SCHEMATA

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1 Introduction

Generic purpose schema library for serialization and validation of data.

This library is used by CL-REST-SERVER for API serialization and validation. It features:

- Validation using schemas.
- Serialization and unserialization using schemas.
- Generation of (random) data from schemas. (incomplete implementation atm)
- JSON-Schema parsing (incomplete implementation atm).
- Integration with Common Lisp type system.
- A schema class metaclass.

2 Installation

With Quicklisp: (ql:quickload "schemata")

3 Usage

3.1 Schema definition

```
Use [DEFSCHEMA], page 11for defining schemas.
  Schema example:
     (schemata:defschema customer
         (object "customer"
                  ((id string :external-name "id" :accessor
                       customer-id :documentation "customer id")
                   (number string :external-name "number" :required nil
                                    :accessor customer-nr :documentation
                           "customer number")
                   (name string :external-name "name" :accessor
                         customer-name :documentation "customer name")
                   (address-1 string :external-name "address1"
                                       :required nil :documentation
                              "customer first address")
                   (address-2 string :external-name "address2"
                                       :required nil :documentation
                              "customer second address")
                   (postal-code string :external-name "postalcode"
                                         :required nil :documentation
                                "postal code")
                   (postal-area string :external-name "postalarea"
                                         :required nil :documentation
                                "postal area")
                   (country string :external-name "country" :required nil
                            :documentation "country code")
                   (phone string :external-name "phone" :required nil
                                  :documentation "phone")
                   (fax string :external-name "fax" :required nil
                                :documentation "fax")
                   (email string :external-name "email" :required nil
                                  :documentation "email"))
                  (:documentation "customer data fetched")))
```

3.2 Validation using schemas

Use [VALIDATE-WITH-SCHEMA], page 12.

3.3 Serialization using schemas

```
Via generic-serializer library.

Use [SERIALIZE-WITH-SCHEMA], page 12.

(with-output-to-string (s)
```

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3.4 Unserialization using schemas

```
Use [UNSERIALIZE-WITH-SCHEMA], page 11.
   (unserialize-with-schema
        (find-schema 'user-schema)
        (json:decode-json-from-string data)
        :json)
```

3.5 Patch and updates

See [PATCH-WITH-SCHEMA], page 12and [POPULATE-WITH-SCHEMA], page 12.

4 Schema types

4.1 Type schemas

```
Schemas can be built from Common Lisp types:

SCHEMATA> (defparameter *s* (schema string))

*S*

SCHEMATA> *s*

#<TYPE-SCHEMA STRING {1006FBBD13}>

SCHEMATA> (validate-with-schema *s* "22")

NIL

SCHEMATA> (validate-with-schema *s* 22 :error-p nil)

#<VALIDATION-ERROR "~s is not of type: ~a" {100152EB13}>
```

4.2 Object schema

Object schemas are built using the syntax: (object name attributes options). Attributes are specified as: (attribute-name attribute-type &rest options).

The attribute-type is parsed as a schema.

Possible attribute options are: 'required', 'required-message', 'default', 'accessor', 'writer', 'reader', 'parser', 'validator', 'add-validator', 'formatter', 'external-name', 'serializer', 'unserializer', 'slot'.

Example:

4.3 List schemas

4.3.1 list-of

Schema for lists with elements of certain type/schema.

```
Syntax: (list-of list-element-schema)
Examples:
    (schema (list-of string))
    (schema (list-of (or string number)))
SCHEMATA> (defparameter *s* (schema (list-of integer)))
*S*
SCHEMATA> (validate-with-schema *s* '(1 2 "foo"))
; Evaluation aborted on #<SCHEMATA: VALIDATION-ERROR "~s is not of type: ~a" {1006ECA323}>.
SCHEMATA> (validate-with-schema *s* '(1 2 3))
NIL
```

4.3.2 list

```
Schema for list with all its elements specified with schemas.
```

```
Syntax: (list &rest schemas)

Examples:
(schema (list string number boolean))
```

4.3.3 alist-of

Schema for association lists with certain type of keys and values.

```
Syntax: (alist-of (key-schema . value-schema))
Examples:
   (schema (alist-of (keyword . string)))
```

4.3.4 alist

Schema for association lists with certain keys and values.

```
Syntax: (alist association-list &rest options)
where association-list is a list of conses with key and schema.

Options can be :required-keys, :optional-keys and :allow-other-keys.

Examples:
  (schema (alist ((:x . string)(:y . number))))
  (schema (alist ((:x . string)(:y . number)) :optional-keys (:y)))
```

