

**+ lus - Arms**

**+|**  
label a chapter (produces no arm)  
**+|** [term spec]  
produce a structure arm (type definition)

**++** [term hoon]  
produce a (normal) arm  
**+\*** [term term spec]  
define deferred expression (within a door)

**| bar - Cores**

**|** (lest term) spec  
produce a mold  
**|** spec alas (map term tome)  
produce a door (a core with sample)  
**|**: [hoon hoon]  
produce a gate with a custom sample  
**|** (unit term) (map term tome)  
produce a core (battery and payload)  
**|**. hoon  
produce a trap (a core with one arm)  
**|**^ hoon (map term tome)  
produce a core with a \$ arm and compute the latter

**|**- hoon  
produce a trap (a core with one arm) and evaluate it  
**|** [spec value]  
produce an iron gate  
**|**\* [spec value]  
produce a wet gate (a one-armed core with sample)  
**|**= [spec value]  
produce a dry gate (a one-armed core with sample)  
**|** (unit term) (map term tome)  
produce a wet core (battery and payload)  
**|**? hoon  
produce a lead trap

**\$ buc - Structures**

**|** [spec hoon]  
structure with verification  
**|** hoon  
structure that normalizes to an example  
**|** (list spec)  
structure that recognizes a union tagged by head  
atom  
**|**: (list spec) [a=foo b=bar c=baz]  
form a cell type (tuple)  
**|** [spec spec]  
structure from filter (excluding)  
**|** [spec spec]  
structure from filter (requiring)  
**|** [spec spec]  
structure that normalizes to an example gate

**\_foo** **|** hoon  
structure that normalizes a union tagged by head  
depth  
**|** [spec hoon]  
repaired structure (using normalizing gate)  
**|** [hoon spec]  
define a custom type default value  
**|** [spec spec]  
structure that normalizes a union tagged by head  
atom  
**|**= [skin spec] foo=bar  
structure that wraps a face around another  
structure  
**|**? (list spec) ?(%foo %bar %baz)  
form a type from a union of other types

**% cen - Calls**

**|** [wing (list (pair wing hoon))]  
resolve a wing with changes, preserving type  
**|**: [hoon (list hoon)]  
call a gate with many arguments  
**|**. [hoon hoon]  
call a gate, inverted  
**|** [hoon hoon] (gat smp)  
call a gate  
**|**^ [hoon hoon hoon hoon]  
call a gate with triple sample

**|** [hoon hoon hoon]  
call a gate with a cell sample  
**|** [wing hoon hoon] (arm cr smp)  
evaluate an arm in a door  
**|**\* [wing hoon (list (pair wing hoon))]  
evaluate an expression, then resolves a wing with  
changes  
**|**= [wing (list (pair wing hoon))] (gat smp)  
resolve wing with changes foo(bar 1, baz 2)

**: col • Cells**

|   |  |                                    |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <code>:- [hoon hoon]</code>                       | <code>⋄ (list hoon)</code>                   | <code>⋄ [foo bar baz]</code>       |
| construct a cell, inverted                        | construct a null-terminated list             |                                    |
| <code>:- [hoon hoon] [foo bar] foo^bar</code>     | <code>⋄ (list hoon) [foo bar baz ...]</code> |                                    |
| construct a cell, 2-tuple                         | construct an n-tuple                         |                                    |
| <code>⋄ [hoon hoon hoon hoon]</code>              |  |                                    |
| construct a cell, 4-tuple                         |  |                                    |
| <code>⋄ [hoon hoon hoon] [foo bar baz qux]</code> |  |                                    |
| construct a cell, 3-tuple                         |  |                                    |
|   | <code>::</code>                              | mark a comment (digraph, not rune) |

**. dot • Nock**

|  |                                    |                          |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <code>⋄ [spec hoon]</code>                       | <code>⋄ [hoon hoon]</code>         | <code>⋄ (foo bar)</code> |
| load from namespace using Nock 12 (scur or peek) | test for equality using Nock 5     |                          |
| <code>⋄ atom</code>                              | <code>⋄ (foo)</code>               | <code>⋄ hoon</code>      |
| increment an atom using Nock 4                   | test for cell or atom using Nock 3 |                          |
| <code>⋄ [hoon hoon]</code>                       |                                    |                          |
| evaluate using Nock 2                            |                                    |                          |

