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Language Report for the Bootstrap Kernel Subset (BSK)

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Typography

The following typographic conventions are used throughout this document:

Body Text

Conventions used within body text

Sample	Typeface	Usage
All imports are qualified	sans serif	represents body text
Pragmas may not be nested	sans serif bold	represents emphasis in body text
cardinality or value count	roman bold italic	represents defined reference terms
Type CHAR is a character type	monospaced	represents inline source code
$\boxed{\text{def}} \boldsymbol{frac} \boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{int} \boldsymbol{x}$	framed box "def"	represents a definition
where τ_1 , $\tau_2 \in \tau_{\textit{cardinal}}$	math font	represents inline math formulas

Grammar

Conventions used within EBNF grammar listings

Sample	Typeface	Usage
statementSeq	monospaced	symbols, operators, punctuation, literals
identList := ···	monospaced bold	definition of a terminal or non-terminal
MODULE ident ';'	monospaced bold grey	reserved words of Modula-2
/* whitespace */	monospaced italic grey	comments

Source Code

Conventions used within Modula-2 source code listings

Sample	Typeface	Usage						
a := b + c;	monospaced	symbols, operators, punctuation, literals						
VAR ch: CHAR;	monospaced bold	reserved words of Modula-2						
(* whitespace *)	monospaced italic grey	comments						
<*FFI="C"*>	monospaced bold grey	pragmas						

Syntax Notation

An Extended Backus-Naur Formalism (EBNF) variant is used throughout this document to specify syntax. The specifics of this EBNF are specified below.

Syntax

```
/* non-terminals */
grammar := ( definition ';' )+ ;
definition := symbolDef | aliasDef ;
symbolDef := Ident ':=' expression | literal ;
expression := term+ ( '|' term+ )*;
term := factor ( '*' | '+' | '?' )? ;
factor := Ident | literal | '(' expression ')';
literal := charOrRange | quotedCharOrRange | QuotedCharSeq ;
charOrRange := 'ASCII(' Number ( '..' Number)? ')';
quotedCharOrRange := QuotedChar ( '..' QuotedChar )? ;
aliasDef := 'alias' Ident '=' Ident ;
/* terminals */
Ident := TerminalIdent | NonTerminalIdent ;
TerminalIdent := ( 'A' .. 'Z' ) Letter* ;
NonTerminalIdent := ( 'a' .. 'z' ) Letter*;
Letter := ( 'a' .. 'z' ) | ( 'A' .. 'Z' );
QuotedLetter := "'" Letter "'" | "'" Letter "'" ;
QuotedChar := "'" PrintableChar "'" | "'" PrintableChar "'" ;
QuotedCharSeq := "'" PrintableChar+ "'" | "'" PrintableChar+ "'";
PrintableChar := ASCII(0x20..0x7E) ;
Number := Digit+ | '0x' ( Digit | 'A' .. 'F' )+ ;
Digit := '0' .. '9' ;
/* non-semantic symbols */
Whitespace := ASCII(0x20) ;
Comment := '/*' PrintableChar* '*/' ;
```

Semantics

Syntax	Position	Sample	Meaning	Precedence
1	infix	t1 t2	alternative terms t1 and t2	(lowest) 1
?	postfix	t?	optional term t	2
+	postfix	t+	arbitrary repetition of a mandatory term t	2
*	postfix	t*	arbitrary repetition of an optional term t	2
()	enclosure	(t1 t2 t3)	precedence grouping of enclosed terms	(highest) 3

Math Notation

The following math symbols are used throughout this document:

General

Symbol	Meaning	Pronounced as
<i>def</i> →	Definition	defines
€:	Type Membership	is of type
$\Gamma_t \vdash s$	Type regime assertion	s is true under type regime t

Type Relations

Symbol	Meaning	Pronounced as
≡	Identity	is identical to
÷	Canonical Identity	is canonically identical to
≘	Structural Equivalence	is structurally equivalent to
<:	Subtype	is subtype of
>:	Extenstion	is extension of

Type Compatibility

Symbol	Meaning	Pronounced as
:= →	Assignment Compatibility	is assignment compatible to
\xrightarrow{copy}	Copy Compatibility	is copy compatible to
\xrightarrow{val}	By-Value Passing Compatibility	is by-value passing compatible to
\xrightarrow{ref}	By-Reference Passing Compatibility	is by-reference passing compatible to
$\stackrel{expr}{\longleftrightarrow}$	Expression Compatibility	is expression compatible with

Lexical Entities

1.1 Reserved Words

1.1.1 Classical Tokens

```
ALIAS , AND , ARGLIST , ARRAY , BEGIN , CASE , CONST , COPY , DEFINITION , DIV , DO , ELSE , ELSIF , END , EXIT , FOR , IF , IMPLEMENTATION , IMPORT , IN , LOOP , MOD , MODULE , NEW , NOP , NOT , OCTETSEQ , OF , OPAQUE , OR , POINTER , PROCEDURE , READ , RECORD , RELEASE , REPEAT , RETAIN , RETURN , SET , THEN , TO , TYPE , UNTIL , VAR , WHILE , WRITE .
```

1.1.2 Schroedinger's Tokens

ADDRESS , CAPACITY , CAST , NIL .

1.2 Special Symbols

1.2.1 Delimiters



1.2.2 Punctuation



1.2.3 Operators



1.2.4 Comment Delimiters



1.2.5 Pragma Delimiters



1.3 Identifiers

Identifiers denote predefined or user defined names for syntactic entities. A standard Modula-2 identifier starts with a letter and may be followed by letters and digits.

```
StdIdent := Letter ( Letter | Digit )*;
```

1.3.1 Foreign Identifiers

A foreign identifier may also contain leading, non-trailing, non-consecutive scharacters and non-leading, non-trailing, non-consecutive characters. Foreign identifiers are used in connection with foreign library APIs. They are disabled by default. Their use must be enabled by compiler option or by pragma.

```
ForeignIdent :=
   '$' ( Letter | Digit ) ForeignIdentTail* | StdIdent ForeignIdentTail+ ;
ForeignIdentTail :=
   ( '$' | '_' ) ( Letter | Digit )+ ;
```

1.4 Numeric Literals

Numeric literals denote numeric values, either real number values, whole number values or character code values.

1.4.1 Real Numbers

Real number values are always given in decimal notation, start with an *integral part*, followed by a *fractional part*, followed by an optional exponent.

```
RealNumber := integralPart fractionalPart exponentialPart? ;
integralPart := '0' | ( '1' .. '9' ) ( DigitSeparator? DigitSequence )? ;
fractionalPart := '.' DigitSequence ;
exponent := 'e' ( '+' | '-' )? DigitSequence ;
DigitSequence := DecimalNumber ;
```

1.4.2 Whole Numbers

Whole number values may be given in decimal, radix-2 or radix-16 notation. C-style prefixes are used to indicate the radix of non-decimal literals. Prefix 0b indicates radix-2 and prefix 0x indicates radix-16. Digits may be grouped using 7 as a digit separator. A digit separator must always be preceded and followed by a digit.

```
WholeNumber := DecimalNumber | Base2Number | Base16Number ;
DecimalNumber := Digit+ ( DigitSeparator Digit+ )*;
Base2Number := '0b' Base2Digit+ ( DigitSeparator Base2Digit+ )*;
Base16Number := '0x' Base16Digit+ ( DigitSeparator Base16Digit+ )*;
Digit := '0' .. '9';
Base2Digit := '0' | '1';
Base16Digit := Digit | 'A' .. 'F';
alias DigitSeparator = "'";
```

1.4.3 Character Codes

Character code values are always given in radix-16 notation with prefix ou.

```
CharacterCode := '0u' Base16Digit+ ( DigitSeparator Base16Digit+ )*;
```

1.5 Quoted Literals

Quoted literals denote text. They are delimited by single quotes or double quotes ...

```
QuotedLiteral := SingleQuotedLiteral | DoubleQuotedLiteral ;
```

A single quoted literal may contain double quotes but not single quotes. A double quoted literal may contain single quotes but not double quotes. A quoted literal may contain whitespace but **no** tabulator, **no** newline, nor any other control codes. As a result, it may **not** span multiple lines.

```
SingleQuotedLiteral := "'" ( AnyPrintableExceptSingleQuote | EscSeq )* "'" ;
DoubleQuotedLiteral := '"' ( AnyPrintableExceptDoubleQuote | EscSeq )* '"' ;
```

Backslash escape sequences may be used to denote newline and tabulator within a quoted literal. Escape sequence \n denotes newline and \t denotes tabulator. A verbatim backslash must be escaped as \\\. No other escape sequences shall be supported.

```
EscSeq := '\' ( 'n' | 't' | '\' ) ;
```

1.6 Non-Semantic Entities

1.6.1 Whitespace

Whitespace ASCII(0x20) terminates a symbol, except within quoted literals, pragmas and comments.

1.6.2 Tabulator

Tabulator ASCII(0x09) terminates a symbol, except within pragmas and comments.

1.6.3 Newline

Newline terminates a symbol, except pragmas and block comments. A newline increments the line counter and resets the column counter used in compile-time messages.

```
Newline := ASCII(0x0A) | ASCII(0x0D) ( ASCII(0x0A) )? ;
```

1.7 Comments

Comments are non-semantic symbols ignored by the language processor. They may occur anywhere before or after semantic symbols and are used for documentation and annotation. There are line and block comments.

1.7.1 Line Comments

Line comments start with a ! and are terminated by newline.

```
LineComment := '!' ( AnyPrintable | Tabulator )* Newline ;
```

1.7.2 Block Comments

Block comments are delimited by block comment delimiters (\star) and (\star) . Block comments may span multiple lines and may be nested up to a maximum of nine levels, not counting the outermost comment.

```
BlockComment := '(*' ( BlockComment | AnyPrintable | Tabulator | Newline )* '*)';
```

1.8 Pragmas

Pragmas are directives to the language processor to control or influence the compilation process. They are delimited by delimiters <* and *>, may span multiple lines but may **not** be nested.

```
Pragma := '<*' PragmaBody '*>';
```

Compilation Units and Scopes

2.1 Compilation Units

Modula-2 programs and libraries consist of one or more compilation units called modules. A program consists of exactly one program MODULE and any number of library modules. A library module consists of a definition part, called a DEFINITION MODULE, and an optional implementation part, called an IMPLEMENTATION MODULE. The definition part defines the client interface of the library. The implementation part implements the library according to the interface. The implementation part is strictly accessible through its definition part only.

2.2 Identifier Visibility

Identifiers that are predefined by the language are pervasive, that is, they are visible in every scope without import. Identifiers provided by a special built-in module are visible only within a scope into which they are explicitly imported. Identifiers defined within a definition module are visible within the definition module in which they are defined, within the corresponding implementation module and any scope into which they are imported. Identifiers declared within an implementation or program module are visible only within the scope in which they are declared.

2.2.1 Visibility of Constant and Aliases

Constants and aliases are visible in the scope in which they are defined or declared from the point forward where they are defined or declared. That is, they must be defined or declared before they are referenced.

2.2.2 Visibility of Types, Procedures and Variables

Types, procedures and variables are visible in the entire scope in which they are defined or declared. That is, they may be referenced before they are defined or declared.

2.3 Scope

Scope is a measure of the visibility of identifiers. There are three levels of scope. Global scope, module scope and local scope. Module scope is a sub-scope of global scope and local scope is a sub-scope of module scope.

2.3.1 Global Scope

Global scope encompasses an entire program. Only predefined identifiers have global scope.

2.3.2 Module Scope

Module scope encompasses a module. Identifiers that are defined or declared in, or imported into the top level of a module have module scope. Module scopes may not be nested.

2.3.3 Local Scope

Local scope encompasses a PROCEDURE declaration or a FOR statement. Identifiers defined or declared within a procedure or the header of a FOR statement have local scope. Local scopes may be nested. The surrounding scope in which a local scope is nested is called the outer scope. The nested scope is called the inner scope.

Identifiers defined or declared in an outer scope are also visible in an inner scope and may be redefined within the inner scope. Redefining an identifier of an outer scope within an inner scope causes the entity denoted by the identifier to be shadowed. A shadowed entity is no longer addressable through its identifier within the scope in which it has been shadowed and within any of its sub-scopes. Identifiers that belong only to an inner scope are visible only in the inner scope and any of its sub-scopes but not in any outer scope.

2.3.3.1 Procedure Scope

Procedure scope is created by a PROCEDURE declaration.

Procedure scope overlaps with the outer scope of the procedure. The outer scope extends to the end of the procedure header and continues after the end of the procedure body. The inner scope extends from the beginning of the procedure header to the end of the procedure body. The procedure header thus belongs to both the outer and the inner scope.

The procedure's identifier is visible in both the outer and the inner scope. It may be referenced in either scope and may not be redefined in either scope. The identifiers of a procedure's formal parameters exist in both the outer and the inner scope but are visible only within the inner scope and may not be redefined therein.

2.3.3.2 FOR Statement Scope

FOR statement scope is created by a FOR statement.

A FOR statement scope does not overlap with its outer scope. It extends from the beginning of the FOR statement's header to the end of its body. The loop variants declared within the loop header have local scope, they are only visible within the loop.

2.4 Import and Export

Identifiers defined within a definition module are automatically exported for import and use by client modules. By contrast, program and implementation modules do not export any identifiers. An IMPORT directive may be used within any kind of module to explicitly import the identifiers exported by definition modules. A definition module does not implicitly re-export imported identifiers.

```
IMPORT Foolib, Barlib;
```

2.4.1 Duplicate Import

A duplicate import is an import of a library that has already been imported into the same scope. Any such import is ignored and shall cause a compile time warning.

2.4.2 Qualified Import

All imports are qualified. That is, an imported identifier is referenced in the importing module by a qualified identifier. A qualified identifier consists of the module identifier, followed by a period, followed by the actual identifier. Qualification prevents name conflicts between identical identifiers in different libraries.

```
IMPORT Flintstones, Rubbles;
...
person := Flintstones.Fred;
person.spouse := Flintstones.Wilma;
person.friend := Rubbles.Barney;
person.friend.spouse := Rubbles.Betty;
```

2.4.3 Import Aggregation

Imported modules are not implicitly re-exported but they may be **explicitly** re-exported. Module identifiers to be imported for automatic re-export are marked with a re-export suffix | + |.

```
import := IMPORT libIdent reExport? ( ',' libIdent reExport? )* ';' ;
alias libIdent = StdIdent ;
alias reExport = '+' ;
```

A library module that imports other modules for the sole purpose of re-export is called an import aggregator. The facility is called import aggregation. It is useful for importing multiple libraries with a single import directive.

```
DEFINITION MODULE CharIO;
IMPORT SoleCharIO+, ArrayOfCharIO+;
END CardinalIO.
```

When a client module M imports an import aggregator A which imports and re-exports modules B and C, client module M then automatically imports modules B and C.

```
IMPORT CharIO; VAR char : CHAR; str : ARRAY 10 OF CHAR;
...
WRITE "char: ", char; (* use of syntax bindings in SoleCharIO *)
WRITE "string: ", str; (* use of syntax bindings in ArrayOfCharIO *)
```

2.5 Abstract Data Type Libraries

An abstract data type library is a library that provides an abstract data type (ADT) whose identifier matches the identifier of its library module.

```
DEFINITION MODULE String;

TYPE String = OPAQUE;
```

The identifier of such an ADT is implicitly aliased when it is imported and may therefore be used unqualified.

```
IMPORT String;
VAR s : String; (* alias for String.String *)
```

An ADT library may provide syntax bindings (see chapter 10). Except for IO bindings, other libraries may not.

2.6 Institution

The introduction of a name along with an associated specification of an entity is called institution. There are two kinds:

- · definition
- declaration

A definition is an institution of interface of an entity, a declaration is an institution of implementation. However, in the case of constants, variables and types other than **opaque types**, interface and implementation are inseparable. For this reason, by convention, any institution within the definition part of a library module is called a definition and any institution within the implementation part of a library module is called a declaration.

Aliases, Constants and Variables

3.1 Aliases

An alias represents the unqualified name of a qualified identifier. The unqualified name is called alias and the qualified identifier it represents is called its translation. An alias may be instituted within implementation and program modules only. It is visible only within the scope in which it is declared and its translation must be visible within that scope. Aliases may be declared explicitly by name or implicitly by wildcard.*

```
aliasDeclaration := namedAliasDecl | wildcardAliasDecl ;
```

3.1.1 Named Alias Declaration

A named alias declaration specifies one or more aliases to be declared explicitly by their name. An alias declaration for a single alias specifies its translation explicitly. The alias must match the unqualified identifier of its translation. An alias declaration for multiple aliases specifies their translations implicitly by qualified wildcard.

```
namedAliasDecl := aliasName ( '=' qualifiedName | ( ',' aliasName )* '=' qualifiedWildcard );
alias aliasName = StdIdent;
alias qualifiedName = qualident;
qualifiedWildcard := qualident '.*';
```

A declaration of the form

```
ALIAS Fred = Flintstone.Fred;
```

declares a single alias Fred to represent qualified identifier Flintstone.Fred.

A declaration of the form

```
ALIAS Fred, Wilma = Flintstone.*;

declares two aliases Fred and Wilma to represent Flintstone.Fred and Flinstone.Wilma respectively.
```

3.1.2 Wildcard Alias Declaration

A wildcard alias declaration clause declares all aliases matching a qualified wildcard. The qualifying part of the qualified wildcard must reference an enumeration type.

```
wildcardAliasDecl := '*' '=' qualifiedWildcard ;
```

A wildcard alias declaration within the context and of the form

```
TYPE Colour = ( Red, Green, Blue );
ALIAS * = Colour.*;
```

declares aliases for every value in enumeration type Colour. The resulting aliases are Red , Green and Blue representing Colour.Red , Colour.Green and Colour.Blue respectively.

^{*}This replaces unqualified import and the WITH statement of earlier versions of Modula-2.

3.1.3 Visibility of Aliases

Unlike unqualified names brought into scope by unqualified import in earlier Modula-2 versions, unqualified names declared by an alias declaration have local scope. They are only visible within the scope in which they are declared, reducing the likelihood of name collision when using unqualified names.

Given the type declaration

```
TYPE MsgType = ( Info, Warning, Error, Fatal );
```

the values of type MsgType are only visible by their qualified names.

An alias declaration within a local scope of the form

```
PROCEDURE EmitMsg ( type : MsgType; CONST text : ARRAY OF CHAR );
ALIAS * = MsgType.*;
BEGIN
   (* unqualified aliases for MsgType values are in scope here *)
END EmitMsg;
   (* unqualified aliases for MsgType values are no longer in scope here *)
```

declares aliases Info, Warning, Error and Fatal within the local scope of procedure EmitMsg. The aliases are visible only within the scope of the procedure.

3.2 Constants

A constant is an identifier that represents an immutable value determined at compile time. Its value is specified by a **constant expression** in its institution clause. A constant may be instituted within definition, implementation and program modules.

```
constDefinition := CONST ident '=' constExpression ;
alias constDeclaration = constDefinition ;
```

The expression must be a *constant expression* and it may not be a module or type identifier.

3.3 Variables

A variable is a named reference to a mutable value. It is always associated with a type and may only hold values of its type. The type is specified in its institution clause and is immutable. A variable may be instituted within definition, implementation and program modules. The syntax of definition and declaration clauses differs slightly.

3.3.1 Variable Definition

A variable definition may define variables of named types only.

```
varDefinition := VAR ( identList ':' typeIdent ';' )+ ;
```

Variables defined in a definition module are always exported immutable. They are mutable within the corresponding implementation module but immutable in any other scope.

3.3.2 Variable Declaration

A variable declaration may declare variables of named or anonymous types.

```
varOrFieldDeclaration := identList ':' ( typeIdent | anonType );
anonType := ARRAY valueCount OF typeIdent | subrangeType | procedureType ;
```

3.3.3 Variable Initialisation

Variables of all **pointer types** are automatically initialised to hold the invalid pointer value NIL. Variables of other types are not initialised. Their values are undetermined after allocation and must be explicitly initialised by assignment at runtime.

Types

A type is a classification of units of data that determines storage representation, value range and semantics. A type may be instituted within definition, implementation and program modules. The syntax of type definition and declaration clauses differs slightly.

4.1 Type Institution

4.1.1 Type Definition

A type definition may specify any type constructor except the indeterminate type constructor.

```
typeDefClause :=
  TYPE ( typeDefinition ';' )+ ;
typeDefinition :=
  ident '=' ( OPAQUE | type ) ;
type :=
  aliasType | derivedType | subrangeType | enumType |
  setType | arrayType | recordType | pointerType | procedureType ;
```

4.1.2 Type Declaration

A type declaration may specify any type constructor except the OPAQUE type constructor.

```
typeDeclClause := TYPE ( typeDeclaration ';' )+ ;
typeDeclaration := ident '=' ( indeterminateType | type );
```

4.2 Opaque Types

An *opaque type* is a *pointer type* whose name is public but whose target type is hidden. Its definition is placed in a definition module and has the following syntax

```
opaqueTypeDefinition := TYPE ident '=' OPAQUE ;
```

A matching declaration specifying the target type must be placed in the corresponding implementation module. It has the following syntax

```
opaqueTypeCompletion := TYPE ident '=' POINTER TO ( targetTypeIdent | indeterminateTarget );
```

where the type identifier in the definition matches that in the declaration.

4.3 Alias Types

An alias type is a synonym for another type. The type for which it is a synonym is called its base type. The syntax for its institution is

```
aliasTypeInstitution :=
  TYPE ident '=' ALIAS OF typeIdent ;
```

An alias type and its base type are identical and thus interchangeable.

4.4 Derived Types

A derived type is a derivative of another type. The type from which it is derived is called its base type. The syntax for its institution is

```
derivedTypeInstitution := TYPE ident '=' typeIdent ;
```

The type obtains its properties from its base type, except for its identifier. It has the same semantics as its base type. However, a derived type and its base type are different types and the two are **not** interchangeable.

4.5 Subrange Types

A subrange type is a subtype of an ordinal type. The type of which it is a subtype is called its base type. A subrange type obtains its properties from its base type, except for its identifier and its value range. It has the same semantics as its base type. The value range of a subrange type is a subset, but not necessarily a strict subset of the value range of its base type. The syntax for its institution is

```
subrangeTypeInstitution := TYPE ident '=' '[' lowerBound '..' upperBound ']' OF ordinalType ;
alias lowerBound, upperBound = constExpression ;
alias ordinalType = typeIdent ;
```

A subrange type is always upwards *compatible* with its base type, but a base type is not downwards *compatible* with its subtypes. This restriction exists because any value of a subrange type is always a legal value of its base type but a value of a base type is not necessarily a legal value of its subrange type.

4.6 Enumeration Types

An enumeration type is an ordinal type whose values are determined by an identifier list given in its institution clause.

```
enumTypeInstitution := TYPE ident '=' '(' ( '+' enumTypeToExtend ',' )? identList ')' ;
alias enumTypeToExtend = typeIdent ;
```

The identifier list is automatically enumerated, that is, each identifier is assigned an enumeration value. The enumeration value assigned to the leftmost identifier is always zero. The enumeration value assigned to any following identifier is the enumeration value of its predecessor incremented by one.

A type institution clause of the form

```
TYPE Colour = ( Red, Green, Blue );
```

institutes an enumeration type Colour with three enumerated values Red, Green and Blue whose enumeration values are 0, 1 and 2 respectively. The value identifiers must be qualified by the enumeration type identifier.

