Proceed as before. Let's go on. Next step is: We want to create a new item as soon as the old is destroyed. Let's say the item with the ID 28. Not just one, but, say, 5 of them.

```
-- simple_sword.lua
function UseItem(User, SourceItem)
  world:erase(TargetItem,1);
  User:createItem(28,5,333);
  MyItem=world:getItemStats(TargetItem);
  MyWeight=MyItem.Weight;
  User:inform("You have deleted that damn sword which weights ".MyWeight);
end
```

Now, how simple is THAT? Wow. We are still not satisfied. For one reason or another, we do not want to delete that sword in any case. We only want to delete it if the corresponding character does NOT carry a magic key (fictional ID: 30) anywhere on his body. How about that then?

```
-- simple_sword.lua
function UseItem(User, SourceItem)
   keys=User:countItem(30);
   if (keys==0) then
        world:erase(TargetItem,1);
        User:inform("You have deleted that damn sword which weights ".MyWeight);
   end
   User:createItem(28,5,333);
   MyItem=world:getItemStats(TargetItem);
   MyWeight=MyItem.Weight;
end
```

This can easily be extended with all the functions and commands listed above. However, let us now turn to more advanced examples. Take, for example, a lockable door. There are several possibilities to lock a door, only limited by the scripters creative mind. The most basic one seems the following: Asume you have two versions of a door: an open one (fictional ID: 50) and a closed one (fictional ID: 51). This door stands on the fictional coordinates (30,30,0). The principle works as follows: closed=locked, open=unlocked, you replace the closed door (50) by the open one (51) if someone uses the correct key (fID: 60) with the closed door. This means that the opening and closing of that door entirely lies in the script of the key (as it is the first object to be shift-clicked!).

```
-- key_door.lua
function UseItem(User, SourceItem)
   MyDoor=world:getItemStats(TargetItem);
   if (MyDoor.id==50) then
        MyDoorPosition=TargetItem.pos;
        DesiredPosition=position(30,30,0);
        if (MyDoorPosition=DesiredPosition) then
            world:erase(TargetItem,1);
        world:createItemFromId(51,1,DesiredPosition,true,333)
        end
   elseif (MyDoor.id==51) then
        MyDoorPosition=TargetItem.pos;
        DesiredPosition=position(30,30,0);
        if (MyDoorPosition=DesiredPosition) then
        world:erase(TargetItem,1);
```

```
world:createItemFromId(50,1,DesiredPosition,true,333)
    end
end
end
```

This can of course be done in a more elegant way, as the same structure appears twice. However, for learning purposes, this is more obvious: First we check the items ID; if it fits, we check the items position; if that fits, we delete it and create the opened (closed) version instead.

23.2. NPCs

IMPORTANT: NPCs MUST have a nextCycle() function, even if it is empty! Simple NPCs are as simple as simple item scripts. However, they can grow rather large and be arbitrary complex. Lets start with a simple one: He should simply react on "Greetings" or "greetings".

Note that we will need string operations intensively. The first one is hidden in "[Gg]reetings", which means that the first letter can be both, a "G" or a "g". If you implement that and test it, the NPC will not react. The reason is rather simple: He does not understand you. In fact, he does not understand any language at all. So we need to increase his language skill, common language preferably. But once he learnd that, he does not need to learn it again, so he only needs to learn it one time. Here comes one thing in quite handy: a script does not forget variables once set; if a variable was never set before, it is nil. So, to check if the variable was set ever before, we need only to check if it is nil.

```
function receiveText(npc, texttype, message, originator)
  if iniVar == nil then
       iniVar=1;
      npc:increaseSkill(1,"common language",100);
  end
  if string.find(message,"[Gg]reetings") ~= nil then
      npc:talk(Character.say, "Greetings, my friend.");
  end
end
```

However, this one will only react on the second string he "hears", because after the first one, he learns common language and doesn't understand anything. Afterwards, he will understand common language. However if we want to add several keywords, we would have an endless and unelegant sequence of if...elseif

function receiveText(npc, texttype, message, originator)

```
if iniVar == nil then
       iniVar=1;
       npc:increaseSkill(1,"common language",100);
       NpcTrig=();
       NpcAnsw=();
       NpcTrig[1]="[Gg]reetings";
       NpcAnsw[1]="Greetings, my friend.";
       NpcTrig[2]="[Hh]ello";
       NpcAnsw[2]="Hello. How are you?";
   end
  for i=1,table.getn(NpcTrig) do
       if string.find(message,NpcTrig[i])~=nil then
           npc:talk(Character.say, NpcAnsw[i]);
       end
   end
end
```

