# **Synopsis**

This document contains the authoritative language description of Modula-2 R10, a modern revision of classic Modula-2, undertaken by B. Kowarsch and R. Sutcliffe in 2009 and 2010. Primary design goals were type safety, utmost readability and consistency, and suitability as a core language for domain specific supersets. Targeted areas of application are reliable systems implementation, engineering and mathematics. A particular strength of the design is a set of facilities to make library defined abstract data types practically indistinguishable from built-in types and thereby eliminate one of the primary causes of feature growth. R10 is a shorthand for "Revision 2010".

A first public working draft of this document was published in 2010. Pragmas were finalised in 2011 and 2012. Design work on Phase I of the language definition is now complete. A general programming part will still be added to prepare for publishing the language report in book format.

#### **Abbreviations**

ADT	Abstract Data Type	<b>EBNF</b>	Extended Backus-Naur Formalism
API	Application Programming Interface	SXF	Scalar Exchange Format
ASCII	ISO464-US 7-bit character set	UCS	Unicode Character Set
BCD	Binary Coded Decimals	UTF8	UCS Transformation Format 8-bit
BOM	Byte Order Mark	VLA	Variable Length Array

## **Syntax Notation**

The notation used to describe syntax in this document is based on the EBNF notation used by the lexer and parser generator ANTLR, available from <a href="http://www.antlr.org">http://www.antlr.org</a>:

- names that start with a capital letter represent terminal symbols
- names that start with a lowercase letter represent non-terminal symbols
- single and double quotes are used to delimit literals
- parentheses are used to group syntactic entities
- the vertical bar is used to separate alternatives
- a preceding tilde is used to denote logical not
- a trailing question mark is used to denote zero or one occurrence
- a trailing plus sign is used to denote one or more occurrences
- a trailing asterisk is used to denote zero or more occurrences
- a colon is used between a production rule's name and its body
- a semicolon is used to terminate a production rule

### Work Items for Phase I

- editorial review and proofreading (ongoing)
- add general programming part, foreword and index prior to publishing

#### Work Items for Phase II

- add optional pragma PRIORITY for module priority
- definition and description of the COROUTINE pseudo-module
- definition and description of a new ACTOR library or pseudo-module for actor based concurrency
- explore the practicality of adding a pragma to disable language features in order to increase safety

## **Reference Compiler**

Initial work on an open source reference compiler for M2 R10 was undertaken in 2010 but had been paused in order to focus on finalising the language specification first. With the editorial review of the language specification near completion, a preliminary compiler roadmap has been published in early 2013 and work on the compiler has since resumed.

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# 0 Glossary of Terms

## 0.1 Abstract Data Type

An abstract data type, or ADT, is a type whose internal structure and semantics are hidden from the user of the type and has its semantics defined by the library module that provides the ADT.

# 0.2 ADT Library Module

A library module that defines an abstract data type with the same name as its own module identifier is called an ADT library module. Such a module follows the *module-as-a-type* paradigm.

## 0.3 Auto-Casting, Auto-Casting Parameter

The property of a formal parameter<sup>1</sup> to accept any constant or variable of any data-type and to cast a passed-in actual parameter to the data type of the formal parameter is called auto-casting<sup>2</sup>. Such a parameter is called an auto-casting formal parameter. In Modula-2 auto-casting formal parameters are always open array parameters.

## 0.4 Binding

Binding is the attachment of attributes to a syntactic entity. While most bindings are language defined and immutable, Modula-2 R10 provides three kinds of bindings that are user-definable.

# 0.4.1 Binding to Built-in Syntax

A library that implements an abstract data type may define a procedure and bind it to built-in syntax that would otherwise only be available in association with built-in types. The bound-to syntax may then be used with the abstract data type in the same manner as built-in types.

# 0.4.2 Binding to an Operator

A library that implements an abstract data type may define a procedure and bind it to an operator. The bound-to operator may then be used with the abstract data type in the same manner as built-in types.

## 0.4.3 Binding to a Pervasive

A library that implements an abstract data type may define a procedure and bind it to a pervasive procedure. The bound-to pervasive procedure may then be passed parameters of the abstract data type.

## 0.5 Collection Type, Key-Value Pair

A type with a variable number of elements all of which are of the same type is called a collection type. A variable of a collection type is called a collection. The values of a collection are addressable by key and the elements are called key-value pairs.

## 0.6 Compliance

### 0.6.1 Full Compliance

An implementation that fully complies with the language specification in every aspect is classified as a fully compliant implementation. A fully compliant implementation that provides any additional syntax, operators, pervasives, pseudo-modules or language pragmas is classified as a fully compliant superset. Such a superset may be a domain specific superset.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For a definition of formal parameter, see Parameter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Auto-casting semantics were first introduced in classic Modula-2 but without definition of any associated terminology.

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## 0.6.2 Partial Compliance

An implementation that omits any syntax, operators, pervasives, pseudo-modules or language pragmas, but complies with the specification in those parts that it implements is classified as a partially compliant implementation or subset. Such a subset may be a domain specific subset.

## 0.6.3 Non-Compliant Derivative

An implementation that provides any modified syntax, operators, pervasives, pseudo-modules or language pragmas but is otherwise based on the specification is a non-compliant derivative.

## 0.7 Coordinated and Uncoordinated Superset

A compliant language superset whose additional reserved symbols, reserved words, pervasives or language pragmas have been reserved in the language specification for exclusive use by the superset is a coordinated superset. A superset that is not coordinated is an uncoordinated superset.

# 0.8 Indeterminate Record, Indeterminate Field, Discriminant Field

An indeterminate record is a record with an indeterminate field. An indeterminate field is a record field whose size is determined only at runtime. A discriminant field is a record field that holds the size of an indeterminate field.

# 0.9 Module as a Manager, Module as a Type

Under the *module-as-a-manager* paradigm a module provides facilities to create, destroy, inspect and manipulate entities of a data type that is not provided by the module itself. Under the *module-as-a-type* paradigm a module provides both the type itself and the operations defined for the type.

## 0.10 Mutability and Immutability of Variables

A variable is always mutable when referenced from the scope in which it is defined. However, a variable may be immutable within the context of a different scope than that in which it was defined.

# 0.11 Named Type, Anonymous Type

A named type is a type that has a name associated with it and can be identified by its name. The name is its identifier. An anonymous type does not have a name associated with it and can only be identified by its structure.

### 0.12 Open Array, Open Array Parameter

An open array is an array whose size is not specified. An open array parameter is a formal parameter whose formal type is an open array. In a call to a procedure with an open array parameter, any array of the same dimension and base type may be passed-in for the open array parameter.

#### 0.13 Parameter

A parameter is an entity to pass data into and possibly out of a procedure or function.

### 0.13.1 Formal Parameter, Actual Parameter

A parameter defined in the header of a procedure or function is called a formal parameter. A parameter passed in a call to a procedure or function is called an actual parameter. In a type safe language the types of formal and actual parameters are required to match.

#### 0.14 Pervasive, Pervasive Identifier

A constant, a data type or a procedure that is visible by default in any module scope without the need to be imported prior to its use is called a pervasive entity, or in short a pervasive. Its identifier is called a

pervasive identifier. A pervasive identifier is not a reserved word and may therefore be redefined. All pervasives are language defined. A library may not define a pervasive.

## 0.15 Pragma

A pragma is an in-source compiler directive that controls or influences the compilation process but does not alter the meaning of the program text in which it appears.

#### 0.16 Procedure

A procedure is a named sequence of zero or more statements which may be invoked by calling the procedure. Zero or more parameters may be passed in and out of a procedure. There are two kinds.

## 0.16.1 Regular Procedure

A regular<sup>3</sup> procedure is a procedure that does not return a result in its own name.

#### 0.16.2 Function Procedure

A function procedure is a procedure that returns a result in its own name.

## 0.16.3 Procedure Signature

The order, types and attributes of the formal parameters of a procedure as well as its return type are collectively called the procedure's signature. The signature of a procedure determines the compatibility of actual and formal parameters when the procedure is called. The signature of a procedure further determines whether the procedure is compatible with a given procedure type.

## 0.16.4 Function Signature

The signature of a function procedure is also referred to as a function signature.

# 0.17 Pseudo Entity

A pseudo entity is a built-in syntactic entity that has special properties different from those of the corresponding regular entities. There are three kinds.

### 0.17.1 Pseudo-Module

A pseudo-module is a module that acts and looks like a library module but is built into the language because the facilities it provides would be difficult or impossible to implement outside of the compiler. Pseudo-modules may not be modified.

#### 0.17.2 Pseudo-Procedure

A pseudo-procedure is a built-in intrinsic that acts and looks like a procedure but cannot be passed as a procedure type parameter or assigned to a procedure type variable.

### 0.17.3 Pseudo-Type

A pseudo-type is a built-in type whose use is restricted to a specific use case or a limited number of specific use cases, such as use as a formal type in a formal parameter list.

#### 0.18 Type Equivalence

A regime that determines the equivalence of types is called type equivalence.

### 0.18.1 Name Equivalence

Under name equivalence, a type is considered equivalent to another if their type identifiers match.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In classic Modula-2 terminology, regular procedures are called proper procedures.

## 0.18.1.1 Loose Name Equivalence

Under loose name equivalence it is not possible to distinguish between intended and unintended alias types. An alias of a type is always considered equivalent to its aliased type.

## 0.18.1.2 Strict Name Equivalence

Under strict name equivalence it is either possible to distinguish between intended and unintended alias types or all alias types are not considered equivalent to their aliased type. If intended and unintended alias types are distinguished, then intended alias types are considered equivalent to their aliased type and unintended alias types are not. Strict name equivalence is the safest of all type regimes.

## 0.18.2 Structural Equivalence

Under structural equivalence, any two types are always considered equivalent if their structures match.

## 0.18.2.1 Branded Structural Equivalence

Under branded structural equivalence a type may be specifically declared not to be equivalent to any other type. Such a type is called a branded type. It is the most flexible of all type regimes.

# 0.19 Type Transfer

A type transfer is the transfer of a value from one type to another type. There are two kinds:

## **0.19.1 Type Cast**

A type cast is a type transfer in which the bit representation of a value is not modified but simply reinterpreted as that of another type. The result of a type cast may or may not correspond to the original value or any approximation thereof. A type cast should therefore be regarded as unsafe.

# 0.19.2 Type Conversion

A type conversion is a type transfer by which the bit representation of a value is modified or replaced if necessary in order to obtain the equivalent value that corresponds to the original value or an approximationapproximation thereof in another type. The safety of a type conversion is guaranteed by its implementation.

### 0.20 Unsafe, Non-Portable

A feature is unsafe if the language cannot guarantee that a program using the feature will function properly *regardless* of the runtime environment and target architecture. A feature is non-portable if the language cannot guarantee that a program using the feature will function properly *depending* on the runtime environment and target architecture.

## 0.21 Variadic Procedure, Variadic Parameter

A variadic procedure is a procedure that can accept a variable number of parameters. A variadic parameter is a formal parameter for which a variable number of actual parameters may be passed-in.

#### 0.22 Wirthian Macro

A Wirthian macro is a language defined lexical macro that acts and looks like a procedure where an invocation of the macro is replaced by a call to a library defined procedure. The list of parameters passed in the invocation does not necessarily match the list of parameters passed in the procedure call that replaces it. One or more parameters may be automatically substituted or inserted.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The semantics of Wirthian macros first appeared with the introduction of NEW and DISPOSE in classic Modula-2 but without definition of any associated terminology. The authors chose this term in honour of Niklaus Wirth.

## 1 Lexical Entities

#### 1.1 Character Sets

By default only the printable characters of the 7-bit ASCII character set, whitespace, tabulator and newline are legal within Modula-2 source text. Unicode characters may be permitted within quoted literals and comments, subject to recognition and verification of the encoding scheme used.

## 1.2 Special Symbols

Special symbols are non-alphanumeric characters or sequences of two non-alphanumeric characters that have special meaning in the language.

## **List of Special Symbols**

- # not-equal operator
- \* multiplication and set intersection operator
- + addition and set union operator
- ++ suffix for increment statement
- , punctuation, used as a separator in item lists
- subtraction and set difference operator
- -- suffix for decrement statement
- punctuation, used as a separator, decimal point and module terminator
- range constructor
- / division and symmetric set difference operator
- : punctuation, used as a separator between identifiers and formal types
- :: type conversion operator
- **:**= assignment operator
- ; punctuation, used as a separator in statement sequences
- < less-than and true-subset relational operator
- less-than-or-equal and subset relational operator
- = equal operator
- > greater-than and true-superset relational operator
- >= greater-than-or-equal and superset relational operator
- pointer dereferencing operator
- punctuation, used as a case label prefix
  - ' single quote, used as a string delimiter
  - " double quote, used as a string delimiter
  - \ escape symbol within quoted literals
  - brackets, used as index operator and to delimit special syntax
  - parentheses, used to group expressions and to delimit argument lists
  - { } braces, used to delimit structured values
  - ! pseudo-operator used to define storage mutator binding
  - pseudo-operator used to define removal mutator binding
  - ? pseudo-operator used to define retrieval accessor binding
  - <\* \*> opening and closing delimiters for pragmas
  - ? pragma value query prefix within console message pragmas
  - // prefix for single-line comment
  - (\* \*) opening and closing delimiters for multi-line comments

### 1.3 Literals

There are three types of literals:

- numeric literals
- string literals
- structured literals

#### 1.3.1 Numeric literals

There are four types of numeric literals

- decimal number literals
- base-2 number literals
- base-16 number literals
- character code literals

#### 1.3.1.1 Decimal Number Literals

Decimal number literals represent decimal whole and real numbers. They are comprised of a mandatory integral part followed by an optional fractional part followed by an optional exponent. Integral and fractional part are separated by a decimal point. Fractional part and exponent are separated by the exponent prefix e followed by an optional sign. Integral part, fractional part and exponent are comprised of a non-empty sequence of decimal digits. Digits may be grouped using the single quote as a digit separator. A digit separator may only appear in between two digits.

```
EBNF:
DecimalNumber : DigitSeq ( "." DigitSeq ( "e" ( "+" | "-" )? DigitSeq )? )?
DigitSeq : Digit+ ( DigitSeparator Digit+ )*;
Digit : "0" | "1" | "2" | "3" | "4" | "5" | "6" | "7" | "8" | "9";
DigitSeparator : "'";
```

```
Examples:

0, 42, 12300, 32767 (* whole numbers *)

0.0, 3.1415, 7.531e+12 (* real numbers *)

1'234'500'000, 0.987'654'321e+99 (* with digit separators *)
```

### 1.3.1.2 Base-2 Number Literals

Base-2 number literals represent whole numbers. They are comprised of base-2 number prefix 0b followed by a non-empty sequence of base-2 digits. Digits may be grouped using the single quote as a digit separator. A digit separator may only appear in between two digits.

```
EBNF:
Base2Number : "0b" Base2Digit+ ( DigitSeparator Base2Digit+ )*;
Base2Digit : "0" | "1";
DigitSeparator : "'";
```

```
Examples:
    0b0110 (* without digit separator *)
    0b1111'0000'0101'0011 (* with digit separators *)
```

#### 1.3.1.3 Base-16 Number Literals

Base-16 number literals represent whole numbers. They are comprised of base-16 number prefix 0x followed by a non-empty sequence of base-16 digits. Digits may be grouped using the single quote as a digit separator. A digit separator may only appear in between two digits.

```
EBNF:
Base16Number: "0x" Base16Digit+ ( DigitSeparator Base16Digit+ )*;
Base16Digit : Digit | "A" | "B" | "C" | "D" | "E" | "F" ;
Digit: "0" | "1" | "2" | "3" | "4" | "5" | "6" | "7" | "8" | "9";
DigitSeparator : "'" ;
```

```
Examples:
0x80, 0xFF, 0xCAFED00D (* without digit separator *)
0x00'00'FF'FF, 0xDEAD'BEEF (* with digit separators *)
```

#### 1.3.1.4 Character Code Literals

Character code literals represent Unicode code points. They are comprised of Unicode prefix ou followed by a non-empty sequence of base-16 digits. Digits may be grouped using the single quote as a digit separator. A digit separator may only appear in between two digits.

```
EBNF:
CharCodeLiteral: "Ou" Base16Digit+ ( DigitSeparator Base16Digit+ )*;
Base16Digit : Digit | "A" | "B" | "C" | "D" | "E" | "F" ;
Digit: "0" | "1" | "2" | "3" | "4" | "5" | "6" | "7" | "8" | "9";
DigitSeparator : "'" ;
```

```
Examples:
0u7F (* DEL *)
0uA9 (* copyright *)
0u20'AC (* Euro sign *)
```

#### 1.3.2 String Literals

I String literals are sequences of quotable characters and optional escape sequences, enclosed in single quotes or double quotes. String literals may not contain any control code character.

```
EBNF:
String: "'" ( Character | '"' )* "'" | '"' ( Character | "'" )* '"';
Character : Digit | Letter | EscapedCharacter
                "!" | "#" | "$" | "%" | "&"
"-" | "." | "/" | ":" | ";"
                                          "("
           Digit: "0" .. "9";
Letter: "A" .. "Z" | "a" .. "z";
EscapedCharacter : "\" ( "n" | "t" | "\" ) ;
```

```
Examples:
"it's nine o'clock"
'he said "Modula-2" and smiled'
"this is the end of the line\n"
```

#### 1.3.3 Structured Literals

Structured literals are compound values consisting of zero or more terminal symbols, enclosed in braces. Structured literals may be nested.

```
EBNF:
structuredValue:
    "{" ( valueComponent ( ", " valueComponent )* )? "}" ;
valueComponent:
    expression ( ( BY | ".." ) constExpression )? ;
```

```
Examples:
{ 1, 2, 3 }
{ "a", "b", "c" }
{ 42, 3.1415926, "abc" }
{ { 1, 2, 3 }, { "a", "b", "c" }, 42 }
{ 1 .. 5 } (* equivalent to { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 } *)
{ 0 BY 5 } (* equivalent to { 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 } *)
```

#### 1.4 Reserved Words

Reserved words are symbols that consist of a sequence of all-uppercase letters, are visible in any scope, have special meaning in the language and may not be redefined. There are 45 reserved words:

```
List of Reserved Words:
ALIAS
                DEFINITION
                                FROM
                                                ПОТ
                                                                 RETURN
AND
               DESCENDING
                                ΙF
                                                OF
                                                                 SET
                                IMPLEMENTATION OPAQUE
ARRAY
               DIV
                                                                 THEN
ASSOCIATIVE
              DO
                                IMPORT
                                                OR
                                                                 TО
BEGIN
               ELSE
                                                PLACEHOLDERS
                                                                 TYPE
BLUEPRINT
              ELSIF
                                INDETERMINATE POINTER
                                                                 UNTIL
               END
                                LOOP
                                               PROCEDURE
BY
                                                                 VAR
CASE
                EXIT
                                MOD
                                                RECORD
                                                                 VARIADIC
CONST
                FOR
                                MODULE
                                                REPEAT
                                                                 WHILE
```

#### 1.5 Identifiers

Identifiers are names for syntactic entities in a program. They start with a letter, low-line or dollar sign, followed by any number and combination of letters, low-lines, dollar signs and digits.

```
EBNF:
Ident : ( "_" | "$" | Letter ) ( "_" | "$" | Letter | Digit )*;
```

The use of the low-line and dollar sign within identifiers is permitted in support of environments and platforms where they are an integral part of the naming convention, for instance when writing components for or mapping to operating system APIs that use them. Identifiers without any letter nor any digit may conflict with symbols reserved for use by external source code processors. It is therefore highly recommended for implementations to emit a compile-time warning whenever such an identifier is encountered. It is also permissible to emit a compile-time error instead of a warning.

```
Examples:
(* Modula-2 style *) Foo, setBar, getBaz, Str80, Matrix8x4, FOOBAR
(* Foreign API styles *) _foo, __bar, __baz__, foo_bar_123, $foo, SYS$FOO
```

There are two categories of identifiers:

- · reserved identifiers
- · user-definable identifiers

#### 1.5.1 Reserved Identifiers

Reserved identifiers are predefined identifiers that may not be redefined. Reserved are:

- all pervasive identifiers
- all module identifiers of pseudo-modules
- any non-pervasive identifiers in pseudo-modules connected to core language semantics

#### 1.5.1.1 Reserved Pervasive Identifiers

```
NIL, TRUE, FALSE, BOOLEAN, OCTET, CHAR, UNICHAR, BITSET, LONGBITSET, CARDINAL, LONGCARD, INTEGER, LONGINT, REAL, LONGREAL, NEW, DISPOSE, RETAIN, RELEASE, READ, WRITE, WRITEF, ABS, NEG, ODD, SUCC, PRED, ORD, CHR, COUNT, LENGTH, SIZE, NEXTV, TMIN, TMAX, TSIZE, TLIMIT
```

#### 1.5.1.2 Reserved Module Identifiers

```
ATOMIC, CONVERSION, COMPILER, RUNTIME, UNSAFE, COROUTINE, ACTOR, ASSEMBLER
```

#### 1.5.1.3 Other Reserved Identifiers

```
TSIG, TEXP, SXF, VAL, MIN, MAX, EXP2, ADDRESS, BYTE, WORD, ADR, CAST, BAIL, HALT, FFIVARARGCOUNT, FFIVARARGLIST
```

#### 1.5.2 User-definable Identifiers

Identifiers that do not coincide with reserved words or reserved identifiers may be defined or redefined in any scope of a program or library module.

#### 1.6 Non-Semantic Symbols

Non-semantic symbols are symbols that do not impact the meaning of a program. They may occur anywhere in a program before or after semantic symbols but not within them. There are three types:

- pragmas
- · comments
- lexical separators

#### 1.6.1 Pragmas

Pragmas are directives to control or influence the compilation process but they do not change the meaning of the program text. Pragmas consist of an opening pragma delimiter <\*, a pragma body and a closing pragma delimiter \*>. The pragma body consists of a pragma word optionally followed by a sequence of symbols and further pragma words. A pragma word consists of a letter followed by any number of letters and digits.

```
EBNF:
pragma : "<*" pragmaWord ( pragmaWord | otherSymbol )* "*>";
pragmaWord : Letter ( Letter | Digit )*;
```

There are two types of pragmas:

- language defined pragmas
- implementation defined pragmas

#### 1.6.1.1 Language Defined Pragmas

Language defined pragmas use all-uppercase words as pragma symbols. The symbol names of language defined pragmas are reserved.

List of Langua	ge Defined Pragma Wo	rds:		
ADDR	ENCODING	FROM	NOINLINE	TYPE
ALIGN	ERROR	IF	PADBITS	VOLATILE
ELSE	FATAL	INFO	PURITY	WARN
ELSIF	FFI	INLINE	REG	
ENDIF	FORWARD	MSG	SINGLEASSIGN	

## 1.6.1.2 Implementation Defined Pragmas

Any implementation may define its own set of pragmas, specific to the compiler. Implementation defined pragmas are therefore not-portable between different implementations. The symbol names of implementation defined pragmas are not reserved and may not be all-uppercase.

```
Examples:
     <* BoundsChecking = FALSE *>
     <* UnrollLoops = TRUE *>
```

Implementation defined pragmas are ignored by implementations that do not support them. A compile time warning is emitted when an unrecognised pragma is encountered. However, a compiler option may be provided to suppress such warnings.

#### 1.6.2 Comments

Comments are ignored by the compiler but intended for a human reader. There are two types of comments:

- single-line comments
- multi-line comments

## 1.6.2.1 Single-Line Comments

Single-line comments start with a double-slash symbol and are terminated by an end-of-line marker.

```
EBNF:
SingleLineComment : "//" ~( EndOfLine )* EndOfLine ;
EndOfLine : LF | CR LF? ;
```

They are intended for copyright and license information and for in-source module documentation.

The prefix for single-line comments has been chosen to make them visually stand out from source code annotations and they are therefore not intended for annotating source code.

```
Example:

// -----
// Procedure Increment( x )

// Procedure Increment increments its integer operand x by one.

// Procedure Increment x must be smaller than TMAX(INTEGER).

// pre-conditions: operand x must be smaller than TMAX(INTEGER).

// post-conditions: the new value of x is the previous value of x + 1.

// error-conditions: if x = TMAX(INTEGER) a runtime overflow error occurs.

PROCEDURE Increment ( VAR x : INTEGER );
```

#### 1.6.2.2 Multi-Line Comments

Multi-line comments are delimited by opening and closing comment delimiters.

```
EBNF:
MultiLineComment : "(*" ( ~( "*)" )* MultiLineComment? )* "*)";
```

Multi-line comments are intended for annotating source code. They may be nested but in order to ensure the portability of source code, a language defined nesting limit of ten including the outermost comment is imposed. A compile time error shall occur if this limit is exceeded.

```
Examples:
IF (* no match found *) this^.successor = NIL THEN
(* This is a comment (* and a comment within *) *)
```

## 1.6.3 Lexical Separators

Lexical separators terminate a numeric literal, an identifier, a reserved word or a pragma symbol.

```
EBNF:
LexicalSeparator : " " | TAB | EndOfLine ;
EndOfLine : LF | CR LF? ;
```

#### 1.7 Control Codes

The following control codes may appear within Modula-2 source text but not within string literals:

- • TAB denoting horizontal tab code 0u9
- LF denoting line feed code OuA
- CR denoting carriage return code OuD
- UTF8 BOM denoting code sequence OuEF, OuBB, OuBF, permitted only at the very beginning of a source file

Any other control codes within Modula-2 source text are illegal and shall result in a compile time error. Any control code within a string literal is illegal and shall result in a compile time error.

Implementations that support encoding schemes other than UTF8 may allow other BOMs to appear at the very beginning of a source file in order to identify the respective encoding and byte order. However, support for additional encoding schemes is implementation defined and constitutes a non-portable language extension. An unsupported BOM shall result in a compile time error.

## 1.8 Symbols Reserved for Language Extensions and External Utilities

Although not part of the language, certain symbols are reserved for exclusive use by language extensions and external source code processing utilities.

## 1.8.1 Symbols Reserved for Use by Coordinated Language Supersets

A coordinated language superset is a compliant language superset for whose exclusive use certain symbols are reserved. The reserved symbols of coordinated language supersets are listed below:

Superset	Symbols Reserved for Exclusive Use by Superset					
Objective Modula-2	Special Symbols	` @				
	Reserved Words	BYCOPY BYREF CLASS CONTINUE CRITICAL INOUT METHOD ON OPTIONAL OUT PRIVATE PROTECTED PROTOCOL PUBLIC TRY				
	Reserved Pervasives	NO OBJECT YES				
	Reserved Pragmas	ACTION FRAMEWORK OUTLET QUALIFIED				
Parallel Reserved Words		ALL PARALLEL SYNC				
	Reserved Pragmas	LOCAL SPREAD CYCLE SBLOCK CBLOCK				
Single-Pass Compilers	Reserved Pragmas	FORWARD				

### 1.8.2 Symbols Reserved for Use by Uncoordinated Language Supersets

An uncoordinated language superset is a superset for which no particular symbols are reserved in the language specification. An uncoordinated superset may define any additional pervasive identifiers, reserved words and language pragmas as long as they start with a single ampersand character &.

```
Examples:
&ON &OFF &TRY &CATCH (* pervasives and reserved words *)
<* &OPT *> <* &PURE *> (* language pragmas *)
```

#### 1.8.3 Symbols Reserved for Use by External Source Code Processors

To assist external source code processing prior to compilation, certain symbols are reserved for exclusive use by external source code processing utilities.

Utility	Symbols Reserved for Exclusive Use by Utility									
Modula-2 Template Engine	%	% %	% (	) %	%[	]%	% {	}%	/*	*/
Character Set Transliterators	!!	??								

### 1.8.4 Symbols Reserved for Other Uses

Identifiers COROUTINE and ACTOR, and pragma symbol PRIORITY are reserved for Phase II. Symbols comprised of only low-lines or dollar signs or a combination thereof are reserved for possible future use by external source code processors. The ! symbol is reserved for qualified identifier name mangling.

#### 1.9 Lexical Parameters

## 1.9.1 Length of Literals

The minimum lengths of literals a conforming implementation shall support are:

- for string literals, 160 characters
- for character code literals, 8 characters
- for whole number literals, 24 characters
- for real number literals, 64 characters

The fractional part of a real number literal may be truncated. If it is truncated a compile time warning shall be emitted. However, a compiler option may be provided to suppress such warnings.

If a string literal, a character code literal, a whole number literal or the significand or exponent of a real number literal is longer than an implementation is able to process, a compile time error occurs.

