

An Introduction to **Proteus**
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Abstract

The current version of **Proteus** is a variation of ISETL that supports thread and data-parallelism. ISETL is an interactive implementation of SETL¹, a programming language built around mathematical notation and objects, primarily sets and functions. It contains the usual collection of statements common to procedural languages, but a richer set of expressions.

The objects of **Proteus** include: integers, floating point numbers, funcs (sub-programs), strings, sets, and tuples (finite sequences). The composite objects, sets and tuples, may contain any mixture of **Proteus** objects, nested to arbitrary depth.

This introduction is intended for people who have had no previous experience with **Proteus**, but who are reasonably comfortable with learning a new programming language. Few examples are given here, but many examples are distributed with the software.

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1 Introduction

This manual provides reference material for release 0.9 of Proteus, a programming system designed specifically to support a prototyping capability in the development of parallel software.

Such a capability is critically needed because the impact of design alternatives in parallel software is complex and poorly understood. Yet the languages currently used to program parallel computers are low-level and often architecture-specific. Using these languages small changes in design require extensive and tedious low-level programming, leading to extremely lengthy prototype development times and yielding prototypes with limited utility across diverse architectures. For effective prototyping of parallel computations we need the means to specify concurrency at a high-level and in an architecture-independent fashion. This is the goal of the Proteus programming language.

Expressibility on its own is not sufficient, however. Failure to carry the prototype over into subsequent development steps is the principal barrier to the adoption of prototyping-based methodologies. In particular, the cost of rewriting a high-level prototype into a low-level program, either for more detailed analysis of performance, or for transition to a "product", can be prohibitive. Hence an effective prototyping system must provide automated support for evolving a prototype into specific low-level languages and target parallel architectures. This is the goal of the Proteus program transformation engine.

The current release of the Proteus programming system only contains an interpreter for Proteus. The interpreter supports rapid experimentation with Proteus programs but does not transform them to low-level parallel codes suitable for specific parallel computers or computer architectures. The program transformation engine, based on Kestrel's Datatype Refinement System (DTRE) is still under active development.

1.1 Obtaining a copy of the Proteus System

Compiled and executable versions of the interpreter for various architectures are available in via anonymous FTP from `cs.duke.edu` in directory `pub/proteus/bin`. In case you do not find an executable for your architecture, you can build an executable from the source which can be found in `pub/proteus/src`.

1.2 Additional Information

This is the reference manual for Proteus. A full set of papers related to Proteus is available in PostScript form via anonymous FTP to `cs.duke.edu`, directory `pub/proteus/papers`. A bibliography is included in the same directory. Sample programs can be found in the directory `pub/proteus/examples`.

1.3 Contributors

The design and implementation of Proteus Prototyping System is a collaborative effort between researchers at Duke University, the Kestrel Institute of Palo Alto, CA. and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The following individuals have contributed to the design and/or implementation of the system: (at Duke) Mike Landis, Peter Mills, John Reif, Robert Wagner, (at Kestrel) Allen Goldberg, Richard Jullig, Stephen Westfold, (at UNC-CH) Rik Faith, Lars Nyland, Dan Palmer, Jan Prins, James Riely, Quan Zhou. The ISETL system and manual were developed by Gary Levin while at Clarkson University.

2 Running Proteus

Proteus is a language for prototyping parallel algorithms. It is currently based upon the programming language ISETL. ISETL is an interpreted, interactive version of the programming language SETL. **Proteus** is invoked by typing a command line with the executable name, say **proteus**, along with optional file names that are discussed below.

There is no compiler for **Proteus**. When **Proteus** is running, it prompts for input with the character “>”. Input consists of a sequence of expressions (each terminated by a semicolon “;”), statements, and programs. Each input is acted upon as soon as it is entered. These actions are explained below. In the case of expressions, the result includes its value being printed. If you have not completed your entry, you will receive the prompt “>>”, indicating that more is expected.

1. **Proteus** is exited by typing “!quit”. It may also be exited by ending the standard input. In Unix, this is done by typing ctrl-D. **Proteus** may also be exited by calling either of the predefined functions **exit** or **quit**.
2. A common mistake is omitting the semicolon after an expression. **Proteus** will wait until it gets a semicolon before proceeding. The doubled prompt “>>” indicates that **Proteus** is expecting more input.
3. **Proteus** can get its input from sources other than the standard input.

- (a) If there is an initialization file² in the current directory, then the first thing **Proteus** will do is read this file.
- (b) Next, if the command line has any file names listed, **Proteus** will read each of these in turn.

Thus, if the command line reads,

```
proteus file.1 blue green
```

Proteus will first read from “**proteus.ini**” if it exists, and then from “**file.1**”, then “**blue**”, and then “**green**”. Finally, it is ready for input from the terminal.

- (c) Intermixed with the files may be commands to execute. These are specified with the **-e** flag. The argument following the flag will be executed by the interpreter in the order it appears on the command line.

Thus, if the command line reads,

```
proteus file.1 -e "main();" blue -e "exit(0);"
```

Proteus will first read from “**proteus.ini**” if it exists, and then from “**file.1**”, then execute the function call **main()** (note the semi-colon), then “**blue**”, and then the function call **exit(0)**, terminating the execution.

- (d) If there is a file available — say “**file.2**” — and **Proteus** is given (at any time), the following line of input,

```
!include file.2
```

then it will take its input from “**file.2**” before being ready for any further input. The material in such a file is treated *exactly as if it were typed directly at the keyboard*, and it can be followed on subsequent lines by any additional information that the user would like to enter.

Consider the following (rather contrived) example: Suppose that the file “**file.3**” contained the following data:

²Initialization files are called either **.proteusrc** or **proteus.ini**. The file is looked for in:

- i. the current directory
- ii. the home directory (Unix)

Only one initialization file is read. The same pattern is searched for the **ile** initialization file.

```
5, 6, 7, 3, -4, "the"
```

Then if the user typed,

```
> seta := {
>> !include file.3
!include file.3 completed
>> , x };
```

the effect would be exactly the same as if the user had entered,

```
> seta := {5, 6, 7, 3, -4, "the", x};
```

The line “!include file.3 completed” comes from Proteus and is always printed after an “!include”.

4. Comments. If a double-dash --, an ellipsis “...” or a dollar sign “\$” appears on a line, then the remainder of the line is a comment which is ignored.
5. After a program or statement has executed, the values of global variables persist. The user can then evaluate expressions in terms of these variables. (See section 6 for more detail on scope.)
6. Other command line arguments (which must all appear prior to any file names or -e commands) are:
 - -s — Run silently, that is, do not print the introduction.
 - -d — Run with *d*irect input, do not run an editor interface. This is useful inside of emacs.

3 Characters, Keywords, and Identifiers

3.1 Character Set

The following is a list of characters used by Proteus.

```
@ [ ] ; : = | { } ( ) . # ? * / + - _ " ' ^ < > % ~ ,
a — z A — Z 0 — 9
```

In addition, the following character-pairs are used.

```
:= .. ** /= <= >= -> ||
```

There is one character triplet used (for comments).

```
...
```

The characters “.” and “|” may be used interchangeably.

3.2 Keywords

The following is a list of Proteus keywords.

and	break	choose	continue	div	do	else
exists	exit	false	for	forall	from	
fromb	frome	func	if	iff	impl	in
inter	less	merge	mod	newatom		
not	notin	of	om	OM	opt	
or	print	printf	prog	program	quit	read
readf	return	shared	subset	take	then	to
true	union	value	var	where	while	with
write	writeln					

3.3 Identifiers

1. An identifier is a sequence of alphanumeric characters along with the underscore, “_”, caret, “^”, and single quote, “'”. It must begin with a letter. Upper or lower case may be used, and Proteus preserves the distinction. (I.e.: `a_good_thing` and `A_Good_Thing` are both legal and are different.)
2. An identifier serves as a variable and can take on a value of any Proteus data type. The *type* of a variable is entirely determined by the value that is assigned to it and changes when a value of a different type is assigned.

4 Simple Data Types

4.1 Integers

1. There is no limit to the size of integers.³
2. An integer constant is a sequence of one or more digits. It represents an unsigned integer.
3. On input and output, long integers may be broken to accommodate limited line length. A backslash (“\”) at the end of a sequence of digits indicates that the integer is continued on the next line.

```
>      123456\  
>>      789;  
123456789;
```

4.2 Floating-Point Numbers

1. The possible range of floating_point numbers is machine dependent. At a minimum, the values will have 5 place accuracy, with a range of approximately 10^{38} . When possible, double-precision floating-point number representation is used.
2. A floating_point constant consists of digits with a decimal point. There must be at least one digit, either before or after the decimal point. Thus, `2.0`, `.5` and `2.` are legal.

A floating_point constant may be followed by an exponent. An exponent consists of one of the characters “e”, “E”, “f”, “F” followed by a signed or unsigned integer. The value of a floating_point constant is determined as in scientific notation. Hence, for example, `0.2`, `2.0e-1`, `20.0e-2` are all equivalent. As with integers, it is unsigned.

³No *practical* limit. Actually limited to about 20,000 digits per integer.

3. Different systems use different printed representations when floating point values are out of the machine's range. For example, when the value is too large, the Macintosh prints “++++” and the Sun prints “Inf”.

4.3 Booleans

1. A Boolean constant is one of the keywords `true` or `false`, with the obvious meaning for its value.

4.4 Strings

1. A string constant is any sequence of characters preceded and followed by a double quote, “””. A string may not be split across lines. Large strings may be constructed using the operation of concatenation. Strings may also be surrounded by single quotes, “’”.

The backslash convention may be used to enter special characters. When pretty-printing, these conventions are used for output. In the case of formatted output, the special characters are printed.

<code>\b</code>	backspace
<code>\f</code>	formfeed (new page)
<code>\n</code>	newline (prints as CR-LF)
<code>\q</code>	double quote
<code>\r</code>	carriage return (CR)
<code>\t</code>	tab
<code>\octal</code>	character represented by <i>octal</i> Refer to an ASCII chart for meaning.
<code>\other</code>	<i>other</i> — may be any character not listed above.

