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Extended Pascal → D

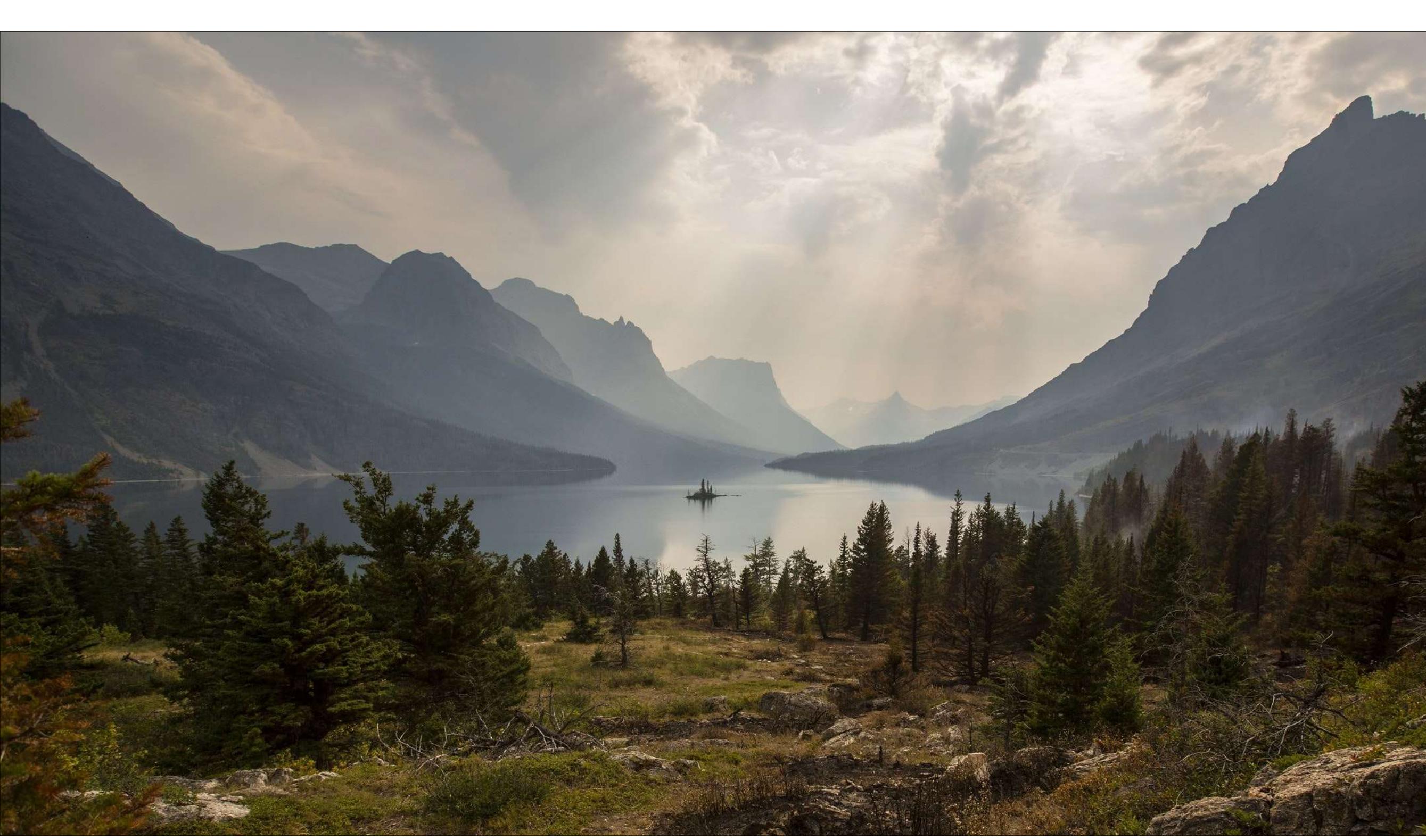
ca. 500 kloc

In parallel with development

Conversion of the DMD frontend from C++ to D



DConf 2015



22 May 2015

commit #8

Transcompile "Hello, World!"

263 loc

```
246     unittest
247     {
248         assert(toD(EP(
249             `program`·MyTest(output));
250
251     begin
252         writeln('Hello·D's·"World"! ');
253     end.`))
254     ==
255     `import·std.stdio;
256
257     .
258
259     void·main(string[]·args)
260     {
261         writeln("Hello·D's·\"World\"!");
262     }`);
263 }
```

Pascal2D ▶ D p2d.d ▶ ...

```
1 import pegged.grammar;
2
3 //·Extended·Pascal·grammar.
4 //·Comments·refer·to·the·section·numbers·in·ISO·10206
5 //·http://pascal-central.com/docs/iso10206.pdf
6 mixin(grammar(`

7 EP:
8   ···· CompileUnit ···<-· Program · eoi
9
10 #·Token·separators
11   ···· _ ···· <-· ( ·WhiteSpace · / ·Comment · / ·InlineComment · ) · _ ·*
12   ····WhiteSpace · <-· ( ·"·"· / ·"\t" · / ·endOfLine · )+
13
14 #·Comments:
15   ···· CommentOpen ···· <-· {" · / · "(" ·*
16   ···· CommentClose ···· <-· "}" · / · ")" ·"
17   ···· CommentContent · <-· ( · !CommentClose · · ) ·*
18   ···· InlineComment · · <-· CommentOpen · CommentContent · CommentClose · !endOfLine
19   ···· Comment · · · · <-· CommentOpen · CommentContent · CommentClose · &endOfLine
20
21 #·6.1.1
22   ···· Digit · · · · <-· [0-9]
```

```
108  □ #·6.9.1
109  |····Statement···<-·(·Label·":"·)?·SimpleStatement
110
111  □ #·6.9.2.1
112  |····SimpleStatement·<-·ProcedureStatement
113
```

6.9.3.2 Compound-statements

A compound-statement shall specify execution of the statement-sequence of the compound-statement.

compound-statement = ‘begin’ statement-sequence ‘end’ .

```
120  ⊞ #·6.9.3.2
121      ····CompoundStatement···<-·"begin"·StatementSequence·"end"
122
```

```
159     string::toD(ParseTree::p)
160 {
161     import std.container;
162     auto imports = new RedBlackTree!string;
163
164     string escapeString(string s)
165     + {
166         ...
167     }
168
169
170     string translateAny(ParseTree::p)
171     + {
172         ...
173     }
174
175
176     auto code = translateAny(p);
177
178     string importDeclaration;
179     foreach(imp; imports[]) {
180         importDeclaration ~= "import ~ imp ~;\n";
181     }
182
183     return importDeclaration ~ "\n" ~ code;
184 }
185
```

```
240 struct ParseTree
241 {
242     string name; // The node's name
243     bool successful; // Indicates whether a parsing was
244     string[] matches; // The matched input's parts. Some
245
246     string input; // The input string that generated this tree
247     size_t begin, end; // Indices for the matched part
248
249     ParseTree[] children; // The sub-trees created by splitting
250 }
```

```
159     string::toD(ParseTree::p)
160 {
161     import std.container;
162     auto imports = new RedBlackTree!string;
163
164     string escapeString(string s)
165     + {
166     }
167
168     string translateAny(ParseTree::p)
169     + {
170     }
171
172     auto code = translateAny(p);
173
174     string importDeclaration;
175     foreach(imp; imports[]) {
176         importDeclaration ~= "import ~ imp ~;\n";
177     }
178
179     return importDeclaration ~ "\n" ~ code;
180 }
```



```
212     case "EP.CompoundStatement":  
213         return "{" ~ translateChildren(p) ~ "}";  
214     case "EP.SimpleStatement":  
215         return translateChildren(p) ~ ";";  
216     case "EP.CharacterString":  
217         return "\"" ~ escapeString(translateChildren(p)) ~ "\"";  
218     case "EP.ApostropheImage":  
219         return '\'';  
220     case "EP.WritelnParameterList":  
221         return "(" ~ translateChildren(p) ~ ")";  
222  
223     // These translate verbally  
224     case "EP.ProcedureName", "EP.StringCharacter":  
225         return p.input[p.begin ... p.end];  
226  
227     default:  
228         if(startsWith(p.name, "literal")) // Disregard keywords etc.  
229             return "";  
230         assert(false, p.name ~ " is unhandled.");  
231 }
```

```
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250
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258
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260     {
261         writeln("Hello·D's·\"World\"!");
262     }`);
263 }
```