The maximum number of values in an enumeration type is defined by constant Impl.MaxEnumValues . Its value is implementation defined but must not be less than 4096.

4.6.1 Enumeration Type Extension

An enumeration type may be instituted as an extension of another enumeration type. Such a type is called a type extension and the type it extends is called its base type. To institute a type extension of an enumeration type, the identifier list within the institution clause is preceded with the identifier of the base type marked by prefix $\boxed{\cdot}$. An extension type inherits all the enumerated values of its base type along with their enumeration values.

A type institution clause of the form

```
TYPE MoreColour = ( +Colour, Orange, Magenta, Cyan );
institutes an enumeration type MoreColour as an extension of enumeration type Colour with six enumerated values Red, Green, Blue, Orange, Magenta and Cyan whose enumeration values are 0 to 5 respectively.
```

An enumeration type is always downwards *compatible* with any of its type extensions, but an enumeration type extension is not upwards *compatible* with its base type. This restriction exists because any value of a base type is always a legal value of its extension type but a value of an extension type is not necessarily a legal value of its base type.

4.7 Set Types

A set type is a *collection type* that represents a mathematical set of unique finite values and whose component type is an enumeration type. The syntax for its institution is

```
setTypeInstitution :=
TYPE ident '=' SET OF enumTypeIdent ;
```

The component type determines the finite values of the set type. Each value may be stored in the set at most once. The maximum number of elements in a set type is defined by constant <code>Impl.MaxSetElements</code>. Its value is implementation defined but must not be less than 128.

4.8 Array Types

An *array type* is an indexed *collection type* with a *capacity limit* and a value type. *Capacity limit* and value type are specified in its institution clause.

```
arrayTypeInstitution := TYPE ident '=' ARRAY capacityLimit OF valueTypeIdent ;
```

The *capacity limit* determines the maximum number of values that can be stored in an instance of the type. The *value type* determines the type of the values that can be stored. The index type is always LONGCARD.

Values are stored contiguously from the lowest index which is always zero, up to the highest index which is dynamically bounded. Values are addressed by their indexed position within the array using subscript notation.

4.8.1 Dynamic Bounding

The number of values stored in an array may change at runtime within the *capacity limit* of its type. To this end, *array types* are internally represented by a *record type* that consists of a *value count* field and a payload field. The *value count* field holds the number of values stored in the array and the payload field holds the values stored in the array.

- predefined function COUNT() may be used to obtain the *value count* of a non-character array
- ullet predefined function LENGTH() may be used to obtain the ${\it length}$ of a character array

4.8.2 Supported Operations

Array types support insert, append, concatenation, slicing and removal operations. A value is insertable and appendable if it is **compatible** with the array's value type; an array or array slice is insertable, appendable and concatenable if its value type is **compatible** with the target array's value type, provided that the result of the operation will not exceed the **capacity** of the target array.

4.9 Record Types

A **record type** is a compound type whose components are of arbitrary types. Components are called fields. The number of fields is arbitrary. Its institution syntax is

```
recordTypeInstitution :=
  TYPE ident '=' RECORD ( '(' recTypeToExtend ')' )?
  fieldList ( ';' fieldList )* END ;
alias recTypeToExtend = recordTypeIdent ;
alias fieldList = varOrFieldDeclaration ;
```

A **record type** may be extensible or non-extensible.

An *extensible record type* is instituted by specifying a base type enclosed in parentheses following reserved word RECORD in the institution clause. A *record type* whose definition lacks a base type specification is non-extensible. An *extensible record type* that specifies NIL as its base type is called a root type.

Any *extensible record type* inherits all the fields from its base type, including any fields the base type may have inherited. A type so defined is also called a type extension of the base type. A type extension is upwards *compatible* with its base type, but the base type is not downwards *compatible* with its type extensions.

4.9.1 Indeterminate Types

An indeterminate type is a *pointer type* whose target type is a *record type* whose last field is indeterminate at compile time. An indeterminate field is an open array field whose *capacity limit* cannot be determined from its declaration. Instead it is determined by an allocation statement at runtime. The declaration syntax is

```
indeterminateType := POINTER TO RECORD ( fieldList ';' )* indeterminateField END ;
indeterminateField := '+' ident ':' ARRAY capacityField OF typeIdent ;
alias capacityField = ident ;
```

An indeterminate type contains an embedded field of type LONGCARD to hold the *capacity limit* of the indeterminate field. The capacity field must be explicitly initialised when an instance of an indeterminate type is allocated at runtime.

An instance of an indeterminate type is **assignment** and **copy compatible** to another if both are of the same type, regardless of their allocated **capacity**. However, when copying an instance of indeterminate type to another instance of the same type, the copy operation may overflow the target instance's **capacity**. In case of overflow, a runtime error will occur.

4.10 Pointer Types

A **pointer type** is a reference type. Its values are references to instances of another type. The type it references is called its target type. The target type is specified within its institution clause

```
pointerTypeInstitution := TYPE ident '=' POINTER TO typeIdent ;
```

An instance of a **pointer type** may store any reference to a value of the target type or the invalid pointer NIL.

4.11 Procedure Types

A procedure type is a reference type whose legal values are references to procedures or functions that match the signature associated with the type. The signature is specified within its institution clause

```
procedureTypeInstitution :=
  TYPE ident '=' PROCEDURE
  ( '(' formalType ( ',' formalType )* ')' )? ( ':' returnedType )? ;
```

The instance of a procedure type may store any reference to a procedure or function whose signature matches the procedure signature associated with the procedure type or the invalid pointer NIL. The signatures of a procedure and a procedure type match if their respective formal types exactly match, that is, including any formal type attributes and including any return type.

4.12 Formal Types

A type specification for a procedure parameter is called a formal type. It may be associated with a formal type attribute. A formal type attribute determines the parameter passing convention of parameters of the formal type.

```
formalType := ( CONST | VAR )? nonAttrFormalType ;
```

A formal type may be a type identifier, an *open array type*, a casting formal type or a variadic formal type.

```
nonAttrFormalType := simpleFormalType | castingFormalType | variadicFormalType ;
simpleFormalType := ( ARRAY OF )? typeIdent ;
```

4.12.1 Formal Open Array Types

An *open array type* is an *array type* whose *capacity limit* is indeterminate at compile time. The *capacity* and *value count* of a parameter of a formal *open array type* are determined at runtime when an argument is passed to it.

```
formalOpenArrayType := ARRAY OF typeIdent ;
```

4.12.2 Casting Formal Types

A casting formal type is a formal type with implicit cast semantics. An argument that is passed to a parameter of a casting formal type is implicitly cast to the formal type. The use of casting formal type syntax must be enabled by import of special module UNSAFE.

There are two casting formal types: CAST ADDRESS and CAST OCTETSEQ.

```
castingFormalType := CAST ( ADDRESS | OCTETSEQ ) ;
```

4.12.2.1 Formal Type CAST ADDRESS

Formal type | CAST | ADDRESS | imposes an implicit cast to type | UNSAFE.ADDRESS |.

For semantics see section 11.2.5.1 CAST ADDRESS in chapter Low-Level Facilities.

4.12.2.2 Formal Type CAST OCTETSEQ

Formal type CAST OCTETSEQ imposes an implicit cast to a sequence of octets.

For semantics see section 11.2.5.2 CAST OCTETSEQ in chapter Low-Level Facilities.

4.12.3 Variadic Formal Types

A variadic formal type is a formal list type whose arity is indeterminate. Its argument count cannot be determined from its declaration and may vary. A parameter of a formal variadic type may be passed a variable number of arguments. The argument count is determined when a procedure with a variadic formal parameter is invoked.

```
variadicFormalType := ARGLIST OF typeIdent ;
```

Procedures

A procedure is a sequence of statements associated with an identifier and it may be invoked from any scope in which its identifier is visible. A procedure has its own local scope in which local entities may be declared. It may have zero or more associated parameters and it may return a result in its own name. A procedure that returns a result in its own name is called a function procedure, or simply a function. A procedure that does not is called a regular procedure. Collectively, both are referred to as procedures.

5.1 Procedure Institution

5.1.1 Procedure Definition

A procedure definition specifies a procedure header only.

```
alias procedureDefinition = procedureHeader ;
procedureHeader := PROCEDURE procedureSignature ;
procedureSignature :=
  ident ( '(' formalParams ( ';' formalParams )* ')' )? ( ':' returnedType )? ;
```

5.1.2 Procedure Declaration

A procedure declaration specifies a procedure header followed by a procedure body.

```
procedureDeclaration := procedureHeader ';' block ident ;
```

5.1.2.1 The Procedure Header

A procedure header consists of a procedure's identifier, its formal parameters if any, and its return type if any. The procedure header represents the interface of the procedure.

5.1.2.2 The Procedure Body

A procedure body consists of a local block followed by the procedure's identifier. The procedure body represents the implementation of the procedure.

5.1.2.3 Formal Parameters

Parameter declarations within the parameter list of a procedure header are called the procedure's formal parameters. Formal parameters determine the number, order, type and passing convention of arguments that may be passed to a procedure when it is invoked.

```
formalParams := ( CONST | VAR )? identList ':' nonAttrFormalType ;
```

The identifier of a formal parameter is the identifier by which the value of the passed in argument or argument list can be referenced within the body of the procedure.

5.1.2.4 Parameter Passing Conventions

There are three parameter passing conventions.

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

5.1.2.5 Pass By Value

The default parameter passing convention is pass by value. It is used when no attribute is specified for a formal parameter or formal parameter list. Such a parameter is called a value parameter. When an argument is passed to a value parameter, a copy is passed to the procedure. The scope of the copy is the procedure's local scope.

5.1.2.6 Pass By Reference – Mutable

The pass by mutable reference convention is used when the VAR attribute is specified for a formal parameter or formal parameter list. Such a parameter is called a VAR parameter. When an argument is passed to a VAR parameter, a mutable reference to the argument is passed to the procedure. The procedure may or may not modify the argument. Immutable entities may therefore not be passed to VAR parameters.

5.1.2.7 Pass By Reference – Immutable

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

5.1.2.8 Formal Open Array Parameters

A formal open array parameter is a formal parameter of a formal *open array type*. Its *capacity* is indeterminate at compile time. *Capacity* and *value count* are determined at runtime when an argument is passed to it in a procedure call.

An argument passed to an open array parameter must be an array whose value type is *compatible* with the value type of the parameter to which it is passed.

Given the declarations

```
TYPE Chars = ARRAY 100 OF CHAR; Buffer = ARRAY 100 OF OCTET;

VAR chars : Chars; buffer : Buffer;

PROCEDURE PadWithZeroes ( VAR array : ARRAY OF OCTET );
```

variable buffer may be passed to parameter array in a call to procedure PadWithZeroes because their value types match, but variable chars may not be passed to array because their value types are incompatible.

```
chars := "abc"; buffer := { 1, 2, 3 };
PadWithZeroes(buffer); (* OK *)
PadWithZeroes(chars); (* compile time error : incompatible type *)
```

The actual capacity is passed as a hidden parameter immediately preceding the open array parameter.

```
PROCEDURE PadWithZeroes ( (*hidden capacity : LONGCARD;*) VAR array : ARRAY OF OCTET );
```

A call to function CAPACITY() with the identifier of the parameter within the procedure body returns this value.

```
PROCEDURE PadWithZeroes ( VAR array : ARRAY OF OCTET );

BEGIN

WHILE COUNT(array) < CAPACITY(array) DO

APPEND(array, 0)

END (* WHILE *)

END PadWithZeroes;
```

5.1.2.9 Casting Formal Parameters

A casting formal parameter is a formal parameter of a casting formal type. It causes an argument passed to it to be cast to its formal type. There are two kinds.

5.1.2.9.1 Casting Formal Address Parameter

A casting formal address parameter is a parameter of formal type CAST ADDRESS.

For semantics see section 11.2.5.1 CAST ADDRESS in chapter Low-Level Facilities.

5.1.2.9.2 Casting Formal Octet Sequence Parameter

A casting formal *octet sequence* parameter is a parameter of formal type CAST OCTETSEQ.

For semantics see section 11.2.5.2 CAST OCTETSEQ in chapter Low-Level Facilities.

5.1.2.10 Variadic Formal Parameters

A variadic formal parameter is a formal parameter of a variadic formal type to which a variable number of arguments may be passed. All arguments must be **passing compatible** to its value type.

```
PROCEDURE average ( args : ARGLIST OF REAL ) : REAL;
...
v := average(1.2, 3.4, 5.6); (* <= OK *) v := average(1.2, 3); (* <= incompatible type *)</pre>
```

The actual argument count is passed as a hidden parameter immediately preceding the argument list.

```
PROCEDURE average ( (*hidden argc : LONGCARD;*) args : ARGLIST OF REAL ) : REAL;
```

A call to function COUNT() with the identifier of the parameter within the procedure body returns this value.

```
PROCEDURE Variadic ( args : ARGLIST OF T );
BEGIN
WRITE "number of arguments: ", COUNT(args);
```

A variadic parameter is an indexed collection. A FOR statement may be used to iterate over its values.

```
PROCEDURE average ( args : ARGLIST OF REAL ) : REAL;
VAR sum : REAL;
BEGIN

IF COUNT(args) = 0 THEN RETURN 0.0 END;
sum := 0.0;
FOR value IN args DO
    sum := sum + value
END; (* FOR *)
RETURN sum / COUNT(args)
END average;
```

As with other arrays, values may also be addressed by subscript. The index of the first value is always zero.

```
FOR index, value IN args DO
   sum := sum + args[index] (* args[index] is equivalent to value *)
END; (* FOR *)
```

An argument list passed to a variadic formal parameter may be enclosed in curly braces to delineate it from other arguments. Such delineation is required whenever the arguments passed to a variadic formal parameter are not distinguishable by their type from the argument that follows the list. Given a formal parameter list of the form

```
PROCEDURE P ( list1, list2 : ARGLIST OF REAL; x : LONGREAL );
```

arguments to be passed to parameters list1 and list2 in a procedure call to P are not distinguishable by type from their following arguments and must be delineated by curly braces.

```
P({0.1, 2.3}, {3.4, 5.6, 7.8}, 9.0);
```

Statements

A statement represents a computation that causes a transformation of the computational state of a program. Statements are used for their effects only, they do not return values and they may not occur within expressions.

6.1 The Assignment Statement

The assignment statement is a value-mutator statement. It assigns a given value to a mutable value.

```
assignment := designator ':=' expression ;
```

The designator is called the L-value, the expression is called the R-value. The L-value must be mutable and the R-value must be **assignment compatible** to the L-value. If these conditions are not met, a compile time error will occur.

6.2 The INC/DEC Statement

The INC/DEC statement is a value-mutator statement. It consists of a designator followed by a mutator symbol, where ++ increments and -- decrements the designator by one. The designator is an L-value. It must be mutable and of a *whole number type*. If these conditions are not met, a compile time error will occur.

```
incOrDecStatement := designator ( '++' | '--' );
```

6.3 The COPY Statement

The COPY statement is a value-mutator statement. It copies values across type boundaries where types have a common or *compatible* value type. Its syntax is

```
copyStatement := COPY designator ':=' expression ;
```

The designator is called the L-value, the expression is called the R-value. The L-value must be mutable. The R-value must be *copy compatible* to the L-value. Both must be non-elementary types. If these conditions are not met, a compile time error will occur.

6.3.1 Copying Sets

Variables of different set types are not **assignment compatible** but they are **copy compatible** if their value types match or one is an extension or subtype of the other.

Given the declarations

```
TYPE BaseColour = ( Red, Green, Blue ); ExtColour = ( +BaseColour, Orange, Magenta, Cyan );
TYPE BaseColours = SET OF BaseColour; ExtColours = SET OF ExtColour;
VAR baseColours: BaseColours; extColours: ExtColours;
```

• a statement of the form COPY extColours := baseColours copies set baseColours to set extColours

6.3.2 Copying Arrays

Variables of different *array types* are not *assignment compatible* but they are *copy compatible* if their value types match or one is an extension or subtype of the other.

Given the declarations

```
TYPE PosInt = [0..TMAX(INTEGER)] OF INTEGER;
TYPE ArrayA = ARRAY 20 OF INTEGER; ArrayB = ARRAY 10 OF PosInt;
VAR arrayA : ArrayB; ArrayB;
```

```
    a statement of the form COPY arrayA := arrayB copies arrayB to arrayA
    a statement of the form COPY arrayB := arrayA copies arrayA to arrayB
```

6.3.3 Copying Between Sets and Arrays

Variables of array and set types are not **assignment compatible** with each other but they are **copy compatible** if their value types are **copy compatible**.

Given the declarations

```
TYPE Token = ( Unknown, Alias, And, Arglist, Array, Begin ... );

TYPE TokenSet = SET OF Token; TokenArray = ARRAY 100 OF Token;

VAR set : TokenSet; array : TokenArray;

• a statement of the form COPY set := array copies the token values stored in array to set
```

```
    a statement of the form COPY set := array copies the token values stored in array to set
    a statement of the form COPY array := set copies the token values stored in set to array
```

6.4 The Procedure Call Statement

A procedure call statement is used to invoke a procedure. It consists of a designator that designates the called procedure, optionally followed by a list of parameters enclosed in parentheses to be passed to the procedure. Parameters passed are called arguments or 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. If they don't, a compile time error shall occur. Procedure calls may be recursive, that is, a procedure may call itself within its body. Recursive calls shall be optimised by tail call elimination (TCE), except when generating source code in a target language that does not support TCE.

6.5 The RETURN Statement

The RETURN statement is a flow-control statement used within a procedure body to return control to its caller and in the main body of the program to return control to the operating environment that activated the program.

Depending on the type of procedure in which a RETURN statement is used, it may or may not return a value. When returning from a regular procedure, no value may be returned. When returning from a function procedure a value of the procedure's return type must be returned. Non-compliance will cause a compile time error.

6.6 The NEW Statement

The NEW statement is a memory management statement. It allocates storage for a new instance of the target type referenced by the type of its argument. Its syntax is

```
newStmt := NEW designator ( ':=' initValue | CAPACITY expression )?;
where designator must be an L-value and initValue must be an R-value.
```

A statement of the form NEW p

• allocates a new instance of the target type of pointer p and passes a reference to the new instance in p

6.6.1 Allocation with Initialisation

By default, a newly allocated instance is not initialised. To initialise a new instance during its allocation, an initialisation value may be specified within a NEW statement.

A statement of the form **NEW** array := { a, b, c }

• allocates a new instance, initialises it with values a, b and c, and passes a reference to it in array

6.6.2 Allocation of Instances of Indeterminate Type

A capacity value may be specified to initialise a new instance of an indeterminate type.

A statement of the form **NEW** buffer **CAPACITY** 1000

allocates a new instance of an indeterminate type with a *capacity limit* of 1000 values of the type's indeterminate field and passes a reference to the new instance in buffer

6.7 The RETAIN Statement

The RETAIN statement is a memory management statement. It prevents premature deallocation of the target referenced by its argument.

6.8 The RELEASE Statement

The RELEASE statement is a memory management statement. It cancels a prior invocation of RETAIN for the target referenced by its argument and deallocates the target if all prior invocations of RETAIN for the target have been cancelled.

6.9 The IF Statement

The IF statement is a flow-control statement that passes control to one of a number of blocks within its body depending on the value of a boolean expression. It evaluates a condition in form of a boolean expression. If the condition is TRUE then program control passes to its THEN block. If the condition is FALSE and an ELSIF branch follows, then program control passes to the ELSIF branch to evaluate that branch's condition.

Again, if the condition is TRUE then program 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 program control passes to the ELSE block. At most one block in the statement is executed. IF -statements must always be terminated with an END.

6.10 The CASE Statement

The 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 )+ ( ELSE statementSequence )? END ;
case :=
   caseLabels ( ',' caseLabels )* : StatementSequence ;
caseLabels :=
   constExpression ( .. constExpression )? ;
```

Control is passed to the first statement following the case label that matches the ordinal expression. Case labels must be unique. There is no "fall through". At the end of a label, control is passed to the first statement after the CASE statement. If no case label matches, control is passed to the ELSE block, or, if there is no ELSE block, to the first statement after the CASE statement.

6.11 The LOOP Statement

The LOOP statement is a flow-control statement used to repeat a statement or statement sequence indefinitely unless explicitly terminated by an EXIT statement within its body.

6.12 The WHILE Statement

The WHILE statement is a flow-control statement used to repeat a statement or statement sequence depending on a condition in form of a boolean expression. The expression is evaluated each time before the DO block is executed. The DO block is repeated as long as the expression evaluates to TRUE unless the statement is explicitly terminated by an EXIT statement within its body.

6.13 The REPEAT Statement

The REPEAT statement is is a flow-control statement used to repeat a statement or statement sequence depending on a condition in form of a boolean expression. The expression is evaluated each time after the REPEAT block has executed. The REPEAT block is repeated as long as the expression evaluates to TRUE unless the statement is explicitly terminated by an EXIT statement within its body.

6.14 The FOR Statement

The FOR statement is a flow-control statement that iterates over an iterable entity, executing a statement or statement sequence during each iteration cycle. It consists of a loop header and a loop body. The header consists of one or two loop variants, an optional iteration order, and an iterable expression. The body consists of a statement or statement sequence.

```
forStatement := FOR forLoopVariants IN iterableExpr DO statementSequence END ;
```

6.14.1 The Loop Variants

The loop variant section contains one or two identifiers through which indices and values of the iterable expression are referenced within the loop.

```
forLoopVariants := indexOrSoleValue ascOrDesc? ( ',' value )? ;
alias indexOrSoleValue, value = ident ;
```

The loop variant identifiers are declared by the loop header and they are only in scope within the header and body. Once a FOR loop has terminated, its loop variants are no longer in scope. The number of possible loop variants depends on the loop's iterable expression.

- If the iterable expression is an ordinal type, a subrange of an ordinal type or the designator of a set, the header contains a sole loop variant, immutable within the loop body.
- If the iterable expression is the designator of an array a, the header contains a loop variant representing the iteration index i and an optional second loop variant v representing the array component a[i]. Index i is immutable within the loop body. Value v is mutable if array a is mutable, otherwise v is immutable.

During the first iteration cycle the loop variant section references that index, value or index/value pair which is first for the prevailing iteration order. Before each subsequent iteration cycle the loop variant section is advanced to its successor for the prevailing iteration order. Iteration continues until all indices, values or pairs have been visited unless the For statement is explicitly terminated by an EXIT statement within its body.

6.14.2 The Iteration Order

The prevailing iteration order may be specified by an ascender or descender following the first loop variant. An ascender imposes ascending order and is denoted by the ++ symbol. A descender imposes descending order and is denoted by the -- symbol. When omitted, the iteration order is ascending.

```
ascOrDesc := '++' | '--' ;
```

6.14.3 The Iterable Expression

The iterable expression — or iterable in short — is denoted by (1) the identifier of an ordinal or subrange type, (2) an anonymous subrange of an ordinal type or (3) the designator of a set, array or array slice.

