GTL Template language

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1 Data types

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GTL supports the following data types:
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int arbitrary precision integer numbers. The GMP library is used;

float 64 bits floating point numbers;

bool standard boolean;

type the type of a data;

string unicode strings;

struct structured data;

list lists of data, may be accessed as a table;

map map (aka dictionary) of data;

unconstructed an unconstructed variable.

Each type has its set of operators, getters and setters. The expression, for getters, or the variable, for setters, is called the *target*. Getters return a value related to the data but do not change it. They are used to get information from a data or to convert it into another type. Setter may target a literal expressions. Setters change the data and do not return anything. Setter may only target a variable. Getters and setters may have arguments. Syntax for getters without argument is as follow:

```
[expression getter]
```

When the getter takes arguments, they are listed after a colon and separated commas as follow:

```
[expression getter : arg1, arg2, ..., argN]
```

Syntax for setters without arguments is as follow:

```
[!variable setter]
```

When the setter takes arguments, they are listed after a colon and separated by commas as follow:

```
[!variable setter: arg1, arg2, ..., argN]
```

1.1 getters applicable to any data type

type returns the data type of the expression. See the section ??.

isANumber returns **true** if the expression is a number: int or float, **false** otherwise.

1.2 int data type

The int data type support arbitrary precision arithmetic by using the GNU Multiple Precision Arithmetic Library (GMP).

1.2.1 int operators

The int datatype supports the following operators:

Unary operators

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
+	$int \leftarrow +int$	Plus operator. No effect
_	$int \leftarrow -int$	Minus operator. Negation
~	int ← ~int	Not operator. Complementation by 1

Binary arithmetic operators

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
+	$int \leftarrow int + int$	Addition
_	$int \leftarrow int - int$	Substraction
*	$int \leftarrow int * int$	Multiplication
/	$int \leftarrow int / int$	Division
mod	$int \leftarrow int mod int$	Modulus

Binary bitwise operators

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
&	$int \leftarrow int \& int$	bitwise and
	$int \leftarrow int \mid int$	bitwise or
^	int ← int ^ int	bitwise exclusive or
<<	$int \leftarrow int << int$	shift left
>>	$int \leftarrow int >> int$	shift right

Comparison operators

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
! =	bool ← int != int	Not equal
==	bool \leftarrow int == int	Equal
>	bool ← int > int	Greater than
<	$\texttt{bool} \leftarrow \texttt{int} < \texttt{int}$	Lower than
>=	bool ← int >= int	Greater or equal
<=	bool ← int <= int	Lower or equal

1.2.2 int getters

getter	Type	Meaning
string	string	Returns a string decimal representation of the
		int expression. [42 string] returns string "42".
hexString	string	Returns a string hexadecimal representation of
		the int expression prefixed by 0x. If the expression is negative a '-' is inserted before. [42 hexString] returns string "0x2A". [-1
Charles a		hexString] returns string "-0x1".
xString	string	Returns a string hexadecimal representation of the int expression. If the expression is negative a '-' is inserted before. [42 xString] returns string "2A". [-42 xString] returns string "-2A".
numberOfBytes	int	Returns the number of bytes needed to store an
		unsigned expression. [255 numberOfBytes]
		returns 1, [256 numberOfBytes] returns 2
signedNumberOfBytes	int	Returns the number of bytes needed to store a signed expression. [127 numberOfBytes] returns 1, [128 numberOfBytes] returns 2
numberOfBits	int	Returns the number of bits needed to store an unsigned expression. [63 numberOfBits] returns 6, [64 numberOfBits] returns 7
signedNumberOfBits	int	Returns the number of bits needed to store a signed expression. [63 signedNumberOfBits] returns 7, [64 signedNumberOfBits] returns 8
sign	int	Returns -1 if the expression is strictly negative, 0 if it is null and +1 if the expression is strictly positive.
fitsUnsignedInByte	bool	Returns true if the expression fits in an unsigned byte, false otherwise.
fitsSignedInByte	bool	Returns true if the expression fits in a signed byte, false otherwise.
fitsUnsignedInWord	bool	Returns true if the expression fits in an unsigned 16 bits word, false otherwise.
fitsSignedInWord	bool	Returns true if the expression fits in a signed 16 bits word, false otherwise.
fitsUnsignedInLong	bool	Returns true if the expression fits in an unsigned 32 bits long, false otherwise.