In particular, “\” is a single backslash. You may type, “\” for double quote, but the pretty printer will print as “\q”. ASCII values are limited to ‘\001’ to ‘\377’.

```
>      %+ [char(i): i in [1..127]];
"\001\002\003\004\005\006\007\b\t\n\013\f"
+"\r\016\017\020\021\022\023\024\025\026"
+"\027\030\031\032\033\034\035\036\037 !"
+"\q#$$%&'()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@ABCDEF"
+"GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
+"lmnopqrstuvwxyz{|}~\177";
```

4.5 Atoms

1. Atoms are “abstract points”. They have no identifying properties other than their individual existence.
2. The keyword `newatom` has as its value an atom never before seen in this session of `Proteus`.

4.6 Files

1. A file is a `Proteus` value that corresponds to an external file in the operating system environment.
2. They are created as a result of applying one of the pre-defined functions `openr`, `opena`, `openw` to a string naming a file. (See section 8.8.)

4.7 Undefined

1. The data type undefined has a single value — `OM`. It may also be entered as `om`.
2. Any identifier that has not been assigned a value has the value `OM`.

5 Compound Data Types

5.1 Sets

1. Finite sets may be represented in `Proteus`. The elements may be of any type, mixed heterogeneously. Elements occur at most once per set.
2. `OM` may not be an element of a set. Any set that would contain `OM` is considered to be undefined.
3. The order of elements is not significant in a set and printing (or enumerating) the value of a set twice in succession could display the elements in different orders.
4. Zero or more expressions, separated by commas and enclosed in braces (“{” and “}”) evaluates to the set whose elements are the values of the enclosed expressions.
Note that as a special case, the empty set is denoted by { }.
5. There are syntactic forms, explained in the grammar, for a finite set that is an arithmetic progression of integers, and also for a finite set obtained from a set former in standard mathematical notation.

For example, the value of the following expression

$$\{ x+y : x,y \text{ in } \{-1,-3..-100\} \mid x \neq y \};$$

is the set of all sums of two different odd negative integers larger than -100 .

5.2 Sequences

1. A sequence is an infinite sequence of components, of which only a finite number are defined. The components must all be of the same type. The values of components may be repeated.
2. `OM` is a legal value for a component.
3. The order of the components of a sequence is significant. By treating the sequence as a function over the positive integers, you can extract individual components and contiguous subsequences (slices) of the sequence.
4. Zero or more expressions, separated by commas and enclosed in square brackets (“[” and “]”) evaluates to the sequence whose defined components are the values of the enclosed expressions.
Note that as a special case, the empty sequence is denoted by []. This sequence is undefined everywhere.
5. The syntactic forms for sequences of finite arithmetic progressions and sequence formers are similar to those provided for sets. The only difference is the use of square, rather than curly, brackets.
6. The length of a sequence is the largest index (counting from 1) for which a component is defined (that is, is not equal to `OM`). It can change at run-time.
7. Sequences usually are indexed starting at 1, but they can have different starting indices. The length of a sequence starting a position b is one more than the largest index of a defined component minus b . See page 22 and page 24 for definitions.

8. Sequences created by a `FORMER` have the default origin. See `origin` for how to redefine the default.
9. Sequences that result from operations on other sequences inherit their origin. Generally, the result inherits the origin of the leftmost sequence argument.

5.3 Tuples

1. A tuple is an infinite sequence of components, of which only a finite number are defined. The components may be of any type, mixed heterogeneously. The values of components may be repeated.
2. `OM` is a legal value for a component.
3. The order of the components of a tuple is significant. By treating the tuple as a function over the positive integers, you can extract individual components and contiguous subsequences (slices) of the tuple.
4. Zero or more expressions, separated by commas and enclosed in “dotted” square brackets (“`[.`” and “`.]`”) evaluates to the tuple whose defined components are the values of the enclosed expressions.

Note that as a special case, the empty tuple is denoted by `[. .]`. This tuple is undefined everywhere.

5. The syntactic forms for tuples of finite arithmetic progressions and tuple formers are similar to those provided for sets. The only difference is the use of dotted square brackets, rather than curly braces.
6. The length of a tuple is the largest index (counting from 1) for which a component is defined (that is, is not equal to `OM`). It can change at run-time.
7. Since tuples use the dotted square brackets, spaces must often be used to demarcate tokens. For instance, `[.5.]`, while appearing to be a singleton tuple is parsed as a sequence with one value of 0.5 followed by a closing tuple symbol. By placing spaces judiciously, as `[. 5 .]`, the proper meaning can be determined.

5.4 Maps

Maps form a subclass of sets.

1. A `map` is a set that is either empty or whose elements are all ordered pairs. An ordered pair is a tuple whose first two components and no others are defined.
2. There are two special operators for evaluating a map at a point in its domain. Suppose that `F` is a map.
 - (a) `F(EXPR)` will evaluate to the value of the second component of the ordered pair whose first component is the value of `EXPR`, provided there is exactly one such ordered pair in `F`; if there is no such pair, it evaluates to `OM`; if there are many such pairs, an error is reported.
 - (b) `F{EXPR}` will evaluate to the set of all values of second components of ordered pairs in `F` whose first component is the value of `EXPR`. If there is no such pair, its value is the empty set.
3. A map in which no value appears more than once as the first component of an ordered pair is called a *single-valued map* or `smap`; otherwise, the map is called a *multi-valued map* or `mmap`.

6 Funcs

1. A `func` is a `Proteus` value that may be applied to zero or more values passed to it as arguments. It then returns a value specified by the definition of the `func`. Because it is a value, a `Proteus` `func` can be assigned to an identifier, passed as an argument, etc. Evaluation of an `Proteus` `func` can have side-effects determined by the statements in the definition of the `func`. Thus, it also serves the purpose of what is often called a procedure.
2. The `return` statement is only meaningful inside a `func`. Its effect is to terminate execution of the `func` and return a value to the caller. The form “`return expr;`” returns the value of `expr`; “`return;`” returns `OM`.

`Proteus` inserts “`return;`” just before the end of every `func`.

3. A `func` is the computational representation of a function, as a map is the ordered pair representation, and a tuple is the sequence representation. Just as tuples and maps may be modified at a point by assignment, so can `funcs`. However, if the value at a point is structured, you may not modify that at a point as well.

```
>      x := func(i) (
>>          return char(i);
>>      );
>      x(97);
"a";
>      x(97) := "q";
>      x(97);
"q";
>      x(97)(1) := "abc";
! Error: Only one level of selection allowed
```

`x` may be modified at a point. The assignment to `x(97)` is legal. However, the following assignment is not supported at this time, because you are trying to modify the structure of the value returned.

4. A number of functions have been pre-defined as `funcs` in `Proteus`. A list of their definitions is given in section 8. These are not keywords and may be changed by the user. They may not be modified at a point, however.
5. It is possible for the user to define her/his own `func`. This is done with the following syntax:

```
func(list-of-parameters) (
    var list-of-local-ids;
    value list-of-global-ids;
    statements;
);
```

Alternately, one may write

```
: list-of-parameters -> result :
```

if the function simply consists of evaluating an expression.

- (a) Local variables are declared with the `var` statement. The declaration of local ids may be omitted if no local variables are needed. The declaration of `value` ids represents global variables whose *current values are to be remembered* and used at the time of function invocation; these may be omitted if not needed. The list-of-parameters may be empty, but the pair of parentheses must be present.
- (b) Parameters and local-ids are local to the `func`. See below for a discussion of scope.

- (c) The syntax described above is for an *expression* of type `func`. As with any expression, it may be evaluated, but the value has no name. Thus, the definition will typically be part of an assignment statement or passed as a parameter. As a very simple example, consider:

```
cube_plus := func(x,y)(
    return x**3 + y;
);
```

After having executed this input, `Proteus` will evaluate an expression such as `cube_plus(2,5)` as 13.

- (d) Parameters are passed by value. It is an error to pass too many or too few arguments. It is possible to make some parameters *optional*.

```
f := func(a,b,c opt x,y,z)( ... );
```

`f` can be called with 3, 4, 5, or 6 arguments. If there are fewer than 6 arguments, the missing arguments are considered to be 0M.

- (e) Scope is lexical (static). *Lexical* means that references to global variables are determined by where the `func` was created, not by where it will be evaluated.

By default, references to global variables will use the value of the variable at the time the function is invoked. The `value` declaration causes the value of the global variable *at the time the func is created* to be used.

- (f) Here is a more complicated example of the use of `func`. As defined below, `compose` takes two functions as arguments and creates their functional composition. The functions can be any `Proteus` values that may be applied to a single argument; e.g. `func`, `tuple`, `smap`.

```
compose := func(f,g)(
    return :x -> f(g(x)) ;
);
twice := :a -> 2*a; ;
times4 := compose(twice,twice);
```

Then the value of `times4(3)` would be 12. The value of `times4` needs to refer to the values of `f` and `g`, and they remain accessible to `times4`, even though `compose` has returned.

- (g) Finally, here is an example of functions modified at a point and functions that capture the current value of a global.

```
f := func(x)(
    return x + 4;
);
gs := [ func(x)( value N; return x+3*N; )
       : N in [1..3] ];
f(3) := 21;
```

After this is executed, `f(1)` is 5, `f(2)` is 6, but `f(3)` is 21. `gs(2)(4)` is 10 ($4+3*2$).

7 The Proteus Grammar — Annotated

7.1 Terminology

1. In what follows, the symbol ID refers to identifiers, and INTEGER, FLOATING_POINT, BOOLEAN, and STRING refer to constants of type integer, floating-point, Boolean, and string, which have been explained above. Any other symbol in capital letters is explained in the grammar.
2. Definitions appear as:

STMT \rightarrow LHS := EXPR ;

STMT \rightarrow if EXPR then STMT else STMT

indicating that STMT can be either an assignment statement or a conditional statement. The definition for STMT refers to these definitions, and EXPR is defined in the section for expressions.