```
iterableExpr := ordinalRange OF ordinalType | designator ;
```

6.14.4 Iterating over Ordinal Types

If the iterable is an ordinal type or a subrange thereof, only one loop variant may be given. The loop variant is immutable. Its type is the ordinal type or subrange given and the loop iterates over all values of the iterable.

A statement of the form

```
FOR char IN CHAR DO WRITE char END;
```

iterates over all values of type CHAR.

Given the declaration

```
TYPE Colour = ( Red, Green, Blue );
```

a statement of the form

```
FOR colour IN Colour DO WRITE nameOfColour(colour), "\n" END;
```

iterates over all enumerated values of type Colour.

A statement of the form

```
FOR value-- IN [1..99] OF CARDINAL DO

WRITE value, " bottles of beer, take one down and pass it around.\n"

END; (* FOR *)
```

iterates over subrange [1..99] of type CARDINAL in descending order.

6.14.5 Iterating over Collections

If the iterable is the designator of a set, only one loop variant may be given. The loop variant is immutable. Its type is the element type of the set and the loop iterates over all values in the set.

A statement of the form

```
FOR elem IN set DO WRITE nameOfElem(elem), "\n" END;
```

iterates over all elements stored in set .

If the iterable is the designator of an array or array slice, one or two loop variants may be given. The first loop variant is immutable and of type CARDINAL. The optional second loop variant is mutable if the array is mutable, otherwise immutable, its type is the element type of the array. The loop iterates over all values stored in the array.

A statement of the form

```
FOR index, value IN source DO target[index] := value END;
iterates over all components of array .
```

A statement of the form

```
FOR index, value IN source[n..m] DO WRITE "source[", index, "] = ", value, "\n" END;
```

iterates over all components in array slice | source[n..m] .

6.15 The EXIT Statement

The EXIT statement is a control-flow statement used within the body of a LOOP, WHILE, REPEAT or FOR statement to terminate execution of the loop and transfer control to the first statement after its body. The EXIT statement may only occur within the body of loop statements. Non-compliance will cause a compile time error.

6.16 The READ Statement

The READ statement reads one or more values from a communications channel and transfers the values in a non-empty variadic list of designators. Its syntax is

```
readStmt := READ ( '@' chan ':' )? NEW? designator ( ',' designator )*
```

where chan is the designator of a communications channel.

A statement of the form

```
READ @file : foo, bar, baz;
```

reads three values from channel | file | and passes them in | foo |, | bar | and | baz |.

The communications channel may be omitted in which case a default input channel is used.

A statement of the form READ foo reads a value from the default input channel and passes it in variable foo .

The list of designators may be prefixed by reserved word NEW to allocate new memory for each value read. In this case every designator must designate a value of a **pointer type** and its value must be NIL.

A statement of the form

```
READ @file : NEW ptr;
```

reads a value from channel file, allocates a new instance of ptr and passes the read value in ptr^.

6.17 The WRITE Statement

The WRITE statement writes one or more values to a communications channel. Its syntax is

```
writeStmt := WRITE ( '@' chan ':' )? outputArgs ( ',' outputArgs )* ;
outputArgs := formattedArgs | unformattedArgs ;
formattedArgs := '#' '(' fmtStr, expressionList ')' ;
alias unformattedArgs = expressionList ;
```

where chan is the designator of a communications channel and fmtStr is a format specifier string.

A statement of the form

```
WRITE @file : foo, bar, baz;
writes the values foo, bar and baz to channel file.
```

The communications channel may be omitted in which case a default output channel is used.

A statement of the form WRITE foo writes the value of foo to the default output channel.

The list of output values may include formatted and unformatted values. A formatted value or value list is preceded by a format specifier, enclosed in parentheses and preceded by #.

A statement of the form

```
WRITE @file : "Price: ", #("5:3;2", price), "incl. VAT\n";
writes three values to channel file applying format specifier "5:3;2" to value price.
```

Format specifiers are library defined but language specified for all built-in types, their interpretation takes place within the IO library. The syntax of format specifiers for built-in types is described in Appendix G.

6.18 The NOP Statement

The NOP statement represents an explicit empty statement.

The grammar forbids empty loops and blocks. When intended, the NOP statement must be used instead.

```
WHILE stream.nextChar() = ' ' DO (* skip all whitespace *)
NOP
END; (* WHILE *)
```

Operators and Expressions

7.1 Operator Precedence and Associativity

Expressions are evaluated according to the precedence level and associativity of the operators within the expression. Operators of higher precedence are evaluated before operators of lower precedence. Where operators have the same precedence, their associativity determines evaluation order. For left-associative operators of the same precedence the evaluation order is left to right. The properties of operators are given in the table below:

Operator	Math Symbols	Meaning	Associativity	Arity	Position	Precedence
=	=	equality	none	binary	infix	(lowest) 1
#	#	inequality				
<	$<$ \subset \prec	less, strict subset, precedes				
<=	\leq \subseteq \preceq	less/equal, subset, precedes/equal				
>	$>$ \supset \succ	greater, strict superset, succeeds				
>=	\geq \supseteq \succeq	greater/equal, superset, succeeds/equal				
==	≡	identity				
IN	\in	set membership				
+	+ U	addition, set union	left	binary	infix	2
- x	_	arithmetic negation	none	unary	prefix	
x-y	_	subtraction	left	binary	infix	2
8		concatenation				
\	\	set difference				
OR	V	logical disjunction				
*	× ∩	multiplication, set intersection	left	binary	infix	3
/	\div \triangle	division, symmetric set difference				
DIV	÷	integer division				
MOD	mod	modulus				
AND	\wedge	logical conjunction				
NOT	٦	logical negation	none	unary	prefix	4
::		type conversion	none	binary	infix	5
()		sub-expression precedence	none	unary	bifix	6
[]	a_i	subscript	left	unary	postfix	6
[]		insertion				
\wedge		dereference				
•		field selection	left	binary	infix	(highest) 6

Table 7.1: Operators and their properties

7.2 Relational Operations

7.2.1 Equality

The binary infix operator = denotes an equality test. An expression of the form a = b returns TRUE if a and b are equal, otherwise FALSE. If both operands are arrays, or both operands are sets, their component types must be the same. Otherwise, both operands must be of the same type.

7.2.2 Inequality

The binary infix operator # denotes an inequality test. An expression of the form a # b returns TRUE if a and b are not equal, otherwise FALSE. If both operands are arrays, or both operands are sets, their component types must be the same. Otherwise, both operands must be of the same type.

7.2.3 Less-Than

The binary infix operator < denotes a less-than comparison when the operands are of a **scalar type**. An expression of the form a < b returns TRUE if the value of a is less than the value of b, otherwise FALSE. Both operands must be of the same type.

7.2.4 Precedes

The binary infix operator < denotes collation order comparison when the operands are character strings. An expression of the form a < b returns TRUE if a precedes b using the prevailing collation order, else FALSE.

7.2.5 Strict Subset

The binary infix operator < denotes a strict subset comparison when the operands are of a set type. An expression of the form a < b returns TRUE if $a \subset b$ otherwise FALSE. The component types of the operands must be of the same type.

7.2.6 Less-Than-Or-Equal

The binary infix operator <= denotes a less-than-or-equal comparison when the operands are of a *scalar type*. An expression of the form a <= b returns TRUE if the value of a is less than or equal to the value of b, otherwise FALSE. Both operands must be of the same type.

7.2.7 Precedes-Or-Equal

The binary infix operator <= denotes collation order comparison when the operands are character strings. An expression of the form a <= b returns TRUE if a precedes b or if both rank equally using the prevailing collation order, otherwise FALSE.

7.2.8 Subset

The binary infix operator \leftarrow denotes a subset comparison when the operands are of a set type. An expression of the form $a \leftarrow b$ returns \leftarrow IRUE if $a \subseteq b$, otherwise \leftarrow FALSE. The component types of the operands must be of the same type.

7.2.9 Greater-Than

The binary infix operator > denotes a greater-than comparison when the operands are of a *scalar type*. An expression of the form a > b returns TRUE if the value of a is greater than the value of b, otherwise FALSE. Both operands must be of the same type.

7.2.10 Succeeds

The binary infix operator > denotes collation order comparison when the operands are character strings. An expression of the form a > b returns TRUE if a succeeds b using the prevailing collation order, else FALSE.

7.2.11 Strict Superset

The binary infix operator > denotes a strict superset comparison when the operands are of a set type. An expression of the form a > b returns TRUE if $a \supset b$, otherwise FALSE. The component types of the operands must be of the same type.

7.2.12 Greater-Than-Or-Equal

The binary infix operator >= denotes a greater-than-or-equal comparison when the operands are of a *scalar type*. An expression of the form a >= b returns TRUE if the value of a is greater than or equal to the value of b, otherwise FALSE. Both operands must be of the same type.

7.2.13 Succeeds-Or-Equal

The binary infix operator >= denotes collation order comparison when the operands are character strings. An expression of the form a >= b returns TRUE if a succeeds b or if both rank equally using the prevailing collation order, otherwise FALSE.

7.2.14 Superset

The binary infix operator >= denotes a superset comparison when the operands are of a set type. An expression of the form a > b returns TRUE if $a \supseteq b$, otherwise FALSE. The component types of the operands must be of the same type.

7.2.15 Identity

The binary infix operator == denotes an identity test. An expression of the form a == b returns TRUE if UNSAFE.ADR(a) equals UNSAFE.ADR(b), otherwise FALSE.

7.2.16 Set Membership

The binary infix operator IN denotes a set membership test. An expression of the form a IN set returns TRUE if $a \in set$, otherwise FALSE. The right operand must be of a set type. The left operand must be of the component type of the set type.

7.3 Logical Operations

7.3.1 Disjunction

The binary infix operator $\boxed{\tt OR}$ denotes logical disjunction. An expression of the form $\boxed{\tt a}$ $\boxed{\tt OR}$ $\boxed{\tt b}$ returns the logical disjunction $a \lor b$. Both operands must be of type $\boxed{\tt BOOLEAN}$.

7.3.2 Conjunction

The binary infix operator AND denotes logical conjunction. An expression of the form a AND b returns the logical conjunction $a \land b$. Both operands must be of type BOOLEAN .

7.3.3 Logical Negation

The unary prefix operator $\boxed{\text{NOT}}$ denotes logical negation. An expression of the form $\boxed{\text{NOT}}$ a returns the logical inverse $\neg a$. The operand must be of type $\boxed{\text{BOOLEAN}}$.

7.4 Arithmetic Operations

7.4.1 Addition

The binary infix operator + denotes addition when its operands are of numeric type. An expression of the form a + b returns the sum of a and b. Both operands must be of *compatible* numeric types.

7.4.2 Arithmetic Negation

The unary prefix operator - denotes arithmetic negation. An expression of the form -a returns the complement of a. The operand must be of a signed numeric type.

A unary - operator may only appear before a multi-term expression if the expression is enclosed in parentheses. This resolves an ambiguity in earlier versions of Modula-2.

7.4.3 Subtraction

The binary infix operator - denotes subtraction. An expression of the form a - b returns the difference of a and b. Both operands must be of *compatible* numeric types.

7.4.4 Multiplication

The binary infix operator \star denotes multiplication when its operands are of numeric type. An expression of the form $a \star b$ returns the product of a and b. Both operands must be of *compatible* numeric types.

7.4.5 Real Number Division

The binary infix operator / denotes real number division when its operands are of a *real number type*. An expression of the form a / b returns the quotient of a and b. Both operands must be of *compatible* numeric types.

7.4.6 Integer Division

The binary infix operator DIV denotes Euclidean integer division. An expression of the form a DIV b returns the quotient of a and b. Both operands must be of a *compatible* numeric types.

7.4.7 Modulus

The binary infix operator MOD denotes the modulus of Euclidean integer division. An expression of the form a MOD b returns the modulus of a and b. Both operands must be of a *compatible* numeric types.

7.5 Set Operations

7.5.1 Set Union

The binary infix operator + denotes set union when its operands are of a set type. An expression of the form a+b returns the set union $a \cup b$. Both operands must be of a set type. The component types of the operands must be of the same type.

7.5.2 Set Difference

7.5.3 Set Intersection

The binary infix operator \star denotes set intersection when its operands are of a set type. An expression of the form $a \star b$ returns the set intersection $a \cap b$. Both operands must be of a set type. The component types of the operands must be of the same type.

7.5.4 Symmetric Set Difference

The binary infix operator / denotes symmetric set difference when its operands are of a set type. An expression of the form a / b returns the symmetric set difference $a \triangle b$. Both operands must be of a set type. The component types of the operands must be of the same type.

7.6 Collection Operations

7.6.1 Insertion

The subscript operator $\begin{bmatrix} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ with a subscript followed by suffix \dots denotes insertion. An assignment of the form a[i..] := v inserts value v into array a at subscript i. The operand must be of an $array\ type$. An insertion designator may only appear as an L-value on the left side of an assignment.

7.6.2 Concatenation

The binary infix operator **a** denotes concatenation. An expression of the form **a b** returns the concatenation product of **a** and **b**. Both operands must be of a *collection type*. The component types of the operands must be copy compatible to the L-Value to which the expression is copied or passed to.

7.7 Miscellaneous Operations

7.7.1 Type Conversion

The binary infix operator :: denotes type conversion. An expression of the form T::v converts value v to type T and returns the converted value. The left operand must be a type identifier. The right operand may be a value or expression of any convertible type.

7.7.2 Sub-Expression Precedence

The bifix operator $(\ \dots\)$ denotes sub-expression precedence. In an expression of the form $a \ \square \ (b \circ c)$, the evaluation of sub-expression $(b \circ c)$ takes precedence for any arbitrary operators \square and \circ regardless of their precedence levels.

7.8 Designation Operations

7.8.1 Subscript Addressing

The postfix operator $[\]\dots]$ denotes subscript addressing. The operator encloses a subscript or a range of subscripts. The operand must be the designator of an array. Subscripts must be of a **whole number type**.

A sole subscript addresses a single value. A paired subscript addresses a range of values.

- An expression of the form <code>a[i]</code> designates the value of <code>a</code> at subscript <code>i</code>
- An expression of the form a[i..j] designates the value range of a from subscript i to j

Non-negative subscripts represent positions relative to the first component.

•
$$index \ i = [i:: LONGCARD] \ \forall \ i \in \{\tau_{whole} \ | \ 0 \leq i \leq count \ a \land i < capacity \ a\}$$

Negative subscripts represent positions relative to the position after the last component.

•
$$index~i = exttt{COUNT(a)-ABS(i)}:: LONGCARD~ orall~i \in \{ au_{whole}~|~i < 0 \land abs~i < count~a\}$$

where a is the array operand and i a subscript value.

7.8.2 Pointer Dereference

The unary postfix operator $^{\land}$ denotes pointer dereference. An expression of the form $^{\triangleright}$ designates the entity referenced by pointer $^{\triangleright}$ where $^{\triangleright}$ must be of a *pointer type*.

7.8.3 Field Selection

The binary infix operator . denotes field selection when the left operand is an instance of a *record type*. An expression of the form a.b designates field b of record a.

7.8.4 Name Selection

The binary infix operator . denotes name selection when the left operand is a qualifier of a qualified identifier. An expression of the form a.b designates b qualified by a.

7.9 Operations By Type

7.9.1 Elementary Types

	=	#	<	<=	>	>=	+	- x	х-у	*	/	DIV	MOD	AND	OR	NOT	::
BOOLEAN	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	•	•	•	_
Enumerations	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	_	_	_	_	-	-	-	_	-	_
Character Types	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	•
Cardinal Types	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	•	•	_	•	•	_	_	-	•
Integer Types	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	•	•	_	_	-	•
Real Number Types	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	_	_	_	_	•

Table 7.2: Elementary types and their supported operators

	ORD()	PRED() SUCC()	ABS()	ODD()	SGN()	POW2() LOG2()	ENTIER()	TMIN() TMAX()	TSIZE()
BOOLEAN	•	•	-	-	-	-	-	•	•
Enumerations	•	•	-	-	-	_	_	•	•
Character Types	•	•	-	-	-	_	_	•	•
Cardinal Types	•	•	-	•	-	•	_	•	•
Integer Types	•	•	-	•	•	_	_	•	•
Real Number Types	_	_	•	_	•	_	•	•	•

Table 7.3: Elementary types and their supported pervasive functions and macros

	ADD()	SUB()	SHL()	SHR()	BIT()	SETBIT()	BWNOT()	BWAND()	BWOR()
BOOLEAN	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_
Enumerations	-	_	_	-	-	_	_	_	_
Character Types	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cardinal Types	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Integer Types	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Real Number Types	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Table 7.4: Elementary types and their supported UNSAFE procedures and functions

7.9.2 Compound Types

	=	#	<	<=	>	=>	==	IN	+	-	ક	\	*	/	a[]	٨	•
SET	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	_	•	•	•	_	-	_
ARRAY	•	•	_	_	_	_	•	-	_	_	•	_	_	_	•	-	_
OF CHAR	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	_	_	•	_	_	_	•	_	_
OF UNICHAR	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	_	_	•	_	_	_	•	_	_
RECORD	•	•	_	_	_	_	•	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	•

Table 7.5: Compound types and their supported operators

	APPEND()	INSERT()	REMOVE()	COUNT()	LENGTH()	TSIZE()	TLIMIT() CAPACITY()
SET	_	•	•	•	_	•	•
ARRAY	•	_	•	•	_	•	•
OF CHAR	•	_	•	_	•	•	•
OF UNICHAR	•	_	•	_	•	•	•
RECORD	_	_	_	_	_	•	-

Table 7.6: Compound types and their supported pervasive procedures, functions and macros

7.9.3 Pointer Types

	=	#	^	NEW	RELEASE	TSIZE()
OPAQUE	•	•	_	•	•	•
POINTER	•	•	•	•	•	•

Table 7.7: Pointer types and their supported operations

7.9.4 Procedure Types

	=	#	p()	TSIZE()
PROCEDURE	•	•	•	•

Table 7.8: Procedure types and their supported operations

7.9.5 Abstract Data Types

	RETAIN	RETAIN READ APPEND() WRITE		@VALUE() @STORE()	<pre>@ATINSERT() @ATREMOVE()</pre>	COUNT() LENGTH()	TLIMIT()
ADT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 7.9: Abstract data types and their library supportable operations

7.9.6 Formal Types

	=	#	<	<=	>	>=	a[i]	a[ij]	a[i]
ARRAY OF	•	•	_	-	_	-	•	•	•
CHAR	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
UNICHAR	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
ARGLIST OF	_	_	_	_	_	_	•	_	_
CAST OCTETSEQ	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	_	_

Table 7.10: Formal types and their supported operators

	FOR	COPY L-Value	COPY R-Value	APPEND() REMOVE()	COUNT()	LENGTH()	CAPACITY()
ARRAY OF	•	•	•	•	•	_	•
CHAR	•	•	•	•	_	•	•
UNICHAR	•	•	•	•	_	•	•
ARGLIST OF	•	_	•	_	•	_	_
CAST OCTETSEQ	•	_	•	_	_	•	_

Table 7.11: Formal types and their supported built-in syntax, procedures and functions

7.9.7 Machine Types

	=	#	<	<=	>	>=	a[i]	a[ij]	a[i]	٨
BYTE	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	_	_	
WORD	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	_	_	_
LONGWORD	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	_	_	_
ADDRESS	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	_	•

Table 7.12: Machine types and their supported operators

	ODD()	ADD() SUB()	SHL() SHR()	BIT() SETBIT()	BWNOT()	BWAND() BWOR()	TMIN() TMAX()	TSIZE()
BYTE	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
WORD	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
LONGWORD	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
ADDRESS	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Table 7.13: Machine types and their supported built-in procedures, functions and macros

Type Compatibility

Type *compatibility* is a relation between two types τ_1 and τ_2 that determines whether an entity ε_1 of type τ_1 may be assigned to, copied to, passed to or used together in an expression with an entity ε_2 of type τ_2 . Type compatibility thus determines the compatibility of two entities by their associated types.

8.1 Compatibility Relations

The compatibility relation between any two entities is congruent to the compatibility relation of their types. Any compatibility relation is always transitive, but not necessarily commutative. There are five compatibility relations.

8.1.1 Assignment Compatibility

Assignment compatibility is a relation between two types τ_1 and τ_2 that determines whether an entity ε_1 of type τ_1 may be assigned to an entity ε_2 of type τ_2 . The relation is denoted by the $\stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow}$ symbol.

$$\tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\to} \tau_2 \land \varepsilon_1 \in: \tau_1 \land \varepsilon_2 \in: \tau_2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_1 \stackrel{:=}{\to} \varepsilon_2 \tag{8.1}$$

8.1.2 Copy Compatibility

Copy compatibility is a relation between two types τ_1 and τ_2 that determines whether an entity ε_1 of type τ_1 may be copied to an entity ε_2 of type τ_2 . The relation is denoted by the \xrightarrow{copy} symbol.

$$\tau_1 \xrightarrow{copy} \tau_2 \wedge \varepsilon_1 \in : \tau_1 \wedge \varepsilon_2 \in : \tau_2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_1 \xrightarrow{copy} \varepsilon_2 \tag{8.2}$$

8.1.3 By-Value Passing Compatibility

By-value passing compatibility is a relation between two types τ_1 and τ_2 that determines whether an entity ε_1 of type τ_1 may be passed to a formal by-value parameter ε_2 of type τ_2 . The relation is denoted by the \xrightarrow{val} symbol.

$$\tau_1 \xrightarrow{val} \tau_2 \wedge \varepsilon_1 \in : \tau_1 \wedge \varepsilon_2 \in : \tau_2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_1 \xrightarrow{val} \varepsilon_2 \tag{8.3}$$

8.1.4 By-Reference Passing Compatibility

By-reference passing compatibility is a relation between two types τ_1 and τ_2 that determines whether an entity ε_1 of type τ_1 may be passed to a formal by-reference parameter ε_2 of type τ_2 . The relation is denoted by the \xrightarrow{ref} symbol.

$$\tau_1 \xrightarrow{ref} \tau_2 \wedge \varepsilon_1 \in : \tau_1 \wedge \varepsilon_2 \in : \tau_2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_1 \xrightarrow{ref} \varepsilon_2$$
(8.4)

8.1.5 Expression Compatibility

Expression compatibility is a relation between two types τ_1 and τ_2 that determines whether two entities ε_1 of type τ_1 and ε_2 of type τ_2 may be used together in a binary expression. The relation is commutative. It is denoted by the $\stackrel{expr}{\longleftrightarrow}$ symbol.

$$\tau_1 \stackrel{expr}{\longleftrightarrow} \tau_2 \land \varepsilon_1 \in : \tau_1 \land \varepsilon_2 \in : \tau_2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_1 \stackrel{expr}{\longleftrightarrow} \varepsilon_2$$
(8.5)

8.1.6 Hierarchy of Compatibility Relations

Assignment compatibility implies all other compatibility relations. Copy compatibility implies by-value passing compatibility. Passing compatibility implies expression compatibility.

$$\tau_{1} \stackrel{:=}{\to} \tau_{2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \tau_{1} \stackrel{copy}{\longleftrightarrow} \tau_{2} \Rightarrow \tau_{1} \stackrel{val}{\longleftrightarrow} \tau_{2} \\ \tau_{1} \stackrel{ref}{\longleftrightarrow} \tau_{2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \tau_{1} \stackrel{expr}{\longleftrightarrow} \tau_{2}$$
(8.6)

8.1.7 Full and Limited Compatibility

Full or unlimited compatibility encompasses all available compatibility relations. Conversely, limited compatibility encompasses one or more but not all relations. Whenever entities are called **compatible** without qualifier, full compatibility is implied.

8.2 Type Regimes

A type regime is a set of rules that govern type compatibility. A type regime is called limited if only a subset of its rule set applies. The following type regimes are in use

8.2.1 Strict Name Equivalence

Under strict name equivalence, types are equivalent if their identifiers are identical. Equivalent types are fully *compatible* and the relationship is commutative.

$$\Gamma_{name-equiv} \vdash id\tau_1 = id\tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_1 \equiv \tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\to} \tau_2 \land \tau_2 \stackrel{:=}{\to} \tau_1$$
(8.7)

8.2.2 Super-Type Equivalence

Under super-type equivalence, a type is upwards *compatible* with its super-type, but a super-type is not downwards *compatible* with its subtype.

$$\Gamma_{supertupe-equiv} \vdash \tau_1 <: \tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\Rightarrow} \tau_2 \land \neg \tau_2 \stackrel{:=}{\Rightarrow} \tau_1$$
 (8.8)

8.2.3 Component Type Equivalence

Under component type equivalence, compound types are *copy compatible* if their component types are *compatible*.

$$\Gamma_{comp\text{-}equiv} \vdash comp\text{-}type \ \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\to} comp\text{-}type \ \tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_1 \stackrel{copy}{\longrightarrow} \tau_2 \land \tau_2 \stackrel{copy}{\longrightarrow} \tau_1$$
(8.9)

8.2.4 Target Type Equivalence

Under target type equivalence, pointer types are compatible if their target types are.

$$\Gamma_{target\text{-}equiv} \vdash target\text{-}type\ \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\Rightarrow} target\text{-}type\ \tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\Rightarrow} \tau_2$$
 (8.10)

8.2.5 Structural Equivalence

Under structural equivalence, types are compatible if they have identical structure. Types have identical structure if their canonical definitions are identical. Structural Equivalence is commutative. It is denoted by the $\hat{=}$ symbol, pronounced "is structurally equivalent to".

$$\Gamma_{struct-equiv} \vdash \tau_1 = \tau_2 \Rightarrow \tau_1 = \tau_2 \land \tau_2 = \tau_1$$
 (8.11)

8.3 Compatibility by Type Classification

All types follow strict name equivalence by default, except for type OCTETSEQ.

$$\boxed{\text{def}} \ \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{any} \setminus \tau_{octetseq} \mid \ \textit{id} \ \tau_1 = \textit{id} \ \tau_2\} : \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} \tau_2 \land \tau_2 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} \tau_1$$

The type regime is then further relaxed depending on the classification of the type.

8.3.1 Compatibility of Alias Types

An alias type is always identical to the type of which it is an alias.

$$\boxed{\det} \ \ \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{any} \ | \ \tau_1 \ \textit{is-alias-of} \ \tau_2\} : \tau_1 \equiv \tau_2$$

8.3.2 Compatibility of Derived Types

A derived type is by definition incompatible with the type from which it is derived.

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{any} \mid \tau_1 \ \textit{is-derivative-of} \ \tau_2\} : \neg \ \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} \tau_2 \land \neg \ \tau_2 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} \tau_1$$

8.3.3 Compatibility of Anonymous Types

Anonymous types with the same canonical type declaration are identical.

$$\boxed{\det} \hspace{0.2cm} \forall \hspace{0.1cm} \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{\textit{anon}} \mid \tau_1 \textit{ is-canonically-equal-to } \tau_2\} : \tau_1 \equiv \tau_2$$

8.3.4 Compatibility of Subrange Types

Subrange types follow super-type equivalence.

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \text{def} & \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{ordinal} \mid \tau_1 \ \textit{is-subrange-of} \ \tau_2\} : \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} \tau_2 \land \neg \ \tau_2 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} \tau_1 \\ & \text{where} \ \tau_{ordinal} = \tau_{char} \ \cap \ \tau_{whole} \ \cap \ \tau_{enum}. \end{array}$$

8.3.5 Compatibility of Enumeration Types

Enumeration types follow super-type equivalence.

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{enum} \mid \tau_2 \ \textit{is-extension-of} \ \tau_1\} : \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} \tau_2 \land \neg \ \tau_2 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} T_1$$

8.3.6 Compatibility of Set Types

Set types follow value-type equivalence.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{def} \quad \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{set} \mid value\text{-}type \ \tau_1 = value\text{-}type \ \tau_2\} : \tau_1 \xrightarrow{copy} \tau_2 \land \tau_2 \xrightarrow{copy} \tau_1 \\ \hline \text{def} \quad \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{set} \mid value\text{-}type \ \tau_1 \subset value\text{-}type \ \tau_2\} : \tau_1 \xrightarrow{copy} \tau_2 \land \neg \ \tau_2 \xrightarrow{copy} \tau_1 \\ \hline \end{aligned}$$

8.3.7 Compatibility of Array Types

Array types follow value-type equivalence.

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\mathrm{def}} \ \ \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{\mathit{array}} \mid \mathit{value\text{-}type} \ \tau_1 = \mathit{value\text{-}type} \ \tau_2\} : T_1 \xrightarrow{\mathit{copy}} T_2 \land T_2 \xrightarrow{\mathit{copy}} T_1 \\ \hline \\ \boxed{\mathrm{def}} \ \ \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{\mathit{array}} \mid \mathit{value\text{-}type} \ \tau_1 \subset \mathit{value\text{-}type} \ \tau_2\} : \tau_1 \xrightarrow{\mathit{copy}} \tau_2 \land \neg \ \tau_2 \xrightarrow{\mathit{copy}} \tau_1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

8.3.8 Compatibility of Record Types

Non-Extensible **record types** only follow the default strict name equivalence whereas **extensible record types** further follow limited super-type equivalence. Their compatibility is limited to by-reference passing compatibility and below.

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{extrec} \mid \tau_2 \ \textit{is-extension-of} \ \tau_1\} : \tau_1 \xrightarrow{ref} \tau_2 \land \neg \ \tau_2 \xrightarrow{ref} \tau_1$$

8.3.9 Compatibility of Pointer Types

Opaque pointer types only follow the default strict name equivalence while transparent **pointer types** further follow target-type equivalence.

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \text{def} & \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{transptr} \mid \textbf{target-type} \ \tau_1 = \textbf{target-type} \ \tau_2\} : \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\to} \tau_2 \land \tau_2 \stackrel{:=}{\to} \tau_1 \\ & \text{where} \ \tau_{transptr} = \tau_{pointer} \setminus \tau_{opaque}. \end{array}$$

Extensible record pointer types follow unlimited super-type equivalence.

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{extrec} \mid \tau_2 \ \textit{is-extension-of} \ \tau_1\} : \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} \tau_2 \land \neg \ \tau_2 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} \tau_1$$

8.3.10 Compatibility of Procedure Types

Procedure types follow structural equivalence.

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{\textit{proc}} \mid \tau_1 \hat{=} \tau_2\} : \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\to} \tau_2 \land \tau_2 \stackrel{:=}{\to} \tau_1$$

Any two procedure types are structurally equivalent if their respective signatures match.

$$\boxed{ \text{def} } \ \forall \ \tau_{1}, \tau_{2} \in \{\tau_{\textit{proc}} \ | \ \textit{signature-of} \ \tau_{1} \doteqdot \textit{signature-of} \ \tau_{2} \} : \tau_{1} \widehat{=} \tau_{2}$$

The type of a procedure p is the anonymous procedure type τ defined by p's institution.

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\det} \ \ \forall \ p \in \{institution\text{-}of \ p \stackrel{def}{\longmapsto} \tau \ | \ \tau \in \tau_{anon} \land \tau \in \tau_{proc} \} : \\ signature\text{-}of \ p \equiv signature\text{-}of \ \tau \land type\text{-}of \ p = \tau \\ \end{array}$$

8.3.11 Compatibility of Numeric Types

Numeric types follow strict name equivalence (default).

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{numeric} \ | \ \textit{id} \ \tau_1 = \textit{id} \ \tau_2\} : \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\to} \tau_2 \land \tau_2 \stackrel{:=}{\to} \tau_1$$

Numeric subrange types further follow super-type equivalence.

$$\boxed{\mathrm{def}} \ \forall \ \sigma, \tau \in \{\tau_{scalar} \mid \sigma <: \tau\} : \sigma \xrightarrow{:=} \tau \land \neg \tau \xrightarrow{:=} \sigma$$

8.3.12 Compatibility of Machine Types

machine types follow strict name equivalence only.

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{\tau_{machine} \ | \ \textit{id} \ \tau_1 = \textit{id} \ \tau_2\} : \tau_1 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} \tau_2 \land \tau_2 \stackrel{:=}{\rightarrow} \tau_1$$

Parameters of formal type OCTETSEQ are copy and passing compatible only.

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \det & \forall \ \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \in \{ type\text{-}\textit{of}\ \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 = \tau_{octetseq} \} : \\ & \neg \ \varepsilon_1 \stackrel{:=}{\Longrightarrow} \varepsilon_2 \wedge \varepsilon_1 \stackrel{copy}{\longleftrightarrow} \varepsilon_2 \wedge \varepsilon_1 \stackrel{val}{\longleftrightarrow} \varepsilon_2 \wedge \varepsilon_1 \stackrel{ref}{\longleftrightarrow} \varepsilon_2 \wedge \neg \varepsilon_1 \stackrel{expr}{\longleftrightarrow} \varepsilon_2 \end{array}$$

8.4 Compatibility of Literals

The compatibility of a literal value cannot be determined by type because literals are not strictly associated with a specific type. Instead, compatibility is defined as follows:

A literal value v is compatible with type τ if v does not overflow τ and if

- υ is a character code or quoted character literal and τ is a character type, or
- υ is a whole number literal and τ is a **whole number type** or **machine type**, or
- υ is a real number literal and τ is a **real number type**, or
- υ is a quoted character string literal and τ is a string type, or
- υ is a non-empty structured literal and structurally equivalent to τ

An empty structured literal υ is compatible with type τ if

- υ is the empty string "" and τ is a character type or string type, or
- υ is the empty collection $\{\}$ and τ is a set type or *array type* but not a *string type*

Chapter 9

Predefined Identifiers

Predefined identifiers are language defined and built-in. They are **pervasive**, that is, they are visible in every scope without import. Pervasive identifiers do not have qualified names and are always referenced unqualified. Unlike in earlier versions of Modula-2, pervasive identifiers may not be redefined.

The following identifiers are predefined:

```
NIL , TRUE , FALSE , BOOLEAN , OCTET , CHAR , UNICHAR , CARDINAL , LONGCARD , INTEGER , LONGINT , REAL , LONGREAL , APPEND , INSERT , REMOVE , CHR , UCHR , ORD , COLLATION , ODD , ABS , SGN , MIN , MAX , LOG2 , POW2 , ENTIER , PRED , SUCC , PTR , CAPACITY , COUNT , LENGTH , TMIN , TMAX , TSIZE , TLIMIT .
```

9.1 Predefined Constants

9.1.1 Constant NIL

Identifier NIL represents an invalid pointer or address value. It is per definition *compatible* with any *pointer type*, including all *opaque pointer types* and all procedure types.

9.1.2 Constants TRUE and FALSE

Identifiers TRUE and FALSE represent the values of type BOOLEAN.

```
ALIAS TRUE, FALSE = BOOLEAN.*;
```

9.2 Predefined Types

9.2.1 Type BOOLEAN

Type BOOLEAN is an enumerated type.

It represents logical truth values used in boolean expressions.

```
TYPE BOOLEAN = ( FALSE, TRUE );
```

The order is significant. ORD(FALSE) is always zero, ORD(TRUE) is always one.

9.2.2 Type OCTET

Type OCTET is a cardinal type.

It represents the smallest addressable unit which is per definition 8 bits.

Its value range is always [0..255].

Whole number literals are *compatible* with type OCTET.

9.2.3 Type CHAR

Type CHAR is a countable type.

It represents the 7-bit character codes of ISO 646 (aka ASCII).

Its value range is always [0u0..0u7F].

Quoted literals of exactly one ISO 646 code point are *compatible* with type CHAR.

9.2.4 Type UNICHAR

Type UNICHAR is a countable type.

It represents the 32-bit character codes of ISO 10646 in UCS-4 encoding.

Its value range is always [0u0..0u10FFFF].

Quoted literals of exactly one ISO 10646 code point are *compatible* with type UNICHAR.

9.2.5 Type CARDINAL

```
Type CARDINAL is a cardinal type. It represents unsigned whole numbers.
```

```
Its value range is [0..TMAX(CARDINAL)] where TMAX(CARDINAL) = POW2(8*TSIZE(CARDINAL)) - 1.
```

The value of TSIZE(CARDINAL) is implementation defined, where TSIZE(CARDINAL) <= TSIZE(LONGCARD).

Whole number literals are *compatible* with type CARDINAL.

9.2.6 Type LONGCARD

Type LONGCARD is a *cardinal type*. It represents unsigned *whole numbers* with extended range.

```
Its value range is [0..TMAX(LONGCARD)] where TMAX(LONGCARD) = POW2(8*TSIZE(LONGCARD)) - 1.
```

The value of TSIZE(LONGCARD) is implementation defined, where TSIZE(LONGCARD) >= TSIZE(ADDRESS).

Whole number literals are *compatible* with type LONGCARD.

9.2.7 Type INTEGER

Type INTEGER is an *integer type*. It represents signed *whole numbers*.

Its value range is [TMIN(INTEGER)..TMAX(INTEGER)].

The internal representation of type INTEGER is always in two's complement. Thus

- TMIN(INTEGER) = (-1) * POW2(8*TSIZE(INTEGER) 1)
- TMAX(INTEGER) = POW2(8*TSIZE(INTEGER) 1) 1

The value of TSIZE(INTEGER) is always equal to TSIZE(CARDINAL).

Whole number literals are *compatible* with type INTEGER.

9.2.8 Type LONGINT

Type LONGINT is an *integer type*. It represents signed *whole numbers* with extended range.

Its value range is [TMIN(LONGINT)..TMAX(LONGINT)].

The internal representation of type LONGINT is always in two's complement. Thus

- TMIN(LONGINT) = (-1) * POW2(8*TSIZE(LONGINT) 1)
- TMAX(LONGINT) = POW2(8*TSIZE(LONGINT) 1) 1

The value of TSIZE(LONGINT) is always equal to TSIZE(LONGCARD).

Whole number literals are compatible with type LONGINT.

9.2.9 Type REAL

Type REAL is a real number type. It represents real numbers with standard range and precision.

Its value range is [TMIN(REAL)..TMAX(REAL)].

The internal representation of type REAL is implementation defined, where

- TMIN(REAL) <= TMIN(LONGINT)</pre>
- TMAX(REAL) >= TMAX(LONGCARD)

IEEE 754 single or double precision format is recommended for type REAL.

Real number literals are *compatible* with type REAL.

9.2.10 Type LONGREAL

Type LONGREAL is a real number type. It represents real numbers with extended range and/or precision.

Its value range is [TMIN(LONGREAL)..TMAX(LONGREAL)].

The internal representation of type | LONGREAL | is implementation defined, where

- TMIN(LONGREAL) <= TMIN(REAL)
- TMAX(LONGREAL) >= TMAX(REAL)
- the precision of type REAL must not exceed that of type LONGREAL

IEEE 754 double or quadruple precision format is recommended for type LONGREAL.

Real number literals are *compatible* with type LONGREAL.

9.3 Predefined Procedures

9.3.1 Procedure APPEND

Procedure APPEND appends the values of a given list to an array.

```
PROCEDURE APPEND ( c : ArrayType; values : ARGLIST OF ComponentType );
```

Values to be appended must be of the component type of the array.

9.3.2 Procedure INSERT

Procedure INSERT inserts the values of a given list into a set.

```
PROCEDURE INSERT ( VAR set : SetType; values : ARGLIST OF ComponentType );
```

Values passed in the list must be of the value type of the set.

9.3.3 Procedure REMOVE

Procedure REMOVE has two signatures, depending on the type of its first argument.

If its first argument is a set, it removes the values of a given list from the set.

```
PROCEDURE REMOVE ( VAR set : SetType; values : ARGLIST OF ComponentType );
```

Values passed in the list must be of the value type of the set.

If its first argument is an array, it removes the values addressed by a given index range from the array.

```
PROCEDURE REMOVE ( VAR array : ArrayType; startIndex, endIndex : LONGCARD );
```

Any relative (negative) indices passed are translated into absolute (positive) indices by the language processor.

9.4 Predefined Functions

9.4.1 Function CHR

Function CHR returns the character whose character code is its argument.

```
PROCEDURE CHR ( n : T ) : CHAR; \longrightarrow where 0 \le n \le 127 \land T \in \tau_{cardinal}
```

9.4.2 Function UCHR

Function UCHR returns the unicode character whose character code is its argument.

```
PROCEDURE UCHR ( n : T ) : UNICHAR; \longrightarrow where 0 \le n \le 0x10FFFF \land T \in 	au_{cardinal}
```

9.4.3 Function collation

Function COLLATION returns the index within the prevailing collation sequence for a given character.

```
PROCEDURE COLLATION ( ch : T ) : LONGCARD; \longrightarrow where T \in 	au_{char}
```

The return values are determined as follows:

- for tabulator 0u09 and newline 0u0A, the index for whitespace 0u20 is looked up and returned
- for all other control characters, TMAX(LONGCARD) is returned they are ignored by the collation algorithm
- for characters in range [0u20..0u7E], the return value is looked up in the prevailing collation table
- · for accented letters, the return value equals that of the corresponding unaccented letter
- for all other characters, the ordinal value of the character is returned

The default collation sequence for printable 7-bit characters is:

```
\_0123456789@aAbBcCdDeEfFgGhHiIjJkKlLmMnNoOpPqQrRsStTuUvVwWxXyYzZ!"\#$\%6'()**,-./:;<=>?[\]^_`{|}^- (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|) + (|)
```

The prevailing collation order be changed by import of a collation library. For details see setion 10.5.

9.4.4 Function ORD

Function ORD returns the ordinal value of its countable argument.

```
PROCEDURE ORD ( value : T ) : LONGCARD; \longrightarrow where T \in 	au_{countable}
```

9.4.5 Function opp

Function ODD returns TRUE if its argument is odd, otherwise FALSE.

```
PROCEDURE ORD ( value : T ) : LONGCARD; \longrightarrow where T \in 	au_{whole} \cup 	au_{machine}
```

9.4.6 Function ABS

Function | ABS | returns the absolute value of its scalar argument.

```
PROCEDURE ABS ( value : T1 ) : T2; \longrightarrow where T1 \in 	au_{signed} \cap 	au_{scalar} \wedge T2 = T1
```

9.4.7 Function SGN

Function SGN returns the sign or signum value of its argument.

```
PROCEDURE SGN ( value : T1 ) : T2; \longrightarrow where T1 \in 	au_{signed} \cap 	au_{scalar} \wedge T2 = T1
```

9.4.8 Function MIN

Function MIN returns the smallest value in its variadic argument list.

```
PROCEDURE MIN ( values : ARGLIST OF T1 ) : T2; \longrightarrow where T1 \in 	au_{countable} \cup 	au_{scalar} \wedge T2 = T1
```

9.4.9 Function MAX

Function MAX returns the largest value in its variadic argument list.

```
PROCEDURE MAX ( values : ARGLIST OF T1 ) : T2; \longrightarrow where T1 \in 	au_{countable} \cup 	au_{scalar} \wedge T2 = T1
```

9.4.10 Function LOG2

Function LOG2 returns the truncated binary logarithm of its argument.

```
PROCEDURE LOG2 ( n : T1 ) : T2; \longrightarrow where n \neq 0 \land T1 \in \tau_{cardinal} \land T2 = T1
```

9.4.11 Function POW2

Function POW2 returns the value of its argument raised to the power of 2.

```
PROCEDURE POW2 ( n : T1 ) : T2; \longrightarrow where T1 \in 	au_{cardinal} \wedge T2 = T1
```

9.4.12 Function ENTIER

Function ENTIER returns the largest integer or entier of its argument.

```
PROCEDURE ENTIER ( {
m r} : T1 ) : T2; \longrightarrow where T1 \in 	au_{real} \wedge T2 = T1
```

9.4.13 Function PRED

Function PRED returns the predecessor of its argument.

```
PROCEDURE PRED ( value : T1 ) : T2; \longrightarrow where T1 \in 	au_{countable} \land T2 = T1
```

9.4.14 Function succ

Function Succ returns the successor of its argument.

```
PROCEDURE SUCC ( value : T1 ) : T2; \longrightarrow where T1 \in 	au_{countable} \wedge T2 = T1
```

9.4.15 Function PTR

Function PTR returns a pointer to its argument.

```
PROCEDURE PTR ( value : T1 ) : POINTER TO T2; \longrightarrow where T1 \in \tau_{any} \land T2 = T1
```

9.4.16 Function CAPACITY

Function CAPACITY returns the *capacity* of its argument.

```
PROCEDURE CAPACITY ( entity : T ) : LONGCARD; \longrightarrow where T \in 	au_{collection}
```

9.4.17 Function COUNT

Function COUNT returns the value-count or *cardinality* of its argument.

```
PROCEDURE COUNT ( entity : T ) : LONGCARD; \longrightarrow where T \in 	au_{collection} \setminus 	au_{string} \setminus 	au_{octetseq}
```

The argument must be either (1) a value of a *collection type* that is **not** a *string type*, or (2) the identifier of an open array parameter whose value type is not a character type, or (3) the identifier of a variadic argument list.

9.4.18 Function LENGTH

Function | LENGTH | returns the length of the character string or octet sequence denoted by its argument.

```
PROCEDURE LENGTH ( entity : T ) : LONGCARD; \longrightarrow where T \in 	au_{string} \cup 	au_{octetseq}
```

The argument must be either (1) a value of a *string type*, or (2) the identifier of an open array parameter whose value type is a character type, or (3) the identifier of a casting formal parameter of type OCTETSEQ.

9.5 Built-in Macros

9.5.1 Macro TMIN

An invocation of macro TMIN is replaced by the smallest value of the type denoted by its argument.

```
(*MACRO*) PROCEDURE TMIN ( typeIdent ) : T; \longrightarrow where typeIdent =id T \land T \in 	au_{countable} \cup 	au_{scalar}
```

9.5.2 Macro TMAX

An invocation of macro TMAX is replaced by the largest value of the type denoted by its argument.

```
(*MACRO*) PROCEDURE TMAX ( typeIdent ) : T; \longrightarrow where typeIdent =id T \land T \in 	au_{countable} \cup 	au_{scalar}
```

9.5.3 Macro TSIZE

An invocation of macro TSIZE is replaced by the *allocation size* of the type denoted by its argument.

If the (primary) argument does not denote an indeterminate type, no second argument may be passed.

```
(*MACRO*) PROCEDURE TSIZE ( typeIdent ) : LONGCARD;
```

If the primary argument denotes a *pointer type* with indeterminate target, a second argument must be passed,

```
(*MACRO*) PROCEDURE TSIZE ( typeIdent; capacity : LONGCARD ) : LONGCARD;
```

and the result is the allocation size for the target with the capacity given by the second argument.

In any event the (primary) argument must be a type identifier.

9.5.4 Macro TLIMIT

An invocation of macro TLIMIT is replaced by the capacity limit of the type denoted by its argument.

```
(*MACRO*) PROCEDURE TLIMIT ( typeIdent ) : LONGCARD;
```

The argument must be an identifier of a *collection type*.

9.6 Primitives

Primitives are low-level procedures or macros that implement statements or designators within statements and expressions. When a statement or designator implemented by a primitive is found, it is replaced with an invocation of the associated primitive. Primitives are **not** callable directly in user code. However, primitives may be the target of syntax bindings in ADT library modules.

9.6.1 Primitive aVALUE

Primitive avalue implements R-value subscript designators.

It returns the value stored at a given index in an indexed collection.