4.3.5 plist-of

Schema for property lists with certain type of keys and values.

```
Syntax: (plist-of key-schema value-schema)
Examples:
  (schema (plist-of keyword string))
```

4.3.6 plist

Schema for property lists with certain keys and values.

```
Syntax: (plist property-list &rest options)
where property-list specifies the schemas for the keys.

Options can be :required-keys, :optional-keys and :allow-other-keys.

Examples:
  (schema (plist (:x string :y number)))
  (schema (plist (:x string :y number) :optional-keys (:y)))
```

4.4 HASH-TABLE schemas

4.5 CONS schema

4.6 AND and OR schemas

4.7 Schema references

Defined schemas can be referenced via either '(schema schema-name)' or '(ref schema-name)' (they are identical).

```
Example:
```

```
SCHEMATA> (defschema person
            (object person
                    ((name string))))
#<OBJECT-SCHEMA {1006F8A813}>
SCHEMATA> (defparameter *list-of-person* (schema (list-of (ref person))))
*LIST-OF-PERSON*
SCHEMATA> *list-of-person*
#<LIST-SCHEMA {1006F8C2A3}>
SCHEMATA> (parse-with-schema *list-of-person* '((("name" . "Mariano")) (("name" . "Peter"))
(((NAME . "Mariano")) ((NAME . "Peter")))
SCHEMATA> (validate-with-schema *list-of-person* '((("name" . 22)) (("name" . "Peter"))))
; processing (DEFMETHOD SCHEMA-VALIDATE ...); Evaluation aborted on #<SB-PCL::NO-APPLICABLE
SCHEMATA> (validate-with-schema *list-of-person* '((("name" . 22)) (("name" . "Peter"))))
; Evaluation aborted on #<SCHEMATA: VALIDATION-ERROR "~s is not of type: ~a" {10082EB883}>.
SCHEMATA> (validate-with-schema *list-of-person* '((("name" . "Mariano")) (("name" . "Peter
SCHEMATA> (validate-with-schema *list-of-person* '((("names" . "Mariano")) (("name" . "Pete
; Evaluation aborted on #<SCHEMATA:VALIDATION-ERROR "Attributes not part of schema: ~a" {10
```

5 SATISFIES-SCHEMA type

Schemata integrates with the Lisp type system via the SATISFIES-SCHEMA type. Schemas can be thought as types over data. Defined schemas can be checked using TYPEP and CHECK-TYPE with the type '(satisfies-schema schema-name)'.

Example:

6 SCHEMA-CLASS metaclass

7 Data generation

Schemata can generate random data from schemas. It uses check-it library generators for that.

```
Load schemata-generators system.
Then call check-it:generate with a schema object.
Example:
  (defschema person
      (object person
               ((name string)
                (age integer :required nil)
                (friend (ref person) :required nil))))
  (generate (find-schema 'person))
can generate:
  ((NAME . "21p7E0w8")
   (FRIEND (NAME . "hD39Dwo")
    (FRIEND (NAME . "QFC67xg206") (AGE . 4)
     (FRIEND (NAME . "bRtUL1z51")
      (FRIEND (NAME . "O")
       (FRIEND (NAME . "ddB57idmh32C4T") (AGE . 1)
        (FRIEND (NAME . "eNKzc") (AGE . 8))))))))
```

For more control over the generation, attach a generator to schemas via :generator initarg.

8 Reference

8.1 SCHEMATA package

SCHEMATA [PACKAGE]

External definitions

Macros

SCHEMATA: SCHEMA (schema-def)

[Macro]

Wrapper macro for schema definitions.

SCHEMATA: DEFSCHEMA (name schema)

[Macro]

Register SCHEMA under NAME. The schema can then be accessed via FIND-SCHEMA.