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}

class Solution {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}
```

263
264
265
266
267
268
269

```
263     mixin(
```



```
264
```



```
265
```



```
266
```



```
267
```



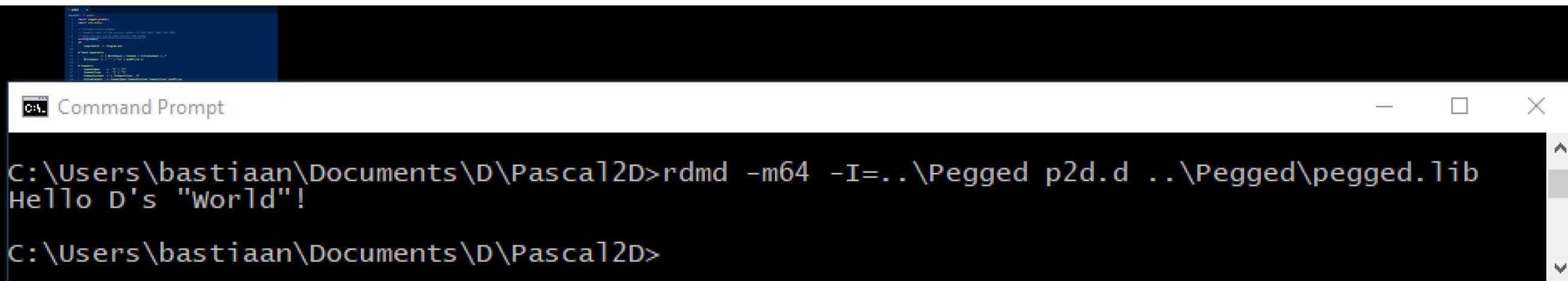
```
268
```



```
269
```

```
263 mixin(`  
264 program·MyTest(output);  
265  
266 begin  
267 |....writeln('Hello·D's·"World"!');  
268 end.  
269 `
```

```
program MyTest;  
begin  
writeln('Hello·D's·"World"!');  
end.
```



```
rdmd -m64 -I=..\\Pegged p2d.d ..\\Pegged\\pegged.lib
Hello D's "World"!
C:\Users\bastiaan\Documents\D\Pascal2D>
```

```
263 mixin(`  
264 program·MyTest(output);  
265  
266 begin  
267 |....writeln('Hello·D''s·"World"!');  
268 end.  
269 `·EP.toD);
```

Transcompiler

^ld"!');

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`^ld"!');`

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```
|`ld"!');
```

Transcompiler

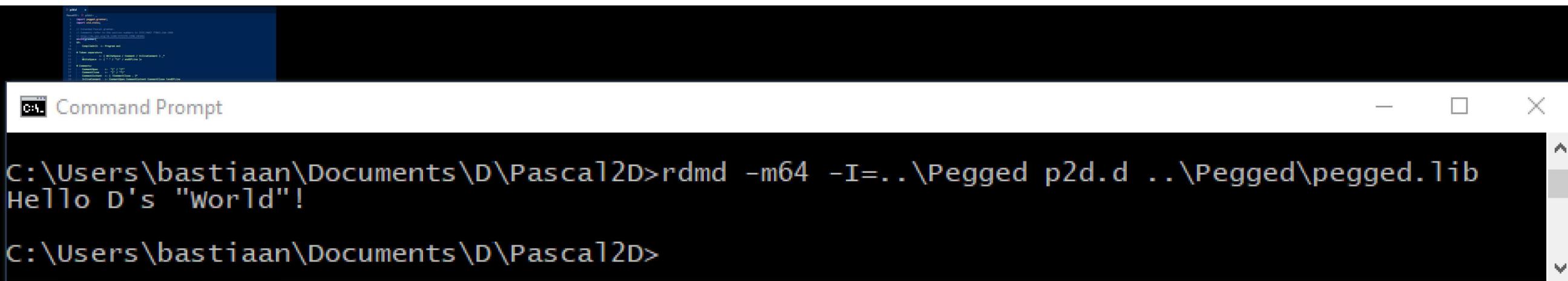
Parser

- ❑ Module import
- ❑ Symbol table
- ❑ Scope
- ❑ Semantic analysis
- ❑ Error reporting
- ❑ Optimization
- ❑ Code generation
- ❑ Rely on similarities
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a * b
- ❑ Microtranslation

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```
rdmd -m64 -I=..\\Pegged p2d.d ..\\Pegged\\pegged.lib
Hello D's "World"!
C:\Users\bastiaan\Documents\D\Pascal2D>
```

```
263 mixin(`  
264 program·MyTest(output);  
265  
266 begin  
267 |....writeln('Hello·D''s·"World"!');  
268 end.  
269 `·EP.toD);
```

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Import statements
        import java.util.*;
        import java.io.*;

        // Constant definitions
        final String FILENAME = "C:\\Users\\Administrator\\Desktop\\Java\\src\\HelloWorld.java";
        final String CLASSNAME = "HelloWorld";
        final String SOURCECODE = "public class HelloWorld {\n    public static void main(String[] args) {\n        System.out.println(\"Hello World!\");\n    }\n}\n";
        final String OUTPUT = "Hello World!\n";
        final String EXPECTED_OUTPUT = "Hello World!\n";
        final String TEST_NAME = "HelloWorldTest";
        final String TEST_OUTPUT = "Hello World!\n";
        final String TEST_EXPECTED_OUTPUT = "Hello World!\n";
        final String TEST_MESSAGE = "HelloWorldTest passed successfully!";

        // Test cases
        TestCase test1 = new TestCase(FILENAME, SOURCECODE, CLASSNAME, OUTPUT, EXPECTED_OUTPUT, TEST_NAME, TEST_OUTPUT, TEST_EXPECTED_OUTPUT, TEST_MESSAGE);

        // Run tests
        test1.run();
    }
}
```

```
String buildOutputString()
{
    String outputString = "Import statements:\n";
    outputString += SOURCECODE;
    outputString += "\nConstant definitions:\n";
    outputString += SOURCECODE;
    outputString += "\nClass definition:\n";
    outputString += CLASSNAME + " {\n";
    outputString += "    public static void main(String[] args) {\n";
    outputString += "        System.out.println(\"Hello World!\");\n";
    outputString += "    }\n";
    outputString += "}\n";
    outputString += "\nOutput:\n";
    outputString += OUTPUT;
    outputString += "\nExpected Output:\n";
    outputString += EXPECTED_OUTPUT;
    outputString += "\nTest Name:\n";
    outputString += TEST_NAME;
    outputString += "\nTest Output:\n";
    outputString += TEST_OUTPUT;
    outputString += "\nTest Expected Output:\n";
    outputString += TEST_EXPECTED_OUTPUT;
    outputString += "\nTest Message:\n";
    outputString += TEST_MESSAGE;

    return outputString;
}

public void run()
{
    try
    {
        // Create a process builder
        ProcessBuilder pb = new ProcessBuilder("javac", "-d", "bin", FILENAME);
        pb.redirectErrorStream(true);
        Process process = pb.start();

        // Read the output from the process
        BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(process.getInputStream()));
        String output = reader.readLine();
        String expectedOutput = EXPECTED_OUTPUT;

        if (output.equals(expectedOutput))
        {
            System.out.println("Test passed!");
        }
        else
        {
            System.out.println("Test failed!");
        }
    }
    catch (IOException e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
}
}
```

source › D epgrammar.d › ...