3. Rules are sometimes given informally in English. The rule is then quoted.
4. Spaces are not allowed within any of the character pairs listed in section 3, nor within an ID, INTEGER constant, FLOATING_POINT constant, or keyword. Spaces are required between keywords, IDs, INTEGER constants, and FLOATING_POINT constants.
5. Proteus treats ends of line and tabs as spaces. Any input can be spread across lines without changing the meaning, and Proteus will not consider it to be complete until a semicolon (“;”) is entered. The only exceptions to this are the ! directives, which are ended with a carriage return, and the fact that a quoted string cannot be typed on more than one line.

The annotated grammar below is divided into sections relating to the major parts of the language.

7.2 Input at the Prompt

INPUT \rightarrow PROGRAM

INPUT \rightarrow STMT

INPUT \rightarrow EXPR ;

The EXPR is evaluated and the value is printed.

7.3 Program

Programs are usually read from a file, only because they tend to be long. Programs are executed as soon as they are read.

PROGRAM \rightarrow program ID (LOCALS VALUES STMTS) ;

Of course, it can appear on several lines. LOCALS and VALUES are defined in section 7.10.

7.4 Statements

STMT \rightarrow LHS := EXPR ;

First, the left hand side (LHS) is evaluated to determine the target(s) for the assignment, then the right hand side is evaluated. Finally, the assignment is made. If there are some targets for which there are no values to be assigned, they receive the value 0M. If there are values to be assigned, but no corresponding targets, then the values are ignored.

Examples:

`a := 4;`

a is changed to contain the value 4.

`[a,b] := [1,2];`

a is assigned 1 and b is assigned 2.

`[x,y] := [y,x];`

Swap x and y.

`f(3) := 7;`

If `f` is a sequence or tuple, then the effect of this statement is to assign 7 as the value of the third component of `f`. If `f` is a map, then its effect is to replace all pairs beginning with 3 by the pair `[3,7]` in the set of ordered pairs `f`. If `f` is a func, then `f(3)` will be 7, and all other values of `f` will be as they were before the assignment.

`STMT → EXPR ;`

The expression is evaluated and the value ignored. This is usually used to invoke procedures.

`STMT → (LOCALS; STMTS;)`

Statement block. Optional local declarations followed by a list of statements. Id's defined by local declarations are local to this block.

`STMT → if EXPR then STMT`

`STMT → if EXPR then STMT else STMT`

The `EXPR` after `if` is evaluated to determine which branch (if both are present) to execute. The `STMT` following the associated `then` is executed when it is true. If `EXPR` is found to be false, the `STMT` following the `else` is executed. If the `EXPR` is false and the else-clause is omitted, this statement has no effect.

`STMT → for ITERATOR do STMT`

The `STMT` is executed for each instance generated by the iterator.

`STMT → forall ITERATOR do STMT`

All instances of the `STMT` are executed in parallel. This is done with `Proteus`' private memory model, where each thread works with its own copy of the state, all of which are merged at the end of executing all instances of `STMT`.

`STMT → STMT || STMT`

Execute all statements joined with parallel bars concurrently, using the private memory model of `Proteus`. Of course, there can be more than 2 statements.

`STMT → while EXPR do STMT`

`EXPR` must evaluate to a Boolean value. `EXPR` is evaluated and the `STMT` is executed repetitively as long as this value is equal to `true`.

`STMT → read LHS-LIST ;`

`Proteus` gives a question mark (“?”) prompt and waits until an expression has been entered. This `EXPR` is evaluated and the result is assigned to the first item in `LHS-LIST`. This is repeated for each item in `LHS-LIST`. As usual, terminate the expressions with a semicolon. *Note:* If a `read` statement appears in an `!include` file, then `Proteus` will look at the next input in that file for the expression(s) to be read.

`STMT → read LHS-LIST from EXPR ;`

This is the same as `read LHS-LIST`; except that `EXPR` must have a value of type file. The values to be read are then taken from the external file specified by the value of `EXPR`. If there are more values in the file than items in `LHS-LIST`, then the extra values are left to be read later. If there are more

items in LHS-LIST than values in the file, then the extra items are assigned the value OM. In the latter case, the function eof will return true when given the file as parameter. Before this statement is executed, the external file in question must have been opened for reading by the pre-defined function openr (see section 8.8).

STMT → readf PAIR-LIST ;

STMT → readf PAIR-LIST from EXPR ;

The relation between these two forms is the same as the relation between the two forms of read, with the second one coming from a file. The elements in the PAIR-LIST define the formatting used. See PAIR-LIST at the end of this section.

STMT → print EXPR-LIST ;

Each expression in EXPR-LIST is evaluated and printed on standard output. The output value are formatted to show its structure, with line breaks at reasonable positions and meaningful indentation.

STMT → print EXPR-LIST to EXPR ;

As in read...from..., the second EXPR must be a value of type file. The values are written to the external file specified by the value of EXPR. Before executing this statement, the external file in question must have been opened for writing by one of the pre-defined functions openw or opena (see section 8.8).

STMT → printf PAIR-LIST ;

STMT → printf PAIR-LIST to EXPR ;

The relation between these two forms is the same as the relation between the two forms of print, with the second one going to a file. The elements in the PAIR-LIST define the formatting used. See PAIR-LIST at the end of this section. See write and writeln below.

STMT → return ;

return is only meaningful inside a func. Its effect is to terminate execution of the func and return OM to the caller. Proteus inserts return; just before the end of every func. If return appears at the “top level”, e.g. as input at the keyboard, a run time error will occur.

STMT → return EXPR ;

Same as return; except that EXPR is evaluated and its value is returned as the value of the func.

STMT → take LHS from LHS ;

The second LHS must evaluate to a sequence, set or tuple. An arbitrary element is assigned to the first LHS and removed from the sequence, set or tuple.

STMT → take LHS frome LHS ;

The second LHS must evaluate to a sequence, tuple or string. The value of its last defined component (or last character) is assigned to the first LHS and replaced by OM in the sequence or tuple (deleted from the string).

STMT → take LHS fromb LHS ;

The second LHS must evaluate to a sequence, tuple or string. The value of its first component (defined or not) (first character) is assigned to the first LHS and all components of the sequence or tuple (characters of the string) are shifted left one place. That is, the new value of the i^{th} component is the old value of the $(i + 1)^{st}$ component ($i = 1, 2, \dots$).

STMT → write PAIR-LIST ;

STMT → write PAIR-LIST to EXPR ;

STMT → writeln PAIR-LIST ;

STMT → writeln PAIR-LIST to EXPR ;

write is equivalent to printf, provided for the convenience of the Pascal user. writeln is equivalent to write, with '\n' as the last item of the list. This is also provided for user convenience.


```

>      readf x;
      1.34
>      x;
1.34000e+00;

>      readf y;
123,456
>      y;
"123,456";

```

Figure 1: readf example

```

>      printf 1/3: 15.10, 1/3:15.1, 1/3:15.01, "\n";
0.3333333135  0.3333333135  0.3

printf 1/3: -17.10, 1/3:-17.1, 1/3:-17.01, "\n";
3.3333331347e-01 3.3333331347e-01  3.3e-01

```

Figure 2: printf example

STMTS → “One or more instances of STMT. The final semicolon is optional.”

PAIR-LIST → “One or more instances of PAIR, separated by commas.”

PAIR → EXPR : EXPR

PAIR → EXPR

When a PAIR appears in a `readf`, the first EXPR must be a LHS. The meaning of the PAIR and the default value when the second EXPR is omitted depends on whether the PAIR occurs in `readf` or `printf`. The second EXPR (or its default value) defines the format.

- Input: Input formats are integers.

The integer gives the maximum number of characters to be read. If the first sequence of non-white space characters can be interpreted as a number, that is the value read. Otherwise, the first non-white sequence is returned as a string.

```

>      printf 3*[. "" .]+[. 1..30 .] : 7*[. 3 .] with "\n";
      1 2 3 4
      5 6 7 8 9 10 11
      12 13 14 15 16 17 18
      19 20 21 22 23 24 25
      26 27 28 29 30
>      x := [ [i,j,i+j] : i,j in [1..3] ];
>      printf x: 5*[. [ 0,"+",0, "=", 0 .], "\t" .]
>>      with "\n", "\n";
1+1=2  1+2=3  1+3=4  2+1=3  2+2=4
2+3=5  3+1=4  3+2=5  3+3=6

```

Figure 3: printf with structure example

If the integer is negative (say $-i$), exactly i characters will be read and returned as a string. Therefore `c:-1` will read one character into `c`.

If no integer is given, there is no maximum to the number of characters that will be read.

See figure 1.

- **Output:** Output formats are: integers, floating_point numbers, strings, or tuples of output formats.

Integers (and the integer part of floating_point numbers) represent the minimal number of columns to be used. The fractional part of a floating_point number is used to specify precision, in terms of hundredths. The precision controls the number of places used in floating_point numbers, and where breaks occur in very long integers.

Negative values cause floating_point numbers to be printed in scientific notation.

Notice that there is a limit to the number of useful digits. Also notice that 15.1 is the same as 15.10; hence, both would use 15 columns and 10 decimal places. See figure 2.

Strings should not be used as formats outside of tuples.

Compound objects (tuples and sets) iterate over the format. If the format is a number, it is used as the format for each element. If the format is a tuple, the elements of the tuple are cycled among, with strings printed literally and other items used as formats. See figure 3.

Default values are:

Type	Columns	Precision
Float	20	5
Integer	10	50 (for breaking large ints)
String	0	
Anything else	10	

7.5 Iterators

These constructs are used to iterate through a collection of values, assigning these values one at a time to a variable. Iterators are used in the `for` and `forall` statements, quantifiers, and set formers.

A `SIMPLE-ITERATOR` generates a number of instances for which an assignment is made. These assignments are local to the iterator, and when it is exited, all previous values of IDs that were used as local variables are restored. That is, these IDs are “bound variables” whose scope is the construction containing the iterator. (e.g., `for` and `forall` statements, quantifiers, formers, etc.)

`ITERATOR` → `ITER-LIST`

`ITERATOR` → `ITER-LIST` | `EXPR`

`EXPR` must evaluate to a Boolean. Generates only those instances generated by `ITER-LIST` for which the value of `EXPR` is true.

