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Foreword

Purpose

This standard provides an unambiguous definition of the programming language Rexx. Its purpose is to facilitate portability of Rexx programs for use on a wide variety of computer systems.

History

The computer programming language Rexx was designed by Mike Cowlishaw to satisfy the following principal aims:

- to provide a highly readable command programming language for the benefit of programmers and program readers, users and maintainers;
- to incorporate within this language program design features such as natural data typing and control structures which would contribute to rapid, efficient and accurate program development;
- to define a language whose implementations could be both reliable and efficient on a wide variety of computing platforms.

In November, 1990, X3 announced the formation of a new technical committee, X3J18, to develop an American National Standard for Rexx. This standard was published as ANSI X3.274-1996.

The popularity of "Object Oriented" programming, and the need for Rexx to work with objects created in various ways, led to Rexx extensions and to a second X3J18 project which produced this standard. (Ed - hopefully)

Committee lists (Here)

This standard was prepared by the Technical Development Committee for Rexx, X3J18. There are annexes in this standard; they are informative and are not considered part of this standard.

Suggestions for improvement of this standard will be welcome. They should be sent to the Information Technology Industry Council, 1250 Eye Street, NW, Washington DC 20005-3922. This standard was processed and approved for submittal to ANSI by the Accredited Standards Committee on Information Processing Systems, NCITS. Committee approval of this standard does not necessarily imply that all committee members voted for its approval. At the time it approved this standard, the NCITS Committee had the following members:

To be inserted

The people who contributed to Technical Committee J18 on Rexx, which developed this standard, include:

0 Introduction

This standard provides an unambiguous definition of the programming language Rexx.

1 Scope, purpose, and application

1.1 Scope

This standard specifies the semantics and syntax of the programming language Rexx by specifying requirements for a conforming language processor. The scope of this standard includes

- the syntax and constraints of the Rexx language;
- the semantic rules for interpreting Rexx programs;
- the restrictions and limitations that a conforming language processor may impose;
- the semantics of configuration interfaces.

This standard does not specify

- the mechanism by which Rexx programs are transformed for use by a data-processing system;
- the mechanism by which Rexx programs are invoked for use by a data-processing system;
- the mechanism by which input data are transformed for use by a Rexx program;
- the mechanism by which output data are transformed after being produced by a Rexx program:
- the encoding of Rexx programs;
- the encoding of data to be processed by Rexx programs:
- the encoding of output produced by Rexx programs;
- the size or complexity of a program and its data that will exceed the capacity of any specific data-processing system or the capacity of a particular language processor;
- all minimal requirements of a data-processing system that is capable of supporting a conforming language processor;
- the syntax of the configuration interfaces.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to facilitate portability of Rexx programs for use on a wide variety of configurations.

1.3 Application

This standard is applicable to Rexx language processors.

1.4 Recommendation

It is recommended that before detailed reading of this standard, a reader should first be familiar with the Rexx language, for example through reading one of the books about Rexx. It is also recommended that the annexes should be read in conjunction with this standard.

2 Normative references

There are no standards which constitute provisions of this American National Standard.

3 Definitions and document notation

Lots more for NetRexx

3.1 Definitions

3.1.1 application programming interface:

A set of functions which allow access to some Rexx facilities from non-Rexx programs.

3.1.2 arguments:

The expressions (separated by commas) between the parentheses of a function call or following the name on a CALL instruction. Also the corresponding values which may be accessed by a function or routine, however invoked.

3.1.3 built-in function:

A function (which may be called as a subroutine) that is defined in section nnn of this standard and can be used directly from a program.

3.1.4 character string:

A sequence of zero or more characters.

3.1.5 clause:

A section of the program, ended by a semicolon. The semicolon may be implied by the end of a line or by some other constructs.

3.1.6 coded:

A coded string is a string which is not necessarily comprised of characters. Coded strings can occur as arguments to a program, results of external routines and commands, and the results of some built-in functions, such as D2C.

3.1.7 command:

A clause consisting of just an expression is an instruction known as a command. The expression is evaluated and the result is passed as a command string to some external environment.

3.1.8 condition:

A specific event, or state, which can be trapped by CALL ON or SIGNAL ON.

3.1.9 configuration:

Any data-processing system, operating system and software used to operate a language processor.

3.1.10 conforming language processor:

A language processor which obeys all the provisions of this standard.

3.1.11 construct:

A named syntax grouping, for example "expression", "do_specification".

3.1.12 default error stream:

An output stream, determined by the configuration, on which error messages are written.

3.1.13 default input stream:

An input stream having a name which is the null string. The use of this stream may be implied.

3.1.14 default output stream:

An output stream having a name which is the null string. The use of this stream may be implied.

3.1.15 direct symbol:

A symbol which, without any modification, names a variable in a variable pool.

3.1.16 directive:

Clauses which begin with two colons are directives. Directives are not executable, they indicate the structure of the program. Directives may also be written with the two colons implied.

3.1.17 dropped:

A symbol which is in an unitialized state, as opposed to having had a value assigned to it, is described as dropped. The names in a variable pool have an attribute of 'dropped' or 'not-dropped'.

3.1.18 encoding:

The relation between a character string and a corresponding number. The encoding of character strings is determined by the configuration.

3.1.19 end-of-line:

An event that occurs during the scanning of a source program. Normally the end-of-lines will relate to the lines shown if the configuration lists the program. They may, or may not, correspond to characters in the source program.

3.1.20 environment:

The context in which a command may be executed. This is comprised of the environment name, details of the resource that will provide input to the command, and details of the resources that will receive output of the command.

3.1.21 environment name:

The name of an external procedure or process that can execute commands. Commands are sent to the current named environment, initially selected externally but then alterable by using the ADDRESS instruction.

3.1.22 error number:

A number which identifies a particular situation which has occurred during processing. The message prose associated with such a number is defined by this standard.

3.1.23 exposed:

Normally, a symbol refers to a variable in the most recently established variable pool. When this is not the case the variable is referred to as an exposed variable.

3.1.24 expression:

The most general of the constructs which can be evaluated to produce a single string value.

3.1.25 external data queue:

A queue of strings that is external to REXX programs in that other programs may have access

to the queue whenever REXX relinquishes control to some other program.

3.1.26 external routine:

A function or subroutine that is neither built-in nor in the same program as the CALL instruction or function call that invokes it.

3.1.27 external variable pool:

A named variable pool supplied by the configuration which can be accessed by the VALUE built-in function.

3.1.28 function:

Some processing which can be invoked by name and will produce a result. This term is used for both Rexx functions (see nnn) and functions provided by the configuration (see n).

3.1.29 identifier:

The name of a construct.

3.1.30 implicit variable:

A tailed variable which is in a variable pool solely as a result of an operation on its stem. The names in a variable pool have an attribute of 'implicit' or 'not-implicit'.

3.1.31 instruction:

One or more clauses that describe some course of action to be taken by the language processor.

3.1.32 internal routine:

A function or subroutine that is in the same program as the CALL instruction or function call that invokes it.

3.1.33 keyword:

This standard specifies special meaning for some tokens which consist of letters and have particular spellings, when used in particular contexts. Such tokens, in these contexts, are keywords.

3.1.34 label:

A clause that consists of a single symbol or a literal followed by a colon.

3.1.35 language processor:

Compiler, translator or interpreter working in combination with a configuration.

3.1.36 notation function:

A function with the sole purpose of providing a notation for describing semantics, within this standard. No Rexx program can invoke a notation function.

3.1.37 null clause:

A clause which has no tokens.

3.1.38 null string:

A character string with no characters, that is, a string of length zero.

3.1.39 production:

The definition of a construct, in Backus-Naur form.

3.1.40 return code:

A string that conveys some information about the command that has been executed. Return codes usually indicate the success or failure of the

command but can also be used to represent other information.

3.1.41 routine:

Some processing which can be invoked by name.

3.1.42 state variable:

A component of the state of progress in processing a program, described in this standard by a named variable. No Rexx program can directly access a state variable.

3.1.43 stem:

If a symbol naming a variable contains a period which is not the first character, the part of the symbol up to and including the first period is the stem.

3.1.44 stream:

Named streams are used as the sources of input and the targets of output. The total semantics of such a stream are not defined in this standard and will depend on the configuration. A stream may be a permanent file in the configuration or may be something else, for example the input from a keyboard.

3.1.45 string:

For many operations the unit of data is a string. It may, or may not, be comprised of a sequence of characters which can be accessed individually.

3.1.46 subcode:

The decimal part of an error number.

3.1.47 subroutine:

An internal, built-in, or external routine that may or may not return a result string and is invoked by the CALL instruction. If it returns a result string the subroutine can also be invoked by a function call, in which case it is being called as a function.

3.1.48 symbol:

A sequence of characters used as a name, see nnn. Symbols are used to name variables, functions, etc.

3.1.49 tailed name:

The names in a variable pool have an attribute of 'tailed' or 'non-tailed'. Otherwise identical names are distinct if their attributes differ. Tailed names are normally the result of replacements in the tail of a symbol, the part that follows a stem.

3.1.50 token:

The unit of low-level syntax from which high-level constructs are built. Tokens are literal strings, symbols, operators, or special characters.

3.1.51 trace:

A description of some or all of the clauses of a program, produced as each is executed.

3.1.52 trap:

A function provided by the user which replaces or augments some normal function of the language processor.

3.1.53 variable pool:

A collection of the names of variables and their associated values.

3.2 Document notation

3.2.1 Rexx Code

Some Rexx code is used in this standard. This code shall be assumed to have its private set of variables. Variables used in this code are not directly accessible by the program to be processed. Comments in the code are not part of the provisions of this standard.

3.2.2 Italics

Throughout this standard, except in Rexx code, references to the constructs defined in section nnn are italicized.

4 Conformance

4.1 Conformance

A conforming language processor shall not implement any variation of this standard except where this standard permits. Such permitted variations shall be implemented in the manner prescribed by this standard and noted in the documentation accompanying the processor. A conforming processor shall include in its accompanying documentation

- a list of all definitions or values for the features in this standard which are specified to be dependent on the configuration.
- a statement of conformity, giving the complete reference of this standard (ANSI X3.274-1996) with which conformity is claimed.

4.2 Limits

Aside from the items listed here (and the assumed limitation in resources of the configuration), a conforming language processor shall not put numerical limits on the content of a program. Where a limit expresses the limit on a number of digits, it shall be a multiple of three. Other limits shall be one of the numbers one, five or twenty five, or any of these multiplied by some power of ten.

Limitations that conforming language processors may impose are:

- NUMERIC DIGITS values shall be supported up to a value of at least nine hundred and ninety nine.
- Exponents shall be supported. The limit of the absolute value of an exponent shall be at least as large as the largest number that can be expressed without an exponent in nine digits.
- String lengths shall be supported. The limit on the length shall be at least as large as the largest number that can be expressed without an exponent in nine digits.- String literal length shall be supported up to at least two hundred and fifty.

- Symbol length shall be supported up to at least two hundred and fifty.

5 Configuration

Any implementation of this standard will be functioning within a configuration. In practice, the boundary between what is implemented especially to support Rexx and what is provided by the system will vary from system to system. This clause describes what they shall together do to provide the configuration for the Rexx language processing which is described in this standard.

We don't want to add undue "magic" to this section. It seems we will need the concept of a "reference" (equivalent to a machine address) so that this section can at least have composite objects as arguments. (As it already does but these are not Rexx objects)

Possibly we could unify "reference" with "variable pool number" since object one-to-one with its variable pool is a fair model. That way we don't need a new primitive for comparison of two references.

JAVA is only a "reference" for NetRexx so some generalized JAVA-like support is needed for that. It would provide the answers to what classes were in the context, what their method signatures were etc.

5.1 Notation

The interface to the configuration is described in terms of functions. The notation for describing the interface functionally uses the name given to the function, followed by any arguments. This does not constrain how a specific implementation provides the function, nor does it imply that the order of arguments is significant for a specific implementation.

The names of the functions are used throughout this standard; the names used for the arguments are used only in this clause and nnn.

The name of a function refers to its usage. A function whose name starts with

- Config_ is used only from the language processor when processing programs;
- API_ is part of the application programming interface and is accessible from programs which are not written in the Rexx language;
- Trap_ is not provided by the language processor but may be invoked by the language processor.

As its result, each function shall return a completion Response. This is a string indicating how the function behaved. The completion response may be the character 'N' indicating the normal behavior occurred; otherwise the first character is an indicator of a different behavior and the remainder shall be suitable as a human-readable description of the function's behavior.

This standard defines any additional results from Config_ functions as made available to the language processor in variables. This does not constrain how a particular implementation should return these results.

5.1.1 Notation for completion response and conditions

As alternatives to the normal indicator 'N', each function may return a completion response with indicator 'X' or 'S'; other possible indicators are described for each function explicitly. The indicator 'X' means that the function failed because resources were exhausted. The indicator 'S' shows that the configuration was unable to perform the function.

Certain indicators cause conditions to be raised. The possible raising of these conditions is implicit in the use of the function; it is not shown explicitly when the functions are used in this standard. The implicit action is

call #Raise 'SYNTAX', Message, Description

where:

#Raise raises the condition, see nnn.

Message is determined by the indicator in the completion response. If the indicator is 'X' then Message is 5.1. If the indicator is 'S' then Message is 48.1.

Description is the description in the completion response.

The 'SYNTAX' condition 5.1 can also be raised by any other activity of the language processor.

5.2 Processing initiation

The processing initiation interface consists of a function which the configuration shall provide to invoke the language processor.

We could do REQUIRES in a macro-expansion way by adding an argument to Config_SourceChar to specify the source file. However, I'm assuming we will prefer to recursively "run" each required file. One of the results of that will be the classes and methods made public by that REQUIRES subject.

5.2.1 API_Start

Syntax:

API_Start(How, Source, Environment, Arguments, Streams, Traps, Provides) where:

How is one of 'COMMAND', 'FUNCTION', or 'SUBROUTINE' and indicates how the program is invoked.

What does OOI say for How when running REQUIREd files?

Source is an identification of the source of the program to be processed.

Environment is the initial value of the environment to be used in processing commands. This has components for the name of the environment and how the input and output of commands is to be directed.

Arguments is the initial argument list to be used in processing. This has components to specify the number of arguments, which arguments are omitted, and the values of arguments that are not omitted.

Streams has components for the default input stream to be used and the default output streams to be used.

Traps is the list of traps to be used in processing (see nnn). This has components to specify whether each trap is omitted or not.

Semantics:

This function starts the execution of a Rexx program.

If the program was terminated due to a RETURN or EXIT instruction without an expression the completion response is 'N'.

If the program was terminated due to a RETURN or EXIT instruction with an expression the indicator in the completion response is 'R' and the description of the completion response is the value of the expression.

If the program was terminated due to an error the indicator in the completion response is 'E' and the description in the completion response comprises information about the error that terminated processing.

If How was 'REQUIRED' and the completion response was not 'E', the Provides argument is set to reference classes made available. See nnn for the semantics of these classes.

5.3 Source programs and character sets

The configuration shall provide the ability to access source programs (see nnn).

Source programs consist of characters belonging to the following categories:

- syntactic characters;
- extra letters;
- other_blank_characters;
- other negators;
- other characters.

A character shall belong to only one category.

5.3.1 Syntactic characters

The following characters represent the category of characters called syntactic_characters, identified by their names. The glyphs used to represent them in this document are also shown. Syntactic_characters shall be available in every configuration:

- & ampersand;
- ' apostrophe, single quotation mark, single quote;
- * asterisk, star;
- blank, space;
- A-Z capital letters A through Z;
- : colon;
- -, comma;
- 0-9 digits zero through nine;
- = equal sign;
- -! exclamation point, exclamation mark;
- > greater-than sign;
- - hyphen, minus sign;
- < less-than sign;
- [left bracket, left square bracket;
- (left parenthesis;

- % percent sign;
- period, decimal point, full stop, dot:
- + plus sign:
- ? question mark;
- " quotation mark, double quote:
- \ reverse slant, reverse solidus, backslash;
- | right bracket, right square bracket;
-) right parenthesis;
- -; semicolon;
- / slant, solidus, slash;
- small letters a through z; - a-z
- ~ tilde, twiddle;
- underline, low line, underscore;vertical line, bar, vertical bar.

5.3.2 Extra letters

A configuration may have a category of characters in source programs called extra letters. Extra letters are determined by the configuration.

5.3.3 Other blank characters

A configuration may have a category of characters in source programs called other_blank_characters. Other_blank_characters are determined by the configuration. Only the following characters represent possible characters of this category:

- carriage return;
- form feed:
- horizontal tabulation:
- new line:
- vertical tabulation.

5.3.4 Other negators

A configuration may have a category of characters in source programs called other negators. Other negators are determined by the configuration. Only the following characters represent possible characters of this category. The glyphs used to represent them in this document are also shown:

- ^ circumflex accent, caret;
- ¬ not sign.

5.3.5 Other characters

A configuration may have a category of characters in source programs called other characters. Other characters are determined by the configuration.

5.4 Configuration characters and encoding

The configuration characters and encoding interface consists of functions which the configuration shall provide which are concerned with the encoding of characters.

The following functions shall be provided:

- Config_SourceChar;
- Config_OtherBlankCharacters;
- Config Upper:
- Config Compare:
- Config B2C;
- Config C2B;
- Config_Substr;
- Config_Length;
- Config Xrange.

5.4.1 Config_SourceChar

Syntax:

Config SourceChar()

Semantics:

Supply the characters of the source program in sequence, together with the EOL and EOS events. The EOL event represents the end of a line. The EOS event represents the end of the source program. The EOS event must only occur immediately after an EOL event. Either a character or an event is supplied on each invocation, by setting #Outcome.

If this function is unable to supply a character because the source program encoding is incorrect the indicator of the completion response is 'E' and the description of the completion information is the encoding which is incorrect, in hexadecimal notation.

5.4.2 Config_OtherBlankCharacters

Svntax:

Config OtherBlankCharacters()

Semantics:

Get other_blank_characters (see nnn).

Set #Outcome to a string of zero or more distinct characters in arbitrary order. Each character is one that the configuration considers equivalent to the character Blank for the purposes of parsing.

5.4.3 Config_Upper

Syntax:

Config_Upper(Character)

where:

Character is the character to be translated to uppercase.

Semantics:

Translate Character to uppercase. Set #Outcome to the translated character. Characters which have been subject to this translation are referred to as being in uppercase. Config_Upper applied to a character in uppercase must not change the character.

5.4.4 Config_Lower

Syntax:

Config Lower (Character)

where:

Character is the character to be translated to lowercase.

Semantics:

Translate Character to lowercase. Set #Outcome to the translated character. Characters which have been subject to this translation are referred to as being in lowercase. Config_Lower applied to a character in lowercase must not change the character. Config_Upper of the outcome of Config_Lower(Character) shall be the original character.

5.4.5 Config Compare

Syntax:

Config Compare (Character1, Character2)

where:

Character1 is the character to be compared with Character2.

Character2 is the character to be compared with Character1.

Semantics:

Compare two characters. Set #Outcome to

- 'equal' if Character1 is equal to Character2;
- 'greater' if Character1 is greater than Character2;
- 'lesser' if Character1 is less than Character2.

The function shall exhibit the following characteristics. If Config Compare(a,b) produces

- 'equal' then Config_Compare(b,a) produces 'equal';
- 'greater' then Config Compare(b,a) produces 'lesser';
- 'lesser' then Config_Compare(b,a) produces 'greater';
- 'equal' and Config Compare(b,c) produces 'equal' then Config Compare(a,c) produces 'equal';
- 'greater' and Config_Compare(b,c) produces 'greater' then Config_Compare(a,c) produces 'greater':
- 'lesser' and Config Compare(b,c) produces 'lesser' then Config Compare(a,c) produces 'lesser';
- 'equal' then Config_Compare(a,c) and Config_Compare(b,c) produce the same value.

Syntactic characters which are different characters shall not compare equal by Config_Compare, see nnn.

5.4.6 Config_B2C

Syntax:

Config B2C(Binary)

where:

Binary is a sequence of digits, each '0' or '1'. The number of digits shall be a multiple of eight. Semantics:

Translate Binary to a coded string. Set #Outcome to the resulting string. The string may, or may not, correspond to a sequence of characters.

5.4.7 Config C2B

Syntax:

Config C2B(String)

where:

String is a string.

Semantics:

Translate String to a sequence of digits, each '0' or '1'. Set #Outcome to the result. This function is the inverse of Config B2C.

5.4.8 Config_Substr

Syntax:

Config Substr(String, n)

where:

String is a string.

n is an integer identifying a position within String.

Semantics:

Copy the n-th character from String. The leftmost character is the first character. Set #Outcome to the resulting character.

If this function is unable to supply a character because there is no n-th character in String the indicator of the completion response is 'M'.

If this function is unable to supply a character because the encoding of String is incorrect the indicator of the completion response is 'E' and the description of the completion information is the encoding which is incorrect, in hexadecimal notation.

5.4.9 Config Length

Syntax:

Config Length (String)

where:

String is a string.

Semantics:

Set #Outcome to the length of the string, that is, the number of characters in the string. If this function is unable to determine a length because the encoding of String is incorrect, the indicator of the completion response is 'E' and the description of the completion information is the encoding which is incorrect, in hexadecimal notation.

5.4.10 Config_Xrange

Syntax:

Config_Xrange(Character1, Character2)

where:

Character1 is the null string, or a single character.

Character2 is the null string, or a single character.

Semantics:

If Character1 is the null string then let LowBound be a lowest ranked character in the character set according to the ranking order provided by Config_Compare; otherwise let LowBound be Character1. If Character2 is the null string then let HighBound be a highest ranked character in the character set according to the ranking order provided by Config_Compare; otherwise let HighBound be Character2lf #Outcome after Config_Compare(LowBound,HighBound) has a value of

- 'equal' then #Outcome is set to LowBound;
- 'lesser' then #Outcome is set to the sequence of characters between LowBound and HighBound inclusively, in ranking order;
- 'greater' then #Outcome is set to the sequence of characters HighBound and larger, in ranking order, followed by the sequence of characters LowBound and smaller, in ranking order.

5.5 Objects

The objects interface consists of functions which the configuration shall provide for creating objects.

5.5.1 Config_ObjectNew

Syntax:

Config ObjectNew

Semantics:

Set #Outcome to be a reference to an object. The object shall be suitable for use as a variable pool, see nnn. This function shall never return a value in #Outcome which compares equal with the value returned on another invokation of the function.

5.5.2 Config_Array_Size

Svntax:

Config_Array_Size(Object, size)

where:

Object is an object.

Size is an integer greater or equal to 0.

Semantics:

The configuration should prepare to deal efficiently with the object as an array with indexes having values up to the value of size.

5.5.3 Config Array Put

Syntax:

Config_Array_Put(Array, Item, Index)

where:

Array is an array.

Item is an object

Index is an integer greater or equal to 1.

Semantics:

The configuration shall record that the array has Item associated with Index.

5.5.4 Config_Array_At

Syntax:

Config_Array_At(Array, Index)

where:

Array is an array.

Index is an integer greater or equal to 1.

Semantics:

The configuration shall return the item that the array has associated with Index.

5.5.5 Config_Array_Hasindex

Syntax:

Config_Array_At(Array, Index)

where:

Array is an array.

Index is an integer greater or equal to 1.

Semantics:

Return '1' if there is an item in Array associated with Index, '0' otherwise.

5.5.6 Config_Array_Remove

Syntax:

Config Array At (Array, Index)

where:

Array is an array.

Index is an integer greater or equal to 1.

Semantics

After this operation, no item is associated with the Index in the Array.

5.6 Commands

The commands interface consists of a function which the configuration shall provide for strings to be passed as commands to an environment.

See nnn and nnn for a description of language features that use commands.

5.6.1 Config_Command

Syntax:

Config_Command(Environment, Command)

where:

Environment is the environment to be addressed. It has components for:

- the name of the environment;

- the name of a stream from which the command will read its input. The null string indicates use of the default input stream:
- the name of a stream onto which the command will write its output. The null string indicates use of the default output stream. There is an indication of whether writing is to APPEND or REPLACE;
- the name of a stream onto which the command will write its error output. The null string indicates use of the default error output stream. There is an indication of whether writing is to APPEND or REPLACE.

Command is the command to be executed.

Semantics:

Perform a command.

- set the indicator to 'E' or 'F' if the command ended with an ERROR condition, or a FAILURE condition, respectively:
- set #RC to the return code string of the command.

5.7 External routines

The external routines interface consists of a function which the configuration shall provide to invoke external routines.

See nnn and nnn for a description of the language features that use external routines.

5.7.1 Config ExternalRoutine

Syntax:

Config_ExternalRoutine(How, NameType, Name, Environment, Arguments, Streams, Traps) where:

How is one of 'FUNCTION' or 'SUBROUTINE' and indicates how the external routine is to be invoked.

NameType is a specification of whether the name was provided as a symbol or as a string literal. Name is the name of the routine to be invoked.

Environment is an environment value with the same components as on API_Start.

Arguments is a specification of the arguments to the routine, with the same components as on API Start.

Streams is a specification of the default streams, with the same components as on API_Start. Traps is the list of traps to be used in processing, with the same components as on API_Start. Semantics:

Invoke an external routine. Set #Outcome to the result of the external routine, or set the indicator of the completion response to 'D' if the external routine did not provide a result.

If this function is unable to locate the routine the indicator of the completion response is 'U'. As a result SYNTAX condition 43.1 is raised implicitly.

If How indicated that a result from the routine was required but the routine did not provide one the indicator of the completion response is 'H'. As a result SYNTAX condition 44.1 is raised implicitly. If How indicated that a result from the routine was required but the routine provided one that was too long (see #Limit_String in nnn) the indicator of the completion response is 'L'. As a result SYNTAX condition 52 is raised implicitly.

If the routine failed in a way not indicated by some other indicator the indicator of the completion response is 'F'. As a result SYNTAX condition 40.1 is raised implicitly.

5.7.2 Config ExternalMethod

OOI has external classes explicitly via the ::CLASS abc EXTERNAL mechanism. Analogy with classic would also allow the subject of ::REQUIRES to be coded in non-Rexx. However ::REQUIRES subject is coded, we need to gather in knowledge of its method names because of the search algorithm that determines which method is called. Hence reasonable that the ultimate external call is to a method. Perhaps combine Config_ExternalRoutine with Config_ExternalMethod.

There is a terminology clash on "environment". Perhaps easiest to change the classic to "address_environment". (And make it part of new "environment"?)

There are terminology decisions to make about "files", "programs", and "packages". Possibly "program" is the thing you run (and we don't say what it means physically), "file" is a unit of scope (ROUTINEs in current file before those in REQUIREd), and "package" we don't use (since a software package from a shop would probably have several files but not everything to run a program.) Using "file" this way may not be too bad since we used "stream" rather than "file" in the classic definition.

The How parameter will need 'METHOD' as a value. Should API_Start also allow 'METHOD'. If we pass the new Environment we don't have to pass Streams separately.

Text of Config_ExternalMethod waiting on such decisions.

Syntax:

Config_ExternalMethod(How, NameType, Name, Environment, Arguments, Streams, Traps) where:

How is one of 'FUNCTION' or 'SUBROUTINE' and indicates how the external routine is to be invoked.

NameType is a specification of whether the name was provided as a symbol or as a string literal. Name is the name of the routine to be invoked.

Environment is an environment value with the same components as on API Start.

Arguments is a specification of the arguments to the routine, with the same components as on API Start.

Streams is a specification of the default streams, with the same components as on API_Start.

Traps is the list of traps to be used in processing, with the same components as on API_Start. Semantics:

Invoke an external routine. Set #Outcome to the result of the external routine, or set the indicator of the completion response to 'D' if the external routine did not provide a result.

If this function is unable to locate the routine the indicator of the completion response is 'U'. As a result SYNTAX condition 43.1 is raised implicitly.

If How indicated that a result from the routine was required but the routine did not provide one the indicator of the completion response is 'H'. As a result SYNTAX condition 44.1 is raised implicitly. If How indicated that a result from the routine was required but the routine provided one that was too long (see #Limit_String in nnn) the indicator of the completion response is 'L'. As a result SYNTAX condition 52 is raised implicitly.

If the routine failed in a way not indicated by some other indicator the indicator of the completion response is 'F'. As a result SYNTAX condition 40.1 is raised implicitly.

5.8 External data queue

The external data queue interface consists of functions which the configuration shall provide to manipulate an external data queue mechanism.

See nnn, nnn, nnn, nnn, and nnn for a description of language features that use the external data queue. The configuration shall provide an external data queue mechanism. The following functions shall be provided:

- Config_Push;
- Config Queue;
- Config_Pull;
- Config_Queued.

The configuration may permit the external data queue to be altered in other ways. In the absence of such alterations the external data queue shall be an ordered list. Config_Push adds the specified string to one end of the list, Config_Queue to the other. Config_Pull removes a string from the end that Config_Push adds to unless the list is empty.

5.8.1 Config Push

Syntax:

Config_Push(String)

where:

String is the value to be retained in the external data queue.

Semantics:

Add String as an item to the end of the external data queue from which Config_Pull will remove an item.

5.8.2 Config Queue

Syntax:

Config Queue (String)

where:

String is the value to be retained in the external data queue.

Semantics:

Add String as an item to the opposite end of the external data queue from which Config_Pull will remove an item.

5.8.3 Config_Pull

Syntax:

Config_Pull()

Semantics:

Retrieve an item from the end of the external data queue to which Config_Push adds an element to the list. Set #Outcome to the value of the retrieved item.

If no item could be retrieved the indicator of the completion response is 'F'.

5.8.4 Config_Queued

Syntax:

Config_Queued()

Semantics:

Get the count of items in the external data queue. Set #Outcome to that number.

5.9 Streams

The streams interface consists of functions which the configuration shall provide to manipulate streams. See nnn, nnn, and nnn for a description of language features which use streams.

Streams are identified by names and provide for the reading and writing of data. They shall support the concepts of characters, lines, positioning, default input stream and default output stream.

The concept of a persistent stream shall be supported and the concept of a transient stream may be supported. A persistent stream is one where the content is not expected to change except when the stream is explicitly acted on. A transient stream is one where the data available is expected to vary with time.

The concepts of binary and character streams shall be supported. The content of a character stream is expected to be characters.

The null string is used as a name for both the default input stream and the default output stream. The null string names the default output stream only when it is an argument to the Config_Stream_Charout operation.

The following functions shall be provided:

- Config_Stream_Charin;
- Config Stream Position;
- Config_Stream_Command;
- Config_Stream_State;
- Config Stream Charout;
- Config Stream Qualified;
- Config_Stream_Unique;
- Config_Stream_Query;
- Config_Stream_Close;
- Config Stream Count.

The results of these functions are described in terms of the following stems with tails which are stream names:

- #Charin Position.Stream;
- #Charout_Position.Stream;
- #Linein_Position.Stream;
- #Lineout Position.Stream.

5.9.1 Config Stream Charin

Syntax:

Config_Stream_Charin(Stream, OperationType)

where:

Stream is the name of the stream to be processed.

OperationType is one of 'CHARIN', 'LINEIN', or 'NULL'.

Semantics:

Read from a stream. Increase #Linein_Position.Stream by one when the end-of-line indication is encountered. Increase #Charin Position.Stream when the indicator will be 'N'.

If OperationType is 'CHARIN' the state variables describing the stream will be affected as follows:

- when the configuration is able to provide data from a transient stream or the character at position #Charin_Position.Stream of a persistent stream then #Outcome shall be set to contain the data. The indicator of the response shall be 'N';

- when the configuration is unable to return data because the read position is at the end of a persistent stream then the indicator of the response shall be 'O':
- when the configuration is unable to return data from a transient stream because no data is available and no data is expected to become available then the indicator of the response shall be 'O';
- otherwise the configuration is unable to return data and does not expect to be able to return data by waiting; the indicator of the response shall be 'E'.

The data set in #Outcome will either be a single character or will be a sequence of eight characters, each '0' or '1'. The choice is decided by the configuration. The eight character sequence indicates a binary stream, see nnn.

If OperationType is 'LINEIN' then the action is the same as if Operation had been 'CHARIN' with the following additional possibility. If end-of-line is detected any character (or character sequence) which is an embedded indication of the end-of-line is skipped. The characters skipped contribute to the change of #Charin_Position.Stream. #Outcome is the null string.

If OperationType is 'NULL' then the stream is accessed but no data is read.

5.9.2 Config_Stream_Position

Syntax:

Config_Stream_Position(Stream, OperationType, Position)
 where:

Stream is the name of the stream to be processed.

Operation is 'CHARIN', 'LINEIN', 'CHAROUT', or 'LINEOUT'.

Position indicates where to position the stream.

Semantics:

If the operation is 'CHARIN' or 'CHAROUT' then Position is a character position, otherwise Position is a line position.

If Operation is 'CHARIN' or 'LINEIN' and the Position is beyond the limit of the existing data then the indicator of the completion response shall be 'R'. Otherwise if Operation is 'CHARIN' or 'LINEIN' set #Charin_Position.Stream to the position from which the next Config_Stream_Charin on the stream shall read, as indicated by Position. Set #Linein_Position.Stream to correspond with this position. If Operation is 'CHAROUT' or 'LINEOUT' and the Position is more than one beyond the limit of existing data then the indicator of the response shall be 'R'. Otherwise if Operation is 'CHAROUT' or 'LINEOUT' then #Charout Position.Stream is set to the position at which the next

Config_Stream_Charout on the stream shall write, as indicated by Position. Set

#Lineout_Position.Stream to correspond with this position.

If this function is unable to position the stream because the stream is transient then the indicator of the completion response shall be 'T'.

5.9.3 Config_Stream_Command

Syntax:

Config_Stream_Command(Stream, Command)

where

Stream is the name of the stream to be processed.

Command is a configuration-specific command to be performed against the stream.

Semantics:

Issue a configuration-specific command against a stream. This may affect all state variables describing Stream which hold position information. It may alter the effect of any subsequent operation on the specified stream. If the indicator is set to 'N', #Outcome shall be set to information from the command.

5.9.4 Config_Stream_State

Syntax:

Config_Stream_State(Stream)

where:

Stream is the name of the stream to be queried.

Semantics:

Set the indicator to reflect the state of the stream. Return an indicator equal to the indicator that an immediately subsequent Config_Stream_Charin(Stream, 'CHARIN') would return. Alternatively, return an indicator of 'U'.

The remainder of the response shall be a configuration-dependent description of the state of the stream.

5.9.5 Config_Stream_Charout

Syntax:

Config Stream Charout (Stream, Data)

where:

Stream is the name of the stream to be processed.

Data is the data to be written, or 'EOL' to indicate that an end-of-line indication is to be written, or a null string. In the first case, if the stream is a binary stream then Data will be eight characters, each '0' or '1', otherwise Data will be a single character.

Semantics:

When Data is the null string, no data is written.

Otherwise write to the stream. The state variables describing the stream will be affected as follows:

- when the configuration is able to write Data to a transient stream or at position #Charout_Position.Stream of a persistent stream then the indicator in the response shall be 'N'.

When Data is not 'EOL' then #Charout_Position.Stream is increased by one. When Data is 'EOL', then #Lineout_Position.Stream is increased by one and #Charout_Position.Stream is increased as necessary to account for any end-of-line indication embedded in the stream;

- when the configuration is unable to write Data the indicator is set to 'E'.

5.9.6 Config_Stream_Qualified

Syntax:

Config Stream Qualified (Stream)

where:

Stream is the name of the stream to be processed.

Semantics:

Set #Outcome to some name which identifies Stream.

Return a completion response with indicator 'B' if the argument is not acceptable to the configuration as identifying a stream.

5.9.7 Config_Stream_Unique

Syntax:

Config Stream Unique()

Semantics:

Set #Outcome to a name that the configuration recognizes as a stream name. The name shall not be a name that the configuration associates with any existing data.

5.9.8 Config_Stream_Query

Syntax:

Config_Stream_Query(Stream)

where:

Stream is the name of the stream to be queried.

Semantics:

Set #Outcome to 'B' if the stream is a binary stream, or to 'C' if it is a character stream.

5.9.9 Config_Stream_Close

Syntax:

Config Stream Close (Stream)

where:

Stream is the name of the stream to be closed.

Semantics:

#Charout_Position.Stream and #Lineout_Position.Stream are set to 1 unless the stream has existing data, in which case they are set ready to write immediately after the existing data.

If this function is unable to position the stream because the stream is transient then the indicator of the completion response shall be 'T'.

5.9.10 Config_Stream_Count

Syntax:

Config_Stream_Count(Stream, Operation, Option)
 where:

Stream is the name of the stream to be counted.

Operation is 'CHARS', or 'LINES'.

Option is 'N' or 'C'.

Semantics:

If the option is 'N', #Outcome is set to zero if:

- the file is transient and no more characters (or no more lines if the Operation is 'LINES') are expected to be available, even after waiting;
- the file is persistent and no more characters (or no more lines if the Operation is 'LINES') can be obtained from this stream by Config_Stream_Charin before use of some function which resets #Charin Position.Stream and #Linein Position.Stream.

If the option is 'N' and #Outcome is set nonzero, #Outcome shall be 1, or be the number of characters (or the number of lines if Operation is 'LINES') which could be read from the stream before resetting. If the option is 'C', #Outcome is set to zero if:

- the file is transient and no characters (or no lines if the Operation is 'LINES') are available without waiting:
- the file is persistent and no more characters (or no more lines if the Operation is 'LINES') can be obtained from this stream by Config_Stream_Charin before use of some function which resets #Charin Position.Stream and #Linein Position.Stream.

If the option is 'C' and #Outcome is set nonzero, #Outcome shall be the number of characters (or the number of lines if the Operation is 'LINES') which can be read from the stream without delay and before resetting.

5.10 External variable pools

The external variable pools interface consists of functions which the configuration shall provide to manipulate variables in external variable pools.

See nnn for the VALUE built-in function which uses external variable pools.

The configuration shall provide an external variable pools mechanism. The following functions shall be provided:

- Config_Get;
- Config_Set.

The configuration may permit the external variable pools to be altered in other ways.

5.10.1 Config Get

Syntax:

Config Get (Poolid, Name)

where:

Poolid is an identification of the external variable pool.

Name is the name of a variable.

Semantics:

Get the value of a variable with name Name in the external variable pool Poolid. Set #Outcome to this value.

If Poolid does not identify an external pool provided by this configuration, the indicator of the completion response is 'P'.

If Name is not a valid name of a variable in the external pool, the indicator of the completion response is 'F'.

5.10.2 Config_Set

Svntax:

Config Set (Poolid, Name, Value)

where:

Poolid is an identification of the external variable pool.

Name is the name of a variable.

Value is the value to be assigned to the variable.

Semantics:

Set a variable with name Name in the external variable pool Poolid to Value.

If Poolid does not identify an external pool provided by this configuration, the indicator of the completion response is 'P'.

If Name is not a valid name of a variable in the external pool, the indicator of the completion response is 'F'.

5.11 Configuration characteristics

The configuration characteristics interface consists of a function which the configuration shall provide which indicates choices decided by the configuration.

5.11.1 Config_Constants

Syntax:

Config Constants()

Semantics:

Set the values of the following state variables:

- if there are any built-in functions which do not operate at NUMERIC DIGITS 9, then set variables #Bif_Digits. (with various tails which are the names of those built-in functions) to the values to be used:
- set variables #Limit_Digits, #Limit_EnvironmentName, #Limit_ExponentDigits, #Limit_Literal, #Limit_MessageInsert, #Limit_Name, #Limit_String, #Limit_TraceData to the relevant limits. A configuration shall allow a #Limit_MessageInsert value of 50 to be specified. A configuration shall allow a #Limit_TraceData value of 250 to be specified;
- set #Configuration to a string identifying the configuration;
- set #Version to a string identifying the language processor. It shall have five words. Successive words shall be separated by a blank character. The first four letters of the first word shall be 'REXX'. The second word shall be the four characters '5.00'. The last three words comprise a date. This shall be in the format which is the default for the DATE() built-in function.
- set .nil to a value which compares unequal with any other value that can occur in execution.

- set .local .kernel .system?

5.12 Configuration routines

The configuration routines interface consists of functions which the configuration shall provide which provide functions for a language processor.

The following functions shall be provided:

- Config_Trace_Query;
- Config_Trace_Input;
- Config_Trace_Output;
- Config Default Input;
- Config Default Output:
- Config_Initialization;
- Config_Termination;
- Config_Halt_Query;
- Config_Halt_Reset;
- Config_NoSource;
- Config Time:
- Config Random Seed;
- Config_Random_Next.

5.12.1 Config_Trace_Query

Syntax:

Config_Trace_Query()

Semantics:

Indicate whether external activity is requesting interactive tracing. Set #Outcome to 'Yes' if interactive tracing is currently requested. Otherwise set #Outcome to 'No'.

5.12.2 Config Trace Input

Syntax:

Config_Trace_Input()

Semantics:

Set #Outcome to a value from the source of trace input. The source of trace input is determined by the configuration.

5.12.3 Config_Trace_Output

Syntax

Config_Trace_Output(Line)

where:

Line is a string.

Semantics:

Write String as a line to the destination of trace output. The destination of trace output is defined by the configuration.

5.12.4 Config_Default_Input

Syntax:

Config_Default_Input()

Semantics:

Set #Outcome to the value that LINEIN() would return.

5.12.5 Config Default Output

Syntax:

Config Default Output (Line)

where:

Line is a string.

Semantics:

Write the string as a line in the manner of LINEOUT(,Line).

5.12.6 Config Initialization

Syntax:

Config Initialization()

Semantics:

This function is provided only as a counterpart to Trap_Initialization; in itself it does nothing except return the response. An indicator of 'F' gives rise to Msg3.1.

5.12.7 Config_Termination

Syntax:

Config_Termination()

Semantics:

This function is provided only as a counterpart to Trap_Termination; in itself it does nothing except return the response. An indicator of 'F' gives rise to Msg2.1.

5.12.8 Config_Halt_Query

Syntax:

Config Halt Query()

Semantics:

Indicate whether external activity has requested a HALT condition to be raised. Set #Outcome to 'Yes' if HALT is requested. Otherwise set #Outcome to 'No'.

5.12.9 Config_Halt_Reset

Syntax:

Config_Halt_Reset()

Semantics:

Reset the configuration so that further attempts to cause a HALT condition will be recognized.

5.12.10 Config_NoSource

Syntax:

Config_NoSource()

Semantics:

Indicate whether the source of the program may or may not be output by the language processor. Set #NoSource to '1' to indicate that the source of the program may not be output by the language processor, at various points in processing where it would otherwise be output. Otherwise, set #NoSource to '0'.

A configuration shall allow any program to be processed in such a way that Config_NoSource() sets #NoSource to '0'. A configuration may allow any program to be processed in such a way that Config_NoSource() sets #NoSource to '1'.

5.12.11 Config_Time

Syntax:

Config_Time()

Semantics:

Get a time stamp. Set #Time to a string whose value is the integer number of microseconds that have elapsed between 00:00:00 on January first 0001 and the time that Config_Time is called, at longitude zero. Values sufficient to allow for any date in the year 9999 shall be supported. The value returned may be an approximation but shall not be smaller than the value returned by a previous use of the function.

Set #Adjust<Index "#Adjust" # "" > to an integer number of microseconds. #Adjust<Index "#Adjust" # "" > reflects the difference between the local date/time and the date/time corresponding to #Time. #Time + #Adjust<Index "#Adjust" # "" > is the local date/time.

5.12.12 Config_Random_Seed

Syntax:

Config Random Seed (Seed)

where:

Seed is a sequence of up to #Bif_Digits.RANDOM digits.

Semantics:

Set a seed, so that subsequent uses of Config_Random_Next will reproducibly return quasi-random numbers.

5.12.13 Config_Random_Next

Svntax:

Config Random Next (Min, Max)

where:

Min is the lower bound, inclusive, on the number returned in #Outcome.

Max is the upper bound, inclusive, on the number returned in #Outcome.

Semantics:

Set #Outcome to a quasi-random nonnegative integer in the range Min to Max.

5.12.14 Config_Options

Syntax:

Config Options (String)

where:

String is a string.

Semantics:

No effect beyond the effects common to all Config_ invocations. The value of the string will have come from an OPTIONS instruction, see nnn.

5.13 Traps

The trapping interface consists of functions which may be provided by the caller of API_Start (see nnn) as a list of traps. Each trap may be specified or omitted. The language processor shall invoke a specified trap before, or instead of, using the corresponding feature of the language processor itself. This correspondence is implied by the choice of names; that is, a name beginning Trap_ will correspond to a name beginning Config_ when the remainder of the name is the same. Corresponding functions are called with the same interface, with one exception. The exception is that a trap may return a null string. When a trap returns a null string, the corresponding Config_ function is invoked; otherwise the invocation of the trap replaces the potential invocation of the Config_ function.

In the rest of this standard, the trapping mechanism is not shown explicitly. It is implied by the use of a Config_ function.

The names of the traps are

- Trap Command;
- Trap_ExternalRoutine;
- Trap_Push;
- Trap_Queue;
- Trap Pull;
- Trap_Queued;
- Trap_Trace_Query;
- Trap Trace Input;
- Trap Trace Output;
- Trap_Default_Input;
- Trap_Default_Output;
- Trap Initialization;
- Trap_Termination;
- Trap_Halt_Query;
- Trap Halt Reset.

5.14 Variable pool

How does this fit with variables as properties?

The variable pool interface consists of functions which the configuration shall provide to manipulate the variables and to obtain some characteristics of a Rexx program.

These functions can be called from programs not written in Rexx _ commands and external routines invoked from a Rexx program, or traps invoked from the language processor.

All the functions comprising the variable pool interface shall return with an indication of whether an error occurred. They shall return indicating an error and have no other effect, if #API_Enabled has a value of '0' or if the arguments to them fail to meet the defined syntactic constraints.

These functions interact with the processing of clauses. To define this interaction, the functions are described here in terms of the processing of variables, see nnn.

Some of these functions have an argument which is a symbol. A symbol is a string. The content of the string shall meet the syntactic constraints of the left hand side of an assignment. Conversion to uppercase and substitution in compound symbols occurs as it does for the left hand side of an assignment. The symbol identifies the variable to be operated upon.

Some of the functions have an argument which is a direct symbol. A direct symbol is a string. The content of this string shall meet the syntactic constraints of a VAR_SYMBOL in uppercase with no periods or it shall be the concatenation of a part meeting the syntactic constraints of a stem in uppercase, and a part that is any string. In the former case the symbol identifies the variable to be operated upon. In the latter case the variable to be operated on is one with the specified stem and a tail which is the remainder of the direct symbol.

Functions that have an argument which is symbol or direct symbol shall return an indication of whether the identified variable existed before the function was executed.

