

RPG Maker XP documentation

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Abstract

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1 What this document is about

This document holds information about how RPG Maker XP implements *Events*, which is relevant in project PoGER's map/feature extraction effort.

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As a result of the limited scope of PoGER and the limited time and information available to the author, the following documentation isn't complete and may not be accurate.

The information was obtained through the official RPG Maker XP built-in documentation, user content found on the internet (forum posts, videos) and the author's reverse-engineering work.

The following abbreviations may be present :

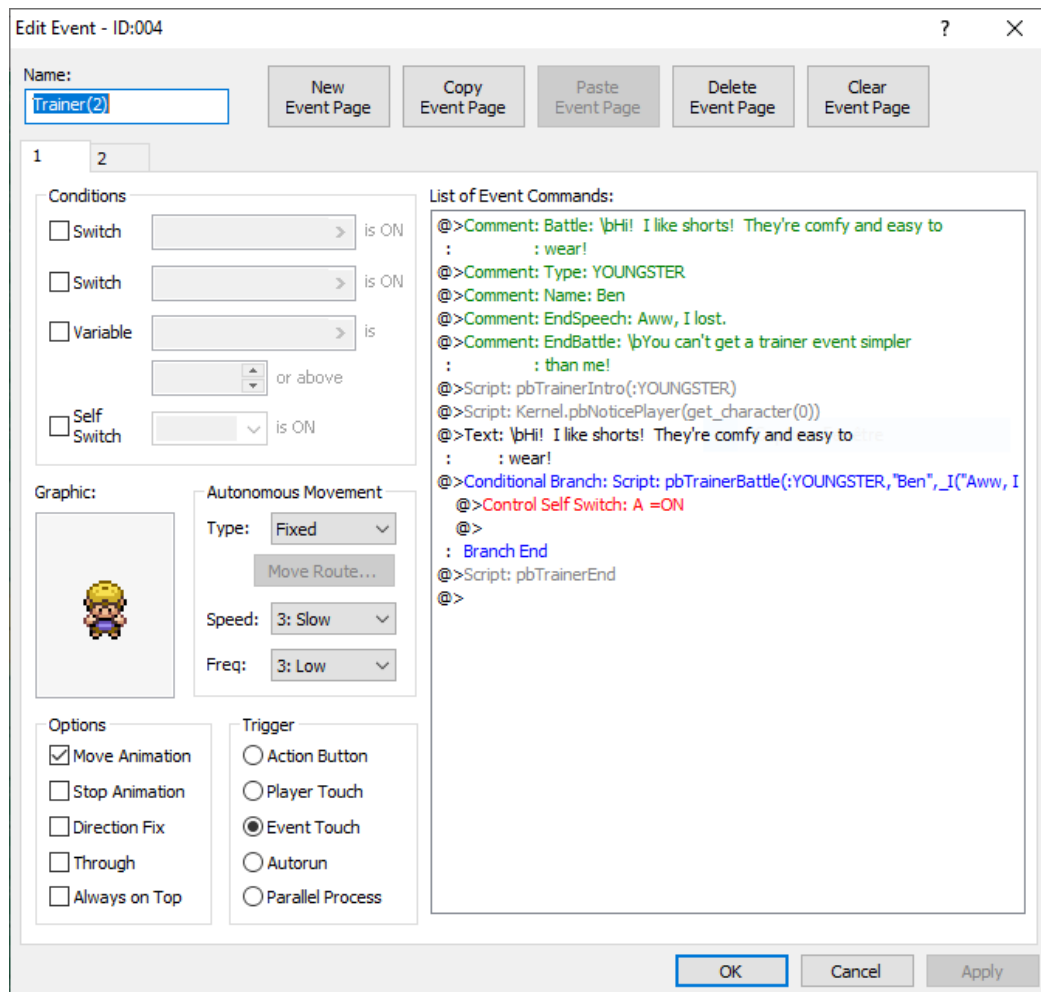
- **RMXP** - RPG Maker XP
- **PE** - Pokemon Essentials

2 Events

An event, or more precisely a *map event*, is a way to introduce elements with behavior, therefore bringing flexibility and dynamism into the game world.