To summarize: We fill the trigger texts and the answers into a list and then search in a loop the received message for a trigger text in that list; if we find one, we let the NPC speak the corresponding answer. We can create very simple dialog. It might be the case, and this is hoped much, that you want to create more complex NPCs than just "question" "answer" things. For example, lets add another thing to this NPC: We want him to do a simple calculation and add together two numbers we tell him. Furthermore we note that, once this NPC found a trigger in a received message, we do not want to search if there is another trigger in the message. We will therefore restructure the for-loop and make a repeat..until-loop instead, which is easier to stop once we found something.

```
function receiveText(npc, texttype, message, originator)
   if iniVar == nil then
       iniVar=1;
       npc:increaseSkill(1,"common language",100);
       NpcTrig={};
       NpcAnsw={};
       NpcTrig[1]="[Gg]reetings";
       NpcAnsw[1]="Greetings, my friend.";
       NpcTrig[2]="[Hh]ello";
       NpcAnsw[2]="Hello. How are you?";
   end
   i=0;
   foundTrig=false;
  repeat
       i=i+1;
       if string.find(message,NpcTrig[i])~=nil then
           npc:talk(Character.say, NpcAnsw[i]);
           foundTrig=true;
       end
  until (i==table.getn(NpcTrig) or foundTrig==true)
   if (foundTrig==false) then
       if(string.find(message,"%d++%d")~=nil then
```

24. Common bugs

- Missing end, missing (or), script name and db-entry do not match (take care of invisible characters!

 Try a search in the db with e.g. SELECT FROM testserver.spells WHERE spl_scriptname='spells.p_28')
- A "." instead of the seperator ":" or vice versa. ("." is for variables, ":" for functions)
- Missing () for functions that don't need parameters.
- Incorrect number of parameters for functions.
- Mispelled function names (use syntax highlighting!).
- Forgot !fr in game to reload tables and scripts.
- \bullet = instead of == or vice versa.
- != instead of \sim =.
- Missing conversion of a string to a number (when reading from a string).
- Using a variable that does not exist in this function (e.g. originator in function nextCycle...
- Beware of endless loops; they freeze the server. Always ensure that the script terminates.
- Program parts after return statement.
- Forgotten "then" in if-commands, forgotten "end" in inline-if's.

A. Versions

Version 5.15 (20 06 14)

- * Added CommonStruct member: English
- * Added CommonStruct member: German

Version 5.14 (23 05 14)

* Added Character:logAdmin

Version 5.13 (15 09 13)

- * Added Character:isNewPlayer
- * Updated ItemLookAt

Version 5.12 (08 08 13)

- * Added Character:isBaseAttributeValid
- * Added Character:getBaseAttributeSum
- * Added Character:getMaxAttributePoints
- * Added Character:saveBaseAttributes
- * Added Character:setBaseAttribute
- * Added Character:getBaseAttribute
- * Added Character:increaseBaseAttribute

Version 5.11 (05 08 13)

- * Added Character:setRace
- * Added Character:turn

Version 5.10 (23 07 13)

* Removed is Testserver

Version 5.9 (05 04 13)

- * Added ArmorStruct.Type, ArmorStruct.Level
- * Added global constants for ArmorStruct.Type
- * Added WeaponStruct.Level
- * Added global constants for WeaponStruct.Type
- * Added ItemLookAt.level, ItemLookAt.armorType, ItemLookAt.weaponType

Version 5.8 (25 03 13)

- * Removed obsolete function Character:changeQualityItem
- * Removed obsolete function Container:changeQuality

Version 5.7 (05 03 13)

* Added time as return value of getQuestProgress

Version 5.6 (01 03 13)

* Added numeric constants for char:getType()

* Added a note about how LTE values are saved

Version 5.5 (26 02 13)

- * Removed deprecated talkLanguage command
- * Added localised overload for talk command

Version 5.4 (01 02 13)

* Added quest entrypoints

Version 5.3 (25 01 13)

* Added setCloseOnMove for SelectionDialog

Version 5.2 (12 01 13)

- * Removed counter from all entrypoints
- * Removed param from all entrypoints
- * Removed target item from UseItem entrypoint

Version 5.1 (08 01 13)

* Added isTestserver() for debugging

Version 5.0 (27 12 12)

- * New major version for server version 0.9 (VBU)
- * Added overload of insertContainer with item position
- * Added Character:changeSource
- * Added CraftingDialog

Version 4.24 (20 11 12)

- * Changed Character:learn parameter name
- * Changed all data based item search functions
- * Changed all data based item delete functions
- $\ ^*$ Removed is Stackable from common
Struct
- * Added MaxStack to commonStruct
- * Added Character:getSkillName
- * Removed French from Character:getPlayerLanguage
- * Removed magic numbers from Character:getPlayerLanguage

Version 4.23 (27 10 12)

- * Removed deprecated function equapos (since 4.10)
- * Removed deprecated old item data (since 4.18) and corresponding functions
- * Added overload of Container:countItem with data
- * Updated world:itemInform
- * Renamed scheduled scripts chapter
- * Removed Use*With* entrypoints
- * Added all server entrypoints
- * Added separate section for Container
- * Added SelectionDialog
- * Added MerchantDialog
- * Adjusted everything skill related to new skill handling

Version 4.22 (12 10 12)

* Added random number generators

Version 4.21 (02 10 12)

* Added description to InputDialog

Version 4.20 (01 10 12)

- * Removed Character:LTIncreaseHP
- * Removed Character:LTIncreaseMana
- * Removed Character:tempChangeAttrib
- * Added Field:isPassable