getter	Type	Meaning
fitsSignedInLong	bool	Returns true if the expression fits in a signed
		32 bits long, false otherwise.
fitsUnsignedInLongLong	bool	Returns true if the expression fits in an un-
		signed 64 bits long long, false otherwise.
fitsSignedInLongLong	bool	Returns true if the expression fits in a signed
		64 bits long long, false otherwise.
abs	int	Returns the absolute value of the expression.
bitAtIndex	bool	This getter takes one argument: index. It re-
		turns true if the bit at index index is set and
		false otherwise. index 0 corresponds to the
		lowest significant bit. [1 bitAtIndex: 0]
		returns true

1.2.3 int setters

setter	Meaning
setBitAtIndex	This setter takes two arguments. The first one, value, is
	a bool. The second one, index, is the index of the bit to
	set. if value is true the bit is set to 1 and to 0 otherwise.
	Assuming a contains 0 at start, [!a setBitAtIndex:
	true, 0] sets a to 1.
complementBitAtIndex	This setter takes one argument, index, which is the index
	of the bit to complement. Assuming a contains 1 at start,
	[!a complementBitAtIndex: 1] sets a to 3.

1.3 The float data type

The float data type is the standard IEEE784 64 bits floating point number.

1.3.1 float operators

The float data type supports the following operators:

Unary operators

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
+	float ← +float	Plus operator. No effect
_	$float \leftarrow -float$	Minus operator. Negation

Binary arithmetic operators

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
+	$float \leftarrow float + float$	Addition

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
_	$float \leftarrow float - float$	Substraction
*	$float \leftarrow float * float$	Multiplication
/	float ← float / float	Division

Comparison operators

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
!=	bool ← float != float	Not equal
==	bool ← float == float	Equal
>	$bool \leftarrow float > float$	Greater than
<	$bool \leftarrow float < float$	Lower than
>=	bool ← float >= float	Greater or equal
<=	bool ← float <= float	Lower or equal

1.3.2 float getters

\mathbf{getter}	Type	Meaning	
string	string	Returns a string representation of the float expression. [4.2	
		string] returns string "4.2".	
cos	float	Returns the cosine of a float expression expressed in radian.	
sin	float	Returns the sine of a float expression expressed in radian.	
tan	float	Returns the tangent of a float expression expressed in radian.	
cosDegree	float	Returns the cosine of a float expression expressed in degree.	
sinDegree	float	Returns the sine of a float expression expressed in degree.	
tanDegree	float	Returns the tangent of a float expression expressed in degree.	
exp	float	Returns the exponentiation of a float expression.	
logn	float	Returns the natural logarithm of a float expression.	
log2	float	Returns the logarithm base 2 of a float expression.	
log10	float	Returns the logarithm base 10 of a float expression.	
sqrt	float	Returns the square root of a float expression.	
power	float	This getter takes one argument, p. It returns the expression	
		raised to the power of p.	

1.4 The string data type

The string data type supports unicode. A literal string is delimited by a pair of ". Literal strings support special characters:

Escape sequence	Corresponding character	
\f	form feed	
\n	new line	
\r	return	

Escape sequence	Corresponding character		
\t	horizontal tab		
V	vertical tab		
	backslash		
$\setminus \emptyset$	null character		
\u <i>nnnn</i>	unicode character with code nnnn in hexadecimal		
\Unnnnnnn	unicode character with code nnnnnnnn in hexadecimal		

1.4.1 string operators

The string data type supports the following operators:

Binary operator

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
+	$string \leftarrow string + string$	Concatenation

Comparison operators

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
! =	bool ← string != string	Not equal
==	$bool \leftarrow string == string$	Equal
>	$bool \leftarrow string > string$	Greater than
<	$bool \leftarrow string < string$	Lower than
>=	bool ← string >= string	Greater or equal
<=	$bool \leftarrow string <= string$	Lower or equal

1.4.2 string getters

${f getter}$	\mathbf{Type}	Meaning
HTMLRepresentation	string	Returns a representation of the string
		suitable for an HTML encoded represen-
		tation. '&' is encoded by & , ""'
		by " , '<' by < and '>' by
		> .