20 enum EPgrammar = ``

21 EP;

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source › D generate.d › ...

5 import pegged.grammar;

6 import epgrammar;

source › D make.d › ...

4 void main(string[] opts) in (opts.length == 2)

5 {} dub.json › []preGenerateCommands

6

7 19 "excludedSourceFiles": [

8 20 "source/epgrammar.d",

9 21 "source/generate.d",

10 22 "source/make.d"

11 23],

12 24 "preGenerateCommands": [

13 25 "cd \$PACKAGE_DIR/source && rdmd make.d \$PEGGED_PACKAGE_DIR"

14 26],

15 auto args = ["rdmd", "-I" ~ opts[1], "generate.d"];

18805 } ... }

18806 }

18807

18808 alias GenericEP!(ParseTree).EP EP;

18809

18810

19 kloc

examples/generated-source does not work. Regression in preGenerateCommands. #1474

Open

veelo opened this issue on 17 May 2018 · 3 comments

source ↗ D epgrammar.d ↘ ...

```
20 enum EPgrammar = ``  
21 EP:  
22     BNVCompileUnit <- Program.eoi  
23  
24 # 6.1.1  
25     Digit <- digit
```

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source ↗ D epparser.d ↘ ...

```
18805     }  
18806 }  
18807  
18808 alias GenericEP!(ParseTree).EP EP;  
18809  
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```

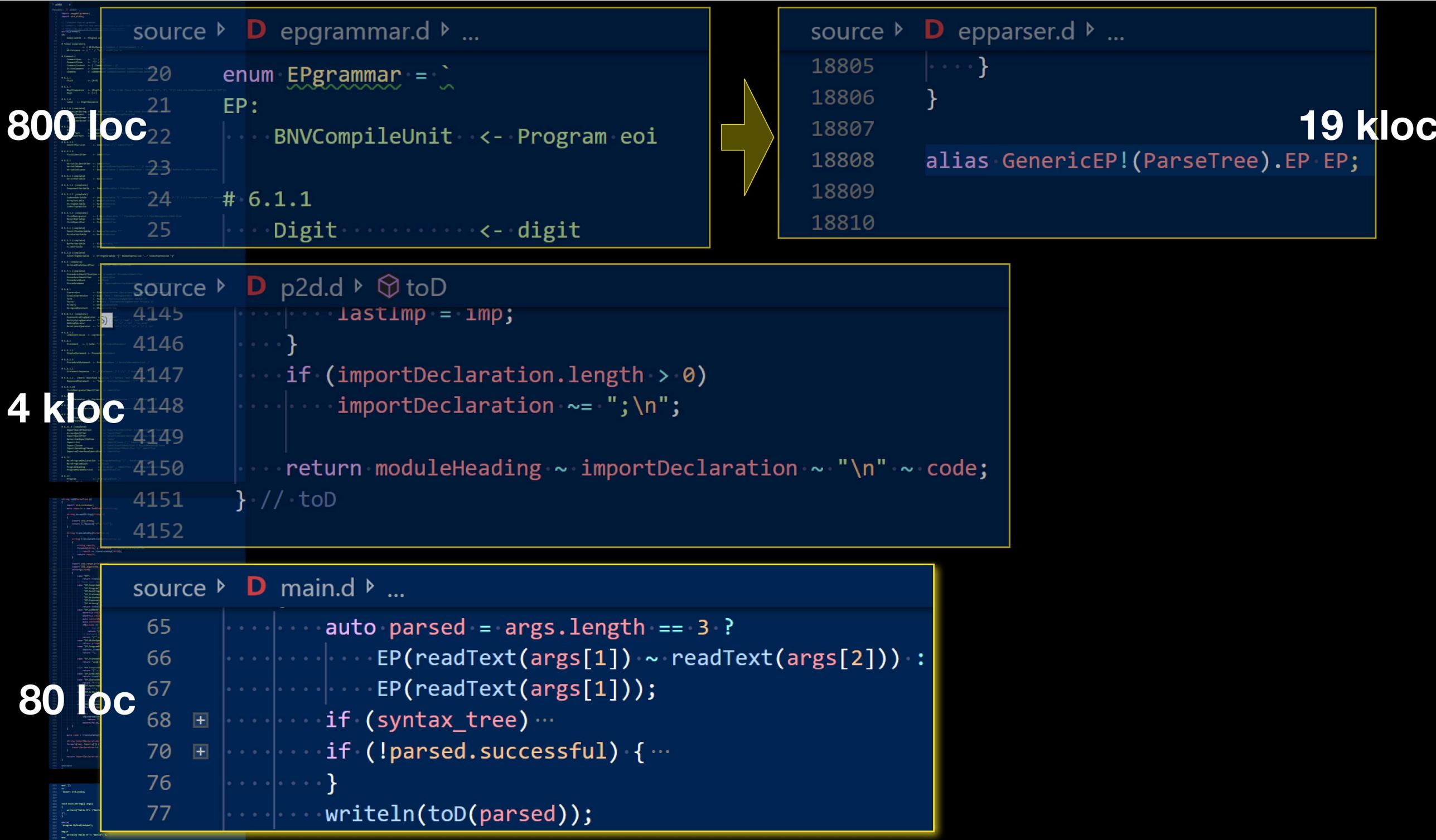
19 kloc



source ↗ D p2d.d ↘ toD

```
4145     lastImp = imp;  
4146     }  
4147     if (importDeclaration.length > 0)  
4148         importDeclaration += ";" + "\n";  
4149  
4150     return moduleHeading + importDeclaration + "\n" + code;  
4151 } // toD  
4152
```

4 kloc



