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# Language Reference Manual

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## Introduction

This manual describes the numerous features that GameWizard supplies to create online RPG card game. We start with an overview of the lexical conventions used within the language, follow with the language syntax, and end with a grammar to represent GameWizard.

# **Keywords**

The following identifiers are reserved for use as keywords, and may not be used otherwise:

if, else, for, foreach, while, switch, case, init, round, roundbegin, roundend, dying, close, define, cards, groups, characters, game

## Reserved

## 1. Built-in type names

int, double, string, boolean, Card, Player, Character, Group

# 2. Built-in global function names

wait\_card wait\_input getOtherPlayer shuffle

#### 3. global variables

PlayerList
CardList
CharacterList
GroupList
CardStack
DiscardedCardStack

#### 4. Reserved Characters

The following characters are reserved for use in the grammar \* / [ ]

```
=;:==
><>=,
||!=.+
-(){
}<=&&$
```

## **Built-in Global Functions**

boolean wait card(Palyer,Card)

Wait for a specific player to put a specific card. If that player finally give that card within the given time, return true, else return false.

void wait\_input()

Wait for the player who currently in turn to give instruction.

List<Player> getOtherPlayer()

Get a list of player exclude the one whom currently in turn.

void shuffle(List) shuffle any given list

# **Types**

## **Primitive types**

int: 128 bits in size. Same implementation in Java 7.

double: floating numbers are the same as the implementation in Java 7.

boolean: a boolean encapsulates true and false values.

string: A string is a sequence of characters surrounded by double quotation marks.

Character( or char ) is not one of primitive types. There is only string with only one character.

Certain character in string must be represented with escape sequences.

newline \n
horizontal tab \t
carriage return \r
backslash \\
single quote \'
double quote \"

## **Built-in types**

```
GameWizard provide some basic types of elements to construct an on-line RPG
game.
Card{
      void method(Player)
Literally a very basic element in the game, players can use card for different things.
Player{
      void HPadd(int)
                           %%Add player's HP if not reach the upper bound
      void HPdrop(int)
                           %%Drop player's HP
      void setCharacter() %%Randomly set a character for the player
      void setHandCards(List<Card>) %%Let a list of cards become the hand card
of the player
      void setGroup()
                           %%Randomly set the group of the player
    Player choose Target() %%Wait the player to choose a target player
    void getCards(int)
                           %%Get the card for the player from the card stack
    List<Card> putCards(int)%%Put certain number of card
    List<Card> dropCards(int)%%Drop certain number of card
    Card dropTheCard(string)%%drop the card specified by the string
    void useSkill()
                           %%Let the player calls the character's skill
    void win()
                           %%Mark the player as winner
    boolean isInGroup(Group)%%Judge whether a player belongs to one certain
group
%%Player type stands for a unique identifier for the player who enrolled in the game.
Character{
%%Each player can act as different characters, which render different skills for the
player in the game.
Group{
      void win()
                           %%Set the certain group of players to win
%%A group of players are those who have the same winning condition.
```

# **Extended types**

#### List

A list is an ordered data structure that holds zero or more items. A list can be initialized with a comma-separated list of items surrounded by '[' and ']'. List elements can be accessed using the get() method. Additional items can be added and removed with the append() and delete() methods respectively. Lists are dynamically sized as it grows and shrinks, limited only by the machine's available memory.

#### Dict

A dictionary is mutable and is a container type that can store any number of GameWizzard objects. Dictionaries consist of pairs (called items) of keys and their corresponding values, dictionaries are also known as associative arrays or hash tables.

# Scope

#### **Lexical Scope**

Besides all the global variables provided by the system, all programmer-defined variables takes effect from the end of its declaration to the end of a block, normally ends by a closing curly brace. Variable names in the same scope must be unique.

## Global Scope

Several useful global variables and functions are provided for the programmers. Global variables exist within all functions and persist through the entirety of the program. Programmers cannot declare their own global scoped variables, all user-declared variables are within some logic block.

## Statement Block Scope

Variables declared inside a statement block persist within the block and dies upon exiting the block.

#### **Function Scope**

For variables declared inside a function's statement block, rules for Statement Block Scope apply. Moreover, variables present in parameters list are also in scope of the statement block of the function.

# **Constants(Values)**

There are four types of contants supported by GameWizard.

String: string surrounded by quotation marks
Number: integer or float number in decimal

Boolean: 'true' or 'false'

In the Grammar section, we use Value to represent them.