SCHEMATA: DEF-SCHEMA-CLASS (name direct-superclasses direct-slots

[Macro]

&rest options)

Helper macro to define schema classes

Generic functions

SCHEMATA:SCHEMA-TYPE ($sb-pcl::object$)	[Generic-Function]
$SCHEMATA:OBJECT-NAME\ (sb-pcl::object)$	[Generic-Function]
SCHEMATA: OBJECT-CLASS (sb-pcl::object)	[Generic-Function]
SCHEMATA: SCHEMA-GENERATOR (sb-pcl::object)	[Generic-Function]
SCHEMATA: ATTRIBUTE-REQUIRED-P (sb-pcl::object)	[Generic-Function]
${\tt SCHEMATA:ATTRIBUTE-ACCESSOR}~(sb ext{-}pcl::object)$	[Generic-Function]
${\tt SCHEMATA:ATTRIBUTE-ADD-VALIDATOR}~(sb ext{-}pcl::object)$	[Generic-Function]
${\tt SCHEMATA:ATTRIBUTE-EXTERNAL-NAME} \ (sb\text{-}pcl::object)$	[Generic-Function]
SCHEMATA: UNSERIALIZE-WITH-SCHEMA (schema data format)	[Generic-Function]
${\tt SCHEMATA:ATTRIBUTE-FORMATTER}\ (sb-pcl::object)$	[Generic-Function]
${\tt SCHEMATA:SCHEMA-DOCUMENTATION}\ (sb ext{-}pcl::object)$	[Generic-Function]
SCHEMATA: PARSE-WITH-SCHEMA (schema string-or-data) Parses the string to an association list using the schema	[Generic-Function]
SCHEMATA: ATTRIBUTE-TYPE (sb-pcl::object)	[Generic-Function]
SCHEMATA: OBJECT-ATTRIBUTES (sb-pcl::object)	[Generic-Function]
SCHEMATA: ATTRIBUTE-NAME (sb-pcl::object)	[Generic-Function]
SCHEMATA: ATTRIBUTE-PARSER (sb-pcl::object)	[Generic-Function]
SCHEMATA: ATTRIBUTE-VALIDATOR (sb-pcl::object)	[Generic-Function]

Functions

SCHEMATA: ATTRIBUTE-TYPE-NAME (attribute) [Function]

SCHEMATA: ATTRIBUTE-READER (attribute) [Function]

SCHEMATA: POPULATE-WITH-SCHEMA (schema object data & key [Function]

Populate CLOS objects from data + schema. Attributes members of EXCLUDE parameter are not populated.

SCHEMATA: ATTRIBUTE-OPTIONAL-P (attribute) [Function]

SCHEMATA: SCHEMA-CLASS-SCHEMA (schema-class) [Function]

Generate a schema using the schema class meta info

SCHEMATA: SERIALIZE-WITH-SCHEMA (schema input &optional (serializer generic-serializer::*serializer*) (stream generic-serializer::*serializer-output*))

SCHEMATA: SCHEMA-SPEC (schema) [Function]

SCHEMATA: FIND-OBJECT-ATTRIBUTE (object attribute-name & key (error-p t)) [Function]

SCHEMATA: PATCH-WITH-SCHEMA (schema object data) [Function]

Populate CLOS objects from data + schema. Only populates attributes available in DATA, validating them. Useful for PATCH rest api operations implementations. DATA should be an association list.

SCHEMATA: ATTRIBUTE-WRITER (attribute) [Function]

SCHEMATA: VALIDATION-ERROR (message &rest args) [Function]

SCHEMATA: FIND-SCHEMA (name & optional (errorp t)) [Function] Find a schema definition by name

Validate input using schema. Useful for validating resource operations posted content (for :post and :put methods). Input can be a string or an association list.

Args: - schema (symbol or schema): The schema - data (alist): The data to validate. - format (keyword): The data format. - collect-errors (boolean): If true, collect all the validation errors. If false, return the first validation error found. Default: true. - error-p (boolean): If true, when validation errors are found, a validation error is signaled. If false, the validation errors are returned as the function result and no error is signaled.

SCHEMATA: GENERATE-SCHEMA-FROM-CLASS (class) [Function]
Generate a schema from CLASS, using reflection.

Slots:

Classes

SCHEMATA: OBJECT-SCHEMA [Class] Class precedence list: object-schema, schema, standard-object, t Slots: reader: type: (or string symbol); initarg: :name; schemata:object-name; writer: (setf schemata:object-name) The name of the object. • attributes — type: list; initarg: :attributes; reader: schemata:object-attributes; writer: (setf schemata:object-attributes) (or null symbol); reader: type: initarg: :class; schemata:object-class; writer: (setf schemata:object-class) ignore-unknown-attributes — type: boolean; initarg: :ignore-unknown-attributes; reader: schemata::ignore-unknown-attributes; writer: (setf schemata::ignore-unknown-att • serializer — type: (or null trivial-types:function-designator); :serializer; reader: schemata::object-serializer; writer: (setf schemata::object-serializer) • unserializer — type: (or null trivial-types:function-designator); initarg: :unserializer; reader: schemata::object-unserializer; writer: (setf schemata::object-unserializer) SCHEMATA: CONS-SCHEMA [Class] Schema for CONSes. Syntax: (cons car-schema cdr-schema) Examples: (schema (cons symbol string)) Class precedence list: cons-schema, schema, standard-object, t Slots: • car-schema — type: t; initarg: :car-schema; reader: schemata::car-schema; writer: (setf schemata::car-schema) The schema of CAR. cdr-schema — type: t; initarg: :cdr-schema; reader: schemata::cdr-schema; writer: (setf schemata::cdr-schema) The schema of CDR. SCHEMATA: LIST-OF-SCHEMA [Class] Schema for list with elements of certain type/schema. Syntax: (list-of schema) Examples: (schema (list-of string)) (schema (list-of (or string number))) Class precedence list: list-of-schema, schema, standard-object, t

• elements-schema — type: (not null); initarg: :elements-schema; reader: schemata::elements-schema; writer: (setf schemata::elements-schema)

Schema of the elements of the list

SCHEMATA: PLIST-OF-SCHEMA

[Class]

Schema for property lists with certain type of keys and values.

Syntax: (plist-of key-schema value-schema)

Examples:

(schema (plist-of keyword string))

 $Class\ precedence\ list:\ {\tt plist-of-schema},\ {\tt schema},\ {\tt standard-object},\ {\tt t}$

Slots:

- key-schema type: t; initarg: :key-schema; reader: schemata::key-schema; writer: (setf schemata::key-schema)
- value-schema type: t; initarg: :value-schema; reader: schemata::value-schema; writer: (setf schemata::value-schema)

SCHEMATA: SCHEMA [Class]

Class precedence list: schema, standard-object, t

Slots

- documentation type: (or null string); initarg: :documentation; reader: schemata:schema-documentation; writer: (setf schemata:schema-documentation)
- generator type: t; initarg: :generator; reader: schemata:schema-generator; writer: (setf schemata:schema-generator)

SCHEMATA: ALIST-OF-SCHEMA

[Class]

Schema for association lists with certain type of keys and values.

Syntax: (alist-of (key-schema . value-schema))

Examples:

(schema (alist-of (keyword . string)))

Class precedence list: alist-of-schema, schema, standard-object, t

Slots:

- key-schema type: t; initarg: :key-schema; reader: schemata::key-schema; writer: (setf schemata::key-schema)
- value-schema type: t; initarg: :value-schema; reader: schemata::value-schema; writer: (setf schemata::value-schema)

SCHEMATA: PLIST-SCHEMA

[Class]

Schema for property lists with certain keys and values.

Syntax: (plist property-list &rest options)

where property-list specifies the schemas for the keys.

Options can be :required-keys, :optional-keys and :allow-other-keys.

Examples:

(schema (plist (:x string :y number))) (schema (plist (:x string :y number) :optional-keys (:y)))

Class precedence list: plist-schema, schema, standard-object, t

Slots:

- members type: t; initarg: :members; reader: schemata::plist-members; writer: (setf schemata::plist-members)
- required-keys type: t; initarg: :required-keys; reader: schemata::required-keys; writer: (setf schemata::required-keys)
- optional-keys type: t; initarg: :optional-keys; reader: schemata::optional-keys; writer: (setf schemata::optional-keys)
- allow-other-keys type: t; initarg: :allow-other-keys; reader: schemata::allow-other-keys-p; writer: (setf schemata::allow-other-keys-p)

SCHEMATA: LIST-SCHEMA

[Class]

Schema for lists.

Syntax: (list &rest schemas)

Examples:

(schema (list string number)) (schema (list symbol number boolean))

Data matches when it is a list of the same size and the list schemas match. For instance, for the schema: (list symbol number symbol), '(foo 33 bar) matches, but '(foo 33) does not.

 ${\it Class \ precedence \ list: \ {\tt list-schema, \ schema, \ standard-object, \ t}}$

Slots:

• schemas — type: t; initarg: :schemas; reader: schemata::list-schemas; writer: (setf schemata::list-schemas)

SCHEMATA: SCHEMA-REFERENCE-SCHEMA

[Class]

Class precedence list: schema-reference-schema, schema, standard-object, t Slots:

• name — type: symbol; initarg: :schema-name; reader: schemata::schema-name; writer: (setf schemata::schema-name)

SCHEMATA: ALIST-SCHEMA

[Class]

Schema for association lists with certain keys and values.