```
transcompiler
```

pascal2d

transcompiler

dub

epcompat

library

dub sub

tests

rdmd

pascal2d

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dub

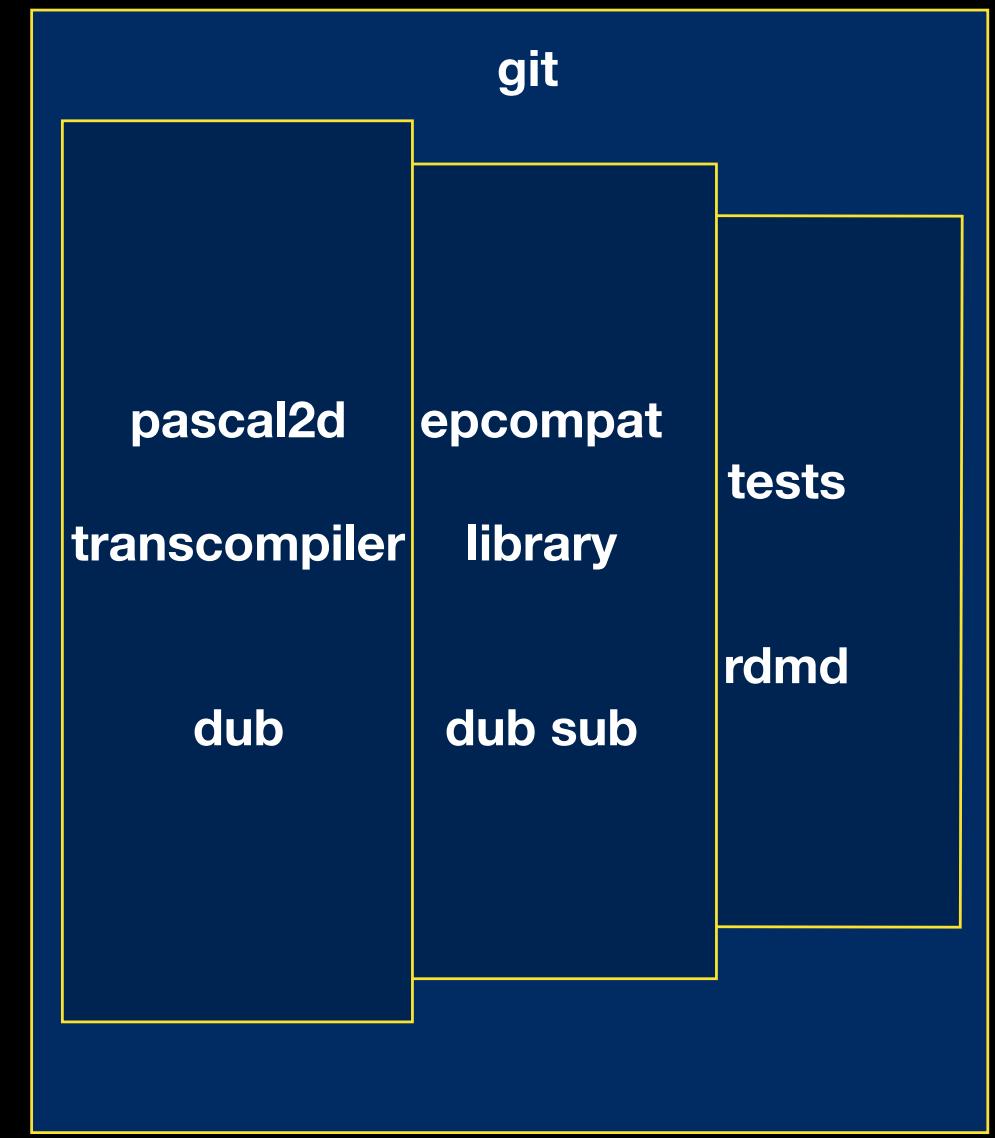
epcompat

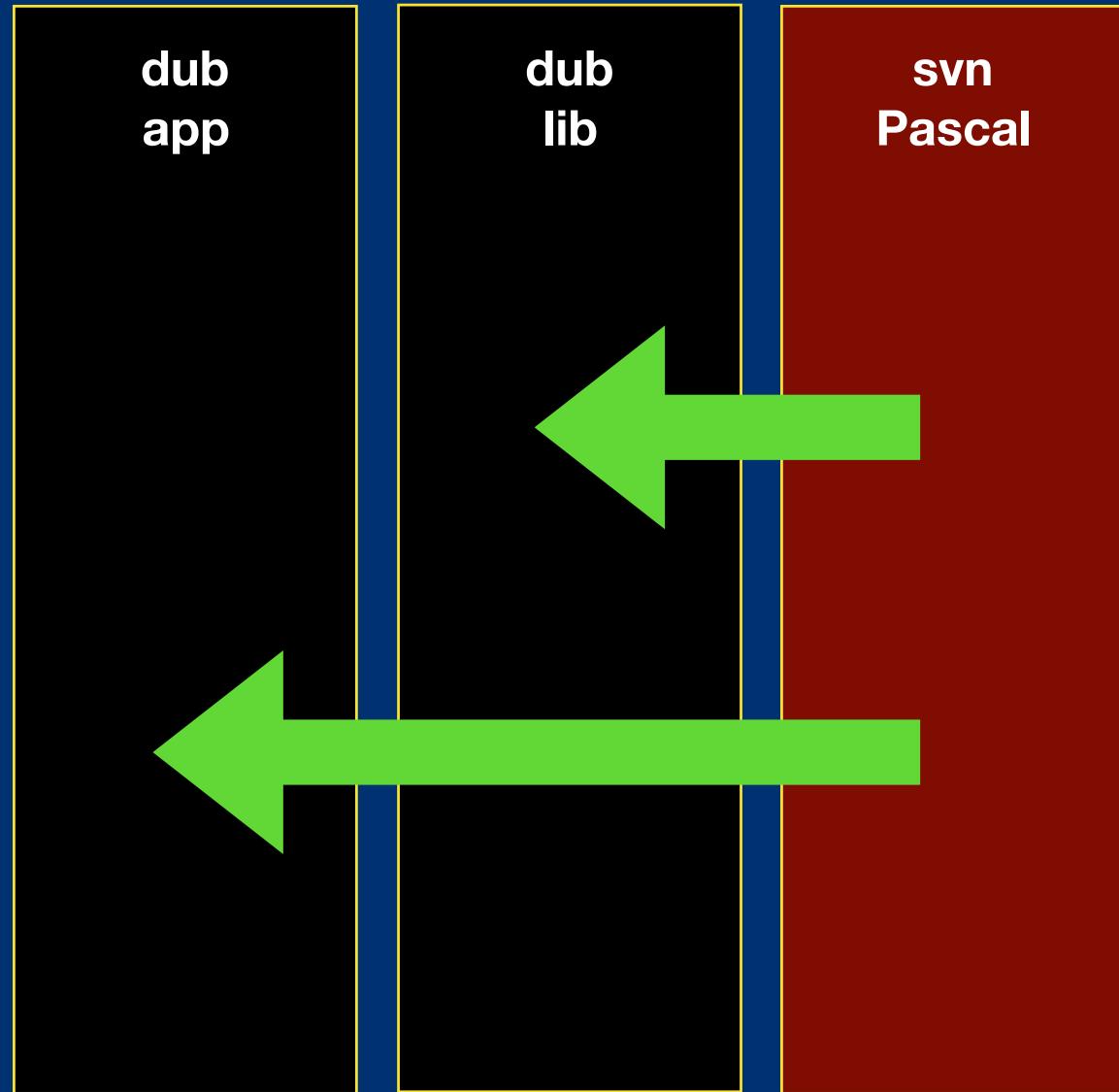
library

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tests

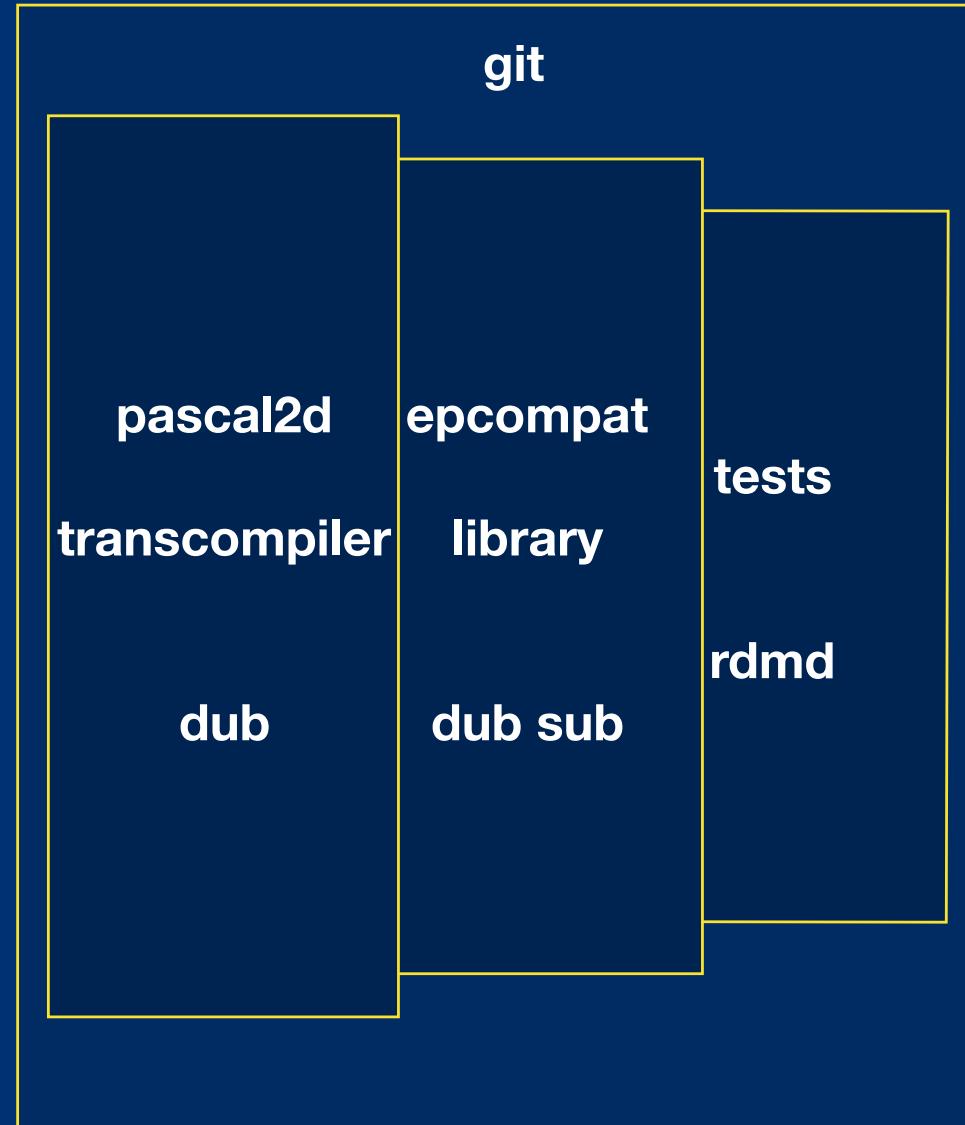
rdmd





git

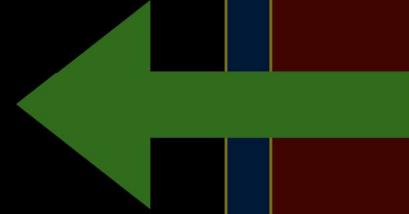
**rdmd
transpile.d**



dub
app

dub
lib

svn
Pascal



git

rdmd
transpile.d