# **Operators**

```
Multiplicative: *, /, %
Addictive: +, -
Relational: ==, !=, >=, >, <, <=
Logistic:
       Not:!
       And: &&
       Or: ||
```

# **Expressions**

GameWizard has two kinds of expressions, which are Arithmetic Expressions and Conditional Expressions. The will be represent as Arith-expression and Cond-expression respectively in the Grammar section.

## **Arithmetical Expressions**

For simplicity, we just use 'E' to represent an Arithmetical Expression here.

```
E:
       E Addictive-Op T
       Т
T:
       T Multiplicative F
F:
       ID
       Number
       Function-call
       "(' E ')'
```

## **Conditional Expressions**

```
For simplicity, we just use 'E' to represent an Conditional Expression here.
E:
       logical-OR-expression
logical-OR-expression:
       logical-AND-expression
       logical-OR-expression Or logical-AND-expression
logical-AND-expression:
       logical-AND-expression And logical-term
       logical-term
logical-term:
       Not logical-term
```

```
Boolean
Function-call
Arith-expression Relational-Op Arith-expression
'(' E ')'
```

## Grammar

```
Source-code:
       Game-config Components-config Procedures-List
Game-config:
       'define' 'game' Json
Components-config:
       Cards-definition Characters-definition [ Groups-definition ]
Cards-definition:
       'define' 'cards' Config-List
Characters-definition:
       'define' 'characters' Config-List
Groups-definition:
       'define' 'groups' Config-List
Procedures-List:
       Procedure-definition
       Procedures-List Procedure-definition
/*
       The source code in GameWizard has a skeleton defined above. It configures the
basics of a game in a Json, and then defines sets of cards, characters and groups
respectively in a Config-List, at last, defines procedures.
*/
Config-List:
       '[' Config-List-content ']'
Config-List-content:
       Config
       Config-List-content ';' Config
```

Function-signature:

```
Config:
       ID Json
Json:
        '{' Json-content '}'
Json-content:
       Json-item
       Json-content ';' Json-item
Json-item:
       ID ':' Value
       ID ':' Config-List
       Function-definition
/*
        Config-List is supported by GameWizard to define fancy sets of characters, cards
and groups for a RPG card games. Config-List is list of Configs, which are pairs of IDs and
Jsons, in which ID becomes identifier(name) of a character, card or group while Json
defines the attributes and methods of it.
       Json consists of lists of key-value pairs and/or functions.
       For characters, we usually put key 'hp' with an integer value as max-HP of the
character and key 'skill' with a Config-List value as its skills list within their Json. For
cards and skills, we usually put function-definition of 'method' in their Json to define the
effect of cards or skills. (For details please the Tutorial)
*/
List:
        " List-content '
List-content:
       List-item
       List-content ';' Item
Item:
       ID
       Value
Function-definition:
        Function-signature Statements-block
```

Statement:

```
Type ID '(' [ Parameters-config-list ] ')'
       Built-In-Function-Signature
Parameters-config-list:
       Parameters-config
       Parameters-config-list ',' Parameters-config
Parameters-config:
       Type ID
Functions-list:
       Function-definition
       Functions-list Function-definition
Procedure-definition:
       Function-definition
       Round-procedure-definition
Round-procedure:
       'round' '{' Statement-list Function-list '}'
Built-In-Function-Signature
       'method'
       'init'
       'roundbegin'
       'turn'
       'roundend'
       'dying'
       'close'
/*
       The function definition in GameWizard are very similar to that in Java, which
consists of function signature and statements block. The function signature defines the
return type, function name(ID), and parameters list of the function. The statements
block defines the actions of the function call.
       There are several built-in functions whose signatures do not need to be
complete in GameWizard. For them, the name alone will suffice.
*/
Statement-list:
       Statement
       Statement-list ';' Statement
```

```
Assignment
       Function-call
       Selection-Statement
       Loop-Statement
       Statement-block
Assignment:
       ID '=' Expression
Function-call:
       ID '(' [ Parameters-list ] ')'
       ID '.' ID '(' [ Parameters-list ] ')'
Parameters-list:
       ID
       Parameters-list, ID
Selection-Statement:
       'if' '(' Condition-expression ')' Statements-block [ 'else' Statements-block ]
Loop-Statement:
       'for' '(' [ Assignment ] ';' Condition-expression ';' Assignment ')' Statements-block
       'foreach' '(' ID 'in' ID ')' Statements-block
       'while' '(' Condition-expression ')' Statements-block
Statements-block:
       '{' Statement-list '}'
Expression:
       Cond-expression
       Arith-expression
```