Clause nnn defines functions which manipulate Rexx variable pools. Where possible the functions comprising the variable pool interface are described in terms of the appropriate invocations of the functions defined in nnn. The first parameter on these calls is the state variable #Pool. If these Var_functions do not return an indicator 'N', 'R', or 'D' then the API function shall return an error indication.

5.14.1 API Set

```
Syntax:
```

API_Set(Symbol, Value)

where:

Symbol is a symbol.

Value is the string whose value is to be assigned to the variable.

Semantics:

Assign the value of Value to the variable identified by Symbol. If Symbol contains no periods or contains one period as its last character:

```
Var_Set(#Pool, Symbol, '0', Value)
   Otherwise:
Var_Set(#Pool, #Symbol, '1', Value)
```

#Symbol is Symbol after any replacements in the tail as described by nnn.

5.14.2 API Value

Syntax:

API Value (Symbol)

where:

where:

Symbol is a symbol.

Semantics:

Return the value of the variable identified by Symbol. If Symbol contains no periods or contains one period as its last character this is the value of #Outcome after:

```
Var Value(#Pool, Symbol, '0')
```

Otherwise the value of #Outcome after:

Var Value(#Pool, #Symbol, '1')

where:

#Symbol is Symbol after any replacements in the tail as described by nnn.

5.14.3 API Drop

Syntax:

API Drop(Symbol)

```
Symbol is a symbol.
Semantics:
   Drop the variable identified by Symbol. If Symbol contains no periods or contains one period as its last
  character:
Var Drop(#Pool, Symbol, '0')
   Otherwise:
Var Drop(#Pool, #Symbol, '1')
  where:
      #Symbol is Symbol after any replacements in the tail as described by nnn.
5.14.4 API SetDirect
Svntax:
API SetDirect(Symbol, Value)
  where:
      Symbol is a direct symbol.
      Value is the string whose value is to be assigned to the variable.
Semantics:
   Assign the value of Value to the variable identified by Symbol. If the Symbol contains no period:
Var_Set(#Pool, Symbol, '0', Value)
  Otherwise:
Var_Set(#Pool, Symbol, '1', Value)
5.14.5 API_ValueDirect
Syntax:
API_ValueDirect(Symbol)
  where:
      Symbol is a direct symbol.
Semantics:
   Return the value of the variable identified by Symbol. If the Symbol contains no period:
Var Value(#Pool, Symbol, '0')
   Otherwise:
Var_Value(#Pool, Symbol, '1')
5.14.6 API_DropDirect
Svntax:
API DropDirect(Symbol)
  where:
      Symbol is a direct symbol.
Semantics:
   Drop the variable identified by Symbol. If the Symbol contains no period:
Var Drop(#Pool, Symbol, '0')
   Otherwise:
Var Drop(#Pool, Symbol, '1')
5.14.7 API ValueOther
Syntax:
API ValueOther(Qualifier)
   where:
      Qualifier is an indication distinguishing the result to be returned including any necessary further
      qualification.
Semantics:
   Return characteristics of the program, depending on the value of Qualifier. The possibilities for the
   value to be returned are:
      - the value of #Source;
      - the value of #Version;
      - the largest value of n such that #ArgExists.1.n is '1', see nnn;
      - the value of #Arg.1.n where n is an integer value provided as input.
5.14.8 API Next
Syntax:
API Next()
Semantics:
```

where:

Returns both the name and the value of some variable in the variable pool that does not have the attribute 'dropped' or the attribute 'implicit' and is not a stem; alternatively return an indication that there is no suitable name to return. When API_Next is called it will return a name that has not previously been returned; the order is undefined. This process of returning different names will restart whenever the Rexx processor executes Var_Reset.

5.14.9 API_NextVariable

Syntax:

API NextVariable()

Semantics:

Returns both the name and the value of some variable in the variable pool that does not have the attribute 'dropped' or the attribute 'implicit'; alternatively, return an indication that there is no suitable name to return. When API_NextVariable is called it will return data about a variable that has not previously been returned; the order is undefined. This process of returning different names will restart whenever the Rexx processor executes Var_Reset. In addition to the name and value, an indication of whether the variable was 'tailed' will be returned.

6 Syntax constructs

6.1 Notation

6.1.1 Backus-Naur Form (BNF)

The syntax constructs in this standard are defined in Backus-Naur Form (BNF). The syntax used in these BNF productions has

- a left-hand side (called identifier);
- the characters ':=';
- a right-hand side (called bnf_expression).

The left-hand side identifies syntactic constructs. The right-hand side describes valid ways of writing a specific syntactic construct.

The right-hand side consists of operands and operators, and may be grouped.

6.1.2 Operands

Operands may be terminals or non-terminals. If an operand appears as identifier in some other production it is called a non-terminal, otherwise it is called a terminal. Terminals are either literal or symbolic.

Literal terminals are enclosed in quotes and represent literally (apart from case) what must be present in the source being described.

Symbolic terminals formed with lower case characters represent something which the configuration may, or may not, allow in the source program, see nnn, nnn, nnn, nnn.

Symbolic terminals formed with uppercase characters represent events and tokens, see nnn and nnn.

6.1.3 Operators

The following lists the valid operators, their meaning, and their precedence; the operator listed first has the highest precedence; apart from precedence recognition is from left to right:

- the postfix plus operator specifies one or more repetitions of the preceding construct;
- abuttal specifies that the preceding and the following construct must appear in the given order;
- the operator '|' specifies alternatives between the preceding and the following constructs.

6.1.4 Grouping

Parentheses and square brackets are used to group constructs. Parentheses are used for the purpose of grouping only. Square brackets specify that the enclosed construct is optional.

6.1.5 BNF syntax definition

The BNF syntax, described in BNF, is:

```
production := identifier ':=' bnf_expression
bnf_expression := abuttal | bnf_expression '|' abuttal
abuttal := [abuttal] bnf_primary
bnf_primary := '[' bnf_expression ']' | '(' bnf_expression ')' | literal |
identifier | message identifier | bnf primary '+'
```

6.1.6 Syntactic errors

The syntax descriptions (see nnn and nnn) make use of message_identifiers which are shown as Msgnn.nn or Msgnn, where nn is a number. These actions produce the correspondingly numbered error messages (see nnn and nnn).

6.2 Lexical

The lexical level processes the source and provides tokens for further recognition by the top syntax level.

6.2.1 Lexical elements

6.2.1.1 Events

The fully-capitalized identifiers in the BNF syntax (see nnn) represent events. An event is either supplied by the configuration or occurs as result of a look-ahead in left-to-right parsing. The following events are defined:

- EOL occurs at the end of a line of the source. It is provided by Config_SourceChar, see nnn;
- EOS occurs at the end of the source program. It is provided by Config_SourceChar;
- RADIX occurs when the character about to be scanned is 'X' or 'x' or 'B' or 'b' not followed by a general_letter, or a digit, or '.';
- CONTINUE occurs when the character about to be scanned is ',', and the characters after the ',' up to EOL represent a repetition of *comment* or *blank*, and the EOL is not immediately followed by an EOS;

- EXPONENT_SIGN occurs when the character about to be scanned is '+' or '-', and the characters to the left of the sign, currently parsed as part of *Const_symbol*, represent a *plain_number* followed by 'E' or 'e', and the characters to the right of the sign represent a repetition of *digit* not followed by a *general letter* or '.'.
- I would put ASSIGN here for the leftmost '=' in a clause that is not within parentheses or brackets. But Simon not happy with message term being an assignment?

6.2.1.2 Actions and tokens

Mixed case identifiers with an initial capital letter cause an action when they appear as operands in a production. These actions perform further tests and create tokens for use by the top syntax level. The following actions are defined:

- Special supplies the source recognized as special to the top syntax level;
- Eol supplies a semicolon to the top syntax level;
- Eos supplies an end of source indication to the top syntax level;
- Var_symbol supplies the source recognized as Var_symbol to the top syntax level, as keywords or VAR_SYMBOL tokens, see nnn. The characters in a Var_symbol are converted by Config_Upper to uppercase. Msg30.1 shall be produced if Var_symbol contains more than #Limit_Name characters, see nnn;
- Const_symbol supplies the source recognized as Const_symbol to the top syntax level. If it is a number it is passed as a NUMBER token, otherwise it is passed as a CONST_SYMBOL token. The characters in a Const_symbol are converted by Config_Upper to become the characters that comprise that NUMBER or CONST_SYMBOL. Msg30.1 shall be produced if Const_symbol contains more than #Limit Name characters;
- *Embedded_quotation_mark* records an occurrence of two consecutive quotation marks within a *string* delimited by quotation marks for further processing by the String action:
- *Embedded_apostrophe* records an occurrence of two consecutive apostrophes within a *string* delimited by apostrophes for further processing by the String action;
- *String* supplies the source recognized as *String* to the top syntax level as a STRING token. Any occurrence of *Embedded_quotation_mark* or *Embedded_apostrophe* is replaced by a single quotation mark or apostrophe, respectively. Msg30.2 shall be produced if the resulting string contains more than #Limit Literal characters:
- Binary_string supplies the converted binary string to the top syntax level as a STRING token, after checking conformance to the binary_string syntax. If the binary_string does not contain any occurrence of a binary_digit, a string of length 0 is passed to the top syntax level. The occurrences of binary_digit are concatenated to form a number in radix 2. Zero or 4 digits are added at the left if necessary to make the number of digits a multiple of 8. If the resulting number of digits exceeds 8 times #Limit_Literal then Msg30.2 shall be produced. The binary digits are converted to an encoding, see nnn. The encoding is supplied to the top syntax level as a STRING token;
- Hex_string supplies the converted hexadecimal string to the top syntax level as a STRING token, after checking conformance to the hex_string syntax. If the hex_string does not contain any occurrence of a hex_digit, a string of length 0 is passed to the top syntax level. The occurrences of hex_digit are each converted to a number with four binary digits and concatenated. 0 to 7 digits are added at the left if necessary to make the number of digits a multiple of 8. If the resulting number of digits exceeds 8 times #Limit_Literal then Msg30.2 shall be produced. The binary digits are converted to an encoding. The encoding is supplied to the top syntax level as a STRING token;
- Operator supplies the source recognized as Operator (excluding characters that are not operator_char) to the top syntax level. Any occurrence of an other_negator within Operator is supplied as '\';
- Blank records the presence of a blank. This may subsequently be tested (see nnn).

Constructions of type *Number*, *Const symbol*, *Var symbol* or *String* are called operands.

6.2.1.3 Source characters

The source is obtained from the configuration by the use of Config_SourceChar (see nnn). If no character is available because the source is not a correct encoding of characters, message Msg22.1 shall be produced.

The terms extra_letter, other_blank_character, other_negator, and other_character used in the productions of the lexical level refer to characters of the groups extra_letters (see nnn),

other_blank_characters (see nnn), other_negators (see nnn) and other_characters (see nnn), respectively.

6.2.1.4 Rules

In scanning, recognition that causes an action (see nnn) only occurs if no other recognition is possible, except that *Embedded_apostrophe* and *Embedded_quotation_mark* actions occur wherever possible.

6.2.2 Lexical level

6.2.3 Interaction between levels of syntax

When the lexical process recognizes tokens to be supplied to the top level, there can be changes made or tokens added. Recognition is performed by the lexical process and the top level process in a synchronized way. The tokens produced by the lexical level can be affected by what the top level syntax has recognized. Those tokens will affect subsequent recognition by the top level. Both processes operate on the characters and the tokens in the order they are produced. The term "context" refers to the progress of the recognition at some point, without consideration of unprocessed characters and tokens. If a token which is '+', '-', '\' or '(' appears in a lexical level context (other than after the keyword 'PARSE') where the keyword 'VALUE' could appear in the corresponding top level context, then 'VALUE' is passed to the top level before the token is passed.

If an '=' operator_char appears in a lexical level context where it could be the '=' of an assignment or message_instruction in the corresponding top level context then it is recognized as the '=' of that instruction. (It will be outside of brackets and parentheses, and any Var_symbol immediately preceding it is passed as a VAR_SYMBOL). If an operand is followed by a colon token in the lexical level context then the operand only is passed to the top level syntax as a LABEL, provided the context permits a LABEL. Except where the rules above determine the token passed, a Var_symbol is passed as a terminal (a keyword) rather than as a VAR_SYMBOL under the following circumstances:

- if the symbol is spelled 'WHILE' or 'UNTIL' it is a keyword wherever a VAR_SYMBOL would be part of an *expression* within a *do_specification*;
- if the symbol is spelled 'TO', 'BY', or 'FOR' it is a keyword wherever a VAR_SYMBOL would be part of an *expression* within a *do_rep*;
- if the symbol is spelled 'WITH' it is a keyword wherever a VAR_SYMBOL would be part of a parsevalue, or part of an expression or taken constant within address;
- if the symbol is spelled 'THEN' it is keyword wherever a VAR_SYMBOL would be part of an *expression* immediately following the keyword 'IF' or 'WHEN'.

Except where the rules above determine the token passed, a *Var_symbol* is passed as a keyword if the spelling of it matches a keyword which the top level syntax recognizes in its current context, otherwise the *Var_symbol* is passed as a VAR_SYMBOL token.

In a context where the top level syntax could accept a '||' token as the next token, a '||' operator or a ' ' operator may be inferred and passed to the top level provided that the next token from the lexical level is a left parenthesis or an operand that is not a keyword. If the blank action has recorded the presence of one or more blanks to the left of the next token then the ' ' operator is inferred. Otherwise, a '||' operator is inferred, except if the next token is a left parenthesis following an *operand* (see nnn); in this case no operator is inferred.

When any of the keywords 'OTHERWISE', 'THEN', or 'ELSE' is recognized, a semicolon token is supplied as the following token. A semicolon token is supplied as the previous token when the 'THEN' keyword is recognized. A semicolon token is supplied as the token following a LABEL.

6.2.3.1 Reserved symbols

A *Const_symbol* which starts with a period and is not a *Number* shall be spelled .MN, .RESULT, .RC, .RS, or .SIGL otherwise Msg50.1 is issued.

6.2.3.2 Function name syntax

A symbol which is the leftmost component of a function shall not end with a period, otherwise Msg51.1 is issued.

6.3 Syntax

6.3.1 Syntax elements

The tokens generated by the actions described in nnn form the basis for recognizing larger constructs.

6.3.2 Syntax level

starter:=x3j18

```
x3j18:=program Eos | Msg35.1
program := [label list] [ncl] [requires+] [prolog instruction+]
                   (class definition [requires+])+
                      := 'REQUIRES' ( taken constant | Msg19.8 ) ';'+
  requires
  prolog_instruction:= (package | import | options) ncl
    package
                     := 'PACKAGE'( NAME | Msgnn )
                      := 'IMPORT' ( NAME | Msgnn ) ['.']
:= 'OPTIONS' ( symbol+ | Msgnn )
    import
    options
      cl := null_clause+ | Msg21.1
null_clause := ';' [label_list]
    ncl
         la\overline{b}el \ list := (LABEL ';')+
class definition
                     := class [property info] [method definition+]
                      := 'CLASS' ( taken constant | Msg19.12 ) [class option+]
  class
                         ['INHERIT' ( ta\overline{k}en_constant | Msg19.13 )+] n\overline{c}1
                      := visibility | modifier | 'BINARY' | 'DEPRECATED' | 'EXTENDS' ( NAME | Msgnn ) | 'USES' ( NAMElist | Msgnn )
  class option
                      'IMPLEMENTS' ( NAMElist | Msgnn )
                      external | metaclass | submix /* | 'PUBLIC' */
                     := 'EXTERNAL' (STRING | Msg19.14)
    external
                     := 'METACLASS' ( taken_constant
    metaclass
                                                           Msq19.15 )
                     := 'MIXINCLASS' ( taken constant | Msg19.16 )
    submix
                         | 'SUBCLASS' ( taken_constant | Msg19.17 )
                    := 'PUBLIC' | 'PRIVATE'
    visibility
    modifier
                    := 'ABSTRACT' | 'FINAL' | 'INTERFACE' | 'ADAPTER'
                     := NAME [(',' ( NAME | Msgnn ) )+]
    NAMElist
                    := numeric | property_assignment | properties | trace
:= 'NUMERIC' (numeric_digits | numeric_form | Msg25.15)
  property info
    numeric
      numeric digits:= 'DIGITS' [expression]
      numeric form := 'FORM' ['ENGINEERING' | 'SCIENTIFIC']
  property assignment := NAME | assignment
                     := 'PROPERTIES' ( properties option+ | Msgnn)
  properties
    properties_option := properties_visibility | properties_modifier
   properties_visibility := 'INHERITABLE' | 'PRIVATE' | 'PUBLIC' |
'INDIRECT'
      := (method [expose ncl] | routine)
method definition
                          balanced
  expose
                      := 'EXPOSE' variable list
                      := 'METHOD' (taken constant | Msg19.9)
  method
                        [ '(' assigncommalist | Msgnn ( ')' | Msgnn )]
                        [method option+] ncl
    assigncommalist := assignment [(',' ( assignment | Msgnn ) )+]
                      := method_visibility | method_modifier | 'PROTECT'
| 'RETURNS' ( term | Msgnn )
| 'SIGNAL' ( termcommalist | Msgnn )
    method option
                        'DEPRECATED'
                       'CLASS' | 'ATTRIBUTE' | /*'PRIVATE' | */ guarded
                      := 'GUARDED' 'UNGUARDED'
      method_visibility := 'INHERITABLE' | 'PRIVATE' | 'PUBLIC' | 'SHARED'
      method modifier := 'ABSTRACT' | 'CONSTANT' | 'FINAL' | 'NATIVE' |
'STATIC'
      termcommalist := term [(',' ( term | Msgnn ) )+]
                      := 'ROUTINE' ( taken constant | Msg19.11 ) ['PUBLIC'] ncl
  routine
  balanced:= instruction list ['END' Msg10.1]
    instruction list:= instruction+
/* The second part is about groups */
instruction
                   := group | single_instruction ncl
group
                    := do ncl | if | loop ncl | select ncl
  do
                    := do specification ncl [instruction+] [group handler]
                     ('END' [NAME] | Eos Msg14.1 | Msg35.1)
    group option := 'LABEL' ( NAME | Msgnn ) | 'PROTECT' ( term | Msgnn )
```

```
group handler := catch | finally | catch finally
                  := 'CATCH' [ NAME '=' ] ( NAME | Msqnn) ncl [instruction+]
/* FINALLY implies a semicolon. */
                  := 'FINALLY' ncl ( instruction+ | Msgnn )
      finally
  if
                  := 'IF' expression [ncl] (then | Msg18.1)
                   [else]
    then
                   := 'THEN' ncl
                   (instruction | EOS Msg14.3 | 'END' Msg10.5)
                   := 'ELSE' ncl
    else
                   (instruction | EOS Msg14.4 | 'END' Msg10.6)
                  := 'LOOP' [group option+] [repetitor] [conditional] ncl
  loop
                     instruction+ [group handler]
                     loop ending
                  := 'END' [VAR_SYMBOL] | EOS Msg14.n | Msg35.1
:= 'WHILE' whileexpr | 'UNTIL' untilexpr
    loop ending
  conditional
    untilexpr
                  := expression
    whileexpr
                  := expression
                  := assignment [count option+] | expression | over |
  repetitor
'FOREVER'
    count option := loopt | loopf
                  := 'TO' expression
      loopt
                  := 'BY' expression
      loopb
                  := 'FOR' expression
      loopf
                  := VAR SYMBOL 'OVER' expression
    over
                   NUMBER 'OVER' Msg31.1
                   CONST_SYMBOL 'OVER' (Msg31.2 | Msg31.3)
                   := 'SELECT' [group option+] ncl select body [group handler]
select
                   ('END' [NAME Msg10.4] | EOS Msg14.2 | Msg7.2)
                  := (when | Msg7.1) [when+] [otherwise]
    select body
                  := 'WHEN' expression [ncl] (then | Msg18.2)
      when_
      otherwise
                  := 'OTHERWISE' ncl [instruction+]
/* Third part is for single instructions. */
single instruction:= assignment | message instruction | keyword instruction
                   command
  assignment
                   := VAR SYMBOL '#' expression
                    NUMBER '#' Msg31.1
                    CONST_SYMBOL '#' (Msg31.2 | Msg31.3)
  message instruction := message term | message term '#' expression
  keyword instruction:= address | arg | call | drop | exit
                    interpret | iterate | leave
                    nop | numeric | options
                    parse | procedure | pull | push | queue
                    raise | reply | return | say | signal | trace | use | THEN' Msg8.1 | 'ELSE' Msg8.2 | 'WHEN' Msg9.1 | 'OTHERWISE' Msg9.2
  command
                   := expression
                   := 'ADDRESS' [(taken constant [expression]
address
                   | Msg19.1 | valueexp) [ 'WITH' connection]]
  taken constant := symbol | STRING
                  := 'VALUE' expression
  valueexp
  connection
                 := ad option+
    ad option
                 := error | input | output | Msg25.5
      error
                 := 'ERROR' (resourceo | Msg25.14)
                  := 'INPUT' (resourcei
      input
                                           Msg25.6)
        resourcei := resources | 'NORMAL'
                  := 'OUTPUT' (resourceo
      output
                                            Msg25.7)
                                           Msg25.8)
        resourceo := 'APPEND' (resources
                    'REPLACE' (resources | Msg25.9)
                   resources 'NORMAL'
resources
                  := 'STREAM' (VAR SYMBOL | Msg53.1)
                  'STEM' (VAR SYMBOL | Msg53.2)
                  := '(' var symbol (')' | Msg46.1)
  vref
    var symbol
                  := VAR SYMBOL | Msg20.1
```

```
:= 'ARG' [template list]
arg
call
                   := 'CALL' (callon spec
                   (taken constant | vref | Msg19.2) [expression list])
                   := 'ON' (callable_condition | Msg25.1)
  callon spec
                   ['NAME' (symbol constant term | Msg19.3)]
                    'OFF' (callable condition | Msg25.2)
    symbol constant term := term
    callable condition:= 'ANY' | 'ERROR' | 'FAILURE' | 'HALT' | 'NOTREADY'
                    'USER' ( symbol constant term | Msg19.18 )
                   := callable condition | 'LOSTDIGITS'
    condition
                   | 'NOMETHOD' | 'NOSTRING' | 'NOVALUE' | 'SYNTAX'
  expression list := expr | [expr] ',' [expression list]
do specification := do simple | do repetitive
                  := 'DO' [group_option+]
  do simple
  do repetitive
                  := do_simple (dorep | conditional | dorep conditional)
    dorep
                   := 'FOREVER' | repetitor
drop
                  := 'DROP' variable list
                  := (vref | var_symbol)+
:= 'EXIT' [expression]
  variable list
exit
                   := 'FORWARD' [forward option+ | Msg25.18]
forward
                  := 'CONTINUE' | ArrayArgOption |
  forward option
                    MessageOption | ClassOption | ToOption
    ArrayArgOption:='ARRAY' arguments | 'ARGUMENTS' term
    MessageOption :='MESSAGE' term
    ClassOption :='CLASS' term
                  :='TO' term
    ToOption
                   := 'GUARD' ('ON' | Msg25.22) [('WHEN' | Msg25.21)
guard
expression]
                          ('OFF' | Msg25.19) [('WHEN' | Msg25.21)
expression]
interpret
                  := 'INTERPRET' expression
                  := 'ITERATE' [VAR SYMBOL | Msg20.2]
iterate
                  := 'LEAVE' [VAR SYMBOL | Msq20.2]
leave
                   := 'NOP'
nop
                  := 'NUMERIC' (numeric_digits | numeric_form
numeric
                   numeric_fuzz | Msg25.15)
  numeric digits
                  := 'DIGITS' [expression]
                  := 'FORM' [numeric form_suffix]
  numeric form
    numeric form suffix:=('ENGINEERING'|'SCIENTIFIC'|valueexp | Msg25.11)
                  := 'FUZZ' [expression]
  numeric_fuzz
                   := 'OPTIONS' expression
options
parse
                   := 'PARSE' [translations] (parse type
Msg25.12) [template list]
                 := 'CASELESS' ['UPPER' | 'LOWER']
  translations
                  | ('UPPER' | 'LOWER') ['CASELESS']
:= parse_key | parse_value | parse_var | term
  {	t parse\_type}
                   := 'ARG' | 'PULL' | 'SOURCE' | 'LINEIN'
    parse key
                   'VERSION'
                   := 'VALUE' [expression] ('WITH' | Msg38.3)
    parse value
    parse var
                  := 'VAR' var symbol
  template := NAME [( [pattern] NAME)+]
    pattern:= STRING | [indicator] NUMBER | [indicator] '(' symbol ')'
      indicator := '+' | '-' | '='
                  := 'PROCEDURE' [expose | Msg25.17]
procedure
                   := 'PULL' [template_list]
pull
                   := 'PUSH' [expression]
:= 'QUEUE' [expression]
push
queue
                   := 'RAISE' conditions (raise_option | Msg25.24)
raise
                   := 'ANY' | 'ERROR' term | 'FAILURE' term
  conditions
                   | 'HALT' | 'LOSTDIGITS' | 'NOMETHOD' | 'NOSTRING' |
'NOTREADY'
                    'NOVALUE' | 'PROPAGATE' | 'SYNTAX' term
                   'USER' ( symbol constant term | Msg19.18) | Msg25.23
                   := ExitRetOption | Description | ArrayOption
  raise option
```

```
ExitRetOption := 'EXIT' [term] | 'RETURN' [term]
    Description :='DESCRIPTION' term
    ArrayOption := 'ADDITIONAL' term | 'ARRAY' arguments
                  := 'REPLY' [ expression]
reply
                  := 'RETURN' [expression]
return
                  := 'SAY' [expression]
say
                  := 'SIGNAL' (signal_spec | valueexp
| symbol_constant_term | Msg19.4)
signal
                  := 'ON' (condition | Msg25.3)
  signal spec
                  ['NAME' (symbol_constant_term | Msg19.3)]
                  | 'OFF' (condition | Msg<math>\overline{2}5.4)
                  := 'TRACE' [(taken constant | Msg19.6) | valueexp]
trace
                  := 'USE' ('ARG' | Msg25.26) [use_list]
use
                  := VAR SYMBOL | [VAR_SYMBOL] ',' [use_list]
  use list
/* Note: The next part describes templates. */
                  := template | [template] ',' [template_list]
:= (trigger | target | Msg38.1)+
template list
  template
                  := VAR SYMBOL | '.'
   target
   trigger
                  := pattern | positional
                  := STRING | vrefp
    pattern
       vrefp
                  := '(' (VAR SYMBOL
                                      Msg19.7) (')' Msg46.1)
     positional := absolute positional | relative positional
       absolute positional:= NUMBER | '=' position
         position := NUMBER | vrefp | Msg38.2
     relative positional:= ('+' | '-') position
/* Note: The final part specifies the various forms of symbol, and
expression. */
                  := VAR SYMBOL | CONST SYMBOL | NUMBER
symbol
expression
                  := expr [(',' Msg37.1) | (')' Msg37.2 )]
                  := expr alias
  expr
    expr alias
                  := and expression
                  expr_alias or_operator and expression
      or_operator := '|' | '&&'
      and_expression := comparison | and_expression '&' comparison
comparison
                  := concatenation
                   comparison comparison operator concatenation
  comparison operator:= normal_compare | strict_compare
                                        | '<=' | '\>' | '\<'
    strict compare:= '=='
                           | '\==' | '>>' | '<<' | '>>=' | '<<='
                           '\<<'
                  '\>>'
                  := addition
concatenation
                  concatenation (' ' | ' | ') addition
addition
                  := multiplication
                  addition additive operator multiplication
  additive_operator:= '+' | '-'
                  := power expression
multiplication
                  multiplication multiplicative operator
  power_expression
multiplicative_operator:= '*' | '/' | '%'
power expression := prefix expression
                   power expression '**' prefix expression
  prefix_expression := ('+' | '-' | '\') prefix_expression
                  | term | Msg35.1
/* "Stub" has to be identified semantically? */
                  := simple_term [ '.' ( term | Msgnn )]
    term
      simple term := symbol | STRING | invoke | indexed
                    '(' expression ( ')' | Msg36 )
                    initializer
                   message term '##'
      message term:= term ( '--' | '--') method name [arguments]
                  term '['[ expression list ] (']' | Msg36.2)
```

```
method name:=(taken constant | Msg19.19)
                         [':' ( VAR SYMBOL | Msg19.21 )]
/* Method-call without arguments is syntactically like symbol. */
/* Editor - not sure of my notes about here. */
           := (symbol | STRING) arguments
invoke
 arguments
                 := '#(' [expression list]
                                             (')' | Msg36)
   expression list := expression | [expression] ',' [expression list]
                 := (symbol | STRING) indices
indexed
                 := '#[' [expression list] (']' | Msg36.n)
 indices
                 := '['expression list (']' | Msg36.n)
initializer
```

6.1 Syntactic information

6.1.1 VAR_SYMBOL matching

Any VAR_SYMBOL in a *do_ending* must be matched by the same VAR_SYMBOL occurring at the start of an *assignment* contained in the *do_specification* of the *do* that contains both the *do_specification* and the *do_ending*, as described in nnn.

If there is a VAR_SYMBOL in a *do_ending* for which there is no *assignment* in the corresponding *do_specification* then message Msg10.3 is produced and no further activity is defined.

If there is a VAR_SYMBOL in a *do_ending* which does not match the one occurring in the *assignment* then message Msg10.2 is produced and no further activity is defined.

An *iterate* or *leave* must be contained in the *instruction_list* of some *do* with a *do_specification* which is *do_repetitive*, otherwise a message (Msg28.2 or Msg28.1 respectively) is produced and no further activity is defined.

If an *iterate* or *leave* contains a VAR_SYMBOL there must be a matching VAR_SYMBOL in a *do_specification*, otherwise a message (Msg28.1, Msg28.2, Msg28.3 or Msg28.4 appropriately) is produced and no further activity is defined. The matching VAR_SYMBOL will occur at the start of an *assignment* in the *do_specification*. The *do_specification* will be associated with a *do* by nnn. The *iterate* or *leave* will be a single *instruction* in an *instruction_list* associated with a *do* by nnn. These two dos shall be the same, or the latter nested one or more levels within the former. The number of levels is called the nesting_correction and influences the semantics of the *iterate* or *leave*. It is zero if the two dos are the same. The nesting_correction for *iterates* or *leaves* that do not contain VAR_SYMBOL is zero.

6.1.2 Trace-only labels

Instances of LABEL which occur within a *grouping_instruction* and are not in a *ncl* at the end of that *grouping_instruction* are instances of trace-only labels.

6.1.3 Clauses and line numbers

The activity of tracing execution is defined in terms of clauses. A program consists of clauses, each clause ended by a semicolon special token. The semicolon may be explicit in the program or inferred. The line number of a clause is one more than the number of EOL events recognized before the first token of the clause was recognized.

6.1.4 Nested IF instructions

The syntax specification nnn allows 'IF' instructions to be nested and does not fully specify the association of an 'ELSE' keyword with an 'IF' keyword. An 'ELSE' associates with the closest prior 'IF' that it can associate with in conformance with the syntax.

6.1.5 Choice of messages

The specifications nnn and nnn permit two alternative messages in some circumstances. The following rules apply:

- Msg15.1 shall be preferred to Msg15.3 if the choice of Msg15.3 would result in the replacement for the insertion being a blank character;
- Msg15.2 shall be preferred to Msg15.4 if the choice of Msg15.4 would result in the replacement for the insertion being a blank character;
- Msg31.3 shall be preferred to Msg31.2 if the replacement for the insertion in the message starts with a period;
- Preference is given to the message that appears later in the list: Msg21.1, Msg27.1, Msg25.16, Msg36, Msg38.3, Msg35.1, other messages.

6.1.6 Creation of messages

If a message_term contains a '[' it is regarded as an equivalent message_term without a '[', for execution. The equivalent is term~'[]'(expression_list). See nnn. If a message_instruction has the construction message_term '=' expression it is regarded as equivalent to a message_term with the same components as the message_term left of the '=', except that the taken_constant has an '=' character appended and arguments has the expression from the right of the '=' as an extra first argument. See nnn.

7 Evaluation

The syntax section describes how expressions and the components of expressions are written in a program. It also describes how operators can be associated with the strings, symbols and function results which are their operands.

This evaluation section describes what values these components have in execution, or how they have no value because a condition is raised.

This section refers to the DATATYPE built-in function when checking operands, see nnn. Except for considerations of limits on the values of exponents, the test:

datatype(Subject) == 'NUM'

is equivalent to testing whether the subject matches the syntax:

num := [blank+] ['+' | '-'] [blank+] number [blank+]

For the syntax of *number* see nnn.

When the matching subject does not include a '-' the value is the value of the number in the match, otherwise the value is the value of the expression (0 - number).

The test:

datatype(Subject , 'W')

is a test that the Subject matches that syntax and also has a value that is "whole", that is has no non-zero fractional part.

When these two tests are made and the Subject matches the constraints but has an exponent that is not in the correct range of values then a condition is raised:

call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 41.7, Subject

This possibility is implied by the uses of DATATYPE and not shown explicitly in the rest of this section nnn.

7.1 Variables

The values of variables are held in variable pools. The capabilities of variable pools are listed here, together with the way each function will be referenced in this definition.

The notation used here is the same as that defined in sections nnn and nnn, including the fact that the Var_ routines may return an indicator of 'N', 'S' or 'X'.

Each possible name in a variable pool is qualified as tailed or non-tailed name; names with different qualification and the same spelling are different items in the pool. For those Var_ functions with a third argument this argument indicates the qualification; it is '1' when addressing tailed names or '0' when addressing non-tailed names.

Each item in a variable pool is associated with three attributes and a value. The attributes are 'dropped' or 'not-dropped', 'exposed' or 'not-exposed' and 'implicit' or 'not-implicit'.

A variable pool is associated with a reference denoted by the first argument, with name Pool. The value of Pool may alter during execution. The same name, in conjunction with different values of Pool, can correspond to different values.

7.1.1 Var_Empty

Var_Empty(Pool)

The function sets the variable pool associated with the specified reference to the state where every name is associated with attributes 'dropped', 'implicit' and 'not-exposed'.

7.1.2 Var_Set

Var Set(Pool, Name, '0', Value)

The function operates on the variable pool with the specified reference. The name is a non-tailed name. If the specified name has the 'exposed' attribute then Var_Set operates on the variable pool referenced by #Upper in this pool and this rule is applied to that pool. When the pool with attribute 'not-exposed' for this name is determined the specified value is associated with the specified name. It also associates the attributes 'not-dropped' and 'not-implicit'. If that attribute was previously 'not-dropped' then the indicator returned is 'R'. The name is a stem if it contains just one period, as its rightmost character. When the name is a stem Var_Set(Pool, TailedName, '1', Value) is executed for all possible valid tailed names which have Name as their stem, and then those tailed-names are given the attribute 'implicit'. Var Set(Pool, Name, '1', Value)

The function operates on the variable pool with the specified reference. The name is a tailed name. The left part of the name, up to and including the first period, is the stem. The stem is a non-tailed name. If the specified stem has the 'exposed' attribute then Var_Set operates on the variable pool referenced by #Upper in this pool and this rule is applied to that pool. When the pool with attribute 'not-exposed' for the stem is determined the name is considered in that pool. If the name has the 'exposed' attribute then the

variable pool referenced by #Upper in the pool is considered and this rule applied to that pool. When the pool with attribute 'not-exposed' is determined the specified value is associated with the specified name. It also associates the attributes 'not-dropped' and 'not-implicit'. If that attribute was previously 'not-dropped' then the indicator returned is 'R'.

7.1.3 Var_Value

Var Value(Pool, Name, '0')

The function operates on the variable pool with the specified reference. The name is a non-tailed name. If the specified name has the 'exposed' attribute then Var_Value operates on the variable pool referenced by #Upper in this pool and this rule is applied to that pool. When the pool with attribute 'not-exposed' for this name is determined the indicator returned is 'D' if the name has 'dropped' associated, 'N' otherwise. In the former case #Outcome is set equal to Name, in the latter case #Outcome is set to the value most recently associated with the name by Var Set.

Var_Value(Pool, Name, '1')

The function operates on the variable pool with the specified reference. The name is a tailed name. The left part of the name, up to and including the first period, is the stem. The stem is a non-tailed name. If the specified stem has the 'exposed' attribute then Var_Value operates on the variable pool referenced by #Upper in this pool and this rule is applied to that pool. When the pool with attribute 'not-exposed' for the stem is determined the name is considered in that pool. If the name has the 'exposed' attribute then the variable pool referenced by #Upper in the pool is considered and this rule applied to that pool. When the pool with attribute 'not-exposed' is determined the indicator returned is 'D' if the name has 'dropped' associated, 'N' otherwise. In the former case #Outcome is set equal to Name, in the latter case #Outcome is set to the value most recently associated with the name by Var_Set.

7.1.4 Var Drop

Var Drop (Pool, Name, '0')

The function operates on the variable pool with the specified reference. The name is a non-tailed name. If the specified name has the 'exposed' attribute then Var_Drop operates on the variable pool referenced by #Upper in this pool and this rule is applied to that pool. When the pool with attribute 'not-exposed' for this name is determined the attribute 'dropped' is associated with the specified name. Also, when the name is a stem, Var_Drop(Pool,TailedName,'1') is executed for all possible valid tailed names which have Name as a stem.

Var Drop(Pool, Name, '1')

The function operates on the variable pool with the specified reference. The name is a tailed name. The left part of the name, up to and including the first period, is the stem. The stem is a non-tailed name. If the specified stem has the 'exposed' attribute then Var_Drop operates on the variable pool referenced by #Upper in this pool and this rule is applied to that pool. When the pool with attribute 'not-exposed' for the stem is determined the name is considered in that pool. If the name has the 'exposed' attribute then the variable pool referenced by #Upper in the pool is considered and this rule applied to that pool. When the pool with attribute 'not-exposed' is determined the attribute 'dropped' is associated with the specified name.

7.1.5 Var Expose

Var_Expose(Pool, Name, '0')

The function operates on the variable pool with the specified reference. The name is a non-tailed name. The attribute 'exposed' is associated with the specified name. Also, when the name is a stem,

Var_Expose(Pool,TailedName,'1') is executed for all possible valid tailed names which have Name as a stem.

Var Expose(Pool, Name, '1')

The function operates on the variable pool with the specified reference. The name is a tailed name. The attribute 'exposed' is associated with the specified name.

7.1.6 Var Reset

Var Reset (Pool)

The function operates on the variable pool with the specified reference. It establishes the effect of subsequent API_Next and API_NextVariable functions (see sections nnn and nnn). A Var_Reset is implied by any API_ operation other than API_Next and API_NextVariable.

7.2 Symbols

For the syntax of a symbol see nnn.

The value of a symbol which is a *NUMBER* or a *CONST_SYMBOL* which is not a reserved symbol is the content of the appropriate token.

The value of a *VAR_SYMBOL* which is "taken as a constant" is the *VAR_SYMBOL* itself, otherwise the *VAR_SYMBOL* identifies a variable and its value may vary during execution.

Accessing the value of a symbol which is not "taken as a constant" shall result in trace output, see nnn: if #Tracing.#Level == 'I' then call #Trace Tag

where Tag is '>L>' unless the symbol is a VAR_SYMBOL which, when used as an argument to Var Value, does not yield an indicator 'D'. In that case, the Tag is '>V>'.

7.3 Value of a variable

If VAR_SYMBOL does not contain a period, or contains only one period as its last character, the value of the variable is the value associated with VAR_SYMBOL in the variable pool, that is #Outcome after Var_Value(Pool,VAR_SYMBOL,'0')

If the indicator is 'D', indicating the variable has the 'dropped' attribute, the NOVALUE condition is raised; see nnn and nnn for exceptions to this.

```
#Response = Var_Value(Pool, VAR_SYMBOL, '0')
if left(#Response,1) == 'D' then
  call #Raise 'NOVALUE', VAR_SYMBOL, ''
```

If VAR_SYMBOL contains a period which is not its last character, the value of the variable is the value associated with the derived name.

7.3.1 Derived names

A derived name is derived from a VAR_SYMBOL as follows:

```
VAR_SYMBOL := Stem Tail
Stem := PlainSymbol '.'
Tail := (PlainSymbol | '.' [PlainSymbol]) ['.' [PlainSymbol]]+
PlainSymbol := (general_letter | digit)+
The derived name is the concatenation of:
```

- the Stem, without further evaluation;
- the Tail, with the PlainSymbols replaced by the values of the symbols. The value of a PlainSymbol which does not start with a digit is #Outcome after

Var Value(Pool,PlainSymbol,'0')

These values are obtained without raising the NOVALUE condition.

If the indicator from the Var Value was not 'D' then:

```
if #Tracing.#Level == 'I' then call #Trace '>C>'
```

The value associated with a derived name is obtained from the variable pool, that is #Outcome after: Var_Value(Pool,Derived_Name,'1')

If the indicator is 'D', indicating the variable has the 'dropped' attribute, the NOVALUE condition is raised; see nnn for an exception.

7.3.2 Value of a reserved symbol

The value of a reserved symbol is the value of a variable with the corresponding name in the reserved pool, see nnn.

7.4 Expressions and operators

Add a load of string coercions. Equality can operate on non-strings. What if one operand non-string?

7.4.1 The value of a term

See nnn for the syntax of a term.

The value of a *STRING* is the content of the token; see nnn.

The value of a *function* is the value it returns, see nnn.

If a term is a symbol or STRING then the value of the term is the value of that symbol or STRING.

If a term contains an expr alias the value of the term is the value of the expr alias, see nnn.

7.4.2 The value of a prefix expression

If the *prefix_expression* is a *term* then the value of the *prefix_expression* is the value of the *term*, otherwise let rhs be the value of the prefix_expression within it _ see nnn

If the *prefix_expression* has the form '+' *prefix_expression* then a check is made:

```
if datatype(rhs) \=='NUM' then
  call #Raise 'SYNTAX',41.3, rhs, '+'
and the value is the value of (0 + rhs).
If the prefix_expression has the form '-' prefix_expression then a check is made:
if datatype(rhs) \=='NUM' then
  call #Raise 'SYNTAX',41.3,rhs, '-'
and the value is the value of (0 - rhs).
If a prefix_expression has the form not prefix_expression then
if rhs \== '0' then if rhs \=='1' then call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 34.6, not, rhs
```

See nnn for the value of the third argument to that #Raise.

If the value of rhs is '0' then the value of the prefix expression value is '1', otherwise it is '0'.

If the *prefix_expression* is not a *term* then:

if #Tracing. #Level == 'I' then call #Trace '>P>'

7.4.3 The value of a power_expression

See nnn for the syntax of a *power_expression*.

If the power_expression is a prefix_expression then the value of the power_expression is the value of the prefix expression.

Otherwise, let lhs be the value of *power_expression* within it, and rhs be the value of *prefix_expression* within it.

```
if datatype(lhs)\=='NUM' then call #Raise 'SYNTAX',41.1,lhs,'**'
if \datatype(rhs,'W') then call #Raise 'SYNTAX',26.1,rhs,'**'
The value of the power_expression is
ArithOp(lhs,'**',rhs)
If the power_expression is not a prefix_expression then:
if #Tracing.#Level == 'I' then call #Trace '>O>'
```

7.4.4 The value of a multiplication

See nnn for the syntax of a *multiplication*.

If the *multiplication* is a *power_expression* then the value of the *multiplication* is the value of the *power expression*.

Otherwise, let lhs be the value of *multiplication* within it, and rhs be the value of *power_expression* within it

```
if datatype(lhs) \=='NUM' then
  call #Raise 'SYNTAX',41.1,lhs,multiplicative_operation
if datatype(rhs) \=='NUM' then
  call #Raise 'SYNTAX',41.2,rhs,multiplicative_operation
The value of the multiplication is
ArithOp(lhs,multiplicative_operation,rhs)
If the multiplication is not a power_expression then:
if #Tracing.#Level == 'I' then call #Trace '>O>'
```

7.4.5 The value of an addition

See nnn for the syntax of addition.

If the addition is a multiplication then the value of the addition is the value of the multiplication.

Otherwise, let lhs be the value of *addition* within it, and rhs be the value of the *multiplication* within it. Let operation be the *additive_operator*.

```
if datatype(lhs) \== 'NUM' then
    call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 41.1, lhs, operation
if datatype(rhs) \== 'NUM' then
    call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 41.2, rhs, operation
```

If either of rhs or lhs is not an integer then the value of the addition is

ArithOp(lhs,operation,rhs)

Otherwise if the operation is '+' and the length of the integer lhs+rhs is not greater than #Digits.#Level then the value of *addition* is

lhs+rhs

Otherwise if the operation is '-' and the length of the integer lhs-rhs is not greater than #Digits.#Level then the value of addition is

lhs-rhs

Otherwise the value of the addition is

ArithOp(lhs,operation,rhs)

If the *addition* is not a *multiplication* then:

if #Tracing. #Level == 'I' then call #Trace '>0>'

7.4.6 The value of a concatenation

See nnn for the syntax of a *concatenation*.

If the concatenation is an addition then the value of the concatenation is the value of the addition.

Otherwise, let lhs be the value of *concatenation* within it, and rhs be the value of the *additive_expression* within it.

If the concatenation contains '||' then the value of the concatenation will have the following characteristics:

- Config_Length(Value) will be equal to Config_Length(lhs)+Config_Length(rhs).
- #Outcome will be 'equal' after each of:

- Config_Compare(Config_Substr(lhs,n),Config_Substr(Value,n)) for values of n not less than 1 and not more than Config Length(lhs):
- Config Compare(Config Substr(rhs,n),Config Substr(Value,Config Length(lhs)+n)) for values of n not less than 1 and not more than Config_Length(rhs).

Otherwise the value of the *concatenation* will have the following characteristics:

- Config Length(Value) will be equal to Config Length(lhs)+1+Config Length(rhs).
- #Outcome will be 'equal' after each of:
 - Config Compare(Config Substr(lhs,n),Config Substr(Value,n)) for values of n not less than 1 and not more than Config_Length(lhs);
 - Config_Compare(' ',Config_Substr(Value,Config_Length(lhs)+1));
 - Config Compare(Config Substr(rhs,n),Config Substr(Value,Config Length(lhs)+1+n)) for values of n not less than 1 and not more than Config Length(rhs).

If the *concatenation* is not an *addition* then:

if #Tracing.#Level == 'I' then call #Trace '>0>'

7.4.7 The value of a comparison

See nnn for the syntax of a *comparison*.

If the comparison is a concatenation then the value of the comparison is the value of the concatenation. Otherwise, let lhs be the value of the *comparison* within it, and rhs be the value of the *concatenation* within it.