```
rdmd transpile.d
```

git

pascal2d
transcompiler

epcompat
library

tests

```
73     .... ["trunk/PIAS/source/sentinel.hdr"] ..... .tr("PIAS_D/source/sentinel.di"); //·interface
74     .... ["trunk/PIAS/source/serial.hdr",
75     .... | "trunk/PIAS/source/serial.pas"] ..... .tr("PIAS_D/source/serial.d");
76     .... ["trunk/PIAS/source/shmem.pas"] ..... .tr("PIAS_D/source/shmem.d");
```

dub
app

dub
lib

svn
Pascal

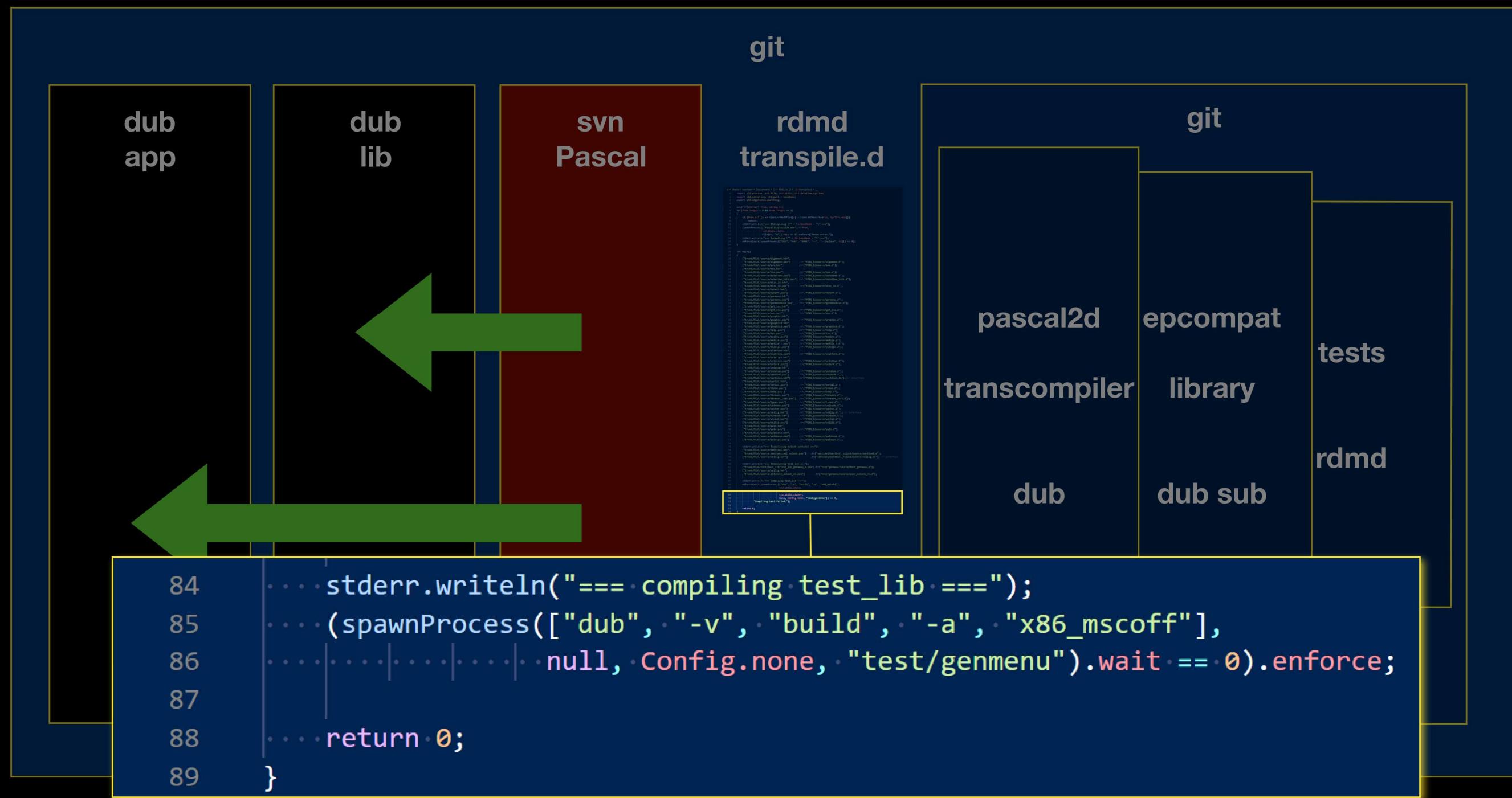
git

rdmd
transpile.d

git