```
        PROCEDURE
        @VALUE ( CONST c : Collection; atIndex : LONGCARD ) : ValueType;
```

Any R-value subscript designator a[i] is replaced by a function call avalue(a, i).

9.6.2 Primitive astore

Primitive astore implements L-value subscript designators.

It stores a given value in an indexed collection at a given index.

```
PROCEDURE @STORE ( VAR c : Collection; atIndex : LONGCARD; value : ValueType );
```

A statement of the form a[i] := v is replaced by a procedure call $astoremath{\texttt{astore}}(a, i, v)$.

9.6.3 Primitive @ATINSERT

Primitive @ATINSERT implements L-value subscript insertion designators.

It inserts one or more values into an indexed collection starting at a given index.

```
PROCEDURE @ATINSERT ( VAR c:Collection; atIndex:LONGCARD; values:ARGLIST OF ValueType );
```

A statement of the form a[i..] := v is replaced by a procedure call aATINSERT(a, i, v).

9.6.4 Primitive @ATREMOVE

Primitive DATREMOVE implements syntax for indexed value removal.

It removes a range of values from an **indexed** collection within a given index range.

```
PROCEDURE @ATREMOVE ( VAR c: Collection; startIndex, endIndex: LONGCARD );
```

For values a of an array type, s of a string type and c of any indexed collection type

- a statement of the form a := {} is replaced by a procedure call @ATREMOVE(a, 0, COUNT(a)-1)
- a statement of the form s := "" is replaced by a procedure call @ATREMOVE(s, 0, LENGTH(s)-1)
- a statement of the form REMOVE(c, i, j) is replaced by a procedure call <code>@ATREMOVE(c, i, j)</code>

9.6.5 Primitive aalloc

Primitive @ALLOC implements memory allocation for NEW statements.

It allocates a memory block of a given size in octets and passes a pointer to it in its first argument.

```
PROCEDURE @ALLOC ( VAR p : CAST ADDRESS; size : LONGCARD );
```

9.6.6 Primitive adealloc

Primitive | adealloc | implements memory deallocation for | Release | statements.

It deallocates a memory block pointed to by its argument and passes NIL back therein.

```
PROCEDURE @DEALLOC ( VAR p : CAST ADDRESS );
```

9.6.7 Primitive astDIN

Primitive astdin inserts the default value for an omitted input channel in READ statements.

```
PROCEDURE @STDIN : LibraryDefinedChannelType;
```

9.6.8 Primitive astrout

Primitive astdout inserts the default value for an omitted output channel in write statements.

 $\textbf{PROCEDURE} \ \, \texttt{QSTDOUT} \ \, : \ \, \texttt{LibraryDefinedChannelType;}$

Chapter 10

Syntax Binding

Syntax Binding is the process of mapping library defined procedures to built-in syntax. A procedure is bound to a given syntax form by including a binding specifier within the procedure's header. The specifier determines to which syntax form the procedure is bound. It must be included in both the procedure's definition and declaration.

```
procedureHeader :=
  PROCEDURE ( '[' bindingSpecifier ']')? procedureSignature ;
bindingSpecifier :=
  NEW ( '+' | '#' )? | RETAIN | RELEASE |
  READ ( '*' )? | WRITE ( '#' )? | ( '@' )? StdIdent ;
```

A syntax form to which library defined procedures may be bound is said to be bindable. Procedures bound to it are called its bindings. While bindable syntax forms are type agnostic, their bindings are type specific, that is to say, each binding supports arguments of a specific type. For each type to be supported by a bindable syntax form, a binding specific to arguments of the type is required.

A bindable syntax form s is said to have a binding for type T when a library procedure p that supports arguments of T has been bound to s. Procedure p is said to be bound to s in respect of T.

10.1 Syntax Transformation

Bindable syntax forms act as *Wirthian macros*. A syntax form s with binding p for type t, an occurrence of s with a primary argument or argument list t and t is resolved into a procedure call to t p, passing t and t is t and t decreases t and t is resolved into a procedure call to t p, passing t and t is t and t decreases t de

10.2 Memory Management Bindings

10.2.1 Binding to NEW

Statement NEW has three bindable syntax forms.

10.2.2 NEW without Arguments

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [NEW] New ( VAR p : Foo );
```

binds ADT library procedure | Foo.New() | to the | NEW | statement in respect of type | Foo |.

Any use of the NEW statement with a designator of type Foo and without initialiser nor capacity specifier is then replaced by a call to procedure Foo.New().

Given the following import and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT foo; VAR foo : Foo;
a statement of the form NEW foo is resolved into a library call Foo.New(foo).
```

10.2.3 NEW with Intigliser

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [NEW+] NewWithArgs ( VAR p : Foo; initVal : ARGLIST OF Value );
```

binds ADT library procedure | Foo.NewWithArgs() | to the | NEW | statement in respect of type | Foo.

Any use of the NEW statement with a designator of type Foo and an initialiser is then resolved into a call to procedure Foo.NewWithArgs().

Given the following import and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo; VAR foo: Foo;

a statement of the form NEW foo:= { a, b, c } is resolved into a library call Foo.NewWithArgs(foo, a, b, c).
```

10.2.4 NEW with Capacity

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [NEW#] NewWithCapacity ( VAR p : Foo; capacity : LONGCARD );
```

binds ADT library procedure NewWithCapacity() to the NEW statement in respect of type Foo.

Any use of the NEW statement with a designator of type Foo and a capacity specifier is then resolved into a call to procedure Foo.NewWithCapacity().

Given the following import and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo; VAR foo: Foo;

a statement of the form NEW foo CAPACITY n is resolved into a library call Foo.NewWithCapacity(foo, n).
```

10.2.5 Binding to RETAIN

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [RETAIN] Retain ( p : Foo );
```

binds ADT library procedure Retain() to the RETAIN statement in respect of type Foo .

Any use of RETAIN with a designator of type Foo is then resolved into a call to procedure Foo.Retain().

Given the following import and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo; VAR foo: Foo;

a statement of the form RETAIN foo is resolved into a library call Foo.Retain(foo).
```

10.2.6 Binding to RELEASE

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [RELEASE] Release ( VAR p : Foo );
```

binds ADT library procedure Release() to the RELEASE statement in respect of type Foo.

Any use of RELEASE with a designator of type Foo is then resolved into a call to procedure Foo.Release().

Given the following import and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo; VAR foo : Foo;
```

a statement of the form RELEASE foo is resolved into a library call Foo.Release(foo).

10.3 IO Bindings

10.3.1 Bindings to READ

Statement READ has two associated bindings.

- [READ] bindings are used to generate calls for plain designators in a READ statement
- [READ*] bindings are used to generate calls for NEW -prefixed designators in a READ statement

An IO module FooIO with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [READ] Read ( chan : ChanIO.Channel; VAR value : Foo );
binds IO library procedure Read() to the READ statement in respect of type Foo.
Any plain designator of type Foo within a READ statement will then generate a call to procedure FooIO.Read().
An IO module FooIO with a binding
PROCEDURE [READ*] ReadNew ( chan : ChanIO.Channel; VAR ptr : Foo ); (* Foo is a pointer type *)
```

binds IO library procedure ReadNew() to the READ statement in respect of pointer type Foo.

Any NEW -prefixed designator of pointer type Foo within a READ statement will then generate a call to procedure FooIO.ReadNew().

10.3.1.1 READ with Explicit IO Channel

Given the following imports and declaration within a client module

```
    IMPORT Foo, FooIO, ChanIO; VAR foo: Foo; file: ChanIO.Channel;
    a statement of the form READ afile: foo is resolved into a library call FooIO.Read(file, foo)
    a statement of the form READ afile: NEW foo is resolved into a library call FooIO.ReadNew(file, foo)
```

10.3.1.2 READ with Default IO Channel

If the IO channel argument is omitted, default input channel primitive aSTDIN is automatically inserted. In order to resolve aSTDIN an appropriate IO library must be imported to bind an input channel to aSTDIN and make it visible within the current module scope. Import of module StdIO binds StdIO.stdIn to aSTDIN.

Given the following imports and declaration within a client module

```
    IMPORT Foo, FooIO, StdIO; VAR foo: Foo;
    a statement of the form READ foo is resolved into a library call FooIO.Read(StdIO.stdIn, foo)
    a statement of the form READ NEW foo is resolved into a library call FooIO.ReadNew(StdIO.stdIn, foo)
```

10.3.1.3 READ with Multiple Arguments

Given modules [Foo], [Bar], [Baz] and [Bam], their respective IO modules [Foo], [Bar], [Baz] and [Bam]0 with bindings to [READ] for their respective types and the following imports and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo, FooIO, Bar, BarIO, Baz, BazIO, Bam, BamIO, StdIO;
VAR foo : Foo; bar : Bar; baz : Baz; bam : Bam;
```

a statement of the form

```
READ foo, NEW bar, baz, NEW bam;
is resolved into a statement sequence
```

```
FooIO.Read(StdIO.stdIn, foo); BarIO.ReadNew(StdIO.stdIn, bar);
BazIO.Read(StdIO.stdIn, baz); BamIO.ReadNew(StdIO.stdIn, bam);
```

10.3.2 Bindings to WRITE

Statement WRITE has two associated bindings.

- [WRITE] bindings are used to generate calls for unformatted output values in a WRITE statement
- [WRITE#] bindings are used to generate calls for formatted output values in a WRITE statement

An IO module FooIO with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [WRITE] Write ( chan : ChanIO.Channel; value : Foo );
```

binds IO library procedure Write() to the WRITE statement in respect of type Foo.

Any unformatted output value of type Foo within a WRITE statement will then generate a call to procedure FooIO.Write().

An IO module FooIO with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [WRITE#] WriteF ( chan : ChanIO.Channel; CONST fmtStr : ARRAY OF CHAR; value : Foo );
```

binds IO library procedure WriteF() to the WRITE statement in respect of type Foo.

Any formatted output value of type Foo within a WRITE statement will then generate a call to procedure FooIO.WriteF().

10.3.2.1 WRITE with Explicit IO Channel

Given the following imports and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo, FooIO, ChanIO; VAR foo : Foo; file : ChanIO.Channel;
```

- a statement of the form WRITE afile: foo is resolved into a library call FooIO.Write(file, foo)
- a statement of the form | WRITE Offile : #(fmt, foo) | is resolved into a call | FooIO.WriteF(file, fmt, foo)

10.3.2.2 WRITE with Default IO Channel

If the IO channel argument is omitted, default output channel primitive astdout is automatically inserted. In order to resolve astdout an appropriate IO library must be imported to bind an output channel to astdout and make it visible within the current module scope. Import of module std10 binds Std10.std0ut to astd0ut it.

Given the following imports and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo, FooIO, StdIO; VAR foo : Foo;
```

- a statement of the form | WRITE foo | is resolved into a library call | FooIO.Write(StdIO.stdOut, foo)
- a statement of the form WRITE #(fmt, foo) is resolved into a call FooIO.WriteF(StdIO.stdOut, fmt, foo)

10.3.2.3 WRITE with Multiple Arguments

Given modules Foo, Bar, Baz and Bam, their respective IO modules FooIO, BarIO, BazIO and BamIO with bindings to WRITE for their respective types and the following imports and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo, FooIO, Bar, BarIO, Baz, BazIO, Bam, BamIO, StdIO;
VAR foo: Foo; bar: Bar; baz: Baz; bam: Bam;
```

a statement of the form

```
WRITE foo, #(fmt1, bar), baz, #(fmt2, bam);
```

is resolved into a statement sequence

```
FooIO.Write(StdIO.stdOut, foo); BarIO.WriteF(StdIO.stdOut, fmt1, bar);
BazIO.Write(StdIO.stdOut, baz); BarIO.WriteF(StdIO.stdOut, fmt2, bam);
```

10.4 Bindings to Pervasives

10.4.1 Binding to Procedure APPEND

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [APPEND] Append ( VAR a : Foo; values : ARGLIST OF Value );
binds ADT library procedure Foo.Append() to pervasive procedure APPEND() in respect of type Foo.
Any call to APPEND() with a first argument of type Foo is then resolved into a call to procedure Foo.Append().
```

Given the following import and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo; VAR foo: Foo;

an invocation of the form APPEND(foo, v1, v2, v3) is resolved into a library call Foo.Append(foo, v1, v2, v3).
```

10.4.2 Binding to Function COUNT

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
      PROCEDURE [COUNT] count ( VAR a : Foo ) : LONGCARD;

      binds ADT library function Foo.count() to pervasive function COUNT() in respect of type Foo.

      Any invocation of COUNT() with an argument of type Foo is then resolved into a call to function Foo.count().
```

Given the following import and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo; VAR foo: Foo;

an invocation of the form COUNT(foo) is resolved into a library call Foo.count(foo).

Within any given ADT module, bindings to COUNT and LENGTH are mutually exclusive.
```

10.4.3 Binding to Function LENGTH

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
      PROCEDURE [LENGTH] length ( VAR a : Foo ) : LONGCARD;

      binds ADT library function Foo.length() to pervasive function LENGTH() in respect of type Foo .

      Any invocation of LENGTH() with an argument of type Foo is then resolved into a call to function Foo.length() .
```

Given the following import and declaration within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo; VAR foo: Foo;

an invocation of the form LENGTH(foo) is resolved into a library call Foo.length(foo).

Within any given ADT module, bindings to COUNT and LENGTH are mutually exclusive.
```

10.4.4 Binding to Macro TLIMIT

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
const [TLIMIT] Capacity = 1000;
binds ADT library constant Foo.Capacity to pervasive macro TLIMIT() in respect of type Foo.
```

Given the following import within a client module

```
IMPORT Foo;

an expression of the form TLIMIT(Foo) is replaced by library constant Foo.Capacity.
```

10.5 Binding to the COLLATION Table

A library module may bind an array constant to the language processor's internal collation table.

```
const [COLLATION] Order = { index0, index1, index2, ... index94 };
where value Order[i] defines the collation index of character CHR(i+32) for i in range [0..94].
```

Such a library is called a collation library. Import of a collation library causes pervasive function COLLATION() and thereby all string comparisons to use the library defined order within the scope of the importing module.

10.6 Bindings to Primitives

10.6.1 Binding to Primitive @STORE

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
      PROCEDURE [@STORE] StoreAtIndex ( VAR a : Foo; atIndex : LONGCARD; value : Value );

      binds procedure Foo.StoreAtIndex to primitive @STORE in respect of type Foo .
```

Any (internal) use of primitive astore with a first argument of type Foo is then resolved into a library call to procedure Foo.StoreAtIndex during translation of syntax forms that are synthesised using primitive astore.

10.6.2 Binding to Primitive @VALUE

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
      PROCEDURE [@VALUE] valueAtIndex ( VAR a : Foo; atIndex : LONGCARD ) : Value;

      binds function Foo.valueAtIndex() to primitive @VALUE in respect of type Foo.
```

Any (internal) use of primitive <code>@VALUE</code> with a first argument of type <code>Foo</code> is then resolved into a library call to function <code>Foo.valueAtIndex()</code> during translation of syntax forms that are synthesised using primitive <code>@VALUE</code>.

10.6.3 Binding to Primitive @ATINSERT

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [@ATINSERT] AtInsert ( VAR a : Foo; atIndex : LONGCARD; values : ARGLIST OF Value );
binds procedure Foo.AtInsert to primitive @ATINSERT in respect of type Foo.
```

Any (internal) use of primitive <code>@ATINSERT</code> with a first argument of type <code>Foo</code> is then resolved into a library call to procedure <code>Foo.AtInsert</code> during translation of syntax forms that are synthesised using primitive <code>@ATINSERT</code>.

10.6.4 Binding to Primitive @ATREMOVE

An ADT module Foo with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [@ATREMOVE] AtRemove ( VAR a : Foo; startIndex, endIndex : LONGCARD );
binds procedure Foo.AtRemove to primitive @ATREMOVE in respect of type Foo.
```

Any (internal) use of primitive <code>@ATREMOVE</code> with a first argument of type <code>Foo</code> is then resolved into a library call to procedure <code>Foo.AtRemove</code> during translation of syntax forms that are synthesised using primitive <code>@ATREMOVE</code>.

10.6.5 Binding to Primitive @ALLOC

A storage library module MyStorage with a binding

```
      PROCEDURE [@ALLOC] Allocate ( VAR p : CAST ADDRESS; size : LONGCARD );

      binds procedure MyStorage.Allocate to primitive @ALLOC.
```

Any (internal) use of primitive <code>@ALLOC</code> is then resolved into a library call to procedure <code>MyStorage.Allocate</code> during translation of <code>NEW</code> statements for types that do not provide type specific bindings to <code>NEW</code>.

10.6.6 Binding to Primitive @DEALLOC

A storage library module MyStorage with a binding

```
PROCEDURE [@DEALLOC] Deallocate ( VAR p : CAST ADDRESS );
```

binds procedure MyStorage.Deallocate to primitive @DEALLOC.

Any (internal) use of primitive <code>@DEALLOC</code> is then resolved into a library call to procedure <code>MyStorage.Deallocate</code> during translation of <code>RELEASE</code> statements for types that do not provide type specific bindings to <code>RELEASE</code>.

10.6.7 Binding to Primitive @STDIN

An IO module MyIO with a binding

```
      PROCEDURE
      [@STDIN]
      stdIn
      <td: ArbitraryIOChannelType;</td>

      binds function
      MyIO.stdIn
      to primitive
      @STDIN
      (Internal) use of @STDIN is then resolved to MyIO.stdIn
```

10.6.8 Binding to Primitive @STDOUT

An IO module MyIO with a binding

```
      PROCEDURE
      [@STDOUT]
      stdOut
      : ArbitraryIOChannelType;

      binds function
      MyIO.stdOut
      to primitive
      @STDOUT
      . (Internal) use of @STDOUT is then resolved to MyIO.stdOut
```

Chapter 11

Low-Level Facilities

Low-level facilities are provided by special module UNSAFE. Although presented as a library it is built into the language. Its facilities are potentially unsafe, their use may bypass the type safety of the language and they must therefore be used with caution. The module must be imported before its facilities can be used.

Module UNSAFE provides the following identifiers:

```
BitsPerByte, BytesPerWord, BytesPerLongWord, BitsPerAddress, LMTBits, BitOpsMaxBits, BYTE, WORD, LONGWORD, ADDRESS, ADD, SUB, SETBIT, HALT, ADR, CAST, BIT, SHL, SHR, BWNOT, BWAND, BWOR.
```

11.1 Low-Level Constants

11.1.1 BitsPerByte

Constant BitsPerByte represents the bit width of the smallest addressable machine unit of the target architecture measured in bits. Its value is therefore target architecture dependent. For the overwhelming majority of platforms in use this value will be eight.

Memory allocation in Modula-2 is strictly in units of eight bits and multiples thereof. On (legacy) targets where the smallest addressable machine unit is not eight bits, the mapping of type octet to *machine types* is implementation defined.

11.1.2 BytesPerWord

Constant BytesPerWord represents the size of a machine register of the target architecture smaller than the largest machine register. Its value is target architecture dependent.

11.1.3 BytesPerLongWord

Constant BytesPerLongWord represents the size of the largest machine register of the target architecture. Its value is target architecture dependent. If the target architecture does not support machine registers of different sizes, BytesPerLongWord is equal to BytesPerWord.

11.1.4 BitsPerAddress

Constant BitsPerAddress represents the bit width of type ADDRESS.

11.1.5 LMTBits

Constant LMTBits represents the bit width of the largest machine type.

11.1.6 BitOpsMaxBits

Constant BitOpsMaxBits represents the bit width of the largest operand supported by the UNSAFE bit operations ADD(), SUB(), SETBIT(), BIT(), SHL(), SHR(), BWNOT(), BWAND() and BWOR().

11.2 Low-Level Types

11.2.1 BYTE

Type BYTE is a *machine type*.

It represents the smallest addressable storage unit of the target architecture.

```
Its bit width is defined by constant BitsPerByte.
```

```
Its value range is [0..POW2(BitsPerByte)-1].
```

Whole number literals are *compatible* with type BYTE.

11.2.2 WORD

Type WORD is a *machine type*.

It represents a storage unit equivalent to the size of a machine register of the target architecture.

```
Its bit width is defined by constants | BitsPerByte | and | BytesPerWord |.
```

```
Its value range is [0..POW2(BitsPerByte*BytesPerWord)-1].
```

Whole number literals are *compatible* with type word.

11.2.3 LONGWORD

Type LONGWORD is a machine type.

It represents a storage unit equivalent to the size of the largest machine register of the target architecture.

```
Its bit width is defined by constants | BitsPerByte | and | BytesPerLongWord |.
```

```
Its value range is [0..POW2(BitsPerByte*BytesPerLongWord)-1].
```

Whole number literals are *compatible* with type LONGWORD.

11.2.4 ADDRESS

Type ADDRESS is a (semi-abstract) reference type.

It represents the addressable memory space available to the Modula-2 runtime environment.

```
Its bit width is defined by constant BitsPerAddress.
```

```
Its value range is [0..POW2(BitsPerAddress)-1].
```

Whole number literals and NIL are *compatible* with type ADDRESS.

11.2.4.1 Address Mapping

On platforms where the smallest addressable storage unit is eight bits, type ADDRESS represents machine addresses of the target architecture. On (legacy) platforms where the smallest addressable unit is not eight bits, the type represents abstract addresses that need to be mapped to the platform's actual address space. On such platforms, address mapping is implementation defined.

Regardless of the underlying architecture, type | ADDRESS | is classified as a *machine type*.

11.2.4.2 Dual Representation

Type ADDRESS exhibits type duality. It is presented both as a pointer type and as an *array type*. It may thus be thought of as having two overlapping definitions

```
TYPE ADDRESS =
| POINTER TO OCTET
| SEQUENCE OF OCTET (* conceptual pseudo—code, not valid Modula—2 syntax *)
END; (* ADDRESS *)
```

11.2.4.2.1 Presentation as a Pointer

An entity a of type ADDRESS may be dereferenced using the \land operator. An expression of the form $a \land$ is of type OCTET and represents the octet value stored at address a.

```
adr := UNSAFE.ADR(x);
WRITE "octet value at address ", adr, " is ", adr^;
```

11.2.4.2.2 Presentation as a Stream

An entity a of type ADDRESS may also be dereferenced by subscript. An expression of the form a[n] is of type OCTET and represents the octet value stored at address a + n, where n is an offset of type LONGCARD. Negative indices are not supported.

```
adr := UNSAFE.ADR(x);
WRITE "octet value at address ", adr, "[", offset, "] is ", adr[offset];
```

11.2.5 Casting Formal Types

Import of module UNSAFE enables the use of casting formal type syntax CAST ADDRESS and CAST OCTETSEQ within the importing module scope. Without such import the syntax is unavailable and any attempt to use it will cause a syntax error at compile time.

11.2.5.1 CAST ADDRESS

An argument passed to a parameter of formal type CAST ADDRESS is cast to type ADDRESS. That is, within the body of the procedure, the argument is interpreted as a value of type ADDRESS. It must be of a *pointer type*.

```
PROCEDURE Allocate ( VAR ptr : CAST ADDRESS; size : LONGCARD );
...

TYPE FooPtr = POINTER TO Foo; VAR foo : FooPtr;
Allocate(foo, TSIZE(Foo));
```

All **pointer types** are **passing compatible** to formal type CAST ADDRESS.

11.2.5.2 CAST OCTETSEQ

An argument passed to a parameter of formal type CAST OCTETSEQ is cast to an *octet sequence**. That is, within the body of the procedure, the parameter is interpreted as a stream of values of type OCTET, individually addressable by subscript. The argument may be of any type.