If the comparison has a comparison operator that is a strict compare then the variable #Test is set as follows:

#Test is set to 'E'. Let Length be the smaller of Config_Length(lhs) and Config_Length(rhs). For values of n greater than 0 and not greater than Length, if any, in ascending order, #Test is set to the uppercased first character of #Outcome after:

Config_Compare(Config_Substr(lhs),Config_Substr(rhs)).

If at any stage this sets #Test to a value other than 'E' then the setting of #Test is complete. Otherwise, if Config_Length(lhs) is greater than Config_Length(rhs) then #Test is set to 'G' or if Config_Length(lhs) is less than Config Length(rhs) then #Test is set to 'L'.

If the comparison has a comparison operator that is a normal compare then the variable #Test is set as follows:

```
if datatype(lhs) \== 'NUM' | datatype(rhs) \== 'NUM'
  /* Non-numeric non-strict comparison */
 lhs=strip(lhs, 'B', ' ')
rhs=strip(rhs, 'B', ' ')
                              /* ExtraBlanks not stripped */
 if length(lhs)>length(rhs) then rhs=left(rhs,length(lhs))
                              else lhs=left(lhs,length(rhs))
 if lhs>>rhs then #Test='G'
              else if lhs<<rhs then #Test='L'
                                else #Test='E'
else do /* Numeric comparison */
 if left(-lhs,1) == '-' & left(+rhs,1) \== '-' then #Test='G'
  else if left(-rhs,1) == '-' & left(+lhs,1) \== '-' then #Test='L'
       else do
         Difference=lhs - rhs /* Will never raise an arithmetic condition. */
         if Difference > 0 then #Test='G'
         else if Difference < 0 then #Test='L'</pre>
                                  else #Test='E'
   end
```

The value of #Test, in conjunction with the *operator* in the *comparison*, determines the value of the comparison.

The value of the *comparison* is '1' if

- #Test is 'E' and the *operator* is one of '=', '==', '>=', '<=', '\>', '\<', '>>=', '<<=', '\>>', or '\<<';
- #Test is 'G' and the *operator* is one of '>', '>=', '\<', '\=', '><', '\==', '>>', '>>=', or '\<<';
- #Test is 'L' and the *operator* is one of '<', '<=', '\>', '\=', '<>', '\==', '<<', '<=', or '\>>'.

In all other cases the value of the *comparison* is '0'.

If the *comparison* is not a *concatenation* then: if #Tracing.#Level == 'I' then call #Trace '>0>'

7.4.8 The value of an and_expression See nnn for the syntax of an and_expression. If the and_expression is a comparison then the value of the and_expression is the value of the comparison.

Otherwise, let lhs be the value of the *and_expression* within it, and rhs be the value of the *comparison* within it

```
if lhs \== '0' then if lhs \== '1' then call #Raise 'SYNTAX',34.5,lhs,'&'
if rhs \== '0' then if rhs \== '1' then call #Raise 'SYNTAX',34.6,rhs,'&'
Value='0'
if lhs == '1' then if rhs == '1' then Value='1'
If the and_expression is not a comparison then:
if #Tracing.#Level == 'I' then call #Trace '>O>'
```

7.4.9 The value of an expression

See nnn for the syntax of an *expression*.

The value of an expression, or an expr, is the value of the expr_alias within it.

If the *expr_alias* is an *and_expression* then the value of the *expr_alias* is the value of the *and_expression*. Otherwise, let lhs be the value of the *expr_alias* within it, and rhs be the value of the *and_expression* within it.

```
if lhs \== '0' then if lhs \== '1' then
    call #Raise 'SYNTAX',34.5,lhs,or_operator
if rhs \== '0' then if rhs \== '1' then
    call #Raise 'SYNTAX',34.6,rhs,or_operator
Value='1'
if lhs == '0' then if rhs == '0' then Value='0'
If the or_operator is '&&' then
if lhs == '1' then if rhs == '1' then Value='0'
If the expr_alias is not an and_expression then:
if #Tracing.#Level == 'I' then call #Trace '>O>'
The value of an expression or expr shall be traced when #Tracing.#Level is 'R'. The tag is '>=>' when the value is used by an assignment and '>>>' when it is not.
if #Tracing.#Level == 'R' then call #Trace Tag
```

7.4.10 Arithmetic operations

The user of this standard is assumed to know the results of the binary operators '+' and '-' applied to signed or unsigned integers.

The code of ArithOp itself is assumed to operate under a sufficiently high setting of numeric digits to avoid exponential notation.

```
ArithOp:
arg Number1, Operator, Number2
/* The Operator will be applied to Number1 and Number2 under the numeric
settings #Digits.#Level, #Form.#Level, #Fuzz.#Level */
/* The result is the result of the operation, or the raising of a 'SYNTAX' or
'LOSTDIGITS' condition. */
/* Variables with digit 1 in their names refer to the first argument of the
operation. Variables with digit 2 refer to the second argument. Variables
with digit 3 refer to the result. */
/* The quotations and page numbers are from the first reference in
Annex C of this standard.
/* The operands are prepared first. (Page 130) Function Prepare does this,
separating sign, mantissa and exponent. */
v = Prepare(Number1, #Digits. #Level)
parse var v Sign1 Mantissa1 Exponent1
v = Prepare(Number2, #Digits. #Level)
parse var v Sign2 Mantissa2 Exponent2
/* The calculation depends on the operator. The routines set Sign3
Mantissa3 and Exponent3. */
Comparator = ''
select
when Operator == '*' then call Multiply
```

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when Operator == '/' then call DivType
 when Operator == '**' then call Power
 when Operator == '%' then call DivType
 when Operator == '//' then call DivType
 otherwise call AddSubComp
 call PostOp /* Assembles Number3 */
 if Comparator \== '' then do
/* Comparison requires the result of subtraction made into a logical
/* value.
  t = '0'
  select
  when left(Number3,1) == '-' then
     if wordpos(Comparator,'< <= <> >< \ >< \= \') > 0 then t = '1'
   when Number3 \== '0' then
     if wordpos(Comparator,'> >= <> < \= <') > 0 then t = '1'
   otherwise
     if wordpos(Comparator,'>= = =< \< \>') > 0 then t = '1'
   end
  Number3 = t
  end
  return Number3
                      /* From ArithOp */
/* Activity before every operation:
                                                                           */
Prepare: /* Returns Sign Mantissa and Exponent */
/* Preparation of operands, Page 130 */
/* "...terms being operated upon have leading zeros removed (noting the
position of any decimal point, and leaving just one zero if all the digits in
the number are zeros) and are then truncated to DIGITS+1 significant digits
(if necessary)..." */
  arg Number, Digits
  /* Blanks are not significant. */
  /* The exponent is separated */
  parse upper value space(Number,0) with Mantissa 'E' Exponent
  if Exponent == '' then Exponent = '0'
  /* The sign is separated and made explicit. */
  Sign = '+' /* By default */
if left(Mantissa,1) == '-' then Sign = '-'
  if verify(left(Mantissa,1),'+-') = 0 then Mantissa = substr(Mantissa,2)
  /* Make the decimal point implicit; remove any actual Point from the
 mantissa. */
p = pos('.', Mantissa)
  if p > 0 then Mantissa = delstr(Mantissa,p,1)
           else p = 1+length(Mantissa)
  /* Drop the leading zeros */
  do q = 1 to length(Mantissa) - 1
  if substr(Mantissa,q,1) \== '0' then leave
  p = p - 1
   end q
  Mantissa = substr(Mantissa,q)
  /* Detect if Mantissa suggests more significant digits than DIGITS
  caters for. */
  do j = Digits+1 to length(Mantissa)
    if substr(Mantissa,j,1) \== '0' then call #Raise 'LOSTDIGITS', Number
  /* Combine exponent with decimal point position, Page 127 */
  /* "Exponential notation means that the number includes a power of ten
  following an 'E' that indicates how the decimal point will be shifted. Thus
  4E9 is just a shorthand way of writing 4000000000 "
```

```
/* Adjust the exponent so that decimal point would be at right of
  the Mantissa. */
  Exponent = Exponent - (length(Mantissa) - p + 1)
  /* Truncate if necessary */
  t = length(Mantissa) - (Digits+1)
  if t > 0 then do
    Exponent = Exponent + t
    Mantissa = left(Mantissa,Digits+1)
    end
  if Mantissa == '0' then Exponent = 0
return Sign Mantissa Exponent
/* Activity after every operation.
/* The parts of the value are composed into a single string, Number3.
 /* Page 130 */
 /* 'traditional' rounding */
 t = length(Mantissa3) - #Digits.#Level
 if t > 0 then do
    /* 'traditional' rounding */
    Mantissa3 = left(Mantissa3, #Digits. #Level+1) + 5
    if length(Mantissa3) > #Digits.#Level+1 then
       /* There was 'carry' */
       Exponent3 = Exponent3 + 1
    Mantissa3 = left(Mantissa3, #Digits. #Level)
    Exponent3 = Exponent3 + t
 /* "A result of zero is always expressed as a single character '0' "*/
 if verify(Mantissa3,'0') = 0 then Number3 = '0'
 else do
   if Operator == '/' | Operator == '**' then do
   /* Page 130 "For division, insignificant trailing zeros are removed
     after rounding. " */
     /* Page 133 "... insignificant trailing zeros are removed." */
     do q = length(Mantissa3) by -1 to 2
  if substr(Mantissa3,q,1) \== '0' then leave
       Exponent3 = Exponent3 + 1
       end q
     Mantissa3 = substr(Mantissa3,1,q)
    if Floating() == 'E' then do /* Exponential format */
      Exponent3 = Exponent3 + (length(Mantissa3)-1)
      /* Page 136 "Engineering notation causes powers of ten to be expressed as a
      multiple of 3 - the integer part may therefore range from 1 through
      999." */
      g = 1
      if #Form. #Level == 'E' then do
      /* Adjustment to make exponent a multiple of 3 */
        g = Exponent3//3
                           /* Recursively using ArithOp as
                            an external routine. */
        if g < 0 then g = g + 3
        Exponent3 = Exponent3 - q
        g = g + 1
        if length (Mantissa3) < g then
           Mantissa3 = left(Mantissa3,g,'0')
        end /* Engineering */
      /* Exact check on the exponent. */
      if Exponent3 > #Limit ExponentDigits then
call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 42.1, Number1, Operator, Number2
      if -#Limit_ExponentDigits > Exponent3 then
        call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 42.2, Number1, Operator, Number2
      /* Insert any decimal [point. */
```

```
if length(Mantissa3) \= g then Mantissa3 = insert('.', Mantissa3,g)
      /* Insert the E */
      if Exponent3 >= 0 then Number3 = Mantissa3'E+'Exponent3
                        else Number3 = Mantissa3'E'Exponent3
      end /* Exponent format */
    else do /* 'pure number' notation */
      p = length(Mantissa3) + Exponent3 /* Position of the point within
                                         Mantissa */
      /* Add extra zeros needed on the left of the point. */
      if p < 1 then do
        Mantissa3 = copies('0',1 - p) | | Mantissa3
        p = 1
        end
      /* Add needed zeros on the right. */
      if p > length(Mantissa3) then
         Mantissa3 = Mantissa3 | | copies('0',p-length(Mantissa3))
      /st Format with decimal point. st/
      Number3 = Mantissa3
      if p < length(Number3) then Number3 = insert('.', Mantissa3,p)
                             else Number3 = Mantissa3
      end /* pure */
    if Sign3 == '-' then Number3 = '-'Number3
    end /* Non-Zero */
 return
/* This tests whether exponential notation is needed.
                                                                           */
Floating:
 /* The rule in the reference has been improved upon. */
  if Exponent3+length(Mantissa3) > #Digits.#Level then t = 'E'
  if length(Mantissa3) + Exponent3 < -5 then t = 'E'
  return t
/* Add, Subtract and Compare.
                                                                           */
AddSubComp: /* Page 130 */
 /* This routine is used for comparisons since comparison is
 defined in terms of subtraction. Page 134 */
 /* "Numeric comparison is affected by subtracting the two numbers(calculating
 the difference) and then comparing the result with '0'." */
 NowDigits = #Digits.#Level
 if Operator \=='+' & Operator \== '-' then do
   Comparator = Operator
   /* Page 135 "The effect of NUMERIC FUZZ is to temporarily reduce the value
   of NUMERIC DIGITS by the NUMERIC FUZZ value for each numeric comparison" */
   NowDigits = NowDigits - #Fuzz.#Level
   end
 /* Page 130 "If either number is zero then the other number ... is used as
 the result (with sign adjustment as appropriate). */
 if Mantissa2 == '0' then do /* Result is the 1st operand */
  Sign3=Sign1; Mantissa3 = Mantissa1; Exponent3 = Exponent1
  return '
  end
 if Mantissal == '0' then do /* Result is the 2nd operand */
  Sign3 = Sign2; Mantissa3 = Mantissa2; Exponent3 = Exponent2
  if Operator \== '+' then if Sign3 = '+' then Sign3 = '-'
                                           else Sign3 = '+'
  return ''
  end
/* The numbers may need to be shifted into alignment. */
/* Change to make the exponent to reflect a decimal point on the left,
so that right truncation/extension of mantissa doesn't alter exponent. */
 Exponent1 = Exponent1 + length(Mantissa1)
Exponent2 = Exponent2 + length(Mantissa2)
/* Deduce the implied zeros on the left to provide alignment. */
```

```
Align1 = 0
  Align2 = Exponent1 - Exponent2
  if \overline{\text{Align2}} > 0 then do /\overline{*} Arg 1 provides a more significant digit */
    Align2 = min(Align2, NowDigits+1) /* No point in shifting further. */
    /* Shift to give Arg2 the same exponent as Arg1 */
    Mantissa2 = copies('0', Align2) | Mantissa2
    Exponent2 = Exponent1
    end
  if Align2 < 0 then do /* Arg 2 provides a more significant digit */
    /* Shift to give Arg1 the same exponent as Arg2 */
    Align1 = -Align2
    Align1 = min(Align1, NowDigits+1) /* No point in shifting further. */
    Align2 = 0
    Mantissal = copies('0', Align1) | Mantissal
    Exponent1 = Exponent2
    end
/* Maximum working digits is NowDigits+1. Footnote 41. */
 SigDigits = max(length(Mantissa1),length(Mantissa2))
 SigDigits = min(SigDigits,NowDigits+1)
/* Extend a mantissa with right zeros, if necessary. */
Mantissa1 = left(Mantissa1,SigDigits,'0')
 Mantissa2 = left(Mantissa2,SigDigits,'0')
/* The exponents are adjusted so that
the working numbers are integers, ie decimal point on the right. */
 Exponent3 = Exponent1-SigDigits
 Exponent1 = Exponent3
 Exponent2 = Exponent3
 if Operator = '+' then
      Mantissa3 = (Sign1 || Mantissa1) + (Sign2 || Mantissa2)
 else Mantissa3 = (Sign1 | Mantissa1) - (Sign2 | Mantissa2)
 /st Separate the sign st/
 if Mantissa3 < 0 then do
   Sign3 = '-'
   Mantissa3 = substr(Mantissa3,2)
   end
 else Sign3 = '+'
 /* "The result is then rounded to NUMERIC DIGITS digits if necessary,
 taking into account any extra (carry) digit on the left after addition,
 but otherwise counting from the position corresponding to the most
 significant digit of the terms being added or subtracted." */
 if length(Mantissa3) > SigDigits then SigDigits = SigDigits+1
 d = SigDigits - NowDigits
                              /* Digits to drop. */
 if d <= 0 then return
 t = length(Mantissa3) - d /* Digits to keep. */
 /* Page 130. "values of 5 through 9 are rounded up, values of 0 through 4 are
rounded down." */
 if t > 0 then do
    /* 'traditional' rounding */
    Mantissa3 = left(Mantissa3, t + 1) + 5
    if length(Mantissa3) > t+1 then
       /* There was 'carry' */
       /* Keep the extra digit unless it takes us over the limit. */
       if t < NowDigits then t = t+1
                         else Exponent3 = Exponent3+1
    Mantissa3 = left(Mantissa3,t)
Exponent3 = Exponent3 + d
    end /* Rounding */
 else Mantissa3 = '0'
 return /* From AddSubComp */
/* Multiply operation: */
Multiply:
              /* p 131 */
```

```
/* Note the sign of the result */
if Sign1 == Sign2 then Sign3 = '+'
                   else Sign3 = '-'
 /* Note the exponent */
Exponent3 = Exponent1 + Exponent2
if Mantissal == '0' then do
  Mantissa3 = '0'
   return
  end
 /* Multiply the Mantissas */
Mantissa3 = ''
do q=1 to length(Mantissa2)
 Mantissa3 = Mantissa3'0'
 do substr(Mantissa2,q,1)
   Mantissa3 = Mantissa3 + Mantissa1
    end
 end q
return /* From Multiply */
/* Types of Division: */
               /* p 131 */
DivType:
/* Check for divide-by-zero */
 if Mantissa2 == '0' then call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 42.3
 /* Note the exponent of the result
Exponent3 = Exponent1 - Exponent2
/* Compute (one less than) how many digits will be in the integer
part of the result. */
 IntDigits = length(Mantissa1) - Length(Mantissa2) + Exponent3
 /* In some cases, the result is known to be zero. */
if Mantissal = 0 | (IntDigits < 0 & Operator = '%') then do
  Mantissa3 = 0
   Sign3 = '+'
   Exponent3 = 0
  return
   end
 /st In some cases, the result is known to be to be the first argument. st/
 if IntDigits < 0 & Operator == '//' then do
   Mantissa3 = Mantissa1
   Sign3 = Sign1
   Exponent3 = Exponent1
  return
   end
 /* Note the sign of the result. */
if Sign1 == Sign2 then Sign3 = '+'
                   else Sign3 = '-'
 /* Make Mantissal at least as large as Mantissa2 so Mantissa2 can be
 subtracted without causing leading zero to result. Page 131 */
 a = 0
 do while Mantissa2 > Mantissa1
  Mantissal = Mantissal'0'
   Exponent3 = Exponent3 - 1
  a = a + 1
  end
 /* Traditional divide */
Mantissa3 = ''
 /* Subtract from part of Mantissal that has length of Mantissa2 */
x = left(Mantissa1,length(Mantissa2))
y = substr(Mantissa1, length(Mantissa2)+1)
 do forever
   /* Develop a single digit in z by repeated subtraction. */
   z = 0
   do forever
    x = x - Mantissa2
     if left(x,1) == '-' then leave
     z = z + 1
    end
   x = x + Mantissa2
                      /* Recover from over-subtraction */
   /* The digit becomes part of the result */
  Mantissa3 = Mantissa3 | z
   if Mantissa3 == '0' then Mantissa3 = '' /* A single leading
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```
zero can happen. */
   /* x | | y is the current residue */
   if y == '' then if x = 0 then leave /* Remainder is zero */
   if length(Mantissa3) > #Digits.#Level then leave /* Enough digits
                                                        in the result */
   /* Check type of division */
   if Operator \== '/' then do
     if IntDigits = 0 then leave
     IntDigits = IntDigits - 1
     end
   /* Prepare for next digit */
   /* Digits come from y, until that is exhausted. */
   /* When y is exhausted an extra zero is added to Mantissal */
if y == '' then do
     y = '0'
     Exponent3 = Exponent3 - 1
     a = a + 1
     end
   x = x \mid | left(y,1)
   y = substr(y,2)
   end /* Iterate for next digit. */
 Remainder = x | y
 Exponent3 = Exponent3 + length(y) /* The loop may have been left early. */
/* Leading zeros are taken off the Remainder. */
 do while length(Remainder) > 1 & Left(Remainder,1) == '0'
   Remainder = substr(Remainder,2)
   end
 if Operator \== '/' then do
   /* Check whether % would fail, even if operation is // */
   /* Page 133. % could fail by needing exponential notation */
   if Floating() == 'E' then do
     if Operator == '%' then MsgNum = 26.11
                         else MsgNum = 26.12
     call #Raise 'SYNTAX', MsgNum, Number1 , Number2, #Digits.#Level
   end
 if Operator == '//' then do
    /* We need the remainder */
    Sign3 = Sign1
    Mantissa3 = Remainder
    Exponent3 = Exponent1 - a
    end
 return /* From DivType */
/* The Power operation: */
             /* page 132 */
/* The second argument should be an integer */
 if \WholeNumber2() then call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 26.8, Number2
/* Lhs to power zero is always 1 */
 if Mantissa2 == '0' then do
    Sign3 = '+'
    Mantissa3 = '1'
    Exponent3 = '0'
    return
 /* Pages 132-133 The Power algorithm */
 Rhs = left(Mantissa2,length(Mantissa2)+Exponent2,'0')/* Explicit
                                                     integer form */
 L = length(Rhs)
b = X2B(D2X(Rhs)) /* Makes Rhs in binary notation */
 /* Ignore initial zeros */
 do q = 1 by 1
   if substr(b,q,1) = 0' then leave
   end q
 a = 1
 do forever
 /* Page 133 "Using a precision of DIGITS+L+1" */
if substr(b,q,1) == '1' then do
    a = Recursion('*',Sign1 | Mantissal'E'Exponent1)
```

```
if left(a,2) == 'MN' then signal PowerFailed
   end
  /* Check for finished */
  if q = length(b) then leave
  /* Square a */
 a = Recursion('*',a)
 if left(a,2) == 'MN' then signal PowerFailed
 end
 /* Divide into one for negative power */
 if Sign2 == '-' then do
   Sign2 = '+'
    a = Recursion('/')
   if left(a,2) == 'MN' then signal PowerFailed
   end
 /* Split the value up so that PostOp can put it together with rounding */
 Parse value Prepare(a, #Digits. #Level+L+1) with Sign3 Mantissa3 Exponent3
PowerFailed:
/* Distinguish overflow and underflow */
 RcWas = substr(a,4)
 if Sign2 = '-' then if RcWas == '42.1' then RcWas = '42.2'
                                         else RcWas = '42.1'
 call #Raise 'SYNTAX', RcWas, Number1, '**', Number2
  /* No return */
WholeNumber2:
  numeric digits Digits
   if #Form. #Level == 'S' then numeric form scientific
                          else numeric form engineering
   return datatype(Number2,'W')
Recursion: /* Called only from '**' */
 numeric digits #Digits.#Level + L + 1
 signal on syntax name Overflowed
/* Uses ArithOp again under new numeric settings. */
 if arg(1) == '/' then return 1 / a
                   else return a * arg(2)
Overflowed:
 return 'MN '.MN
```

7.5 Functions

7.5.1 Invocation

Invocation occurs when a *function* or a *message_term* or a *call* is evaluated. Invocation of a function may result in a value, in which case:

if #Tracing.#Level == 'I' then call #Trace '>F>'
Invocation of a message_term may result in a value, in which case:
if #Tracing.#Level == 'I' then call #Trace '>M>'

7.5.2 Evaluation of arguments

The argument positions are the positions in the *expression_list* where syntactically an *expression* occurs or could have occurred. Let ArgNumber be the number of an argument position, counting from 1 at the left; the range of ArgNumber is all whole numbers greater than zero.

For each value of ArgNumber, #ArgExists.#NewLevel.ArgNumber is set '1' if there is an *expression* present, '0' if not.

From the left, if #ArgExists.#NewLevel.ArgNumber is '1' then #Arg.#NewLevel.ArgNumber is set to the value of the corresponding *expression*. If #ArgExists.#NewLevel.ArgNumber is '0' then #Arg.#NewLevel.ArgNumber is set to the null string.

#ArgExists.#NewLevel.0 is set to the largest ArgNumber for which #ArgExists.#NewLevel.ArgNumber is '1', or to zero if there is no such value of ArgNumber.

7.5.3 The value of a label

The value of a *LABEL*, or of the *taken_constant* in the *function* or *call_instruction*, is taken as a constant, see nnn. If the *taken_constant* is not a *string_literal* it is a reference to the first *LABEL* in the program which has the same value. The comparison is made with the '==' operator.

If there is such a matching label and the label is trace-only (see nnn) then a condition is raised: call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 16.3, taken constant

If there is such a matching label, and the label is not trace-only, execution continues at the label with routine initialization (see nnn). This is execution of an internal routine.

If there is no such matching label, or if the *taken_constant* is a *string_literal*, further comparisons are made.

If the value of the *taken_constant* matches the name of some built-in function then that built-in function is invoked. The names of the built-in functions are defined in section nnn and are in uppercase.

If the value does not match any built-in function name, Config_ExternalRoutine is used to invoke an external routine.

Whenever a matching label is found, the variables SIGL and .SIGL are assigned the value of the line number of the clause which caused the search for the label. In the case of an invocation resulting from a condition occurring that shall be the clause in which the condition occurred.

```
Var_Set(#Pool, 'SIGL', '0', #LineNumber)
Var_Set(0 , '.SIGL', '0', #LineNumber)
```

The name used in the invocation is held in #Name.#Level for possible use in an error message from the RETURN clause, see nnn

7.5.4 The value of a function

A built-in function completes when it returns from the activity defined in section nnn. The value of a built-in function is defined in section nnn.

An internal routine completes when #Level returns to the value it had when the routine was invoked. The value of the internal function is the value of the *expression* on the *return* which completed the routine. The value of an external function is determined by Config ExternalRoutine.

7.5.5 The value of a method

A built-in method completes when it returns from the activity defined in section n. The value of a built-in method is defined in section n.

An internal method completes when #Level returns to the value it had when the routine was invoked. The value of the internal method is the value of the *expression* on the *return* which completed the method. The value of an external method is determined by Config ExternalMethod.

7.5.6 The value of a message term

See nnn for the syntax of a *message_term*. The value of the *term* within a *message_term* is called the receiver.

The receiver and any arguments of the term are evaluated, in left to right order.

```
r = #evaluate(message_term, term)
```

If the message term contains '~~' the value of the message term is the receiver.

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Otherwise the value of a *message_term* is the value of the method it invokes. The method invoked is determined by the receiver and the *taken_constant* and *symbol*.

```
t = #Instance(message_term, taken_constant)

If there is a symbol, it is subject to a constraints.

if #contains(message_term, symbol) then do
    if r <> #Self then
        call #Raise 'SYNTAX', nn.n
        /* OOI: "Message search overrides can only be used from methods of the target object." */
```

The search will progress from the object to its class and superclasses.

```
/* This is going to be circular because it describes the message lookup
algorithm and also uses messages. However for the messages in this code
the message names are chosen to be unique to a method so there is no need
to use this algorithm in deciding which method is intended. */

/* message_term ::= receiver '~' taken_constant ':' VAR_SYMBOL arguments */

/* This code reflects OOI - the arguments on the message don't affect
the method choice. */

/* This code selects a method based on its arguments, receiver,
taken_constant, and symbol. */

/* This code is used in a context where #Self is the receiver of the
method invocation which the subject message_term is running under. */
```

```
SelectMethod:
```

```
/* If symbol given, receiver must be self. */
 if arg(3, 'E') then if arg(1) = \#Self then signal error /* syntax number? */
 t = arg(2) /* Will have been uppercased, unless a literal. */
 x = arg(1) /* Cursor through places to look for the method. */
 Mixing = 1 /* Off for potential mixins ignored because symbol given. */
 Mixins = .array~new /* to note any Mixins involved. */
  /* Look in the method table of the object, if no 'symbol' given. */
 if arg(3,'E') then do
   Mixing = 0
    end
  else do
   m = x \sim \#MethodTable[t]
   if m \== .nil then return m
  do until x == . object
    /* Follow the class hierarchy. */
   x = x \sim class
    /* Note any mixins for later reference. */
   Mix = x~Inherited /* An array, ordered as the directive left-to-right. */
    if Mix \== .nil then /* Append to the record. */
      do j=1 to Mix~dimension(1)
       Mixins[Mixins~dimension(1)+1] = Mix[j]
        end
    if Mixing do
      /* Consider mixins only for superclasses of 'symbol'. */
      do j=1 to Mixins~dimension(1)
        /* Look at the baseclass of each. */
        /* That is closest superclass not a mixin. */
        s = Mixins[j]~class
        do while s-Mixin /* Assert stop at .object if not before. */
          s=s~class
          end
        if s==x then do
          m=Mixins[j]~#MethodTable[t]
          if m \== .nil then return m
          end
      end j
end /* Mixing */
    if arg(3,'E') then if arg(3) == x then do
    Mixing=1
     end
    if Mixing do
      /* Consider non-Mixins */
     m = x~#InstanceMethodTable[t]
     if m \ =  .nil then return m
      end
    x=x~superclass
    end
  /* Try for UNKNOWN instead */
  if t == 'UNKNOWN' then return .nil
 if \arg(3,'E') then return = SelectMethod arg(1),'UNKNOWN'
                 else return = SelectMethod arg(1), 'UNKNOWN', arg(3)
```

7.1.1 Use of Config_ExternalRoutine

The values of the arguments to the use of Config_ExternalRoutine, in order, are:

The argument How is 'SUBROUTINE' if the invocation is from a *call*, 'FUNCTION' if the invocation is from a *function*.

The argument NameType is '1' if the taken_constant is a string_literal, '0' otherwise.

The argument Name is the value of the *taken_constant*.

The argument Environment is the value of this argument on the API Start which started this execution.

The argument Arguments is the #Arg. and #ArgExists. data.

The argument Streams is the value of this argument on the API_Start which started this execution. The argument Traps is the value of this argument on the API_Start which started this execution. Var_Reset is invoked and #API_Enabled set to '1' before use of Config_ExternalRoutine. #API_Enabled is set to '0' after.

The response from Config_ExternalRoutine is processed. If no conditions are (implicitly) raised, #Outcome is the value of the function.

8 Directives

The syntax constructs which are introduced by the optional '::' token are known as directives.

8.1 Notation

Notation functions are functions which are not directly accessible as functions in a program but are used in this standard as a notation for defining semantics.

Some notation functions allow reference to syntax constructs defined in nnn. Which instance of the syntax construct in the program is being referred to is implied; it is the one for which the semantics are being specified.

The BNF_primary referenced may be directly in the *production* or in some component referenced in the *production*, recursively. The components are considered in left to right order.

#Contains(Identifier, BNF_primary)

where:

Identifier is an identifier in a production (see nnn) defined in nnn.

BNF_primary is a *bnf_primary* (see nnn) in a *production* defined in nnn.

Return '1' if the *production* identified by *Identifier* contained a *bnf_primary* identified by BNF_primary, otherwise return '0'.

#Instance(Identifier, BNF_primary)

where:

Identifier is an *identifier* in a *production* defined in nnn.

BNF primary is a bnf primary in a production defined in nnn.

Returns the content of the particular instance of the BNF_primary. If the BNF_primary is a VAR SYMBOL this is referred to as the symbol "taken as a constant."

#Evaluate(Identifier, BNF_primary)

where:

Identifier is an identifier in a production defined in nnn.

BNF_primary is a *bnf_primary* in a *production* defined in nnn.

Return the value of the BNF primary in the *production* identified by Identifier.

#Execute(Identifier, BNF primary)

where:

Identifier is an identifier in a production defined in nnn.

BNF_primary is a *bnf_primary* in a *production* defined in nnn.

Perform the instructions identified by the BNF_primary in the production identified by Identifier.

#Parses(Value, BNF_primary)

where:

Value is a string

BNF_primary is a *bnf_primary* in a *production* defined in nnn.

Return '1' if Value matches the definition of the BNF_primary, by the rules of clause 6, '0' otherwise.

#Clause(Label)

where:

Label is a label in code used by this standard to describe processing.

Return an identification of that label. The value of this identification is used only by the #Goto notation function.

#Goto(Value)

where:

Value identifies a label in code used by this standard to describe processing.

The description of processing continues at the identified label.

#Retry()

This notation is used in the description of interactive tracing to specify re-execution of the clause just previously executed. It has the effect of transferring execution to the beginning of that clause, with state variable #Loop set to the value it had when that clause was previously executed.

8.2 Initializing

Some of the initializing, now grouped in classic section 8.2.1 will have to come here so that we have picked up anything from the START_API that needs to be passed on to the execution of REQUIRES subject. We will be using some operations that are forward reference to what was section nnn.

8.2.1 Program initialization and message texts

Processing of a program begins when API_Start is executed. A pool becomes current for the reserved variables.

```
call Config_ObjectNew
#ReservedPool = #Outcome
#Pool = #ReservedPool
```

Is it correct to make the reserved variables and the builtin objects in the same pool?

Some of the values which affect processing of the program are parameters of API_Start: #HowInvoked is set to 'COMMAND', 'FUNCTION' or 'SUBROUTINE' according to the first parameter of API_Start.

#Source is set to the value of the second parameter of API_Start.

The third parameter of API_Start is used to determine the initial active environment.

The fourth parameter of API_Start is used to determine the arguments. For each argument position #ArgExists.1.ArgNumber is set '1' if there is an argument present, '0' if not. ArgNumber is the number of the argument position, counting from 1. If #ArgExists.1.ArgNumber is '1' then #Arg.1.ArgNumber is set to the value of the corresponding argument. If #ArgExists.1.ArgNumber is '0' then #Arg.1.Arg is set to the null string. #ArgExists.1.0 is set to the largest n for which #ArgExists.1.n is '1', or to zero if there is no such value of n.

Some of the values which affect processing of the program are provided by the configuration:

```
call Config_OtherBlankCharacters
#AllBlanks<Index "#AllBlanks" # "" > = ' '#Outcome /* "Real" blank concatenated with
others */
#Bif_Digits. = 9
call Config_Constants
.true = '1'
.false = '0'
```

Objects in our model are only distinquished by the values within their pool so we can construct the builtin classes incomplete and then complete them with directives.

Can we initialize the methods of .nil by directives?
call Config_ObjectNew
.List = #Outcome
call var_set .List, #IsClass, '0', '1'
call var_set .List, #ID, '0', 'List'

Some of the state variables set by this call are limits, and appear in the text of error messages. The relation between message numbers and message text is defined by the following list, where the message number appears immediately before an '=' and the message text follows in quotes.

```
#ErrorText.
#ErrorText.0.1 = 'Error <value> running <source>, line <linenumber>: '
#ErrorText.0.2 = 'Error <value> in interactive trace: '
#ErrorText.0.3 = 'Interactive trace. "Trace Off" to end debug. ',
                'ENTER to continue.'
#ErrorText.2 = 'Failure during finalization'
#ErrorText.2.1 = 'Failure during finalization: <description>'
#ErrorText.3 = 'Failure during initialization'
#ErrorText.3.1 = 'Failure during initialization: <description>'
#ErrorText.4 = 'Program interrupted'
#ErrorText.4.1 = 'Program interrupted with HALT condition: <description>'
#ErrorText.5
              = 'System resources exhausted'
#ErrorText.5.1 = 'System resources exhausted: <description>'
#ErrorText.6 = 'Unmatched "/*" or quote'
#ErrorText.6.1 = 'Unmatched comment delimiter ("/*")'
```

```
#ErrorText.6.2 = "Unmatched single quote (')"
#ErrorText.6.3 = 'Unmatched double quote (")'
              = 'WHEN or OTHERWISE expected'
#ErrorText.7
#ErrorText.7.1 = 'SELECT on line enumber> requires WHEN;',
                 'found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.7.3 = 'All WHEN expressions of SELECT on line linenumber> are',
                 'false; OTHERWISE expected'
#ErrorText.8 = 'Unexpected THEN or ELSE'
#ErrorText.8.1 = 'THEN has no corresponding IF or WHEN clause'
#ErrorText.8.2 = 'ELSE has no corresponding THEN clause'
              = 'Unexpected WHEN or OTHERWISE'
#ErrorText.9
#ErrorText.9.1 = 'WHEN has no corresponding SELECT'
#ErrorText.9.2 = 'OTHERWISE has no corresponding SELECT'
#ErrorText.10 = 'Unexpected or unmatched END'
#ErrorText.10.1= 'END has no corresponding DO or SELECT'
#ErrorText.10.2= 'END corresponding to DO on line enumber>',
                 'must have a symbol following that matches',
                 'the control variable (or no symbol);',
                 'found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.10.3= 'END corresponding to DO on line enumber>',
                 'must not have a symbol following it because',
                 'there is no control variable;',
                 'found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.10.4= 'END corresponding to SELECT on line <linenumber>',
                 'must not have a symbol following;',
                 'found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.10.5= 'END must not immediately follow THEN'
#ErrorText.10.6= 'END must not immediately follow ELSE'
#ErrorText.13 = 'Invalid character in program'
#ErrorText.13.1= 'Invalid character "('<hex-encoding>'X)" in program'
#ErrorText.14 = 'Incomplete DO/SELECT/IF'
#ErrorText.14.1= 'DO instruction requires a matching END'
#ErrorText.14.2= 'SELECT instruction requires a matching END'
#ErrorText.14.3= 'THEN requires a following instruction'
#ErrorText.14.4= 'ELSE requires a following instruction'
              = 'Invalid hexadecimal or binary string'
#ErrorText.15
#ErrorText.15.1= 'Invalid location of blank in position',
                 '<position> in hexadecimal string'
#ErrorText.15.2= 'Invalid location of blank in position',
                 '<position> in binary string'
#ErrorText.15.3= 'Only 0-9, a-f, A-F, and blank are valid in a', 'hexadecimal string; found "<char>"'
#ErrorText.15.4= 'Only 0, 1, and blank are valid in a',
                 'binary string; found "<char>"'
#ErrorText.16 = 'Label not found'
#ErrorText.16.1= 'Label "<name>" not found'
#ErrorText.16.2= 'Cannot SIGNAL to label "<name>" because it is',
                 'inside an IF, SELECT or DO group'
#ErrorText.16.3= 'Cannot invoke label "<name>" because it is',
                 'inside an IF, SELECT or DO group'
#ErrorText.17 = 'Unexpected PROCEDURE'
#ErrorText.17.1= 'PROCEDURE is valid only when it is the first',
                 'instruction executed after an internal CALL',
                 'or function invocation'
#ErrorText.17.2= 'The EXPOSE instruction is valid only when it is the first',
                 'instruction executed after a method invocation'
#ErrorText.18 = 'THEN expected'
#ErrorText.18.1= 'IF keyword on line enumber> requires',
                 'matching THEN clause; found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.18.2= 'WHEN keyword on line linenumber> requires',
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'matching THEN clause; found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19 = 'String or symbol expected'
  #ErrorText.19.1= 'String or symbol expected after ADDRESS keyword;',
'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.2= 'String or symbol expected after CALL keyword;',
                    'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.3= 'String or symbol expected after NAME keyword;',
                    'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.4= 'String or symbol expected after SIGNAL keyword;',
                    'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.6= 'String or symbol expected after TRACE keyword;',
                    'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.7= 'Symbol expected in parsing pattern;',
                    'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.8= 'String or symbol expected after REQUIRES;',
                    'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.9= 'String or symbol expected after METHOD;',
                    'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.11='String or symbol expected after ROUTINE;',
                    'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.12='String or symbol expected after CLASS;',
                    found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.13='String or symbol expected after INHERIT;',
                    'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.16='String or symbol expected after MIXINCLASS;',
                    'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.19.17='String or symbol expected after SUBCLASS;',
                    'found "<token>"'
Unsound now we are using 'term'?
  #ErrorText.20 = 'Name expected'
  #ErrorText.20.1= 'Name required; found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.20.2= 'Found "<token>" where only a name is valid'
  #ErrorText.20.3= 'Found "<token>" where only a name or '(' is valid'
  #ErrorText.21 = 'Invalid data on end of clause'
  #ErrorText.21.1= 'The clause ended at an unexpected token;',
                   'found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.22 = 'Invalid character string'
  #ErrorText.22.1= "Invalid character string '<hex-encoding>'X"
  #ErrorText.23 = 'Invalid data string'
  #ErrorText.23.1= "Invalid data string '<hex-encoding>'X"
  #ErrorText.24 = 'Invalid TRACE request'
  #ErrorText.24.1= 'TRACE request letter must be one of',
                   '"ACEFILNOR"; found "<value>"'
  #ErrorText.25 = 'Invalid sub-keyword found'
  #ErrorText.25.1= 'CALL ON must be followed by one of the',
                    'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.25.2= 'CALL OFF must be followed by one of the',
                    'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.25.3= 'SIGNAL ON must be followed by one of the',
                    'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.25.4= 'SIGNAL OFF must be followed by one of the',
                    'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.25.5= 'ADDRESS WITH must be followed by one of the',
                    'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.25.6= 'INPUT must be followed by one of the',
                    'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.25.7= 'OUTPUT must be followed by one of the',
                    'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"'
  #ErrorText.25.8= 'APPEND must be followed by one of the',
                    'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"
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#ErrorText.25.9= 'REPLACE must be followed by one of the',
                 'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"
#ErrorText.25.11='NUMERIC FORM must be followed by one of the',
                 'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.25.12='PARSE must be followed by one of the',
                 'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.25.13='UPPER must be followed by one of the',
                 'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.25.14='ERROR must be followed by one of the',
                 'keywords <keywords>; found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.25.16='FOREVER must be followed by one of the',
                 'keywords <keywords> or nothing; found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.25.17='PROCEDURE must be followed by the keyword',
                 'EXPOSE or nothing; found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.25.18='FORWARD must be followed by one of the the keywords',
                 '<keywords>; found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.26 = 'Invalid whole number'
#ErrorText.26.1= 'Whole numbers must fit within current DIGITS',
                 'setting(<value>); found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.26.2= 'Value of repetition count expression in DO instruction',
                 'must be zero or a positive whole number;',
                 'found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.26.3= 'Value of FOR expression in DO instruction',
                 'must be zero or a positive whole number;',
'found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.26.4= 'Positional pattern of parsing template',
                 'must be a whole number; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.26.5= 'NUMERIC DIGITS value',
                 'must be a positive whole number; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.26.6= 'NUMERIC FUZZ value',
                 'must be zero or a positive whole number;',
                 'found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.26.7= 'Number used in TRACE setting',
                 'must be a whole number; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.26.8= 'Operand to right of the power operator ("**")',
                 'must be a whole number; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.26.11='Result of <value> % <value> operation would need',
                 exponential notation at current NUMERIC DIGITS <value>'
#ErrorText.26.12='Result of % operation used for <value> // <value>',
                 'operation would need',
                 'exponential notation at current NUMERIC DIGITS <value>'
#ErrorText.27 = 'Invalid DO syntax'
#ErrorText.27.1= 'Invalid use of keyword "<token>" in DO clause'
#ErrorText.28 = 'Invalid LEAVE or ITERATE'
#ErrorText.28.1= 'LEAVE is valid only within a repetitive DO loop'
#ErrorText.28.2= 'ITERATE is valid only within a repetitive DO loop'
#ErrorText.28.3= 'Symbol following LEAVE ("<token>") must',
                 'either match control variable of a current',
                 'DO loop or be omitted'
#ErrorText.28.4= 'Symbol following ITERATE ("<token>") must',
                 'either match control variable of a current',
                 'DO loop or be omitted'
#ErrorText.29 = 'Environment name too long'
#ErrorText.29.1= 'Environment name exceeds',
                 #Limit EnvironmentName 'characters; found "<name>"'
#ErrorText.30 = 'Name or string too long'
#ErrorText.30.1= 'Name exceeds' #Limit_Name 'characters'
#ErrorText.30.2= 'Literal string exceeds' #Limit_Literal 'characters'
#ErrorText.31 = 'Name starts with number or "."'
#ErrorText.31.1= 'A value cannot be assigned to a number;',
                 'found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.31.2= 'Variable symbol must not start with a number;',
                 'found "<token>"'
#ErrorText.31.3= 'Variable symbol must not start with a ".";',
                 'found "<token>"'
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#ErrorText.33 = 'Invalid expression result'
#ErrorText.33.1= 'Value of NUMERIC DIGITS ("<value>")',
                 'must exceed value of NUMERIC FUZZ "(<value>)"'
#ErrorText.33.2= 'Value of NUMERIC DIGITS ("<value>")',
                 'must not exceed' #Limit Digits
#ErrorText.33.3= 'Result of expression following NUMERIC FORM',
                 'must start with "E" or "S"; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.34 = 'Logical value not "0" or "1"'
#ErrorText.34.1= 'Value of expression following IF keyword',
                  'must be exactly "0" or "1"; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.34.2= 'Value of expression following WHEN keyword',
                 'must be exactly "0" or "1"; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.34.3= 'Value of expression following WHILE keyword',
                 'must be exactly "0" or "1"; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.34.4= 'Value of expression following UNTIL keyword',
                 'must be exactly "0" or "1"; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.34.5= 'Value of expression to left',
                 'of logical operator "<operator>"',
                 'must be exactly "0" or "1"; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.34.6= 'Value of expression to right',
                 'of logical operator "<operator>"'
                 'must be exactly "0" or "1"; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.35 = 'Invalid expression'
#ErrorText.35.1= 'Invalid expression detected at "<token>"'
#ErrorText.36 = 'Unmatched "(" in expression'
#ErrorText.37 = 'Unexpected "," or ")"'
#ErrorText.37.1= 'Unexpected ","'
#ErrorText.37.2= 'Unmatched ")" in expression'
#ErrorText.38 = 'Invalid template or pattern'
#ErrorText.38.1= 'Invalid parsing template detected at "<token>"'
#ErrorText.38.2= 'Invalid parsing position detected at "<token>"'
#ErrorText.38.3= 'PARSE VALUE instruction requires WITH keyword'
#ErrorText.40 = 'Incorrect call to routine
#ErrorText.40.1= 'External routine "<name>" failed'
#ErrorText.40.3= 'Not enough arguments in invocation of <bif>;',
                 'minimum expected is <argnumber>'
#ErrorText.40.4= 'Too many arguments in invocation of <bif>;',
                 'maximum expected is <argnumber>'
#ErrorText.40.5= 'Missing argument in invocation of <bif>;',
                  'argument <argnumber> is required'
#ErrorText.40.9= '<bif> argument <argnumber>',
                 'exponent exceeds' #Limit ExponentDigits 'digits;',
                 'found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.11='<bif> argument <argnumber>',
                 'must be a number; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.12='<bif> argument <argnumber>',
                 'must be a whole number; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.13='<bif> argument <argnumber>',
                 'must be zero or positive; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.14='<bif> argument <argnumber>',
                 'must be positive; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.17='<bif> argument 1',
                 'must have an integer part in the range 0:90 and a',
                 'decimal part no larger than .9; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.18='<bif> conversion must',
                 'have a year in the range 0001 to 9999'
#ErrorText.40.19='<bif> argument 2, "<value>", is not in the format',
                  'described by argument 3, "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.21='<bif> argument <argnumber> must not be null'
#ErrorText.40.23='<bif> argument <argnumber>',
                 'must be a single character; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.24='<bif> argument 1',
                 'must be a binary string; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.25='<bif> argument 1',
                 'must be a hexadecimal string; found "<value>"'
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#ErrorText.40.26='<bif> argument 1',
                  'must be a valid symbol; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.27='<bif> argument 1',
                  'must be a valid stream name; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.28='<bif> argument <argnumber>,',
                  'option must start with one of "<optionslist>";',
                  'found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.29='<bif> conversion to format "<value>" is not allowed'
#ErrorText.40.31='<bif> argument 1 ("<value>") must not exceed 100000'
#ErrorText.40.32='<bif> the difference between argument 1 ("<value>") and',
                  'argument 2 ("<value>") must not exceed 100000'
#ErrorText.40.33='<bif> argument 1 ("<value>") must be less than',
                  'or equal to argument 2 ("<value>")'
#ErrorText.40.34='<bif> argument 1 ("<value>") must be less than',
                  'or equal to the number of lines',
'in the program (<sourceline()>)' #ErrorText.40.35='<bif> argument 1 cannot be expressed as a whole number;',
                  'found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.36='<bif> argument 1',
                  'must be the name of a variable in the pool;',
                  'found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.37='<bif> argument 3',
                  'must be the name of a pool; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.38='<bif> argument <argnumber>',
                  'is not large enough to format "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.39='<bif> argument 3 is not zero or one; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.41='<bif> argument <argnumber>',
                  'must be within the bounds of the stream;',
                  'found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.42='<bif> argument 1; cannot position on this stream;',
                   'found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.40.45='<bif> argument <argnumber> must be a single',
                  'non-alphanumeric character or the null string; ',
                  '"found < value > "'
#ErrorText.40.46='<bif> argument 3, "<value>", is a format incompatible',
                  'with separator specified in argument <argnumber>'
#ErrorText.41 = 'Bad arithmetic conversion'
#ErrorText.41.1= 'Non-numeric value ("<value>")',
                  'to left of arithmetic operation "<operator>"'
#ErrorText.41.2= 'Non-numeric value ("<value>")',
                  'to right of arithmetic operation "<operator>"'
#ErrorText.41.3= 'Non-numeric value ("<value>")',
                  'used with prefix operator "<operator>"'
#ErrorText.41.4= 'Value of TO expression in DO instruction',
                  'must be numeric; found "<value>"
#ErrorText.41.5= 'Value of BY expression in DO instruction',
                  'must be numeric; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.41.6= 'Value of control variable expression of DO instruction',
'must be numeric; found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.41.7= 'Exponent exceeds' #Limit_ExponentDigits 'digits;',
                  'found "<value>"'
#ErrorText.42 = 'Arithmetic overflow/underflow'
#ErrorText.42.1= 'Arithmetic overflow detected at',
                  '"<value> <operation> <value>";',
                  'exponent of result requires more than',
                  #Limit_ExponentDigits 'digits'
#ErrorText.42.2= 'Arithmetic underflow detected at',
                  '"<value> <operation> <value>";',
                  'exponent of result requires more than',
                  #Limit ExponentDigits 'digits'
#ErrorText.42.3= 'Arithmetic overflow; divisor must not be zero'
#ErrorText.43 = 'Routine not found'
#ErrorText.43.1= 'Could not find routine "<name>"'
#ErrorText.44 = 'Function did not return data'
#ErrorText.44.1= 'No data returned from function "<name>"'
#ErrorText.45 = 'No data specified on function RETURN'
#ErrorText.45.1= 'Data expected on RETURN instruction because',
```

