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Summary

Ciao is a public domain, next generation multi-paradigm programming environment with a unique set of features:

- **Ciao** offers a complete Prolog system, supporting ISO-Prolog, but its novel modular design allows both restricting and extending the language. As a result, it allows working with fully declarative subsets of Prolog and also to extend these subsets (or ISO-Prolog) both syntactically and semantically. Most importantly, these restrictions and extensions can be activated separately on each program module so that several extensions can coexist in the same application for different modules.

- **Ciao** also supports (through such extensions) programming with functions, higher-order (with predicate abstractions), constraints, and objects, as well as feature terms (records), persistence, several control rules (breadth-first search, iterative deepening, ...), concurrency (threads/engines), a good base for distributed execution (agents), and parallel execution. Libraries also support WWW programming, sockets, external interfaces (C, Java, TclTk, relational databases, etc.), etc.

- **Ciao** offers support for programming in the large with a robust module/object system, module-based separate/incremental compilation (automatically — no need for makefiles), an assertion language for declaring (optional) program properties (including types and modes, but also determinacy, non-failure, cost, etc.), automatic static inference and static/dynamic checking of such assertions, etc.

- **Ciao** also offers support for programming in the small producing small executables (including only those libraries actually used by the program) and support for writing scripts.

- The **Ciao** programming environment includes a classical top-level and a rich emacs interface with an embeddable source-level debugger and a number of execution visualization tools.

- The **Ciao** compiler (which can be run outside the top level shell) generates several forms of architecture-independent and stand-alone executables, which run with speed, efficiency, and executable size which are very competitive with other commercial and academic languages (including other Prolog/CLP systems). Library modules can be compiled into compact bytecode or C source files, and linked statically, dynamically, or autoloaded.

- The novel modular design of **Ciao** enables, in addition to modular program development, effective global program analysis and static debugging and optimization via source to source program transformation. These tasks are performed by the **Ciao preprocessor** (ciaopp, distributed separately).

- The **Ciao** programming environment also includes lpdfc, an automatic documentation generator for LP/CLP programs. It processes source files adorned with (Ciao) assertions and machine-readable comments and generates manuals in many formats including postscript, pdf, texinfo, info, HTML, man, etc., as well as on-line help, ascii README files, entries for indices of manuals (info, WWW, ...), and maintains WWW distribution sites.

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1 Introduction

1.1 About this manual

This is the Reference Manual for the Ciao development system. It contains basic information on how to install Ciao and how to write, debug, and run Ciao programs from the command line, from inside GNU emacs, or from a windowing desktop. It also documents all the libraries available in the standard distribution.

This manual has been generated using the LPdoc semi-automatic documentation generator for LP/CLP programs [HC97,Her00]. lpdoc processes Ciao files (and files in Prolog and other CLP languages) adorned with assertions and machine-readable comments, which should be written in the Ciao assertion language [PBH97,PBH00]. From these, it generates manuals in many formats including postscript, pdf, texinfo, info, HTML, man, etc., as well as on-line help, ascii README files, entries for indices of manuals (info, WWW, ...), and maintains WWW distribution sites.

The big advantage of this approach is that it is easier to keep the on-line and printed documentation in sync with the source code [Knu84]. As a result, this manual changes continually as the source code is modified. Because of this, the manual has a version number. You should make sure the manual you are reading, whether it be printed or on-line, coincides with the version of the software that you are using.

The approach also implies that there is often a variability in the degree to which different libraries or system components are documented. Many libraries offer abundant documentation, but a few will offer little. The latter is due to the fact that we tend to include libraries in the manual if the code is found to be useful, even if they may still contain sparse documentation. This is because including a library in the manual will at the bare minimum provide formal information (such as the names of exported predicates and their arity, which other modules it loads, etc.), create index entries, pointers for on-line help in the electronic versions of the manuals, and command-line completion capabilities inside emacs. Again, the manual is being updated continuously as the different libraries (and machine-readable documentation in them) are improved.

1.2 About the Ciao development system

The Ciao system is a full programming environment for developing programs in the Prolog language and in several other languages which are extensions and modifications of Prolog and (Constraint) Logic Programming in several interesting and useful directions. The programming environment offers a number of tools such as the Ciao standalone compiler (ciaoc), a traditional-style top-level interactive shell (ciaosh or ciao), an interpreter of scripts written in Ciao (ciao-shell), a Ciao (and Prolog) emacs mode (which greatly helps the task of developing programs with support for editing, debugging, version/change tracking, etc.), numerous libraries, a powerful program preprocessor (ciaopp [BGH99,BLGPH04,HBPLG99], which supports static debugging and optimization from program analysis via source to source program transformation), and an automatic documentation generator (lpdoc) [HC97,Her00]. A number of execution visualization tools [CGH93,CH00d,CH00c] are also available.

This manual documents the first four of the tools mentioned above [see PART I - The program development environment], and the Ciao language and libraries. The ciaopp and lpdoc tools are documented in separate manuals.

The Ciao language [see PART II - The Ciao basic language (engine)] has been designed from the ground up to be small, but to also allow extensions and restrictions in a modular way. The first objective allows producing small executables (including only those builtins used by the program), providing basic support for pure logic programming, and being able to write scripts
The design of Ciao has also focused on allowing modular program development, as well as automatic program manipulation and optimization. Ciao includes a robust module system [CH00a], module-based automatic incremental compilation [CH99b], and modular global program analysis, debugging and optimization [PH99], based on a rich assertion language [see PART V - Assertions, Properties, Types, Modes, Comments (assertions)] for declaring (optional) program properties (including types and modes), which can be checked either statically or dynamically. The program analysis, static debugging and optimization tasks related to these assertions are performed by the ciaopp preprocessor, as mentioned above. These assertions (together with special comment-style declarations) are also the ones used by the lpdoc autodocumenter to generate documentation for programs (the comment-style declarations are documented in the lpdoc manual).

Ciao also includes several other features and utilities, such as support for several forms of executables, concurrency (threads), distributed and parallel execution, higher-order, WWW programming (PiLLoW [CHV96b]), interfaces to other languages like C and Java, database interfaces, graphical interfaces, etc., etc. [see PARTS VI to XI].

1.3 ISO-Prolog compliance versus extensibility

One of the innovative features of Ciao is that it has been designed to subsume ISO-Prolog (International Standard ISO/IEC 13211-1, PROLOG: Part 1–General Core [DEDC96]), while at the same time extending it in many important ways. The intention is to ensure that all ISO-compliant Prolog programs run correctly under Ciao. At the same time, the Ciao module system (see [PART II - The Ciao basic language (engine)] and [CH00a] for a discussion of the motivations behind the design) allows selectively avoiding the loading of most ISO-builtins (and changing some other ISO characteristics) when not needed, so that it is possible to work with purer subsets of Prolog and also to build small executables. Also, this module system makes it possible to develop extensions using these purer subsets (or even the full ISO-standard) as a starting point. Using these features, the Ciao distribution includes libraries which significantly extend the language both syntactically and semantically.

Compliance with ISO is still not complete: currently there are some minor deviations in, e.g., the treatment of characters, the syntax, some of the arithmetic functions, and part of the error system. On the other hand, Ciao has been reported by independent sources (members of the standardization body) to be one of the most conforming Prologs at the moment of this writing, and the first one to be able to compile all the standard-conforming test cases. Also, Ciao does not offer a strictly conforming mode which rejects uses of non-ISO features. However, in order to aid programmers who wish to write standard compliant programs, library predicates that correspond to those in the ISO-Prolog standard are marked specially in the manuals, and differences between the Ciao and the prescribed ISO-Prolog behaviours, if any, are commented appropriately.

The intention of the Ciao developers is to progressively complete the compliance of Ciao with the published parts of the ISO standard as well as with other reasonable extensions of the standard may be published in the future. However, since one of the design objectives of Ciao is to address some shortcomings of previous implementations of Prolog and logic programming in general, we also hope that some of the better ideas present in the system will make it eventually into other systems and the standards.
1.4 About the name of the System

Ciao is often referred to as “Ciao Prolog,” a name which has an interesting (and not unintended) interpretation. Ciao is an interesting word which means both hello and goodbye. ‘Ciao Prolog’ intends to be a really good, all-round, freely available ISO-Prolog system which can be used as a classical Prolog, in both academic and industrial environments (and, in particular, to introduce users to Prolog and to constraint and logic programming –the hello part). An indeed many programmers use it just that way. But Ciao is also a new-generation, multiparadigm programming language and program development system which goes well beyond Prolog and other classical logic programming languages. And it has the advantage (when compared to other new-generation LP systems) that it does so while keeping full Prolog compatibility when needed.

1.5 Referring to Ciao

If you find Ciao or any of its components useful, we would appreciate very much if you added a reference to this manual (i.e., the Ciao reference manual [BCC97]) in your work. The following is an appropriate BiBTeX entry with the relevant data:

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  author = {F. Bueno and D. Cabeza and M. Carro and M. Hermenegildo and P. L'opez-Garcia and G. Puebla},
  title = {The Ciao System. Reference Manual},
  institution = {School of Computer Science, T. U. of Madrid (UPM) and IMDEA Software Institute},
  year = 1997,
  month = {August},
  number = {{CLIP}3/1997.2011},
  note = {Available from http://www.cliplab.org/}
}

1.6 Syntax terminology and notational conventions

This manual assumes some familiarity with logic programming and the Prolog language. The reader is referred to standard textbooks on logic programming and Prolog (such as, e.g., [SS86,CM81,Apt97,Hog84]) for background. However, we would like to refresh herein some concepts for the sake of establishing terminology. Also, we will briefly introduce a few of the extensions that Ciao brings to the Prolog language.

1.6.1 Predicates and their components

Procedures are called predicates and predicate calls literals. They all have the classical syntax of procedures (and of logic predications and of mathematical functions). Predicates are identified in this manual by a keyword ‘PREDICATE’ at the right margin of the place where they are documented.

Program instructions are expressions made up of control constructs (Chapter 21 [Control constructs/predicates], page 127) and literals, and are called goals. Literals are also (atomic) goals.

A predicate definition is a sequence of clauses. A clause has the form ‘H :- B.’ (ending in ’.’), where H is syntactically the same as a literal and is called the clause head, and B is a goal and is called the clause body. A clause with no body is written “H.” and is called a fact. Clauses with body are also called rules. A program is a sequence of predicate definitions.
1.6.2 Characters and character strings

We adopt the following convention for delineating character strings in the text of this manual: when a string is being used as an atom it is written thus: user or ’user’; but in all other circumstances double quotes are used (as in "hello").

When referring to keyboard characters, printing characters are written thus: ©, while control characters are written like this: \( \text{CTRL} \). Thus \( \text{CTRL} \) is the character you get by holding down the \( \text{CTRL} \) key while you type ©. Finally, the special control characters carriage-return, line-feed and space are often abbreviated to (RET), (LFD) and (SPC) respectively.

1.6.3 Predicate specs

Predicates are distinguished by their name and their arity. We will call name/arity a predicate spec. The notation name/arity is therefore used when it is necessary to refer to a predicate unambiguously. For example, concatenate/3 specifies the predicate which is named “concatenate” and which takes 3 arguments.

(Note that different predicates may have the same name and different arity. Conversely, of course, they may have the same arity and different name.)

1.6.4 Modes

When documenting a predicate, we will often describe its usage with a mode spec which has the form name(Arg1, . . . , ArgN) where each Arg may be preceded by a mode. A mode is a functor which is wrapped around an argument (or prepended if defined as an operator). Such a mode allows documenting in a compact way the instantiation state on call and exit of the argument to which it is applied. The set of modes which can be used in Ciao is not fixed. Instead, arbitrary modes can be defined by in programs using the modedef/1 declarations of the Ciao assertion language (Chapter 64 [The Ciao assertion package], page 379 for details). Modes are identified in this manual by a keyword 'MODE'.

Herein, we will use the set of modes defined in the Ciao isomodes library, which is essentially the same as those used in the ISO-Prolog standard (Chapter 68 [ISO-Prolog modes], page 413).

1.6.5 Properties and types

Although Ciao is not a typed language, it allows writing (and using) types, as well as (more general) properties. There may be properties of the states and of the computation. Properties of the states allow expressing characteristics of the program variables during computation, like in sorted(X) (X is a sorted list). Properties of the computation allow expressing characteristics of a whole computation, like in is_det(p(X,Y)) (such calls yield only one solution). Properties are just a special form of predicates (Chapter 66 [Declaring regular types], page 395) and are identified in this manual by a keyword 'PROPERTY'.

Ciao types are regular types (Chapter 66 [Declaring regular types], page 395), which are a special form of properties themselves. They are identified in this manual by a keyword 'REG-TYPE'.

1.6.6 Declarations

A declaration provides information to one of the Ciao environment tools. Declarations are interspersed in the code of a program. Usually the target tool is either the compiler (telling it that a predicate is dynamic, or a meta-predicate, etc.), the preprocessor (which understands declarations of properties and types, assertions, etc.), or the autodocumenter (which understands the previous declarations and also certain “comment” declarations).
A declaration has the form \( \textcolor{red}{-\!\textcolor{blue}{D}} \), where \( \textcolor{blue}{D} \) is syntactically the same as a literal. Declarations are identified in this manual by a keyword 'DECLARATION'.

In Ciao users can define (and document) new declarations. New declarations are typically useful when defining extensions to the language (which in Ciao are called packages). Such extensions are often implemented as expansions (see Chapter 34 [Extending the syntax], page 225). There are many such extensions in Ciao. The \texttt{functions} library, which provides functional syntax, is an example. The fact that in Ciao expansions are local to modules (as operators, see below) makes it possible to use a certain language extension in one module without affecting other modules.

1.6.7 Operators

An operator is a functor (or predicate name) which has been declared as such, thus allowing its use in a prefix, infix, or suffix fashion, instead of the standard procedure-like fashion. E.g., declaring + as an infix operator allows writing \( X+Y \) instead of \( \textcolor{red}{+}(X,Y) \) (which may still, of course, be written).

Operators in Ciao are local to the module/file where they are declared. However, some operators are standard and allowed in every program (see Chapter 47 [Defining operators], page 293). This manual documents the operator declarations in each (library) module where they are included. As with expansions, the fact that in Ciao operators are local to modules makes it possible to use a certain language extension in one module without affecting other modules.

1.7 A tour of the manual

The rest of the introductory chapters after this one provide a first “getting started” introduction for newcomers to the Ciao system. The rest of the chapters in the manual are organized into a sequence of major parts as follows:

1.7.1 PART I - The program development environment

This part documents the components of the basic Ciao program development environment. They include:

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{ciaoc}: the standalone compiler, which creates executables without having to enter the interactive top-level.
  \item \texttt{ciaosh}: (also invoked simply as \texttt{ciao}) is an interactive top-level shell, similar to the one found on most Prolog systems (with some enhancements).
  \item \texttt{debugger}: a Byrd box-type debugger, similar to the one found on most Prolog systems (also with some enhancements, such as source-level debugging). This is not a standalone application, but is rather included in \texttt{ciaosh}, as is done in other systems supporting the Prolog language. However, it is also \emph{embeddable}, in the sense that it can be included as a library in executables, and activated dynamically and conditionally while such executables are running.
  \item \texttt{ciao-shell}: an interpreter/compiler for \textit{Ciao scripts} (i.e., files containing Ciao code which run without needing explicit compilation).
\end{itemize}

Ciao emacs interface:

a \emph{complete program development environment}, based on GNU emacs, with syntax coloring, direct access to all the tools described above (as well as the preprocessor and the documenter), automatic location of errors, source-level debugging, context-sensitive access to on-line help/manuals, etc. The use of this environment is \emph{very highly recommended}!

The Ciao program development environment also includes \texttt{ciaopp}, the preprocessor, and \texttt{lpdoc}, the documentation generator, which are described in separate manuals.
1.7.2 PART II - The Ciao basic language (engine)

This part documents the Ciao basic builtins. These predefined predicates and declarations are available in every program, unless the pure package is used (by using a :- module(_, _, [pure]). declaration or :- use_package(pure).). These predicates are contained in the engine directory within the lib library. The rest of the library predicates, including the packages that provide most of the ISO-Prolog builtins, are documented in subsequent parts.

1.7.3 PART III - ISO-Prolog library (iso)

This part documents the iso package which provides to Ciao programs (most of) the ISO-Prolog functionality, including the ISO-Prolog builtins not covered by the basic library.

1.7.4 PART IV - Classic Prolog library (classic)

This part documents some Ciao libraries which provide additional predicates and functionalities that, despite not being in the ISO standard, are present in many popular Prolog systems. This includes definite clause grammars (DCGs), “Quintus-style” internal database, list processing predicates, DEC-10 Prolog-style input/output, formatted output, dynamic loading of modules, activation of operators at run-time, etc.

1.7.5 PART V - Assertions, Properties, Types, Modes, Comments (assertions)

Ciao allows annotating the program code with assertions. Such assertions include type and instantiation mode declarations, but also more general properties as well as comments for autodocumentation in the literate programming style. These assertions document predicates (and modules and whole applications) and can be used by the Ciao preprocessor/compiler while debugging and optimizing the program or library, and by the Ciao documenter to build program or library reference manuals.

1.7.6 PART VI - Ciao library miscellanea

This part documents several Ciao libraries which provide different useful additional functionality. Such functionality includes performing operating system calls, gathering statistics from the Ciao engine, file and filename manipulation, error and exception handling, fast reading and writing of terms (marshalling and unmarshalling), file locking, issuing program and error messages, pretty-printing programs and assertions, a browser of the system libraries, additional expansion utilities, concurrent aggregates, graph visualization, etc.

1.7.7 PART VII - Ciao extensions

The libraries documented in this part extend the Ciao language in several different ways. The extensions include:

- pure Prolog programming (well, this can be viewed more as a restriction than an extension);
- feature terms or records (i.e., structures with names for each field);
- parallel programming (e.g., &-Prolog style);
- functional syntax;
- higher-order;
- global variables;
- setarg and undo;
- delaying predicate execution;
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• active modules;
• breadth-first execution;
• iterative deepening-based execution;
• constraint logic programming;
• object oriented programming.

1.7.8 PART VIII - Interfaces to other languages and systems

The following interfaces to/from Ciao are documented in this part:
• External interface (e.g., to C).
• Socket interface.
• Tcl/tk interface.
• Web interface (http, html, xml, etc.);
• Persistent predicate databases (interface between the Ciao internal database and the external file system).
• SQL-like database interface (interface between the Ciao internal database and external SQL/ODBC systems).
• Java interface.
• Calling emacs from Ciao.

1.7.9 PART IX - Abstract data types

This part includes libraries which implement some generic data structures (abstract data types) that are used frequently in programs or in the Ciao system itself.

1.7.10 PART X - Contributed libraries

This part includes a number of libraries which have contributed by users of the Ciao system. Over time, some of these libraries are moved to the main library directories of the system.

1.7.11 PART XI - Contributed standalone utilities

This is the documentation for a set of contributed standalone utilities contained in the etc_contrib directory of the Ciao distribution.

1.7.12 PART XII - Appendices

These appendices describe the installation of the Ciao environment on different systems and some other issues such as reporting bugs, signing up on the Ciao user’s mailing list, downloading new versions, limitations, etc.

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• The Ciao engine, compiler, preprocessor, libraries, and documentation, although completely rewritten at this point, have their origins in the &-Prolog parallel Prolog engine and parallelizing compiler, developed by Manuel Hermenegildo, Kevin Greene, Kalyan Muthukumar, and Roger Nasr at MCC and later at UPM. The &-Prolog engine and low-level (WAM) compilers in turn were derived from early versions (0.5 to 0.7) of SICStus Prolog [Car88]. SICStus is an excellent, high performance Prolog system, developed by Mats Carlsson and colleagues at the Swedish Institute of Computer Science (SICS), that every user of Prolog should check out [Swe95, AAF91]. Very special thanks are due to Seif Haridi, Mats Carlsson, and colleagues at SICS for allowing the SICStus 0.5-0.7 components in &-Prolog and its successor, Ciao, to be distributed freely. Parts of the parallel abstract machine have been developed in collaboration with Gopal Gupta and Enrico Pontelli (New Mexico State University).

• Many aspects of the analyzers in the Ciao preprocessor (ciaopp) have been developed in collaboration with Peter Stuckey (Melbourne U.), Kim Marriott (Monash U.), Maurice Bruynooghe, Gerda Janssens, Anne Mulkers, and Veronica Dumortier (K.U. Leuven), and Saumya Dey (U. of Arizona). The assertion system has been developed in collaboration with Jan Maluszynski and Wlodek Drabent (Linkoping U.) and Pierre Deransart (INRIA). The core of the type inference system derives from the system developed by John Gallagher [GdW94] (Bristol University) and later adapted to CLP(FD) by Pawel Pietrzak (Linkoping U.).

• The constraint solvers for $R$ and $Q$ are derived from the code developed by Christian Holzbauer (Austrian Research Institute for AI in Vienna) [Hol94, Hol90, Hol92].

• The Ciao manuals include material from the DECsystem-10 Prolog User’s Manual by D.L. Bowen (editor), L. Byrd, F.C.N. Pereira, L.M. Pereira, and D.H.D. Warren [BBP81]. They also contain material from the SICStus Prolog user manuals for SICStus versions 0.5-0.7 by Mats Carlsson and Johan Widen [Car88], as well as from the Prolog ISO standard documentation [DEDC96].

• Ciao is designed to be highly extendable in a modular way. Many of the libraries distributed with Ciao have been developed by other people all of which is impossible to mention here. Individual author names are included in the documentation of each library and appear in the indices.

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1.9 Version/Change Log

Version 1.15 (2011/7/8, 11:48:1 CEST)  
New development version (Jose Morales)

Version 1.14#2 (2011/8/12, 18:14:31 CEST)  
Merging rl3606 (trunk) into 1.14. This backports an optimization for DARWIN platforms (Jose Morales)

Version 1.14#1 (2011/8/10, 18:17:10 CEST)  
Merging rl3583 through rl3586 (trunk) into 1.14. This fixes problems in the Windows version of Ciao (Edison Mera, Jose Morales)
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Version 1.14 (2011/7/8, 10:51:55 CEST)

It has been a long while since declaring the last major version (basically since moving to subversion after 1.10/1.12), so quite a bit is included in this release. Here is the (longish) summary:

- Extensions to functional notation:
  - Introduced fsyntax package (just functional syntax). (Daniel Cabeza)
  - Added support to define on the fly a return argument different from the default one (e.g. functor(~,f,2)). (Daniel Cabeza)
  - Use of ‘:- function(defined(true)).’ so that the defined function does not need to be preceded by “” in the return expression of a functional clause. (Daniel Cabeza)
  - Functional notation: added to documentation to reflect more of the FLOPS paper text and explanations. Added new functional syntax examples: arrays, combination with constraints, using func notation for properties, lazy evaluation, etc. (Manuel Hermenegildo)
  - Added functional abstractions to fsyntax and correct handling of predicate abstractions (the functions in the body where expanded outside the abstraction). (Jose Morales)
  - Improved translation of functions. In particular, old translation could lose last call optimization for functions with body or with conditional expressions. Furthermore, the translation avoids now some superfluous intermediate unifications. To be studied more involved optimizations. (Daniel Cabeza, Jose Morales).
  - More superfluous unifications taken out from translated code, in cases where a goal “f(X) = /Term/ appears in the body. (Daniel Cabeza)
  - Added library/argnames_fsyntax.pl: Package to be able to use $}$/2 as an operator. (Daniel Cabeza)
  - Added a new example for lazy evaluation, saving memory using lazy instead of eager evaluation. (Amadeo Casas)

- Improvements to signals and exceptions:
  - Distinguished between exceptions and signals. Exceptions are thrown and caught (using throw/1 and catch/3). Signals are sent and intercepted (using send_signal/l and intercept/3). (Jose Morales, Remy Haemmerle)
  - Back-port of the (improved) low-level exception handling from optim_comp branch. (Jose Morales)
  - Fixed intercept/3 bug, with caused the toplevel to not properly handle exceptions after one was handled and displayed (bug reported by Samir Genaim on 04 Dec 05, in ciao mailing list, subject “ciao top-level: exception handling”). Updated documentation. (Daniel Cabeza)
  - intercept/3 does not leave pending choice points if the called goal is deterministic (the same optimization that was done for catch/3). (Jose Morales)

- New/improved libraries:
  - New assoc library to represent association tables. (Manuel Carro, Pablo Chico)
  - New regexp library to handle regular expressions. (Manuel Carro, Pablo Chico)
  - Fixed bug in string_to_number that affected ASCII to floating point number conversions (number_codes/2 and bytecode read). (Jose Morales)
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- **system.pl**: Added predicates `copy_file/2` and `copy_file/3`. Added predicates `get_uid/1`, `get_gid/1`, `get_pwnam/1`, `get_grnam/1` implemented natively to get default user and groups of the current process. (Edison Mera)

- Added library for mutable variables. (Remy Haemmerle)

- Added package for block declarations (experimental). (Remy Haemmerle)

- Ported CHR as a Ciao package (experimental). (Tom Schrijvers)

- Debugged and improved performance of the CHR library port. (Remy Haemmerle)

- **contrib/math**: A library with several math functions that depends on the GNU Scientific Library (GSL). (Edison Mera)

- **io_aux.pl**: Added `messages/1` predicate. Required to facilitate printing of compact messages (compatible with emacs). (Edison Mera)

- Added library `hrtimer.pl` that allow us to measure the time using the highest resolution timer available in the current system. (Edison Mera)

- Global logical (backtrackable) variables (experimental). (Jose Morales)

- New dynamic handling (`dynamic_clauses` package). Not yet documented. (Daniel Cabeza)

- Moved `=` from `iso_misc` to `term_basic`. (Daniel Cabeza)

- **lib/lists.pl**: Added predicate `sequence_to_list/2`. (Daniel Cabeza)

- **lib/lists.pl**: Codification of `subordlist/2` improved. Solutions are given in other order. (Daniel Cabeza)

- **lib/filenames.pl**: Added `file_directory_base_name/3`. (Daniel Cabeza)

- **library/symlink_locks.pi**: Preliminary library to make locks a la emacs. (Daniel Cabeza)

- **lib/between.pi**: Bug in `between/3` fixed: when the low bound was a float, an smaller integer was generated. (Daniel Cabeza)

- Fixed bug related to implication operator `->` in Fuzzy Prolog (Claudio Vaucheret)

- **contrib/gendot**: Generator of dot files, for drawing graphs using the dot tool. (Claudio Ochoa)

- Added `zeromq` library (bindings for the Zero Message Queue (ZeroMQ, 0MQ) cross-platform messaging middleware) (Dragan Ivanovic)

- Minor documentation changes in `javall` library (Jesus Correas)

- Fix a bug in calculator `pl2java` example (Jesus Correas)

- **lib/aggregates.pl**: Deleted duplicated clauses of `findnsols/4`, detected by Pawel. (Daniel Cabeza)

- Added library to transform between color spaces (HSL and HVS) (experimental). (Jose Morales)

- Added module qualification in DCGs. (Remy Haemmerle, Jose Morales)

- **prolog_sys:_predicate_property/2** behaves similar to other Prolog systems (thanks to Paulo Moura for reporting this bug). (Jose Morales)

- Added DHT library (implementation of distributed hash table) (Arsen Kostenko)

- Adding property `intervals/2` in `native_props.pl` (for intervals information) (Luthfi Darmawan)
• Added code to call polynomial root finding of GSL (Luthfi Darmawan)
• Some improvements (not total, but easy to complete) to error messages given by errhandle.pl. Also, some of the errors in sockets.c.c are now proper exceptions instead of faults. (Manuel Carro)
• sockets library: added a library (nsl) needed for Solaris (Manuel Carro)
• Driver, utilities, and benchmarking programs from the ECRC suite. These are aimed at testing some well-defined characteristics of a Prolog system. (Manuel Carro)
• library/getopts.pl: A module to get command-line options and values. Intended to be used by Ciao executables. (Manuel Carro)

• Improved ISO compliance:
  • Ported the Prolog ISO conformance testing.
  • Fixed read of files containing single “%” char (reported by Ulrich Neumerkel). (Jose Morales)
  • Added exceptions in =..2. (Remy Haemmerle)
  • Added exceptions in arithmetic predicates. (Remy Haemmerle)
  • Arithmetics integer functions throw exceptions when used with floats. (Remy Haemmerle)
  • Added exceptions for resource errors. (Remy Haemmerle)

• Improvements to constraint solvers:
  • Improved CLPQ documentation. (Manuel Hermenegildo)
  • Added clp.meta/1 and clp.entailed/1 to the clpq and clpr packages (Samir Genaim):
    • clp.meta/1: meta-programming with clp constraints, e.g, clp_meta([A.>.B,B.>.1]).
    • clp_entailed/1: checks if the store entails specific contraints, e.g, clp_entailed([A.>.B]) succeeds if the current store entails A.>.B, otherwise fails.
  • Exported the simplex predicates from CLP(Q,R). (Samir Genaim)

• Other language extensions:
  • Added new bf/bfall package. It allows running all predicates in a given module in breadth-first mode without changing the syntax of the clauses (i.e., no <- needed). Meant basically for experimentation and, specially, teaching pure logic programming. (Manuel Hermenegildo)
  • Added afall package in the same line as bf/bfall (very useful!). (Manuel Hermenegildo)
  • Improved documentation of bf and af packages. (Manuel Hermenegildo)
  • Added partial commons-style dialect support, including dialect flag. (Manuel Hermenegildo)
  • yap_compat and commons_compat compatibility packages (for Yap and Prolog Commons dialects). (Jose Morales)
  • argnames package: enhanced to allow argument name resolution at runtime. (Jose Morales)
  • A package for conditional compilation of code (:use_package(condcomp)). (Jose Morales)
  • Extensions for parallelism (And-Prolog):
- Low-level support for andprolog library has been taken out of the engine and moved to library/apll in a similar way as the sockets library. We are planning to reduce the size of the actual engine further, by taking some components out of engine, such as locks, in future releases. (Amadeo Casas)

- Improved support for deterministic parallel goals, including some bug fixes. (Amadeo Casas)

- Goal stack definition added to the engine. (Amadeo Casas)

- And-parallel code and the definition of goal stacks in the engine are now wrapped with conditionals (via AND_PARALLEL_EXECUTION variable), to avoid the machinery necessary to run programs in parallel affects in any case the sequential execution. (Amadeo Casas)

- Stack expansion supported when more than one agent is present in the execution of parallel deterministic programs. This feature is still in experimental. Support for stack expansion in nondeterministic benchmarks will be added in a future release. (Amadeo Casas)

- Support for stack unwinding in deterministic parallel programs, via metachoice/metacut. However, garbage collection in parallel programs is still unsupported. We are planning to include support for it in a future release. (Amadeo Casas)

- Backward execution of nondeterministic parallel goals made via events, without speculation and continuation join. (Amadeo Casas)

- Improved agents support. New primitives included that aim at increasing the flexibility of creation and management of agents. (Amadeo Casas)

- Agents synchronization is done now by using locks, instead of using assertz/retract, to improve efficiency in the execution of parallel programs. (Amadeo Casas)

- Optimized version of call/1 to invoke deterministic goals in parallel has been added (call_handler_det/1). (Amadeo Casas)

- Optimization: locks/new_atom only created when the goal is stolen by other process, and not when this is pushed on to the goal_stack. (Amadeo Casas)

- Integration with the new annotation algorithms supported by CiaoPP, both with and without preservation of the order of the solutions. (Amadeo Casas)

- New set of examples added to the andprolog library. (Amadeo Casas)

- Several bug fixes to remove some cases in execution of parallel code in which races could appear. (Amadeo Casas)

- andprolog_rt:& by par_rt:& have been moved to native_builtin (Amadeo Casas)

- indep/1 and indep/2 have been moved to native_props, as ground/1, var/1, etc. (Amadeo Casas)

- Added assertions to the library/apll and library/andprolog libraries. (Amadeo Casas)

- Removed clauses in pretty_print for the &>/2 and <&/1 operators. (Amadeo Casas)

- Shorter code for <& / 1 and <&! / 1 (Manuel Carro)

- Trying to solve some problems when resetting WAM pointers (Manuel Carro)
• Better code to clean the stacks (Manuel Carro)

• Improvements to foreign (C language) interface:
  • Better support for cygwin and handling of dll libraries in Windows. Now usage of external dll libraries are supported in Windows under cygwin. (Edison Mera)
  • Improvements to documentation of foreign interface (examples). (Manuel Hermenegildo)
  • Allow reentrant calls from Prolog to C and then from C to Prolog. (Jose Morales)
  • Fix bug that prevented ciaoc -c MODULE from generating dynamic .so libraries files. (Jose Morales)
  • Fix bug that prevented ciaoc MODULE && rm MODULE && ciaoc MODULE from emitting correct executables (previously, dynamic .so libraries files where ignored in executable recompilations when only the main file was missing). (Jose Morales)

• Run-Time Checking and Unit Tests:
  • Added support to perform run-time checking of assertions and predicates outside ciaopp (see the documentation for more details). In addition to those already available, the new properties that can be run-time checked are: exception/1, exception/2, no_exception/1, no_exception/2, user_output/2, solutions/2, num_solutions/2, no_signal/1, no_signal/2, signal/1, signal/2, signals/2, throws/2. See library assertions/native_props.pl (Edison Mera)
  • Added support for testing via the unittest library. Documentation available at library(unittest(unittest_doc)). (Edison Mera)

• Profiling:
  • Improved profiler, now it is cost center-based and works together with the run-time checking machinery in order to also validate execution time-related properties. (Edison Mera)
  • A tool for automatic bottleneck detection has been developed, which is able to point at the predicates responsible of lack of performance in a program. (Edison Mera)
  • Improved profiler documentation. (Manuel Hermenegildo)

• Debugger enhancements:
  • Added the flag check_cycles to control whether the debugger takes care of cyclic terms while displaying goals. The rationale is that to check for cyclic terms may lead to very high response times when having big terms. By default the flag is in off, which implies that a cyclic term in the execution could cause infinite loops (but otherwise the debugger is much more speedy). (Daniel Cabeza)
  • Show the variable names instead of underscores with numbers. Added option v to show the variables list. Added v <N> option, where N is the Name of the variable you like to watch (experimental). (Edison Mera)
  • Distinguish between program variables and compiler-introduced variables. Show variables modified in the current goal. (Edison Mera)
  • debug_mode does not leave useless choicepoints (Jose Morales)

• Emacs mode:
  • Made ciao mode NOT ask by default if one wants to set up version control when first saving a file. This makes more sense if using other version control
systems and probably in any case (several users had asked for this). There
is a global customizable variable (which appears in the LPdoc area) which
can be set to revert to the old behaviour. Updated the manual accordingly.
(Manuel Hermenegildo)

- Added possibility of choosing which emacs Ciao should use during compila-
tion, by LPdoc, etc. Previously only a default emacs was used which is not
always the right thing, specially, e.g., in Mac OS X, where the latest/right
emacs may not even be in the paths. Other minor typos etc. (Manuel
Hermenegildo)

- Moved the version control menu entries to the LPdoc menu. (Manuel
Hermenegildo)

- Updated highlighting for new functional syntax, unit tests, and all other
new features. (Manuel Hermenegildo)

- Completed CiaoPP-Java environment (menus, buttons, etc.) and auto-
mated loading when visiting Java files (still through hand modification of
.emacs). CiaoPP help (e.g., for properties) now also available in Java mode.
(Manuel Hermenegildo)

- Changes to graphical interface to adapt better to current functionality of
CiaoPP option browser. Also some minor aesthetic changes. (Manuel
Hermenegildo)

- Various changes and fixes to adapt to emacs-22/23 lisp. In particular, fixed
cursor error in emacs 23 in Ciao shell (from Emilio Gallego). Also fixed
prompt in ciaopp and LPdoc buffers for emacs 23. (Manuel Hermenegildo)

- Unified several versions of the Ciao emacs mode (including the one with
the experimental toolbar in xemacs) that had diverged. Sorely needed to
be able to make progress without duplication. (Manuel Hermenegildo)

- New version of ciao.el supporting tool bar in xemacs and also, and per-
haps more importantly, in newer emacsens (>= 22), where it previously did
not work either. New icons with opaque background for xemacs tool bar.
(Manuel Hermenegildo)

- Using key-description instead of a combination of text-char-
description and string-to-char. This fixes a bug in the Ciao Emacs
Mode when running in emacs 23, that shows wrong descriptions for M-…
key bindings. The new code runs correctly in emacs 21 and 22. (Jose
Morales)

- Coloring strings before functional calls and 0' characters (strings like "~w"
were colored incorrectly) (Jose Morales)

- @begin{verbatim} and ©include colored as LPdoc commands only inside
LPdoc comments. (Jose Morales)

- Fixed colors for dark backgrounds (workaround to avoid a bug in emacs)
(Jose Morales)

- Added an automatic indenter (contrib/plindent) and formatting tool, un-
der emacs you can invoke it using the keyword C-c I in the current buffer
containing your prolog source. (Edison Mera)

- Packaging and distribution:

  - User-friendly, binary installers for several systems are now generated regu-
larly and automatically: Ubuntu/Debian, Fedora/RedHat, Windows (XP,
Vista, 7) and MacOSX. (Edison Mera, Remy Haemmerle)

- Improvements in Ciao toplevel:
• Introduced **check_cycles prolog_flag** which controls whether the toplevel handles or not cyclic terms. Flag is set to false by default (cycles not detected and handled) in order to speed up responses. (Daniel Cabeza)

• Modified **valid_solution/2** so that it asks no question when there are no pending choice points and the **prompt_alternatives_no_bindings prolog flag** is on. (Jose Morales)

• Now 'Y' can be used as well as 'y' to accept a solution of a query. (Daniel Cabeza)

• Added newline before **true** when displaying empty solutions. (Jose Morales)

• Multifile declarations of packages used by the toplevel were not properly handled. Fixed. (Daniel Cabeza)

• Fixed bug in output of bindings when current output changed.

• Changes so that including files in the toplevel (or loading packages) does not invoke an expansion of the ending **end_of_file**. This makes sense because the toplevel code is never completed, and thus no cleanup code of translations is invoked. (Daniel Cabeza)

• Compiler enhancements and bug fixes:
  • Added a command line option to **ciaoc** for generating code with runtime checks. (Daniel Cabeza)
  • Now the compiler reads assertions by default (when using the assertion package), and verifies their syntax. (Edison Mera)
  • Added option -w to **ciaoc** compiler to generate the WAM code of the specified prolog files. (Edison Mera)
  • Fixed bug in exemaker: now when **main/0** and **main/1** exists, **main/0** is always the program entry (before in modules either could be). (Daniel Cabeza)
  • Fixed bug: when compiling a file, if an imported file had no itf and it used the redefining declaration, the declaration was forgotten between the reading of the imported file (to get its interface) and its later compilation. By now those declarations are never forgotten, but perhaps it could be done better. (Daniel Cabeza)
  • The unloading of files kept some data related to them, which caused in some cases errors or warnings regarding module redefinitions. Now this is fixed. (Daniel Cabeza)
  • Undefined predicate warnings also for predicate calls qualified with current module (bug detected by Pawel Pietrzak). (Daniel Cabeza)
  • Fixed bug **debugger_include** (that is, now a change in a file included from a module which is debugged is detected when the module is reloaded). (Daniel Cabeza)
  • Fixed a(B) :- _=B, b, c(B) bug in compilation of unification. (Jose Morales)

• Improving general support for language extensions:
  • Every package starts with ':- package(...)' declaration now. This allows a clear distinction between packages, modules, and files that are just included; all of them using the same .pl extension. (Jose Morales)
  • Added priority in syntax translations. Users are not required to know the details of translations in order to use them (experimental: the the correct order for all the Ciao packages is still not fixed) (Jose Morales)
• Now the initialization of sentence translations is done in the translation package, when they are added. In this way, previous active translations cannot affect the initialization of new translations, and initializations are not started each time a new sentence translation is added. Additionally, now the initialization of sentence translations in the toplevel is done (there was a bug). (Daniel Cabeza)

• Added addterm(Meta) meta-data specification for the implementation of the changes to provide a correct clause/2 predicate. (Daniel Cabeza)

• Generalized addmodule meta-data specification to addmodule(Meta), addmodule is now an alias for addmodule(?). Needed for the implementation of the changes to provide a correct clause/2 predicate. (Daniel Cabeza)

• Improvements to system assertions:
  • Added regtype basic.props:num_code/1 and more assertions to basic.props.pl (German Puebla)
  • Added trust assertion for atomic.basic:number_codes/2 in order to have more accurate analysis info (first argument a number and second argument is a list of num_codes) (German Puebla)
  • Added some more binding insensitivity assertions in basic.props.pl (German Puebla)
  • Added the basic.props:filter/2 property which is used at the global control level in order to guarantee termination. (German Puebla)
  • Added equiv assertion for basiccontrol:fail/0 (German Puebla)
  • Modified eval assertion so that partial evaluation does not loop with ill-typed, semi-instantiated calls to is/2 (this problem was reported some time ago) (German Puebla)
  • Replaced true assertions for arithmetic predicates with trust assertions (arithmetic.pl). (German Puebla)
  • Added assertions for term.basic:'='/2 (the not unification) (German Puebla)
  • Added assertions for lists:nth/3 predicate and lists:reverse/3. (German Puebla)
  • Changed calls to atom/1 to atm/1 in c_itf.props:moddesc/1 (it is a regular type) (Jesus Correas)
  • formulae:assert_body_type/1 switched to prop, it is not a regtype. (Jesus Correas)
  • Added assertions to atom.concat/2. (Jesus Correas)
  • Added some assertions to dec10.io, lists, strings libraries. (Jesus Correas)
  • Removed check from pred and success from many library assertions. (Jesus Correas)
  • Fixed a problem when reading multiple disjunction in assertions (library/formulae.pl and lib/assertions/assrt_write.pl). (Paweł Pietrzak)
  • Added/improved assertions in several modules under lib/ (Paweł Pietrzak)

• Engine enhancements:
  • Added support for Ciao compilation in ppc64 architecture. (Manuel Carro)
  • sun4v added in ciao_get_arch. (Amadeo Casas)
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- Solved compilation issue in Sparc. (Manuel Carro, Amadeo Casas)
- Support for 64 bits Intel processor (in 32-bit compatibility mode). (Manuel Carro)
- Switched the default memory manager from linear to the binary tree version (which improves management of small memory blocks). (Remy Haemmerle)
- Using mmap in Linux/i86, Linux/Sparc and Mac OS X (Manuel Carro)
- A rename of the macro REGISTER to CIAO_REGISTER. There have been reports of the macro name clashing with an equally-named one in third-party packages (namely, the PPL library). (Manuel Carro)
- A set of macros CIAO_REG_n (n currently goes from 1 to 4, but it can be enlarged) to force the GCC compiler to store a variable in a register. This includes assignments of hardware registers for n = 1 to 3, in seemingly ascending order of effectiveness. See comments in registers.h (Manuel Carro)
- An assignment of (local) variables to be definitely stored in registers for some (not all) functions in the engine – notably wam.c. These were decided making profiling of C code to find out bottlenecks and many test runs with different assignments of C variables to registers. (Manuel Carro)
- Changed symbol name to avoid clashes with other third-party packages (such as minisat). (Manuel Carro)
- Fixed a memory alignment problem (for RISC architectures where words must be word-aligned, like Sparc). (Jose Morales)
- Unifying some internal names (towards merge with optim_comp experimental branch). (Jose Morales)

- Attributed variables:
  - Attributes of variables are correctly displayed in the toplevel even if they contain cyclic terms. Equations added in order to define cyclic terms in attributes are output after the attributes, and do use always new variable names (doing otherwise was very involved). (Daniel Cabeza)
  - lib/attrdump.pl: The library now works for infinite (cyclic) terms. (Daniel Cabeza)
  - Changed multifile predicate dump/3 to dump_constraints/3. (Daniel Cabeza)
  - Added copy_extract_attr_nc/3 which is a faster version of copy_extract_attr/3 but does not handle cyclic terms properly. (Daniel Cabeza)
  - Added term_basic:copy_term_nat/2 to copy a term taking out attributes. (Daniel Cabeza)

- Documentation:
  - Added deprecated/1. (Manuel Hermenegildo)
  - Improvements to documentation of rtchecks and tests. (Manuel Hermenegildo)
  - Many updates to manuals: dates, copyrights, etc. Some text updates also. (Manuel Hermenegildo)
  - Fixed all manual generation errors reported by LPdoc (still a number of warnings and notes left). (Manuel Hermenegildo)
  - Adding some structure (minor) to all manuals (Ciao, LPdoc, CiaoPP) using new LPdoc doc_structure/1. (Jose Morales)

- Ciao Website:
• Redesigned the Ciao website. It is generated again through LPdoc, but with new approach. (Jose Morales)

New development version after 1.12. (Jose Morales)

**Version 1.12 (2005/7/3, 18:50:50 CEST)**
Temporary version before transition to SVN. (Jose Morales)

New development version to begin the builtin modularization (Jose Morales)

Backports and bug fixes to stable 1.10:
• Changes to make Ciao 1.10 compile with the latest GCC releases.
• Imported from CiaoDE/branches/CiaoDE-memory_management-20051016, changes from revisions 4909 to 4910: Changes to make Ciao issue a better message at startup if the allocated memory does not fall within the limits precomputed at compile time (plus some code tidying).
• Port of revisions 5415, 5426, 5431, 5438, 5546, 5547 applied to Ciao 1.13 to Ciao 1.10 in order to make it use `mmap()` when possible and to make it compile on newer Linux kernels. Tested in Ubuntu, Fedora (with older kernel) and MacOSX.
• Configuration files for DARWIN (ppc) and 64-bit platforms (Intel and Sparc, both in 32-bit compatibility mode).
• Force the creation of the module containing the foreign interface compilation options before they are needed.

**Version 1.10 (2004/7/29, 16:12:3 CEST)**
• Classical prolog mode as default behavior.
• Emacs-based environment improved.
  • Improved emacs inferior (interaction) mode for Ciao and CiaoPP.
  • Xemacs compatibility improved (thanks to A. Rigo).
  • New icons and modifications in the environment for the preprocessor.
  • Icons now installed in a separate dir.
  • Compatibility with newer versions of Cygwin.
• Changes to programming environment:
  • Double-click startup of programming environment.
  • Reorganized menus: help and customization grouped in separate menus.
  • Error location extended.
  • Automatic/Manual location of errors produced when running Ciao tools now customizable.
  • Presentation of CiaoPP preprocessor output improved.
• Faces and coloring improved:
  • Faces for syntax-based highlighting more customizable.
  • Syntax-based coloring greatly improved. Literal-level assertions also correctly colored now.
  • Syntax-based coloring now also working on ASCII terminals (for newer versions of emacs).
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- Listing user-defined directives allowed to be colored in special face.
- Syntax errors now colored also in inferior buffers.
- Customizable faces now appear in the documentation.
- Added new tool bar button (and binding) to refontify block/buffer.
- Error marks now cleared automatically also when generating docs.
- Added some fixes to hooks in Lpdoc buffer.

- Bug fixes in compiler.
  - Replication of clauses in some cases (thanks to S. Craig).

- Improvements related to supported platforms
  - Compilation and installation in different platforms have been improved.
  - New Mac OS X kernels supported.

- Improvement and bugs fixes in the engine:
  - Got rid of several segmentation violation problems.
  - Number of significant decimal digits to be printed now computed accurately.
  - Added support to test conversion of a Ciao integer into a machine int.
  - Unbound length atoms now always working.
  - C interface .h files reachable through a more standard location (thanks to R. Bagnara).
  - Compatibility with newer versions of gcc.

- New libraries and utilities added to the system:
  - Factsdb: facts defined in external files can now be automatically cached on-demand.
  - Symfnames: File aliasing to internal streams added.

- New libraries added (in beta state):
  - fd: clp(FD)
  - xml_path: XML querying and transformation to Prolog.
  - xdr_handle: XDR schema to HTML forms utility.
  - dllist: Two-way traversal list library.
  - gnuplot: Interface to GnuPlot.
  - time_analyzer: Execution time profiling.

- Some libraries greatly improved:
  - Interface to Tcl/Tk very improved.
    - Corrected many bugs in both interaction Prolog to Tcl/Tk and vice-versa.
    - Execution of Prolog goals from Tcl/Tk revamped.
    - Treatment of Tcl events corrected.
    - Predicate tcl_eval/3 now allows the execution of Tcl procedures running multiple Prolog goals.
    - Documentation heavily reworked.
    - Fixed unification of prolog goals run from the Tcl side.

- Pillow library improved in many senses.
  - HTTP media type parameter values returned are always strings now, not atoms.
• Changed verbatim() pillow term so that newlines are translated to <br>.
• Changed management of cookies so that special characters in values are correctly handled.
• Added predicate url_query_values/2, reversible. Predicate url_query/2 now obsolete.
• Now attribute values in tags are escaped to handle values which have double quotes.
• Improved get_form_input/1 and url_query/2 so that names of parameters having unusual characters are always correctly handled.
• Fixed bug in tokenizer regarding non-terminated single or multiple-line comments. When the last line of a file has a single-line comment and does not end in a newline, it is accepted as correct. When an open-comment /* sequence is not terminated in a file, a syntax error exception is thrown.

• Other libraries improved:
  • Added native.props to assertions package and included nonground/1.
  • In atom2terms, changed interpretation of double quoted strings so that they are not parsed to terms.
  • Control on exceptions improved.
  • Added native/1,2 to basic.props.
  • Davinci error processing improved.
  • Foreign predicates are now automatically declared as implementation-defined.
  • In lists, added cross_product/2 to compute the cartesian product of a list of lists. Also added delete_non_ground/3, enabling deletion of nonground terms from a list.
  • In lists added transpose/2 and changed append/2 implementation with a much more efficient code.
  • The make library has been improved.
  • In persdb, added pretractall_fact/1 and retractall_fact/1 as persdb native capabilities.
  • Improved behavior with user environment from persdb.
  • In persdb, added support for persistent_dir/4, which includes arguments to specify permission modes for persistent directory and files.
  • Some minor updates in persdb_sql.
  • Added treatment of operators and module:pred calls to pretty-printer.
  • Updated report of read of syntax errors.
  • File locking capabilities included in open/3.
  • Several improvements in library system.
  • New input/output facilities added to sockets.
  • Added most_specific_generalization/3 and most_general_instance/3 to terms_check.
  • Added sort_dict/2 to library vndict.
  • The xref library now treats also empty references.

• Miscellaneous updates:
  • Extended documentation in libraries actmods, arrays, foreign_interface, javall, persdb_mysql, prolog_sys, old_database, and terms_vars.
Version 1.9 (2002/5/16, 23:17:34 CEST)
New development version after stable 1.8p0 (MCL, DCG)

- Improvements related to supported platforms:
  - Support for Mac OS X 10.1, based on the Darwin kernel.
  - Initial support for compilation on Linux for Power PC (contributed by Paulo Moura).
  - Workaround for incorrect C compilation while using newer (> 2.95) gcc compilers.
  - .bat files generated in Windows.
- Changes in compiler behavior and user interface:
  - Corrected a bug which caused wrong code generation in some cases.
  - Changed execution of initialization directives. Now the initialization of a module/file never runs before the initializations of the modules from which the module/file imports (excluding circular dependences).
  - The engine is more intelligent when looking for an engine to execute byte-code; this caters for a variety of situations when setting explicitly the CIAOLIB environment variable.
  - Fixed bugs in the toplevel: behaviour of module:main calls and initialization of a module (now happens after related modules are loaded).
  - Layout char not needed any more to end Prolog files.
  - Syntax errors now disable .itf creation, so that they show next time the code is used without change.
  - Redefinition warnings now issued only when an unqualified call is seen.
  - Context menu in Windows can now load a file into the toplevel.
  - Updated Windows installation in order to run CGI executables under Windows: a new information item is added to the registry.
  - Added new directories found in recent Linux distributions to INFOPATH.
  - Emacs-based environment and debugger improved:
    - Errors located immediately after code loading.
    - Improved ciao-check-types-modes (preprocessor progress now visible).
    - Fixed loading regions repeatedly (no more predicate redefinition warnings).
    - Added entries in ciaopp menu to set verbosity of output.
    - Fixed some additional xemacs compatibility issues (related to searches).
    - Errors reported by inferior processes are now explored in forward order (i.e., the first error rereported is the first one highlighted). Improved tracking of errors.
    - Specific tool bar now available, with icons for main functions (works from emacs 21.1 on). Also, other minor adaptations for working with emacs 21.1 and later.
    - Debugger faces are now locally defined (and better customization). This also improves compatibility with xemacs (which has different faces).
    - Direct access to a common use of the preprocessor (checking modes/types and locating errors) from toolbar.
    - Inferior modes for Ciao and CiaoPP improved: contextual help turned on by default.
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- Fixes to set-query. Also, previous query now appears in prompt.
- Improved behaviour of stored query.
- Improved behaviour of recentering, finding errors, etc.
- Wait for prompt has better termination characteristics.
- Added new interactive entry points (M-x): ciao, prolog, ciaopp.
- Better tracking of last inferior buffer used.
- Miscellaneous bugs removed; some colors changed to adapt to different Emacs versions.
- Fixed some remaining incompatibilities with xemacs.
- :- doc now also supported and highlighted.
- Eliminated need for calendar.el
- Added some missing library directives to fontlock list, organized this better.

- New libraries added to the system:
  - hiord: new library which needs to be loaded in order to use higher-order call/N and P(X) syntax. Improved model for predicate abstractions.
  - fuzzy: allows representing fuzzy information in the form or Prolog rules.
  - use_url: allows loading a module remotely by using a WWW address of the module source code
  - andorra: alternative search method where goals which become deterministic at run time are executed before others.
  - iterative deepening (id): alternative search method which makes a depth-first search until a predetermined depth is reached. Complete but in general cheaper than breadth first.
  - det_hook: allows making actions when a deterministic situation is reached.
  - ProVRML: read VRML code and translate it into Prolog terms, and the other way around.
  - io_alias_redirection: change where stdin/stdout/standard point to from within Ciao programs.
  - tcl_tk: an interface to Tcl/Tk programs.
  - tcl_tk_obj: object-based interface to Tcl/Tk graphical objects.
  - CiaoPP: options to interface with the CiaoPP Prolog preprocessor.

- Some libraries greatly improved:
  - WebDB: utilities to create WWW-based database interfaces.
  - Improved java interface implementation (this forced renaming some interface primitives).

- User-transparent persistent predicate database revamped:
  - Implemented passerta_fact/I (asserta_fact/I).
  - Now it is never necessary to explicitly call init_persdb, a call to initialize_db is only needed after dynamically defining facts of persistent_dir/2. Thus, pcurrent_fact/I predicate eliminated.
  - Facts of persistent predicates included in the program code are now included in the persistent database when it is created. They are ignored in successive executions.
  - Files where persistent predicates reside are now created inside a directory named as the module where the persistent predicates are defined, and are named as F_A* for predicate F/A.
• Now there are two packages: persdb and 'persdb/ll' (for low level). In the first, the standard builtins asserta_fact/1, assertz_fact/1, and retract_fact/1 are replaced by new versions which handle persistent data predicates, behaving as usual for normal data predicates. In the second package, predicates with names starting with 'p' are defined, so that there is not overhead in calling the standard builtins.

• Needed declarations for persistent_dir/2 are now included in the packages.

• SQL now works with mysql.

• system: expanded to contain more predicates which act as interface to the underlying system / operating system.

• Other libraries improved:
  • xref: creates cross-references among Prolog files.
  • concurrency: new predicates to create new concurrent predicates on-the-fly.
  • sockets: bugs corrected.
  • objects: concurrent facts now properly recognized.
  • fast read/write: bugs corrected.
  • Added 'webbased' protocol for active modules: publication of active module address can now be made through WWW.
  • Predicates in library(dynmods) moved to library(compiler).
  • Expansion and meta predicates improved.
  • Pretty printing.
  • Assertion processing.
  • Module-qualified function calls expansion improved.
  • Module expansion calls goal expansion even at runtime.

• Updates to builtins (there are a few more; these are the most relevant):
  • Added a prolog_flag to retrieve the version and patch.
  • current_predicate/1 in library(dynamic) now enumerates non-engine modules, prolog_sys_current_predicate/2 no longer exists.
  • exec/* bug fixed.
  • srandom/1 bug fixed.

• Updates for C interface:
  • Fixed bugs in already existing code.
  • Added support for creation and traversing of Prolog data structures from C predicates.
  • Added support for raising Prolog exceptions from C predicates.
  • Preliminary support for calling Prolog from C.

• Miscellaneous updates:
  • Installation made more robust.
  • Some pending documentation added.
  • 'ciao' script now adds (locally) to path the place where it has been installed, so that other programs can be located without being explicitly in the $PATH.
  • Loading programs is somewhat faster now.
  • Some improvement in printing path names in Windows.
Version 1.7 (2000/7/12, 19:1:20 CEST)
Development version following even 1.6 distribution.