```
5     immutable SysTime transpilerTime;
6     static this(){ transpilerTime = timeLastModified("Pascal2D/pascal2d.exe"); }
7
8     void tr(string[] from, string to)
9     in (from.length > 0 && from.length <= 2)
10    {
11        immutable targetTime = timeLastModified(to, SysTime.min);
12        if (targetTime > transpilerTime &&
13            from.all!(a => targetTime > timeLastModified(a)))
14        {
15            return;
16            stderr.writeln("== transpiling \"~to.baseName~\" ==");
17            (spawnProcess(["Pascal2D/pascal2d.exe"] ~ from, std.stdio.stdin,
18            File(to, "w")).wait == 0).enforce("Parse error.");
19            stderr.writeln("== formatting \"~to.baseName~\" ==");
20            (spawnProcess(["dub", "run", "dfmt", "--", "--inplace", to]).wait == 0).enforce;
```





git

dub
app

**dub
lib**

**svn
Pascal**

**rdmd
transpile.d**

git

pascal2d | epcompat

tests
rdmd

1. Case sensitivity
2. Use of identifiers that are D keywords
3. Type conversions that are implicit in Pascal but need a cast in D
4. Dealing with mutable strings
5. Calls into the WinAPI that need an `&` on arguments in D



Passes

- read files
- lex
- parse
- create symbol table
- semantic 1
- semantic 2
- semantic 3
- inline
- glue
- optimize
- generate code
- write to object file

Windows systeemfoutmelding



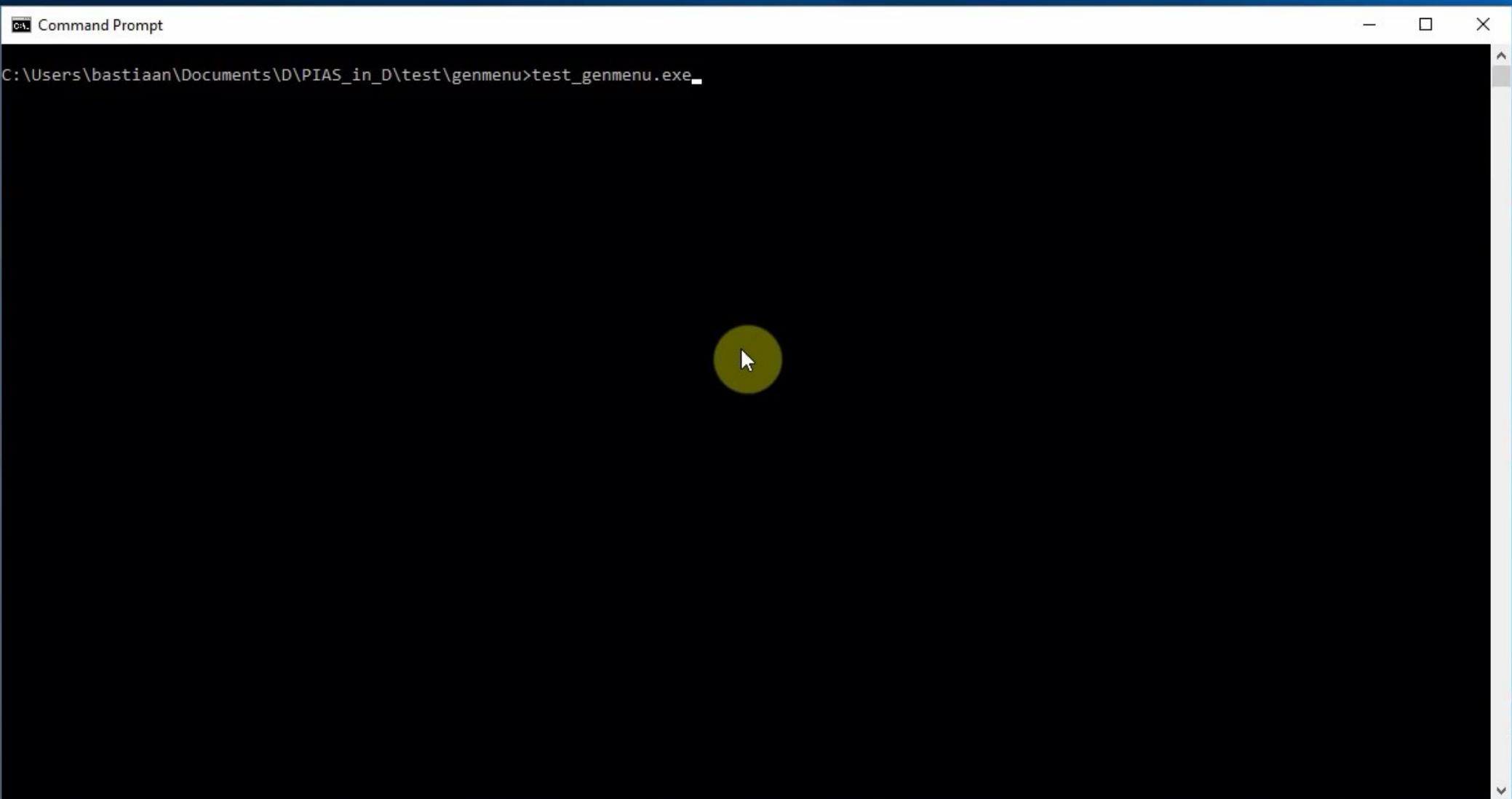
Windows foutnummer 1812 (0x0000000000000714). De omschrijving hiervan luidt: The specified image file did not contain a resource section.

PIAS actie op dat moment: Ywin/Loading PIAS icon.
Dit is geen foutmelding van PIAS, maar van Windows.

OK

Command Prompt

C:\Users\bastiaan\Documents\D\PIAS_in_D\test\genmenu>test_genmenu.exe



The image shows a Windows Command Prompt window titled "Command Prompt". The window is black and contains the command "C:\Users\bastiaan\Documents\D\PIAS_in_D\test\genmenu>test_genmenu.exe". The window has standard minimize, maximize, and close buttons at the top right. It is positioned over a blue Windows desktop background.

Tips & Tricks



```
1 program test;
2
3 procedure foo;
4 begin
5   ... {Complicated stuff}
6 end;
7
8 begin
9 end.
10
```

```
1 // Program name: test
2 void foo()
3 {
4   ... //Complicated stuff
5 }
6
7 void main(string[] args)
8 {
9 }
10
```

```
1 program test;
2
3 procedure foo;
4 begin
5   {$P2D_substitute_begin}
6   {Complicated stuff}
7   {$P2D_substitute_end}
8 end;
9
10 begin
11 end.
12
```

```
1 // Program name: test
2 void foo()
3 {
4 }
5
6 void main(string[] args)
7 {
8 }
9
```

```
1 program test;
2
3 procedure foo;
4 begin
5   {$P2D_substitute_begin
6   // Manual cleverness
7   }
8   {Complicated stuff}
9   {$P2D_substitute_end}
10 end;
11
12 begin
13 end.
14
```

```
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3 {
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5 }
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7 void main(string[] args)
8 {
9 }
10
```

```
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3 procedure foo;
4 begin
5   {$P2D_substitute_begin
6   // Manual cleverness
7   }
8   {Complicated stuff}
9   {$P2D_substitute_end}
10 end;
11
12 begin
13   {$P2D_insert import std;
14   writeln("Running D.");}
15 end.
16
```