```
'routine "<name>" was called as a function'
   #ErrorText.46 = 'Invalid variable reference'
   #ErrorText.46.1= 'Extra token ("<token>") found in variable',
                     'reference; ") " expected'
   #ErrorText.47 = 'Unexpected label'
   #ErrorText.47.1= 'INTERPRET data must not contain labels;',
                     'found "<name>"
   #ErrorText.48 = 'Failure in system service'
   #ErrorText.48.1= 'Failure in system service: <description>'
   #ErrorText.49 = 'Interpretation Error'
   #ErrorText.49.1= 'Interpretation Error: <description>'
   #ErrorText.50 = 'Unrecognized reserved symbol'
   #ErrorText.50.1= 'Unrecognized reserved symbol "<token>"'
   #ErrorText.51 = 'Invalid function name'
   #ErrorText.51.1= 'Unquoted function names must not end with a period;',
                     'found "<token>"'
   #ErrorText.52 = 'Result returned by "<name>" is longer than',
                     #Limit_String 'characters'
   #ErrorText.53 = 'Invalid option'
   #ErrorText.53.1= 'Variable reference expected',
                     'after STREAM keyword; found "<token>"'
   #ErrorText.53.2= 'Variable reference expected',
                     'after STEM keyword; found "<token>"'
   #ErrorText.53.3= 'Argument to STEM must have one period,',
                     'as its last character; found "<name>"
   #ErrorText.54 = 'Invalid STEM value'
   #ErrorText.54.1= 'For this use of STEM, the value of "<name>" must be a',
                     'count of lines; found: "<value>"'
If the activity defined by clause 6 does not produce any error message, execution of the program
continues.
 call Config NoSource
If Config_NoSource has set #NoSource to '0' the lines of source processed by clause 6 are copied to
#SourceLine., with #SourceLine.0 being a count of the lines and #SourceLine.n for n=1 to #SourceLine.0
being the source lines in order.
If Config NoSource has set #NoSource to '1' then #SourceLine.0 is set to 0.
The following state variables affect tracing:
 #InhibitPauses = 0
 #InhibitTrace = 0
 #AtPause = 0 /* Off until interactive input being received. */
 #Trace QueryPrior = 'No'
An initial variable pool is established:
 call Config_ObjectNew
 #Pool = #Outcome
#Pool1 = #Pool
 call Var Empty #Pool
 call Var Reset #Pool
 #Level = 1
              /* Level of invocation */
 \#NewLevel = 2
 #IsFunction.#Level = (#HowInvoked == 'FUNCTION')
For this first level, there is no previous level from which values are inherited. The relevant fields are
initialized.
 #Digits.#Level = 9
                        /* Numeric Digits */
 #Form.#Level = 'SCIENTIFIC' /* Numeric Form */
 #Fuzz.#Level = 0 /* Numeric Fuzz */
 #StartTime. #Level = '' /* Elapsed time boundary */
 #LineNumber = ''
 #Tracing.#Level = 'N'
 #Interactive.#Level = '0'
```

```
An environment is provided by the API_Start to become the initial active environment to which commands will be addressed. The alternate environment is made the same:
```

```
/* Call the environments ACTIVE, ALTERNATE, TRANSIENT where these are
never-initialized state variables.
 Similarly call the redirections I O and E */
call EnvAssign ALTERNATE, #Level, ACTIVE, #Level
Conditions are initially disabled:
 #Enabling.SYNTAX.#Level = 'OFF'
 #Enabling.HALT.#Level = 'OFF'
 #Enabling.ERROR.#Level = 'OFF'
 #Enabling.FAILURE.#Level = 'OFF'
 #Enabling.NOTREADY.#Level = 'OFF'
 #Enabling.NOVALUE.#Level = 'OFF'
 #Enabling.LOSTDIGITS.#Level = 'OFF'
 #PendingNow.HALT.#Level = 0
 #PendingNow.ERROR.#Level = 0
 #PendingNow.FAILURE.#Level = 0
#PendingNow.NOTREADY.#Level = 0
/* The following field corresponds to the results from the CONDITION built-in
function. */
 #Condition.#Level = ''
The opportunity is provided for a trap to initialize the pool.
 #API Enabled = '1'
call Var Reset #Pool
call Config_Initialization
 \#API Enabled = '0'
```

8.3 REQUIRES

For each requires in order of appearence:

A use of Start_API with #instance(requires, taken_constant). Msg40.1 or a new if completion 'E'. Add Provides to an ordered collection. Not cyclic because .LIST can be defined without defining REQUIRES but a fairly profound forward reference.

8.4 CLASS

```
For each class in order of appearence:
#ClassName = #Instance(class, taken_constant)
call var value #ReservedPool, '#CLASSES.'ClassName, '1'
if #Indicator == 'D' then do
   call Config ObjectNew
   \#Class = \#Outcome
   call var set #ReservedPool, '#CLASSES.'ClassName, '1', #Class
else call #Raise 'SYNTAX', nn.nn, #ClassName
New instance of CLASS class added to list. Msg "Duplicate :: CLASS directive instruction" (?)
     METHOD
For each method in order of appearence:
call Config ObjectNew
#Pool = #Outcome
call Config ObjectSource(#Pool)
#MethodName = #Instance(method, taken constant)
call var_value #Class, '#METHODS.'#MethodName, '1'
if \#Indicator == 'D' then
   call var set #Class, '#METHODS.'#MethodName, '1', #Pool
else call #Raise 'SYNTAX', nn.nn, #MethodName, #ClassName
```

GUARDED & public is default. if #contains(method, 'PRIVATE') then m~setprivate; if #contains(method, 'UNGUARDED') then m~setunguarded

Why is there a keyword for GUARDED but not for PUBLIC here?

Does CLASS option mean ENHANCE with Class class methods?

#CurrentClass~class(#instance(method, taken_constant), m)

For ATTRIBUTE, should we actually construct source for two methods? ATTRIBUTE case needs test of null body. OOI doesn't have source (because it actually traps UNKNOWN?).

For EXTERNAL test for null body. Simon Nash doc says "Accessibility to external methods ... is implementation-defined". Left like that it doesn't even tell us about search order. We will need a Config ExternalClass to import the public names of the class.

8.6 ROUTINE

For each routine in order of appearence:

Add name (with duplicate check) to list for this file.

Extra step needed in the invokation search order. Although this is nominally EXTERNAL we presumably wont use the external call mechanism. (Except perhaps when the routine was made available by a REQUIRES; in that case the PARSE SOURCE answer has to change.)

I have the builtins-defined-by-directives elsewhere; it would make sense if they wound up about here.

9 Instructions

This clause describes the execution of instructions, and how the sequence of execution can vary from the normal execution in order of appearance in the program.

Execution of the program begins with its first clause.

If we left Routine initialization to here we can leave method initialization.

9.1 Method initialization

There is a pool for local variables.
call Config_ObjectNew
#Pool = #Outcome
Set self and super

9.2 Routine initialization

If the routine is invoked as a function, #IsFunction.#NewLevel shall be set to '1', otherwise to '0'; this affects the processing of a subsequent RETURN instruction.

#AllowProcedure. #NewLevel = '1'

Many of the initial values for a new invocation are inherited from the caller's values.

#Digits.#NewLevel = #Digits.#Level
#Form.#NewLevel = #Form.#Level
#Fuzz.#NewLevel = #Fuzz.#Level

#StartTime.#NewLevel = #StartTime.#Level

#Tracing.#NewLevel = #Tracing.#Level
#Interactive.#NewLevel = #Interactive.#Level

call EnvAssign ACTIVE, #NewLevel, ACTIVE, #Level call EnvAssign ALTERNATE, #NewLevel, ALTERNATE, #Level

do t=1 to 7

Condition = word('SYNTAX HALT ERROR FAILURE NOTREADY NOVALUE LOSTDIGITS',t)
#Enabling.Condition.#NewLevel = #Enabling.Condition.#Level
#Instruction.Condition.#NewLevel = #Instruction.Condition.#Level
#TrapName.Condition.#NewLevel = #TrapName.Condition.#Level
#EventLevel.Condition.#NewLevel = #EventLevel.Condition.#Level
end t

If this invocation is not caused by a condition occurring, see nnn, the state variables for the CONDITION built-in function are copied.

#Condition.#NewLevel = #Condition.#Level
#ConditionDescription.#NewLevel = #ConditionDescription.#Level
#ConditionExtra.#NewLevel = #ConditionExtra.#Level
#ConditionInstruction.#NewLevel = #ConditionInstruction.#Level
Execution of the initialized routine continues at the new level of invocation.
#Level = #NewLevel

#Level = #NewLevel
#NewLevel = #Level + 1

9.3 Clause initialization

The clause is traced before execution:

if pos(#Tracing.#Level, 'AIR') > 0 then call #TraceSource The time of the first use of DATE or TIME will be retained throughout the clause.

#ClauseTime.#Level = ''

The state variable #LineNumber is set to the line number of the clause, see nnn.

A clause other than a null clause or label or procedure instruction sets:

#AllowProcedure.#Level = '0' /* See message 17.1 */

9.4 Clause termination

if #InhibitTrace > 0 then #InhibitTrace = #InhibitTrace - 1

Polling for a HALT condition occurs: #Response = Config_Halt_Query() if #Outcome == 'Yes' then do call Config_Halt_Reset

```
call #Raise 'HALT', substr(#Response,2) /* May return */
At the end of each clause there is a check for conditions which occurred and were delayed. It is acted on
if this is the clause in which the condition arose.
do t=1 to 4
  #Condition=WORD('HALT FAILURE ERROR NOTREADY',t)
  /* HALT can be established during HALT handling. */
  do while #PendingNow.#Condition.#Level
     #PendingNow.#Condition.#Level = '0'
     call #Raise
     end
  end
Interactive tracing may be turned on via the configuration. Only a change in the setting is significant.
call Config_Trace_Query
if #AtPause = 0 & #Outcome == 'Yes' & #Trace_QueryPrior == 'No' then do
  /* External request for Trace '?R' */
  #Interactive.#Level = '1'
  #Tracing.#Level = 'R'
#TraceQueryPrior = #Outcome
```

Tracing just not the same with NetRexx.

When tracing interactively, pauses occur after the execution of each clause except for CALL, DO the second or subsequent time through the loop, END, ELSE, EXIT, ITERATE, LEAVE, OTHERWISE, RETURN, SIGNAL, THEN and null clauses.

If the character '=' is entered in response to a pause, the prior clause is re-executed. Anything else entered will be treated as a string of one or more clauses and executed by the language processor. The same rules apply to the contents of the string executed by interactive trace as do for strings executed by the INTERPRET instruction. If the execution of the string generates a syntax error, the standard message is displayed but no condition is raised. All condition traps are disabled during execution of the string. During execution of the string, no tracing takes place other than error or failure return codes from commands. The special variable RC is not set by commands executed within the string, nor is .RC.

If a TRACE instruction is executed within the string, the language processor immediately alters the trace setting according to the TRACE instruction encountered and leaves this pause point. If no TRACE instruction is executed within the string, the language processor simply pauses again at the same point in the program.

At a pause point:

```
if #AtPause = 0 & #Interactive.#Level & #InhibitTrace = 0 then do
 if #InhibitPauses > 0 then #InhibitPauses = #InhibitPauses-1
   #TraceInstruction = '0'
   do forever
     call Config Trace Query
      if #Outcome == 'No' & #Trace QueryPrior == 'Yes' then do
         * External request to stop tracing. */
        #Trace QueryPrior=#Outcome
        #Interactive.#Level = '0'
        #Tracing.#Level = 'N'
       leave
      if #Outcome == 'Yes' & #Trace QueryPrior == 'No' then do
         '* External request for Trace '?R' */
        #Trace QueryPrior = #Outcome
        #Interactive.#Level = '1'
        #Tracing.#Level = 'R'
       leave
      if \#Interactive.#Level | #TraceInstruction then leave
      /* Accept input for immediate execution. */
     call Config_Trace_Input
      if length(#Outcome) = 0
                              #Outcome == '=' then leave
      #AtPause = #Level
      interpret #Outcome
```

```
#AtPause = 0
  end /* forever loop */
  if #Outcome == '=' then call #Retry /* With no return */
  end
end
```

9.5 Instruction

9.5.1 ADDRESS

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

An external environment to which commands can be submitted is identified by an environment name. Environment names are specified in the ADDRESS instruction to identify the environment to which a command should be sent.

I/O can be redirected when submitting commands to an external environment. The submitted command's input stream can be taken from an existing stream or from a set of compound variables with a common stem. In the latter case (that is, when a stem is specified as the source for the commands input stream) whole number tails are used to order input for presentation to the submitted command. Stem.0 must contain a whole number indicating the number of compound variables to be presented, and stem.1 through stem.n (where n=stem.0) are the compound variables to be presented to the submitted command.

Similarly, the submitted command's output stream can be directed to a stream, or to a set of compound variables with a given stem. In the latter case (i.e., when a stem is specified as the destination) compound variables will be created to hold the standard output, using whole number tails as described above. Output redirection can specify a REPLACE or APPEND option, which controls positioning prior to the command's execution. REPLACE is the default.

I/O redirection can be persistently associated with an environment name. The term "environment" is used to refer to an environment name together with the I/O redirections.

At any given time, there will be two environments, the active environment and the alternate environment. When an ADDRESS instruction specifies a command to the environment, any specified I/O redirection applies to that command's execution only, providing a third environment for the duration of the instruction. When an ADDRESS command does not contain a command, that ADDRESS command creates a new active environment, which includes the specified I/O redirection.

The redirections specified on the ADDRESS instruction may not be possible. If the configuration is aware that the command processor named does not perform I/O in a manner compatible with the request, the value of #Env_Type. may be set to 'UNUSED' as an alternative to 'STEM' and 'STREAM' where those values are assigned in the following code.

In the following code the particular use of #Contains(address, expression) refers to an expression immediately contained in the *address*.

AddrInstr:

```
/* If ADDRESS keyword alone, environments are swapped. */
if \#Contains(address, taken constant),
 & \#Contains(address, valueexp),
 & \#Contains(address,'WITH') then do
   call EnvAssign TRANSIENT, #Level, ACTIVE, #Level
   call EnvAssign ACTIVE, #Level, ALTERNATE, #Level
   call EnvAssign ALTERNATE, #Level, TRANSIENT, #Level
   return
   end
/st The environment name will be explicitly specified. st/
\verb|if #Contains(address,taken_constant)| then \\
  Name = #Instance(address, taken constant)
  Name = #Evaluate(valueexp, expression)
if length(Name) > #LimitEnvironmentName then
  call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 29.1, Name
if #Contains(address, expression) then do
  /* The command is evaluated (but not issued) at this point. */
  Command = #Evaluate(address, expression)
  if #Tracing.#Level == 'C' | #Tracing.#Level == 'A' then do
     call #Trace '>>>'
     end
  end
```

```
call AddressSetup /* Note what is specified on the ADDRESS instruction. */
  /st If there is no command, the persistent environment is being set. st/
  if \#Contains(address, expression) then do
         call EnvAssign ACTIVE, #Level, TRANSIENT, #Level
         return
         end
  call CommandIssue Command /* See nnn */
  return /* From AddrInstr */
AddressSetup:
  /* Note what is specified on the ADDRESS instruction,
  into the TRANSIENT environment. */
  EnvTail = 'TRANSIENT.'#Level
  /* Initialize with defaults. */
  #Env_Name.EnvTail = ''
  #Env Type.I.EnvTail = 'NORMAL'
  #Env_Type.O.EnvTail = 'NORMAL'
  #Env_Type.E.EnvTail = 'NORMAL'
  #Env Resource.I.EnvTail = ''
  #Env_Resource.O.EnvTail = ''
  #Env_Resource.E.EnvTail = ''
  /* \overline{\text{APPEND}} / REPLACE does not apply to input. */
  #Env_Position.I.EnvTail = 'INPUT'
  #Env_Position.O.EnvTail = 'REPLACE'
  #Env Position.E.EnvTail = 'REPLACE'
  /st If anything follows ADDRESS, it will include the command processor name.st/
  #Env Name.EnvTail = Name
/* Connections may be explicitly specified. */
if #Contains(address,connection) then do if #Contains(connection,input) then do
                                                                                                              /* input redirection */
         if #Contains(resourcei, 'STREAM') then do
             #Env_Type.I.EnvTail = 'STREAM'
              #Env_Resource.I.EnvTail=#Evaluate(resourcei, VAR_SYMBOL)
              end
         if #Contains(resourcei,'STEM') then do
              #Env Type.I.EnvTail = 'STEM
              Temp=#Instance(resourcei, VAR SYMBOL)
              if \protect\operatorname{\footnotemp}, stem \protect\operatorname{\footnotemp} stem 
                  call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 53.3, Temp
              #Env Resource.I.EnvTail=Temp
              end
         end /* Input */
    if #Contains(connection, output) then /* output redirection */
         call NoteTarget O
    if #Contains(connection,error) then /* error redirection */
         /* The prose on the description of #Contains specifies that the
         relevant resourceo is used in NoteTarget. */
         call NoteTarget E
    end /* Connection */
return /* from AddressSetup */
NoteTarget:
     /* Note the characteristics of an output resource. */
    arg Which /* O or E */
    if #Contains(resourceo, 'STREAM') then do
         #Env_Type.Which.EnvTail='STREAM'
         #Env Resource. Which. EnvTail = #Evaluate (resourceo, VAR SYMBOL)
         end
    if
           #Contains(resourceo,'STEM') then do
         #Env Type.Which.EnvTail='STEM'
         Temp=#Instance(resourceo,VAR_SYMBOL)
         if \#Parses(Temp, stem /* See nnn */) then
             call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 53.3, Temp
         #Env Resource.Which.EnvTail=Temp
         end
```

```
if #Contains(resourceo,append) then
    #Env_Position.Which.EnvTail='APPEND'
return /* From NoteTarget */

EnvAssign:
/* Copy the values that name an environment and describe its
redirections. */
arg Lhs, LhsLevel, Rhs, RhsLevel
#Env_Name.Lhs.LhsLevel = #Env_Name.Rhs.RhsLevel
#Env_Type.I.Lhs.LhsLevel = #Env_Type.I.Rhs.RhsLevel
#Env_Resource.I.Lhs.LhsLevel = #Env_Resource.I.Rhs.RhsLevel
#Env_Position.I.Lhs.LhsLevel = #Env_Position.I.Rhs.RhsLevel
#Env_Type.O.Lhs.LhsLevel = #Env_Type.O.Rhs.RhsLevel
#Env_Position.O.Lhs.LhsLevel = #Env_Resource.O.Rhs.RhsLevel
#Env_Position.O.Lhs.LhsLevel = #Env_Position.O.Rhs.RhsLevel
#Env_Type.E.Lhs.LhsLevel = #Env_Type.E.Rhs.RhsLevel
#Env_Resource.E.Lhs.LhsLevel = #Env_Resource.E.Rhs.RhsLevel
#Env_Position.E.Lhs.LhsLevel = #Env_Position.E.Rhs.RhsLevel
#Env_Position.E.Lhs.LhsLevel = #Env_Position.E.Rhs.RhsLevel
return
```

9.5.2 ARG

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The ARG instruction is a shorter form of the equivalent instruction:

PARSE UPPER ARG template_list

9.5.3 Assignment

Assignment can occur as the result of executing a clause containing an assignment (see nnn and nnn), or as a result of executing the VALUE built-in function, or as part of the execution of a PARSE instruction. Assignment involves an *expression* and a *VAR_SYMBOL*. The value of the *expression* is determined; see nnn.

If the VAR_SYMBOL does not contain a period, or contains only one period as its last character, the value is associated with the VAR SYMBOL:

call Var Set #Pool, VAR SYMBOL, '0', Value

Otherwise, a name is derived, see nnn. The value is associated with the derived name:

call Var Set #Pool, Derived Name, '1', Value

9.5.4 CALL

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The CALL instruction is used to invoke a routine, or is used to control trapping of conditions.

If a *vref* is specified that value is the name of the routine to invoke:

```
if #Contains(call, vref) then
  Name = #Evaluate(vref, var_symbol)
If a taken_constant is specified, that name is used.
if #Contains(call, taken_constant) then
  Name = #Instance(call, taken_constant)
```

The name is used to invoke a routine, see nnn. If that routine does not return a result the RESULT and .RESULT variables become uninitialized:

```
call Var_Drop #Pool, 'RESULT', '0'
call Var_Drop #ReservedPool, '.RESULT', '0'
```

If the routine does return a result that value is assigned to RESULT and .RESULT. See nnn for an exception to assigning results.

If the routine returns a result and the trace setting is 'R' or 'I' then a trace with that result and a tag '>>>' shall be produced, associated with the call instruction.

If a callon spec is specified:

9.5.5 Command to the configuration

For a definition of the syntax of a command, see nnn.

A command that is not part of an ADDRESS instruction is processed in the ACTIVE environment.

```
Command = #Evaluate(command, expression)
if #Tracing.#Level == 'C' | #Tracing.#Level == 'A' then
   call #Trace '>>>'
call EnvAssign TRANSIENT, #Level, ACTIVE, #Level
call CommandIssue Command
```

CommandIssue is also used to describe the ADDRESS instruction:

```
CommandIssue:
 parse arg Cmd
  /* Issues the command, requested environment is TRANSIENT */
  /* This description does not require the command processor to understand
 stems, so it uses an altered environment. */
 call EnvAssign PASSED, #Level, TRANSIENT, #Level
 EnvTail = 'TRANSIENT.'#Level
  /* Note the command input. */
  if #Env Type.I.EnvTail = 'STEM' then do
      /* Check reasonableness of the stem. */
      Stem = #Env Resource.I.EnvTail
      Lines = value(Stem'0')
      if \datatype(Lines,'W') then
        call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 54.1, Stem'0', Lines
      if Lines<0 then
        call #Raise 'SYNTAX',54.1,Stem'0', Lines
      /* Use a stream for the stem */
      #Env_Type.I.PASSED.#Level = 'STREAM'
      call Config_Stream_Unique
      InputStream = #Outcome
      #Env_Resource.I.PASSED.#Level = InputStream
      call charout InputStream , ,1
      do j = 1 to Lines
        call lineout InputStream, value(Stem |  j)
        end i
      call lineout InputStream
      end
  /* Note the command output. */
  if #Env_Type.O.EnvTail = 'STEM' then do
     Stem = #Env Resource.O.EnvTail
     if #Env Position.O.EnvTail == 'APPEND' then do
       /* Check that Stem.0 will accept incrementing. */
       Lines=value(Stem'0');
       if \datatype(Lines,'W') then
         call #Raise 'SYNTAX',54.1,Stem'0', Lines
       if Lines<0 then
         call #Raise 'SYNTAX',54.1,Stem'0', Lines
       end
     else call value Stem'0',0
     /st Use a stream for the stem st/
     #Env_Type.O.PASSED.#Level = 'STREAM'
     call Config Stream Unique
     #Env_Resource.O.PASSED.#Level = #Outcome
     end
    /* Note the command error stream. */
    if #Env_Type.E.EnvTail = 'STEM' then do
       Stem = #Env Resource.E.EnvTail
       if #Env_Position.E.EnvTail == 'APPEND' then do
         /* Check that Stem.0 will accept incrementing. */
         Lines=value(Stem'0');
         if \datatype(Lines,'W') then
           call #Raise 'SYNTAX',54.1,Stem'0', Lines
         if Lines<0 then
           call #Raise 'SYNTAX',54.1,Stem'0', Lines
```

```
end
     else call value Stem'0',0
     /* Use a stream for the stem */
     #Env Type.E.PASSED.#Level = 'STREAM'
     call Config Stream Unique
     #Env Resource.E.PASSED.#Level = #Outcome
     end
 #API Enabled =
                  '1'
  call Var Reset #Pool
  /* Specifying PASSED here implies all the
     components of that environment. */
 #Response = Config_Command(PASSED, Cmd)
#Indicator = left(#Response,1)
 Description = substr(#Response,2)
 #API Enabled = '0'
 /* Recognize success and failure. */
 if #AtPause = 0 then do
   call value 'RC', #RC
                    '.RC', 0, #RC
   call Var_Set 0,
   end
 select
   when #Indicator=='N' then Temp=0
   when #Indicator=='F' then Temp=-1 /* Failure */
   when #Indicator=='E' then Temp=1
                                      /* Error */
   end
 call Var_Set 0, '.RS', 0, Temp
 /* Process the output */
 if #Env_Type.O.EnvTail='STEM' then do
                                          /* get output into stem. */
   Stem = #Env Resource.O.EnvTail
   OutputStream = #Env Resource.O.PASSED.#Level
   do while lines(OutputStream) > 0
     call value Stem'0', value(Stem'0')+1
     call value Stem | | value(Stem'0'), linein(OutputStream)
   end /* Stemmed Output */
 if #Env_Type.E.EnvTail='STEM' then do
                                         /* get error output into stem. */
   Stem = #Env Resource.E.EnvTail
   OutputStream = #Env Resource.E.PASSED.#Level
   do while lines(OutputStream) > 0
     call value Stem'0', value(Stem'0')+1
     call value Stem | | value (Stem'0'), linein (OutputStream)
     end
   end /* Stemmed Error output */
 if #Indicator \== 'N' & pos(#Tracing.#Level, 'CAIR') > 0 then
    call #Trace '+++'
 if (#Indicator \== 'N' & #Tracing.#Level=='E'),
    (#Indicator=='F' & (#Tracing.#Level=='F' | #Tracing.#Level=='N')) then do
    call #Trace '>>>'
    call #Trace '+++'
    end
#Condition='FAILURE'
if #Indicator='F' & #Enabling. #Condition. #Level \== 'OFF' then call #Raise 'FAILURE'
else if #Indicator='E' | #Indicator='F'
                                          then call #Raise 'ERROR', Cmd
return /* From CommandIssue */
```

The configuration may choose to perform the test for message 54.1 before or after issuing the command.

9.5.6 DO

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The DO instructions is used to group instructions together and optionally to execute them repeatedly. Executing a *do_simple* has the same effect as executing a *nop*, except in its trace output. Executing the *do_ending* associated with a *do_simple* has the same effect as executing a *nop*, except in its trace output.

A *do_instruction* that does not contain a *do_simple* is equivalent, except for trace output, to a sequence of instructions in the following order.

```
\#Loop = \#Loop+1
#Iterate.#Loop = #Clause(IterateLabel)
#Once.#Loop = #Clause(OnceLabel)
#Leave.#Loop = #Clause(LeaveLabel)
if #Contains(do specification, assignment) then
    #Identity. #Loop = #Instance(assignment, VAR SYMBOL)
if #Contains(do_specification, repexpr) then
   if \datatype(repexpr,'W') then
       call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 26.2, repexpr
   else do
       #Repeat.#Loop = repexpr+0
       if #Repeat.#Loop<0 then
          call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 26.2, #Repeat. #Loop
if #Contains(do_specification,assignment) then do
   #StartValue. #Loop = #Evaluate(assignment, expression)
   if datatype(#StartValue.#Loop) \== 'NUM' then
       call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 41.6, #StartValue.#Loop
   #StartValue.#Loop = #StartValue.#Loop + 0
   if \#Contains(do_specification,byexpr) then
       \#By.\#Loop = \overline{1}
   end
The following three assignments are made in the order in which 'TO', 'BY' and 'FOR' appear in docount;
see nnn.
if #Contains(do_specification, toexpr) then do
   if datatype(\overline{toexpr}) \== 'NUM' then
      call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 41.4, toexpr
   #To.#Loop = toexpr+0
if #Contains(do_specification, byexpr) then do
  if datatype(byexpr) \=='NUM' then
      call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 41.5, byexpr
   #By.#Loop = byexpr+0
if #Contains(do_specification, forexpr) then do
   if \datatype(forexpr, 'W') then
      call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 26.3, forexpr
   #For.#Loop = forexpr+0
   if #For.#Loop <0 then
      call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 26.3, #For.#Loop
   end
if #Contains(do specification, assignment) then do
   call value #Identity. #Loop, #StartValue. #Loop
   end
if #Contains(do specification, 'OVER') then do
   Value = \#Evaluate(dorep, expression)
   #OverArray.#Loop = Value ~ makearray
   #Repeat.#Loop = #OverArray~items
                                       /* Count this downwards as if repexpr. */
   #Identity.#Loop = #Instance(dorep, VAR_SYMBOL)
call #Goto #Once.#Loop /* to OnceLabel */
IterateLabel:
if #Contains(do specification, untilexpr) then do
  Value = #Evaluate(untilexp, expression)
  if Value == '1' then leave
  if Value \== '0' then call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 34.4, Value
  end
if #Contains(do specification, assignment) then do
   t = value(#Identity.#Loop)
   if #Indicator == 'D' then call #Raise 'NOVALUE', #Identity.#Loop
   call value #Identity.#Loop, t + #By.#Loop
   end
OnceLabel:
if #Contains(do specification, toexpr) then do
   if #By.#Loop>=0 then do
     if value(#Identity.#Loop) > #To.#Loop then leave
     end
   else do if value(#Identity.#Loop) < #To.#Loop then leave
     end
```

end

```
if #Contains(dorep, repexpr) | #Contains(dorep, 'OVER') then do
   if #Repeat.#Loop = 0 then leave
   #Repeat.#Loop = #Repeat.#Loop-1
   if #Contains(dorep, 'OVER') then
    call value #Identity. #Loop, #OverArray[#OverArray~items - #Repeat. #Loop]
if #Contains(do_specification, forexpr) then do
   if \#For.\#Loop = 0 then leave
   #For.#Loop = #For.#Loop - 1
   end
if #Contains(do specification, whileexpr) then do
 Value = #Evaluate(whileexp, expression)
  if Value == '0' then leave
 if Value \== '1' then call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 34.3, Value
  end
  #Execute(do instruction, instruction list)
TraceOfEnd:
call #Goto #Iterate.#Loop /* to IterateLabel */
LeaveLabel:
\#Loop = \#Loop - 1
```

9.5.7 DO loop tracing

When clauses are being traced by #TraceSource, due to pos(#Tracing.#Level, 'AIR') > 0, the DO instruction shall be traced when it is encountered and again each time the IterateLabel (see nnn) is encountered. The END instruction shall be traced when the TraceOfEnd label is encountered. When expressions or intermediates are being traced they shall be traced in the order specified by nnn. Hence, in the absence of conditions arising, those executed prior to the first execution of OnceLabel shall be shown once per execution of the DO instruction; others shall be shown depending on the outcome of

The code in the DO description:

```
t = value(#Identity.#Loop)
if #Indicator == 'D' then call #Raise 'NOVALUE', #Identity.#Loop
call value #Identity.#Loop, t + #By.#Loop
```

represents updating the control variable of the loop. That assignment is subject to tracing, and other expressions involving state variables are not. When tracing intermediates, the BY value will have a tag of '>+>'.

9.5.8 DROP

the tests.

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The DROP instruction restores variables to an uninitialized state.

The words of the *variable list* are processed from left to right.

A word which is a VAR_SYMBOL, not contained in parentheses, specifies a variable to be dropped. If VAR_SYMBOL does not contain a period, or has only a single period as its last character, the variable associated with VAR_SYMBOL by the variable pool is dropped:

#Response = Var Drop(#Pool, VAR SYMBOL, '0')

If VAR_SYMBOL has a period other than as the last character, the variable associated with

VAR SYMBOL by the variable pool is dropped by:

#Response = Var Drop (#Pool, VAR SYMBOL, '1')

If the word of the *variable_list* is a VAR_SYMBOL enclosed in parentheses then the value of the VAR SYMBOL is processed. The value is considered in uppercase:

#Value = Config_Upper(#Value)

Each word in that value found by the WORD built-in function, from left to right, is subjected to this process:

If the word does not have the syntax of VAR SYMBOL a condition is raised:

call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 20.1, word

Otherwise the VAR_SYMBOL indicated by the word is dropped, as if that VAR_SYMBOL were a word of the *variable_list*.

9.5.9 **EXIT**

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The EXIT instruction is used to unconditionally complete execution of a program.

Any expression is evaluated:

```
if #Contains(exit, expression) then Value = #Evaluate(exit, expression)
#Level = 1
#Pool = #Pool1
```

The opportunity is provided for a final trap.

```
#API Enabled = '1'
call Var_Reset #Pool
call Config_Termination
#API Enabled = '0'
```

The processing of the program is complete. See nnn for what API_Start returns as the result. If the normal sequence of execution "falls through" the end of the program; that is, would execute a further statement if one were appended to the program, then the program is terminated in the same manner as an EXIT instruction with no argument.

9.5.10 **EXPOSE**

The expose instruction identifies variables that are not local to the method.

We need a check that this starts method; similarities with PROCEDURE.

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

It is used at the start of a method, after method initialization, to make variables in the receiver's pool accessible:

```
if \#AllowExpose then call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 17.2
```

The words of the *variable_list* are processed from left to right.

A word which is a VAR_SYMBOL, not contained in parentheses, specifies a variable to be made accessible. If VAR_SYMBOL does not contain a period, or has only a single period as its last character, the variable associated with VAR_SYMBOL by the variable pool (as a non-tailed name) is given the attribute 'exposed'.

```
call Var Expose #Pool, VAR SYMBOL, '0'
```

If VAR_SYMBOL has a period other than as last character, the variable associated with VAR_SYMBOL in the variable pool (by the name derived from VAR_SYMBOL, see nnn) is given the attribute 'exposed'. call Var Expose #Pool, Derived Name, '1'

If the word from the *variable_list* is a VAR_SYMBOL enclosed in parentheses then the VAR_SYMBOL is exposed, as if that VAR_SYMBOL was a word in the variable_list. The value of the VAR_SYMBOL is processed. The value is considered in uppercase:

```
#Value = Config Upper(#Value)
```

Each word in that value found by the WORD built-in function, from left to right, is subjected to this process:

If the word does not have the syntax of VAR_SYMBOL a condition is raised:

```
call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 20.1, word
```

Otherwise the VAR_SYMBOL indicated by the word is exposed, as if that VAR_SYMBOL were a word of the *variable list*.

9.5.11 **FORWARD**

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The FORWARD instruction is used to send a message based on the current message. if #Contains(forward, 'ARRAY') & #Contains(forward, 'ARGUMENTS') then

call #Raise 'SYNTAX', nn.n 9.5.12 GUARD

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The GUARD instruction is used to conditionally delay the execution of a method.

do forever

```
Value = #Evaluate( guard, expression)
if Value == '1' then leave
if Value \== '0' then call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 34.7, Value
Drop exclusive access and wait for change
end
```

9.5.13 IF

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The IF instruction is used to conditionally execute an instruction, or to select between two alternatives. The *expression* is evaluated. If the value is neither '0' nor '1' error 34.1 occurs. If the value is '1', the *instruction* in the *then* is executed. If the value is '0' and *else* is specified, the *instruction* in the *else* is executed.

In the former case, if tracing clauses, the clause consisting of the THEN keyword shall be traced in addition to the instructions.

In the latter case, if tracing clauses, the clause consisting of the ELSE keyword shall be traced in addition to the instructions.

9.5.14 INTERPRET

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The INTERPRET instruction is used to execute instructions that have been built dynamically by evaluating an expression.

The expression is evaluated.

The HALT condition is tested for, and may be raised, in the same way it is tested at clause termination, see nnn.

The process of syntactic recognition described in clause 6 is applied, with Config_SourceChar obtaining its results from the characters of the value, in left-to-right order, without producing any EOL or EOS events. When the characters are exhausted, the event EOL occurs, followed by the event EOS. If that recognition would produce any message then the *interpret* raises the corresponding 'SYNTAX' condition

If the program recognized contains any LABELs then the *interpret* raises a condition:

call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 47.1, Label

where Label is the first LABEL in the program.

Otherwise the *instruction_list* in the *program* is executed.

9.5.15 ITERATE

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The ITERATE instruction is used to alter the flow of control within a repetitive DO.

For a definition of the nesting correction, see nnn.

#Loop = #Loop - NestingCorrection
call #Goto #Iterate.#Loop

9.5.16 Execution of labels

The execution of a label has no effect, other than clause termination activity and any tracing. if #Tracing.#Level=='L' then call #TraceSource

9.5.17 LEAVE

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The LEAVE instruction is used to immediately exit one or more repetitive DOs.

For a definition of the nesting correction, see nnn.

#Loop = #Loop - NestingCorrection
call #Goto #Leave.#Loop

9.5.18 Message term

We can do this by reference to method invokation, just as we do CALL by reference to invoking a function.

9.5.19 LOOP

Shares most of it's definition with repetitive DO.

9.5.20 NOP

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The NOP instruction has no effect other than the effects associated with all instructions.

9.5.21 **NUMERIC**

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The NUMERIC instruction is used to change the way in which arithmetic operations are carried out.

9.5.21.1 NUMERIC DIGITS

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

NUMERIC DIGITS controls the precision under which arithmetic operations and arithmetic built-in functions will be evaluated.

if #Contains(numericdigits, expression) then
 Value = #Evaluate(numericdigits, expression)
else Value = 9

```
if \datatype(Value,'W') then
    call #Raise 'SYNTAX',26.5,Value
Value = Value + 0
if Value<=#Fuzz.#Level then
    call #Raise 'SYNTAX',33.1,Value
if Value>#Limit_Digits then
    call #Raise 'SYNTAX',33.2,Value
#Digits.#Level = Value
```

9.5.21.2 **NUMERIC FORM**

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

NUMERIC FORM controls which form of exponential notation is to be used for the results of operations and arithmetic built-in functions.

The value of form is either taken directly from the SCIENTIFIC or ENGINEERING keywords, or by evaluating *valueexp*.

```
if \#Contains(numeric,numericsuffix) then
  Value = 'SCIENTIFIC'
else if #Contains(numericformsuffix,'SCIENTIFIC') then
           Value = 'SCIENTIFIC'
        else
           if #Contains(numericformsuffix,'ENGINEERING') then
             Value = 'ENGINEERING'
           else do
             Value = #Evaluate(numericformsuffix, valueexp)
             Value = translate(left(Value,1))
             select
                when Value == 'S' then Value = 'SCIENTIFIC'
                when Value == 'E' then Value = 'ENGINEERING'
                otherwise call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 33.3, Value
                end
            end
#Form. #Level = Value
```

9.5.21.3 NUMERIC FUZZ

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

NUMERIC FUZZ controls how many digits, at full precision, will be ignored during a numeric comparison.

```
If #Contains(numericfuzz,expression) then
   Value = #Evaluate(numericfuzz,expression)
else
   Value = 0
If \datatype(Value,'W') then
   call #Raise 'SYNTAX',26.6,Value
Value = Value+0
If Value < 0 then
   call #Raise 'SYNTAX',26.6,Value
If Value >= #Digits.#Level then
   call #Raise 'SYNTAX',33.1,#Digits.#Level,Value
#Fuzz.#Level = Value
```

9.5.22 **OPTIONS**

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The OPTIONS instruction is used to pass special requests to the language processor.

The *expression* is evaluated and the value is passed to the language processor. The language processor treats the value as a series of blank delimited words. Any words in the value that are not recognized by the language processor are ignored without producing an error. call Config_Options(Expression)

9.5.23 PARSE

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The PARSE instruction is used to assign data from various sources to variables.

The purpose of the PARSE instruction is to select substrings of the *parse_type* under control of the *template_list*. If the *template_list* is omitted, or a *template* in the list is omitted, then a template which is the null string is implied.

Processing for the PARSE instruction begins by constructing a value, the source to be parsed.

```
ArgNum = 0
 select
  when #Contains(parse type, 'ARG') then do
         ArgNum = 1
         ToParse = #Arg.#Level.ArgNum
   when #Contains(parse_type, 'LINEIN') then ToParse = linein('')
   when #Contains(parse type, 'PULL') then do
      /* Acquire from external queue or default input. */
      #Response = Config_Pull()
      if left(#Response, 1) == 'F' then
        call Config_Default_Input
        ToParse = #Outcome
        end
   when #Contains(parse_type, 'SOURCE') then
      ToParse = #Configuration #HowInvoked #Source
    when #Contains(parse_type, 'VALUE') then
      if \#Contains(parse value, expression) then ToParse = ''
   else ToParse = #Evaluate(parse_value, expression)
when #Contains(parse_type, 'VAR') then
     ToParse = #Evaluate(parse_var, VAR_SYMBOL)
   when #Contains(parse type, 'VERSION') then ToParse = #Version
Uppering = #Contains(parse, 'UPPER')
The first template is associated with this source. If there are further templates, they are matched against
null strings unless 'ARG' is specified, when they are matched against further arguments.
The parsing process is defined by the following routine, ParseData. The template_list is accessed by
ParseData as a stemmed variable. This variable Template. has elements which are null strings except
for any elements with tails 1,2,3,... corresponding to the tokens of the template list from left to right.
ParseData:
  /* Targets will be flagged as the template is examined. */
  Target.='0'
  /* Token is a cursor on the components of the template,
  moved by FindNextBreak. */
  Token = 1
  /* Tok is a cursor on the components of the template
  moved through the target variables by routine WordParse. */
  Tok = 1
do forever /* Until commas dealt with. */
  /* BreakStart and BreakEnd indicate the position in the source
  string where there is a break that divides the source. When the break
  is a pattern they are the start of the pattern and the position just
  beyond it. */
  BreakStart = 1
  BreakEnd = 1
  SourceEnd = length(ToParse) + 1
  If Uppering then ToParse = translate(ToParse)
  do while Template.Tok \== '' & Template.Tok \== ','
    /* Isolate the data to be processed on this iteration. */
    call FindNextBreak /* Also marks targets. */
    /* Results have been set in DataStart which indicates the start
    of the isolated data and BreakStart and BreakEnd which are ready
    for the next iteration. Tok has not changed. */
    /* If a positional takes the break leftwards from the end of the
    previous selection, the source selected is the rest of the string, */
    if BreakEnd <= DataStart then
      DataEnd = SourceEnd
    else
      DataEnd = BreakStart
    /* Isolated data, to be assigned from: */
    Data=substr(ToParse, DataStart, DataEnd-DataStart)
    call WordParse /* Does the assignments. */
```

```
end /* while */
  if Template.Tok \== ',' then leave
  /* Continue with next source. */
  Token=Token+1
  Tok=Token
  if ArgNum <> 0 then do
     ArgNum = ArgNum+1
     ToParse = #Arg.ArgNum
     end
  else ToParse=''
  end
return /* from ParseData */
FindNextBreak:
  do while Template.Token \== '' & Template.Token \== ','
    Type=left(Template.Token,1)
    /* The source data to be processed next will normally start at the end of
    the break that ended the previous piece. (However, the relative
    positionals alter this.) */
    DataStart = BreakEnd
    select
      when Type='"' | Type="'" | Type='(' then do
        if Type='(' then do

/* A parenthesis introduces a pattern which is not a constant. */
          Token = Token+1
          Pattern = value(Template.Token)
          if #Indicator == 'D' then call #Raise 'NOVALUE', Template.Token
          Token = Token+1
          end
        else
          /* The following removes the outer quotes from the
          literal pattern */
          interpret "Pattern="Template.Token
        Token = Token+1
        /* Is that pattern in the remaining source? */
        PatternPos=pos (Pattern, ToParse, DataStart)
        if PatternPos>0 then do
          /* Selected source runs up to the pattern. */
          BreakStart=PatternPos
          BreakEnd=PatternPos+length(Pattern)
          return
          end
        leave /* The rest of the source is selected. */
      when datatype(Template.Token,'W') | pos(Type,'+-=') > 0 then do
        /* A positional specifies where the relevant piece of the subject
        ends. */
        if pos(Type,'+-=') = 0 then do
          /* Whole number positional */
          BreakStart = Template.Token
          Token = Token+1
          end
        else do
          /* Other forms of positional. */
          Direction=Template.Token
          Token = Token + 1
          /* For a relative positional, the position is relative to the start
          of the previous trigger, and the source segment starts there. */
          if Direction \== '=' then
             DataStart = BreakStart
          /* The adjustment can be given as a number or a variable in
          parentheses. */
          if Template.Token = '(' then do
             Token=Token + 1
             BreakStart = value(Template.Token)
             if #Indicator == 'D' then call #Raise 'NOVALUE', Template.Token
             Token=Token + 1
             end
          else BreakStart = Template.Token
```

```
if \datatype(BreakStart,'W')
               then call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 26.4, BreakStart
          Token = Token+1
          if Direction='+'
            then BreakStart=DataStart+BreakStart
          else if Direction='-'
            then BreakStart=DataStart-BreakStart
        /* Adjustment should remain within the ToParse */
        BreakStart = max(1, BreakStart)
        BreakStart = min(SourceEnd, BreakStart)
        BreakEnd = BreakStart /* No actual literal marks the boundary. */
        return
        end
      when Template.Token \== '.' & pos(Type, '0123456789.')>0 then
        /* A number that isn't a whole number. */
        call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 26.4, Template.Token
        /* Raise will not return */
      otherwise do /* It is a target, not a pattern */
        Target.Token='1'
        Token = Token+1
        end
      end /* select */
    end /* while */
    /* When no more explicit breaks, break is at the end of the source. */
    DataStart=BreakEnd
    BreakStart=SourceEnd
    BreakEnd=SourceEnd
    return /* From FindNextBreak */
/* The names in the template are assigned blank-delimited values from the
source string. */
  do while Target.Tok /* Until no more targets for this data. */
    /st Last target gets all the residue of the Data. st/
    NextTok = Tok + 1
    if \Target.NextTok then do
      call Assign(Data)
      leave
      end
    /* Not last target; assign a word. */
    Data = strip(Data,'L')
    if Data == '' then call Assign('')
    else do
      Word = word(Data,1)
      call Assign Word
      Data = substr(Data,length(Word) + 1)
      /* The word terminator is not part of the residual data: */
      if Data \== '' then Data = substr(Data,2)
      end
   Tok = Tok + 1
   Tok=Token /* Next time start on new part of template. */
   return
Assign:
   if Template.Tok=='.' then Tag='>.>'
   else do
     Tag='>=>'
     call value Template.Tok, arg(1)
   /* Arg(1) is an implied argument of the tracing. */
if #Tracing.#Level == 'R' | #Tracing.#Level == 'I' then call #Trace Tag
   return
```

9.5.24 PROCEDURE

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The PROCEDURE instruction is used within an internal routine to protect all the existing variables by making them unknown to following instructions. Selected variables may be exposed.

It is used at the start of a routine, after routine initialization:

```
if \#AllowProcedure.#Level then call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 17.1
#AllowProcedure.#Level = 0
/* It introduces a new variable pool: */
call #Config_ObjectNew
call var set(#Outcome,'#UPPER', '0', #Pool) /* Previous #Pool is upper from the new
#Pool. */
#Pool=#Outcome
IsProcedure.#Level='1'
call Var Empty #Pool
```

If there is a *variable_list*, it provides access to a previous variable pool.

The words of the *variable list* are processed from left to right.

A word which is a VAR_SYMBOL, not contained in parentheses, specifies a variable to be made accessible. If VAR_SYMBOL does not contain a period, or has only a single period as its last character, the variable associated with VAR_SYMBOL by the variable pool (as a non-tailed name) is given the attribute 'exposed'.