Events have two aspects :

- A GUI element



- Its data class instance counterpart

2.1 Basic functionalities

These are the easiest and most straightforward behavior to implement into an event :

- Giving an element a *sprite* (texture) : This is useful for objects capable of movement, NPCs, etc.
- *Movement* : Select how the element moves with presets (speed, frequency, pattern, etc).
- *Event commands* : Select the trigger for behavior and what the element does when triggered (movement, dialogue, etc) within the extensive command list.

2.2 Advanced functionalities

These require an understanding of conditional execution and scripting :

- *Conditional execution* : branching instructions based on the value of : global variables, global switches, self switches, script return, etc.
- *Pages* : Allow to give an element different behavior depending on conditions.
- *Move routes* : Define a sequence of movement commands to be executed.
- *Script calls* : Call a script to be executed for more complex behavior, launching mini-games, retrieving data, etc.

3 Commands

Although they are very similar in structure and use, a distinction is made between `RPG::EventCommand` and `RPG::MoveCommand`.

EventCommands are the representation of elements present in the "List of Event Commands" in the GUI. They are the building block of event's behavior.

MoveCommands are the representation of an individual movement the event is capable of, typically found in sequences `RPG::MoveRoute` associated with a dedicated *EventCommand*.

They both have, at least :

- A *code* : An integer that uniquely identifies the particular command.
- *Parameters* : Depend on the particular command, can be empty, a variable, an object, or a list of objects.

Additionally, *EventCommands* have an *indent* integer value, tied to the layout visible in the "List of Event Commands" in the GUI.

3.1 Methodology

In order to successfully *extract semantic from events*, it was decided that *documenting* every command used in Pokemon Essentials and finding an appropriate (human-readable) *representation* was the way forward.

3.2 Miscellaneous information

Codes used in Pokemon Essentials 17.2 :

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 101, 102, 104, 106, 108, 111, 112, 113, 115, 118, 119, 121, 122, 123, 125, 201, 202, 208, 209, 210, 221, 222, 223, 225, 231, 232, 235, 236, 241, 242, 247, 248, 249, 250, 314, 354, 355, 401, 402, 404, 408, 411, 412, 413, 655

Implementation details :

- `RPG::MoveCommand` use range [1-45]
- `RPG::EventCommand` use range [101- x], $x \geq 655$
- A "frame" is defined as $\frac{1}{20}$ second \Rightarrow change into milliseconds $m = n * 1000 / 20 \equiv n * 50$.
- Every event has an ID (integer > 0). Actions that can affect other events can target the player using id -1 and the current event using id 0.
- Special variables : MapID, PartyMembers, Gold, Steps, PlayTime, *Timer*, SaveCount.

They should all be read accessible. Underlined ones should also be write accessible. *Italic ones are probably not used.*

3.3 List of commands

0	Description Parameters Notes Representation	Nothing, empty command or end of the event command list None Will not be represented None
1	Description Parameters Notes Representation	<code>RPG::MoveCommand</code> - Move to the South None See footnote ¹ "Move, S"
2	Description Parameters Notes Representation	<code>RPG::MoveCommand</code> - Move to the West None See footnote ¹ "Move, W"
3	Description Parameters Notes Representation	<code>RPG::MoveCommand</code> - Move to the East None See footnote ¹ "Move, E"
4	Description Parameters Notes Representation	<code>RPG::MoveCommand</code> - Move to the North None See footnote ¹ "Move, N"
5	Description Parameters Notes Representation	<code>RPG::MoveCommand</code> - Move to the SouthWest None See footnote ¹ "Move, SW"
6	Description Parameters Notes Representation	<code>RPG::MoveCommand</code> - Move to the SouthEast None See footnote ¹ "Move, SE"
7	Description Parameters Notes Representation	<code>RPG::MoveCommand</code> - Move to the NorthWest None See footnote ¹ "Move, NW"
8	Description Parameters Notes Representation	<code>RPG::MoveCommand</code> - Move to the NorthEast None See footnote ¹ "Move, NE"
9	Description Parameters Notes Representation	<code>RPG::MoveCommand</code> - Move at random (N,E,S,W) None See footnote ¹ "Move, R"
10	Description Parameters Notes Representation	<code>RPG::MoveCommand</code> - Move towards player None See footnotes ^{1,3} "Move, TODO"