```
PROCEDURE HexDump ( dataSeq : CAST OCTETSEQ );
...

VAR foo : Foo; bar : Bar; baz : Baz;
HexDump(foo), HexDump(bar); HexDump(baz);
```

Any entity regardless of its type is **passing compatible** to formal parameters of type OCTETSEQ, but a parameter of type OCTETSEQ is **passing compatible** only to formal parameters of type OCTETSEQ.

When an argument is passed to a parameter of formal type CAST OCTETSEQ, the *allocation size* of the argument is passed as a hidden parameter of type LONGCARD immediately before the casting parameter.

```
PROCEDURE HexDump ( (*hidden size : LONGCARD;*) dataSeq : CAST OCTETSEQ );
```

The value of the hidden parameter may be obtained within the procedure body by calling function LENGTH with the identifier of the casting parameter as its argument.

```
LENGTH(dataSeq) (* number of octets passed to dataSeq *)
```

^{*}This replaces the implicit casting semantics of ARRAY OF WORD and ARRAY OF LOC in earlier versions of Modula-2.

Operations on parameters of type OCTETSEQ are strictly limited to [] subscript, FOR iteration, ADR(), CAST() and LENGTH(). The limitation does not apply to the octet values of an *octet sequence* parameter.

11.2.5.2.1 Addressing by Subscript

The values of an *octet sequence* parameter are addressable by subscript. Negative indices are not supported.

```
WRITE "octet value at index ", index, " is ", dataSeq[index];
```

11.2.5.2.2 Iteration by FOR Loop

An *octet sequence* parameter is iterable by FOR loop.

```
PROCEDURE HexDump ( VAR dataSeq : CAST OCTETSEQ );
BEGIN
  FOR value IN dataSeq DO
    WRITE value, " "
  END (* FOR *)
  WRITE "\n", LENGTH(dataSeq), " values\n"
END HexDump;
```

11.3 Low-Level Procedures

11.3.1 ADD

Procedure ADD interprets the bit patterns of its operands as unsigned numbers and adds the value of the second to the first operand, ignoring overflow.

```
PROCEDURE ADD ( VAR x : T1; y : T2 ); where T1, T2 \in 	au_{builtin} \setminus 	au_{real} \wedge \ tsize T1 \geq tsize T2
```

11.3.2 SUB

Procedure SUB interprets the bit patterns of its operands as unsigned numbers and subtracts the value of the second from the first operand, ignoring underflow.

```
PROCEDURE SUB ( VAR x : T1; y : T2 );  \text{where } \boxed{\texttt{T1}}, \boxed{\texttt{T2}} \in \tau_{builtin} \setminus \tau_{real} \wedge \ tsize \boxed{\texttt{T1}} \geq tsize \boxed{\texttt{T2}}
```

11.3.3 **SETBIT**

Procedure SETBIT sets the bit at the zero-based index given by its second argument of the value given by its first argument to the bit value given by its third argument.

```
PROCEDURE SETBIT ( VAR target : T1; bitIndex : T2; bit : BOOLEAN ); where T1, T2 \in \tau_{builtin} \land T2 \in \tau_{cardinal} \land 0 \leq bitIndex < 8 \cdot tsize T1
```

The bit index of the least significant bit is always zero.

11.3.4 HALT

Procedure HALT aborts the running program and passes an exit value to its host environment. On host environments that do not support an exit value, the exit value is discarded. On host environments that support an exit value, the range and meaning of exit values is dependent on the host environment.

11.4 Low-Level Functions

11.4.1 ADR

Function ADR returns the address of its argument.

```
PROCEDURE ADR ( value : T ) : ADDRESS;
```

where $T \in \tau_{anu}$

11.4.2 CAST

Function CAST represents an unsafe type transfer operation. It returns the value of its second argument, interpreted as if it was of the type given by its first argument, regardless of whether the value makes sense for the target type or not.

```
      PROCEDURE CAST ( typeIdent; value : T1 ) : T2; (* pseudo-code *)

      where T1 \in \tau_{any} \land typeIdent = id T2 \land tsize T1 \leq tsize T2
```

If the second argument is a compile time expression, then it must be any of NIL, TRUE or FALSE, or it must be an explicitly typed expression of the form expr :: T.

If the *allocation size* of the second argument is smaller than the *allocation size* of the target type, the higher bits will be filled with zeroes up to the bit width of the target type.

11.4.3 BIT

Function BIT returns TRUE if the bit at the zero-based index given by its second argument of the value given by its first argument is set, otherwise FALSE.

```
PROCEDURE BIT ( value : T1; bitIndex : T2 ) : BOOLEAN;  \text{where T1} \in \tau_{builtin} \land \texttt{T2} \in \tau_{cardinal} \land 0 \leq \texttt{bitIndex} < 8 \cdot tsize \texttt{T1}
```

The bit index of the least significant bit is always zero.

11.4.4 SHL

Function SHL returns the value of its first argument bit-shifted to the left by the number of positions passed in its second argument.

```
PROCEDURE SHL ( value : T1; shiftFactor : T2 ) : T3;  \text{where T1} \in \tau_{builtin} \land \text{T2} \in \tau_{cardinal} \land \text{T3} = \text{T1}
```

Bits that are shifted out to the left are discarded and will not cause underflow.

11.4.5 SHR

Function SHR returns the value of its first argument bit-shifted logically to the right by the number of positions passed in its second argument.

```
PROCEDURE SHR ( value : T1; shiftFactor : T2 ) : T3;  \text{where } \boxed{\texttt{T1}} \in \tau_{builtin} \land \boxed{\texttt{T2}} \in \tau_{cardinal} \land \boxed{\texttt{T3}} = \boxed{\texttt{T1}}
```

Bits that are shifted out to the right are discarded and will not cause overflow.

11.4.6 BWNOT

Function BWNOT returns the bitwise logical negation of its argument.

11.4.7 BWAND

Function BWAND returns the bitwise logical conjunction of its first argument and a bit mask given by its second argument.

```
PROCEDURE BWAND ( value : T1; mask : T2 ) : T3;  \text{where } \boxed{\texttt{T1}} \in \tau_{builtin} \land \boxed{\texttt{T2}} \in \tau_{cardinal} \land tsize \boxed{\texttt{T2}} = tsize \boxed{\texttt{T1}} \land \boxed{\texttt{T3}} = \boxed{\texttt{T1}}
```

11.4.8 BWOR

Function BWOR returns the bitwise logical disjunction of its first argument and a bit mask given by its second argument.

```
PROCEDURE BWOR ( value : T1; mask : T2 ) : T3;  \text{where } \boxed{\texttt{T1}} \in \tau_{builtin} \land \boxed{\texttt{T2}} \in \tau_{cardinal} \land tsize \boxed{\texttt{T2}} = tsize \boxed{\texttt{T1}} \land \boxed{\texttt{T3}} = \boxed{\texttt{T1}}
```

Chapter 12

Pragma Facilities

Pragmas are non-semantic directives – instructions to the language processor to control or influence the compilation process but do not alter the semantics of the compiling source code. There are two kinds:

- · language defined pragmas
- · implementation defined pragmas

12.1 Pragma Symbol Naming

- Pragma symbols of language defined pragmas are always in all-uppercase
- Pragma symbols of implementation defined pragmas may not be in all-uppercase
- The implementation prefix matches constant Impl.ShortName
- Implementation prefix and implementation defined pragma symbols follow the syntax of StdIdent

12.2 Language Defined Pragmas

The revised Modula-2 language defines 18 language defined pragmas but the Bootstrap Kernel Subset only includes the two pragmas for foreign function interfacing.

12.2.1 FFI Pragma

The FFI pragma follows the module identifier in the header of a definition module and establishes the calling convention of the specified foreign API, language and its execution environment for the module.

```
FFIPragma := '<*' FFI '=' ForeignAPISpecifier '>' ;
ForeignAPISpecifier := '"C"' | '"CLR"' | '"JVM"' ;
```

```
(* Interface to the C stdio library *)
DEFINITION MODULE CStdIO <*FFI="C"*>;
```

12.2.2 FFIDENT Pragma

The FFIDENT pragma follows the identifier of a constant, type, variable or function definition or declaration and maps it to the foreign API identifier specified in the pragma.

```
FFIdentPramga := '<*' FFIDENT '=' ForeignIdentifier '*>';
alias ForeignIdentifier = QuotedLiteral;
```

```
(* Interface to an OpenVMS SMG library routine *)
PROCEDURE PasteVirtualDisplay <*FFIDENT="SMG$PASTE_VIRTUAL_DISPLAY"*>
  ( displayID, pasteboardID : INTEGER; row, column : INTEGER ) : CARDINAL;
```

12.3 Implementation Defined Pragmas

Implementation defined pragmas are specific to a language processor and should therefore be ignored by other language processors. An implementation defined pragma may be preceded with an implementation specific prefix in order to distinguish it from other implementation defined pragmas for other processors that may use the same pragma symbol. When a processor does not understand an implementation defined pragma it will emit an informational, warning, error or fatal error message depending on the pragma's message mode suffix.

```
ImplDefinedPragma :=
   '<*' ( implPrefix '.' )? pragmaSymbol ( '=' constExpr )? '|' ctMsgMode '*>' ;
alias implPrefix, pragmaSymbol = <implementation-defined> ; /* follows StdIdent syntax */
ctMsgMode := INFO | WARN | ERROR | FATAL ;
```

Use of an implementation defined pragma of a fictional compiler is shown below:

Terms of Reference

Allocation Size

The *allocation size* of a type T, denoted as $tsize\ T$ is the size of the memory required to allocate an instance of T. It is measured in units of 8 bits called octets.

Capacity

The *capacity* of a collection c is the maximal number of values that can be stored in c. Its value is determined by the type of c.

def capacity c = tlimit T where $c \in T$

The *capacity* of a *pass-by-value* open array parameter p_{val} is equivalent to the *cardinality* or *value count* of the collection passed to p_{val} .

 $\overline{\det} \ capacity \, p_{val} = count \, c$ where c is the collection passed to p_{val}

The *capacity* of a *pass-by-reference* open array parameter p_{ref} is equivalent to the *capacity* of the collection passed to p_{ref} .

 $|\det| \ capacity \, p_{ref} = capacity \, c$ where c is the collection passed to p_{ref}

Capacity Limit

The *capacity limit* of a *collection type* T, denoted as tlimit T is the maximum number of items that an instance of T can store. A *capacity limit* of zero indicates that the *collection type* does not impose any hard limit.

Cardinality

The *cardinality* of a set A, denoted as |A| or cardA is a measure of the number of elements in A. In this specification, the definition is extended to include collections, open array parameters and variadic argument lists.

- def the *cardinality* of a collection c is the number of components stored in c
- | def | the *cardinality* of an open array parameter p is that of the collection passed in p
- | def | the *cardinality* of a variadic argument list v is the number of arguments passed in v

Compatibility

Compatibility is a property that determines whether one entity may be assigned to, copied to, passed to or used in an expression with another entity.

- def a literal is fully *compatible* with type T if it is *assignment*, *copy*, *by-value* and *by-reference passing compatible* to, and *expression compatible* with type T
- type T_1 is fully *compatible* with type T_2 if it is *assignment*, *copy*, *by-value* and *by-reference passing compatible* to, and *expression compatible* with type T_2

Compatibility, Assignment

Assignment compatibility is a property that determines whether one entity may be assigned to another entity.

[def] a literal is **assignment compatible** to type T if it may be assigned to an L-value of type T

def type T_1 is **assignment compatible** to type T_2 if an R-value of type T_1 may be assigned to an L-value of type T_2

Compatibility, Copy

Copy compatibility is a property that determines whether one entity may be copied to another entity.

[def] a literal is $copy\ compatible$ to type T if it may be copied to a value of type T

def type T_1 is copy compatible to type T_2 if an R-value of type T_1 may be copied to an L-value of type T_2

Compatibility, Passing

Parameter **passing compatibility** is a property that determines whether an entity may be passed to a formal parameter.

def a literal is by-value $passing \ compatible$ to type T if it may be passed to a formal by-value parameter of type T

def a literal is by-reference $passing \ compatible$ to type T if it may be passed to a formal CONST parameter of type T

def type T_1 is **by-value passing compatible** to type T_2 if a value of type T_1 may be passed to a formal by-value parameter of type T_2

type T_1 is **by-reference passing compatible** to type T_2 if a value of type T_1 may be passed to a formal by-reference parameter of type T_2

Compatibility, Expression

Expression compatibility is a property that determines whether an entity may be used together with another entity as operands in a binary expression.

def a literal is *expression compatible* to type T in respect of operation M if it may be used together with a value of type T as the operands in a binary expression with any operator representing operation M

types T_1 and T_2 are *expression compatible* in respect of operation M if a value of type T_1 and a value of type T_2 may be used together as the operands in a binary expression with any operator representing operation M

Constant Expression

A *constant expression* is an expression that is computable at compile time. It does not reference any variables nor invoke any library functions.

Fractional Part

The *integral part* of a real number *x* is the value that represents the digits of *x* before the decimal point if *x* was to be written out in decimal notation without an exponent.

 $\boxed{\text{def}} \ \mathbf{frac} \ \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{int} \ \mathbf{x}$

Integral Part

The *integral* part of a real number *x* is the value that represents the digits of *x* before the decimal point if *x* was to be written out in decimal notation without an exponent.

 $def \mid int \ x = sgn \ x \cdot entirer \ abs \ x$

Largest Integer or Entier

The *entier* value of a real number x is the largest integer less than x.

$$\boxed{\det \ entirer x = max \ i \ \text{where} \ i \in \{\mathbb{Z} \mid i < x\}}$$

Length

The *length* of a character string s is the number of characters stored in s excluding its NUL terminator.

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ s \in : \tau_{string} : length \ s = min \ n \ \text{where} \ n \in \{\mathbb{N} \mid s_n = \mathsf{ASCII.NUL} \ \}$$

The length of an octet sequence s is the allocation size of the actual parameter p passed in to a formal octet sequence parameter.

$$\operatorname{def} \ \ \forall \ s \in : \tau_{octetseq} : \operatorname{length} s = \operatorname{capacity} p \text{ where } p \text{ is passed to } s$$

Number Sets

In this specification abstract number sets are defined as follows:

- def the set of the abstract *natural numbers* $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \cdots \infty\}$
- def the set of the abstract *ordinal numbers* $\mathbb{O} = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \cdots \omega, \omega + 1, \omega + 2 \cdots \}$
- def the set of the abstract *whole numbers* $\mathbb{Z} = \{-\infty \cdots -3, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2, +3 \cdots + \infty\}$

Odd Value

The *odd* value of a whole number i indicates whether i is odd.

$$\boxed{\det \ odd \ i = true \ \text{for} \ i \in \{\mathbb{Z} \mid abs \ i \ mod \ 2 = 1\}}$$

$$def \ odd \ i = true \ for \ i \in \{\mathbb{Z} \mid abs \ i \ mod \ 2 = 0\}$$

Signum Value

The signum or sgn value of a signed number x indicates the sign of x.

$$|\operatorname{def}| \operatorname{sgn} x = 1 \text{ for } x \in \{\mathbb{R} \mid x > 0\}$$

$$\boxed{\det} \ sgn x = 0 \text{ for } x \in \{\mathbb{R} \mid x = 0\}$$

$$\boxed{\text{def}} \ sgn x = -1 \text{ for } x \in \{\mathbb{R} \mid x < 0\}$$

Type, Any

A type is a classification of storage units defined by a set of three properties: storage representation, value range and semantics.

The set of all types is denoted τ_{any} .

Type, Builtin

A *builtin type* is a type that is built into the language core, that is, either predefined or provided by builtin module UNSAFE.

The set of all *builtin types* is denoted $\tau_{builtin}$.

$$\boxed{\text{def}} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{any} \mid builtin \, \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{builtin}$$

Type, Countable

A *countable type* is a type that represents a set of values with a 1:1 correspondence to the first m *ordinal* numbers \mathbb{O} where $m \in \mathbb{O}$.

$$\boxed{\text{def}} \quad \boldsymbol{countable} \ T \text{ if } \exists \ f : T \to \mathbb{O}$$

The set of all *countable types* is denoted $\tau_{countable}$.

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{any} \mid countable \, \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{countable}$$

Type, Enumerated

An enumerated type is a type that represents a finite ordered set of identifiers.

$$oxed{\mathsf{def}} \hspace{0.1cm} enumerated \hspace{0.1cm} exttt{r} \hspace{0.1cm} \exists \hspace{0.1cm} f : au
ightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

The set of all *enumerated types* is denoted τ_{enum} .

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{any} \mid enumerated \ \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{enum}$$

Type, Machine

A *machine type* is a type that represents storage units that match the storage units of the target architecture and have modular arithmetic semantics.

The set of all *machine types* is denoted $\tau_{machine}$.

$$\boxed{ \text{def} } \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{\textit{any}} \mid \textit{is-machine-type} \ \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{\textit{machine}}$$

Type, Signed

A signed type is a numeric type that represents both positive and negative scalar numeric values.

$$| \operatorname{def} | \operatorname{signed} \tau \operatorname{if} \exists x, y \in \{ \tau \mid x < 0 \land y > 0 \}$$

The set of all **signed types** is denoted τ_{signed} .

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{anu} \mid signed \ \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{signed}$$

Type, Unsigned

An unsigned type is a numeric type that represents non-negative scalar numeric values.

def
$$unsigned \tau$$
 if $\forall x \in \{\tau \mid x \geq 0\}$

The set of all *unsigned types* is denoted $\tau_{unsigned}$.

$$ig| \det ig| \ orall \ au \in \{ au_{any} \ | \ unsigned \ au \} \Rightarrow au \in au_{unsigned}$$

Type, Whole Number

A *whole number type* is a numeric type that represents a subset of the set of integers \mathbb{Z} .

$$\boxed{\det \ whole \ \tau \ \text{if} \ \forall \ n \in : \{\tau \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}}$$

The set of all whole number types is denoted $\tau_{\textit{whole}}$.

$$ig|\detig|\ orall\ au\in\{ au_{any}\ |\ oldsymbol{whole}\ au\} \Rightarrow au\in au_{whole}$$

Type, Real Number

A *real number type* is a numeric type that represents a subset of the set of real numbers \mathbb{R} .

$$\boxed{\text{def}} \ \boldsymbol{real} \ \tau \ \text{if} \ \forall \ r \in : \{\tau \mid r \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

The set of all *real number types* is denoted τ_{real} .

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{any} \mid real \ \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{real}$$

Type, Cardinal

A *cardinal type* is a numeric type that represents a subset of the unsigned *whole numbers* \mathbb{Z}^+ .

 $oxed{\mathsf{def}} \hspace{0.1cm} oxed{cardinal} \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{ au} \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{if} \hspace{0.1cm} unsigned \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{ au} \hspace{0.1cm} \wedge \hspace{0.1cm} whole \hspace{0.1cm} \mathsf{ au}$

The set of all $cardinal\ number\ types$ is denoted $\tau_{cardinal}$.

$$oxed{\mathsf{def}} \,\, orall \,\, au \in \{ au_{any} \mid \boldsymbol{cardinal} \,\, au \} \Rightarrow au \in au_{cardinal} \,\,$$

Type, Integer

An *integer type* is a numeric type that represents a subset of the signed *whole numbers* \mathbb{Z} .

 $oxed{\mathsf{def}} integer \, \mathsf{ au} \, \mathsf{if} \, signed \, \mathsf{ au} \, \wedge \, whole \, \mathsf{ au}$

The set of all *integer types* is denoted $\tau_{integer}$.

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{any} \mid integer \ \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{integer}$$

Type, Scalar

A scalar type is a numeric type that represents scalar values.

The set of all *scalar types* is denoted τ_{scalar} .

$$\boxed{\text{def}} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{any} \mid scalar \ \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{scalar}$$

Type, Collection

A collection type represents n-tuples of an arbitrary component type, where n is bounded by its capacity.

The set of all *collection types* is denoted $\tau_{collection}$.

$$\boxed{\text{def}} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{any} \mid collection \ \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{collection}$$

Type, Array

An *array type* is an ordered *collection type* whose components are mapped to the set of the first *m ordinal numbers* \mathbb{O} where m-1 is the *capacity limit* of the *array type*.

The set of all *array types* is denoted τ_{array} .

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{collection} \mid array \ \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{array}$$

Type, String

A *string type* is an *array type* whose component type is a character type.

The set of all *string types* is denoted τ_{string} .

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{array} \mid string \ \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{string}$$

Type, Record

The set of all **record types** is denoted τ_{record} .

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{any} \mid record \ \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{record}$$

Type, Extensible Record

The set of all *extensible record types* is denoted τ_{extrec} .

$$\boxed{\text{def}} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{record} \mid extensible \ \tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{extree}$$

Type, Extensible Record Pointer

An *extensible record pointer type* is a non-opaque *pointer type* whose target type is an *extensible record type*.

$$oxed{\det} au_{recptr} = \{ au \in au_{pointer} \setminus au_{opaque} \mid extit{target-of} \ au \in au_{extrec} \}$$

The set of all *extensible record pointer types* is denoted τ_{recptr} .

$$oxed{ ext{def}} \; orall \; au \in \{ au_{pointer} \; | \; is\text{-}recptr \; au\} \Rightarrow au \in au_{recptr}$$

Type, Octet Sequence

Casting formal type octetseq is formally called the **octet sequence type** and denoted $\tau_{octetseg}$.

Type, Opaque

An *opaque type* is a *pointer type* whose identifier is visible upon import but whose target type is hidden within the implementation part of the library module that institutes it.

The set of all *opaque types* is denoted τ_{opaque} .

$$\boxed{\det} \ \forall \ \tau \in \{\tau_{pointer} \mid is\text{-}opaque\,\tau\} \Rightarrow \tau \in \tau_{opaque}$$

Type, Open Array

An *open array type* is a formal *array type* whose *capacity* is indeterminate at compile time.

The set of all *open array types* is denoted $\tau_{open array}$.

$$oxed{\mathsf{def}} \hspace{0.1cm} orall \hspace{0.1cm} au \in \{ au_{\mathit{formal}} \hspace{0.1cm} | \hspace{0.1cm} \mathit{is\text{-}open\text{-}array} \hspace{0.1cm} au \} \Rightarrow au \in au_{\mathit{openarray}}$$

Type, Variadic Parameter List

A *variadic parameter list* is a formal *collection type* whose *cardinality* is indeterminate at compile time.

The set of all *variadic parameter lists* is denoted $\tau_{aralist}$.

$$|\det| \ orall \ au \in \{ au_{formal} \ | \ \emph{is-variadic-list} \ au\} \Rightarrow au \in au_{arglist}$$

Value Count

The *value count* of an entity *e* is synonym with the *cardinality* of *e*.

Wirthian Macro

A *Wirthian macro* is a built-in syntactic entity whose occurrence is replaced with an appropriate library call, possibly filling in omitted arguments. The macro may be a statement or a built-in procedure or function. The mapped-to library must be explicitly imported.*

^{*}Classic examples of Wirthian macros are procedures NEW and DISPOSE in earlier versions of Modula-2.

Appendix A

Managing Technical Debt

Technical debt is a metaphor for the sum total consequences of improper (software) design and implementation. Such deficiencies may be unintentional, or they may well be intentional in an attempt to shorten time to delivery. In either case, resulting deficiencies tend to accumulate over time until they reach a critical point where further development and maintenance on the software is severely impaired.

The metaphor suggests – analogous to financial debt – that (1) technical debt has to be paid down over time and with interest, and (2) interest will grow exponentially if the debt is not paid down. If technical debt is left unchecked for too long, the software may become unmaintainable. Eventually, the time and cost to reduce the deficiencies to a manageable level may vastly outpace the time and cost to rewrite the software from scratch.

In many organisations it is next to impossible to obtain the resources required to do proper maintenance on larger software projects without quantifying the debt, its financial impact and the cost required to reduce it. But without documenting the technical debt first, it is impossible to obtain that data and present figures with any confidence. Documenting and reporting of technical debt is thus a necessary prerequisite to managing the debt.

A.1 Documenting Debt

Modula-2 provides a facility to document technical debt directly within the source code. The facility is incorporated into the language syntax so that documented issues become machine readable for automated report generation. A reporting tool may then generate reports on the weight, quantity and location of technical debt within a code base directly from its source code. A simple report writer may be built into the language processor. For more complex analysis an external report writer may be used.

A.2 Syntax

A TO DO list is a machine readable directive to document technical debt directly within the source code. It may be placed wherever a definition, a declaration or a statement can occur. It may be empty, or contain a tracking reference of an external issue tracking system, and a list of tasks with descriptions and effort estimations.