```
call Var Expose #Pool, VAR SYMBOL, '0'
```

If VAR_SYMBOL has a period other than as last character, the variable associated with VAR_SYMBOL in the variable pool (by the name derived from VAR_SYMBOL, see nnn) is given the attribute 'exposed'. call Var Expose #Pool, Derived_Name, '1'

If the word from the *variable_list* is a VAR_SYMBOL enclosed in parentheses then the VAR_SYMBOL is exposed, as if that VAR_SYMBOL was a word in the *variable_list*. The value of the VAR_SYMBOL is processed. The value is considered in uppercase:

```
#Value = Config Upper(#Value)
```

Each word in that value found by the WORD built-in function, from left to right, is subjected to this process:

If the word does not have the syntax of VAR_SYMBOL a condition is raised:

```
call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 20.1, word
```

Otherwise the VAR_SYMBOL indicated by the word is exposed, as if that VAR_SYMBOL were a word of the *variable list*.

9.5.25 PULL

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

A PULL instruction is a shorter form of the equivalent instruction:

```
PARSE UPPER PULL template_list
```

9.5.26 PUSH

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The PUSH instruction is used to place a value on top of the stack.

```
If #Contains(push,expression) then
  Value = #Evaluate(push,expression)
else
  Value = ''
call Config_Push Value
```

9.5.27 QUEUE

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The QUEUE instruction is used to place a value on the bottom of the stack.

```
If #Contains(queue,expression) then
  Value = #Evaluate(queue,expression)
else
  Value = ''
call Config_Queue Value
```

9.5.28 RAISE

The RAISE instruction returns from the current method or routine and raises a condition.

9.5.29 REPLY

The REPLY instruction is used to allow both the invoker of a method, and the replying method, to continue executing.

Must set up for error of expression on subsequent RETURN.

9.5.30 RETURN

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The RETURN instruction is used to return control and possibly a result from a program or internal routine to the point of its invocation.

The RETURN keyword may be followed by an optional expression, which will be evaluated and returned as a result to the caller of the routine.

Any expression is evaluated:

```
if #Contains(return,expression) then
  #Outcome = #Evaluate(return, expression)
else if #IsFunction.#Level then
  call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 45.1, #Name.#Level
```

At this point the clause termination occurs and then the following:

If the routine started with a PROCEDURE instruction then the associated pool is taken out of use: if #IsProcedure.#Level then #Pool = #Uppper

A RETURN instruction which is interactively entered at a pause point leaves the pause point.

if #Level = #AtPause then #AtPause = 0

The activity at this level is complete:

```
#Level = #Level-1
#NewLevel = #Level+1
```

If #Level is not zero, the processing of the RETURN instruction and the invocation is complete.

Otherwise processing of the program is completed:

The opportunity is provided for a final trap.

```
#API_Enabled = '1'
call Var_Reset #Pool
call Config_Termination
#API_Enabled = '0'
```

The processing of the program is complete. See nnn for what API_Start returns as the result.

9.5.31 SAY

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The SAY instruction is used to write a line to the default output stream.

```
If #Contains(say,expression) then
  Value = Evaluate(say,expression)
else
  Value = ''
call Config Default Output Value
```

9.5.32 **SELECT**

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The SELECT instruction is used to conditionally execute one of several alternative instructions.

When tracing, the clause containing the keyword SELECT is traced at this point.

The #Contains(select_body, when) test in the following description refers to the items of the optional when repetition in order:

```
LineNum = #LineNumber
Ending = #Clause(EndLabel)
Value=#Evaluate(select_body, expression) /* In the required WHEN */
if Value \== '1' & Value \== '0' then
  call #Raise 'SYNTAX',34.2,Value
If Value=='1' then
 call #Execute when, instruction
else do
  do while #Contains(select body, when)
     Value = #Evaluate(when, expression)
     If Value=='1' then do
        call #Execute when, instruction
        call #Goto Ending
        end
     if Value \== '0' then
        call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 34.2, Value
     end /* Of each when */
```

```
If \#Contains(select_body, 'OTHERWISE') then
    call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 7.3, LineNum
If #Contains(select_body, instruction_list) then
    call #Execute select_body, instruction_list
end
EndLabel:
```

When tracing, the clause containing the END keyword is traced at this point.

9.5.33 SIGNAL

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The SIGNAL instruction is used to cause a change in the flow of control or is used with the ON and OFF keywords to control the trapping of conditions.

The Name matches the first LABEL in the program which has that value. The comparison is made with the '==' operator.

If no label matches then a condition is raised:

```
call #Raise 'SYNTAX',16.1, Name
```

If the name is a trace-only label then a condition is raised:

call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 16.2, Name

If the name matches a label, execution continues at that label after these settings:

```
#Loop.#Level = 0
/* A SIGNAL interactively entered leaves the pause point. */
if #Level = #AtPause then #AtPause = 0
```

9.5.34 TRACE

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The TRACE instruction is used to control the trace setting which in turn controls the tracing of execution of the program.

The TRACE instruction is ignored if it occurs within the program (as opposed to source obtained by Config_Trace_Input) and interactive trace is requested (#Interactive.#Level = '1'). Otherwise:

```
#TraceInstruction = '1'
value = ''
if #Contains(trace, valueexp) then Value = #Evaluate(valueexp, expression)
if #Contains(trace, taken constant) then Value = #Instance(trace, taken constant)
if datatype(Value) == 'NUM' & \datatype(Value, 'W') then
   call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 26.7, Value
if datatype (Value, 'W') then do
   /* Numbers are used for skipping. */
   if Value>=0 then #InhibitPauses = Value
               else #InhibitTrace = -Value
   end
else do
    if length(Value) = 0 then do
      #Interactive.#Level = '0'
      Value = 'N'
      end
    /* Each question mark toggles the interacting. */
    do while left(Value,1) == '?'
       #Interactive.#Level = \#Interactive.#Level
       Value = substr(Value,2)
```

```
end
if length(Value) \= 0 then do
  Value = translate( left(Value,1) )
  if verify(Value, 'ACEFILNOR') > 0 then
    call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 24.1, Value
  if Value=='0' then #Interactive.#Level='0'
  end
#Tracing.#Level = Value
end
```

9.5.35 Trace output

If #NoSource is '1' there is no trace output.

The routines #TraceSource and #Trace specify the output that results from the trace settings. That output is presented to the configuration by Config_Trace_Output as lines. Each line has a clause identifier at the left, followed by a blank, followed by a three character tag, followed by a blank, followed by the trace data.

The width of the clause identifier shall be large enough to hold the line number of the last line in the program, and no larger. The clause identifier is the source program line number, or all blank if the line number is the same as the previous line number indicated and no execution with trace Off has occurred since. The line number is right-aligned with leading zeros replaced by blank characters.

When input at a pause is being executed (#AtPause \= 0), #Trace does nothing when the tag is not '+++'.

When input at a pause is being executed, #TraceSource does nothing.

If #InhibitTrace is greater than zero, #TraceSource does nothing except decrement #InhibitTrace. Otherwise, unless the current clause is a null clause, #TraceSource outputs all lines of the source program which contain any part of the current clause, with any characters in those lines which are not part of the current clause and not other_blank_characters replaced by blank characters. The possible replacement of other_blank_characters is defined by the configuration. The tag is '*-*', or if the line is not the first line of the clause. '*,*'.

#Trace output also has a clause identifier and has a tag which is the argument to the #Trace invocation. The data is truncated, if necessary, to #Limit_TraceData characters. The data is enclosed by quotation marks and the quoted data preceded by two blanks. If the data is truncated, the trailing quote has the three characters '...' appended.

- _ when #Tracing.#Level is 'C' or 'E' or 'N' or 'A' and the tag is '>>>' then the data is the value of the command passed to the environment;
- _ when the tag is '+++' then the data is the four characters 'RC "' concatenated with #RC concatenated with the character '"';
- when #Tracing.#Level is 'I' or 'R' the data is the most recently evaluated value.

Trace output can also appear as the result of a 'SYNTAX' condition occurring, irrespective of the trace setting. If a 'SYNTAX' condition occurs and it is not trapped by SIGNAL ON SYNTAX, then the clause in error shall be traced, along with a traceback. A traceback is a display of each active CALL and INTERPRET instruction, and function invocation, displayed in reverse order of execution, each with a tag of '+++'.

9.5.36 USE

For a definition of the syntax of this instruction, see nnn.

The USE instruction assigns the values of arguments to variables.

Better not say copies since COPY method has different semantics.

The optional VAR_SYMBOL positions, positions 1, 2, ..., of the instruction are considered from left to right. If the position has a VAR_SYMBOL then its value is assigned to:

```
if #ArgExists.Position then
  call Value VAR_SYMBOL, #Arg.Position
else
```

Messy because VALUE bif won't DROP and var_drop needs to know if compound.

9.6 Conditions and Messages

When an error occurs during execution of a program, an error number and message are associated with it. The error number has two parts, the error code and the error subcode. These are the integer and decimal parts of the error number. Subcodes beginning or ending in zero are not used.

Error codes in the range 1 to 90 and error subcodes up to .9 are reserved for errors described here and for future extensions of this standard.

Error number 3 is available to report error conditions occuring during the initialization phase; error number 2 is available to report error conditions during the termination phase. These are error conditions recognized by the language processor, but the circumstances of their detection is outside of the scope of this standard.

The ERRORTEXT built-in function returns the text as initialized in nnn when called with the 'Standard' option. When the 'Standard' option is omitted, implementation-dependent text may be returned.

When messages are issued any message inserts are replaced by actual values.

The notation for detection of a condition is:

call #Raise Condition, Arg2, Arg3, Arg4, Arg5, Arg6
Some of the arguments may be omitted. In the case of condition 'SYNTAX' the arguments are the message number and the inserts for the message. In other cases the argument is a further description of the condition.

The action of the program as a result of a condition is dependent on any signal_spec and callon_spec in the program.

9.6.1 Raising of conditions

The routine #Raise corresponds to raising a condition. In the following definition, the instructions containing SIGNAL VALUE and INTERPRET denote transfers of control in the program being processed. The instruction EXIT denotes termination. If not at an interactive pause, this will be termination of the program, see nnn, and there will be output by Config Trace Output of the message (with prefix see nnn) and tracing (see nnn). If at an interactive pause (#AtPause \= 0), this will be termination of the interpretation of the interactive input; there will be output by Config_Trace Output of the message (without traceback) before continuing. The description of the continuation is in nnn after the "interpret #Outcome" instruction.

The instruction "interpret 'CALL' #TrapName.#Condition.#Level" below does not set the variables RESULT and .RESULT; any result returned is discarded.

```
#Raise:
/* If there is no argument, this is an action which has been delayed from the time the
condition occurred until an appropriate clause boundary. */
if \arg(1,'E') then do
     Description = #PendingDescription. #Condition. #Level
     Extra = #PendingExtra.#Condition.#Level
     end
else do
  #Condition = arg(1)
  if #Condition \== 'SYNTAX' then do
    Description = arg(2)
    Extra = arg(3)
    end
  else do
   Description = #Message(arg(2), arg(3), arg(4), arg(5))
    call Var Set #ReservedPool, '.MN', 0, arg(2)
    Extra = \overline{\phantom{a}}'
    end
  end
/st The events for disabled conditions are ignored or cause termination. st/
if #Enabling. #Condition. #Level == 'OFF' | #AtPause \= 0 then do
  if #Condition \== 'SYNTAX' & #Condition \== 'HALT' then
     return /* To after use of #Raise. */
  if #Condition == 'HALT' then Description = #Message(4.1, Description)
    exit /* Terminate with Description as the message. */
/* SIGNAL actions occur as soon as the condition is raised. */
if #Instruction. #Condition. #Level == 'SIGNAL' then do
  #ConditionDescription. #Level = Description
  #ConditionExtra.#Level = Extra
  #ConditionInstruction.#Level = 'SIGNAL'
  #Enabling. #Condition. #Level = 'OFF'
  signal value #TrapName. #Condition. #Level
/* All CALL actions are initially delayed until a clause boundary. */
```

```
if arg(1,'E') then do
   /* Events within the handler are not stacked up, except for one
   extra HALT while a first is being handled. */
   EventLevel = #Level
   if #Enabling. #Condition. #Level == 'DELAYED' then do
      if #Condition \== 'HALT' then return
      EventLevel = #EventLevel.#Condition.#Level
      if #PendingNow. #Condition. EventLevel then return
      /* Setup a HALT to come after the one being handled. */
      end
   /* Record a delayed event. */
   #PendingNow.#Condition.EventLevel = '1'
   #PendingDescription.#Condition.EventLevel = Description
   #PendingExtra.#Condition.EventLevel = Extra
   #Enabling.#Condition.EventLevel = 'DELAYED'
   return
   end
 /* Here for CALL action after delay. */
 /* Values for the CONDITION built-in function. */
 #Condition.#NewLevel = #Condition
 #ConditionDescription. #NewLevel = #PendingDescription. #Condition. #Level
 #ConditionExtra. #NewLevel = #PendingExtra. #Condition. #Level
 #ConditionInstruction. #NewLevel = 'CALL'
 interpret 'CALL' #TrapName. #Condition. #Level
 #Enabling. #Condition. #Level = 'ON'
 return /* To clause termination */
```

9.6.2 Messages during execution

The state function #Message corresponds to constructing a message.

This definition is for the message text in nnn. Translations in which the message inserts are in a different order are permitted.

In addition to the result defined below, the values of MsgNumber and #LineNumber shall be shown when a message is output. Also there shall be an indication of whether the error occurred in code executed at an interactive pause, see nnn.

Messages are shown by writing them to the default error stream.

```
#Message:
```

```
MsgNumber = arg(1)
if #NoSource then MsgNumber = MsgNumber % 1  /* And hence no inserts */
Text = #ErrorText.MsgNumber
Expanded = ''

do Index = 2
    parse var Text Begin '<' Insert '>' +1 Text
    if Insert = '' then leave
    Insert = arg(Index)
    if length(Insert) > #Limit_MessageInsert then
        Insert = left(Insert,#Limit MessageInsert)'...'
        Expanded = Expanded || Begin || Insert
end

Expanded = Expanded || Begin
say Expanded
```

10 Built-in functions

10.1 Notation

The built-in functions are defined mainly through code. The code refers to state variables. This is solely a notation used in this standard.

The code refers to functions with names that start with 'Config_'; these are the functions described in section nnn.

The code is specified as an external routine that produces a result from the values #Bif (which is the name of the built-in function), #Bif_Arg.0 (the number of arguments), #Bif_Arg.i and #Bif_ArgExists.i (which are the argument data.)

The value of #Level is the value for the clause which invoked the built-in function.

The code either returns the result of the built-in or exits with an indication of a condition that the invocation of the built-in raises.

The code below uses built-in functions. Such a use invokes another use of this code with a new value of #Level. On these invocations, the CheckArgs function is not relevant.

Numeric settings as follows are used in the code. When an argument is being checked as a number by 'NUM' or 'WHOLENUM' the settings are those current in the caller. When an argument is being checked as an integer by an item containing 'WHOLE' the settings are those for the particular built-in function. Elsewhere the settings have sufficient numeric digits to avoid values which would require exponential notation.

10.2 Routines used by built-in functions

The routine CheckArgs is concerned with checking the arguments to the built-in. The routines Time2Date and Leap are for date calculations. ReRadix is used for radix conversion. The routine Raise raises a condition and does not return.

10.2.1 Argument checking

```
/* Check arguments. Some further checks will be made in particular built-ins.*/
/* The argument to CheckArgs is a checklist for the allowable arguments. */
/* NUM, WHOLENUM and WHOLE have a side-effect, 'normalizing' the number. */
/* Calls to raise syntax conditions will not return. */
CheckArgs:
  CheckList = arg(1) /* This refers to the argument of CheckArgs. */
   /* Move the checklist information from a string to individual variables */
  ArgType. = ''
  ArgPos = 0 /* To count arguments */
  MinArgs = 0
   do j = 1 to length(CheckList)
      ArgPos = ArgPos+1
      /* Count the required arguments. */
      if substr(CheckList,j,1) == 'r' then MinArgs = MinArgs + 1
      /* Collect type information. */
      do while j < length(CheckList)
        j = j + 1
        t = substr(CheckList,j,1)
        if t==' ' then leave
       ArgType.ArgPos = ArgType.ArgPos | t
        end
      /* A single space delimits parts. */
      end j
  MaxArgs = ArgPos
   /* Check the number of arguments to the built-in, in this instance. */
  NumArgs = #Bif Arg.0
   if NumArgs < MinArgs then call Raise 40.3, MinArgs
   if NumArgs > MaxArgs then call Raise 40.4, MaxArgs
   /* Check the type(s) of the arguments to the built-in. */
   do ArgPos = 1 to NumArgs
      if #Bif ArgExists.ArgPos then
         call CheckType
      else
         if ArgPos <= MinArgs then call Raise 40.5, ArgPos
      end ArgPos
```

```
/* No errors found by CheckArgs. */
   return
CheckType:
   Value = #Bif_Arg.ArgPos
   Type = ArgType.ArgPos
   select
      when Type == 'ANY' then nop
                                                             /* Any string */
      when Type == 'NUM' then do
                                                             /* Any number */
         /* This check is made with the caller's digits setting. */
         if \Cdatatype(Value, 'N') then
            if #DatatypeResult=='E' then call Raise 40.9, ArgPos, Value
                                     else call Raise 40.11, ArgPos, Value
         #Bif Arg.ArgPos=#DatatypeResult /* Update argument copy. */
      when Type == 'WHOLE' then do
                                                           /* Whole number */
         /* This check is made with digits setting for the built-in. */
         if \Edatatype(Value,'W') then
            call Raise 40.12, ArgPos, Value
         #Bif_Arg.ArgPos=#DatatypeResult
         end
      when Type == 'WHOLE>=0' then do
                                             /* Non-negative whole number */
         if \Edatatype(Value,'W') then
            call Raise 40.12, ArgPos, Value
         if #DatatypeResult < 0 then
            call Raise 40.13, ArgPos, Value
         #Bif Arg.ArgPos=#DatatypeResult
         end
      when Type == 'WHOLE>0' then do
                                                 /* Positive whole number */
         if \Edatatype(Value,'W') then
            call Raise 40.12, ArgPos, Value
         if #DatatypeResult <= 0 then
            call Raise 40.14, ArgPos, Value
         #Bif_Arg.ArgPos=#DatatypeResult
         end
      when Type == 'WHOLENUM' then do /* D2X type whole number */
         /* This check is made with digits setting of the caller. */
         if \Cdatatype(Value,'W') then call Raise 40.12, ArgPos, Value
         #Bif Arg.ArgPos=#DatatypeResult
         end
      when Type == 'WHOLENUM>=0' then do /* D2X Non-negative whole number */
         if \Cdatatype(Value,'W') then
            call Raise 40.12, ArgPos, Value
         if #DatatypeResult < 0 then
            call Raise 40.13, ArgPos, Value
         #Bif_Arg.ArgPos=#DatatypeResult
      when Type == '0_90' then do
                                                              /* Errortext */
         if \Edatatype(Value,'N') then call Raise 40.11, ArgPos, Value
         Value=#DatatypeResult
         #Bif_Arg.ArgPos=Value
         Major=Value % 1
         Minor=Value - Major
         if Major < 0 | Major > 90 | Minor > .9 | pos('E', Value) > 0 then
            call Raise 40.17, Value /* ArgPos will be 1 */
         end
      when Type == 'PAD' then do
if length(Value) \= 1 then
                                     /* Single character, usually a pad. */
            call Raise 40.23, ArgPos, Value
```

```
end
```

```
when Type == 'HEX' then
                                                     /* Hexadecimal string */
          if \bar{d}atatype(Value, 'X') then
             call Raise 40.25, Value
                                          /* ArgPos will be 1 */
       when Type == 'BIN' then
                                                           /* Binary string */
          if \datatype(Value, 'B') then
             call Raise 40.24, Value
                                          /* ArgPos will be 1 */
                                                                  /* Symbol */
       when Type == 'SYM' then
          if \sqrt{datatype} (Value, 'S') then
             call Raise 40.26, Value
                                        /* ArgPos will be 1 */
       when Type == 'STREAM' then do
         call Config_Stream_Qualify Value
         if left(#Response, 1) == 'B' then
           call Raise 40.27, Value /* ArgPos will be 1 */
         end
                                                                  /* Trace */
       when Type = 'ACEFILNOR' then do
          Val = Value
          /* Allow '?' alone */
          if Val \== '?' then do
            /* Allow leading '?' */
            if left(Val,1) == '?' then Val = substr(Val,2)
if pos(translate(left(Val, 1)), 'ACEFILNOR') = 0 then
              call Raise 40.28, ArgPos, Type, Val
            end
          end
       otherwise do
                                                                 /* Options */
          /* The checklist item is a list of allowed characters */
          if Value == '' then
             call Raise 40.21, ArgPos
          #Bif_Arg.ArgPos = translate(left(Value, 1))
          if pos(#Bif Arg.ArgPos, Type) = 0 then
             call Raise 40.28, ArgPos, Type, Value
          /* Select */
    end
    return
Cdatatype:
 /* This check is made with the digits setting of the caller. */
 /* #DatatypeResult will be set by use of datatype() */
          numeric digits #Digits.#Level
          numeric form value #Form. #Level
          return datatype(arg(1), arg(2))
Edatatype:
 /* This check is made with digits setting for the particular built-in. */
 /* #DatatypeResult will be set by use of datatype() */
          numeric digits #Bif_Digits.#Bif
          numeric form scientific
          return datatype(arg(1),arg(2))
10.2.2 Date calculations
Time2Date:
   if arg(1) < 0 then
     call Raise 40.18
   if arg(1) >= 315537897600000000 then
     call Raise 40.18
   return Time2Date2(arg(1))
Time: procedure
```

/* This routine is essentially the code from the standard, put in

stand-alone form. The only 'tricky bit' is that there is no Rexx way for it to fail with the same error codes as a "real" implementation would. It can however give a SYNTAX error, albeit not the desirable one. This causing of an error is done by returning with no value. Since the routine will have been called as a function, this produces an error. */

```
/* Backslash is avoided as some systems don't handle that negation sign. */
if arg()>3 then
 return
numeric digits 18
if arg(1, E') then
 if pos(translate(left(arg(1),1)),"CEHLMNRS")=0 then
/* (The standard would also allow 'O' but what this code is running
on would not.) */
if arg(3,'E') then
 if pos(translate(left(arg(3),1)),"CHLMNS")=0 then
/* If the third argument is given then the second is mandatory. */
if arg(3, 'E') \& arg(2, 'E') = 0 then
 return
/* Default the first argument. */
if arg(1,'E') then
 Option = translate(left(arg(1),1))
else
 Option = 'N'
/* If there is no second argument, the current time is returned. */
if arg(2, E') = 0 then
 if arg(1, E') then
  return 'TIME'(arg(1))
 else
  return 'TIME'()
/* One cannot convert to elapsed times. */
if pos(Option, 'ERO') > 0 then
 return
InValue = arg(2)
if arg(3,'E') then
 InOption = arg(3)
else
 InOption = 'N'
HH = 0
\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{0}
SS = 0
HourAdjust = 0
select
```

```
when InOption == 'C' then do
   parse var InValue HH ':' . +1 MM +2 XX
   if HH = 12 then
    HH = 0
   if XX == 'pm' then
    HourAdjust = 12
  end
  when InOption == 'H' then
   HH = InValue
  when InOption == 'L' | InOption == 'N' then
   parse var InValue HH ':' MM ':' SS
  when InOption == 'M' then
   MM = InValue
  otherwise
   SS = InValue
 end
 if datatype(HH,'W')=0 | datatype(MM,'W')=0 | datatype(SS,'N')=0 then
  return
 HH = HH + HourAdjust
 /* Convert to microseconds */
 Micro = trunc((((HH * 60) + MM) * 60 + SS) * 1000000)
 /* There is no special message for time-out-of-range; the bad-format
 message is used. */
 if Micro<0 | Micro > 24*3600*1000000 then
 /* Reconvert to further check the original. */
 if TimeFormat(Micro,InOption) == InValue then
  return TimeFormat(Micro, Option)
 return
TimeFormat: procedure
 /* Convert from microseconds to given format. */
 /* The day will be irrelevant; actually it will be the first day possible. */
 x = Time2Date2(arg(1))
 parse value x with Year Month Day Hour Minute Second Microsecond Base Days
 select
  when arg(2) == 'C' then
   select
    when Hour>12 then
     return Hour-12': 'right(Minute, 2, '0') 'pm'
    when Hour=12 then
     return '12:'right(Minute,2,'0')'pm'
     when Hour>0 then
      return Hour': 'right(Minute, 2, '0') 'am'
     when Hour=0 then
     return '12:'right(Minute,2,'0')'am'
```

```
end
  when arg(2) == 'H' then return Hour
  when arg(2) == 'L' then
   return right(Hour,2,'0')':'right(Minute,2,'0')':'right(Second,2,'0'),
     || '.'right(Microsecond,6,'0')
  when arg(2) == 'M' then
   return 60*Hour+Minute
  when arg(2) == 'N' then
   return right(Hour,2,'0')':'right(Minute,2,'0')':'right(Second,2,'0')
  otherwise /* arg(2) == 'S' */
   return 3600*Hour+60*Minute+Second
 end
Time2Date2: Procedure
  /* Convert a timestamp to a date.
  Argument is a timestamp (the number of microseconds relative to
  0001 01 01 00:00:00.000000)
  Returns a date in the form:
   year month day hour minute second microsecond base days
  /* Argument is relative to the virtual date 0001 01 01 00:00:00.000000 */
  Time = arg(1)
                                                       // 1000000
  Second = Time
                  % 1000000
                               ; Microsecond = Time
  Minute = Second %
                              ; Second
                         60
                                           = Second //
                                                                60
  Hour
        = Minute %
                         60
                               ; Minute
                                              = Minute //
                                                                60
                                              = Hour
                                                                24
  Day
         = Hour
                         24
                               ; Hour
  /* At this point, the days are the days since the 0001 base date. */
  BaseDays = Day
  Day = Day + 1
  /* Compute either the fitting year, or some year not too far earlier.
  Compute the number of days left on the first of January of this year. */
         = Day % 366
  Day
         = Day - (Year*365 + Year%4 - Year%100 + Year%400)
         = Year + 1
  Year
  /* Now if the number of days left is larger than the number of days
  in the year we computed, increment the year, and decrement the
  number of days accordingly. */
  do while Day > (365 + Leap(Year))
   Day = Day - (365 + Leap(Year))
   Year = Year + 1
  end
  /* At this point, the days left pertain to this year. */
  YearDays = Day
  /* Now step through the months, increment the number of the month,
  and decrement the number of days accordingly (taking into
  consideration that in a leap year February has 29 days), until
  further reducing the number of days and incrementing the month
  would lead to a negative number of days */
  Days = '31 28 31 30 31 30 31 30 31 30 31'
  do Month = 1 to words (Days)
    ThisMonth = Word(Days, Month) + (Month = 2) * Leap(Year)
    if Day <= ThisMonth then leave
   Day = Day - ThisMonth
  return Year Month Day Hour Minute Second Microsecond BaseDays YearDays
```

```
Leap: procedure
  /* Return 1 if the year given as argument is a leap year, or 0
 otherwise. */
 return (arg(1))/4 = 0) & ((arg(1))/100 <> 0) | (arg(1))/400 = 0))
10.2.1 Radix conversion
ReRadix: /* Converts Arg(1) from radix Arg(2) to radix Arg(3) */
 procedure
 Subject=arg(1)
 FromRadix=arg(2)
 ToRadix=arg(3)
  /* Radix range is 2-16. Conversion is via decimal */
 Integer=0
 do j=1 to length(Subject)
    /* Individual digits have already been checked for range. */
   Integer=Integer*FromRadix+pos(substr(Subject,j,1),'0123456789ABCDEF')-1
   end
 r = ''
 do while Integer>0
    r = substr('0123456789ABCDEF',1 + Integer // ToRadix, 1) | | r
    Integer = Integer % ToRadix
    end
  /* When between 2 and 16, there is no zero suppression. */
   if FromRadix = 2 & ToRadix = 16 then
      r=right(r, (length(Subject)+3) % 4,
    else if FromRadix = 16 & ToRadix = 2 then
     r=right(r, length(Subject) * 4, '0')
 return r
10.2.2 Raising the SYNTAX condition
```

```
Raise:
/* These 40.nn messages always include the built-in name as an insert.*/
   call #Raise 'SYNTAX', arg(1), #Bif, arg(2), arg(3), arg(4)
   /* #Raise does not return. */
```

10.1 Character built-in functions

These functions process characters or words in strings. Character positions are numbered from one at the left. Words are delimited by blanks and their equivalents, word positions are counted from one at the left.

10.1.1 ABBREV

ABBREV returns '1' if the second argument is equal to the leading characters of the first and the length of the second argument is not less than the third argument.

10.1.2 **CENTER**

CENTER returns a string with the first argument centered in it. The length of the result is the second argument and the third argument specifies the character to be used for padding.

```
Trim = length(String) - Length
if Trim > 0 then
    return substr(String, Trim % 2 + 1, Length)
return overlay(String, copies(Pad, Length), -Trim % 2 + 1)
```

10.1.3 **CENTRE**

This is an alternative spelling for the CENTER built-in function.

10.1.4 CHANGESTR

CHANGESTR replaces all occurrences of the first argument within the second argument, replacing them with the third argument.

10.1.5 COMPARE

COMPARE returns '0' if the first and second arguments have the same value. Otherwise, the result is the position of the first character that is not the same in both strings.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY rANY oPAD'
Str1 = #Bif_Arg.1
Str2 = #Bif Arg.2
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then Pad = #Bif Arg.3
                    else Pad = ' '
/* Compare the strings from left to right one character at a time */
if length(Str1) > length(Str2) then do
  Length = length(Str1)
  Str2=left(Str2,Length,Pad)
else do
 Length = length(Str2)
 Str1=left(Str1,Length,Pad)
  end
do i = 1 to Length
  if substr(Str1, i, 1) \== substr(Str2, i, 1) then return i
  end
return 0
```

10.1.6 COPIES

COPIES returns concatenated copies of the first argument. The second argument is the number of copies.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY rWHOLE>=0'
Output = ''
do #Bif_Arg.2
  Output = Output || #Bif_Arg.1
  end
return Output
```

10.1.7 COUNTSTR

COUNTSTR counts the appearances of the first argument in the second argument.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY rANY'

Output = 0
Position = pos(#Bif_Arg.1, #Bif_Arg.2)
do while Position > 0
  Output = Output + 1
  Position = pos(#Bif_Arg.1, #Bif_Arg.2, Position + length(#Bif_Arg.1))
  end
return Output
```

10.1.8 DATATYPE

DATATYPE tests for characteristics of the first argument. The second argument specifies the particular test.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY oABLMNSUWX'
/* As well as returning the type, the value for a 'NUM' is set in
#DatatypeResult. This is a convenience when DATATYPE is used
by CHECKARGS. */
String = #Bif_Arg.1
/* If no second argument, DATATYPE checks whether the first is a number. */
if \#Bif_ArgExists.2 then return DtypeOne()
Type = #Bif Arg.2
/* Null strings are a special case. */
if String == '' then do
  if Type == "X" then return 1
  if Type == "B" then return 1
  return 0
/* Several of the options are shorthands for VERIFY */
azl="abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
AZU="ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"
D09="0123456789"
if Type == "A" then return verify(String,azl|AZU|D09)=0
if Type == "B" then do
    /* Check blanks in allowed places. */
  if pos(left(String,1), #AllBlanks) > 0 then return 0
  if pos(right(String,1), #AllBlanks) > 0 then return 0
  BinaryDigits=0
  do j = length(String) by -1 to 1
    c = substr(String,j,1)
    if pos(c, #AllBlanks) > 0 then do
      /{f x} Blanks need four BinaryDigits to the right of them. */
      if BinaryDigits//4 \= 0 then return 0
      end
    else do
      if verify(c,"01") \= 0 then return 0
      BinaryDigits = BinaryDigits + 1
      end
    end j
  return 1
  end /* B */
if Type == "L" then return(verify(String,azl)=0)
if Type == "M" then return(verify(String,azl||AZU)=0)
if Type == "N" then return(datatype(String) == "NUM")
if Type == "S" then return(symbol(String) \== 'BAD')
if Type == "U" then return(verify(String,AZU)=0)
if Type == "W" then do
  \prime * It may not be a number. * /
  if DtypeOne(String) == 'CHAR' then return '0'
  /* It can be "Whole" even if originally in exponential notation,
     provided it can be written as non-exponential. */
  if pos('E', #DatatypeResult) > 0 then return '0'
  /st It won't be "Whole" if there is a non-zero after the decimal point. st/
  InFraction='0'
```

```
do j = 1 to length(String)
      c = substr(String,j,1)
      if pos(c,'Ee')>0 then leave j
      if InFraction & pos(c,'+-')>0 then leave j
      if c == '.' then InFraction='1'
                   else if InFraction & c\=='0' then return 0
      end j
    /* All tests for Whole passed. */
    #DatatypeResult = #DatatypeResult % 1
    return 1
    end /* W */
  /* Type will be "X" */
  if pos(left(String,1), #AllBlanks) > 0 then return 0
  if pos(right(String,1), #AllBlanks) > 0 then return 0
  HexDigits=0
  do j=length(String) by -1 to 1
    c=substr(String,j,1)
    if pos(c, #AllBlanks) > 0 then do
      /* Blanks need a pair of HexDigits to the right of them. */
      if HexDigits//2 = 0 then return 0
      end
    else do
      if verify(c, "abcdefABCDEF"D09) \= 0 then return 0
      HexDigits=HexDigits+1
      end
    end
  return 1
  /* end X */
DtypeOne:
  /* See section nnn for the syntax of a number. */
 #DatatypeResult = 'S' /* If not syntactically a number */
Residue = strip(String) /* Blanks are allowed at both ends. */
if Residue == '' then return "CHAR"
  Sign = ''
  if left(Residue,1) == '+' | left(Residue,1) == '-' then do
    Sign = left(Residue, 1)
    Residue = strip(substr(Residue,2),'L') /* Blanks after sign */
    end
  if Residue == '' then return "CHAR"
  /* Now testing Number, section nnn */
  if left(Residue,1) == '.' then do
    Residue = substr(Residue, 2)
    Before = ''
    After = DigitRun()
    if After == '' then return "CHAR"
    end
  else do
    Before = DigitRun()
    if Before == '' then return "CHAR"
    if left(Residue,1) == '.' then do
      Residue = substr(Residue, 2)
      After = DigitRun()
      end
    end
  Exponent = 0
  if Residue \== '' then do
    if left(Residue, 1) \== 'e' & left(Residue, 1) \== 'E' then
       return "CHAR"
    Residue = substr(Residue, 2)
    if Residue == '' then return "CHAR"
    Esign = ''
    if left(Residue, 1) == '+' | left(Residue, 1) == '-' then do
      Esign = left(Residue, 1)
      Residue = substr(Residue, 2)
      if Residue == '' then return "CHAR"
    Exponent = DigitRun()
    if Exponent == '' then return "CHAR"
    Exponent = Esign || Exponent
    end
  if Residue \== '' then return "CHAR"
```

```
/*DATATYPE tests for exponent out of range. */
#DatatypeResult = 'E' /* If exponent out of range */
 Before = strip(Before,'L','0')
if Before == '' then Before = '0'
 Exponent = Exponent + length(Before) -1
                                                 /* For SCIENTIFIC */
 /* "Engineering notation causes powers of ten to expressed as a
 multiple of 3 - the integer part may therefore range from 1 through 9910." */
 g = 1
 if #Form.#Level == 'E' then do
   /* Adjustment to make exponent a multiple of 3 */
   g = Exponent//3
   if g < 0 then g = g + 3
   Exponent = Exponent - g
   end
 /* Check on the exponent. */
 if Exponent > #Limit ExponentDigits then return "CHAR"
 if -#Limit_ExponentDigits > Exponent then return "CHAR"
 /* Format to the numeric setting of the caller of DATATYPE */
 numeric digits #Digits.#Level
 numeric form value #Form. #Level
 #DatatypeResult = 0 + #Bif_Arg.1
 return "NUM"
DigitRun:
  Outcome = ''
  do while Residue \== ''
    if pos(left(Residue, 1), '0123456789') = 0 then leave Outcome = Outcome | | left(Residue, 1)
    Residue = substr(Residue, 2)
    end
  return Outcome
```

10.1.9 **DELSTR**

DELSTR deletes the sub-string of the first argument which begins at the position given by the second argument. The third argument is the length of the deletion.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY rWHOLE>0 oWHOLE>=0'
String = #Bif_Arg.1
Num = #Bif_Arg.2
if #Bif_ArgExists.3 then Len = #Bif_Arg.3

if Num > length(String) then return String

Output = substr(String, 1, Num - 1)
if #Bif_ArgExists.3 then
   if Num + Len <= length(String) then
   Output = Output | | substr(String, Num + Len)
return Output</pre>
```

10.1.10 **DELWORD**

DELWORD deletes words from the first argument. The second argument specifies position of the first word to be deleted and the third argument specifies the number of words.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY rWHOLE>0 oWHOLE>=0'
String = #Bif_Arg.1
Num = #Bif_Arg.2
if #Bif_ArgExists.3 then Len = #Bif_Arg.3

if Num > words(String) then return String

EndLeft = wordindex(String, Num) - 1
Output = left(String, EndLeft)
if #Bif_ArgExists.3 then do
    BeginRight = wordindex(String, Num + Len)
```

```
if BeginRight>0 then
   Output = Output || substr(String, BeginRight)
   end
return Output
```

10.1.11 INSERT

INSERT insets the first argument into the second. The third argument gives the position of the character before the insert and the fourth gives the length of the insert. The fifth is the padding character.

10.1.12 LASTPOS

LASTPOS returns the position of the last occurrence of the first argument within the second. The third argument is a starting position for the search.

10.1.13 LEFT

LEFT returns characters that are on the left of the first argument. The second argument specifies the length of the result and the third is the padding character.

10.1.14 LENGTH

Length returns a count of the number of characters in the argument.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY'
String = #Bif_Arg.1

#Response = Config_Length(String)
Length = #Outcome
call Config_Substr #Response, 1
if #Outcome \== 'E' then return Length
/* Here if argument was not a character string. */
call Config_C2B String
call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 23.1, b2x(#Outcome)
```

```
/* No return to here */
```

10.1.15 OVERLAY

OVERLAY overlays the first argument onto the second. The third argument is the starting position of the overlay. The fourth argument is the length of the overlay and the fifth is the padding character.

10.1.16 POS

POS returns the position of the first argument within the second.

10.1.17 REVERSE

REVERSE returns its argument, swapped end for end.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY'
String = #Bif_Arg.1
Output = ''
do i = 1 to length(String)
   Output = substr(String,i,1) || Output
   end
return Output
```

10.1.18 RIGHT

RIGHT returns characters that are on the right of the first argument. The second argument specifies the length of the result and the third is the padding character.

10.1.19 SPACE

SPACE formats the blank-delimited words in the first argument with pad characters between each word. The second argument is the number of pad characters between each word and the third is the pad character.

10.1.20 STRIP

STRIP removes characters from its first argument. The second argument specifies whether the deletions are leading characters, trailing characters or both. Each character deleted is equal to the third argument, or equivalent to a blank if the third argument is omitted.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY oLTB oPAD'
String = #Bif Arg.1
if #Bif ArgExists.2 then Option = #Bif Arg.2
                    else Option = 'B'
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then Unwanted = #Bif Arg.3
                    else Unwanted = #AllBlanks<Index "#AllBlanks" # "" >
if Option == 'L' | Option == 'B' then do
   /* Strip leading characters */
   do while String \== '' & pos(left(String, 1), Unwanted) > 0
     String = substr(String, 2)
     end
   end
if Option == 'T' | Option == 'B' then do
   /* Strip trailing characters */
   do while String \== '' & pos(right(String, 1), Unwanted) > 0
     String = left(String, length(String)-1)
          ^{-}/* of while */
     end
   end
return String
```

10.1.21 SUBSTR

SUBSTR returns a sub-string of the first argument. The second argument specifies the position of the first character and the third specifies the length of the sub-string. The fourth argument is the padding character.

```
/* Here if argument was not a character string. */
    call Config_C2B String
    call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 23.1, b2x(#Outcome)
    /* No return to here */
    end
    if #Outcome == 'M' then Character = Pad
    Output=Output||Character
    end
return Output
```

10.1.22 SUBWORD

SUBWORD returns a sub-string of the first argument, comprised of words. The second argument is the position in the first argument of the first word of the sub-string. The third argument is the number of words in the sub-string.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY rWHOLE>0 oWHOLE>=0'
String = #Bif_Arg.1
      = #Bif Arg.2
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then Length = #Bif Arg.3
                    else Length = length(String) /* Avoids call */
                                                  /* to WORDS() */
if Length = 0 then return ''
/* Find position of first included word */
Start = wordindex(String,Num)
if Start = 0 then return ''
                                               /* Start is beyond end */
/* Find position of first excluded word */
End = wordindex(String,Num+Length)
if End = 0 then End = length(String)+1
Output=substr(String,Start,End-Start)
/* Drop trailing blanks */
do while Output \== ''
  if pos(right(Output,1), #AllBlanks) = 0 then leave
  Output = left(Output,length(Output)-1)
  end
return Output
```

10.1.23 TRANSLATE

TRANSLATE returns the characters of its first argument with each character either unchanged or translated to another character.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY oANY oANY oPAD'
String = #Bif Arg.1
/* If neither input nor output tables, uppercase. */
if \#Bif ArgExists.2 & \#Bif ArgExists.3 then do
  Output = ''
  do j=1 to length(String)
    #Response = Config_Upper(substr(String,j,1))
    Output = Output | #Outcome
    end j
  return Output
  end
/* The input table defaults to all characters. */
if \#Bif_ArgExists.3 then do
  #Response = Config_Xrange()
  Tablei = #Outcome
  end
else Tablei = #Bif Arg.3
/* The output table defaults to null */
if #Bif ArgExists.2 then Tableo = #Bif Arg.2
                    else Tableo = ''
/* The tables are made the same length */
if #Bif ArgExists.4 then Pad = #Bif Arg.4
                    else Pad = ' '
Tableo=left(Tableo,length(Tablei),Pad)
```

10.1.24 VERIFY

VERIFY checks that its first argument contains only characters that are in the second argument, or that it contains no characters from the second argument; the third argument specifies which check is made. The result is '0', or the position of the character that failed verification. The fourth argument is a starting position for the check.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY rANY oMN oWHOLE>0'
String
         = #Bif Arg.1
Reference = #Bif Arg.2
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then Option = #Bif Arg.3
                    else Option = 'N'
if #Bif ArgExists.4 then Start = #Bif Arg.4
                    else Start = 1
Last = length(String)
if Start > Last then return 0
if Reference == '' then
   if Option == 'N' then return Start
                    else return 0
do i = Start to Last
   t = pos(substr(String, i, 1), Reference)
   if Option == 'N' then do
     if t = 0 then return i /* Return position of NoMatch character. */
   else
    if t > 0 then return i /* Return position of Matched character. */
   end i
return 0
```

10.1.25 WORD

WORD returns the word from the first argument at the position given by the second argument.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY rWHOLE>0'
return subword(#Bif Arg.1, #Bif Arg.2, 1)
```

10.1.26 WORDINDEX

WORDINDEX returns the character position in the first argument of a word in the first argument. The second argument is the word position of that word.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY rWHOLE>0'
    String = #Bif Arg.1
          = #Bif Arg.2
    /* Find starting position */
   Start = 1
    Count = 0
   do forever
       Start = verify(String, #AllBlanks<Index "#AllBlanks" # "" >, 'N', Start) /*
Find non-blank */
       if Start = 0 then return 0
                                                    /* Start is beyond end */
       Count = Count + 1
                                                        /* Words found */
       if Count = Num then leave
       Start = verify(String, #AllBlanks<Index "#AllBlanks" # "" >, 'M', Start + 1) /*
Find blank */
```

10.1.27 WORDLENGTH

WORDLENGTH returns the number of characters in a word from the first argument. The second argument is the word position of that word.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY rWHOLE>0'
return length(subword(#Bif Arg.1, #Bif Arg.2, 1))
```

10.1.28 WORDPOS

WORDPOS finds the leftmost occurrence in the second argument of the sequence of words in the first argument. The result is '0' or the word position in the second argument of the first word of the matched sequence. Third argument is a word position for the start of the search.