getter	Type	Meaning
identifierRepresentation	string	Returns an unique representation of the string conforming to a C identifier. Any Unicode character that is not a latin letter is transformed into its hexadecimal code point value, enclosed by '_' characters. This representation is unique: two different strings are transformed into different C identifiers. For example: value3 is transformed to value_33_; += is transformed to _2B3D_; AnIdentifier is transformed to An5F_Identifier.
fileExists	bool	Returns true if a file exists at the target path, false otherwise.
length	integer	Returns the number of characters in the string
lowercaseString	string	Returns the lowercased representation of the string.
capitalized	string	if the string is empty, this getter returns the empty string; otherwise, it returns the string with the first character being replaced with the corresponding upper case character.
uppercaseString	string	Returns uppercased representation of the receiver
leftSubString	string	Returns the sub-string from the beginning of the target and with the number of characters passed as argument. If the sub-string is longer that the target, the target is returned. ["Hello_World_!" leftSubString: 5] returns "Hello".
rightSubString	string	Returns the sub-string from the end of the target and with the number of characters passed as argument. If the substring is longer that the target, the target is returned. [["Hello_World_!" leftSubString: 11] rightSubString: 5] returns "World".

getter	Type	Meaning
subString	string	Returns the sub-string from the index passed as first argument and with the number of characters passed as second argument. If the index is out of the target, the empty string is returned. If the number of characters is greater than the sub-string, the sub-string is returned. ["Hello_World_!" subString: 6, 5] returns "World". ["Hello" subString: 10, 3] returns the empty string. ["Hello" subString: 2, 10] returns "llo".
reversedString	string	Returns a mirrored string. ["Hello_World_!" reversedString] returns "!_dlroW_olleH".
componentsSeparatedByString	list	This getter takes one string argument: separator. The target is cut into pieces according to the separator and a list of the pieces is returned. ["Hello_World_!" componentsSeparatedByString: ""] returns @("Hello", "World", "!").
columnPrefixedBy	string	This getter takes one string argument: prefix. Return the target with each line prefixed by prefix. ["Hello\nWorld" columnPrefixedBy: "#_"] returns "#_Hello\n#_World".

getter	Type	Meaning
wrap	string	Wraps the target to a width. This
		getter takes two int arguments: width
		and shift. The target is assumed
		to contain paragraphs separated by
		\n. Returns the target with each
		paragraph wrapped to width. In addi-
		tion, each line of the paragraph except
		the first one is prefixed by shift spaces.
		["Hello_beautiful_World.\nHow_are
		_you" wrap : 6,
		2] returns "Hello\n
		beautiful\nWorld\nHow\nare\n
		you".
subStringExists	bool	This getter takes one argument,
		subString. It returns true if
		the sub-string subString is found in
		the target, false otherwise.
replaceString	string	This getter takes two argument, find
		and replace. It returns the target
		where each occurrence of find is re-
		placed by replace.
envVar	string	Returns the value of the target envi-
		ronment variable. If it does not exists,
		envVar returns the empty string.
envVarExists	bool	Returns true if target environment vari-
		able exists, false otherwise.

1.5 The bool data type

A true literal bool can be written as true or yes and a false literal bool can be written as false or no.

1.5.1 bool operators

The bool data type supports the following operators:

Unary operator

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
~	bool ← bool	logical not

Binary operator

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
&	bool ← bool & bool	logical and
	bool ← bool bool	logical or
^	bool ← bool ^ bool	logical exclusive or

Comparison operators

For comparison operators, false is considered to be lower than true.

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
! =	bool ← bool != bool	Not equal
==	bool ← bool == bool	Equal
>	bool ← bool > bool	Greater than
<	bool ← bool < bool	Lower than
>=	bool ← bool >= bool	Greater or equal
<=	bool ← bool <= bool	Lower or equal

1.5.2 bool getters

\mathbf{getter}	Type	Meaning
trueOrFalse	string	Returns a string representation, "true" or "false" of the
		bool expression.
string	string	Returns a string representation, "true" or "false" of the
		bool expression.
yesOrNo	string	Returns a string representation, "yes" or "no" of the bool
		expression.
TRUEOrFALSE	string	Returns a string representation, "TRUE" or "FALSE" of the
		bool expression.
YESOrNO	string	Returns a string representation, "YES" or "NO" of the bool
		expression.
int	int	Returns an int representation, 1 or 0 of the bool expression.

1.6 The struct data type

The struct data type allows to store a heterogeneous set of data in one variable. Struct members are accessed by using the :: separator. If A is a struct, A::B refers to field B of A.

A literal struct is defined as follow:

```
@{ a: 1, b: 2, c: 3 }
```

This define a struct with fields a, b and c and respective values 1, 2 and 3.

