The Language PML

BNF-converter

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The lexical structure of PML

Literals

```
STRING literals are recognized by the regular expression '"'(\langle anychar \rangle - ["""]) * '"'

ID literals are recognized by the regular expression (\langle letter \rangle \mid `\_')(\langle letter \rangle \mid \langle digit \rangle \mid `\_')*

NUMBER literals are recognized by the regular expression (\langle digit \rangle + (`.'\langle digit \rangle +)? \mid `.'\langle digit \rangle +)((`e` \mid `E`)(`+' \mid `-')?\langle digit \rangle +)?
```

Reserved words and symbols

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

The reserved words used in PML are the following:

action	agent	branch
executable	iteration	manual
process	provides	requires
script	selection	sequence
task	tool	

The symbols used in PML are the following:

```
{ } || && == != 
 < > <= 
 >= ! (
```

Comments

There are no single-line comments in the grammar. Multiple-line comments are enclosed with /* and */.

The syntactic structure of PML

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

```
\langle PROCESS \rangle ::= process \langle ID \rangle { \langle ListPRIM \rangle }
\langle ListPRIM \rangle ::= \epsilon
                                 \langle PRIM \rangle \langle ListPRIM \rangle
\langle PRIM \rangle ::= branch \langle OPTNM \rangle { \langle ListPRIM \rangle }
                           selection \langle OPTNM \rangle \{ \langle ListPRIM \rangle \}
                           iteration \langle OPTNM \rangle { \langle ListPRIM \rangle }
                           sequence \langle OPTNM \rangle \{ \langle ListPRIM \rangle \}
                           task \langle OPTNM \rangle \{ \langle ListPRIM \rangle \}
                           action \langle ID \rangle \langle OPTYP \rangle \{ \langle ListSPEC \rangle \}
\langle OPTNM \rangle ::= \epsilon
                               \langle ID \rangle
\langle OPTYP \rangle ::= \epsilon
                              manual
                              executable
\langle ListSPEC \rangle ::= \epsilon
                       | \langle SPEC \rangle \langle ListSPEC \rangle
```

```
\langle SPEC \rangle ::= provides { \langle EXPR \rangle }
                           requires \{\langle EXPR \rangle \}
                           agent \{ \langle EXPR \rangle \}
                           script \{ \langle STRING \rangle \}
                           tool \{ \langle STRING \rangle \}
\langle EXPR \rangle ::= \langle EXPR2 \rangle
\langle EXPR2 \rangle ::= \langle EXPR3 \rangle
                              \langle EXPR2 \rangle \mid \mid \langle EXPR3 \rangle
                            \langle EXPR4 \rangle
\langle EXPR3 \rangle
                              \langle EXPR3 \rangle && \langle EXPR4 \rangle
                              \langle STRING \rangle
\langle EXPR4 \rangle ::=
                              \langle EXPR5 \rangle
                              \langle VALEXPR \rangle == \langle VALEXPR \rangle
                              \langle VALEXPR \rangle != \langle VALEXPR \rangle
                              \langle VALEXPR \rangle < \langle VALEXPR \rangle
                              \langle VALEXPR \rangle > \langle VALEXPR \rangle
                              \langle VALEXPR \rangle \le \langle VALEXPR \rangle
                              \langle VALEXPR \rangle >= \langle VALEXPR \rangle
                              \langle VAREXPR \rangle == \langle VAREXPR \rangle
                             \langle VAREXPR \rangle != \langle VAREXPR \rangle
\langle EXPR5 \rangle
                   ::= \langle VAREXPR \rangle
                             \langle ATTREXPR \rangle
                              ! \langle EXPR5 \rangle
                              ( \langle EXPR \rangle )
\langle VAREXPR \rangle ::= \langle ID \rangle
                                  (\langle ID \rangle)
                                    ( \langle ID \rangle ) \langle VAREXPR \rangle
\langle ATTREXPR \rangle ::= \langle VAREXPR \rangle . \langle ID \rangle
\langle VALEXPR \rangle ::= \langle ATTREXPR \rangle
                                    \langle STRING \rangle
                                    \langle NUMBER \rangle
```