10.1.29 WORDS

WORDS counts the number of words in its argument.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY'
do Count = 0 by 1
  if subword(#Bif_Arg.1, Count + 1) == '' then return Count
end Count
```

10.1.30 XRANGE

XRANGE returns an ordered string of all valid character encodings in the specified range.

```
call CheckArgs 'oPAD oPAD'
if \#Bif_ArgExists.1 then #Bif_Arg.1 = ''
if \#Bif_ArgExists.2 then #Bif_Arg.2 = ''
#Response = Config_Xrange(#Bif_Arg.1, #Bif_Arg.2)
return #Outcome
```

10.2 Arithmetic built-in functions

These functions perform arithmetic at the numeric settings current at the invocation of the built-in function. Note that CheckArgs formats any 'NUM' (numeric) argument.

10.2.1 ABS

ABS returns the absolute value of its argument.

```
call CheckArgs 'rNUM'
Number=#Bif_Arg.1
if left(Number,1) = '-' then Number = substr(Number,2)
return Number
```

10.2.2 FORMAT

FORMAT formats its first argument. The second argument specifies the number of characters to be used for the integer part and the third specifies the number of characters for the decimal part. The fourth argument specifies the number of characters for the exponent and the fifth determines when exponential notation is used.

```
call CheckArgs,
     'rNUM oWHOLE>=0 oWHOLE>=0 oWHOLE>=0'
if #Bif ArgExists.2 then Before = #Bif Arg.2
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then After = #Bif Arg.3
if #Bif ArgExists.4 then Expp
                                                               = #Bif Arg.4
if #Bif_ArgExists.5 then Expt
                                                               = #Bif Arg.5
 /* In the simplest case the first is the only argument. */
Number=#Bif Arg.1
if #Bif Arg. 0 < 2 then return Number
/* Dissect the Number. It is in the normal Rexx format. */
parse var Number Mantissa 'E' Exponent
if Exponent == '' then Exponent = 0
Sign = 0
if left(Mantissa,1) == '-' then do
    Sign = 1
    Mantissa = substr(Mantissa,2)
    end
parse var Mantissa Befo '.' Afte
 /* Count from the left for the decimal point. */
Point = length (Befo)
/* Sign Mantissa and Exponent now reflect the Number. Befo Afte and
Point reflect Mantissa. */
/* The fourth and fifth arguments allow for exponential notation. */
 /* Decide whether exponential form to be used, setting ShowExp. */
if #Bif ArgExists.4 | #Bif ArgExists.5 then do
    if \fint \
    /* Decide whether exponential form to be used. */
    if (Point + Exponent) > Expt then ShowExp = 1 /* Digits before rule. */
    LeftOfPoint = 0
    if length(Befo) > 0 then LeftOfPoint = Befo /* Value left of
    the point */
    /* Digits after point rule for exponentiation: */
    /* Count zeros to right of point. */
    z = 0
    do while substr(Afte,z+1,1) == '0'
        z = z + 1
        end
    if LeftOfPoint = 0 & (z - Exponent) > 5 then ShowExp = 1
    /* An extra rule for exponential form: */
    if #Bif ArgExists.4 then if Expp = 0 then ShowExp = 0
     /* Construct the exponential part of the result. */
    if ShowExp then do
        Exponent = Exponent + ( Point - 1 )
        Point = 1 /* As required for 'SCIENTIFIC' */
        if #Form. #Level == 'ENGINEERING' then
            do while Exponent//3
                Point = Point+1
                Exponent = Exponent-1
        end
    if \ShowExp then Point = Point + Exponent
    end /* Expp or Expt given */
else do
    /* Even if Expp and Expt are not given, exponential notation will
    be used if the original Number+0 done by CheckArgs led to it. */
    if Exponent \= 0 then do
        ShowExp = 1
```

```
end
  end
/* ShowExp now indicates whether to show an exponent,
   Exponent is its value. */
/* Make this a Number without a point. */
Integer = Befo | Afte
/* Make sure Point position isn't disjoint from Integer. */
if Point<1 then do /* Extra zeros on the left. */
Integer = copies('0',1 - Point) || Integer
  Point = 1
  end
if Point > length(Integer) then
  Integer = left(Integer,Point,'0') /* And maybe on the right. */
/* Deal with right of decimal point first since that can affect the
left. Ensure the requested number of digits there. */
Afters = length(Integer)-Point
if #Bif_ArgExists.3 = 0 then After = Afters /* Note default. */
^{\prime *} Make Afters match the requested After ^{*}/
do while Afters < After
  Afters = Afters+1
  Integer = Integer'0'
  end
if Afters > After then do
  /* Round by adding 5 at the right place. */
  r=substr(Integer, Point + After + 1, 1)
  Integer = left(Integer, Point + After)
  if r >= '5' then Integer = Integer + 1
  /* This can leave the result zero. */
  If Integer = 0 then Sign = 0
  /* The case when rounding makes the integer longer is an awkward
  one. The exponent will have to be adjusted. */
  if length(Integer) > Point + After then do
     Point = Point+1
     end
  if ShowExp = 1 then do
     Exponent = Exponent + (Point - 1)
     Point = 1 /* As required for 'SCIENTIFIC' */
     if form() = 'ENGINEERING' then
       do while Exponent//3 \= 0
         Point = Point+1
         Exponent = Exponent-1
         end
     end
     t = Point-length(Integer)
     if t > 0 then Integer = Integer | copies('0',t)
    end /* Rounded */
/* Right part is final now. */
if After > 0 then Afte = '.'||substr(Integer,Point+1,After)
             else Afte = ''
/* Now deal with the integer part of the result. */
Integer = left(Integer,Point)
if #Bif ArgExists.2 = 0 then Before = Point + Sign /* Note default. */
/* Make Point match Before */
if Point > Before - Sign then call Raise 40.38, 2, #Bif Arg.1
do while Point<Before
   Point = Point+1
   Integer = '0'Integer
   end
/* Find the Sign position and blank leading zeroes. */
Triggered = 0
do j = 1 to length(Integer)
  Digit = substr(Integer,j,1)
  /* Triggered is set when sign inserted or blanking finished. */
  if Triggered = 1 then do
    r = r | Digit
    iterate
    end
```

```
if Digit = '0' then
         if substr(Integer,j+1,1) = '0' & j+1<length(Integer) then do</pre>
           r = r | | ' '
            iterate
            end
      /* j is the sign insertion point. */
      if Digit = '0' & j \= length(Integer) then Digit = ' '
      if Sign = 1 then Digit = '-'
      r = r | | Digit
      Triggered = 1
      end j
    Number = r | Afte
    if ShowExp = 1 then do
      /* Format the exponent. */
      Expart = ''
      SignExp = 0
      if Exponent<0 then do
        SignExp = 1
        Exponent = -Exponent
        end
      /* Make the exponent to the requested width. */
if #Bif_ArgExists.4 = 0 then Expp = length(Exponent)
      if length (Exponent) > Expp then
        call Raise 40.38, 4, #Bif_Arg.1
      Exponent=right(Exponent,Expp,'0')
      if Exponent = 0 then do
        if #Bif_ArgExists.4 then Expart = copies(' ',expp+2)
      else if SignExp = 0 then Expart = 'E+'Exponent
                            else Expart = 'E-'Exponent
      Number = Number | | Expart
      end
    return Number
10.2.3 MAX
MAX returns the largest of its arguments.
    if #Bif Arg.0 <1 then
      call Raise 40.3, 1
    call CheckArgs 'rNUM' | copies(' rNUM', #Bif_Arg.0 - 1)
    Max = #Bif Arg.1
    do i = 2 to #Bif Arg.0 by 1
      Next = #Bif_Arg.i
      if Max < Next then Max = Next
      end i
    return Max
10.2.4 MIN
MIN returns the smallest of its arguments.
    if #Bif_Arg.0 <1 then
      call Raise 40.3, 1
    call CheckArgs 'rNUM' | copies(' rNUM', #Bif_Arg.0 - 1)
    Min = #Bif_Arg.1
    do i = 2 to #Bif_Arg.0 by 1
      Next = #Bif_Arg.i
      if Min > Next then Min = Next
      end i
    return Min
10.2.5 SIGN
SIGN returns '1', '0' or '-1' according to whether its argument is greater than, equal to, or less than zero.
    call CheckArgs 'rNUM'
    Number = #Bif Arg.1
```

/* If before sign insertion point then blank out zero. */

```
select
  when Number < 0 then Output = -1
  when Number = 0 then Output = 0
  when Number > 0 then Output = 1
  end
return Output
```

10.2.6 TRUNC

TRUNC returns the integer part of its argument, or the integer part plus a number of digits after the decimal point, specified by the second argument.

10.3 State built-in functions

These functions return values from the state of the execution.

10.3.1 ADDRESS

ADDRESS returns the name of the environment to which commands are currently being submitted. Optionally, under control by the argument, it also returns information on the targets of command output and the source of command input.

10.3.2 ARG

ARG returns information about the argument strings to a program or routine, or the value of one of those strings.

10.3.3 CONDITION

CONDITION returns information associated with the current condition.

```
call CheckArgs 'oCDEIS'

/* Values are null if this is not following a condition. */
if #Condition.#Level == '' then do
    #ConditionDescription.#Level = ''
    #ConditionExtra.#Level = ''
    #ConditionInstruction.#Level = ''
```

end

```
Option=#Bif_Arg.1
if Option=='C' then return #Condition.#Level
if Option=='D' then return #ConditionDescription.#Level
if Option=='E' then return #ConditionExtra.#Level
if Option=='I' then return #ConditionInstruction.#Level
/* State is the current state. */
if #Condition.#Level = '' then return ""
return #Enabling.#Condition.#Level
```

10.3.4 **DIGITS**

DIGITS returns the current setting of NUMERIC DIGITS.

```
call CheckArgs ''
return #Digits.#Level
```

10.3.5 ERRORTEXT

ERRORTEXT returns the unexpanded text of the message which is identified by the first argument. A second argument of 'S' selects the standard English text, otherwise the text may be translated to another national language. This translation is not shown in the code below.

10.3.6 FORM

FORM returns the current setting of NUMERIC FORM.

```
call CheckArgs ''
return #Form.#Level
```

10.3.7 FUZZ

FUZZ returns the current setting of NUMERIC FUZZ.

```
call CheckArgs ''
return #Fuzz.#Level
```

10.3.8 SOURCELINE

If there is no argument, SOURCELINE returns the number of lines in the program, or '0' if the source program is not being shown on this execution. If there is an argument it specifies the number of the line of the source program to be returned.

```
call CheckArgs 'oWHOLE>0'
if \#Bif_ArgExists.1 then return #SourceLine.0
Num = #Bif_Arg.1
if Num > #SourceLine.0 then
    call Raise 40.34, Num, #SourceLine.0
return #SourceLine.Num
```

10.3.9 TRACE

TRACE returns the trace setting currently in effect, and optionally alters the setting.

```
Value=#Bif_Arg.1
#Interactive.#Level=0
/* A question mark sets the interactive flag. */
if left(Value,1) == '?' then do
    #Interactive.#Level = 1
    Value=substr(Value,2)
    end
/* Absence of a letter leaves the setting unchanged. */
if Value\=='' then do
    Value=translate(left(Value,1))
    if Value=='O' then #Interactive.#Level='0'
#Tracing.#Level = Value
    end
return Output
```

10.4 Conversion built-in functions

Conversions between Binary form, Decimal form, and heXadecimal form do not depend on the encoding (see nnn) of the character data.

Conversion to Coded form gives a result which depends on the encoding. Depending on the encoding, the result may be a string that does not represent any sequence of characters.

10.4.1 B2X

B2X performs binary to hexadecimal conversion.

```
call CheckArgs 'rBIN'
String = space(#Bif_Arg.1,0)
return ReRadix(String,2,16)
```

10.4.2 BITAND

The functions BITAND, BITOR and BITXOR operate on encoded character data. Each binary digit from the encoding of the first argument is processed in conjunction with the corresponding bit from the second argument.

```
call CheckArgs 'rANY oANY oPAD'
String1 = #Bif Arg.1
if #Bif_ArgExists.2 then String2 = #Bif Arg.2
                    else String2 = ''
/* Presence of a pad implies character strings. */
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then
  if length(String1) > length(String2) then
    String2=left(String2,length(String1),#Bif Arg.3)
  else
    String1=left(String1,length(String2),#Bif_Arg.3)
/* Change to manifest bit representation. */
#Response=Config C2B(String1)
String1=#Outcome
#Response=Config C2B(String2)
String2=#Outcome
/* Exchange if necessary to make shorter second. */
if length(String1) < length(String2) then do
  t=String1
  String1=String2
  String2=t
/* Operate on common length of those bit strings. */
do j=1 to length(String2)
  b1=substr(String1,j,1)
  b2=substr(String2,j,1)
  select
    when #Bif='BITAND' then
      b1=b1&b2
    when #Bif='BITOR' then
      b1=b1 | b2
```

```
when #Bif='BITXOR' then
          b1=b1&&b2
        end
      r=r||b1
      end j
    r=r || right(String1,length(String1)-length(String2))
    /* Convert back to encoded characters. */
    return x2c(b2x(r))
10.4.3 BITOR
See nnn
10.4.4 BITXOR
See nnn
10.4.5 C2D
C2D performs coded to decimal conversion.
    call CheckArgs 'rANY oWHOLE>=0'
    if length(#Bif_Arg.1)=0 then return 0
    if #Bif_ArgExists.2 then do
      /* Size specified */
      Size = #Bif_Arg.2
      if Size = 0 then return 0
      /* Pad will normally be zeros */
      t=right(#Bif_Arg.1,Size,left(xrange(),1))
      /* Convert to manifest bit */
      call Config_C2B t
      /* And then to signed decimal. */
      Sign = Left(#Outcome,1)
      #Outcome = substr(#Outcome,2)
      t=ReRadix(#Outcome, 2, 10)
      /* Sign indicates 2s-complement. */
      if Sign then t=t-2**length(#Outcome)
      if abs(t) > 10 ** #Digits.#Level - 1 then call Raise 40.35, t
      return t
      end
    /* Size not specified. */
    call Config C2B #Bif Arg.1
    t = ReRadix(#Outcome, 2, 10)
    if t > 10 ** #Digits.#Level - 1 then call Raise 40.35, t
    return t
10.4.6 C2X
C2X performs coded to hexadecimal conversion.
    call CheckArgs 'rANY'
    if length(#Bif Arg.1) = 0 then return ''
    call Config_C2B #Bif_Arg.1
    return ReRadix (#Outcome, 2, 16)
10.4.7 D2C
D2C performs decimal to coded conversion.
    if \#Bif ArgExists.2 then ArgData = 'rWHOLENUM>=0'
                          else ArgData = 'rWHOLENUM rWHOLE>=0'
    call CheckArgs ArgData
    /* Convert to manifest binary */
    Subject = abs(#Bif Arg.1)
    r = ReRadix(Subject, 10, 2)
    /* Make length a multiple of 8, as required for Config_B2C */
    Length = length(r)
    do while Length//8 = 0
       Length = Length+1
       end
    r = right(r,Length,'0')
```

```
/* 2s-complement for negatives. */
    if #Bif_Arg.1<0 then do
      Subject = 2**length(r)-Subject
      r = ReRadix(Subject, 10, 2)
      end
    /* Convert to characters */
    #Response = Config_B2C(r)
    Output = #Outcome
    if \#Bif_ArgExists.2 then return Output
    /* Adjust the length with appropriate characters. */
    if #Bif_Arg.1>=0 then return right(Output, #Bif_Arg.2, left(xrange(),1))
                      else return right(Output, #Bif_Arg.2, right(xrange(),1))
10.4.8 D2X
D2X performs decimal to hexadecimal conversion.
   if \#Bif ArgExists.2 then ArgData = 'rWHOLENUM>=0'
                          else ArgData = 'rWHOLENUM rWHOLE>=0'
    call CheckArgs ArgData
    /* Convert to manifest hexadecimal */
    Subject = abs(#Bif_Arg.1)
    r = ReRadix(Subject, 10, 16)
    /* Twos-complement for negatives */
    if #Bif_Arg.1<0 then do
      Subject = 16**length(r)-Subject
      r = ReRadix(Subject, 10, 16)
      end
    if \#Bif ArgExists.2 then return r
    /* Adjust the length with appropriate characters. */
    if #Bif_Arg.1>=0 then return right(r, #Bif_Arg.2, '0')
                      else return right(r,#Bif Arg.2,'F')
10.4.9 X2B
X2B performs hexadecimal to binary conversion.
   call CheckArgs 'rHEX'
   Subject = #Bif_Arg.1
if Subject == '' then return ''
   /* Blanks were checked by CheckArgs, here they are ignored. */
   Subject = space(Subject, 0)
   return ReRadix(translate(Subject),16,2)
10.4.10 X2C
X2C performs hexadecimal to coded character conversion.
   call CheckArgs 'rHEX'
   Subject = #Bif_Arg.1
if Subject == '' then return ''
   Subject = space(Subject,0)
   /* Convert to manifest binary */
   r = ReRadix(translate(Subject),16,2)
   /* Convert to character */
   Length = 8*((length(Subject)+1)%2)
   #Response = Config_B2C(right(r,Length,'0'))
   return #Outcome
10.4.11 X2D
X2D performs hexadecimal to decimal conversion.
   call CheckArgs 'rHEX oWHOLE>=0'
   Subject = #Bif_Arg.1
   if Subject == '' then return '0'
   Subject = translate(space(Subject,0))
```

10.5 Input/Output built-in functions

The configuration shall provide the ability to access streams. Streams are identified by character string identifiers and provide for the reading and writing of data. They shall support the concepts of characters, lines, and positioning. The input/output built-in functions interact with one another, and they make use of Config_ functions, see nnn. When the operations are successful the following characteristics shall be exhibited:

- The CHARIN/CHAROUT functions are insensitive to the lengths of the arguments. The data written to a stream by CHAROUT can be read by a different number of CHARINs.
- The CHARIN/CHAROUT functions are reflective, that is, the concatenation of the data read from a persistent stream by CHARIN (after positioning to 1, while CHARS(Stream)>0), will be the same as the concatenation of the data put by CHAROUT.
- All characters can be used as CHARIN/CHAROUT data.
- The CHARS(Stream, 'N') function will return zero only when a subsequent read (without positioning) is guaranteed to raise the NOTREADY condition.
- The LINEIN/LINEOUT functions are sensitive to the length of the arguments, that is, the length of a line written by LINEOUT is the same as the length of the string returned by successful LINEIN of the line.
- Some characters, call them line-banned characters, cannot reliably be used as data for LINEIN/LINEOUT. If these are not used, LINEIN/LINEOUT is reflective. If they are used, the result is not defined. The set of characters which are line-barred is a property of the configuration.
- The LINES(Stream, 'N') function will return zero only when a subsequent LINEIN (without positioning) is guaranteed to raise the NOTREADY condition.
- When a persistent stream is repositioned and written to with CHAROUT, the previously written data is not lost, except for the data overwritten by this latest CHAROUT.
- When a persistent stream is repositioned and written to with LINEOUT, the previously written data is not lost, except for the data overwritten by this latest LINEOUT, which may leave lines partially overwritten.

10.5.1 CHARIN

CHARIN returns a string read from the stream named by the first argument.

```
call CheckArgs 'oSTREAM oWHOLE>0 oWHOLE>=0'
if #Bif ArgExists.1 then Stream = #Bif Arg.1
                        else Stream = ''
#StreamState.Stream = ''
/* Argument 2 is positioning. */
if #Bif ArgExists.2 then do
  #Response = Config_Stream_Position(Stream,'CHARIN',#Bif_Arg.2)
if left(#Response, 1) == 'R' then call Raise 40.41, 2, #Bif_Arg.2
if left(#Response, 1) == 'T' then call Raise 40.42,Stream
  end
/* Argument 3 is how many. */
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then Count = #Bif Arg.3
                         else Count = 1
if Count = 0 then do
  call Config Stream Charin Stream, 'NULL' /* "Touch" the stream */
  return ''
  end
/* The unit may be eight bits (as characters) or one character. */
call Config Stream Query Stream
```

```
Mode = #Outcome
  r = ''
  do until Count = 0
    #Response = Config_Stream_Charin(Stream, 'CHARIN')
    if left(#Response, 1) \== 'N' then do
      if left(#Response, 1) == 'E' then #StreamState.Stream = 'ERROR'
/* This call will return. */
      call #Raise 'NOTREADY', Stream, substr(#Response, 2)
      leave
      end
    r = r | \#Outcome
    Count = Count-1
if Mode == 'B' then do
  call Config_B2C r
  r = #Outcome
  end
return r
```

10.5.2 CHAROUT

CHAROUT returns the count of characters remaining after attempting to write the second argument to the stream named by the first argument.

```
call CheckArgs 'oSTREAM oANY oWHOLE>0'
if #Bif ArgExists.1 then Stream = #Bif Arg.1
                     else Stream = ''
#StreamState.Stream = ''
if \#Bif ArgExists.2 & \#Bif ArgExists.3 then do
  /* Position to end of stream. */
  #Response = Config_Stream_Close(Stream)
  if left(\#Response, \overline{1}) == '\overline{T}' then call Raise 40.42, Stream
  return 0
  end
if #Bif_ArgExists.3 then do
  /* Explicit positioning. */
  #Response = Config_Stream_Position(Stream,'CHAROUT', #Bif_Arg.3)
  if left(\#Response, \overline{1}) == '\overline{T}' then call Raise 40.42, Stream
  if left(#Response, 1) == 'R' then call Raise 40.41, 3, #Bif Arg.3
  end
if \#Bif_ArgExists.2 | #Bif_Arg.2 == '' then do
  call Config Stream Charout Stream, 'NULL' /* "Touch" the stream */
  return 0
  end
String = #Bif Arg.2
call Config Stream Query Stream
Mode = #Outcome
if Mode == 'B' then do
  call Config_C2B String
  String = #Outcome
  Stride = 8
  Residue = length(String)/8
  end
else do
  Stride = 1
  Residue = length(String)
  end
Cursor = 1
do while Residue>0
 Piece = substr(String,Cursor,Stride)
  Cursor = Cursor+Stride
  call Config_Stream_Charout Stream, Piece
   if left(#Response, 1) \== 'N' then do
     if left(#Response, 1) == 'E' then #StreamState.Stream = 'ERROR'
   call #Raise 'NOTREADY', Stream, substr(#Response, 2)
```

```
return Residue
end
Residue = Residue - 1
end
return 0
```

10.5.3 CHARS

CHARS indicates whether there are characters remaining in the named stream. Optionally, it returns a count of the characters remaining and immediately available.

10.5.4 LINEIN

LINEIN reads a line from the stream named by the first argument, unless the third argument is zero.

```
call CheckArgs 'oSTREAM oWHOLE>0 oWHOLE>=0'
if #Bif ArgExists.1 then Stream = #Bif Arg.1
                    else Stream = ''
#StreamState.Stream = ''
if #Bif ArgExists.2 then do
  #Response = Config_Stream_Position(Stream, 'LINEIN', #Bif_Arg2)
  if left(#Response, 1) == 'T' then call Raise 40.42, Stream
  if left(#Response, 1) == 'R' then call Raise 40.41, 2, #Bif Arg.2
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then Count = #Bif Arg.3
                    else Count = 1
if Count>1 then call Raise 40.39, Count
if Count = 0 then do
    call Config Stream Charin Stream, 'NULL' /* "Touch" the stream */
    return ''
    end
/* A configuration may recognise lines even in 'binary' mode. */
call Config_Stream_Query Stream
Mode = #Outcome
t = #Linein Position.Stream
/* Config Stream Charin will alter #Linein Position. */
do until t \= #Linein Position.Stream
    #Response = Config_Stream_Charin(Stream,'LINEIN')
    if left(#Response, 1) \== 'N' then do
      if left(#Response, 1) == 'E' then #StreamState.Stream = 'ERROR'
      call #Raise 'NOTREADY', Stream, substr(#Response, 2)
      leave
     end
  r = r | \#Outcome
  end
if Mode == 'B' then do
  call Config B2C r
 r = #Outcome
  end
return r
```

10.5.5 **LINEOUT**

LINEOUT returns '1' or '0', indicating whether the second argument has been successfully written to the stream named by the first argument. A result of '1' means an unsuccessful write.

```
#StreamState.Stream = ''
if \#Bif_ArgExists.2 & \#Bif_ArgExists.3 then do
  /* Position to end of stream. */
  #Response = Config_Stream_Close(Stream)
  if left(\#Response, \overline{1}) == '\overline{T}' then call Raise 40.42, Stream
  return 0
  end
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then do
  #Response = Config Stream Position(Stream, 'LINEOUT', #Bif Arg.3)
  if left(#Response, 1) == 'T' then call Raise 40.42, Stream
if left(#Response, 1) == 'R' then call Raise 40.41, 3, #Bif_Arg.3
  end
if \#Bif ArgExists.2 then do
  call Config Stream Charout Stream, '' /* "Touch" the stream */
  return 0
  end
String = #Bif_Arg.2
Stride = 1
call Config Stream Query Stream
Mode = #Outcome
if Mode == 'B' then do
  call Config_C2B String
  String = #Outcome
 Stride = 8
 Residue = length(String)/8
  end
else do
   Stride = 1
   Residue = length(String)
   end
Cursor = 1
do while Residue > 0
  Piece = substr(String,Cursor,Stride)
  Cursor = Cursor+Stride
  call Config_Stream_Charout Stream, Piece
  if left(#Response, 1) \== 'N' then do
    if left(#Response, 1) == 'E' then #StreamState.Stream = 'ERROR'
    call #Raise 'NOTREADY', Stream, substr(#Response, 2)
    return 1
    end
 Residue = Residue-1
call Config_Stream_Charout Stream, 'EOL'
return 0
```

10.5.6 LINES

LINES returns the number of lines remaining in the named stream.

10.5.7 **QUALIFY**

QUALIFY returns a name for the stream named by the argument. The two names are currently associated with the same resource and the result of QUALIFY may be more persistently associated with that resource.

```
#Response = Config_Stream_Qualified(Stream)
return #Outcome
```

10.5.8 STREAM

STREAM returns a description of the state of, or the result of an operation upon, the stream named by the first argument.

```
/* Third argument is only correct with 'C' */
 if #Bif_ArgExists.2 & translate(left(#Bif_Arg.2, 1)) == 'C' then
    ArgData = 'rSTREAM rCDS rANY'
    ArgData = 'rSTREAM oCDS'
call CheckArgs ArgData
Stream = #Bif Arg.1
 if #Bif ArgExists.2 then Operation = #Bif Arg.2
                     else Operation = 'S'
Select
 when Operation == 'C' then do
   call Config Stream Command Stream, #Bif Arg. 3
    return #Outcome
    end
 when Operation == 'D' then do
    #Response = Config_Stream_State(Stream)
    return substr(#Response, 2)
    end
  when Operation == 'S' then do
    if StreamState.Stream == 'ERROR' then return 'ERROR'
    #Response = Config_Stream_State(Stream)
    if left(\#Response, \overline{1}) == \overline{N}' then return 'READY'
    if left(#Response, 1) == 'U' then return 'UNKNOWN'
    return 'NOTREADY'
    end
  end
```

10.6 Other built-in functions

10.6.1 DATE

DATE with fewer than two arguments returns the local date. Otherwise it converts the second argument (which has a format given by the third argument) to the format specified by the first argument. If there are fourth or fifth arguments, they describe the treatment of separators between fields of the date.

```
call CheckArgs 'oBDEMNOSUW oANY oBDENOSU oSEP oSEP'
  /* If the third argument is given then the second is mandatory. */
if #Bif_ArgExists.3 & \#Bif_ArgExists.2 then
    call Raise 40.19, '', #Bif Arg.3
  if #Bif ArgExists.1 then Option = #Bif Arg.1
                       else Option = 'N'
/* The date/time is 'frozen' throughout a clause. */
  if #ClauseTime. #Level == '' then do
    #Response = Config_Time()
    #ClauseTime.#Level = #Time
    #ClauseLocal.#Level = #Time + #Adjust<Index "#Adjust" # "" >
  /st English spellings are used, even if messages not in English are used. st/
  Months = 'January February March April May June July',
            'August September October November December
  WeekDays = 'Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday'
  /* If there is no second argument, the current date is returned. */
  if \#Bif ArgExists.2 then
    return DateFormat(#ClauseLocal.#Level, Option)
  /* If there is a second argument it provides the date to be
  converted. */
```

```
Value = #Bif Arg.2
  if #Bif_ArgExists.3 then InOption = #Bif Arg.3
                      else InOption = 'N'
  if Option == 'S' then OutSeparator = ''
                   else OutSeparator = translate(Option,"xx/x //x","BDEMNOUW")
  if #Bif ArgExists.4 then do
    if OutSeparator == 'x' then call Raise 40.46, Option, 4
    OutSeparator = #Bif.Arg.4
    end
  if InOption == 'S' then InSeparator = ''
                     else InSeparator = translate(InOption,"xx/ //","BDENOU")
  if #Bif_ArgExists.5 then do
    if InSeparator == 'x' then call Raise 40.46, InOption, 5
    InSeparator = #Bif.Arg.5
    end
/* First try for Year Month Day */
Logic = 'NS'
select
 when InOption == 'N' then do
  if InSeparator == '' then do
      if length(Value)<9 then return
      Year = right(Value,4)
      MonthIs = substr(right(Value, 7), 1, 3)
      Day = left(Value,length(Value)-7)
    else
      parse var Value Day (InSeparator) MonthIs (InSeparator) Year
    do Month = 1 to 12
      if left(word(Months, Month), 3) == MonthIs then leave
    end Month
  end
  when InOption == 'S' then
    if InSeparator == '' then
      parse var Value Year +4 Month +2 Day
      parse var Value Year (InSeparator) Month (InSeparator) Day
  otherwise
    Logic = 'EOU' /* or BD */
/* Next try for year without century */
if logic = 'EOU' then
  Select
    when InOption == 'E' then
      if InSeparator == '' then
        parse var Value Day +2 Month +2 YY
      else
        parse var Value Day (InSeparator) Month (InSeparator) YY
    when InOption == 'O' then
      if InSeparator == '' then
        parse var Value YY +2 Month +2 Day
        parse var Value YY (InSeparator) Month (InSeparator) Day
    when InOption == 'U' then
      if InSeparator == '' then
        parse var Value Month +2 Day +2 YY
      else
       parse var Value Month (InSeparator) Day (InSeparator) YY
    otherwise
      Logic = 'BD'
  end
if Logic = 'EOU' then do
  /* The century is assumed, on the basis of the current year. */
  if datatype(YY,'W')=0 then
    return
  YearNow = left('DATE'('S'),4)
  Year = YY
  do while Year < YearNow-50
    Year = Year + 100
  end
end /* Century assumption */
```

```
if Logic <> 'BD' then do
    /* Convert Month & Day to Days of year. */
    if datatype(Month,'W')=0 | datatype(Day,'W')=0 | datatype(Year,'W')=0 then
      return
    Days = word('0 31 59 90 120 151 181 212 243 273 304 334', Month),
                                       + (Month>2) *Leap(Year) + Day-1
  else
    if datatype(Value,'W')=0 then
     return
  if InOption == 'D' then do
    Year = left('DATE'('S'),4)
   Days = Value - 1 /* 'D' includes current day */
  /* Convert to BaseDays */
  if InOption <> 'B' then
    BaseDays = (Year-1)*365 + (Year-1)*4 - (Year-1)*100 + (Year-1)*400 + Days
   Basedays = Value
  /* Convert to microseconds from 0001 */
  Micro = BaseDays * 86400 * 1000000
  /* Reconvert to check the original. (eg for Month = 99) */
  if DateFormat(Micro,InOption,InSeparator) \== Value then
    call Raise 40.19, Value, InOption
  return DateFormat (Micro, Option, OutSeparator)
DateFormat:
    /* Convert from microseconds to given format. */
    parse value Time2Date(arg(1)) with,
         Year Month Day Hour Minute Second Microsecond Base Days
 select
   when arg(2) == 'B' then
     return Base
    when arg(2) == 'D' then
      return Days
    when arg(2) == 'E' then
      return right(Day,2,'0') (arg(3)) right(Month,2,'0') (arg(3)) right(Year,2,'0')
    when arg(2) == 'M' then
     return word (Months, Month)
    when arg(2) == 'N' then
     return (Day) (arg(3))left(word(Months, Month), 3) (arg(3))right(Year, 4, '0')
    when arg(2) == '0' then
      return right(Year, 2, '0') (arg(3)) right(Month, 2, '0') (arg(3)) right(Day, 2, '0')
    when arg(2) == 'S' then
      return right(Year,4,'0')(arg(3))right(Month,2,'0')(arg(3))right(Day,2,'0')
    when arg(2) == 'U' then
      return right(Month,2,'0')(arg(3))right(Day,2,'0')(arg(3))right(Year,2,'0')
    otherwise /* arg(2) == 'W' */
     return word (Weekdays, 1+Base//7)
  end
10.6.1 QUEUED
QUEUED returns the number of lines remaining in the external data queue.
```

```
call CheckArgs ''
#Response = Config_Queued()
return #Outcome
```

10.6.2 RANDOM

RANDOM returns a quasi-random number.

```
call CheckArgs 'oWHOLE>=0 oWHOLE>=0'
if #Bif_Arg.0 = 1 then do
  Minimum = 0
```

```
Maximum = #Bif Arg.1
  if Maximum>100000 then
     call Raise 40.31, Maximum
else do
   if #Bif ArgExists.1 then Minimum = #Bif Arg.1
                       else Minimum = 0
  if #Bif ArgExists.2 then Maximum = #Bif Arg.2
                       else Maximum = 999
   end
if Maximum-Minimum>100000 then
   call Raise 40.32, Minimum, Maximum
if Maximum-Minimum<0 then
  call Raise 40.33, Minimum, Maximum
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then call Config Random Seed #Bif Arg.3
call Config Random Next Minimum, Maximum
return #Outcome
```

10.6.3 SYMBOL

The function SYMBOL takes one argument, which is evaluated. Let String be the value of that argument. If Config_Length(String) returns an indicator 'E' then the SYNTAX condition 23.1 shall be raised. Otherwise, if the syntactic recognition described in section nnn would not recognize String as a symbol then the result of the function SYMBOL is 'BAD'.

If String would be recognized as a symbol the result of the function SYMBOL depends on the outcome of accessing the value of that symbol, see nnn. If the final use of Var_Value leaves the indicator with value 'D' then the result of the function SYMBOL is 'LIT', otherwise 'VAR'.

10.6.4 TIME

TIME with less than two arguments returns the local time within the day, or an elapsed time. Otherwise it converts the second argument (which has a format given by the third argument) to the format specified by the first argument.

```
call CheckArgs 'oCEHLMNORS oANY oCHLMNS'
/st If the third argument is given then the second is mandatory. st/
if #Bif_ArgExists.3 & \#Bif_ArgExists.2 then call Raise 40.19, '', #Bif_Arg.3
if #Bif ArgExists.1 then Option = #Bif Arg.1
                     else Option = 'N'
/* The date/time is 'frozen' throughout a clause. */
if #ClauseTime. #Level == '' then do
   #Response = Config_Time()
   #ClauseTime.#Level = #Time
   #ClauseLocal.#Level = #Time + #Adjust<Index "#Adjust" # "" >
/* If there is no second argument, the current time is returned. */
if \#Bif ArgExists.2 then
  return TimeFormat(#ClauseLocal.#Level, Option)
/* If there is a second argument it provides the time to be
converted. */
if pos(Option, 'ERO') > 0 then
  call Raise 40.29, Option
InValue = #Bif Arg.2
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then InOption = #Bif Arg.3
```

```
HH = 0
        if XX == 'pm' then
          HourAdjust = 12
      end
      when InOption == 'H' then
        HH = InValue
      when InOption == 'L' | InOption == 'N' then
        parse var InValue HH ':' MM ':' SS
      when InOption == 'M' then
        MM = InValue
      otherwise
        SS = InValue
    if datatype(HH,'W')=0 | datatype(MM,'W')=0 | datatype(SS,'N')=0 then
      call Raise 40.19, InValue, InOption
    HH = HH + HourAdjust
    /* Convert to microseconds */
    Micro = trunc((((HH * 60) + MM) * 60 + SS) * 1000000)
    /* There is no special message for time-out-of-range; the bad-format
    message is used. */
    if Micro<0 | Micro > 24*3600*1000000 then call Raise 40.19, InValue, InOption
    /st Reconvert to check the original. (eg for hour = 99) st/
    if TimeFormat(Micro,InOption) \== InValue then call Raise 40.19, InValue, InOption
    return TimeFormat(Micro, Option)
    end /* Conversion */
TimeFormat: procedure
  /* Convert from microseconds to given format. */
  /* The day will be irrelevant; actually it will be the first day possible. */
  x = Time2Date2(arg(1))
  parse value x with Year Month Day Hour Minute Second Microsecond Base Days
  select
    when arg(2) == 'C' then
      select
        when Hour>12 then
          return Hour-12': 'right (Minute, 2, '0') 'pm'
        when Hour=12 then
          return '12: 'right (Minute, 2, '0') 'pm'
        when Hour>0 then
          return Hour': 'right (Minute, 2, '0') 'am'
        when Hour=0 then
          return '12: 'right (Minute, 2, '0') 'am'
      end
    when arg(2) == 'H' then return Hour
    when arg(2) == 'L' then
       return right(Hour,2,'0')':'right(Minute,2,'0')':'right(Second,2,'0'),
         | '.'right(Microsecond, 6, '0')
    when arg(2) == 'M' then
      return 60*Hour+Minute
    when arg(2) == 'N' then
      return right(Hour,2,'0')':'right(Minute,2,'0')':'right(Second,2,'0')
    otherwise /\bar{*} arg(2) == 'S' */
      return 3600*Hour+60*Minute+Second
  end
Time2Date:
  /* These are checks on the range of the date. */
  if arg(1) < 0 then
    call Raise 40.19, InValue, InOption
  if arg(1) >= 315537897600000000 then
    call Raise 40.19, InValue, InOption
  return Time2Date2(arg(1))
10.6.1 VALUE
VALUE returns the value of the symbol named by the first argument, and optionally assigns it a new
value.
    if #Bif ArgExists.3 then ArgData = 'rANY oANY oANY'
                         else ArgData = 'rSYM oANY oANY'
    call CheckArgs ArgData
```

```
Subject = #Bif Arg.1
if #Bif_ArgExists.3 then do /* An external pool, or the reserved pool. */
  /* The reserved pool uses a null string as its pool identifier. */
  Pool = #Bif_Arg.3
if Pool == '' then do
     Subject = '.' | translate(Subject)
                                               /* The dot on the name is implied. */
     Value = .environment[Subject]
                                           /* Was the translate redundant? */
     if #Bif_ArgExists.2 then .environment[Subject] = #Bif_Arg.2
     return Value
     end
  /* Fetch the original value */
  #Response = Config Get(Pool, Subject)
  #Indicator = left(#Response,1)
  if #Indicator == 'F' then
call Raise 40.36, Subject
if #Indicator == 'P' then
     call Raise 40.37, Pool
  Value = #Outcome
  if #Bif_ArgExists.2 then do
     /* Set the new value. */
     #Response = Config_Set(Pool,Subject,#Bif_Arg.2)
     if #Indicator == 'P' then
       call Raise 40.37, Pool
     if #Indicator == 'F' then
       call Raise 40.36, Subject
     end
  /* Return the original value. */
  return Value
  end
/* Not external */
Subject = translate(Subject)
/* See nnn */
p = pos(Subject, '.')
if p = 0 | p = length(Subject) then do
  /* Not compound */
  #Response = Var_Value(#Pool, Subject, '0')
  /* The caller, in the code of the standard, may need
  to test whether the Subject was dropped. */
  #Indicator = left(#Response, 1)
  Value = #Outcome
  if #Bif_ArgExists.2 then
     #Response = Var_Set(#Pool, Subject, '0', #Bif_Arg.2)
  return Value
  end
/* Compound */
Expanded = left(Subject,p-1) /* The stem */
do forever
  Start = p+1
  p = pos(Subject,'.',Start)
  if p = 0 then p = length(Subject)
  Item = substr(Subject,Start,p-Start) /* Tail component symbol */
  if Item\=='' then if pos(left(Item,1),'0123456789') = 0 then do
    #Response = Var_Value(#Pool, Item, '0')
     Item = #Outcome
     end
  /* Add tail component. */
  Expanded = Expanded'.'Item
#Response = Var_Value(#Pool, Expanded, '1')
#Indicator = left(#Response, 1)
Value = #Outcome
if #Bif ArgExists.2 then
   #Response = Var_Set(#Pool, Expanded, '1', #Bif_Arg.2)
return Value
```

10.6.1 **QUEUED**

QUEUED returns the number of lines remaining in the external data queue.

```
call CheckArgs ''
#Response = Config_Queued()
return #Outcome
```

10.6.2 RANDOM

RANDOM returns a quasi-random number.

```
call CheckArgs 'oWHOLE>=0 oWHOLE>=0'
if #Bif Arg.0 = 1 then do
  Minimum = 0
   Maximum = #Bif Arg.1
   if Maximum>100000 then
     call Raise 40.31, Maximum
   end
else do
   if #Bif ArgExists.1 then Minimum = #Bif Arg.1
                       else Minimum = 0
   if #Bif ArgExists.2 then Maximum = #Bif Arg.2
                      else Maximum = 999
if Maximum-Minimum>100000 then
   call Raise 40.32, Minimum, Maximum
if Maximum-Minimum<0 then
   call Raise 40.33, Minimum, Maximum
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then call Config Random Seed #Bif Arg.3
call Config Random Next Minimum, Maximum
return #Outcome
```

10.6.3 **SYMBOL**

The function SYMBOL takes one argument, which is evaluated. Let String be the value of that argument. If Config_Length(String) returns an indicator 'E' then the SYNTAX condition 23.1 shall be raised. Otherwise, if the syntactic recognition described in section nnn would not recognize String as a symbol then the result of the function SYMBOL is 'BAD'.

If String would be recognized as a symbol the result of the function SYMBOL depends on the outcome of accessing the value of that symbol, see nnn. If the final use of Var_Value leaves the indicator with value 'D' then the result of the function SYMBOL is 'LIT', otherwise 'VAR'.

10.6.4 TIME

TIME with less than two arguments returns the local time within the day, or an elapsed time. Otherwise it converts the second argument (which has a format given by the third argument) to the format specified by the first argument.

```
call CheckArgs 'oCEHLMNORS oANY oCHLMNS'
/* If the third argument is given then the second is mandatory. */
if #Bif_ArgExists.3 & \#Bif_ArgExists.2 then call Raise 40.19, '', #Bif_Arg.3
if #Bif_ArgExists.1 then Option = #Bif_Arg.1
                     else Option = 'N'
/* The date/time is 'frozen' throughout a clause. */
if #ClauseTime. #Level == '' then do
   #Response = Config_Time()
   #ClauseTime.#Level = #Time
   #ClauseLocal.#Level = #Time + #Adjust<Index "#Adjust" # "" >
/* If there is no second argument, the current time is returned. */
if \#Bif ArgExists.2 then
  return TimeFormat (#ClauseLocal. #Level, Option)
/* If there is a second argument it provides the time to be
converted. */
if pos(Option, 'ERO') > 0 then
```

```
call Raise 40.29, Option
    InValue = #Bif Arg.2
    if #Bif ArgExists.3 then InOption = #Bif Arg.3
                        else InOption = 'N'
    HH = 0
    MM = 0
    SS = 0
    HourAdjust = 0
    select
      when InOption == 'C' then do
        parse var InValue HH ':' . +1 MM +2 XX
        if XX == 'pm' then HourAdjust = 12
      when InOption == 'H' then HH = InValue
      when InOption == 'L' | InOption == 'N' then
        parse var InValue HH ':' MM ':' SS
      when InOption == 'M' then MM = InValue
      otherwise SS = InValue
      end
    if \datatype(HH,'W') | \datatype(MM,'W') | \datatype(SS,'N') then
      call Raise 40.19, InValue, InOption
    HH = HH + HourAdjust
    /* Convert to microseconds */
    Micro = trunc((((HH * 60) + MM) * 60 + SS) * 1000000)
    /* Reconvert to check the original. (eg for hour = 99) */
    if TimeFormat(Micro,InOption) \== InValue then
      call Raise 40.19, InValue, InOption
    return TimeFormat(Micro, Option)
    end /* Conversion */
TimeFormat:
    /* Convert from microseconds to given format. */
    parse value Time2Date(arg(1)) with,
         Year Month Day Hour Minute Second Microsecond Base Days
      when arg(2) == 'C' then
if Hour>12 then
           return Hour-12': 'right (Minute, 2, '0') 'pm'
         else
            return Hour': 'right (Minute, 2, '0') 'am'
      when arg(2) == 'E' \mid arg(2) == 'R' then do
         /* Special case first time */
         if #StartTime.#Level == '' then do
            #StartTime.#Level = #ClauseTime.#Level
            return '0'
            end
         Output = #ClauseTime.#Level-#StartTime.#Level
         if arg(2) == 'R' then
           #StartTime.#Level = #ClauseTime.#Level
         return Output * 1E-6
         end /* E or R */
      when arg(2) == 'H' then return Hour
      when arg(2) == 'L' then
         return right(Hour,2,'0')':'right(Minute,2,'0')':'right(Second,2,'0'),
            | '.'right(Microsecond, 6, '0')
      when arg(2) == 'M' then return 60*Hour+Minute
      when arg(2) == 'N' then
        return right(Hour,2,'0')':'right(Minute,2,'0')':'right(Second,2,'0')
      when arg(2) == '0' then
         return trunc(#ClauseLocal.#Level - #ClauseTime.#Level)
      otherwise /* arg(2) == 'S' */
        return 3600*Hour+60*Minute+Second
      end
```

10.6.5 VALUE

VALUE returns the value of the symbol named by the first argument, and optionally assigns it a new value.