Version 1.6 (2000/7/12, 18:55:50 CEST)
- Source-level debugger in emacs, breakpts.
- Emacs environment improved, added menus for CIAopp and LPDoc.
- Debugger embeddable in executables.
- Stand-alone executables available for UNIX-like operating systems.
- Many improvements to emacs interface.
- Menu-based interface to autodocumerter.
- Threads now available in Win32.
- Many improvements to threads.
- Modular clp(R) / clp(Q).
- Libraries implementing And-fair breadth-first and iterative deepening included.
- Improved syntax for predicate abstractions.
- Library of higher-order list predicates.
- Better code expansion facilities (macros).
- New delay predicates (when/2).
- Compressed object code/executables on demand.
- The size of atoms is now unbound.
- Fast creation of new unique atoms.
- Number of clauses/predicates essentially unbound.
- Delayed goals with freeze restored.
- Faster compilation and startup.
- Much faster fast write/read.
- Improved documentation.
- Other new libraries.
- Improved installation/deinstallation on all platforms.
- Many improvements to autodocumerter.
- Many bug fixes in libraries and engine.

Development version following even 1.4 distribution.

Version 1.4 (1999/11/27, 19:0:0 MEST)
- Documentation greatly improved.
- Automatic (re)compilation of foreign files.
- Concurrency primitives revamped; restored &Prolog-like multiengine capability.
- Windows installation and overall operation greatly improved.
- New version of O'Ciao class/object library, with improved performance.
- Added support for "predicate abstractions" in call/N.
- Implemented reexportation through reexport declarations.
- Changed precedence of importations, last one is now higher.
- Modules can now implicitly export all predicates.
- Many minor bugs fixed.

Version 1.3 (1999/6/16, 17:5:58 MEST)
Development version following even 1.2 distribution.
Version 1.2 (1999/6/14, 16:54:55 MEST)
Temporary version distributed locally for extensive testing of reexportation and other 1.3 features.

Development version following even 1.0 distribution.

Version 1.0 (1999/6/4, 13:27:42 MEST)
- Added Tcl/Tk interface library to distribution.
- Added push_prolog_flag/2 and pop_prolog_flag/1 declarations/builtins.
- Filename processing in Windows improved.
- Added redefining/1 declaration to avoid redefining warnings.
- Changed syntax/1 declaration to use_package/1.
- Added add_clause_trans/1 declaration.
- Changed format of .itf files such that a '+' stands for all the standard imports from engine, which are included in c_itf source internally (from engine(builtin_exports)). Further changes in itf data handling, so that once an .itf file is read in a session, the file is cached and next time it is needed no access to the file system is required.
- Many bugs fixed.

Version 0.9 (1999/3/10, 17:3:49 CET)
- Test version before 1.0 release. Many bugs fixed.

Version 0.8 (1998/10/27, 13:12:36 MET)
- Changed compiler so that only one pass is done, eliminated .dep files.
- New concurrency primitives.
- Changed assertion comment operator to #.
- Implemented higher-order with call/N.
- Integrated SQL-interface to external databases with persistent predicate concept.
- First implementation of object oriented programming package.
- Some bugs fixed.

Version 0.7 (1998/9/15, 12:12:33 MEST)
- Improved debugger capabilities and made easier to use.
- Simplified assertion format.
- New arithmetic functions added, which complete all ISO functions.
- Some bugs fixed.

Version 0.6 (1998/7/16, 21:12:7 MET DST)
- Defining other path aliases (in addition to 'library') which can be loaded dynamically in executables is now possible.
- Added the possibility to define multifile predicates in the shell.
- Added the possibility to define dynamic predicates dynamically.
- Added addmodule meta-argument type.
- Implemented persistent data predicates.
- New version of PiLLoW WWW library (XML, templates, etc.).
- Ported active modules from “distributed Ciao” (independent development version of Ciao).
- Implemented lazy loading in executables.
• Modularized engine (builtin).
• Some bugs fixed.

**Version 0.5 (1998/3/23)**
• First Windows version.
• Integrated debugger in toplevel.
• Implemented DCG’s as (Ciao-style) expansions.
• Builtins renamed to match ISO-Prolog.
• Made ISO the default syntax/package.

**Version 0.4 (1998/2/24)**
• First version with the new Ciao emacs mode.
• Full integration of concurrent engine and compiler/library.
• Added newDeclaration/1 directive.
• Added modular syntax enhancements.
• Shell script interpreter separated from toplevel shell.
• Added new compilation warnings.

**Version 0.3 (1997/8/20)**
• Ciao builtins modularized.
• New prolog flags can be defined by libraries.
• Standalone command-line compiler available, with automatic "make".
• Added assertions and regular types.
• First version using the automatic documentation generator.

**Version 0.2 (1997/4/16)**
• First module system implemented.
• Implemented exceptions using catch/3 and throw/1.
• Added functional & record syntax.
• Added modular sentence, term, and goal translations.
• Implemented attributed variables.
• First CLPQ/CLPR implementation.
• Added the possibility of linking external .so files.
• Changes in syntax to allow P(X) and "string" || L.
• Changed to be closer to ISO-Prolog.
• Implemented Prolog shell scripts.
• Implemented data predicates.

**Version 0.1 (1997/2/13)**
First fully integrated, standalone Ciao distribution. Based on integrating into an evolution of the &-Prolog engine/libraries/preprocessor [Her86, HG91] many functionalities from several previous independent development versions of Ciao [HC93, HC94, HCC95, Bue95, CLI95, HBdBPP95, HBC96, CHV96b, HBC99].
2 Getting started on Un*x-like machines

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This part guides you through some very basic first steps with Ciao on a Un*x-like system. It assumes that Ciao is already installed correctly on your Un*x system. If this is not the case, then follow the instructions in Chapter 234 [Installing Ciao from the source distribution], page 1129 first.

We start with by describing the basics of using Ciao from a normal command shell such as sh/bash, csh/tcsh, etc. We strongly recommend reading also Section 2.4 [An introduction to the Ciao emacs environment (Un*x)], page 32 for the basics on using Ciao under emacs, which is a much simpler and much more powerful way of developing Ciao programs, and has the advantage of offering an almost identical environment under Un*x and Windows.

2.1 Testing your Ciao Un*x installation

It is a good idea to start by performing some tests to check that Ciao is installed correctly on your system (these are the same tests that you are instructed to do during installation, so you can obviously skip them if you have done them already at that time). If any of these tests do not succeed either your environment variables are not set properly (see Section 2.2 [Un*x user setup], page 29 for how to fix this):

- Typing ciao (or ciaosh) should start the typical Prolog-style top-level shell.
- In the top-level shell, Ciao library modules should load correctly. Type for example use_module(library(declO_io)) —you should get back a prompt with no errors reported.
- To exit the top level shell, type halt. as usual, or (CD).
- Typing ciaoc should produce the help message from the Ciao standalone compiler.
- Typing ciao-shell should produce a message saying that no code was found. This is a Ciao application which can be used to write scripts written in Ciao, i.e., files which do not need any explicit compilation to be run.

Also, the following documentation-related actions should work:

- If the info program is installed, typing info should produce a list of manuals which should include Ciao manual(s) in a separate area (you may need to log out and back in so that your shell variables are reinitialized for this to work).
- Opening with a WWW browser (e.g., netscape) the directory or URL corresponding to the DOCDIR setting should show a series of Ciao-related manuals. Note that style sheets should be activated for correct formatting of the manual.
- Typing man ciao should produce a man page with some very basic general information on Ciao (and pointing to the on-line manuals).
- The DOCDIR directory should contain the manual also in the other formats such as postscript or pdf which specially useful for printing. See Section 2.3.7 [Printing man­uals (Un*x)], page 32 for instructions.

2.2 Un*x user setup

If the tests above have succeeded, the system is probably installed correctly and your environment variables have been set already. In that case you can skip to the next section.

Otherwise, if you have not already done so, make the following modifications in your startup scripts, so that these files are used (<LIBROOT> must be replaced with the appropriate value, i.e., where the Ciao library is installed):

- For users a csh-compatible shell (csh, tcsh, ...), add to ~/.cshrc:
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if ( -e <v>libroot</v>/ciao/DOTcshrc ) then
  source <v>libroot</v>/ciao/DOTcshrc
endif

Note: while this is recognized by the terminal shell, and therefore by the text-mode Emacs which comes with Mac OS X, the Aqua native Emacs 21 does not recognize that initialization. It is thus necessary, at this moment, to set manually the Ciao shell (ciaosh) and Ciao library location by hand. This can be done from the Ciao menu within Emacs after a Ciao file has been loaded. We believe that the reason is that Mac OS X does not actually consult the per-user initialization files on startup. It should also be possible to put the right initializations in the .emacs file using the setenv function of Emacs-lisp, as in

(setenv "CIAOLIB" "<v>libroot</v>/ciao")

The same can be done for the rest of the variables initialized in <v>libroot</v>/ciao/DOTcshrc

• For users of an sh-compatible shell (sh, bash, ...), the installer will add to ~/.bashrc the next lines:

if [-f <v>libroot</v>/ciao/DOTprofile]; then
  <v>libroot</v>/ciao/DOTprofile
fi

This will set up things so that the Ciao executables are found and you can access the Ciao system manuals using the info command. Note that, depending on your shell, you may have to log out and back in for the changes to take effect.

• Also, if you use emacs (highly recommended) the install will add the next line to your ~/.emacs file:

(load-file "<v>libroot</v>/ciao/ciao-mode-init.el")
(if (file-exists-p "<v>libroot</v>/ciao/ciao-mode-init.el")
  (load-file "<v>libroot</v>/ciao/ciao-mode-init.el")
)

If after following these steps things do not work properly, then the installation was probably not completed properly and you may want to try reinstalling the system.

2.3 Using Ciao from a Un*x command shell

2.3.1 Starting/exiting the top-level shell (Un*x)

The basic methods for starting/exiting the top-level shell have been discussed above. If upon typing ciao you get a “command not found” error or you get a longer message from Ciao before starting, it means that either Ciao was not installed correctly or you environment variables are not set up properly. Follow the instructions on the message printed by Ciao or refer to the installation instructions regarding user-setup for details.

2.3.2 Getting help (Un*x)

The basic methods for accessing the manual on-line have also been discussed above. Use the table of contents and the indices of predicates, libraries, concepts, etc. to find what you are looking for. Context-sensitive help is available within the emacs environment (see below).

2.3.3 Compiling and running programs (Un*x)

Once the shell is started, you can compile and execute modules inside the interactive top-level shell in the standard way. E.g., type use_module(file), use_module(library(file)). for
library modules, `ensure_loaded(file)` for files which are not modules, and `use_package(file)` for library packages (these are syntactic/semantic packages that extend the Ciao language in many different ways). Note that the use of `compile/1` and `consult/1` is discouraged in Ciao.

For example, you may want to type `use_package(iso)` to ensure Ciao has loaded all the ISO builtins (whether this is done by default or not depends on your `.ciaorc` file). Do not worry about any “module already in executable” messages—these are normal and simply mean that a certain module is already pre-loaded in the top-level shell. At this point, typing `write(hello)` should work.

Note that some predicates that may be built-ins in typical Prolog implementations are available through libraries in Ciao. This facilitates making small executables.

To change the working directory to, say, the `examples` directory in the Ciao root directory, first do:

```prolog
?- use_module(library(system)).
```

(loading the `system` library makes a number of system-related predicates such as `cd/1` accessible) and then:

```prolog
?- cd('$/examples').
```

(in Ciao the sequence `$/ at the beginning of a path name` is replaced by the path of the Ciao root directory).

For more information see Chapter 5 [The interactive top-level shell], page 49.

### 2.3.4 Generating executables (Un*x)

Executables can be generated from the top-level shell (using `make_exec/2`) or using the standalone compiler (`ciaoc`). To be able to make an executable, the file should define the predicate `main/1` (or `main/0`), which will be called upon startup (see the corresponding manual section for details). In its simplest use, given a top-level `foo.pi` file for an application, the compilation process produces an executable `foo`, automatically detecting which other files used by `foo.pl` need recompilation.

For example, within the `examples` directory, you can type:

```prolog
?- make_exec(hw, _).
```

which should produce an executable. Typing `hw` in a shell (or double-clicking on the icon from a graphical window) should execute it.

For more information see Chapter 5 [The interactive top-level shell], page 49 and Chapter 4 [The stand-alone command-line compiler], page 41.

### 2.3.5 Running Ciao scripts (Un*x)

Ciao allows writing scripts. These are files containing Ciao source but which get executed without having to explicitly compile them (in the same way as, e.g., `.bat` files or programs in scripting languages). As an example, you can run the file `hw` in the `examples` directory of the Ciao distribution and look at the source with an editor. You can try changing the `Hello world` message and running the program again (no need to recompile!).

As you can see, the file should define the predicate `main/1` (not `main/0`), which will be called upon startup. The two header lines are necessary in Un*x in. In Windows you can leave them in or you can take them out, but you need to rename the script to `hw.pls`. Leaving the lines in has the advantage that the script will also work in Un*x without any change.

For more information see Chapter 8 [The script interpreter], page 71.
2.3.6 The Ciao initialization file (Un*x)

The Ciao toplevel can be made to execute upon startup a number of commands (such as, e.g., loading certain files or setting certain Ciao flags) contained in an initialization file. This file should be called .ciaorc and placed in your home directory (e.g., `.`, the same in which the .emacs file is put). You may need to set the environment variable HOME to the path of this directory for the Ciao toplevel shell to be able to locate this file on startup.

2.3.7 Printing manuals (Un*x)

As mentioned before, the manual is available in several formats in the reference directory within the doc directory in the Ciao distribution, including postscript or pdf, which are specially useful for printing. These files are also available in the DOCDIR directory specified during installation. Printing can be done using an application such as ghostview (freely available from http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost/index.html) or acrobat reader (http://www.adobe.com, only pdf).

2.4 An introduction to the Ciao emacs environment (Un*x)

While it is easy to use Ciao with any editor of your choice, using it within the emacs editor/program development system is highly recommended: Ciao includes an emacs mode which provides a very complete application development environment which greatly simplifies many program development tasks. See Chapter 18 [Using Ciao inside GNU emacs], page 95 for details on the capabilities of ciao/emacs combination.

If the (freely available) emacs editor/environment is not installed in your system, we highly recommend that you also install it at this point (there are instructions for where to find emacs and how to install it in the Ciao installation instructions). After having done this you can try for example the following things:

- A few basic things:
  - Typing CH) © (or in the menus Help->Manuals->Browse Manuals with Info) should open a list of manuals in info format in which the Ciao manual(s) should appear.
  - When opening a Ciao file, i.e., a file with .pl or .pls ending, using \texttt{C-X C-F} filename (or using the menus) the code should appear highlighted according to syntax (e.g., comments in red), and Ciao/Prolog menus should appear in the menu bar on top of the emacs window.
  - Loading the file using the Ciao/Prolog menu (or typing C) ®) should start in another emacs buffer the Ciao toplevel shell and load the file. You should now be able to switch the toplevel shell and make queries from within emacs.

Note: when using emacs it is very convenient to swap the locations of the (normally not very useful) \texttt{(Caps Lock)} key and the (very useful in emacs) \texttt{(ctrl)} key on the keyboard. How to do this is explained in the emacs frequently asked questions FAQs (see the emacs download instructions for their location).

- You can go to the location of most of the errors that may be reported during compilation by typing C) ®.
- You can also, e.g., create executables from the Ciao/Prolog menu, as well as compile individual files, or generate active modules.
- Loading a file for source-level debugging using the Ciao/Prolog menu (or typing C) ®) and then issuing a query should start the source-level debugger and move a marker on the code in a window while execution is stepped through in the window running the Ciao top level.
- You can add the lines needed in Un*x for turning any file defining `main/1` into a script from the Ciao/Prolog menu or by typing `C-c C-s`.
- You can also work with the preprocessor and auto-documenter directly from emacs: see their manuals or browse through the corresponding menus that appear when editing `.pl` files.

We encourage you once more to read Chapter 18 [Using Ciao inside GNU emacs], page 95 to discover the many other functionalities of this environment.

2.5 Keeping up to date (Un*x)

You may want to read Chapter 236 [Beyond installation], page 1143 for instructions on how to sign up on the Ciao user’s mailing list, receive announcements regarding new versions, download new versions, report bugs, etc.
Chapter 3: Getting started on Windows machines

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This part guides you through some very basic first steps with Ciao on an MSWindows ("Win32") system. It assumes that Ciao is already installed correctly on your Windows system. If this is not the case, then follow the instructions in Chapter 235 [Installing Ciao from a Win32 binary distribution], page 1139 (or Chapter 234 [Installing Ciao from the source distribution], page 1129) first.

We start with by describing the basics of using Ciao from the Windows explorer and/or a DOS command shell. We strongly recommend reading also Section 3.3 [An introduction to the Ciao emacs environment (Win32)], page 37 for the basics on using Ciao under emacs, which is a much simpler and much more powerful way of developing Ciao programs, and has the advantage of offering an almost identical environment under Windows and Un*x.

3.1 Testing your Ciao Win32 installation

It is a good idea to start by performing some tests to check that Ciao is installed correctly on your system (these are the same tests that you are instructed to do during installation, so you can obviously skip them if you have done them already at that time):

- Ciao-related file types (.pl source files, .cpx executables, .itf, .po, .asr interface files, .pis scripts, etc.) should have specific icons associated with them (you can look at the files in the folders in the Ciao distribution to check).
- Double-clicking on the shortcut to ciaosh(.cpx) on the desktop should start the typical Prolog-style top-level shell in a window. If this shortcut has not been created on the desktop, then double-clicking on the ciaosh(.cpx) icon inside the shell folder within the Ciao source folder should have the same effect.
- In the top-level shell, Ciao library modules should load correctly. Type for example use_module(library(dec10_io)). at the Ciao top-level prompt —you should get back a prompt with no errors reported.
- To exit the top level shell, type halt. as usual, or Ctrl-D.

Also, the following documentation-related actions should work:

- Double-clicking on the shortcut to ciao(.html) which appears on the desktop should show the Ciao manual in your default WWW browser. If this shortcut has not been created you can double-click on the ciao(.html) file in the doc\reference\ciao_html folder inside the Ciao source folder. Make sure you configure your browser to use style sheets for correct formatting of the manual (note, however, that some older versions of Explorer did not support style sheets well and will give better results turning them off).
- The doc\reference folder contains the manual also in the other formats present in the distribution, such as info (very convenient for users of the emacs editor/program development system) and postscript or pdf, which are specially useful for printing. See Section 3.2.7 [Printing manuals (Win32)], page 37 for instructions.

3.2 Using Ciao from the Windows explorer and command shell

3.2.1 Starting/exiting the top-level shell (Win32)

The basic methods for starting/exiting the top-level shell have been discussed above. The installation script also leaves a ciaosh(.bat) file inside the shell folder of the Ciao distribution which can be used to start the top-level shell from the command line in Windows systems.
3.2.2 Getting help (Win32)

The basic methods for accessing the manual on-line have also been discussed above. Use the table of contents and the indices of predicates, libraries, concepts, etc. to find what you are looking for. Context-sensitive help is available within the emacs environment (see below).

3.2.3 Compiling and running programs (Win32)

Once the shell is started, you can compile and execute Ciao modules inside the interactive toplevel shell in the standard way. E.g., type use_module(file), use_module(library(file)). for library modules, ensure_loaded(file), for files which are not modules, and use_package(file). for library packages (these are syntactic/semantic packages that extend the Ciao language in many different ways). Note that the use of compile/1 and consult/1 is discouraged in Ciao.

For example, you may want to type use_package(iso) to ensure Ciao has loaded all the ISO builtins (whether this is done by default or not depends on your .ciaorc file). Do not worry about any “module already in executable” messages –these are normal and simply mean that a certain module is already pre-loaded in the toplevel shell. At this point, typing write(hello). should work.

Note that some predicates that may be built-ins in typical Prolog implementations are available through libraries in Ciao. This facilitates making small executables.

To change the working directory to, say, the examples directory in the Ciao source directory, first do:

?- use_module(library(system)).

(loading the system library makes a number of system-related predicates such as cd/1 accessible) and then:

?- cd('/', examples').

(in Ciao the sequence $/ at the beginning of a path name is replaced by the path of the Ciao root directory).

For more information see Chapter 5 [The interactive top-level shell], page 49.

3.2.4 Generating executables (Win32)

Executables can be generated from the toplevel shell (using make_exec/2) or using the standalone compiler (ciaoc(.cpx), located in the ciaoc folder). To be able to make an executable, the file should define the predicate main/1 (or main/0), which will be called upon startup (see the corresponding manual section for details).

For example, within the examples directory, you can type:

?- make_exec(hw, _).

which should produce an executable. Double-clicking on this executable should execute it.

Another way of creating Ciao executables from source files is by right-clicking on .pl files and choosing “make executable”. This uses the standalone compiler (this has the disadvantage, however, that it is sometimes difficult to see the error messages).

For more information see Chapter 5 [The interactive top-level shell], page 49 and Chapter 4 [The stand-alone command-line compiler], page 41.
3.2.5 Running Ciao scripts (Win32)

Double-clicking on files ending in .pls, Ciao scripts, will also execute them. These are files containing Ciao source but which get executed without having to explicitly compile them (in the same way as, e.g., .bat files or programs in scripting languages). As an example, you can double-click on the file hw.pls in the examples folder and look at the source with an editor. You can try changing the **Hello world** message and double-clicking again (no need to recompile!).

As you can see, the file should define the predicate **main/1** (not **main/0**), which will be called upon startup. The two header lines are only necessary in Un*x. In Windows you can leave them in or you can take them out, but leaving them in has the advantage that the script will also work in Un*x without any change.

For more information see Chapter 8 [The script interpreter], page 71.

3.2.6 The Ciao initialization file (Win32)

The Ciao toplevel can be made to execute upon startup a number of commands (such as, e.g., loading certain files or setting certain Ciao flags) contained in an initialization file. This file should be called **.ciaorc** and placed in your home folder (e.g., the same in which the **.emacs** file is put). You may need to set the environment variable **HOME** to the path of this folder for the Ciao toplevel shell to be able to locate this file on startup.

3.2.7 Printing manuals (Win32)

As mentioned before, the manual is available in several formats in the reference folder within Ciao’s doc folder, including postscript or pdf, which are specially useful for printing. This can be done using an application such as ghostview (freely available from http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost/index.html) or acrobat reader (http://www.adobe.com, only pdf).

3.3 An introduction to the Ciao emacs environment (Win32)

While it is easy to use Ciao with any editor of your choice, using it within the emacs editor/program development system is highly recommended: Ciao includes an **emacs mode** which provides a very complete **application development environment** which greatly simplifies many program development tasks. See Chapter 18 [Using Ciao inside GNU emacs], page 95 for details on the capabilities of **ciao/ emacs** combination.

If the (freely available) emacs editor/environment is not installed in your system, we highly recommend that you also install it at this point (there are instructions for where to find emacs and how to install it in the Ciao installation instructions). After having done this you can try for example the following things:

- A few basic things:
  - Typing **CTRL \ O** (or in the menus Help->Manuals->Browse Manuals with Info) should open a list of manuals in info format in which the Ciao manual(s) should appear.
  - When opening a Ciao file, i.e., a file with .pl or .pls ending, using **CTRL F filename** (or using the menus) the code should appear highlighted according to syntax (e.g., comments in red), and Ciao/Prolog menus should appear in the menu bar on top of the emacs window.
  - Loading the file using the Ciao/Prolog menu (or typing **CTRL \ O**) should start in another emacs buffer the Ciao toplevel shell and load the file. You should now be able to switch the toplevel shell and make queries from within emacs.
Note: when using emacs it is very convenient to swap the locations of the (normally not very useful) (Caps Lock) key and the (very useful in emacs) (Ctrl) key on the keyboard. How to do this is explained in the emacs frequently asked questions FAQs (see the emacs download instructions for their location).

(if these things do not work the system or emacs may not be installed properly).

- You can go to the location of most of the errors that may be reported during compilation by typing \(^Q\).
- You can also, e.g., create executables from the Ciao/Prolog menu, as well as compile individual files, or generate active modules.
- Loading a file for source-level debugging using the Ciao/Prolog menu (or typing \(^C^C^D^@\)) and then issuing a query should start the source-level debugger and move a marker on the code in a window while execution is stepped through in the window running the Ciao top level.
- You can add the lines needed in Un*x for turning any file defining main/1 into a script from the Ciao/Prolog menu or by typing \(^C^C^D^1^s\).
- You can also work with the preprocessor and auto-documenter directly from emacs: see their manuals or browse through the corresponding menus that appear when editing .pl files.

We encourage you once more to read Chapter 18 [Using Ciao inside GNU emacs], page 95 to discover the many other functionalities of this environment.

3.4 Keeping up to date (Win32)

You may want to read Chapter 236 [Beyond installation], page 1143 for instructions on how to sign up on the Ciao user’s mailing list, receive announcements regarding new versions, download new versions, report bugs, etc.
PART I - The program development environment

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This part documents the components of the basic Ciao program development environment. They include:

ciaoc: the standalone compiler, which creates executables without having to enter the interactive top-level.

ciao: (also invoked simply as ciao) is an interactive top-level shell, similar to the one found on most Prolog systems (with some enhancements).

debugger: a Byrd box-type debugger, similar to the one found on most Prolog systems (also with some enhancements, such as source-level debugging). This is not a standalone application, but is rather included in ciaosh, as is done in other systems supporting the Prolog language. However, it is also embeddable, in the sense that it can be included as a library in executables, and activated dynamically and conditionally while such executables are running.

ciao-shell: an interpreter/compiler for Ciao scripts (i.e., files containing Ciao code which run without needing explicit compilation).

Ciao emacs interface:

a complete program development environment, based on GNU emacs, with syntax coloring, direct access to all the tools described above (as well as the preprocessor and the documenter), automatic location of errors, source-level debugging, context-sensitive access to on-line help/manuals, etc. The use of this environment is very highly recommended!

The Ciao program development environment also includes ciaopp, the preprocessor, and lpdfc, the documentation generator, which are described in separate manuals.
4 The stand-alone command-line compiler

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ciaoc is the Ciao stand-alone command-line compiler. ciaoc can be used to create executables or to compile individual files to object code (to be later linked with other files). ciaoc is specially useful when working from the command line. Also, it can be called to compile Ciao programs from other tools such as, e.g., shell scripts, Makefiles, or project files. All the capabilities of ciaoc are also available from the interactive top-level shell, which uses the ciaoc modules as its components.

4.1 Introduction to building executables

An executable can be built from a single file or from a collection of inter-related files. In the case of only one file, this file must define the predicate main/0 or main/1. This predicate is the one which will be called when the executable is started. As an example, consider the following file, called hello.pl:

```
main :-
    write('Hello world'),
    nl.
```

To compile it from the command line using the ciaoc standalone compiler it suffices to type ‘ciaoc hello’ (in Win32 you may have to put the complete path to the ciaoc folder of the Ciao distribution, where the installation process leaves a ciaoc.bat file):

```
$ ciaoc hello
```

This produces an executable called hello in Un*x-like systems and hello.cpx under Win32 systems. This executable can then be run in Win32 by double-clicking on it and on Un*x systems by simply typing its name (see for Section 4.3 [Running executables from the command line], page 42 for how to run executables from the command line in Win32):

```
$ ./hello
Hello world
```

If the application is composed of several files the process is identical. Assume hello.pl is now:

```
:- use_module(aux, [p/1]).
main :-
p(X),
    write(X),
    nl.
```

where the file aux.pl contains:

```
:- module(aux,[p/1]).
p('Hello world').
```

This can again be compiled using the ciaoc standalone compiler as before:

```
$ ciaoc hello
$ ./hello
Hello world
```

The invocation of ciaoc hello compiles the file hello.pl and all connected files that may need recompilation – in this case the file aux.pl. Also, if any library files used had not been compiled previously they would be compiled at this point (See Section 4.6 [Intermediate files in the compilation process], page 45). Also, if, say, hello.pl is changed and recompiled, the
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object code resulting from the previous compilation of aux.pl will be reused. This is all done without any need for Makefiles, and considerably accelerates the development process for large applications. This process can be observed by selecting the -v option when invoking ciaoc (which is equivalent to setting the verbose_compilation Prolog flag to on in the top-level interpreter).

If main/1 is defined instead of main/0 then when the executable is started the argument of main/1 will be instantiated to a list of atoms, each one of them corresponding to a command line option. Consider the file say.pl:

\[
\text{main}(\text{Argv}) :-
\text{write_list}(\text{Argv}), \text{nl}.
\]

\[
\text{write_list}([\ ]).
\text{write_list}([\text{Arg}|\text{Args}]) :-
\text{write}(\text{Arg}),
\text{write}(' '),
\text{write_list}(\text{Args}).
\]

Compiling this program and running it results in the following output:

\$ ciaoc say
\$ ./say hello dolly
hello dolly

The name of the generated executable can be controlled with the -o option (See Section 4.7 [Usage (ciaoc)], page 45). 

4.2 Paths used by the compiler during compilation

The compiler will look for files mentioned in commands such as use_module/1 or ensure_loaded/1 in the current directory. Other paths can be added by including them in a file whose name is given to ciaoc using the -u option. This file should contain facts of the predicates file_search_path/2 and library_directory/1 (see the documentation for these predicates and also Chapter 17 [Customizing library paths and path aliases], page 93 for details).

4.3 Running executables from the command line

As mentioned before, what the ciaoc compiler generates and how it is started varies somewhat from OS to OS. In general, the product of compiling an application with ciaoc is a file that contains the bytecode (the product of the compilation) and invokes the Ciao engine on it.

- Un Un*x this is a script (see the first lines of the file) which invokes the ciao engine on this file. To run the generated executable from a Un*x shell, or from the bash shell that comes with the Cygwin libraries (see Section 234.6 [Installation and compilation under Windows], page 1135) it suffices to type its name at the shell command line, as in the examples above.

- In a Win32 system, the compiler produces a similar file with a .cpx ending. The Ciao installation process typically makes sure that the Windows registry contains the right entries so that this executable will run upon double-clicking on it.

In you want to run the executable from the command line an additional .bat file is typically needed. To help in doing this, the Win32 installation process creates a .bat skeleton file called bat_skel in the Win32 folder of the distribution) which allows running Ciao executables from the command line. If you want to run a Ciao executable file.cpx from the command line, you normally copy the skeleton file to the folder were the executable is and rename it to file.bat, then change its contents as explained in a comment inside the file itself.
Note that this .bat file is usually not necessary in NT, as its command shell understands file extension associations. I.e., in windows NT it is possible to run the file.cpx executable directly. Due to limitations of .bat files in Windows 95/98, in those OSs no more than 9 command line arguments can be passed to the executable (in NT there is no such restriction). Finally, in a system in which Cygnus Win32 is installed executables can also be used directly from the bash shell command line, without any associated .bat files, by simply typing their name at the bash shell command line, in the same way as in Un*x. This only requires that the bash shell which comes with Cygnus Win32 be installed and accessible: simply, make sure that /bin/sh.exe exists.

Except for a couple of header lines, the contents of executables are almost identical under different OSs (except for self-contained ones). The bytecode they contain is architecture-independent. In fact, it is possible to create an executable under Un*x and run it on Windows or viceversa, by making only minor modifications (e.g., creating the .bat file and/or setting environment variables or editing the start of the file to point to the correct engine location).

4.4 Types of executables generated

While the default options used by ciaoc are sufficient for normal use, by selecting other options ciaoc can generate several different types of executables, which offer interesting tradeoffs among size of the generated executable, portability, and startup time [CHOOb]:

Dynamic executables:

        ciaoc produces by default dynamic executables. In this case the executable produced is a platform-independent file which includes in compiled form all the user defined files. On the other hand, any system libraries used by the application are loaded dynamically at startup. More precisely, any files that appear as library(...) in use_module/1 and ensure_loaded/1 declarations will not be included explicitly in the executable and will instead be loaded dynamically. Is is also possible to mark other path aliases (see the documentation for file_search_path/2) for dynamic loading by using the -d option. Files accessed through such aliases will also be loaded dynamically.

Dynamic loading allows making smaller executables. Such executables may be used directly in the same machine in which they were compiled, since suitable paths to the location of the libraries will be included as default in the executable by ciaoc during compilation.

The executable can also be used in another machine, even if the architecture and OS are different. The requirement is that the Ciao libraries (which will also include the appropriate Ciao engine for that architecture and OS) be installed in the target machine, and that the CIAOLIB and CIAOENGINE environment variables are set appropriately for the executable to be able to find them (see Section 4.5 [Environment variables used by Ciao executables], page 45). How to do this differs slightly from OS to OS.

Static executables:

        Selecting the -s option ciaoc produces a static executable. In this case the executable produced (again a platform-independent file) will include in it all the auxiliary files and any system libraries needed by the application. Thus, such an executable is almost complete, needing in order to run only the Ciao engine, which is platform-specific.¹ Again, if the executable is run in the same machine in which it

¹ Currently there is an exception to this related to libraries which are written in languages other than Prolog, as, e.g., C. C files are currently always compiled to dynamically loadable object files (.so files), and they thus need to be included manually in a distribution of an application. This will be automated in upcoming versions of the Ciao system.
was compiled then the engine is found automatically. If the executable is moved to another machine, the executable only needs access to a suitable engine (which can be done by setting the `CIAOENGINE` environment variable to point to this engine).

This type of compilation produces larger executables, but has the advantage that these executables can be installed and run in a different machine, with different architecture and OS, even if Ciao is not installed on that machine. To install (or distribute) such an executable, one only needs to copy the executable file itself and the appropriate engine for the target platform (See Chapter 234 [Installing Ciao from the source distribution], page 1129 or Chapter 235 [Installing Ciao from a Win32 binary distribution], page 1139 and Section 234.5 [Multiarchitecture support], page 1134), and to set things so that the executable can find the engine.²

Dynamic executables, with lazy loading:

Selecting the `-l` option is very similar to the case of dynamic executables above, except that the code in the library modules is not loaded when the program is started but rather it is done during execution, the first time a predicate defined in that file is called. This is advantageous if a large application is composed of many parts but is such that typically only some of the parts are used in each invocation. The Ciao preprocessor, `ciaopp`, is a good example of this: it has many capabilities but typically only some of them are used in a given session. An executable with lazy load has the advantage that it starts fast, loading a minimal functionality on startup, and then loads the different modules automatically as needed.

Self-contained executables:

Self-contained executables are static executables (i.e., this option also implies static compilation) which include a Ciao engine along with the bytecode, so they do not depend on an external one for their execution. This is useful to create executables which run even if the machine where the program is to be executed does not have a Ciao engine installed and/or libraries. The disadvantage is that such executables are platform-dependent (as well as larger than those that simply use an external library). This type of compilation is selected with the `-S` option. Cross-compilation is also possible with the `-SS` option, so you can specify the target OS and architecture (e.g. LINUXi86). To be able to use the latter option, it is necessary to have installed a ciaoengine for the target machine in the Ciao library (this requires compiling the engine in that OS/architecture and installing it, so that it is available in the library).

Compressed executables:

In compressed executables the bytecode is compressed. This allows producing smaller executables, at the cost of a slightly slower startup time. This is selected with the `-z` option. You can also produce compressed libraries if you use `-zl` along with the `-c` option. If you select `-zl` while generating an executable, any library which is compiled to accomplish this will be also compressed.

Active modules:

The compiler can also compile (via the `-a` option) a given file into an active module (see Chapter 120 [Active modules (high-level distributed execution)], page 607 for a description of this).

² It is also possible to produce real standalone executables, i.e., executables that do not need to have an engine around. However, this is not automated yet, although it is planned for an upcoming version of the compiler. In particular, the compiler can generate a `.c` file for each `.pl` file. Then all the `.c` files can be compiled together into a real executable (the engine is added one more element during link time) producing a complete executable for a given architecture. The downside of course is that such an executable will not be portable to other architectures without recompilation.
4.5 Environment variables used by Ciao executables

The executables generated by the Ciao compiler (including the ciao development tools themselves) locate automatically where the Ciao engine and libraries have been installed, since those paths are stored as defaults in the engine and compiler at installation time. Thus, there is no need for setting any environment variables in order to run Ciao executables (on a single architecture — see Section 3.4.5 [Multiarchitecture support], page 1134 for running on multiple architectures).

However, the default paths can be overridden by using the environment variables CIAOENGINE and CIAOLIB. The first one will tell the Ciao executables where to look for an engine, and the second will tell them where to look for the libraries. Thus, it is possible to actually use the Ciao system without installing it by setting these variables to the following values:

- CIAOENGINE: CIAOBUILDDIR/$(CIAOARCH)/ciaoengine
- CIAOLIB: CIAOSRC

where $(CIAOARCH) is the string echoed by the command CIAOSRC/etc/ciao_get_arch (or BINDIR/ciao_get_arch, after installation).

This allows using alternate engines or libraries, which can be very useful for system development and experimentation.

4.6 Intermediate files in the compilation process

Compiling an individual source (i.e., .pl) file produces a .itf file and a .po file. The .itf file contains information of the modular interface of the file, such as information on exported and imported predicates and on the other modules used by this module. This information is used to know if a given file should be recompiled at a given point in time and also to be able to detect more errors statically including undefined predicates, mismatches on predicate characteristics across modules, etc. The .po file contains the platform-independent object code for a file, ready for linking (statically or dynamically).

It is also possible to use ciaoc to explicitly generate the .po file for one or more .pl files by using the -c option.

If you want to view the warn instructions of one or more .pl files you can use the -w option. That will generate a .warn file with such instructions in a pretty format per each .pl file.

4.7 Usage (ciaoc)

The following provides details on the different command line options available when invoking ciaoc:

ciaoc <MiscOpts> <ExecOpts> [-o <execname>] <file> ...

Make an executable from the listed files. If there is more than one file, they must be non-module, and the first one must include the main predicate. The -o option allows generating an arbitrary executable name.

ciaoc <MiscOpts> <ExecOpts> -a <publishmod> <module>

Make an active module executable from <module> with address publish module <publishmod>.
ciao <MiscOpts> -c <file> ...

Compile listed files (make .po objects).

ciao <MiscOpts> -w <file> ...

Generate WAM code of listed files (in .wam files).


<ExecOpts> can be: [-s|-S|-SS <target>|-z|-zl|-e|-l|(-ll <module>)*]

(-d <alias>)* [-x]

default extension for files is '.pl'

-h, --help
Show this help.
-u use <file> for compilation, often used to include LibDir paths, etc.
-op use <suffix> as the suffix for optimized (or otherwise tuned) code
-L look for libraries also in the <LibDir> directory
-c Compile listed files (make .po objects)
-w Generate WAM code of listed files (in .wam files).
-S
make standalone executable for the current OS and architecture, implies -s
-SS make standalone executable for <target> OS and architecture
valid <target> values may be: LINUXi86, SolarisSparc..., implies -s
-ll force <module> to be loaded lazily, implies -l
-ac All the modules will be compiled using <Packages>
-acm <Modules> will be compiled using <Packages>
-d files using this path alias are dynamic (default: library)
-o Make an executable from the listed files.
-a Make an active module
-v, --verbose-compilation
verbose mode
-ri, --itf-format-r
Generate human readable .itf files
-x, --check-libraries
extended recompilation: only useful for Ciao standard library developers
-s, --executables-static
make a static executable (otherwise dynamic files are not included)
-z, --compress-exec
Generate executables with compressed bytecode
-zl, --compress-lib
generate libraries with compressed bytecode - any library (re)compiled as
consequence of normal executable compilation will also be affected
-l, --executables-lazyload
Idem with lazy load of dynamic files (except insecure cases)
-np, --use-compile-packages-no
Do not use compile packages
-na, --read-assertions-no
Do not read the assertions in the code
-rc, --runtime-checks
Generate code with runtime checks, requires to read assertions
--rtchecks-trust-no
Disable rtchecks for trust assertions
--rtchecks-entry-no
Disable rtchecks for entry assertions
--rtchecks-exit-no
Disable rtchecks for exit assertions
--rtchecks-test
enable rtchecks for test assertions. Used for debugging purposes, but is better to use the unittest library
--rtchecks-level-exports
Use rtchecks only for external calls of the exported predicates
--rtchecks-inline
Expand library predicates inline as far as possible
--rtchecks-asrloc-no
Do not use assertion locators in the error messages
--rtchecks-predloc-no
Do not use predicate locators in the error messages
--rtchecks-namefmt-short
Show the name of predicates and properties in a reduced format
--rtchecks-callloc-no
Do not show the stack of predicates that caused the failure
--rtchecks-callloc-literal
Show the stack of predicates that caused the failure. Instrument it in the literal. This mode provides more information, because reports also the literal in the body of the predicate
--unused-pred-warnings
Show warnings about unused predicates. Note that a predicate is being used if it is exported, it appears in clause body of a predicate being used, in a multifile predicate, in a predicate used in :- initialization(...) or :- on_abort(...) declarations, or if it is the meta-argument of a metapredicate.

4.8 Known bugs and planned improvements (ciaoc)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
- Also if appears in the body of an assertion referred to a predicate being used, but that is not implemented, because the assertion reader is not included in the compiler yet – EMM.
Chapter 5: The interactive top-level shell

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ciaosh is the Ciao interactive top-level shell. It provides the user with an interactive programming environment with tools for incrementally building programs, debugging programs by following their executions, and modifying parts of programs without having to start again from scratch. If available, it is strongly recommended to use it with the emacs interface provided, as it greatly simplifies the operation. This chapter documents general operation in the shell itself.

5.1 Shell invocation and startup

When invoked, the shell responds with a message of identification and the prompt ?- as soon as it is ready to accept input, thus:

```
?- 
```

When the shell is initialized it looks for a file .ciaorc in the HOME directory and makes an include of it, if it exists. This file is useful for including use_module/1 declarations for the modules one wants to be loaded by default, changing prolog flags, etc. (Note that the .ciaorc file can only contain directives, not actual code; to load some code at startup put it in a separate file and load it using e.g. a use_module/1 declaration.) If the initialization file does not exist, the default package default_for_ciaosh is included, to provide more or less what other prologs define by default. Thus, if you want to have available all builtins you had before adding the initialization file, you have to include :- use_package(default_for_ciaosh) in it.

Two command-line options control the loading of the initialization file:

- **f** Fast start, do not load any initialization file.
- **l File** Look for initialization file File instead of ~/.ciaorc. If it does not exist, include the default package.

5.2 Shell interaction

After the shell outputs the prompt, it is expecting either an internal command (see the following sections) or a query (a goal or sequence of goals). When typing in the input, which must be a valid prolog term, if the term does not end in the first line, subsequent lines are indented. For example:

```
?- X =
  f(a,
  b).

X = f(a,b) ?
```

```
yes
?- 
```

The queries are executed by the shell as if they appeared in the user module. Thus, in addition to builtin predicates, predicates available to be executed directly are all predicates defined by loaded user files (files with no module declaration), and imported predicates from modules by the use of use_module.

The possible answers of the shell, after executing an internal command or query, are:

- If the execution failed (or produced an error), the answer is no.
• If the execution was successful and bindings where made (or constraints where imposed) on answer variables, then the shell outputs the values of answer variables, as a sequence of bindings (or constraints), and then prints a ? as a prompt. At this point it is expecting an input line from the user. By entering a carriage-return (\texttt{RET}) or any line starting with \texttt{y}, the query terminates and the shell answer yes. Entering a ‘,’ the shell enters a recursive level (see below). Finally, any other answer forces the system to backtrack and look for the next solution (answering as with the first solution).

• If the execution was successful, but no answer variable was bound or constrained, the answer is simply yes. This behavior can be changed by setting the prolog flag \texttt{prompt_alternatives_no_bindings} to on, so that if there are more solutions the user will be consulted as explained in the previous point (useful if the solutions produce side effects).

To allow using connection variables in queries without having to report their results, variables whose name starts with _ are not considered in answers, the rest being the \textit{answer variables}. This example illustrates the previous points:

\begin{verbatim}
?– member(a, [b, c]).
no
?– member(a, [a, b]).
yes
?– member(X, [a|L]).
X = a ? ;
L = [X|_] ?
yes
?– atom_codes(ciao, _C), member(L, _C).
L = 99 ? ;
L = 105 ? ;
L = 97 ? ;
L = 111 ? ;
no
?–
\end{verbatim}

\section{5.3 Entering recursive (conjunctive) shell levels}

As stated before, when the user answers with ‘,’ after a solution is presented, the shell enters a recursive level, changing its prompt to $N$ ?– (where $N$ is the recursion level) and keeping the bindings or constraints of the solution (this is inspired by the LogIn language developed by H. Ait-Kaci, P. Lincoln and Roger Nasr [AKNL86]). Thus, the following queries will be executed within that context, and all variables in the lower level solutions will be reported in subsequent solutions at this level. To exit a recursive level, input an \texttt{EOF} character or the command \texttt{up}. The last solution after entering the level is repeated, to allow asking for more solutions. Use command \texttt{top} to exit all recursive levels and return to the top level. Example interaction:

\begin{verbatim}
?– directory_files(’.’,Fs), member(F,Fs).
\end{verbatim}
F = 'file_utils.po' ,
1 ?- file_property(F, mod_time(T)).
F = 'file_utils.po',
T = 923497679 ?
yes
1 ?- up.
F = 'file_utils.po' ? ;
F = 'file_utils.pl' ? ;
F = 'file_utils.itf' ? ,
1 ?- file_property(F, mod_time(T)).
F = 'file_utils.itf',
T = 923497679 ?
yes
1 ?- 'D
F = 'file_utils.itf' ?
yes
?-

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- **Library usage:**
  The following predicates can be used at the top-level shell natively (but see also the commands available in Chapter 6 [The interactive debugger], page 57 which are also available within the top-level shell).
- **Exports:**
  - *Predicates:*
    - use_module/1, use_module/2, ensure_loaded/1, make_exec/2, include/1, use_package/1, consult/1, compile/1, ./2, make_po/1, unload/1, set_debug_mode/1, set_nodebug_mode/1, make_actmod/2, force_lazy/1, undo_force_lazy/1, dynamic_search_path/1, multifile/1.
- **Imports:**
  - *System library modules:*
    - toplevel/toplevel, libpaths, compiler/compiler, compiler/exemaker, compiler/c_itf, debugger/debugger.
  - *Packages:*
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions.
5.5 Documentation on exports (toplevel_doc)

use_module/1: PREDICATE
(True) Usage: use_module(Module)
Load into the top-level the module defined in Module, importing all the predicates it exports.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Module is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)

use_module/2: PREDICATE
(True) Usage: use_module(Module,Imports)
Load into the top-level the module defined in Module, importing the predicates in Imports.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Module is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)
  Imports is a list of prednames. (basic_props:list/2)

ensure_loaded/1: PREDICATE
(True) Usage: ensure_loaded(File)
Load into the top-level the code residing in file (or files) File, which is user (i.e. non-module) code.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  File is a source name or a list of source names. (toplevel_doc:sourcenames/1)

make_exec/2: PREDICATE
(True) Usage: make_exec(File,ExecName)
Make a Ciao executable from file (or files) File, giving it name ExecName. If ExecName is a variable, the compiler will choose a default name for the executable and will bind the variable ExecName to that name. The name is chosen as follows: if the main prolog file has no .pl extension or we are in Windows, the executable will have extension .cpx; else the executable will be named as the main prolog file without extension.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  File is a source name or a list of source names. (toplevel_doc:sourcenames/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  ExecName is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

include/1: PREDICATE
(True) Usage: include(File)
The contents of the file File are included in the top-level shell. For the moment, it only works with some directives, which are interpreted by the shell, or with normal clauses (which are asserted), if library(dynamic) is loaded beforehand.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  File is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)
use_package/1:  
(Truth) Usage: use_package(Package)
Include the package or packages specified in Package. Most package contents can be 
handled in the top level, but there are currently still some limitations.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Package is a source name or a list of source names.  (toplevel_doc:sourcenames/1)

consult/1:  
(Truth) Usage: consult(File)
Provided for backward compatibility. Similar to ensure_loaded/1, but ensuring each 
listed file is loaded in consult mode (see Chapter 6 [The interactive debugger], page 57).

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  File is a source name or a list of source names.  (toplevel_doc:sourcenames/1)

compile/1:  
(Truth) Usage: compile(File)
Provided for backward compatibility. Similar to ensure_loaded/1, but ensuring each 
listed file is loaded in compile mode (see Chapter 6 [The interactive debugger], page 57).

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  File is a source name or a list of source names.  (toplevel_doc:sourcenames/1)

./2:  
(Truth) Usage: [File|Files]
Provided for backward compatibility, obsoleted by ensure_loaded/1.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  File is a source name.  (streams_basic:sourcename/1)
  Files is a list of sourcenames.  (basic_props:list/2)

make_po/1:  
(Truth) Usage: make_po(Files)
Make object (.po) files from Files. Equivalent to executing "ciaoc -c" on the files.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Files is a source name or a list of source names.  (toplevel_doc:sourcenames/1)

unload/1:  
(Truth) Usage: unload(File)
Unloads dynamically loaded file File.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  File is a source name.  (streams_basic:sourcename/1)
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**set_debug_mode/1:**

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: } \text{set\_debug\_mode(File)}

Set the loading mode of \text{File} to \textit{consult}. See Chapter 6 [The interactive debugger], page 57.

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \text{File} is a source name. (streams\_basic:sourcename/1)

**set_nodebug_mode/1:**

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: } \text{set\_nodebug\_mode(File)}

Set the loading mode of \text{File} to \textit{compile}. See Chapter 6 [The interactive debugger], page 57.

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \text{File} is a source name. (streams\_basic:sourcename/1)

**make_actmod/2:**

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: } \text{make\_actmod(ModuleFile,PublishMod)}

Make an active module executable from the module residing in \text{ModuleFile}, using address publish module of name \text{PublishMod} (which needs to be in the library paths).

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \text{ModuleFile} is a source name. (streams\_basic:sourcename/1)
  \text{PublishMod} is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)

**force_lazy/1:**

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: } \text{force\_lazy(Module)}

Force module of name \text{Module} to be loaded lazily in the subsequent created executables.

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \text{Module} is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)

**undo_force_lazy/1:**

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: } \text{undo\_force\_lazy(Module)}

Disable a previous \text{force\_lazy/1} on module \text{Module} (or, if it is uninstantiated, all previous \text{force\_lazy/1}).

- \textit{Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:}
  \text{Module} is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)

**dynamic_search_path/1:**

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: } \text{dynamic\_search\_path(Name)}

Asserting a fact to this data predicate, files using path alias \text{Name} will be treated as dynamic in the subsequent created executables.

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \text{Name} is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)
multifile/1: PREDICATE

(True) Usage: multifile Pred

Dynamically declare predicate Pred as multifile. This is useful at the top-level shell to be able to call multifile predicates of loaded files.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Pred is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:
    ```prolog
    predname(P/A) :-
    atm(P),
    nnegint(A).
    ```

5.6 Documentation on internals (toplevel_doc)

sourcenames/1: PROPERTY

Is defined as follows:

```
sourcenames(File) :-
sourcename(File).
sourcenames(Files) :-
list(Files,sourcename).
```

See sourcename/1 in Chapter 29 [Basic file/stream handling], page 191

(True) Usage: sourcenames(Files)

Files is a source name or a list of source names.
6 The interactive debugger

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The Ciao program development environment includes a number of advanced debugging tools, such as a source-level debugger, the ciaopp preprocessor, and some execution visualizers. Herein we discuss the interactive debugger available in the standard top-level, which allows tracing the control flow of programs, in a similar way to other popular Prolog systems. This is a classical Byrd box-type debugger [Byr80,BBP81], with some enhancements, most notably being able to track the execution on the source program.

We also discuss the embedded debugger, which is a version of the debugger which can be embedded into executables. It allows triggering an interactive debugging session at any time while running an executable, without any need for the top-level shell.

Byrd’s Procedure Box model of debugging execution provides a simple way of visualising control flow, including backtracking. Control flow is in principle viewed at the predicate level, rather than at the level of individual clauses. The Ciao debugger has the ability to mark selected modules and/or files for debugging (traditional and source debugging), rather than having to exhaustively trace the program. It also allows to selectively set spy-points and breakpoints. Spy-points allow the programmer to nominate interesting predicates at which program execution is to pause so that the programmer can interact with the debugger. Breakpoints are similar to spy-points, but allow pausing at a specific line in the code, corresponding to a particular literal. There is a wide choice of control and information options available during debugging interaction.

Note: While the debugger described herein can be used in a standalone way (i.e., from an operating system shell or terminal window) in the same way as other Prolog debuggers, the most convenient way of debugging Ciao programs is by using the programming environment (see Chapter 18 [Using Ciao inside GNU emacs], page 95). This environment has many debugging-related facilities, including displaying the source code for the module(s) corresponding to the procedure being executed, and highlighting dynamically the code segments corresponding to the different execution steps.

6.1 Marking modules and files for debugging in the top-level debugger

The Ciao debugger is module-based. This allows skipping during the debugging process all files (including system library files) except those in which a bug is suspected. This saves having to explicitly and repetitively skip predicates in unrelated files during the debugging process. Also, there is an efficiency advantage: in order to be able to run the debugger on a module, it must be loaded in debug (interpreted) mode, which will execute slower than normal (compiled) modules. Thus, it is interesting to compile in debug mode only those modules that need to be traced. Instead of doing this (loading of modules in one mode or another) by hand each time, in Ciao (re)loading of modules in the appropriate mode is handled automatically by the Ciao compiler. However, this requires the user to mark explicitly the modules in which debugging is to be performed. The simplest way of achieving this is by executing in the Ciao shell prompt, for each suspicious module Module in the program, the command:

?- debug_module(Module).

or, alternatively:

?- debug_module_source(Module).

which in addition instructs the debugger to keep track of the line numbers in the source file and to report them during debugging. This is most useful when running the top-level inside the emacs editor since in that case the Ciao emacs mode allows performing full source-level debugging in each module marked as above, i.e., the source lines being executed will be highlighted dynamically during debugging in a window showing the source code of the module.
Note that, since all files with no module declaration belong to the pseudo-module user, the command to be issued for debugging a user file, say foo.pl, is debug_module(user) or debug_module_source(user), and not debug_module(foo).

The two ways of performing source-level debugging are fully compatible between them, i.e., Ciao allows having some modules loaded with debug_module/1 and others with debug_module_source/1. To change from one interpreted mode to the other mode it suffices to select the module with the new interpreted mode (debugger mode), using the appropriate command, and reload the module.

The commands above perform in fact two related actions: first, they let the compiler know that if a file containing a module with this name is loaded, it should be loaded in interpreted mode (source or traditional). In addition, they instruct the debugger to actually prepare for debugging the code belonging to that module. After that, the modules which are to be debugged have to be (re)loaded so that they are compiled or loaded for interpretation in the appropriate way. The nice thing is that, due to the modular behaviour of the compiler/top-level, if the modules are part of a bigger application, it suffices to load the main module of the application, since this will automatically force the dependent modules which have changed to be loaded in the appropriate way, including those whose loading mode has changed (i.e., changing the loading mode has the effect of forcing the required re-loading of the module at the appropriate time).

Later in the debugging process, as the bug location is isolated, typically one will want to restrict more and more the modules where debugging takes place. To this end, and without the need for reloading, one can tell the debugger to not consider a module for debugging issuing a nodebug_module/1 command, which counteracts a debug_module/1 or debug_module_source/1 command with the same module name, and reloading it (or the main file).

There are also two top-level commands set_debug_mode/1 and set_nodebug_mode/1, which accept as argument a file spec (i.e., library(foo) or foo, even if it is a user file) to be able to load a file in interpreted mode without changing the set of modules that the debugger will try to spy.

### 6.2 The debugging process

Once modules or user files are marked for debugging and reloaded, the traditional debugging shell commands can be used (the documentation of the debugger library following this chapter contains all the commands and their description), with the same meaning as in other classical Prolog systems. The differences in their behavior are:

- Debugging takes place only in the modules where it was activated,
- nospy/1 and spy/1 accept sequences of predicate specs, and they will search for those predicates only in the modules marked for debugging (traditional or source-level debugging).
- breakpt/6 and nobreakpt/6 allow setting breakpoints at selected clause literals and will search for those literals only in the modules marked for source-level debugging (modules marked with debug_module_source/1).

In particular, the system is initially in nodebug mode, in which no tracing is performed. The system can be put in debug mode by a call to debug/0 in which execution of queries will proceed until the first spy-point or breakpoint. Alternatively, the system can be put in trace mode by a call to trace/0 in which all predicates will be trace.

### 6.3 Marking modules and files for debugging with the embedded debugger

The embedded debugger, as the interpreted debugger, has three different modes of operation: debug, trace or nodebug. These debugger modes can be set by adding one of the following package declarations to the module:
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:- use_package(debug).
:- use_package(trace).
:- use_package(nodebug).

and recompiling the application. These declarations must appear the last ones of all use_package declarations used. Also it is possible, as usual, to add the debugging package(s) in the module declaration using the third argument of the module/3 declaration (and they should also be the last ones in the list), i.e., using one of:

:- module(..., ..., [..., debug]).
:- module(..., ..., [..., trace]).
:- module(..., ..., [..., nodebug]).