## 1.9.2 Length of Identifiers and Pragma Symbols

The minimum lengths of identifiers and pragma symbols an implementation shall support are:

- for identifiers, 32 characters
- for pragma symbols, 32 characters

If an identifier or a pragma symbol name exceeds the maximum length supported by the implementation it may be truncated to the maximum supported length. If it is truncated a compile time warning shall be emitted. However, a compiler option may be provided to suppress such warnings.

# 1.9.3 Length of Comments

An implementation that generates source code of another language may choose to preserve comments by copying them into the output. In this case, the implementation may limit the length of comments copied into the output. The minimum lengths of comments to be fully preserved that such an implementation shall support are:

- for single line comments, 250 characters
- for multi-line comments, 2000 characters

If a comment to be preserved exceeds the maximum length supported by the implementation it may be truncated to the maximum supported length. If it is truncated, a compile time warning shall be emitted. However, a compiler option may be provided to suppress such warnings.

Furthermore, if a nested multi-line comment is truncated, an implementation shall insert all closing comment delimiters that have been lost as a result of truncation.

### 1.9.4 Line and Column Counters

An implementation may limit the capacity of its internal line and column counters. The minimum values a conforming implementation shall support are:

- for the line counter, 65000
- for the column counter, 250

In the event that a source file being processed exceeds the supported counter limits an implementation may either continue or abort compilation. A compile time warning shall be emitted if the implementation continues. A fatal compile time error shall be emitted if the implementation aborts.

#### 1.9.5 Lexical Parameter Constants

Actual lexical parameters shall be provided as constants in standard library module LexParams.

# **2 Compilation Units**

A compilation unit is a sequence of source code that can be independently compiled. There are four types of compilation units:

- a program module
- the definition part of a library module
- the implementation part of a library module
- a blueprint definition

```
EBNF:
compilationUnit :
    IMPLEMENTATION? programModule | definitionOfModule | blueprint;
```

A Modula-2 program consists of exactly one program module and zero or more library modules and blueprint definitions.

## 2.1 Program Modules

A program module represents the topmost level of a Modula-2 program. It may import any number of identifiers from any number of library modules but does not itself export any identifiers.

```
EBNF:
programModule :
    MODULE moduleIdent ";"
    importList* block moduleIdent ".";
moduleIdent : Ident;
```

```
Example:
MODULE HelloWorld;
IMPORT PervasiveIO;
BEGIN
  WRITE("Hello World\n")
END HelloWorld.
```

# 2.2 Definition Part of Library Modules

The definition part of a library module represents the public interface of the library module. Any identifier defined in the definition part is automatically available for import by other modules.

```
EBNF:
definitionOfModule :
    DEFINITION MODULE moduleIdent ( "["conformedToBlueprint"]" )? ";"
    importList* definition*
    END moduleIdent ".";
```

```
Example:

DEFINITION MODULE Counting;

PROCEDURE LetterCount( str : ARRAY OF CHAR ) : CARDINAL;

PROCEDURE DigitCount( str : ARRAY OF CHAR ) : CARDINAL;

END HelloWorld.
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The definition part of a library module may also be referred to as the interface or interface part of the library module.

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## 2.3 Implementation Part of Library Modules

The implementation part of a library module represents the implementation of the library module. Any identifier defined in the corresponding definition part is automatically available in the implementation part. Any identifier defined in the implementation part is not available outside the implementation part.

```
EBNF:
implementationOfModule :
    IMPLEMENTATION programModule ;
```

## 2.2 Blueprint Definitions

A blueprint definition represents a common set of requirements that a library module may be declared to conform to. Declaration of conformance to a blueprint is mandatory for ADTs that bind constants or procedures to built-in syntax. The blueprint determines how the ADT shall be declared, what literals shall be compatible, and what bindings to operators and built-in procedures it shall provide.

```
EBNF:
contract:
   BLUEPRINT blueprintIdent"[" conformedToBlueprint"]" ";"
   ( PLACEHOLDERS identList ";" )?
   requiredTypeDeclaration ";"
    ( requiredBinding ";" )*
   END blueprintIdent".";
blueprintIdent: Ident ;
conformedToBlueprint : blueprintIdent;
requiredTypeDefinition :
   TYPE "=" permittedTypeDefinition ( "|" permittedTypeDefinition )*
    ( ":=" protoLiteral ( " | " protoLiteral )* )?;
permittedTypeDefinition :
   RECORD | OPAQUE RECORD? ;
protoLiteral :
   simpleProtoliteral | structuredProtoliteral;
simpleProtoliteral : Ident ;
structuredProtoliteral:
   "{" ( VARIADIC OF simpleProtoliteral ( "," simpleProtoliteral )* |
         structuredProtoliteral ( "," structuredProtoliteral )+ ) "}";
requiredBinding : procedureHeader ;
```

```
Example:
BLUEPRINT ProtoComplex; (* complex numbers *)
TYPE = OPAQUE RECORD := { REAL, REAL };
PROCEDURE [+] add ( a, b : CTYPE ) : CTYPE; (* require binding to + *)
PROCEDURE [-] sub ( a, b : CTYPE ) : CTYPE; (* require binding to - *)
```

#### 2.5 Module Initialisation

The body of the implementation part of a library module is the library's initialisation procedure. It is automatically executed by the Modula-2 runtime environment when a Modula-2 program is run.

The order in which modules are initialised is language defined and depends on the module dependency graph. During compilation a module dependency graph is built and the initialisation order is determined by depth-first traversal order of the dependency graph whereby initialisation takes place for each node from bottom to top on the way back up. However because of module interdependencies among library modules that may not be visible to a programmer making use of these, and because the order in which items are imported may affect the initialization sequence, a program that depends on a particular initialisation order for its meaning is wrong.

#### 2.6 Module Termination

Module termination is not a core language feature but it is a facility provided by a standard library module. Module Termination provides an API for client modules that require termination to install their own termination handlers onto the library's termination handler stack.

Module Termination installs its own wind-down procedure in the runtime environment during module initialisation. The wind-down procedure then calls the installed termination handlers in reverse order when the program is about to be terminated.

# 3 Import of Identifiers

Identifiers defined in the interface of a library module may be imported by other modules using an import directive. There are two types of import:

- qualified import
- · unqualified import

```
EBNF:
importList :
    IMPORT moduleIdent "+"? ( "," moduleIdent "+"? )* |
    FROM moduleIdent IMPORT ( identList | "*" ) ";"
```

## 3.1 Qualified Import

When an identifier is imported by qualified import, it must be qualified with the exporting module's module name when it is referenced in the importing module. This avoids name conflicts when importing identically named identifiers from different modules.

```
Example:
IMPORT FileIO; (* qualified import of module FileIO *)
VAR status: FileIO.Status; (* qualified identifier of Status *)
```

## 3.1.1 Import Aggregation

A module imported by qualified import may be automatically re-exported to any importing client module. Modules to be re-exported in this way are marked with a plus sign after their identifiers.

A module that imports other modules for the sole purpose of re-export is called an import aggregator. This facility is useful for importing an entire library collection with a single import statement.

```
Example:
DEFINITION MODULE FooBarBaz;
IMPORT Foo+, Bar+, Baz+; (* import Foo, Bar and Baz into importing module *)
END FooBarBaz.
MODULE ImportAggregate;
IMPORT FooBarBaz; (* equivalent to: IMPORT Foo, Bar, Baz; *)
```

## 3.1.2 Importing Modules as Types

If the interface of a module defines a type that has the same name as the module then the type is referenced unqualified. This facility is useful in the construction of abstract data types as library modules.

```
Example:
DEFINITION MODULE Colour;
TYPE Colour = ( red, green, blue );
(* public interface *)
END Colour.
IMPORT Colour; (* import module Colour *)
VAR colour: Colour; (* type referenced as Colour instead of Colour.Colour *)
```

When an identifier is imported by unqualified import, it is made available in the importing module as is. When importing identically named identifiers from different modules in this way, the name conflict shall cause a compile time error. This facility should therefore be used with caution.

As a general guideline unqualified import should be avoided. However, its use may be justifiable when using certain uppercase identifiers of pseudo-modules as it can reduce clutter and improve readability. Furthermore, uppercase identifiers are less likely to clash with user-defined identifiers.

```
Example:
FROM COMPILER IMPORT MIN, MAX, HASH; (* unqualified import *)
CONST Start = MIN( foo, bar, baz ); (* MIN instead of COMPILER.MIN *)
CONST BufSize = MAX( x, y, z ); (* MAX instead of COMPILER.MAX *)
CONST Fooldent = HASH("Foo"); (* HASH instead of COMPILER.HASH *)
```

## 3.2.1 Wildcard Import

An unqualified import directive may import all available identifiers of a library module by using an asterisk as a wildcard. This facility should be used with the utmost caution because it increases the likelihood of name conflicts. However, its use is recommended with pseudo-module ASSEMBLER.

```
Example:
    (* import all identifiers from module ASSEMBLER *)
    FROM ASSEMBLER IMPORT *;
    (* then use unqualified ... *)
    CODE ( mov, eax, 0x80000 );
    (* instead of qualified, which would cause clutter ... *)
    ASSEMBLER.CODE ( ASSEMBLER.mov, ASSEMBLER.eax, 0x80000 );
```

## 3.3 Repeat Import

### 3.3.1 Qualified Import of an Already Imported Module

Qualified import of a module that has already been imported by qualified import is permissible. However, all imports but the first import are redundant and shall be ignored.

## 3.3.2 Unqualified Import of an Already Imported Identifier

Unqualified import of an identifier that has already been imported unqualified from the same module is permissible. However, all imports but the first import are redundant and shall be ignored.

## 3.3.3 Qualified and Unqualified Import of an Identifier

Unqualified import of an identifier that is also imported qualified in the same scope is permissible. The imported entity may then be referenced both qualified and unqualified.

### 3.3.4 Unqualified Import from an Already Imported ADT Library Module

Unqualified import of the type identifier of an ADT whose library module is also imported qualified in the same scope results in a name conflict and causes a compile-time error. However, unqualified import of any other identifier from an already imported ADT library module is permissible.

# **4 Data Types**

Modula-2 is a strongly typed language. Constants and variables are always associated with a data type. A data type is an abstract property of a constant or variable that determines the storage size and structure, the compatibility with other constants or variables and the operations that are permitted on entities of that type. There are twelve language predefined pervasive data types:

#### Pervasive Types:

```
BOOLEAN, BITSET, LONGBITSET, CHAR, UNICHAR, OCTET, CARDINAL, LONGCARD, INTEGER, LONGINT, REAL, LONGREAL
```

Other types may be defined using built-in type constructor syntax:

Enumeration types, set types, array types, record types, pointer types, procedure types and abstract data types using the opaque type constructor.

Character strings are represented by character arrays or abstract data types.

# 4.1 Type Compatibility

Modula-2 R10 uses strict name equivalence. Two types with different names are incompatible unless they are specifically compatible under ALIAS type or subrange type compatibility rules.

## 4.1.1 Alias Type Compatibility

An alias type is a type that has been defined using the alias of type constructor. An alias type is compatible with its base type. Alias type compatibility is commutative: If a is an alias type of type T, then values of type A are compatible with T and values of type T are compatible with A. Alias type compatibility is also transitive: If A is an alias type of T1 and T1 is an alias type of T2, then type A is also compatible with T2. Moreover, if two types T1 and T2 are alias types of T3, then T1 and T2 are compatible.

# 4.1.2 Subrange Type Compatibility

A subrange type is a derived type that has been defined using the [n..m] OF subrange type constructor. A subrange type is compatible with its base type, but the reverse is not true. That is, if s is a subrange type of type T, or a subrange type of a subrange type of T, then values of type s are compatible upwards with T but values of type T are not compatible downwards with s. Also, if s1 and s2 are both subrange types of type T, then s1 and s2 are not compatible.

### 4.1.3 Compatibility of Literals

Whole number literals are assignment compatible with:

- unsafe types unsafe.byte, unsafe.word and unsafe.address
- pervasive types octet, Cardinal, Longcard, integer and longint
- any subrange type of OCTET, CARDINAL, LONGCARD, INTEGER and LONGINT
- any ADT that conforms to a prototype that permits the use of whole number literals provided the ADT also defines a procedure to bind to the assignment operator

Real number literals are assignment compatible with:

- pervasive types REAL and LONGREAL
- any ADT that conforms to a prototype that permits the use of real number literals provided the ADT defines a procedure to bind to the assignment operator

Character code and string literals are assignment compatible with:

• pervasive types CHAR and UNICHAR

• any ADT that conforms to a prototype that permits the use of character literals provided the ADT defines a procedure to bind to the assignment operator

Structured literals are assignment compatible with:

- types that are structurally equivalent to the structured literal
- any ADT that conforms to a prototype that permits the use of structured literals provided the literal is structurally equivalent to the proto-literal defined by the prototype and further provided the ADT defines a procedure to bind to the assignment operator

# 4.1.4 Assignment Compatibility

The value of an expression e may be assigned to a mutable variable v if any of the following is true:

- both e and v are of the same type
- e is compatible with v under ALIAS type compatibility rules
- e is compatible with v under subrange type compatibility rules
- e is the identifier of a procedure p, v is of a procedure type T and the signatures of p and T match
  - e is a literal that is compatible with v under literal compatibility rules

Regardless of type compatibility, assignment may not be made to an immutable variable.

## 4.1.5 Parameter Passing Compatibility

## 4.1.5.1 Named Type Parameters

The value of an expression e may be passed to a named-type VAR parameter p if:

• e is a mutable variable designator and e is assignment compatible with p

An expression e may be passed to a named-type CONST or value parameter p if:

• e is not a mutable variable designator and e is assignment compatible with the type of p

## 4.1.5.2 Open Array Parameters

The value of an expression e may be passed to an open array VAR parameter p if:

• e is a mutable variable designator, the type of e is an array type, and the base type of e is assignment compatible with the base type of p

The value of an expression e may be passed to an open array CONST or value parameter p if:

• e is not a mutable variable designator, the type of e is an array type, and the base type of e is assignment compatible with the base type of p

### 4.1.5.3 Auto-Casting Open Array Parameters

The value of an expression e may be passed to an open array VAR parameter p if:

• e is a mutable variable designator and the formal type of p is CAST ARRAY OF OCTET, or CAST ARRAY OF UNSAFE.BYTE, or CAST ARRAY OF UNSAFE.WORD

The value of an expression e may be passed to an open array CONST or value parameter p if:

the formal type of p is Cast array of Octet,
 or Cast array of unsafe.byte, or Cast array of unsafe.word

#### 4.1.5.4 Variadic Parameters

A comma separated list of values may be passed to a variadic parameter if:

• the formal variadic parameter is of pseudo-type unsafe.ffivararglist

• the formal variadic parameter is the last parameter of the procedure and the list is structurally equivalent to the formal variadic parameter

A structured literal may be passed to a variadic parameter if:

- the formal variadic parameter is of pseudo-type unsafe.ffivararglist
  - the literal is structurally equivalent to the formal variadic parameter

# 4.2 Type Conversions

A value of type T1 may be converted to an equivalent value of an incompatible type T2 using the type conversion operator if T1 is convertible to T2.

# 4.2.1 Convertibility of Ordinal Types

A value v1 of an ordinal type T1 is convertible to an equivalent value of another ordinal type T2 if T2 has a legal value v2 for which the relation ORD(v1) = ORD(v2) is true.

A value v of an ordinal type T1 is convertible to an equivalent value of a pervasive whole number type T2 if ORD(v) is a legal value of T2.

# 4.2.2 Convertibility of Pervasive Numeric Types

A value v of a pervasive numeric type T1 is convertible to an equivalent value of another pervasive numeric type T2 if v is also a legal value of T2.

A value v1 of a pervasive whole number type is convertible to an equivalent value of an ordinal type T2 if T2 has a legal value v2 for which the relation v1 = ORD(v2) is true.

# 4.2.3 Convertibility of Set Types

A value s of a set type T1 is convertible to an equivalent value of another set type T2 if every element in T1 may also be a legal element of T2.

## 4.2.4 Convertibility of Array Types

A value of an array type T1 is convertible to a value of another array type T2 if T1 and T2 have the same number of components and the base type of T1 is assignment compatible with the base type of T2.

#### 4.2.5 Convertibility of Record Types

A value of a record type T1 is convertible to a value of record type T2 if T1 is an extension of T2. Fields present in T1 that are not present in T2 are lost during conversion.

#### 4.2.6 Convertibility of Pointer Types

A value of a pointer type T1 is convertible to a value of another pointer type T2 if the base type of T1 is assignment compatible with the base type of T2.

## 4.2.7 Convertibility of Procedure Types

A value of a procedure type T1 is convertible to a value of procedure type T2 if types T1 and T2 are structurally equivalent.

#### 4.2.8 Convertibility of Opaque Types

A value v of an opaque type T1 is convertible to an equivalent value of another type T2 if:

• T1 is an ADT that provides a conversion procedure for conversions from type T1 to type T2, the procedure is bound to the conversion operator, and v is a legal value of T2

# 4.2.9 Convertibility of Scalar Types

A type T is convertible to scalar exchange format if:

- T is a pervasive numeric type
- T is an ADT that provides a conversion primitive to scalar exchange format

A type T is convertible from scalar exchange format if:

- T is a pervasive numeric type
- T is an ADT that provides a conversion primitive from scalar exchange format

# 4.2.10 Non-Convertibility of UNSAFE Types

Types provided by pseudo-module UNSAFE are not convertible. No conversion operator bindings may be defined that convert to or from UNSAFE types. To transfer the value of an UNSAFE type to another type, or to transfer a value to an UNSAFE type, the CAST operation must be used.

# 4.3 Semantics of Types

Every data type has an associated set of language defined semantics. These semantics define the interpretation of values, the compatibility of literals and a set of operations. Many data types share a common set of semantics with other data types. A common set of shared semantics is called a prototype. Every data type is thus defined in terms of its prototype.

# 4.3.1 The Semantics of Ordinal Types

Ordinal types are data types with non-numeric ordered values, including a start value that is interpreted as the type's zero-th value. The ordinal value of any n-th value is n for all n. The following operations are defined for ordinal types:

- assignment of literals and expressions (:=)
- type conversion (::)
- smallest value (TMIN)
- largest value (TMAX)
- ordinal value (ORD)
- predecessor value (PRED)
- successor value (succ)

- iteration (FOR value IN ordinal)
- equal (=)
- not-equal (#)
- less (<)
- less-or-equal (<=)
- greater (>)
- greater-or-equal (>=)

Pervasive data types BOOLEAN, CHAR and UNICHAR, and all enumeration types are ordinal types. Literals for type BOOLEAN are TRUE and FALSE, literals for types CHAR and UNICHAR are character code literals and string literals of length one.

## 4.3.2 The Semantics of the Boolean Type

The boolean type is an ordinal type with two values, interpreted as boolean truth values, represented by the pervasive constants TRUE and FALSE, where TRUE > FALSE. Further to the operations defined for ordinal types, three additional operations are defined for the boolean type:

logical-not (NOT)

• logical-or (OR)

logical-and (AND)

Pervasive data type BOOLEAN is the one and only boolean type. No facility exists to define other data types as boolean types.

# 4.3.3 The Semantics of Set Types

Set types are data types that represent mathematical sets with a finite number of elements. The following operations are defined for set types:

```
• assignment of literals and expressions (:=)
                                                  • set difference (-)
• type conversions (::)
                                                  • set intersection (*)
• element capacity (TLIMIT)
                                                  • symmetric set difference (/)
• number of actual elements (COUNT)
                                                  • equal (=)
• membership test (IN)
                                                  • not-equal (#)
• include element (set[element] := TRUE)
                                                  • true subset (<)
• exclude element (set[element] := FALSE)
                                                  • true superset (>)
• iteration (FOR element IN set)
                                                  • subset (<=)
• set union (+)
                                                  • superset (>=)
```

Pervasive data types BITSET and LONGBITSET, and all types defined using the SET OF type constructor are set types.

# 4.3.4 The Semantics of Whole Number Types

Whole number types are data types that represent subranges of the mathematical set of integers (Z), always with a finite number of values. The following operations are defined for whole number types:

```
• assignment of literals and expressions (:=)
                                                    • postfix decrement (--)
• type conversions (::)
                                                    • multiplication (*)
• scalar conversion (SXF, VAL)
                                                    • integer division (DIV)
• smallest value (TMIN)
                                                    • modulo (MOD)
• largest value (TMAX)
                                                    • iteration (FOR value IN type)
                                                    • equal (=)
• absolute value (ABS)
• sign reversal (NEG)
                                                    • not-equal (#)
• odd/even test (ODD)
                                                    • less-than (<)
• addition (+)
                                                    • less-or-equal (<=)
• postfix increment (++)
                                                    • greater-than (>)
• difference (-)
                                                    • greater-or-equal (>=)
```

Pervasive data types octet, Cardinal, Longcard, integer and longint are whole number types.

#### 4.3.5 The Semantics of Real Number Types

Real number types are data types that represent subsets of approximations to the mathematical set of real numbers (R), always with a finite number of values.

The following operations are defined for real number types:

```
• assignment of literals and expressions (:=)
                                                     • postfix decrement (--)
• type conversions (::)
                                                     • multiplication (*)
• scalar conversion (SXF, VAL)
                                                     division (/)
• smallest value (TMIN)
                                                     • equal (=)
• largest value (TMAX)

    not-equal (#)

• absolute value (ABS)
                                                     • less-than (<)
• sign reversal (NEG)
                                                     • less-or-equal (<=)
• addition (+)
                                                     • greater-than (>)
• postfix increment (++)
                                                     • greater-or-equal (>=)
• difference (-)
```

Pervasive data types REAL and LONGREAL are real number types.

# 4.3.6 The Semantics of Array Types

Array types are compound data types whose components are all of the same type. The following operations are defined for array types:

- assignment of structured literals and expressions (:=)
- store component (array[index] := value)
- retrieve component (value := array[index])
- obtain component capacity limit (TLIMIT)
- obtain number of components (COUNT)
- component iteration (FOR index IN array)
- equal (=)
- not-equal (#)

All data types defined using the ARRAY OF type constructor are array types.

# 4.3.7 The Semantics of Character String Types

- Character string types are arrays or ordered collections whose components are character types. The following operations are defined for character string types:
  - assignment of string literals, structured literals and expressions (:=)
  - store component (string[index] := value)
  - retrieve component (value := string[index])
- obtain character capacity limit (TLIMIT)
  - obtain string length (LENGTH)
  - component iteration (FOR char IN string)
  - concatenation (+)
  - equal (=)
  - not-equal (#)

All character string data types defined using the ARRAY OF CHAR and ARRAY OF UNICHAR type constructor are character string types.

# 4.3.8 The Semantics of Collection Types

Collection types are data types that represent containers for an arbitrary number of key-value pairs. The following operations are defined for collection types:

- allocation (NEW)
- deallocation (DISPOSE)
- assignment of entities of the same type (:=)
- store value by key (collection[key] := value)
- retrieve value for key (value := collection[key])
- remove value for key (collection[key] := NIL)
- obtain key/value pair capacity limit (TLIMIT)
- obtain number of key/value pairs (COUNT)
- key is present test (IN)
- iteration by key (FOR key IN collection)
- equal (=)
- not-equal (#)

All data types defined using the ASSOCIATIVE ARRAY OF type constructor are collection types.

## 4.3.9 The Semantics of Record Types

Record types are compound data types whose components are of arbitrary types. The following operations are defined for record types:

- assignment of structured literals and expressions (:=)
- store component (record.component := value)

- retrieve component (value := record.component)
- equal (=)
- not-equal (#)

All data types defined using the RECORD type constructor are record types.

# 4.3.10 The Semantics of Pointer Types

Pointer types are data types that represent references to a storage location. The following operations are defined for pointer types:

- assignment of NIL and expressions (:=)
- allocation (NEW)
- deallocation (DISPOSE)
- dereference (^)
- equal (=)
- not-equal (#)

The invalid pointer value NIL may not be dereferenced. An attempt to do so shall result in a run time error.

All data types defined using the POINTER TO type constructor are pointer types.

# 4.3.11 The Semantics of Procedure Types

Procedure types are special pointer types that reference the storage location of a procedure and store the formal parameters of a procedure prototype. The following operations are defined for procedure types:

- assignment of NIL and expressions (:=)
- procedure call
- equal (=)
- not-equal (#)

All procedure types defined using the PROCEDURE type constructor are procedure types and all procedures and functions are values of a procedure type.

## 4.3.12 The Semantics of Opaque Types

Opaque types are data types whose structure and semantics are only available in the implementation part of the library module that defines the opaque type. Outside the implementation part the following operations are defined:

for opaque pointers:

- allocation (NEW)
- deallocation (DISPOSE)
- assignment (:=) of NIL and entities of the same type only
- equal (=)
- not-equal (#)

for opaque records:

- assignment (:=) of entities of the same type only
- equal (=)
- not-equal (#)

All data types defined using a sole OPAQUE type constructor are opaque pointer types. All data types defined using the OPAQUE RECORD type constructor are opaque record types.

# 4.3.13 The Semantics of UNSAFE Types

Types in module UNSAFE are data types that represent low-level storage units or storage locations. These types do not overflow nor underflow but wrap-around instead. The following operations are defined for UNSAFE types:

- assignment (:=)
- odd/even test (ODD)<sup>1</sup>
- addition (+)
- postfix increment (++)
- difference (-)
- postfix decrement (--)
- equal (=)
- not-equal (#)

Types byte, word, machinebyte, machineword and address in module unsafe are unsafe types.

# 4.4 Library Defined Blueprints

The standard library provides a set of **blueprint** definitions to allow the construction of library defined abstract data types with the same semantics as pervasive types and transparent data types defined using type constructor syntax. To require an ADT to conform to a **blueprint**, the library that defines the ADT must specify the **blueprint** identifier in the module header of its definition part.

In order to ensure the semantic compatibility of library defined types with built-in counterparts as well as the integrity of the standard library itself, all standard library blueprint definitions are immutable and their immutability is compiler enforced. Any attempt to use a standard library blueprint that has been modified shall cause a compilation error.

The standard library provides three kinds of blueprints:

- blueprints to construct numeric ADTs
- blueprints to construct collection ADTs
- blueprints to construct date-time ADTs

## 4.4.1 Blueprints to Construct Numeric ADTs

The standard library provides a hierarchical set of blueprints for the construction of numeric types.

#### 4.4.1.1 Blueprint ProtoNumeric

The standard library provides numeric root blueprint ProtoNumeric for the construction of numeric blueprints. It defines a subset of properties common to all numeric types.

#### 4.4.1.2 Blueprint ProtoScalar

The standard library provides numeric blueprint ProtoScalar derived from ProtoNumeric for the construction of numeric scalar blueprints. It defines a subset of properties common to all numeric scalar types.

# 4.4.1.3 Blueprint ProtoNonScalar

The standard library provides numeric blueprint ProtoNonScalar derived from ProtoNumeric for the construction of non-scalar blueprints. It defines a subset of properties common to all numeric non-scalar types.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For some target architectures odd/even tests on addresses may always return the same result.

## 4.4.1.4 Blueprint ProtoCardinal

The standard library provides derived numeric scalar blueptinr ProtoCardinal for the construction of library-defined unsigned whole number types. For semantic compatibility, its definition matches the semantics of the built-in types CARDINAL and LONGCARD.

## 4.4.1.5 Blueprint ProtoInteger

The standard library provides derived numeric scalar blueprint ProtoInteger for the construction of library-defined signed whole number types. For semantic compatibility, its definition matches the semantics of the built-in types INTEGER and LONGINT.

# 4.4.1.6 Blueprint ProtoReal

The standard library provides derived numeric scalar blueprint ProtoReal for the construction of library-defined real number types. For semantic compatibility, its definition matches the semantics of the built-in types REAL and LONGREAL.

## 4.4.1.7 Blueprint ProtoComplex

The standard library provides derived numeric non-scalar blueprint ProtoComplex for the construction of library-defined complex number types. Its definition is modeled on the mathematical definition of complex numbers.

## 4.4.1.8 Blueprint ProtoVector

The standard library provides derived numeric non-scalar blueprint ProtoVector for the construction of library-defined numeric vector types. Its definition is modeled on the mathematical definition of numeric vectors.

#### 4.4.1.9 Blueprint ProtoTuple

The standard library provides derived numeric non-scalar blueprint ProtoTuple for the construction of library-defined numeric tuple types. Its definition is modeled on the mathematical definition of numeric tuples.

#### 4.4.1.10 Blueprint ProtoRealArray

The standard library provides derived numeric non-scalar blueprint ProtoRealArray for the construction of library-defined numeric array types with real number components.

# 4.4.1.11 Blueprint ProtoComplexArray

The standard library provides derived numeric non-scalar blueprint ProtoComplexArray for the construction of library-defined numeric array types with complex number components.

### 4.4.2 Collection Blueprints

The standard library provides a hierarchical set of blueprints for the construction of collection types.

#### 4.4.2.1 Blueprint ProtoCollection

The standard library provides collection root blueprint ProtoCollection for the construction of collection blueprints. It defines a subset of properties common to all collection types.

# 4.4.2.2 Blueprint ProtoStaticSet

The standard library provides derived collection blueprint ProtoStaticSet for the construction of library-defined static ordered set types. For semantic compatibility, its definition matches the built-in types BITSET and LONGBITSET.

## 4.4.2.3 Blueprint ProtoStaticArray

The standard library provides derived collection **blueprint** ProtoStaticArray for the construction of library-defined static array types. For semantic compatibility, its definition matches the semantics of arrays created with the built-in Array of type constructor.

# 4.4.2.4 Blueprint ProtoStaticString

The standard library provides derived collection blueprint ProtoStaticString for the construction of library-defined static string types. For semantic compatibility, its definition matches the semantics of character arrays created with the built-in ARRAY OF CHAR type constructor.

## 4.4.2.5 Blueprint ProtoSet

The standard library provides derived collection blueprint ProtoSet for the construction of library-defined dynamic unordered set types. Its definition is modeled on the mathematical definition of sets.

## 4.4.2.6 Blueprint ProtoOrderedSet

The standard library provides derived collection **blueprint** ProtoOrderedSet for the construction of library-defined dynamic ordered set types. It is derived from **blueprint** ProtoSet.

# 4.4.2.7 Blueprint ProtoArray

The standard library provides derived collection blueprint ProtoArray for the construction of library-defined dynamic array types with numeric or ordinal indices.

#### 4.4.2.8 Blueprint ProtoString

The standard library provides derived collection **blueprint** ProtoString for the construction of library-defined dynamic character string types.

#### 4.4.2.9 Blueprint ProtoDictionary

The standard library provides derived collection **blueprint** ProtoDictionary for the construction of library-defined dynamic unordered associative array types such as hash tables.

## 4.4.2.10 Blueprint ProtoOrderedDict

The standard library provides derived collection **blueprint** ProtoOrderedDict for the construction of library-defined dynamic ordered associative array types.

#### 4.4.3 Date-Time Blueprints

#### 4.4.3.1 Blueprint ProtoDateTime

The standard library provides **blueprint** ProtoDateTime for the construction of library defined static date-time types.

## 4.4.3.2 Blueprint ProtoInterval

The standard library provides blueprint ProtoInterval for the construction of library defined static date-time interval types.

User libraries may provide their own blueprint definitions for their own custom designed abstract data types. User defined blueprints may be derived from standard library blueprints.

# 4.5 Abstract Data Types

Opaque pointer types and opaque record types are predominantly intended to define abstract data types or ADTs. An ADT is a data type whose internal structure and semantics are hidden from the user of the type and have their semantics defined by the library module that defines the ADT.

A library module that defines an abstract data type with the same name as its own module identifier is called an ADT library module.