`ITER-LIST` → “One or more `SIMPLE-ITERATORS` separated by commas.”

Generates all possible instances for every combination of the `SIMPLE-ITERATORS`. The first `SIMPLE-ITERATOR` advances most slowly. Subsequent iterators may depend on previously bound values.

`SIMPLE-ITERATOR` → `BOUND-LIST` in `EXPR`

`EXPR` must evaluate to a sequence, set, tuple, or string. The instances generated are all possibilities in which each `BOUND` in `BOUND-LIST` is assigned a value that occurs in `EXPR`.

`SIMPLE-ITERATOR` → `BOUND = ID (BOUND-LIST)`

BROKEN! Don't use. Here `ID` must have the value of an smap, sequence, tuple, or string, and `BOUND-LIST` must have the correct number of occurrences of `BOUND` corresponding to the parameters of `ID`. The resulting instances are those for which all occurrences of `BOUND` in `BOUND-LIST` have all possible legal values and `BOUND` is assigned the corresponding value.

SIMPLE-ITERATOR → **BOUND = ID { BOUND-LIST }**

Same as the previous one for the case in which **ID** is an **mmap**.

BOUND-LIST → “one or more **BOUND**, separated by commas”

BOUND → ~

Corresponding value is thrown away.

BOUND → **ID**

Corresponding value is assigned to **ID**.

BOUND → [**BOUND-LIST**]

Corresponding value must be a sequence or tuple, and elements of the sequence or tuple are assigned to corresponding elements in the **BOUND-LIST**.

7.6 Formers

Generates the elements of a sequence, set or tuple.

FORMER → “Empty”

Literally nothing. Generates the empty sequence, set or tuple.

FORMER → **EXPR-LIST**

Values are explicitly listed.

FORMER → **EXPR . . EXPR**

Both occurrences of **EXPR** must evaluate to integers. Generates all integers beginning with the first **EXPR** and increasing by 1 for as long as the second **EXPR** is not exceeded. If the first **EXPR** is larger than the second, no values are generated.

FORMER → **EXPR , EXPR . . EXPR**

All three occurrences of **EXPR** must evaluate to integer. Generates all integers beginning with the first **EXPR** and incrementing by the value of the second **EXPR** minus the first **EXPR**. If this difference is positive, it generates those integers that are not greater than the third **EXPR**. If the difference is negative, it generates those integers that are not less than the third **EXPR**. If the difference is zero, no integers are generated.

FORMER → **EXPR : ITERATOR**

The value of **EXPR** for each instance generated by the **ITERATOR**.

7.7 Selectors

Selectors fall into three categories: function application, **mmap** images, and slices. A sequence, tuple, string, **map**, or **func** (pre- or user-defined) may be followed by a **SELECTOR**, which has the effect of specifying a value or group of values in the range of the sequence, tuple, string, **map**, or **func**. Not all of the following **SELECTORs** can be used in all four cases.

SELECTOR → (**EXPR-LIST**)

Must be used with an **smap**, sequence, tuple, string, or **func**.

If used with a sequence, tuple or string, then **EXPR-LIST** can only have one element, which must evaluate to an integer greater-than-or-equal-to the base index of the sequence (**1o(EXPR)**), **tuple(1)** or **string(1)**.

If used with a **func**, arguments are passed to corresponding parameters. There must be as many arguments as required parameters and no more than the optional parameters permit.

If used with an **smap** and **EXPR-LIST** has more than one element, it is equivalent to what it would be if the list were enclosed in square brackets, []. Thus a function of several variables is interpreted as a function of one variable — the tuple whose components are the individual variables.

SELECTOR \rightarrow { **EXPR-LIST** }

Must be used with an `mmap`, sequence, tuple, or string. Sequences, tuples and strings will either select a singleton set or the empty set. The case in which the list has more than one element is handled as above.

SELECTOR \rightarrow (**EXPR** .. **EXPR**)

Sequence/Tuple/String slicing. Must be used with a sequence, tuple or string, and both instances of **EXPR** must evaluate to an integer.

The value is the slice of the original sequence, tuple or string in the range specified by the two occurrences of **EXPR**. There are some special rules in this case. To describe them, suppose that the first **EXPR** has the value **a** and the second has the value **b** so that the selector is (**a** .. **b**).

$a \leq b$ Value is the sequence, tuple or string with components defined only at the integers from 1 to $b - a + 1$, inclusive. The value of the i^{th} component is the value of the $(a + i - 1)^{st}$ component of the value of **EXPR**.

$a = b + 1$ Value is the empty sequence/tuple.

$a > b + 1$ Run-time error.

SELECTOR \rightarrow (.. **EXPR**)

Means the same as (`low` .. **EXPR**), where `low` is 1 for strings and tuples, or `lo(T)` for sequences **T**.

SELECTOR \rightarrow (**EXPR** ..)

Means the same as (**EXPR** .. `high`), where `high` is `#s` for the string or tuple **s** and `hi(T)` for sequences **T**.

SELECTOR \rightarrow ()

Used with a `func` that has no parameters. It also works with an `smap` with `[]` in its domain.

7.8 Left Hand Sides

The target for anything that has the effect of an assignment.

LHS \rightarrow **ID**

LHS \rightarrow **LHS** **SELECTOR**

LHS must evaluate to a sequence, tuple, string, or map. **LHS** is modified by replacing the components designated by selector.

LHS \rightarrow [**LHS-LIST**]

LHS-LIST \rightarrow “One or more instances of **LHS**, separated by commas”

Thus the input,

$$[A, B, C] := [1, 2, 3];$$

has the effect of replacing **A** by 1, **B** by 2, and **C** by 3.

Any **LHS** in the list can be replaced by `~`.

The effect is to omit any assignment to a **LHS** that has been so replaced. Thus the input,

$$[A, ~, C] := [1, 2, 3];$$

replaces **A** by 1, **C** by 3.

7.9 Expressions

The first few in the following list are values of simple data types and they have been discussed before.

`EXPR` → `ID`

`EXPR` → `INTEGER`

`EXPR` → `FLOATING-POINT`

`EXPR` → `STRING`

`EXPR` → `true`

`EXPR` → `false`

`EXPR` → `OM`

`EXPR` → `newatom`

The value is a new atom, different from any other atom that has appeared before.

`EXPR` → `FUNC-CONST`

A user-defined func. See section 7.10.

`EXPR` → `if EXPR then EXPR else EXPR`

See definition of `if` under `STMT`, page 13. Else-clause is required, and each part contains an expression rather than statements.

`EXPR` → `(EXPR)`

Any expression can be enclosed in parentheses. The value is the value of `EXPR`.

`EXPR` → `[FORMER]`

Evaluates to the sequence of those values generated by `FORMER` in the order that former generates them.

`EXPR` → `[. FORMER .]`

Evaluates to the tuple of those values generated by `FORMER` in the order that former generates them.

`EXPR` → `{ FORMER }`

Evaluates to the set of those values generated by `FORMER`.

`EXPR` → `# EXPR`

`EXPR` must be a sequence, set, tuple, or string. The value is the cardinality of the set, the length of the sequence, the length of the tuple, or the length of the string.

`EXPR` → `not EXPR`

Logical negation. `EXPR` must evaluate to Boolean.

`EXPR` → `+ EXPR`

Identity function. `EXPR` must evaluate to a number.

`EXPR` → `- EXPR`

Negative of `EXPR`. `EXPR` must evaluate to a number.

`EXPR` → `EXPR SELECTOR`

`EXPR` must evaluate to an *Proteus* value that is, in the general sense, a function. That is, it must be a map, sequence, tuple, string, or func. See section 7.7.

`EXPR` → `EXPR . ID EXPR`

This is equivalent to `ID(EXPR,EXPR)`. It lets you use a binary function as an infix operator. The space after the “.” is optional.

`EXPR` → `EXPR . (EXPR) EXPR`

This is equivalent to `(EXPR)(EXPR,EXPR)`. It lets you use a binary function as an infix operator. The space after the “.” is optional.

In general, arithmetic operators and comparisons may mix integers and floating_point. The result of an arithmetic operation is an integer if both operands are integers and floating_point otherwise. For simplicity, we will use the term number to mean a value that is either integer or floating_point.

Possible operators are:

```

+ - * / div mod **
    with less
    = /= < > <= >=
union inter in notin subset
and or impl iff

```

See section 9 for precedence rules.

Any cases not covered in the explanation for an operator will result in an error. For an explanation of errors, see section 13.

EXPR → EXPR + EXPR

If both instances of EXPR evaluate to numbers, this is addition. If both instances of EXPR evaluate to sets, then this is union. If both instances of EXPR evaluate to sequences, tuples or strings, then this is concatenation.

EXPR → EXPR union EXPR

An alternate form of +. It is intended that it be used with sets, but it is in all ways equivalent to +.

EXPR → EXPR - EXPR

If both instances of EXPR evaluate to numbers, this is subtraction. If both instances of EXPR evaluate to sets, then this is set difference.

EXPR → EXPR * EXPR

If both instances of EXPR evaluate to numbers, this is multiplication. If both evaluate to sets, this is intersection. If one instance of EXPR evaluates to integer and the other to a sequence, tuple or string, then the value is the sequence, tuple or string, concatenated with itself the integer number of times, if the integer is positive; and the empty sequence, tuple or string, if the integer is less than or equal to zero.

EXPR → EXPR inter EXPR

An alternate form of *. It is intended that it be used with sets, but it is in all ways equivalent to *.

EXPR → EXPR / EXPR

Both instances of EXPR must evaluate to numbers. The value is the result of division and is of type floating_point.

EXPR → EXPR div EXPR

Both instances of EXPR must evaluate to integer, and the second must be non-zero. The value is integer division defined by the following two relations,

$$\begin{aligned} (a \operatorname{div} b) * b + (a \operatorname{mod} b) &= a && \text{for } b > 0 \\ a \operatorname{div} (-b) &= -(a \operatorname{div} b) && \text{for } b < 0. \end{aligned}$$

EXPR → EXPR mod EXPR

Both instances of EXPR must evaluate to integer and the second must be non-zero. The result is the remainder, and the following condition is always satisfied,

$$0 \leq a \operatorname{mod} b < |b|.$$

EXPR → EXPR ** EXPR

The values of the two expressions must be numbers. The operation is exponentiation.