The nodebug mode allows turning off any debugging (and also the corresponding overhead) but keeping the spy-points and breakpoints in the code. The trace mode will start the debugger for any predicate in the file.

The embedded debugger has limitations over the interpreted debugger. The most important is that the “retry” option is not available. But it is possible to add, and remove, spy-points and breakpoints using the predicates spy/1, nospy/1, breakpt/6 and nobreakpt/6, etc. These can be used in a clause declaration or as declarations. Also it is possible to add in the code predicates for issuing the debugger (i.e., use debug mode, and in a clause add the predicate trace/0). Finally, if a spy declaration is placed on the entry point of an executables (:= spy(main/1)) the debugger will not start the first time main/1 predicate is called, i.e., at the beginning of program execution (however, it will if there are any subsequent calls to main/1). Starting the embedded debugger at the beginning of the execution of a program can be done easily however by simply adding the in trace mode.

Note that there is a particularly interesting way of using the embedded debugger: if an application is run in a shell buffer which has been set with Ciao inferior mode ((M-X) ciao-inferior-mode) and this application starts emitting output from the embedded debugger (i.e., which contains the embedded debugger and is debugging its code) then the Ciao emacs mode will be able to follow these messages, for example tracking execution in the source level code. This also works if the application is written in a combination of languages, provided the parts written in Ciao are compiled with the embedded debugger package and is thus a convenient way of debugging multi-language applications. The only thing needed is to make sure that the output messages appear in a shell buffer that is in Ciao inferior mode.

See the following as a general example of use of the embedded debugger:

:- module( foo,[main/1],[assertions, debug]).

:- entry main/1.

main(X) :-
display(X),
spy(foo),
foo(X),
notrace,
nl.

foo([]).
foo([X|T]) :-
trace,
bar(X),
foo(T).

bar(X) :-
display(X).

6.4 The procedure box control flow model

During debugging the interpreter prints out a sequence of goals in various states of instantiation in order to show the state that the program has reached in its execution. However, in order to understand what is occurring it is necessary to understand when and why the interpreter prints out goals. As in other programming languages, key points of interest are procedure entry and return, but in Prolog there is the additional complexity of backtracking. One of the major confusions that novice Prolog programmers have to face is the question of what actually happens when a goal fails and the system suddenly starts backtracking. The Procedure Box model of Prolog execution views program control flow in terms of movement about the program text. This model provides a basis for the debugging mechanism in the interpreter, and enables the user to view the behaviour of the program in a consistent way. It also provides the basis for the visualization performed on the source level program when source level program when source-level debugging is activated within emacs.

Let us look at an example Prolog procedure:

\[
\begin{align*}
Call & \quad \text{descendant}(X,Y) \leftarrow \text{offspring}(X,Y). \\
Fail & \quad \text{descendant}(X,Y) \leftarrow \text{offspring}(X,Z), \text{descendant}(Z,Y). \\
Exit & \\
Redo &
\end{align*}
\]

The first clause states that Y is a descendant of X if Y is an offspring of X, and the second clause states that Y is a descendant of X if Z is an offspring of X and Y is a descendant of Z. In the diagram a box has been drawn around the whole procedure and labelled arrows indicate the control flow in and out of this box. There are four such arrows which we shall look at in turn.

- **Call**
  This arrow represents initial invocation of the procedure. When a goal of the form \( \text{descendant}(X,Y) \) is required to be satisfied, control passes through the Call port of the descendant box with the intention of matching a component clause and then satisfying any subgoals in the body of that clause. Note that this is independent of whether such a match is possible; i.e. first the box is called, and then the attempt to match takes place. Textually we can imagine moving to the code for descendant when meeting a call to descendant in some other part of the code.

- **Exit**
  This arrow represents a successful return from the procedure. This occurs when the initial goal has been unified with one of the component clauses and any subgoals have been satisfied. Control now passes out of the Exit port of the descendant box. Textually we stop following the code for descendant and go back to the place we came from.

- **Redo**
  This arrow indicates that a subsequent goal has failed and that the system is backtracking in an attempt to find alternatives to previous solutions. Control passes through the Redo port of the descendant box. An attempt will now be made to resatisfy one of the component subgoals in the body of the clause that last succeeded; or, if that fails, to completely rematch the original goal with an alternative clause and then try to satisfy any subgoals in the body of this new clause. Textually we follow the code backwards up the way we came looking for new ways of succeeding, possibly dropping down on to another clause and following that if necessary.

- **Fail**
  This arrow represents a failure of the initial goal, which might occur if no clause is matched, or if subgoals are never satisfied, or if any solution produced is always rejected by later
processing. Control now passes out of the Fail port of the descendant box and the system continues to backtrack. Textually we move back to the code which called this procedure and keep moving backwards up the code looking for choice points.

In terms of this model, the information we get about the procedure box is only the control flow through these four ports. This means that at this level we are not concerned with which clause matches, and how any subgoals are satisfied, but rather we only wish to know the initial goal and the final outcome. However, it can be seen that whenever we are trying to satisfy subgoals, what we are actually doing is passing through the ports of their respective boxes. If we were following this (e.g., activating source-level debugging), then we would have complete information about the control flow inside the procedure box.

Note that the box we have drawn around the procedure should really be seen as an invocation box. That is, there will be a different box for each different invocation of the procedure. Obviously, with something like a recursive procedure, there will be many different Calls and Exits in the control flow, but these will be for different invocations. Since this might get confusing each invocation box is given a unique integer identifier in the messages, as described below.

Note that not all procedure calls are traced; there are a few basic predicates which have been made invisible since it is more convenient not to trace them. These include debugging directives, basic control structures, and some builtins. This means that messages will never be printed for these predicates during debugging.

6.5 Format of debugging messages

This section explains the two formats of the message output by the debugger at a port. All trace messages are output to the terminal regardless of where the current output stream is directed (which allows tracing programs while they are performing file I/O). The basic format, which will be shown in traditional debug and in source-level debugging within Ciao emacs mode, is as follows:

```
S 13 7 Call: T user:descendant(dani,_,123) ?
```

S is a spy-point or breakpoint indicator. It is printed as '+', indicating that there is a spy-point on descendant/2 in module user, as 'B' denoting a breakpoint, or as ' ', denoting no spy-point or breakpoint. If there is a spy-point and a breakpoint in the same predicate the spy-point indicator takes preference over breakpoint indicator.

T is a subterm trace. This is used in conjunction with the ^ command (set subterm), described below. If a subterm has been selected, T is printed as the sequence of commands used to select the subterm. Normally, however, T is printed as ' ', indicating that no subterm has been selected.

The first number is the unique invocation identifier. It is always nondecreasing (provided that the debugger is switched on) regardless of whether or not the invocations are being actually seen. This number can be used to cross correlate the trace messages for the various ports, since it is unique for every invocation. It will also give an indication of the number of procedure calls made since the start of the execution. The invocation counter starts again for every fresh execution of a command, and it is also reset when retries (see later) are performed.

The number following this is the current depth; i.e., the number of direct ancestors this goal has. The next word specifies the particular port (Call, Exit, Redo or Fail). The goal is then printed so that its current instantiation state can be inspected. The final ? is the prompt indicating that the debugger is waiting for user interaction. One of the option codes allowed (see below) can be input at this point.

The second format, quite similar to the format explained above, is shown when using source-level debugging outside the Ciao emacs mode, and it is as follows:

```
In /home/mcarlos/ciao/foo.pl (5-9) descendant-1
S 13 7 Call: T user:descendant(dani,_,123) ?
```
This format is identical to the format above except for the first line, which contains the information for location of the point in the source program text where execution is currently at. The first line contains the name of the source file, the start and end lines where the literal can be found, the substring to search for between those lines and the number of substrings to locate. This information for locating the point on the source file is not shown when executing the source-level debugger from the Ciao emacs mode.

Ports can be “unleashed” by calling the `leash/1` predicate omiting that port in the argument. This means that the debugger will stop but user interaction is not possible for an unleashed port. Obviously, the ? prompt will not be shown in such messages, since the user has specified that no interaction is desired at this point.

### 6.6 Options available during debugging

This section describes the particular options that are available when the debugger prompts after printing out a debugging message. All the options are one letter mnemonics, some of which can be optionally followed by a decimal integer. They are read from the terminal with any blanks being completely ignored up to the next terminator (carriage-return, line-feed, or escape). Some options only actually require the terminator; e.g., the creep option, only requires \(\text{RET}\).

The only option which really needs to be remembered is ‘h’ (followed by \(\text{RET}\)). This provides help in the form of the following list of available options.

```
<cr> creep    c   creep
1 leap      s   skip
r retry    r <i> retry i
f fail     f <i> fail i
d display  p   print
w write    v <i> variable(s)
g ancestors g <n> ancestors n
n nodebug  =   debugging
+ spy this -   nospy this
a abort
0 command  u   unify
< reset printdepth < <n> set printdepth
- reset subterm ~ <n> set subterm
? help     h   help
```

- **c** (creep)
  - Causes the debugger to single-step to the very next port and print a message. Then if the port is leashed the user is prompted for further interaction. Otherwise it continues creeping. If leashing is off, creep is the same as leap (see below) except that a complete trace is printed on the terminal.

- **1** (leap)
  - Causes the interpreter to resume running the program, only stopping when a spy-point or breakpoint is reached (or when the program terminates). Leaping can thus be used to follow the execution at a higher level than exhaustive tracing. All that is needed to do is to set spy-points and breakpoints on an evenly spread set of pertinent predicates or lines, and then follow the control flow through these by leaping from one to the other.

- **s** (skip)
  - Is only valid for Call and Redo ports, if it is issued in Exit or Fail ports it is equivalent to creep. It skips over the entire execution of the predicate. That is, no message will be seen until control comes back to this predicate (at either the Exit port or the Fail port). Skip is particularly useful while creeping since it guarantees that control will be returned after
the (possibly complex) execution within the box. With skip then no message at all will appear until control returns to the Exit port or Fail port corresponding to this Call port or Redo port. This includes calls to predicates with spy-points and breakpoints set: they will be masked out during the skip. There is a way of overriding this: the \( \texttt{r} \) option after a \( \texttt{C-C} \) interrupt will disable the masking. Normally, however, this masking is just what is required!

- **r (retry)**
  can be used at any of the four ports (although at the Call port it has no effect). It transfers control back to the Call port of the box. This allows restarting an invocation when, for example, it has left the programmer with some weird result. The state of execution is exactly the same as in the original call (unless the invocation has performed side effects, which will not be undone). When a retry is performed the invocation counter is reset so that counting will continue from the current invocation number regardless of what happened before the retry. This is in accord with the fact that execution has, in operational terms, returned to the state before anything else was called.

If an integer is supplied after the retry command, then this is taken as specifying an invocation number and the system tries to get to the Call port, not of the current box, but of the invocation box specified. It does this by continuously failing until it reaches the right place. Unfortunately this process cannot be guaranteed: it may be the case that the invocation the programmer is looking for has been cut out of the search space by cuts in the program. In this case the system fails to the latest surviving Call port before the correct one.

- **f (fail)**
  can be used at any of the four ports (although at the Fail port it has no effect). It transfers control to the Fail port of the box, forcing the invocation to fail prematurely. If an integer is supplied after the command, then this is taken as specifying an invocation number and the system tries to get to the Fail port of the invocation box specified. It does this by continuously failing until it reaches the right place. Unfortunately, as before, this process cannot be guaranteed.

- **d (display)**
  displays the current goal using \texttt{display/1}. See \texttt{w} below.

- **p (print)**
  re-prints the current goal using \texttt{print/1}. Nested structures will be printed to the specified \texttt{printdepth} (see below).

- **w (write)**
  writes the current goal on the terminal using \texttt{write/1}.

- **v (variables)**
  writes the list of the modified variables and their values. If a variable name (identifier) \( N \) is supplied, then the value of variable \( N \) is shown.

- **g (ancestors)**
  provides a list of ancestors to the current goal, i.e., all goals that are hierarchically above the current goal in the calling sequence. It is always possible to jump to any goal in the ancestor list (by using retry, etc.). If an integer \( n \) is supplied, then only \( n \) ancestors will be printed. That is to say, the last \( n \) ancestors will be printed counting back from the current goal. Each entry in the list is preceded by the invocation number followed by the depth number (as would be given in a trace message).

- **n (nodebug)**
  switches the debugger off. Note that this is the correct way to switch debugging off at a trace point. The \( \texttt{&} \) option cannot be used because it always returns to the debugger.

- **= (debugging)**
  outputs information concerning the status of the current debugging session.
• + spy
  sets a spy-point on the current goal.
• - ( nospy)
  removes the spy-point from the current goal.
• a ( abort)
  causes an abort of the current execution. All the execution states built so far are destroyed
  and the system is put right back at the top-level of the interpreter. (This is the same as
  the built-in predicate abort/0.)
• @ ( command)
  allows calling arbitrary goals. The initial message I ?- will be output on the terminal, and
  a command is then read from the terminal and executed as if it was at top-level.
• u ( unify)
  is available at the Call port and gives the option of providing a solution to the goal from
  the terminal rather than executing the goal. This is convenient, e.g., for providing a “stub”
  for a predicate that has not yet been written. A prompt I : will be output on the terminal,
  and the solution is then read from the terminal and unified with the goal.
• < ( printdepth)
  sets a limit for the subterm nesting level that is printed in messages. While in the debugger,
  a printdepth is in effect for limiting the subterm nesting level when printing the current
  goal. When displaying or writing the current goal, all nesting levels are shown. The limit is
  initially 10. This command, without arguments, resets the limit to 10. With an argument
  of $n$ the limit is set to $n$.
• ^ ( subterm)
  sets the subterm to be printed in messages. While at a particular port, a current subterm
  of the current goal is maintained. It is the current subterm which is displayed, printed, or
  written when prompting for a debugger command. Used in combination with the printdepth,
  this provides a means for navigating in the current goal for focusing on the part which is
  of interest. The current subterm is set to the current goal when arriving at a new port.
  This command, without arguments, resets the current subterm to the current goal. With
  an argument of $n$ (greater than 0 and less or equal to the number of subterms of the current
  subterm), the current subterm is replaced by its $n$'th subterm. With an argument of 0, the
  current subterm is replaced by its parent term.
• ? or h ( help)
  displays the table of options given above.

6.7 Calling predicates that are not exported by a module

The Ciao module system does not allow calling predicates which are not exported during
debugging. However, as an aid during debugging, this is allowed (only from the top-level and
for modules which are in debug mode or source-level debug mode) using the call_in_module/2
predicate.

Note that this does not affect analysis or optimization issues, since it only works on modules
which are loaded in debug mode or source-level debug mode, i.e. unoptimized.

6.8 Acknowledgements (debugger)

Originally written by Andrzej Ciepielewski. Minor modifications by Mats Carlsson. Later
modifications (17 Dec 87) by Takashi Chikayama (making tracer to use print/1 rather than
write/1, temporarily switching debugging flag off while writing trace message and within
“break” level). Additional modifications by Kish Shen (May 88): subterm navigation, handle unbound args in spy/1 and nospy/1, trapping arithmetics errors in debug mode. Adapted then to &-Prolog and Ciao by Daniel Cabeza and included in the Ciao version control system. Extended for source-level debugging by Manuel C. Rodríguez. Option that shows variable names and values (v <V>) implemented by Edison Mera (2009). (See changelog if included in the document or in the version maintenance system for more detailed documentation on changes.)
7 Predicates controlling the interactive debugger

Author(s): A. Ciepielewski, Mats Carlsson, T. Chikayama, K. Shen, Daniel Cabeza, Manuel C. Rodriguez, Edison Mera.

This library implements predicates which are normally used in the interactive top-level shell to debug programs. A subset of them are available in the embeddable debugger.

7.1 Usage and interface (debugger)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(debugger)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - call_in_module/2.
  - Multifiles:
    - define_flag/3.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - debugger/debugger_lib, format, ttyout.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, dcg, assertions, hiord, define_flag.

7.2 Documentation on exports (debugger)

call_in_module/2: PREDICATE

Usage: call_in_module(Module,Predicate)

Calls predicate Predicate belonging to module Module, even if that module does not export the predicate. This only works for modules which are in debug (interpreted) mode (i.e., they are not optimized).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Module is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  - Predicate is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/l)

breakpt/6: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)

Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

debug/0: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)

Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).
debug_module/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

display_module_source/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

debugging/0: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

debugrtc/0: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

generate_debugger_state/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

generate_debugger_state/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

leash/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

list_breakpt/0: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

maxdepth/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

nobreakall/0: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

nobreakpt/6: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).

nodebug/0: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from debugger_lib (see the corresponding documentation for details).
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7.3 Documentation on multifiles (debugger)

**define_flag/3:**

(Predicate) Usage: `define_flag(Flag,FlagValues,Default)`

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - **Flag** is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - Define the valid flag values (basic_props:flag_values/1)

The predicate is **multifile**.

7.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (debugger)

- Add an option to the emacs menu to automatically select all modules in a project.
- Consider the possibility to show debugging messages directly in the source code emacs buffer.
8 The script interpreter

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza, Manuel Hermenegildo.

ciao-shell is the Ciao script interpreter. It can be used to write Prolog shell scripts (see [Her96,CHV96b]), that is, executable files containing source code, which are compiled on demand.

Writing Prolog scripts can sometimes be advantageous with respect to creating binary executables for small- to medium-sized programs that are modified often and perform relatively simple tasks. The advantage is that no explicit compilation is necessary, and thus changes and updates to the program imply only editing the source file. The disadvantage is that startup of the script (the first time after it is modified) is slower than for an application that has been compiled previously.

An area of application is, for example, writing CGI executables: the slow speed of the network connection in comparison with that of executing a program makes program execution speed less important and has made scripting languages very popular for writing these applications. Logic languages are, a priori, excellent candidates to be used as scripting languages. For example, the built-in grammars and databases can sometimes greatly simplify many typical script-based applications.

8.1 How it works

Essentially, ciao-shell is a smaller version of the Ciao top-level, which starts by loading the file given to it as the first argument and then starts execution at main/1 (the argument is instantiated to a list containing the command line options, in the usual way). Note that the Prolog script cannot have a module declaration for this to work. While loading the file, ciao-shell changes the prolog flag quiet so that no informational or warning messages are printed (error messages will be reported to user_error, however). The operation of ciao-shell in Unix-like systems is based on a special compiler feature: when the first character of a file is '#', the compiler skips the first lines until an empty line is found. In Windows, its use is as easy as naming the file with a .pis extension, which will launch ciao-shell appropriately.

For example, in a Linux/Unix system, assume a file called hello contains the following program:

```ciao
#!/usr/bin/env ciao-shell
% -*- mode: ciao; -*-
main(_) :-
    write('Hello world'), nl.
```

Then, the file hello can be run by simply making it executable and invoking it from the command line:

```bash
$ chmod +x hello
$ ./hello
Hello world
```

The lines:

```ciao
#!/usr/bin/env ciao-shell
% -*- mode: ciao; -*-
```

invokes ciao-shell through /usr/bin/env (POSIX.2 compliant), instructing it to read this same file, and passing it the rest of the arguments to hello as arguments to the Prolog program. The second line % -*- mode: ciao; -*- is simply a comment which is seen by emacs and instructs it to edit this file in Ciao mode (this is needed because these script files typically do not have a .pl ending). When ciao-shell starts, if it is the first time, it compiles the program.
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(or else at successive runs loads the .po object file, and then calls main/1.

Note that the process of creating Prolog scripts is made very simple by the Ciao emacs mode, which automatically inserts the header and makes the file executable (See Chapter 18 [Using Ciao inside GNU emacs], page 95).

8.2 Command line arguments in scripts

The following example illustrates the use of command-line arguments in scripts. Assume that a file called say contains the following lines:

```
#!/usr/bin/env ciao-shell
% -*- mode: ciao; -*-

main(Argv) :-
    write_list(Argv), nl.

write_list([]).
write_list([Arg|Args]) :-
    write(Arg),
    write(’ ’),
    write_list(Args).
```

An example of use is:

```
$ say hello dolly
hello dolly
```
Other miscellaneous standalone utilities

This is the documentation for a set of other miscellaneous standalone utilities that can be used as part of the development environment.

These utilities are contained in the etc directory of the Ciao distribution.
9 Printing the declarations and code in a file

**Author(s):** Manuel Hermenegildo.

A simple program for printing assertion information (predicate declarations, property declarations, type declarations, etc.) and printing code-related information (imports, exports, libraries used, etc.) on a file. The file should be a single Ciao or Prolog source file. It uses the Ciao compiler's pass one to do it. This program is specially useful for example for checking what assertions the assertion normalizer is producing from the original assertions in the file or to check what the compiler is actually seeing after some of the syntactic expansions (but before goal translations).

### 9.1 Usage (fileinfo)

```
fileinfo -asr <filename.asr>
  : pretty prints the contents of <filename.asr>

fileinfo [-v] [-m] [-a|-f|-c|-e] <filename> [libdir1] ... [libdirN]
- v : verbose output (e.g., lists all files read)
- m : restrict info to current module
- a : print assertions
- f : print code and interface (imports/exports, etc.)
- c : print code only
- e : print only errors - useful to check syntax of assertions in file

fileinfo -h
  : print this information

Note that system lib paths *must* be given explicitly, e.g. :

fileinfo -m -c foo.pl \
/home/clip/System/ciao/lib \
/home/clip/System/ciao/library \
```

### 9.2 More detailed explanation of options (fileinfo)

- If the `-a` option is selected, `fileinfo` prints the assertions (only code-oriented assertions – not comment-oriented assertions) in the file after normalization. If the `-f` option is selected `fileinfo` prints the file interface, the declarations contained in the file, and the actual code. The `-c` option prints only the code. If the `-e` option is selected `fileinfo` prints only any syntactic and import-export errors found in the file, including the assertions.
- `filename` must be the name of a Prolog or Ciao source file.
- This filename can be followed by other arguments which will be taken to be library directory paths in which to look for files used by the file being analyzed.
- If the `-m` option is selected, only the information related to the current module is printed.
- The `-v` option produces verbose output. This is very useful for debugging, since all the files accessed during assertion normalization are listed.
- In the `-asr` usage, `fileinfo` can be used to print the contents of a `.asr` file in human-readable form.
10 Printing the contents of a bytecode file

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza.

This simple program takes as an argument a bytecode (.po) file and prints out in symbolic form the information contained in the file. It uses compiler and engine builtins to do so, so that it keeps track with changes in bytecode format.

10.1 Usage (viewpo)

viewpo <file1>.po
   : print .po contents in symbolic form

viewpo -h
   : print this information
11 callgraph (library)

11.1 Usage and interface (callgraph)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(callgraph)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    call_graph/2, reachability/4.
    ```
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    assertions/c_itf_props, sets, terms, graphs/ugraphs, xrefs/xrefsread.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes.
    ```

11.2 Documentation on exports (callgraph)

**call_graph/2:**

- **PREDICATE**
- **(True)** Usage: `call_graph(File,Graph)`
- **Usage: call_graph(File,Graph)**
- **Graph** is the call-graph of the code in **File**.
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **File** is an atom describing the name of a file.
  - **Graph** is a free variable.
- **The following properties hold upon exit:**
  - **Graph** is an ugraph.

**reachability/4:**

- **PREDICATE**
- **(True)** Usage: `reachability(Graph,Sources,Reached,UnReached)`
- **Usage: reachability(Graph,Sources,Reached,UnReached)**
- **Reached** are the vertices in **Graph** reachable from **Sources**, **UnReached** are the rest.
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **Graph** is an ugraph.
  - **Sources** is a list.
  - **Reached** is a free variable.
  - **UnReached** is a free variable.
12 Gathering the dependent files for a file

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza, Manuel Hermenegildo.

This simple program takes a single Ciao or Prolog source filename (which is typically the main file of an application). It prints out the list of all the dependent files, i.e., all files needed in order to build the application, including those which reside in libraries. This is particularly useful in Makefiles, for building standalone distributions (e.g., .tar files) automatically.

The filename should be followed by other arguments which will be taken to be library directory paths in which to look for files used by the file being analyzed.

12.1 Usage (get_deps)

```
get_deps [-u <filename>] <filename> [lib_dir1] ... [lib_dirN]
: return dependent files for <filename>
    found in [lib_dir1] ... [lib_dirN]

get_deps -h
: print this information
```
13 Finding differences between two Prolog files

Author(s): Francisco Bueno.
This simple program works like the good old diff but for files that contain Prolog code. It prints out the clauses that it finds are different in the files. Its use avoids textual differences such as different variable names and different formatting of the code in the files.

13.1 Usage (pldiff)

pldiff <file1> <file2>
: find differences

pldiff -h
: print this information

but you can also use the program as a library and invoke the predicate:

pldiff( <filename> , <filename> )

13.2 Known bugs and planned improvements (pldiff)

- Currently uses variant/2 to compare clauses. This is useful, but there should be an option to select the way clauses are compared, e.g., some form of equivalence defined by the user.
14 The Ciao lpmake scripting facility

Author(s): Manuel Hermenegildo, The CLIP Group.

Note: lpmake and the make library are still under development, and they may change in future releases.

lpmake is a Ciao application which uses the Ciao make library to implement a dependency-driven scripts in a similar way to the Un*x make facility.

The original purpose of the Un*x make utility is to determine automatically which pieces of a large program needed to be recompiled, and issue the commands to recompile them. In practice, make is often used for many other purposes: it can be used to describe any task where some files must be updated automatically from others whenever these change. lpmake can be used for the same types of applications as make, and also for some new ones, and, while being simpler, it offers a number of advantages over make. The first one is portability. When compiled to a bytecode executable lpmake runs on any platform where a Ciao engine is available. Also, the fact that typically many of the operations are programmed in Prolog within the makefile, not needing external applications, improves portability further. The second advantage of lpmake is improved programming capabilities. While lpmake is simpler than make, lpmake allows using the Ciao Prolog language within the scripts. This allows establishing more complex dependencies and programming powerful operations within the make file, and without resorting to external packages (e.g., operating system commands), which also helps portability. A final advantage of lpmake is that it supports a form of autodocumentation: comments associated to targets can be included in the configuration files. Calling lpmake in a directory which has such a configuration file explains what commands the configuration file support and what these commands will do.

14.1 General operation

To prepare to use lpmake, and in a similar way to make, you must write a configuration file: a module (typically called Makefile.pl) that describes the relationships among files in your program or application, and states the commands for updating each file. In the case of compiling a program, typically the executable file is obtained from object files, which are in turn obtained by compiling source files. Another example is running latex and dvips on a set of source .tex files to generate a document in dvi and postscript formats.

Once a suitable make file exists, each time you change some source files, simply typing lpmake suffices to perform all necessary operations (recompilations, processing text files, etc.). The lpmake program uses the dependency rules in the makefile and the last modification times of the files to decide which of the files need to be updated. For each of those files, it issues the commands recorded in the makefile. For example, in the latex dvips case one rule states that the .dvi file should be updated from the .tex files whenever one of them changes and another rule states that the .ps file needs to be updated from a .dvi file every time it changes. The rules also describe the commands to be issued to update the files.

So, the general process is as follows: lpmake executes commands in the configuration file to update one or more target names, where name is often a program, but can also be a file to be generated or even a "virtual" target. lpmake updates a target if it depends on prerequisite files that have been modified since the target was last modified, or if the target does not exist. You can provide command line arguments to lpmake to control which files should be regenerated, or how.

14.2 Format of the Configuration File

lpmake uses as default configuration file the file Makefile.pl, if it is present in the current directory. This can be overridden and another file used by means of the -m option. The configuration file must be a module and this module must make use of the make package. This package
provides syntax for defining the dependency rules and functionality for correctly interpreting these rules.

The configuration file can contain such rules and also arbitrary Ciao Prolog predicates, and can also import other Ciao modules, packages, or make file. This is useful to implement inheritance across different configuration files, i.e., the values declared in a configuration file can be easily made to override those defined in another, using the standard Ciao rules for module overriding, reexport, etc. The syntax of the rules is described in Chapter 102 [The Ciao Make Package], page 525, together with some examples.

14.3 lpmake usage

Supported command line options:

```
lpmake [-v] [-d Name=Valuel] ... [-d Namen=Valuen] \ 
<command1> ... <commandn>
```

Process commands <command1> ... <commandn>, using file 'Makefile.pl' or directory 'installer' in the current directory as configuration file. The configuration file must be a module.

The optional argument '-v' produces verbose output, reporting on the processing of the dependency rules. Very useful for debugging makefiles.

The argument '-d' indicates that a variable definition Name=Value follows. The effect of this is adding the fact 'name_value(Name, Value).' (i.e., 'name_value(Name) := Value.'), defined in the module library(make(make_rt)).

```
lpmake [-v] [-d Name=Valuel] ... [-d Namen=Valuen] \ 
[-m|-l] <.../Configfile1.pl> [-m|-l] <.../Configfilen.pl> \ 
<command1> ... <commandn>
```

Same as above, but using files <.../Configfilex.pl> as configuration file. One or more configuration files can be used. When using more than one configuration file, the additional configuration files are loaded dynamically into the first one with the predicate register_config_file/1. Using -l instead of -m indicates that this configuration file is a library module (i.e., it will be looked for in the libraries).

```
lpmake -h [ [-m|-l] <.../Configfile.pl> ]
lpmake -help [ [-m|-l] <.../Configfile.pl> ]
lpmake --help [ [-m|-l] <.../Configfile.pl> ]
```

Print this help message. If a configuration file is available in the current directory or is given as an option, and the commands in it are commented, then information on these commands is also printed.
14.4 Acknowledgments (lpmake)

Some parts of the documentation are taken from the documentation of GNU’s \texttt{gmake}.

14.5 Known bugs and planned improvements (lpmake)

- Rename or add a default directory makedir/Makedir, instead of installer directory, as recommended by Manuel Herme. – EMM
15 Find out which architecture we are running on

Author(s): Manuel Carro, Robert Manchek.

The architecture and operating system the engine is compiled for determines whether we can use or not certain libraries. This script, taken from a PVM distribution, uses a heuristic (which may need to be tuned from time to time) to find out the platform. It returns a string which is used throughout the engine (in #ifdefs) to enable/disable certain characteristics.

15.1 Usage (ciao_get_arch)

Usage: ciao_get_arch

15.2 More details (ciao_get_arch)

Look at the script itself...
16 Print out WAM code

Author(s): Manuel Carro.
This program prints to standard output a symbolic form of the Wam code the compiler generates for a given source file.

16.1 Usage (compiler_output)

Print WAM code for a .pl file

Usage: compiler_output <file.pl>
17 Customizing library paths and path aliases

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza.

This library provides means for customizing, from environment variables, the libraries and path aliases known by an executable. Many applications of Ciao, including ciao, ciaosh, and ciao-shell make use of this library. Note that if an executable is created dynamic, it will try to load its components at startup, before the procedures of this module can be invoked, so in this case all the components should be in standard locations.

17.1 Usage and interface (libpaths)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(libpaths)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    get_alias_path/0.
  - Multifiles:
    file_search_path/2, library_directory/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    system, lists.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

17.2 Documentation on exports (libpaths)

get_alias_path/0: PREDICATE

get_alias_path

Consult the environment variable 'CIAOALIASPATH' and add facts to predicates library_directory/1 and file_search_path/2 to define new library paths and path aliases. The format of 'CIAOALIASPATH' is a sequence of paths or alias assignments separated by colons, an alias assignment is the name of the alias, an '=' and the path represented by that alias (no blanks allowed). For example, given

CIAOALIASPATH=/home/bardo/ciao:contrib=/usr/local/lib/ciao

the predicate will define /home/bardo/ciao as a library path and /usr/local/lib/ciao as the path represented by 'contrib'.

17.3 Documentation on multifiles (libpaths)

file_search_path/2: PREDICATE

See Chapter 29 [Basic file/stream handling], page 191. The predicate is multifile.

The predicate is of type dynamic.

Trust: file_search_path(X,Y)
The following properties hold upon exit:

\[ X \text{ is ground.} \] (basic_props:gnd/1)

\[ Y \text{ is ground.} \] (basic_props:gnd/1)

**library_directory/1:**

See Chapter 29 [Basic file/stream handling], page 191. The predicate is *multifile*.

The predicate is of type *dynamic*.

**Trust:** library_directory(X)

The following properties hold upon exit:

\[ X \text{ is ground.} \] (basic_props:gnd/1)
18 Using Ciao inside GNU emacs

Author(s): Manuel Hermenegildo, Manuel C. Rodriguez, Daniel Cabeza.

The Ciao emacs interface (or mode in emacs terms) provides a rich, integrated user interface to the Ciao program development environment components, including the ciaosh interactive top level, the lpdoc documentation generator, the testing system, and the ciaopp preprocessor. Most features of these Ciao development environment components are available from the command line of the top-level shell and the preprocessor and as standalone tools. However, using Ciao from inside emacs is highly recommended. The facilities that this mode provides include:

- Syntax-based highlighting (coloring), auto-indentation, auto-fill, etc. of code. This includes the assertions used by the preprocessor and the documentation strings used by the Ciao auto-documenter, lpdoc.
- Providing automatic access to on-line help for all predicates by accessing the Ciao system manuals in info format.
- Starting and communicating with the Ciao top-level, running in its own sub-shell. This facilitates loading programs, checking the syntax of programs (and of assertions within programs), marking and unmarking modules for interactive debugging, tracing the source code during debugging, making stand-alone executables, compiling modules to dynamically linkable Ciao objects, compiling modules to active objects, etc.
- Starting and communicating with lpdoc, the Ciao auto-documenter, running in its own sub-shell. This allows generating in a very convenient way manuals for any file(s) being edited, in a variety of output formats, and is very useful for quickly checking how the auto-generated documentation will look.
- Running unit tests on files or applications.
- Starting and communicating with ciaopp, the Ciao preprocessor, running in its own sub-shell. This allows easily performing certain kinds of static checks (useful for finding errors in programs before running them), program analysis tasks, and program transformations on source programs.
- Syntax highlighting and coloring of the error and warning messages produced by the top level, unit testing, preprocessor, or any other tool using the same message format (such as the lpdoc auto-documenter), and locating automatically the points in the source files where such errors occur.
- This mode also includes a very simple automatic version control system which allows keeping a changelog for individual files or for whole applications. This is done by automatically including changelog entries in source files, which can then be processed by the lpdoc auto-documenter. This is useful for smaller projects that are not stored in a repository and can also be used for maintaining changelogs even for projects that are repository-based.

This chapter explains how to use the Ciao emacs interface (and how to set up your emacs environment for correct operation, even though this is normally done automatically by the installation process). The Ciao emacs interface can also be used to work with traditional Prolog or CLP systems.

18.1 Conventions for writing Ciao programs under Emacs

There are currently a number of syntactic conventions for Ciao programs which greatly help operation of the Emacs development environment. These conventions are particularly important for the source-level debugger and the syntax-based coloring capabilities. The need for such conventions comes from the fact that it would be unrealistic to write a complete Ciao parser in Emacs lisp. These conventions are the following, more or less in order of importance:

- Clauses should begin on the first column (this is used to recognize the beginning of a clause).
• C style comments should not be used in a clause, but can be used outside any clause.

The following suggestions are not strictly necessary but can improve operation. In particular, they allow much greater precision in the location of program points during source-level debugging (for line by line tracing, when marking breakpoints, etc.):

• Body literals should be indented.
• There should be no more than one literal per line.

Other issues:
• Comments which start with /*/s are indented to the right if indentation is requested.
• For syntax-based highlighting to be performed, font-lock must be available and not disabled (the Ciao mode enables it but it may be disabled elsewhere in, e.g., the .emacs file).

18.2 Checking the installation

Typically, a complete pre-installation of the Ciao emacs interface is performed during Ciao installation. To check that installation was completed successfully, open a file with a .pl ending. You should see that emacs enters Ciao mode: the mode is identified in the status bar below the buffer and, if the emacs menu bar is enabled, you should see the Ciao menus. You should be able from the menu-bar, for example, to go to the Ciao manuals in the info or load the .pl file that you just opened into a Ciao top level.

If things don't work properly, see the section Section 18.22 [Installation of the Ciao emacs interface], page 114 later in this chapter.

18.3 Functionality and associated key sequences (bindings)

The following sections summarize the capabilities of the Ciao emacs interface and the (default) key sequences used to access those capabilities. Note however that most of these functions are also accessible from the menu bar, so learning these key combinations is not necessary: the list is provided mainly for illustration of the capabilities available, as well as completeness and documentation.

18.4 Syntax coloring and syntax-based editing

Syntax-based highlighting (coloring) of code is provided automatically when opening Ciao files. This includes also the assertions used by the preprocessor and the documentation strings used by the Ciao auto-documenter, lpdoc. The mode should be set to Ciao and the Ciao mode menus should appear on the menu bar. The colors and fonts used can be changed through the customize options in the help menu (see Section 18.21 [Customization], page 108).

During editing this coloring may be refreshed by calling the appropriate function (see below). Limited syntax-based auto-indentation and auto-fill of code and comments is also provided. Syntax highlighting and coloring is also available for the error and warning messages produced by the top level, preprocessor, and auto-documenter, and, in general, for the output produced by these tools.

Commands:

\texttt{C-c C-h} Undate (recompute) syntax-based highlighting (coloring).

\texttt{C-TAB} Indent current line as Ciao code. With argument, indent any additional lines of the same clause rigidly along with this one.
18.5 Getting on-line help

The following commands are useful for getting on-line help. This is done by accessing the info version of the Ciao manuals or the emacs built-in help strings. Note also that the info standard search command (generally bound to \( \text{C-x} \)) can be used inside info buffers to search for a given string.

- \( \text{C-x} \) (TAB) Find help for the symbol (e.g., predicate, directive, declaration, property, type, etc.) that is currently under the cursor. Opens a (hopefully) relevant part of the Ciao manuals in info mode. Requires that the Ciao manuals in info format be installed and accessible to emacs (i.e., they should appear somewhere in the info directory when typing \( \text{M-x info} \)). It also requires word-help.el, which is provided with Ciao. Refer to the installation instructions if this is not the case.

- \( \text{C-x} \) \( \text{C-M-i} \) Find a completion for the symbol (e.g., predicate, directive, declaration, type, etc.) that is currently under the cursor. Uses for completion the contents of the indices of the Ciao manuals. Same requirements as for finding help for the symbol.

- \( \text{C-x} \) \( \text{RET} \) Go to the part of the info directory containing the Ciao manuals.

- \( \text{C-x} \) \( \text{m} \) Show a short description of the Ciao emacs mode, including all key bindings.

18.6 Loading and compiling programs

These commands allow loading programs, creating executables, etc. by issuing the appropriate commands to a Ciao top level shell, running in its own buffer as a subprocess. See Chapter 5 [The interactive top-level shell], page 49 for details. The following commands implement the communication with the Ciao top level:

- \( \text{C-c} \) \( \text{C-c} \) Ensure that an inferior Ciao top-level process is running. This opens a top-level window (if one did not exist already) where queries can be input directly. Programs can be loaded into this top level by typing the corresponding commands in this window (such as use_module, etc.), or, more typically, by opening the file to be loaded in an emacs window (where it can be edited) and issuing a load command (such as C-c 1 or C-c L) directly from there (see the loading commands of this mode and their bindings).

Note that many useful commands (e.g., to repeat and edit previous commands, interrupt jobs, locate errors, automatic completions, etc.) are available in this top-level window (see Section 18.7 [Commands available in toplevel and preprocessor buffers], page 98).

Often, it is not necessary to use this function since execution of any of the other functions related to the top level (e.g., loading buffers into the top level) ensures that a top level is started (starting one if required).

- \( \text{C-c} \) \( \text{C-c} \) Load the current buffer (and any auxiliary files it may use) into the top level. The type of compilation performed (compiling or interpreting) is selected automatically depending on whether the buffer has been marked for debugging or not – see below. In case you try to load a file while in the middle of the debugging process the debugger is first aborted and then the buffer is loaded. Also, if there is a defined query, the user is asked whether it should be called.

- \( \text{C-c} \) \( \text{C-c} \) Load CiaoPP and then the current buffer (and any auxiliary files it may use) into the top level. Use CiaoPP auto_check_asr predicate to check current buffer assertions and then load the buffer if there was no error.

- \( \text{C-c} \) \( \text{C-c} \) Make an executable from the code in the current buffer. The buffer must contain a main/0 or main/1 predicate. Note that compiler options can be set to determine
whether the libraries and auxiliary files used by the executable will be statically linked, dynamically linked, auto-loaded, etc.

- Make a Ciao object (.po) file from the code in the current buffer. This is useful for example while debugging during development of a very large application which is compiled into an executable, and only one or a few files are modified. If the application executable is dynamically linked, i.e., the component .po files are loaded dynamically during startup of the application, then this command can be used to recompile only the file or files which have changed, and the correct version will be loaded dynamically the next time the application is started. However, note that this must be done with care since it only works if the inter-module interfaces have not changed. The recommended, much safer way is to generate the executable again, letting the Ciao compiler, which is inherently incremental, determine what needs to be recompiled.

- Make an active module executable from the code in the current buffer. An active module is a remote procedure call server (see the activemod library documentation for details).

- Set the current buffer as the principal file in a multiple module programming environment.

- Load the module designated as main module (and all related files that it uses) into the top level. If no main module is defined it will load the current buffer.

The type of compilation performed (compiling or interpreting) is selected automatically depending on whether the buffer has been marked for debugging or not – see below. In case you try to load a file while in the middle of the debugging process the debugger is first aborted and then the buffer is loaded. Also, if there is a defined query, the user is asked whether it should be called.

18.7 Commands available in toplevel and preprocessor buffers

The interactive top level and the preprocessor both are typically run in an interactive buffer, in which it is possible to communicate with them in the same way as if they had been started from a standard shell. These interactive buffers run in the so-called Ciao inferior mode. This is a particular version of the standard emacs shell package (comint) and thus all the commands typically available when running shells inside emacs also work in these buffers. In addition, many of the commands and key bindings available in buffers containing Ciao source code are also available in these interactive buffers, when applicable. The Ciao-specific commands available include:

- Find help for the symbol (e.g., predicate, directive, declaration, property, type, etc.) that is currently under the cursor. Opens a (hopefully) relevant part of the Ciao manuals in info mode. Requires that the Ciao manuals in info format be installed and accessible to emacs (i.e., they should appear somewhere in the info directory when typing M-x info). It also requires word-help.el, which is provided with Ciao. Refer to the installation instructions if this is not the case.

- Find a completion for the symbol (e.g., predicate, directive, declaration, type, etc.) that is currently under the cursor. Uses for completion the contents of the indices of the Ciao manuals. Same requirements as for finding help for the symbol.

- Go to the location in the source file containing the next error reported by the last Ciao subprocess (preprocessor or toplevel) which was run.

- Remove error marks from last run (and also debugging marks if present). This finish the error finding session.
Set a default query. This may be useful specially during debugging sessions. However, as mentioned elsewhere, note that commands that repeat previous queries are also available.

This query can be recalled at any time using C-c Q. It is also possible to set things up so that this query will be issued automatically any time a program is (re)loaded. The functionality is available in the major mode (i.e., from a buffer containing a source file) and in the inferior mode (i.e., from the buffer running the top-level shell). When called from the major mode (i.e., from window containing a source file) then the user is prompted in the minibuffer for the query. When called from the inferior mode (i.e., from a top-level window) then the query on the current line, following the Ciao prompt, is taken as the default query.

To clear the default query use M-x ciao-clear-query or simply set it to an empty query: i.e., in a source buffer select C-c q and enter an empty query. In an inferior mode simply select C-c q on a line that contains only the system prompt.

Issue predefined query.

Show last output file produced by Ciao preprocessor. The preprocessor works by producing a file which is a transformed and/or adorned (with assertions) version of the input file. This command is often used after running the preprocessor in order to visit the output file and see the results from running the preprocessor.

Report the version of the emacs Ciao mode.

The following are some of the commands from the comint shell package which may be specially useful (type <f 1> m while in a Ciao interactive buffer for a complete list of commands):

- **M-p** Cycle backwards through input history, saving input.
- **M-n** Cycle forwards through input history.
- **M-r** Search for a regular expression backward in input history using Isearch.
- **TAB** Dynamically find completion of the item at point. Note that this completion command refers generally to filenames (rather than, e.g., predicate names, as in the previous functions).
- **M-v** List all (filename) completions of the item at point.
- **RET** Return at any point of the a line at the end of a buffer sends that line as input. Return not at end copies the rest of the current line to the end of the buffer and sends it as input.
- **D** Delete ARG characters forward or send an EOF to subprocess. Sends an EOF only if point is at the end of the buffer and there is no input.
- **C-U** Kill all text from last stuff output by interpreter to point.
- **C-W** Kill characters backward until encountering the beginning of a word. With argument ARG, do this that many times.
- **C-C** Interrupt the current subjob. This command also kills the pending input between the process mark and point.
- **C-Z** Stop the current subjob. This command also kills the pending input between the process mark and point.

WARNING: if there is no current subjob, you can end up suspending the top-level process running in the buffer. If you accidentally do this, use M-x comint-continue-subjob to resume the process. (This is not a problem with most shells, since they ignore this signal.)

Send quit signal to the current subjob. This command also kills the pending input between the process mark and point.
18.8 Locating errors and checking the syntax of assertions

These commands allow locating quickly the point in the source code corresponding to errors flagged by the compiler or preprocessor as well as performing several syntactic checks of assertions:

- \( \text{C-o} \) Go to the location in the source file containing the next error reported by the last Ciao subprocess (preprocessor or toplevel) which was run.
- \( \text{C-o} \) Remove error marks from last run (and also debugging marks if present). This finish the error finding session.
- \( \text{C-o} \) Check the syntax of the code and assertions in the current buffer, as well as imports and exports. This uses the standard top level (i.e., does not call the preprocessor and thus does not require the preprocessor to be installed). Note that full (semantic) assertion checking must be done with the preprocessor.

18.9 Commands which help typing in programs

The following commands are intended to help in the process of writing programs:

- \( \text{C-o} \) Insert a (Unix) header at the top of the current buffer so that the Ciao script interpreter will be called on this file if run from the command line. It also makes the file “executable” (e.g., ‘chmod +x <file>’ in Unix). See Chapter 8 [The script interpreter], page 71 for details.
- \( \text{C-o} \) Indent a Ciao or Prolog file using ‘plindent’.

18.10 Debugging programs

These commands allow marking modules for debugging by issuing the appropriate commands to a Ciao top level shell, running in its own buffer as a subprocess. There are two different types of debugging: traditional debugging (using the byrd-box model and spy-points) and source-level debugging (same as traditional debugging plus source tracing and breakpoints). In order to use breakpoints, source debugging must be on. The following commands implement communication with the Ciao top level:

- \( \text{C-o} \) Debug (or stop debugging) buffer source. This is a shortcut which is particularly useful when using the source debugger on a single module. It corresponds to several lower-level actions. Those lower-level actions depend on how the module was selected for debugging. In case the module was not marked for source-level debugging, it marks the module corresponding to the current buffer for source-level debugging, reloads it to make sure that it is loaded in the correct way for debugging (same as C-c l), and sets the debugger in trace mode (i.e., issues the trace command to the top-level shell). Conversely, if the module was already marked for source-level debugging then it will take the opposite actions, i.e., it unmarks the module for source-level debugging, reloads it, and sets the debugger to non-debug mode.

- \( \text{C-o} \) Mark or unmark, the current buffer for debugging (traditional debugging or source debugging). Note that if the buffer has already been loaded while it was unmarked for debugging (and has therefore been loaded in “compile” mode) it has to be loaded again. The minibuffer shows how the module is loaded now and allows selecting another mode for it. There are three possibilities: N for no debug, S for source debug and D for traditional debug.

- \( \text{C-o} \) Visits all Ciao files which are currently open in a buffer allowing selecting for each of them whether to debug them or not and the type of debugging performed. When
working on a multiple module program, it is possible to have many modules open at a time. In this case, you will navigate through all open Ciao files and select the debug mode for each of them (same as doing C-c m for each).

- C-c S b: Set a breakpoint on the current literal (goal). This can be done at any time (while debugging or not). The cursor must be on the predicate symbol of the literal. Breakpoints are only useful when using source-level debugging.

- C-c S v: Remove a breakpoint from the current literal (goal). This can be done at any time (while debugging or not). The cursor must be on the predicate symbol of the literal.

- C-c S m: Remove all breakpoints. This can be done at any time (while debugging or not).

- C-c S g: Redisplay breakpoints in all Ciao buffers. This ensures that the marks in the source files and the Ciao toplevel are synchronized.

- C-c S w: Remove breakpoint coloring in all Ciao files.

- C-c S t: Set the debugger to the trace state. In this state, the program is executed step by step.

- C-c S d: Set the debugger to the debug state. In this state, the program will only stop in breakpoints and spypoints. Breakpoints are specially supported in emacs and using source debug.

- C-c g: Load the current region (between the cursor and a previous mark) into the toplevel. Since loading a region of a file is typically done for debugging and/or testing purposes, this command always loads the region in debugging mode (interpreted).

- C-c p: Load the predicate around the cursor into the toplevel. Since loading a single predicate is typically done for debugging and/or testing purposes, this command always loads the predicate in debugging mode (interpreted).

### 18.11 Testing programs

These commands allow testing predicates and modules, based on interactively defined queries or more sophisticated tests specified within the source code.

- C-c q: Set a default query. This may be useful specially during debugging sessions. However, as mentioned elsewhere, note that commands that repeat previous queries are also available.

  This query can be recalled at any time using C-c Q. It is also possible to set things up so that this query will be issued automatically any time a program is (re)loaded. The functionality is available in the major mode (i.e., from a buffer containing a source file) and in the inferior mode (i.e., from the buffer running the top-level shell). When called from the major mode (i.e., from window containing a source file) then the user is prompted in the minibuffer for the query. When called from the inferior mode (i.e., from a top-level window) then the query on the current line, following the Ciao prompt, is taken as the default query.

  To clear the default query use M-x ciao-clear-query or simply select C-c q on a line that contains only the system prompt.

- C-c Q: Issue predefined query.

- C-c m: Run the test over the current buffer.

  The test should be specified using a test assertion in the module.

- C-c U: Run the test over the current buffer and the assertions of exported predicates.

  The test should be specified using a test assertion in the module.
18.12 Preprocessing programs

These commands allow preprocessing programs with ciao++, the Ciao preprocessor.

CiaoPP is the abstract interpretation-based preprocessor of the Ciao multi-paradigm program development environment. CiaoPP can perform a number of program debugging, analysis, and source-to-source transformation tasks on (Ciao) Prolog programs. These tasks include:

- Inference of properties of the predicates and literals of the program, including types, modes and other variable instantiation properties, non-failure, determinacy, bounds on computational cost, bounds on sizes of terms in the program, etc.
- Certain kinds of static debugging and verification, finding errors before running the program. This includes checking how programs call system library predicates and also checking the assertions present in the program or in other modules used by the program. Such assertions represent essentially partial specifications of the program.
- Several kinds of source to source program transformations such as program specialization, slicing, partial evaluation of a program, program parallelization (taking granularity control into account), inclusion of run-time tests for assertions which cannot be checked completely at compile-time, etc.
- The abstract model of the program inferred by the analyzers is used in the system to certify that an untrusted mobile code is safe w.r.t. the given policy (i.e., an abstraction-carrying code approach to mobile code safety).

The information generated by analysis, the assertions in the system specifications are all written in the same assertion language, which is in turn also used by the Ciao system documentation generator, lpdoc.

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See the preprocessor manual for details. The following commands implement the communication with the Ciao preprocessor:

- **C-c A** Call the preprocessor to perform a number of pre-selected analyses on the current buffer (and related modules).
- **C-c T** Call the preprocessor to perform compile-time checking of the assertions (types, modes, determinacy, nonfailure, cost, ...) in the current buffer (and against those in related modules).
- **C-c O** Uses the preprocessor to perform optimizations (partial evaluation, abstract specialization, parallelization, ...) on the current buffer (and related modules).
- **C-c M** Browse and select (using the preprocessor menus) the actions to be performed by the preprocessor when performing analyses used by M-x ciao- C-c A, C-c T, C-c O, and the corresponding toolbar buttons.
- **C-c C-v** Show last output file produced by Ciao preprocessor. The preprocessor works by producing a file which is a transformed and/or adorned (with assertions) version of the input file. This command is often used after running the preprocessor in order to visit the output file and see the results from running the preprocessor.
- **C-c C-t** Ensure that an inferior Ciao preprocessor process is running.

This opens a preprocessor top-level window (if one did not exist already) where preprocessing commands and preprocessing menu options can be input directly. Programs can be preprocessed by typing commands in this window, or, more typically, by opening the file to be preprocessed in an emacs window (where it can be edited) and issuing a command (such as C-c A, C-c T, C-c O, or C-c M) directly from there (see the preprocessing commands of this mode and their bindings).
Note that many useful commands (e.g., to repeat and edit previous commands, interrupt jobs, locate errors, automatic completions, etc.) are available in this top-level window (see Section 18.7 [Commands available in toplevel and preprocessor buffers], page 98).

Often, it is not necessary to use this function since execution of any of the other functions related to the top level (e.g., loading buffers into the top level) ensures that a top level is started (starting one if required).

18.13 Version control

The following commands can be used to carry out a simple but effective form of version control by keeping a log of changes on a file or a group of related files. Interestingly, this log is kept in a format that is understood by lpdoc, the Ciao documenter [Her99]. As a result, if these version comments are present, then lpdoc will be able to automatically assign up to date version numbers to the manuals that it generates. This way it is always possible to identify to which version of the software a manual corresponds. Also, lpdoc can create automatically sections describing the changes made since previous versions, which are extracted from the comments in the changelog entries.

The main effect of these commands is to automatically associate the following information to a set of changes performed in the file and/or in a set of related files:

- a version number (such as, e.g., 1.2, where 1 is the major version number and 2 is the minor version number),
- a patch number (such as, e.g., the 4 in 1.2#4),
- a time stamp (such as, e.g., 1998/12/14, 17:20*28+MET),
- the author of the change, and
- a comment explaining the change.

The version numbering used can be local to a single file or common to a number of related files. A simple version numbering policy is implemented: when a relevant change is made, the user typically inserts a changelog entry for it, using the appropriate command (or selecting the corresponding option when prompted while saving a file). This will cause the patch number for the file (or for the whole system that the file is part of) to be incremented automatically and the corresponding machine-readable comment to be inserted in the file. Major and minor version numbers can also be changed, but this is always invoked by hand (see below).

The changelog entry is written in the form of a comment/2 declaration. As mentioned before, the advantage of using this kind of changelog entries is that these declarations can be processed by the lpdoc automatic documenter (see the lpdoc reference manual [Her99] or the assertions library documentation for more details on these declarations).

Whether the user is asked or not to introduce such changelog entries, and how the patch and version numbers should be increased is controlled by the presence in the file of a comment/2 declaration of the type:

:- doc(version_maintenance,<type>).

(note that this requires including the assertions library in the source file). These declarations themselves are also typically introduced automatically when using this mode (see below).

The version maintenance mode can also be set alternatively by inserting a comment such as:

% Local Variables:
% mode: ciao
% update-version-comments: "off"
% End:

The lines above instruct emacs to put the buffer visiting the file in emacs Ciao mode and to turn version maintenance off. Setting the version maintenance mode in this way has the
disadvantage that `lpdoc`, the auto-documenter, and other related tools will not be aware of the type of version maintenance being performed (the lines above are comments for Ciao). However, this can be useful in fact for setting the version maintenance mode for packages and other files meant for inclusion in other files, since that way the settings will not affect the file in which the package is included.

The following commands implement the version control support:

`(cTc)` `(cTa)` Used to turn on or off version control for the file being visited in the current buffer. The user will be prompted to choose among the following options:

`☑` Turn version control on for this file.

`☐` Turn version control off for this file. A version control comment such as:

```prolog
:- doc(version_maintenance, off).
```

will be added to the buffer and the file saved. No version control will be performed on this file until the line above is removed or modified (i.e., from now on C-x C-s simply saves the buffer).

`☐` Turn off prompting for the introduction of changelog entries for now. `emacs` will not ask again while the buffer is loaded, but it may ask again when saving after the next time you load the buffer (if `ciao-ask-for-version-maintenance-type` is set to `yes`).

If `☑` is selected, then the system prompts again regarding how and where the version and patch number information is to be maintained. The following options are available:

`on` All version control information will be contained within this file. When saving a buffer (C-x C-s) `emacs` will ask if a changelog entry should be added to the file before saving. If a comment is entered by the user, a new patch number is assigned to it and the comment is added to the file. This patch number will be the one that follows the most recent changelog entry already in the file. This is obviously useful when maintaining version numbers individually for each file.

