

cell

Summary

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audio visual poetic language

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cell is a two-dimensional esoteric programming language made to create short audio visual poems.

cell programs are written by placing letters on a 10x10 grid with each cell of the grid containing one letter only. One can write a letter to a specific cell by specifying its (x,y) coordinates using predetermined [unicode symbols](#) in place of numbers. This way, a letter can be selected by its corresponding [decimal code](#).

cell uses a [base 10](#) numbering system, counting starts from 0. Decimal values can also be calculated from basic arithmetic operations using [postfix notation](#).

order of operators doesn't matter inside of the instruction.
space characters are escaped.

audio can also be generated by writing dedicated symbols on the same grid, each cell holding a single [oscillator](#) pulse with a specific [frequency](#) and [ADSR](#) envelope parameters.

OP

Coordinates

COORD	X	Y
OP	...	:

Numbers

NUM	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
OP	•	○	L	▶	÷	▣	∈	◆	⋈	×

Arithmetic

CMD	+	−	*	/
OP	↵	↵	∞	↕

/: floor integer division

Commands

CMD	DEF	EOL	ESC	DOT	JMP
OP	:	::	÷	•	↱

DOT operator is used to mark the end of a decimal sequence

Oscillators

OSC	sine	square	sawtooth	triangle
OP	~	■	↗	▲

Sequencer

CMD	START	END
OP	∴	∴

Examples

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*letter are selected by alphabetical order instead of unicode

2 / >

h e l l o
w o r l d

△

×

÷

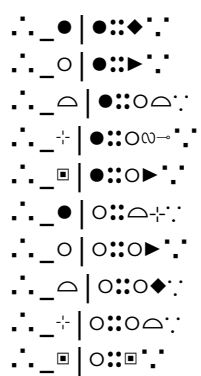
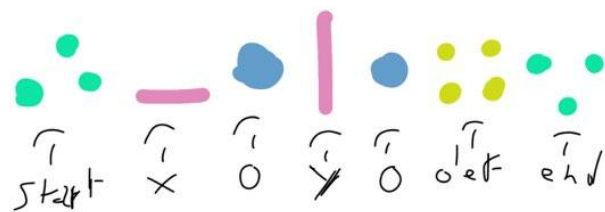
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*

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

△: 0
x: 1
÷: 2
~: 3
*: 8

26 / 8 : 3.25

[illegible]

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...▶:+:xx::...+:+:o●o::...□:+:o●♂::...∈:+:□+:L∞::...◆:+:♂◆□x::

			c	e	l	l	::			

...▶:+:xx::...+:+:o●o::...□:+:o●♂::...∈:+:□+:L∞::...◆:+:♂◆□x::

h 3 v 4 DEF 9 9 EOL

...▶:+:xx::
...+:+:o●o::
...□:+:o●♂::
...∈:+:□+:L∞::
...◆:+:♂◆□x::

h3v4DEF99EOL
h4v4DEF101EOL
h5v4DEF108EOL

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h6v4DEF54DOT2*EOL  
h7v4DEF8759EOL
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Ideas

- add color operator followed by 3 chars of color hex code
- possible to create variables of types int char ascii hex
- possible to create variables that acts as placeholder for sub instruction using a custom symbol for the whole subinstruction
- audio and text can be used as modulation sources both ways
e.g. to change a group of letters style from gain or to transpose a note by “patching” a letter from another cell.