```
Example:
DEFINITION MODULE BCD; (* ADT Library Module *)
TYPE BCD = OPAQUE; (* type identifier same as module *)
```

An ADT library module may specify a blueprint in its module header. This represents a promise to conform to the common set of semantics defined by the blueprint. An ADT defined to conform to a blueprint must bind its own library defined procedures to those operators and pervasive procedures that are required by the blueprint. Static conformance is compiler enforced. No other bindings than those defined by the blueprint are permitted except for bindings to the conversion operator.

```
Example:
DEFINITION MODULE BCD [ProtoReal]; (* must conform to blueprint ProtoReal *)
TYPE BCD = OPAQUE RECORD value : ARRAY 8 OF OCTET END;
(* define bindings to pervasives and operators required by ProtoReal *)
PROCEDURE [VAL] fromSXF( VAR bcd : BCD; CONST sxf : ARRAY OF OCTET );
PROCEDURE [+] add ( a, b : BCD ) : BCD;
(* define IO procedures for use by READ, READF, WRITE and WRITEF *)
PROCEDURE Write ( f : File; b : BCD );
END BCD.
```

Defining an ADT with a blueprint specified and providing appropriate bindings in the public interface of the ADT will cause the compiler to check static conformance of the public interface with the specified blueprint's definition. If conformant, this will have the following effects:

- Literals defined to be compatible with the ADT may be assigned to variables of the ADT or passed-in as arguments for formal parameters of the ADT.
- ADT values may be used in infix expressions using the ADT's bound operators.
- Bound pervasive procedures may be called with ADT values passed as arguments.
- The compiler will replace any infix expressions with calls to the corresponding procedures defined in the ADT library module.
- The compiler will replace any calls to bound pervasive procedures with calls to the corresponding procedures defined in the ADT library module.

```
Example:
IMPORT BCD;
VAR a, b, sum : BCD;
...
a := 1.5; (* via intermediate conversion: 1.5 -> SXF -> BCD *)
b := 2.75; (* via intermediate conversion: 2.75 -> SXF -> BCD *)
sum := a + b; (* replaced by sum := BCD.add(a, b); *)
WRITE(stdOut, sum); (* replaced by BCD.Write(stdOut, sum); *)
```

# 4.6 Library Defined ADTs Using Blueprints and Bindings

The standard library provides a rich set of ALIAS types and library defined ADTs using bindings and are practically indistinguishable from pervasive types and transparent data types defined using type constructor syntax.

# 4.6.1 Standard Library Defined Bitset Types

The standard library defines a set of ALIAS types and ADT implementations of bitset types. The ALIAS types are provided for public use while the ADTs represent a private implementation layer intended for internal use by the standard library only.

# 4.6.1.1 Alias Types for Bitset Types

The standard library defines a set of ALIAS types of bitset types of different bit widths. Their identifiers are BITSET16, BITSET32, BITSET64 and BITSET128, indicating the bit widths of their respective implementations. The aliases are provided in module Bitsets.

```
Example:
IMPORT Bitsets;
VAR set, union : BITSET16;
BEGIN set := { 0, 7, 15 }; union := set + { 1, 2, 4 }; set[7] := FALSE END.
```

The ALIAS type whose bit width matches that of pervasive type BITSET is defined as an alias of BITSET. The ALIAS type whose bit width matches that of pervasive type LONGBITSET is defined as an alias of LONGBITSET.

The ALIAS types whose bit width does not match that of pervasive types BITSET or LONGBITSET are defined as aliases of the matching standard library defined bitset implementation types BS16, BS32, BS64 and BS128.

Module Bitsets provides two additional ALIAS types SHORTBITSET and LONGLONGBITSET. The relationships between bit widths of bitset types is as follows:

```
TSIZE(SHORTBITSET) <= TSIZE(BITSET)

TSIZE(BITSET) < TSIZE(LONGBITSET) < TSIZE(LONGLONGBITSET)
```

The mappings are defined automatically in the standard library using conditional compilation pragmas. Since the bit widths of pervasive types BITSET and LONGBITSET are target dependent and implementation defined, which ALIAS types map to pervasive types and which map to standard library implementations is also target dependent and implementation defined.

# 4.6.1.2 ADT Implementations of Bitset Types

The standard library defines a set of ADT implementations of bitset types of different bit widths. Their identifiers are BS16, BS32, BS64 and BS128, indicating their respective bit widths. The ADTs conform to standard library defined blueprint ProtoStaticSet and their semantics match those of pervasive types BITSET and LONGBITSET.

## 4.6.2 Standard Library Defined Unsigned Integer Types

The standard library defines a set of ALIAS types and ADT implementations of unsigned integer types. The ALIAS types are provided for public use while the ADTs represent a private implementation layer intended for internal use by the standard library only.

## 4.6.2.1 Alias Types for Unsigned Integer Types

The standard library defines a set of ALIAS types of unsigned integer types of different bit widths. Their identifiers are CARDINAL16, CARDINAL32, CARDINAL64 and CARDINAL128, indicating the bit widths of their respective implementations. The aliases are provided in module Cardinals.

```
Example:
IMPORT Cardinals;
VAR a, sum : CARDINAL16;
BEGIN a := 123; sum := a + 456; WRITE(stdOut, sum) END.
```

The ALIAS type whose bit width matches that of pervasive type CARDINAL is defined as an alias of CARDINAL. The ALIAS type whose bit width matches that of pervasive type LONGCARD is defined as an alias of LONGCARD.

The ALIAS types whose bit width does not match that of pervasive types CARDINAL or LONGCARD are defined as aliases of the matching standard library defined unsigned integer implementation types CARD16, CARD32, CARD64 and CARD128.

Module Cardinals provides two additional ALIAS types SHORTCARD and LONGLONGCARD. The relationships between bit widths of unsigned integer types is as follows:

```
TSIZE(SHORTCARD) <= TSIZE(CARDINAL)

TSIZE(CARDINAL) < TSIZE(LONGCARD) < TSIZE(LONGLONGCARD)
```

The mappings are defined automatically in the standard library using conditional compilation pragmas. Since the bit widths of pervasive types CARDINAL and LONGCARD are target dependent and implementation defined, which ALIAS types map to pervasive types and which map to standard library implementations is also target dependent and implementation defined.

#### 4.6.2.2 ADT Implementations of Unsigned Integer Types

The standard library defines a set of ADT implementations of unsigned integer types of different bit widths. Their identifiers are CARD16, CARD32, CARD64 and CARD128, indicating their respective bit widths. The ADTs conform to standard library defined blueprint ProtoCardinal and their semantics match those of pervasive types CARDINAL and LONGCARD.

## 4.6.3 Standard Library Defined Signed Integer Types

The standard library defines a set of ALIAS types and ADT implementations of signed integer types. The ALIAS types are provided for public use while the ADTs represent a private implementation layer intended for internal use by the standard library only.

The standard library defines a set of ALIAS types of signed integer types of different bit widths. Their identifiers are INTEGER16, INTEGER32, INTEGER64 and INTEGER128, indicating the bit widths of their respective implementations. The aliases are provided in module Integers.

```
Example:
IMPORT Integers;
VAR a, sum : INTEGER16;
BEGIN a := 123; sum := a - 456; WRITE(stdOut, sum) END.
```

The ALIAS type whose bit width matches that of pervasive type INTEGER is defined as an alias of INTEGER. The ALIAS type whose bit width matches that of pervasive type LONGINT is defined as an alias of LONGINT.

The ALIAS types whose bit width does not match that of pervasive types INTEGER or LONGINT are defined as aliases of the matching standard library defined signed integer implementation types INT16, INT32, INT64 and INT128.

Module Integers provides two additional ALIAS types SHORTINT and LONGLONGINT. The relationships between bit widths of signed integer types is as follows:

```
TSIZE(SHORTINT) <= TSIZE(INTEGER)
TSIZE(INTEGER) < TSIZE(LONGINT) < TSIZE(LONGLONGINT)
```

The mappings are defined automatically in the standard library using conditional compilation pragmas. Since the bit widths of pervasive types INTEGER and LONGINT are target dependent and implementation defined, which ALIAS types map to pervasive types and which map to standard library implementations is also target dependent and implementation defined.

## 4.6.3.2 ADT Implementations of Signed Integer Types

The standard library defines a set of ADT implementations of signed integer types of different bit widths. Their identifiers are INT16, INT32, INT64 and INT128, indicating their respective bit widths. The ADTs conform to standard library defined blueprint ProtoInteger and their semantics match those of pervasive types INTEGER and LONGINT.

# 4.6.4 Standard Library Defined BCD Real Number ADTs

The standard library provides Binary Coded Decimal (BCD) real number ADTs BCD and LONGBCD, whose semantics match those of the pervasive types REAL and LONGREAL.

```
Example:
IMPORT BCD;
VAR a, amount : BCD;
BEGIN a := 123.45; amount := a * 1.05; WRITE(stdOut, amount) END.
```

## 4.6.5 Standard Library Defined Complex Number ADTs

The standard library provides complex number ADTs COMPLEX and LONGCOMPLEX, whose semantics conform to blueprint ProtoComplex.

```
Example:
IMPORT COMPLEX;
VAR z, zsum : COMPLEX;
BEGIN z := { 1.23, 4.56 }; zsum := z + { 1.0, 0.5 }; WRITE(stdOut, zsum) END.
```

# 4.6.6 Standard Library Defined Character Set ADTs

The standard library provides a character set ADT CHARSET, whose semantics conform to blueprint ProtoOrderedSet.

```
Example:
IMPORT CHARSET;
VAR delimiters : CHARSET; counter : CARDINAL;
BEGIN delimiters := { ":", ",", "." }; counter := 0;
FOR char IN "foo:bar.baz,bam" DO
    IF char IN delimiters THEN counter++ END
END END.
```

## 4.6.7 Standard Library Defined Character String ADTs

The standard library provides two dynamic string ADTs STRING and UNISTRING, whose semantics conform to blueprint ProtoString.

```
Example:
IMPORT STRING;

VAR s : STRING;

BEGIN
    NEW(s, 20);
    s := "quick brown fox";
    WRITE(stdOut, s);
    RELEASE(s)
END.
```

## 4.6.8 Standard Library Defined DateTime ADTs

The standard library provides two date-time ADTs DateTime and Time that conform to blueprint ProtoDateTime.

```
Example:
IMPORT DateTime;
VAR date, diff : DateTime;
BEGIN date := { 1979, Month.Oct, 31, 0, 0, 0.0 };
    diff := date - { 1970, Month.Jan, 1, 0, 0, 0.0 }; WRITE(stdOut, diff) END.
```

# **5 Definitions and Declarations**

A definition is a directive that defines an identifier in the public interface of a library module. A declaration is a directive that declares an identifier in a program module or in the implementation part of a library module. There are four types of definitions and declarations:

- constant definitions and declarations
- variable definitions and declarations
- type definitions and declarations
- procedure definitions and declarations

#### 5.1 Constant Definitions and Declarations

A constant is an immutable value determined at compile time. A constant may be defined or declared as an alias of another constant, but it may not be defined or declared as an alias of a module, a variable, a type or a procedure.

```
EBNF:
constDefinition :
    CONST ( ( "[" boundToPrimitive "]" )? Ident "=" constExpression ";" )*;
constDeclaration :
    CONST ( Ident "=" constExpression ";" )*;
```

```
Examples:
CONST zero = 0;
CONST maxInt = TMAX(INTEGER);
```

#### 5.2 Variable Definitions and Declarations

A variable is an entity whose value is determined at runtime and may change at runtime. A variable always has a type which is determined at compile time.

```
EBNF:
varDefinition :
    VAR identList : ( ARRAY constComponentCount OF )? namedType ";" )*;
varDeclaration : varDefinition ;
```

```
Examples:
VAR x, y : REAL;
VAR str100 : ARRAY 100 OF CHAR;
```

#### 5.2.1 Global Variables

A variable defined or declared in the top level of a module has a global life span. It exists throughout the entire runtime of the program. However, a global variable does not have global scope. It is only visible within the module where it is defined or declared, and within modules that import it.

A variable that is defined in the top level of a library module's definition part is always exported immutable. It may be assigned to within the library module's implementation part but it may not be assigned to within modules that import it.

#### 5.2.2 Local Variables

A variable declared within a procedure has local life span and local scope. It only exists during the lifetime of the procedure and it is only visible within the procedure where it is declared, and within proce-

dures local to the procedure where it is declared.

# 5.3 Type Definitions and Declarations

Types are defined and declared using a type definition or declaration.

```
typeDefinition :
    TYPE ( Ident = ( type | opaqueType ) ";" )*;

typeDeclaration :
    TYPE ( Ident = type ";" )*;

type :
    (( ALIAS | range ) OF )? namedType | enumerationType |
    arrayType | recordType | setType | pointerType | procedureType;

range :
    "[" constExpression ".." constExpression "]";

namedType : qualident;
```

```
Examples:
TYPE Volume = INTEGER;
TYPE HashTable = OPAQUE;
```

## 5.3.1 Strict Name Equivalence

By default, types of different names are always incompatible even if they are derived from the same base type.

```
Example:
TYPE Celsius = REAL; Fahrenheit = REAL;
VAR celsius : Celsius; fahrenheit : Fahrenheit;
celsius := fahrenheit; (* compile time error: incompatible types *)
```

In order to assign values across type boundaries, type conversion is required.

```
Example:

celsius := (fahrenheit :: Celsius - 32.0) * 100.0/180.0; (* type conversion *)
```

#### 5.3.2 Alias Types

For a type to be compatible with another type it must be defined or declared as an ALIAS type using the ALIAS OF type constructor.

```
Example:
TYPE INT = ALIAS OF INTEGER;
VAR i : INT; j : INTEGER;
i := j; (* i and j are compatible *)
```

# 5.3.3 Opaque Types

A type may be defined as an opaque type. The identifier of an opaque type is available in the library where it is defined and in modules that import it. However, the implementation details of an opaque type are only available within the implementation part of the library where it is defined. This facility is useful for the construction of abstract data types. There are two types of opaque types:

- opaque pointer types
- opaque record types

# 5.3.3.1 Opaque Pointers

An opaque pointer type is a pointer to a type whose declaration is hidden in the corresponding implementation part. Entities of the abstract data type can only be allocated dynamically at runtime.

```
EBNF:
opaquePointerDefinition : TYPE Ident "=" OPAQUE ";" ;
```

```
Example:
    DEFINITION MODULE Tree;
    TYPE Tree = OPAQUE; (* opaque pointer *)
    (* public interface *)
    END Tree.

IMPLEMENTATION MODULE Tree;
    TYPE Tree = POINTER TO TreeDescriptor;
    TYPE TreeDescriptor = RECORD left, right : Tree; value : ValueType END;
    (* implementation *)
    END Tree.

IMPORT Tree;
VAR tree : Tree;
NEW(tree); (* dynamic allocation of a variable of abstract data type Tree *)
```

### 5.3.3.2 Opaque Records

An opaque record type is an opaque type that represents a record type instead of a pointer to a record type. Whereas an entity of an abstract data type that is based on an opaque pointer can only be allocated dynamically at runtime, entities of an abstract data type based on an opaque record are not limited to dynamic allocation. Variables of an opaque record type can also be allocated statically, both as global and as local variables.

In order for the compiler to be able to allocate a variable of an opaque record type statically, it must be able to determine its allocation size. However, the allocation size of a record can only be determined from the record type's declaration. For this reason, the declaration of an opaque record type is lexically located in the definition part. Nevertheless, it is semantically treated as if it was hidden in the corresponding implementation part in order to preserve encapsulation.

Therefore, only the identifier of an opaque record is visible to modules that import it. Its internal structure is not available to them. Any attempt to access the fields of an opaque record outside of the module in which it is implemented shall cause a compile time error.

```
EBNF:
    opaqueRecordDefinition : TYPE Ident "=" OPAQUE recordType ";" ;
```

```
Example:
    DEFINITION MODULE BigInteger;
    TYPE BigInteger = OPAQUE RECORD highDigits, lowDigits : INTEGER END;
    (* public interface *)
    END BigInteger.

IMPLEMENTATION MODULE BigInteger;
...
i := bigInt.highDigits; (* fields visible in implementation part *)
...
END BigInteger.

IMPORT BigInteger;
VAR bigInt : BigInteger; i : INTEGER;
i := bigInt.highDigits; (* compile time error: hidden component *)
```

# 5.3.4 Anonymous Types

An anonymous type is a type that does not have a type identifier associated with it. In languages with name equivalence, the names of the types of variables must be examined to determine whether or not they are assignment or expression compatible. If the types do not have names, then compatibility cannot be determined.

For this reason, anonymous types are of very limited use in languages with name equivalence. However, in order to facilitate the construction of VLAs, Modula-2 R10 permits anonymous one-dimensional arrays within indeterminate record field declarations. Any other use of anonymous types shall result in a compile time error.

## 5.3.5 Enumeration Types

An enumeration type is an ordinal type whose legal values are defined by a list of identifiers. The identifiers are assigned ordinal values from left to right. The ordinal value assigned to the leftmost value is always zero.

```
EBNF:
enumerationType :
    "(" ( "+" namedType, identList ")" ;
```

When referencing an enumerated value, its identifier must be qualified with the name of its type, except within a subrange type constructor. This requirement fixes a flaw in classic Modula-2 where importing enumeration types could cause name conflicts.

```
Example:
    TYPE Colour = ( red, green, blue, orange, magenta, cyan );
    TYPE BaseColour = [red .. blue] OF Colour; (* unqualified identifiers *)
    VAR colour : Colour;
    colour := Colour.green; (* qualified identifier of value green *)
```

The list of identifiers that define the legal values of an enumeration type may contain references to other enumeration types. When another enumeration type is referenced within an enumerated list all the identifiers listed in the referenced type become legal values of the new type.

```
Example:
   TYPE Colour = ( red, green, blue );
   TYPE MoreColour = ( +Colour, orange, magenta, cyan );
   (* equivalent to: MoreColour = ( red, green, blue, orange, magenta, cyan ); *)
```

## 5.3.6 Array Types

# 5.3.6.1 Indexed Array Types

An indexed array type is a compound type whose components are all of the same type and are addressable by cardinal index. The lowest index is always zero. The number of components is specified by the formal array index parameter which shall be of an unsigned whole number type and its value shall never be zero.

Array types are defined using the ARRAY type constructor.

```
EBNF:
indexedArray :
    ARRAY componentCount ( "," componentCount )* OF namedType ;
componentCount : cardinalConstExpression ;
```

```
Example:
  TYPE IntArray = ARRAY 10 OF INTEGER;
  VAR array : IntArray;
  array := { 0 BY 10 }; (* initialise all values with zero };
  FOR item IN array DO item := 0 END; (* another way to initialise *)
  WRITE(stdOut, array);
```

#### 5.3.6.2 Associative Array Types

An associative array type is a dynamic collection type for an arbitrary number of key/value pairs. Its keys are of type ARRAY OF CHAR, its values are of arbitrary type. All values have the same type. Associative array types are defined using the ASSOCIATIVE ARRAY type constructor.

```
EBNF:
associativeArray :
    ASSOCIATIVE ARRAY OF namedType ;
```

```
Example:
  TYPE AA = ASSOCIATIVE ARRAY OF INTEGER;
  VAR array : AA;
  NEW(array); array["foo"] := 0; array["bar"] := -123; array["baz"] := 456;
```

#### 5.3.7 Record Types

A record type is a compound type whose components are of arbitrary types. The components are called fields. Record types may be defined as extensions of other record types. Such a type is called a type extension, the type it is based on is called its base type.

The base type of a type extension may not be an opaque record nor an indeterminate record. The names of the fields of the base type may not be used again as field names in the type extension.

Record types are defined using the RECORD type constructor.

```
recordType :
    RECORD ( fieldList ( ';' fieldList )* indeterminateField? |
    "(" baseType ")" fieldList ( ";" fieldList )* ) END ;
fieldList :
    identList ':' ( range OF )? typeIdent ;
baseType : typeIdent ;
indeterminateField :
    INDETERMINATE Ident ':' ARRAY discriminantField OF typeIdent ;
discriminantField : Ident ;
```

```
Example:
   TYPE Point = RECORD x, y : REAL END;
   TYPE ColourPoint = RECORD ( Point ) colour : Colour END;
   VAR point : Point; cPoint : ColourPoint;
   cPoint := { 0.0, 0.0, Colour.black }; point := cPoint :: Point;
```

## 5.3.8 Indeterminate Record Types

An indeterminate record type is a record type that contains exactly one indeterminate field and exactly one discriminant field. An indeterminate field is a field whose type is indeterminate. A type is indeterminate if its allocation size cannot be determined from its type declaration. A discriminant field is a field that determines the size of an indeterminate field.

#### 5.3.8.1 Declaration of Indeterminate Record Types

The type declaration of an indeterminate record must declare:

- one discriminant field that is of a whole number type
- one indeterminate array field that references the discriminant field as its size

The discriminant field may be any field other than the last field and the indeterminate field is always the last field. An indeterminate record type may be the target type of a pointer type but it may not be a type extension, the type of a record field or the base type of an array or type extension.

```
Example:
TYPE VLADescriptor = RECORD
size : CARDINAL; (* discriminant field *)
a, b, c : Foo; (* other, arbitrary fields *)
INDETERMINATE
buffer : ARRAY size OF OCTET (* indeterminate field *)
END; (* VLADescriptor *)
```

## **5.3.8.2 Allocating Indeterminate Records**

Records of an indeterminate type may only be allocated dynamically at runtime using pervasive procedure NEW. When the record is allocated, the discriminant value must be passed to NEW as an additional parameter. Any attempt to allocate a record of indeterminate type without passing the discriminant value shall result in a compile time error.

The compiler replaces any invocation of NEW for an indeterminate record type with a call to library procedure ALLOCATE passing the correct allocation size using the formula:

```
allocSize(T) = TSIZE(T) + discriminant * TSIZE(baseType(T.indeterminateField))
```

where T is the indeterminate record type, discriminant is the discriminant value passed to NEW and baseType(T.indeterminateField) is the base type of the array of the indeterminate field. The value returned by TSIZE for an indeterminate record type is the value of its allocation size without the size of the indeterminate field.

```
Example:
VAR vla : VLA;
NEW(vla, 100); (* allocate VLA record with 100 buffer elements *)
Compiled as:
ALLOCATE(vla, TSIZE(VLADescriptor) + 100 * TSIZE(OCTET)); vla^.size := 100;
```

# 5.3.8.3 Immutability of the Discriminant Field

- The discriminant field of a record of indeterminate type is automatically initialised when it is allocated.
- After initialisation the discriminant field becomes immutable and the compiler enforces its immutability as follows:
- a discriminant field may not be passed to any procedure as a VAR parameter
- a discriminant field may not appear on the left hand side of an assignment
- a discriminant field may not be the designator in a ++ or -- statement

```
Examples:
INC(vla^.size); (* discriminant field may not be passed as VAR parameter *)
vla^.size := 42; (* discriminant field may not be assigned to *)
vla^.size++; (* discriminant field may not be used with ++ or -- *)
```

## 5.3.8.4 Run-time Bounds Checking

Access to the indeterminate array field of a record of indeterminate type is bounds checked at runtime in the same manner as access to a determinate array is checked. The compiler automatically inserts the code to check array indices against the discriminant field. Any attempt to access the array with a subscript that is out of bounds shall result in a run-time error.

#### 5.3.8.5 Assignment Compatibility

The assignment compatibility of two records of indeterminate type cannot be verified at compile time. For this reason records of indeterminate type can only be copied field-wise, not record-wise.

#### 5.3.8.6 Parameter Passing

Since the compatibility of records of indeterminate types cannot be determined at compile time, they may not be formal types. A record of indeterminate type may therefore only be passed to an auto-casting formal open array parameter CAST ARRAY OF OCTET, CAST ARRAY OF UNSAFE.BYTE or CAST ARRAY OF UNSAFE.WORD, or to a formal pointer type parameter whose target type is the indeterminate type.

The indeterminate field of an indeterminate record may be passed to an open array parameter whose base type is assignment compatible with the base type of the indeterminate field.

#### 5.3.8.7 Deallocating Indeterminate Records

Records of indeterminate type may only be deallocated using pervasive procedure DISPOSE.

# 5.3.9 Set Types

A set type is a container type for a finite number of elements from a finite value space. The value space of a set contains all possible elements of the set. A value that is an element of the set is said to be a member of the set. In order to test or modify the membership of a value in a set, it may be addressed by selector. Membership in a set is of type BOOLEAN, it is either TRUE or FALSE.

Two kinds of set types are provided by built-in facilities: bitset types and enumerated set types.

## 5.3.9.1 Bitset Types

A bitset type is a static ordered set type whose value space is defined by the subrange type [0.8\*TSIZE(BitsetType)-1] OF CARDINAL. The values are called bits. A bit whose membership in a bitset is TRUE is said to be *set*, a bit whose membership is FALSE is said to be *cleared*.

Two bitset types are language predefined: BITSET and LONGBITSET.

```
Examples:
VAR bitset : BITSET; (* declaring a bitset variable *)
bitset := { 0, 1, 2, 7 }; (* assigning a literal value *)
bitset[3] := TRUE; bitset[3] := FALSE; (* setting and clearing a bit *)
bool := bitset[4]; IF 4 IN bitset THEN ... (* testing a bit *)
FOR bit IN bitset DO bitCounter++ END; (* iterating over set bits *)
```

## 5.3.9.2 Enumerated Set Types

An enumerated set type is a static ordered set type whose value space is defined by an enumeration type. Enumerated set types are defined using the SET OF type constructor.