`<directory_name>`

Global version control will be performed coherently on several files. When saving a buffer (C-x C-s) `emacs` will ask if a changelog entry should be added to the file before saving. If a comment is given, the global patch number (which will be kept in the file: `<directory_name>/GlobalPatch`) is atomically incremented and the changelog entry is added to the current file, associated to that patch number. Also, a small entry is added to a file `<directory_name>/GlobalChangeLog` which points to the current file. This allows inspecting all changes sequentially by visiting all the files where the changes were made (see C-c C-n). This is obviously useful when maintaining a single thread of version and patch numbers for a set of files.

`off` Turns off version control: C-x C-s then simply saves the file as usual.

Some useful tips:

- If a changelog entry is in fact introduced, the cursor is left at the point in the file where the comment was inserted and the mark is left at the original file point. This allows inspecting (and possibly modifying) the changelog entry, and then returning to the original point in the file by simply typing C-x C-x.
• The first changelog entry is entered by default at the end of the buffer. Later, the changelog entries can be moved anywhere else in the file. New changelog entries are always inserted just above the first changelog entry which appears in the file.

• The comments in changelog entries can be edited at any time.

• If a changelog entry is moved to another file, and version numbers are shared by several files through a directory, the corresponding file pointer in the `<directory_name>/GlobalChangeLog` file needs to be changed also, for the entry to be locatable later using C-c C-n.

(cTx) (cTs) This is the standard `emacs` command that saves a buffer by writing the contents into the associated `.pl` file. However, in the Ciao mode, if version control is set to on for the file, then this command will ask the user before saving whether to introduce a changelog entry documenting the changes performed.

In addition, if:

• the buffer does not already contain a comment specifying the type of version control to be performed,

• and the customizable variable `ciao-ask-for-version-maintenance-type` is set to `yes` (go to the Ciao options menu, LPdoc area to change this, which is by default set to `no`),

then, before saving a buffer, the user will be also automatically asked to choose which kind of version control is desired for the file, as in C-c C-a.

(c-c) Same as C-x C-s except that it forces prompting for inclusion of a changelog entry even if the buffer is unmodified.

(c-c) n Force a move to a new major/minor version number (the user will be prompted for the new numbers). Only applicable if using directory-based version maintenance. Note that otherwise it suffices with introducing a changelog entry in the file and changing its version number by hand.

(c-c) C-n When a unique version numbering is being maintained across several files, this command allows inspecting all changes sequentially by visiting all the files in which the changes were made:

• If in a source file, find the next changelog entry in the source file, open in another window the corresponding `GlobalChangeLog` file, and position the cursor at the corresponding entry. This allows browsing the previous and following changes made, which may perhaps reside in other files in the system.

• If in a `GlobalChangeLog` file, look for the next entry in the file, and open in another window the source file in which the corresponding comment resides, positioning the corresponding comment at the top of the screen. This allows going through a section of the `GlobalChangeLog` file checking all the corresponding comments in the different files in which they occur.

18.14 Generating program documentation

These commands provide some bindings and facilities for generating and viewing the documentation corresponding to the current buffer. The documentation is generated in a temporary directory, which is created automatically. This is quite useful while modifying the documentation for a file, in order to check the output that will be produced, without having to set up a documentation directory by hand or to regenerate a large manual of which the file may be a part.
Generate the documentation for the current buffer in the default format. This allows generating a simple document for the current buffer. Basically, it creates a simple, default SETTINGS.pl file, sets mainfile in SETTINGS.pl to the current buffer file and then generates the documentation in a temporary directory. This is useful for seeing how the documentation of a file will format. Note that for generating manuals the best approach is to set up a permanent documentation directory with the appropriate SETTINGS.pl file (see the LPdoc manual).

Change the default output format used by the LPdoc auto-documenter. It is set by default to html or to the environment variable LPDOCFORMAT if it is defined.

Visit, or create, the SETTINGS.pl file (which controls all auto-documenter options) for the current buffer.

Generate the documentation according to SETTINGS.pl in the default format. This allows generating complex documents but it assumes that SETTINGS.pl exists and that the options that it contains (main file, component files, paths, etc.) have been set properly. Documentation is generated in a temporary directory. Note however that for generating complex manuals the best approach is to set up a permanent documentation directory with the appropriate SETTINGS.pl (see the LPdoc manual).

Start a viewer on the documentation for the current buffer in the default format.

Change the root directory of the scratchpad for temporal source files. This is used, e.g., by the LPdoc auto-documenter when generating temporal configuration files and documentation for buffers. It is set by default to a new dir under /tmp or to the environment variable CIAOSCRATCHDIR if it is defined.

18.15 Setting top level preprocessor and documenter executables

These commands allow changing the executables used when starting the top-level, the preprocessor, or the auto-documenter. They also allow changing the arguments that these executables take, and changing the path where the libraries reside. In the case of the top-level and preprocessor, this should be done only by users which understand the implications, but it is very useful if several versions of Ciao or the preprocessor are available in the system. All these settings can be changed through the customize options in the help menu (see Section 18.21 [Customization], page 108).

Change the Ciao executable used to run the top level. It is set by default to ciao or, to the environment variable CIAO if it is defined.

Change the arguments passed to the Ciao executable. They are set by default to none or, to the environment variable CIAOARGS if it is defined.

Change the executable used to run the Ciao Preprocessor toplevel. It is set by default to ciaopp or, to the environment variable CIAOPP if it is defined.

Change the arguments passed to the Ciao preprocessor executable. They are set by default to none or to the environment variable CIAOPPARGS if it is defined.
18.16 Other commands

Some other commands which are active in the Ciao mode:

- Change the location of the Ciao library paths (changes the environment variable CIAOLIB).
- Change the executable used to run the LPdoc auto-documenter. It is set by default to lpdoc or to the environment variable LPDOC if it is defined.
- Change the arguments passed to the LPdoc auto-documenter. They are set by default to none or to the environment variable LPDOCARGS if it is defined.
- Change the path in which the LPdoc library is installed. It is set by default to /home/clip/lib or to the environment variable LPDOCLIB if it is defined.

18.17 Traditional Prolog Mode Commands

These commands provide some bindings and facilities for loading programs, which are present in emacs Prolog modes of traditional Prolog systems (e.g., SICStus). This is useful mainly if the Ciao emacs mode is used with such Prolog systems. Note that these commands (compile/1 and consult/1) are deprecated in Ciao (due to the more advanced, separate compilation model in Ciao) and their use in the Ciao top-level is not recommended.

- Compile the entire buffer.
- Compile a given region.
- Compile the predicate around point.
- Consult the entire buffer.
- Consult a given region.
- Consult the predicate around point.

18.18 Coexistence with other Prolog-like interfaces

As mentioned previously, the Ciao emacs interface can also be used to work with traditional Prolog or CLP systems. Also, the Ciao emacs interface (mode) can coexist with other Prolog-related emacs interfaces (modes) (such as, e.g., the SICStus Prolog interface). Only one of the interfaces can be active at a time for a given buffer (i.e., for each given file opened inside emacs). In order the change a buffer to a given interface, move the cursor to that buffer and type M-x ...-mode (e.g., for the Ciao mode, M-x ciao-mode).

If several Prolog-related emacs interfaces are loaded, then typically the last one to be loaded takes precedence, in the sense that this will be the interface in which emacs will be set when opening files which have a .pl ending (this depends a bit on how things are set up in your .emacs file).

18.19 Getting the Ciao mode version

Report the version of the emacs Ciao mode.
18.20 Using Ciao mode capabilities in standard shells

The capabilities (commands, coloring, error location, ...) which are active in the Ciao inferior mode can also be made available in any standard command line shell which is being run within emacs. This can be enabled by going to the buffer in which the shell is running and typing \((M-x)\) \texttt{ciao-inferior-mode}\). This is very useful for example when running the stand-alone compiler, the \texttt{lpdoc} auto-documenter, or even certain user applications (those that use the standard error message library) in an emacs sub-shell. Turning the Ciao inferior mode on on that sub-shell will highlight and color the error messages, and automatically find and visit the locations in the files in which the errors are reported.

Finally, one the most useful applications of this is when using the embedded debugger (a version of the debugger which can be embedded into executables so that an interactive debugging session can be triggered at any time while running that executable without needing the top-level shell). If an application is run in a shell buffer which has been set with Ciao inferior mode \((M-x)\) \texttt{ciao-inferior-mode}\) and this application starts emitting output from the embedded debugger (i.e., which contains the embedded debugger and is debugging its code) then the Ciao emacs mode will be able to follow these messages, for example tracking execution in the source level code. This also works if the application is written in a combination of languages, provided the parts written in Ciao are compiled with the embedded debugger package and is thus a convenient way of debugging multi-language applications. The only thing needed is to make sure that the output messages appear in a shell buffer that is in Ciao inferior mode.

18.21 Customization

This section explains all variables used in the Ciao emacs mode which can be customized by users. Such customization can be performed (in later versions of emacs) from the emacs menus (Help -> Customize -> Top-level Customization Group), or also by adding a \texttt{setq} expression in the .emacs file. Such \texttt{setq} expression should be similar to:

\[
\text{(setq } <\text{variable}> <\text{new_value}>\)
\]

The following sections list the different variables which can be customized for ciao, ciaopp and lpdoc.

18.21.1 Ciao general variables

\texttt{ciao-ask-for-version-maintenance-type} (\texttt{string})
  If turned to yes the system asks prompts to set version control when saving files that do not set a version control system explicitly within the file.

\texttt{ciao-create-sample-file-on-startup} (\texttt{boolean})
  When starting the Ciao environment using ciao-startup two buffers are opened: one with a toplevel and another with a sample file. This toggle controls whether the sample file, meant for novice users, is created or not. Set by default, non-novice users will probably want to turn it off.

\texttt{ciao-first-indent-width} (\texttt{integer})
  First level indentation for a new goal.

\texttt{ciao-indent-width} (\texttt{integer})
  Indentation for a new goal.

\texttt{ciao-inhibit-toolbar} (\texttt{boolean})
  *Non-nil means don’t use the specialized Ciao toolbar.

\texttt{ciao-library-path} (\texttt{string})
  Path to the Ciao System libraries (reads/sets the CIAOLIB environment variable). Typically left empty, since ciao executables know which library to use.
**ciao-locate-also-note-messages** *(boolean)*

If set, also when errors of type NOTE are detected the corresponding file is visited and the location marked. It is set to nil by default because sometimes the user prefers not to take any action with respect to these messages (for example, many come from the documenter, indicating that adding certain declarations the documentation would be improved).

**ciao-locate-errors-after-run** *(boolean)*

If set, location of any errors produced when running Ciao tools (loading or preprocessing code, running the documenter, etc.) will be initiated automatically. I.e., after running a command, the system will automatically highlight any error messages and the corresponding areas in source files if possible. If set to nil this location will only happen after typing C-c ' or accessing the corresponding menu or toolbar button.

**ciao-os-shell-prompt-pattern** *(string)*

Regular expression used to describe typical shell prompt patterns (csh and bash), so that error location works in inferior shells. This is useful for example so that errors are located when generating documentation, and also when using the embedded debugger or any other application in a shell. It is best to be as precise as possible when defining this so that the standard Ciao error location does not get confused.

**ciao-scratchpad-root** *(directory)*

Name of root directory of the scratchpad for temporal source files and directories.

**ciao-system** *(string)*

Name of Ciao executable which runs the classical top level.

**ciao-system-args** *(string)*

Arguments passed to Ciao toplevel executable.

**ciao-toplevel-buffer-name** *(string)*

Basic name of the buffer running the Ciao toplevel inferior process.

**ciao-user-directives** *(list)*

List of identifiers of any directives defined by users which you would like highlighted (colored). Be careful, since wrong entries may affect other syntax highlighting.

### 18.21.2 CiaoPP variables

**ciao-ciaopp-buffer-name** *(string)*

Basic name of the buffer running the Ciao preprocessor inferior process.

**ciao-ciaopp-gmenu-buffer-name** *(string)*

Name of the buffer running the Ciao preprocessor graphical menu interface.

**ciao-ciaopp-system** *(string)*

Name of Ciao preprocessor executable.

**ciao-ciaopp-system-args** *(string)*

Arguments passed to Ciao preprocessor executable.

**ciao-ciaopp-use-graphical-menu** *(boolean)*

If set, an interactive graphical menu is used for controlling CiaoPP, instead of asking ascii questions in the CiaoPP buffer.
18.21.3 LPdoc variables

ciao-lpdoc-buffer-name (string)
  Basic name of the buffer running the auto-documenter inferior process.

ciao-lpdoc-docformat (symbol)
  Name of default output format used by LPdoc.

ciao-lpdoc-libpath (directory)
  Path in which the LPdoc library is installed.

ciao-lpdoc-system (string)
  Name of LPdoc auto-documenter executable.

ciao-lpdoc-system-args (string)
  Arguments passed to LPdoc executable.

18.21.4 Faces used in syntax-based highlighting (coloring)

ciao-button-pressed-widget-face (face)
  Face used for documentation text.

ciao-button-widget-face (face)
  Face used for documentation text.

ciao-edit-widget-face (face)
  Face used for documentation text.

ciao-face-answer-val (face)
  Face to use for answer values in top level.

ciao-face-answer-var (face)
  Face to use for answer variables in top level.

ciao-face-builtin-directive (face)
  Face to use for the standard directives.

ciao-face-check-assert (face)
  Face to use for check assertions.

ciao-face-checked-assert (face)
  Face to use for checked assertions.

ciao-face-ciaopp-option (face)
  Face to use for CiaoPP option menus.

ciao-face-clauseheadname (face)
  Face to use for clause head functors.

ciao-face-comment (face)
  Face to use for code comments using fixed pitch (double %).

ciao-face-comment-variable-pitch (face)
  Face to use for code comments using variable pitch (single %).

ciao-face-concurrency-op (face)
  Face to use for concurrency operators.

ciao-face-condcode-directive (face)
  Face to use for the conditional code directives.

ciao-face-cut (face)
  Face to use for cuts.
ciao-face-debug-breakpoint (face)
  Face to use with breakpoints in source debugger.

ciao-face-debug-call (face)
  Face to use when at call port in source debugger.

ciao-face-debug-exit (face)
  Face to use when at exit port in source debugger.

ciao-face-debug-expansion (face)
  Face to use when source literal not located.

ciao-face-debug-fail (face)
  Face to use when at fail port in source debugger.

ciao-face-debug-mess (face)
  Face to use for debug messages.

ciao-face-debug-redo (face)
  Face to use when at redo port in source debugger.

ciao-face-entry-assrt (face)
  Face to use for entry assertions.

ciao-face-error-mess (face)
  Face to use for error messages.

ciao-face-false-assrt (face)
  Face to use for false assertions.

ciao-face-fontify-sectioning (symbol)
  Whether to fontify sectioning macros with varying height or a color face.
  If it is a number, use varying height faces. The number is used for scaling starting
  from 'ciao-face-sectioning-5-face'. Typically values from 1.05 to 1.3 give best results,
  depending on your font setup. If it is the symbol 'color', use 'font-lock-type-face'.
  Caveats: Customizing the scaling factor applies to all sectioning faces unless those
  face have been saved by customize. Setting this variable directly does not take effect
  unless you call 'ciao-face-update-sectioning-faces' or restart Emacs.
  Switching from 'color' to a number or vice versa does not take effect unless you call
  M-x font-lock-fontify-buffer or restart Emacs.

ciao-face-funexp-atom (face)
  Face to use for atoms in functional notation.

ciao-face-highlight-code (face)
  Face to use for highlighting code areas (e.g., when locating the code area that an
  error message refers to).

ciao-face-library-directive (face)
  Face to use for directives defined in the library.

ciao-face-lpdoc-bug-comment (face)
  Face to use for LPdoc bug comments.

ciao-face-lpdoc-command (face)
  Face to use LPdoc commands inserted in documentation text.

ciao-face-lpdoc-comment (face)
  Face to use LPdoc textual comments.

ciao-face-lpdoc-comment-variable-pitch (face)
  Face to use for LPdoc textual comments in variable pitch.
ciao-face-lpdoc-crossref (face)
   Face to use for LPdoc cross-references.

ciao-face-lpdoc-include (face)
   Face to use for LPdoc include commands.

ciao-face-lpdoc-verbatim (face)
   Face to use for LPdoc verbatim text.

ciao-face-lpdoc-version-comment (face)
   Face to use for LPdoc version comments.

ciao-face-modedef-assrt (face)
   Face to use for modedef definitions.

ciao-face-module-directive (face)
   Face to use for the module-related directives.

ciao-face-no-answer (face)
   Face to use for no answer in top level.

ciao-face-note-mess (face)
   Face to use for note messages.

ciao-face-other-mess (face)
   Face to use for other messages.

ciao-face-predicate-directive (face)
   Face to use for the predicate-related directives.

ciao-face-prompt (face)
   Face to use for prompts in top-level and shells.

ciao-face-prop-assrt (face)
   Face to use for property definitions.

ciao-face-quoted-atom (face)
   Face to use for quoted atoms.

ciao-face-script-header (face)
   Face to use for script headers.

ciao-face-sectioning-0-face (face)
   Face for sectioning commands at level 0.
   Probably you don’t want to customize this face directly. Better change the base face ‘ciao-face-sectioning-5-face’ or customize the variable ‘ciao-face-fontify-sectioning’.


ciao-face-sectioning-1-face (face)
   Face for sectioning commands at level 1.
   Probably you don’t want to customize this face directly. Better change the base face ‘ciao-face-sectioning-5-face’ or customize the variable ‘ciao-face-fontify-sectioning’.


ciao-face-sectioning-2-face (face)
   Face for sectioning commands at level 2.
   Probably you don’t want to customize this face directly. Better change the base face ‘ciao-face-sectioning-5-face’ or customize the variable ‘ciao-face-fontify-sectioning’.


ciao-face-sectioning-3-face (face)
   Face for sectioning commands at level 3.
   Probably you don’t want to customize this face directly. Better change the base face ‘ciao-face-sectioning-5-face’ or customize the variable ‘ciao-face-fontify-sectioning’.
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**ciao-face-sectioning-4-face (face)**
Face for sectioning commands at level 4.
Probably you don’t want to customize this face directly. Better change the base face ‘ciao-face-sectioning-5-face’ or customize the variable ‘ciao-face-fontify-sectioning’.

**ciao-face-sectioning-5-face (face)**
Face for sectioning commands at level 5.

**ciao-face-startup-message (face)**
Face to use for system splash message.

**ciao-face-string (face)**
Face to use for strings.

**ciao-face-test-assrt (face)**
Face to use for test assertions.

**ciao-face-texec-assrt (face)**
Face to use for texec assertions.

**ciao-face-true-assrt (face)**
Face to use for true assertions.

**ciao-face-trust-assrt (face)**
Face to use for trust assertions.

**ciao-face-type-assrt (face)**
Face to use for type definitions.

**ciao-face-user-directive (face)**
Face to use for directives defined by the user (see ciao-user-directives custom variable to add new ones).

**ciao-face-variable (face)**
Face to use for variables.

**ciao-face-warning-mess (face)**
Face to use for warning messages.

**ciao-face-yes-answer (face)**
Face to use for yes answer in top level.

**ciao-faces-use-variable-pitch-in-comments (boolean)**
Controls whether variable pitch fonts are used when highlighting comments. Unset by default. After changing this you must exit and reinitialize for the change to take effect.

**ciao-menu-error-widget-face (face)**
Face used for menu error representation in graphical interface.

**ciao-menu-note-widget-face (face)**
Face used for menu note representation in graphical interface.

**ciao-mouse-widget-face (face)**
Face used for documentation text.

**ciao-text-widget-face (face)**
Face used for documentation text.

**ciao-title-widget-face (face)**
Face to use for interactive menu title.
18.22 Installation of the Ciao emacs interface

If opening a file ending with .pl puts emacs in another mode (such as perl mode, which is the --arguably incorrect-- default setting in some emacs distributions), then either the emacs mode was not installed or the installation settings are being overwritten by other settings in your .emacs file or in some library. In any case, you can set things manually so that the Ciao mode is loaded by default in your system. This can be done by including in your .emacs file a line such as:

(load "<CIAO_LIBDIR>/ciao-mode-init")

This loads the above mentioned file from the Ciao library, which contains the following lines (except that the paths are changed during installation to appropriate values for your system):

;; -*- mode: emacs-lisp; -*-
;;;; ciao-config.el --- Configuration parameters for this installation

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;; M. Hermenegildo and others (herme@fi.upm.es, UPM-CLIP, Spain).

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;; Boston, MA 02111-1307, USA.

;; In emacs this is done most reliably by setting INFOPATH (done in
;; Ciao installation). xemacs does need it for finding the Ciao
;; manuals (does not seem to read INFOPATH).

(defvar ciao-bin-dir "$CIAOBINDIR")
"Where the actual Ciao binaries are.")

(defvar ciao-config
 '(:version "$CIAODE_VERSION")
 ;; Paths
 :bin-dir "$CIAOBINDIR")
 :real-lib-dir "$CIAOREALLIBDIR")
 :lpdoc-lib-dir "$LPDOCCLIBDIR")
 :lpdoc-dir "$LPDOCDIR")
 ;; Manuals
 :ciao-manual-base "$CIAO_MANUAL_BASE")
 :ciaopp-manual-base "$CIAOPP_MANUAL_BASE")
 :lpdoc-manual-base "$LPDOC_MANUAL_BASE")
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;; Binaries
:ciaosh-bin ,<v>CIAOSHELL</v>
:ciaopp-bin ,<v>CIAOPPSHELL</v>
:lpdoc-bin ,<v>LPDOCEXEC</v>
:plindent-bin ,<v>PLINDENT</v>
))

(defun ciao-get-config (prop)
  "Obtain configuration property ‘prop’"
  (plist-get ciao-config prop))

;; Provide ourselves:
(provide ’ciao-config)

;;; ciao-config.el ends here

If you would like to configure things in a different way, you can also copy the contents of this file to your .emacs file and make the appropriate changes. For example, if you do not want .pi files to be put automatically in Ciao mode, then comment out (or remove) the line:

(setq auto-mode-alist ... )

You will then need to switch manually to Ciao mode by typing M-x ciao-mode after opening a Ciao file.

If you are able to open the Ciao menu but the Ciao manuals are not found or the ciao command (the top-level) is not found when loading .pl files, the probable cause is that you do not have the Ciao paths in the INFOPATH and MANPATH environment variables (whether these variables are set automatically or not for users depends on how the Ciao system was installed). Under Un*x, you can add these paths easily by including the line:

source <CIAOLIBDIR>/DOTcshrc

in your .login or .cshrc files if you are using csh (or tcsh, etc.), or, alternatively, the line:

.<CIAOLIBDIR>/DOTprofile

in your .login or .profile files if you are using sh (or bash, etc.). See the Ciao installation instructions (Chapter 234 [Installing Ciao from the source distribution], page 1129 or Chapter 235 [Installing Ciao from a Win32 binary distribution], page 1139) for details.

18.23 Emacs version compatibility

This mode is currently being developed within GNU emacs version 24.1. It should also (hopefully) work with all other 23.XX, 22.XX, 21.XX, 20.XX, and later 19.XX versions. We also try our best to keep things working under xemacs and under some emacs native ports for the mac.

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Author(s): The CLIP Group.

This part documents the *Ciao basic builtins*. These predefined predicates and declarations are available in every program, unless the `pure` package is used (by using a `:- module(_,_,[pure])` declaration or `:- use_package(pure)`). These predicates are contained in the `engine` directory within the `lib` library. The rest of the library predicates, including the packages that provide most of the ISO-Prolog builtins, are documented in subsequent parts.
Chapter 19: The module system

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Modularity is a basic notion in a modern computer language. Modules allow dividing programs in several parts, which have its own independent name spaces. The module system in Ciao [CH00a], as in many other Prolog implementations, is procedure based. This means that predicate names are local to a module, but functor/atom names in data are shared (at least by default).

The predicates visible in a module are the predicates defined in that module, plus the predicates imported from other modules. Only predicates exported by a module can be imported from other modules. The default module of a given predicate name is the local one if the predicate is defined locally, else the last module from which the predicate is imported, where explicit imports have priority over implicit ones (that is, a predicate imported through a `use_module/2` declaration is always preferred over a predicate imported through a `use_module/1` declaration). To refer to a predicate from a module which is not the default module for that predicate the name has to be module qualified. A module qualified predicate name has the form `Module:Predicate` as in the call `debugger:debug_module(M)`. Note that in Ciao this module qualification cannot be used for gaining access to predicates that have not been imported, nor for defining clauses of other modules.

All predicates defined in files with no module declaration belong to a special module called `user`, from which they are all implicitly exported. This provides backward compatibility for programs written for implementations with no module system and allows dividing programs into several files without being aware of the module system at all. Note that this feature is only supported for the above-mentioned backward-compatibility reasons, and the use of `user` files is discouraged. Many attractive compilation features of Ciao cannot be supported for `user` modules.

The case of multifile predicates (defined with the declaration `multifile/1`) is also special. Multifile predicates can be defined by clauses distributed in several modules, and all modules which define a predicate as multifile can use that predicate. The name space of multifile predicates is independent, as if they belonged to the special module `multifile`.

Every `user` or module file imports implicitly a number of modules called builtin modules. They are imported before all other importations of the module, thus allowing the redefinition of any of their predicates (with the exception of `true/0`) by defining local versions or importing them from other modules. Importing explicitly from a builtin module, however, disables the implicit importation of the rest (this feature is used by package `library(pure)` to define pure Prolog code).

### 19.1 Usage and interface (modules)

- **Library usage:**
  Modules are an intrinsic feature of Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.

- **Imports:**
  - Packages:
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`.

### 19.2 Documentation on internals (modules)
module/3: DECLARATION

(True) Usage: :- module(Name,Exports,Packages).

Declares a module of name Name which exports the predicates in Exports, and uses the packages in Packages. Name must match with the name of the file where the module resides, without extension. For each source in Packages, a package file is used. If the source is specified with a path alias, this is the file included, if it is an atom, the library paths are searched. See package/1 for a brief description of package files.

This directive must appear the first in the file.

Also, if the compiler finds an unknown declaration as the first term in a file, the name of the declaration is regarded as a package library to be included, and the arguments of the declaration (if present) are interpreted like the arguments of module/3.

- The following properties hold at call time:
  - Name is a module name (an atom). (modules:modulename/1)
  - Exports is a list of prednames. (basic:props:list/2)
  - Packages is a list of sourcenames. (basic:props:list/2)

module/2: DECLARATION

(True) Usage: :- module(Name,Exports).

Same as directive module/3, with an implicit package default. This default package provides all the standard features provided by most Prolog systems so that Prolog programs with traditional module/2 declarations can run without any change.

- The following properties hold at call time:
  - Name is a module name (an atom). (modules:modulename/1)
  - Exports is a list of prednames. (basic:props:list/2)

package/1: DECLARATION

(True) Usage: :- package(Name).

Declares a package of name Name. Like in modules, Name must match with the name of the file where the package resides, without extension. This directive must appear the first in the file.

Package files provide syntactic extensions and their related functionalities by defining operators, new declarations, code translations, etc., as well as declaring imports from other modules and defining additional code. Most Ciao syntactic and semantic extensions, such as functional syntax, constraint solving, or breadth-first search are implemented as packages.

- The following properties hold at call time:
  - Name is a module name (an atom). (modules:modulename/1)

export/1: DECLARATION

(True) Usage 1: :- export(Pred).

Adds Pred to the set of exported predicates.

- The following properties hold at call time:
  - Pred is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:
predname(P/A) :-
   atm(P),
   nnegint(A).

(True) Usage 2: :- export(Exports).
Adds Exports to the set of exported predicates.
   — The following properties hold at call time:
      Exports is a list of prednames.

use_module/2:
   DECLARATION
   (True) Usage: :- use_module(Module,Imports).
   Specifies that this code imports from the module defined in Module the predicates in Imports. The imported predicates must be exported by the other module.
   — The following properties hold at call time:
      Module is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)
      Imports is a list of prednames. (basic_props:list/2)

use_module/1:
   DECLARATION
   (True) Usage: :- use_module(Module).
   Specifies that this code imports from the module defined in Module all the predicates exported by it. The previous version with the explicit import list is preferred to this as it minimizes the chances to have to recompile this code if the other module changes.
   — The following properties hold at call time:
      Module is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)

import/2:
   DECLARATION
   (True) Usage: :- import(Module,Imports).
   Declares that this code imports from the module with name Module the predicates in Imports.
   Important note: this declaration is intended to be used when the current module or the imported module is going to be dynamically loaded, and so the compiler does not include the code of the imported module in the current executable (if only because the compiler cannot know the location of the module file at the time of compilation). For the same reason the predicates imported are not checked to be exported by Module. Its use in other cases is strongly discouraged, as it disallows many compiler optimizations.
   — The following properties hold at call time:
      Module is a module name (an atom). (modules:modulename/1)
      Imports is a list of prednames. (basic_props:list/2)

reexport/2:
   DECLARATION
   (True) Usage: :- reexport(Module,Preds).
   Specifies that this code reexports from the module defined in Module the predicates in Preds. This implies that this module imports from the module defined in Module the predicates in Preds, an also that this module exports the predicates in Preds.
- The following properties hold at call time:
  
  Module is a source name. (streams.basic:sourcename/1)
  
  Preds is a list of prenames. (basic.props:list/2)

reexport/1:  
  DECLARATION
  
  (True) Usage: :- reexport(Module).
  
  Specifies that this code reexports from the module defined in Module all the predicates
  exported by it. This implies that this module imports from the module defined in Module
  all the predicates exported by it, an also that this module exports all such predicates.

meta_predicate/1:  
  DECLARATION
  
  (True) Usage: :- meta_predicate MetaSpecs.
  
  Specifies that the predicates in MetaSpecs have arguments which has to be module ex­
  panded (predicates, goals, etc). The directive is only mandatory for exported predicates
  (in modules). This directive is defined as a prefix operator in the compiler.

  - The following properties hold at call time:
    
    MetaSpecs is a sequence of metaspecs. (basic.props:sequence/2)

modulename/1:  
  REGTYPE
  
  A module name is an atom, not containing characters ':' or '$'. Also, user and multifile
  are reserved, as well as the module names of all builtin modules (because in an executable
  all modules must have distinct names).
  
  Usage: modulename(M)

  M is a module name (an atom).

metaspec/1:  
  REGTYPE
  
  A meta-predicate specification for a predicate is the functor of that predicate applied
  to terms which represent the kind of module expansion that should be applied to each
  argument. Possible contents are represented as:

  ?, +, -, _ These values denote that this argument is not module expanded.
  
  goal This argument will be a term denoting a goal (either a simple or complex one)
  which will be called. For commpatibility reasons it can be named as : as well.
  
  clause This argument will be a term denoting a clause.
  
  fact This argument should be instantiated to a term denoting a fact (head-only
  clause).
  
  spec This argument should be instantiated to a predicate name, as Functor/Arity.
  
  pred(N) This argument should be instantiated to a predicate construct to be called by
  means of a call/N predicate call (see call/2).
list(Meta)
This argument should be instantiated to a list of terms as described by Meta (e.g. list(goal)).

addterm(Meta)
This argument should be instantiated to the meta-data specified by Meta, and an argument added after this one will carry the original data without module expansion. Not intended to be used by normal users.

addmodule(Meta)
This argument should be instantiated to the meta-data specified by Meta, and in an argument added after this one will be passed the calling module, for example to allow handling more involved meta-data by using conversion builtins. addmodule is an alias of addmodule(?). Not intended to be used by normal users.

Usage: metaspec(M)
M is a meta-predicate specification.
Chapter 20: Directives for using code in other files

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Documentation for the directives used to load code into Ciao Prolog (both from the toplevel shell and by other modules).

20.1 Usage and interface (loading_code)

- Library usage:
  These directives are built-in in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions.

20.2 Documentation on internals (loading_code)

ensure_loaded/1:  DECLARATION
Usage: :- ensure_loaded(File).

Specifies that the code present in File will be included in the executable being prepared, in the user module. The file File cannot have a module declaration. This directive is intended to be used by programs not divided in modules. Dividing programs into modules is however strongly encouraged, since most of the attractive features of Ciao (such as static debugging and global optimization) are only partially available for user modules.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  File is a source name.

include/1:  DECLARATION
Usage: :- include(File).

The contents of the file File are included in the current program text exactly as if they had been written in place of this directive.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  File is a source name.

use_package/1:  DECLARATION
:- use_package(Package).

Specifies the use in this file of the packages defined in Package. See the description of the third argument of module/3 for an explanation of package files.

This directive must appear the first in the file, or just after a module/3 declaration. A file with no module declaration, in the absence of this directive, uses an implicit package default (see Chapter 41 [Other predicates and features defined by default], page 247).

Usage 1: :- use_package(Package).
The following properties should hold at call time:

Package is a source name. (streams.basic:sourcename/1)

Usage 2: :- use_package(Package).

The following properties should hold at call time:

Package is a list of sourcenames. (basic.props:list/2)
21 Control constructs/predicates

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This module contains the set of basic control predicates, except the predicates dealing with exceptions, which are in Chapter 31 [Exception and Signal handling], page 209.

21.1 Usage and interface (basiccontrol)

- **Library usage:**
  These predicates/constructs are built-in in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them. In fact, as they are hardwired in some parts of the system, most of them cannot be redefined.

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - ,/2, ;/2, ->/2, !/0, \+/1, if/3, true/0, fail/0, repeat/0, false/0, otherwise/0.
  - **Imports:**
    - **System library modules:**
      - assertions/native_props, debugger/debugger.
    - **Packages:**
      - prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, isomodes, nativeprops.

21.2 Documentation on exports (basiccontrol)

,/2:

\[ P, Q \]

Conjunction (\( P \) and \( Q \)).

(Trust) Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - \( P \) is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
  - \( Q \) is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

Meta-predicate with arguments: goal,goal.

;/2:

\[ P; Q \]

Disjunction (\( P \) or \( Q \)). Note that in Ciao 1/2 is not equivalent to ;/2.

(Trust) Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - \( P \) is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
  - \( Q \) is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
Meta-predicate with arguments: goal; goal.

\(-/2:
\)

\(P \rightarrow Q\)
If \(P\) then \(Q\) else fail, using first solution of \(P\) only. Also, \((P \rightarrow Q ; R)\), if \(P\) then \(Q\) else \(R\), using first solution of \(P\) only. No cuts are allowed in \(P\).

(Trust) Usage:

The following properties should hold at call time:

- \(P\) is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- \(Q\) is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: goal->goal.

\(!/0:
\)

(Trust) Usage:

Commit to any choices taken in the current predicate.

The following properties hold globally:

- All calls of the form \(!\) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)
- All the calls of the form \(!\) do not fail. (native_props:not_fails/1)
- Goal \(!\) produces 1 solutions. (native_props:relations/2)

\(\+/1:
\)

\(\!+P\)
Goal \(P\) is not provable (negation by failure). Fails if \(P\) has a solution, and succeeds otherwise. No cuts are allowed in \(P\).

(Trust) Usage:

The following properties should hold at call time:

- \(P\) is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

The following properties hold globally:

- This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as \(\text{not}(X)\). (basic_props:native/2)
- All calls of the form \(\!+P\) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: \(+goal\).

\(\text{if}/3:\)

\(\text{if}(P,Q,R)\)
If \(P\) then \(Q\) else \(R\), exploring all solutions of \(P\). No cuts are allowed in \(P\).

(Trust) Usage: if(A,B,C)
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The following properties should hold at call time:

- A is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- B is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- C is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- A is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- B is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- C is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:

- A is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- B is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- C is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: \texttt{if(goal,goal,goal)}.

\texttt{true/0:}

(Trust) Usage: Succeed (noop).

The following properties hold globally:

- This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
- \texttt{true} is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
- All calls of the form \texttt{true} are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)
- All the calls of the form \texttt{true} do not fail. (native_props:not_fails/1)
- Goal \texttt{true} produces 1 solutions. (native_props:relations/2)

General properties:

True:

The following properties hold globally:

- \texttt{true} is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

\texttt{fail/0:}

(Trust) Usage: Fail, backtrack immediately.

The following properties hold globally:

- This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
- \texttt{fail} is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
- All calls of the form \texttt{fail} are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)
- Calls of the form \texttt{fail} fail. (native_props:fails/1)
- Goal \texttt{fail} produces 0 solutions. (native_props:relations/2)
General properties:

True:

– The following properties hold globally:
  
  fail is evaluable at compile-time.  
  (basic.props:eval/1)

True:

– The following properties hold globally:
  
  fail is equivalent to fail.  
  (basic.props:equiv/2)

repeat/0:

(Trust) Usage:

Generates an infinite sequence of backtracking choices.

– The following properties hold globally:

  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
  repeat is side-effect free.  
  repeat is side-effect free.  
  (basic.props:native/1)  
  (basic.props:sideeff/2)

false/0:

General properties:

True:

– The following properties hold globally:

  false is side-effect free.  
  false is evaluable at compile-time.  
  false is side-effect free.  
  (basic.props:sideeff/2)  
  (basic.props:eval/1)

otherwise/0:

General properties:

True:

– The following properties hold globally:

  otherwise is side-effect free.  
  otherwise is evaluable at compile-time.  
  otherwise is side-effect free.  
  (basic.props:sideeff/2)  
  (basic.props:eval/1)

21.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (basiccontrol)

• Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
22 Basic builtin directives

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This chapter documents the basic builtin directives in Ciao, additional to the documented in other chapters. These directives are natively interpreted by the Ciao compiler (ciaoc).

Unlike in other Prolog systems, directives in Ciao are not goals to be executed by the compiler or top level. Instead, they are read and acted upon by these programs. The advantage of this is that the effect of the directives is consistent for executables, code loaded in the top level, code analyzed by the preprocessor, etc.

As a result, by default only the builtin directives or declarations defined in this manual can be used in user programs. However, it is possible to define new declarations using the new_declaration/1 and new_declaration/2 directives (or using packages including them). Also, packages may define new directives via code translations.

22.1 Usage and interface (builtin_directives)

- **Library usage:**
  These directives are builtin in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.

- **Imports:**
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

22.2 Documentation on internals (builtin_directives)

multifile/1:  
Usage: :- multifile Predicates. ( • ISO • )

Specifies that each predicate in **Predicates** may have clauses in more than one file. Each file that contains clauses for a multifile predicate must contain a directive multifile for the predicate. The directive should precede all clauses of the affected predicates, and also dynamic/data declarations for the predicate. This directive is defined as a prefix operator in the compiler.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Predicates** is a sequence or list of **prednames**. (basic_props:sequence_or_list/2)

discontiguous/1:  
Usage: :- discontiguous Predicates. ( • ISO • )

Specifies that each predicate in **Predicates** may be defined in this file by clauses which are not in consecutive order. Otherwise, a warning is signaled by the compiler when clauses of a predicate are not consecutive (this behavior is controllable by the prolog flag discontiguous.warnings). The directive should precede all clauses of the affected predicates. This directive is defined as a prefix operator in the compiler.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Predicates** is a sequence or list of **prednames**. (basic_props:sequence_or_list/2)
impl_defined/1: DECLARATION
Usage: :- implDefined(Predicates).
Specifies that each predicate in Predicates is implicitly defined in the current prolog source, either because it is a built-in predicate or because it is defined in a C file. Otherwise, a warning is signaled by the compiler when an exported predicate is not defined in the module or imported from other module.

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  Predicates is a sequence or list of prednames. (basic_props:sequence_or_list/2)

redefining/1: DECLARATION
Usage: :- redefining(Predicate).
Specifies that this module redefines predicate Predicate, also imported from other module, or imports it from more than one module. This prevents the compiler giving warnings about redefinitions of that predicate. Predicate can be partially (or totally) uninstantiated, to allow disabling those warnings for several (or all) predicates at once.

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  Predicate is compatible with predname (basic_props:compat/2)

initialization/1: DECLARATION
Usage: :- initialization(Goal). ( • ISO • )
Goal will be executed at the start of the execution of any program containing the current code. The initialization of a module/file never runs before the initializations of the modules from which the module/file imports (excluding circular dependences).

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

on_abort/1: DECLARATION
Usage: :- on_abort(Goal).
Goal will be executed after an abort of the execution of any program containing the current code.

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
Chapter 23: Basic data types and properties

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This library contains the set of basic properties used by the builtin predicates, and which constitute the basic data types and properties of the language. They can be used both as type testing builtins within programs (by calling them explicitly) and as properties in assertions.

23.1 Usage and interface (basic_props)

- Library usage:
  These predicates are builtin in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.

- Exports:
  - Properties:
    - member/2, compat/2, inst/2, iso/1, deprecated/1, not_further_inst/2, sideff/2, regtype/1, native/1, native/2, rtcheck/1, rtcheck/2, no_rtcheck/1, eval/1, equiv/2, bind_ins/1, error_free/1, memo/1, filter/2, pe_type/1.
  - Regular Types:
    - term/1, int/1, nnegint/1, flt/1, num/1, atm/1, struct/1, gnd/1, gndstr/1, constant/1, callable/1, operator_specifier/1, list/1, list/2, nlist/2, sequence/2, sequence_or_list/2, character_code/l, string/1, num_code/1, predname/1, atm_or_atm_list/l, flag_values/l.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - assertions/native_props, terms_check.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, nativeprops.

23.2 Documentation on exports (basic_props)

term/1:

The most general type (includes all possible terms).

(True) Usage: term(X)

X is any term.

- The following properties hold globally:
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

General properties:

True: term(X)

- The following properties hold globally:
  - term(X) is side-effect free.

True: term(X)

- The following properties hold globally:
  - term(X) is evaluable at compile-time.

True: term(X)
The following properties hold globally:
\( \text{term}(X) \) is equivalent to \( \text{true} \).

(int/1):

The type of integers. The range of integers is \([-2^{31}, 2^{31})\). Thus for all practical purposes, the range of integers can be considered infinite.

(True) Usage: \( \text{int}(T) \)

\( T \) is an integer.

The following properties hold globally:
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

General properties:

True: \( \text{int}(T) \)

The following properties hold globally:
\( \text{int}(T) \) is side-effect free.

True: \( \text{int}(T) \)

If the following properties hold at call time:
\( T \) is currently a term which is not a free variable.

then the following properties hold globally:
\( \text{int}(T) \) is evaluable at compile-time.
All calls of the form \( \text{int}(T) \) are deterministic.

Trust: \( \text{int}(T) \)

The following properties hold upon exit:
\( T \) is an integer.

Trust:

The following properties hold globally:
Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis.

(nnegint/1):

The type of non-negative integers, i.e., natural numbers.

(True) Usage: \( \text{nnegint}(T) \)

\( T \) is a non-negative integer.

The following properties hold globally:
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

General properties:

True: \( \text{nnegint}(T) \)

The following properties hold globally:
\( \text{nnegint}(T) \) is side-effect free.

True: \( \text{nnegint}(T) \)
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If the following properties hold at call time:
T is currently a term which is not a free variable.

then the following properties hold globally:
nnegint(T) is evaluable at compile-time.

Trust: nnegint(T)

The following properties hold upon exit:
T is a non-negative integer.

Trust:

The following properties hold globally:
Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis.

Trust:

flt/1: REGTYPE

The type of floating-point numbers. The range of floats is the one provided by the C double type, typically $[4.9e-324, 1.8e+308]$ (plus or minus). There are also three special values: Infinity, either positive or negative, represented as $1.0e1000$ and $-1.0e1000$; and Not-a-number, which arises as the result of indeterminate operations, represented as 0.Nan.

(True) Usage: flt(T)
T is a float.

The following properties hold globally:
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

General properties:

True: flt(T)

The following properties hold globally:
flt(T) is side-effect free.

True: flt(T)

If the following properties hold at call time:
T is currently a term which is not a free variable.

then the following properties hold globally:
flt(T) is evaluable at compile-time.
All calls of the form flt(T) are deterministic.

Trust: flt(T)

The following properties hold upon exit:
T is a float.

Trust:

The following properties hold globally:
Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis.
num/1:
The type of numbers, that is, integer or floating-point.
(True) Usage: num(T)
T is a number.
  - The following properties hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
    (basic_props:native/1)

General properties:
True: num(T)
  - The following properties hold globally:
    num(T) is side-effect free.
    num(T) is binding insensitive.
    (basic_props:sideeff/2)
    (basic_props:bind_ins/1)

True: num(T)
  - If the following properties hold at call time:
    T is currently a term which is not a free variable.
    then the following properties hold globally:
    num(T) is evaluable at compile-time.
    All calls of the form num(T) are deterministic.
    (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    (basic_props:eval/1)
    (native_props:is_det/1)

Trust: num(T)
  - The following properties hold upon exit:
    T is a number.
    (basic_props:num/1)

atm/1:
The type of atoms, or non-numeric constants. The size of atoms is unbound.
(True) Usage: atm(T)
T is an atom.
  - The following properties hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
    (basic_props:native/1)

General properties:
True: atm(T)
  - The following properties hold globally:
    atm(T) is side-effect free.
    (basic_props:sideeff/2)

True: atm(T)
  - If the following properties hold at call time:
    T is currently a term which is not a free variable.
    then the following properties hold globally:
    atm(T) is evaluable at compile-time.
    All calls of the form atm(T) are deterministic.
    (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    (basic_props:eval/1)
    (native_props:is_det/1)

Trust: atm(T)
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**struct/1:**

The type of compound terms, or terms with non-zeroary functors. By now there is a limit of 255 arguments.

(True) Usage: struct(T)

T is a compound term.

- The following properties hold globally:
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

General properties:

True: struct(T)

- The following properties hold globally:
  - struct(T) is side-effect free.

Trust: struct(T)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  T is a compound term.

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**gnd/1:**

The type of all terms without variables.

(True) Usage: gnd(T)

T is ground.

- The following properties hold globally:
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

General properties:

True: gnd(T)

- The following properties hold globally:
  - gnd(T) is side-effect free.

True: gnd(T)

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  T is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  then the following properties hold globally:
  - gnd(T) is evaluable at compile-time.
  - All calls of the form gnd(T) are deterministic.

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Trust: gnd(T)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  T is ground.  

Trust:
- The following properties hold globally:
  Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis.

gndstr/1: REGTYPE
  (True) Usage: gndstr(T)
  T is a ground compound term.
  - The following properties hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

General properties:
True: gndstr(T)
- The following properties hold globally:
  gndstr(T) is side-effect free.

True: gndstr(T)
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  T is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  then the following properties hold globally:
  gndstr(T) is evaluable at compile-time.
  All calls of the form gndstr(T) are deterministic.

Trust: gndstr(T)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  T is a ground compound term.

constant/1: REGTYPE
  (True) Usage: constant(T)
  T is an atomic term (an atom or a number).

General properties:
True: constant(T)
- The following properties hold globally:
  constant(T) is side-effect free.

True: constant(T)
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  T is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  then the following properties hold globally:
  constant(T) is evaluable at compile-time.
  All calls of the form constant(T) are deterministic.

Trust: constant(T)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  T is an atomic term (an atom or a number).
callable/1: \(\text{REGTYPE}\)

(\text{True}) Usage: \text{callable}(T)

\(T\) is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

General properties:

\text{True}: \text{callable}(T)

- \text{The following properties hold globally:}

\text{callable}(T) \text{ is side-effect free.} \quad \text{(basic\_props:sideff/2)}

\text{True}: \text{callable}(T)

- \text{If the following properties hold at call time:}

\(T\) is currently a term which is not a free variable. \quad \text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}

then the following properties hold globally:

\text{callable}(T) \text{ is evaluable at compile-time.} \quad \text{(basic\_props:eval/1)}

All calls of the form \text{callable}(T) \text{ are deterministic.} \quad \text{(native\_props:is\_det/1)}

\text{Trusting}: \text{callable}(T)

- \text{The following properties hold upon exit:}

\(T\) is currently a term which is not a free variable. \quad \text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}

operator_specifier/1: \(\text{REGTYPE}\)

The type and associativity of an operator is described by the following mnemonic atoms:

\text{xfx} \quad \text{Infix, non-associative: it is a requirement that both of the two subexpressions which are the arguments of the operator must be of lower precedence than the operator itself.}

\text{xfy} \quad \text{Infix, right-associative: only the first (left-hand) subexpression must be of lower precedence; the right-hand subexpression can be of the same precedence as the main operator.}

\text{yfx} \quad \text{Infix, left-associative: same as above, but the other way around.}

\text{fx} \quad \text{Prefix, non-associative: the subexpression must be of lower precedence than the operator.}

\text{fy} \quad \text{Prefix, associative: the subexpression can be of the same precedence as the operator.}

\text{xf} \quad \text{Postfix, non-associative: the subexpression must be of lower precedence than the operator.}

\text{yf} \quad \text{Postfix, associative: the subexpression can be of the same precedence as the operator.}

(\text{True}) Usage: \text{operator\_specifier}(X)

\(X\) specifies the type and associativity of an operator.

General properties:

\text{True}: \text{operator\_specifier}(X)

- \text{The following properties hold globally:}

\text{operator\_specifier}(X) \text{ is side-effect free.} \quad \text{(basic\_props:sideff/2)}

\text{True}: \text{operator\_specifier}(X)
If the following properties hold at call time:

- X is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

then the following properties hold globally:

- operator_specifier(X) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)
- All calls of the form operator_specifier(X) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)
- Goal operator_specifier(X) produces 7 solutions. (native_props:relations/2)

Trust: operator_specifier(T)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - T specifies the type and associativity of an operator. (basic_props:operator_specifier/1)

list/1:

A list is formed with successive applications of the functor ’./2, and its end is the atom []. Defined as

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{list}([]) & : - \\
\text{list}([L|L]) & : - \\
& \quad \text{list}(L).
\end{align*}
\]

(True) Usage: list(L)

L is a list.

General properties:

True: list(L)

- The following properties hold globally:
  - list(L) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

True: list(L)

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  - L is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)

then the following properties hold globally:

- list(L) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)
- All calls of the form list(L) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)

Trust: list(T)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

list/2:

list(L,T)

L is a list, and for all its elements, T holds.

(True) Usage: list(L,T)

L is a list of Ts.

Meta-predicate with arguments: list(?,(pred 1)).

General properties:

True: list(L,T)
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— The following properties hold globally:
  list(L,T) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

True: list(L,T)
— If the following properties hold at call time:
  L is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  T is currently ground (it contains no variables).
then the following properties hold globally:
  list(L,T) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

Trust: list(X,T)
— The following properties hold upon exit:
  X is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

nlist/2: REGTYPE
(True) Usage: nlist(L,T)
L is T or a nested list of Ts. Note that if T is term, this type is equivalent to term, this fact explain why we do not have a nlist/1 type

Meta-predicate with arguments: nlist(?, (pred 1)).

General properties:
True: nlist(L,T)
— The following properties hold globally:
  nlist(L,T) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

True: nlist(L,T)
— If the following properties hold at call time:
  L is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  T is currently ground (it contains no variables).
then the following properties hold globally:
  nlist(L,T) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

Trust: nlist(X,T)
— The following properties hold upon exit:
  X is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

member/2: PROPERTY
(True) Usage: member(X,L)
X is an element of L.

General properties:
True: member(X,L)
— The following properties hold globally:
  member(X,L) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
  member(X,L) is binding insensitive. (basic_props:bind_ins/1)

True: member(X,L)
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  \( L \) is a list.

then the following properties hold globally:
\( \text{member}(X,L) \) is evaluable at compile-time.

Trust: \( \text{member}(X,L) \)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  \( L \) is a list.

Trust: \( \text{member}(X,L) \)
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  \( L \) is currently ground (it contains no variables).

then the following properties hold upon exit:
\( X \) is currently ground (it contains no variables).

**sequence/2:**

REGTYPE
A sequence is formed with zero, one or more occurrences of the operator ‘,’. For example, \( a, b, c \) is a sequence of three atoms, \( a \) is a sequence of one atom.

(True) Usage: \( \text{sequence}(S,T) \)
\( S \) is a sequence of \( T \).

Meta-predicate with arguments: \( \text{sequence}(?,(\text{pred} \ 1)) \).
General properties:
True: \( \text{sequence}(S,T) \)
- The following properties hold globally:
  \( \text{sequence}(S,T) \) is side-effect free.

Trust: \( \text{sequence}(S,T) \)
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  \( S \) is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  \( T \) is currently ground (it contains no variables).

then the following properties hold globally:
\( \text{sequence}(S,T) \) is evaluable at compile-time.

Trust: \( \text{sequence}(E,T) \)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  \( E \) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \( T \) is currently ground (it contains no variables).

**sequence_or_list/2:**

(True) Usage: \( \text{sequence_or_list}(S,T) \)
\( S \) is a sequence or list of \( T \).

Meta-predicate with arguments: \( \text{sequence_or_list}(?,(\text{pred} \ 1)) \).
General properties:
True: \( \text{sequence_or_list}(S,T) \)
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— The following properties hold globally:

sequence_or_list(S,T) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

True: sequence_or_list(S,T)

— If the following properties hold at call time:

S is currently ground (it contains no variables).
T is currently ground (it contains no variables).

then the following properties hold globally:

sequence_or_list(S,T) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

Trust: sequence_or_list(E,T)

— The following properties hold upon exit:

E is currently a term which is not a free variable.
T is currently ground (it contains no variables).

character_code/1:

(True) Usage: character_code(T)

T is an integer which is a character code.

General properties:

True: character_code(T)

— The following properties hold globally:

character_code(T) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

True: character_code(T)

— If the following properties hold at call time:

T is currently a term which is not a free variable.

then the following properties hold globally:

character_code(T) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

Trust: character_code(I)

— The following properties hold upon exit:

I is an integer which is a character code. (basic_props:character_code/1)

string/1:

A string is a list of character codes. The usual syntax for strings "string" is allowed, which is equivalent to [0’s,0’t,0’r,0’i,0’n,0’g] or [115,116,114,105,110,103]. There is also a special Ciao syntax when the list is not complete: "st"|[R is equivalent to [0’s,0’t|R].

(True) Usage: string(T)

T is a string (a list of character codes).

General properties:

True: string(T)

— The following properties hold globally:

string(T) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

True: string(T)
If the following properties hold at call time:

- T is currently ground (it contains no variables).

then the following properties hold globally:

- string(T) is evaluable at compile-time.

Trust: string(T)

The following properties hold upon exit:

- T is a string (a list of character codes).

num_code/1: REGTYPE

These are the ASCII codes which can appear in decimal representation of floating point and integer numbers, including scientific notation and fractionary part.

predname/1: REGTYPE

(True) Usage: predname(P)

P is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:

\[
\text{predname}(P/A) ::=-
\text{atm}(P),
\text{nnegint}(A).
\]

General properties:

True: predname(P)

- The following properties hold globally:

  predname(P) is side-effect free.

Trust: predname(P)

- If the following properties hold at call time:

  P is currently ground (it contains no variables).

then the following properties hold globally:

  predname(P) is evaluable at compile-time.

True: predname(P)

- The following properties hold upon exit:

  P is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:

  \[
  \text{predname}(P/A) ::=-
  \text{atm}(P),
  \text{nnegint}(A).
  \]

Trust: predname(P)


atm_or_atm_list/1: REGTYPE

(True) Usage: atm_or_atm_list(T)

T is an atom or a list of atoms.

General properties:

True: atm_or_atm_list(T)
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— The following properties hold globally:
  atm_or_atm_list(T) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

True: atm_or_atm_list(T)
— If the following properties hold at call time:
  T is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
The following properties hold globally:
  atm_or_atm_list(T) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

Trust: atm_or_atm_list(T)
— The following properties hold upon exit:
  T is an atom or a list of atoms. (basic_props:atm_or_atm_list/1)

compat/2:
PROPERTY
This property captures the notion of type or property compatibility. The instantiation or constraint state of the term is compatible with the given property, in the sense that assuming that imposing that property on the term does not render the store inconsistent. For example, terms X (i.e., a free variable), [Y|Z], and [Y,Z] are all compatible with the regular type list/1, whereas the terms f(a) and [1|2] are not.

