
CSc 372

Comparative Programming Languages

35 : Icon — Builtins

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Numeric Operations

abs(N)	absolute value
integer(x)	convert to integer
iand(I1, I2)	bitwise and of two integers
icom(I1, I2)	bitwise complement of two integers
ior(I1, I2)	bitwise inclusive or of two integers
ishift(I1, I2)	shift I1 by I2 positions
ixor(I1, I2)	bitwise inclusive or of two integers
-N	unary negation
?N	random number between 1 and N

• I1, I2, ... are integers.

• N1, N2, ... are arbitrary numeric types.

Numeric Operations...

N1 + N2 addition

N1 - N2 subtraction

N1 * N2 multiplication

N1 / N2 quotient

N1 % N2 remainder

N1 ^ N2 N1 to the power of N2

N1 > N2 if N1 > N2 then N2 else fail

N1 >= N2 if N1 ≥ N2 then N2 else fail

N1 <= N2 if N1 ≤ N2 then N2 else fail

N1 < N2 if N1 < N2 then N2 else fail

N1 = N2 if N1 = N2 then N2 else fail

N1 ~= N2 if N1 ≠ N2 then N2 else fail

Numeric Operations...

`N1 op := N2`

`N1 := N1 op N2`, where op is any one of the binary operators. Examples: `X + := Y` \equiv `X := X + Y`, `X || := Y` \equiv `X || Y`.

`seq(I1, I2)`

generate the integers `I1, I1+I2, I1+2*I2, I1+3*I2, ...`

`I1 to I2 by I3`

generate the integers between `I1` and `I2` in increments of `I3`

`&time`

elapsed time

- `&name` are built-in variables that can be read and (sometimes) modified.

String Operations

char(i)	ASCII character number i
find(s , p , f , t)	positions in p[f : t] where s occurs.
map(s1 , s2 , s3)	map characters in s1 that occur in s2 into the corresponding character in s3
ord(C)	convert character to ASCII number
string(X)	convert X to a string
reverse(S)	return the reverse of S

String Operations...

type(x)	return the type of x as a string
*S	length of S
?S	random character selected from S
!S	generate characters of S in order
S1 S2	string concatenation
S1 >> S2	if S1 > S2 then S2 else fail
S1 >>= S2	if S1 ≥ S2 then S2 else fail
S1 == S2	if S1 = S2 then S2 else fail
S1 <<= S2	if S1 ≤ S2 then S2 else fail
S1 << S2	if S1 < S2 then S2 else fail

String Operations...

S1 ~== S2 if S1 \neq S2 then S2 else fail

S[i] *i*th character of S

S[f:t] substring of S from f to t

&clock time of day

&date date

&dateline date and time of day

Procedures and Variables

args(P)	return number of arguments of procedure P
exit(I)	exit program with status I
getenv(S)	return value of environment variable S
name(X)	return the name of variable X
proc(S)	return the procedure whose name is S
variable(S)	return the variable whose name is S
P ! L	call procedure P with arguments from the list L
stop(I , X1 , X2 , . . .)	exit program with error status I after writing strings X1, X2, etc.

File Operations

close(F)

close file F

open(S1 , S2)

open and return the file whose name is S1. S2 gives the options: "r"=open for reading, "w"=open for writing, "a"=open for append, "b"=open for read & write, "c"=create.

read(F)

read the next line from file F

reads(F , i)

read the next i characters from F

rename(S1 , S2)

rename file S1 to S2

remove(S)

remove the file whose name is S

- **F** is a file variable.

File Operations...

where(F)	return current byte position in file F
seek(F , I)	move to byte position I in file F
write(F , x1 , x2 , ...)	write strings x1, x2, ... (followed by a newline character) to file F. If F is omitted, write to standard output.
writes(F , x1 , x2 , ...)	write strings x1, x2, ... to file F.
! F	generate the lines of F
&input	standard input
&errout	standard error
&output	standard output

Structure Operations

delete(x, x)	delete element x from set x; delete element whose key is x from table x.
get(L)	delete and return the first element from the list L
pop(L)	delete and return the first element from the list L
pull(L)	delete and return the last element from the list L
push(L, x)	add element x to the beginning of list L and return the new list

Structure Operations...

put(L , x)	add element x to the end of list L and return the new list
insert(S , x)	insert element x into set S
insert(T , K , V)	insert key K with value V into table T . Same as $T[K] := V$.
key(T)	generate the keys of the elements of table T
list(I , x)	produce a list consisting of I copies of x
set(L)	return the set consisting of the elements of the list L

Structure Operations...

sort(x)	return the elements of the set or list x sorted in a list
sort(T, I)	return the elements of the table T sorted in a list L. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If $I=1$ (sort on keys) or $I=2$ (sort on values), then $L=[[key, val], [key, val], \dots].$• If $I=3$ (sort on keys) or $I=4$ (sort on values), then $L=[key, val, key, val, \dots].$
table(x)	return a table with default value x.

Structure Operations...

* x	number of elements in x
? x	random element from x
! x	generate the elements of x (a table or set) in some random order
! x	generate the elements of x (a list or record) from beginning to end
$L_1 \mid\mid\mid L_2$	concatenate lists
$R.f$	field f from record R
[x_1, x_2, \dots]	create a list
$T[x]$	value of table T whose key is x
$L[I]$	I th element of list L

Control Structures

break E	exit loop and return E
case E of { ...}	produce the value of the case clause whose key is E
every E1 do E2	evaluate E2 for every value generated by E1
fail	fail the current procedure call
if E1 then E2 else E3	produce E2 if E1 succeeds, otherwise produce E3
next	go to the beginning of the enclosing loop
not E	if E then fail else &null

Control Structures...

repeat

evaluate E repeatedly

E

until

evaluate E2 until E1 succeeds

E1 do

E2

return

return E from current procedure

E

while

evaluate E2 until E1 fails

E1 do

E2

E1 | E2

generate the results of E1 followed by the results of E2

Control Structures...

&fail	produces no result
&null	null value
&trace	if the &trace is set to a value $n > 0$, a message is produced for each procedure call/return/suspend/resume.