11	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Move away from player None See footnotes ^{1,3} "Move, TODO"
12	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Take 1 step forward None See footnote ¹ "Move, TODO"
13	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Take 1 step backward None See footnote ¹ "Move, TODO"
14	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Jump to relative coordinates on the same map [2] - 0:deltaX [signed integer], 1:deltaY [signed integer] "Jump, TODO"
15	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Wait n seconds [1] - 0:number of seconds to wait n [integer $\in \mathbb{N}^*$] Typically $n == 2$, but values up to 15 were found in PE. "Wait seconds, n "
16	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn towards South None See footnote ² "Turn, S"
17	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn towards West None See footnote ² "Turn, W"
18	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn towards East None See footnote ² "Turn, E"
19	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn towards North None See footnote ² "Turn, N"
20	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn 90° right, relative to current position None See footnote ² "Turn, R"
21	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn 90° left, relative to current position None See footnote ² "Turn, L"

22	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn 180° None See footnote ² "Turn, 180"
23	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn 90° to the left or right, at random None See footnote ² "Turn, 90random"
24	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn at random (90° or 180°) None See footnote ² "Turn, random"
25	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn towards player None See footnotes ^{2,3} "Turn, TODO"
26	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn away from player None See footnotes ^{2,3} "Turn, TODO"
33	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn ON walking animation None "Animation, ON"
34	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn OFF walking animation None "Animation, OFF"
37	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn ON "through" None Equivalent to activating "walk through walls", making it possible to walk through impassable tiles/characters. "WTW, ON"
38	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Turn OFF "through" None Equivalent to deactivating "walk through walls". "WTW, OFF"
39	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Always on top ON None Elevate the display priority, therefore bringing the event graphic to the forefront (above any tile/character) "AOT, ON"
40	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Always on top OFF None "AOT, OFF"

41	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Change event's graphic TODO "TODO"
42	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Change event's graphic opacity [1] - 0:new opacity value n [integer 0-255] "Opacity, n "
44	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::MoveCommand - Play a sound effect TODO "Play SE, TODO"
101	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::EventCommand - Show text [1] - 0:text s [String] s must be properly double-quoted and formatted (inner double-quotes and backslashes must be escaped). "Show Text, s "
401	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::EventCommand - Show text (continued) [1] - 0:text s [String] Continuation of 101. See footnote ⁴
102	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::EventCommand - Show choices [2] - 0:array of size n [Array of Strings], 1:cancel behaviour [integer 0-4] Displays up to 4 selectable options in a message window. Cancel behaviour : 0 disallow canceling, $1-4 \leq n$ selects choice by default. "Choose, {0}, default={1}"
104	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::EventCommand - Change text options [2] - 0:position p [integer 0-2], 1>window border b [integer 0-1] Sets message window position and border. p follows "common relation 1", b follows "common relation 2" "Change text options, position={0}.toString(), border={1}.toString()"
106	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::EventCommand - Wait [1] - 0:number of frames to wait n [integer $\in \mathbb{N}^*$] Conversion to milliseconds chosen for its more precise and general use : $m = n * 1000/20 \equiv n * 50$, TODO:research its use "Wait ms, m "
108	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::EventCommand - Comment [1] - 0:comment text s [String] Has no effect. TODO:research link to particle effects. "# s "
408	Description Parameters Notes Representation	RPG::EventCommand - Comment (continued) [1] - 0:comment text s [String] Happens after a 108. "# s "