(True) Usage: compat(Term,Prop)
Term is compatible with Prop
Meta-predicate with arguments: compat(?, (pred 1)).
General properties:
True: compat(Term,Prop)
— If the following properties hold at call time:
  Term is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
  Prop is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
  then the following properties hold globally:
  compat(Term,Prop) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

inst/2:
PROPERTY
(True) Usage: inst(Term,Prop)
Term is instantiated enough to satisfy Prop.
Meta-predicate with arguments: inst(?, (pred 1)).
General properties:
True: inst(Term,Prop)
— The following properties hold globally:
  inst(Term,Prop) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

True: inst(Term,Prop)
— If the following properties hold at call time:
  Term is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
  Prop is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
  then the following properties hold globally:
  inst(Term,Prop) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)
iso/1:  
(True) Usage: iso(G)
Complies with the ISO-Prolog standard.
Meta-predicate with arguments: iso(goal).
General properties:
True: iso(G)
  – The following properties hold globally:
    iso(G) is side-effect free.  
    (basic_props:sideff/2)

deprecated/1:  
_PROPERTY
Specifies that the predicate marked with this global property has been deprecated, i.e.,
its use is not recommended any more since it will be deleted at a future date. Typically
this is done because its functionality has been superseded by another predicate.
(True) Usage: deprecated(G)
DEPRECATED.
Meta-predicate with arguments: deprecated(goal).
General properties:
True: deprecated(G)
  – The following properties hold globally:
    deprecated(G) is side-effect free.  
    (basic_props:sideff/2)

not_further_inst/2:  
PROPERTY
(True) Usage: not_further_inst(G,V)
V is not further instantiated.
Meta-predicate with arguments: not_further_inst(goal,?).
General properties:
True: not_further_inst(G,V)
  – The following properties hold globally:
    not_further_inst(G,V) is side-effect free.  
    (basic_props:sideff/2)
    Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked
    at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible).  
    (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

sideff/2:  
PROPERTY
sideff(G,X)
Declares that G is side-effect free (if its execution has no observable result other than its
success, its failure, or its abortion), soft (if its execution may have other observable results
which, however, do not affect subsequent execution, e.g., input/output), or hard (e.g.,
assert/retract).
(True) Usage: sideff(G,X)
G is side-effect X.
If the following properties hold at call time:

- $G$ is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- $X$ is an element of [free, soft, hard]. (basic_props:member/2)

Meta-predicate with arguments: sideff(goal, ?).

General properties:

- True: $\text{sideff}(G, X)$

The following properties hold globally:

- This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
- $\text{sideff}(G, X)$ is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
- Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to $\text{rtcheck}(G, \text{impossible})$. (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

### regtype/1:

**PROPERTY**

- (True) Usage: `regtype G`
- Defines a regular type.

Meta-predicate with arguments: `regtype goal`.

General properties:

- True: $\text{regtype } G$
- The following properties hold globally:
  - $\text{regtype } G$ is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

### native/1:

**PROPERTY**

- (True) Usage: `native(Pred)`
- This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

Meta-predicate with arguments: `native(goal)`.

General properties:

- True: $\text{native}(P)$
- The following properties hold globally:
  - $\text{native}(P)$ is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

### native/2:

**PROPERTY**

- (True) Usage: `native(Pred, Key)`
- This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as `Key`.

Meta-predicate with arguments: `native(goal, ?)`.

General properties:

- True: $\text{native}(P, K)$
- The following properties hold globally:
  - $\text{native}(P, K)$ is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
rtcheck/1: PROPERTY
(True) Usage: rtcheck(G)
Equivalent to rtcheck(G, complete).
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  G is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: rtcheck(goal).

General properties:
True: rtcheck(G)
- The following properties hold globally:
  rtcheck(G) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

rtcheck/2: PROPERTY
(True) Usage: rtcheck(G,Status)
The runtime check of the property have the status Status.
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  G is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Status of the runtime-check implementation for a given property. Valid values are:
- unimplemented: No run-time checker has been implemented for the property. Although it can be implemented further.
- incomplete: The current run-time checker is incomplete, which means, under certain circumstances, no error is reported if the property is violated.
- unknown: We do not know if current implementation of run-time checker is complete or not.
- complete: The opposite of incomplete, error is reported always that the property is violated. Default.
- impossible: The property must not be run-time checked (for theoretical or practical reasons).

(basic_props:rtc_status/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: rtcheck(goal,?).

General properties:
True: rtcheck(G,Status)
- The following properties hold globally:
  rtcheck(G,Status) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

no_rtcheck/1: PROPERTY
(True) Usage: no_rtcheck(G)
Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible).
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  G is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
Meta-predicate with arguments: no_rtcheck(goal).

General properties:
True: no_rtcheck(G)
— The following properties hold globally:
  no_rtcheck(G) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

eval/1:
(True) Usage: eval(Goal)
  Goal is evaluable at compile-time.
  Meta-predicate with arguments: eval(goal).

equiv/2:
(True) Usage: equiv(Goal1,Goal2)
  Goal1 is equivalent to Goal2.
  Meta-predicate with arguments: equiv(goal,goal).

bind_ins/1:
(True) Usage: bind_ins(Goal)
  Goal is binding insensitive.
  Meta-predicate with arguments: bind_ins(goal).

error_free/1:
(True) Usage: error_free(Goal)
  Goal is error free.
  Meta-predicate with arguments: error_free(goal).

memo/1:
(True) Usage: memo(Goal)
  Goal should be memoized (not unfolded).
  Meta-predicate with arguments: memo(goal).

filter/2:
(True) Usage: filter(Vars,Goal)
  Vars should be filtered during global control.

flag_values/1:
(True) Usage: flag_values(X)
  Define the valid flag values
**pe_type/1:**

(True) Usage: `pe_type(Goal)`

Goal will be filtered in partial evaluation time according to the PE types defined in the assertion.

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: `pe_type(goal)`.

### 23.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (basic_props)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
Chapter 24: Extra-logical properties for typing

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This library contains traditional Prolog predicates for testing types. They depend on the state of instantiation of their arguments, thus being of extra-logical nature.

24.1 Usage and interface (term_typing)

- **Library usage:**
  These predicates are built-in in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.
- **Exports:**
  - Properties:
    - `var/1, nonvar/1, atom/1, integer/1, float/1, number/1, atomic/1, ground/1, type/2`.
  - Imports:
    - System library modules:
      - `assertions/native Props`.
    - Packages:
      - `prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, nativeprops, isomodes`.

24.2 Documentation on exports (term_typing)

**var/1:**

(True) **Usage:** var(X)

X is a free variable.

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as `free(X)`. (basic Props:native/2)

**General properties:**

**Trust:**

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  All calls of the form `var(Arg1)` are deterministic. (native Props:is_det/1)
  Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis.

**True:** var(X)

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  X is not further instantiated. (basic Props:not_further_inst/2)
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic Props:native/1)
  `var(X)` is side-effect `free`. (basic Props:sideff/2)

**True:** var(X)

- **If the following properties hold at call time:**
  X is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  then the following properties hold globally:
  `var(X)` is evaluable at compile-time. (basic Props:eval/1)
**True: var(X)**

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  
  \[ X \text{ is currently a term which is not a free variable.} \]

  then the following properties hold globally:
  
  \[ \text{var}(X) \text{ is equivalent to fail.} \]

**True: var(X)**

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  
  \[ X \text{ is a free variable.} \]

  then the following properties hold globally:
  
  \[ \text{var}(X) \text{ is equivalent to true.} \]

**nonvar/1:**

(\textbf{True}) Usage: nonvar(X)

- \[ X \text{ is currently a term which is not a free variable.} \]

  - The following properties hold globally:
    
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as not_free(X).

**General properties:**

**Trust:**

- The following properties hold globally:

  All calls of the form nonvar(Arg1) are deterministic.

**True: nonvar(X)**

- The following properties hold globally:

  \[ X \text{ is not further instantiated.} \]

  \[ \text{nonvar}(X) \text{ is side-effect free.} \]

  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

**True: nonvar(X)**

- If the following properties hold at call time:

  \[ X \text{ is currently a term which is not a free variable.} \]

  then the following properties hold globally:

  \[ \text{nonvar}(X) \text{ is evaluable at compile-time.} \]

**True: nonvar(T)**

- If the following properties hold at call time:

  \[ T \text{ is a free variable.} \]

  then the following properties hold globally:

  \[ \text{nonvar}(T) \text{ is equivalent to fail.} \]

**True: nonvar(T)**

- If the following properties hold at call time:

  \[ T \text{ is currently a term which is not a free variable.} \]

  then the following properties hold globally:

  \[ \text{nonvar}(T) \text{ is equivalent to true.} \]
atom/1:

(True) Usage: atom(X)
X is currently instantiated to an atom.
  - The following properties hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
    (basic_props:native/1)

General properties:
Trust: atom(X)
  - The following properties hold upon exit:
    X is an atom.
    (basic_props:atm/1)

Trust:
  - The following properties hold globally:
    All calls of the form atom(Arg1) are deterministic.
    (native_props:is_det/1)
    Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure
    analysis.

True: atom(X)
  - The following properties hold globally:
    X is not further instantiated.
    atom(X) is side-effect free.
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
    (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
    (basic_props:sideff/2)
    (basic_props:native/1)

True: atom(T)
  - If the following properties hold at call time:
    X is currently a term which is not a free variable.
    Then the following properties hold globally:
    atom(X) is evaluable at compile-time.
    (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    (basic_props:eval/1)

True: atom(T)
  - If the following properties hold at call time:
    T is a free variable.
    Then the following properties hold globally:
    atom(T) is equivalent to fail.
    (term_typing:var/1)
    (basic_props:equiv/2)

integer/1:

(True) Usage: integer(X)
X is currently instantiated to an integer.
  - The following properties hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
    (basic_props:native/1)

General properties:
Trust: integer(X)
  - The following properties hold upon exit:
    X is an integer.
    (basic_props:int/1)

Trust:
The following properties hold globally:

All calls of the form \texttt{integer(Arg1)} are deterministic.  
\texttt{integer(Arg1)} is side-effect \texttt{free}.

This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

\textbf{True:} \texttt{integer(X)}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{The following properties hold globally:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{X} is not further instantiated.  
      \item \texttt{integer(X)} is side-effect \texttt{free}.
    \end{itemize}
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

\textbf{True:} \texttt{integer(X)}

\item \textbf{If the following properties hold at call time:}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{X} is currently a term which is not a free variable.
\end{itemize}

\item then the following properties hold globally:

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{integer(X)} is evaluable at compile-time.
\end{itemize}

\textbf{True:} \texttt{integer(T)}

\item \textbf{If the following properties hold at call time:}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{T} is a free variable.
\end{itemize}

\item then the following properties hold globally:

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{integer(T)} is equivalent to \texttt{fail}.
\end{itemize}

\textbf{float/1:}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{PROPERTY}
  \item \textbf{(True) Usage:} \texttt{float(X)}
  \item \texttt{X} is currently instantiated to a float.
\end{itemize}

\item \textbf{General properties:}

\item \textbf{Trust:} \texttt{float(X)}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{The following properties hold upon exit:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{X} is a float.
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\item \textbf{Trust:}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{The following properties hold globally:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item All calls of the form \texttt{float(Arg1)} are deterministic.
      \item \texttt{float(Arg1)} is side-effect \texttt{free}.
    \end{itemize}
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

\textbf{True:} \texttt{float(X)}

\item \textbf{The following properties hold globally:}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{X} is not further instantiated.
  \item \texttt{float(X)} is side-effect \texttt{free}.
\end{itemize}

\item This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
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— **If the following properties hold at call time:**
  X is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  
  **then the following properties hold globally:**
  float(X) is evaluable at compile-time.

**True:** float(T)

— **If the following properties hold at call time:**
  T is a free variable.
  
  **then the following properties hold globally:**
  float(T) is equivalent to fail.

**number/1:**

**(True) Usage:** number(X)

  X is currently instantiated to a number.

  — *The following properties hold globally:*
    
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

**General properties:**

**Trust:** number(X)

  — *The following properties hold upon exit:*
    X is a number.

**Trust:**

  — *The following properties hold globally:*
    All calls of the form number(Arg1) are deterministic.

    Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis.

**True:** number(X)

  — *The following properties hold globally:*
    X is not further instantiated.
    number(X) is side-effect **free**.
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

**True:** number(X)

  — *If the following properties hold at call time:*
    X is currently a term which is not a free variable.
    
    **then the following properties hold globally:**
    number(X) is evaluable at compile-time.

**True:** number(T)

  — *If the following properties hold at call time:*
    T is a free variable.
    
    **then the following properties hold globally:**
    number(T) is equivalent to fail.
atomic/1:
  (True) Usage: atomic(X)
  X is currently instantiated to an atom or a number.
  - The following properties hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
    (basic_props:native/1)

General properties:
Trust: atomic(T)
  - The following properties hold upon exit:
    T is an atomic term (an atom or a number).
    (basic_props:constant/1)

Trust:
  - The following properties hold globally:
    All calls of the form atomic(Arg1) are deterministic.
    Required by the nonfailure analysis.
    (native_props:is_det/1)

True: atomic(X)
  - The following properties hold globally:
    X is not further instantiated.
    (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
    atomic(X) is side-effect free.
    (basic_props:sideff/2)
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
    (basic_props:native/1)

True: atomic(T)
  - If the following properties hold at call time:
    X is currently a term which is not a free variable.
    (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    then the following properties hold globally:
    atomic(X) is evaluable at compile-time.
    (basic_props:eval/1)

True: atomic(T)
  - If the following properties hold at call time:
    T is a free variable.
    (term_typing:var/1)
    then the following properties hold globally:
    atomic(T) is equivalent to fail.
    (basic_props:equiv/2)

ground/1:
  (True) Usage: ground(X)
  X is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - The following properties hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
    (basic_props:native/1)

General properties:
Trust: ground(X)
  - The following properties hold upon exit:
    X is ground.
    (basic_props:gnd/1)

Trust:
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- The following properties hold globally:
  All calls of the form `ground(Arg1)` are deterministic. (native.props:is_det/1)
  Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis. (native.props:test_type/2)

True: `ground(X)`

- The following properties hold globally:
  `X` is not further instantiated. (basic.props:not_further_inst/2)
  `ground(X)` is side-effect free. (basic.props:sideff/2)
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic.props:native/1)

True: `ground(X)`

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  `X` is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
  then the following properties hold globally:
  `ground(X)` is evaluable at compile-time. (basic.props:eval/1)

True: `ground(X)`

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  `X` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  then the following properties hold globally:
  `ground(X)` is equivalent to `fail`. (basic.props:equiv/2)

True: `ground(X)`

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  `X` is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
  then the following properties hold globally:
  `ground(X)` is equivalent to `true`. (basic.props:equiv/2)

`type/2:` PROPERTY

(True) Usage: `type(X,Y)`

`X` is internally of type `Y` (`var`, `attv`, `float`, `integer`, `structure`, `atom` or `list`).

- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic.props:native/1)

General properties:

Trust: `type(X,Y)`

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  `Y` is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)

Trust:

- The following properties hold globally:
  All calls of the form `type(Arg1,Arg2)` are deterministic. (native.props:is_det/1)

True:

- The following properties hold globally:
  `type(Arg1,Arg2)` is side-effect free. (basic.props:sideff/2)
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic.props:native/1)
True: type(X,Y)
   - If the following properties hold at call time:
     X is currently a term which is not a free variable.  \(\text{term\_typing:nonvar/1}\)
   then the following properties hold globally:
     type(X,Y) is evaluable at compile-time. \(\text{basic\_props:eval/1}\)

24.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (term\_typing)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
25 Basic term manipulation

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This module provides basic term manipulation.

25.1 Usage and interface (term_basic)

- Library usage:
  These predicates are builtin in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    \=/2, arg/3, functor/3, =../2, copy_term/2, copy_term_nat/2, cyclic_term/1, C/3.
  - Properties:
    =/2, const_head/1.
  - Regular Types:
    non_empty_list/1, list_functor/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    assertions/native_props.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nativeprops, isomodes, nortchecks.

25.2 Documentation on exports (term_basic)

=/2: PROPERTY • ISO • A property, defined as follows:

\[ X = Y : \]
\[ X = Y. \]

General properties:
Trust: X=Y
X and Y unify.
- The following properties hold globally:
  X=Y is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
  X=Y is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)
  All calls of the form X=Y are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)
  Goal X=Y produces inf solutions. (native_props:relations/2)
  Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure
  analysis. (native_props:test_type/2)
\(\neq/2\):  

(Trust) Usage: \(X \neq Y\)  

X and Y are not unifiable.  

- **The following properties hold globally:**  
  \(X \neq Y\) is side-effect **free**.  
  \(X \neq Y\) is binding insensitive.  
  All calls of the form \(X \neq Y\) are deterministic.  

**General properties:**  

Trust: \(X \neq Y\)  

- *If the following properties hold at call time:*  
  \(X\) is currently ground (it contains no variables).  
  \(Y\) is currently ground (it contains no variables).  
  then the following properties hold globally:  
  \(X \neq Y\) is evaluable at compile-time.  

Trust: \(X \neq Y\)  

- **The following properties hold globally:**  
  \(X \neq Y\) is side-effect **free**.  

arg/3:  

(Trust) Usage 1: \(\text{arg}(\text{ArgNo}, \text{Term}, \text{Arg})\)  

- The following properties should hold at call time:  
  \(\text{ArgNo}\) is a number.  
- The following properties hold globally:  
  All calls of the form \(\text{arg}(\text{ArgNo}, \text{Term}, \text{Arg})\) are deterministic.  
  Goal \(\text{arg}(\text{ArgNo}, \text{Term}, \text{Arg})\) produces **inf** solutions.  

(Trust) Usage 2: \(\text{arg}(\text{ArgNo}, \text{Term}, \text{Arg})\)  

- The following properties should hold at call time:  
  \(\text{ArgNo}\) is a number.  
  \(\text{Term}\) is ground.  
- The following properties hold upon exit:  
  \(\text{Arg}\) is ground.  

(Trust) Usage 3: \(\text{arg}(\text{ArgNo}, \text{Term}, \text{Arg})\)  

Argument \(\text{ArgNo}\) of the term \(\text{Term}\) is \(\text{Arg}\).  

- The following properties should hold at call time:  
  \(\text{ArgNo}\) is a non-negative integer.  
  \(\text{Term}\) is a compound term.  
- The following properties hold globally:  
  \(\text{arg}(\text{ArgNo}, \text{Term}, \text{Arg})\) is side-effect **free**.  
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
  \(\text{arg}(\text{ArgNo}, \text{Term}, \text{Arg})\) is binding insensitive.  

(Trust) Usage 4: \(\text{arg}(\text{ArgNo}, \text{Term}, \text{Arg})\)
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The following properties should hold at call time:
- **ArgNo** is a non-negative integer.  

Term is ground.  

The following properties hold upon exit:
- **Arg** is ground.  

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**functor/3:**

(Trust) Usage 1: functor(Term, Name, Arity)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Term is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Name is an atom.  
  - Arity is a non-negative integer.  
- The following properties hold globally:
  - Term is not further instantiated.  
  - functor(Term, Name, Arity) is side-effect free.  
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
  - functor(Term, Name, Arity) is binding insensitive.  
  - functor(Term, Name, Arity) is evaluable at compile-time.  

(Trust) Usage 2: functor(Term, Name, Arity)

The principal functor of the term Term has name Name and arity Arity.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Name is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  - Arity is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Term is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  - Name is an atom.  
  - Arity is a non-negative integer.  
- The following properties hold globally:
  - functor(Term, Name, Arity) is side-effect free.  
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
  - functor(Term, Name, Arity) is binding insensitive.  
  - functor(Term, Name, Arity) is evaluable at compile-time.  

(Trust) Usage 3: functor(Term, Name, Arity)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Term is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  - Name is a free variable.  
  - Arity is a free variable.  
  - Term is currently a term which is not a free variable.  

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The following properties hold upon exit:
1 is the size of argument Name, for any approximation. (native_props:size/2)
arity(Term) is the size of argument Arity, for any approximation. (native_props:size/2)

The following properties hold globally:
arity is the metric of the variable Term, for any approximation. (native_props:size_metric/3)

General properties:
Trust:
The following properties hold globally:
functor(Arg1,Arg2,Arg3) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
All calls of the form functor(Arg1,Arg2,Arg3) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)

../.2:
(Trust) Usage: Term=.List
The functor and arguments of the term Term comprise the list List.
The following properties hold upon exit:
List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
The following properties hold globally:
Term=.List is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

General properties:
True:
If the following properties hold at call time:
Arg1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
then the following properties hold globally:
Arg1=.Arg2 is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)
True: Arg1=.List
If the following properties hold at call time:
List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
term_basic:const_head(List) (term_basic:const_head/1)
then the following properties hold globally:
Arg1=.List is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

non_empty_list/1:
Usage: non_empty_list(A)
A list that is not the empty list [].

PREDICATE

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**copy_term/2:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:** copy_term(Term, Copy)

Copy is a renaming of Term, such that brand new variables have been substituted for all variables in Term. If any of the variables of Term have attributes, the copied variables will have copies of the attributes as well. It behaves as if defined by:

```prolog
:- data 'copy of'/1.
```

```prolog
copy_term(X, Y) :-
    asserta_fact('copy of'(X)),
    retract_fact('copy of'(Y)).
```

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - copy_term(Term, Copy) is side-effect free.  
    (basic_props:sideeff/2)
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
    (basic_props:native/1)

**General properties:**

**True:** copy_term(Term, Copy)

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  - Term is currently ground (it contains no variables).  
    (term_typing:ground/1)
  then the following properties hold globally:
  - copy_term(Term, Copy) is evaluable at compile-time.  
    (basic_props:eval/1)

**copy_term_nat/2:**

**PREDICATE**

(Trust) **Usage:** copy_term_nat(Term, Copy)

Same as copy_term/2, except that attributes of variables are not copied.

- The following properties hold globally:
  - copy_term_nat(Term, Copy) is side-effect free.  
    (basic_props:sideeff/2)

**cyclic_term/1:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:** cyclic_term(T)

True if T is cyclic (infinite).

**C/3:**

(Trust) **Usage 1:** C(S1, Terminal, S2)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - term_basic:list_functor(S1)  
    (term_basic:list_functor/1)

(Trust) **Usage 2:** C(S1, Terminal, S2)

S1 is connected by the terminal Terminal to S2. Internally used in DCG grammar rules.

- The following properties hold globally:
  - C(S1, Terminal, S2) is side-effect free.  
    (basic_props:sideeff/2)
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
    (basic_props:native/1)

**General properties:**

**Trust:** C(S1, Terminal, S2)
If the following properties hold at call time:

A list that is not the empty list \[[\]

then the following properties hold upon exit:
S2 is a list.

True:
If the following properties hold at call time:

Arg1 is currently a term which is not a free variable.

then the following properties hold globally:

C(Arg1, Arg2, Arg3) is evaluable at compile-time.

const_head/1:
A property, defined as follows:

\[
\text{const_head}([\text{Head}|\_]) :- \\
\text{constant}(	ext{Head}).
\]

list_functor/1:
A regular type, defined as follows:

\[
\text{list_functor}([A|B]) :- \\
\text{term}(A), \\
\text{term}(B).
\]

25.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (term_basic)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
26 Comparing terms

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These built-in predicates are extra-logical. They treat uninstantiated variables as objects with values which may be compared, and they never instantiate those variables. They should not be used when what you really want is arithmetic comparison or unification.

The predicates make reference to a standard total ordering of terms, which is as follows:

- Variables, by age (roughly, oldest first – the order is not related to the names of variables).
- Floats, in numeric order (e.g. -1.0 is put before 1.0).
- Integers, in numeric order (e.g. -1 is put before 1).
- Atoms, in alphabetical (i.e. character code) order.
- Compound terms, ordered first by arity, then by the name of the principal functor, then by the arguments in left-to-right order. Recall that lists are equivalent to compound terms with principal functor `/2`.

For example, here is a list of terms in standard order:

\[ [ X, \text{-1.0}, \text{-9}, 1, \text{bar}, \text{foo}, [1], X = Y, \text{foo(0,2)}, \text{bar(1,1,1)} ] \]

26.1 Usage and interface (term_compare)

- **Library usage:**
  These predicates are builtin in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    \==/2, @</2, @=</2, @>/2, @>=/2, compare/3.
  - **Properties:**
    \==/2.
  - **Regular Types:**
    comparator/1.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    assertions/native_props.
  - **Packages:**
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, nativeprops, isomodes.

26.2 Documentation on exports (term_compare)

\==/2:  PROPERTY

Usage: Term1\==Term2

The terms Term1 and Term2 are strictly identical.

General properties:

True: Term1\==Term2
The following properties hold globally:

- Term1 is not further instantiated.  
- Term2 is not further instantiated.  
- Term1==Term2 is side-effect free.

This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

True: Term1==Term2

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  - Term1 is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - Term2 is currently ground (it contains no variables).

then the following properties hold globally:

- Term1==Term2 is evaluable at compile-time.

Trust: Term1==Term2

- The following properties hold globally:
  - All calls of the form Term1==Term2 are deterministic.  
  - Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs.  
  - Required by the nonfailure analysis.

\(\leq\)/2:  

(Trust) Usage: Term1\(\leq\)Term2

The terms Term1 and Term2 are not strictly identical.

- The following properties hold globally:

- Term1 is not further instantiated.
- Term2 is not further instantiated.
- Term1\(\leq\)Term2 is side-effect free.

This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

General properties:

True: Term1\(\leq\)Term2

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  - Term1 is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - Term2 is currently ground (it contains no variables).

then the following properties hold globally:

- Term1\(\leq\)Term2 is evaluable at compile-time.

Trust: Term1\(\leq\)Term2

- The following properties hold globally:
  - All calls of the form Term1\(\leq\)Term2 are deterministic.  
  - Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs.  
  - Required by the nonfailure analysis.

\(<\)/2:  

(Trust) Usage: Term1\(<\)Term2

The term Term1 precedes the term Term2 in the standard order.
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The following properties hold globally:
- Term1 is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
- Term2 is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
- Term1@<Term2 is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideeff/2)
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

General properties:

True: Term1@<Term2
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  - Term1 is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
  - Term2 is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
then the following properties hold globally:
- Term1@<Term2 is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

<=</2: PREDICATE

(Trust) Usage: Term1@=<Term2
The term Term1 precedes or is identical to the term Term2 in the standard order.
- The following properties hold globally:
  - Term1 is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
  - Term2 is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
  - Term1@=<Term2 is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideeff/2)
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

General properties:

True: Term1@=<Term2
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  - Term1 is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
  - Term2 is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
then the following properties hold globally:
- Term1@=<Term2 is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

/>2: PREDICATE

(Trust) Usage: Term1@>Term2
The term Term1 follows the term Term2 in the standard order.
- The following properties hold globally:
  - Term1 is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
  - Term2 is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
  - Term1@>Term2 is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideeff/2)
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

General properties:

True: Term1@>Term2
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  - Term1 is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
  - Term2 is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
then the following properties hold globally:
- Term1@>Term2 is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)
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@>=/2: 
(Trust) Usage: Term1@>=Term2

The term Term1 follows or is identical to the term Term2 in the standard order.

- The following properties hold globally:
  - Term1 is not further instantiated.  
  - Term2 is not further instantiated.  
  - Term1@>=Term2 is side-effect free.

This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

General properties:
True: Term1@>=Term2
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  - Term1 is currently ground (it contains no variables).  
  - Term2 is currently ground (it contains no variables).

then the following properties hold globally:
- Term1@>=Term2 is evaluable at compile-time.

PREDICATE
(basic_props:atm/1)
(basic_props:term/l)
(basic_props:term/l)
(term_compare:comparator/1)
(basic_props:term/l)
(basic_props:term/l)
(basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
(basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
(basic_props:sideff/2)
(basic_props:native/1)
(basic_props:eval/l)

compare/3:

compare(Op,Term1,Term2)

Op is the result of comparing the terms Term1 and Term2.

(Trust) Usage:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - Op is an atom.  
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Term1 is any term.  
  - Term2 is any term.

The following properties hold upon exit:
- Op is an atom.  
- Term1 is any term.  
- Term2 is any term.

term_compare_comparator(Op)  

The following properties hold globally:
- Term1 is not further instantiated.  
- Term2 is not further instantiated.  
- compare(Op,Term1,Term2) is side-effect free.

This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

General properties:
True: compare(Op,Term1,Term2)
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  - Term1 is currently ground (it contains no variables).  
  - Term2 is currently ground (it contains no variables).

then the following properties hold globally:
- compare(Op,Term1,Term2) is evaluable at compile-time.

PREDICATE
(basic_props:atm/1)
(basic_props:term/l)
(basic_props:term/l)
(term_compare:comparator/1)
(basic_props:term/l)
(basic_props:term/l)
(basic_props:term/l)
(term_typing:ground/l)
(term_typing:ground/l)
(basic_props:sideff/2)
(basic_props:native/1)
(basic_props:eval/l)
comparator/1:  
A regular type, defined as follows:
  comparator(=).
  comparator(>).
  comparator(<).

26.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (term_compare)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
27 Basic predicates handling names of constants

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The Ciao system provides built-in predicates which allow dealing with names of constants (atoms or numbers). Note that sometimes strings (character code lists) are more suitable to handle sequences of characters.

27.1 Usage and interface (atomic_basic)

- **Library usage:**
  These predicates are built-in in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - `name/2`, `atom_codes/2`, `number_codes/2`, `number_codes/3`, `atom_number/2`, `atom_number/3`, `atom_length/2`, `atom_concat/3`, `sub_atom/4`.
  - **Properties:**
    - `number_codes/3`.
  - **Regular Types:**
    - `valid_base/l`.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    - `assertions/native_props`.
  - **Packages:**
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `nortchecks`, `isomodes`, `nativeprops`, `unittestprops`, `unittestdecls`.

27.2 Documentation on exports (atomic_basic)

`name/2`: PREDICATE

`name(Const,String)`

*String* is the list of the ASCII codes of the characters comprising the name of *Const*. Note that if *Const* is an atom whose name can be interpreted as a number (e.g. ’96’), the predicate is not reversible, as that atom will not be constructed when *Const* is uninstantiated. Thus it is recommended that new programs use the ISO-compliant predicates `atom_codes/2` or `number_codes/2`, as these predicates do not have this inconsistency.

(Trust) Usage 1:
- **Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:**
  - *String* is a string (a list of character codes).
  - (basic Props: string/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - *Const* is an atomic term (an atom or a number).
  - (basic Props: constant/1)

- **The following properties hold upon exit:**
  - *String* is a string (a list of character codes).
  - (basic Props: string/1)

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  - `name(Const,String)` is evaluable at compile-time.
  - (basic Props: eval/1)
(Trust) Usage 2:
If String can be interpreted as a number, Const is unified with that number, otherwise
with the atom whose name is String.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Const is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Const is an atomic term (an atom or a number). (basic_props:constant/1)
  name(Const, String) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

General properties:
True:
- The following properties hold globally:
  name(Const, String) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

atom_codes/2:
atom_codes(Atom, String)

String is the list of the ASCII codes of the characters comprising the name of Atom.

(Trust) Usage 1:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
  Atom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  atom_codes(Atom, String) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

(Trust) Usage 2:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  Atom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
  Atom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  atom_codes(Atom, String) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

General properties:
Test: atom_codes(A, B)
- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:A=ao (term_basic:= /2)
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
then the following properties should hold globally:
All the calls of the form \( \text{atom_codes}(A,B) \) do not fail.
All calls of the form \( \text{atom_codes}(A,B) \) are deterministic.

True:
- The following properties hold globally:
  \( \text{atom_codes}(\text{Atom},\text{String}) \) is side-effect free.
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
  All calls of the form \( \text{atom_codes}(\text{Atom},\text{String}) \) are deterministic.

\text{number_codes/2:}

\[ \text{number_codes}(\text{Number},\text{String}) \]

\text{String} is the list of the ASCII codes of the characters comprising a representation of \text{Number}.

(Trust) Usage 1:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  \text{String} is a string (a list of character codes).
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \text{Number} is a number.
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  \text{String} is a string (a list of character codes).
- The following properties hold globally:
  \( \text{number_codes}(\text{Number},\text{String}) \) is evaluable at compile-time.

(Trust) Usage 2:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \text{Number} is a free variable.
  \text{String} is a string (a list of character codes).
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  \text{Number} is a number.
- The following properties hold globally:
  \( \text{number_codes}(\text{Number},\text{String}) \) is evaluable at compile-time.

General properties:

True:
- The following properties hold globally:
  \( \text{number_codes}(\text{Number},\text{String}) \) is side-effect free.
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

True: \( \text{number_codes}(A,B) \)
- If the following properties hold at call time:
  \( A \) is an integer.
  then the following properties hold upon exit:
  \( B \) is a list of \text{num_codes}. 
atom_number/2:

atom_number(Atom,Number)

Atom can be read as a representation of Number.

Usage 1:
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Number is a number.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom is an atom.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Number is a number.
  Atom is an atom.
  Number is a number.
- The following properties should hold globally:
  atom_number(Atom,Number) is evaluable at compile-time.

Usage 2:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom is a free variable.
  Number is a number.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Atom is an atom.
  Atom is an atom.
  Number is a number.
- The following properties should hold globally:
  atom_number(Atom,Number) is evaluable at compile-time.

General properties:

Test: atom_number(A,B)
- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:B=0.0
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:A=0.0

Test: atom_number(A,B)
- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:A=0.0
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:B=0.0

Test: atom_number(A,B)
- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:B=-0.0
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:A=-0.0
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- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:A = -0.0
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:B0 = -0.0
  term_basic:B = B0

Test: atom_number(A, B)

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:B = 1.0
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:A = 1.0

Test: atom_number(A, B)

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:A = 1.0
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:B = 1.0

Test: atom_number(A, B)

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:B = 0.\inf
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:A = 0.\inf

Test: atom_number(A, B)

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:A = 0.\inf
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:B = 0.\inf

Test: atom_number(A, B)

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:B = -1.0
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:A = -1.0

Test: atom_number(A, B)

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:A = -1.0
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:B = -1.0

Test: atom_number(A, B)

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:B = -1.0
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:A = -1.0

Test: atom_number(A, B)
− If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:A=-1.0
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:B=-1.0
Test: atom_number(A,B)

− If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:B= -0.1Inf
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:A=-0.1Inf
Test: atom_number(A,B)

− If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:A=-0.1Inf
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:B=-0.1Inf
Test: atom_number(A,B)

− If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:B= 0.Nan
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:A=0.Nan
Test: atom_number(A,B)

− If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:A=0.Nan
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:B=0.Nan

True:
− The following properties hold globally:
  atom_number(Atom,Number) is side-effect free.
              (basic_props:sideff/2)
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.          (basic_props:native/1)
All calls of the form atom_number(Atom,Number) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)

atom_number/3: PREDICATE
  atom_number(Atom,Base,Number)
  Atom can be read as a representation of Number in base Base.
Usage 1:
− Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Base is a number.          (basic_props:num/1)
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— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  Number is a number. (basic_props:num/1)
— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Base is a number. (basic_props:num/1)

Usage 2:
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Base is a number. (basic_props:num/1)
  Number is a number. (basic_props:num/1)
— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Atom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

General properties:
True:
— The following properties hold globally:
  atom_number(Atom,Base,Number) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
  All calls of the form atom_number(Atom,Base,Number) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)

atom_length/2:
atom_length(Atom,Length)
Length is the number of characters forming the name of Atom.

(Trust) Usage:
— Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  Length is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
— The following properties hold upon exit:
  Length is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
— The following properties hold globally:
  atom_length(Atom,Length) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

General properties:
True:
— The following properties hold globally:
  atom_length(Atom,Length) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
  All calls of the form atom_length(Atom,Length) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)
atom_concat/3:

atom_concat(Atom_1,Atom_2,Atom_12)

Atom_12 is the result of concatenating Atom_1 followed by Atom_2.

(Trust) Usage 1:
Concatenate two atoms.

— Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  Atom_12 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom_1 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_2 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)

— The following properties hold upon exit:
  Atom_12 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_1 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_2 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_12 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)

— The following properties hold globally:
  atom_concat(Atom_1,Atom_2,Atom_12) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic.props:eval/1)

(Trust) Usage 2:
Non-deterministically split an atom.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom_1 is a free variable. (term.typing:var/1)
  Atom_2 is a free variable. (term.typing:var/1)
  Atom_12 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)

— The following properties hold upon exit:
  Atom_1 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_2 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_1 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_2 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_12 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)

— The following properties hold globally:
  atom_concat(Atom_1,Atom_2,Atom_12) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic.props:eval/1)

(Trust) Usage 3:
Take out of an atom a certain suffix (or fail if it cannot be done).

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom_1 is a free variable. (term.typing:var/1)
  Atom_2 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_12 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)

— The following properties hold upon exit:
  Atom_1 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_1 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_2 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  Atom_12 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
— The following properties hold globally:  
atom_concat(Atom_1,Atom_2,Atom_12) is evaluable at compile-time.  
(basic_props:eval/1)

(Trust) Usage 4:  
Take out of an atom a certain prefix (or fail if it cannot be done).

— The following properties should hold at call time:  
  Atom_1 is an atom.  
  Atom_2 is a free variable.  
  Atom_12 is an atom.  

— The following properties hold upon exit:  
  Atom_2 is an atom.  
  Atom_1 is an atom.  
  Atom_2 is an atom.  
  Atom_12 is an atom.  

— The following properties hold globally:  
atom_concat(Atom_1,Atom_2,Atom_12) is evaluable at compile-time.  
(basic_props:eval/1)

General properties:  
True:

— The following properties hold globally:  
atom_concat(Atom_1,Atom_2,Atom_12) is side-effect free.  
(basic_props:sideeff/2)  
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
(basic_props:native/1)  
All calls of the form atom_concat(Atom_1,Atom_2,Atom_12) are deterministic.  
(native_props:is_det/1)

sub_atom/4:  
sub_atom(Atom,Before,Length,Sub_atom)  
Sub_atom is formed with Length consecutive characters of Atom after the Before character.  
For example, the goal sub_atom(summer,l,4,umme) succeeds.

(Trust) Usage:  
— Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:  
  Sub_atom is an atom.  
(basic_props:atm/1)

— The following properties should hold at call time:  
  Atom is an atom.  
  Before is an integer.  
  Length is an integer.  

— The following properties hold upon exit:  
  Sub_atom is an atom.  
(basic_props:atm/1)

— The following properties hold globally:  
sub_atom(Atom,Before,Length,Sub_atom) is evaluable at compile-time.  
(basic_props:eval/1)

General properties:  
True:
The following properties hold globally:

\[ \text{sub\textunderscore atom(Atom, Before, Length, Sub\textunderscore atom)} \] is side-effect free. \hspace{1cm} \text{(basic\textunderscore props:sideff/2)}

This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. \hspace{1cm} \text{(basic\textunderscore props:native/1)}

\textbf{valid\textunderscore base/1:} \hspace{1cm} \text{REGTYPE}

\textbf{Usage:}

Valid numeric base to convert numbers to strings or atoms

\textbf{27.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (atomic\textunderscore basic)}

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
28 Arithmetic

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Arithmetic is performed by built-in predicates which take as arguments arithmetic expressions (see `arithexpression/1`) and evaluate them. Terms representing arithmetic expressions can be created dynamically, but at the time of evaluation, each variable in an arithmetic expression must be bound to a non-variable expression (the term must be ground). For example, given the code in the first line a possible shell interaction follows:

```prolog
evaluate(Expression, Answer) :- Answer is Expression.
?- _X=24*9, evaluate(_X+6, Ans).
Ans = 222 ?
```

28.1 Usage and interface (arithmetic)

- **Library usage:**
  These predicates are builtin in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.
- **Exports:**
  - Predicates:
    - `is/2`, `<>/2`, `=<>/2`, `>/2`, `=/2`, `=/=/>/2`.
  - Regular Types:
    - `arithexpression/1`, `intexpression/1`.
  - Multifiles:
    - `$internal_error_where_term/4`.
- **Imports:**
  - System library modules:
    - `assertions/native_props`.
  - Packages:
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `nortchecks`, `nativeprops`, `isomodes`.

28.2 Documentation on exports (arithmetic)

**is/2:**

```
Val is Exp
```

The arithmetic expression `Exp` is evaluated and the result is unified with `Val`

**Usage 1: A is B**

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  A is a free variable.
  
  B is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  
  A is a free variable.
  
  B is an arithmetic expression.
The following properties hold upon exit:

A is a number.  
B is an arithmetic expression.  
\(\text{int}(B)\) is the size of argument A, for any approximation.

The following properties hold globally:

All the calls of the form A is B do not fail.  
A is B is evaluable at compile-time.

(Trust) Usage 2: A is B

The following properties should hold at call time:

A is a free variable.  
B is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
A is a free variable.  
B is an integer expression.  

The following properties hold upon exit:

A is an integer.  
B is an integer expression.  
\(\text{int}(B)\) is the size of argument A, for any approximation.

The following properties hold globally:

All the calls of the form A is B do not fail.  
A is B is evaluable at compile-time.

(Trust) Usage 3: A is B

The following properties should hold at call time:

A is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
B is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
A is a number.  
B is an arithmetic expression.  

The following properties hold globally:

Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis.

(Trust) Usage 4: A is B

The following properties should hold at call time:

A is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
B is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
A is an integer.  
B is an integer expression.

The following properties hold globally:

Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis.

General properties:

Test: X is Y

is/2, sqrt test
— If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:Y=sqrt(4)
then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  term_basic:X=2.0

Trust: A is B
— The following properties hold globally:
  int is the metric of the variable A, for any approximation.
  int is the metric of the variable B, for any approximation.

True:
— The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
  Val is Exp is side-effect free.
  Val is Exp is binding insensitive.
  All calls of the form Val is Exp are deterministic.
  Goal Val is Exp produces inf solutions.

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\text{PREDICATE}

\text{Exp1<Exp2}

The numeric value of Exp1 is less than the numeric value of Exp2 when both are evaluated as arithmetic expressions.

(Trust) Usage: A<B
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  A is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  B is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  A is an arithmetic expression.
  B is an arithmetic expression.
— The following properties hold globally:
  A<B is evaluable at compile-time.

General properties:
True:
— The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
  Exp1<Exp2 is side-effect free.
  Exp1<Exp2 is binding insensitive.
  All calls of the form Exp1<Exp2 are deterministic.
  Goal Exp1<Exp2 produces inf solutions.

Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis.
\textbf{=/=2:} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{PREDICATE} \\
\text{Exp1}  \text{=/=}  \text{Exp2} \\
The numeric value of \text{Exp1} is less than or equal to the numeric value of \text{Exp2} when both are evaluated as arithmetic expressions. \\
\textbf{(Trust) Usage: A} \text{=} \text{=} \text{B} \\
- \textbf{The following properties should hold at call time:} \\
  A \text{ is currently a term which is not a free variable.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)} \\
  B \text{ is currently a term which is not a free variable.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)} \\
  A \text{ is an arithmetic expression.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(arithmetic:arithexpression/1)} \\
  B \text{ is an arithmetic expression.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(arithmetic:arithexpression/1)} \\
- \textbf{The following properties hold globally:} \\
  A \text{=} \text{=} B \text{ is evaluable at compile-time.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(basic\_props:eval/1)} \\
  \text{int} \text{ is the metric of the variable A, for any approximation.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(native\_props:size\_metric/3)} \\
  \text{int} \text{ is the metric of the variable B, for any approximation.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(native\_props:size\_metric/3)} \\
\textbf{General properties:} \\
\textbf{True:} \\
- \textbf{The following properties hold globally:} \\
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. \hspace{1cm} \text{(basic\_props:native/1)} \\
  \text{Exp1} \text{=} \text{Exp2} \text{ is side-effect free.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(basic\_props:sideff/2)} \\
  \text{Exp1} \text{=} \text{Exp2} \text{ is binding insensitive.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(basic\_props:bind\_ins/1)} \\
  \text{All calls of the form Exp1} \text{=} \text{Exp2} \text{ are deterministic.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(native\_props:is\_det/1)} \\
  \text{Goal Exp1} \text{=} \text{Exp2} \text{ produces inf solutions.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(native\_props:relations/2)} \\
  \text{Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs.} \hspace{1cm} \text{Required by the nonfailure analysis.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(native\_props:test\_type/2)} \\

\textbf{/>=2:} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{PREDICATE} \\
\text{Exp1} \text{>} \text{Exp2} \\
The numeric value of \text{Exp1} is greater than the numeric value of \text{Exp2} when both are evaluated as arithmetic expressions. \\
\textbf{(Trust) Usage: A} \text{>} \text{B} \\
- \textbf{The following properties should hold at call time:} \\
  A \text{ is currently a term which is not a free variable.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)} \\
  B \text{ is currently a term which is not a free variable.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)} \\
  A \text{ is an arithmetic expression.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(arithmetic:arithexpression/1)} \\
  B \text{ is an arithmetic expression.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(arithmetic:arithexpression/1)} \\
- \textbf{The following properties hold globally:} \\
  A \text{>} B \text{ is evaluable at compile-time.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(basic\_props:eval/1)} \\
  \text{int} \text{ is the metric of the variable A, for any approximation.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(native\_props:size\_metric/3)} \\
  \text{int} \text{ is the metric of the variable B, for any approximation.} \hspace{1cm} \text{(native\_props:size\_metric/3)}
General properties:
True:
- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
  \( \text{Exp1} \geq \text{Exp2} \) is side-effect free.
  \( \text{Exp1} \geq \text{Exp2} \) is binding insensitive.
  All calls of the form \( \text{Exp1} \geq \text{Exp2} \) are deterministic.
  Goal \( \text{Exp1} \geq \text{Exp2} \) produces \text{inf} solutions.
  Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs.
  Required by the nonfailure analysis.

\( \geq / 2 \):
\( \text{Exp1} \geq \text{Exp2} \)

The numeric value of \( \text{Exp1} \) is greater than or equal to the numeric value of \( \text{Exp2} \) when both are evaluated as arithmetic expressions.

(Trust) Usage: \( A \geq B \)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \( A \) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \( B \) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \( A \) is an arithmetic expression.
  \( B \) is an arithmetic expression.

- The following properties hold globally:
  \( A \geq B \) is evaluable at compile-time.
  int is the metric of the variable \( A \), for any approximation.
  int is the metric of the variable \( B \), for any approximation.

General properties:
True:
- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
  \( \text{Exp1} \geq \text{Exp2} \) is side-effect free.
  \( \text{Exp1} \geq \text{Exp2} \) is binding insensitive.
  All calls of the form \( \text{Exp1} \geq \text{Exp2} \) are deterministic.
  Goal \( \text{Exp1} \geq \text{Exp2} \) produces \text{inf} solutions.
  Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs.

\( =:= / 2 \):
\( \text{Exp1} =:= \text{Exp2} \)

The numeric values of \( \text{Exp1} \) and \( \text{Exp2} \) are equal when both are evaluated as arithmetic expressions.

(Trust) Usage: \( A =:= B \)
The following properties should hold at call time:

- A is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- B is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- A is an arithmetic expression. (arithmetic:arithexpression/1)
- B is an arithmetic expression. (arithmetic:arithexpression/1)

The following properties hold globally:

- A\=\:=B is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)
- int is the metric of the variable A, for any approximation. (native_props:size_metric/3)
- int is the metric of the variable B, for any approximation. (native_props:size_metric/3)

General properties:

True:

- The following properties hold globally:
  
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
  
  Exp1\=\:=Exp2 is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
  
  Exp1\=\:=Exp2 is binding insensitive. (basic_props:bind_ins/1)
  
  All calls of the form Exp1\=\:=Exp2 are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)
  
  Goal Exp1\=\:=Exp2 produces inf solutions. (native_props:relations/2)
  
  Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis. (native_props:test_type/2)

=}=/2:

Exp1=}=Exp2

The numeric values of Exp1 and Exp2 are not equal when both are evaluated as arithmetic expressions.

(Trust) Usage: A=}=B

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  A is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  
  B is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  
  A is an arithmetic expression. (arithmetic:arithexpression/1)
  
  B is an arithmetic expression. (arithmetic:arithexpression/1)

- The following properties hold globally:
  
  A=}=B is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)
  
  int is the metric of the variable A, for any approximation. (native_props:size_metric/3)
  
  int is the metric of the variable B, for any approximation. (native_props:size_metric/3)

General properties:

True:

- The following properties hold globally:
  
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
  
  Exp1=}=Exp2 is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)
**arithexpression/1:**

An arithmetic expression is a term built from numbers and evaluable functors that represent arithmetic functions. An arithmetic expression evaluates to a number, which may be an integer (int/1) or a float (flt/1). The evaluable functors allowed in an arithmetic expression are listed below, together with an indication of the functions they represent. All evaluable functors defined in ISO-Prolog are implemented, as well as some other useful or traditional. Unless stated otherwise, an expression evaluates to a float if any of its arguments is a float, otherwise to an integer.

- `- /1`: sign reversal.
- `+ /1`: identity.
- `-- /1`: decrement by one.
- `++ /1`: increment by one.
- `+ /2`: addition.
- `- /2`: subtraction.
- `* /2`: multiplication.
- `// /2`: integer division. Float arguments are truncated to integers, result always integer.
- `/ /2`: division. Result always float.
- `rem/2`: integer remainder. The result is always an integer, its sign is the sign of the first argument.
- `mod/2`: modulo. The result is always a positive integer.
- `abs/1`: absolute value.
- `sign/1`: sign of.
- `float_integer_part/1`: float integer part. Result always float.
- `float_fractional_part/1`: float fractional part. Result always float.
- `truncate/1`: The result is the integer equal to the integer part of the argument.
- `integer/1`: same as `truncate/1`.
- `float/1`: conversion to float.
- `floor/1`: largest integer not greater than.
- `round/1`: integer nearest to.
- `ceiling/1`: smallest integer not smaller than.
- `** /2`: exponentiation. Result always float.
- `>> /2`: integer bitwise right shift.
- `<< /2`: integer bitwise left shift.
- `\ /2`: integer bitwise and.
- `\ /2`: integer bitwise or.
- `\ /1`: integer bitwise complement.
- `# /2`: integer bitwise exclusive or (xor).
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- **exp/1**: exponential ($e$ to the power of). Result always float.
- **log/1**: natural logarithm (base $e$). Result always float.
- **sqrt/1**: square root. Result always float.
- **sin/1**: sine. Result always float.
- **cos/1**: cosine. Result always float.
- **atan/1**: arc tangent. Result always float.
- **gcd/2**: Greatest common divisor. Arguments must evaluate to integers, result always integer.

In addition to these functors, a list of just a number evaluates to this number. Since a quoted string is just a list of integers, this allows a quoted character to be used in place of its ASCII code; e.g. "A" behaves within arithmetic expressions as the integer 65. Note that this is not ISO-compliant, and that can be achieved by using the ISO notation 0'A.

Arithmetic expressions, as described above, are just data structures. If you want one evaluated you must pass it as an argument to one of the arithmetic predicates defined in this library.

**Usage**: `arithexpression(E)`

**E** is an arithmetic expression.

**General properties:**

**Trust:**

- The following properties hold globally:
  
  `arithexpression(Arg1)` is side-effect free.  

**Trust:**

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  
  `Arg1` is currently a term which is not a free variable.

  then the following properties hold globally:

  All calls of the form `arithexpression(Arg1)` are deterministic.

  Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis.

**intexpression/1:**

**Usage**: `intexpression(E)`

**E** is an integer expression.

**General properties:**

**True:**

- The following properties hold globally:

  `intexpression(Arg1)` is side-effect free.

28.3 Documentation on multifiles (arithmetic)

**$internal_error_where_term/4:**

No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is **multifile**.
28.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (arithmetic)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
- We could improve the precision if we had (arithexpression,+intexpression) but we need a relational domain. – EMM, JFMC
29 Basic file/stream handling

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza, Mats Carlsson.
This module provides basic predicates for handling files and streams, in order to make input/output on them.

29.1 Usage and interface (streams_basic)

- Library usage:
These predicates are built-in in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - open/3, open/4, close/1, set_input/1, current_input/1, set_output/1, current_output/1, character_count/2, line_count/2, line_position/2, flush_output/1, flush_output/0, clearerr/1, current_stream/3, stream_code/2, absolute_file_name/2, absolute_file_name/7, pipe/2.
  - Regular Types:
    - open_option_list/1, sourcename/1, stream/1, stream_alias/1, io_mode/1, atm_or_int/1.
  - Multifiles:
    - file_search_path/2, library_directory/1.

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, isomodes.

29.2 Documentation on exports (streams_basic)

open/3: PREDICATE

open(File,Mode,Stream)
Open File with mode Mode and return in Stream the stream associated with the file. No extension is implicit in File.

Usage 1:
Normal use.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  File is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)
  Mode is an opening mode (’read’, ’write’ or ’append’). (streams_basic:io_mode/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)

- The following properties should hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic.props:native/1)
Usage 2:
In the special case that File is an integer, it is assumed to be a file descriptor passed to Prolog from a foreign function call. The file descriptor is connected to a Prolog stream (invoking the UNIX function `fopen`) which is unified with Stream.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  File is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Mode is an opening mode ('read', 'write' or 'append'). (streams_basic:io_mode/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)

`open/4`:

**PREDICATE**

open(File, Mode, Stream, Options)
Same as `open(File, Mode, Stream)` with options Options. See the definition of `open_option_list/1` for details.

**Usage:**

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  File is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)
  Mode is an opening mode ('read', 'write' or 'append'). (streams_basic:io_mode/1)
  Options is a list of options for open/4. (streams_basic:open_option_list/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)

- **The following properties should hold globally:**
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

`open_option_list/1`:

**REGTYPE**

A list of options for open/4, currently the meaningful options are:

- **lock**
  Try to set an advisory lock for the file. If the open mode is read, the lock is a read (shared) lock, else it is a write (exclusive) lock. If the lock cannot be acquired, the call waits until it is released (but can fail in exceptional cases).

- **lock_nb**
  Same as lock, but the call immediately fails if the lock cannot be acquired.

- **lock(Lock_Mode)**
  Same as lock, but specifying in Lock_Mode whether the lock is read (also shared) or write (also exclusive). This option has be included for compatibility with the SWI-Prolog locking options, because in general the type of lock should match the open mode as in the lock option.

- **lock_nb(Lock_Mode)**
  Same as the previous option but with the lock_nb behavior.

All file locking is implemented via the POSIX function `fcntl()`. Please refer to its manual page for details.

**(True) Usage: open_option_list(L)**

L is a list of options for open/4.
close/1:  
\text{close(Stream)}

Close the stream \text{Stream}.

(Trust) Usage:

\begin{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold at call time:
    \text{Stream} is an open stream.
  \item The following properties hold upon exit:
    \text{Stream} is an open stream.
  \item The following properties hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
\end{itemize}

set_input/1:  
\text{set_input(Stream)}

Set the current input stream to \text{Stream}. A notion of current input stream is maintained by the system, so that input predicates with no explicit stream operate on the current input stream. Initially it is set to \text{user_input}.

(Trust) Usage:

\begin{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold at call time:
    \text{Stream} is an open stream.
  \item The following properties hold upon exit:
    \text{Stream} is an open stream.
  \item The following properties hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
\end{itemize}

current_input/1:  
\text{current_input(Stream)}

Unify \text{Stream} with the current input stream. In addition to the ISO behavior, stream aliases are allowed. This is useful for most applications checking whether a stream is the standard input or output.

(Trust) Usage:

\begin{itemize}
  \item Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
    \text{Stream} is an open stream.
  \item The following properties hold upon exit:
    \text{Stream} is an open stream.
  \item The following properties hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
\end{itemize}

set_output/1:  
\text{set_output(Stream)}

Set the current output stream to \text{Stream}. A notion of current output stream is maintained by the system, so that output predicates with no explicit stream operate on the current output stream. Initially it is set to \text{user_output}.

(Trust) Usage:

\begin{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold at call time:
    \text{Stream} is an open stream.
  \item The following properties hold upon exit:
    \text{Stream} is an open stream.
  \item The following properties hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
\end{itemize}
The following properties should hold at call time:
Stream is an open stream.

The following properties hold globally:
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

current_output/1:

current_output(Stream)
Unify Stream with the current output stream. The same comment as for current_input/1 applies.

(Trust) Usage:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  Stream is an open stream.
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Stream is an open stream.
- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

character_count/2:

character_count(Stream,Count)
Count characters have been read from or written to Stream.

(Trust) Usage:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  Count is an integer.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is an open stream.
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Count is an integer.
- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

line_count/2:

line_count(Stream,Count)
Count lines have been read from or written to Stream.

(Trust) Usage:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  Count is an integer.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is an open stream.
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Count is an integer.
- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
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**line_position/2:**

\[ \text{line_position(Stream, Count)} \]

*Count* characters have been read from or written to the current line of *Stream*.

**Usage:**
- **Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:**
  *Count* is an integer. (basic.props:int/1)
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  *Stream* is an open stream. (streams.basic:stream/1)
- **The following properties hold upon exit:**
  *Count* is an integer. (basic.props:int/1)
- **The following properties hold globally:**
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic.props:native/1)

**flush_output/1:**

\[ \text{flush_output(Stream)} \]

Flush any buffered data to output stream *Stream*.

**Usage:**
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  *Stream* is an open stream. (streams.basic:stream/1)
- **The following properties hold upon exit:**
  *Stream* is an open stream. (streams.basic:stream/1)
- **The following properties hold globally:**
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic.props:native/1)

**flush_output/0:**

\[ \text{flush_output} \]

Behaves like `current_output(S), flush_output(S)`

**clearerr/1:**

\[ \text{clearerr(Stream)} \]

Clear the end-of-file and error indicators for input stream *Stream*.