```
EBNF:
setType :
   SET OF ( enumTypeIdent | "(" identList ")" ) ;
enumTypeIdent : typeIdent ;
```

```
Example:
    TYPE ColourSet = SET OF Colour;
    TYPE PeopleSet = SET OF ( bob, fred, mary );

VAR colours : ColourSet; people : PeopleSet;

colours := { Colour.red, Colour.green }; colours[Colour.blue] := FALSE;

IF Colour.blue IN colours THEN WRITE(stdOut, "blue is on\n") END;

people := { PeopleSet.bob, PeopleSet.fred };

people := people * { PeopleSet.fred, PeopleSet.mary };
```

#### 5.3.10 Pointer Types

A pointer type is a container for a reference to a storage location of given type. The type of the storage location pointed to is called the base type. Pointer types are defined using the POINTER TO type constructor.

```
EBNF:
pointerType : POINTER TO CONST? typeIdent ;
```

```
Example:
   TYPE IntPtr = POINTER TO INTEGER;
   TYPE ImmutablePtr = POINTER TO CONST INTEGER;

VAR intPtr: IntPtr; immPtr : ImmutablePtr; int : INTEGER;
   intPtr := int; immPtr := int; int := 0;
   intPtr^ := 0; (* OK, modifying a mutable entity *)
   immPtr^ := 0; (* compile time error: attempt to modify an immutable entity *)
```

# 5.3.11 Procedure Types

A procedure type is a special container type for references to procedures of given procedure headers. Procedure types are defined using the PROCEDURE type constructor.

```
EBNF:
procedureType :
   PROCEDURE ( "(" formalTypeList ")" )? ( ":" returnedType )? ;
formalTypeList :
   formalType ( "," formalType )*;
formalType :
    attributedFormalType | variadicFormalType ;
attributedFormalType :
    ( CONST | VAR )? simpleFormalType ;
simpleFormalType :
    ( CAST? ARRAY OF )? namedType ;
variadicFormalType:
   VARIADIC OF
    ( attributedFormalType |
      "(" attributedFormalType ( "," attributedFormalType )* ")" )
returnedType : namedType ;
```

```
Example:
    TYPE WriteStrProc = PROCEDURE ( CONST ARRAY OF CHAR );
    TYPE FSM = PROCEDURE ( CONST ARRAY OF CHAR, FSM );
    VAR WriteStr : WriteStrProc;
    WriteStr := Terminal.WriteString; WriteStr("hi!");
```

#### 5.4 Procedure Definitions and Declarations

- A procedure is a sequence of statements with its own local scope, identified by a name. In Modula-2, procedures may have zero or more associated parameters and they may or may not return a result. Procedures that return a result are called function procedures, those that do not return a result are called regular procedures. A procedure consists of two parts:
  - procedure header
  - procedure body

Typically, procedure definitions are placed in a library module's definition part and corresponding procedure declarations are placed in the library's implementation part.

#### 5.4.1 The Procedure Header

The procedure header represents the interface of a procedure. A procedure header always defines the identifier of the procedure. It may further define a binding to an operator or pervasive procedure, the procedure's formal parameter list and its return type.

A procedure header may only define a binding to an operator or pervasive procedure if it belongs to a global definition in an ADT library module that specifies a prototype in its module header and if the binding is required by the prototype's definition.

The signature of a procedure that binds to an operator or pervasive procedure must conform to the language defined signature for the respective operator. A list of procedure signatures is provided in documentation module BINDINGS.def.

```
EBNF:
procedureHeader :
    PROCEDURE
    ( "[" ( "::" | bindableEntity ) "]" )?
    ident ( "(" formalParamList ")" )? ( ":" returnedType )? ;
procedureIdent : Ident ;
```

```
Examples:
PROCEDURE IsNegative ( x : INTEGER ) : BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE [+] add ( a, b : BCD ) : BCD; (* procedure binding to + operator *)
```

## 5.4.2 The Procedure Body

A procedure body consists of any local variable declarations, any local procedure declarations and the procedure's execution block that represents the sequence of actions that perform the procedure's intended task.

A procedure declaration repeats the procedure definition and is followed by the procedure body.

```
EBNF:
procedureBody : block ident ;
procedureDeclaration : procedureHeader ";" procedureBody ;
```

```
Example:
PROCEDURE IsNegative ( x : INTEGER ) : BOOLEAN; (* header *)
BEGIN (* body *)
    IF x < 0 THEN RETURN TRUE ELSE RETURN FALSE END
END IsNegative;</pre>
```

#### 5.4.3 Formal Parameters

The parameters in the parameter list of a procedure header are called the procedure's formal parameters. There are simple formal parameters and variadic formal parameters.

```
EBNF:
formalParamList : formalParams ( ";" formalParams )*;
formalParams : simpleFormalParams | variadicFormalParams ;
```

## **5.4.3.1 Simple Formal Parameters**

A formal parameter always specifies a type, and it may or may not specify an attribute. A formal parameter's attribute determines the parameter passing convention of the formal parameter.

```
EBNF:
simpleFormalParams :
    ( CONST | VAR )? identList ":" simpleFormalType ;
```

There are three parameter passing conventions:

- pass by value
- pass by reference, mutable
- pass by reference, immutable

## 5.4.3.2 Pass By Value

The default parameter passing convention is pass-by-value. It is used when no attribute is specified for a parameter or parameter list. A parameter passed by value is called a value parameter. When the pass-by-value convention is used, a copy of the value parameter is passed to the called procedure and the scope of the copy is the procedure's block.

```
Example:
PROCEDURE IsNegative ( x : INTEGER ) : BOOLEAN;
(* no attribute => pass-by-value *)
```

## 5.4.3.3 Pass By Reference – Mutable

The pass-by-mutable-reference convention is used when the VAR attribute is specified for a parameter or parameter list. A parameter passed by mutable-reference is called a VAR parameter. When the pass-by-mutable-reference convention is used, a mutable reference to the parameter is passed to the called procedure and the procedure may modify the value of the passed-in variable.

Immutable entities may not be passed by mutable-reference.

```
Example:
    PROCEDURE Increment ( VAR x : INTEGER );
    (* VAR => pass-by-reference, mutable *)
    BEGIN
        x++; (* modifies original *)
        RETURN
    END Increment;
    number := 1; Increment(number); (* value of number is now 2 *)
    CONST zero = 0; Increment(zero); (* compile time error: immutable entity *)
```

## 5.4.3.4 Pass By Reference - Immutable

The pass-by-immutable-reference convention is used when the CONST attribute is specified for a parameter or parameter list. A parameter passed by immutable-reference is called a CONST parameter. When the pass-by-immutable-reference convention is used, an immutable reference to the parameter is passed to the called procedure and the procedure may not modify a passed-in value. That is, within the scope of the procedure the parameter is treated as if it was a constant. Both mutable and immutable entities may be passed as CONST parameters.

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```
Example:
PROCEDURE WriteString ( CONST s : ARRAY OF CHAR );
(* CONST => pass-by-reference, immutable *)
```

#### 5.4.3.5 Variadic Formal Parameters

A variadic procedure is a procedure that can accept a variable number of parameters. A variadic parameter is a formal parameter to which a variable number of actual parameters may be passed.

Modula-2 R10 provides variadic formal parameters both for safe and unsafe use cases:

- unsafe variadic formal parameters for interfacing to unsafe foreign variadic procedures
- type safe variadic formal parameters for implementing type safe variadic procedures in Modula-2

Facilities to define procedure headers with unsafe variadic formal parameters for interfacing to unsafe foreign variadic procedures are provided by pseudo-module UNSAFE and are described in detail in section 11.4.1 ("Mapping to Unsafe Variadic Procedures in Foreign APIs").

In support of procedures with type safe variadic formal parameters, a formal parameter list may contain one or more variadic parameters denoted by reserved word VARIADIC.

```
EBNF:
variadicFormalParams :
    VARIADIC ( "[" variadicTerminator "]" )? OF
    ( simpleFormalType |
      "{" simpleFormalParams ( "; " simpleFormalParams )* "}" );
variadicTerminator : constExpression ;
```

There are two variadic parameter passing conventions:

- · variadic counter
- variadic list terminator

#### 5.4.3.6 Variadic Counter

When the variadic-counter convention is used, the compiler determines the number of actual parameters passed in the procedure call and inserts the resulting value as an additional parameter immediately before the variadic argument list. The counter is of type CARDINAL.

```
Example:
PROCEDURE Variadic ( v : VARIADIC OF INTEGER );
Invoked as:
Variadic(0, 1, 2, 3, 4); (* passing five arguments *)
Compiled as:
Variadic(5, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4); (* argument count inserted before argument list *)
```

Within the body of a variadic procedure, the variadic argument list may be iterated using a FOR IN loop over the variadic parameter. Pervasive function COUNT returns the value of the variadic counter.

```
Example:
PROCEDURE Average ( v : VARIADIC OF REAL ) : REAL;
VAR sum : REAL;
BEGIN sum := 0.0;
    (* iterate over variadic argument list v *)
    FOR item IN v DO
        sum := sum + item
    END;
    (* calculate average from sum and argument count *)
    RETURN sum / COUNT(v) :: REAL;
END Average;
```

The variadic-counter convention may also be used when mapping to or replacing a variadic C function that expects a variadic counter of unsigned type immediately before its variadic argument list.

#### 5.4.3.7 Variadic List Terminator

When the variadic-list-terminator convention is used, the compiler appends a terminator value specified in the formal variadic parameter to the end of the list of actual parameters passed. The terminator value must be of the same type as the base type of the variadic list it terminates.

```
Example:
CONST terminator = -1; (* variadic list terminator *)
PROCEDURE Variadic ( v : VARIADIC [terminator] OF INTEGER );
Invoked as:
Variadic(0, 1, 2, 3, 4); (* passing five arguments *)
Compiled as:
Variadic(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, -1); (* list terminator appended to argument list *)
```

If the formal variadic parameter consists of multiple components, then the terminator must be of the same type as the first component of the formal variadic parameter.

```
Example:
CONST terminator = ""; (* Empty string to terminate variadic list *)
PROCEDURE Variadic ( v : VARIADIC [terminator] OF { key : Str; val : REAL } );
```

Within the procedure, pervasive function NEXTV may be used to traverse the list of arguments in the variadic list. Each time NEXTV is called it returns a pointer to the next argument of the variadic argument list or NIL if the end of the argument list has been reached.

```
Example:
CONST terminator = -1; (* variadic list terminator *)
PROCEDURE Variadic ( v : VARIADIC [terminator] OF INTEGER );
VAR item : POINTER TO INTEGER;
BEGIN
   item := NEXTV(v);
   WHILE item # NIL DO
        WRITE(f, item^); item := NEXTV(v)
   END;
END Variadic;
```

The variadic-list-terminator convention may also be used when mapping to or replacing a variadic C function that expects a terminator value to indicate the end of its variadic argument list.

## 5.4.3.8 Variadic List With Multiple Components

A variadic formal parameter may contain multiple components. This is useful to define procedures that can accept a variable number of value pairs or other tuples.

Alternatively, a variadic parameter list may be passed as a structured value as long as the structured value is structurally equivalent to the formal variadic parameter to which it is passed.

```
Example:
Insert(tree, {"foo", 123, "bar", 456, "baz", 789});
```

## 5.4.3.9 Variadic List Followed By Further Parameters

If a variadic formal parameter is followed by further formal parameters, then the actual variadic parameter list can only be passed as a structured value in order to allow the compiler to determine with certainty where the variadic list ends. Failing to pass the variadic parameter list as a structured value will result in a compile-time error.

```
Example:
    PROCEDURE Insert (
        t : Tree; v : VARIADIC OF { key : Key; value : Value }; VAR s : Status );
    Invoked as:
    Insert(tree, {"foo", 123, "bar", 456, "baz", 789}, status);
    Compiled as:
    Insert(tree, 3, "foo", 123, "bar", 456, "baz", 789, status);
```

#### 5.4.3.10 Open Array Parameters

A formal parameter may be declared as an open array parameter. An open array parameter has an anonymous array type without any index specified. Any array whose component type matches that of the open array may then be passed as an actual parameter.

```
Example:
  TYPE String10 = ARRAY 10 OF CHAR;
  VAR str : String10;
  PROCEDURE Write ( s : ARRAY OF CHAR );
  str := "hello"; Write(str); (* any CHAR array may be passed *)
```

The component count of an array passed as an open array parameter is automatically passed as a hidden parameter before the open array parameter. The count parameter is of type LONGCARD.

```
Example:
PROCEDURE Write ( s : ARRAY OF CHAR );
Invoked as:
Write("the quick brown fox"); (* 19 characters plus null-terminator *)
Compiled as:
Write(20, "the quick brown fox"); (* component count 20 inserted before s *)
```

Within the body of the procedure, the passed-in array may be iterated using a FOR IN loop over the open array parameter. Pervasive function COUNT returns the component count.

```
Example:
PROCEDURE LetterCount ( s : ARRAY OF CHAR );
VAR letters : LONGCARD;

BEGIN letters := 0;
    FOR ch IN s DO
        IF ASCII.IsLetter(ch) THEN letters++ END;
    END;
    WRITE("character count : "); WRITE(COUNT(s)); WriteLn;
    WRITE("letter count : "); WRITE(letters); WriteLn
END LetterCount;
```

## 5.4.3.11 Auto-Casting Open Array Parameters

A formal parameter may be declared as an auto-casting open array parameter with component type octet, unsafe.byte or unsafe.word. Any value of any type may then be passed as an actual parameter and it is cast automatically to the array type of the formal parameter. This facility is useful for system-level programming tasks but type safety is no longer guaranteed. Therefore cast must be explicitly imported from pseudo-module unsafe to declare an auto-casting formal parameter.

### 5.4.4 Procedure Type Compatibility

The types of the formal parameters and the return type of a procedure are collectively called the procedure's signature. A procedure's signature determines its type. Procedures and procedure variables are compatible if they are of the same type, that is, their respective signatures must match.

```
Example:
VAR p : PROCEDURE ( VAR ARRAY OF CHAR );
PROCEDURE StripTabs ( VAR s : ARRAY OF CHAR );
PROCEDURE WriteString ( CONST s : ARRAY OF CHAR );
p := StripTabs; (* OK *)
p := WriteString; (* compile time error: incompatible types *)
```

# **5.4.5 Operator Bound Procedures**

A procedure may be defined to bind to an operator or a pervasive procedure in respect of an abstract data type defined to conform to a blueprint. Except for bindings to the conversion operator which are always permitted, only bindings required by the blueprint the ADT conforms to may be defined.

```
Example:

(* Module BCD is required to conform to blueprint ProtoReal,
    which requires a binding to the + operator to be defined *)

DEFINITION MODULE BCD [ProtoReal];

TYPE BCD = OPAQUE RECORD value : ARRAY 8 OF OCTET END;

(* binding procedure add to the + operator for operands of type BCD *)

PROCEDURE [+] add ( a, b : BCD ) : BCD;

(* binding procedure toREAL to the :: operator for conversions to type REAL *)

PROCEDURE [::] toREAL ( b : BCD ) : REAL;
...

END BCD.
```

A statement is an action that can be executed to cause a transformation of the computational state of a program. Statements are used for their effects only, they do not return any values and may not be used within expressions. There are ten types of statements:

- assignments
- post-increment and post-decrement statements
- procedure calls
- if statements
- · case statements
- while statements
- repeat statements
- · loop statements
- for statements
- exit statements
- · return statements

## 6.1 Assignments

An assignment statement is used to assign a value to a mutable variable.

```
EBNF:
assignment : designator ":=" expression ;
designator : qualident ( ( "[" expressionList "]" | "^" ) ( "." ident )* )+ ;
```

```
Examples:
VAR ch : CHAR; i : INTEGER; r : REAL; z : COMPLEX; a : Array10;
ch := "a"; i := 12345; r := 3.1415926; z := { 1.2, 3.4 }; a[5] := 0;
```

## **6.2 Post-Increment and Post-Decrement Statements**

A post-increment adds one to, a post-decrement subtracts one from a whole number variable.

```
EBNF:
incrementOrDecrement : designator ( "++" | "--" ) ;
```

```
Examples:
lineCounter++; index--;
```

#### 6.3 Procedure Calls

A procedure call statement is used to invoke a procedure. It may include a list of parameters to be passed to the called procedure. Parameters passed are called actual parameters, those defined in the procedure's header are called formal parameters. In every procedure call, the types of actual and formal parameters must match. Calls may be recursive, that is, a procedure may call itself.

```
EBNF:
procedureCall : designator ( "(" expressionList? ")" )?;
```

```
Examples:
Insert( tree, "Fred Flintstone", 42 ); ClearBuffers;
```

#### 6.4 IF Statements

An IF statement is a conditional flow-control statement. It evaluates a condition in form of a boolean expression. If the condition is true then flow control passes to its THEN block. If the condition is false and an ELSIF branch follows, then flow control passes to the ELSIF branch to evaluate yet another condition in the ELSIF branch. Again, if the condition is true then flow control passes to the THEN block of the ELSIF branch. If there are no ELSIF branches or if the conditions of all ELSIF branches are false, and if an ELSE branch follows, then flow control passes to the ELSE's block. IF-statements must always be terminated with an END. At most one block in the statement is executed.

```
EBNF:
ifStatement :
    IF booleanExpression THEN statementSequence
    ( ELSIF booleanExpression THEN statementSequence )*
    ( ELSE statementSequence )?
    END ;
```

```
Example:
IF i > 0 THEN WRITE(stdOut, "Positive");
ELSIF i = 0 THEN WRITE(stdOut, "Zero");
ELSE WRITE(stdOut, "Negative");
END;
```

#### 6.5 CASE Statements

A CASE statement is a flow-control statement that passes control to one of a number of labeled statements or statement sequences depending on the value of an ordinal expression.

```
caseStatement :
    CASE expression OF case ( "|" case )*
    ( ELSE statementSequence )?
    END;
case : caseLabelList ":" statementSequence ;
caseLabelList : caseLabels ( "," caseLabels )*;
caseLabels : constExpression ( ".." constExpression )?;
```

A case label shall be listed at most once. If a case is encountered at run time that is not listed and there is no ELSE clause, no case label statements shall be executed and no error shall result.

#### 6.6 WHILE Statements

A WHILE statement is used to repeat a statement or sequence of statements depending on a condition. The condition is evaluated each time before the DO block is executed. The DO block is repeated as long as the condition evaluates to TRUE

```
EBNF:
whileStatement : WHILE booleanExpression DO statementSequence END ;
```

```
Example:
WHILE NOT EOF(file) DO READ(file, ch) END;
```

#### 6.7 REPEAT Statements

A REPEAT statement is used to repeat a statement or sequence of statements depending on a condition. The condition is evaluated each time after the REPEAT block has executed. If the condition is TRUE the REPEAT block is repeated, otherwise not.

```
EBNF:
    repeatStatement : REPEAT statementSequence UNTIL booleanExpression;
```

```
Example:
REPEAT Read(file, ch) UNTIL ch = terminator END;
```

#### 6.8 LOOP Statements

The LOOP statement is used to repeat a statement or sequence of statements indefinitely unless explicitly terminated by an EXIT statement.

```
EBNF:
loopStatement : LOOP statementSequence END ;
```

```
Example:

LOOP

READ(file, ch);

IF ch IN TerminatorSet THEN

EXIT

END

END;
```

## 6.9 FOR Statements

The FOR statement is used to repeatedly execute a statement or statement sequence a given number of times, depending on a control variable. The control variable is declared in the loop header and its scope is the loop. It no longer exists after the loop has exited. The control variable is treated as a mutable variable inside the loop header and as an immutable variable or runtime constant within the loop body:

- it may not be the left hand side of an assignment
- it may not be the designator in an increment or decrement statement
- it may not be passed to any procedure as a VAR parameter
- it may not be assigned to any pointer other than a POINTER TO CONST pointer

#### 6.9.1 FOR IN Statements

FOR IN statements iterate over all values of an ordered value set. By default the order is ascending. If the DESCENDING attribute is specified, the order is descending. The value set may be a designator of an ordinal or whole number type, or a subrange of an ordinal or whole number type, or an array, a set, or an ordered collection. The control variable is assigned a value of the value set at each iteration and its type therefore depends on that of the value set:

- If the value set is an ordinal or whole number type or a subrange thereof then the control variable is of the ordinal or whole number type and the loop will iterate over all legal values of the ordinal or whole number type.
- If the value set is an array then the control variable is of the component type of the array and the loop will iterate over all the components of the array.
- If the value set is a set then the control variable is of the element type of the set and the loop will iterate over all the elements present in the set.
- If the value set is an ordered collection then the control variable is of the key type of the collection and the loop will iterate over all the keys present in the collection.

```
EBNF:
forInStatement :
   FOR DESCENDING? controlVariable
   ( OF namedType IN structuredValue |
      IN ( range OF namedType | designator ) )
   DO statementSequence END ;
controlVariable : Ident;
```

```
Examples:
    (* iterating over all values in a list of values of a common type *)
    FOR char OF CHAR IN {"a".."z", "A".."z", "0".."9"} DO WRITE(file, char) END;
    (* iterating over all values of a subrange type *)
    FOR i IN [0..9] OF CARDINAL DO array[2*i+1] := foo END;
    (* iterating over all values of a whole number type *)
    FOR number IN CARDINAL DO BottlesOfBeer(number) END;
    (* iterating over all values of an ordinal type *)
    FOR colour IN Colours DO WRITE(file, NameOfColour(colour)) END;
    (* iterating over all elements of a set *)
    FOR colour IN ColourSet DO counter++ END;
    (* iterating over all components of an array *)
    FOR number IN array DO WRITE(file, number) END;
    (* iterating over all keys in a collection *)
    FOR key IN dictionary DO WRITE(file, dictionary[key]) END;
```

# 6.10 EXIT Statements

An EXIT statement in the body of a WHILE, REPEAT, LOOP or FOR statement terminates execution of the statement's body and transfers control to the first statement after the body. EXIT statements may occur within the body of a LOOP, WHILE, REPEAT or FOR statement but not anywhere else.

```
EBNF:
exitStatement : EXIT ;
```

#### 6.11 RETURN Statements

The RETURN statement is used within a procedure body to return control to the calling procedure and in the main body of the program to return control to the operating environment that activated the program. Whether or not a value is returned depends on the type of procedure. When returning from a regular procedure, no value may be returned but when returning from a function procedure, a value of the procedure's return type must be returned, otherwise a compile time error shall occur.

```
EBNF:
returnStatement : RETURN expression? ;
```

```
Example:
PROCEDURE Successor ( x : CARDINAL ) : CARDINAL ;

BEGIN
    RETURN x+1;
END Successor;
```

# 6.12 Statement Sequences

Statements in a sequence of statements are separated by semicolons.

```
EBNF:
statementSequence : statement ( ";" statement )*;
```

```
Example:
x := x * 5; counter++; WRITE(file, x)
```

# 7 Expressions

An expression is a computational formula that evaluates to a value. An expression consists of operands, operators and optional parentheses. Operands may be constant or variable operands. An operand that is also an expression is called a sub-expression. Pairs of matching parentheses may be used in an expression to control the order in which its sub-expressions are evaluated.

```
EBNF:
expression :
    simpleExpression ( relation simpleExpression )?;

simpleExpression :
    ( "+" | "-" )? term ( addOperator term )*;

term :
    factor ( mulOperator factor )*;

factor :
    ( NumberLiteral | StringLiteral | structuredValue |
        designatorOrProcedureCall | "(" expression ")" |
        CAST "(" namedType "," expression ")" )
    ( "::" namedType )? | NOT factor;

relation : relationalOperator;
```

```
Examples:
| VAR x, y : CARDINAL; i : INTEGER; r : REAL;
| x + y * 5; NOT (ORD(x) > 10); { r, 1.5 }; i :: REAL;
```

An expression in which only constant operands are permitted is called a constant expression. Constant expressions are always evaluated at compile time.

```
Examples:

| 3.1415926; "foobar"; 1 + 3 * 5; NOT (TSIZE(T) > 10); { 0, 1.5 }; 100 :: REAL;
```

## 7.1 Operands

Operands are denoted by literals, designators or sub-expressions. Designators consist of an identifier that refers to a constant, a variable or a function procedure, followed by an optional designator tail that consists of one or more selectors. The designator's identifier may be qualified. A selector may denote the index of an array, the element of a set, the key of a collection, the dereference symbol following a pointer, a field of a record or a procedure's actual parameter list. An actual parameter list is a list of expressions separated by commas, enclosed in parentheses. The list of expressions within an actual parameter list may be empty.

```
designatorOrProcedureCall :
    qualident designatorTail? actualParameters? ;
    actualParameters :
        "(" expressionList? ")" ;
    designator :
        qualident designatorTail? ;
    designatorTail :
        ( ( "[" expressionList "]" | "^" ) ( "." ident )* )+ ;
    expressionList :
        expression ( "," expression )* ;
```

```
Examples:
array[index], multiDimArray[i, j, k], pointer^, record.field, write("a")
```

## 7.2 Operators

Operators are special symbols or reserved words that represent an operation. The order of evaluation in expressions consisting of multiple sub-expressions with diverse operations is determined by the associativity and precedence of the respective operators. Unary operators are right-associative. Binary operators are left-associative. The precedence of operators in descending order is:

```
level 5: ::
level 4: NOT
level 3: *, /, DIV, MOD, AND
level 2: +, -, OR
level 1: =, #, <, <=, >, >=, IN
```

Higher values indicate higher precedence.

```
EBNF:
typeConversionOperator : "::";
notOperator : NOT;
mulOperator : "*" | "/" | DIV | MOD | AND;
addOperator : "+" | "-" | OR;
relationalOperator : "=" | "#" | "<" | "<=" | ">=" | IN;
```

## 7.3 Structured Values

Structured values are compound values that consist of comma separated component values, enclosed in braces. A component value may be any literal or identifier denoting a value or structured value.

```
EBNF:
structuredValue :
    "{" ( valueComponent ( "," valueComponent )* )? "}" ;
valueComponent :
    expression ( ( BY | ".." ) constExpression )? ;
```

An expression in a structured value that is followed by the repetition clause BY or by the range constructor .. must be a constant expression.

```
Examples:
{ 0 BY 100 }, { "a" .. "z" }, { 1 .. 31 }
{ "abc", 123, 456.78, { 1, 2, 3 } }, { 1970, Month.Jan, 1, 0, 0, 0.0, TZ.UTC }
```

## 8 Pervasive Identifiers

Pervasive identifiers are predefined identifiers that are available in every module scope of a program without having to import them. Pervasive identifiers are reserved identifiers, they may not be redefined. There are four groups of pervasive identifiers:

- predefined constants
- predefined types
- predefined procedures
- predefined functions

## **8.1 Predefined Constants**

There are three predefined constants:

NIL invalid pointer value

TRUE shorthand for BOOLEAN.TRUE FALSE shorthand for BOOLEAN.FALSE

# 8.2 Predefined Types

There are twelve predefined types:

BOOLEAN boolean type

bitset type of same size as CARDINAL BITSET bitset type of same size as LONGCARD LONGBITSET 7-bit character type, subset of UTF-8 CHAR 4-octet character type, full UTF-32 set UNICHAR unsigned 8-bit integer type, smallest unit OCTET unsigned integer type, 2n octets for  $n \ge 1$ CARDINAL unsigned integer type, 2n octets for  $n \ge 1$ LONGCARD signed integer type of same size as CARDINAL INTEGER signed integer type of same size as LONGCARD LONGINT

REAL real number type with implementation defined precision

LONGREAL either an alias of REAL or a real number type with a higher precision than REAL

Although these types are predefined, their IO operations are not. The IO operations corresponding to READ, WRITE and WRITEF for pervasive types are provided in the standard library and need to be imported to become available. For each pervasive type, the standard library provides one library module whose module identifier matches the type identifier of its corresponding type. Library modules may therefore reuse pervasive type identifiers as their module identifiers. Reuse of a pervasive type identifier as a module identifier does not redefine the corresponding type and it does not alter its pervasiveness.

#### 8.3 Predefined Procedures

All predefined procedures are Wirthian macros. They act and look like library defined procedures but they may not be assigned to procedure variables, they may not be passed as parameters to any procedure and calls to them are replaced by the compiler with a predefined statement or statement sequence or a call to a corresponding library procedure. There are five predefined procedures:

NEW DISPOSE READ WRITE WRITEF

#### 8.3.1 Procedure NEW

Procedure NEW is used to dynamically allocate storage for a variable of a pointer type. Its pseudodefinition is:

```
PROCEDURE NEW ( VAR p : <AnyPointerType>; (*OPTIONAL*) n : <UnsignedType> );
```

A call to procedure NEW is replaced by the compiler with a call to library procedure ALLOCATE which must be imported before NEW can be used. The standard library provides an ALLOCATE procedure in module Storage.