1.6.1 struct operators

The struct data type supports the following operators:

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
! =	bool ← struct != struct	Not equal
==	bool ← struct == struct	Equal

Two structs are equal if:

- they have the same number of field
- they have the same field names
- they have the same field values

1.6.2 struct getter

getter	Type	Meaning
map	map	Returns a map representation.

1.7 The list data type

The list data type allows to store a list of data. list items are accessed by using [<number>] where <number> is the rank of the element starting at 0. If A is a list, A[0] refers to element 0 of A.

A literal list is defined as follow:

This define a list of int with elements 1, 2 and 3.

An empty list can be initialized using the emptylist constant.

↑ The emptylist constant is deprecated. Use a literal empty list, @(), instead.

1.7.1 list operators

The list data type supports the following operators:

Binary operators

Operator	Expression type	Meaning		
+	list \leftarrow list + any	add any at the end of the list		
	$\texttt{list} \leftarrow \texttt{list} \mid \texttt{list}$	Concatenate lists		

Comparison operators

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
! =	bool ← list != list	Not equal
==	bool ← list == list	Equal

Two structs are equal if:

- they have the same number of elements
- ullet they have the same elements values

1.7.2 list getters

\mathbf{getter}	Type	Meaning		
length	int	Returns the number of elements in the list.		
first	any Returns the first element of the list.			
last	any	Returns the last element of the list.		
mapBy	_ \			
list item) or the key (for a map list item) used as key to st element in the resulting map. It returns a map where each e				
		field/key.		

example of mapBy

The following code snippet:

```
let myList := @(
 9 {
   age : 18,
   height : 180,
   name : "Arnold"
  },
 @ {
    age : 22,
   height : 170,
   name : "Bob"
  },
  @ {
   age : 29,
   height: 175,
   name : "John"
)
let myMap := [myList mapBy : "name"]
display myMap
```

```
outputs:
map: @[
    "Arnold" :>
        struct: @{
            age :>
                 integer: 18
            height :>
                 integer: 180
            name :>
                 string: "Arnold"
        }
    "Bob" :>
        struct: @{
             age :>
                 integer: 22
            height :>
                 integer: 170
             name :>
                 string: "Bob"
        }
    "John" :>
        struct: @{
             age :>
                 integer: 29
            height :>
                 integer: 175
            name :>
                 string: "John"
        }
]
```

1.8 The map data type

The map data type allows to store an association of key and value. map members are accessed by using [<key>] where <key> is a string. If A is a map, A["John"] refers to element of A having key "John".

A literal map is defined as follow:

```
@[ "age" : 29, "height" : 175, "name" : "John" ]
```

An empty map can be initialized using the emptymap constant.

↑ The emptymap constant is deprecated. Use a literal empty map, @[], instead.

1.8.1 map operators

The map data type supports the following operators:

Operator	Expression type	Meaning
!=	bool ← map != map	Not equal
==	bool ← map == map	Equal

Two maps are equal if:

- they have the same number of items
- they have the same item keys
- they have the same item values

2 GTL instructions

2.1 The %...% instruction

The %...% is the literal template string instruction. Every characters appearing between \$ are accumulated in the output string of the template. GTL starts by assuming a \$ exists just before the first character of the file. So if the first character of the file is not a \$ the first instruction is a %...% instruction up to the first \$ in the file.

2.2 The let instruction

let is the data assignment instruction. The general form is:

let var := expression

If the variable does not exists, it is created. The variable is set to expression If the := expression is omitted, the variable is created and is unconstructed:

let var

As in the C language, GTL has assignment operator:

Assign.	int	float	\mathbf{string}	bool	struct	list	map	uncons
+=	+	+	concat	NA	NA	add	NA	NA
-=	_	_	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
*=	*	*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
/=	/	/	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
mod=	mod	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<<=	<<	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
>>=	>>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
&=	bitwise &	NA	NA	logical &	NA	NA	NA	NA
=	bitwise	NA	NA	logical	NA	NA	NA	NA
^=	bitwise ^	NA	NA	logical ^	NA	NA	NA	NA

The scope of a variable depends on the location where the variable is assigned the

first time. For instance, in the following code:

```
let a := 1
foreach task in TASKS do
  let b := 2
  let a += 1
end foreach
println a
println b
```

Because a is assigned outside the **foreach** loop, it is both accessible within the foreach loop and accessible after the **foreach** loop. So it contains the number of items in TASKS + 1 after the **foreach**. Because b is assigned inside the **foreach** loop, it does not exist after the loop anymore and **println** b will trigger and error.