111	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Conditional branch
	Parameters	See " Conditional branch " section.
	Notes	Complex but essential command.
	Representation	"If, {condition}"
112	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Loop
	Parameters	None
	Notes	Loops over commands until broken. TODO:research usage
	Representation	"Loop"
113	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Break loop
	Parameters	None
	Notes	Escape innermost loop. TODO:research usage
	Representation	"Break"
115	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Exit Event Processing
	Parameters	None
	Notes	TODO:research usage
	Representation	TODO
118	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Label
	Parameters	[1] - 0:label name <i>s</i> [String]
	Notes	Sets a label to allow jumping to.
	Representation	"Label, <i>s</i> "
119	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Jump to Label
	Parameters	[1] - 0:label name <i>s</i> [String]
	Notes	Jumps to a label.
	Representation	"Jump to Label, <i>s</i> "
121	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Control switches
	Parameters	[3] - 0:starting switch <i>ssa</i> [integer], 0:starting switch <i>ssz</i> [integer], 0:new state <i>n</i> [integer]
	Notes	Batch control is unused in PE, therefore deprecated. <i>n</i> follows "common relation 3".
	Representation	"Control Switch, <i>ssa.toString()</i> , <i>n.toString()</i> "
122	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Control variables
	Parameters	See " Control variables " section.
	Notes	Batch control is unused in PE, therefore deprecated.
	Representation	"Control Variable, TODO"
123	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Control Self Switch
	Parameters	[2] - 0:SS character <i>s</i> [String of length 1], 1:new state <i>n</i> [integer 0-1]
	Notes	<i>n</i> follows "common relation 3".
	Representation	"Control SS, <i>s</i> , <i>n.toString()</i> "
125	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Change Gold
	Parameters	[3] - 0:operation <i>o</i> [integer 0-1], 1:operand <i>n</i> [integer 0-1], 2:value <i>v</i> [integer]
	Notes	Values of <i>n</i> : 0: <i>v</i> is a constant, 1: <i>v</i> is a variable(id). <i>o</i> follows "common relation 4"
	Representation	"Control Variable, :Money <i>o.toString()</i> <i>v.toString()</i> "

201	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Transfer Player
	Parameters	[6] - 1:map m [integer], 2:coordinate x [integer], 3:coordinate y [integer], 4:player direction d [integer], 5:fading f [integer].
	Notes	{0} must be 0, 1 unused in PE. d follows "common relation 5". f follows "common relation 3".
	Representation	"Transfer Player, destination=(m,x,y), direction= $d.toString()$, fading= $f.toString()$ "
202	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Set Event Location
	Parameters	[5] - 0:event id e [integer], 2:coordinate x [integer], 3:coordinate y [integer], 4:direction d [integer]
	Notes	Change an event's location on the current map. {1} must be 0, other values unused in PE. d follows "common relation 5".
	Representation	"Move Event, $e.toString()$, (x,y), direction= $d.toString()$ "
208	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Change Transparency Flag
	Parameters	[2] - 0:flag d [integer 0-1]
	Notes	When transparency is set, the graphic isn't displayed. d follows "common relation 3".
	Representation	"Set Transparency, $d.toString()$ "
209	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Set Move Route
	Parameters	[2] - 0:target id d [integer], 1:RPG::MoveRoute
	Notes	
	Representation	"Set Move Route, $d.toString()$ "
210	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Wait for Move's Completion
	Parameters	None
	Notes	To be put after a Set Move Route. Without it, further commands can be executed before the end of the walking animation.
	Representation	"Set Move Route, $d.toString()$ "
221	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Prepare for transition
	Parameters	None
	Notes	Freezes the screen, so there's nothing moving during the transition. To be fused with Execute Transition.
	Representation	
222	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Execute Transition
	Parameters	[1] - 0:transition file name s [String]
	Notes	Plays the animation. TODO:research how transition work.
	Representation	"Transition, s , freeze={True/False}"
223	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Change Screen Color Tone
	Parameters	[2] - 0:RPG::Tone, 1:duration(frames) d [integer]
	Notes	Typically used in fade out (to black/white)/fade in cycles. d to be changed into ms.
	Representation	"Change Screen Color Tone, d , {0}.toString()", "Fadein, d ", "Fadeout, d , {color}"
225	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Screen Shake
	Parameters	[3] - 0:shake power [integer], 1:shake speed [integer], 2:duration(frames) d [integer]
	Notes	Scarcely used in PE, {0} and {1} are not well defined so they can be deprecated. d to be changed into ms.
	Representation	"Shake Screen, d "
231	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Show Picture
	Parameters	See "Show Picture" section.
	Notes	
	Representation	TODO