**Usage:**
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  *Stream* is an open stream. (streams.basic:stream/1)
- **The following properties hold upon exit:**
  *Stream* is an open stream. (streams.basic:stream/1)

**currentStream/3:**

\[ \text{currentStream(Filename, Mode, Stream)} \]

*Stream* is a stream which was opened in mode *Mode* and which is connected to the absolute file name *Filename* (an atom) or to the file descriptor *Filename* (an integer). This predicate can be used for enumerating all currently open streams through backtracking.

**Usage:**
- *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*
  - `streams_basic:atm_or_int(Filename)`
  - `Mode` is an opening mode ('read', 'write' or 'append').
  - `Stream` is an open stream.

- *The following properties hold upon exit:*
  - `streams_basic:atm_or_int(Filename)`
  - `Mode` is an opening mode ('read', 'write' or 'append').
  - `Stream` is an open stream.

- *The following properties hold globally:*
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

**stream_code/2:**

```
stream_code(Stream,StreamCode)
```

*StreamCode* is the file descriptor (an integer) corresponding to the Prolog stream *Stream*.

**(Trust) Usage 1:**
- *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*
  - `StreamCode` is an integer.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `Stream` is an open stream.

- *The following properties hold upon exit:*
  - `StreamCode` is an integer.

**(Trust) Usage 2:**
- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `Stream` is a free variable.
  - `StreamCode` is an integer.

- *The following properties hold upon exit:*
  - `Stream` is an open stream.

**absolute_file_name/2:**

```
absolute_file_name(RelFileSpec,AbsFileSpec)
```

If *RelFileSpec* is an absolute pathname then do an absolute lookup. If *RelFileSpec* is a relative pathname then prefix the name with the name of the current directory and do an absolute lookup. If *RelFileSpec* is a path alias, perform the lookup following the path alias rules (see `sourcename/l`). In all cases: if a matching file with suffix `.pi` exists, then *AbsFileSpec* will be unified with this file. Failure to open a file normally causes an exception. The behaviour can be controlled by the `fileerrors` prolog flag.

**Usage:** `absolute_file_name(RelFileSpec,AbsFileSpec)`

*AbsFileSpec* is the absolute name (with full path) of *RelFileSpec*.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - `RelFileSpec` is a source name.
  - `AbsFileSpec` is an atom.
The following properties should hold at call time:
RelFileSpec is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
AbsFileSpec is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties should hold globally:
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

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**absolute_file_name/7:**

absolute_file_name(Spec,Opt,Suffix,CurrDir,AbsFile,AbsBase,AbsDir)

AbsFile is the absolute name (with full path) of Spec, which has an optional first suffix Opt and an optional second suffix Suffix, when the current directory is CurrDir. AbsBase is the same as AbsFile, but without the second suffix, and AbsDir is the absolute path of the directory where AbsFile is. The Ciao compiler invokes this predicate with Opt='opt' and Suffix='.pi' when searching source files.

**Usage:**

The following properties should hold at call time:
Spec is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)
Opt is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
Suffix is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
CurrDir is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
AbsFile is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
AbsBase is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
AbsDir is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:
AbsFile is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
AbsBase is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
AbsDir is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

The following properties should hold globally:
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

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**pipe/2:**

(pipe) Usage:

The following properties should hold at call time:
Arg1 is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
Arg2 is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:
Arg1 is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
Arg2 is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)

The following properties hold globally:
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
sourcename/1: \hspace{1em} \text{REGTYPE}

A source name is a flexible way of referring to a concrete file. A source name is either a relative or absolute filename given as:

- an atom, or
- a unary functor (which represents a path alias, see below) applied to a relative path, the latter being given as an atom.

In all cases certain filename extensions (e.g., .pl) can be implicit. In the first form above, file names can be relative to the current directory. Also, file names beginning with ~ or $ are treated specially. For example,

'~/ciao/sample.pl'
is equivalent to '/home/staff/herme/ciao/sample.pl', if /home/staff/herme is the user's home directory. (This is also equivalent to '$HOME/ciao/sample.pl' as explained below.)

'bardo/prolog/sample.pi'
is equivalent to '/home/bardo/prolog/sample.pl', if /home/bardo is bardo's home directory.

'$UTIL/sample.pl'
is equivalent to '/usr/local/src/utilities/sample.pl', if /usr/local/src/utilities is the value of the environment variable UTIL.

The second form allows using path aliases. Such aliases allow referring to files not with absolute file system paths but with paths which are relative to predefined (or user-defined) abstract names. For example, given the path alias myutils which has been defined to refer to path '/home/bardo/utilities', if that directory contains the file stuff.pl then the term myutils(stuff) in a use_module/1 declaration would refer to the file '/home/bardo/utilities/stuff.pl' (the .pl extension is implicit in the use_module/1 declaration). As a special case, if that directory contains a subdirectory named stuff which in turn contains the file stuff.pl, the same term would refer to the file '/home/bardo/utilities/stuff/stuff.pl'. If a path alias is related to several paths, all paths are scanned in sequence until a match is found. For information on predefined path aliases or how to define new path aliases, see file_search_path/2.

(True) Usage: sourcename(F)

F is a source name.

stream/1: \hspace{1em} \text{REGTYPE}

Streams correspond to the file pointers used at the operating system level, and usually represent opened files. There are four special streams which correspond with the operating system standard streams:

user_input
   The standard input stream, i.e. the terminal, usually.

user_output
   The standard output stream, i.e. the terminal, usually.

user_error
   The standard error stream.

user
   The standard input or output stream, depending on context.

(True) Usage: stream(S)

S is an open stream.
stream_alias/1:  REGTYPE
   (True) Usage: stream_alias(S)
   S is the alias of an open stream, i.e., an atom which represents a stream at Prolog level.

io_mode/1:  REGTYPE
   Can have the following values:
   read       Open the file for input.
   write      Open the file for output. The file is created if it does not already exist, the
               file will otherwise be truncated.
   append     Open the file for output. The file is created if it does not already exist, the
               file will otherwise be appended to.
   Usage: io_mode(M)
   M is an opening mode ('read', 'write' or 'append')

atm_or_int/1:  REGTYPE
   A regular type, defined as follows:
   atm_or_int(X) :-
      atm(X).
   atm_or_int(X) :-
      int(X).

29.3 Documentation on multifiles (streams_basic)

file_search_path/2:  PREDICATE
   file_search_path(Alias,Path)
   The path alias Alias is linked to path Path. Both arguments must be atoms. New facts
   (or clauses) of this predicate can be asserted to define new path aliases. Predefined path
   aliases in Ciao are:
   library Initially points to all Ciao library paths. See library_directory/l.
   engine The path of the Ciao engine builtins.
   . The current path (‘.’).
   The predicate is multifile.
   The predicate is of type dynamic.
   Trust: file_search_path(X,Y)
   -- The following properties hold upon exit:
      X is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)
      Y is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)
library_directory/1: PREDICATE

library_directory(Path)

Path is a library path (a path represented by the path alias library). Predefined library paths in Ciao are '$CIAOLIB/lib', '$CIAOLIB/library', and '$CIAOLIB/contrib', given that $CIAOLIB is the path of the root ciao library directory. More library paths can be defined by asserting new facts (or clauses) of this predicate. The predicate is multifile.

The predicate is of type dynamic.

Trust: library_directory(X)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  X is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

29.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (streams_basic)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
30 Basic input/output

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza, Mats Carlsson.

This module provides predicates for character input/output and for canonical term output. From the ISO-Prolog predicates for character input/output, only the _code versions are provided, the rest are given by library(iso_byte_char), using these. Most predicates are provided in two versions: one that specifies the input or output stream as the first argument and a second which omits this argument and uses the current input or output stream.

30.1 Usage and interface (io_basic)

- Library usage:
  These predicates are built-in in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    get_code/2, get_code/1, get1_code/2, get1_code/1, peek_code/2, peek_code/1,
    skip_code/2, skip_code/1, skip_line/1, skip_line/0, put_code/2, put_code/1,
    nl/1, nl/0, tab/2, tab/1, code_class/2, getct/2, getctl/2, display/2, display/1,
    displayq/2, displayq/1.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    assertions/native_props.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, nativeprops, isomodes.

30.2 Documentation on exports (io_basic)

get_code/2: PREDICATE

get_code(Stream,Code)

Reads from Stream the next character and unifies Code with its character code. At end of stream, unifies Code with the integer -1.

(Trust) Usage:

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  Code is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Code is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
get_code/1:

\texttt{get\_code(Code)}

Behaves like \texttt{current\_input(S)}, \texttt{get\_code(S,Code)}.

\textbf{(Trust) Usage:}

- \textit{Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Code} is an integer. \hspace{1cm} (basic\_props:int/1)
  \end{itemize}

- \textit{The following properties hold upon exit:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Code} is an integer. \hspace{1cm} (basic\_props:int/1)
  \end{itemize}

- \textit{The following properties hold globally:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. \hspace{1cm} (basic\_props:native/1)
  \end{itemize}

get1_code/2:

\texttt{get1\_code(Stream,Code)}

Reads from \texttt{Stream} the next non-layout character (see \texttt{code\_class/2}) and unifies \texttt{Code} with its character code. At end of stream, unifies \texttt{Code} with the integer -1.

\textbf{(Trust) Usage:}

- \textit{Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Code} is an integer. \hspace{1cm} (basic\_props:int/1)
  \end{itemize}

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Stream} is an open stream. \hspace{1cm} (streams\_basic:stream/1)
  \end{itemize}

- \textit{The following properties hold upon exit:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Code} is an integer. \hspace{1cm} (basic\_props:int/1)
  \end{itemize}

- \textit{The following properties hold globally:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. \hspace{1cm} (basic\_props:native/1)
  \end{itemize}

get1_code/1:

\texttt{get1\_code(Code)}

Behaves like \texttt{current\_input(S)}, \texttt{get1\_code(S,Code)}.

\textbf{(Trust) Usage:}

- \textit{Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Code} is an integer. \hspace{1cm} (basic\_props:int/1)
  \end{itemize}

- \textit{The following properties hold upon exit:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Code} is an integer. \hspace{1cm} (basic\_props:int/1)
  \end{itemize}

- \textit{The following properties hold globally:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. \hspace{1cm} (basic\_props:native/1)
  \end{itemize}

peek_code/2:

\texttt{peek\_code(Stream,Code)}

Unifies \texttt{Code} with the character code of the next character of \texttt{Stream}, leaving the stream position unaltered. At end of stream, unifies \texttt{Code} with the integer -1.

\textbf{(Trust) Usage:}
— *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*
  
  Code is an integer.  

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  Stream is an open stream.  

— *The following properties hold upon exit:*

  Code is an integer.  

**peek_code/1:**

\[\text{peek_code}(\text{Code})\]

Behaves like `current_input(S), peek_code(S,\text{Code})`.

(Try) Usage:

— *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*

  Code is an integer.  

— *The following properties hold upon exit:*

  Code is an integer.  

**skip_code/2:**

\[\text{skip_code}(\text{Stream},\text{Code})\]

Skips just past the next character code \text{Code} from \text{Stream}.

(Try) Usage:

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  Stream is an open stream.  

  Code is an integer.  

**skip_code/1:**

\[\text{skip_code}(\text{Code})\]

Behaves like `current_input(S), skip_code(S,\text{Code})`.

(Try) Usage:

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  Code is an integer.  

**skip_line/1:**

\[\text{skip_line}(\text{Stream})\]

Skips from \text{Stream} the remaining input characters on the current line. If the end of the stream is reached, the stream will stay at its end. Portable among different operating systems.

(Try) Usage:

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  Stream is an open stream.  

skip_line/0:

skip_line
Behaves like current_input(S), skip_line(S).

put_code/2:

put_code(Stream, Code)
Outputs to Stream the character corresponding to character code Code.

(Trust) Usage:

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
  Code is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
– The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
  All calls of the form put_code(Stream, Code) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)

put_code/1:

put_code(Code)
Behaves like current_output(S), put_code(S, Code).

(Trust) Usage:

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Code is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
– The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
  All calls of the form put_code(Code) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)

nl/1:

nl(Stream)
Outputs a newline character to Stream. Equivalent to put_code(Stream, 0\n).

(Trust) Usage:

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
– The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
  All calls of the form nl(Stream) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)
  All the calls of the form nl(Stream) do not fail. (native_props:not_fails/1)

nl/0:

nl
Behaves like current_output(S), nl(S).

(Trust) Usage:
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The following properties hold globally:
- This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
- All calls of the form `nl` are deterministic.
- All the calls of the form `nl` do not fail.
- Goal `nl` produces 1 solutions.

**tab/2:**

```prolog
tab(Stream, Num)
```

Outputs `Num` spaces to `Stream`.

(Trust) Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Stream` is an open stream.
  - `Num` is an integer.
- The following properties hold globally:
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
  - All calls of the form `tab(Stream, Num)` are deterministic.

**tab/1:**

```prolog
tab(Num)
```

Behaves like `current_output(S), tab(S, Num)`.

(Trust) Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Num` is an integer.
- The following properties hold globally:
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
  - All calls of the form `tab(Num)` are deterministic.

**code_class/2:**

```prolog
code_class(Code, Class)
```

Unifies `Class` with an integer corresponding to the lexical class of the character whose code is `Code`, with the following correspondence:

- 0 - layout (includes space, newline, tab)
- 1 - small letter
- 2 - capital letter (including '_')
- 3 - digit
- 4 - graphic (includes #$&*+-./:<=>?@~'~ )
- 5 - punctuation (includes !;"'()%[]{} )

Note that in ISO-Prolog the back quote `'` is a punctuation character, whereas in Ciao it is a graphic character. Thus, if compatibility with ISO-Prolog is desired, the programmer should not use this character in unquoted names.

(Trust) Usage:
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Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:

Class is an integer.  (basic_props:int/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:

Code is an integer.  (basic_props:int/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:

Class is an integer.  (basic_props:int/1)

getct/2:

getct(Code,Type)

Reads from the current input stream the next character, unifying Code with its character code, and Type with its lexical class. At end of stream, unifies both Code and Type with the integer -1. Equivalent to

get(Code), (Code = -1 -> Type = -1 ; code_class(Code,Type))

(Trust) Usage:

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  
  Code is an integer.  (basic_props:int/1)
  
  Type is an integer.  (basic_props:int/1)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  
  Code is an integer.  (basic_props:int/1)
  
  Type is an integer.  (basic_props:int/1)

getc1/2:

getct1(Code,Type)

Reads from the current input stream the next non-layout character, unifying Code with its character code, and Type with its lexical class (which will be nonzero). At end of stream, unifies both Code and Type with the integer -1. Equivalent to

get1(Code), (Code = -1 -> Type = -1 ; code_class(Code,Type))

(Trust) Usage:

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  
  Code is an integer.  (basic_props:int/1)
  
  Type is an integer.  (basic_props:int/1)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  
  Code is an integer.  (basic_props:int/1)
  
  Type is an integer.  (basic_props:int/1)

display/2:

display(Stream,Term)

Displays Term onto Stream. Lists are output using list notation, the other compound terms are output in functional notation. Similar to write_term(Stream, Term, [ignore_ops(ops)]), except that curly bracketed notation is not used with {}/1, and the write_strings flag is not honored.

(Trust) Usage:
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The following properties should hold at call time:

Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:

Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

The following properties hold globally:

Term is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

display/1:

display(Term)

Behaves like current_output(S), display(S,Term).

(Trust) Usage:

— The following properties should hold at call time:

Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

— The following properties hold upon exit:

Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

— The following properties hold globally:

Term is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

displayq/2:

displayq(Stream,Term)

Similar to display(Stream, Term), but atoms and functors that can’t be read back by read_term/3 are quoted. Thus, similar to write_term(Stream, Term, [quoted(true), ignore_ops(ops)]), with the same exceptions as display/2.

(Trust) Usage:

— The following properties should hold at call time:

Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

— The following properties hold upon exit:

Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

— The following properties hold globally:

Term is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)

displayq/1:

displayq(Term)

Behaves like current_output(S), displayq(S,Term).

(Trust) Usage:

— The following properties should hold at call time:

Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
– The following properties hold upon exit:
  \texttt{Term} is any term. \hspace{2cm} (basic\_props:term/1)
– The following properties hold globally:
  \texttt{Term} is not further instantiated. \hspace{2cm} (basic\_props:not\_further\_inst/2)

30.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (io\_basic)

• Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
Chapter 31: Exception and Signal handling

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This module includes predicates related to exceptions and signals, which alter the normal flow of Prolog.

31.1 Usage and interface (exceptions)

- **Library usage:**
  These predicates are built-in in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - `catch/3`, `intercept/3`, `throw/1`, `send_signal/1`, `send_silent_signal/1`, `halt/0`, `halt/1`, `abort/0`.
  - **Imports:**
    - **Packages:**
      - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `nortchecks`, `isomodes`.

31.2 Documentation on exports (exceptions)

**catch/3:**

```
catch(Goal, Error, Handler)
```

**Predicate**

Executes `Goal`. If an exception is raised during its execution, `Error` is unified with the exception, and if the unification succeeds, the entire execution derived from `Goal` is aborted, and `Handler` is executed. The execution resumes with the continuation of the `catch/3` call. For example, given the code

```
p(X) :- throw(error), display('----').
p(X) :- display(X).
```

the execution of "catch(p(0), E, display(E)), display(.), fail." results in the output "error."

(Trust) Usage:

- **Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:**
  - `Error` is any term. (basicProps:term/1)
  - `Handler` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basicProps:callable/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `Goal` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basicProps:callable/1)

- **The following properties hold upon exit:**
  - `Error` is any term. (basicProps:term/1)
  - `Handler` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basicProps:callable/1)

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basicProps:native/1)

**Meta-predicate** with arguments: `catch(goal, ?, goal)`. 
**intercept/3:**

intercept(Goal,Signal,Handler)

Executes Goal. If a signal is sent during its execution, Signal is unified with the exception, and if the unification succeeds, Handler is executed and then the execution resumes after the point where the exception was thrown. To avoid infinite loops if Handler raises an exception which unifies with Error, the exception handler is deactivated before executing Handler. Note the difference with builtin catch/3, given the code

\[
p(X) :- \text{send} \text{signal}(\text{signal}), \text{display}('\text{'-\text{'}).} \]
\[
p(X) :- \text{display}(X). \]

the execution of "intercept(p(0), E, display(E)), display(.), fail." results in the output "error--.--0.".

**Usage:**

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  Signal is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  Handler is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  Signal is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

**Meta-predicate with arguments:** intercept(goal,?,goal).

**General properties:**

**Test:** intercept(G,S,H)

intercept/3 preserves determinism properties of Goal (even when H and G share variables)

- **If the following properties should hold at call time:**
  term_basic:G=((A=a;A=b),send_signal(c(A))) (term_basic:= /2)
  term_basic:S=c(A) (term_basic:= /2)
  term_basic:H=display(A) (term_basic:= /2)

  *then the following properties should hold globally:*:

  All the calls of the form intercept(G,S,H) do not fail. (native_props:not_fails/1)
  All calls of the form intercept(G,S,H) are non-deterministic. (native_props:non_det/1)

**throw/1:**

throw(Ball)

Raises an error, throwing the exception Ball, to be caught by an ancestor catch/3. The closest matching ancestor is chosen. In addition to calls to throw/2 in user code, exceptions are also thrown by many library predicates in cases of error.

**Usage:** throw(Term) (ISO)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Term is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
send_signal/1:  
\texttt{send\_signal(Signal)}  
Emits a signal, to be intercepted by an ancestor \texttt{intercept/3}. The closest matching ancestor is chosen. If the signal is not intercepted, the following error is thrown: \texttt{error(unintercepted\_signal(Signal), send\_signal/1-1)}.

(Trust) Usage: \texttt{send\_signal(Term)}
\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Term} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

send_silent_signal/1:  
\texttt{send\_silent\_signal(Signal)}  
Emits a signal as \texttt{send\_signal/1}, but do not throws an error if the signal is not intercepted (i.e. just succeeds silently)

(Trust) Usage: \texttt{send\_silent\_signal(Term)}
\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Term} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

halt/0:  
\texttt{halt}  
Halt the system, exiting to the invoking shell.

Usage:  
\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold globally:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic\_props:native/1)
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

halt/1:  
\texttt{halt(Code)}  
Halt the system, exiting to the invoking shell, returning exit code \texttt{Code}.

Usage:  
\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Code} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
  \end{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold upon exit:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Code} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

abort/0:  
\texttt{abort}  
Abort the current execution.

31.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (exceptions)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
# 32 Changing system behaviour and various flags

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Flags define some parameters of the system and control the behavior of system or library predicates. Each flag has a name and an associated predefined value, and except some system flags which are fixed in general their associated value is changeable. Predefined flags in the system are:

- **version** The Ciao version, as a term `ciao(Version,Patch,CommitInfo)`. `Version` and `Patch` are atoms. `CommitInfo` is a structure describing the commit information (branch, id, date, description). Unchangeable.
- **dialect** Value set to `ciao`. Used for compatibility with other systems when in Prolog mode. Unchangeable.
- **argv** Its value is a list of atoms representing the program arguments supplied when the current executable was invoked. This is the value to which is instantiated the argument of the `main/1` predicate at executable startup. Unchangeable.
- **bounded** It is `false`, to denote that the range of integers can be considered infinite (but see `int/l`). Unchangeable.
- **fileerrors** If `on`, predicates handling files give errors (throw exceptions) when a file is inexistent or an operation is not allowed. If `off`, fail in that conditions. Initially `on`.
- **gc** Controls whether garbage collection is done. May be `on` (default) or `off`.
- **gc_margin** An integer `Margin`. If less than `Margin` kilobytes are reclaimed in a garbage collection then the size of the garbage collected area should be increased. Also, no garbage collection is attempted unless the garbage collected area has at least `Margin` kilobytes. Initially 500.
- **gc_trace** Governs garbage collection trace messages. An element of `off` `[on, off, terse, verbose]`. Initially `off`.
- **integer_rounding_function** It is `toward_zero`, so that `-1 =:< -3//2` succeeds. Unchangeable.
- **max arity** It is 255, so that no compound term (or predicate) can have more than this number of arguments. Unchangeable.
- **quiet** Controls which messages issued using `io_aux` are actually written. As the system uses that library to report its messages, this flag controls the *verbosity* of the system. Possible states of the flag are:
  - `on` No messages are reported.
  - `error` Only error messages are reported.
  - `warning` Only error and warning messages are reported.
  - `off` All messages are reported, except debug messages. This is the default state.
  - `debug` All messages, including debug messages, are reported. This is only intended for the system implementators.
- **unknown** Controls action on calls to undefined predicates. The possible states of the flag are:
error  An error is thrown with the error term `existence_error(procedure, F/A)`.
fail    The call simply fails.
warning A warning is written and the call fails.
The state is initially error.

32.1 Usage and interface (prolog_flags)

- **Library usage:**
  These predicates are builtin in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.
- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - `set_prolog_flag/2`, `current_prolog_flag/2`, `prolog_flag/2`, `push_prolog_flag/2`, `pop_prolog_flag/1`, `set_ciao_flag/2`, `current_ciao_flag/2`, `ciao_flag/3`, `push_ciao_flag/2`, `pop_ciao_flag/1`, `prompt/2`, `gc/0`, `nogc/0`, `fileerrors/0`, `nofileerrors/0`.
  - **Multifiles:**
    - `define_flag/3`.
- **Imports:**
  - **Packages:**
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `nortchecks`, `isomodes`, `define_flag`.

32.2 Documentation on exports (prolog_flags)

**set_prolog_flag/2:**  PREDICATE

`set_prolog_flag(FlagName,Value)`
Set existing flag `FlagName` to `Value`.

**Usage:**

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `FlagName` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Value` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - `FlagName` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Value` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

**current_prolog_flag/2:**  PREDICATE

`current_prolog_flag(FlagName,Value)`
`FlagName` is an existing flag and `Value` is the value currently associated with it.

**Usage:**

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - `FlagName` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Value` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
prolog_flag/3:  
prolog_flag(FlagName,OldValue,NewValue)

FlagName is an existing flag, unify OldValue with the value associated with it, and set it

to new value NewValue.

Usage 1: prolog_flag(A,B,C)
   — The following properties should hold at call time:
   C is any term.  
   C is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
   — The following properties should hold upon exit:
   A is an atom.  
   B is any term.

Usage 2: prolog_flag(FlagName,OldValue,NewValue)
Same as current_prolog_flag(FlagName, OldValue). OldValue and NewValue must
be strictly identical variables.
   — The following properties should hold at call time:
   OldValue is a free variable.  
   NewValue is a free variable.  
   FlagName is an atom.  
   — The following properties should hold upon exit:
   OldValue is any term.  
   NewValue is any term.

push_prolog_flag/2:  
push_prolog_flag(Flag,NewValue)

Same as set_prolog_flag/2, but storing current value of Flag to restore it with pop_
prolog_flag/1.

Usage:
   — The following properties should hold at call time:
   Flag is an atom.  
   NewValue is any term.  
   — The following properties should hold upon exit:
   Flag is an atom.  
   NewValue is any term.

pop_prolog_flag/1:  
pop_prolog_flag(Flag)

Restore the value of Flag previous to the last non-canceled push_prolog_flag/2 on it.

Usage:
   — The following properties should hold at call time:
   Flag is an atom.  
   — The following properties should hold upon exit:
   Flag is an atom.
set_ciao_flag/2:
PREDICATE
Usage: set_ciao_flag(FlagName,Value)
— The following properties should hold globally:
set_ciao_flag(FlagName,Value) is equivalent to set_prolog_flag(FlagName,Value).
(basic_props:equiv/2)

current_ciao_flag/2:
PREDICATE
Usage: current_ciao_flag(FlagName,Value)
— The following properties should hold globally:
current_ciao_flag(FlagName,Value) is equivalent to current_prolog_flag(FlagName,Value).
(basic_props:equiv/2)

ciao_flag/3:
PREDICATE
Usage: ciao_flag(Flag,Old,New)
— The following properties should hold globally:
ciao_flag(Flag,Old,New) is equivalent to prolog_flag(Flag,Old,New).
(basic_props:equiv/2)
push_ciao_flag/2:
PREDICATE
Usage: push_ciao_flag(Flag,NewValue)
— The following properties should hold globally:
push_ciao_flag(Flag,NewValue) is equivalent to push_prolog_flag(Flag,NewValue).
(basic_props:equiv/2)

pop_ciao_flag/1:
PREDICATE
Usage: pop_ciao_flag(Flag)
— The following properties should hold globally:
pop_ciao_flag(Flag) is equivalent to pop_prolog_flag(Flag).
(basic_props:equiv/2)
prompt/2:
PREDICATE
prompt(Old,New)
Unify Old with the current prompt for reading, change it to New.
Usage 1: prompt(A,B)
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  B is an atom.
— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  A is an atom.
(basic_props:atm/1)
Usage 2: `prompt(Old, New)`
Unify `Old` with the current prompt for reading without changing it. On calls, `Old` and `New` must be strictly identical variables.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Old` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - `New` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - `Old` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `New` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

`gc/0:`
PREDICATE

Usage:
Enable garbage collection. Equivalent to `set_prolog_flag(gc, on)`

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - `gc` is equivalent to `set_prolog_flag(gc, on)`. (basic_props:equiv/2)

`nogc/0:`
PREDICATE

Usage:
Disable garbage collection. Equivalent to `set_prolog_flag(gc, off)`

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - `nogc` is equivalent to `set_prolog_flag(gc, off)`. (basic_props:equiv/2)

`fileerrors/0:`
PREDICATE

Usage:
Enable reporting of file errors. Equivalent to `set_prolog_flag(fileerrors, on)`

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - `fileerrors` is equivalent to `set_prolog_flag(fileerrors, on)`. (basic_props:equiv/2)

`nofileerrors/0:`
PREDICATE

Usage:
Disable reporting of file errors. Equivalent to `set_prolog_flag(fileerrors, off)`

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - `nofileerrors` is equivalent to `set_prolog_flag(fileerrors, off)`. (basic_props:equiv/2)
32.3 Documentation on multifiles (prolog_flags)

define_flag/3: PREDICATE

define_flag(Flag,Values,Default)

New flags can be defined by writing facts of this predicate. Flag is the name of the new flag, Values defines the possible values for the flag (see below) and Default defines the predefined value associated with the flag (which should be compatible with Values).

(Trust) Usage: define_flag(Flag,FlagValues,Default)

— The following properties hold upon exit:

Flag is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

Define the valid flag values (basic_props:flag_values/1)

The predicate is multifile.

32.4 Documentation on internals (prolog_flags)

set_prolog_flag/1: PREDICATE

No further documentation available for this predicate.

32.5 Known bugs and planned improvements (prolog_flags)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
33 Fast/concurrent update of facts

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza, Manuel Carro.

Prolog implementations traditionally implement the concept of dynamic predicates: predicates which can be inspected or modified at run-time, adding or deleting individual clauses. The power of this feature comes at a cost: as new clause bodies can be arbitrarily added to the program, new predicate calls can arise which are not 'visible' at compile-time, thus complicating global analysis and optimization of the code. But it is the case that most of the time what the programmer wants is simply to store data, with the purpose of sharing it between search branches, predicates, or even execution threads. In Ciao the concept of data predicate serves this purpose: a data predicate is a predicate composed exclusively by facts, which can be inspected, and dynamically added or deleted, at run-time. Using data predicates instead of normal dynamic predicates brings benefits in terms of speed, but above all makes the code much easier to analyze automatically and thus allows better optimization.

Also, a special kind of data predicates exists, concurrent predicates, which can be used to communicate/synchronize among different execution threads (see Chapter 98 [Low-level concurrency/multithreading primitives], page 509).

Data predicates must be declared through a data/1 declaration. Concurrent data predicates must be declared through a concurrent/1 declaration.

33.1 Usage and interface (data_facts)

- Library usage:
  These predicates are builtin in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    asserta_fact/1, asserta_fact/2, assertz_fact/1, assertz_fact/2, current_fact/1, current_fact/2, retract_fact/1, retractall_fact/1, current_fact_nb/1, retract_fact_nb/1, close_predicate/1, open_predicate/1, set_fact/1, erase/1.
  - Regular Types:
    reference/1.

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, isomodes.

33.2 Documentation on exports (data_facts)

asserta_fact/1:

**PREDICATE**

asserta_fact(Fact)

Fact is added to the corresponding data predicate. The fact becomes the first clause of the predicate concerned.

Usage:

- *The following properties should hold at call time*:

  Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_procs:callable/1)
Meta-predicate with arguments: `asserta_fact(fact)`.

**asserta_fact/2:**

```prolog
asserta_fact(Fact, Ref)
```

Same as `asserta_fact/1`, instantiating `Ref` to a unique identifier of the asserted fact.

**Usage:**

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  - `Fact` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. *(basic_props:callable/1)*
  
  - `Ref` is a free variable. *(term_typing:var/1)*

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  - `Ref` is a reference of a dynamic or data clause. *(data_facts:reference/1)*

Meta-predicate with arguments: `asserta_fact(fact, ?)`.

**assertz_fact/1:**

```prolog
assertz_fact(Fact)
```

`Fact` is added to the corresponding data predicate. The fact becomes the last clause of the predicate concerned.

**Usage:**

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  - `Fact` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. *(basic_props:callable/1)*

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  - `Fact` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. *(basic_props:callable/1)*

Meta-predicate with arguments: `assertz_fact(fact)`.

**assertz_fact/2:**

```prolog
assertz_fact(Fact, Ref)
```

Same as `assertz_fact/1`, instantiating `Ref` to a unique identifier of the asserted fact.

**Usage:**

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  - `Fact` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. *(basic_props:callable/1)*
  
  - `Ref` is a free variable. *(term_typing:var/1)*

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  - `Ref` is a reference of a dynamic or data clause. *(data_facts:reference/1)*

Meta-predicate with arguments: `assertz_fact(fact, ?)`.
**current_fact/1:**

`current_fact(Fact)`

Gives on backtracking all the facts defined as data or concurrent which unify with `Fact`. It is faster than calling the predicate explicitly, which do invoke the meta-interpreter. If the `Fact` has been defined as concurrent and has not been closed, `current_fact/1` will wait (instead of failing) for more clauses to appear after the last clause of `Fact` is returned.

**Usage:**

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  `Fact` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  `Fact` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

*Meta-predicate with arguments:* `current_fact(fact).`

**current_fact/2:**

`current_fact(Fact, Ref)`

`Fact` is a fact of a data predicate and `Ref` is its reference identifying it uniquely.

**Usage 1:**

Gives on backtracking all the facts defined as data which unify with `Fact`, instantiating `Ref` to a unique identifier for each fact.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  `Fact` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  `Ref` is a free variable.  
  `Ref` is a reference of a dynamic or data clause.

*Meta-predicate with arguments:* `current_fact(fact, ?).`

**retract_fact/1:**

`retract_fact(Fact)`

Unifies `Fact` with the first matching fact of a data predicate, and then erases it. On backtracking successively unifies with and erases new matching facts. If `Fact` is declared as concurrent and is non-closed, `retract_fact/1` will wait for more clauses or for the closing of the predicate after the last matching clause has been removed.

**Usage:**

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  `Fact` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  `Ref` is a reference of a dynamic or data clause.  

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  `Fact` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
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The following properties should hold at call time:

Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:

Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: retract_fact(fact).

retractall_fact/1:

retractall_fact(Fact)

Erase all the facts of a data predicate unifying with Fact. Even if all facts are removed, the predicate continues to exist.

Usage:

The following properties should hold at call time:

Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:

Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: retractall_fact(fact).

current_fact_nb/1:

current_fact_nb(Fact)

Behaves as current_fact/1 but a fact is never waited on even if it is concurrent and non-closed.

Usage:

The following properties should hold at call time:

Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:

Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: current_fact_nb(fact).

retract_fact_nb/1:

retract_fact_nb(Fact)

Behaves as retract_fact/1, but never waits on a fact, even if it has been declared as concurrent and is non-closed.

Usage:

The following properties should hold at call time:

Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \texttt{Fact} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
  (basic.props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: \texttt{retract_fact_nb(fact)}.

\texttt{close_predicate/1:}

Changes the behavior of the predicate \texttt{Pred} if it has been declared as a concurrent predicate: calls to this predicate will fail (instead of wait) if no more clauses of \texttt{Pred} are available.

Usage:
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  \texttt{Pred} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
  (basic.props:callable/1)
– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \texttt{Pred} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
  (basic.props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: \texttt{close_predicate(fact)}.

\texttt{open_predicate/1:}

Reverts the behavior of concurrent predicate \texttt{Pred} to waiting instead of failing if no more clauses of \texttt{Pred} are available.

Usage:
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  \texttt{Pred} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
  (basic.props:callable/1)
– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \texttt{Pred} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
  (basic.props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: \texttt{open_predicate(fact)}.

\texttt{set_fact/1:}

Sets \texttt{Fact} as the unique fact of the corresponding data predicate.

Usage:
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  \texttt{Fact} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
  (basic.props:callable/1)
– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \texttt{Fact} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
  (basic.props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: \texttt{set_fact(fact)}.
erase/1: PREDICATE
erase(Ref)
 Deletes the clause referenced by Ref.
 Usage:
  — The following properties should hold at call time:
    Ref is a reference of a dynamic or data clause. (data_facts:reference/1)
  — The following properties should hold upon exit:
    Ref is a reference of a dynamic or data clause. (data_facts:reference/1)
  — The following properties should hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

reference/1: REGTYPE
(True) Usage: reference(R)
 R is a reference of a dynamic or data clause.

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data/1: DECLARATION
(True) Usage: :- data Predicates.
 Defines each predicate in Predicates as a data predicate. If a predicate is defined data
 in a file, it must be defined data in every file containing clauses for that predicate. The
 directive should precede all clauses of the affected predicates. This directive is defined as
 a prefix operator in the compiler.
  — The following properties hold at call time:
    Predicates is a sequence or list of prednames. (basic_props:sequence_or_list/2)

concurrent/1: DECLARATION
(True) Usage: :- concurrent Predicates.
 Defines each predicate in Predicates as a concurrent predicate. If a predicate is defined
 concurrent in a file, it must be defined concurrent in every file containing clauses for
 that predicate. The directive should precede all clauses of the affected predicates. This
 directive is defined as a prefix operator in the compiler.
  — The following properties hold at call time:
    Predicates is a sequence or list of prednames. (basic_props:sequence_or_list/2)

33.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (data_facts)
• Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either
  the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
34 Extending the syntax

**Author(s):** Daniel Cabeza.

This chapter documents the built-in directives in Ciao for extending the syntax of source files. Note that the ISO-Prolog directive `char_conversion/2` is not implemented, since Ciao does not (yet) have a character conversion table.

### 34.1 Usage and interface (syntax_extensions)

- **Library usage:**
  These directives are built-in in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.
- **Imports:**
  - **Packages:**
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

### 34.2 Documentation on internals (syntax_extensions)

**op/3:**

**DECLARATION**

(ISO) **Usage:** :- op(Priority, Op_spec, Operator).

Updates the operator table for reading the terms in the rest of the current text, in the same way as the built-in `op/3` does. Its scope is local to the current text. Usually included in package files.

- The following properties hold at call time:
  - **Priority** is an integer.
  - **Op_spec** specifies the type and associativity of an operator.
  - **Operator** is an atom or a list of atoms.

**new_declaration/1:**

**DECLARATION**

(ISO) **Usage:** :- new_declaration(Predicate).

Declares `Predicate` to be a valid declaration in the rest of the current text. Such declarations are simply ignored by the compiler or top level, but can be used by other code processing programs such as an automatic documentator. Also, they can easily translated into standard code (a set of facts and/or rules) by defining a suitable expansion (e.g., by `add_sentence_trans/1`, etc.). This is typically done in package files.

Equivalent to `new_declaration(Predicate, off)`.

- The following properties hold at call time:
  - **Predicate** is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:
    ```prolog
    predname(P/A) :-
    atm(P),
    nnegint(A).
    ```
**new_declaration/2:**

(True) Usage: `:- new_declaration(Predicate, In_Itf).`

Declares **Predicate** to be a valid declaration in the rest of the current text. Such declarations will be included in the interface file for this file if **In_Itf** is 'on', not if it is 'off'. Including such declarations in interface files makes them visible while processing other modules which make use of this one.

- The following properties hold at call time:
  
  **Predicate** is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:
  
  ```prolog
  predname(P/A) :-
  atm(P),
  nnegint(A).
  ```
  
  (basic_props: predname/1)

  **In_Itf** is 'on' or 'off'
  
  (syntax_extensions: switch/1)

**load_compilation_module/1:**

(True) Usage: `:- load_compilation_module(File).`

Loads code defined in **File** into the compiler, usually including predicates which define translations of clauses, sentences, and terms, for use with the declarations `add_sentence_trans/2` and similar ones. The application order of translations is determined by ascending priority numbers. Normally included in package files.

- The following properties hold at call time:
  
  **File** is a source name.
  
  (streams_basic: sourcename/1)

**add_sentence_trans/2:**

(True) Usage: `:- add_sentence_trans(Predicate, Priority).`

Starts a translation, defined by **Predicate**, of the terms read by the compiler in the rest of the current text. For each subsequent term read by the compiler, the translation predicate is called to obtain a new term which will be used by the compiler as if it were the term present in the file. If the call fails, the term is used as such. A list may be returned also, to translate a single term into several terms. Before calling the translation predicate with actual program terms, it is called with an input of 0 to give an opportunity of making initializations for the module, discarding the result (note that normally a 0 could not be there). **Predicate** must be exported by a module previously loaded with a `load_compilation_module/1` declaration. Normally included in package files.

- The following properties hold at call time:
  
  **Predicate** is a translation predicate spec (has arity 2 or 3).
  
  (syntax_extensions: translation_predname/1)

  **Priority** is an integer.
  
  (basic_props: int/1)

**add_term_trans/2:**


Starts a translation, defined by **Predicate**, of the terms and sub-terms read by the compiler in the rest of the current text. This translation is performed after all translations defined by `add_sentence_trans/1` are done. For each subsequent term read by the compiler, and recursively any subterm included, the translation predicate is called to possibly...
obtain a new term to replace the old one. Care must be taken of not introducing an endless loop of translations. Predicate must be exported by a module previously loaded with a load_compilation_module/1 declaration. Normally included in package files.

The following properties hold at call time:

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add_goal_trans/2:

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<td>(True) Usage: :- add_goal_trans(Predicate,Priority).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Declares a translation, defined by Predicate, of the goals present in the clauses of the current text. This translation is performed after all translations defined by add_sentence_trans/1 and add_term_trans/1 are done. For each clause read by the compiler, the translation predicate is called with each goal present in the clause to possibly obtain other goal to substitute the original one, and the translation is subsequently applied to the resulting goal. Care must be taken of not introducing an endless loop of translations. Predicate must be exported by a module previously loaded with a load_compilation_module/1 declaration. Bear in mind that this type of translation noticeably slows down compilation. Normally included in package files.</td>
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The following properties hold at call time:

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add_clause_trans/2:

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<td>(True) Usage: :- add_clause_trans(Predicate,Priority).</td>
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<td>Declares a translation, defined by Predicate, of the clauses of the current text. The translation is performed before add_goal_trans/1 translations but after add_sentence_trans/1 and add_term_trans/1 translations. The usefulness of this translation is that information of the interface of related modules is available when it is performed. For each clause read by the compiler, the translation predicate is called with the first argument instantiated to a structure clause(Head,Body), and the predicate must return in the second argument a similar structure, without changing the functor in Head (or fail, in which case the clause is used as is). Before executing the translation predicate with actual clauses it is called with an input of clause(0,0), discarding the result.</td>
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The following properties hold at call time:

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translation_predname/1:

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<td>A translation predicate is a predicate of arity 2 or 3 used to make compile-time translations. The compiler invokes a translation predicate instantiating its first argument with the item to be translated, and if the predicate is of arity 3 its third argument with the name of the module where the translation is done. If the call is successful, the second argument is used as if that item were in the place of the original, else the original item is used.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Usage: translation_predname(P)</td>
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<tr>
<td>P is a translation predicate spec (has arity 2 or 3).</td>
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35 Message printing primitives

**Author(s):** Daniel Cabeza, Edison Mera (improvements).

This module provides predicates for printing in a unified way informational messages, and also for printing some terms in a specific way.

### 35.1 Usage and interface (io_aux)

- **Library usage:**
  These predicates are built in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.
- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    message/2, message_lns/4, messages/1, error/1, warning/1, note/1, message/1, debug/1, inform_user/1, display_string/1, display_list/1, display_term/1, add_lines/4.
  - **Regular Types:**
    message_info/1, message_type/1.
- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    assertions/native_props.
  - **Packages:**
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nativeprops, nortchecks.

### 35.2 Documentation on exports (io_aux)

**message/2:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:** message(Type,Message)

Output to standard error Message, which is of type Type. The quiet prolog flag (see Chapter 32 [Changing system behaviour and various flags], page 213) controls which messages are actually output, depending on its type. Also, for error, warning and note messages, a prefix is output which denotes the severity of the message.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - Specifies the different types of messages. (io_aux:message_type/1)
  - Message is an item or a list of items from this list:
    - $$ (String)
      String is a string, which is output with display_string/1.
    - ’’’ (Term)
      Term is output quoted. If the module write is loaded, the term is output with writeq/1, else with displayq/1.
    - ’’ (Term)
      Term is output unquoted. If the module write is loaded, the term is output with write/1, else with display/1.
    - ’’’ {Term}
      Term is output quoted. If the module write is loaded, the term is output with printq/1, else with displayq/1.
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{Term}  Term is output unquoted. If the module write is loaded, the term is output with print/1, else with display/1.

[](Term) Term is recursively output as a message, can be an item or a list of items from this list.

Term  Any other term is output with display/1.

message_lns/4:  

Usage: message_lns(Type,L0,L1,Message)
Output to standard error Message, which is of type Type, and occurs between lines L0 and L1. This is the same as message/2, but printing the lines where the message occurs in a unified way (this is useful because automatic tools such as the emacs mode know how to parse them).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Specifies the different types of messages. (io.aux:message_type/1)
  - L0 is a non-negative integer. (basic.props:nnegint/1)
  - L1 is a non-negative integer. (basic.props:nnegint/1)
  - Message is an item or a list of items from this list:
    - $$(String) String is a string, which is output with display_string/1.
    - '''(Term) Term is output quoted. If the module write is loaded, the term is output with writeq/1, else with displayq/1.
    - `''(Term) Term is output unquoted. If the module write is loaded, the term is output with write/1, else with display/1.
    - '''{Term} Term is output quoted. If the module write is loaded, the term is output with printq/1, else with displayq/1.
    - {Term} Term is output unquoted. If the module write is loaded, the term is output with print/1, else with display/1.
    - [](Term) Term is recursively output as a message, can be an item or a list of items from this list.
    - Term Any other term is output with display/1.

messages/1:  

Usage: messages(Messages)
Print each element in Messages using message/2, message_lns/4, message/1, error/1, warning/1, note/1 or debug/1 predicate. If the element should be printed using message_lns/4, it is printed in a compact way, avoiding to print the same file name several times.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Messages is a list of message_infos. (basic.props:list/2)
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error/1: PREDICATE
Defined as
    error(Message) :-
        message(error,Message).

warning/1: PREDICATE
Defined as
    warning(Message) :-
        message(warning,Message).

note/1: PREDICATE
Defined as
    note(Message) :-
        message(note,Message).

message/1: PREDICATE
Defined as
    message(Message) :-
        message(message,Message).

debug/1: PREDICATE
Defined as
    debug(Message) :-
        message(debug,Message).

inform_user/1: PREDICATE
    inform_user(Message)
    Similar to message/1, but Message is output with display_list/1. This predicate is
    obsolete, and may disappear in future versions.

display_string/1: PREDICATE
    display_string(String)
    Output String as the sequence of characters it represents.
    Usage: display_string(String)
        – The following properties should hold at call time:
            String is a string (a list of character codes).
display_list/1:  
  \text{display\_list(List)}  
  Outputs \text{List}. If \text{List} is a list, do \text{display/1} on each of its elements, else do \text{display/1} on \text{List}.

display_term/1:  
  \text{display\_term(Term)}  
  Output \text{Term} in a way that a \text{read/1} will be able to read it back, even if operators change.

message_info/1:  
  \text{Usage:}  
The type of the elements to be printed using the \text{messages/1} predicate. Defined as  
\begin{verbatim}
  message_info(message_lns(Source,Ln0,Lnl,Type,Text)) :-
    atm(Source),
    nnegint(Ln0),
    nnegint(Lnl),
    message_type(Type),
    message_text(Text).
  message_info(message(Type,Text)) :-
    atm(Type),
    message_text(Text).
  message_info(error(Text)) :-
    message_text(Text).
  message_info(warning(Text)) :-
    message_text(Text).
  message_info(note(Text)) :-
    message_text(Text).
  message_info(message(Text)) :-
    message_text(Text).
  message_info(debug(Text)) :-
    message_text(Text).
\end{verbatim}

message_type/1:  
  \text{Usage:}  
  Specifies the different types of messages.

add_lines/4:  
  No further documentation available for this predicate.

35.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (io_aux)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
- \text{message/2} assumes that a module with name 'write' is library(write).
36 Attributed Variables Package

Author(s): Rémy Haemmerlé, Christian Holzbaur, Daniel Cabeza, Manuel Carro.

This package implements attributed variables in the style of Holzbaur [Hol90]. It provides a way to associate to variables one or several arbitrary terms called attributes. By allowing the user to redefine the unification of attributed variables, this extension makes possible the design of coroutining facilities (see subsection Section 202.3 [Example], page 994) and clean interfaces between Prolog and constraints solvers.

Attributes are private to module and each variable can have at most one attribute in each module. Attributes are handled by predicate provided by attr_rt module.

attr package imports automatically attributes variables manipulation predicates, put_attr_local/2, get_attr_local/2, and del_attr_local/2 from module 'attr/attr_rt', and set up the following hooks:

- **attr_unify_hook(AttValue, VarValue).**
  Hook that must be defined in the module using package attr. It is called after the attributed variable of that module has been unified with a non-var term, possibly another attributed variable. AttValue is the attribute that was associated to the variable in this module and VarValue is the new value of the variable. Normally this predicate fails to veto binding the variable to VarValue, forcing backtracking to undo the binding. If VarValue is another attributed variable the hook often combines the two attribute and associates the combined attribute with VarValue using attr_rt:put_attr_local/2.

- **attribute_goal(Var, SO, S).**
  This optional hook, if it is defined, is used by attr_rt:copy_term/3 to project attributes of that module to residual goals, and by the toplevel to obtain residual goals after executing a query. The predicate is supposed to unified SO with a different list containing the residual goals and which have S as tail. For the sake of simplicity, it can be defined using dcg. (See DCG non-terminal attribute_goal(Var) in example below.)

- **attr_portray_hook(Attribute, Var).**
  Called by write_term/2 for each attribute associate to the variable Var if the option option attributes(portray) is in effect. If the hook succeeds the variable is considered to be printed otherwise Module =... is printed to indicate the existence of an attribute defined in module Module. At call time Attribute is the actual value of the attribute associate to the variables Var.

36.1 Example

In the following example we give an implementation of freeze/2. We name it myfreeze/2 in order to avoid a name clash with the built-in predicate of the same name. The code is available in the module library(attr(example(myfreeze)))

```prolog
:- module(myfreeze, [myfreeze/2], [attr, dcg, condcomp]).

:- meta_predicate(myfreeze(_, goal)).

myfreeze(X, Goal) :-
  ( nonvar(X) ->
    call(Goal)
  ; get_attr_local(X, Fb) ->
    meta_conj(Fb, Goal, C),
    put_attr_local(X, C) % rescue conjunction
  ; put_attr_local(X, Goal)
```

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```
:- if(defined(optim_comp)).
attr_unify_hook(Fa, Other) :-
  ( nonvar(Other) ->
     '$trust_metatype'(Fa, goal),
     call(Fa)
   ; get_attr_local(Other, Fb) ->
     meta_conj(Fa, Fb, C),
     put_attr_local(Other, C) % rescue conjunction
     ; put_attr_local(Other, Fa) % rescue conjunction
   ).
:- else.
attr_unify_hook(Fa, Other) :-
  ( nonvar(Other) ->
     call(Fa)
   ; get_attr_local(Other, Fb) ->
     meta_conj(Fa, Fb, C),
     put_attr_local(Other, C) % rescue conjunction
     ; put_attr_local(Other, Fa) % rescue conjunction
   ).
:- endif.
attribute_goals(X) -->
  [myfreeze:myfreeze(X, G)],
  {get_attr_local(X, G)}.
attr_portray_hook(G, Var):-
  display(Var),
  display('<-myfrozen('),
  display(G),
  display(')')•
% A (meta) conjunction of two goals
meta_conj(':'.$(Fa), ':'.$(Fb), ':'.$('basiccontrol:,'(Fa, Fb))).
```

36.2 Usage and interface (attr_doc)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```
  :- use_package(attr).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[attr]).
  ```

- **Imports:**
  - Packages:
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
Chapter 37: Attributed Variables Runtime

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This module provides a means to handle attributed variables. Note that attributes are private to the module from which the predicates implemented by attr_rt module are called. See package attr for more details about attributed variables.

37.1 Usage and interface (attr_rt)

- Library usage:
  
  :- use_module(library(attr_rt)).

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - attvar/1, put_attr_local/2, put_attr/3, get_attr_local/2, get_attr/3, del_attr_local/1, attvarset/2, copy_term/3.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - format, dynamic.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, fsyntax, dcg, condcomp.

37.2 Documentation on exports (attr_rt)

attvar/1: 

Usage: attvar(Var)

Succeeds if Term is an attributed variable

put_attr_local/2:

Usage: put_attr_local(Var,Value)

If Var is a variable or attributed variable, set its attribute to Value. If an attribute is already associated with Var, the old value is replaced. Backtracking will restore the old value (i.e., an attribute is a mutable term. See also library mutables). This predicate raises a representation error if Var is not a variable and a type error if Module is not an atom.

put_attr/3:

No further documentation available for this predicate.

get_attr_local/2:

Usage: get_attr_local(Var,Value)

Request the current value for the attribute associated to Var. If Var is not an attributed variable or the named attribute is not associated to Var this predicate fails silently.
**get_attr/3:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**del_attr_local/1:**

Usage: `del_attr_local(Var)`

If `Var` has an attribute, deletes it, otherwise succeeds without side-effect.

**attvarset/2:**

Usage: `attvarset(X, Vars)`

`AttVars` is a list of all attributed variables in `Term` and its attributes. I.e., `attvarset/2` works recursively through attributes. This predicate is Cycle-safe. The goal `term_attvars(Term, [])` is optimized to be an efficient test that `Term` has no attributes. I.e., scanning the term is aborted after the first attributed variable is found.

**copy_term/3:**

Usage: `copy_term(Term, Copy, Gs)`

Creates a regular term `Copy` as a copy of `Term` (without any attributes), and a list `Gs` of goals that when executed reinstate all attributes onto `Copy`. The nonterminal `attribute_goal/1`, as defined in the modules the attributes stem from, is used to convert attributes to lists of goals.
38 Attributed variables (deprecated)

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This module is deprecated. Prefer package attr.

These predicates allow the manipulation of attributed variables. Attributes are special terms which are attached to a (free) variable, and are hidden from the normal Prolog computation. They can only be treated by using the predicates below.

38.1 Usage and interface (attributes)

• Library usage:
  :- use_module(engine(attributes))

• Exports:
  — Predicates:
    attach_attribute/2, get_attribute/2, update_attribute/2, detach_attribute/1.
  — Multifiles:
    verify_attribute/2, combine_attributes/2.

• Imports:
  — Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks.

38.2 Documentation on exports (attributes)

attach_attribute/2:  
(Trust) Usage: attach_attribute(Var,Attr)
Attach attribute Attr to Var.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Var is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Attr is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

— The following properties hold upon exit:
  Var is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Attr is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

get_attribute/2:  
(Trust) Usage: get_attribute(Var,Attr)
Unify Attr with the attribute of Var, or fail if Var has no attribute.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Var is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

— The following properties hold upon exit:
  Attr is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
update_attribute/2:

(Trust) Usage: update_attribute(Var, Attr)
Change the attribute of attributed variable Var to Attr.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Var is a free variable.
  - Attr is currently a term which is not a free variable.

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Var is a free variable.
  - Attr is currently a term which is not a free variable.

detach_attribute/1:

(Trust) Usage: detach_attribute(Var)
Take out the attribute from the attributed variable Var.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Var is a free variable.

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Var is a free variable.

38.3 Documentation on multifiles (attributes)

verify_attribute/2:

(Trust) Usage: verify_attribute(Attr, Term)
A user defined predicate. This predicate is called when an attributed variable with attribute Attr is about to be unified with the non-variable term Term. The user should define this predicate (as multifile) in the modules implementing special unification.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Attr is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Term is currently a term which is not a free variable.

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Attr is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Term is currently a term which is not a free variable.

The predicate is multifile.

combine_attributes/2:

(Trust) Usage: combine_attributes(Var1, Var2)
A user defined predicate. This predicate is called when two attributed variables with attributes Var1 and Var2 are about to be unified. The user should define this predicate (as multifile) in the modules implementing special unification.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Var1 is a free variable.
  - Var2 is a free variable.
The following properties hold upon exit:

Var1 is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
Var2 is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

The predicate is multifile.

38.4 Other information (attributes)

Note that combine_attributes/2 and verify_attribute/2 are not called with the attributed variables involved, but with the corresponding attributes instead. The reasons are:

- There are simple applications which only refer to the attributes.
- If the application wants to refer to the attributed variables themselves, they can be made part the attribute term. The implementation of freeze/2 utilizes this technique. Note that this does not lead to cyclic structures, as the connection between an attributed variable and its attribute is invisible to the pure parts of the Prolog implementation.
- If attributed variables were passed as arguments, the user code would have to refer to the attributes through an extra call to get_attribute/2.
- As the/one attribute is the first argument to each of the two predicates, indexing applies. Note that attributed variables themselves look like variables to the indexing mechanism.

However, future improvements may change or extend the interface to attributed variables in order to provide a richer and more expressive interface.

For customized output of attributed variables, please refer to the documentation of the predicate portray_attribute/2.

38.5 Known bugs and planned improvements (attributes)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
39 Internal Runtime Information

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This module provides internal information about the current running engine and environment. That information includes the architecture, platform, operating system, location of libraries, and C header files. That information is mainly used in parts of the Ciao dynamic compilation (location of source, generation of gluecode for the foreign interface, etc.).

39.1 Usage and interface (system_info)

- Library usage:
  These predicates are builtin in Ciao, so nothing special has to be done to use them.
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - get_arch/1, get_os/1, get_platform/1, get_debug/1, get_eng_location/1, get_ciao_ext/1, get_exec_ext/1, get_so_ext/1, this_module/1, current_module/1, ciao_c_headers_dir/1, ciao_lib_dir/1, ciaolibdir/1.
  - Regular Types:
    - internal_module_id/1.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, isomodes.

39.2 Documentation on exports (system_info)

get_arch/1: PREDICATE

This predicate will describe the computer architecture which is currently executing the predicate.

Computer architectures are identified by a simple atom. This atom is implementation-defined, and may suffer any change from one Ciao version to another.