```
1 // Program name: test
2 void foo()
3 {
4   // Manual cleverness
5 }
6
7 void main(string[] args)
8 {
9   import std;
10
11 writeln("Running D.");
12 }
13
```

```
1 program test;
2
3 {$P2D_substitute_begin
4 void foo()
5 |
6 ....//·Manual·cleverness·
7 |
8 }
9 procedure foo;
10 begin
11 ....{Complicated·stuff}
12 end;
13 {$P2D_substitute_end}
14
15 begin
16 end.
17
```

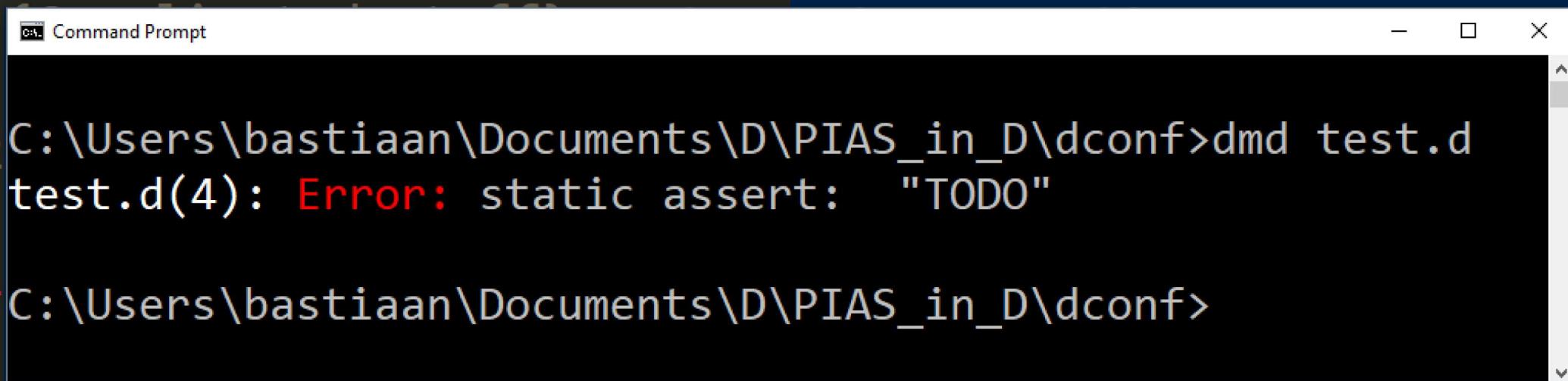
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1 //·Program·name:·test
2 void foo()
3 {
4 ....//·Manual·cleverness·
5 }
6
7 void main(string[] args)
8 {
9 }
10
```

```
1 program test;
2
3 {$P2D_substitute_begin
4 void foo()
5 |
6     assert(false, "TODO");
7 |
8 }
9 procedure foo;
10 begin
11     {Complicated stuff}
12 end;
13 {$P2D_substitute_end}
14
15 begin
16 end.
17
```

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1 // Program name: test
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4     assert(false, "TODO");
5 }
6
7 void main(string[] args)
8 {
9 }
10
```

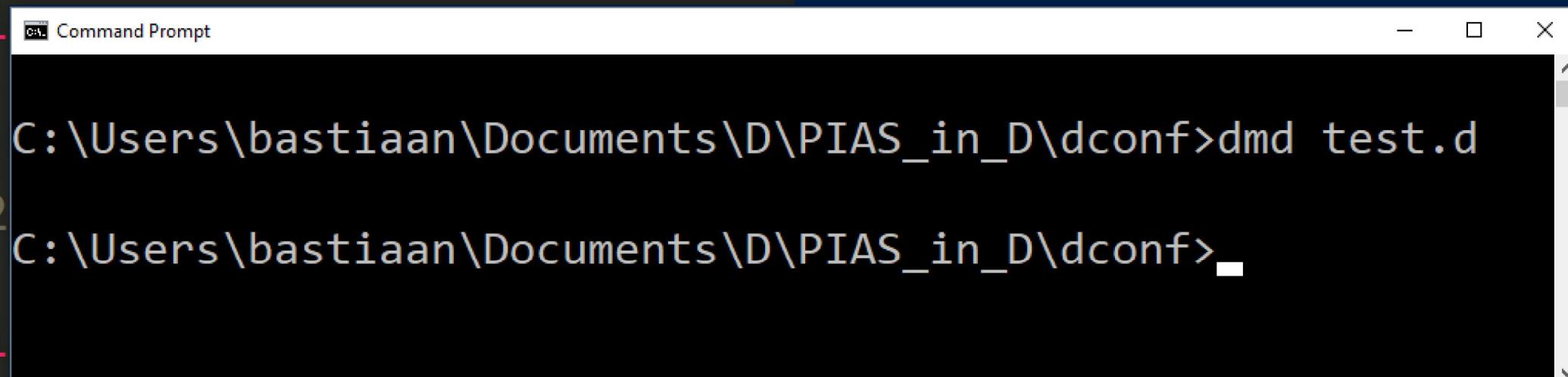
```
1 program test;
2
3 {$P2D_substitute_begin
4 void foo()
5 |
6     static assert(false, "TODO"
7 |
8 }
9 procedure foo;
10 begin
11     ...
12 end;
13 {$P2
C:\Users\bastiaan\Documents\D\PIAS_in_D\dconf>dmd test.d
14 test.d(4): Error: static assert:  "TODO"
15 begin
16 end.
17
```

```
1 // Program.name: test
2 void foo()
3 {
4     static assert(false, "TODO")
5 }
6
7 void main(string[] args)
8 {
9 }
10
```



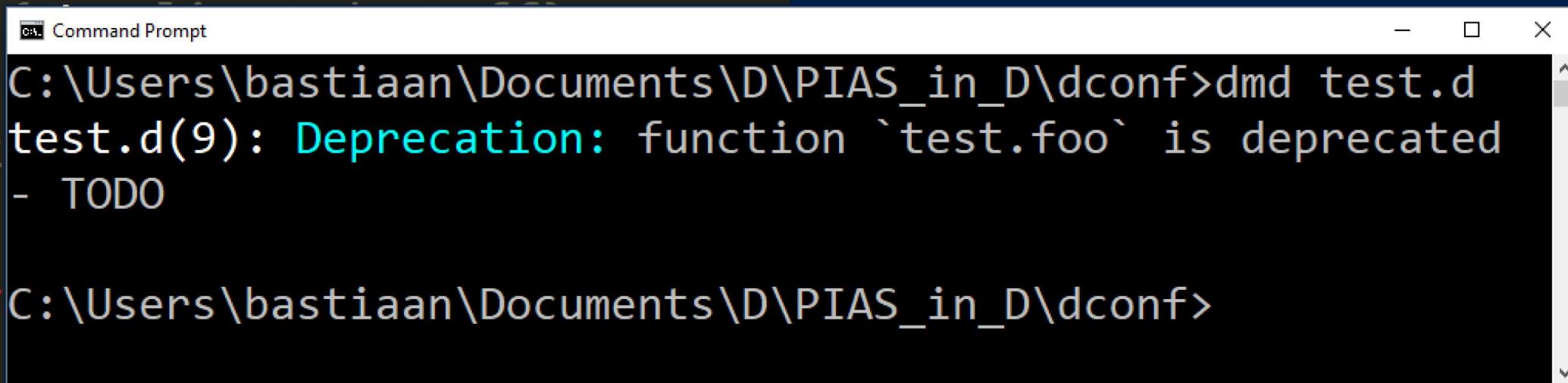
```
1 program test;
2
3 {$P2D_substitute_begin
4 deprecated("TODO")
5 void foo()
6 |
7 | assert(false, "TODO");
8 |
9 }
10 procedure foo;
11 begin
12 |
13 end;
14 {$P2
15 begin
16 end.
17
18
```