Library procedure ALLOCATE always requires a second parameter to specify the allocation size of the type that the pointer variable points to. The compiler automatically determines the allocation size for the pointer variable passed to NEW and passes the appropriate size value as a second parameter to library procedure ALLOCATE when it replaces the procedure call.

```
Examples:
TYPE FOOPtr = POINTER TO Foo;
VAR fooptr : FooPtr;
NEW(fooptr); (* replaced by ALLOCATE(fooptr, TSIZE(Foo)); *)
```

When NEW is used to allocate storage for a variable of indeterminate type a second parameter is required to pass the discriminant value for the type.

```
Examples:
TYPE VLA = RECORD items : CARDINAL; array : ARRAY items OF INTEGER END;
TYPE VLAPtr = POINTER TO VLA;
VAR v : VLAPtr;
NEW(v, 100); (* replaced by ALLOCATE(v, TSIZE(VLA) + 100*TSIZE(INTEGER)); *)
```

#### 8.3.2 Procedure DISPOSE

Procedure DISPOSE is used to deallocate storage that was earlier allocated by a call to procedure NEW. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE DISPOSE ( VAR p : <AnyPointerType> );
```

A call to procedure DISPOSE is replaced by the compiler with a call to library procedure DEALLOCATE which must be imported before DISPOSE can be used. The standard library provides a procedure DEALLOCATE in module Storage. Procedure DISPOSE always requires a single parameter only.

```
Examples:
DISPOSE(fooptr); (* replaced by DEALLOCATE(fooptr, TSIZE(Foo)); *)
DISPOSE(v); (* replaced by
               DEALLOCATE(v, TSIZE(VLA) + v^.items*TSIZE(INTEGER)); *)
```

#### 8.3.3 Procedure RETAIN

Procedure RETAIN is used to retain a variable of a reference counted type. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE RETAIN ( VAR p : <AnyPointerType> );
```

A call to procedure RETAIN is replaced by the compiler with a call to the procedure that has been bound to pervasive procedure RETAIN for the type of its argument.

```
Examples:
VAR str : STRING;
NEW(str); ... RETAIN(str); (* replaced by STRING.retain(str); *)
```

# 8.3.4 Procedure RELEASE

Procedure RELEASE is used to release a variable of a reference counted type. When a variable is released it cancels a previous RETAIN. When all prior calls to RETAIN have been canceled then the variable is automatically disposed by calling procedure DISPOSE. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE RELEASE ( VAR p : <AnyPointerType> );
```

A call to procedure RELEASE is replaced by the compiler with a call to the procedure that has been bound to pervasive procedure RELEASE for the type of its argument.

```
Examples:
RELEASE(str); (* replaced by STRING.release(str); *)
```

## 8.3.5 Procedure READ

Procedure READ is used to read a value from a file or stream and assign it to a variable. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE READ ( f : File; VAR v : <AnyType> );
```

A call to procedure READ is replaced by the compiler with a call to a library procedure Read which must be defined in a library module that has the same name as the type of the variable for which a value is being read.

The standard library provides a Read procedure for each pervasive type in a corresponding module. The IO modules for all pervasive types may be imported at once by importing aggregator module PervasiveIO.

In order to be able to call READ on library defined types, the library module that defines the type must have the same name as the type and it must provide its own Read procedure.

```
Examples:
IMPORT PervasiveIO;
VAR n : CARDINAL;
READ(stdIn, n); (* replaced by CARDINAL.Read(stdIn, n); *)
IMPORT BCD;
VAR balance : BCD;
READ(stdIn, balance); (* replaced by BCD.Read(stdIn, balance); *)
```

#### 8.3.6 Procedure WRITE

Procedure WRITE is used to write a value to a file or stream. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE WRITE ( f : File; v : <AnyType> );
```

A call to procedure WRITE is replaced by the compiler with a call to a library procedure Write which must be defined in a library module that has the same name as the type of the value being written.

The standard library provides a Write procedure for each pervasive type in a corresponding module. The IO modules for all pervasive types may be imported at once by importing aggregator module PervasiveIO.

In order to be able to call WRITE on library defined types, the library module that defines the type must have the same name as the type and it must provide its own Write procedure.

```
Examples:
IMPORT PervasiveIO;
VAR n : CARDINAL;
WRITE(stdOut, n); (* replaced by CARDINAL.Write(stdOut, n); *)
IMPORT BCD;
VAR balance : BCD;
WRITE(stdOut, balance); (* replaced by BCD.Write(stdOut, balance); *)
```

## 8.3.7 Procedure WRITEF

Procedure WRITEF is used to write one or more values to a file or stream using a given format depending on a format string. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE WRITEF ( f : File; fmt : ARRAY OF CHAR; v : VARIADIC OF <AnyType> );
```

A call to procedure WRITEF is replaced by the compiler with a call to a library procedure WriteF which must be defined in a library module that has the same name as the type of the value or values being written.

The standard library provides a WriteF procedure for each pervasive type in a corresponding module. The IO modules for all pervasive types may be imported at once by importing aggregator module Pervasive IO.

In order to be able to call WRITEF on library defined types, the library module that defines the type must have the same name as the type and it must provide its own WriteF procedure.

Procedure WRITEF is variadic. It accepts one or more values to be written. However, all values must be of the same type. The format string strictly determines the formatting of values only. This is in contrast to the printf function of C where the format string also determines the types of values. In Modula-2 R10 all values must be of the same type to ensure type safety.

#### 8.4 Predefined Functions

Predefined functions act and look like library defined functions but they may not be assigned to procedure variables, may not be passed to a procedure as parameters and calls to them are typically replaced

by the compiler with an expression rather than a call to a corresponding function. There are 15 predefined functions:

```
ABS NEG ODD PRED SUCC ORD CHR COUNT LENGTH SIZE NEXTV TMIN TMAX TSIZE TLIMIT
```

## 8.4.1 Function ABS

Function ABS returns the absolute value of its operand. Its operand may be of any numeric type. Its return type is always the same as the operand type. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE ABS ( x : <NumericType> ) : <OperandType> ;
```

## 8.4.2 Function NEG

■ Function NEG returns the sign reversed value of its operand. Its operand maybe of any signed numeric type. Its return type is always the same as the operand type. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE NEG ( x : <SignedNumericType> ) : <OperandType> ;
```

## 8.4.3 Function ODD

Function ODD returns TRUE if its operand is an odd number or FALSE if it is not. Its operand may be of any whole number type. Its return type is the boolean type. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE ODD ( x : <WholeNumberType> ) : BOOLEAN ;
```

## 8.4.4 Function PRED

Function PRED returns the n-th predecessor of its first operand where n is the second operand. Its first operand may be of any ordinal type and its second operand may be of any unsigned type. Its return type is always the same as the type of its first operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE PRED ( x : < OrdinalType > ; n : < UnsignedType > ) : < typeOf(x) > ;
```

## 8.4.5 Function SUCC

Function SUCC returns the n-th successor of its first operand where n is the second operand. Its first operand may be of any ordinal type and its second operand may be of any unsigned Z-Type. Its return type is always the same as the type of its first operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE SUCC ( x : < OrdinalType>; n : < UnsignedType> ) : < typeOf(x)>;
```

## 8.4.6 Function ORD

Function ORD returns the ordinal value of its operand. Its operand may be of any ordinal type. Its return type is the Z-Type. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE ORD ( x : <OrdinalType> ) : <Z-Type> ;
```

## 8.4.7 Function CHR

Function CHR returns the character whose code point is its operand. Its operand may be of any unsigned whole number type. If the value of its operand is less than 128 then its return type is CHAR, otherwise its return type is UNICHAR. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE CHR ( x : <UnsignedType> ) : <CharOrUnicharType> ;
```

## 8.4.8 Function COUNT

Function COUNT returns the number of items stored in its operand. Its operand may be a variable of any set type or collection type, or the identifier of a variadic parameter or variadic parameter list. Its return type is LONGCARD. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE COUNT ( c : <SetOrCollectionOrVariadicList> ) : LONGCARD ;
```

## 8.4.9 Function LENGTH

Function LENGTH returns the number of characters stored in its operand. Its operand may be of any character string type. Its return type is LONGCARD. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE LENGTH ( CONST s : <CharacterArrayOrStringADT> ) : LONGCARD ;
```

#### 8.4.10 Function SIZE

Function SIZE returns the allocation size of its operand. The value returned represents the number of octets allocated for its operand. Its operand may be a variable of any type. Its return type is LONGCARD. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE SIZE ( variable : <AnyType> ) : LONGCARD ;
```

## 8.4.11 Function NEXTV

Function NEXTV returns a pointer to the next item in a value-terminated variadic parameter list or NIL if the end of the parameter list has been reached. Its operand is an identifier of a variadic parameter of a value-terminated variadic parameter list. Its return type is a pointer to the type of its operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE NEXTV ( ident : <VariadicParam> ) : <PointerToVariadicParam> ;
```

#### 8.4.12 Function TMIN

Function TMIN returns the smallest legal value of its operand. Its operand is an identifier denoting any ordered type. Its return type is the operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE TMIN ( T : <TypeIdentifier> ) : <T> ;
```

#### 8.4.13 Function TMAX

Function TMAX returns the largest legal value of its operand. Its operand is an identifier denoting any ordered type. Its return type is the operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE TMAX ( T : <TypeIdentifier> ) : <T> ;
```

#### 8.4.14 Function TSIZE

Function TSIZE returns the required allocation size of a type. The value returned represents the number of octets required to allocate a variable of the type denoted by its operand. Its operand is an identifier denoting a type. Its return type is LONGCARD. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE TSIZE ( T : <TypeIdentifier> ) : LONGCARD ;
```

## 8.4.15 Function TLIMIT

Function TLIMIT returns the capacity limit of a set, array, string or collection type. The identifier of the type whose capacity limit is being requested is passed as its operand. Its return type is LONGCARD. The return value represents the maximum number of components that a variable of the type can hold. A return value of zero indicates that the type does not have a fixed capacity limit. Its pseudo-definition is:

PROCEDURE TLIMIT ( T : <TypeIdentifier> ) : LONGCARD ;

## 9 Scalar Conversion

Scalar conversion is the process of converting a value of a scalar numeric type into the equivalent value of another scalar numeric type or a close approximation thereof.

In an any-to-any type conversion system the number of conversion paths grows exponentially with the number of convertible types. This makes it impractical to provide a conversion procedure for each conversion path. Instead, a two-stage conversion via an intermediate representation for scalar values may be used to reduce the number of required conversion procedures to two for each convertible type.

# 9.1 Scalar Exchange Format

Scalar Exchange Format (SXF) is a language defined intermediate representation for scalar values to facilitate scalar conversion. Any two scalar numeric types T1 and T2 are convertible to each other if both T1 and T2 provide conversions to and from scalar exchange format:

- The intermediate conversion path from T1 to T2 is: T1  $\rightarrow$  SXF  $\rightarrow$  T2.
- The intermediate conversion path from T2 to T1 is: T2  $\rightarrow$  SXF  $\rightarrow$  T1.

The current version of the SXF protocol is 1.00 and its syntax is given below:

```
EBNF:
serialisedScalarFormat:
   version length sigDigitCount expDigitCount digitRadix
    sigSign sigDigits ( expSign expDigits )? terminator ;
   digitB64 digitB64; (* protocol version, valid range 100 to 4095 *)
length:
    digitB64 digitB64; (* allocated length, valid range 16 to 4095 *)
sigDigitCount:
    digitB64 digitB64; (* digit count of significand, valid range 1 to 4000 *)
expDigitCount :
    digitB64; (* digit count of optional exponent, valid range 0 to 63 *)
    ":" | "@" ; (* digit radix, ":" for base 10, "@" for base 16 *)
    "+" | "-" ; (* sign of the significand *)
sigDigits:
    digitB10+ | digitB16+ ; (* digits of the significand *)
    "+" | "-"; (* sign of the exponent, if digit count > 0 *)
expDigits:
   digitB10+ | digitB16+ ; (* digits of the exponent, if digit count > 0 *)
digitB10:
    "0" .. "9"; (* representing values between 0 and 9 *)
digitB16:
    "0" .. "?"; (* representing values between 0 and 15 *)
digitB64:
    "0" .. "o" ; (* representing values between 0 and 63 *)
terminator:
   ASCII(0);
```

The protocol supports variable length base-10 and base-16 representation of integer and real number values with up to 4000 digits in the significand and for real numbers up to 63 digits in the exponent. For maximum efficiency, digits are encoded without gaps in the encoding table and the radix of the source value is preserved when converting to scalar exchange format, thereby avoiding the need for radix conversion where source and target type use the same radix.

## 9.2 Pseudo-Module CONVERSION

Module CONVERSION provides an interface to low-level conversion facilities used internally by the compiler to convert scalar numeric types to and from scalar exchange format. Facilities are listed below:

## 9.2.1 Constant SXFVersion

Constant SXFVersion indicates the compound version of the scalar exchange format used by the compiler. The two least significant digits represent the minor version, remaining digits the major version.

sxFversion whole number value in the range of 100 . . 4095

# 9.2.2 Macro SXFSizeForType

An invocation of macro SXFSizeOfType is replaced by the allocation size in octets required to represent arbitrary values of the given numeric type in SXF. Its replacement value is a compile time value.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE SXFSizeForType ( <ScalarType> ) : CARDINAL;
```

## 9.2.3 Macro TSIG

An invocation of macro TSIG is replaced by the significand capacity of the scalar type given by its argument. The resulting compile time value indicates the number of digits for the type's default radix.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE TSIG ( <ScalarType> ) : CARDINAL;
```

#### 9.2.4 Macro TEXP

An invocation of macro TEXP is replaced by the exponent capacity of the scalar type given by its argument. The resulting compile time value indicates the number of digits for the type's default radix.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE TEXP ( <ScalarType> ) : CARDINAL;
```

## 9.2.5 Primitive SXF

The sxF primitive converts a value of a scalar numeric type to scalar exchange format and passes the result back in an octet array.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE SXF ( value : <ScalarType>; VAR sxfValue : ARRAY OF OCTET );
```

If the capacity of the octet array passed-in is too small to hold the scalar exchange format representation of the value to be converted, an overflow runtime error is raised.

## 9.2.6 Primitive VAL

■ The VAL primitive converts a value in scalar exchange format to an equivalent or closely approximate value of a given scalar numeric type.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE VAL ( sxfValue : ARRAY OF OCTET; VAR value : <ScalarType> );
```

If the value represented in scalar exchange format is smaller than TMIN or larger than TMAX of the target type, an overflow runtime error is raised.

# 10 Interfaces to Compiler and Runtime System

Modula-2 R10 provides facilities to interface and communicate with an implementation's compile-time and run-time systems. These facilities are available from two corresponding pseudo-modules:

- pseudo-module COMPILER
- pseudo-module RUNTIME

#### 10.1 Pseudo-Module COMPILER

Pseudo-module COMPILER provides information about the compiler itself, compile time facilities and interfaces to intrinsics internal to the compiler. All facilities are compile-time expressions.

## 10.1.1 Identity Of The Compiler

Module COMPILER provides a set of constants pertaining to the identity of the compiler:

string containing the short name of the compiler Name string containing the full name of the compiler **FullName** EditionName string containing the name of the compiler edition whole number denoting the major version of the compiler MajorVersion MinorVersion whole number denoting the minor version of the compiler SubMinorVersion whole number denoting the sub-minor version of the compiler whole number denoting the year of release of the compiler version ReleaseYear whole number denoting the month of release of the compiler version ReleaseMonth whole number denoting the day of release of the compiler version ReleaseDay

## 10.1.2 Testing The Availability Of Optional Capabilities

Module COMPILER provides a set of boolean constants to indicate support for optional capabilities. A constant with a value of TRUE indicates support while a value of FALSE indicates no support:

indicating availability of pseudo-module ASSEMBLER SupportsInlineAssembler indicating availability of support for UTF8 encoded source SupportsUTF8EncodedSource indicating availability of a foreign function interface to C SupportsCFFI indicating availability of a foreign function interface to Fortran SupportsFortranFFI indicating availability of pragma ALIGN SupportsAlignmentControl indicating availability of pragma PADBITS SupportsBitPadding indicating availability of pragma ADDR SupportsAddressMapping indicating availability of pragma REG SupportsRegisterMapping indicating availability of pragma Purity SupportsPurityAttribute

SupportsVolatileAttribute indicating availability of pragma VOLATILE

Implementations may not add any implementation defined capability constants to pseudo-module COM-PILER. To allow testing of implementation defined extensions and pragmas, an implementation shall provide boolean capability pragmas instead. For consistency, the names of such pragmas shall follow the naming convention of capability constants and be prefixed with Supports.

# 10.1.3 Information About The Implementation Model of REAL and LONGREAL

Module COMPILER provides an enumeration type and two constants to provide information about the implementation defined implementation model of pervasive types REAL and LONGREAL:

```
TYPE IEEE754Support = ( None, Binary16, Binary32, Binary64, Binary128 );
ImplModelOfTypeReal implementation defined constant of type IEEE754Support
```

ImplModelOfTypeLongReal implementation defined constant of type IEEE754Support

# 10.1.4 Information About The Compiling Source

Module COMPILER provides a set of lexical macros to insert information about the compiling source into the compiled library or program in order to support user defined warnings and error messages:

MODNAME expands to a string constant with the name of the module being compiled expands to a string constant with the name of the procedure being compiled expands to a whole number constant representing the line number being compiled

# 10.1.5 Type Checking Interface

Module COMPILER provides a set of lexical macros to determine compatibility and convertibility of constants, variables and types, and prototype conformance of types.

# 10.1.5.1 Macro IsCompatibleWithType

An invocation of macro IsCompatibleWithType is replaced by boolean value TRUE if the type of the identifier passed as its first argument is compatible with the type passed as its second argument. Otherwise it is replaced by boolean value FALSE. Its first argument is an identifier of a constant, a variable or a type. Its second argument is an identifier of a type. An invocation of this macro results in a compile time expression.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE IsCompatibleWithType ( <qualident>; <AnyType> ) : Boolean;
```

## 10.1.5.2 Macro IsConvertibleToType

An invocation of macro Isconvertible To Type is replaced by boolean value TRUE if the type of the identifier passed as its first argument is convertible to the type passed as its second argument. Otherwise it is replaced by boolean value FALSE. Its first argument is an identifier of a constant, a variable or a type. Its second argument is a type identifier. An invocation of this macro results in a compile time expression.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE IsConvertibleToType ( <qualident>; <AnyType>) : Boolean;
```

## 10.1.5.3 Macro IsExtensionOfType

An invocation of macro IsextensionOfType is replaced by boolean value TRUE if the identifier passed as its first argument is a type extension of the type passed as its second argument. Otherwise it is replaced by FALSE. Both arguments are type identifiers. An invocation of this macro results in a compile time expression.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE IsExtensionOfType ( <qualident>; <AnyType> ) : Boolean;
```

## 10.1.5.4 Macro IsRefCountedType

An invocation of macro IsrefCountedType is replaced by boolean value TRUE if the identifier passed as its argument is an ADT that provides bindings to pervasive procedures RETAIN and RELEASE. Otherwise it is replaced by FALSE. An invocation of this macro results in a compile time expression.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE IsRefCountedType ( <qualident> ) : Boolean;
```

## 10.1.5.5 Macro ConformsToBlueprint

An invocation of macro ConformsToBlueprint is replaced by boolean value TRUE if the identifier passed as its first argument conforms to the blueprint passed as its second argument. Otherwise it is replaced by FALSE. Its first argument is an unqualified type identifier of an abstract data type. Its second argument is a blueprint identifier. An invocation of this macro results in a compile time expression.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE ConformsToPrototype ( <qualident>; <Prototype> ) : Boolean;
```

# 10.1.6 Compile-Time Arithmetic

Module COMPILER provides a number of lexical macros to assist in the compile time calculation of range and size requirements for scalars and data structures.

#### 10.1.6.1 Macro MIN

An invocation of macro MIN is replaced by the smallest constant from its variadic argument list.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE MIN ( constant : VARIADIC OF <EnumOrScalarType> ) : <OperandType>;
```

```
Examples:
FROM COMPILER IMPORT MIN;
MIN( 1, 2, 3 ) => 1
MIN( 1.2, 3.4, 5.6 ) => 1.2

TYPE Fruit = ( Apple, Cherry, Mango, Orange, Strawberry );
MIN( Fruit.Orange, Fruit.Cherry, Fruit.Mango ) => Fruit.Cherry
MIN ( 1, 3.4, Fruit.Mango ) => compile time error: incompatible arguments
```

## 10.1.6.2 Macro MAX

An invocation of macro MAX is replaced by the largest constant from its variadic argument list.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE MAX ( constant : VARIADIC OF <EnumOrScalarType> ) : <OperandType>;
```

```
Fxamples:
FROM COMPILER IMPORT MAX;

MAX( 1, 2, 3 ) => 3

MAX( 1.2, 3.4, 5.6 ) => 5.6

TYPE Fruit = ( Apple, Cherry, Mango, Orange, Strawberry );
MAX( Fruit.Orange, Fruit.Cherry, Fruit.Mango ) => Fruit.Orange
MAX ( 1, 3.4, Fruit.Mango ) => compile time error: incompatible arguments
```

Macros MIN and MAX only accept argument lists of constants or constant expressions of an enumerated type or of a pervasive whole number or real number type.

A compile time error occurs if any one of the following conditions is met:

- the arguments are not of the same type
- any argument is not a constant or constant expression<sup>1</sup>
- any argument is not of an enumerated type or a pervasive whole number or real number type

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It should be noted that library defined conversions may not be used within constant expressions.

#### 10.1.6.3 Macro BSC

An invocation of macro BSC is replaced by the binary storage capacity of the number of bits given by its argument. The binary storage capacity is the number of distinct values that can be represented by a given number of bits. The argument must be a whole number constant or constant expression.

```
Pseudo Definition:
PROCEDURE BSC ( numOfBits : <PervasiveWholeNumberType> ) : <OperandType>;
```

```
Examples:
FROM COMPILER IMPORT BSC;
BSC(15) => 32768
BSC(-1) => compile time error: argument may not be negative
```

A compile time error occurs if any one of the following conditions is met:

- the argument is not a whole number
- the argument is not a constant or constant expression
- the resulting replacement value exceeds the range of type LONGCARD

## 10.1.7 Built-in Hash Function

Module COMPILER provides an interface to the compiler's built-in hash function. The underlying hash algorithm is implementation dependent. It may also differ between different releases of the same implementation. Hash values may therefore differ between implementations and releases.

## 10.1.7.1 Macro HASH

An invocation of macro HASH is replaced by the hash value of the string literal or constant given by its argument. The hash value is calculated using the compiler's built-in hash function. The enclosing quotation marks of the argument do not have any influence on the calculated hash value because they are not part of the string.

```
PROCEDURE HASH ( CONST s : ARRAY OF CHAR ) : LONGCARD;
```

## 10.2 Pseudo-Module RUNTIME

Pseudo-module RUNTIME provides an interface to the runtime system.

## 10.2.1 Runtime Exceptions

Runtime system exceptions are defined as an enumerated type Exception. Its definition is:

## 10.2.1.1 Raising Runtime Exceptions

Module RUNTIME provides procedure RaiseError to raise a runtime system exception of type e. This procedure never returns. Its definition is:

```
PROCEDURE RaiseError ( e : Exception );
```

# 10.2.2 Runtime Event Handling

Module RUNTIME provides facilities to install user-defined runtime system event handlers.

#### 10.2.2.1 Runtime Event Notifications

Module RUNTIME provides procedure type NotificationHandler for user-defined notification handlers. A notification handler must accept two parameters:

- the address of the program counter (PC) at which the offending event occurred.
- the address of the stack pointer (SP) at which the offending event occurred.

The type definition is:

```
TYPE NotificationHandler = PROCEDURE ( SYSTEM.ADDRESS, SYSTEM.ADDRESS );
```

## 10.2.2.1.1 Installing a Notification Handler

Procedure InstallNotificationHandler installs a user-defined notification handler p for runtime exceptions of type e. Its definition is:

```
PROCEDURE InstallNotificationHandler ( e : Exception; p : NotificationHandler );
```

## 10.2.2.2 Runtime Event Handlers

Module RUNTIME provides facilities to install user-defined event handlers for post-initialisation, pretermination and termination events

#### 10.2.2.2.1 Procedure InstallInitHasFinishedHandler

Procedure InstallInitHasFinishedHandler installs user-defined event handler p as the program's post-initialisation handler. The installed handler is called immediately after module initialisation has finished. Its definition is:

```
PROCEDURE InstallInitHasFinishedHandler ( p : PROCEDURE );
```

## 10.2.2.2.2 Procedure InstallWillTerminateHandler

Procedure InstallWillTerminateHandler installs user-defined event handler p as the program's pretermination handler. The installed handler is called immediately before the program's termination handler. Its definition is:

```
PROCEDURE InstallWillTerminateHandler ( p : PROCEDURE );
```

## 10.2.2.2.2 Procedure InstallTerminationHandler

Procedure InstallTerminationHandler installs user-defined event handler p as the program's termination handler. The installed handler is called immediately before the program terminates. Its definition is:

```
PROCEDURE InstallTerminationHandler ( p : PROCEDURE );
```

# 10.2.3 Runtime System Facilities

Module RUNTIME may provide stack trace, post mortem and system reset facilities. Runtime system facilities are defined as an enumerated type Facility. Its definition is:

```
TYPE Facility = ( StackTrace, PostMortem, SystemReset );
```

## 10.2.3.1 Testing The Availability Of Runtime System Facilities

Function IsAvail returns the availability of the runtime system facility given by its operand. It returns TRUE if the facility is available, otherwise it returns FALSE. Its definition is:

```
PROCEDURE IsAvail ( f : Facility; ) : BOOLEAN;
```

## 10.2.3.2 StackTrace Facility

Module RUNTIME may provide facilities to enable, disable and initiate a stack trace.

## 10.2.3.2.1 Procedure InitiateStackTrace

Procedure InitiateStackTrace aborts the currently running program and writes a stack trace dump if the stack trace facility is available and enabled. Its definition is:

```
PROCEDURE InitiateStackTrace;
```

#### 10.2.3.2.2 Procedure SetStackTrace

Procedure SetStackTrace sets the current stack trace mode. If TRUE is passed and the stack trace facility is available, the stack trace mode is enabled, otherwise it is disabled. Its definition is:

```
PROCEDURE SetStackTrace( enabled : BOOLEAN );
```

#### 10.2.3.2.3 Function StackTraceEnabled

Function StackTraceEnabled returns the current stack trace mode. It returns TRUE if the stack trace facility is available and enabled, otherwise it returns FALSE. Its definition is:

```
PROCEDURE StackTraceEnabled : BOOLEAN;
```

## 10.2.3.3 PostMortem Facility

Module RUNTIME may provide facilities to enable, disable and initiate a post mortem dump.

## 10.2.3.3.1 Procedure InitiatePostMortem

Procedure InitiatePostMortem aborts the currently running program and writes a post mortem dump if the post mortem facility is available and enabled. Its definition is:

PROCEDURE InitiatePostMortem;

## 10.2.3.3.2 Procedure SetPostMortem

Procedure SetPostMortem sets the current post mortem mode. If TRUE is passed and the post mortem facility is available, the post mortem mode is enabled, otherwise it is disabled. Its definition is:

PROCEDURE SetPostMortem( enabled : BOOLEAN );

#### 10.2.3.3.3 Function PostMortemEnabled

Function PostMortemEnabled returns the current post mortem mode. It returns TRUE if the post mortem facility is available and enabled, otherwise it returns FALSE. Its definition is:

PROCEDURE PostMortemEnabled : BOOLEAN;

## 10.2.3.4 SystemReset Facility

Module RUNTIME may provide facilities to enable, disable and initiate a system reset, targeting embedded and self hosting platforms.

