## Example of REAL Macro

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(match some-value (literally-hitler)
((literally-hitler = rest) ; First element is literally Hitler=
      (error "Found the Nazi"))
(((a b) second = rest) ; First element is a two-element list=
      (display a))
((first second = rest) ; It's a list with at least two elements=
      (display (list first second)))
(else #f))
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## Code For Macro

(require 'macro) (define (maybe-car obj fail-value) (if (pair? obj) (car obj) fail-value)) (define (maybe-cdr obj fail-value) (if (pair? obj) (cdr obj) fail-value)) (define exists-in? (lambda (ele lis) (cond ((null? lis) #f) ((equal? ele (car lis)) #t) (else (exists-in? ele (cdr lis)))))) (define-syntax match-pattern (syntax-rules () ;; No pattern. Matches if the match-value is null. ((\_ () literals match-value fail-value success-expr) (if (null? match-value) success-expr fail-value)) ;; Notice there are TWO pattern-matches going on: One at compile-time via ;; syntax-rules, and another at runtime, being done with cond forms ;; and comparison with the 'fail-value to detect failures deeper in the ;; This case matches when the first element of the pattern is a list. ;; It generates code that matches the match-value only if its first element ((\_ ((hhd . htl) . tl) literals match-value fail-value success-expr) (cond ((eq? match-value fail-value) fail-value) ;; Macros are allowed to expand into instances of themselves. (else (match-pattern (hhd . htl) literals (maybe-car match-value fail-value) fail-value (match-pattern tl literals (maybe-cdr match-value fail-value) fail-value success-expr))))) ;; Matches if the pattern itself is a list. hd, short for "head", is a ;; variable that will be bound to the first element of the match-value if it's ;; a list. If it's not a list, (maybe-car) will cause hd to be bound to the fail-value. ;; Also, the match-value may already be the fail-value due to occurrences at a shallower ;; level in the pattern. If this happens, then this code won't bother to delve any deeper. ((\_ (hd . tl) literals match-value fail-value success-expr) (cond ((eq? match-value fail-value) fail-value) ((exists-in? 'hd 'literals) (if (eq? (maybe-car match-value fail-value) 'hd) (match-pattern tl literals (maybe-cdr match-value fail-value) fail-value success-expr) fail-value)) (let ((hd (maybe-car match-value fail-value))) (if (eq? hd fail-value) (match-pattern tl literals (maybe-cdr match-value fail-value) ;; The pattern doesn't have to be a list. If it's not, it'll be bound to the ;; whole match-value. Control can also reach here if the non-list pattern ;; is in the cdr position of a larger pattern. ((\_ non-list literals match-value fail-value success-expr) (cond ((eq? match-value fail-value) fail-value) ((exists-in? 'non-list 'literals) (if (eq? 'non-list match-value) success-expr fail-value)) (else (let ((non-list match-value)) success-expr))))))