232	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Move Picture
	Parameters	See "Move Picture" section.
	Notes	
	Representation	TODO
235	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Erase Picture
	Parameters	[1] - 0:picture id [integer]
	Notes	
	Representation	TODO
236	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Set Weather effect
	Parameters	[3] - 0:weather id [integer], 1:power [integer], 2:duration (frames) [integer]
	Notes	<i>power</i> to be removed. TODO:research how weather is generated.
	Representation	TODO
241	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Play BGM
	Parameters	[1] - 0:audio <i>a</i> [AudioFile]
	Notes	
	Representation	"Play BGM, <i>a.toString()</i> "
242	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Fade Out BGM
	Parameters	[1] - 0:duration (seconds) <i>n</i> [integer]
	Notes	
	Representation	"Fade Out BGM, <i>n</i> "
247	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Memorize BGM/BGS
	Parameters	None
	Notes	
	Representation	"Memorize BGM/BGS"
248	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Restore BGM/BGS
	Parameters	None
	Notes	
	Representation	"Restore BGM/BGS"
249	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Play ME
	Parameters	[1] - 0:audio <i>a</i> [AudioFile]
	Notes	
	Representation	"Play ME, <i>a.toString()</i> "
250	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Play SE
	Parameters	[1] - 0:audio <i>a</i> [AudioFile]
	Notes	
	Representation	"Play SE, <i>a.toString()</i> "
314	Description	RPG::EventCommand - Restore All
	Parameters	[1] - 0:actor id [integer]
	Notes	Equivalent to healing and restoring PPs. Ignore parameter.
	Representation	"Restore All"

354	Description	<code>RPG::EventCommand</code> - Return to Title Screen
	Parameters	None
	Notes	
	Representation	"Return to Title Screen"
355	Description	<code>RPG::EventCommand</code> - Script
	Parameters	[1] - <code>0:script string [String]</code>
	Notes	To be overhauled.
	Representation	TODO
655	Description	<code>RPG::EventCommand</code> - Script (continued)
	Parameters	[1] - <code>0:script string [String]</code>
	Notes	To be overhauled.
	Representation	TODO
402	Description	<code>RPG::EventCommand</code> - When
	Parameters	[1] - <code>0:choice id [integer]</code> , <code>1:choice string equivalent [integer]</code>
	Notes	Used with choices and conditional branches, has code block per choice.
	Representation	TODO
404	Description	<code>RPG::EventCommand</code> - End of When
	Parameters	None
	Notes	
	Representation	None
411	Description	<code>RPG::EventCommand</code> - Else
	Parameters	None
	Notes	Used with conditional branch 111.
	Representation	TODO
412	Description	<code>RPG::EventCommand</code> - Branch End
	Parameters	None
	Notes	End of a code block (as result of branching). TODO:investigate whether it is present in every code block and if it should be represented (is indentation sufficient?).
	Representation	TODO
411	Description	<code>RPG::EventCommand</code> - Repeat above
	Parameters	None
	Notes	Marks end of Loop 112 code block.
	Representation	TODO

¹Movements consolidated with new *Move* command with argument.

²Turs consolidated with new *Turn* command with argument.

³Unknown algorithm to determine direction "towards player" and "away from player."

⁴Is part of a command sequence that should be merged in a sensible way.