Version 4.19 (13 09 12)

* Added new character:inform overload with NLS

Version 4.18 (12 09 12)

- * Marked all functions using old data as deprecated
- * Added functions with new data parameters where necessary
- * Added integer overload for Item:setData
- * Added integer values for dataTable type

Version 4.17 (11 09 12)

* Removed strange parameter from Container:weight

Version 4.16 (31 08 12)

* Updated Character:inform to include the priority parameter

Version 4.15 (20 08 12)

- * Removed character On
Sight entrypoint for NPCs
- * Removed characterNear entrypoint for NPCs
- * Removed global this NPC
- * Changed syntax of NPC entrypoints

Version 4.14 (19 07 12)

- * Added playerDeath entry point
- * Removed Character.death_consequences property

Version 4.13 (04 07 12)

- * Added pageGM command for players
- * Removed everything UserMenu related, esp. the Menus chapter
- * Added Dialogs chapter
- * Added MessageDialog
- * Added InputDialog

Version 4.12 (17 02 12)

* Changed incorrect function name getMonType to getMonsterType

Version 4.11 (09 01 12)

* Removed volume property of containers and items

Version 4.10 (06 08 11)

- * Added operator == for position
- * Marked function equapos as deprecated
- * Added lua standard function tostring for position

Version 4.9 (04 08 11)

- * Added CommonStruct member: isStackable
- * Added CommonStruct member: rotsInInventory
- * Added CommonStruct member: Brightness

Version 4.8 (24 07 11)

- * Added skin/hair/color variation commands
- * Added set/getData

Version 4.7 (04 07 11)

* Removed C prefix of server classes

Version 4.6 (20 04 11)

- * Added is Valid
Char
- * Added chapter on debugging

Version 4.5 (15 04 11)

- * Added CommonStruct.Worth
- * Added Character:sendBook
- * Added entrypoint setTarget for Monsters
- * Added and corrected data based item removal
- * Added Character:defaultMusic
- * Added Character:idleTime
- * Modified Character:learn
- * Brought Common Bugs up to date.

Version 4.4 (15 04 10)

- * Added Waypoints
- * Added ScriptVars
- * Reworked LTEs
- * Completed Delayed execution and disturbation
- * Many other minor changes and additions

Version 4.3 (30 04 06)

- * Added QuestProgress functions
- * Added scheduledscripts
- * Marked Longtimeeffects as active
- * Corrected viewItemNr

Version 4.2 (10 11 05)

* Minor changes and additions (data)

Version 4.1 (23 09 05)

- * Added new weapon struct variable
- * Added combat functions

Version 4.0.0 (13 08 05)

- * Added container commands
- * Added variable types
- * Removed some minor bugs

Version 3.2.0 (16 07 05)

- * Updated dofile
- * Added file io
- * Updated index
- * Changed layout
- * Added new graphic

Version 3.1.1 (11 06 05)

- * Deleted wrong version of itemInform
- * Added index

Version 3.0.1 (11 06 05)

* Deleted wrong version of getItemName

Version 3.0.0 (10 06 05)

- * Converted to LATEX format
- * Deleted unnecessary chapters
- * Some additions, correcting mistakes, ...

Version 2.6.2 (02 06 05)

* Minor additions

Version 2.6.0 (29 05 05)

- * Added new entry points
- * Small corrections
- * New commands

Version 2.5.0 (20 04 05)

- * Added bugs
- * Minor corrections and adaptions

Version 2.4.1 (18 04 05)

- * Added further NPC examples
- * Corrected minor formating bug
- * Minor additions

Version 2.4 (14 04 05)

- * Corrected minor errors
- * Added new commands
- * Added better description of items
- * Added starts of NPC tutorial

Version 2.3.1 (06 04 05)

* Minor additions and corrections

Version 2.3 (01 04 05)

- * Added a new section for a tutorial
- * Minor corrections

Version 2.2.8 (29 03 05)

- * Minor corrections
- * Minor additions

Version 2.2.7 (27 02 05)

- * Converted to WIKI-format
- * Some language corrections
- * Added some chapters from other versions

Version 2.2.6 (19 11 04)

* Corrected world:makeSound(...)

Version 2.2.5 (15 11 04)

* Corrected world:gfx(...)

Version 2.2.4 (11 11 04)

- * Minor additions
- * Minor regrouping of skill/attribute-commands

Version 2.2.3 (10 11 04)

* Added chapter "Built in functions"

Version 0.2.2 (09 11 04)

- * Minor correction on "world:erase".
- * Deleted/Clearified last ?-lines.

Version 0.2.1 (07 11 04)

* Added chapter "Item" and some content

Version 0.2 (07 11 04)

* Added Entry points

Version 0.1.1 (04 11 04)

* Corrected sendMenu-command

Version 0.1 (03 11 04)

- * Roughly organized character-commands by topic
- * Deleted \(\langle character \rangle : depot(-) command
- * Changed sendMessage() to inform()
- * Added some short descriptions
- * German to english translations

 $\ ^{*}$ Changed world:erase-command

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