EXPR → **EXPR with EXPR**

The value of the first **EXPR** must be a sequence, set or tuple. If it is a set, the value is that set with the value of the second **EXPR** added as an element. If it is a sequence or tuple, the value of the second **EXPR** is assigned to the value of the first component after the last defined component of the sequence or tuple.

EXPR → **EXPR less EXPR**

The value of the first **EXPR** must be a set. The value is that set with the value of the second **EXPR** removed, if it was present; the value of the first **EXPR**, if the second was not present.

EXPR → **EXPR = EXPR**

The test for equality of any two **Proteus** values.

EXPR → **EXPR /= EXPR**

Negation of **EXPR=EXPR**.

EXPR → **EXPR < EXPR**

EXPR → **EXPR > EXPR**

EXPR → **EXPR <= EXPR**

EXPR → **EXPR >= EXPR**

For all the above inequalities, both instances of **EXPR** must evaluate to the same type, which must be number or string. For numbers, this is the test for the standard arithmetic ordering; for strings, it is the test for lexicographic ordering.

EXPR → **EXPR in EXPR**

The second **EXPR** must be a sequence, set, tuple, or string. For sequences, sets and tuples, this is the test for membership of the first in the second. For strings, it is the test for substring.

EXPR → **EXPR notin EXPR**

Negation of **EXPR in EXPR**.

EXPR → **EXPR subset EXPR**

Both instances of **EXPR** must be sets. This is the test for the value of the first **EXPR** to be a subset of the value of the second **EXPR**.

EXPR → **EXPR and EXPR**

Logical conjunction. Both instances of **EXPR** should evaluate to a Boolean. If the left operand is false, the right operand is not evaluated. Actually returns the second argument, if the first is **true**. While the user may depend on the left-to-right evaluation order, it is recommended that they not depend on the behavior when the second argument is not Boolean.

EXPR → **EXPR or EXPR**

Logical disjunction. Both instances of **EXPR** should evaluate to a Boolean. If the left operand is true, the right operand is not evaluated. Actually returns the second argument, if the first is **false**. While the user may depend on the left-to-right evaluation order, it is recommended that they not depend on the behavior when the second argument is not Boolean.

EXPR → **EXPR impl EXPR**

Logical implication. Both instances of **EXPR** must evaluate to a Boolean.

EXPR → **EXPR iff EXPR**

Logical equivalence. Both instances of **EXPR** should evaluate to a Boolean. It actually checks for equality, like **=**, but it has a different precedence. It is recommended that the user not depend on **iff** to work with arguments other than Booleans.

EXPR → % BINOP EXPR

EXPR must evaluate to a sequence, set, tuple, or string. Say that the elements in EXPR are x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N ($N = \#EXPR$). If $N=0$, then the value is 0M. If $N=1$, then the value is the single element. Otherwise, $\% \oplus EXPR$ equals

$$x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_N$$

EXPR → EXPR % BINOP EXPR

The second instance of EXPR must evaluate to a sequence, set, tuple, or string. If the first EXPR is a , BINOP is \oplus , and the values in the second are x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N as above, then the value is:

$$a \oplus x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_N$$

EXPR → EXPR ? EXPR

The value of the first EXPR, if it is not 0M; otherwise the value of the second EXPR.

EXPR → exists ITER-LIST | EXPR

EXPR must evaluate to a Boolean. If ITER-LIST generates at least one instance in which EXPR evaluates to true, then the value is true; otherwise it is false.

EXPR → forall ITER-LIST | EXPR

EXPR must evaluate to a Boolean. If every instance generated by ITER-LIST is such that EXPR evaluates to true, then the value is true; otherwise it is false.

EXPR → EXPR where (DEFNS)

The value is the value of the EXPR preceding **where**, evaluated in the current environment with the IDs in the DEFNS added to the environment and initialized to the corresponding EXPRs. The scope of the IDs is limited to the **where** expression. The DEFNS can modify IDs defined in earlier DEFNS in the same **where** expression.

EXPR → EXPR @ EXPR

The first expression must be an integer i and the second a sequence T . The result is a sequence consisting of the same sequence as T , but with the first index being i .

BINOP → “Any binary operator or an ID or expression in parentheses whose value is a function of two parameters. The ID and parenthesized expression may be preceded by a period.”

The acceptable binary operators are: $+$, $-$, $*$, $**$, **union**, **inter**, $/$, **div**, **mod**, **with**, **less**, **and**, **or**, **impl**.

DEFNS → “Zero or more instances of DEFN. The final semicolon is optional.”

DEFN → BOUND := EXPR ;

DEFN → ID SELECTOR := EXPR ;

EXPR-LIST → “One or more instances of EXPR separated by commas.”

7.10 Function Constants

FUNC-CONST → FUNC-HEAD (LOCALS VALUES STMTS) ;

This is the syntax for user-defined funcs. VALUES and LOCALS may be repeated or omitted and appear in any order.

See **return** on page 14.

FUNC-CONST → : ID-LIST OPT-PART -> EXPR :

An abbreviation for **func**(ID-LIST OPT-PART) (**return** EXPR;)

FUNC-HEAD → **func** (ID-LIST OPT-PART)

In this case, there are parameters. The parameters in the OPT-PART receive the value **om** if there are no corresponding arguments.

FUNC-HEAD \rightarrow func (OPT-PART)

In this case, there are no required parameters.

OPT-PART \rightarrow opt ID-LIST

“May be omitted.”

LOCALS \rightarrow var ID-LIST ;

VALUES \rightarrow value ID-LIST ;

ID-LIST \rightarrow “One or more instances of ID separated by commas.”

8 Pre-defined Functions

8.1 Functions on Integers

In each of the following, `EXPR` must evaluate to integer.

1. `even(EXPR)` — Is `EXPR` even?
2. `odd(EXPR)` — Is `EXPR` odd?
3. `float(EXPR)` — The value of `EXPR` converted to `floating_point`.
4. `char(EXPR)` — The one-character string whose (machine dependent) index is the value of `EXPR`.

8.2 Functions on Floating Point Numbers

In each of the following, `EXPR` must evaluate to `floating_point`.

1. `ceil(EXPR)` — The smallest integer not smaller than the value of `EXPR`.
2. `floor(EXPR)` — The largest integer not larger than the value of `EXPR`.
3. `fix(EXPR)` — The same as `floor(EXPR)` if `EXPR`>=0, and the same as `ceil(EXPR)` if the value of `EXPR`<=0. In other words, the fractional part is discarded.

8.3 Functions on Sets

In each of following, `EXPR` must evaluate to a set.

1. `pow(EXPR)` — The set of all subsets of the value of `EXPR`.
2. `npow(EXPR,EXPR)` — One `EXPR` must be a set and the other a non-negative integer. The set of all subsets of the set whose cardinality is equal to the integer.

8.4 Functions on Maps

In each of the following, `EXPR` must evaluate to a map.

1. `domain(EXPR)` — The set of all values that appear as the first component of an element of the value of `EXPR`.
2. `image(EXPR)` — The set of all values that appear as the second component of an element of the value of `EXPR`.

8.5 Functions on Sequences (and Tuples)

1. `lo(EXPR)` — `EXPR` must be a sequence. Returns the low bound of the sequence.
2. `hi(EXPR)` — `EXPR` must be a sequence (or tuple). Returns the high bound of the sequence (or tuple).
3. `origin(EXPR)` — `EXPR` must be an integer. Sets the default lower bound for sequences. It returns the previous default origin.

8.6 Standard Mathematical Functions

1. Each of the following takes a single numeric argument. The result is a floating-point approximation to the value of the corresponding mathematical function. `exp`, `ln`, `log`, `sqrt`, `sin`, `cos`, `tan`, `asin`, `acos`, `atan`, `sinh`, `cosh`, `tanh`, `asinh`, `acosh`, `atanh`.
2. In each of the following, `EXPR` must evaluate to number. The result is the value of the mathematical function in the same type as the value of `EXPR`.
 - (a) `sgn(EXPR)` — If `EXPR` is positive, then 1; if `EXPR` is zero, then 0; otherwise -1 .
 - (b) `random(EXPR)` — The value is a number selected at random in the interval from 0 to the value of `EXPR`, inclusive. There has been no statistical study made of the generators. Don't depend on them for highly sensitive work.
 - (c) `randomize(EXPR)` — This resets the random number generator. `EXPR` should be an integer. This may be used to select a new sequence of random numbers.
3. In each of the following, both occurrences of `EXPR` must evaluate to a number or string. The result is always one of the two `EXPR`, according to the usual mathematical definition.
 - (a) `max(EXPR, EXPR)`
 - (b) `min(EXPR, EXPR)`

8.7 Type Testers

In each of the following, the value of `EXPR` can be any Proteus data type. The function is the test for the value of `EXPR` being the type indicated.

