Easy Automation

- use Left handles

  - every "statement" begins with a unique character

  - ugly to read (human)

  - easy to parse (automatically)

  - early BASIC used this principle

    - e.g. assignment begins with `LET` instead of an identifier — parser can easily tell "what is coming"

  - easy to eye-ball and debug

  - can replace with more human-readable syntax later, after it works

    - but, why bother?

    - transform from human-readable syntax to machine-readable syntax and leave it in machine-readable form for future automation

Glue Tool Syntax

- semantic spec is *name [parameters] = {{ preamble }} [[output-spec]]*

- most *Glue* specs contain only [[…]] output specs (preamble is less often used)