

Maude natural4 internal documentation

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1 Syntax

1.1 Grammar reference

Here we describe the AST used in Maude, which gives us a concrete syntax resembling some controlled natural language (CNL).

Each nonterminal on the LHS is modelled by an algebraic datatype in Maude, with constructors modelling the RHS of the production rules.

Here we use the metavariables s and n to refer to strings and natural numbers respectively.

```
⟨RuleSet⟩ → [{⟨Rule⟩ “,”} Rule]
⟨Rule⟩ → “START” ⟨Identifier⟩
        | ⟨Regulative⟩
        | ⟨Identifier⟩ “MEANS” ⟨Identifiers⟩
⟨Identifier⟩ → “qid (‘‘s’’)”
⟨Identifiers⟩ → “NOTHING” | {⟨⟨Identifier⟩ | “NOTHING”⟩ “AND”} ⟨Identifiers⟩
⟨Regulative⟩ →
    “RULE” Identifier
    ⟨ActorDeonticActionDeadline⟩
    ⟨HenceLest⟩
⟨ActorDeonticActionDeadline⟩ → ⟨RKeyword⟩ ⟨Aka⟩ ⟨Deontic⟩ ⟨Deadline⟩ ⟨Action⟩
    | ⟨RKeyword⟩ ⟨Aka⟩ ⟨Deadline⟩ ⟨Deontic⟩ ⟨Action⟩
    | ⟨Deadline⟩ ⟨RKeyword⟩ ⟨Aka⟩ ⟨Deontic⟩ ⟨Action⟩
    | ⟨RKeyword⟩ ⟨Aka⟩ ⟨Deontic⟩ ⟨Action⟩ [⟨Deadline⟩]
⟨RKeyword⟩ → “EVERY” | “PARTY”
⟨Aka⟩ → Identifier [“AKA” Identifier]
⟨Deontic⟩ → “MUST” | “MAY” | “SHANT”
⟨Action⟩ → [“DO”] ⟨Identifier⟩
⟨Deadline⟩ → (“ON” | “WITHIN”) n “DAY”
⟨HenceLest⟩ → [“HENCE” Identifiers] [“LEST” Identifiers]
    | [“LEST” Identifiers] [“HENCE” Identifiers]
```

Note that `qid` is a Maude function meaning “quoted identifier”, which takes a string and turns it into an identifier.

1.2 PDPA example

Here is an example of our AST in Maude.

```
START qid("Assessment"),

RULE qid("Assessment")
EVERY qid("Organisation") AKA qid("You")
MUST WITHIN 30 DAY
DO qid("assess if it is a Notifiable Data Breach")
HENCE qid("Notification")
LEST qid("PDPC query with demand"),
```

```

RULE qid("PDPC query with demand")
PARTY qid("the PDPC")
MAY qid("query You")
HENCE qid("Respond to PDPC"),

RULE qid("Respond to PDPC")
PARTY qid("You")
MUST DO qid("respond to the PDPC"),

qid("Notification") MEANS (qid("Notify PDPC") AND qid("Notify Individuals")),

RULE qid("Notify PDPC")
PARTY qid("You")
MUST qid("NOTIFY the PDPC")
WITHIN 3 DAY
HENCE qid("PDPC prohibit notify individuals"),

RULE qid("PDPC prohibit notify individuals")
PARTY qid("the PDPC")
MAY qid("NOTIFY you")
HENCE qid("Cannot notify individuals"),

RULE qid("Cannot notify individuals")
PARTY qid("You")
SHANT qid("NOTIFY each of the Notifiable Individuals"),

RULE qid("Notify Individuals")
WITHIN 3 DAY
PARTY qid("You")
MUST qid("NOTIFY each of the Notifiable Individuals")
LEST qid("Notify and explain"),

RULE qid("Notify and explain")
PARTY qid("You")
MUST qid("notify each of the Notifiable Individuals")

```