```
1 // Program.name: test
2 deprecated("TODO") void foo()
3 {
4     assert(false, "TODO");
5 }
6
7 void main(string[] args)
8 {
9 }
10
```



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6 ····assert(false, ·"TODO");
7 |
8 }
9 procedure foo;
10 begin
11 ····
12 end;
13 {$P2
14 begin
15 end.
16 ····
17 end.
```

```
1 // ·Program·name: ·test
2 deprecated("TODO")·void·foo()
3 {
4     ····assert(false, ·"TODO");
5 }
6
7 void·main(string[]·args)
8 {
9     ····foo;
10 }
```



```
1 program test(output);
2
3 var i, j : boolean;
4 begin
5   if i and j then
6     writeln('both true');
7 end.
8
```

```
1 import epcompat;
2 import std.stdio;
3 import std.traits::isCallable, ReturnType;
4
5 // Program.name::test
6 bool i, j;
7 void main(string[] args)
```

Command Prompt

```
test ~master: building configuration "application"...
test.d(9,5): Error: static assert: "Cannot be bitwise factor, AND should be AND_THEN in the Pascal source."
c:\D\dm2\windows\bin\dm.exe failed with exit code 1.

C:\Users\bastiaan\Documents\DM\PIAS_in_DM\dconf>
```

```
14 .....|.....|....."Cannot be bitwise factor, ..
15 .....|.....|.....if(i & j)
16 .....|.....|
17 .....|.....|.....writeln("both true");
18 .....|.....}
19 }
```

```
1 program test(output);
2
3 var i, j : boolean;
4 begin
5   if i and_then j then
6     writeln('both true');
7 end.
```

```
1 import epcompat;
2 import std.stdio;
3
4 // Program.name: test
5 bool i, j;
6 void main(string[] args)
7 {
8   if (i && j)
9     writeln("both true");
10 }
```

```
1 program test(output);
2
3 var i : boolean;
4 begin
5   if not i then
6     writeln('not i');
7 end.
8
```

```
1 import epcompat;
2 import std.stdio;
3 import std.traits :: isBoolean, Bool
4
5 // Program.name: test
6 bool i;
7 void main(string[] args)
8 {
9   static assert(is(BooleanTypeOf!
10               (isCallable!i &&
11               "Boolean type test"));
12   if (!i)
13   {
14     writeln("not i");
15   }
16 }
17
```

```
1 program test(output);
2
3 var i, j : integer;
4 begin
5   j := not i;
6 end.
7
```

```
1 import std.stdio;
2 import std.traits::isBoolean, BooleanTypeOf, is
3
4 // Program.name: test
5 int i, j;
6 void main(string[] args)
7 {
8   static assert(is(BooleanTypeOf!(typeof(i))::
9     (isCallable!i && isBoolean!(Re
10    "Boolean type test failed. If
11    j = !i;
12 }
```

```
Command Prompt
test.d(8,5): Error: static assert: "Boolean type test failed. If it should be Boolean then make^
sure to not use a custom type like "boolean0". To force bitwise negation, use "{$P2D_bitwise}NO
T" in the Pascal source."
C:\D\dmd2\windows\bin\dmd.exe failed with exit code 1.

C:\Users\bastiaan\Documents\PIAS_in_D\dconf>
```

```
1 program test(output);
2
3 var i, j : integer;
4 begin
5   j := {$P2D_bitwise}not i;
6 end.
7
```

```
1 import std.stdio;
2 import std.traits : isCallable, ReturnType
3
4 // Program.name: test
5 int i, j;
6 void main(string[] args)
7 {
8     static assert(is(IntegralTypeOf!(typ
9     |(isCallable!i && isInt
10    |"Cannot be bitwise negat
11    j = ~i;
12 }
```

```
1 program test:
```

C:\ Command Prompt

```
test.d(13,13): Error: function test.call_dlg(void delegate() dlg) is not callable using argument types (void)
test.d(13,13):             cannot pass argument my_dlg() of type void to parameter void delegate() dlg
C:\D\dmd2\windows\bin\dmd.exe failed with exit code 1.
```

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```
8 procedure too;
```

```
9
10 procedure my_dlg;
11 begin
12 end;
```

```
13
14 begin
15 call_dlg(my_dlg);
16 end;
17
18 begin
19 end.
```

```
1 // .Program.name: .test
```

```
8 {
9     void my_dlg()
10    {
11    }
12
13    call_dlg(my_dlg);
14 }
15
16 void main(string[] args)
17 {
18 }
19
```

```
1 program test;
2
3 procedure call_dlg(procedure dlg);
4 begin
5   . . . dlg;
6 end;
7
8 procedure foo;
9
10  . . . procedure my_dlg;
11  . . . begin
12  . . . end;
13
14 begin
15  . . . call_dlg({$P2D_proc}my_dlg);
16 end;
17
18 begin
19 end.
20
```

```
1 // Program.name: test
2 void call_dlg(void delegate() dlg)
3 {
4   . . . dlg;
5 }
6
7 void foo()
8 {
9   . . . void my_dlg()
10  . . . {
11  . . . }
12
13  . . . call_dlg(&my_dlg);
14 }
15
16 void main(string[] args)
17 {
18 }
19
```

```
test.d(13,13): Error: function test.call_dlg(void delegate() dlg) is not callable using argument^
 types void function()
test.d(13,13):           cannot pass argument & my_dlg of type void function() to parameter void de-
legate() dlg
C:\D\dmdd2\windows\bin\dmdd.exe failed with exit code 1.
```

```
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```

```
'                                     /    void·my_dlg()
8  procedure my_dlg;                      8  {
9  begin                                     9  }
10 end;                                     10
11
12 procedure foo;                         11  void·foo()
13 begin                                     12  {
14     call_dlg({$P2D_proc}my_dlg);        13  |....call_dlg(&my_dlg);
15 end;                                     14  }
16
17 begin                                     15
18 end.                                     16  void·main(string[] args)
19                                         17  {
                                         18  }
                                         19
```

```
1 program test;
2
3 procedure call_dlg(procedure dlg);
4 begin
5   ... dlg;
6 end;
7
8 procedure my_dlg;
9 begin
10 end;
11
12 procedure foo;
13 begin
14   ... call_dlg({$P2D_toDelegate}my_d
15 end;
16
17 begin
18 end.
19
```

```
1 import std.functional::toDelegate;
2
3 // Program.name: test
4 void call_dlg(void delegate() dlg)
5 {
6   ... dlg;
7 }
8
9 void my_dlg()
10 {
11 }
12
13 void foo()
14 {
15   ... call_dlg(toDelegate(&my_dlg));
16 }
17
18 void main(string[] args)
19 {
```

{\$P2D_preserve_index}

{\$P2D_UA}

{\$P2D_string}

{\$P2D_cat}

{\$P2D_array}

{\$P2D_packed}

{\$P2D_method}

Strings

1. **Mutability (in place manipulation and passing to WinAPI)**
2. **Indexing**
3. **file i/o**
4. **winAPI (UTF16 W vs A, taking address of slice, lifetime of toUTF16z)**
5. **fixed capacity**
6. **String pointers and newing strings**

Take any small opportunity
do your best
to make it a bigger one