```
Subject = #Bif Arg.1
if #Bif ArgExists.3 then do /* An external pool, or the reserved pool. */
  /* The reserved pool uses a null string as its pool identifier. */
  Pool = #Bif_Arg.3
if Pool == '' then do
     Subject = '.' | translate(Subject)
                                             /* The dot on the name is implied. */
     Value = .environment[Subject]
                                         /* Was the translate redundant? */
     if #Bif_ArgExists.2 then .environment[Subject] = #Bif_Arg.2
     return Value
     end
  /* Fetch the original value */
  #Response = Config_Get(Pool,Subject)
  \#Indicator = left(\overline{\#Response}, 1)
  if #Indicator == 'F' then
     call Raise 40.36, Subject
  if #Indicator == 'P' then
     call Raise 40.37, Pool
  Value = #Outcome
  if #Bif ArgExists.2 then do
     /* Set the new value. */
     #Response = Config Set(Pool, Subject, #Bif Arg. 2)
     if #Indicator == 'P' then
       call Raise 40.37, Pool
     if #Indicator == 'F' then
       call Raise 40.36, Subject
  /* Return the original value. */
  return Value
  end
/* Not external */
Subject = translate(Subject)
/* See nnn */
p = pos(Subject, '.')
if p = 0 | p = length(Subject) then do
  /* Not compound */
  #Response = Var_Value(#Pool, Subject, '0')
  /* The caller, in the code of the standard, may need
  to test whether the Subject was dropped. */
  #Indicator = left(#Response, 1)
  Value = #Outcome
  if #Bif ArgExists.2 then
     #Response = Var Set(#Pool, Subject, '0', #Bif Arg.2)
  return Value
  end
/* Compound */
Expanded = left(Subject,p-1) /* The stem */
do forever
  Start = p+1
  p = pos(Subject,'.',Start)
  if p = 0 then p = length(Subject)
  Item = substr(Subject,Start,p-Start) /* Tail component symbol */
  if Item = '' then if pos(left(Item, 1), '0123456789') = 0 then do
     #Response = Var Value(#Pool, Item, '0')
     Item = #Outcome
     end
  /* Add tail component. */
  Expanded = Expanded'.'Item
#Response = Var_Value(#Pool, Expanded, '1')
#Indicator = left(#Response, 1)
Value = #Outcome
if #Bif_ArgExists.2 then
   #Response = Var_Set(#Pool, Expanded, '1', #Bif_Arg.2)
return Value
```

11 Built-in classes

11.1 Notation

The built-in classes are defined mainly through code. The code refers to state variables. This is solely a notation used in this standard.

11.2 Object, class and method

```
These objects provide the basis for class structure.
```

```
11.2.1 The object class
::class object
::method new class
Returns a new instance of the receiver class.
  call Config_ObjectNew
  return #Outcome
::method '=='
 ==' with no argument gives a hash value in OOI.
  call Config ObjectCompare #Receiver, #Arg.1
  if #Outcome == 'equal' then return '1'
                           else return '0'
::method '<>'
  use arg a
  return \self==a
::method '><'
  forward message '<>'
::method '='
 forward message '=='
::method '\='
  forward message '<>'
::method '\=='
  forward message '<>'
::method copy
Returns a copy of the receiver object. The copied object has the same methods as the receiver object
and an equivalent set of object variables, with the same values.
call Config_ObjectCopy #Receiver
return #Outcome
Since we have var_empty we could save a primitive by rendering 'new' as 'copy' plus 'empty'.
::method defaultname
Returns a short human-readable string representation for the object.
call var value #Receiver, '#Human', '0'
return #Outcome
This field would have been filled in at 'NEW' time.
::method 'OBJECTNAME='
                                  /* rSTRING */
Sets the receiver object's name to the specified string.
call var_set #Receiver, #ObjectName, '0', #Arg.1
Initialized to #Human? Or ObjectName does forwarding until assigned to?
::method objectname
Returns the receiver object's name (which the OBJECTNAME= method sets).
call var_value #Receiver, #ObjectName, '0'
return #Outcome
::method string
Returns a human-readable string representation for the object.
return #Receiver~ObjectName
::method class
```

Returns the class object that received the message that created the object.

```
call var value #Receiver, #IsA, '0'
return #Outcome
::method setmethod
                           /* rSTRING oSTRING/METHOD/ARRAY */
Adds a method to the receiver object's collection of object methods.
Is 'object methods' what is intended; you add to a class without adding to its instance methods? Yes.
  if #ArgExists.2 then m = Arg.2
                              else m = .NIL
  call set_var #Receiver, 'METHODS.'#Arg.1, '1', m
::method hasmethod
                         /* rSTRING */
Returns 1 (true) if the receiver object has a method with the specified name (translated to uppercase);
otherwise, returns 0 (false).
This presumably means inherited as well as SETMETHOD ones. What about ones set to .NIL?
Need to use the same search as for sending.
::method unsetmethod private
Removes a method from the receiver object's collection of object methods.
Use var drop
Private means Receiver = Self check.
::method request
                         /* rSTRING */
Returns an object of the specified class, or the NIL object if the request cannot be satisfied.
t = 'MAKE'#Arg.1
if \#Receiver~hasmethod(t) then return .NIL
forward message(t) array()
::method run private /* rMETHOD Ugh keyoptions */
Runs the specified method. The method has access to the object variables of the receiver object, just as
if the receiver object had defined the method by using SETMETHOD.
::method startat
                      Undocumented?
::method start
                         /* rMESSAGE oArglist */
Returns a message object and sends it a START message to start concurrent processing.
::method init
Performs any required object initialization.
11.2.2 The class class
::class class
Lots of these methods are both class and instance. I don't know whether to list them twice.
::method new class
                         /* oARGLIST */
Returns a new instance of the receiver class, whose object methods are the instance methods of the
class. This method initializes a new instance by running its INIT methods.
::method subclass class
Returns a new subclass of the receiver class.
::method subclasses class
Returns the immediate subclasses of the receiver class in the form of a single-index array of the required
::method define class /* rSTRING oMETHOD */
Incorporates the method object in the receiver class's collection of instance methods. The method name
is translated to upper case.
::method delete
Removes the receiver class's definition for the method name specified.
Builtin classes cannot be altered.
::method method class /* rSTRING */
Returns the method object for the receiver class's definition for the method name given.
Do we have to keep saying "method object" as opposed to "method" because "method name" exists?
::method querymixinclass
Returns 1 (true) if the class is a mixin class or 0 (false) otherwise.
::method mixinclass class /* 3 of em */
Returns a new mixin subclass of the receiver class.
::method inherit class /* rCLASS oCLASS */
```

Causes the receiver class to inherit the instance and class methods of the class object specified. The optional class is a class object that specifies the position of the new superclass in the list of superclasses. ::method uninherit class /* rCLASSOBJ */

Nullifies the effect of any previous INHERIT message sent to the receiver for the class specified. ::method enhanced class /* rCOLLECTION oArgs */

Returns an enhanced new instance of the receiver class, with object methods that are the instance methods of the class enhanced by the methods in the specified collection of methods.

::method baseclass class

Returns the base class associated with the class. If the class is a mixin class, the base class is the first superclass that is not also a mixin class. If the class is not a mixin class, then the base class is the class receiving the BASECLASS message.

::method superclasses class

Returns the immediate superclasses of the receiver class in the form of a single-index array of the required size.

::method id class

Returns a string that is the class identity (instance SUBCLASS and MIXINCLASS methods.)

::method metaclass class

Returns the receiver class's default metaclass.

::method methods class /* oCLASSOBJECT */

Returns a supplier object for all the instance methods of the receiver class and its superclasses, if no argument is specified.

11.2.3 The method class

::class method

```
::method new class /* rSTRING rSOURCE */
```

Returns a new instance of method class, which is an executable representation of the code contained in the source.

::method setprivate

Specifies that a method is a private method.

::method setprotected

::method setsecuritymanager

::method setguarded

Reverses any previous SETUNGUARDED messages, restoring the receiver to the default guarded status.

::method setunguarded

Lets an object run a method even when another method is active on the same object. If a method object does not receive a SETUNGUARDED message, it requires exclusive use of its object variable pool. ::method source

Returns the method source code as a single index array of source lines.

::method interface

::method setinterface

11.3 The string class

The string class provides conventional strings and numbers.

Some differences from REXX class of NetRexx.

```
::class string
::method new class
::method '\'
We can do all the operators by appeal to classic section 7.
::method '-'
::method '-'
use arg a
  return \a
General problem of making the error message come right.
```

```
::method '+'
::method '**'
::method '*'
::method '%'
::method '/'
::method '//'
::method ''
::method '||'
::method '<>'
::method '><'
::method '='
::method '\='
::method '\=='
::method '=='
::method '<'
::method '>'
::method '>='
::method '/<'
::method '<='
::method '/>'
::method '<<'
::method '>>'
::method '>>='
::method '/>>'
::method '<<='
::method '\<<'
::method '&&'
::method '&'
::method abbrev
::method centre
::method center
::method changestr
::method compare
::method copies
::method counstr
::method datatype
::method delstr
::method delword
::method insert
::method lastpos
::method left
::method length
::method overlay
::method pos
::method reverse
::method right
::method space
::method strip
::method substr
::method subword
::method translate
::method verify
::method word
::method wordindex
::method wordlength
::method wordpos
::method words
::method abs
::method format
::method max
::method min
::method sign
::method trunc
::method B2X
::method bitand
::method bitor
::method bitxor
::method C2D
::method C2X
::method D2X
```

```
::method D2C
::method X2B
::method X2C
::method X2D
::method string
::method makestring
```

11.3.1 The array class

The main features of a single dimension array are provided by the configuration. This section defines further methods and multi-dimensional arrays.

To be done. Dimensionality set at first use. Count commas, not classic arg().

```
::class array
::method new class
                           /* 0 or more WHOLE>=0 */
Returns a new empty array.
::method of class
                           /* 0 or more ANY */
Returns a newly created single-index array containing the specified value objects.
::method put
                           /* rANY one or more WHOLE>0 */
Makes the object value a member item of the array and associates it with the specified index or indexes.
                          /* 1 or more WHOLE>0 */
::method '[]='
This method is the same as the PUT method.
                          /* 1 or more WHOLE>0 */
::method at
Returns the item associated with the specified index or indexes.
::method '[]'
                          /* 1 or more WHOLE>0 */
Returns the same value as the AT method.
::method remove
                          /* 1 or more WHOLE>0 */
Returns and removes the member item with the specified index or indexes from the array.
::method hasindex
                          /* 1 or more WHOLE>0 */
Returns 1 (true) if the array contains an item associated with the specified index or indexes. Returns 0
(false) otherwise.
                           /* (None) */
::method items
Returns the number of items in the collection.
::method dimension
                          /* oWHOLE>0 */
Returns the current size (upper bound) of dimension specified (a positive whole number). If you omit the
argument this method returns the dimensionality (number of dimensions) of the array.
::method size
                           /* (None) */
Returns the number of items that can be placed in the array before it needs to be extended.
::method first
                          /* (None) */
Returns the index of the first item in the array, or the NIL object if the array is empty.
::method last
                          /* (None) */
Returns the index of the last item in the array, or the NIL object if the array is empty.
::method next
                          /* rWHOLE>0 */
Returns the index of the item that follows the array item having the specified index or returns the NIL
object if the item having that index is last in the array.
::method previous
                          /* rWHOLE>0 */
Returns the index of the item that precedes the array item having index index or the NIL object if the item
having that index is first in the array.
::method makearray
                          /* (None) */
Returns a single-index array with the same number of items as the receiver object. Any index with no
associated item is omitted from the new array.
Returns a new array (of the same class as the receiver) containing selected items from the receiver array.
The first item in the new array is the item corresponding to index start (the first argument) in the receiver
array.
                         /* (None) */
::method supplier
Returns a supplier object for the collection.
::method section
                         /* rWHOLE>0 oWHOLE>=0 */
```

11.4 The supplier class

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A supplier object enumerates the items a collection contained at the time of the supplier's creation.
::class supplier
::method new class
                         /* ranyarray rindexarray */
Returns a new supplier object.
::method index
Returns the index of the current item in the collection.
::method next
Moves to the next item in the collection.
::method item
Returns the current item in the collection.
::method available
Returns 1 (true) if an item is available from the supplier (that is, if the ITEM method would return a value).
Returns 0 (false) otherwise.
11.5 The message class
::class message
::method init class
                       /* Ugh */
Initializes the message object for sending.....
::method completed
Returns 1 if the message object has completed its message; returns 0 otherwise.
::method notify
                        /* rMESSAGE */
Requests notification about the completion of processing for the message SEND or START sends.
::method start
                       /* oany */
Sends the message for processing concurrently with continued processing of the sender.
::method send
                        /* oANY */
Returns the result (if any) of sending the message.
::method result
Returns the result of the message SEND or START sends.
```

12 Provided classes

(Informative)

12.1 Notation

The provided classes are defined mainly through code.

12.2 The Collection Classes

12.2.1 Collection Class Routines

These routines are used in the definition of the collection classes ::routine CommonXor /* Returns a new collection that contains all items from self and the argument except that all indexes that appear in both collections are removed. */ /* When the target is a bag, there may be an index in the bag that is duplicated and the same value as an index in the argument. Should one copy of the index survive in the bag? */ v=1if $(arg(1) \sim class==.Set \& arg(2) \sim class==.Bag)$ then v=2 if (arg(1)~class==.Table & arg(2)~class==.Bag) then v=2 if (arg(1)~class==.Table & arg(2)~class==.Relation) then v=2 if (arg(1)~class==.Directory & arg(2)~class==.Bag) then v=2 if (arg(1)~class==.Directory & arg(2)~class==.Relation) then v=2 /* This version it does: */ if v=1 then do This = arg(1) /* self of caller */ r=This~class~new ab=MayEnBag(arg(2)) ss=This~supplier do while ss~available r[ss~index]=ss~item ss~next end cs=ab~supplier do while cs~available if r~hasindex(cs~index) then r~remove(cs~index) else r[cs~index]=cs~item cs~next end return r end /* But following matches practice on Set~XOR(bag) etc. */ This = arg(1) /* self of caller */ r=This~class~new ab=MayEnBag(arg(2)) ss=This~supplier do while ss~available if \ab~hasindex(ss~index) then r[ss~index]=ss~item ss~next end cs=ab~supplier do while cs~available if \This~hasindex(cs~index) then r[cs~index]=cs~item cs~next end return r ::routine CommonIntersect /* Returns a new collection of the same class as SELF that contains the items from SELF that have indexes also in the argument. */ /* Actually an index in SELF can only be 'matched' with one in the argument once. Hence copy and removal. */ This = arg(1) /* self of caller */ w=.Bag~new sc=This~supplier do while sc~available w[sc~index] = sc~index sc~next end r=This~class~new

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cs=MayEnBag(arg(2))~supplier
  do while cs~available
    i=cs~index
    if w~hasindex(i) then do
      r[i]=This[i]
      w~remove(i)
      end
    cs~next
    end
  return r
::routine CommonUnion
/* Returns a new collection of the same class as SELF that
contains all the items from SELF and items from the
argument that have an index not in the first. */
/* Best to add them all. By adding non-receiver first we ensure that
receiver takes priority when same indexes. */
  This = arg(1) /* self of caller */
  r=This~class~new
  cs=MayEnBag(arg(2))~supplier
  do while cs~available
    r[cs~index]=cs~item
    cs~next
    end
  cs=This~supplier
  do while cs-available
    r[cs~index]=cs~item
    cs~next
    end
  return r
::routine CommonDifference
/* Returns a new collection containing only those index-item pairs from the
 SELF whose indexes the other collection does not contain. */
  This = arg(1) /* self of caller */
  r=This~class~new
  cs=This~supplier
  do while cs~available
    r[cs~index]=cs~item
    cs~next
    end
  cs=MayEnBag(arg(2))~supplier
  do while cs~available
   r~remove(cs~index)
    cs~next
    end
  return r
::routine MayEnBag
/* For List and Queue the indexes are dropped. */
 r=arg(1)
  if r~class == .List | r~class == .Queue then r=EnBag(r)
  return r
::routine EnBag
   r=.Bag~new
   s=arg(1)~supplier
   do while s~available
    if arg(1)~class == .List | arg(1)~class == .Queue then
     r[s~item] = s~item
    else
/* This case is when the receiver is a Bag. */
     r[s~index]=s~index
    s~next
   end
   return r
12.2.2 The collection class
```

::class 'Collection'

```
12.2.2.1 INIT
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```
::method init
 expose a
/* A collection is modelled as using 3 slots in an array for each element.
The first slot holds the item, the second the index, and the third is
used by particular types of collection. This order of slots is arbitary,
chosen to match order of arguments for PUT and SUPPLIER~NEW. */
/* The first set of 3 slots is reserved for other purposes, to avoid
having separate variables which the subclassing would need to access. */
 a=.array~new
 a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=0
 a[2]/*Unique*/=0
 return self
12.2.2.2 EXPOSED
::method exposed private
 expose a
/* This method allows subclasses to get at the implementation of Collection. */
 return a
12.2.2.3 FINDINDEX
::method findindex private
/* Returns array index if the collection contains any item associated with the
index specified or returns 0 otherwise. */
  do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
    if a[j+1] == arg(1) then return j
    end j
 return 0
12.2.2.4 AT
::method at
                       /* rANY */
 expose a
/* Returns the item associated with the specified index. */
 j=self~findindex(arg(1))
 if j=0 then return .nil
 return a[j]
12.2.2.5 []
::method '[]'
/* Synonym for the AT method. */
 forward message 'AT'
12.2.2.6 PUT
::method put
                       /* rANY rANY */
 expose a
 use arg item, index
/* Replaces any existing item associated with the specified index with the new
item. Otherwise adds the item-index pair. */
  j=self~findindex(index)
  if j>0 then do
   a[j]=item
   return
    end
 a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=a[1]/*ItemsCount*/+1
  j=1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
 a[j]=item
 a[j+1]=index
 a[j+2]=0
 return /* Error 91 in OOI if context requiring result. */
12.2.2.7 []=
```

```
::method '[]='
/* Synonym for the PUT method. */
 forward message 'PUT'
12.2.2.8 HASINDEX
::method hasindex
                    /* rANY */
/* Returns 1 (true) if the collection contains any item associated with the
index specified or returns 0 (false) otherwise. */
 return self~findindex(arg(1))>0
12.2.2.9 ITEMS
::method items
 expose a
/* Returns the number of items in the collection. */
 return a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
12.2.2.10 REMOVE
::method remove
                     /* rANY */
 expose a
/* Returns and removes from a collection the member item with the specified
index. */
  j=self~findindex(arg(1))
  if j=0 then return .nil
 r=a[j]
 self~removeit(j)
 return r
12.2.2.11 REMOVEIT
::method removeit private
 expose a
 use arg j
  /* Remove relevant slots from the array, with compaction. */
 do j=j+3 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
   a[j-3]=a[j];a[j-2]=a[j+1];a[j-1]=a[j+2]
   end j
 a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=a[1]/*ItemsCount*/-1
 return
12.2.2.12 MAKEARRYA
::method makearray
 expose a
r[r\sim dimension(1)+1]=a[j]
   end j
 return r
12.2.2.13 MAKEARRAYX
::method makearrayx private
 expose a
/* Returns a single-index array containing the receiver index items. */
                    /* To build result in. */
 r = .array~new
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
   r[r\sim dimension(1)+1]=a[j+1]
   end j
 return r
12.2.2.14 SUPPLIER
::method supplier
 expose a
```

```
/* Returns a supplier object for the list. */
 return .supplier~new(self~makearray:.collection,self~makearrayx)
12.2.3 Class list
::class 'List' subclass Collection
12.2.3.1 PUT
::method put
                      /* rANY rANY */
 use arg item, index
 a=self~exposed
/* PUT for a List must not be an insertion. */
  j=self~findindex(index)
  if j=0 then call Raise 'Syntax',93.918
 a[i]=item
 return
12.2.3.2 OF
                     /* 1 or more oANY Are they omittable? Not in IOO */
::method of class
/* Returns a newly created list containing the specified value objects in the
order specified. */
   r = self ~ new
   do j = 1 to arg()
    r ~ insert(arg(j))
    end j
   return r
12.2.3.3 INSERT
::method insert
                     /* rany oany */
 use arg item, index
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns a list-supplied index for a new item, of specified value, which is
added to the list. The new item follows the existing item with the specified
index in the list ordering. */
/* Establish the index of what preceeds the new element. */
/* If there was no index given, the new item becomes the last on list. */
/* .nil argument means first */
 if arg(2,'E') then p=arg(2)
                else p=self~last
/* Convert from list index to underlying array index. */
 if p==.nil then j=1
             else j=self~findindex(p)
 if j=0 then call Raise 'Syntax',93.918
 j=j+3 /* Where new entry will be. */
/* Move space to required place. */
 a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=a[1]/*ItemsCount*/+1
 do k=1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/ by -3 to j+3
   a[k]=a[k-3];a[k+1]=a[k-2];a[k]=a[k-3]
   end
/* Insert new element. */
 a[i]=item
/* A new, unique, index is needed. */
/* The basic requirement is for something unique, so this would be correct:
 i=.object~new /* a unique object, used as a key (the index on the list) */
/* However, a number can be used. (At risk of the user thinking it is
sensible to do arithmetic on it.) */
 a[j+1] = a[2] /*Unique*/; a[2] /*Unique*/= a[2] /*Unique*/+1
 a[j+2]=0
 return a[j+1]
12.2.3.4 FIRST
::method first
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the index of the first item in the list. */
 if a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=0 then return .nil
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return a[5]
12.2.3.5 LAST
::method last
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the index of the last item in the list. */
 if a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=0 then return .nil
 return a[3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/+2]
12.2.3.6 FIRSTITEM
::method firstitem
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the first item in the list. */
 if a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=0 then return .nil
 return a[4]
12.2.3.7 LASTITEM
::method lastitem
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the last item in the list. */
 if a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=0 then return .nil
 return a[3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/+1]
12.2.3.8 NEXT
                      /* rANY */
::method next
 a=self~exposed
/st Returns the index of the item that follows the list item having the specified
index. */
 j=self~findindex(arg(1))
 if j=0 then call Raise 'Syntax',93.918
 j=j+3
 if j>3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/ then return .nil /* Next of last was requested. */
 return a[j+1]
12.2.3.9 PREVIOUS
                      /* rANY */
::method previous
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the index of the item that precedes the list item having the
specified index. */
 j=self~findindex(arg(1))
  if j=0 then call Raise 'Syntax',93.918
 j=j-3
 if j<4 then return .nil /* Previous of first was requested. */
 return a[j+1]
12.2.3.10 SECTION
                      /* rANY oWHOLE>=0 */
::method section
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns a new list containing selected items from the receiver list. The
first item in the new list is the item corresponding to the index specified,
in the receiver list. */
  j=self~findindex(arg(1))
 if j=0 then call Raise 'Syntax',93.918
 r = .list~new
                 /* To build result in. */
 if arg(2, 'E') then s = arg(2)
                else s = self~items;
 do s
   r~insert(a[j])
    i=i+3
    if j>1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/ then leave
```

end return r

12.2.4 Class queue

```
::class 'Queue' subclass Collection
/* A queue is a sequenced collection with whole-number indexes. The
indexes specify the position of an item relative to the head (first item) of
the queue. Adding or removing an item changes the association of an index to
its queue item. */
12.2.4.1 PUSH
                      /* rANY */
::method push
/* Adds the object value to the queue at its head. */
 a=self~exposed
 a[1]/*ItemCount*/=a[1]/*ItemCount*/+1
/* Slide along to make a space. */
 do j=1+3*a[1]/*ItemCount*/ by -3 to 7
   a[j] = a[j-3]
   a[j+1]=a[j-2]+1; /* Index changes */
    end j
 a[4] = arg(1)
 a[5]=1
 return
12.2.4.2 PULL
::method pull
/* Returns and removes the item at the head of the queue. */
 a=self~exposed
 if a[1]/*ItemCount*/=0 then return .nil /* Stays empty */
 r=a[4]
 a[1]/*ItemCount*/=a[1]/*ItemCount*/-1
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemCount*/
   a[j]=a[j+3]
    a[j+1]=a[j+4]-1; /* Index changes */
    end j
 return r
12.2.4.3 QUEUE
::method queue
                     /* rANY */
/* Adds the object value to the queue at its tail. */
 a=self~exposed
 a[1]/*ItemCount*/=a[1]/*ItemCount*/+1
 a[1+3*a[1]/*ItemCount*/] = arg(1)
 a[2+3*a[1]/*ItemCount*/] = a[1]/*ItemCount*/
 return
12.2.4.4 PEEK
::method peek
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the item at the head of the queue. The collection remains unchanged.
*/
 return a[4]
12.2.4.5 REMOVE
                     /* rWHOLE>0 */
::method remove
/* Returns and removes from a collection the member item with the specified
index. */
 a=self~exposed
 if a[1]/*ItemCount*/<arg(1) then return .nil
 r=self~remove:super(arg(1))
  /* Reset the indexes. */
 k=0
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
   k=k+1
   a[j+1]=k
   end j
 return r
```

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12.2.5 Class table
::class 'Table' subclass Collection
12.2.5.1 MAKEARRAY
::method makearray
/* Returns a single-index array containing the index objects. */
/* This is different from Collection MAKEARRAY where items rather than indexes
are in the returned array. */
 forward message 'MAKEARRAYX'
12.2.5.2 UNION
::method union
                     /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonUnion(self,arg(1))
12.2.5.3 INTERSECTION
                           /* rCOLLECTION */
::method intersection
 return CommonIntersect(self,arg(1))
12.2.5.4 XOR
                     /* rCOLLECTION */
::method xor
 return CommonXor(self,arg(1))
12.2.5.5 DIFFERENCE
                    /* rCOLLECTION */
::method difference
 return CommonDifference(self,arg(1))
12.2.5.6 SUBSET
                    /* rCOLLECTION */
::method subset
 return self~difference(arg(1))~items = 0
12.2.6 Class set
::class 'Set' subclass table
/* A set is a collection that restricts the member items to have a value that is
the same as the index. Any object can be placed in a set. There can be only
one occurrence of any object in a set. */
12.2.6.1 PUT
/* Second arg same as first. Committee has dropped second? */
::method put
             /* rANY oANY */
/* Makes the object value a member item of the collection and associates it with
specified index. */
 if arg(2,'E') then
   if arg(2) = arg(1) then signal error /* 949 */
 self~put:super(arg(1),arg(1))
12.2.6.2 OF
                    /* 1 or more rANY */
::method of class
/* Returns a newly created set containing the specified value objects. */
 r=self~new
 do j=1 to arg()
   r~put(arg(j))
   end j
 return r
12.2.6.3 UNION
```

/* rCOLLECTION */

::method union

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return CommonUnion(self,EnBag(arg(1)))
12.2.6.4 INTERSECTION
::method intersection
                             /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonIntersect(self, EnBag(arg(1)))
12.2.6.5 XOR
::method xor
                      /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonXor(self, EnBag(arg(1)))
12.2.6.6 DIFFERENCE
::method difference
                     /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonDifference(self,EnBag(arg(1)))
12.2.7 Class relation
::class 'Relation' subclass Collection
12.2.7.1 PUT
                      /* rANY rANY */
::method put
 use arg item, index
 a=self~exposed
/* Makes the object value a member item of the relation and associates it with
 the specified index. If the relation already contains any items with the
 specified index, this method adds a new member item value with the same index,
without removing any existing members */
 a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=a[1]/*ItemsCount*/+1
 j=1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
 a[i]=item
 a[j+1]=index
 a[j+2]=0
 return /* Error 91 in OOI if context requiring result. */
12.2.7.2 ITEMS
::method items
                      /* oany */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the number of relation items with the specified index. If you specify
no index, this method returns the total number of items associated with all
 indexes in the relation. */
 if \arg(1,'E') then return a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
 n=0
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
   if arg(1) == a[j+1] then n=n+1
    end j
 return n
12.2.7.3 MAKEARRAY
::method makearray
 forward message 'MAKEARRAYX'
12.2.7.4 SUPPLIER
                      /* oany */
::method supplier
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns a supplier object for the collection. If an index is specified, the
 supplier enumerates all of the items in the relation with the specified
index. */
                   /* For the items */
 m=.array~new
                  /* For the indexes */
 r=.array~new
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
    if arg(1,'E') then
      if arg(1) = a[j+1] then iterate
   n=r\sim dimension(1)+1
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m[n]=a[j]
    r[n] = a[j+1]
    end j
  return .supplier~new(m,r)
12.2.7.5 UNION
::method union
                      /* rCOLLECTION */
/* Union for a relation is just all of both. */
 r=self~class~new
  cs=self~supplier
  do while cs~available
   r[cs~index]=cs~item
    cs~next
    end
  cs=MayEnBag(arg(1))~supplier
  do while cs~available
   r[cs~index]=cs~item
   cs~next
    end
  return r
12.2.7.6 INTERSECTION
::method intersection /* rCOLLECTION */
/st Intersection for a relation requires the items as well as the keys to
match. */
 r=self~class~new
  sc=self~class~new
  cs=self~supplier
  do while cs~available
    sc[cs~index]=cs~item
    cs~next
    end
  cs=MayEnBag(arg(1))~supplier
  do while cs~available
    if sc~hasitem(cs~item,cs~index) then
     r[cs~index] = sc~removeitem(cs~item, cs~index)
    cs~next
    end
  return r
12.2.7.7 XOR
                      /* rCOLLECTION */
::method xor
/* Returns a new relation that contains all items from self and
the argument except that all index-item pairs that appear in both collections
are removed. */
  r=self~class~new
  cs=self~supplier
  do while cs~available
    r[cs~index]=cs~item
    cs~next
    end
  cs=MayEnBag(arg(1))~supplier
  do while cs~available
    if self~hasitem(cs~item,cs~index) then
      r~removeitem(cs~item, cs~index)
     r[cs~index]=cs~item
    cs~next
    end
  return r
12.2.7.8 DIFFERENCE
                     /* rCOLLECTION */
::method difference
/* Returns a new relation containing only those index-item pairs from the
 SELF whose indexes the other collection does not contain. */
 r=self~class~new
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cs=self~supplier
  do while cs~available
    r[cs~index]=cs~item
    cs~next
    end
  cs=MayEnBag(arg(1))~supplier
  do while cs~available
    r~removeitem(cs~item,cs~index)
    cs~next
    end
  return r
12.2.7.9 SUBSET
::method subset
                      /* rCOLLECTION */
  return self~difference(arg(1))~items = 0
12.2.7.10 REMOVEITEM
::method removeitem
                     /* rANY rANY */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns and removes from a relation the member item value (associated with
 the specified index). If value is not a member item associated with index
 index, this method returns the NIL object and removes no item. */
  do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
    if a[j] = arg(1) & a[j+1] = arg(2) then do
      self~removeit(j)
     return arg(1)
      end
    end j
  return .nil
12.2.7.11 INDEX
                      /* rANY */
::method index
  a=self~exposed
/* Returns the index for the specified item. If there is more than one index
 associated with the specified item, the one this method returns is not
 defined. */
  do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
    if arg(1) == a[j] then return a[j+1]
    end j
  return .nil
12.2.7.12 ALLAT
::method allat
                      /* rANY */
  a=self~exposed
/* Returns a single-index array containing all the items associated with the
specified index. */
  r=.array~new
  do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
    if arg(1) == a[j+1] then
      r[r\sim dimension(1)+1] = a[j]
    end j
  return r
12.2.7.13 HASITEM
::method hasitem
                      /* rany rany */
  a=self~exposed
/* Returns 1 (true) if the relation contains the member item value (associated
with specified index). Returns 0 (false) otherwise. */
  do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
    if a[j] == arg(1) & a[j+1] == arg(2) then return 1
    end j
  return 0
12.2.7.14 ALLINDEX
::method allindex
                     /* rANY */
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```
a=self~exposed
/* Returns a single-index array containing all indexes for the specified
item. */
 r=.array~new
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
   if a[j] == arg(1) then do
     r[r\sim dimension(1)+1]=a[j+1]
   end j
 return r
12.2.8 The bag class
::class 'Bag' subclass relation
/* A bag is a collection that restricts the member items to having a value that
is the same as the index. Any object can be placed in a bag, and the same
object can be placed in a bag multiple times. */
12.2.8.1 OF
::method of class
                     /* 1 or more rANY */
/* Returns a newly created bag containing the specified value objects. */
 r=self~new
 do j=1 to arg()
   r~put(arg(j))
   end j
 return r
12.2.8.2 PUT
                     /* rANY oANY */
::method put
/* Committee does away with second argument? */
/* Makes the object value a member item of the collection and associates it with
 the specified index. If you specify index, it must be the same as value. */
 if arg(2,'E') then
   if arg(2) \==arg(1) then signal error
 self~put:super(arg(1),arg(1))
12.2.8.3 UNION
                      /* rCOLLECTION */
::method union
 return CommonUnion(self,EnBag(arg(1)))
12.2.8.4 INTERSECTION
                             /* rCOLLECTION */
::method intersection
 return CommonIntersect(self, EnBag(arg(1)))
12.2.8.5 XOR
::method xor
                      /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonXor(self, EnBag(arg(1)))
12.2.8.6 DIFFERENCE
                     /* rCOLLECTION */
::method difference
 return CommonDifference(self,EnBag(arg(1)))
12.2.9 The directory class
::class 'Directory' subclass Collection
12.2.9.1 AT
::method at
                      /* rANY */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the item associated with the specified index. */
 j=self~findindex(arg(1))
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if j=0 then return .nil
/* Run the method if there is one. */
 if a[j+2] then return self~run(a[j])
 return a[j]
12.2.9.2 PUT
::method put
                      /* rANY rANY */
 a=self~exposed
/* Makes the object value a member item of the collection and associates it with
the specified index. */
 if \arg(2) ~ hasmethod('MAKESTRING') then call Raise 'Syntax', 93.938
 self~put:super(arg(1),arg(2)~makestring)
 return
12.2.9.3 MAKEARRAY
::method makearray
 forward message 'MAKEARRAYX'
12.2.9.4 SUPPLIER
::method supplier
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns a supplier object for the directory. */
/* Check out what happens to the SETENTRY fields. */
 r=.array~new /* For items */
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
   r[r\sim dimension(1)+1]=a[j]
    end j
 return .supplier~new(r,self~makearray)
12.2.9.5 UNION
                      /* rCOLLECTION */
::method union
 return CommonUnion(self,arg(1))
12.2.9.6 INTERSECTION
                             /* rCOLLECTION */
::method intersection
 return CommonIntersect(self,arg(1))
12.2.9.7 XOR
                      /* rCOLLECTION */
::method xor
 return CommonXor(self,arg(1))
12.2.9.8 DIFFERENCE
::method difference
                    /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonDifference(self,arg(1))
12.2.9.9 SUBSET
::method subset
                      /* rCOLLECTION */
 return self~difference(arg(1))~items = 0
12.2.9.10 SETENTRY
                      /* rSTRING oANY */
::method setentry
 a=self~exposed
/* Sets the directory entry with the specified name (translated to uppercase) to
the second argument, replacing any existing entry or method for the specified
name. */
 n=translate(arg(1))
 j=self~findindex(n)
 if j=0 & \arg(2,'E') then return
 if \arg(2,'E') then do /* Removal */
   self~removeit(j)
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return
    end
  if j=0 then do /* It's new */
   a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=a[1]/*ItemsCount*/ +1
    j=1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
    a[j+1]=n
    end
 a[j] = arg(2)
 a[j+2]=0
 return
12.2.9.11 ENTRY
::method entry
                      /* rSTRING */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the directory entry with the specified name (translated to
uppercase). */
 n=translate(arg(1))
  j=self~findindex(n)
/*if j=0 then signal error according to online */
/* Online has something about running UNKNOWN. */
 if j=0 then return .nil
  /* If there is an entry decide whether to invoke it. */
 if a~hasindex(j) then do
    if a[j+2] then return a[j]
   return self~run(a[j])
    end
12.2.9.12 HASENTRY
::method hasentry
                      /* rSTRING */
/* Returns 1 (true) if the directory has an entry or a method for the specified
name (translated to uppercase) or 0 (false) otherwise. */
 return self~findindex(translate(arg(1)))>0
12.2.9.13 SETMETHOD
                      /* rSTRING oMETHOD */
::method setmethod
 a=self~exposed
/* Associates entry with the specified name (translated to uppercase) with
method method. Thus, the language processor returns the result of running
method when you access this entry. */
/* (Part of METHOD checking converts string or array to actual method.) */
 n=translate(arg(1))
  j=self~findindex(n)
  if j=0 & \arg(2,'E') then return
  if \sqrt{arg(2,'E')} then do
    self~removeit(j)
    return
    end
 if j=0 then do /* It's new */
    a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=a[1]/*ItemsCount*/ +1
    j=1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
    a[j+1]=n
    end
 a[j] = arg(2)
 a[j+2]=1
 return
12.2.9.14 UNKNOWN
                      /* rSTRING rARRAY */
::method unknown
/* Runs either the ENTRY or SETENTRY method, depending on whether the message
name supplied ends with an equal sign. If the message name does not end with an
 equal sign, this method runs the ENTRY method, passing the message name as its
 argument. */
 if right(arg(1),1)\=='=' then
    return self~entry(arg(1))
  /* ?? Not clear whether second argument is mandatory. */
  t=.nil
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if arg(2,'E') then t=arg(2)[1]
     self~setentry(left(arg(1),length(arg(1))-1),t)
12.3 The stem class
For some reason, the stem class doesn't have PUT and AT methods, which stops us having a general rule about []
synonyms AT, []= synonyms PUT.
Anyway, committee doing without this class as such.
Here is temporary stuff showing how to use algebra in the collection coding.
/* This 1998 version uses Rony's rules for XOR and INTERSECTION based on
UNION and DIFFERENCE */
/* Test Set-Operator-Methods on different collection objects */
/* This top part has some rough parts - not meant for standard. */
/* The dumps put out results sorted, so that comparisons can be made
between implementations that keep collections in different orders. */
/* Invocation example:
    settest.cmd 1> tmp.res 2> tmp.err
/* Initial verification that new definitions are in effect
J18list = .List~new
if \J18list~hasmethod("J18") then signal error
/* Input collections used for the tests
                                                                                                                          */
coll.1 = .array \sim of(1, 2, 4)
coll.2 = .list \sim of(2, 3, 6)
coll.3 = .queue \sim new \sim PUSH(2) \sim PUSH(3) \sim PUSH(7)
coll.4 = .directory~new~~setentry(1, "eins")~~setentry(3, "drei")
coll.5 = .bag \sim new \sim put(2) \sim put(3) \sim put(5) \sim put(2)
coll.6 = .relation \sim new \sim "[] = "("zwei", 2) \sim "[] = "("drei", 3) \sim "[] = "("vier", 8) \sim "[] = "("drei", 3) \sim "[] = "("drei", 3) \sim "[] = "("vier", 8) \sim "[] = "("drei", 3) \sim "[] = "("drei", 3) \sim "[] = "("drei", 8) \sim "
coll.7 = .set \sim of(2, 3, 9)
coll.8 = .table~new~~"[]="("zwei", 2)~~"[]="("drei", 3)~~"[]="("vier", 10)
coll.0 = 8
message.1 = "UNION"
message.2 = "INTERSECTION"
                                                                                     /* index the same in both
                                                                                 /* if index only in 1st collection
message.3 = "DIFFERENCE"
                                                                     /* unique index among both collections */
message.4 = "XOR"
message.5 = "SUBSET"
                                                                          /* target is subset of other collection */
message.0 = 5
target. = coll.
hstart = 4
istart = 1
jstart = 1
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output = 1
setOfTargets = .set~new
SAY "Test Results of Set Operations on Collection Classes -- dated" date('U')
SAY
                                                            */
DO h = hstart TO target.0
                              /* loop over target
 targetID = target.h~class~id
 IF \setOfTargets~hasindex(targetID) THEN
 DO
  SAY
  SAY CENTER(" Target:" targetID "", 70, "=")
  setOfTargets~put(targetID)
  output = 1
 END
                            /* loop over other collections
                                                              */
 DO i = istart TO coll.0
  if output then do
   output = 0
   argumentID = coll.i~class~id
   SAY CENTER(" argument:" argumentID "", 65, "=")
   SAY
   SAY "INPUT:"
   SAY "contents of" pp(targetID) "target:"
   CALL dump_collection target.h
   SAY
   SAY "contents of" pp(argumentID) "argument:"
   CALL dump_collection coll.i
   SAY
   SAY CENTER(" start set operators ", 65, "-")
  end
                                                               */
  DO j = jstart TO message.0 /* loop over set operators
   tmpString1 = RIGHT("h" pp(h) "i" pp(i) "j" pp(j), 65)
   tmpString2 = pp(targetID "~" message.j || "(" argumentID ")")
   SAY OVERLAY( tmpString2, tmpString1 )
                   /* set resume parameter in case of error*/
   jstart = j+1
   IF jstart>message.0 THEN DO
    istart = i+1
    IF istart>coll.0 THEN DO
     hstart = h+1
     istart = 1
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END
    jstart = 1
    output = 1
   END
                   /* process method invocation
                                                        */
   IF target.h~hasmethod(message.j) THEN DO
     tmp = .message~new(target.h, message.j, "I", coll.i)~send
    if "The String class"=tmp~class~defaultname then do
     if datatype(tmp,"B") then do
       if tmp then
        SAY " Result is TRUE"
       else
        SAY " Result is FALSE"
     end
    end
    else CALL dump_collection tmp
   END
   ELSE
    SAY pp(targetID) "does not have method ~" pp(message.j)
   SAY LEFT("", 40, "-")
  END
  istart = 1
 END
 istart = 1
istart = 1
 output = 1
END
RETURN
dump collection:procedure
 USE ARG collection
 k = .array \sim new
 i = .array~new
 tmpSupp = collection~supplier
 DO WHILE tmpSupp~AVAILABLE
  k[k\sim dimension(1)+1]=tmpSupp\sim INDEX
  i[i~dimension(1)+1]=tmpSupp~ITEM
  tmpSupp~NEXT
 END
 do until hope
  hope=1
  do j=1 to k\sim dimension(1)-1
    if k[j] \sim string > k[j+1] \sim string,
     (k[j] \sim string = k[j+1] \sim string \& i[j] \sim string < i[j+1] \sim string) then do
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t=k[j];k[j]=k[j+1];k[j+1]=t
     t=i[i];i[i]=i[i+1];i[i+1]=t
     hope=0
     end
  end
 end
 if 0=collection~items then
  say " The result is empty!"
 else
  do j=1 to k\sim dimension(1)
    SAY " " "index" pp(k[j]) "item" pp(i[j])
  end
 RETURN
                                                  */
                   /* Auxiliary routines
pp: RETURN "[" || ARG(1)~string || "]"
/*_____
=====*/
/* X3J18 Rexx Language Standard proposal for the Set-like operations on the
Collection classes */
/* In the same way that the first standard uses BIFs which are defined using
other BIFs and ultimately the arithmetic and character operators, the second
standard can define classes using other classes and some fundamental basis.
This program gives the definition of some other classes, in a form which
(when thoroughly developed) might be part of the second standard. It also
has a testing mechanism, which will not be part of a standard.
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This particular program is implementing collections on top of array.