Syntax: (alist association-list &rest options)

where association-list is a list of conses with key and schema.

Options can be :required-keys, :optional-keys and :allow-other-keys.

Examples:

(schema (alist ((:x . string)(:y . number)))) (schema (alist ((:x . string)(:y . number)) :optional-keys (:y)))

Class precedence list: alist-schema, schema, standard-object, t

Slots:

• members — type: t; initarg: :members; reader: schemata::alist-members; writer: (setf schemata::alist-members)

- required-keys type: (or boolean list); initarg: :required-keys; reader: schemata::required-keys; writer: (setf schemata::required-keys)

 If T (default), all keys are considered required. If a list, only those listed are considered required.
- optional-keys type: (or boolean list); initarg: :optional-keys; reader: schemata::optional-keys; writer: (setf schemata::optional-keys)

 If T, then all keys are considered optional. If a list, then the keys listed are considered optional.
- allow-other-keys type: t; initarg: :allow-other-keys; reader: schemata::allow-other-keys-p; writer: (setf schemata::allow-other-keys-p)

 Whether other keys than the specified are allowed in the data being checked.

SCHEMATA: SCHEMA-CLASS

[Class]

Metaclass for schema objects

Class precedence list: schema-class, standard-class, class, specializer, metaobject, standard-object, ${\tt t}$

Slots:

• schema-name — type: (or null string symbol); initarg: :schema-name; reader: schemata::schema-name; writer: (setf schemata::schema-name)

SCHEMATA: SCHEMA-OBJECT

[Class]

Class precedence list: schema-object, standard-object, t

SCHEMATA: TYPE-SCHEMA

[Class]

Schema for a Common Lisp type.

Syntax: (schema type)

Examples:

(schema string) (schema integer)

Class precedence list: type-schema, schema, standard-object, t

Slots:

• type — type: t; initarg: :type; reader: schemata:schema-type; writer: (setf schemata:schema-type)

SCHEMATA: ATTRIBUTE-PROPERTIES

[Class]

 ${\it Class \ precedence \ list:} \ {\tt attribute-properties, \ standard-object, \ t}$

Slots

- required type: boolean; initarg: :required; reader: schemata:attribute-required-p; writer: (setf schemata:attribute-required-p)
- required-message type: (or string null); initarg: :required-message; reader: schemata::attribute-required-message; writer: (setf schemata::attribute-required-message)
- default type: t; initarg: :default; reader: schemata::attribute-default; writer: (setf schemata::attribute-default)
- validator type: (or null trivial-types:function-designator); initarg: :validator; reader: schemata:attribute-validator; writer: (setf schemata:attribute-validator)

- add-validator type: (or null trivial-types:function-designator);
 initarg: :add-validator; reader: schemata:attribute-add-validator;
 writer: (setf schemata:attribute-add-validator)
- parser type: (or null trivial-types:function-designator); initarg: :parser; reader: schemata:attribute-parser; writer: (setf schemata:attribute-parser)
- formatter type: (or null trivial-types:function-designator); initarg: :formatter; reader: schemata:attribute-formatter; writer: (setf schemata:attribute-formatter)
- external-name type: (or string null); initarg: :external-name; reader: schemata:attribute-external-name; writer: (setf schemata:attribute-external-name)
- serializer type: t; initarg: :serializer; reader: schemata::attribute-serializer; writer: (setf schemata::attribute-serializer)
- unserializer type: (or null trivial-types:function-designator); initarg: :unserializer; reader: schemata::attribute-unserializer; writer: (setf schemata::attribute-unserializer)

SCHEMATA: VALIDATION-ERROR

[Class]

Class precedence list: validation-error, error, serious-condition, condition, t

SCHEMATA: ATTRIBUTE

[Class]

Class precedence list: attribute, schema, attribute-properties, standard-object, t

Slots:

- name type: symbol; initarg: :name; reader: schemata:attribute-name; writer: (setf schemata:attribute-name)
- type type: schemata:schema; initarg: :type; reader: schemata:attribute-type; writer: (setf schemata:attribute-type)
- accessor type: (or null symbol); initarg: :accessor; reader: schemata:attribute-accessor; writer: (setf schemata:attribute-accessor)
- writer type: (or null trivial-types:function-designator); initarg: :writer
- reader type: (or null trivial-types:function-designator); initarg: :reader
- slot type: (or null symbol); initarg: :slot; reader: schemata::attribute-slot; writer: (setf schemata::attribute-slot)

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