## 10.2.3.4.1 Procedure InitiateSystemReset

Procedure InitiateSystemReset aborts the currently running system image and restarts it if the system reset facility is available and enabled. Its definition is:

PROCEDURE InitiateSystemReset;

## 10.2.3.4.2 Procedure SetSystemReset

Procedure SetSystemReset sets the current system reset mode. If TRUE is passed and the system reset facility is available, the reset mode is enabled, otherwise it is disabled. Its definition is:

PROCEDURE SetSystemReset( enabled : BOOLEAN );

## 10.2.3.4.3 Function SystemResetEnabled

Function SystemResetEnabled returns the current system reset mode. It returns TRUE if the system reset facility is available and enabled, otherwise it returns FALSE. Its definition is:

PROCEDURE SystemResetEnabled : BOOLEAN;

## 11 Low-Level Facilities

Modula-2 R10 provides a rich set of built-in low level programming facilities. However, low-level types and intrinsics have semantics that relax the strict typing rules of the language. Their use is therefore potentially unsafe and they are by default hidden in low-level pseudo-modules from where they must be imported before they can be used. There are three mandatory and one optional low-level pseudo-modules:

- pseudo-module unsafe
- pseudo-module Atomic
- pseudo-module coroutine (Phase II)
- pseudo-module ASSEMBLER (optional)

## 11.1 Pseudo-Module UNSAFE

Pseudo-module UNSAFE provides implementation- and target-dependent facilities.

#### 11.1.1 UNSAFE Constants

Module UNSAFE provides four whole number constants > 0 pertaining to byte and word sizes:

OctetsPerByte implementation defined size of a byte
BytesPerWord implementation defined size of a word
BitsPerMachineByte target dependent size of a machine byte
MachineBytesPerMachineWord target dependent size of a machine word

Module UNSAFE provides the following constants pertaining to endianness and addressing:

TargetName target dependent string with the name of the target architecture

BigEndian

3-2-1-0 byte order, also known as big endian

0-1-2-3 byte order, also known as little endian

BigLittleEndian

2-3-0-1 byte order, also known as big-little endian

LittleBigEndian

2-1-0-3 byte order, also known as little-big endian

TargetByteOrder enumerated value indicating byte order of the target architecture

TargetIsBiEndian target dependent boolean value,

TRUE if target is bi-endian, otherwise FALSE

ByteBoundaryAddressing target dependent boolean value,

TRUE if every machine byte is addressable, otherwise FALSE

MaxWordsPerOperand implementation defined whole number value ≥ 4 denoting

the size of the largest supported operand in system intrinsics

## 11.1.2 UNSAFE Types

Module UNSAFE provides the following system types:

BYTE implementation defined byte

WORD implementation defined word

MACHINEBYTE target dependent machine byte

MACHINEWORD target dependent machine word

ADDRESS target dependent machine address

Although these types are provided by module SYSTEM, their respective IO operations are not. The IO operations corresponding to READ, WRITE and WRITEF for UNSAFE types are provided by the standard library and need to be imported to become available. For any target architecture where the bit width of a machine byte is eight, BYTE and MACHINEBYTE are ALIAS types of type OCTET.

## 11.1.2.1 Type BYTE

BYTE is a system type whose size is implementation defined. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
TYPE BYTE = OPAQUE RECORD value : ARRAY OctetsPerByte OF OCTET END;
```

## 11.1.2.2 Type WORD

WORD is a system type whose size is implementation defined. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
TYPE WORD = OPAQUE RECORD value : ARRAY BytesPerWord OF UNSAFE.BYTE END;
```

## 11.1.2.3 Type MACHINEBYTE

MACHINEBYTE is a system type whose bit width is BitsPerMachineByte which is a target dependent value representing the actual bit width of a machine byte of the target architecture.

# 11.1.2.4 Type MACHINEWORD

WORD is a system type whose size is target dependent value representing the actual word size of a machine word of the target architecture. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
TYPE MACHINEWORD = OPAQUE RECORD value : ARRAY MachineBytesPerMachineWord OF UNSAFE.MACHINEBYTE END;
```

## **11.1.2.5 Type ADDRESS**

ADDRESS is a system type representing references to memory locations. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
<* IF ByteBoundaryAddressing *> TYPE ADDRESS = POINTER TO UNSAFE.MACHINEBYTE;
<* ELSE *> TYPE ADDRESS = POINTER TO UNSAFE.MACHINEWORD; <* ENDIF *>
```

## 11.1.3 Low-Level Intrinsics

Low-level intrinsics are pseudo-procedures that act and look like library defined procedures but they may not be assigned to procedure variables and may not be passed to any procedure as parameters. Invocations of intrinsics are translated by the compiler into a sequence of low-level instructions.

#### 11.1.3.1 Intrinsic ADR

Intrinsic ADR returns the address of its operand, which must be a variable. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE ADR ( var : <AnyType> ) : ADDRESS;
```

## 11.1.3.2 Intrinsic CAST

Intrinsic CAST returns the value of its second operand, cast to the target type denoted by its first operand. Its second operand may be a variable, a constant, or a literal. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE CAST ( <AnyTargetType>; val : <AnyType> ) : <TargetType>;
```

#### 11.1.3.3 Intrinsic INC

Intrinsic INC increments the value of its first operand by the value of its second operand. Any overflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE INC ( VAR x : <AnyType>; n : OCTET );
```

#### 11.1.3.4 Intrinsic DEC

Intrinsic DEC decrements the value of its first operand by the value of its second operand. Any underflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE DEC ( VAR x : <AnyType>; n : OCTET );
```

## 11.1.3.5 Intrinsic ADDC

Intrinsic ADDC adds the value of its second operand to its first operand, adds 1 if TRUE is passed-in its third operand and passes the carry bit back in its third operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE ADDC ( VAR x : <AnyType>; y : <TypeOf(x)>; carry : BOOLEAN );
```

#### 11.1.3.6 Intrinsic SUBC

Intrinsic SUBC subtracts the value of its second operand from its first operand, adds 1 if TRUE is passedin its third operand and passes the carry bit back in its third operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE SUBC ( VAR x : <AnyType>; y : <TypeOf(x)>; carry : BOOLEAN );
```

#### 11.1.3.7 Intrinsic SHL

Intrinsic SHL returns the value of its first operand shifted left by the number of bits given by its second operand. Any overflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE SHL ( x : <AnyType>; n : OCTET ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

#### 11.1.3.8 Intrinsic SHR

Intrinsic SHR returns the value of its first operand logically shifted right by the number of bits given by its second operand. Any underflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE SHR ( x : <AnyType>; n : OCTET ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

#### 11.1.3.9 Intrinsic ASHR

Intrinsic ASHR returns the value of its first operand arithmetically shifted right by the number of bits given by its second operand. Any underflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE ASHR ( x : <AnyType>; n : OCTET ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

## 11.1.3.10 Intrinsic ROTL

Intrinsic ROTL returns the value of its first operand rotated left by the number of bits given by its second operand. Any overflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE ROTL ( x : <AnyType>; n : OCTET ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

## 11.1.3.11 Intrinsic ROTR

Intrinsic ROTR returns the value of its first operand rotated right by the number of bits given by its second operand. Any underflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE ROTR ( x : <AnyType>; n : OCTET ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

## 11.1.3.12 Intrinsic ROTLC

Intrinsic ROTLC returns the value of its first operand rotated left by the number of bits given by its third operand, rotating through the same number of bits of its second operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE
ROTLC ( x : <AnyType>; VAR c : <TypeOf(x)>; n : OCTET ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

## 11.1.3.13 Intrinsic ROTRC

Intrinsic ROTRC returns the value of its first operand rotated right by the number of bits given by its third operand, rotating through the same number of bits of its second operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE

ROTRC ( x : <AnyType>; VAR c : <TypeOf(x)>; n : OCTET ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

#### 11.1.3.14 Intrinsic BWNOT

Intrinsic BWNOT returns the bitwise logical NOT of its operand. Any overflow or underflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BWNOT ( x : <AnyType> ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

## 11.1.3.15 Intrinsic BWAND

Intrinsic BWAND returns the bitwise logical AND of its operands. Any overflow or underflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BWAND ( x, y : <AnyType> ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

## 11.1.3.16 Intrinsic BWOR

Intrinsic BWOR returns the bitwise logical OR of its operands. Any overflow or underflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BWOR ( x, y : <AnyType> ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

## 11.1.3.17 Intrinsic BWXOR

Intrinsic BWXOR returns the bitwise logical exclusive OR of its operands. Any overflow or underflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BWXOR ( x, y : <AnyType> ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

## 11.1.3.18 Intrinsic BWNAND

Intrinsic BWNAND returns the inverted bitwise logical AND of its operands. Any overflow or underflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BWNAND ( x, y : <AnyType> ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

#### 11.1.3.19 Intrinsic BWNOR

Intrinsic BWNOR returns the inverted bitwise logical OR of its operands. Any overflow or underflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BWNOR ( x, y : <AnyType> ) : <TypeOf(x)>;
```

## 11.1.3.20 Intrinsic SETBIT

Intrinsic SETBIT sets the n-th bit of its first operand to the value given by its third operand. The value of n is given by its second operand. Any overflow or underflow is ignored. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE SETBIT ( VAR x : <AnyType>; n : OCTET; bitval : BOOLEAN );
```

## 11.1.3.21 Intrinsic TESTBIT

Intrinsic TESTBIT tests the n-th bit of its first and returns TRUE if it is set, otherwise FALSE. The value of n is given by its second operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE TESTBIT ( x : <AnyType>; n : OCTET ) : BOOLEAN;
```

#### 11.1.3.22 Intrinsic LSBIT

Intrinsic LSBIT returns the bit position of the least significant set bit of its operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE LSBIT ( x : <AnyType> ) : CARDINAL;
```

# 11.1.3.23 Intrinsic MSBIT

Intrinsic MSBIT returns the bit position of the most significant set bit of its operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE MSBIT ( x : <AnyType> ) : CARDINAL;
```

#### 11.1.3.24 Intrinsic CSBITS

Intrinsic CSBITS counts and returns the number of set bits of its operand. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE CSBITS ( x : <AnyType> ) : CARDINAL;
```

#### 11.1.3.25 Intrinsic BAIL

Intrinsic BAIL returns program control to the penultimate caller of the procedure where BAIL was invoked and may pass its optional operand as the return value. If an operand is passed then its type must match the return type of the calling procedure. It is an error to invoke BAIL outside a procedure. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BAIL ( (* OPTIONAL *) x : <AnyType> );
```

#### 11.1.3.26 Intrinsic HALT

Intrinsic HALT immediately aborts the running program and returns a status code to the operating environment. The meaning of status codes is target platform dependent. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE HALT ( status : <OrdinalType> );
```

# 11.1.4 Mapping to Unsafe Variadic Procedures in Foreign APIs

Module UNSAFE provides two pseudo-types to facilitate the definition of formal parameter lists for mapping to unsafe variadic parameter lists in foreign API functions:

FFIVARARGLIST pseudo-type to define formal parameter for unsafe variadic argument list pseudo-type to define formal parameter for variadic argument counter

# 11.1.4.1 Pseudo-Type FFIVARARGLIST

Pseudo-type FFIVARARGLIST may be used as a formal type within the formal parameter list of a procedure definition in order to define an unsafe variadic parameter. An unsafe variadic parameter is a formal parameter to which any number of actual parameters of any type may be passed and whose actual parameters are not type checked.

```
Example:
   FROM UNSAFE IMPORT FFIVARARGLIST;
   PROCEDURE printf( fmt : ARRAY OF CHAR; args : FFIVARARGLIST ) <* FFI="C" *>;
```

FFIVARARGLIST may only be used as the formal type of the last parameter in a formal parameter list of a procedure definition. Any other uses of this pseudo-type will result in a compile-time error.

# 11.1.4.2 Pseudo-Type FFIVARARGCOUNT

Pseudo-type FFIVARARGCOUNT may be used as a formal type within the formal parameter list of an unsafe variadic procedure definition in order to define an automatic variadic counter. An automatic variadic counter is a formal parameter to which the compiler automatically passes the number of actual parameters passed for a formal variadic parameter of a variadic procedure.

```
Example:
FROM UNSAFE IMPORT FFIVARARGCOUNT, FFIVARARGLIST;
PROCEDURE p( c : FFIVARARGCOUNT; f : FILE; args : FFIVARARGLIST ) <* FFI="C" *>;
Invoked as:
p( file, TRUE, 42, 1.23, 0u40, "foo" );
Compiled as:
p( 5, file, TRUE, 42, 1.23, 0u40, "foo" ); (* argument count inserted *)
```

FFIVARARGCOUNT may only be used as a formal type in a formal parameter list whose last parameter is defined as an FFIVARARGLIST and it may only occur once in the formal parameter list. FFIVARARGCOUNT is a formal whole number type whose size, minimum and maximum values are target dependent. Its actual size, minimum and maximum values may be obtained using pervasive functions TSIZE, TMIN and TMAX. Any other uses of this pseudo-type will result in a compile-time error.

#### 11.2 Pseudo-Module ATOMIC

Pseudo-module ATOMIC provides intrinsics for atomic operations.

## 11.2.1 Testing The Availability Of Atomic Intrinsics

The availability of atomic operations is dependent on the target architecture. Not all CPUs support all operations and operands. Module ATOMIC provides enumeration type INTRINSIC and function AVAIL to test the availability of atomic intrinsics. Type INTRINSIC enumerates mnemonics for all possible atomic intrinsics. Its definition is:

```
TYPE INTRINSIC = ( SWAP, CAS, INC, DEC, BWAND, BWNAND, BWOR, BWXOR );
```

Function AVAIL returns the availability of the atomic intrinsic given by its first operand for the bit width given by its second operand. It returns TRUE if the operation is available. Its definition is:

```
PROCEDURE AVAIL ( intrinsic : INTRINSIC; bitwidth : CARDINAL ) : BOOLEAN;
```

## 11.2.2 ATOMIC Intrinsics

ATOMIC intrinsics are pseudo-procedures that act and look like library defined procedures but they may not be assigned to procedure variables and may not be passed to any procedure as parameters. Invocations of intrinsics are translated by the compiler into their respective machine instructions.

#### 11.2.2.1 Intrinsic SWAP

Atomic intrinsic SWAP atomically swaps the values of its operands. The operands must be 8-, 16- 32- or 64-bit wide. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE SWAP ( VAR x, y : <AnyType> );
```

## 11.2.2.2 Intrinsic CAS

Atomic intrinsic CAS atomically compares its first and second operands and if they match, swaps the values of its second and third operands, and returns the original value of the second operand. The operands must be 8-, 16- 32- or 64-bit wide. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE CAS ( VAR expectedValue, x, y : <AnyType> ) : <OperandType>;
```

## 11.2.2.3 Intrinsic BCAS

Atomic intrinsic BCAS atomically compares its first and second operands and if they match, swaps the values of its second and third operands. It returns the result of the compare operation. The operands must be 8-, 16-32- or 64-bit wide. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BCAS ( VAR expectedValue, x, y : <AnyType> ) : BOOLEAN;
```

#### 11.2.2.4 Intrinsic INC

Atomic intrinsic INC atomically increments the values of its first operand by the value given by its second operand. The operands must be 8-, 16- 32- or 64-bit wide. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE INC ( VAR x : <AnyType>; y : <TypeOf(x)> );
```

#### 11.2.2.5 Intrinsic DEC

Atomic intrinsic DEC atomically decrements the values of its first operand by the value given by its second operand. The operands must be 8-, 16- 32- or 64-bit wide. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE DEC ( VAR x : <AnyType>; y : <TypeOf(x)> );
```

#### 11.2.2.6 Intrinsic BWAND

Atomic intrinsic BWAND atomically performs the bitwise logical AND of its operands and passes the result back in its first operand. The operands must be 8-, 16- 32- or 64-bit wide. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BWAND ( VAR x : <AnyType>; y : <TypeOf(x)> );
```

#### 11.2.2.7 Intrinsic BWNAND

Atomic intrinsic BWNAND atomically performs the bitwise logical NAND of its operands and passes the result back in its first operand. The operands must be 8-, 16- 32- or 64-bit wide. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BWNAND ( VAR x : <AnyType>; y : <TypeOf(x)> );
```

#### 11.2.2.8 Intrinsic BWOR

Atomic intrinsic BWOR atomically performs the bitwise logical OR of its operands and passes the result back in its first operand. The operands must be 8-, 16- 32- or 64-bit wide. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BWOR ( VAR x : <AnyType>; y : <TypeOf(x)> );
```

#### 11.2.2.9 Intrinsic BWXOR

Atomic intrinsic BWXOR atomically performs the bitwise logical exclusive OR of its operands and passes the result back in its first operand. The operands must be 8-, 16- 32- or 64-bit wide. Its pseudo-definition is:

```
PROCEDURE BWXOR ( VAR x : <AnyType>; y : <TypeOf(x)> );
```

## 11.3 Pseudo-Module COROUTINE

Pseudo-module coroutine will provide intrinsics for concurrency based on coroutines.

## 11.3.1 Objectives and Requirements

This pseudo-module will be defined in Phase II of the language revision. However, its objectives and high level requirements have already been defined during Phase I:

- Local procedures shall not be used as coroutines
- Coroutines shall be organised into coroutine pools
- Coroutines with the same pool shall be able to share non-global data
- Only coroutines within the same pool shall be able to yield to each other

The pseudo-module will need to provide:

- a means to create and destroy coroutine pools
- a means to create and destroy coroutine tasks within a pool
- a means to pass non-global data between coroutines of the same pool
- a means to pass execution control to another coroutine within the same pool
- miscellaneous means of introspection for coroutines and coroutine pools

## 11.4 Pseudo-Module ACTOR

Pseudo-module ACTOR will provide intrinsics for concurrency based on actors.

## 11.4.1 Objectives and Requirements

This pseudo-module will be defined in Phase II of the language revision. No objectives and no requirements have been defined during Phase I.

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Pseudo-module ASSEMBLER is an optional module that provides an inline-assembler facility for one or more target architectures.

## 11.5.1 Testing The Availability Of The Inline Assembler

The availability of module ASSEMBLER and its inline assembler facility is both implementation and target dependent. For the purpose of testing the availability of optional compile time capabilities module COMPILER provides boolean constant SupportsInlineAssembler. It may be used to test whether an inline assembler is available for the current target architecture.

## 11.5.2 Mnemonics Of The Target Architecture

Module ASSEMBLER provides two enumeration types defining mnemonics of opcodes and registers of the target architecture:

OPCODE target dependent enumeration of opcode mnemonics target dependent enumeration of register mnemonics

Mnemonics are architecture dependent. The identifiers of enumeration elements are determined from lowercase transliterations of the target architecture's official mnemonics. The element order is implementation defined.

```
Pseudo-Definition Example:
TYPE

(* Opcode mnemonics *)
   OPCODE = ( add, adc, and, ... );

(* Register mnemonics *)
   REGISTER = ( eax, ebx, ecx, edx, ... );
```

For convenience, the module also provides constants for the unqualified use of the mnemonics defined by types OPCODE and REGISTER:

- constants for unqualified opcode mnemonics
- constants for unqualified register mnemonics

```
Pseudo-Definition Example:
CONST
(* unqualified opcode mnemonics *)
   add = OPCODE.add;
   adc = OPCODE.adc;
   ...
(* unqualified register mnemonics *)
   eax = REGISTER.eax;
   ebx = REGISTER.ebx;
   ...
```

# 11.5.3 Inline Assembler Intrinsic CODE

Module assembler provides a single intrinsic code.

Invocations of the intrinsic are translated by the compiler's target specific inline assembler into a sequence of inlined machine instructions generated from an instruction list specified by the actual parameters of the invocation.

```
Pseudo-Definition:
    <*INLINE*> PROCEDURE CODE ( <instructionList> );
```

The instruction list may consist of opcode mnemonics, register mnemonics, constant expressions and variables. Its grammar is defined as:

```
instructionList :
    instruction ( "," instruction )* ;
instruction :
    opcode operandList ;
operandList :
    operand ( "," operand )* ;
operand :
    register | constant | variable ;
opcode : qualIdent ; (* any identifier defined by type OPCODE *)
register : qualIdent ; (* any identifier defined by type REGISTER *)
constant : constExpression ;
variable : qualIdent ;
```

The number of operands in an operand list is dependent on the target architecture.

```
Examples:
FROM ASSEMBLER IMPORT *;
CODE ( mov, eax, foobar );
CODE ( mov, ebx, 0xDEADBEEF );
```

# 12 Pragmas

Pragmas are directives to the compiler, used to control or influence the translation process, but they do not change the meaning of the program itself. Pragmas may be positional or non-positional. Positional pragmas may only appear at specific positions within the source text. Non-positional pragmas may appear before or after any token within the source text. Pragmas fall into four groups:

- language defined pragmas to emit compile time messages
- language defined pragmas to facilitate conditional compilation
- language defined pragmas to influence or control the compilation process
- implementation defined pragmas to influence or control the compilation process

# 12.1 Pragma to Emit Console Messages During Compile Time

A single pragma is provided to emit four different types of console messages during compilation:

- informational messages
- compilation warnings
- compilation error messages
- fatal compilation error messages

# 12.1.1 Pragma MSG

Pragma MSG is used to emit different types of user defined console messages during compilation. The pragma is non-positional. It may occur anywhere in the source text. A mode selector determines the message type. Console messages may consist of a quoted string literal, the value of a compile time constant, the value of a pragma that represents a compilation setting, or a combination thereof.

```
EBNF:
pMSG:
    "<*" MSG "=" ( INFO | WARN | ERROR | FATAL ) ":"
        compileTimeMsgComponent ( "," compileTimeMsgComponent )* "*>";
compileTimeMsqComponent:
    String | constQualident | "?" ( ALIGN | ENCODING | implDefPragmaName ) ;
```

## 12.1.2 Message Mode INFO

Message mode selector INFO is used to emit user defined information during compilation. Emitting an informational message does not change the error or warning count of the current compilation run and it does not cause compilation to fail or abort.

```
Examples:
<* MSG=INFO : "Alignment is: ", ?ALIGN *>
<* MSG=INFO : "Bounds checking is: ", ?BoundsChecking *>
<* MSG=INFO : "Library documentation is available at http://foolib.com" *>
```

# 12.1.3 Message Mode WARN

Message mode selector WARN is used to emit user defined warnings during compilation. Emitting a warning message increments the warning count of the current compilation run but it does not cause compilation to fail or abort.

```
Example:
<* MSG=WARN : "foo exceeds maximum value. A default of 100 will be used." *>
```

# 12.1.4 Message Mode ERROR

Message mode selector ERROR is used to emit user defined error messages during compilation. Emitting an error message increments the error count of the current compilation run and will ultimately cause compilation to fail but it does not cause an immediate abort.

## 12.1.5 Message Mode FATAL

Message mode selector FATAL is used to emit user defined fatal error messages during compilation. Emitting a fatal error message increments the error count of the current compilation run and causes compilation to fail and abort immediately.

# 12.2 Pragmas For Conditional Compilation

Conditional compilation pragmas may be used to denote conditional compilation sections. A conditional compilation section is an arbitrary portion of source text that is either compiled or ignored depending on whether or not a given condition in form of a boolean compile time expression is met.

A conditional compilation section consists of an initial conditional compilation branch denoted by pragma IF, followed by zero or more alternative branches denoted by pragma ELSIF, followed by an optional default branch denoted by pragma ELSE, followed by closing pragma ENDIF.

```
EBNF:
conditionalCompilationSection :
   pIF anySymbol* ( pELSIF anySymbol* )* ( pELSE anySymbol* )? pENDIF ;
```

Conditional compilation sections may be nested up to a maximum nesting level of ten including the outermost conditional compilation section. A fatal compile time error occurs if the maximum nesting level is exceeded. For better readability of source text it is recommended to avoid nesting whenever possible and keep the nesting depth to an absolute minimum when nesting cannot be avoided.

## 12.2.1 Pragma IF

Pragma IF denotes the start of the initial branch of a conditional compilation section. The source text within the initial branch of a conditional compilation section is only processed if the condition specified in the pragma denoting the start of the initial branch is true, otherwise it is ignored.

pIF: "<\*" IF inPragmaExpression "\*>";

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This pragma causes the current conditional compilation nesting level to be incremented by one.

# 12.2.2 Pragma ELSIF

EBNF:

Pragma ELSIF denotes the start of an alternative branch within a conditional compilation section. The source text within an alternative branch of a conditional compilation section is only processed if the condition specified in the pragma denoting the alternative branch is true and the conditions specified for the initial branch and all preceding alternative branches of the same nesting level are false, otherwise it is ignored.

```
EBNF:
pELSIF : "<*" ELSIF inPragmaExpression "*>";
```

This pragma does not alter the current conditional compilation nesting level.

# 12.2.3 Pragma ELSE

Pragma ELSE denotes the start of a default branch within a conditional compilation section. The source text within the default branch of a conditional compilation section is only processed if the conditions specified for the initial branch and all preceding alternative branches of the same nesting level are false, otherwise it is ignored.

```
EBNF:
pelse : "<*" else "*>" ;
```

This pragma does not alter the current conditional compilation nesting level.

## 12.2.4 Pragma ENDIF

Pragma ENDIF denotes the end of a conditional compilation section.

```
EBNF:
pendif: "<*" endif "*>";
```

This pragma causes the current conditional compilation nesting level to be decremented by one.

## 12.3 Pragmas To Control Code Generation

## 12.3.1 Pragma ENCODING

Pragma ENCODING may be used to specify the encoding of the source file and to verify the current encoding against the intended encoding. By default two encodings, ASCII and UTF8 are recognised. Support for any other source file encodings is implementation dependent. Unrecognised encodings will cause a fatal compilation error and compilation will be aborted immediately.

The pragma controls whether any characters other than the printable characters of the US-ASCII character set are permitted within comments and quoted literals. In order to verify the current encoding against the intended encoding, the pragma may further specify a list of arbitrary samples with pairs of quoted characters and their respective code point values.

```
EBNF:
pENCODING :
    "<*" ENCODING "=" quotedStringLiteral ( ":" codePointSampleList )? "*>" ;
encodingControlPragma :
    "<*" ENCODING "=" quotedStringLiteral ( ":" codePointSampleList )? "*>" ;
codePointSampleList :
    codePointSample ( "," codePointSample )* ;
codePointSample :
    quotedCharacterLiteral "=" characterCodeLiteral ;
```

When no BOM and no encoding pragma is present in the source file, only printable characters of the US-ASCII character set are permitted within comments and quoted literals. The printable characters of the US-ASCII character set are the characters whose code points are within the range of values 0u20 (whitespace) and 0u7E (tilde). Any other characters will cause a compilation error.

When the encoding pragma is present, specifying ASCII as the encoding, the use of characters is forcefully restricted to printable characters of the US-ASCII character set, regardless of whether a UTF-8 BOM is present in the source file or not. Any other characters will cause a compilation error.

When a BOM and and an encoding pragma is present in the source file and a supported encoding other than ASCII is specified, the BOM is checked against the specified encoding. A mismatch will cause a fatal compilation error and compilation to abort immediately. If BOM and specified encoding match, printable characters of the character set associated with the encoding are permitted within comments and quoted literals. Any other characters will cause a compilation error.

If a sample list is specified within the pragma body, a verification is carried out by matching the quoted literals in the sample list against their respective code points. Any mismatching pair in the sample list will cause a fatal compilation error and compilation to abort immediately.

The encoding pragma is positional. If it is present in the source text, it must appear before any other token. There can only be one encoding pragma per source file. The maximum number of code point samples accepted within an encoding pragma is implementation defined but a value of at least 96 is recommended. Excess samples are ignored and cause a compile time warning.

## 12.3.2 Pragma GENLIB

Pragma GENLIB may be used to invoke the Modula-2 template engine to automatically generate the source files for a new library module from a library template during compilation of a library that wants to import the library to be generated. The Modula-2 template engine is described in detail in section 13 ("Generics"). The pragma is positional. It may only appear before an import statement.

```
PGENLIB :
    "<*" GENLIB moduleName "FROM" template ":" templateParamList "*>" ;

templateParamList :
    templateParam ( "," templateParam )*

templateParam :
    placeholder "=" replacement ;

moduleName : Ident ;

template : Ident ;

placeholder : Ident ;

replacement : String ;
```

```
Example:
DEFINITION MODULE FooApp;
<* GENLIB IntegerStack FROM Stack : componentType="INTEGER", maxSize="100" *>
IMPORT IntegerStack;
```

# 12.3.3 Pragma FFI

Pragma FFI may be used to specify the calling convention of procedures and procedure types to interface with programs and libraries written in other languages. Language defined specifiers for foreign function interfaces are "C" and "FORTRAN".

Implementations that provide pragma FFI should always support C. Support for Fortran is optional. It is recommended that an implementation should emit a compile time error when it encounters an FFI pragma that specifies an unsupported foreign function interface.