3.3.1 Common relations

In parenthesis are the proposed representation or information :

1. 0:Top, 1:Middle, 2:Bottom
2. 0:Show, 1:Hide
3. 0:ON, 1:OFF
4. 0:Increase, 1:Decrease (+,=-)
5. 0:Keep same, 2:Down, 4:Left, 6:Right, 8:Up (K,S,W,E,N)
6. 0:'==', 1:'>=', 2:'<=', 3:'>', 4:'<', 5:'!='
7. 0:constant, 1:variable
8. 0:'>=', 1:'<='
9. 0:'=', 1:'+' =', 2:'-' =', 3:'*' =', 4:'/' =', 5:'%' = ' (affectation, increment, decrement, multiplication, division, modulo)
10. 0:coordinate X, 1:coordinate Y, 2:direction (3-5 unused)
11. 0:NW, 1:Centered (picture coordinate origin)
12. 0:Normal, 1:Additive, 2:Subtractive (blending type)

TODO:determine if division is always rounded to an integer (and how) or not.

3.4 Complex commands

Some commands have complex behaviour that doesn't fit in the table above, therefore detailed explanation were put here instead.

3.4.1 Conditional branch - 111

This command is RMXP's equivalent of an 'if' instruction, and therefore hinges on expressing a condition. Given the expansive list of conditions that can be expressed, its syntax is quite complex.

The *first parameter* is crucial : it defines the type of condition. **integer** 0-12 :

0 Check *Switch* state.

Parameters	[3] - 1 :switch id <i>n</i> [integer], 2 :switch state <i>d</i> [integer 0-1]
Notes	<i>d</i> follows "common relation 3".
Representation	"If, <i>n.toString()</i> , <i>d.toString()</i> "

1 Check *Variable* value.

Parameters	[5] - 1 :variable id <i>n</i> [integer], 2 :what it is compared to <i>m</i> [integer] 3 :constant or variable id <i>x</i> [integer], 4 :comparator <i>c</i> [integer]
Notes	<i>c</i> follows "common relation 6", <i>m</i> follows "common relation 7".
Representation	<i>m</i> =='constant' : "If, <i>n.toString()</i> , <i>c.toString()</i> , <i>x</i> " <i>m</i> =='variable' : "If, <i>n.toString()</i> , <i>c.toString()</i> , <i>x.toString()</i> "

2 Check *Self-Switch* state.

Parameters	[3] - 1 :self switch character n [String of size 1], 2 :switch state d [integer 0-1]
Notes	d follows "common relation 3".
Representation	"If, n , $d.toString()$ "

6 Check *Event* direction.

Parameters	[3] - 1 :event id n [integer], 2 :direction d [integer 0-1]
Notes	d follows "common relation 5".
Representation	"If, $n.toString()$, Facing, $d.toString()$ "

7 Check *Player's money*.

Parameters	[3] - 1 :amount n [integer], 2 :comparator d [integer 0-1]
Notes	d follows "common relation 8".
Representation	"If, Money, $d.toString()$, n "

12 Check *Script's return*.

Parameters	[2] - 1 :Script s [String]
Notes	Script must return a boolean (prehaps returning nothing is OK?)
Representation	"If, Script, s "

Values 3,4,5,8,9,10,11 were not found in PE, therefore not researched.

3.4.2 Control variables - 122

Parameters **0** and **1** [integer] are indexes for the range of variables that will be affected. Variable is s

As batch control of variables is unused in PE, it is deprecated in the representation (parameter **1** is ignored).

Parameter **2** o [integer 0-5] sets the **operation** to be performed on the variable, and follows "common relation 9".

Parameter **3** defines the **operand type** [integer 0-7] :

0 Constant.

Parameters	[5] - 4 :constant n [integer]
Notes	
Representation	"Control, $s.toString()$, $o.toString()$, n "

2 Random integer.

Parameters	[6] - 4 :constant a [integer], 5 :constant z [integer]
Notes	Will choose a number $x \in [a, z]$. TODO:check if a and z are included.
Representation	"Control, $s.toString()$, $o.toString()$, $[a, z]$ "

6 Event's attribute.

Parameters	[6] - 4 :event id n [integer], 5 :attribute id d [integer 0-2]
Notes	d follows "common relation 10".
Representation	"Control, $s.toString()$, $o.toString()$, Event, $n.toString()$, $d.toString()$ "

7 Only used once, to put the "Money"/"Gold" special variable in a temporary variable to be used in a condition, therefore isn't really needed.