**/ fas • Imports (↔ford arm of %clay)**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>⋄ %from %to</code>                              | <code>/= clay-raw /sys/vane/clay</code>  |
| import mark conversion gate from /mar                 | import results of user-specified path with face  |
| <code>⋄ %mark</code>                                  | <code>⋄ myfile %hoon /gen/myfile/hoon</code>   |
| import mark definition from /mar                      | import the contents of a file in the desk converted to a mark (build-time static data) |
| <code>/- foo, *bar, baz=qux</code>                    | <code>⋄ face type /path</code>   |
| import a file from /sur (* no face, = specified face) | import contents of dir as face=(map @ta type)  |
| <code>/+ foo, *bar, baz=qux</code>                    | <code>⋄ pin version number (not enforced)</code>                                       |
| import a file from /lib (* no face, = specified face) |  |

**^ ket • Casts**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>⋄   hoon</code>  | <code>⋄ ? hoon</code>                     |
| convert a gold core to an iron core (invariant)  | convert a core to a zinc core (covariant) |
| <code>⋄ : spec</code>  | <code>⋄ ⋄ hoon</code>                     |
| produce a 'factory' gate for a type (switch from regular parsing to spec/type parsing) | fold constant at compile time             |
| <code>⋄ [hoon hoon]</code>   | <code>⋄ ⋄ spec</code>                     |
| typecast on value  | bunt, produces default mold value         |
| <code>⋄ [spec hoon]</code>   | <code>⋄ [skin hoon]</code>                |
| typecast by explicit type label  | bind name to a value                      |
| <code>⋄ ⋄ [hoon hoon]</code>   | <code>⋄ ? hoon</code>                     |
| typecast by inferred type (a fence)  | convert a core to a lead core (bivariant) |

**: mic macros**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>:: [hoon (list hoon)] : (gat foo bar baz)</code> | <code>:: [spec hoon]</code>   |
| call a binary function as an n-ary function            | normalize with a mold, asserting fixpoint                             |
| <code>:/ hoon</code>                                   | <code>⋄ [hoon (list hoon)]</code>                                     |
| (Sail) yield tape as XML element                       | glue a pipeline together with a product-sample adapter (monadic bind) |
| <code>⋄ [spec hoon hoon hoon]</code>                   | <code>⋄ ⋄</code>  |
| glue a pipeline together (monadic bind)                | (Sail) make list of XML nodes from Hoon expression                    |
| <code>⋄ ⋄</code>                                       | <code>⋄ ⋄ marl : hoot</code>  |
| (Sail) make a single XML node                          | (Sail) make a list of XML nodes                                       |

**~ sig • Hints**

`|` [hoon hoon]  
 print in stack trace if failure  
`~` [term hoon]  
 profiler hit counter  
`_` [hoon hoon]  
 print in stack trace, user-formatted  
`~` [chum hoon tyre hoon]  
 register jet  
`/` [chum hoon]  
 register jet with registered context  
`<` [%a(term [term hoon]) hoon]  
 raw hint, applied to product ("backward")

`>` [%a(term [term hoon]) hoon]  
 raw hint, applied to computation ("forward")  
`~` [a hoon]  
 cache computation  
`~` [aud hoon hoon]  
 print (used for debugging)  
`=` [hoon hoon]  
 detect duplicate  
`~` [aud hoon hoon hoon]  
 print conditionally (used for debugging)  
`!` [hoon hoon]  
 print type if compilation failure

**= tis • Subject**

`|` [spec hoon]  
 combine default type value with the subject  
`:` [(list (pair wing hoon)) hoon]  
 change multiple legs in the subject  
`,` [hoon hoon]  
 expose namespace (defines a bridge)  
`.` [wing hoon hoon]  
 change one leg in the subject  
`/` [skin hoon hoon]  
 combine a named noun with the subject  
`<` [hoon hoon]  
 compose two expressions, inverted  
`=>` [hoon hoon]  
 compose two expressions

`--` [hoon hoon]  
 combine a new noun with the subject  
`^` [skin wing hoon hoon]  
 pin the head of a pair; changes a leg with the tail  
`=>` [hoon hoon]  
 combine a new noun with the subject  
`:` [skin hoon hoon]  
 combine a named noun with the subject, inverted  
`=` (list hoon)  
 compose many expressions  
`=` [(pair term (unit spec)) hoon hoon]  
 define an alias  
`=?` [wing hoon hoon hoon]  
 change one leg in the subject conditionally

**? wut conditionals**

`|` (list hoon) [(foo bar baz ...)]  
 logical OR (loobean)  
`?:` [hoon hoon hoon]  
 branch on a boolean test  
`?:` [hoon hoon hoon]  
 branch on a boolean test, inverted  
`?<` [hoon hoon]  
 assert false  
`?>` [hoon hoon]  
 assert true  
`?-` [wing (list (pair spec hoon))]  
 switch against type union, no default  
`?^` [wing hoon hoon]  
 branch on whether a wing of the subject is a cell