*/

/* The class Collection is not one builtin, but is used to simplify the definition. */

::class 'Collection'

::method init expose a

/* A collection is modelled as using 3 slots in an array for each element. The first slot holds the item, the second the index, and the third is used by particular types of collection. This order of slots is arbitary, chosen to match order of arguments for PUT and SUPPLIER~NEW. */
/* The first set of 3 slots is reserved for other purposes, to avoid having separate variables which the subclassing would need to access. */
a=.array~new
a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=0
a[2]/*Unique*/=0

return self

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::method exposed private
 expose a
/* This method allows subclasses to get at the implementation of Collection. */
 return a
::method findindex private
 expose a
/* Returns array index if the collection contains any item associated with the
index specified or returns 0 otherwise. */
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  if a[j+1]==arg(1) then return j
  end i
 return 0
                  /* rANY */
::method at
 expose a
/* Returns the item associated with the specified index. */
j=self\sim findindex(arg(1))
 if j=0 then return .nil
 return a[j]
::method '[]'
/* Synonym for the AT method. */
 forward message 'AT'
                   /* rANY rANY */
::method put
 expose a
 use arg item, index
/* Replaces any existing item associated with the specified index with the new
item. Otherwise adds the item-index pair. */
 j=self~findindex(index)
 if j>0 then do
  a[j]=item
  return
  end
 a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=a[1]/*ItemsCount*/+1
 j=1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
 a[j]=item
 a[i+1]=index
 a[j+2]=0
 return /* Error 91 in OOI if context requiring result. */
::method '[]='
/* Synonym for the PUT method. */
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forward message 'PUT'

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::method hasindex /* rANY */
/* Returns 1 (true) if the collection contains any item associated with the
index specified or returns 0 (false) otherwise. */
 return self~findindex(arg(1))>0
::method items
 expose a
/* Returns the number of items in the collection. */
 return a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
::method remove
                  /* rANY */
 expose a
/* Returns and removes from a collection the member item with the specified
index. */
i=self~findindex(arg(1))
 if j=0 then return .nil
 r=a[i]
 self~removeit(j)
 return r
::method removeit private
 expose a
 use arg j
 /* Remove relevant slots from the array, with compaction. */
 do j=j+3 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  a[j-3]=a[j];a[j-2]=a[j+1];a[j-1]=a[j+2]
  end i
 a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=a[1]/*ItemsCount*/-1
 return
::method makearray
 expose a
/* Returns a single-index array containing the receiver list items. */
 r = .array \sim new
                  /* To build result in. */
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  r[r\sim dimension(1)+1]=a[j]
  end j
 return r
::method makearrayx private
 expose a
/* Returns a single-index array containing the receiver index items. */
 r = .array~new /* To build result in. */
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
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r[r\sim dimension(1)+1]=a[j+1]
  end j
 return r
::method supplier
 expose a
/* Returns a supplier object for the list. */
 return .supplier~new(self~makearray:.collection,self~makearrayx)
::class 'List' subclass Collection
::method J18
                /* Here to demonstrate .LIST is replaced */
return
/* List and Queue are special because there is an order to their elements. */
                   /* rANY rANY */
::method put
 use arg item, index
 a=self~exposed
/* PUT for a List must not be an insertion. */
 j=self~findindex(index)
 if j=0 then call Raise 'Syntax',93.918
 a[i]=item
 return
::method of class /* 1 or more oANY Are they omittable? Not in IOO */
/* Returns a newly created list containing the specified value objects in the
order specified. */
 r = self \sim new
 do i = 1 to arg()
  r \sim insert(arg(j))
   end i
 return r
                   /* rANY oANY */
::method insert
 use arg item, index
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns a list-supplied index for a new item, of specified value, which is
added to the list. The new item follows the existing item with the specified
index in the list ordering. */
/* Establish the index of what preceds the new element. */
/* If there was no index given, the new item becomes the last on list. */
/* .nil argument means first */
 if arg(2,'E') then p=arg(2)
          else p=self~last
/* Convert from list index to underlying array index. */
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if p==.nil then j=1
        else j=self~findindex(p)
 if j=0 then call Raise 'Syntax',93.918
j=j+3 /* Where new entry will be. */
/* Move space to required place. */
 a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=a[1]/*ItemsCount*/+1
 do k=1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/by -3 to j+3
  a[k]=a[k-3];a[k+1]=a[k-2];a[k]=a[k-3]
  end
/* Insert new element. */
 a[j]=item
/* A new, unique, index is needed. */
/* The basic requirement is for something unique, so this would be correct:
i=.object~new /* a unique object, used as a key (the index on the list) */
/* However, a number can be used. (At risk of the user thinking it is
sensible to do arithmetic on it.) */
 a[j+1]=a[2]/*Unique*/;a[2]/*Unique*/=a[2]/*Unique*/+1
 a[i+2]=0
 return a[j+1]
::method first
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the index of the first item in the list. */
 if a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=0 then return .nil
 return a[5]
::method last
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the index of the last item in the list. */
 if a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=0 then return .nil
 return a[3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/+2]
::method firstitem
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the first item in the list. */
 if a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=0 then return .nil
 return a[4]
::method lastitem
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the last item in the list. */
 if a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=0 then return .nil
 return a[3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/+1]
::method next
                   /* rANY */
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a=self~exposed
/* Returns the index of the item that follows the list item having the specified
index. */
 j=self~findindex(arg(1))
 if j=0 then call Raise 'Syntax',93.918
 if j>3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/ then return .nil /* Next of last was requested. */
 return a[j+1]
::method previous /* rANY */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the index of the item that precedes the list item having the
specified index. */
j=self~findindex(arg(1))
 if j=0 then call Raise 'Syntax',93.918
 if j<4 then return .nil /* Previous of first was requested. */
 return a[j+1]
                    /* rANY oWHOLE>=0 */
::method section
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns a new list containing selected items from the receiver list. The
first item in the new list is the item corresponding to the index specified,
in the receiver list. */
i=self~findindex(arg(1))
 if j=0 then call Raise 'Syntax',93.918
 r = .list \sim new /* To build result in. */
 if arg(2, E') then s = arg(2)
          else s = self \sim items;
 do s
  r~insert(a[j])
  i=i+3
  if j>1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/ then leave
  end
 return r
::class 'Queue' subclass Collection
/* A queue is a sequenced collection with whole-number indexes. The
indexes specify the position of an item relative to the head (first item) of
the queue. Adding or removing an item changes the association of an index to
its queue item. */
                   /* rANY */
::method push
/* Adds the object value to the queue at its head. */
 a=self~exposed
 a[1]/*ItemCount*/=a[1]/*ItemCount*/+1
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/* Slide along to make a space. */
 do j=1+3*a[1]/*ItemCount*/ by -3 to 7
  a[j]=a[j-3]
  a[j+1]=a[j-2]+1; /* Index changes */
  end j
 a[4]=arg(1)
 a[5]=1
 return
::method pull
/* Returns and removes the item at the head of the queue. */
 a=self~exposed
 if a[1]/*ItemCount*/=0 then return .nil /* Stays empty */
 r=a[4]
 a[1]/*ItemCount*/=a[1]/*ItemCount*/-1
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemCount*/
  a[i]=a[i+3]
  a[j+1]=a[j+4]-1; /* Index changes */
  end i
 return r
                  /* rANY */
::method queue
/* Adds the object value to the queue at its tail. */
 a=self~exposed
 a[1]/*ItemCount*/=a[1]/*ItemCount*/+1
 a[1+3*a[1]/*ItemCount*/]=arg(1)
 a[2+3*a[1]/*ItemCount*/]=a[1]/*ItemCount*/
 return
::method peek
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the item at the head of the queue. The collection remains unchanged.
return a[4]
::method remove
                    /* rWHOLE>0 */
/* Returns and removes from a collection the member item with the specified
index. */
 a=self~exposed
 if a[1]/*ItemCount*/<arg(1) then return .nil
 r=self~remove:super(arg(1))
 /* Reset the indexes. */
 k=0
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  k=k+1
  a[j+1]=k
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end i
 return r
::class 'Table' subclass Collection
::method makearray
/* Returns a single-index array containing the index objects. */
/* This is different from Collection MAKEARRAY where items rather than indexes
are in the returned array. */
 forward message 'MAKEARRAYX'
::method union
                   /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonUnion(self,arg(1))
                         /* rCOLLECTION */
::method intersection
/* Returns a new collection of the same class as SELF that
contains the items from SELF that have indexes also in the
argument. */
/* Actually an index in SELF can only be 'matched' with one in the
argument once. */
 return self~difference(self~difference(arg(1)))
::method xor
                  /* rCOLLECTION */
/* Returns a new relation that contains all items from self and
the argument except that all index-item pairs that appear in both collections
are removed. */
 return CommonXor(self,arg(1))
::method difference /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonDifference(self,arg(1))
                   /* rCOLLECTION */
::method subset
 return self~difference(arg(1))~items = 0
::class 'Set' subclass table
/* A set is a collection that restricts the member items to have a value that is
the same as the index. Any object can be placed in a set. There can be only
one occurrence of any object in a set. */
/* Second arg same as first. Committee has dropped second? */
::method put
                 /* rANY oANY */
/* Makes the object value a member item of the collection and associates it with
specified index. */
if arg(2, 'E') then
  if arg(2) = arg(1) then signal error /* 949 */
 self~put:super(arg(1),arg(1))
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::method of class /* 1 or more rANY */
/* Returns a newly created set containing the specified value objects. */
 r=self~new
 do j=1 to arg()
  r~put(arg(j))
  end i
 return r
                   /* rCOLLECTION */
::method union
 return CommonUnion(self,EnBag(arg(1)))
::method intersection
                         /* rCOLLECTION */
 return self~difference(self~difference(arg(1)))
::method xor
                  /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonXor(self,EnBag(arg(1)))
::method difference /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonDifference(self,EnBag(arg(1)))
::class 'Relation' subclass Collection
                  /* rANY rANY */
::method put
 use arg item, index
 a=self~exposed
/* Makes the object value a member item of the relation and associates it with
the specified index. If the relation already contains any items with the
specified index, this method adds a new member item value with the same index,
without removing any existing members */
 a1]/*IitemCount*/= a1]/*IitemCount*/+1i
 j=+3* a1]/*IitemCount*/d
 ai]= itei
 aj+1]= index
 a_{1}+2=0x
 return /*Errxor91e i OOI ify conexut rquirtingresults. */
::method
           items
                                        /*orANY
                                                    */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns thenuember of relation items with the specified index. If your specified
nod index, this methodrReturns thetotalenuember of items associated withall,
indetes of the relatios.*/
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if arg(1) = a[j+1] then n=n+1
  end j
 return n
::method makearray
 forward message 'MAKEARRAYX'
::method supplier
                   /* oANY */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns a supplier object for the collection. If an index is specified, the
supplier enumerates all of the items in the relation with the specified
index. */
 m=.array~new
                 /* For the items */
 r=.array~new /* For the indexes */
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  if arg(1, E') then
   if arg(1) = a[j+1] then iterate
  n=r\sim dimension(1)+1
  m[n]=a[i]
  r[n]=a[j+1]
  end i
 return .supplier~new(m,r)
                   /* rCOLLECTION */
::method union
/* Union for a relation is just all of both. */
 r=self~class~new
 cs=self~supplier
 do while cs~available
  r[cs~index]=cs~item
  cs~next
  end
 cs=MayEnBag(arg(1))~supplier
 do while cs~available
  r[cs~index]=cs~item
  cs~next
  end
 return r
::method intersection /* rCOLLECTION */
 return self~difference(self~difference(arg(1)))
::method xor
                  /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonXor(self,arg(1))
::method difference /* rCOLLECTION */
/* Returns a new relation containing only those index-item pairs from the
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SELF whose indexes the other collection does not contain. */
 r=self~class~new
 cs=self~supplier
 do while cs~available
  r[cs~index]=cs~item
  cs~next
  end
 cs=MayEnBag(arg(1))~supplier
 do while cs~available
  r~removeitem(cs~item,cs~index)
  cs~next
  end
 return r
::method subset
                   /* rCOLLECTION */
 return self~difference(arg(1))~items = 0
::method removeitem /* rANY rANY */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns and removes from a relation the member item value (associated with
the specified index). If value is not a member item associated with index
index, this method returns the NIL object and removes no item. */
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  if a[j] = arg(1) & a[j+1] = arg(2) then do
   self~removeit(j)
   return arg(1)
   end
  end i
 return .nil
::method index
                   /* rANY */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the index for the specified item. If there is more than one index
associated with the specified item, the one this method returns is not
defined. */
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  if arg(1)==a[j] then return a[j+1]
  end i
 return .nil
::method allat
                  /* rANY */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns a single-index array containing all the items associated with the
specified index. */
r=.array~new
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
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if arg(1)==a[j+1] then
   r[r\sim dimension(1)+1] = a[j]
  end i
 return r
                    /* rANY rANY */
::method hasitem
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns 1 (true) if the relation contains the member item value (associated
with specified index). Returns 0 (false) otherwise. */
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  if a[j]==arg(1) & a[j+1]==arg(2) then return 1
  end i
 return 0
::method allindex
                   /* rANY */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns a single-index array containing all indexes for the specified
item. */
 r=.array~new
 do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  if a[i] = arg(1) then do
   r[r\sim dimension(1)+1]=a[j+1]
   end
  end j
 return r
::class 'Bag' subclass relation
/* A bag is a collection that restricts the member items to having a value that
is the same as the index. Any object can be placed in a bag, and the same
object can be placed in a bag multiple times. */
                  /* 1 or more rANY */
::method of class
/* Returns a newly created bag containing the specified value objects. */
 r=self~new
 do j=1 to arg()
  r~put(arg(j))
  end i
 return r
                  /* rANY oANY */
::method put
/* Committee does away with second argument? */
/* Makes the object value a member item of the collection and associates it with
the specified index. If you specify index, it must be the same as value. */
if arg(2, 'E') then
  if arg(2) = arg(1) then signal error
 self~put:super(arg(1),arg(1))
```

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/* Bag may be a subclass of relation but many methods have different
semantics. */
::method union
                   /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonUnion(self,EnBag(arg(1)))
                         /* rCOLLECTION */
::method intersection
 return self~difference(self~difference(arg(1)))
                  /* rCOLLECTION */
::method xor
 return CommonXor(self,EnBag(arg(1)))
::method difference /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonDifference(self,EnBag(arg(1)))
::class 'Directory' subclass Collection
/* Later we take three array elements for each element in the directory, one
for the item, one to contain the index, one to say if the item is a method
to be run or not. */
::method at
                 /* rANY */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the item associated with the specified index. */
 j=self~findindex(arg(1))
 if j=0 then return .nil
/* Run the method if there is one. */
 if a[j+2] then return self~run(a[j])
 return a[j]
::method put
                  /* rANY rANY */
 a=self~exposed
/* Makes the object value a member item of the collection and associates it with
the specified index. */
 if \arg(2)~hasmethod('MAKESTRING') then call Raise 'Syntax', 93.938
 self~put:super(arg(1),arg(2)~makestring)
 return
::method makearray
 forward message 'MAKEARRAYX'
::method supplier
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns a supplier object for the directory. */
/* Check out what happens to the SETENTRY fields. */
 r=.array~new /* For items */
```

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do j=4 by 3 to 1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  r[r\sim dimension(1)+1]=a[j]
  end i
 return .supplier~new(r,self~makearray)
                   /* rCOLLECTION */
::method union
 return CommonUnion(self,arg(1))
::method intersection
                         /* rCOLLECTION */
 return self~difference(self~difference(arg(1)))
::method xor
                  /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonXor(self,arg(1))
::method difference /* rCOLLECTION */
 return CommonDifference(self,arg(1))
                   /* rCOLLECTION */
::method subset
 return self~difference(arg(1))~items = 0
                   /* rSTRING oANY */
::method setentry
 a=self~exposed
/* Sets the directory entry with the specified name (translated to uppercase) to
the second argument, replacing any existing entry or method for the specified
name. */
 n=translate(arg(1))
j=self~findindex(n)
 if j=0 \& \arg(2, E') then return
 if \arg(2,'E') then do /* Removal */
  self~removeit(j)
  return
  end
 if j=0 then do /* It's new */
  a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=a[1]/*ItemsCount*/ +1
  j=1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  a[i+1]=n
  end
 a[j]=arg(2)
 a[i+2]=0
 return
::method entry
                  /* rSTRING */
 a=self~exposed
/* Returns the directory entry with the specified name (translated to
uppercase). */
 n=translate(arg(1))
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i=self~findindex(n)
/*if j=0 then signal error according to online */
/* Online has something about running UNKNOWN. */
 if j=0 then return .nil
 /* If there is an entry decide whether to invoke it. */
 if a~hasindex(j) then do
  if a[j+2] then return a[j]
  return self~run(a[i])
  end
::method hasentry
                  /* rSTRING */
/* Returns 1 (true) if the directory has an entry or a method for the specified
name (translated to uppercase) or 0 (false) otherwise. */
 return self~findindex(translate(arg(1)))>0
::method setmethod /* rSTRING oMETHOD */
 a=self~exposed
/* Associates entry with the specified name (translated to uppercase) with
method method. Thus, the language processor returns the result of running
method when you access this entry. */
/* (Part of METHOD checking converts string or array to actual method.) */
 n=translate(arg(1))
i=self~findindex(n)
 if j=0 \& \arg(2, E') then return
 if \arg(2, E') then do
  self~removeit(j)
  return
  end
 if j=0 then do /* It's new */
  a[1]/*ItemsCount*/=a[1]/*ItemsCount*/+1
  j=1+3*a[1]/*ItemsCount*/
  a[i+1]=n
  end
 a[j]=arg(2)
 a[j+2]=1
 return
::method unknown
                     /* rSTRING rARRAY */
/* Runs either the ENTRY or SETENTRY method, depending on whether the message
name supplied ends with an equal sign. If the message name does not end with an
equal sign, this method runs the ENTRY method, passing the message name as its
argument. */
 if right(arg(1),1)=='=' then
  return self~entry(arg(1))
 /* ?? Not clear whether second argument is mandatory. */
 t=.nil
```

```
if arg(2, E') then t=arg(2)[1]
 self~setentry(left(arg(1),length(arg(1))-1),t)
::routine CommonXor
/* Returns a new collection that contains all items from self and
the argument except that all indexes that appear in both collections
are removed. */
/* When the target is a bag, there may be an index in the bag that is
duplicated and the same value as an index in the argument. Should one
copy of the index survive in the bag? */
 lhs=arg(1)~difference(arg(2))
 rhs=Cast(arg(1),MayEnBag(arg(2)))~difference(arg(1))
 return lhs~union(rhs)
::routine CommonUnion
/* Returns a new collection of the same class as SELF that
contains all the items from SELF and items from the
argument that have an index not in the first. */
/* Best to add them all. By adding non-receiver first we ensure that
receiver takes priority when same indexes. */
 This = arg(1) /* self of caller */
 r=This~class~new
 cs=MayEnBag(arg(2))~supplier
 do while cs~available
  r[cs~index]=cs~item
  cs~next
  end
 cs=This~supplier
 do while cs~available
  r[cs~index]=cs~item
  cs~next
  end
 return r
::routine CommonDifference
/* Returns a new collection containing only those index-item pairs from the
SELF whose indexes the other collection does not contain. */
 This = arg(1) /* self of caller */
 r=This~class~new
 cs=This~supplier
 do while cs~available
  r[cs~index]=cs~item
  cs~next
 cs=MayEnBag(arg(2))~supplier
```

```
do while cs~available
  r~remove(cs~index)
  cs~next
  end
 return r
::routine MayEnBag
/* For List and Queue the indexes are dropped. */
 r=arg(1)
 if r\sim class == .List \mid r\sim class == .Queue then r=EnBag(r)
 return r
::routine EnBag
 r=.Bag~new
 s=arg(1)~supplier
 do while s~available
  if arg(1) \sim class == .List \mid arg(1) \sim class == .Queue then
   r[s~item]=s~item
  else
/* This case is when the receiver is a Bag. */
   r[s\sim index]=s\sim index
  s~next
 end
 return r
/* This Cast routine commented away, since replaced by Oct 98 Rony version.
::routine Cast public
 use arg Target, Other
 TmpColl = Target~class~new /* Create an instance of type Target */
 TmpSupp = Other~supplier /* Get supplier from Other */
 signal on syntax
 do while TmpSupp~available
  TmpColl[TmpSupp~index] = TmpSupp~item
  TmpSupp~next
  end
 return TmpColl
/* If syntax error 93.949, then target is an index-only collection like a set.*/
syntax:
if condition("O")~code = "93.949" then signal IndexOnly
 raise propagate
                       /* Unhandled syntax error, raise in caller */
                     /* This for index-only collections. */
IndexOnly:
 do while TmpSupp~available
  TmpColl[TmpSupp~index] = TmpSupp~index
  TmpSupp~next
```

```
end
 return TmpColl
End commented away */
/* 98-09-24, ---rgf;
  CAST2.CMD
  return a collection of type "target" which collected all
  item/index pairs of the argument "other"
:: ROUTINE cast PUBLIC
  USE ARG target, other
  SIGNAL ON SYNTAX
  IF \ other ~ HASMETHOD( "SUPPLIER" ) THEN
   RAISE SYNTAX 98.907 ARRAY ("COLLECTION (i.e. argument2='other'-object must
have a 'SUPPLIER'-method)" )
  tmpColl = target ~ CLASS ~ NEW /* create a an instance of type target */
  tmpSupp = other ~ SUPPLIER /* get supplier from other
    /* is index of "other" usable ?
  bIndexUsable = other ~ HASMETHOD( "UNION" )
  IF .Debug = .true THEN IF \ bIndexUsable THEN
   SAY " /// index of 'other' not usable for setlike-operations"
    /* possible syntax-error, if index and item must have the same value,
e.g. for sets/bags */
  SIGNAL ON SYNTAX NAME INDEX ONLY
  target ~ CLASS ~ NEW ~ PUT(1, 2) /* test, if target-type is index-only
  SIGNAL ON SYNTAX
  DO WHILE tmpSupp ~ AVAILABLE
   IF bIndexUsable THEN tmpColl[ tmpSupp ~ INDEX ] = tmpSupp ~ ITEM
            ELSE tmpColl[ tmpSupp ~ ITEM ] = tmpSupp ~ ITEM
   tmpSupp ~ NEXT
  END
  RETURN tmpColl
INDEX_ONLY: /* this is for index-only collections (e.g. sets, bags) */
  SIGNAL ON SYNTAX
  IF.Debug = .true THEN
   SAY " \\\\ 'target' is an index-only collection (index==item)"
  DO WHILE tmpSupp ~ AVAILABLE
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IF bIndexUsable THEN tmpColl[ tmpSupp ~ INDEX ] = tmpSupp ~ INDEX
         ELSE tmpColl[ tmpSupp ~ ITEM ] = tmpSupp ~ ITEM
 tmpSupp ~ NEXT
END
RETURN tmpColl
```

/* raise error in caller SYNTAX: RAISE PROPAGATE */

```
12.1 The stream class
The stream class provides input/output on external streams.
::class stream
::method init
                         /* rString */
Initializes a stream object for a stream named name, but does not open the stream.
::method query
                        /* keywords */
There is also QUERY as command with method COMMAND.
Used with options, the QUERY method returns specific information about a stream.
::method charin
::method charout
::method chars
::method linein
::method lineout
::method lines
::method qualify
::method command
                         /* rString */
Returns a string after performing the specified stream command.
::method open
There is also OPEN as command with method COMMAND.
Opens the stream to which you send the message and returns "READY:".
Committee dropping OPEN POSITION QUERY SEEK as methods in favour of command use.
::method state
Returns a string that indicates the current state of the specified stream.
::method say
::method uninit
::method position
                         /* Ugh */
POSITION is a synonym for SEEK.
::method seek
                         /* Ugh */
Sets the read or write position a specified number (offset) within a persistent stream.
::method flush
Returns "READY:". Forces any data currently buffered for writing to be written to the stream receiving the
There is also FLUSH as command with method COMMAND.
Committee dropping FLUSH.
::method close
Closes the stream that receives the message.
There is also CLOSE as command with method COMMAND.
Semantics are 'seen by other thread'.
::method string
```

```
::method makearray /* rCHARLINE */
```

Returns a fixed array that contains the data from the stream in line or character format, starting from the current read position.

```
::method supplier
```

Returns a supplier object for the stream.

::method description

```
::method arrayin /* rCHARLINE */
```

Mixed case value works on OOI.

Committee dropping Arrayin & Arrayout . Arrayin == MakeArray

Returns a fixed array that contains the data from the stream in line or character format, starting from the current read position.

```
::method arrayout /* rARRAY rCHARLINE */
```

Returns a stream object that contains the data from array.

12.2 The alarm class

```
::class alarm
```

```
::method init /* Time, Msg */
```

Sets up an alarm for a future time atime.

::method cancel

Cancels the pending alarm request represented by the receiver. This method takes no action if the specified time has already been reached.

12.3 The monitor class

The Monitor class forwards messages to a destination object.

```
.local['OUTPUT'] = .monitor~new(.output)
::class monitor
```

12.3.1 INIT

Initializes the newly created monitor object.

12.3.2 CURRENT

Returns the current destination object.

```
::method current
  expose Destination
  return Destination[1]
```

12.3.3 DESTINATION

Returns a new destination object.

12.3.4 UNKNOWN

Reissues or forwards to the current monitor destination all unknown messages sent to a monitor object

::method unknown expose Destination

Extra parens needed here in original OREXX syntax

forward to destination[1] message arg(1) arguments arg(2)
return

Annex A

(informative)

Rationale

This annex explains some of the decisions made by the committee that drafted this standard, and assists in the understanding of this document. Some of the statements made here are opinions rather than facts. These should be interpreted as if prefixed by "In the opinion of the X3J18 committee...".

The language described in this standard is, almost entirely, a compatible extension of the language described by the third reference of Annex C, which we call "Classic Rexx".

The extension allows programs to be written in a less monolithic fashion; "Directives" are introduced to allow one file to contain several executable units and to allow a program to be written as several files. The functional extension centers on the addition of objects. Unlike the individual strings which are the data of Classic Rexx, an object may be composite. The use of identifiers to reference objects is an indirect reference, that is two identifiers may refer to the same object. Classic Rexx avoided any aliasing, even to the extent having by-reference parameters, to promote simple error free programming. In the years since Rexx originated the problems tackled by programmers have become more complex and data structures larger, so that the benefit of simplicity is outweighed by the power of assignment semantics that are not simply copying all the data.

Even with the addition of references Rexx remains a typeless language, in the sense that the programmer need not consider underlying hardware formats such as LONG or FLOAT representations. Object Rexx does have classes, which are the hardware independent analogy to types. The class of an object corresponds to the operations that can be performed upon it.

Incompatibilities

The incompatibilities from Classic Rexx are:

Assignment of compound variables, as in ABC. = PQR., is an assignment of references so that ABC. subsequently refers to the same object as PQR., as opposed to making the default value of ABC. that of PQR.. This change was necessary to fit compound variables into the object framework, in particular allowing USE ARG to handle compound variables as by-reference parameters. The first reference of Annex B discouraged use of this construct in Classic Rexx programs. "Breakage" of programs due to this incompatibility is rare.

Also something in condition handling that I don't know the reason for.

Call

The call instruction has been extended to allow for a computed name of the callee. Syntax considerations prevent a similar thing being done for functions.

Concurrency

Meet 17 minutes

Guard

Meet 17 minutes

To be processed:

The following decisions are abstracted from minutes. We need to ensure they are covered in the main standard and their rationale appropriately reworded for this annex.

Aliasing. Assignment is viewed as making the target reference the same object as the source. Hence the object (and changes to it) may be accessed through more than one name. For 'immutable' objects a changed version of an object can only be produced by creating a new object. For compatibility with classic Rexx, strings are immutable objects. Non-strings may or may not be immutable. Note that there is an alternative model in which distinction is made between assignments which copy values and assignments which copy references. This alternative was not chosen; the committee prefered the model in which all data names are naming references (which may be implicitly followed to values).

Arguments 'by-reference'. The introduction of aliasing makes this natural although the detail has simple-versus-general contentions. (Is it necessary for simple strings to be passed by reference. Encapsulation. An object may 'own' some variables and access to those may be limited (so that re-implementation of the object could use different variables without upsetting the usage of the object). Classess. There will be 'factory' objects capable of creating multiple new objects which have common characteristics about how they can be used.

Inheritance and hierachy. The semantics of a clas may be specified by adding to the semantics of another class. This relation is used to form a tree. We prefer a singly rooted tree, rooted in the class 'Object' which is built-in to the language. Other classes will also be built-in. Experience with OOM and other languages is that unrestricted inheritance by one class from multiple classes does not work in the way the coder intended (the implementations of the classes do not combine successfully). If multiple inheritance is added to Rexx at all, it will be in the cautious 'MIXIN' flavor of OOI.

Messaging: Executing some labelled code which is associated with objects of a given class is a form of invocation that is sufficiently different from classic Rexx to justify a new syntax construct. The new syntax is Receiver ~ MethodName(Arguments) and implies both a different search for the method to be invoked and a special role for the receiver as opposed to the other arguments of the invocation.

Packaging: In principle a 'program builder' could be used in developing Rexx programs with many classes and methods, and that builder could hide from the coder the details of how the configuration held the methods. However, rather than define a program builder we are choosing to define a simple method of holding multiple classes & mthods (with specification of their hierarchy) within a single text file. The non-executable dividers in such a file are known as directives. The files are known as packages and a package may specify (by directive) that it requires another package in order to function correctly. There are questions about when initialization of required packages occurs; we intend to find a solution that does not require the complete graph of requirements to be initialized before other code is executed. A note on the syntax of directives. When no special token (eg ::) is used to introduce directives the directives are be recognizable by the spelling of the keyword. (CLASS REQUIRES etc.) The purpose of

directives.

Packages in non-Rexx. It is necessary to exploit packages that are not written in Rexx. To invoke their methods it is necessary that the package makes known to the Rexx method search the names of the classes and their methods. To do more than invoke the methods (eg to subclass the the external classes) requires complicated mechanisms and may not be a requirement.

the special token is emphasis of directives rather than implementation ease in "pre-processing" the

External procedures. To allow Classic internal procedures to be separated into different files with undue change of semantics, the PROCEDURE statement will be permitted as the first statement of a routine which is in a separate file.

Concurrency will be added, that is multiple execution cursors progressing through one program. The mechanism for creating multiple cursors will be the "early reply" where one cursor becomes two; one of two progresses by "falling through" the early reply and the other starts its progress after the site of the current invocation. Multiple cursors carry the risk of execution interleaving in a way which negates the coder's intentions in writing so that clauses would execute sequentially. The language definition will be tightened to ensure atomicity of string assignment etc. Additionally, a set of rules about allowing two cursors on the same method at the same time will provide a reduction of the risk. Since in many cases the data which have to be maintained consistent will reside in a single object the rules are object-based. In general a cursor on a method executing against a particular object will delay any other cursor from executing methods against that object.

This rule provides sensible synchronization without much effort from the programmer but other controls may be provided:

- a) Stronger control, eg only one cursor within the methods of a set of objects.
- b) More detailed control, eg division of a method into sections which allow/disallow other cursors into the section.

Extended Variable Pools. The API for variable pools will need to be extended to reflect the model in which the named content in a pool is always a reference (and the reference is followed when the value of a string is required.) We note that OOI adopts a convention that names starting with '!' (shriek) name objects that are not intended for access by the coder. These objects will not be standardized. Additionally some objects without shriek names are not candidates for standardising, eg .SYSTEM, .KERNEL.

A model is needed for whether changes made to methods are seen by objects created before the changes. Changes that are seen are preferable where a long-lived object is being brought up-to-date. Changes that only apply to future objects are preferable if avoiding failure of what "used to work" is the priority. In view of OOM experience the standard should allow both, on a method by method choice. (eg perhaps a bug fix applied retrospectively but not an enhancement.)

Multiple inheritance. Study of the 'method search' algorithm, see later, shows that this is an "add-on" that could readily be retained or omitted. That argues in principle for retention, since the non-user of multiple inheritance would not suffer from it. On the other hand it adds complexity and can be misused even in the conservative form that OOI has it.

Signature-based method search. This is not in OOI but is in languages such as Java.

Subclassing of imported classes. It is our intention to say that imported classes can be used in all the same ways as builtin classes. Because this may be impractical to implement with some external classes, a conforming language processor will have a list (which may be empty) of external classes it supports. (And hence nothing of the current SOM interface will be part of the standard.)

Persistent objects. It is our belief that support for very-long-running programs is required. It is a moot point whether the .ENVIRONMENT directory is enough.

If persistent objects are to converted to a form which is platform independent, ("pickling"), there are difficulties in deciding what pointers should be followed and further objects included, as opposed to objects being assumed available on all platforms. This topic is defered.

Locking across a set of objects. In OOI this can only be done by locking the events serially, which has more risk of deadlock than locking them simultaneously. The decision was made not to add simultaneous locking.

Critical sections. The GUARD mechanism can be used in a 'critical section' style. Nothing will be added to the definition.

Old objects seeing new changed methods. When bugs in long running programs are fixed, there can be a benefit if old objects see the corrected methods. It seems practical to offer a variation of DEFINE for this - see method lookup discussion.

The committee does not find the current OOI approach to merging 'classic' stems with OO stems satisfactory. It invalidates some existing programs. (A warning about this was put in A8.3.3 of X3.274.) It produces surprises for OO programmers, eg a==b after a=.stem~new; b=.stem~new. The proposed alternative is to make the presence/absence of a dot at the end of the name determine whether coercion to string is done. The 'classic' meaning of A.=B. would be restored but AA=BB, AA==BB etc. would have their OO meanings. The meaning of USE ARG with a dotted name would be defined to allow 'by reference' passing of a stem. Square brackets could be used with both dotted and undotted names. A further proposal is to note that this leaves few differences between the DIRECTORY class and the non-dotted STEM class so that it might be a further improvement if the DIRECTORY class was extended to the extent that the STEM class was unnecessary.

There is a potential problem which the committee has not fully analysed in the OOI treatment of SAY and streams. OOI has made features (of the STREAM bif) that were configuration determined in X3-274 into OO language methods, and has made SAY a method (undocumented?). Full analysis may show that more of I/O could (& should?) be made standard or may show that some OOI I/O language should not be standardized.

The committee discussed what parts of the OOI implementation were suitable to be defined in a standard. Potentially, all the builtin classes and objects (which are reachable from .ENVIRONMENT) might be standardized. However, names which start with an exclamation mark denote unsuitable things. The committee also thought the following unsuitable:

- Anything specific to SOM. - RX_QUEUE - Stream_Supplier - Parts of .LOCAL other than direct reference to the default streams. There is a naming problem with this. The names in OOI are STDIN, STDOUT and STDERR. We would prefer INPUT, OUTPUT, and ERROR to be consistent with the keywords. OOI has used those names for something else. We will work on the proposal that we use the prefered names and the MONITOR class is dropped. (Users who want the monitor function can get it with a few lines of directive.)

The committee feels that OOI over-specifies the index of an item in a LIST. In OOI it is a count giving the sequence over time of the insertions in the list. The risk in using numbers is that they may be (wrongly) used as positions, and arithmetic done on them. It is proposed that the index of a list item be of class OBJECT rather than of class STRING.

In OOI, the .ENVIRONMENT is global, not read-only, and contains builtin objects such as .TRUE and .FALSE. The committee regards this as too risky - suppose that .TRUE was accidentally or maliciously revalued as 0!

It seems sufficient to add read-only as a characteristic of directories. (This characteristic at the element level might be expensive to implement.)

Reserved symbols (X3-274 clause 6.2.3.1) also provide a mechanism for preventing the override of builtin names.

It won't be possible for a standard to exactly define in a system-independent way the scopes/lifetimes of .ENVIRONMENT and .LOCAL but (as with OOI) the .LOCAL will relate to "One API_START" and .ENVIRONMENT will have a wider scope. (Power on to power off of some system?).

The proposed "search order" is:

- 1. Things provided by the system which no user is expected to want to override. Perhaps .TRUE .FALSE .NIL.
- 2. The .LOCAL read/write directory, initialized with the default streams, changable by the user for individual program executions. Perhaps METHODS here.
- 3. The read-only part of the environment, that is the builtin classes and objects. Also .SYSTEM perhaps.
- 4. The read/write .ENVIRONMENT directory. Changable by programmers co-operating at the system level.

Final placement of all builtins needs discussion, but the read-only true&false requirement will be met. Note that the algorithm of method lookup does not change if "old objects see newest methods" is desired. What changes is whether the method tables are updated in place or copied-and-updated when they are changed.

- 1. There have been sugestions to allow the REQUIRES directive appear in more places. The committee agrees with this and proposes:
- A) All REQUIRES directives must appear together in the file. B) These directives may appear anywhere the OOI implementation currently allows them to appear.
- 2. Message numbers and prose are now allocated to messages detected by the syntax, additional to the messages known to the first standard. Most messages simply involve new minor codes sequential beyond those defined in the first standard.
- 3. Proposed language, eg FORWARD, METHOD, and CLASS clauses, allow for many options which can appear in any order. These can be written in the BNF (in the manner that TO BY FOR were handled in the first standard) but it is neater to extend the BNF metalanguage.
- 4. The OOI syntax used in the FORWARD instruction has examples of the 'argument' construct, which is either a symbol-or-string taken as a constant or is an expression in parentheses. The committee will define 'term' to be allowed in such places. This is a change to the OOI for valid programs only in the case where a MESSAGE option used a symbol intending it to be 'taken as a constant'. (As opposed to taken as a variable with the value defaulting to its name when uninitialized.)
- 5. In a similar vein to 4 above, some other positions where the "variable reference" notation is used (or proposed) will be changed. It would be nice to allow "term" in all these places but ambiguity consideration means some will be "sub-expression", ie parenthesed expression, notation.
- 6. The colon used for superclass specification will allow symbol-or-string to follow. DATA:
- 7. The model of data used in defining the first standard needs changing for OO, to:
- Variable pools are objects, objects are variable pools.
- Variable pool contents are references to objects, not values of strings.
- Pools are not numbered, they are referenced.
- The state variables (those with names beginning '#' used to define processing in the standard) are present in all pools, as opposed to being in a separate pool.

This data model gives a natural interpretation to the variable pool API applied to local pools. (Local pools may access non-local pool items by reason of EXPOSE.)

In principle this leads to different threads of execution (resulting from REPLY) being able to execute the API. (In practice OOI has a restriction to executing the API only on the 'main' thread and the committee needs to know if this is due to a generally applicable difficulty.)

The committee considered the relevance of IBM's "Object Rexx Programming Guide" G25H-7597-1 to the Configuration section of the standard. The material there in Appendix A under headings External

Function Interface, System Exit Interface, and Variable Pool Interface was deemed material for inclusion, and the rest not. This is similar to the first standard, although there will be an extra trap, for method calls. The committee considered the relevance of the STREAM section of IBM's "Object Rexx Reference", G25H-7598-0. That stream class brings into the language more I/O than the original Rexx, eg an explicit CLOSE. The new standard will partially follow this trend also. PEEK on queue unnecessary - same as AT[1]?

Also need to resolve the issues on Monitor class and on run time inspection.

Annex B

(informative)

Method of definition

This annex describes the methods chosen to describe Rexx for this standard.

Definitions

Definitions are given for some terms which are both used in this standard and also may be used elsewhere. This does not include names of syntax constructions; for example, group, which are distinguished in this standard by the use of italic font.

Conformance

Note that irrespective of how this standard is written, the obligation on a conforming processor is only to achieve the defined results, not to follow the algorithms in this standard.

Notation

The notation used to describe functions provided by the configuration is like a Rexx function call but it is not defined as a Rexx function call since a Rexx function call is described in terms of one of these configuration functions.

Note that the mechanism of a returned string with a distinguishing first character is part of the notation used in this standard to explain the functions; implementations may use a different mechanism.

Notation for completion response and conditions

The testing of 'X' and 'S' indicators is made implicit, for brevity. Even when written as a subroutine call, each use of a configuration routine implies the testing. Thus:

```
call Config_Time
implies

#Response = Config_Time()
if left(#Response,1) == 'X' then call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 5.1, substr(#Response,2)
if left(#Response,1) == 'S' then call #Raise 'SYNTAX', 48.1, substr(#Response,2)
Source programs and character sets
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The characters required by Rexx are identified by name, with a glyph associated so that they can be printed in this standard. Alternative names are shown as a convenience for the reader.

Notation

Note that nnn is not specifying the syntax of a program; it is specifying the notation used in this standard for describing syntax.

Lexical level

Productions nnn and nnn contain a recursion of *comment*. Apart from this recursion, the lexical level is a finite state automaton.

Syntax level

This syntax shows a null_clause list, which is minimally a semicolon, being required in places where programmers do not normally write semicolons, for example after 'THEN'. This is because the 'THEN' implies a semicolon. This approach to the syntax was taken to allow the rule 'semicolons separate clauses' to define 'clauses'.

The precedence rules for the operators are built into this grammar

Data Model

The following explanation of data in terms of Classic Rexx may be helpful. References to clauses of the existing standard have 274 as a prefix.

We start with the data model from the first Standard - a number of variable pools. Two mechanisms, the external access of section 274.5.13 (API_Drop etc) and the internal of 274.7.1 (Var_Drop etc). Pools are numbered, with pool 0 reserved for reserved names (.MN etc) and pool N-1 being related to pool N as the caller's pool. The symbols which index the pools are distinquished as tailed or non-tailed. The items in the pool have attributes 'exposed', 'dropped', and 'implicit'. The values in the pools are string values. An extra scope is used for 'state variables' used in the definition of the standard. These follow the same lookup rules in a conceptual and separate pool.

The first change necessary is to define the values in the pools as references. For string values this is just a change in definition style, since a reference always followed to a string value is semantically identical with the notion of having the value in the pool. However, references open the possibility of referencing

non-strings, which can behave in a changed way while still being refered to by the same reference. (Mutable objects)

It is reasonable that the definition should have the pools reference one another rather than use numbered pools. It is difficult to have a notion of numbering the pools when any object can have a set of variables associated with it.

Assignment is defined as assignment of references. The language could have been designed differently, for example to make assignment behave like the COPY method, but assignment of references is the natural, powerful, choice.

If pools are not numbered, the notation of the first standard, where some state variables use the #Level number as part of their names, will not suffice. An appropriate solution is to say that each variable pool can have state variables and user program variables in it. Placing the state variables that are per-procedure-level in the variable pool for their level avoids the need to specify #Level in their tails. There are pre-existing objects such as all possible values that can be written as literals and the objects accessed by .SYSTEM etc. Further objects are created by the NEW method.

Editorial note: It looks nice to unify: an object *is* a variable pool and a variable pool *is* an object. There is some awkwardness describing the classic API_ function as applying to an object. There don't seem to be difficulties in defining any object behaviour we want in terms of state variables that refer from one object to another.

Evaluation (Definitions written as code)

There is no single definitional mechanism for describing semantics that is predominantly used in standards describing programming languages, except for the use of prose. The committee has chosen to define some parts of this standard using algorithms written in Rexx. This has the advantages of being rigorous and familiar to many of the intended readers of this standard. It has the potential disadvantage of circularity - a definition based on an assumption that the reader already understands what is being defined.

Circularity has been avoided by:

- specifying the language incrementally, so that the algorithms for more complex details are specified in code that uses only more simple Rexx. For example, the notion that an expression evaluates to a result can be understood by the reader even without a complete specification of all operators and built-in functions that might be used in the expression;
- specifying the valid syntax of Rexx programs without using Rexx coding. The method used, Backus Normal Form, can adequately be introduced by prose.

Ultimately, some understanding of programming languages is assumed in the reader (just as the ability to read prose is assumed) but any remaining circularity in this standard is harmless.

The comparison of two single characters is an example of such a circularity; Config_Compare can compare two characters but the outcome can only be tested by comparing characters. It has to be assumed that the reader understands such a comparison.

Some of the definition using code is repeating earlier definition in prose. This duplication is to make the document easier to understand when read from front to back.

Note that the layout of the code, in the choices of instructions-per-line, indentations etc., is not significant. (The layout style used follows the examples in the base reference and it is deliberate that the DO and END of a group are not at the same alignment.)

The code is not intended as an example of good programming practice or style.

The variables in this code cannot be directly referenced by any program, even if the spelling of some VAR_SYMBOL coincides. These variables, referred to as state variables, are referenced throughout this document; they are not affected by any execution activity involving scopes. Some of more significant variables and routines are written with # as their first character. The following list of them is intended as an aid to understanding the code. The index of this standard shows the main usage, but not all usage, of these names.

The following are constants set by the configuration, by Config Constants:

#Configuration is used for PARSE SOURCE.

#Version is used for PARSE VERSION.

#Bif Digits. represents numeric digits settings, tails are built-in function names.

#Limit Digits is the maximum significant digits.

#Limit EnvironmentName is a maximum length.

#Limit_ExponentDigits is the maximum digits in an exponent.

#Limit Literal is a maximum length.

#Limit MessageInsert is a maximum length.

#Limit_Name is a maximum length.

#Limit_String is a maximum length.

#Limit_TraceData is a maximum length.

These are named outputs of configuration routines:

#Response is used to hold the result from a configuration routine.

#Indicator is used to hold the leftmost character of Response.

#Outcome is the main outcome of a configuration routine.

#RC is set by Config Command.

#NoSource is set by Config_NoSource.

#Time is set by Config_Time

#Adjust<Index "#Adjust" # "" > is set by Config_Time

These variables are set up with output from configuration routines:

#HowInvoked records from API_Start, for use by PARSE SOURCE.

#Source records from API_Start for use by PARSE SOURCE.

#AllBlanks<Index "#AllBlanks" # "" > is a string including Blank and equivalents.

#ErrorText.MsgNumber is the text as altered by limits.

#SourceLine. is a record of the source, retained unless NoSource is set. #SourceLine.0 is a count of lines

#Pool is a reference to the current variable pool.

These are variables not initialized from the configuration:

#Level is a count of invocation depth, starting at one.

#NewLevel equals #Level plus one.

#Pool1 is a reference to the variable pool current when the first instruction was executed.

#Upper is a reference to the variable pool which will be current when the current PROCEDURE ends.

#Loop is a count of loop nesting.

#LineNumber is the line number of the current clause.

#Symbol is a symbol after tails replacement.

#API_Enabled determines when the application programming interface for variable pools is available.

#Test is the Greater/Lesser/Equal result.

#InhibitPauses is a numeric trace control.

#InhibitTrace is a numeric trace control.

#AtPause is on when executing interactive input.

#AllowProcedure provides a check for the label needed before a procedure.

#DatatypeResult is a by-product of DATATYPE().

#Condition is a condition, eg 'SYNTAX'.

#Trace QueryPrior detects an external request for tracing.

#TraceInstruction detects TRACE as interactive input.

These are variables that are per-Level, that is, have #Level as a tail component:

#IsFunction, indicates a function call.

#IsProcedure. indicates indicates the routine is a procedure.

#Condition. indicates whether the routine is handling a condition.

#ArgExists.#Level.ArgNumber indicates whether an argument exists. (Initialized from API_Start for Level=1)

#Arg.#Level.ArgNumber provides the value of an argument. (Initialized from API_Start for Level=1) When ArgNumber=0 this gives a count of the arguments.

#Tracing. is the trace setting letter.

#Interactive. indicates when tracing is interactive. ('?' trace setting)

#ClauseLocal. ensures that DATE/TIME are consistent across a clause.

#ClauseTime. is the TIME/DATE frozen for the clause.

#StartTime. is for 'Elapsed' time calculations.

#Digits. is the current numeric digits.

#Form. is the current numeric form.

#Fuzz, is the current numeric fuzz.

These are qualified by #Condition as well as #Level:

#Enabling. is 'ON', 'OFF' or 'DELAYED'.

#Instruction. is 'CALL' or 'SIGNAL'

#TrapName. is the label.

#ConditionDescription. is for CONDITION('D')

#ConditionExtra. is for CONDITION('E')

#ConditionInstruction. is for CONDITION('I')

#PendingNow. indicates a DELAYED condition.

#PendingDescription. is the description of a DELAYED condition.

#PendingExtra. is the extra description for a DELAYED condition.

#EventLevel. is the #Level at which an event was DELAYED.

These are qualified by ACTIVE, ALTERNATE, or TRANSIENT as well as #Level:

#Env_Name. is the environment name.

#Env_Type. is the type of a resource, and is additionally qualified by input/output/error distinction.

#Env_Resource. is the name of a resource, and is additionally qualified by input/output/error distinction.

#Env_Position. is INPUT or APPEND or REPLACE, and is additionally qualified by input/output/error distinction.

These are variables that are per-loop:

#Identity. is the control variable.

#Repeat. is the repetition count.

#By. is the increment.

#To. is the limit.

#For. is that count.

#Iterate. holds a position in code describing DO instruction semantics.

#Once. holds a position in code describing DO instruction semantics.

#Leave. holds a position in code describing DO instruction semantics.

These are variables that are per-stream:

#Charin Position.

#Charout Position.

#Linein_Position.

#Lineout Position.

#StreamState. records ERROR state for return by STREAM built-in function.

These are commonly used prefixes:

Config is used for a function provided by the configuration.

API_ is used for an application programming interface.

Trap_ is used for a routine called from the processor, not provided by it.

Var is used for the routines operating on the variable pools.

These are notation routines, only available to code in this standard:

#Contains checks whether some construct is in the source.
#Instance returns the content of some construct in the source.
#Evaluate returns the value of some construct in the source.
#Execute causes execution of some construct in the source.
#Parses checks whether a string matches some construct.
#Clause notes some position in the code.
#Goto continues execution at some noted position.
#Retry causes execution to continue at a previous clause.

These are frequently used routines:

#Raise is a routine for condition raising.
#Trace is a routine for trace output.
#TraceSource is a routine to trace the source program.
#CheckArgs processes the arguments to a built-in function.

Annex C

(informative)

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