```
toDoList := TO DO ( trackingRef? taskToDo ( ';' taskToDo )* END )?;
trackingRef := '(' issueId ( ',' severity ',' description )? ')';
taskToDo := description ( ',' estimatedTime timeUnit )?;
alias issueId, severity, estimatedTime = NumberLiteral;
alias description = StringLiteral;
alias timeUnit = StdIdent; /* must be any of w, d, or h */
```

A.3 Reporting Debt

The language processor must report any TO DO list with line number as an informational compile time message and any syntax violation within as a compile time error. It must further report the total number of TO DO lists found in a compilation unit. Any further analysis and reporting is implementation defined. It is recommended to implement more complex analysis and reporting as a separate reporting tool outside of the language processor.

A.4 Examples

A.4.1 TO DO without Arguments

The arguments may be omitted from a TO DO list altogether.

```
PROCEDURE TitleCaseTransform ( VAR s : ARRAY OF CHAR );
BEGIN
  FOR index, char IN s DO
    TO DO
    END (* FOR *)
END TitleCaseTransform;
```

A.4.2 TO DO with Issue Tracking

A tracking reference of an external issue tracking system may be included in a TO DO list.

```
PROCEDURE skipBlockComment ( infile : Infile ) : Token;
TO DO (1337, 2 (*minor*), "empty comment not recognised")
   "verify loop exit conditions", 1h;
   "fix and test", 1h
END; (* TO DO *)
BEGIN
```

A tracking reference may refer to another at a different location while omitting its severity and description.

```
TO DO (1337)

"Fix: move increment to the end of the loop"

END; (* TO DO *)
```

A.4.3 TO DO without Issue Tracking

The tracking reference may be omitted in a TO DO list.

```
TYPE DynString = POINTER TO StringDescriptor;

TO DO

"bindings to NEW and RETAIN", 2d;

"bindings to @VALUE, @STORE, @LENGTH", 2d;

"bindings to @EQUALS, @PRECEDES, @SUCCEEDS", 4d;

"bindings to APPEND, @ATINSERT, @ATREMOVE", 3d;

"bindings to READ and WRITE, using template", 2d;

"unit testing", 2d

END; (* TO DO *)
```

A.5 Sample Report

```
$ m2tdr --summary --proj m2bsk
Modula-2 technical debt summary report for project m2bsk
found 14 issues with 39 tasks in 9 modules, thereof
5 issues of weight 3 (major) with 23 tasks, est. 338 hours,
7 issues of weight 2 (minor) with 12 tasks, est. 121 hours,
2 issues of weight 1 (cosmetic) with 4 tasks, est. 19 hours;
found further 26 untracked tasks in 21 modules, est. 312 hours.
Total estimated effort for 65 tasks: 790 hours (avg. 12 hours/task).
```

Appendix B

Implementation Parameters

Module Impl provides implementation specific constants. Its provision is mandatory. Where any of the constants are dependent on user selectable compiler options, the module may be implemented as a built-in module.

B.1 Identity

Constant	Туре	Meaning
ShortName	String Literal	short name of the language processor
LongName	String Literal	long name of the language processor
MajorVersion	Whole Number	major version of the language processor
MinorVersion	Whole Number	minor version of the language processor
SubMinorVersion	Whole Number	sub-minor version of the language processor
BuildNumber	Whole Number	build number of the language processor
HostEnvironment	String Literal	name of the host environment or operating system

Table B.1: Constants indicating the implementation identity

B.2 Capability Flags

Boolean Constant	indicates whether language processor supports
SupportsM2BSK	Modula-2 R10 Bootstrap Kernel (M2BSK) subset
SupportsM2R10	Modula-2 R10 (M2R10) full specification
SupportsUtf8Source	source files encoded in UTF-8
SupportsCFFI	C foreign function interface and <*FFI="C"*> pragma
SupportsCLRFFI	Microsoft CLR FFI and <*FFI="CLR"*> pragma
SupportsJVMFFI	Java Virtual Machine FFI and <*FFI="JVM"*> pragma

Table B.2: Constants indicating implementation capabilities

B.3 Implementation Limits

Whole Number Constant	indicates	required
MaxIdentLength	maximum significant length of identifiers	≥ 31
MaxNumLiteralLength	maximum length of number literals	≥ 40
MaxStrLiteralLength	maximum length of string literals	≥ 120
MaxLineCounter	maximum value of line counter for error messages	≥ 32000
MaxColumnCounter	maximum value of column counter for error messages	≥ 160
MaxEnumValues	maximum number of values of an enumeration type	≥ 4096
MaxSetElements	maximum number of elements in an enumerated set	≥ 128
MaxProcNestLevel	maximum nesting level of local procedures	≥ 2

Table B.3: Constants indicating implementation limits

Appendix C

Target Parameters

Module Trgt provides target specific constants. Its provision is mandatory. Where any of the required constants are dependent on user selectable compiler options, the module may be implemented as a built-in module.

C.1 Identity

Constant	Туре	Meaning
ShortName	String Literal	short name of the target
LongName	String Literal	long name of the target
MajorVersion	Whole Number	major version of the code generator for this target
MinorVersion	Whole Number	minor version of the code generator for this target
SubMinorVersion	Whole Number	sub-minor version of the code generator for this target

Table C.1: Constants indicating the target identity

C.2 Classification

Boolean Constant	indicates whether target	
IsProcessor	is a hardware architecture	
IsVirtualProcessor	Is a processor independent assembler backend	
IsVirtualMachineHost	Is a virtual machine host and runtime environment	
IsHigherLevelLanguage	Is a language processor for a higher level programming language	

Table C.2: Constants indicating target classification

C.3 Characteristics

Boolean Constant	indicates whether	
IsBigEndian	target uses big-endian byte order	
IsLittleEndian	target uses little-endian byte order	
SupportsTCE	code generator supports tail call elimination for this target	

Table C.3: Constants indicating target characteristics

Appendix D

Syntax Diagrams

Non-Terminals

Start Symbol

compilationUnit



Definition Module Syntax

definitionModule



moduleldent



import



libldent



reExport



definition



constDefinition



ident constExpression



typeDefinition



aliasType typeIdent



qualident



derivedType



subrangeType OF countableType range range lowerBound upperBound **lowerBound** countableType constExpression typeldent enumType identList enumTypeToExtend enumTypeToExtend enumTypeldent enumTypeldent typeldent identList setType O→(SET OF enumTypeldent arrayType typeldent ARRAY valueCount OF valueCount constExpression recordType O→ (RECORD recTypeToExtend END recTypeToExtend **fieldList** varOrFieldDeclaration typeldent pointerType O→ (POINTER) typeldent TO

procedureType



formalType



nonAttrFormalType

returnedType

typeldent



simpleFormalType



castingFormalType



 \triangle Syntax enabled by import of module UNSAFE

variadicFormalType



procedureHeader



bindingSpecifier





declaration



aliasDeclaration



namedAliasDecl



aliasName



wildcardAliasDecl

ident







typeDeclaration



pointer Or Indeterminate Type



indeterminateTarget



indeterminateField



capacityField



anonType



varOrFieldDeclaration



statementSequence



memMgtOperation



statement





ifStatement



boolExpression



caseStatement



case



caseLabels



loopStatement



whileStatement



repeatStatement



forStatement







Expressions

expressionList



expression



operL1



simpleExpression



operL2



concatOp







term



operL3



simpleTerm



factor



typeConvOp



simpleFactor



designatorOrFuncCall



structuredValue



valueComponent



runtimeExpression



To Do Lists

toDoList





taskToDo



issueld, severity, estimatedTime



wholeNumber

description





timeUnit



△ By convention timeUnit identifiers should be w for weeks, d for days, and h for hours

Terminals



 \triangle Default identifier syntax

ForeignIdent



 \triangle Foreign identifier syntax for interfacing to foreign APIs, enabled by FFI pragma or compiler switch

ForeignIdentTail



NumberLiteral



DecimalNumberTail



RealNumberTail



DigitSeq **DigitGroup** DigitGroup Digit Base2DigitSeq Base2DigitGroup Base2DigitGroup Base2Digit Base 16 Digit Seq Base 16 Digit Group Base16DigitGroup Base16Digit Digit Base2Digit Base2Digit Base 16 Digit Digit **StringLiteral** SingleQuotedString **DoubleQuotedString** SingleQuotedString QuotableCharacter **DoubleQuotedString**

QuotableCharacter

Letter



NonAlphaNumQuotable



EscapedCharacter



Ignore Symbols

Whitespace



LineComment



BlockComment



CommentCharacter



EndOfLine



Pragmas

ffiPragma



ffidentPragma



implDefPragma



implPrefix, pragmaSymbol



ctMsgMode



Appendix E

Library Interfaces

Standard Library

Status

```
DEFINITION MODULE Status;
(* Status Root Type *)

TYPE Status = RECORD ( NIL )
failed: BOOLEAN

END; (*Status*)

END Status.

DEFINITION MODULE StatusCode;
(* Status Code Base Type *)

TYPE StatusCode =
(Success,
Failure);
END StatusCode.
```

Characters

IS0646

```
DEFINITION MODULE IS0646;

CONST (* Control Codes *)

NUL=0u0; SOH=0u1; STX=0u2; ETX=0u3; EOT=0u4; ENQ=0u5; ACK=0u6; BEL=0u7; BS=0u8; TAB=0u9; LF=0u0A;

VT=0u0B; FF=0u0C; CR=0u0D; SO=0u0E; SI=0u0F; DLE=0u10; DC1=0u11; DC2=0u12; DC3=0u13; DC4=0u14; NAK=0u15; SYN=0u16; ETB=0u17; CAN=0u18; EN=0u19; SUB=0u1A; ESC=0u1B; FS=0u1C; GS=0u1D; RS=0u1E; US=0u1F; DEL=0u7F; CONST (* Printables *)

SP=0u20; Exclamation=0u21; DoubleQuote=0u22; Octothorpe=0u23; Dollar=0u24; Percent=0u25; Ampersand=0u26; SingleQuote=0u27; LeftParenthesis=0u28; RightParenthesis=0u29; Asterisk=0u2A; Plus=0u2B; Comma=0u2C; Minus=0u2D; Period=0u2E; Solidus=0u2F; Colon=0u3A; Semicolon=0u3B; Less=0u3C; Equals=0u3D; Greater=0u3E; QuestionMark=0u3F; AtSign=0u40; LeftBracket=0u5B; Backslash=0u5C; RightBracket=0u5D; Caret=0u5E; Lowline=0u5F; Backquote=0u60; LeftBrace=0u7B; VerticalBar=0u7C; RightBrace=0u7D; Tilde=0u7E;

CONST (* Common Synonyms *)

Whitespace=SP; Apostrophe=SingleQuote; LeftParen=LeftParenthesis; RightParen=RightParenthesis; HyphenMinus=Minus; Dot=Period; Slash=Solidus; LeftAngularBracket=Less; RightAngularBracket=Greater; END IS0646.
```

Char

```
DEFINITION MODULE Char;

PROCEDURE isDigit ( ch : CHAR ) : BOOLEAN; (* any digit *)

PROCEDURE isLetter ( ch : CHAR ) : BOOLEAN; (* any letter *)

PROCEDURE isLower ( ch : CHAR ) : BOOLEAN; (* any lowercase letter *)

PROCEDURE isUpper ( ch : CHAR ) : BOOLEAN; (* any uppercase letter *)

PROCEDURE isControl ( ch : CHAR ) : BOOLEAN; (* any uppercase letter *)

PROCEDURE isAlphaNum ( ch : CHAR ) : BOOLEAN; (* any digit or letter *)

PROCEDURE isPrintable ( ch : CHAR ) : BOOLEAN; (* any non-alpha-numeric printable *)

PROCEDURE toLower ( ch : CHAR ) : CHAR; (* returns argument transformed to lowercase *)

PROCEDURE toUpper ( ch : CHAR ) : CHAR; (* returns argument transformed to uppercase *)

END Char.
```

Collation Order

Collation libraries bind custom collation tables to the language processor's internal table used by function COLLATION().

Library collation tables contain the collation indices for characters in range [0u20..0u7E]. Control characters are excluded.

```
DEFINITION MODULE AsciiCollation;
(* ASCII Collation Order *)
CONST [COLLATION] Order = { 0..94 }; (* 95 values *)
END AsciiCollation.
```

```
DEFINITION MODULE EbcdicCollation;
(* EBCDIC Collation Order *)

CONST [COLLATION] Order = { 0, 6, 25, 21, 7, 15, 5, 23, 3, 9, 8, 4, 14, 11, 1, 12, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 20, 10, 2, 24, 17, 18, 22, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 54, 84, 55, 53, 16, 19, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 56, 13, 83, 52 }; (* 95 values *)

END EbcdicCollation.
```

Dynamic Strings

String, UniString

Template for dynamic string libraries String and UniString.

```
DEFINITION MODULE <#StringTypeIdent#>:
TYPE <#StringTypeIdent#> = OPAQUE;
CONST [TLIMIT] = CapacityLimit 0;
PROCEDURE [NEW] New ( VAR s : <#StringTypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [NEW+] NewWithStr ( VAR s : <#StringTypeIdent#>; CONST initStr : ARRAY OF <#CharTypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [NEW#] NewWithCapacity ( VAR s : <#StringTypeIdent#>; capacity : LONGCARD );
PROCEDURE [RETAIN] Retain ( VAR s : <#StringTypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [RELEASE] Release ( VAR s : <#StringTypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [@VALUE] charAtIndex ( CONST s : <#StringTypeIdent#>; atIndex : LONGCARD ) : <#CharTypeIdent#>;
PROCEDURE [@STORE] storeAtIndex ( VAR s : <#StringTypeIdent#>; atIndex : LONGCARD; ch : <#CharTypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [LENGTH] length ( CONST s : <#StringTypeIdent#> ) : LONGCARD;
PROCEDURE [APPEND] AppendChars ( VAR s : <#StringTypeIdent#>; CONST chars : ARRAY OF <#CharTypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [@ATINSERT] InsertChars
 ( VAR s : <#StringTypeIdent#>; atIndex : LONGCARD; CONST chars : ARRAY OF <#CharTypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [@ATREMOVE] RemoveChars ( VAR s : <#StringTypeIdent#>; startIndex, endIndex : LONGCARD );
END <#StringTypeIdent#>.
```

Key-Value Storage

Template for arbitrary dynamic key-value storage libraries.

```
DEFINITION MODULE <#TypeIdent#>;
TYPE <#TypeIdent#> = OPAQUE;
CONST [TLIMIT] = CapacityLimit 0;
PROCEDURE [NEW] New ( VAR dict : <#TypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [RETAIN] Retain ( VAR dict : <#TypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [RELEASE] Release ( VAR dict : <#TypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE valueForKey ( CONST dict : <#TypeIdent#>; key : <#KeyTypeIdent#> ) : <#ValueTypeIdent#>;
PROCEDURE StoreValueForKey ( VAR dict : <#TypeIdent#>; key : <#KeyTypeIdent#>; value : <#ValueTypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [REMOVE] RemoveKeys ( VAR dict : <#TypeIdent#>; keys : ARGLIST OF <#KeyTypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [COUNT] count ( CONST dict : <#TypeIdent#> ) : LONGCARD;
PROCEDURE firstKey ( CONST dict : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#KeyTypeIdent#>;
PROCEDURE lastKey ( CONST dict : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#KeyTypeIdent#>;
PROCEDURE nextKey ( CONST dict : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#KeyTypeIdent#> ) : <#KeyTypeIdent#>;
PROCEDURE prevKey ( CONST dict : <#TypeIdent#>; key : <#KeyTypeIdent#> ) : <#KeyTypeIdent#>;
PROCEDURE prevKey ( CONST dict : <#TypeIdent#>; key : <#KeyTypeIdent#> ) : <#KeyTypeIdent#>;
END <#TypeIdent#>.
```

Math

CardinalMath, LongCardMath

```
Template* for CARDINAL and LONGCARD math libraries CardinalMath and LongCardMath.

DEFINITION MODULE <#TitlecasedTypeIdent#>Math;

PROCEDURE power ( n, exponent : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* n to the power of exponent *)

PROCEDURE digitCount ( n : <#TypeIdent#> ) : CARDINAL; (* number of digits of n in decimal notation *)

END <#TitlecasedTypeIdent#>Math.
```

IntegerMath, LongIntMath

```
Template* for INTEGER and LONGINT math libraries IntegerMath and LongIntMath.
```

RealMath, LongRealMath

Template* for REAL and LONGREAL math libraries RealMath and LongRealMath.

```
DEFINITION MODULE <#TitlecasedTypeIdent#>Math;
CONST
 e = 2.7182818284590452353602874713526;
 pi = 3.1415926535897932384626433832795:
 phi = 1.6180339887498948482045868343656;
  tau = 6.2831853071795864769252867665590;
PROCEDURE frac ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* fractional part of r *)
PROCEDURE ceil ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* [r] *)
PROCEDURE floor ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* [r] *)
 \textbf{PROCEDURE} \  \, \texttt{trunc} \  \, ( \ \textbf{r} \ : \  \, \texttt{'#TypeIdent#'}; \ \textbf{n} \ : \  \, \texttt{CARDINAL} \ ) \ : \  \, \texttt{'*TypeIdent#'}; \ (* \ \textit{truncation of r to n places} \ *) 
 \textbf{PROCEDURE round ( r : <\#TypeIdent\#>; n : CARDINAL ) : <\#TypeIdent\#>; (* rounding of r to n places *) }  
PROCEDURE inv ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* multiplicative inverse of r *)
PROCEDURE sqrt ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* square root of r *)
PROCEDURE ln ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* natural logarithm of r *)
PROCEDURE log ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* base—10 logarithm of r *)
PROCEDURE sin ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* sine of r *)
PROCEDURE cos ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* cosine of r *)
PROCEDURE tan ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* tangent of r *)
PROCEDURE arcsin ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* arcsine of r *)
PROCEDURE arccos ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* arccosine of r *)
PROCEDURE arctan ( r : <#TypeIdent#> ) : <#TypeIdent#>; (* arctangent of r *)
END <#TitlecasedTypeIdent#>Math.
```

Memory Allocation

The storage library binds allocation and deallocation procedures to primitives <code>@ALLOC</code> and <code>@DEALLOC</code> .

```
DEFINITION MODULE Storage;

(* Allocates memory block of <size> octets and passes its address back in p. *)

PROCEDURE [@ALLOC] Allocate ( VAR p : CAST ADDRESS; size : LONGCARD );

(* Deallocates memory block pointed to by p and passes NIL back in p. *)

PROCEDURE [@DEALLOC] Deallocate ( VAR p : CAST ADDRESS );

END Storage.
```

Appendix F

IO Library Interfaces

Group IO Aggregators

Group IO aggregators are modules that import and re-export the IO library modules for a given group of types. They represent the top user-level of the type specific IO library. The standard library defines two group IO aggregator modules:

PervasiveI0

IO aggregator PervasiveIO imports and re-exports the IO library modules for the pervasive types.

```
DEFINITION MODULE PervasiveI0;
IMPORT BooleanIO+, CharIO+, UnicharIO+,
   OctetIO+, CardinalIO+, LongCardIO+, IntegerIO+, LongIntIO+, RealIO+, LongRealIO+;
END PervasiveIO.
```

MachineTypeIO

IO aggregator MachineType10 imports and re-exports the IO library modules for the machine types.

