

ASCII Dots

Brief Documentation

Dots

A dot (.) is what begins your program, your dot is where its happening

Paths

A path (| and -) carries the dot, .----\$"Printing..." Once your dot hits that \$ following the path, the \$ will prompt your dot to print whatever follows \$# prints the value of your dot, and \$a# prints the ASCII value of your dot \$_# prints without adding a new line to the end

Special Paths

Some paths do more than just carry a dot, thats why they are special. Special paths include: >, this one takes a dot coming from the left, and dots coming vertically and outputs them all to the right. < does the same but takes it from the right and outputs from the left. v and ^ do this aswell for vertical outputs. (and) bounce a dot back teh way it came. \ and / act as mirrors so ./ exits going upwards

Warps (Invisible Path)

.-A A-\$"This executes"-&-(The & kills a dot so .-&--\$"I am unexecutable")

Operators

[+] takes a input vertically and a horozontal input and outputs to the other vertical direction the sum of the two dot values {+} does the same but outputs to the other horozontal side. You can substitute any operator into this.

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Receives a value horizontally, and vertically. If the vert. value is not 0 it continues the horz. dot to the other vert. direction. if it is 0; however, we continue horizontally.

Inspirations for the language

ASCII Art

ASCII Art was a driving inspiration for this language, meant to look aesthetic and artistic to programmers and non-programmers alike, unlike other languages where we just look at a bunch of operations and indentations with a bunch of words randomly thrown in.

Befunge

Another wonky eso-lang, famously the first two-dimmmensional programming language. This language also runs along 'paths' but on a larger scale. A link for more reading on the language can be found at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Befunge>

Mechanical Computers

Mechanical computers are all very logical, as is this language. Data flow is very visual and connected as a mechanical computer is in its many gears.

Sources

Repo

<https://github.com/aaronjanse/asciidots?tab=readme-ov-file>

Documentation

<https://ajanse.me/asciidots/language/>

Library Documentation

<https://ddorn.github.io/asciidots/docs/libs/>

ESO-Langs Article

<https://esolangs.org/wiki/AsciiDots>