For example, Ciao running on an Intel-based machine will retrieve:

?- get_arch(I).

I = i86 ? ;

no

?- (Trust) Usage: get_arch(ArchDescriptor)

Unifies ArchDescriptor with a simple atom which describes the computer architecture currently executing the predicate.

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  ArchDescriptor is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
get_os/1: PREDICATE
This predicate will describe the operating system which is running on the machine currently executing the Prolog program.
Operating systems are identified by a simple atom. This atom is implementation-defined, and may suffer changes from one Ciao version to another.
For example, Ciao running on Linux will retrieve:

?- get_os(I).

I = 'LINUX' ? ;

no
?- (Trust) Usage: get_os(OsDescriptor)
Unifies OsDescriptor with a simple atom which describes the running operating system when predicate was called.
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  OsDescriptor is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)

get_platform/1: PREDICATE
(Trust) Usage: get_platform(Platform)
Platform is the atom describing the current operating system and computer architecture.
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Platform is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)

get_debug/1: PREDICATE
(Trust) Usage: get_debug(Debug)
Unifies Debug with an atom that indicates if the emulator has been compiled with debug information
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Debug is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)

get_eng_location/1: PREDICATE
(True) Usage: get_eng_location(Ext)
Ext indicates if the engine is located in a library (dyn) or in an executable (empty).
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  Ext is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)

get_ciao_ext/1: PREDICATE
(Trust) Usage: get_ciao_ext(Ext)
Ext is the default extension for the executable Ciao programs.
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Ext is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
get_exec_ext/1:  PREDICATE
    (Trust) Usage: get_exec_ext(Ext)
    Ext is the extension for executables.
    - *The following properties hold upon exit:*
      Ext is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)

get_so_ext/1:  PREDICATE
    (True) Usage: get_so_ext(Ext)
    Ext is the default extension for the shared libraries. For example, .dll in Windows and .so in most Unix systems.
    - *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*
      Ext is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)

this_module/1:  PREDICATE
    (Trust) Usage: this_module(Module)
    Module is the internal module identifier for current module.
    - *The following properties hold upon exit:*
      Module is an internal module identifier  (system_info:internal_module_id/1)
      *Meta-predicate* with arguments: this_module(addmodule(?)).

current_module/1:  PREDICATE
    This predicate will successively unify its argument with all module names currently loaded. Module names will be simple atoms.
    When called using a free variable as argument, it will retrieve on backtracking all modules currently loaded. This is useful when called from the Ciao toplevel.
    When called using a module name as argument it will check whether the given module is loaded or not. This is useful when called from user programs.
    Usage: current_module(Module)
    Retrieves (on backtracking) all currently loaded modules into your application.
    - *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
      Module is an internal module identifier  (system_info:internal_module_id/1)
    - *The following properties should hold globally:*
      This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  (basic_props:native/1)

ciao_c_headers_dir/1:  PREDICATE
    (Trust) Usage: ciao_c_headers_dir(CiaoPath)
    CiaoPath is the path to the root of the installed Ciao header C files (.h), typically used for interfacing Ciao and C.
    - *The following properties hold upon exit:*
      CiaoPath is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
ciao_lib_dir/1: PREDICATE
(Trust) Usage: ciao_lib_dir(CiaoPath)
CiaoPath is the path to the root of the Ciao libraries. Inside this directory, there are the
directories 'lib', 'library' and 'contrib', which contain library modules.
— The following properties hold upon exit:
  CiaoPath is an atom.
(basic_props:atm/1)

ciaolibdir/1: PREDICATE
(Trust) Usage: ciaolibdir(CiaoPath)
Like ciao_lib_dir/1, for compatibility for third-party tools (deprecated).
— The following properties hold upon exit:
  CiaoPath is an atom.
(basic_props:atm/1)

internal_module_id/1: REGTYPE
For a user file it is a term user/1 with an argument different for each user file, for other
modules is just the name of the module (as an atom).
Usage: internal_module_id(M)
M is an internal module identifier

39.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (system_info)
• Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either
  the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
40 Conditional Compilation

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This package defines a series of directives for conditional compilation that allow the inclusion or exclusion of code blocks (which may contain nested conditional directives) based on the truth value at compile time of special goals called conditions. The syntax for conditional directives is:

```prolog
:- if(Condi).
<<Block1>>
:- elif(Cond2).
<<Block2>>
:- else.
<<BlockN>>
:- endif.
```

where `elif(_)` can appear zero or more times and the `else` part is optional. The sentences in `Block1` are included if the condition in `Condi` is satisfied, else `Block2` is included if `Cond2` is satisfied (and so on for each `elif`), and `BlockN` if no previous condition is satisfied.

40.1 Conditional Conditions

The valid conditions are restricted to a subset of goals that can be safely evaluated at compile time. At this moment, we only accept the following ones:

- Compile-time values of prolog flags (`current_prolog_flag/2`).
- Conjunctions, disjunctions, or negations of conditions.
- Calls to facts previously defined with `:- compilation_fact(Fact)`. This is an experimental feature that may change in the future.
- `defined(F/N)` (or `defined(F)`, equivalent to `defined(F/0)`), which succeeds only if there is a definition for the compilation fact `F/N`.

40.2 Usage and interface (condcomp_doc)

- Library usage:
The conditional compilation directives are enabled by including the `condcomp` package in the package list of a module or by means of an explicit `:- use_package(condcomp)`

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    `prelude, nonpure, assertions`.

40.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (condcomp_doc)

- Syntax and semantics of conditions for conditional code may change in the future (`:- compilation_fact(X)`). Avoid using that in production code.
- Errors in this package do not show the program line numbers.
Chapter 41: Other predicates and features defined by default

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To simplify the use of Ciao Prolog to the first-timers, some other predicates and features are defined by default in normal cases, to provide more or less what other prologs define by default. Here are explicitly listed the predicates defined, coming from several libraries. Apart from those, the features defined in Chapter 51 [Definite Clause Grammars], page 309 and Chapter 63 [Enabling operators at run-time], page 375 are also activated.

41.1 Usage and interface (default_predicates)

- **Library usage:**
  No need of explicit loading. It is included by default in modules starting with a `module/2` declaration or user files without a starting `use_package/1` declaration. In the Ciao shell, it is loaded by default when no `~/.ciaorc` exists. Note that `:- module(modulename, exports)` is equivalent to `:- module(modulename, exports,[default])` If you do not want these predicates/features loaded for a given file (in order to make the executable smaller) you can ask for this explicitly using `:- module(modulename, exports,[])` or in a user file `:- use_package([]).

- **Imports:**
  - *System library modules:*
    aggregates, dynamic, read, write, operators, iso_byte_char, iso_misc, format, lists, sort, between, compiler/compiler, system, prolog_sys, dec10_io, old_database, ttyout.
  - *Packages:*
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

41.2 Documentation on exports (default_predicates)

- **op/3:** (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
  Imported from operators (see the corresponding documentation for details).

- **current_op/3:** (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
  Imported from operators (see the corresponding documentation for details).

- **append/3:** (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
  Imported from lists (see the corresponding documentation for details).

- **delete/3:** (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
  Imported from lists (see the corresponding documentation for details).
select/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from lists (see the corresponding documentation for details).

nth/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from lists (see the corresponding documentation for details).

last/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from lists (see the corresponding documentation for details).

reverse/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from lists (see the corresponding documentation for details).

length/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from lists (see the corresponding documentation for details).

use_module/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from compiler (see the corresponding documentation for details).

use_module/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from compiler (see the corresponding documentation for details).

ensure_loaded/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from compiler (see the corresponding documentation for details).

/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from aggregates (see the corresponding documentation for details).

findnsols/5:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from aggregates (see the corresponding documentation for details).

findnsols/4:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from aggregates (see the corresponding documentation for details).

findall/4:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from aggregates (see the corresponding documentation for details).
findall/3: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from aggregates (see the corresponding documentation for details).

bagof/3: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from aggregates (see the corresponding documentation for details).

setof/3: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from aggregates (see the corresponding documentation for details).

wellformed_body/3: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

data/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

dynamic/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

current_predicate/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

current_predicate/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

clause/3: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

clause/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

abolish/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

retractall/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).
retract/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

assert/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

assert/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

assertz/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

assertz/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

asserta/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

asserta/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from dynamic (see the corresponding documentation for details).

read_option/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from read (see the corresponding documentation for details).

second_prompt/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from read (see the corresponding documentation for details).

read_top_level/3: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from read (see the corresponding documentation for details).

read_term/3: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from read (see the corresponding documentation for details).

read_term/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from read (see the corresponding documentation for details).
read/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from read (see the corresponding documentation for details).

read/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from read (see the corresponding documentation for details).

write_attribute/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

printable_char/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

prettyvars/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

numbervars/3: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

portray_clause/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

portray_clause/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

printq/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

printq/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

print/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

print/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).
write_canonical/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

write_canonical/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

write_list1/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

writeq/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

writeq/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

write/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

write/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

write_option/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

write_term/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

write_term/3: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from write (see the corresponding documentation for details).

put_char/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

put_char/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
   Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).
peek_char/2: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

peek_char/1: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

get_char/2: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

get_char/1: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

put_byte/2: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

put_byte/1: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

peek_byte/2: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

peek_byte/1: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

get_byte/2: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

get_byte/1: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

char_codes/2: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

number_chars/2: \[\text{(UNDOC.REEXPORT)}\]
Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).
atom_chars/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

char_code/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from iso_byte_char (see the corresponding documentation for details).

unify_with_occurs_check/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from iso_misc (see the corresponding documentation for details).

sub_atom/5:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from iso_misc (see the corresponding documentation for details).

compound/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from iso_misc (see the corresponding documentation for details).

once/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from iso_misc (see the corresponding documentation for details).

format_control/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from format (see the corresponding documentation for details).

format_to_string/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from format (see the corresponding documentation for details).

sformat/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from format (see the corresponding documentation for details).

format/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from format (see the corresponding documentation for details).

format/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from format (see the corresponding documentation for details).

keypair/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from sort (see the corresponding documentation for details).
keylist/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from sort (see the corresponding documentation for details).

keysort/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from sort (see the corresponding documentation for details).

sort/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from sort (see the corresponding documentation for details).

between/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from between (see the corresponding documentation for details).

system_error_report/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

replace_characters/4:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

no_swapslash/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

cyg2win/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

winpath_c/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

winpath/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

winpath/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

using_windows/0:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
rename_file/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

delete_directory/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

delete_file/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

set_exec_mode/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

chmod/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

chmod/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

fmode/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

touch/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

modif_time0/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

modif_time/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

file_properties/6:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

file_property/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
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file_exists/2:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

file_exists/1:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

mktemp_in_tmp/2:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

mktemp/2:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

directory_files/2:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

wait/3:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

exec/8:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

exec/3:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

exec/4:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

popen_mode/1:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

popen/3:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

system/2:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
system/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

shell/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

shell/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

shell/0: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

cd/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

working_directory/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

make_dirpath/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

make_dirpath/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

make_directory/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

make_directory/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

umask/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

current_executable/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
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**current_host/1:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**get_address/2:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**get_tmp_dir/1:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**get_grnam/1:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**get_pwnam/1:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**get_gid/1:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**get_uid/1:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**get_pid/1:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**file_dir_name/3:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**extract_paths/2:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**dir_path/2:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**copy_file/3:**
(UNDOK_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
copy_file/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

c_errno/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

del_env/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

set_env/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

current_env/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

setenvstr/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

getenvstr/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

datetime_struct/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

datetime/9: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

datetime/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

time/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

pause/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
current_heap_limit/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

set_heap_limit/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

garbage_collect/0: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

current_atom/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

predicate_property/3: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

predicate_property/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

time_option/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

tick_option/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

clockfreq_option/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

memory_option/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

garbage_collection_option/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

symbol_option/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).
time_result/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

memory_result/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

gc_result/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

symbol_result/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

new_atom/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

tick_result/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

clockfreq_result/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

statistics/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

statistics/0:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from prolog_sys (see the corresponding documentation for details).

close_file/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from dec10_io (see the corresponding documentation for details).

told/0:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from dec10_io (see the corresponding documentation for details).

telling/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
    Imported from dec10_io (see the corresponding documentation for details).
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**tell/1:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `dec10_io` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**seen/0:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `dec10_io` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**seeing/1:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `dec10_io` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**see/1:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `dec10_io` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**current_key/2:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `old_database` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**recorded/3:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `old_database` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**recordz/3:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `old_database` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**recorda/3:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `old_database` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**ttydisplay_string/1:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `ttyout` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**ttyskipeol/0:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `ttyout` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**ttydisplayq/1:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `ttyout` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**ttydisplay/1:**
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from `ttyout` (see the corresponding documentation for details).
ttyflush/0:  
    (UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
    Imported from ttyout (see the corresponding documentation for details).

ttytab/1:  
    (UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
    Imported from ttyout (see the corresponding documentation for details).

ttyskip/1:  
    (UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
    Imported from ttyout (see the corresponding documentation for details).

ttyput/1:  
    (UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
    Imported from ttyout (see the corresponding documentation for details).

ttynl/0:  
    (UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
    Imported from ttyout (see the corresponding documentation for details).

ttyget1/1:  
    (UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
    Imported from ttyout (see the corresponding documentation for details).

ttyget/1:  
    (UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
    Imported from ttyout (see the corresponding documentation for details).
Author(s): The CLIP Group.

This part documents the *iso* package which provides to Ciao programs (most of) the ISO-Prolog functionality, including the *ISO-Prolog builtins* not covered by the basic library.
42 ISO-Prolog package

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

This library package allows the use of the ISO-Prolog predicates in Ciao programs. The compatibility is not at 100% yet.

42.1 Usage and interface (iso_doc)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_package(iso).
  ```
  or
  
  ```prolog
  :- module(...,...,[iso]).
  ```

- New operators defined:
  
  ```prolog
  -->/2 [1200,xfx], 1/2 [1100,xfy].
  ```

- Imports:
  
  - System library modules:
    
    ```prolog
    aggregates, dynamic, iso_misc, iso_byte_char, iso_incomplete, operators, read, write, terms_check, terms_vars, cyclic_terms.
    ```
  
  - Packages:
    
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, dcg.
    ```
Chapter 43: All solutions predicates

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This module implements the standard solution aggregation predicates.

When there are many solutions to a problem, and when all those solutions are required to be collected together, this can be achieved by repeatedly backtracking and gradually building up a list of the solutions. The following built-in predicates are provided to automate this process.

43.1 Usage and interface (aggregates)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(aggregates)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - `setof/3`, `bagof/3`, `findall/3`, `findall/4`, `findsols/4`, `findsols/5`, `/2`.
  - **Imports:**
    - **System library modules:**
      - `assertions/native_props`, `sort`, `lists`.
    - **Packages:**
      - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `nortchecks`, `isomodes`, `nativeprops`, `hiord`.

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**setof/3:**

```prolog
setof(Template,Generator,Set)
```

**PREDICATE**

Finds the Set of instances of the Template satisfying Generator. The set is in ascending order (see Chapter 26 [Comparing terms], page 165 for a definition of this order) without duplicates, and is non-empty. If there are no solutions, setof fails. setof may succeed in more than one way, binding free variables in Generator to different values. This can be avoided by using existential quantifiers on the free variables in front of Generator, using `/2`. For example, given the clauses:

```prolog
father(bill, tom).
father(bill, ann).
father(bill, john).
father(harry, july).
father(harry, daniel).
```

The following query produces two alternative solutions via backtracking:

```prolog
?- setof(X,father(F,X),Sons).
```

F = bill,
Sons = [ann, john, tom] ? ;

F = harry,
Sons = [daniel, july] ? ;
Usage:

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Set is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Template is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
    Generator is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  - The following properties should hold upon exit:
    - Template is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
    - Bag is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - The following properties should hold globally:
    - Template is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)

Meta-predicate with arguments: setof(?,goal,?).

General properties:
True: setof(X,Y,Z)

- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as findall(X,Y,Z). (basic_props:native/2)

**bagof/3:**

**PREDICATE**

**bagof**(Template,Generator,Bag)

Finds all the instances of the Template produced by the Generator, and returns them in the Bag in the order in which they were found. If the Generator contains free variables which are not bound in the Template, it assumes that this is like any other Prolog question and that you want bindings for those variables. This can be avoided by using existential quantifiers on the free variables in front of the Generator, using `~/2`.

Usage:

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Bag is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Template is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
    Generator is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  - The following properties should hold upon exit:
    - Template is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
    - Bag is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - The following properties should hold globally:
    - Template is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)

Meta-predicate with arguments: bagof(?,goal,?).

General properties:
True: bagof(X,Y,Z)
The following properties hold globally:
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as findall(X,Y,Z).
(basic_props:native/2)

findall/3: PREDICATE

findall(Template, Generator, List)

A special case of bagof, where all free variables in the Generator are taken to be existentially quantified. Faster than the other aggregation predicates.

(True) Usage:

Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:
Template is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
Generator is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:
Template is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

The following properties hold globally:
Template is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
All the calls of the form findall(Template,Generator,List) do not fail. (native_props:not_fails/1)
All calls of the form findall(Template,Generator,List) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: findall(?,goal,?).

findall/4: PREDICATE

Usage:
As findall/3, but returning in Tail the tail of List (findall(Template, Generator, List, Tail)).

Call and exit should be compatible with:
Arg3 is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
Arg4 is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:
Arg1 is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
Arg2 is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:
Arg1 is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
Arg3 is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
Arg4 is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

The following properties should hold globally:
Arg1 is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)

Meta-predicate with arguments: findall(?,goal,?,?).
findnsols/4:

findnsols(N,Template,Generator,List)

As findall/3, but generating at most N solutions of Generator. Thus, the length of List will not be greater than N. If N=0, returns directly an empty list. This predicate is especially useful if Generator may have an infinite number of solutions.

Usage:

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - List is a list.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - N is an integer.
  - Template is any term.
  - Generator is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Template is any term.
  - List is a list.

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - Template is not further instantiated.

Meta-predicate with arguments: findnsols(?,?,goal,?).

findnsols/5:

findnsols(N,Template,Generator,List,Tail)

As findnsols/4, but returning in Tail the tail of List.

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - N is an integer.
  - Template is any term.
  - Generator is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Template is any term.
  - Template is not further instantiated.

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - Template is not further instantiated.

Meta-predicate with arguments: findnsols(?,?,goal,?,?).

~/2:

Usage: X^P

Existential quantification: X is existentially quantified in P. E.g., in A^p(A,B), A is existentially quantified. Used only within aggregation predicates. In all other contexts, simply, execute the procedure call P.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - X is a free variable.
  - P is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
Meta-predicate with arguments: (?)-goal.

General properties:
True: _X^Y

- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as call(Y). (basic.props:native/2)

43.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (aggregates)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
Chapter 44: Dynamic predicates

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The package dynamic_clauses provides the assert/retract family of predicates to manipulate dynamic predicates.

The defined predicates allow modification of the program as it is actually running. Clauses can be added to the program (asserted) or removed from the program (retracted), as well as inspected. Note that in Ciao only the dynamic predicates of the current module (or accessible dynamic multifile predicates) can be accessed and modified. This limits the bad impact to global analysis of this dynamic modification of the program. Thus, if dynamic predicates are exported, to be able to inspect or modify them externally some accessing predicates need to be implemented and exported alongside.

For the inspecting/manipulating predicates, the argument which corresponds to the clause head must be instantiated to an atom or a compound term. The argument corresponding to the clause must be instantiated either to a term Head :- Body or, if the body part is empty, to Head. An empty body part is represented as true.

Note that using this library is very detrimental to global analysis, and that for most uses the predicates listed in Chapter 33 [Fast/concurrent update of facts], page 219 suffice.

44.1 Usage and interface (dynamic_rt)

- Library usage:
  To be able to handle dynamic predicates in a module, load the library package dynamic_clauses, either by putting it in the package list of the module or using the use_package/1 directive. Do not load directly in a module, load the library package dynamic_clauses, either by putting it in the package list of the module or using the use_package/1 directive. Do not load directly the dynamic_rt module.

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    asserta/1, asserta/2, assertz/1, assertz/2, assert/1, assert/2, retract/1, retractall/1, abolish/1, clause/2, mfclause/2, current_predicate/1, current_predicate/2, dynamic/1, data/1, wellformed_body/3.
  - Multifiles:
    do_on_abolish/1.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    prolog_sys, iso_misc.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, regtypes.

44.2 Documentation on exports (dynamic_rt)

asserta/1:

Usage: asserta(Clause)

The current instance of Clause is interpreted as a clause and is added to the current program. The predicate concerned must be dynamic. The new clause becomes the first clause for the predicate concerned. Any uninstantiated variables in Clause will be replaced by new private variables.
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The following properties should hold at call time:

- Clause is currently a term which is not a free variable.
- Clause is a well-formed clause

The following properties should hold globally:

- This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

asserta/2:

Usage: asserta(Clause, Ref)

Like asserta/1. Ref is a unique identifier of the asserted clause.

assertz/1:

Usage: assertz(Clause)

Like asserta/1, except that the new clause becomes the last clause for the predicate concerned.

assertz/2:

Usage: assertz(Clause, Ref)

Like assertz/1. Ref is a unique identifier of the asserted clause.

assert/1:

Usage: assert(Clause)

Identical to assertz/1. Included for compatibility.
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The following properties should hold at call time:

- Clause is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- Clause is a well-formed clause  
  (dynamic_rt:clause/1)

The following properties should hold globally:

- This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
  (basic_props:native/1)

assert/2:

Usage: assert(Clause,Ref)

Identical to assertz/2. Included for compatibility.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Clause is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
    (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Ref is a free variable.  
    (term_typing:var/1)
  - Clause is a well-formed clause  
    (dynamic_rt:clause/1)

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
    (basic_props:native/1)

retract/1:

Usage: retract(Clause)

The first clause in the program that matches Clause is erased. The predicate concerned must be dynamic.

The predicate retract/1 may be used in a non-determinate fashion, i.e., it will successively retract clauses matching the argument through backtracking. If reactivated by backtracking, invocations of the predicate whose clauses are being retracted will proceed unaffected by the retracts. This is also true for invocations of clause for the same predicate. The space occupied by a retracted clause will be recovered when instances of the clause are no longer in use.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Clause is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
    (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Clause is a well-formed clause  
    (dynamic_rt:clause/1)

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
    (basic_props:native/1)

retractall/1:

Usage: retractall(Head)

Erase all clauses whose head matches Head, where Head must be instantiated to an atom or a compound term. The predicate concerned must be dynamic. The predicate definition is retained.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Head is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
    (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Head is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
    (basic_props:callable/1)

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
    (basic_props:native/1)
abolish/1:

Usage: abolish(Spec)

Erase all clauses of the predicate specified by the predicate spec Spec. The predicate definition itself is also erased (the predicate is deemed undefined after execution of the abolish). The predicates concerned must all be user defined.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Spec is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Spec is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:
    predname(P/A) :-
    atm(P),
    nnegint(A). (basic_props:predname/1)

- The following properties should hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: abolish(spec).

clause/2:

Usage: clause(Head,Body)

The clause 'Head :- Body' exists in the current module. The predicate concerned must be dynamic.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Head is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Head is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Body is a clause body (dynamic_rt:body/1)
- The following properties should hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

mfclause/2:

Usage: mfclause(Head,Body)

There is a clause 'Head :- Body' of a dynamic multifile predicate accessible from this module.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Head is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Head is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Body is a clause body (dynamic_rt:body/1)
- The following properties should hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
current_predicate/1:
Usage: current_predicate(Spec)
A predicate in the current module is named Spec.
– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Spec is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:
  \[
  \text{predname}(P/A) :-
  \text{atm}(P),
  \text{nnegint}(A).
\]
(basic Props: predname/1)
– The following properties should hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
(basic Props: native/1)

current_predicate/2:
Usage: current_predicate(Spec,Module)
A predicate in Module is named Spec. Module never is an engine module.
– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Spec is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:
  \[
  \text{predname}(P/A) :-
  \text{atm}(P),
  \text{nnegint}(A).
\]
(basic Props: predname/1)
Module is an internal module identifier
(system Info: internal_module_id/1)
– The following properties should hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
(basic Props: native/1)

dynamic/1:
Usage: dynamic Spec
Spec is of the form F/A. The predicate named F with arity A is made dynamic in the current module at runtime (useful for predicate names generated on-the-fly). If the predicate functor name F is uninstatiated, a new, unique, predicate name is generated at runtime.
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Spec is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \[
  \text{predname}(P/A) :-
  \text{atm}(P),
  \text{nnegint}(A).
\]
(basic Props: predname/1)

data/1:
Usage: data Spec
Spec is of the form F/A. The predicate named F with arity A is made data in the current module at runtime (useful for predicate names generated on-the-fly). If the predicate functor name F is uninstatiated, a new, unique, predicate name is generated at runtime.
The following properties should hold at call time:

Spec is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

Spec is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:

\[
\text{predname}(P/A) :- \\
\text{atm}(P), \\
\text{nnegint}(A).
\]

(basic_props:predname/1)

erase/1: PREDICATE

\text{erase(Ref)}

Deletes the clause referenced by \text{Ref}, the identifier obtained by using \text{asserta/2} or \text{assertz/2}.

wellformed_body/3: PREDICATE

\text{wellformed_body(BodyIn,Env,BodyOut)}

BodyIn is a well-formed clause body. BodyOut is its counterpart with no single-variable meta-goals (i.e., with \text{call}(X) for \text{X}). Env denotes if global cuts are admissible in BodyIn (+ if they are, - if they are not).

44.3 Documentation on multifiles (dynamic_rt)

do_on_abolish/1: PREDICATE

\text{do_on_abolish(Head)}

A hook predicate which will be called when the definition of the predicate of \text{Head} is abolished.

(Trust) Usage: \text{do_on_abolish(G)}

– The following properties should hold at call time:

G is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

The predicate is \textit{multifile}.

44.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (dynamic_rt)

• Package dynamic_clauses cannot be loaded into the shell.
45 Term input

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza (modifications and documentation, adapted from SICStus 0.6 code), Manuel Carro (modifications and documentation), Jose F. Morales (modifications for curly blocks, postfix blocks, and doccomments).

This module provides facilities to read terms in Prolog syntax. This is very convenient in many cases (and not only if you are writing a Prolog compiler), because Prolog terms are easy to write and can convey a lot of information in a human-readable fashion.

45.1 Usage and interface (read)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(read)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - read/1, read/2, read_term/2, read_term/3, read_top_level/3, second_prompt/2.
  - Regular Types:
    - read_option/1.
  - Multifiles:
    - define_flag/3.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - tokenize, operators, lists.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, isomodes, define_flag.

45.2 Documentation on exports (read)

read/1: PREDICATE

read(Term)
Like read(Stream,Term) with Stream associated to the current input stream.

Usage:
  - Call and exit should be compatible with:
    - Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - The following properties should hold upon exit:
    - Term is any term. (basic Props:term/1)

read/2: PREDICATE

Usage: read(Stream,Term)
The next term, delimited by a full-stop (i.e., a . followed by either a space or a control character), is read from Stream and is unified with Term. The syntax of the term must agree with current operator declarations. If the end of Stream has been reached, Term is
unified with the term end_of_file. Further calls to read/2 for the same stream will then cause an error, unless the stream is connected to the terminal (in which case a prompt is opened on the terminal).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
  Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

read_term/2:
Usage: read_term(Term,Options)
Like read_term/3, but reading from the current input
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Options is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  Options is a list of read_options. (basic_props:list/2)

read_term/3:
Usage: read_term(Stream,Term,Options)
Reads a Term from Stream with the ISO-Prolog Options. These options can control the behavior of read term (see read_option/1).
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Options is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
  Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  Options is a list of read_options. (basic_props:list/2)

read_top_level/3:
read_top_level(Stream,Data,Variables)
Predicate used to read in the Top Level.

second_prompt/2:
Usage: second_prompt(Old,New)
Changes the prompt (the second prompt, as opposed to the first one, used by the toplevel) used by read/2 and friends to New, and returns the current one in Old.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Old is currently instantiated to an atom. (term_typing:atom/1)
  New is currently instantiated to an atom. (term_typing:atom/1)
read_option/1:

Usage: read_option(Option)

Option is an allowed read_term/[2,3] option. These options are:

- read_option(variables(_V)).
- read_option(variable_names(_N)).
- read_option(singletons(_S)).
- read_option(lines(_StartLine,_EndLine)).
- read_option(dictionary(_Dict)).

They can be used to return the singleton variables in the term, a list of variables, etc.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Option is currently instantiated to an atom.

45.3 Documentation on multifiles (read)

define_flag/3:

Defines flags as follows:

- define_flag(read_hiord,[on,off],off).
- define_flag(read_curly_blocks,[on,off],off).
- define_flag(read_postfix_blocks,[on,off],off).

(See Chapter 32 [Changing system behaviour and various flags], page 213).

If flag is on (it is off by default), a variable followed by a parenthesized lists of arguments is read as a call/N term, except if the variable is anonymous, in which case it is read as an anonymous predicate abstraction head. For example, P(X) is read as call(P,X) and _{(X,Y)} as ’(X,Y).

(Trust) Usage: define_flag(Flag,FlagValues,Default)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Flag is an atom.
  - Define the valid flag values

The predicate is multifile.

45.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (read)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
- The comma cannot be redefined as an operator, it is defined in any case as op(1000, xfy,['_',']').
46 Term output

Author(s): Richard A. O’Keefe (original version), Mats Carlsson (changes), Daniel Cabeza (changes), Manuel Hermenegildo (changes), Manuel Carro (changes).

This library provides different predicates for term output, additional to the kernel predicates display/1-display/2 and displayq/1-displayq/2. All the predicates defined in ISO-Prolog are included, plus other traditionally provided by Prolog Implementations. Output predicates are provided in two versions: one that uses the current output stream and other in which the stream is specified explicitly, as an additional first argument.

46.1 Usage and interface (write)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(write)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - *Predicates:*
    
    - write_term/3, write_term/2, write/2, write/1, writeq/2, writeq/1, write_list/1, write_canonical/2, write_canonical/1, print/2, print/1, printq/2, printq/1, portray_clause/2, portray_clause/1, numbervars/3, prettyvars/1, printable_char/1, write_attribute/1.
  - *Properties:*
    
    - write_option/1.
  - *Multifiles:*
    
    - define_flag/3, portray_attribute/2, portray/1.

- **Imports:**
  - *System library modules:*
    
    - assertions/native_props, operators, sort.
  - *Packages:*
    
    - prelude, nonpure, dcg, assertions, nortchecks, nativeprops, isomodes, define_flag.

46.2 Documentation on exports (write)

write_term/3:

**Usage:** write_term(Stream,Term,OptList)

Outputs the term Term to the stream Stream, with the list of write-options OptList. See write_option/1 type for default options.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - OptList is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
  - Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - OptList is a list of write_options. (basic_props:list/2)

- **The following properties should hold globally:**
  - Stream is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
write_term/2:

Usage: write_term(Term,OptList)

Behaves like current_output(S), write_term(S,Term,OptList).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - OptList is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Term is any term.
  - OptList is a list of write_options.

write_option/1:

Opt is a valid write option which affects the predicate write_term/3 and similar ones. Possible write_options are:

- quoted(bool): If bool is true, atoms and functors that can’t be read back by read_term/3 are quoted, if it is false, each atom and functor is written as its name. Default value is false.
- ignore_ops(flag): If flag is true, each compound term is output in functional notation, if it is ops, curly bracketed notation and list notation is enabled when outputing compound terms, if it is false, also operator notation is enabled when outputing compound terms. Default value is false.
- numbervars(bool): If bool is true, a term of the form '$VAR'(N) where N is an integer, is output as a variable name consisting of a capital letter possibly followed by an integer, a term of the form '$VAR'(Atom) where Atom is an atom, as this atom (without quotes), and a term of the form '$VAR'(String) where String is a character string, as the atom corresponding to this character string. See predicates numbervars/3 and prettyvars/1. If bool is false this cases are not treated in any special way. Default value is false.
- portrayed(bool): If bool is true, then call multifile predicates portray/1 and portray_attribute/2, to provide the user handlers for pretty printing some terms. portray_attribute/2 is called whenever an attributed variable is to be printed, portray/1 is called whenever a non-variable term is to be printed. If either call succeeds, then it is assumed that the term has been output, else it is printed as usual. If bool is false, these predicates are not called. Default value is false. This option is set by the toplevel when writting the final values of variables, and by the debugging package when writting the goals in the tracing messages. Thus you can vary the forms of these messages if you wish.
- max_depth(depth): depth is a positive integer or cero. If it is positive, it denotes the depth limit on printing compound terms. If it is cero, there is no limit. Default value is 0 (no limit).
- priority(prio): prio is an integer between 1 and 1200. If the term to be printed has higher priority than prio, it will be printed parenthesized. Default value is 1200 (no term parenthesized).

Usage: write_option(Opt)

Opt is a valid write option.

write/2:

(Trust) Usage: write(Stream,Term)

Behaves like write_term(Stream, Term, [numbervars(true)]).
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− The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is an open stream.  
  Term is any term.  
− The following properties hold globally:
  Stream is not further instantiated.  
  All calls of the form write(Stream, Term) are deterministic.

write/1:  
(Trust) Usage: write(Term)  
Behaves like current_output(S), write(S, Term).
− The following properties should hold at call time:
  Term is any term.  
− The following properties hold globally:
  All calls of the form write(Term) are deterministic.

writeq/2:  
(Trust) Usage: writeq(Stream, Term)  
Behaves like write_term(Stream, Term, [quoted(true), numvars(true)]).
− The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is an open stream.  
  Term is any term.  
− The following properties hold globally:
  Stream is not further instantiated.  
  All calls of the form writeq(Stream, Term) are deterministic.

writeq/1:  
(Trust) Usage: writeq(Term)  
Behaves like current_output(S), writeq(S, Term).
− The following properties should hold at call time:
  Term is any term.  
− The following properties hold globally:
  All calls of the form writeq(Term) are deterministic.

write_list1/1:  
Usage:  
Writes a list to current output one element in each line.
− The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arg1 is a list.
write_canonical/2:

**PREDICATE**

Usage: write_canonical(Stream, Term)

Behaves like write_term(Stream, Term, [quoted(true), ignore_ops(true)]). The output of this predicate can always be parsed by read_term/2 even if the term contains special characters or if operator declarations have changed.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
  - Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - Stream is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)

write_canonical/1:

**PREDICATE**

Usage: write_canonical(Term)

Behaves like current_output(S), write_canonical(S, Term).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

print/2:

**PREDICATE**

Usage: print(Stream, Term)

Behaves like write_term(Stream, Term, [numbervars(true), portrayed(true)]).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
  - Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - Stream is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)

print/1:

**PREDICATE**

Usage: print(Term)

Behaves like current_output(S), print(S, Term).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

printq/2:

**PREDICATE**

Usage: printq(Stream, Term)

Behaves like write_term(Stream, Term, [quoted(true), numbervars(true), portrayed(true)]).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
  - Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - Stream is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
printq/1: PREDICATE
Usage: printq(Term)
Behaves like current_output(S), printq(S,Term).
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Term is any term.

portray_clause/2: PREDICATE
Usage: portray_clause(Stream,Clause)
Outputs the clause Clause onto Stream, pretty printing its variables and using indentation, including a period at the end. This predicate is used by listing/0.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is an open stream.
  Clause is any term.
- The following properties should hold globally:
  Stream is not further instantiated.

portray_clause/1: PREDICATE
Usage: portray_clause(Clause)
Behaves like current_output(S), portray_clause(S,Term).
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Clause is any term.

numbervars/3: PREDICATE
Usage: numbervars(Term,N,M)
Unifies each of the variables in term Term with a term of the form '$VAR'(I) where I is an integer from N onwards. M is unified with the last integer used plus 1. If the resulting term is output with a write option numbervars(true), in the place of the variables in the original term will be printed a variable name consisting of a capital letter possibly followed by an integer. When N is 0 you will get the variable names A, B, ..., Z, A1, B1, etc.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  N is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  Term is any term.
  N is an integer.
  M is any term.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Term is any term.
  N is an integer.
  M is an integer.
prettyvars/1:  
    Usage: prettyvars(Term)  
Similar to numbervars(Term,0,_), except that singleton variables in Term are uni­fied with '$_VAR'(‘_’), so that when the resulting term is output with a write option numbervars(true), in the place of singleton variables _ is written. This predicate is used by portray_clause/2.  
    The following properties should hold at call time:  
      Term is any term.  
(printable_char/1:  
    Usage: printable_char(Char)  
Char is the code of a character which can be printed.  
    The following properties should hold at call time:  
      Char is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
      Char is an integer which is a character code.  
(write_attribute/1:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.  
46.3 Documentation on multifiles (write)  
define_flag/3:  
    Defines flags as follows:  
      define_flag(write_strings,[on,off],off).  
(See Chapter 32 [Changing system behaviour and various flags], page 213).  
If flag is on, lists which may be written as strings are.  
(Trust) Usage: define_flag(Flag,FlagValues,Default)  
    The following properties hold upon exit:  
      Flag is an atom.  
      Define the valid flag values  
    The predicate is multifile.  
portray_attribute/2:  
    Usage: portray_attribute(Attr,Var)  
A user defined predicate. When an attributed variable Var is about to be printed, this predicate receives the variable and its attribute Attr. The predicate should either print something based on Attr or Var, or do nothing and fail. In the latter case, the default printer (write/1) will print the attributed variable like an unbound variable, e.g. _673.  
    The following properties should hold at call time:  
      Attr is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
      Var is a free variable.  
    The predicate is multifile.
portray/1:  

(Trust) Usage: portray(T)

A user defined predicate. This should either print the Term and succeed, or do nothing and fail. In the latter case, the default printer (write/1) will print the Term.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  T is any term.  

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  T is any term.

The predicate is multifile.

46.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (write)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
47 Defining operators

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza (modifications and documentation, adapted from SICStus 0.6 code), Manuel Carro (modifications and documentation).

Operators allow writing terms in a more clear way than the standard functional notation. Standard operators in Ciao are defined by this predicate (but note that the compiler itself defines more operators at compile time):

```prolog
standard_ops :-
    op(1200, xfx, [:-]),
    op(1200, fx, [:-, ?-]),
    op(1100, xfy, [;]),
    op(1050, xfy, [->]),
    op(1000, xfy, [>, ')]),
    op(900, fy, [+]),
    op(700, xfx, [==, !=, ==, <, >, |>, =, =, =, =, =, =, <, >, >, =]),
    op(550, xfx, [:]),
    op(500, yfx, [+,-, /, \, #]),
    op(500, fy, [++, --]),
    op(400, yfx, [*, /, //, rem, mod, <<, >>]),
    op(200, fy, [+,-, \]),
    op(200, xfx, [**]),
    op(200, xfy, [-]).
```

47.1 Usage and interface (operators)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(operators)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    op/3,
    current_op/3, current_prefixop/3, current_infixop/4, current_postfixop/3, standard_ops/0.
    ```
  - Imports:
    - Packages:
      ```prolog
      prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.
      ```

47.2 Documentation on exports (operators)

op/3: PREDICATE

```prolog
op(Precedence, Type, Name)
```

Declares the atom Name to be an operator of the stated Type and Precedence (0 <= Precedence <= 1200). Name may also be a list of atoms in which case all of them are declared to be operators. If Precedence is 0 then the operator properties of Name (if any) are cancelled. Note that, unlike in ISO-Prolog, it is allowed to define two operators with the same name, one infix and the other postfix.

Usage:
— The following properties should hold at call time:

  Precedence is an integer.  
  Type specifies the type and associativity of an operator.  
  Name is an atom or a list of atoms.  

— The following properties should hold globally:

  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

current_op/3:  
current_op(Precedence, Type, Op)

The atom Op is currently an operator of type Type and precedence Precedence. Neither Op nor the other arguments need be instantiated at the time of the call; i.e., this predicate can be used to generate as well as to test.

Usage:

— Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Precedence is an integer.  
  Type specifies the type and associativity of an operator.  
  Op is an atom.  

— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Precedence is an integer.  
  Type specifies the type and associativity of an operator.  
  Op is an atom.  

— The following properties should hold globally:

  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

current_prefixop/3:  
current_prefixop(Op, Less, Precedence)

Similar to current_op/3, but it concerns only the prefix operators. It returns only one solution. Not a predicate for general use.

Usage:

— Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Op is an atom.  
  Less is an integer.  
  Precedence is an integer.  

— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Op is an atom.  
  Less is an integer.  
  Precedence is an integer.  

— The following properties should hold globally:

  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
**current_infixop/4:**

`current_infixop(Op,LeftLess,Prec,RightLess)`

Similar to `current_op/3`, but it concerns only infix operators. It returns **only one solution**. Not a predicate for general use.

**Usage:**

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - `Op` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `LeftLess` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `Prec` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `RightLess` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - `Op` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `LeftLess` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `Prec` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `RightLess` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

- **The following properties should hold globally:**
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

**current_postfixop/3:**

`current_postfixop(Op,Less,Precedence)`

Similar to `current_op/3`, but it concerns only the postfix operators. It returns **only one solution**. Not a predicate for general use.

**Usage:**

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - `Op` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Less` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `Precedence` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - `Op` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Less` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `Precedence` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

- **The following properties should hold globally:**
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

**standard_ops/0:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.
Chapter 48: The Iso Byte Char module

Author(s): The CLIP Group, Daniel Cabeza, Edison Mera (documentation), Manuel Hermenegildo (minor mods).

This module provides some basic predicates according to the ISO specification of byte and char manipulation.

48.1 Usage and interface (iso_byte_char)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(iso_byte_char)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    char_code/2, atom_chars/2, number_chars/2, char_codes/2, get_byte/1, get_byte/2, peek_byte/1, peek_byte/2, put_byte/1, put_byte/2, get_char/1, get_char/2, peek_char/1, peek_char/2, put_char/1, put_char/2.
    ```
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.
    ```

48.2 Documentation on exports (iso_byte_char)

char_code/2: PREDICATE

char_code(Char, Code)

Succeeds iff the character code of the one char atom \texttt{Char} is \texttt{Code}.

Usage 1:
- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  - Code is an integer which is a character code. \hfill (basic.props:character_code/1)
  - \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
    - Char is an atom. \hfill (basic.props:atm/1)
  - \textit{The following properties should hold upon exit:}
    - Code is an integer which is a character code. \hfill (basic.props:character_code/1)

Usage 2:
- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  - Char is a free variable. \hfill (term.typing:var/1)
  - Code is an integer which is a character code. \hfill (basic.props:character_code/1)
- \textit{The following properties should hold upon exit:}
  - Char is an atom. \hfill (basic.props:atm/1)
atom_chars/2:  

\[ \text{atom_chars(Atom,Chars)} \]

Succeeds iff \text{Chars} is a list whose elements are the one-char atoms whose names are the successive characters of the name of atom \text{Atom}.

**Usage 1:**

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  \text{Chars} is a list of atms.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \text{Atom} is an atom.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \text{Chars} is a list of atms.

**Usage 2:**

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \text{Atom} is a free variable.
  \text{Chars} is a list of atms.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \text{Atom} is an atom.

number_chars/2:  

\[ \text{number_chars(Number,Chars)} \]

Success iff \text{Chars} is a list whose elements are the one-char atoms corresponding to a character sequence of \text{Number} which could be output.

**Usage 1:**

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  \text{Chars} is a list of atms.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \text{Number} is a number.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \text{Chars} is a list of atms.

**Usage 2:**

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \text{Number} is a free variable.
  \text{Chars} is a list of atms.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \text{Number} is a number.

cchar_codes/2:  

**Usage 1:**

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  \text{Arg2} is a list of \text{character_codes}.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \text{Arg1} is a list of atms.
— The following properties should hold upon exit:
   Arg2 is a list of character_codes.

Usage 2:
— The following properties should hold at call time:
   Arg1 is a free variable.
   Arg2 is a list of character_codes.
— The following properties should hold upon exit:
   Arg1 is a list of atms.

get_byte/1:
Usage:
Same as get_byte/2, but use the current input.
— Call and exit should be compatible with:
   Arg1 is an integer.
— The following properties should hold upon exit:
   Arg1 is an integer.

get_byte/2:
get_byte(Stream,Byte)
Is true iff Byte unifies with the next byte to be input from the target Stream.
Usage:
— Call and exit should be compatible with:
   Byte is an integer.
— The following properties should hold at call time:
   Stream is an open stream.
— The following properties should hold upon exit:
   Stream is an open stream.
   Byte is an integer.
— The following properties should hold globally:
   Stream is not further instantiated.

peek_byte/1:
Usage:
Same as peek_byte/2, but use the current input.
— Call and exit should be compatible with:
   Arg1 is an integer.
— The following properties should hold upon exit:
   Arg1 is an integer.
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peek_byte/2:
Usage:
Is true iff \texttt{Byte} unifies with the next byte to be input from the target \texttt{Stream}.

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item Arg2 is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
    \end{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold at call time:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item Arg1 is an open stream. (streams\_basic:stream/1)
    \end{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold upon exit:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item Arg1 is an open stream. (streams\_basic:stream/1)
      \item Arg2 is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
    \end{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold globally:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item Arg1 is not further instantiated. (basic\_props:not\_further\_inst/2)
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

put_byte/1:
Usage:
Same as \texttt{put\_byte/2}, but use the current input.

\begin{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold at call time:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item Arg1 is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

put_byte/2:
\begin{verbatim}
put_byte(Stream,Byte)
\end{verbatim}
Is true. Procedurally, \texttt{put\_byte/2} is executed as follows:
\begin{itemize}
  \item a) Outputs the byte \texttt{Byte} to the target stream.
  \item b) Changes the stream position of the target stream to take account of the byte which has been output.
  \item c) The goal succeeds.
\end{itemize}
Usage:
\begin{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold at call time:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item Stream is an open stream. (streams\_basic:stream/1)
      \item Byte is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
    \end{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold upon exit:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item Stream is an open stream. (streams\_basic:stream/1)
    \end{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold globally:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item Stream is not further instantiated. (basic\_props:not\_further\_inst/2)
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

get_char/1:
Usage:
Same as \texttt{get\_char/2}, but use the current input.

\begin{itemize}
  \item Call and exit should be compatible with:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item Arg1 is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)
    \end{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold upon exit:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item Arg1 is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}
get_char/2:

\[ \text{get_char(Stream,Char)} \]

Is true if \( \text{Char} \) unifies with the next character to be input from the target \( \text{Stream} \).

Usage:

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  - \text{Char} is an atom.
  - \text{Char} is an atom.
- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  - \text{Stream} is an open stream.
  - \text{Stream} is an open stream.
- \textit{The following properties should hold upon exit:}
  - \text{Stream} is an open stream.
  - \text{Char} is an atom.
  - \text{Char} is an atom.
- \textit{The following properties should hold globally:}
  - \text{Stream} is not further instantiated.
  - \text{Stream} is not further instantiated.

peek_char/1:

Usage:

Similar to \text{peek_code/1}, but using char instead of code.

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  - \text{Arg1} is an atom.
- \textit{The following properties should hold upon exit:}
  - \text{Arg1} is an atom.

peek_char/2:

Usage:

Similar to \text{peek_code/2}, but using char instead of code.

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  - \text{Arg2} is an atom.
- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  - \text{Arg1} is an open stream.
- \textit{The following properties should hold upon exit:}
  - \text{Arg1} is an open stream.
  - \text{Arg2} is an open stream.
  - \text{Arg1} is an open stream.
- \textit{The following properties should hold globally:}
  - \text{Arg1} is not further instantiated.
  - \text{Arg1} is not further instantiated.

put_char/1:

Usage:

Similar to \text{put_code/1}, but using char instead of code.

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  - \text{Arg1} is an atom.
**put_char/2:**

Usage:

Similar to `put_code/2`, but using char instead of code.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  `Arg1` is an open stream.
  
  `Arg2` is an atom.

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  `Arg1` is an open stream.

- *The following properties should hold globally:*
  
  `Arg1` is not further instantiated.

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**PREDICATE**

- (streams_basic:stream/1)
- (basic_props:atm/1)
- (streams_basic:stream/1)
- (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
49 Miscellaneous ISO Prolog predicates

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza.
This module implements some miscellaneous ISO Prolog predicates.

49.1 Usage and interface (iso_misc)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(iso_misc)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - once/1, compound/1, sub_atom/5, unify_with_occurs_check/2.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - between.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

49.2 Documentation on exports (iso_misc)

**once/1:**

PREDICATE

```prolog
once(G)
```

Finds the first solution of goal G (if any). once/1 behaves as call/1, except that no further solutions are explored on backtracking.

Usage: 

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - G is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

Meta-predicate with arguments: once(goal).

**compound/1:**

PREDICATE

```prolog
compound(T)
```

T is currently instantiated to a compound term.

Usage: 

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - T is any term.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - T is any term.
  - T is a compound term.
sub_atom/5: PREDICATE

\texttt{sub\_atom(Atom,Before,Length,After,Sub\_atom)}

Is true iff atom \texttt{Atom} can be broken into three pieces, \texttt{AtomL}, \texttt{Sub\_atom} and \texttt{AtomR} such that \texttt{Before} is the number of characters of the name of \texttt{AtomL}, \texttt{Length} is the number of characters of the name of \texttt{Sub\_atom} and \texttt{After} is the number of characters of the name of \texttt{AtomR}

Usage:

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{Before} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
  \item \texttt{Length} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
  \item \texttt{After} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
  \item \texttt{Sub\_atom} is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)
  \end{itemize}

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{Atom} is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)
  \end{itemize}

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{Before} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
  \item \texttt{Length} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
  \item \texttt{After} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
  \item \texttt{Sub\_atom} is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)
  \end{itemize}

unify_with_occurs_check/2: PREDICATE

\texttt{unify\_with\_occurs\_check(X,Y)}

Attempts to compute and apply a most general unifier of the two terms \texttt{X} and \texttt{Y}. Is true iff \texttt{X} and \texttt{Y} are unifiable.

Usage:

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{X} is any term. (basic\_props:term/1)
  \item \texttt{Y} is any term. (basic\_props:term/1)
  \end{itemize}

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{X} is any term. (basic\_props:term/1)
  \item \texttt{Y} is any term. (basic\_props:term/1)
  \end{itemize}

49.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (iso_misc)

- There is a naive implementation of compound/1, perhaps is better to implement it as a builtin – EMM.
50 Incomplete ISO Prolog predicates

Author(s): The CLIP Group.
This module implements some ISO Prolog predicates, but that are not complete yet.

50.1 Usage and interface (iso_incomplete)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  ```prolog```
  `- use_module(library(iso_incomplete)).`
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    `close/2, stream_property/2`.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

50.2 Documentation on exports (iso_incomplete)

close/2:

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog```
  ```prolog```
  `Arg1` is an open stream.
  `iso_incomplete:close_options(Arg2)`
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  ```prolog```
  ```prolog```
  `Arg1` is an open stream.
  `iso_incomplete:close_options(Arg2)`
- The following properties should hold globally:
  ```prolog```
  ```prolog```
  `Arg1` is not further instantiated.
  `Arg2` is not further instantiated.

stream_property/2:

Usage:
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ```prolog```
  ```prolog```
  `Arg1` is an open stream.
  `Arg2` is a valid stream property.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  ```prolog```
  ```prolog```
  `Arg1` is an open stream.
  `Arg2` is a valid stream property.
Author(s): The CLIP Group.

This part documents some Ciao libraries which provide additional predicates and functionalities that, despite not being in the ISO standard, are present in many popular Prolog systems. This includes definite clause grammars (DCGs), “Quintus-style” internal database, list processing predicates, DEC-10 Prolog-style input/output, formatted output, dynamic loading of modules, activation of operators at run-time, etc.
51 Definite Clause Grammars

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

This library package allows the use of DCGs (Definite Clause Grammars) [Col78,PW80] in a Ciao module/program.

Definite clause grammars are an extension of the well-known context-free grammars. Prolog's grammar rules provide a convenient notation for expressing definite clause grammars. A DCG rule in Prolog takes the general form

\[
\text{head} \rightarrow \text{body}.
\]

meaning "a possible form for head is body". Both body and head are sequences of one or more items linked by the standard Prolog conjunction operator ",".

Note: support for phrase/2 and phrase/3 is offered by the dcg/dcg_phrase package. Those predicates may perform code translations at runtime, which in some cases is not desired feature (e.g., make precision of static analysis worse or increasing size of static executables). Thus, we separate by design the static and dynamic behaviours.

Definite clause grammars extend context-free grammars in the following ways:
1. A non-terminal symbol may be any Prolog term (other than a variable or number).
2. A terminal symbol may be any Prolog term. To distinguish terminals from non-terminals, a sequence of one or more terminal symbols is written within a grammar rule as a Prolog list. An empty sequence is written as the empty list \[
\]. If the terminal symbols are ASCII character codes, such lists can be written (as elsewhere) as strings. An empty sequence is written as the empty list, \[
\] or \"\".
3. Extra conditions, in the form of Prolog procedure calls, may be included in the right-hand side of a grammar rule. Such procedure calls are written enclosed in \{\} brackets.
4. The left-hand side of a grammar rule consists of a non-terminal, optionally followed by a sequence of terminals (again written as a Prolog list).
5. Alternatives may be stated explicitly in the right-hand side of a grammar rule, using the disjunction operator ;, or, also, as traditionally in Prolog, using I (which is treated specially when this package is loaded).
6. The cut symbol may be included in the right-hand side of a grammar rule, as in a Prolog clause. The cut symbol does not need to be enclosed in \{\} brackets.

As an example, here is a simple grammar which parses an arithmetic expression (made up of digits and operators) and computes its value.

\[
\text{expr}(Z) \rightarrow \text{term}(X), \text{"+"}, \text{expr}(Y), \{Z \text{ is } X + Y\}.
\]

\[
\text{expr}(Z) \rightarrow \text{term}(X), \text{"-"}, \text{expr}(Y), \{Z \text{ is } X - Y\}.
\]

\[
\text{expr}(X) \rightarrow \text{term}(X).
\]

\[
\text{term}(Z) \rightarrow \text{number}(X), \text{"*"}, \text{term}(Y), \{Z \text{ is } X \times Y\}.
\]

\[
\text{term}(Z) \rightarrow \text{number}(X), \text{"/"}, \text{term}(Y), \{Z \text{ is } X / Y\}.
\]

\[
\text{term}(Z) \rightarrow \text{number}(Z).
\]

\[
\text{number}(C) \rightarrow \text{"+"}, \text{number}(C).
\]

\[
\text{number}(C) \rightarrow \text{"-"}, \text{number}(X), \{C \text{ is } -X\}.
\]

\[
\text{number}(X) \rightarrow [C], \{0'0'=<C, C=<0'9, X \text{ is } C - 0'0\}.
\]

In the last rule, C is the ASCII code of some digit.

The query

\[
?- \text{expr}(Z, \text{"-2+3*5+1"}, []).\]

will compute \(Z=14\). The two extra arguments are explained below.
Now, in fact, grammar rules are merely a convenient “syntactic sugar” for ordinary Prolog clauses. Each grammar rule takes an input string, analyses some initial portion, and produces the remaining portion (possibly enlarged) as output for further analysis. The arguments required for the input and output strings are not written explicitly in a grammar rule, but the syntax implicitly defines them. We now show how to translate grammar rules into ordinary clauses by making explicit the extra arguments.

A rule such as

\[ p(X) \rightarrow q(X). \]

translates into

\[ p(X, S_0, S) \leftarrow q(X, S_0, S). \]

If there is more than one non-terminal on the right-hand side, as in

\[ p(X, Y) \rightarrow q(X), r(X, Y), s(Y). \]

then corresponding input and output arguments are identified, as in

\[ p(X, Y, S_0, S) \leftarrow q(X, S_0, S_1), r(X, Y, S_1, S_2), r(Y, S_2, S). \]

Terminals are translated using the built-in predicate 'C/3 (this predicate is not normally useful in itself; it has been given the name 'C simply to avoid using up a more useful name). Then, for instance

\[ p(X) \rightarrow [\text{go}, \text{to}], q(X), [\text{stop}]. \]

is translated by

\[ p(X, S_0, S) \leftarrow 'C'(S_0, \text{go}, S_1), 'C'(S_1, \text{to}, S_2), q(X, S_2, S_3), 'C'(S_3, \text{stop}, S). \]

Extra conditions expressed as explicit procedure calls naturally translate as themselves, e.g.

\[ p(X) \rightarrow [\text{X}], \{\text{integer(X), X>0}\}, q(X). \]

translates to

\[ p(X, S_0, S) \leftarrow 'C'(S_0, X, S_1), \text{integer}(X), X>0, q(X, S_1, S). \]

Similarly, a cut is translated literally.

Terminals on the left-hand side of a rule translate into an explicit list in the output argument of the main non-terminal, e.g.

\[ \text{is}(N), [\text{not}] \rightarrow [\text{aint}]. \]

becomes

\[ \text{is}(N, S_0, [\text{not}|S]) \leftarrow 'C'(S_0, \text{aint}, S). \]

Disjunction has a fairly obvious translation, e.g.
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\[ \text{args}(X, Y) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{dir}(X), \text{[to]}, \text{indir}(Y) \\ \text{indir}(Y), \text{dir}(X) \end{cases}. \]

translates to

\[ \text{args}(X, Y, S0, S) :\begin{cases} (\text{dir}(X, S0, S1), \\
\quad \text{'C'}(S1, \text{to}, S2), \\
\quad \text{indir}(Y, S2, S) \\
\quad ; \text{indir}(Y, S0, S1), \\
\quad \text{dir}(X, S1, S) \end{cases}. \]

### 51.1 Usage and interface (dcg_doc)

- **Library usage:**
  
  \[ :- \text{use\_package(dcg)}. \]
  
  or
  
  \[ :- \text{module(...,...,[dcg]).} \]

- **Imports:**
  
  - **Packages:**
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
52 Phrase Support for DCGs

Author(s): Jose F. Morales, The CLIP Group.

This library extends the DCG package (dcg) with support for the phrase/2 and phrase/3 predicates.

Those predicates allow the translation and execution of arbitrary terms as DCGs goals at runtime. Those features, are not always desirable, since arbitrary code execution can negatively affect the precision of static analysis and increasing the size of static executables. This package offers a method to include runtime support for DCGs only when necessary.

52.1 Usage and interface (dcg_phrase_doc)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_package(dcg_phrase).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[dcg_phrase]).
  ```
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

52.2 Known bugs and planned improvements (dcg_phrase_doc)

- Runtime support could be included automatically when required. However, detecting if phrase/2 or phrase/3 are necessary is harder. It could be implemented just by detecting if call/N is visible and runtime expansions are required in the module.
53 Formatted output

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

The format family of predicates is due to Quintus Prolog. They act as a Prolog interface to the C stdio function printf(), allowing formatted output.