1. `is_atom(EXPR)`
2. `is_boolean(EXPR)`
3. `is_defined(EXPR)` — Negation of `is_om`.
4. `is_file(EXPR)`
5. `is_floating(EXPR)`
6. `is_func(EXPR)`
7. `is_integer(EXPR)`
8. `is_map(EXPR)`
9. `is_number(EXPR)` — true for integer and floating-point.
10. `is_om(EXPR)`
11. `is_seq(EXPR)`
12. `is_set(EXPR)`
13. `is_string(EXPR)`
14. `is_tuple(EXPR)`

8.8 Input/Output Functions

1. In each of the following functions, the value of `EXPR` must be a string that is a file name consistent with the operating system's naming conventions. The value of the function has `Proteus` type file and may be used in `read... from...`, `readf... from...`, `print... to...`, `printf... to...`, and the function `eof` to refer to that file.
 - (a) `openr(EXPR)` — If the file named by the value of `EXPR` exists, then it is opened for reading, and the value of the function is of type file. If the file named by the value of `EXPR` does not exist, then the value of the function is `OM`.
A special case is the file named "CONSOLE". Opening "CONSOLE" for reading provides a way to read from the console, even if you are currently reading from an include file. If you have directed `stdin` from a file, it may read from that file or it may read from the console; this is machine dependent.
 - (b) `openw(EXPR)` — If the file named by the value of `EXPR` does not exist, then it is created by the operating system externally to `Proteus`. This file is opened for writing from the beginning, so that anything previously in the file is destroyed. The value of the function is of type file.
 - (c) `opena(EXPR)` — The same as `openw(EXPR)`, except that if the file exists its contents are not destroyed. Anything that is written is added to the end of the file.
 - (d) `openserver(EXPR)` — This function opens a server socket with TCP/IP service on the machine on which the process is running. The parameter is either a string or an integer (the string must contain numeric characters) giving the port number. It returns a valid file descriptor for the `Proteus` i/o functions. The server socket is closed with the `close` function. The socket can be used with `read`, `readf` and `print`, and `printf`, sockets are bi-directional.
 - (e) `openclient(EXPR)` — This function opens a socket to a server process with the address given. The `EXPR` is a string of the form "hostname:port" where *hostname* is a machine name and *port* is the port number on the remote machine where a server is waiting. Once opened, communication with the server (via `read`, `readf`, `print` and `printf`) must follow the software communication protocol, otherwise deadlock may occur (both client and server want to read, for instance).
2. In the following function, the value of `EXPR` must be of type file. The file specified by this value is closed. Output files must be closed to guarantee that all output has been stored by the operating system. All files are closed automatically when `Proteus` is exited. There is usually a system-imposed limit on the number of files that may be open at one time, however, so it is a good idea to close files when finished using them.
 - (a) `close(EXPR)` — The value of the function is `OM`.
3. In the following function the value of `EXPR` must be of type file.
 - (a) `eof(EXPR)` — Test for having read *past* the end of an external file.

8.9 Miscellaneous

1. `abs(EXPR)` — If the value of `EXPR` is integer or floating-point, then the value of the function is the standard absolute value.
2. `ord(EXPR)` — The inverse of `char`. `EXPR` must be a string of length 1.
3. `arb(EXPR)` — An element of `EXPR` selected arbitrarily. If the value of `EXPR` is empty, then the value of the function is `OM`. `EXPR` may be a sequences, set, tuple, or string.

4. `random(EXPR)` — An element of `EXPR` selected with uniform probability. If the value of `EXPR` is empty, then the value of the function is `OM`. `EXPR` may be a sequence, set, tuple, or string.
5. `max_line(EXPR)` — `EXPR` must be an integer. The maximum number of columns used when pretty-printing is set to the value of `EXPR`.
6. `system(EXPR)` — `EXPR` must be a string. The string is passed to the operating system as a command line. Available under Unix, VMS, and MSDOS.
7. `prog(EXPR, EXPR)` —

The first `EXPR` is a string, naming an executable program for the underlying operating system. The second `EXPR` is any expression, and is sent as pretty-printed text to the standard input of the named program. The program is expected to print a `Proteus` expression on its standard output, which will be the result of this expression.

An example of the identity function on Unix systems is `prog("cat", x)`, which sends a pretty-printed version of `x` to `cat` which simply echoes it. This could also be entered as `"cat" .prog x`. A more realistic use might be the expression `"invert" .prog matrix`.

The external program is started only once, as starting a program is often much more expensive than keeping it around. The key which is used to determine if a program has previously been started is the string that describes it, so if it is invoked in different ways, say with distinct options on the command line, then another copy will be started.

The external program being invoked should stay in a loop until eof on standard input, and can expect to receive data in the same format as that printed by the `print` statement. It should print its result in a similar fashion, ending with a “;”, and probably a buffer flush to make sure the data is sent back to the interpreter.

The data going to and coming from the external program can be captured by modifying the command (on Unix systems) from, say, `"invert"` to `"tee invert.in | invert | tee invert.out"`. The data sent to `invert` will be in the file called `invert.in`, and the resulting output will be in `invert.out`.

8. `precision(EXPR)` — `EXPR` must be an integer. This sets the number of decimal places shown by `print`. If `EXPR` is negative, it indicates that `print` should use scientific notation.
9. `quit()` — `exit(EXPR)` — Predefined functions to exit a `Proteus` program. `quit()` is the same as `exit(0)`. `exit` is a direct call to the Unix system call of the same name.

9 Precedence Rules

- Operators are listed from highest priority to lowest priority.
- Operators are left associative unless otherwise indicated.
- “nonassociative” means that you cannot use two operators on that line without parentheses.

CALL	anything that is a call to a function — func, sequence, tuple, string, map, etc.
# - +	unary operators
?	nonassociative
%	nonassociative
**	right associative
* / mod div inter	
+ - with less union	
.ID	infix use of binary function
in notin subset	
< <= = /= > >=	nonassociative
not	unary
and	
or	
impl	
iff	
exists forall	
where	

10 Directives

10.1 Brief Descriptions

There are a number of directives that can be given to **Proteus** to modify its behavior.

On the command line, the following switches control aspects of **Proteus**.

-d indicates *direct input*. This suppresses the interactive line editor or the screen editor in MSDOS.

-s indicates *silent mode*. In silent mode, the header and all prompts are suppressed.

The rest of the directives are **!** commands. [**a** | **b**] indicates a choice between **a** and **b**.

10.1.1 Commands

- **!quit** — Exit **Proteus**.
- **!include** <filename> — Replace <filename> with a file/pathname according to the rules of your operating system. **Proteus** will insert your file.
- **!clear** — Throw away all input back to the last single prompt.
- **!sched** [seq|rr|random] — Set the thread scheduling algorithm to one of *sequential* (each thread is executed to completion), *round-robin* (each thread executes one statement before switching to the next thread), or *random* (a thread executes one statement and then another thread is chosen at random to execute). Without a preference, it shows what scheduler is currently in use.
- **!memory** [nnn] — Change the legal upper bound to nnn. May not be lower than the currently allocated memory. Without nnn, shows how much memory has been allocated.
- **!allocate** nnn — Increase the currently allocated memory to nnn. Will not exceed the upper bound set by **!memory**, nor the actual limits of the machine.
- **!record** [file-name] — Begins recording input to “file-name”. This lets you experiment and keep a record of the work performed.
- **!system** command-line — Sends the **command-line** to the system for execution. Not available on the Macintosh.
- **!ids** — Lists all identifiers that have been defined.
- **!oms** — Lists all identifiers that have been used, but not defined.
- **!alias** id command-line — Makes **!id** equivalent to **!command-line**.
- **!version** — Prints version information for **Proteus**.

10.1.2 Toggles

Toggles take arguments **on** or **off**. Without arguments, they echo the toggle’s current state.

- **!verbose** — Controls the amount of information provided by runtime error messages. See section 13. Default is **off**.
- **!echo** — When **on**, all input is echoed. This is particularly useful when trying to find a syntax error in an **!include** file or input for a **read**. It is also useful for pedagogical purposes, as it can be used to interleave input and output.

- `!code` — When on, you get a pseudo-assembly listing for the program. Default is off.
- `!trace` — When on, you get an execution trace, using the same notation as `!code`. When desperate, this can be used to trace the execution of your program. Really intended for debugging `Proteus`. Default is off.
- `!source` — Saves source for debugging. See `!pp`, `!stack`, and `!slow`.
- `!stack` — Show calls when errors occur.

10.1.3 Debugging

1. `!watch list-of-ids` — Traces assignment and evaluation of ids.
2. `!unwatch list-of-ids` — Turns off tracing for ids.
3. `!pp id [file-name]` — Prints the source for function `id`. When present, output goes to `file-name`; otherwise, output goes to last file. `!pp` returns the file to `stdout` (usually the screen).
4. `!slow` — Execution steps by source lines. See section 10.1.3.
5. `!fast` — Return to normal execution speed.

When the system is stopped for debugging, in the `!slow` mode, you get the `?>` prompt. Responses at this point are:

- `f` — go to fast mode.
- `l` — leap mode (calls are executed as one step).
- `c` — crawl mode (trace execution within calls).
- `e` — evaluate. Enter an expression at the `!` prompt.
- `RET` — Execute the next step.

10.2 !allocate and !memory

The `!memory` directive adjusts the upper limit on permitted memory allocation. This is mainly to protect mainframe systems, so that one user doesn't use all the available space.

The `!allocate` directive increases the amount of memory *currently* available for `Proteus` objects. This space is automatically increased up to the limit set by `!memory`, but by allocating it early, some large programs may run more quickly.

If you want to grab as much memory as possible, particularly on single user systems, this is what we would recommend. First, determine the amount of memory available, by attempting to allocate everything. Then subtract from that 10K for `Proteus`'s scratch area plus any other space you may wish to save for use by the `!system` directive. You can then set the memory limit and pre-allocate in your `proteus.ini` (or `.proteusrc`) files.

See figure 4. Having tried to allocate 800K, there was only room for 500K. Deciding to leave 200K for other work, a limit of 300K was placed on `Proteus`, and 150K was pre-allocated. The lines below “...” are in another session, because one cannot decrease the GC (garbage collected) memory.

10.3 !watch and !unwatch

The two commands `!watch` and `!unwatch` control which identifiers are traced during execution. Tracing consists of reporting assignments and function evaluation.

An identifier is watched by the directive:

```
!watch id id1 id2 id3
```

where “`id`” is the name of the identifier to be watched. More than one identifier may be listed, separated by blanks.

While being watched, any assignment to a variable named with that identifier is echoed on the standard output. This includes assignments to slices and maps. If the identifier is used as a function (`smap`, `mmap`, `sequence`, `tuple`, `func`), a line is printed indicating that the expression is being evaluated and a second line is printed reporting the value returned.

It is significant that identifiers are watched, rather than variables. If `i` is being watched, then *all* variables named `i` are watched.

You can stop watching an identifier with the directive:

```
!unwatch id
```

See figure 5 for an example of the output.

10.4 !record

The `!record` directive channels all input from standard input into a file. This allows you to capture your work and later edit it for including.