2.3 The *if* instruction

Conditional execution. The forms are:

```
if expression then
  instruction_list
end if
if expression then
  instruction_list
  instruction_list
end if
if expression then
  instruction_list
elsif expression then
  instruction_list
end if
if expression then
  instruction_list
elsif expression then
  instruction_list
else
  instruction_list
end if
```

The *expression* must be boolean. In the following example, the blue text (within the %) is produced only if the USECOM boolean variable is true:

```
if USECOM then %
#include "tpl_com.h" %
end if
```

2.4 The foreach instruction

This instruction iterates on the elements of a collection, a list or a map. The simplest form is the following one:

```
foreach var in expression do
  instruction_list
end foreach
```

Here var takes the value of each of the elements of the collection. If the collection is a list, the elements are iterated in the order of the list. If the collection is a map, the element are iterated in the alphanumerical order of the keys. In both cases, a variable named INDEX which contains the current iteration number is available inside the loop. INDEX ranges from 0 to the number of elements in the list minus 1. If the collection is a map, a second variable, KEY, which contains the key associated to the value of the current item, is available.

In the following example, for each element in the ALARMS list, the text between the do and the end foreach is produced with the NAME attribute of the current element of the ALARMS list inserted at the specified location.

```
foreach alr in ALARMS do
/* Alarm % !alr::NAME % identifier */
#define % !alr::NAME % id % !INDEX %
CONST(AlarmType, AUTOMATIC) % !alr::NAME % = % !NAME %_id;
end foreach
```

A more general form of the **foreach** instruction is:

```
foreach key, var (index) in expression
 before
    instruction_list
    instruction list
 between
    instruction_list
  after
    instruction_list
```

end foreach

key may be used only when iterating on a map and allows to give a custom name to the default KEY variable. (index) may be used both for a list or a map and allows to give a custom name to the default INDEX variable.

If the collection is not empty, the **before** section is executed once before the first execution of the do section. If the collection contains at least two elements, the between section is executed between the execution of the do section. If the list is not empty, the after section is executed once after the last execution of the do section.

The following example illustrates the general form. Here a table of pointers to alarm descriptors is generated:

```
# Initialize ALARMS with a list of 2 structs with a NAME field.
#
let ALARMS := @( @{ NAME: "alr1"}, @{ NAME: "alr1"} )

foreach alr in ALARMS
  before %

tpl_time_obj *tpl_alarm_table[ALARM_COUNT] = {
  do % &% !alr::NAME %_alarm_desc%
  between %,
  after %
};
end foreach
  It produces the following output:

tpl_time_obj *tpl_alarm_table[ALARM_COUNT] = {
  &alr1_alarm_desc,
  &alr1_alarm_desc
};
```

2.5 The for instruction

The for instruction iterates along a literal list of elements.

```
for var in expression, ..., expression do
   ...
end for
```

At each iteration, *var* gets the value of the current *expression*. As in the **foreach** instruction, INDEX is generated and ranges from 0 to the number of elements in the list minus 1.

2.6 The *loop* instruction

The *loop* instruction iterate over a range of integers. Its simplest form is:

The for instruction is deprecated. Use foreach with a literal list instead.

```
loop var from expression_start to expression_end do
    ...
end loop
```

Both expression_start and expression_end must be integer expressions. By default var is incremented by one from expression_start, inclusive, to expression_end, inclusive.

Like in the foreach instruction, **before**, **between** and **after** sections may be used. Moreover, **down** may be used to decrement *var* by one. **up** is a syntactic sugar which is here for symmetry purpose and may be omitted. **step** allows to increment or decrement by *increment*. If **step** is omitted, **step** 1 is assumed.

```
loop var from expression <up|down> to expression <step increment>
  before ...
  do ...
 between ...
  after ...
end loop
   For instance, in the following loop, a goes from 0 to 10 with an increment of 2:
loop a from 0 to 10 step 2 do
  display a
end loop
   and produces the following output:
integer: 0
integer: 2
integer: 4
integer: 6
integer: 8
integer: 10
   In the following loop, a goes from 25 to 20 with a decrement of 1:
loop a from 25 down to 20 do
  display a
end loop
   and produces the following output:
integer: 25
integer: 24
integer: 23
integer: 22
integer: 21
integer: 20
   Because the step can be a negative integer number, this output may be produced by
```

```
loop a from 25 to 20 step -1 do
   display a
end loop
```