The pragma is positional. Its position in the source text determines its scope and it may only appear at specific positions within a module header, a procedure definition or a procedure type declaration as defined by the EBNF grammar.

```
EBNF:

pFFI : "<*" FFI "=" foreignInterfaceName "*>";

foreignInterfaceName : String;
```

```
Example 1:
   (* Module scope use of FFI pragma *)
   DEFINITION MODULE stdio <* FFI = "C" *>;
```

# 12.3.4 Pragma INLINE

Pragmas INLINE may be used to influence the inlining of procedures. The INLINE pragma strongly suggests that inlining of a procedure is desirable. An informational message will be emitted if the suggestion is not followed. The pragma is positional. It may only appear after a procedure header within a procedure definition as defined by the EBNF grammar.

```
EBNF:
pINLINE : "<*" INLINE "*>" ;
```

```
Examples:
PROCEDURE Foo (bar, baz : CARDINAL) <* INLINE *>;
```

## 12.3.5 Pragma NOINLINE

Pragma NOINLINE mandates that a procedure may not be inlined. The pragma is positional. It may only appear after a procedure header within a procedure definition as defined by the EBNF grammar.

```
EBNF:
pNOINLINE: "<*" NOINLINE "*>";
```

```
Examples:
PROCEDURE Bar (baz, bam : CARDINAL) <* NOINLINE *>;
```

# 12.3.6 Pragma ALIGN

Pragma ALIGN may be used to set the alignment of variables and record fields. It specifies the alignment in octets. An alignment of zero specifies packing. The pragma is positional. Its position in the source text determines its scope and it may only appear at specific positions within a variable declaration section or a record type declaration as defined by the EBNF grammar.

```
EBNF:
pALIGN : "<*" ALIGN "=" inPragmaExpression "*>" ;
```

```
Examples:
VAR n : CARDINAL <* ALIGN = TSIZE(CARDINAL) * 2 *>;
TYPE Aligned = RECORD
  <* ALIGN = 2 *>
   foo, bar : INTEGER;
                                  (* 16 bit aligned *)
  baz : INTEGER <* ALIGN = 4 *>; (* 32 bit aligned *)
                                  (* 16 bit aligned *)
  bam : INTEGER;
END; (* Aligned *)
```

## 12.3.7 Pragma PADBITS

Pragma PADBITS may be used to insert padding bits into packed record type declarations. It specifies the number of padding bits to be inserted. The pragma is positional. It may only appear within packed record type declarations as defined by the EBNF grammar.

```
EBNF:
pPADBITS : "<*" PADBITS "=" inPragmaExpression "*>";
```

## 12.3.8 Pragma ADDR

Pragma ADDR may be used to map procedures and global variables to fixed memory addresses. The pragma is positional. It may only appear at the end of a procedure definition or global variable declaration as defined by the EBNF grammar.

```
EBNF:
pADDR : "<*" ADDR "=" inPragmaExpression "*>";
```

```
Examples:
VAR memoryMappedPort : CARDINAL <* ADDR = 0x100 *>;
PROCEDURE Reset <* ADDR = 0x12 *>;
```

#### 12.3.9 Pragma REG

Pragma REG may be used to map formal parameters in procedure definitions and procedure type declarations to machine registers. A mapped parameter will be passed in the register it is mapped to. The pragma is positional. It may only appear at specific positions within the formal parameter list of a procedure definition or procedure type declaration as defined by the EBNF grammar.

```
EBNF:
pREG : "<*" REG "=" ( registerNumber | registerMnemonic ) "*>";
registerNumber = Number;
registerMnemonic = String;
```

```
Examples:
TYPE FooProc = PROCEDURE (CARDINAL <* REG = 10 *>);
PROCEDURE Bar (baz : CARDINAL <* REG = REGISTER.eax *>);
```

## 12.3.10 Pragma PURITY

Pragma Purity may be used to mark the intended purity level of a procedure as follows:

- level 0 : may read and modify global state, may call procedures of any level
- level 1 : may read but not modify global state, may call level 1 and level 3 procedures
- level 2 : may not read but modify global state, may call level 2 and level 3 procedures
- level 3: may not read nor modify global state, may call level 3 procedures

The pragma shall cause the compiler to emit a warning if it detects any violation of the purity level.

```
EBNF:
pVOLATILE : "<*" PURITY "=" inPragmaExpression "*>";
```

```
Example:
PROCEDURE Foo ( a : Bar) : Baz <* PURITY=3 *>; (* pure and side-effect free *)
```

## 12.3.11 Pragma VOLATILE

Pragma VOLATILE may be used to mark a variable as volatile. The value of a volatile variable may change during the life time of a program but no write access to it can be deduced from source code analysis. Compilers may use this information during the optimisation phase, for example to avoid "optimising away" a variable that might otherwise have been considered unused.

```
EBNF:
pVOLATILE : "<*" VOLATILE "*>";
```

```
Example:
VAR foo : INTEGER <* VOLATILE *>;
```

## 12.4 Implementation Defined Pragmas

Implementation defined pragmas are compiler specific and non-portable. Their names must not be all-uppercase words. Implementation defined pragmas may be positional or non-positional. If an implementation defined pragma is not recognised by another implementation, the unrecognised pragma shall be ignored and a warning message shall be emitted.

An implementation defined pragma may either hold no value, boolean values or whole number values. Its value may be changed during compilation by assigning a new value. No value may be assigned to a pragma that is not defined to hold a value.

```
EBNF:
implementationDefinedPragma :
    "<*" ImplDefPragmaName ( "=" inPragmaExpression )? "*>";
ImplDefPragmaName : Ident ; (* lower case or mixed case *)
```

## 13 Generics

Modula-2 R10 does not provide any syntax for generic programming within the language itself. Instead, generic programming is supported via the Modula-2 Template Engine, or M2TE, a utility that is external to the compiler, invoked prior to compilation. The M2TE utility provides specialisation of generic modules with call by name parameters through a simple text template facility.

The utility is invoked by passing the name of a template file and one or more translations for placeholders in the template file as parameters, the latter in the form of strings. It then recursively replaces all the placeholders with their respective translations, thereby generating the source text for a library module that is then written to a set of Modula-2 source files available for import by any Modula-2 library or program.

The M2TE utility recognises any string prefixed and suffixed by @@ as a placeholder and any line that starts with %% as a comment not to be copied into the output. To produce these symbols verbatim they may be escaped with backquote `.

The M2TE utility may be invoked manually, or automatically by the compiler on a generate-on-demand basis using the GENLIB pragma within a Modula-2 source file.

```
EBNF:
m2teInvocation :
    "m2te" templateFilename ( placeholderName ":" translation )*
```

By convention, the first placeholder name is always module, standing in for the name of the module to be generated.

```
Example:
$ m2te Stack module:IntegerStack componentType:INTEGER
```

The example above invokes the M2TE utility to read template files Stack.def and Stack.mod, replace any occurrences of the passed placeholders module and componentType with identifiers Integer—Stack and INTEGER respectively, and write the resulting output into Modula-2 source files named IntegerStack.def and IntegerStack.mod respectively.

The GENLIB pragma may be used to generate a module on demand from within the source text of a client module or program.

The standard library provides a portfolio of generic templates for commonly used abstract data types. A list of templates and their brief descriptions can be found in the standard library section of this document.

The public repository with the complete definition parts of the standard library is available at:

http://bitbucket.org/trijezdci/m2r10stdlib/src

A list of modules with a brief description for each module is given below.

## 14.1 Pseudo Modules and Documentation Modules

Pseudo modules provide interfaces to the system or the compiler itself and are therefore built-in. However, the identifiers they provide need to be explicitly imported to be available. Documentation modules are for the sole purpose of documenting built-in features such as pervasives.

There are six mandatory pseudo modules, one optional pseudo module and one documentation module:

ATOMIC.def provides atomic intrinsics

UNSAFE.def access to system dependent resources
COROUTINE.def access to built-in coroutines (Phase II)
RUNTIME.def interface to the Modula-2 runtime system
COMPILER.def interface to the Modula-2 compile-time system
CONVERSION.def interface to intermediate scalar conversion intrinsics
ASSEMBLER.def access to target dependent inline assembler (optional)
PERVASIVES.def documents pervasive constants, types and macros

## 14.2 Blueprint Library

Blueprints which specify common semantics that data types may be required to conform to:

ProtoNumeric.def defines properties common to all numeric blueprints

ProtoScalar.def defines properties common to all numeric scalar blueprints defines properties common to all numeric non-scalar blueprints

ProtoCardinal.def defines properties for unsigned whole number ADTs
ProtoInteger.def defines properties for signed whole number ADTs

ProtoReal.def defines properties for real number ADTs
ProtoComplex.def defines properties for complex number ADTs
ProtoVector.def defines properties for numeric vector ADTs
defines properties for numeric tuple ADTs

ProtoRealArray.def defines properties for numeric array ADTs of real numbers
ProtoComplexArray.def defines properties for numeric array ADTs of complex numbers

ProtoCollection.def defines properties common to all collection blueprints

ProtoStaticSet.def defines properties for static set ADTs
ProtoStaticArray.def defines properties for static array ADTs

ProtoStaticString.def defines properties for static character string ADTs
ProtoSet.def defines properties for dynamic unordered set ADTs
ProtoOrderedSet.def defines properties for dynamic ordered set ADTs
ProtoArray.def defines properties for dynamic array ADTs

ProtoString.def defines properties for dynamic character string ADTs

ProtoDictionary.def defines properties for dynamic unordered associative array ADTs

ProtoOrderedDict.def defines properties for dynamic ordered associative array ADTs

ProtoDateTime.def defines properties for date-time ADTs

ProtoInterval.def defines properties for date-time interval ADTs

## 14.3 Memory Management Modules

Storage.def dynamic memory allocator

## 14.4 Modules for Exception Handling and Termination

Exceptions.def exception handling
Termination.def termination handling

## 14.5 File System Modules

Filesystem.def file system operations using absolute paths

DefaultDir.def file system operations relative to a working directory pathnames.def operating system independent pathname operations

## 14.6 File IO Modules

FileIo.def file oriented input and output
TextIo.def line oriented input and output

RegexIO.def regular expression based input and output

Scanner.def primitives for scanning text files
Terminal.def terminal based input and output

## 14.7 IO Modules for UNSAFE Types

BYTE.def IO module for type BYTE
WORD.def IO module for type WORD
ADDRESS.def IO module for type ADDRESS

## 14.8 IO Modules for Pervasive Types

PervasiveIO.def aggregator module to import all pervasive IO modules

BOOLEAN.def IO module for type BOOLEAN
BITSET.def IO module for type BITSET
LONGBITSET.def IO module for type LONGBITSET

CHAR.def IO module for type CHAR

ARRAYOFCHAR.def IO module for ARRAY OF CHAR types

UNICHAR.def IO module for type UNICHAR

ARRAYOFUNICHAR.def IO module for ARRAY OF UNICHAR types

OCTET.def IO module for type OCTET
CARDINAL.def IO module for type CARDINAL
LONGCARD.def IO module for type LONGCARD
INTEGER.def IO module for type INTEGER
LONGINT.def IO module for type LONGINT
REAL.def IO module for type REAL
LONGREAL.def IO module for type LONGREAL

## 14.9 Library Modules Implementing Basic Types

BS16.def 16-bit bitset type
BS32.def 32-bit bitset type
BS64.def 64-bit bitset type
BS128.def 128-bit bitset type

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16-bit unsigned integer type CARD16.def 32-bit unsigned integer type CARD32.def 64-bit unsigned integer type CARD64.def 128-bit unsigned integer type CARD128.def 16-bit signed integer type INT16.def INT32.def 32-bit signed integer type 64-bit signed integer type INT64.def INT128.def 128-bit signed integer type

single precision binary coded decimals
LONGBCD.def double precision binary coded decimals
COMPLEX.def single precision complex number type
LONGCOMPLEX.def double precision complex number type

CHARSET.def character set type
STRING.def dynamic ASCII strings
UNISTRING.def dynamic unicode strings

UnsignedReal1.def real number type with values from 0.0 to 1.0 real number type with values from 0.0 to 59.999

UnsignedReal360.def real number type with values from 0.0 to 359.9999999

## 14.10 Modules Defining Alias Types

Bitsets.def ALIAS types for bitsets with guaranteed widths

Cardinals.def ALIAS types for unsigned integers with guaranteed widths
Integers.def ALIAS types for signed integers with guaranteed widths

SHORTBITSET.def ALIAS type for bitset with smallest width LONGLONGBITSET.def ALIAS type for bitset with largest width

SHORTCARD.def

ALIAS type for unsigned integers with smallest width
LONGLONGCARD.def

ALIAS type for unsigned integers with largest width
SHORTINT.def

ALIAS type for signed integers with smallest width
LONGLONGINT.def

ALIAS type for signed integers with largest width

## 14.11 Modules Providing Math for Basic Types

CardinalMath.def mathematic functions for type CARDINAL LongCardMath.def mathematic functions for type LONGCARD IntegerMath.def mathematic functions for type INTEGER mathematic functions for type LONGINT

RealMath.def mathematic constants and functions for type REAL LongRealMath.def mathematic constants and functions for type LONGREAL mathematic constants and functions for type BCD

LongBCDMath.def mathematic constants and functions for type LONGBCD mathematic constants and functions for type COMPLEX LongComplexMath.def mathematic constants and functions for type LONGCOMPLEX

## 14.12 Modules Providing Primitives for Text Handling

ASCII.def mnemonics and macro-functions for ASCII characters

Regex.def Modula-2 regular expression library

RegexConv.def conversion library for regular expression syntax

## 14.13 Modules for Date and Time Handling

TZ.def time zone offsets and abbreviations

Time.def compound time with day, hour, minute, sec/msec components

DateTime.def compound calendar date and time

TimeUnits.def date and time base units
SysClock.def interface to the system clock

## 14.14 Modules with Legacy Interfaces

LegacyPIM.def selected legacy PIM functions and procedures selected legacy ISO functions and procedures

#### 14.15 Miscellaneous Modules

Hashes.def selected hash functions

LexParams.def constants with lexical parameters of the compiler

## 14.16 Template Library

Stack.def generic stack template

Queue.def generic queue template

DEQ.def generic double ended queue template

PriorityQueue.def generic priority queue template

AATree.def generic AA tree template
SplayTree.def generic Splay tree template
PatriciaTrie.def generic Patricia trie template
DynamicArray.def generic dynamic array template
KeyValueStore.def generic key value storage template

NonZeroIndexArray.def generic non-zero index array type template

## **Appendix A: Grammar in EBNF**

## A.1 Non-Terminal Symbols

## **Compilation Units**

```
#1 Compilation Unit
compilationUnit:
    IMPLEMENTATION? programModule | definitionOfModule | blueprint ;
#2 Program Module
programModule :
    MODULE moduleIdent ";"
    importList* block moduleIdent ".";
#2.1 Module Identifier
moduleIdent : Ident ;
#3 Definition Of Module
definitionOfModule:
    DEFINITION MODULE moduleIdent ( "[" conformedToBlueprint "]" )? ";"
    importList* definition*
    END moduleIdent ".";
#3.1 Conformed-To Blueprint
conformedToBlueprint : blueprintIdent ;
#4 Blueprint
blueprint :
    BLUEPRINT blueprintIdent "[" conformedToBlueprint "]" ";"
    ( PLACEHOLDERS identList ";" )?
    requiredTypeDeclaration ";"
    ( requiredBinding ";" )*
    END prototypeIdent ".";
#4.1 Blueprint Identifier
blueprintIdent : Ident ;
#4.2 RequiredBinding
requiredBinding : procedureHeader ;
Import Lists, Blocks, Definitions and Declarations
#5 Import List
importList :
    ( IMPORT moduleIdent "+"? ( "," moduleIdent "+"? )* |
      FROM moduleIdent IMPORT ( identList | "*" ) ) ";";
#6 Block
block :
    declaration*
    ( BEGIN statementSequence )? END ;
#7 Definition
definition :
    CONST ( publicConstDeclaration ";" )+ |
    TYPE ( publicTypeDeclaration ";" )+ |
```

VAR ( variableDeclaration ";" )+ |

procedureHeader ";" ;

```
#8 Public Constant Declaration
publicConstDeclaration :
    ( "[" boundToPrimitive "]" )? Ident "=" constExpression1;
#8.1 Bound-To Primitive
boundToPrimitive<sup>2</sup> : Ident ;
#8.2 Constant Expression
constExpression : expression ;
#9 Public Type Declaration
publicTypeDeclaration :
    Ident "=" ( type | OPAQUE recordType? ) ;
#10 Declaration
declaration :
    CONST ( Ident "=" constExpression ";" )+ |
    TYPE ( Ident "=" type ";" )+ |
    VAR ( variableDeclaration ";" )+ |
    procedureHeader ";" block Ident ";" ;
#11 Required Type Declaration
requiredTypeDeclaration:
   TYPE "=" permittedTypeDeclaration ( " | " permittedTypeDeclaration )*
    ( ":=" protoliteral ( "| " protoliteral )* )?
#12 Permitted Type Declaration
permittedTypeDeclaration:
    RECORD | OPAQUE RECORD?
#13 Proto-Literal
protoliteral:
    simpleProtoliteral | structuredProtoliteral;
#13.1 Simple Proto-Literal
simpleProtoliteral<sup>3</sup> : Ident;
#14 Structured Proto-Literal
structuredProtoliteral:
    "{" ( VARIADIC OF simpleProtoliteral ( "," simpleProtoliteral )* |
    structuredProtoliteral ( "," structuredProtoliteral )* ) "}";
Types
#15 Type
type :
    ( ( ALIAS | range ) OF )? typeIdent | enumerationType |
    arrayType | recordType | setType | pointerType | procedureType ;
#15.1 Type Identifier
typeIdent : qualident ;
#16 Range
range:
    "[" constExpression ".." constExpression "]";
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Constants may not be declared as aliases of type identifiers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bindable-to primitives are TSIG and TEXP, which are located in pseudo-module CONVERSION.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Simple proto-literals are CHAR, INTEGER and REAL, representing any quoted literals, whole numbers and real numbers.

```
#17 Enumeration Type
enumerationType :
    "(" ( "+" enumBaseType "," )? identList ")" ;
#17.1 Enumeration Base Type
enumBaseType : typeIdent ;
#18 Array Type
arrayType :
    ( ARRAY componentCount ( "," componentCount )* |
      ASSOCIATIVE ARRAY ) OF typeIdent ;
#18.1 Component Count
componentCount : constExpression ;
#19 Record Type
recordType :
    RECORD ( fieldList ( ";" fieldList )* indeterminateField |
    "(" baseType ")" fieldList ( ";" fieldList )* ) END ;
#19.1 Field List
fieldList : variableDeclaration ;
#19.2 Base Type
baseType : typeIdent ;
#20 Indeterminate Field
indeterminateField :
    INDETERMINATE Ident ":" ARRAY discriminantFieldIdent OF typeIdent ;
#20.1 Discriminant Field Identifier
discriminantFieldIdent : Ident ;
#21 Set Type
setType :
    SET OF ( enumBaseType | "(" identList ")" );
#22 Pointer Type
pointerType :
    POINTER TO CONST? typeIdent ;
#23 Procedure Type
procedureType :
    PROCEDURE
    ( "(" formalTypeList ")" )?
    ( ":" returnedType )?;
#23.1 Returned Type
returnedType : typeIdent ;
#24 Formal Type List
formalTypeList :
    formalType ( "," formalType )*;
#25 Formal Type
formalType :
    attributedFormalType | variadicFormalType ;
#26 Attributed Formal Type
attributedFormalType :
    ( CONST | VAR )? simpleFormalType ;
```

```
#27 Simple Formal Type
simpleFormalType :
    ( CAST? ARRAY OF )? namedType ;
#28 Variadic Formal Type
variadicFormalType:
    VARIADIC OF
    ( attributedFormalType |
      "{" attributedFormalType ( "," attributedFormalType )* "}" );
Variables
#29 Variable Declaration
variableDeclaration:
    identList ":" ( range OF )? typeIdent ;
Procedures
#30 Procedure Header
procedureHeader :
    PROCEDURE
    ( "[" boundToEntity "]" )?
    Ident ( "(" formalParamList ")" )? ( ":" returnedType )? ;
#31 Bound-To Entity
boundToEntity :
    DIV | MOD | FOR | DESCENDING |
    "::" | ":=" | "?" | "!" | "~" | "+" | "-" | "*" | "/" | "=" | "<" | ">" |
    boundToPervasive:
#31.1 Bound-To Pervasive
boundToPervasive4 : Ident;
#32 Formal Parameter List
formalParamList :
    formalParams ( ";" formalParams )*;
#33 Formal Parameters
formalParams :
    simpleFormalParams | variadicFormalParams ;
#34 Simple Formal Parameters
simpleFormalParams :
    ( CONST | VAR )? identList ":" simpleFormalType ;
#35 Variadic Formal Parameters
variadicFormalParams :
    VARIADIC ( "[" variadicTerminator "]" )? OF
    ( simpleFormalType |
      "{" simpleFormalParams ( ";" simpleFormalParams )* "}" );
#35.1 Variadic Terminator
variadicTerminator : constExpression ;
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Bindable-to pervasives are ABS, NEG, ODD, COUNT, LENGTH, NEW, DISPOSE, RETAIN, RELEASE, TLIMIT, TMIN and TMAX. Bindable-to primitives are SXF and VAL, which are located in pseudo-module CONVERSION.

## **Statements**

```
#36 Statement
statement:
    ( assignmentOrProcedureCall | ifStatement | caseStatement |
      whileStatement | repeatStatement | loopStatement |
      forStatement | RETURN expression? | EXIT )? ;
#37 Statement Sequence
statementSequence :
    statement ( ";" statement )*;
#38 Assignment Or Procedure Call
assignmentOrProcedureCall :
    designator ( ":=" expression | "++" | "--" | actualParameters )?;
#39 IF Statement
ifStatement :
    IF expression THEN statementSequence
    ( ELSIF expression THEN statementSequence )*
    ( ELSE statementSequence )?
    END ;
#40 CASE Statement
caseStatement :
    CASE expression OF case ( "| " case )+ ( ELSE statementSequence )? END ;
#41 Case
case :
    caseLabels ( "," caseLabels )* ":" statementSequence ;
#42 Case Labels
caseLabels :
    constExpression ( ".." constExpression )? ;
#43 WHILE Statement
whileStatement:
    WHILE expression DO statementSequence END ;
#44 REPEAT Statement
repeatStatement :
    REPEAT statementSequence UNTIL expression;
#45 LOOP Statement
loopStatement :
    LOOP statementSequence END ;
#46 FOR Statement
forStatement:
    FOR DESCENDING? controlVariable
    IN ( designator | range OF typeIdent )
    DO statementSequence END ;
#46.1 Control Variable
controlVariable : Ident ;
```

```
#47 Designator
designator:
    qualident designatorTail?;
#48 Designator Tail
designatorTail:
    ( ( "[" expressionList "]" | "^" ) ( "." Ident )* )+;
Expressions
#49 Expression List
expressionList :
    expression ( "," expression )*;
#50 Expression
expression:
    simpleExpression ( relOp simpleExpression )? ;
#50.1 Relational Operator
relOp :
    "=" | "#" | "<" | "<=" | ">" | ">=" | IN ;
#51 Simple Expression
simpleExpression :
    ( "+" | "-" )? term ( addOp term )*;
#51.1 Add Operator
addOp :
    "+" | "-" | OR ;
#52 Term
term :
    factorOrNegation ( mulOp factorOrNegation )*;
#52.1 Multiply Operator
mulOp :
    "*" | "/" | DIV | MOD | AND ;
#53 Factor Or Negation
simpleFactor :
    NOT? factor;
#54 Factor
factor:
    ( NumericLiteral | StringLiteral | structuredValue |
      designatorOrFunctionCall | "(" expression ")" )
    ( "::" namedType )?;
#55 Designator Or Function Call
designatorOrFunctionCall:
    designator actualParameters?;
#56 Actual Parameters
actualParameters :
    "(" expressionList? ")";
```

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## **Value Constructors**

```
#57 Structured Value
structuredValue :
    "{" ( valueComponent ( "," valueComponent )* )? "}" ;
#58 Value Component
valueComponent :
    expression ( ( BY | ".." ) constExpression )? ;

Identifiers
#59 Qualified Identifier
qualident :
    Ident ( "." Ident )* ;
#60 Identifier List
identList :
    Ident ( "," Ident )* ;
```

## A.2 Terminal Symbols

```
#1 Reserved Words
ReservedWord:
    ALIAS AND ARRAY ASSOCIATIVE BEGIN BLUEPRINT BY CASE CONST DEFINITION
    DESCENDING DIV DO ELSE ELSIF END EXIT FOR FROM IF IMPLEMENTATION IMPORT
    IN INDETERMINATE LOOP MOD MODULE NOT OF OPAQUE OR PLACEHOLDERS POINTER
    PROCEDURE RECORD REPEAT RETURN SET THEN TO TYPE UNTIL VAR VARIADIC WHILE ;
#2 Identifier
Ident:
    IdentLeadChar IdentTail? ;
#2.1 Identifier Lead Character
IdentLeadChar :
    " " | "$" | Letter ;
#2.2 Identifier Tail
IdentTail :
    ( IdentLeadChar | Digit )+;
#3 Numeric Literal
NumericLiteral:
       ( RealNumberTail |
         "b" Base2DigitSeg |
         "x" Base16DigitSeq |
         "u" Base16DigitSeq )?
    "1" .. "9" DecimalNumberTail?;
#3.1 Decimal Number Tail
DecimalNumberTail:
    DigitSep? DigitSeq RealNumberTail? | RealNumberTail;
#3.2 Real Number Tail
RealNumberTail:
    "." DigitSeg ( "e" ( "+" | "-" )? DigitSeg )?;
#3.3 Digit Sequence
DigitSeq:
    Digit+ ( DigitSep Digit+ )*;
#3.4 Base-2 Digit Sequence
Base2DigitSeq:
    Base2Digit+ ( DigitSep Base2Digit+ )*;
#3.5 Base-16 Digit Sequence
Base16DigitSeq:
    Base16Digit+ ( DigitSep Base16Digit+ )*;
#3.6 Digit
Digit:
    Base2Digit | "2" | "3" | "4" | "5" | "6" | "7" | "8" | "9";
#3.7 Base-16 Digit
Base16Digit:
    Digit | "A" | "B" | "C" | "D" | "E" | "F";
#3.8 Base-2 Digit
                                          #3.9 Digit Separator
Base2Digit:
                                          DigitSep : "'" ;
    "0" | "1" ;
```

```
#4 String Literal
```

```
StringLiteral :
    SingleQuotedString | DoubleQuotedString ;
```

#### #4.1 Single Quoted String

```
SingleQuotedString :
    "'" ( QuotableCharacter | '"' )* "'" ;
```

#### #4.2 Double Quoted String

```
DoubleQuotedString :
    '"' ( QuotableCharacter | "'" )* '"';
```

#### **#4.3 Quotable Character**

```
QuotableCharacter:
Digit | Letter | Space | NonAlphaNumQuotable | EscapedCharacter;
```

#### #4.4 Letter

```
Letter:
"A" .. "Z" | "a" .. "z";
```

#### **#4.5 Space**

Space : " " ;

#### #4.6 Non-Alphanumeric Quotable Character

```
NonAlphaNumQuotable:
```

"!"	"#"	"\$"	#%"	"&"	"("   "	)"   "*"	"+"	","
<b>"-"</b>	<b>".</b> "	"/"	":"	" <b>;</b> "	"<"   "=	="   ">"	"?"	"@"
"["	"]"	" ^ "	"_"	" "	"{"   "	"   "}"	"~" ;	

## **#4.7 Escaped Character**

```
EscapedCharacter :
    "\" ( "n" | "t" | "\" ) ;
```

## A.3 Ignore Symbols

#### #1 Whitespace

```
Whitespace :
    Space | ASCII_TAB ;
```

#### **#2 Single-Line Comment**

```
SingleLineComment :
    "//" ~( EndOfLine )* EndOfLine ;
```

#### **#3 Multi-Line Comment**

```
MultiLineComment :
    "(*" ( ~( "(*" | "*)" )* ( MultiLineComment | EndOfLine )? )* "*)" ;
```

#### #4 End Of Line Marker

```
EndOfLine :
    ASCII LF | ASCII CR ASCII LF? ;
```

#### A.4 Control Codes

```
#1 Horizontal Tab #2 Line Feed #3 Carriage Return

ASCII_TAB : CHR(8) ; ASCII_LF : CHR(10) ; ASCII_CR : CHR(13) ;

#4 UTF8 BOM

UTF8_BOM<sup>5</sup> : { OuFE, OuBB, OuBF } ;
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> BOM support is optional. If supported, a BOM may only occur at the very beginning of a file.

## A.5 Pragma Grammar