Values 1,3,4,5 were not found in PE, therefore not researched.

3.4.3 Show Picture - 231

This command is only used in the intro.

Description	Display a picture.
Parameters	[10] - 0 :picture priority number p [integer], 1 :picture name s [String], 2 :coordinate origin c [integer 0-1], 3 :unused, 4 :relative position x [integer], 5 :relative position y [integer], 6 :horizontal zoom zx [integer], 7 :vertical zoom yx [integer] 8 :opacity o [integer 0-255], 9 :blending type b [integer 0-2]
Notes	c follows "common relation 11", b follows "common relation 12".
Representation	"Show Picture, s , priority= p , coordinates=($c.toString()$, x , y), zoom=(zx , zy), opacity= o , blending= $b.toString()$ "

Picture priority number p is used when multiple pictures are on display, because overlapping textures need to have an unambiguous drawing order.

Here, let there be pictures p_1, p_2 with priorities 2,4 respectively. Therefore, p_1 is drawn first, then p_2 . The result is that, if they are overlapping, p_2 will be drawn **over** p_1 , removing parts of p_1 from being displayed.

Typically, $x = y = 0$

3.4.4 Move Picture - 232

Parameters are mostly identical to "Show Picture". This is mostly used to animate intro's pictures (movement and opacity).

Description	Move a picture.
Parameters	[10] - 0 :picture priority number p [integer], 1 :duration in frames f [integer], 2 :coordinate origin c [integer 0-1], 3 :unused, 4 :relative position x [integer], 5 :relative position y [integer], 6 :horizontal zoom zx [integer], 7 :vertical zoom yx [integer] 8 :opacity o [integer 0-255], 9 :blending type b [integer 0-2]
Notes	c follows "common relation 11", b follows "common relation 12".
Representation	"Move Picture, priority= p , coordinates=($c.toString()$, x , y), zoom=(zx , zy), opacity= o , blending= $b.toString()$ "

4 Representation decisions

The representation chosen is a result of careful consideration of its future usage requirements (including but not limited to) :

- Readability : It is destined to be read and written by humans, therefore it should be as straightforward and non-cryptic as possible.
- Brevity : In the interest of anyone (human or software) reading/writing it, the *less is more* approach is to be applied : instructions should not be longer than what is necessary.
- Unambiguity : As any formal language, its use and syntax should be unambiguous.
- Simplicity : Limiting the amount of available instructions by combining related ones is good practice.
- Expandability : There should be room left for additional behavior to be implemented.

At the time of writing these lines, representations in this document are still not final, it's a work-in-progress.

Particular decisions :

- Comma Separated Values-style : Enable software to leverage CSV libraries when interpreting *Events*, significantly decreasing implementation complications.
- Python syntax style : Reduces explicit syntax (like semicolons and curly braces), therefore reducing syntax errors.
- Case insensitive : Simplification allowing any program to simply make everything lowercase when reading an *Event*, and users to Use any casing style they prefer. This also makes it harder to have variable/switch name collisions by forcing users to explicitly name their variables.
- Switches, Self-switches and variables : Should be all represented as **symbols**.

Proposed representation : `":s"` [String] (*string beginning with colon*)

Let `s` be the string representation (name) of the Switch/Self-switch/Variable. `s` of length 1 is to be reserved to self-switches.

Note that merging variables and switches may allow greater flexibility for users.

- Symbol length limit : TODO

Ideas

- Timers could be implemented as integers : Let `:PlayTime` be a read-only integer variable that counts the seconds of play time (an [epoch](#) of sorts).

Then, setting a timer for x seconds could be as simple as storing $(:PlayTime + x)$ in a variable and testing it later against the current value of `:PlayTime` !

5 Remarks

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