A directive of the form: `!record test` changes to recording on file `test`. If you had been recording elsewhere, the other file is closed. `!record` with no file name turns off recording altogether. The recording is appended to an existing file.

By combining this with the `!echo` directive, one can create terminal sessions.

10.5 !system

This allows you to execute one command in the operating system without leaving `Proteus`. This feature is not available on the Macintosh version. See section 10.2 for hints on making sure that there is enough room to invoke the command from the system.

You could list your directory on Unix using the command:

```
!system ls
```

```
> !memory
Current GC memory = 50060, Limit = 1024000
> !allocate 800000
Current GC memory = 500600, Limit = 1024000
...
> !memory 300000
Current GC memory = 50060, Limit = 300000
> !allocate 150000
Current GC memory = 150180, Limit = 300000
```

Figure 4: Finding memory limits

```
>      f := func(i);
          return f(i-1)+f(i-2);
          end;
>      !watch f
!'f' watched
>      f(1) := 1;
! f(1) := 1;

>      f(2) := 1;
! f(2) := 1;

>      f(4);
! Evaluate: f(4);
! Evaluate: f(3);
! Evaluate: f(2);
! Yields: 1;
! Evaluate: f(1);
! Yields: 1;
! f returns: 2;
! Evaluate: f(2);
! Yields: 1;
! f returns: 3;
3;
```

Figure 5: !watch examples

Assuming that you had enough memory, you could escape to an editor, edit a file, exit the editor, and then include the file.

If you type `!system` by itself, you will enter a new copy of your operating system. You can execute anything that fits in the remaining memory.

11 Editors

The original view of the interpreter was a program that read lines of text, recognizing programs and expressions, and then evaluating them. The introduction of editors adds a second level to this. In each of the editors, there is some way to *send text to Proteus*. This phrase refers to taking the text and treating it as if those lines had been typed directly in.

11.1 Interactive Line Editor (ILE)

11.1.1 Brief description

The `left` and `right` arrows will move you within a line, permitting insertions of characters. `delete` removes the character at the cursor, `backspace` deletes the character left of the cursor. The interesting feature is that the `up` arrow moves you back thru the last hundred lines entered, with `down` arrow moving you forward. You can't go past the last entered line.

You need to use `!clear` if you want to throw away your current input (since the last `>`) so that you can edit it.

Example:

```
>  a := b +
>>      c +
>>  !clear
>      =up=>      c + =up=>  a := b +
>>      =up=> a := b + =up=>      c + =edit=> c;
```

The `!clear` had `Proteus` throw away the earlier input, but left it for subsequent editing. `=up=>` means typing the up arrow, followed by the new value displayed on that line. `=edit=>` means editing the line to produce the desired result.

Below is a complete description of the new editor.

11.1.2 Default key bindings

The interactive line editor is an input line editor that provides both line editing and a history mechanism to edit and re-enter previous lines.

`Proteus` looks in the `ile` initialization file. See page 4 for more information.

Not everyone wants to have to figure out yet another initialization file format so we provide a complete set of default bindings for all its operations.

The following table shows the default bindings of keys and key sequences provided by `ile`. These are based on the `emacs` key bindings for similar operations.

Key	Effect	VMS differences
<code>del</code>	delete char under	
<code>^A</code>	start of line	undefined
<code>^B</code>	backward char	
<code>^E</code>	end of line	
<code>^F</code>	forward char	
<code>^K</code>	erase to end of line	
<code>^L</code>	retype line	
<code>^N</code>	forward history	
<code>^P</code>	backward history	
<code>^U</code>	erase line	
<code>^V</code>	quote	
<code>^X</code>	delete char under	
<code>delete</code>	delete char under	delete char before
<code>back space</code>	delete char before	start of line
<code>return</code>	add to history	
<code>line feed</code>	add to history	
<code>home</code>	start of line	undefined
<code>end</code>	end of line	undefined
<code>^C</code>	interrupt	
<code>^Z</code>	end of file	
<code>^D</code>	end of file	
<code>left</code>	backward char	
<code>right</code>	forward char	
<code>up</code>	backward history	
<code>down</code>	forward history	

11.1.3 Initialization File

The `ile` initialization file is a list of table numbers, characters, and actions or strings. `ile` has 4 action tables. Each action table contains an action or string for each possible character. `ile` decides what to do with a character by looking it up in the table and executing the action associated with the character or by passing the string one character at a time into `ile` as if it had been typed by the user. Normally only table 0 is used. The escape actions cause the next character to be looked up in a different table. The escape actions make it possible to map multiple character sequences to actions.

By default, all entries in table 0 are bound to the insert action, and all entries in the other tables are bound to the bell action. User specified bindings override these defaults. The example in Table 1 is an initialization file that sets up the same key and delimiter bindings as the `ile` default bindings.

The first character on each key binding line is the index of the table to place the key binding in. Valid values for the index are 0, 1, 2, and 3.

The second character on the line is either the character to bind or an indicator that tells how to find out what character to bind. If the second character is any character besides `^` or `\` then the action is bound to that character.

If the second character on the line is `^` then the next character is taken as the name of a control character. So `^H` is backspace and `^[` is escape.

If the second character on the line is a `\` and the next character is a digit between 0 and 7 the following characters are interpreted as an octal number that indicates which character to bind the action to. If the character immediately after the `\` is not an octal digit then the action is bound to that character.

```
0\177=delete_char_under
0^@=escape_3
0^A=start_of_line
0^B=backward_char
0^C=pass_thru
0^D=pass_thru
0^E=end_of_line
0^F=forward_char
0^J=add_to_history
0^H=delete_char
0^K=erase_to_end_of_line
0^L=retype_line
0^M=add_to_history
0^N=forward_history
0^P=backward_history
0^U=erase_line
0^V=quote
0^X=delete_char_under
0^Z=pass_thru
0^[=escape_1

1[=escape_2

2A=backward_history
2B=forward_history
2C=forward_char
2D=backward_char

3\107=start_of_line
3\110=backward_history
3\113=backward_char
3\115=forward_char
3\117=end_of_line
3\120=forward_history
3\123=delete_char_under
```

Table 1: Example ile.ini file

For example, to get the ‘`^`’ character you would use ‘`\^`’.

The next character on the line is always ‘`=`’. Following the equal sign is the name of an action or a string. The actions are defined in the following table.

11.1.4 Actions

bell Send a bell (`^G`) character to the terminal. Hopefully the bell will ring. This action is a nice way to tell the user that an invalid sequence of keys has been typed.

insert Insert the character into the edit buffer. If there are already 75 characters in the buffer `ile` will beep and refuse to put the character in the buffer.

delete_char Delete the character directly to the left of the cursor from the edit buffer.

delete_char_under Delete the character under the cursor from the edit buffer.

quote The next character to come into `ile` will be inserted into the edit buffer. This allows you to put characters into the edit buffer that are bound to an action other than insert.

escape_1 Look up the next character in action table 1 instead of action table 0.

escape_2 Look up the next character in action table 2 instead of action table 0.

escape_3 Look up the next character in action table 3 instead of action table 0.

start_of_line Move the cursor to the left most character in the edit buffer.

backward_char Move the cursor to the left one character.

end_of_line Move the cursor past the last character in the edit buffer.

forward_char Move the cursor to the right one character.

add_to_history Add the contents of the edit buffer to the history buffer and pass the line along to the program running under `ile`.

erase_line Clear the line. Erase all characters on the line.

erase_to_end_of_line Delete the character under the cursor and all character to the left of the cursor from the edit buffer.

retype_line Retype the contents of the current edit buffer. This is handy when system messages or other asynchronous output has garbled the input line.

forward_history Display the next entry in the history buffer. If you are already at the most recent entry display a blank line. If you try to go forward past the blank line this command will beep at you.

backward_history Display the previous entry in the history buffer. If there are no older entries in the buffer, beep.

11.1.5 Strings

In addition to being able to bind a character sequence to an action `ile` allows characters sequences to be bound to strings of characters. When a string is invoked the characters in the string are treated as if they were typed by the user. For example, if the line:

```
O^G=ring^Ma^Mbell^M
```

was in your `ile.ini` file, typing control `G` would cause three lines to be typed as if the user typed them. Using the default bindings, unless there is a `^J` or `^M` in the string the string will be inserted in the current line but not sent along until the user actually presses return.

11.1.6 Error Messages

When `ile` encounters errors it prints a message and terminates. `ile` can print several standard error message. It can also print a few messages that are specific to `ile`.

- `ile: '=' missing on line #`

In a character binding line you left out the '=' character. Or, you did something that confused the initialization file reader into thinking there should be an '=' where you didn't think there should be one.

- `ile: error in initialization file on line #`

This means that the first character of a character binding line wasn't a newline or a 0, 1, 2, or 3. It could also mean that the initialization file reader is confused.

A misspelled action name in an `ile.ini` will be treated as a string. This means that typing the sequence of characters that should invoke the action will actually cause the misspelled name to be inserted in the input line.

11.1.7 Copyright

`ile` and this documentation was adapted from the program called `ile`. Permission to modify and distribute the program and its documentation is granted, subject to the inclusion of its copyright notice, which has been reproduced at the front of this manual.

12 Parallel Execution

`Proteus` supports the prototyping of parallel algorithms. `Proteus` programs can be executed with the `Proteus` interpreter, or can be transformed and translated to run on specific parallel computers. Each translation tool targets a specific style of parallelism, so not all parallel programs will run well on all parallel machines. The distinct models being targetted are described.

12.1 Data Parallelism

One model of parallelism supported by `Proteus` is that of data parallelism, a model where the computation for each datum is given parametrically. Specifically, this is done using sequence notation with iterators, function application, conditional expressions and most operations over numbers and boolean values. If the sequences are nested, then all values at the same nesting level will be computed in parallel (as the hardware permits).

Data-parallel execution can be obtained even in the case where the program is written without adhering to the data-parallel subset. The portions of the program that are outside of the subset (assignment statements, for example) are executed in a sequential manner. All sequence expressions that are within the subset (including all the functions they call) are translated to data-parallel execution. This allows intermixing of different styles of programming, giving the programmer the flexibility to achieve parallel execution without restricting him to a small subset of the language.