```
DEFINITION MODULE MachineTypeIO;
IMPORT ByteIO+, WordIO+, LongWordIO+, AddressIO+;
END MachineTypeIO.
```

Type Specific IO Aggregators

The standard library defines 14 type specific IO aggregator modules, one for each pervasive type and one for each *machine type*. Each type specific IO aggregator imports and re-exports the IO modules for values and arrays of a given type.

The module identifier of a type specific IO aggregator for a given type T is composed from the titlecase transformed identifier of type T, followed by suffix To. Type identifiers with prefix Long are considered two words, others are considered one word. Thus, the titlecase transformation of UNICHAR is Unichar, but that of LongCard is LongCard.

The IO aggregator for a given type T may be generated from the template* below by replacing

- all occurrences of <#TypeIdent#> with the identifier of type T, and
- all occurrences of #TitleCasedTypeIdent#> with the titlecase transformation of the identifier of type T.

Common template for pervasive types and machine types

```
DEFINITION MODULE <#TitleCasedTypeIdent#>I0;
IMPORT Sole<#TypeIdent#>I0+, Array<#TypeIdent#>I0+;
END <#TitleCasedTypeIdent#>I0.
```

^{*}Template expansion may easily be automated using the Unix awk or sed utilities.

Type Specific Value IO Modules

The standard library defines 14 type specific value IO modules, one for each pervasive type and one for each *machine type*. Each type specific value IO module provides IO bindings for reading and writing sole values of a given type.

The module identifier of a type specific value IO module for a given type T is composed from prefix Sole, followed by the titlecase transformed identifier of type T, followed by suffix 10.

The interface of a value IO module for a given type T may be generated from one of the two templates below by replacing

- all occurrences of <#TypeIdent#> with the identifier of type T, and
- all occurrences of </pre

Template for pervasive types

```
DEFINITION MODULE Sole<#TitleCasedTypeIdent#>IO;
IMPORT ChanIO;
PROCEDURE [READ] Read ( chan : ChanIO.Channel; VAR value : <#TypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [WRITE] Write ( chan : ChanIO.Channel; value : <#TypeIdent#> );
PROCEDURE [WRITE#] Writef ( chan : ChanIO.Channel; CONST fmtStr : ARRAY OF CHAR; value : <#TypeIdent#> );
END Sole<#TitleCasedTypeIdent#>IO.
```

Template for machine types

Type Specific Array IO Modules

The standard library defines 14 type specific array IO modules, one for each pervasive type and one for each *machine type*. Each type specific array IO module provides IO bindings for reading and writing arrays of a given type.

The module identifier of a type specific array IO module for a given type T is composed from prefix Arrayof, followed by the titlecase transformed identifier of type T, followed by suffix To.

The interface of an array IO module for a given type T may be generated from one of the two templates below by replacing

- all occurrences of <#TypeIdent#> with the identifier of type T , and
- all occurrences of T.

Template for pervasive types

Template for *machine types*

Channel Based IO

StdI0

```
DEFINITION MODULE StdIO;

IMPORT IOChannel, IOStatus;

PROCEDURE [@STDIN] stdIn : IOChannel;

PROCEDURE [@STDOUT] stdOut : IOChannel;

PROCEDURE stdErr : IOChannel; (* for use by runtime system *)

PROCEDURE SetStdIn ( chan : IOChannel; VAR status : IOStatus );

PROCEDURE SetStdOut ( chan : IOChannel; VAR status : IOStatus );

PROCEDURE SetStdErr ( chan : IOChannel; VAR status : IOStatus );

END StdIO.
```

IOChannel

```
DEFINITION MODULE IOChannel;
(* Generic IO Channel Type *)
IMPORT IOStatus, IOAccessMode, IOSize;
TYPE IOChannel = POINTER TO Descriptor;
TYPE Descriptor = RECORD ( NIL )
 (* method slots for status handling *)
 statusOf : PROCEDURE ( Channel ) : IOStatus;
 StatusMsg : PROCEDURE ( Channel, IOStatus );
 SetStatus : PROCEDURE ( Channel, IOStatus, BOOLEAN );
  (* method slots for access mode query *)
 isReadable : PROCEDURE ( Channel ) : BOOLEAN;
 isWritable : PROCEDURE ( Channel ) : BOOLEAN;
  (* method slots for generic input *)
  dataReady : PROCEDURE ( Channel, IOSize ) : BOOLEAN;
  ReadOctet : PROCEDURE ( Channel, VAR OCTET );
  ReadBlock : PROCEDURE ( Channel, VAR ARRAY OF OCTET );
  insertReady : PROCEDURE ( Channel ) : BOOLEAN;
  Insert : PROCEDURE ( Channel, OCTET );
  (* method slots for generic output *)
 WriteOctet : PROCEDURE ( Channel, OCTET );
 WriteBlock : PROCEDURE ( Channel, ARRAY OF OCTET, VAR IOSize );
 isFlushable : PROCEDURE ( Channel ) : BOOLEAN:
 Flush : PROCEDURE ( Channel )
END; (*Descriptor*)
END IOChannel.
```

IOSize

```
DEFINITION MODULE IOSize;

TYPE IOSize = ALIAS OF LONGCARD;
END IOSize.
```

On systems where the maximum file size exceeds LONGCARD , type LOSize may be redefined and the IO library rebuilt.

IOAccessMode

```
DEFINITION MODULE IOAccessMode;
(* IO Access Mode Common to all Channel Drivers *)

CONST

RO = { Flags.Read };
WO = { Flags.Write };
RW = { Flags.Read, Flags.Write };

TYPE IOAccessMode = SET OF Flags;

TYPE Flags =
( Read, (* reading is permitted if set *)
Write ); (* writing is permitted if set *)
END IOAccessMode.
```

FileChannel

```
DEFINITION MODULE FileChannel;
(* FileIO Specific IO Channel Type *)
IMPORT IOChannel, IOStatus, FileMode, IOSize, FileIO;
TYPE FileChannel = POINTER TO Descriptor;
PROCEDURE [NEW] New ( VAR chan : FileChannel ); (* allocates channel, initialises method slots *)
PROCEDURE [RETAIN] Retain ( VAR chan : FileChannel ); (* prevents inadvertent closing of channel *)
PROCEDURE [RELEASE] Release ( VAR chan : FileChannel ); (* closes channel when refcount is zero *)
PROCEDURE isFileChannel ( chan : IOChannel ) : BOOLEAN;
TYPE FilePos = ALIAS OF IOSize;
TYPE Descriptor = RECORD ( IOChannel )
  (* inherits generic channel method slots *)
  (* FileChannel specific method slots *)
  Open : PROCEDURE ( FileChannel, (*filename:*) CONST ARRAY OF CHAR, FileMode, VAR IOStatus );
  ReOpen : PROCEDURE ( FileChannel, FileMode );
  (* method slots for access mode and filename query *)
  modeOf : PROCEDURE ( FileChannel ) : FileMode;
  nameLen : PROCEDURE ( FileChannel ) : LONGCARD:
  {\tt GetName: \textbf{PROCEDURE} (FileChannel, (*filename:*) \textbf{VAR ARRAY OF} \texttt{ CHAR );}}
  (* positioning *)
  isValidPos : PROCEDURE ( FileChannel, FilePos ) : FilePos;
 lastValidSetPos : PROCEDURE ( FileChannel ) : FilePos;
  SetPos : PROCEDURE ( FileChannel, (*position:*) FilePos );
  Advance : PROCEDURE ( FileChannel, (*offset:*) FilePos );
  Rewind : PROCEDURE ( FileChannel ):
 handle : FileIO.File (* file handle is a FileIO handle *)
END; (*Descriptor*)
END FileChannel.
```

FileI0

```
DEFINITION MODULE FileIO; (* Abstract Low—level File IO *)
IMPORT IOSize, IOStatus, FileMode;
TYPE File = OPAQUE; FilePos = ALIAS OF IOSize;
(*!!!*) PROCEDURE defaultInfile: File; PROCEDURE defaultOutFile: File; PROCEDURE defaultErrFile: File;
PROCEDURE isValidAccessor ( file : File ) : BOOLEAN:
PROCEDURE isSpecialFile ( file : File ) : BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE Open ( NEW file : File; CONST filename : ARRAY OF CHAR; mode : FileMode; VAR status : IOStatus );
PROCEDURE ReOpen ( file : File; mode : FileMode );
PROCEDURE statusOf ( file : File ) : IOStatus;
PROCEDURE StatusMsg ( file : File; status : IOStatus );
PROCEDURE SetStatus ( file : File; status : IOStatus; VAR valid : BOOLEAN );
PROCEDURE modeOf ( file : File ) : FileMode;
PROCEDURE nameLen ( file : File ) : CARDINAL;
PROCEDURE GetName ( file : File; VAR filename : ARRAY OF CHAR );
PROCEDURE eof (file: File): BOOLEAN:
PROCEDURE currentPos ( file : File ) : FilePos;
PROCEDURE isValidPos (file: File; pos: FilePos): BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE lastValidSetPos ( file : File ) : FilePos;
PROCEDURE SetPos ( file : File; pos : FilePos );
PROCEDURE Advance ( file : File; offset : FilePos );
PROCEDURE Rewind ( file : File );
PROCEDURE dataReady ( file : File; octets : IOSize ) : BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE ReadOctet ( file : File; VAR data : OCTET );
PROCEDURE ReadBlock ( file : File; VAR data : ARRAY OF OCTET );
PROCEDURE insertReady ( file : File ) : BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE Insert ( file : File; data : OCTET );
PROCEDURE WriteOctet ( file : File; data : OCTET );
PROCEDURE WriteBlock (file: File; data: ARRAY OF OCTET; VAR octetsWritten: IOSize);
PROCEDURE isFlushable (file: File): BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE Flush ( file : File );
PROCEDURE Close ( VAR file : File; VAR status : IOStatus );
END FileIO.
```

IOStatus

```
DEFINITION MODULE IOStatus;
IMPORT Status, StatusCode;
TYPE IOStatus = RECORD ( Status )
   (* inherits failed : BOOLEAN *)
   code : IOStatusCode
END; (*IOStatus*)
END IOStatus.
```

IOStatusCode

```
DEFINITION MODULE IOStatusCode:
TYPE IOStatusCode =
                               (* inherits Success and Failure
  ( +StatusCode.
    FileNotFound,
                            (* no file found with this filename *)
(* the passed filename is too long *)
    NameTooLong,
    {\tt IllegalCharsInName,} \qquad (* \textit{illegal chars in passed filename} \quad *)
    InvalidMode, (* the passed mode is invalidable)
AlreadyOpen, (* the passed file is already open *)

**The passed file is already open *)

**The passed file is already open *)
    MayNotOpenDirectory, (* attempt to open a directory
    AccessDenied, (* the filesystem denied file access *)
AccessBeyondEOF, (* attempt to read past end of file *)
    NotOpenForReading, (* file is not in Read mode
    {\tt NotOpenForWriting,} \qquad \quad (* \textit{ file is not in Write/Append mode} \quad *)
    OutOfRange,
                              (* input data is out of target range *)
                              (* input data is in unexpected format *)
    WrongFormat.
    \label{line:top-condition} \mbox{Unexpected end-of-line in input} \qquad \  \  *)
    UnexpectedEndOfInput, (* unexpected end of input data
    {\tt ConnectionClosed,} \qquad \qquad (* \textit{ remote end closed the connection}
                               (* attempt to set a invalid position *)
    InvalidFilePos,
InsertBufferFull,
                                (* capactiy of insert buffer exceeded *)
    FileSizeLimitExceeded, (* attempt to write past size limit *)
    OpenFileLimitExceeded, (* attempt to open too many files
                                                                              *)
    OperationNotSupported, (* unsupported operation attempted
                                                                           *)
                                 (* the device capacity is exceeded *)
    DeviceFull,
    DeviceError ):
                               (* the device reported a failure
                                                                             *)
END IOStatusCode.
```

FileMode

```
DEFINITION MODULE FileMode;
(* Access Mode Type Common to all File Based Channels *)
IMPORT IOAccessMode;
CONST
 RO = { Flags.Read };
 WO = { Flags.Write };
 RW = { Flags.Read, Flags.Write };
TYPE FileMode = SET OF Flags;
(* The file access mode consists of four flags: read, write, append and sync.
  These flags may be combined arbitrarily, subject to the following rules:
  (1) a file mode may not be the empty set
  (2) append may not be set if read is set
  (3) append may only be set if write is set
  (4) sync may only be set if write is set *)
TYPE Flags =
 ( +IOAccessMode.Flags, (* inherits Read and Write *)
   Append, (* writing always appends if set *)
    Sync ):
                       (* writing always flushes if set *)
PROCEDURE isValid ( mode : FileMode ) : BOOLEAN;
(* Returns TRUE if mode is a valid file access mode, otherwise FALSE. *)
END FileMode.
```

Alternative File Channels

File channels bypassing the FileIO abstraction layer.

FPChannel

```
DEFINITION MODULE FPChannel;
(* FilePtrIO Specific IO Channel Type *)
IMPORT IOChannel, IOStatus, FileMode, IOSize, FilePtrIO;
TYPE FPChannel = POINTER TO Descriptor;
PROCEDURE [NEW] New ( VAR chan : FPChannel ); (* allocates channel, initialises method slots *)
PROCEDURE [RETAIN] Retain ( VAR chan : FPChannel ); (* prevents inadvertent closing of channel *)
PROCEDURE [RELEASE] Release ( VAR chan : FPChannel ); (* closes channel when refcount is zero *)
PROCEDURE isFPChannel ( chan : IOChannel ) : BOOLEAN;
CONST DefaultBufferSize = FilePtrIO.DefaultBufferSize:
TYPE FilePos = ALIAS OF IOSize:
TYPE Descriptor = RECORD ( IOChannel )
  (* inherits generic channel method slots *)
  (* FPChannel specific method slots *)
  Open: PROCEDURE ( FPChannel, (*filename:*) CONST ARRAY OF CHAR, FileMode, VAR IOStatus );
  OpenWithBufferSize
    PROCEDURE ( FPChannel, (*filename:*) CONST ARRAY OF CHAR, FileMode, IOSize, VAR IOStatus );
  ReOpen : PROCEDURE ( FPChannel, FileMode );
  (* method slots for access mode and filename query *)
  modeOf : PROCEDURE ( FPChannel ) : FileMode;
  nameLen : PROCEDURE ( FPChannel ) : LONGCARD;
  GetName : PROCEDURE ( FPChannel, (*filename:*) VAR ARRAY OF CHAR );
  (* positioning *.
 isValidPos : PROCEDURE ( FPChannel, FilePos ) : FilePos;
 lastValidSetPos : PROCEDURE ( FPChannel ) : FilePos;
  SetPos : PROCEDURE ( FPChannel, (*position:*) FilePos );
  Advance : PROCEDURE ( FPChannel, (*offset:*) FilePos );
  Rewind : PROCEDURE ( FPChannel );
  handle : FilePtrIO.File (* file handle is a file pointer *)
END; (*Descriptor*)
END FPChannel.
```

FDChannel

```
DEFINITION MODULE FDChannel;
(* FileDescIO Specific IO Channel Type *)
IMPORT IOChannel, IOStatus, FileMode, IOSize, FileDescIO;
TYPE FDChannel = POINTER TO Descriptor;
PROCEDURE [NEW] New ( VAR chan : FDChannel ); (* allocates channel, initialises method slots *)
PROCEDURE [RETAIN] Retain ( VAR chan : FDChannel ); (* prevents inadvertent closing of channel *)
PROCEDURE [RELEASE] Release ( VAR chan : FDChannel ); (* closes channel when refcount is zero *)
PROCEDURE isFDChannel ( chan : IOChannel ) : BOOLEAN;
TYPE FilePos = ALIAS OF IOSize:
TYPE Descriptor = RECORD ( IOChannel )
  (* inherits generic channel method slots *)
  (* FDChannel specific method slots *)
  Open : PROCEDURE ( FDChannel, (*filename:*) CONST ARRAY OF CHAR, FileMode, VAR IOStatus );
  ReOpen : PROCEDURE ( FDChannel, FileMode );
  (* method slots for access mode and filename query *)
  modeOf : PROCEDURE ( FDChannel ) : FileMode;
  nameLen : PROCEDURE ( FDChannel ) : LONGCARD;
  {\tt GetName: \textbf{PROCEDURE} (FDChannel, (*filename:*) \textbf{VAR ARRAY OF} \texttt{ CHAR );}}
  (* positionina *)
  isValidPos : PROCEDURE ( FDChannel, FilePos ) : FilePos;
 lastValidSetPos : PROCEDURE ( FileDescChannel ) : FilePos;
  SetPos : PROCEDURE ( FDChannel, (*position:*) FilePos );
  Advance : PROCEDURE ( FDChannel, (*offset:*) FilePos );
  Rewind : PROCEDURE ( FDChannel );
  handle : FileDescIO.File (* file handle is a token, falsely called "file descriptor" *)
END: (*Descriptor*)
END FDChannel.
```

Low-Level File IO

FilePtrI0

```
DEFINITION MODULE FilePtrIO; (* Low—level File IO *)
IMPORT IOSize, IOStatus, FileMode;
CONST DefaultBufferSize = 1024*16 (*16 KOctets*)
TYPE File = OPAQUE; FilePos = ALIAS OF IOSize;
(*!!!*) PROCEDURE defaultInFile: File; PROCEDURE defaultOutFile: File; PROCEDURE defaultErrFile: File;
PROCEDURE isValidAccessor ( file : File ) : BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE isSpecialFile ( file : File ) : BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE Open ( NEW file : File; CONST filename : ARRAY OF CHAR; mode : FileMode; VAR status : IOStatus );
PROCEDURE OpenWithBufferSize
 ( NEW file: File; CONST filename: ARRAY OF CHAR; mode: FileMode; bufSize: IOSize; VAR status: IOStatus );
PROCEDURE ReOpen ( file : File; mode : FileMode );
PROCEDURE statusOf ( file : File ) : IOStatus;
PROCEDURE StatusMsg ( file : File; status : IOStatus );
PROCEDURE SetStatus ( file : File; status : IOStatus; VAR valid : BOOLEAN );
PROCEDURE modeOf ( file : File ) : FileMode;
PROCEDURE nameLen ( file : File ) : CARDINAL;
PROCEDURE GetName ( file : File; VAR filename : ARRAY OF CHAR );
PROCEDURE eof (file: File): BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE currentPos ( file : File ) : FilePos;
PROCEDURE isValidPos (file: File; pos: FilePos): BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE lastValidSetPos ( file : File ) : FilePos;
PROCEDURE SetPos ( file : File; pos : FilePos );
PROCEDURE Advance ( file : File: offset : FilePos ):
PROCEDURE Rewind ( file : File );
PROCEDURE dataReady ( file : File; octets : IOSize ) : BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE ReadOctet ( file : File; VAR data : OCTET );
PROCEDURE ReadBlock (file: File; VAR data: ARRAY OF OCTET);
PROCEDURE insertReady ( file : File ) : BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE Insert ( file : File; data : OCTET );
PROCEDURE WriteOctet ( file : File; data : OCTET );
PROCEDURE WriteBlock (file: File; data: ARRAY OF OCTET; VAR octetsWritten: IOSize);
PROCEDURE isFlushable (file: File): BOOLEAN:
PROCEDURE Flush ( file : File );
PROCEDURE Close ( VAR file : File; VAR status : IOStatus );
END FilePtrIO.
```

FileDescIO

```
DEFINITION MODULE FileDescIO: (* Low—level File IO *)
IMPORT IOSize. IOStatus. FileMode:
CONST InvalidFile = -1:
TYPE File = INTEGER; FilePos = ALIAS OF IOSize; RelPos = ALIAS OF LONGINT; From = ( Start, Current, End );
(*!!!*) PROCEDURE defaultInFile: File; PROCEDURE defaultOutFile: File; PROCEDURE defaultErrFile: File;
PROCEDURE Open ( VAR fd : File; CONST filename : ARRAY OF CHAR; mode : FileMode; VAR status: IOStatus );
PROCEDURE modeOf ( fd : File ) : Mode;
PROCEDURE statusOf (fd: File): IOStatus;
PROCEDURE isValidFile ( fd : File ) : BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE isSpecialFile ( fd : File ) : BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE Read ( fd : File; VAR data : OCTET );
PROCEDURE ReadBlock (fd: File; VAR data: ARRAY OF OCTET; octetsRead: IOSize);
PROCEDURE ReadBlockAtOffset ( fd:File; VAR data: ARRAY OF OCTET; VAR octetsRead: IOSize; offset:FilePos );
PROCEDURE Write ( fd : File; data : OCTET );
PROCEDURE WriteBlock ( fd:File; CONST data: ARRAY OF OCTET; octetsWritten: IOSize );
PROCEDURE WriteBlockAtOffset ( fd:File; data: ARRAY OF OCTET; VAR octetsRead: IOSize; offset:FilePos );
PROCEDURE eof ( fd : File ) : BOOLEAN;
PROCEDURE SetPos ( fd : File; pos : FilePos );
PROCEDURE Advance ( fd : File; offset : FilePos );
PROCEDURE Rewind ( fd : File );
PROCEDURE SetRelPos ( fd : File; from : From; offset : RelPos; VAR newPos : FilePos );
PROCEDURE Close ( VAR fd : File; VAR status : IOStatus );
PROCEDURE CloseAll ( VAR status : IOStatus );
END FileDescIO.
```

Appendix G

IO Library Format Specifiers

Format Specifier Syntax for Type BOOLEAN

```
boolFmtStr := shortBool | longBool ;
shortBool := '[' ( trueSym | falseSym ) ']' ;
alias trueSym, falseSym = PrintableChar ;
longBool := 'TF' | 'Tf' | 'tf' | 'YN' | 'Yn' | 'yn' ;
```

```
WRITE #("TF", bool); (*TRUE or FALSE*) WRITE #("[0|1]", bool); (*0 or 1*)
```

Format Specifier Syntax for Character Types

```
charFmt := quoted? glyph | codePoint ;
quoted := 'Q' | 'QQ' ;
glyph = 'A' | 'UTF8' ;
codePoint := 'U+' digitCount | '0u' digitFmt? ;
digitFmt := digitCount digitGrouping? ;
digitCount := leastNumOfDigits | fixedNumOfDigits ;
alias leastNumOfDigits = '*' ;
fixedNumOfDigits := Digit+ ;
digitGrouping := digitSep digitsPerGroup ;
digitSep := localeDependent | apostrophe | space ;
alias digitsPerGroup = fixedNumOfDigits ;
alias localeDependent = ':' ;
alias apostrophe = "'"
alias space = '_' ;
```

```
WRITE #("Q", char); (*'$'*) WRITE #("QQ", char); (*"$"*) WRITE #("0u8'2", char); (*0u00'00'24*)
```

Format Specifier Syntax for Type OCTET

```
octetFmt := decimalOctet | octetBase16 | base2 ;
decimalOctet := leadSpace? compact | leadZeroes ;
alias leadSpace = '_' ;
alias leadZeroes = 'Z' ;
alias compact = '*' ;
octetBase16 := '0x' | 'X' ;
base2 := ( '0b' | 'B' ) digitFmt ;
```

```
WRITE #("0x", n); (*0x2A*) WRITE #("Z", n); (*042*) WRITE #("0b8'4", n); (*0b0010'1010*)
```

Format Specifier Syntax for Cardinal Types

```
cardinalFmt := decimalCardinal | base16 | base2 ;
decimalCardinal := leadZeroes? ( digitFmt justification? )? ;
alias leadZeroes = 'Z';
digitFmt := intDigits digitGrouping? ;
alias intDigits, digitsPerGroup = digitCount ;
digitCount := Digit+ ;
digitGrouping := digitSep digitsPerGroup ;
digitSep := ':' | '_' | "'" ;
justification := '|' position '|' ;
position := '<' | '>' ;
base16 := ( '0x' | 'X' ) digitFmt ;
base2 := ( '0b' | 'B' ) digitFmt ;
```

Format Specifier Syntax for Integer Types

```
integerFmt := sign? decimalCardinal | base16 | base2 ;
sign := '+' | '-' ;
```

```
WRITE #("0x", i); (*0x2A*) WRITE #("Z", i); (*042*) WRITE #("0b8'4", i); (*0b0010'1010*)
```

Format Specifier Syntax for Real Number Types

```
realFmt := engOrSciFmt | acctFmt ;
engOrSciFmt := ( 'E' )? sign? significand exponent? justification?;
sign := '+' | '-';
significand := intDigits digitGrouping? ';' fracDigits digitGrouping?;
digitGrouping := ':' digitsPerGroup;
exponent := 'e' sign? expDigits digitGrouping?;
alias intDigits, fracDigits, expDigits, digitsPerGroup = digitCount;
digitCount := Digit+;
acctFmt := 'A' ( standard | ledger );
standard := ( sign spacer? | spacer sign ) significand;
alias spacer = '_';
ledger := filler? significand acctSign;
filler := '*' | '=';
acctSign := 'CR' | '()';
```

```
WRITE #("E-2;9e3", r); (* 12.345,678,900e006*) WRITE #("A7:3;2_CR", r); (*1,234,567.89 CR*)
```

Format Specifier Syntax for Character Arrays

```
strFmt := quoted? glyphs ;
quoted := 'Q' | 'QQ' ;
glyphs = 'A' | 'UTF8' ;
```

Format Specifier Syntax for Non-Character Arrays

```
arrayFmt := '{' itemSep '}' ( '|' valueFmt )?;
itemSep := ( ',' | ';' )? '_' ;
valueFmt := boolFmt | octetFmt | cardinalFmt | integerFmt | realFmt;
```

To Do:

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Content

Main Part

- Missing explanation of value constructor {*}
- · More detail on static versus dynamic allocation
- · More detail on allocation of indeterminate records
- More detail on "under-the-hood" transformations

Appendices

· review IO format specifiers

Formatting

- Use LaTeX titling package to define fonts/styles for headings
- Change \rmfamily back to proper roman font when done

Decision

• Should we include FIRST(), LAST(), PREV() and NEXT() and their bindings in the BSK in order to support native syntax for library implemented key/value stores? While not essential for bootstrapping the compiler, it should probably be included in the new edition of PIM and Springer's ideas about page count will likely force us to limit the book to a subset. Of course, we can always make PIM5 a superset of BSK with these four functions added.