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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.

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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` $\geq$ `N2` then `N2` else fail
`N1 <= N2`	if `N1` $\leq$ `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` $\neq$ `N2` then `N2` else fail

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Numeric Operations...

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

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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` $\geq$ `S2` then `S2` else fail
`S1 == S2`	if `S1` = `S2` then `S2` else fail
`S1 <<= S2`	if `S1` $\leq$ `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.

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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`. • If `I=1` (sort on keys) or `I=2` (sort on values), then `L=[[key,val],[key,val],···]`. • If `I=3` (sort on keys) or `I=4` (sort on values), then `L=[key,val,key,val,···]`.
`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
`L1 ||| L2`	concatenate lists
`R.f`	field `f` from record `R`
`[X1,X2,...]`	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` `E`	evaluate `E` repeatedly

`until`
`E1 do`
`E2`
	evaluate `E2` until `E1` succeeds

`return` `E`	return `E` from current procedure

`while`
`E1 do`
`E2`
	evaluate `E2` until `E1` fails

`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.