A technical report is available that describes the subset of the language and its transformation⁴

12.2 Thread Parallelism

Thread parallelism in `Proteus` is started either by enumeration or iteration. Examples of each are “`x := breadth_first(i) || y := depth_first(i)`” and “`forall i in [1..10] do x(i) := solve(i);`”. In each case, all statements are started without waiting for any to complete, and all statements must finish prior to executing the next sequential statement.

Generally, variables outside the scope of the executing threads are “private.” A thread uses its own private copy of a variable during parallel execution, and then when all sibling threads are complete, any modified private variables are merged together. If multiple threads modify a variable, one of the new values is chosen at random as the persisting value of the variable.

If threads desire communication via shared variables, then the shared variable must be declared as such with the `shared` variable declaration. This declaration is similar in form to the `var` declarations and may occur at the beginning of any statement block, or as a global declaration. For communicating threads within the interpreter, the thread scheduling algorithm should be set to round-robin or random (`!sched rr` or `!sched random`), otherwise a spinning thread will never stop spinning.

⁴J. Prins and D. Palmer, “Transforming High-level Data-Parallel Programs into Vector Operations,” in *Proc. 4th ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles and Practices of Parallel Programming*, May 1993. Also available via anonymous ftp at `cs.duke.edu as /pub/proteus/reports/ppopp93.ps.Z`

13 Runtime Errors

Error messages describe most problems by printing the operation with the offending values of the arguments.

If `!source` was on when the program was read, you will get the source line where the error occurred. If `!stack` is on, lines containing the calls leading to this error will also be printed.

One possible problem is that some values are very big: `{1..1000000}` for instance. Therefore, there are two forms of the error messages, controlled by the `!verbose` directive. By default, `verbose` is off and large values are represented by their type. The directive `!verbose on` results in full values being printed. `!verbose off` returns you to short messages. See figure 6 for an example.

```
>      !verbose on
>      {1..3} + 5;
! Error -- Bad arguments in:
{3, 1, 2} + 5;

>      !verbose off
>      {1..3} + 5;
! Error -- Bad arguments in:
!Set! + 5;
```

Figure 6: Runtime errors

13.1 Fatal Errors

The following errors cause `Proteus` to exit. Generally they indicate that the problem is larger than `Proteus` can manage. Please report cases where internal limits are exceeded to the author.

Message	Explanation / Suggestions
Allocated data memory exhausted	Use <code>!memory</code> to raise limit.
Includes too deeply nested	Probably file includes itself.
Out of parsing space	Internal limit exceeded.
Parser out of memory	Internal limit exceeded.
Too many locals	Internal limit exceeded.
Too many variables	Internal limit exceeded.

13.2 Operator Related Messages

Most errors print the offending expression with the values (or types) of the arguments. A few have additional information attached.

Additional	Explanation
<code>+</code>	May refer to <code>union</code> .
<code>*</code>	May refer to <code>inter</code> .
<code><relation></code>	Refers to any of the relational operators.
Boolean expected	May occur in <code>if</code> , <code>while</code> , <code>and</code> , <code>or</code> , <code>?</code> , and iterators.
Can't iterate over	Error in iterator.
in LHS of assignment	Error in selector on LHS.
Multiple images	Smag had multiple images.

13.3 General Errors

These errors do not provide context by printing the values involved, but they are generally more specific.

* Used for self explanatory messages
 internal Messages the user should never see
 Please report to author.

Message	Explanation
Arithmetic error	Relates to machine limits
Bad arg to mcPrint	internal
Bad args in low,next..high	*
Bad args in low..high	*
Bad format in readf	*
Bad mmap in iterator	MMap iterator over non-map
Can't mmap string	Cannot perform selection in assignment
Can't mmap tuple	Cannot perform selection in assignment
Cannot edit except at top level	Edit not permitted within an include
Divide by zero	*
Exact format too big in readf	*
Floating point error	*
Input must be an expression	*
Internal object too large	*
Iter_Next	internal
Nesting too deep for pretty printer.	*
Only one level of selection allowed	See section 6
Return at top level	*
RHS in mmap assignment must be set	*
RHS in string slice assignment must be string	*
RHS in tuple slice assignment must be tuple	*
Return at top level	*
Slice lower bound too big	*
Slice upper bound too big	*
Stack Overflow	*
Stack Underflow	*
Too few arguments	*
Too many arguments	*
Wrong number of args	*

14 The Proteus Grammar — Compressed

14.1 Input at the Prompt

INPUT → PROGRAM
 INPUT → STMT
 INPUT → EXPR ;

14.2 Program

PROGRAM → program ID (LOCALS VALUES STMTS) ;

14.3 Statements

STMT → (LOCALS VALUES STMTS) ;
 STMT → STMT || STMT ;
 STMT → LHS := EXPR ;
 STMT → EXPR ;
 STMT → if EXPR then STMT [else STMT] ;
 STMT → for ITERATOR do STMT ;
 STMT → forall ITERATOR do STMT ;
 STMT → while EXPR do STMT ;
 STMT → read LHS-LIST ;
 STMT → read LHS-LIST from EXPR ;
 STMT → readf PAIR-LIST ;
 STMT → readf PAIR-LIST to EXPR ;
 STMT → print EXPR-LIST ;
 STMT → print EXPR-LIST to EXPR ;
 STMT → printf PAIR-LIST ;
 STMT → printf PAIR-LIST to EXPR ;
 STMT → return ;
 STMT → return EXPR ;
 STMT → take LHS from LHS ;
 STMT → take LHS frome LHS ;
 STMT → take LHS fromb LHS ;
 STMT → write PAIR-LIST ;
 STMT → write PAIR-LIST to EXPR ;
 STMT → writeln PAIR-LIST ;
 STMT → writeln PAIR-LIST to EXPR ;
 STMTS → “One or more instances of STMT. The final semicolon is optional.”
 PAIR-LIST → “One or more instances of PAIR, separated by commas.”
 PAIR → EXPR : EXPR
 PAIR → EXPR

14.4 Iterators

ITERATOR → ITER-LIST
 ITERATOR → ITER-LIST | EXPR
 ITER-LIST → “One or more SIMPLE-ITERATORS separated by commas.”
 SIMPLE-ITERATOR → BOUND-LIST in EXPR

SIMPLE-ITERATOR \rightarrow BOUND = ID (BOUND-LIST)
 Broken.
 SIMPLE-ITERATOR \rightarrow BOUND = ID { BOUND-LIST }
 Broken.
 BOUND-LIST \rightarrow “One or more instances of BOUND, separated by commas.”
 BOUND \rightarrow ~
 BOUND \rightarrow ID
 BOUND \rightarrow [BOUND-LIST]

14.5 Selectors

SELECTOR \rightarrow (EXPR-LIST)
 SELECTOR \rightarrow { EXPR-LIST }
 SELECTOR \rightarrow (EXPR .. EXPR)
 SELECTOR \rightarrow (.. EXPR)
 SELECTOR \rightarrow (EXPR ..)
 SELECTOR \rightarrow ()

14.6 Left Hand Sides

LHS-LIST \rightarrow “One or more instances of LHS, separated by commas.”
 LHS \rightarrow ID
 LHS \rightarrow LHS SELECTOR
 LHS \rightarrow [LHS-LIST]

14.7 Expressions and Formers

EXPR-LIST \rightarrow “One or more instances of EXPR separated by commas.”
 EXPR \rightarrow ID
 EXPR \rightarrow INTEGER
 EXPR \rightarrow FLOATING-POINT
 EXPR \rightarrow STRING
 EXPR \rightarrow true
 EXPR \rightarrow false
 EXPR \rightarrow OM
 EXPR \rightarrow newatom
 EXPR \rightarrow FUNC-CONST
 EXPR \rightarrow if EXPR then EXPR else EXPR
 EXPR \rightarrow (EXPR)
 EXPR \rightarrow [FORMER]
 EXPR \rightarrow [. FORMER .]
 EXPR \rightarrow { FORMER }

 FORMER \rightarrow “Empty”
 FORMER \rightarrow EXPR-LIST
 FORMER \rightarrow EXPR .. EXPR
 FORMER \rightarrow EXPR , EXPR .. EXPR
 FORMER \rightarrow EXPR : ITERATOR

 EXPR \rightarrow # EXPR
 EXPR \rightarrow not EXPR
 EXPR \rightarrow + EXPR

EXPR → - EXPR
 EXPR → EXPR SELECTOR
 EXPR → EXPR . ID EXPR
 EXPR → EXPR . (EXPR) EXPR
 EXPR → EXPR OP EXPR

Possible operators (OP) are:

+ - * / div mod **
 with less
 = /= < > <= >=
 union inter in notin subset
 and or impl iff

EXPR → % BINOP EXPR
 EXPR → EXPR % BINOP EXPR
 EXPR → EXPR ? EXPR
 EXPR → exists ITER-LIST | EXPR
 EXPR → forall ITER-LIST | EXPR
 EXPR → EXPR where (DEFNS)
 EXPR → EXPR @ EXPR

BINOP → “Any binary operator or an ID or expression in parentheses whose value is a function of two parameters. The ID and parenthesized expression may be preceded by a period.”

The acceptable binary operators are: +, -, *, **, union, inter, /, div, mod, with, less, and, or, impl.

DEFNS → “Zero or more instances of DEFN. The final semicolon is optional.”

DEFN → BOUND := EXPR ;
 DEFN → ID SELECTOR := EXPR ;

14.8 Function Constants

FUNC-CONST → FUNC-HEAD (LOCALS VALUES STMTS) ;
 FUNC-CONST → : ID-LIST OPT-PART -> EXPR :
 FUNC-HEAD → func (ID-LIST OPT-PART)
 FUNC-HEAD → func (OPT-PART) ;
 OPT-PART → opt ID-LIST
 “May be omitted.”
 LOCALS → var ID-LIST ;
 VALUES → value ID-LIST ;
 ID-LIST → “One or more instances of ID separated by commas.”

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