`?>` [wing hoon (list (pair spec hoon))]  
 switch against a union, with default  
`?&` (list hoon) [(foo bar baz ...)]  
 logical AND (loobean)  
`?a` [wing hoon hoon]  
 branch on whether a wing of the subject is an atom  
`?n` [wing hoon hoon]  
 branch on whether a wing of the subject is null  
`?=` [spec wing]  
 test pattern match  
`?!` hoon !foo  
 logical NOT (loobean)

**Terminators**

`=` terminate running series of expressions  
 (digraph, not rune)

`--` terminate core expression  
 (digraph, not rune)

**! zap • Wild**

|    |   |    |  |
|----|---|----|--|
| !: | hoon  | !  | [hoon hoon]  |
|    | turn on stack trace                           |    | emit the type for an expression using the type of type |
| !, | [*hoon hoon]                                  | !  | [(list wing) hoon hoon]                                |
|    | emit AST of expression – !,(*hoon expression) |    | evaluate conditional on existence of wing              |
| !. | hoon  | != | hoon   |
|    | turn off stack trace                          |    | make the Nock formula for a Hoon expression            |
| !< | hoon  | !? | [!a {a a}] hoon]                                       |
|    | lift dynamic value into static context        |    | restrict Hoon Kelvin version                           |
| !> | hoon  | !! | ~  |
|    | wrap a noun in its type                       |    | crash  |

**Nock 4K**

A noun is an atom or a cell. An atom is a natural number. A cell is an ordered pair of nouns. Reduce by the first matching pattern; variables match any noun.

|                    |                                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| nock(a)            | *a                                 |                              |
| [a b c]            | [a [b c]]                          |                              |
| ?[a b]             | 0                                  |                              |
| ?a                 | 1                                  |                              |
| + [a b]            | + [a b]                            |                              |
| + a                | 1 + a                              |                              |
| = [a a]            | 0                                  |                              |
| = [a b]            | 1                                  |                              |
| /[1 a]             | a                                  |                              |
| /[2 a b]           | a                                  |                              |
| /[3 a b]           | b                                  |                              |
| /[(a + a) b]       | /[2 /[a b]]                        |                              |
| /[(a + a + 1) b]   | /[3 /[a b]]                        |                              |
| /a                 | /a                                 |                              |
| #[1 a b]           | a                                  |                              |
| #[(a + a) b c]     | #[a [b /[(a + a + 1) c]] c]        |                              |
| #[(a + a + 1) b c] | #[a [/[(a + a) c] b] c]            |                              |
| #a                 | #a                                 |                              |
| *[a [b c] d]       | [*[a b c] *[a d]]                  |                              |
| *[a 0 b]           | /[b a]                             | slot operator (tree address) |
| *[a 1 b]           | b                                  | constant                     |
| *[a 2 b c]         | *[*[a b] *[a c]]                   | evaluate                     |
| *[a 3 b]           | ?*[a b]                            | test for atom                |
| *[a 4 b]           | +*[a b]                            | increment                    |
| *[a 5 b c]         | =*[a b] *[a c]                     | distribution                 |
| *[a 6 b c d]       | *[a *[c d] 0 *[2 3] 0 *[a 4 4 b]]] | if-then-else                 |
| *[a 7 b c]         | *[*[a b] c]                        | compose                      |
| *[a 8 b c]         | *[[*[a b] a] c]                    | extend                       |
| *[a 9 b c]         | *[*[a c] 2 [0 1] 0 b]              | invoke                       |
| *[a 10 [b c] d]    | #[b *[a c] *[a d]]                 | edit noun                    |
| *[a 11 [b c] d]    | *[[*[a c] *[a d]] 0 3]             | hint                         |
| *[a 11 b c]        | *[a c]                             |                              |
| *a                 | *a                                 | interpret                    |

## Syntax

+1:[%a [%b %c]] [%a [%b %c]]

+2:[%a [%b %c]] %a

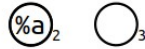
+3:[%a [%b %c]] [%b %c]

+4:[%a [%b %c]] *%ride failed*

+6:[%a [%b %c]] %b

+7:[%a [%b %c]] %c

[%a [%b %c]]



.: [%a [%b %c]] [%a [%b %c]]

-: [%a [%b %c]] %a

+: [%a [%b %c]] [%b %c]

-: [%a [%b %c]] invalid

+&lt;: [%a [%b %c]] %b

+&gt;: [%a [%b %c]] %c

&n *n*th element| n tail after *n*th element

&lt;[1 2 3]&gt; renders list as a tape

&gt;[1 2 3]&lt; renders list as a tank

. current subject

+ +: .

- -: .