```
#1 Pragma
pragma :
    "<*" ( pragmaMSG | pragmaIF | pragmaENCODING | pragmaGENLIB | pragmaFFI |
    pragmaINLINE | pragmaALIGN | pragmaPADBITS | pragmaADDR | pragmaREG |
    pragmaPURITY | varAttrPragma | pragmaFORWARD | implDefinedPragma ) "*>";
#2 Body Of Compile Time Message Pragma
pragmaMSG :
    MSG "=" ( INFO | WARN | ERROR | FATAL ) ":"
    compileTimeMsgComponent ( "," compileTimeMsgComponent )*;
#3 Compile Time Message Component
compileTimeMsqComponent :
    StringLiteral | ConstQualident |
    "?" ( ALIGN | ENCODING | implDefPragmaName ) ;
#3.1 Constant Qualified Identifier
                                          #3.2 Implementation Defined Pragma Name
constQualident : qualident ;
                                          implDefPragmaName : Ident ;
#4 Body Of Conditional Compilation Pragma
pragmaIF :
    ( IF | ELSIF ) inPragmaExpression | ELSE | ENDIF ;
#5 Body Of Character Encoding Pragma
pragmaENCODING :
    ENCODING "=" ( "ASCII" | "UTF8" ) ( ":" codePointSampleList )? "*>";
#6 Code Point Sample List
codePointSampleList :
    quotedChar "=" characterCode ( "," quotedChar "=" characterCode )*;
#6.1 Quoted Character Literal
                                          #6.2 Character Code Literal
quotedChar : StringLiteral ;
                                         characterCode : NumericLiteral ;
#7 Library Template Expansion Pragma
pragmaGENLIB :
    GENLIB moduleIdent FROM template ":" templateParamList;
#7.1 Template Identifier
template : Ident ;
#8 Template Parameter List
templateParamList :
    placeholder "=" replacement ( "," placeholder "=" replacement )*
#8.1 Placeholder
                                          #8.2 Replacement
placeholder : Ident ;
                                          replacement : StringLiteral ;
#9 Body Of Foreign Function Interface Pragma
pragmaFFI :
    FFI "=" ( "C" | "Fortran" ) ;
#10 Body Of Function Inlining Pragma
pragmaINLINE :
    INLINE | NOINLINE ;
#11 Body Of Memory Alignment Pragma
pragmaALIGN :
    ALIGN "=" inPragmaExpression;
```

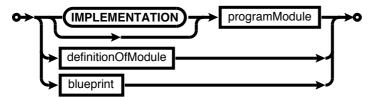
```
#12 Body Of Bit Padding Pragma
pragmaPADBITS :
    PADBITS "=" inPragmaExpression;
#13 Body Of Memory Mapping Pragma
pragmaADDR :
    ADDR "=" inPragmaExpression;
#14 Body Of Register Mapping Pragma
pragmaREG :
    REG "=" inPragmaExpression ;
#15 Body Of Purity Attribute Pragma
pragmaPURITY :
    PURITY "=" inPragmaExpression ;
#16 Body Of Variable Attribute Pragma
varAttrPragma :
    SINGLEASSIGN | VOLATILE ;
#17 Body Of Forward Declaration Pragma
pragmaFORWARD :
    FORWARD ( TYPE identList | procedureHeader ) ;
#18 Body Of Implementation Defined Pragma
implDefinedPragma :
    implDefPragmaName ( "=" inPragmaExpression )?;
#19 In-Pragma Expression
inPragmaExpression:
    inPragmaSimpleExpr ( inPragmaRelOp inPragmaSimpleExpr )? ;
#19.1 In-Pragma Relational Operator
inPragmaRelOp :
    "=" | "#" | "<" | "<=" | ">" | ">=" ;
#20 In-Pragma Simple Expression
inPragmaSimpleExpr :
    ( "+" | "-" )? inPragmaTerm ( addOp inPragmaTerm )*;
#21 In-Pragma Term
inPragmaTerm :
    inPragmaFactorOrNegation ( inPragmaMulOp inPragmaFactorOrNegation )*;
                                          #21.1 In-Pragma Multiply Operator
#22 In-Pragma Factor Or Negation
inPragmaFactorOrNegation :
                                          inPragmaMulOp :
                                               "*" | DIV | MOD | AND ;
    NOT? inPragmaFactor;
#23 In-Pragma Factor
inPragmaFactor:
    wholeNumber | constQualident | "(" inPragmaExpression ")" |
    inPragmaCompileTimeFunctionCall ;
#23.1 Whole Number
wholeNumber : NumericLiteral ;
#24 In-Pragma Compile-Time Function Call
inPragmaCompileTimeFunctionCall :
    Ident1 "(" inPragmaExpression ( "," inPragmaExpression )* ")";
```

<sup>1</sup> Permissible are ABS, NEG, ODD, ORD, LENGTH, TMIN, TMAX, TSIZE, TLIMIT and macros in module COMPILER.

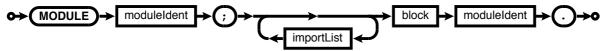
## **Appendix B: Syntax Diagrams**

## **B.1 Non-Terminal Symbols**

### **#1 Compilation Unit**



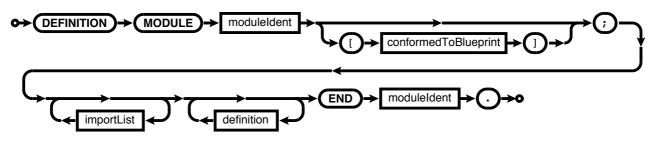
#### #2 Program Module



#2.1 Module Identifier



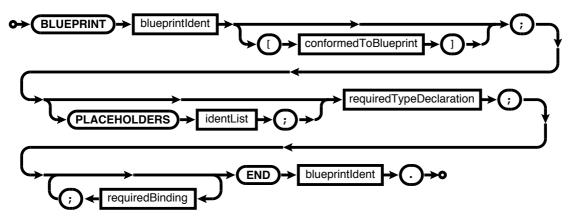
#### **#3 Definition Of Module**



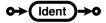
### #3.1 Conformed-To Blueprint



## #4 Blueprint



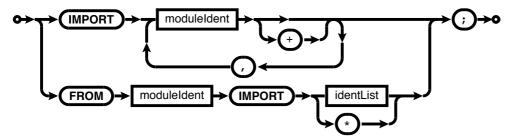
## #4.1 Blueprint Identifier



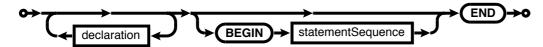
## #4.2 Required Binding



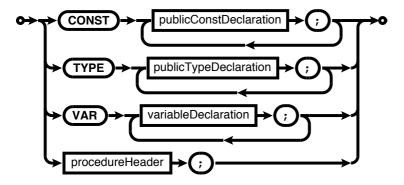
#### **#5 Import List**



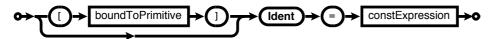
## #6 Block



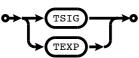
## **#7 Definition**



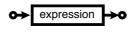
#### **#8 Public Constant Declaration**



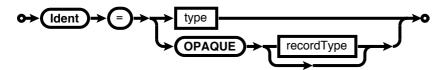
## **#8.1 Bound-To Primitive**



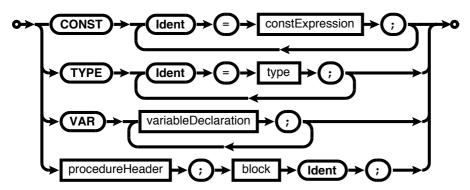
## #8.2 Constant Expression



## **#9 Public Type Declaration**

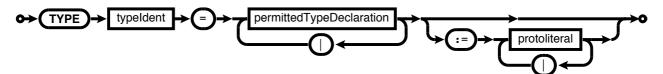


#### #10 Declaration

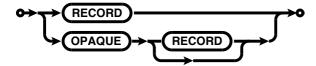


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## **#11 Required Type Declaration**



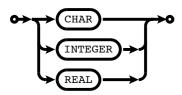
## **#12 Permitted Type Declaration**



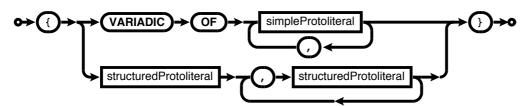
#### #13 Proto-Literal



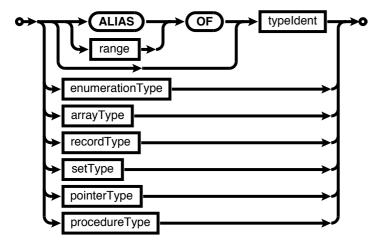
## #13.1 Simple Proto-Literal



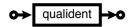
#### **#14 Structured Proto-Literal**



## #15 Type



## #15.1 Type Identifier



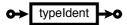
#### #16 Range



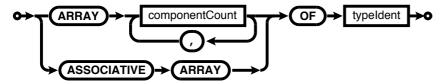
## **#17 Enumeration Type**



## #17.1 Enumeration Base Type



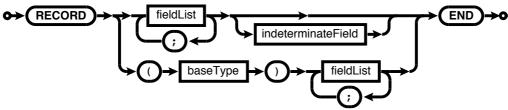
## #18 Array Type



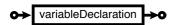
## **#18.1 Component Count**



## #19 Record Type



### #19.1 Field List



### #19.2 Base Type



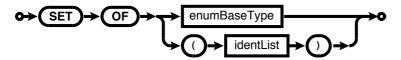
#### #20 Indeterminate Field



## #20.1 Discriminant Field Identifier



### #21 Set Type



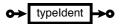
## **#22 Pointer Type**



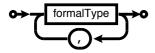
## #23 Procedure Type



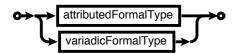
## #23.1 Returned Type



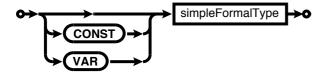
## **#24 Formal Type List**



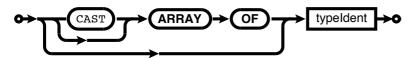
## #25 Formal Type



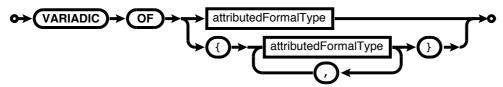
## #26 Attributed Formal Type



## #27 Simple Formal Type



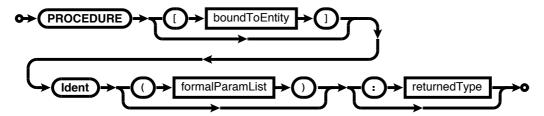
## #28 Variadic Formal Type



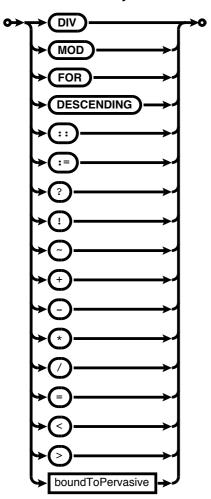
### #29 Variable Declaration



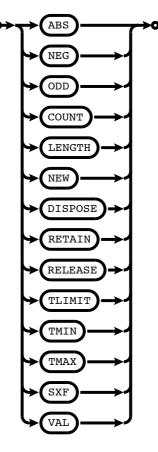
#### #30 Procedure Header



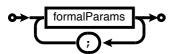
## #31 Bound-To Entity



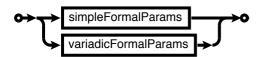
#31.1 Bound-To Pervasive



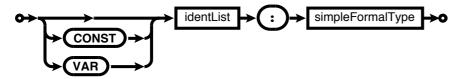
#32 Formal Parameter List



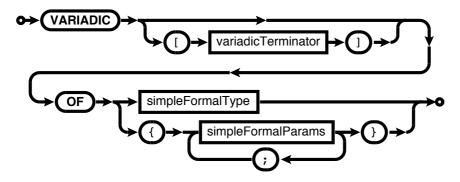
## **#33 Formal Parameters**



## **#34 Simple Formal Parameters**



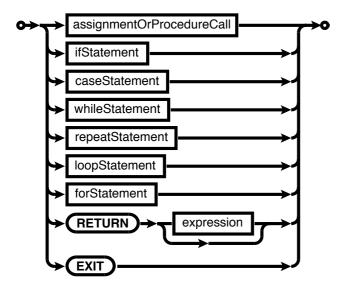
## **#35 Variadic Formal Parameters**



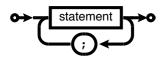
## #35.1 Variadic Terminator



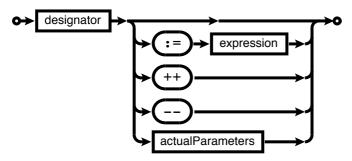
## #36 Statement



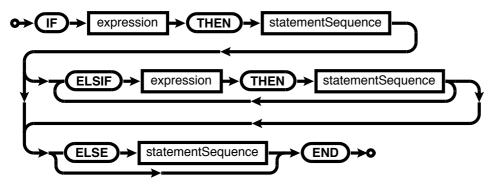
## #37 StatementSequence



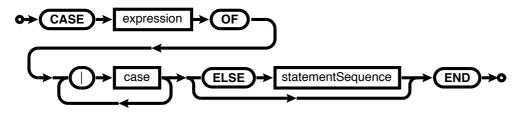
#### **#38 Assignment Or Procedure Call**



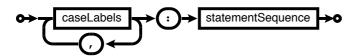
#### #39 IF Statement



#### #40 CASE Statement



#### #41 Case



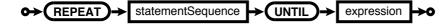
#### #42 Case Labels



## **#43 WHILE Statement**



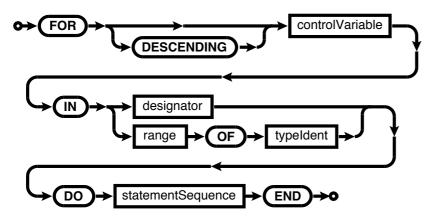
#### **#44 REPEAT Statement**



#### #45 LOOP Statement



## #46 FOR Statement



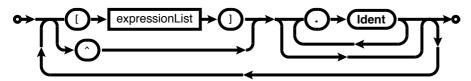
## #46.1 Control Variable



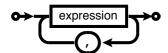
## #47 Designator



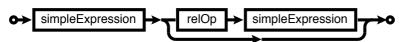
## #48 Designator Tail



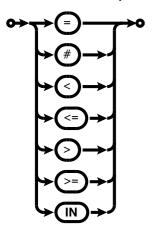
## **#49 Expression List**



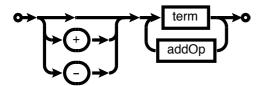
## #50 Expression



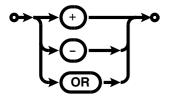
## #50.1 Relational Operator



## **#51 Simple Expression**



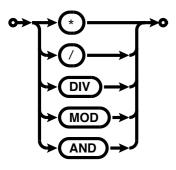
## #51.1 Add Operator



## #52 Term



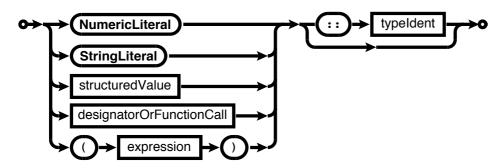
## **#52.1 Multiply Operator**



## **#53 Factor Or Negation**



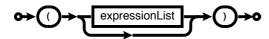
## #54 Factor



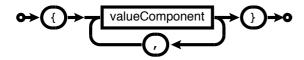
## **#55 Designator Or Function Call**



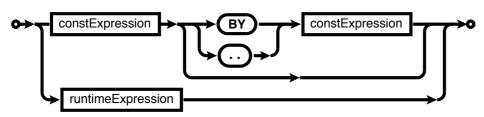
## **#56 Actual Parameters**



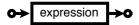
#### **#57 Structured Value**



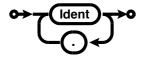
## **#58 Value Component**



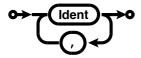
## **#58.1 Runtime Expression**



## **#59 Qualified Identifier**

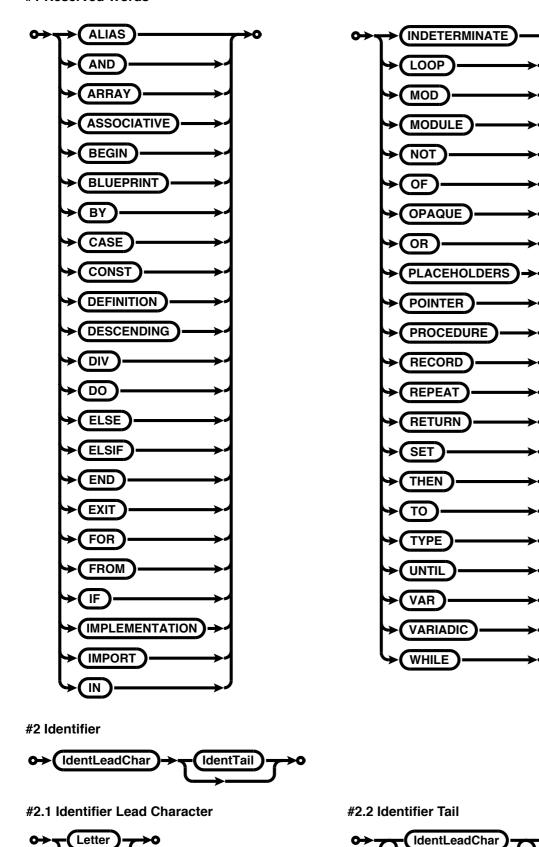


## #60 Identifier List



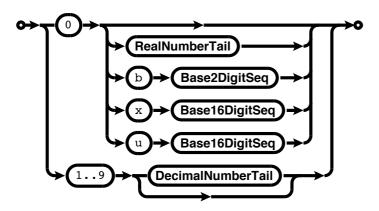
## **B.2 Terminal Symbols**

#### **#1 Reserved Words**

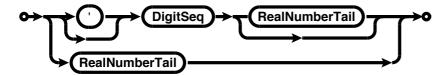


Digit

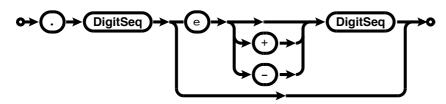
## **#3 Numeric Literal**



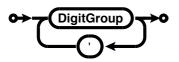
## #3.1 Decimal Number Tail



## #3.2 Real Number Tail



#3.3 Digit Sequence



#3.4 Base-2 Digit Sequence



#3.5 Base-16 Digit Sequence



#3.3b Digit Group

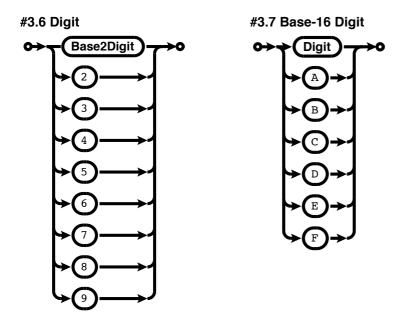


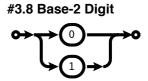
#3.4b Base-2 Digit Group



#3.5b Base-16 Digit Group



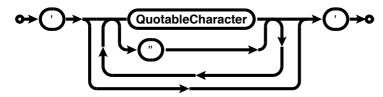




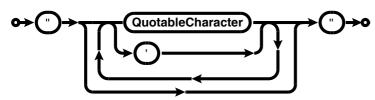
#4 String Literal



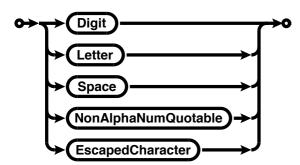
## #4.1 Single Quoted String



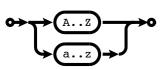
## #4.2 Double Quoted String



## #4.3 Quotable Character



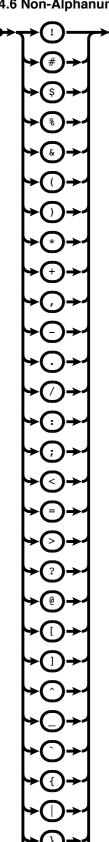




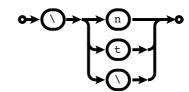
## #4.5 Space

CONST Space = CHR(32)

## #4.6 Non-Alphanumeric Quotable Character



**#4.7 Escaped Character** 



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## **B.3 Ignore Symbols**

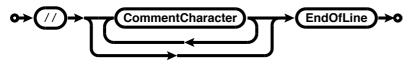
## #1 Whitespace



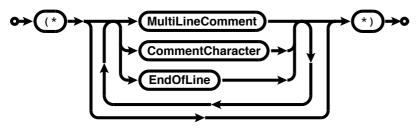
## **#1.1 ASCII Tabulator**

CONST ASCII\_TAB = CHR(8)

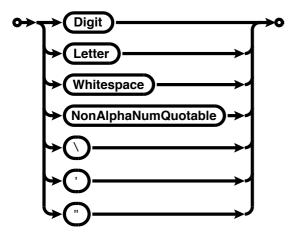
## **#2 Single-line Comment**



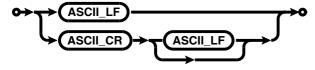
## **#3 Multi-line Comment**



#### #3.1 Comment Character



#### #4 End Of Line Marker



## #4.1 ASCII Line Feed

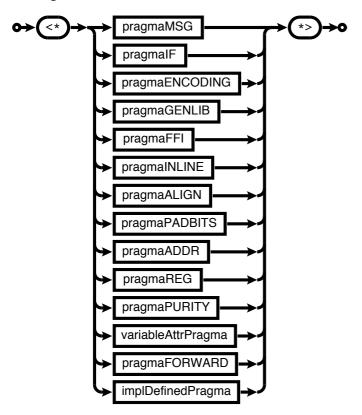
CONST ASCII\_LF = CHR(10)

## #4.2 ASCII Carriage Return

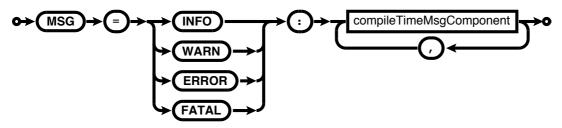
CONST ASCII\_CR = CHR(13)

## **B.4 Pragma Grammar**

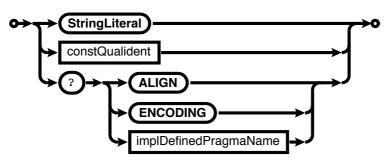
#### #1 Pragma



## #2 Body Of Compile Time Message Pragma

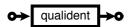


## **#3 Compile Time Message Component**



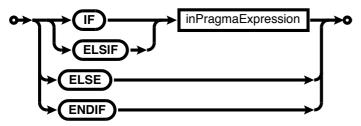
#3.1 Constant Qualified Identifier

#3.2 Implementation Defined Pragma Name

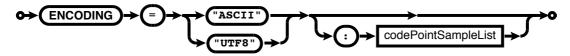




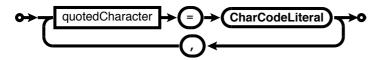
#### #4 Body Of Conditional Compilation Pragma



## **#5 Body Of Character Encoding Pragma**

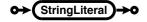


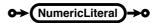
## #6 Code Point Sample List



#### #6.1 Quoted Character

#### #6.2 Character Code Literal

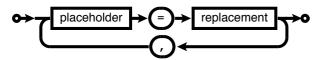




## **#7 Body Of Library Template Expansion Pragma**



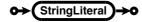
#### **#8 Template Parameter List**



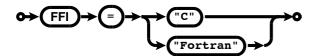
#### #8.1 Placeholder

### #8.2 Replacement





## #9 Body Of Foreign Function Interface Pragma



## #10 Body Of Procedure Inlining Pragma



## #11 Body Of Memory Alignment Pragma



#### #12 Body Of Bit Padding Pragma



## #13 Body Of Memory Mapping Pragma



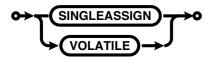
### **#14 Body Of Register Mapping Pragma**



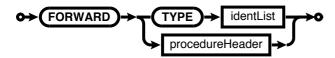
## **#15 Body Of Purity Attribute Pragma**



#### #16 Body Of Variable Attribute Pragma



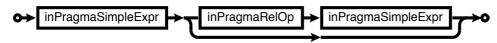
## #17 Body Of Forward Declaration Pragma



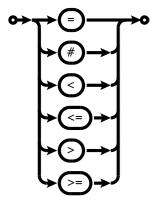
#### #18 Body Of Implementation Defined Pragma



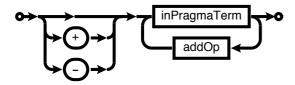
### #19 In-Pragma Expression



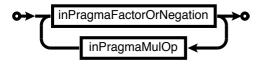
#### #19.1 In-Pragma Relational Operator



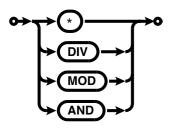
## #20 In-Pragma Simple Expression



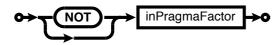
## #21 In-Pragma Term



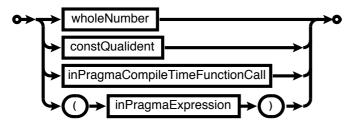
## #21.1 In-Pragma Multiply Operator



## #22 In-Pragma Factor Or Negation



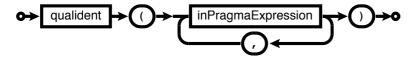
## #23 In-Pragma Factor



#### #23.1 Whole Number



## #24 In-Pragma Compile-Time Function Call



# **Appendix C: Compliance Report Sheet**

ID	Category	Requirement	Compliance			
1	Core Language					
	Literals, Comments, Lexical Parameters	mandatory				
	UTF8 BOM	optional				
1.3	Compilation Units	mandatory				
1.4	Import Directives	mandatory				
1.5	Type Constructors	mandatory				
1.6	Procedures	mandatory				
1.7	Expressions and Operators	mandatory				
1.8	Structured Value Constructors	mandatory				
1.9	Statements	mandatory				
1.10	Pervasive Constants	mandatory				
1.11	Pervasive Types	mandatory				
	Pervasive Procedures and Functions	mandatory				
1.13	Binding to Operators and Pervasives	mandatory				
1.14	Scalar Conversion	mandatory				
2	Pseudo-Modules	<u> </u>				
2.1	Module COMPILER	mandatory				
2.2	Module RUNTIME	mandatory				
2.3	Module CONVERSION	mandatory				
2.4	Module UNSAFE	mandatory				
2.5	Module ATOMIC	mandatory				
2.6	Module ASSEMBLER	optional				
3	Language Pragmas					
3.1	Compile Time Message Pragma	mandatory				
3.2	Conditional Compilation Pragmas	mandatory				
3.3	Pragma ENCODING	optional				
3.4	Pragma GENLIB	mandatory				
3.5	Pragma FFI	optional				
3.5.1	Foreign Function Interface to C	mandatory if FFI is provided				
3.5.2	Foreign Function Interface to Fortran	optional				
3.6	Inlining Pragmas	mandatory				
3.7	Pragma ALIGN	optional				
3.8	Pragma PADBITS	optional				
3.9	Pragma ADDR	optional				
3.10	Pragma REG	optional				
3.11	Pragma PURITY	optional				
3.12	Variable Attribute Pragmas	optional				
3.13	Pragma FORWARD	single-pass compilers only				
4	Generics					
4.1	Modula-2 Template Engine	mandatory				
5	Standard Library					
5.1	Standard Library Prototypes	mandatory				

## **Appendix D: Online Resources**

### D.1 Differences between R10 and PIM

http://modula2.net/resources/Diff-R10-PIM.pdf

#### **D.2 Pseudo Module Definitions**

http://bitbucket.org/trijezdci/m2r10/src/tip/ PSEUDO MODULES

## **D.3 Standard Library Definitions**

http://bitbucket.org/trijezdci/m2r10/src/tip/ STANDARD LIBRARY

## **D.4 Reference Compiler**

#### **Project Root**

http://bitbucket.org/trijezdci/m2r10

#### **Compiler Sources**

http://bitbucket.org/trijezdci/m2r10/src/tip/\_REFERENCE\_COMPILER 1

## **D.5 Document Version Log**

http://modula2.net/resources/M2R10.versionlog.txt

#### **D.6 Document Review Issue Tracker**

http://modula2.net/resources/M2R10.IssueTracker.pdf

## **Appendix E: Statistics**

## E.1 Specification

• the language specification document has 150 pages, 36 000 words, 200 000 characters

## E.2 Base Language

- the core grammar has 60 non-terminals, 4 terminals, 4 ignore symbols
  - the pragma grammar has 24 non-terminals and re-uses the terminals of the core grammar
- the language has 45 reserved words, 15 reserved pragma symbols, 375 pervasive identifiers,
- thereof 3 built-in constants, 12 built-in types, 22 built-in procedures and functions; 5 operator precedence levels and 16 operators

#### E.3 Pseudo Modules

- module COMPILER provides 1 type, 22 constants and 12 lexical macros
- module RUNTIME provides 2 types, 8 procedures and 7 functions
- module CONVERSION provides 3 constants, 3 lexical macros and 4 primitives
- module UNSAFE provides 13 constants, 5 types, 2 pseudo-types and 26 intrinsics
- • module ATOMIC provides 1 type, 1 function, 8 atomic intrinsics

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The reference compiler is work in progress.