

Chapter 6

Interacting with the World: Reading and Printing in Lisp

- Creating a better, more robust interface for the wizard's game.
- Using the most basic of all user interfaces, the *command-line interface*.



	PRINTING STUFF	READING STUFF
FOR COMPUTERS	PRINT	READ
FOR HUMANS	PRINC	???

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PRINT Examples

```
>(print '3)
3
; An integer

>(print '3.4)
3.4
; A float

>(print 'foo)
FOO
; A symbol

;; Symbols may be printed in ALL CAPS,
;; since the reader in Common Lisp
;; can convert to upper case (maybe default).
```

```
>(print '"foo") =>
"foo"
; A string

>(print '#\a)
#\a
; A character
```

PRINT and PRIN1

```
> (progn (print "this") ; with newlines
      (print "is")
      (print "a")
      (print "test"))

"this"
"is"
"a"
"test"

> (progn (prin1 "this") ; no newlines
      (prin1 "is")
      (prin1 "a")
      (prin1 "test"))

"this""is""a""test"
```

Print - Uses Keyword Parameters

```
<function> foo &key :stream :escape :radix :base :circle
:pretty :level :length :case :gensym :arr
```

```
; default stream *standard-output*
```

```
Print foo to stream
prin1 - readably,
print - readably between a newline and a space,
pprint - readably after a newline, or
princ - human-readably without extra characters
```

```
prin1, print and princ return foo.
```

```
Print foo
prin1-to-string string readably or
princ-to-string human-readably

terpri - print a new line
fresh-line - print a new line unless already at the beginning
of one
```

PRINC – Human Readable

```
>(princ '3)
3
>(princ '3.4)
3.4
>(princ 'foo)
FOO
>(princ "foo")
foo
>(princ '#\a)
a
```

;;; Omits quote marks and codes for
;;; characters, etc.

Hello – with PRINT and READ

```
> (defun say-hello ()
  (print "Please type your name:")
  (let ((name (read)))
    (print "Nice to meet you, ")
    (print name)))
```

SAY-HELLO.

```
> (say-hello)
"Please type your name:" "bob"
"Nice to meet you, "
"bob"
```

Hello v. 2, PRINC and READ-LINE

```
> (defun say-hello ()
  (princ "Please type your name:")
  (let ((name (read-line)))
    (princ "Nice to meet you, ")
    (princ name)))
```

SAY-HELLO

```
> (say-hello)
```

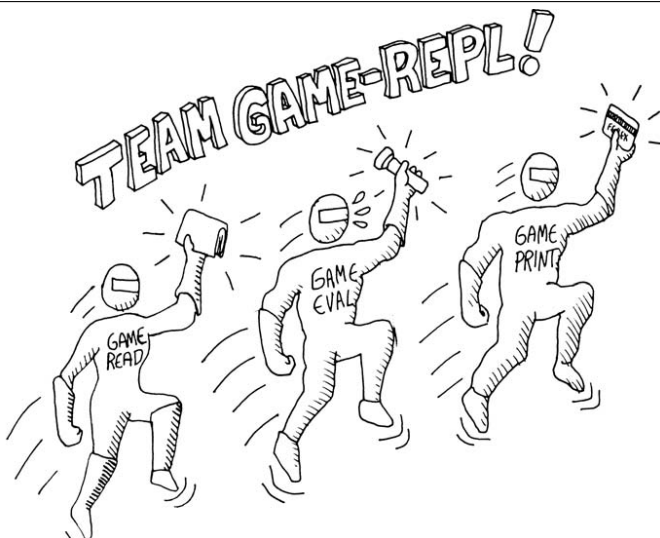
Please type your name: *Bob O'Malley*
Nice to meet you, Bob O'Malley

Adding a Custom Interface to Our Game Engine

```
> (defun game-repl ()
  (loop (print (eval (read)))) ;look familiar?
GAME-REPL
```

```
> (game-repl)
(look)
```

(YOU ARE IN THE LIVING-ROOM. A WIZARD IS SNORING LOUDLY ON THE COUCH. THERE IS A DOOR GOING WEST FROM HERE. THERE IS A LADDER GOING UPSTAIRS FROM HERE. YOU SEE A WHISKEY ON THE FLOOR.)



Custom REPL Functions



Wizard's Game REPL Code

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- http://www2.hawaii.edu/~nreed/ics313/assignments/wizards_part2.lisp

- Common Lisp, the Language, 2nd ed.

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/Groups/AI/html/cltl/clm/index.html>

```
; wizards_game part 2
(defun game-repl ()
  (let ((cmd (game-read)))
    (unless (eq (car cmd) 'quit)
      (game-print (game-eval cmd))
      (game-repl))))

(defun game-read ()
  (let ((cmd (read-from-string
                (concatenate 'string "("
                              (read-line) ")"))))
    (flet ((quote-it (x)
              (list 'quote x)))
      (cons (car cmd)
            (mapcar #'quote-it (cdr cmd))))))

(defparameter *allowed-commands*
  '(look walk pick up inventory))

(defun game-eval (sexp) ; s-expression
  (if (member (car sexp) *allowed-commands*)
      (eval sexp)
      '(I do not know that command.)))
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```
(defun tweak-text (lst caps lit)
  (when lst
    (let ((item (car lst))
          (rest (cdr lst)))
      (cond ((eql item #\space)
              (cons item (tweak-text rest caps lit)))
            ((member item '("#\! #\? #\.")
              (cons item (tweak-text rest t lit)))
            ((eql item #\") (tweak-text rest caps (not lit)))
            (lit (cons item (tweak-text rest nil lit)))
            (caps (cons (char-upcase item)
                        (tweak-text rest nil lit)))
            (t (cons (char-downcase item)
                      (tweak-text rest nil nil)))))))

(defun game-print (lst)
  (princ (coerce (tweak-text (coerce (string-trim "()"
                                              (prin1-to-string lst)) 'list) t nil) 'string))
  (fresh-line))

; [Function]      coerce  object  result-type
; [Function]      string-trim  character-bag  string
```

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Summary

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- There you have it! We now have a basic engine for a text adventure game.
- We can **l o o k** around the world
- **w a l k** between places
- **P i c k u p** objects with **p i c k u p**;
- and **c h e c k o u r i n v e n t o r y** with **i n v e n t o r y**.