+&gt; +&gt;: .

a . b . c limb search path

%y ~ 0 (nil)

%n &amp; yes/true/0

| no/false/1

%a constant

\$ empty term (@tas)

'urbit' cord, atom @t

"urbit" tape or list of characters

=wire shadow type name (in defn)

/path path name

% current path

## lark syntax equivalents

+1 +5 -&gt;

+2 - +6 +&lt;

+3 + +7 +&gt;

+4 -&lt; +8 -&lt; -

^face face in outer core (^ ^ face)

. . arm core in which ++arm is defined

, , . strip the face

-: !&gt; type spear, use as -: !&gt;(.3 .14)

eny entropy

now current time

our ship

`a [~ a]

~[a b c] [a b c ~]

[a b c]~ [[a b c] ~]

a/b [%a b]

## elementary molds

\* noun

@ atom

^ cell

? loobean

~ null

## Aura Notation

Each aura has a characteristic pattern allowing unique identification in its representation. Typically this is indicated by a combination of ~, ., and -.

|  |  |                                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>@</b>   | Empty aura   |                                      |
| <b>@c</b>  | Unicode codepoint                                      | ~~45fed.                             |
| <b>@d</b>  | Date   |                                      |
| <b>@da</b>   | Date, absolute   | ~2020.12.25..7.15.0..1ef5            |
| <b>@dr</b>   | Date, relative   | ~d71.h19.m26.s24..9d55               |
| <b>@f</b>  | Loobean (for compiler, not castable)                   | &                                    |
| <b>@i</b>  | Internet address                                       |                                      |
| <b>@if</b>   | IPv4 address   | .195.198.143.90                      |
| <b>@is</b>   | IPv6 address   | .0.0.0.0.0.1c.c3c6.8f5a              |
| <b>@n</b>  | Nil (for compiler, not castable)                       | ~                                    |
| <b>@p</b>  | Phonemic base  | ~laszod-dozser-fosrum-fanbyr         |
| <b>@q</b>  | Phonemic base, unscrambled (used with Urbit HD wallet) | ~laszod-dozser-dalteb-hilsyn         |
| <b>@r</b>  | IEEE-754 floating-point number                         |                                      |
| <b>@rh</b>   | Floating-point number, half-precision, 16-bit          | ..~3.14                              |
| <b>@rs</b>   | Floating-point number, single-precision, 32-bit        | .3.141592653589793                   |
| <b>@rd</b>   | Floating-point number, double-precision, 64-bit        | ..3.141592653589793                  |
| <b>@rq</b>   | Floating-point number, quadruple-precision, 128-bit    | ...~3.141592653589793                |
| <b>@s</b>  | Integer, signed (sign bit low)                         |                                      |
| <b>@sb</b>   | Signed binary  | --0b10.0000                          |
| <b>@sd</b>   | Signed decimal   | --1.000                              |
| <b>@sv</b>   | Signed base-32   | --0v201.4gvml.245kc                  |
| 0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuv                               |  |                                      |
| <b>@sw</b>   | Signed base-64   | --0w2.04AfS.G8xqc                    |
| 0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  |  |                                      |
| <b>@sx</b>   | Signed hexadecimal                                     | --0x2004.90fd                        |
| 0123456789abcdef   |  |                                      |
| <b>@t</b>  | UTF-8 text (cord)                                      | 'urbit'                              |
| <b>@ta</b>   | ASCII text (knot)                                      | ~.urbit                              |
| <b>@tas</b>  | ASCII text symbol (term)                               | %urbit                               |
| <b>@u</b>  | Integer, unsigned                                      |                                      |
| <b>@ub</b>   | Unsigned binary  | 0b10.1011                            |
| <b>@uc</b>   | Bitcoin address  | 0c1A1zP1eP5QGeFi2DMPTfTL5SLmv7DivfNa |
| 123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ    |  |                                      |
| <b>@ud</b>   | Unsigned decimal                                       | 8.675.309                            |
| <b>@ui</b>   | Unsigned decimal                                       | 0i123456789                          |
| <b>@uv</b>   | Unsigned base-32                                       | 0v88nvd                              |
| 0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuv                               |  |                                      |
| <b>@uw</b>   | Unsigned base-64                                       | 0wx5~J                               |
| 0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ-- |  |                                      |
| <b>@ux</b>   | Unsigned hexadecimal                                   | 0x84.5fed                            |
| 0123456789abcdef   |  |                                      |

Capital letters at the end of auras conventionally indicate the bitwidth in binary powers of two, starting from A = 2<sup>0</sup>.

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| <b>@tD</b>  | 8-bit ASCII text                                       |
| <b>@rhE</b> | half-precision (16-bit) floating-point number          |
| <b>@uxG</b> | unsigned 64-bit hexadecimal                            |
| <b>@uvJ</b> | unsigned 512-bit integer (frequently used for entropy) |