Output is formatted according to an output pattern which can have either a format control sequence or any other character, which will appear verbatim in the output. Control sequences act as place-holders for the actual terms that will be output. Thus

\[ \text{?- format("Hello ~q!", world).} \]

will print Hello world!.

If there is only one item to print it may be supplied alone. If there are more they have to be given as a list. If there are none then an empty list should be supplied. There has to be as many items as control characters.

The character ~ introduces a control sequence. To print a ~ verbatim just repeat it:

\[ \text{?- format("Hello ~"world!", []).} \]

will result in Hello ~world!.

A format may be spread over several lines. The control sequence \c followed by a \(\text{LF}\) will translate to the empty string:

\[ \text{?- format("Hello \c world!", []).} \]

will result in Hello world!.

53.1 Usage and interface (format)

- **Library usage:**
  
  :~ use_module(library(format)).

- **Exports:**
  
  - **Predicates:**
    
    format/2, format/3, sformat/3, format_to_string/3.
  
  - **Regular Types:**
    
    format_control/1.

- **Imports:**
  
  - **System library modules:**
    
    write, system, assertions/doc_props.
  
  - **Packages:**
    
    prelude, nonpure, dcg, assertions, isomodes.

53.2 Documentation on exports (format)
format/2: PREDICATE
Usage: format(Format,Arguments)
Print Arguments onto current output stream according to format Format.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Format is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with name/2. (format:format_control/I)

General properties:
True: format(C,A)
- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as format(C,A). (basic Props:native/2)

format/3: PREDICATE
Usage: format(Stream,Format,Arguments)
Print Arguments onto Stream according to format Format.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
  Format is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with name/2. (format:format_control/I)

General properties:
True: format(S,C,A)
- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as format(S,C,A). (basic Props:native/2)

sformat/3: PREDICATE
Usage: sformat(String,Format,Arguments)
Same as format_to_string(Format, Arguments, String) (note the different argument order).
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Format is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with name/2. (format:format_control/I)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic Props:string/1)

format_to_string/3: PREDICATE
Usage: format_to_string(Format,Arguments,String)
Print Arguments onto current string String according to format Format. This predicate is similar to the format/2, but the result is stored in a string.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Format is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with name/2. (format:format_control/I)
  Arguments is a list. (basic Props:list/1)
The following properties should hold upon exit:

- **String** is a string (a list of character codes).

format_control/l:

The general format of a control sequence is `~NC`. The character C determines the type of the control sequence. N is an optional numeric argument. An alternative form of N is *. *

* implies that the next argument in Arguments should be used as a numeric argument in the control sequence. Example:

```plaintext
?- format("Hello~4cworld!", [0\'x]).
```

and

```plaintext
?- format("Hello~*cworld!", [4, 0\'x]).
```

both produce

```plaintext
Helloxxxxworld!
```

The following control sequences are available.

- `~a` The argument is an atom. The atom is printed without quoting.
- `~Nc` (Print character.) The argument is a number that will be interpreted as an ASCII code. N defaults to one and is interpreted as the number of times to print the character.
- `~Ne`
- `~NE`
- `~Nf`
- `~Ng`
- `~NG` (Print float). The argument is a float. The float and N will be passed to the C printf() function as

  ```c
  printf("7\%.Ne", Arg)
  printf("7\%.NE", Arg)
  printf("7\%.Nf", Arg)
  printf("7\%.Ng", Arg)
  printf("7\%.NG", Arg)
  ```

  If N is not supplied the action defaults to

  ```c
  printf("7\%e", Arg)
  printf("7\%E", Arg)
  printf("7\%f", Arg)
  printf("7\%g", Arg)
  printf("7\%G", Arg)
  ```

- `~Nd` (Print decimal.) The argument is an integer. N is interpreted as the number of digits after the decimal point. If N is 0 or missing, no decimal point will be printed. Example:

  ```plaintext
  ?- format("Hello ~1d world!", [42]).
  ?- format("Hello ~d world!", [42]).
  ```

  will print as

  ```plaintext
  Hello 4.2 world!
  Hello 42 world!
  ```

  respectively.
- `~ND` (Print decimal.) The argument is an integer. Identical to `~Nd` except that ,, will separate groups of three digits to the left of the decimal point. Example:
?- format("Hello ~1D world!", [12345]).
will print as
   Hello 1,234.5 world!

- ~Nr (Print radix.) The argument is an integer. N is interpreted as a radix. N should
  be >= 2 and <= 36. If N is missing the radix defaults to 8. The letters a-z will denote
digits larger than 9. Example:
  ?: format("Hello ~2r world!", [15]).
  ?: format("Hello ~16r world!", [15]).
will print as
   Hello 1111 world!
   Hello f world!
respectively.

- ~NR (Print radix.) The argument is an integer. Identical to ~Nr except that the
  letters A-Z will denote digits larger than 9. Example:
  ?: format("Hello ~16R world!", [15]).
will print as
   Hello F world!

- ~Ns (Print string.) The argument is a list of ASCII codes. Exactly N characters will
  be printed. N defaults to the length of the string. Example:
  ?: format("Hello ~4s ~4s!", ["new","world"]).
  ?: format("Hello ~s world!", ["new"]).
will print as
   Hello new worl!
   Hello new world!
respectively.

- ~i (Ignore argument.) The argument may be of any type. The argument will be
  ignored. Example:
  ?: format("Hello ~i~s world!", ["old","new"]).
will print as
   Hello new world!

- ~k (Print canonical.) The argument may be of any type. The argument will be passed
to write_canonical/2 (Chapter 46 [Term output], page 285). Example:
  ?: format("Hello ~k world!", [[a,b,c]]).
will print as
   Hello .(a,.(b,.(c,[])))) world!

- ~p (print.) The argument may be of any type. The argument will be passed to
  print/2 (Chapter 46 [Term output], page 285). Example:
suposing the user has defined the predicate
  :- multifile portray/1.
  portray([X|Y]) :- print(cons(X,Y)).
then
  ?: format("Hello ~p world!", [[a,b,c]]).
will print as
   Hello cons(a,cons(b,cons(c,[]))) world!

- ~q (Print quoted.) The argument may be of any type. The argument will be passed
to writeq/2 (Chapter 46 [Term output], page 285). Example:
?- format("Hello ~q world!", [['A','B']].
will print as
Hello ['A','B'] world!

- ~w (write.) The argument may be of any type. The argument will be passed to
  write/2 (Chapter 46 [Term output], page 285). Example:
  ?- format("Hello ~w world!", [['A','B']]).
will print as
Hello [A,B] world!

- ~n (Print newline.) Print N newlines. N defaults to 1. Example:
  ?- format("Hello ~n world!", []).
will print as
Hello
world!

- ~N (Fresh line.) Print a newline, if not already at the beginning of a line.
- ~ (Print tilde.) Prints ~

The following control sequences are also available for compatibility, but do not perform
any useful functions.

- ~N| (Set tab.) Set a tab stop at position N, where N defaults to the current position,
  and advance the current position there.
- ~N+ (Advance tab.) Set a tab stop at N positions past the current position, where N
defaults to 8, and advance the current position there.
- ~Nt (Set fill character.) Set the fill character to be used in the next position movement
to N, where N defaults to $\text{SPC}$. 

Usage: format_control(C)
C is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom
it will be converted into a string with name/2.
- The following properties should hold globally:
  Documentation is still incomplete: format_control(C) may not conform the func-
tionality documented. (doc_props:doc_incomplete/l)

53.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (format)

- format_to_string/3 is extremelly slow in its current implementation. If possible, it writes
  the output to an intermediate file, reads the string, and removes the file. This is not very
  fast. In case there are no permissions, writing is attempted through an internal pipe, which
  may hang if the string is too long (this is O.S. dependant).
Until strings as streams are implemented in Ciao, please consider (the incomplete) format_
to_string.
54 List processing

Author(s): The CLIP Group.
This module provides a set of predicates for list processing.

54.1 Usage and interface (lists)

- Library usage:
  := use_module(library(lists)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    nonsingle/1, append/3, reverse/2, reverse/3, delete/3, delete_non_ground/3,
    select/3, length/2, nth/3, add_after/4, add_before/4, dlist/3, list_concat/2,
    list_insert/2, insert_last/3, contains_ro/2, contains1/2, nocontainsx/2,
    last/2, list_lookup/3, list_lookup/4, intset_insert/3, intset_delete/3,
    intset_in/2, intset_sequence/3, intersection/3, union/3, difference/3,
    equal_lists/2, list_to_list_of_lists/2, powerset/2, cross_product/2,
    sequence_to_list/2.
  - Properties:
    list1/2, sublist/2, subordlist/2.
  - Regular Types:
    list_of_lists/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    assertions/native_props.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, metatypes, hiord, nativeprops.

54.2 Documentation on exports (lists)

nonsingle/1:

Usage: nonsingle(X)
X is not a singleton.

General properties:
Test: nonsingle(A)
nonsingle fails.
  - If the following properties should hold at call time:
    term_basic:A=[a] (term_basic:= /2)
    then the following properties should hold globally:
    Calls of the form nonsingle(A) fail. (native_props:fails/1)

Test: nonsingle(A)
nonsingle succeeds.
If the following properties should hold at call time:
\[ \text{term}_\text{basic}: A = [a, b] \] (term\_basic:= /2)

**append/3:**

**Usage:** append(Xs, Ys, Zs)

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - Xs is a list.
  - Ys is a list.
  - Zs is a list.

**General properties:**

**Check:** append(Xs, Ys, Zs)

Zs is Ys appended to Xs.

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - Xs is a list.

**Check:** append(Xs, Ys, Zs)

- **If the following properties hold at call time:**
  - Xs is a list.
  - Ys is a list.

  **then the following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - Zs is a list.

**Check:** append(Xs, Ys, Zs)

- **If the following properties hold at call time:**
  - Zs is a list.

  **then the following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - Xs is a list.
  - Ys is a list.

**Check:** append(Xs, Ys, Zs)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - The sharing pattern is \[ [[X, Y, Z], [X, Z], [Y, Z]] \].

**Check:** append(Xs, Ys, Zs)

- **If the following properties hold at call time:**
  - Xs is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - Ys is currently ground (it contains no variables).

  **then the following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - Zs is currently ground (it contains no variables).

**Check:** append(Xs, Ys, Zs)

- **If the following properties hold at call time:**
  - Zs is currently ground (it contains no variables).

  **then the following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - Xs is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - Ys is currently ground (it contains no variables).
True: append(Xs,Ys,Zs)
   - The following properties hold globally:
     append(Xs,Ys,Zs) is side-effect free. (basic_props:sideff/2)

True: append(Xs,Ys,Zs)
   - If the following properties hold at call time:
     Xs is a list.
     then the following properties hold globally:
     append(Xs,Ys,Zs) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

True: append(Xs,Ys,Zs)
   - If the following properties hold at call time:
     Zs is a list.
     then the following properties hold globally:
     append(Xs,Ys,Zs) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic_props:eval/1)

Test: append(A,B,C)
Simple call to append
   - If the following properties should hold at call time:
     term_basic:A=[1,2,3]
     term_basic:B=[4,5]
     then the following properties should hold upon exit:
     term_basic:C=[1,2,3,4,5]
     (term_compare:= /2)

Test: append(A,B,X)
Simple append test
   - If the following properties should hold at call time:
     term_basic:L=([(1,2),[1,2,4,5,6]],[1,2,3],[1,2,3,4,5,6])
     term_basic:B=[4,5,6]
     A,X2 is an element of L.
     then the following properties should hold upon exit:
     The terms X and X2 are strictly identical. (term_compare:= /2)

Test: append(A,B,X)
Test of reverse call
   - If the following properties should hold at call time:
     term_basic:X=[1,2,3]
     then the following properties should hold upon exit:
     A,B is an element of \([([1,2],[1,2,3]),([1,2,3],[1,2,3,4,5,6])].\)
     (basic_props:member/2)

Test: append(A,B,X)
Empty test.
   - If the following properties should hold at call time:
     term_basic:A=[]
     term_basic:B=[]
     then the following properties should hold upon exit:
     The terms X and [] are strictly identical. (term_compare:= /2)
Test: append(_A,B,X)
Test of a call that fails
- *If the following properties should hold at call time:*
  term_basic:B=[2]  (term_basic:= /2)
  term_basic:X=[1,2,3]  (term_basic:= /2)
  *then the following properties should hold globally:*
  Calls of the form append(_A,B,X) fail.  (native_props:fails/1)

Test: append(X,Y,Z)
Test of a reverse call.
- *If the following properties should hold at call time:*
  term_basic:Y=[2]  (term_basic:= /2)
  term_basic:Z=[1,2]  (term_basic:= /2)
  *then the following properties should hold upon exit:*
  The terms X and [1] are strictly identical.  (term_compare:== /2)

reverse/2:
Usage: reverse(Xs,Ys)
Reverses the order of elements in Xs.
- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  Xs is a list.  (basic Props:list/1)
  Ys is any term.  (basic Props:term/1)
- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  Xs is a list.  (basic Props:list/1)
  Ys is a list.  (basic Props:list/1)

General properties:
Test: reverse(A,B)
Reverse a list
- *If the following properties should hold at call time:*
  term_basic:A=[1,2,3]  (term_basic:= /2)
  *then the following properties should hold upon exit:*
  term_basic:B=[3,2,1]  (term_basic:= /2)

True:
- *The following properties hold globally:*
  reverse(Arg1,Arg2) is side-effect free.  (basic Props:sideff/2)

True: reverse(Xs,_Ys)
- *If the following properties hold at call time:*
  Xs is a list.  (basic Props:list/1)
  *then the following properties hold globally:*
  reverse(Xs,_Ys) is evaluable at compile-time.  (basic Props:eval/1)
**reverse/3:**

*Usage:* `reverse(A,B,C)`

Reverse the order of elements in A, and append it with B.

**General properties:**

*Test:* `reverse(A,B,C)`

`reverse/3` test

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  
  B is a free variable.

- **If the following properties should hold at call time:**
  
  - term_basic:A=\([1,2,3]\)
  
  *then the following properties should hold upon exit:*  
  
  term_basic:C=\([3,2,1|B]\)

**Trust:**

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  
  `reverse(Arg1,Arg2,Arg3)` is side-effect free.

**True:**

- **If the following properties hold at call time:**
  
  - L1 is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  
  - L2 is currently ground (it contains no variables).

  *then the following properties hold globally:*  
  
  `delete(L1,E,L2)` is evaluable at compile-time.

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**delete/3:**

*Usage:* `delete(L1,E,L2)`

L2 is L1 without the occurrences of E.

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  
  L1 is a list.

  L2 is a list.

**General properties:**

**True:**

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  
  `delete(Arg1,Arg2,Arg3)` is side-effect free.

**True:**

- **If the following properties hold at call time:**
  
  - L1 is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  
  - L2 is currently ground (it contains no variables).

  *then the following properties hold globally:*  
  
  `delete(L1,E,L2)` is evaluable at compile-time.
delete_non_ground/3:

Usage: delete_non_ground(L1,E,L2)

L2 is L1 without the occurrences of E. E can be a nonground term so that all the elements in L1 it unifies with will be deleted

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - L1 is a list.
  - L2 is a list.

General properties:

True:

- The following properties hold globally:
  - delete_non_ground(Arg1,Arg2,Arg3) is side-effect true.

True: delete_non_ground(L1,E,L2)

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  - L1 is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - L2 is currently ground (it contains no variables).

  then the following properties hold globally:
  - delete_non_ground(L1,E,L2) is evaluable at compile-time.

select/3:

Usage: select(X,Xs,Ys)

Xs and Ys have the same elements except for one occurrence of X.

General properties:

True:

- The following properties hold globally:
  - select(Arg1,Arg2,Arg3) is side-effect free.

True: select(X,Xs,Ys)

- If the following properties hold at call time:
  - X is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - Xs is currently ground (it contains no variables).

  then the following properties hold globally:
  - select(X,Xs,Ys) is evaluable at compile-time.

length/2:

Usage 1: length(L,N)

Computes the length of L.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - L is a list.
  - N is a free variable.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - L is a list.
  - N is an integer.
Usage 2: \texttt{length(L,N)}

Outputs \texttt{L} of length \(N\).

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{L} is a free variable.
      \item \texttt{N} is an integer.
    \end{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold upon exit:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{L} is a list.
      \item \texttt{N} is an integer.
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

Usage 3: \texttt{length(L,N)}

Checks that \texttt{L} is of length \(N\).

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{L} is a list.
      \item \texttt{N} is an integer.
    \end{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold upon exit:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{L} is a list.
      \item \texttt{N} is an integer.
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{General properties:}

\textbf{True: \texttt{length(A,B)}}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties hold globally:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{True:}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties hold globally:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{length(Arg1,Arg2)} is side-effect free.
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{True: \texttt{length(L,N)}}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{If the following properties hold at call time:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{L} is a list.
    \end{itemize}
  \item \textit{then the following properties hold globally:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{length(L,N)} is evaluable at compile-time.
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{True: \texttt{length(L,N)}}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{If the following properties hold at call time:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{N} is currently instantiated to an integer.
    \end{itemize}
  \item \textit{then the following properties hold globally:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{length(L,N)} is evaluable at compile-time.
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{nth/3:}

\texttt{nth}(N,List,Elem)

\(N\) is the position in \texttt{List} of \texttt{Elem}. \(N\) counts from one.

\textbf{Usage 1:}

Unifies \texttt{Elem} and the \texttt{N}th element of \texttt{List}.

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item \texttt{List} is a list.
      \item \texttt{Elem} is any term.
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}
-- The following properties should hold at call time:
N is an integer. (basic.props:int/1)

-- The following properties should hold upon exit:
List is a list. (basic.props:list/1)
Elem is any term. (basic.props:term/1)

Usage 2:
Finds the positions where Elem is in List. Positions are found in ascending order.
-- Call and exit should be compatible with:
List is a list. (basic.props:list/1)
Elem is any term. (basic.props:term/1)

-- The following properties should hold at call time:
N is a free variable. (term.typing:var/1)

-- The following properties should hold upon exit:
N is an integer. (basic.props:int/1)
List is a list. (basic.props:list/1)
Elem is any term. (basic.props:term/1)

General properties:
Trust:
-- The following properties hold globally:
nth(N,List,Elem) is side-effect free. (basic.props:sideff/2)

Trust: nth(N,L,E)
-- If the following properties hold at call time:
N is currently instantiated to an integer. (term.typing:integer/1)
then the following properties hold globally:
nth(N,L,E) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic.props:eval/1)

Trust: nth(N,L,E)
-- If the following properties hold at call time:
L is a list. (basic.props:list/1)
then the following properties hold globally:
nth(N,L,E) is evaluable at compile-time. (basic.props:eval/1)

Trust: nth(N,L,E)
-- If the following properties hold at call time:
N is an integer. (basic.props:int/1)
L is a list. (basic.props:list/1)
then the following properties hold globally:
All calls of the form nth(N,L,E) are deterministic. (native.props:is_det/1)

add_after/4: PREDICATE
Usage: add_after(LO,EO,E,L)
Adds element E after element EO (or at end) to list LO returning in L the new list (uses term comparison).
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The following properties should hold at call time:

- LO is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/l)
- EO is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/l)
- E is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/l)
- L is a free variable. (term_typing:var/l)

**add_before/4:**

Usage: add_before(LO,EO,E,L)

Adds element E before element EO (or at start) to list LO returning in L the new list (uses term comparison).

The following properties should hold at call time:

- LO is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/l)
- EO is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/l)
- E is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/l)
- L is a free variable. (term_typing:var/l)

**list1/2:**

Usage: list1(X,Y)

X is a list of Ys of at least one element.

Meta-predicate with arguments: list1(?,(pred 1)).

**dlist/3:**

Usage: dlist(List,DList,Tail)

List is the result of removing Tail from the end of DList (makes a difference list from a list).

**list_concat/2:**

Usage: list_concat(LL,L)

L is the concatenation of all the lists in LL.

The following properties should hold at call time:

- LL is a list. (basic.props:list/2)

The following properties should hold upon exit:

- L is a list. (basic.props:list/1)

**list_insert/2:**

Usage: list_insert(List,Term)

Adds Term to the end of List if there is no element in List identical to Term.

The following properties should hold at call time:

- Term is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/l)
insert_last/3:
Usage: insert_last(L0,E,L)
Adds element E at end of list L0 returning L.
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  L0 is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  E is currently a term which is not a free variable.

contains_ro/2:
Usage:
Impure membership (does not instantiate a variable in its first argument.

contains1/2:
Usage:
First membership.

nocontainsx/2:
Usage: nocontainsx(L,X)
X is not identical to any element of L.

last/2:
Usage: last(L,X)
X is the last element of list L.

list_lookup/3:
Usage: list_lookup(List,Key,Value)
Same as list_lookup/4, but use -/2 as functor.

list_lookup/4:
Usage: list_lookup(List,Functor,Key,Value)
Look up Functor(Key,Value) pair in variable ended key-value pair list L or else add it at the end.

intset_insert/3:
Usage: intset_insert(A,B,Set)
Insert the element B in the ordered set of numbers A.

intset_delete/3:
Usage: intset_delete(A,B,Set)
Delete from the ordered set A the element B.
intset_in/2:  
Usage: intset_in(E,Set)  
Succeeds iff E is element of Set

intset_sequence/3:  
Usage: intset_sequence(N,L1,L2)  
Generates an ordered set of numbers from 0 to N-1, and append it to L1.

intersection/3:  
Usage: intersection(List1,List2,List)  
List has the elements which are both in List1 and List2.  
   The following properties should hold at call time:  
   List1 is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
   List2 is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
   List1 is a list.  
   List2 is a list.  
   The following properties should hold upon exit:  
   List is a list.

union/3:  
Usage: union(List1,List2,List)  
List has the elements which are in List1 followed by the elements which are in List2 but not in List1.  
   The following properties should hold at call time:  
   List1 is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
   List2 is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
   List1 is a list.  
   List2 is a list.  
   The following properties should hold upon exit:  
   List is a list.

difference/3:  
Usage: difference(List1,List2,List)  
List has the elements which are in List1 but not in List2.  
   The following properties should hold at call time:  
   List1 is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
   List2 is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
   List1 is a list.  
   List2 is a list.  
   The following properties should hold upon exit:  
   List is a list.
sublist/2:
Usage: sublist(List1, List2)
List2 contains all the elements of List1.

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  List2 is currently a term which is not a free variable.

subordlist/2:
Usage: subordlist(List1, List2)
List2 contains all the elements of List1 in the same order.

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  List2 is currently a term which is not a free variable.

equal_lists/2:
Usage: equal_lists(List1, List2)
List1 has all the elements of List2, and vice versa.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  List1 is a list.
  List2 is a list.

list_to_list_of_lists/2:
Usage 1: list_to_list_of_lists(List, LList)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  List is a list.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  lists:list_of_lists(LList)

Usage 2: list_to_list_of_lists(List, LList)
LList is the list of one element lists with elements of List.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  lists:list_of_lists(LList)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  List is a list.

powerset/2:
Usage: powerset(List, LList)
LList is the powerset of List, i.e., the list of all lists which have elements of List. If
List is ordered, LList and all its elements are ordered.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  List is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  List is a list.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  lists:list_of_lists(LList)
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**cross_product/2:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:** cross_product(LList, List)

List is the cartesian product of the lists in LList, that is, the list of lists formed with one element of each list in LList, in the same order.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - LList is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - lists:list_of_lists(LList) (lists:list_of_lists/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - lists:list_of_lists(List) (lists:list_of_lists/1)

**sequence_to_list/2:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:** sequence_to_list(Sequence, List)

List is the list of all elements in the (comma-separated) sequence Sequence. The use of this predicate is reversible.

**list_of_lists/1:**

**REGTYPE**

A regular type, defined as follows:

```
list_of_lists([]).
list_of_lists([L|Xs]) :-
  list(L),
  list_of_lists(Xs).
```
55 Sorting lists

Author(s): Richard A. O’Keefe (original version), The CLIP Group (changes and modifications).
This module implements some sorting list predicates.

55.1 Usage and interface (sort)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(sort)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    sort/2, keysort/2.
  - Regular Types:
    keylist/1, keypair/1.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, isomodes.

55.2 Documentation on exports (sort)

sort/2: PREDICATE

\( \text{sort}(\text{List1}, \text{List2}) \)

The elements of \( \text{List1} \) are sorted into the standard order (see Chapter 26 [Comparing terms], page 165) and any identical elements are merged, yielding \( \text{List2} \). The time and space complexity of this operation is at worst \( O(N \log N) \) where \( N \) is the length of \( \text{List1} \).

Usage:
\( \text{List2} \) is the sorted list corresponding to \( \text{List1} \).

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  \( \text{List2} \) is a list. (basic.props:list/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \( \text{List1} \) is a list. (basic.props:list/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \( \text{List2} \) is a list. (basic.props:list/1)
- The following properties should hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic.props:native/1)

General properties:

Test: sort(A,B)

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:A=[1,2,6,5,2,1] (term_basic:=/2)
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  The terms B and [1,2,5,6] are strictly identical. (term.compare:==/2)
True: sort(A,B)
   - If the following properties hold at call time:
     A is a list.
     then the following properties hold globally:
     sort(A,B) is evaluable at compile-time.

True: sort(A,B)
   - The following properties hold globally:
     sort(A,B) is side-effect free.

keysort/2: PREDICATE
keysort(List1,List2)
List1 is sorted into order according to the value of the keys of its elements, yielding the list List2. No merging takes place. This predicate is stable, i.e., if an element A occurs before another element B with the same key in the input, then A will occur before B also in the output. The time and space complexity of this operation is at worst $O(N \log N)$ where N is the length of List1.

Usage:
List2 is the (key-)sorted list corresponding to List1.
   - Call and exit should be compatible with:
     List2 is a list of pairs of the form Key-Value.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     List1 is a list of pairs of the form Key-Value.
   - The following properties should hold upon exit:
     List2 is a list of pairs of the form Key-Value.
   - The following properties should hold globally:
     This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.

keylist/1: REGTYPE
Usage: keylist(L)
L is a list of pairs of the form Key-Value.

keypair/1: REGTYPE
Usage: keypair(P)
P is a pair of the form "K-", where K is considered the key.

55.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (sort)
- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
56 compiler (library)

56.1 Usage and interface (compiler)

- Library usage:
  \[\texttt{:- use_module(library(compiler)).}\]

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - make_po/1, make_wam/1, ensure_loaded/1, ensure_loaded/2, use_module/1, use_module/2, use_module/3, unload/1, set_debug_mode/1, set_nodebug_mode/1, set_debug_module/1, set_nodebug_module/1, set_debug_module_source/1, mode_of_module/2, module_of/2.
  - Imports:
    - System library modules:
      - system, compiler/c_itf_internal, compiler/exemaker.
    - Packages:
      - prelude, nonpure, assertions.

56.2 Documentation on exports (compiler)

- \texttt{make_po/1}:  
  No further documentation available for this predicate.

- \texttt{make_wam/1}: 
  No further documentation available for this predicate.

- \texttt{ensure_loaded/1}: 
  No further documentation available for this predicate.

- \texttt{ensure_loaded/2}: 
  No further documentation available for this predicate.

- \texttt{use_module/1}: 
  No further documentation available for this predicate.

- \texttt{use_module/2}: 
  No further documentation available for this predicate. \textit{Meta-predicate} with arguments: \texttt{use_module(?),addmodule(?)).
**use_module/3:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**unload/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**set_debug_mode/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**set_nodebug_mode/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**set_debug_module/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**set_nodebug_module/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**set_debug_module_source/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**mode_of_module/2:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**module_of/2:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.
57 Enumeration of integers inside a range

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

This module enumerates integers between two numbers, or checks that an integer lies within a range.

57.1 Usage and interface (between)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(between)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    between/3.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

57.2 Documentation on exports (between)

between/3: PREDICATE

Usage: between(Min,Max,N)

N is a number which is greater than or equal to Min and smaller than or equal to Max. Both Min and Max can be either integer or real numbers.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Min is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Max is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Min is a number. (basic_props:num/1)
  - Max is a number. (basic_props:num/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - N is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
58 Operating system utilities

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza, Manuel Carro.

This module contains predicates for invoking services which are typically provided by the operating system. Note that the predicates which take names of files or directories as arguments in this module expect atoms, not path aliases. I.e., generally these predicates will not call absolute_file_name/2 on names of files or directories taken as arguments.

58.1 Usage and interface (system)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(system)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - pause/1, time/1, datime/1, datime/9, getenvstr/2, setenvstr/2, current_env/2, set_env/2, del_env/1, c_errno/1, copy_file/2, copy_file/3, dir_path/2, extract_paths/2, file_dir_name/3, get_pid/1, get_uid/1, get_gid/1, get_pwnam/1, get_grnam/1, get_tmp_dir/1, get_address/2, current_host/1, current_executable/1, umask/2, make_directory/2, make_directory/1, make_dirpath/2, make_dirpath/1, working_directory/2, cd/1, shell/0, shell/2, system/1, system/2, popen/3, exec/4, exec/3, exec/8, wait/3, directory_files/2, mktemp/2, mktemp_in_tmp/2, file_exists/1, file_exists/2, file_property/2, file_properties/6, modif_time/2, modif_time0/2, touch/1, fmode/2, chmod/2, chmod/3, set_exec_mode/2, delete_file/1, delete_directory/1, rename_file/2, using_windows/0, winpath/2, winpath/3, winpath_c/3, cyg2win/3, no_swapslash/3, replace_characters/4, system_error_report/1.
  - Regular Types:
    - datime_struct/1, popen_mode/1.
  - Multifiles:
    - define_flag/3.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - lists.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, isomodes, hiord, regtypes, define_flag.

58.2 Documentation on exports (system)

pause/1: PREDICATE

pause(Seconds)
Make this thread sleep for some Seconds.
(Trust) Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Seconds is an integer. (basic.props:int/1)
time/1: PREDICATE

```
time(Time)

Time is unified with the number of seconds elapsed since January, 1, 1970 (UTC).

(Trust) Usage:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  Time is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Time is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
```

datetime/1: PREDICATE

```
datetime(Datetime)

Datime is unified with a term of the form datime(Year,Month,Day,Hour,Minute,Second) which contains the current date and time.

Usage:
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  system:datetime_struct(Datetime) (system:datetime_struct/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  system:datetime_struct(Datetime) (system:datetime_struct/1)
```

datetime/9: PREDICATE

```
datetime(Time,Year,Month,Day,Hour,Min,Sec,WeekDay,YearDay)

Time is as in time/1. WeekDay is the number of days since Sunday, in the range 0 to 6. YearDay is the number of days since January 1, in the range 0 to 365.

(Trust) Usage 1:
If Time is given, the rest of the arguments are unified with the date and time to which the Time argument refers.
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  Year is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Month is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Day is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Hour is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Min is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Sec is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  WeekDay is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  YearDay is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Time is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Year is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Month is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Day is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Hour is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
```
Min is an integer.  
Sec is an integer.  
WeekDay is an integer.  
YearDay is an integer.

(Trust) Usage 2:
Bound Time, WeekDay and YearDay as determined by the input arguments.
- *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*
  
  Time is an integer.  
  WeekDay is an integer.  
  YearDay is an integer.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  Year is an integer.  
  Month is an integer.  
  Day is an integer.  
  Hour is an integer.  
  Min is an integer.  
  Sec is an integer.

- *The following properties hold upon exit:*
  
  Time is an integer.  
  WeekDay is an integer.  
  YearDay is an integer.

(Trust) Usage 3:
Bound Time to current time and the rest of the arguments refer to current time.
- *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*
  
  WeekDay is an integer.  
  YearDay is an integer.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  Time is a free variable.  
  Year is a free variable.  
  Month is a free variable.  
  Day is a free variable.  
  Hour is a free variable.  
  Min is a free variable.  
  Sec is a free variable.

- *The following properties hold upon exit:*
  
  Time is an integer.  
  Year is an integer.  
  Month is an integer.  
  Day is an integer.  
  Hour is an integer.  
  Min is an integer.  
  Sec is an integer.  
  WeekDay is an integer.  
  YearDay is an integer.
**datetime_struct/1:**
A regular type, defined as follows:

```prolog
datetime_struct(datetime(Year, Month, Day, Hour, Min, Sec)) :-
    int(Year),
    int(Month),
    int(Day),
    int(Hour),
    int(Min),
    int(Sec).
```

**getenvstr/2:**
A regular type, defined as follows:

```prolog
getenvstr(Name, Value)
```

The environment variable **Name** has **Value**. Fails if variable **Name** is not defined.

**Usage:**
- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - Value is a string (a list of character codes).
  ```prolog
  (basic_props:string/1)
  ```
- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - Name is an atom.
  ```prolog
  (basic_props:atm/1)
  ```
- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  - Value is a string (a list of character codes).
  ```prolog
  (basic_props:string/1)
  ```

**setenvstr/2:**
A regular type, defined as follows:

```prolog
setenvstr(Name, Value)
```

The environment variable **Name** is assigned **Value**.

**Usage:**
- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - Name is an atom.
  ```prolog
  (basic_props:atm/1)
  ```
  - Value is a string (a list of character codes).
  ```prolog
  (basic_props:string/1)
  ```

**current_env/2:**
A regular type, defined as follows:

```prolog
current_env(Name, Value)
```

If **Name** is an atom, then unifies the environment variable **Name** with its value. Note that this predicate can be used to enumerate all the environment variables using backtracking.

**Usage:**
- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - Name is an atom.
  ```prolog
  (basic_props:atm/1)
  ```
  - Value is an atom.
  ```prolog
  (basic_props:atm/1)
  ```
- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  - Name is an atom.
  ```prolog
  (basic_props:atm/1)
  ```
  - Value is an atom.
  ```prolog
  (basic_props:atm/1)
  ```
set_env/2:

set_env(Name, Value)
The environment variable Name is assigned Value.

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Name is an atom.
  - Value is an atom.

del_env/1:

del_env(Name)
The environment variable Name is removed.

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Name is an atom.

c_errno/1:

(Trust) Usage:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - Arg1 is an integer.
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Arg1 is an integer.

copy_file/2:

copy_file(Source, Destination)
Copies the file Source to Destination.

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Source is an atom.
  - Destination is an atom.

copy_file/3:

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Arg1 is an atom.
  - Arg2 is an atom.
  - system:copy_options(Arg3)

dir_path/2:

No further documentation available for this predicate.
extract_paths/2:

```
extract_paths(String, Paths)
```

Interpret `String` as the value of a UNIX environment variable holding a list of paths and return in `Paths` the list of the paths. Paths in `String` are separated by colons, and an empty path is considered a shorthand for '.' (current path). The most typical environment variable with this format is PATH. For example, this is a typical use:

```
?- set_prolog_flag(write_strings, on).

yes
?- getenvstr('PATH', PATH), extract_paths(PATH, Paths).

PATH = "/home/bardo/bin:/home/clip/bin:/opt/bin/:/bin",
Paths = [".", "/home/bardo/bin", "/home/clip/bin", "/opt/bin/", "/bin"]
```

yes

Usage:

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - `Paths` is a list of strings.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `String` is a string (a list of character codes).

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - `Paths` is a list of strings.

file_dir_name/3:

```
file_dir_name(File, Dir, Name)
```

Discomposes a given `File` in its directory and name.

(True) Usage:

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - `File` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Dir` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Name` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - `File` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Dir` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Name` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

get_pid/1:

```
get_pid(Pid)
```

Unifies `Pid` with the process identifierator of the current process or thread.

(Trust) Usage:

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - `Pid` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - `Pid` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
get_uid/1:  
get_uid(Uid)  
Unifies $Uid$ with the user id of the current process.  
(Trust) Usage:  
  – *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*  
    $Uid$ is an integer.  
  – *The following properties hold upon exit:*  
    $Uid$ is an integer.

get_gid/1:  
get_gid(Uid)  
Unifies $Gid$ with the group id of the current process.  
(Trust) Usage:  
  – *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*  
    $Uid$ is an integer.  
  – *The following properties hold upon exit:*  
    $Uid$ is an integer.

get_pwnam/1:  
get_pwnam(User)  
Unifies User with the user of the current process, as specified in the /etc/passwd file.  
(Trust) Usage:  
  – *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*  
    User is an atom.  
  – *The following properties hold upon exit:*  
    User is an atom.

get_grnam/1:  
get_grnam(Group)  
Unifies Group with the group of the current process, as specified in the /etc/group file.  
(Trust) Usage:  
  – *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*  
    Group is an atom.  
  – *The following properties hold upon exit:*  
    Group is an atom.

get_tmp_dir/1:  
Usage: get_tmp_dir(TmpDir)  
Gets the directory name used to store temporary files. In Unix is /tmp, in Windows is determined by the $TMP$ environment variable.
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The following properties should hold at call time:
- \textbf{TmpDir} is a free variable.

The following properties should hold upon exit:
- \textbf{TmpDir} is an atom.

\textbf{get\_address/2:}
No further documentation available for this predicate.

\textbf{current\_host/1:}
\textbf{current\_host(Hostname)}
\textbf{Hostname} is unified with the fully qualified name of the host.
(Trust) Usage:
- \textit{Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:}
  \textbf{Hostname} is an atom.
- \textit{The following properties hold upon exit:}
  \textbf{Hostname} is an atom.

\textbf{current\_executable/1:}
\textbf{current\_executable(Path)}
Unifies \textbf{Path} with the path to the current executable.
(Trust) Usage:
- \textit{Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:}
  \textbf{Path} is an atom.
- \textit{The following properties hold upon exit:}
  \textbf{Path} is an atom.

\textbf{umask/2:}
(Trust) Usage 1: \textbf{umask(Old\_Mask,New\_Mask)}
The process file creation mask was \textbf{Old\_Mask}, and it is changed to \textbf{New\_Mask}.
- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \textbf{New\_Mask} is an integer.
- \textit{The following properties hold upon exit:}
  \textbf{Old\_Mask} is an integer.

(Trust) Usage 2: \textbf{umask(Old\_Mask,New\_Mask)}
Gets the process file creation mask without changing it.
- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \textbf{Old\_Mask} is a free variable.
  \textbf{New\_Mask} is a free variable.
  The terms \textbf{Old\_Mask} and \textbf{New\_Mask} are strictly identical.
- \textit{The following properties hold upon exit:}
  \textbf{Old\_Mask} is an integer.
  \textbf{New\_Mask} is an integer.
**make_directory/2:**

```
make_directory(DirName,Mode)
```

Creates the directory `DirName` with a given `Mode`. This is, as usual, operated against the current umask value.

(Trust) Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  DirName is an atom. (basic Props:atm/l)
  
  Mode is an integer. (basic Props:int/l)

**make_directory/1:**

```
make_directory(DirName)
```

Equivalent to `make_directory(D,0o777)`.

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  DirName is an atom. (basic Props:atm/l)

**make_dirpath/2:**

```
make_dirpath(Path,Mode)
```

Creates the whole `Path` for a given directory with a given `Mode`. As an example, `make_dirpath('/tmp/var/mydir/otherdir')`.

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Path is a source name. (streams Props:sourcename/l)
  
  Mode is an integer. (basic Props:int/l)

**make_dirpath/1:**

```
make_dirpath(Path)
```

Equivalent to `make_dirpath(D,0o777)`.

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Path is an atom. (basic Props:atm/l)

**working_directory/2:**

```
working_directory(OldDir,NewDir)
```

Unifies current working directory with `OldDir`, and then changes the working directory to `NewDir`. Calling `working_directory(Dir,Dir)` simply unifies `Dir` with the current working directory without changing anything else.

(Trust) Usage 1:

Changes current working directory.

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  
  OldDir is an atom. (basic Props:atm/l)
The following properties should hold at call time:
\[ \text{NewDir is an atom.} \] (basic_props:atm/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:
\[ \text{OldDir is an atom.} \] (basic_props:atm/1)

(Trust) Usage 2: \texttt{working_directory(OldDir,NewDir)}

Gets current working directory.

The following properties should hold at call time:
\[ \text{OldDir is a free variable.} \] (term_typing:var/1)
\[ \text{NewDir is a free variable.} \] (term_typing:var/1)
\[ \text{The terms OldDir and NewDir are strictly identical.} \] (term_compare:== /2)

The following properties hold upon exit:
\[ \text{OldDir is an atom.} \] (basic_props:atm/1)
\[ \text{NewDir is an atom.} \] (basic_props:atm/1)

\texttt{cd/1:}

\texttt{cd(Path)}

Changes working directory to \texttt{Path}.

Usage:

The following properties should hold at call time:
\[ \text{Path is an atom.} \] (basic_props:atm/1)

\texttt{shell/0:}

(Trust) Usage:

Execs the shell specified by the environment variable \texttt{SHELL}. When the shell process terminates, control is returned to Prolog.

\texttt{shell/1:}

\texttt{shell(Command)}

\texttt{Command} is executed in the shell specified by the environment variable \texttt{SHELL}. It succeeds if the exit code is zero and fails otherwise.

Usage:

The following properties should hold at call time:
\[ \text{Command is an atom.} \] (basic_props:atm/1)

\texttt{shell/2:}

\texttt{shell(Command,ReturnCode)}

Executes \texttt{Command} in the shell specified by the environment variable \texttt{SHELL} and stores the exit code in \texttt{ReturnCode}.

(Trust) Usage:

The following properties should hold at call time:
\[ \text{ReturnCode is an integer.} \] (basic_props:int/1)
The following properties should hold at call time:
Command is an atom.  

The following properties hold upon exit:
ReturnCode is an integer.

system/1:  PREDICATE
system(Command)
Executes Command using the shell /bin/sh.

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Command is an atom.

system/2:  PREDICATE
system(Command,ReturnStatus)
Executes Command in the /bin/sh shell and stores the return status in ReturnStatus.
Note that the exit code is masked as the low order 8 bits of the return status:
ReturnCode is (ReturnStatus \ 0xFF00) >> 8.

(Trust) Usage:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  ReturnStatus is an integer.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Command is an atom.
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  ReturnStatus is an integer.

popen/3:  PREDICATE
popen(Command,Mode,Stream)
Open a pipe to process Command in a new shell with a given Mode and return a communication Stream (as in UNIX `popen(3)`). If Mode is read the output from the process is sent to Stream. If Mode is write, Stream is sent as input to the process. Stream may be read from or written into using the ordinary stream I/O predicates. Stream must be closed explicitly using close/1, i.e., it is not closed automatically when the process dies.
Note that `popen/2` is defined in ***x as using /bin/sh, which usually does not exist in Windows systems. In this case, a sh shell which comes with Windows is used.

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Command is an atom.
  Mode is ‘read’ or ‘write’.
  Stream is a free variable.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Stream is an open stream.
popen_mode/1:  
Usage: popen_mode(M)  
M is 'read' or 'write'.

exec/4:  
Usage: exec(Command, StdIn, StdOut, StdErr)  
execute a program and returns the standart I/O streams of the process in StdIn,StdOut, and StdErr. If Command contains blank spaces, these are taken as separators between a program name (the first chunk of contiguous non-blank characters) and options for the program (the subsequent contiguous pieces of non-blank characters), as in exec('ls -1Ra ./sibling_dir', In, Out, Err).

Usage:  
- The following properties should hold at call time:  
  Command is an atom.  
  StdIn is a free variable.  
  StdOut is a free variable.  
  StdErr is a free variable.  
- The following properties should hold upon exit:  
  StdIn is an open stream.  
  StdOut is an open stream.  
  StdErr is an open stream.

exec/3:  
Usage: exec(Command, StdIn, StdOut)  
execute a program and returns the standart I/O streams of the process in StdIn and StdOut. Standard error is connected to whichever the parent process had it connected to. Command is treated and split in components as in exec/4.

Usage:  
- The following properties should hold at call time:  
  Command is an atom.  
  StdIn is a free variable.  
  StdOut is a free variable.  
- The following properties should hold upon exit:  
  StdIn is an open stream.  
  StdOut is an open stream.

exec/8:  
Usage: exec(Command, Arguments, StdIn, StdOut, StdErr, Background, PID, ErrCode)  
exec/8 gives a finer control on execution of process. Command is the command to be executed and Arguments is a list of atoms to be passed as arguments to the command. When called with free variables, StdIn, StdOut, and StdErr are instantiated to streams connected to the standard output, input, and error of the created process. Background controls whether the caller waits for Command to finish, or if the process executing Command
is completely detached (it can be waited for using \texttt{wait/3}). \texttt{ErrCode} is the error code returned by the lower-level \texttt{exec()} system call (this return code is system-dependent, but a non-zero value usually means that something has gone wrong). If \texttt{Command} does not start by a slash, \texttt{exec/8} uses the environment variable \texttt{PATH} to search for it. If \texttt{PATH} is not set, \texttt{/bin} and \texttt{/usr/bin} are searched.

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  - \texttt{Command} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  - \texttt{Arguments} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  - \texttt{Background} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  - \texttt{PID} is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)
  - \texttt{ErrCode} is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)
  - \texttt{Command} is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)
  - \texttt{Arguments} is a list of atms. (basic\_props:list/2)
  - \texttt{Background} is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)

- \textit{The following properties should hold upon exit:}
  - \texttt{StdIn} is an open stream. (streams\_basic:stream/1)
  - \texttt{StdOut} is an open stream. (streams\_basic:stream/1)
  - \texttt{StdErr} is an open stream. (streams\_basic:stream/1)
  - \texttt{PID} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
  - \texttt{ErrCode} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)

\texttt{wait/3:} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

(Trust) Usage: \texttt{wait(Pid,RetCode,Status)}

\texttt{wait/3} waits for the process numbered \texttt{Pid}. If \texttt{PID} equals -1, it will wait for any children process. \texttt{RetCode} is usually the PID of the waited-for process, and -1 in case in case of error. \texttt{Status} is related to the exit value of the process in a system-dependent fashion.

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  - \texttt{Pid} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  - \texttt{RetCode} is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)
  - \texttt{Status} is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)
  - \texttt{Pid} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
  - \texttt{RetCode} is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)
  - \texttt{Status} is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)

- \textit{The following properties hold upon exit:}
  - \texttt{RetCode} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)
  - \texttt{Status} is an integer. (basic\_props:int/1)

\texttt{directory\_files/2:} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

directory\_files(Directory,FileList)

FileList is the unordered list of entries (files, directories, etc.) in \texttt{Directory}.

(Trust) Usage:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - FileList is a list of atms. (basic\_props:list/2)
The following properties should hold at call time:
Directory is an atom.

The following properties hold upon exit:
FileList is a list of atms.

**mktemp/2:**

`mktemp(Template,Filename)`

Returns a unique `Filename` based on `Template`: `Template` must be a valid file name with six trailing X, which are substituted to create a new file name. `Filename` is created in read/write mode but closed immediately after creation.

(Trust) Usage:
– Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  `Filename` is an atom.
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  `Template` is an atom.
– The following properties hold upon exit:
  `Filename` is an atom.

**mktemp_in_tmp/2:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**file_exists/1:**

`file_exists(File)`

Succeeds if `File` (a file or directory) exists (and is accessible).

Usage:
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  `File` is an atom.

**file_exists/2:**

`file_exists(File,Mode)`

`File` (a file or directory) exists and it is accessible with `Mode`, as in the Unix call `access(2)`. Typically, `Mode` is 4 for read permission, 2 for write permission and 1 for execute permission.

(Trust) Usage:
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  `File` is an atom.
  `Mode` is an integer.
– The following properties hold upon exit:
  `File` is an atom.
  `Mode` is an integer.
file_property/2:  

file_property(File,Property)  
File has the property Property. The possible properties are:  

type(Type)  
Type is one of regular, directory, fifo, socket or unknown.  

linkto(Linkto)  
If File is a symbolic link, Linkto is the file pointed to by the link (and the other properties come from that file, not from the link itself).  

mod_time(ModTime)  
ModTime is the time of last modification (seconds since January, 1, 1970).  

mode(Protection)  
Protection is the protection mode.  

size(Size)  
Size is the size.  

If Property is uninstantiated, the predicate will enumerate the properties on backtracking.  

Usage:  
– Call and exit should be compatible with:  
  Property is a compound term.  
  (basic.props:struct/1)  
– The following properties should hold at call time:  
  File is an atom.  
  (basic.props:atm/1)  
– The following properties should hold upon exit:  
  Property is a compound term.  
  (basic.props:struct/1)
The following properties hold upon exit:

- **Type** is an atom.  
- **Linkto** is an atom.  
- **Time** is an integer.  
- **Protection** is an integer.  
- **Size** is an integer.

**modif_time/2:**

`modif_time(File,Time)`

The file `File` was last modified at `Time`, which is in seconds since January, 1, 1970. Fails if `File` does not exist.

**Usage:**

- `Call and exit should be compatible with:`
  - `Time` is an integer.  

- `The following properties should hold at call time:`
  - `File` is an atom.  

- `The following properties should hold upon exit:`
  - `Time` is an integer.

**modif_time0/2:**

`modif_time0(File,Time)`

If `File` exists, `Time` is its latest modification time, as in `modif_time/2`. Otherwise, if `File` does not exist, `Time` is zero.

**Usage:**

- `Call and exit should be compatible with:`
  - `Time` is an integer.  

- `The following properties should hold at call time:`
  - `File` is an atom.  

- `The following properties should hold upon exit:`
  - `Time` is an integer.

**touch/1:**

`touch(File)`

Change the modification time of `File` to the current time of day. If the file does not exist, it is created with default permissions.

**Note:** This operation cannot be fully implemented with `modif_time/2`. In POSIX systems, that can be done as long as the user has write permissions on the file, even if the owner is different. Change of modification time to arbitrary time values is not allowed in this case.

**Usage:**

- `The following properties should hold at call time:`
  - `File` is an atom.
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fmode/2:
fmode(File,Mode)
The file File has protection mode Mode.
Usage:
  - *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
    Mode is an integer.
  - *The following properties should hold at call time:*
    File is an atom.
  - *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
    Mode is an integer.

chmod/2:
chmod(File,NewMode)
Change the protection mode of file File to NewMode.
(Trust) Usage:
  - *The following properties should hold at call time:*
    File is an atom.
    NewMode is an integer.

chmod/3:
chmod(File,OldMode,NewMode)
The file File has protection mode OldMode and it is changed to NewMode.
Usage 1:
  - *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
    OldMode is an integer.
  - *The following properties should hold at call time:*
    File is an atom.
    NewMode is an integer.
  - *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
    OldMode is an integer.

Usage 2: chmod(File,OldMode,NewMode)
If OldMode is identical to NewMode then it is equivalent to fmode(File,OldMode)
  - *The following properties should hold at call time:*
    File is an atom.
    OldMode is a free variable.
    NewMode is a free variable.
  - *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
    File is an atom.
set_exec_mode/2:  

\[
\text{set_exec_mode(SourceName,ExecName)}
\]

Copies the permissions of \texttt{SourceName} to \texttt{ExecName} adding permissions to execute.

(\text{True}) Usage:

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
    \begin{align*}
    \text{SourceName} & \text{ is an atom.} & \text{(basic Props: atm/l)} \\
    \text{ExecName} & \text{ is an atom.} & \text{(basic Props: atm/l)}
    \end{align*}
\end{itemize}

delete_file/1:  

\[
\text{delete_file(File)}
\]

Delete the file \texttt{File}.

(\text{Trust}) Usage:

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
    \begin{align*}
    \text{File} & \text{ is an atom.} & \text{(basic Props: atm/l)}
    \end{align*}
\end{itemize}

delete_directory/1:  

\[
\text{delete_directory(File)}
\]

Delete the directory \texttt{Directory}.

(\text{Trust}) Usage:

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
    \begin{align*}
    \text{File} & \text{ is an atom.} & \text{(basic Props: atm/l)}
    \end{align*}
\end{itemize}

rename_file/2:  

\[
\text{rename_file(File1,File2)}
\]

Change the name of \texttt{File1} to \texttt{File2}.

(\text{Trust}) Usage:

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
    \begin{align*}
    \text{File1} & \text{ is an atom.} & \text{(basic Props: atm/l)} \\
    \text{File2} & \text{ is an atom.} & \text{(basic Props: atm/l)}
    \end{align*}
\end{itemize}

using_windows/0:  

(\text{True}) Usage:

Success if the operating system is using windows instead of a posix operating system (which includes cygwin under windows). To do this, we look at the CIAOSCR\textsc{ipt} environment variable, so if it is defined we suppose we are inside a posix operating system (and not windows).

winpath/2:  

\text{Usage 1: winpath(A,B)}
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— The following properties should hold at call time:
  A is an atom.
  B is a free variable.

— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  A is an atom.
  B is an atom.

Usage 2: winpath(A,B)

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  A is a free variable.
  B is an atom.

— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  A is an atom.
  B is an atom.

Usage 3: winpath(A,B)

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  A is an atom.
  B is an atom.

— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  A is an atom.
  B is an atom.

winpath/3: PREDICATE

winpath(Option,Posix,WinPath)

Option specifies if you want to get a relative or a full path. Posix represent a path as usual in unix, and WinPath is the Windows-Style representation of Posix.

Usage 1:

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Option is a free variable.
  Posix is a free variable.
  WinPath is an atom.

— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  system:winpath_option(Option)
  Posix is an atom.

Usage 2:

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Option is a free variable.
  Posix is an atom.
  WinPath is a free variable.

— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  system:winpath_option(Option)
  WinPath is an atom.
winpath_c/3:
   Same as winpath/3, but for strings.

cyg2win/3:
   Usage: cyg2win(CygWinPath,WindowsPath,SwapSlash)
   Converts a posix path to a Windows-style path. If SwapSlash is swap, slashes are converted to backslash. If it is noswap, they are preserved.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     CygWinPath is a string (a list of character codes).
     WindowsPath is a free variable.
     SwapSlash is currently instantiated to an atom.
   - The following properties should hold upon exit:
     CygWinPath is a string (a list of character codes).
     WindowsPath is a string (a list of character codes).
     SwapSlash is currently instantiated to an atom.

no_swapslash/3:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

replace_characters/4:
   replace_characters(String,SearchChar,ReplaceChar,Output)
   Replaces all the occurrences of SearchChar by ReplaceChar and unifies the result with Output

system_error_report/1:
   Usage: system_error_report(Report)
   Report is the error message from the last system call, like strerror in POSIX.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     Report is a free variable.
   - The following properties should hold upon exit:
     Report is an atom.

58.3 Documentation on multifiles (system)

define_flag/3:
   (Trust) Usage: define_flag(Flag,FlagValues,Default)
   - The following properties hold upon exit:
     Flag is an atom.
     Define the valid flag values
     The predicate is multifile.
58.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (system)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.

- In some situations, copy_file don’t work when the second argument is a directory, example: copy_file( ’site/ciaopp_online.html’ , ”distdir, yes),

- shell/n commands have a bug in Windows: if the environment variable SHELL is instantiated to some Windows shell implementation, then it is very possible that shell/{1,2} will not work, as it is always called with the -c flag to start the user command. For example, COMMAND.COM might need the flag /C – but there is no way to know a priori which command line option is necessary for every shell! It does not seems usual that Windows sets the SHELL environment variable: if it is not set, we set it up at startup time to point to the sh.exe provided with Ciao, which is able to start Windows applications. Therefore, ?- shell(’command.com’). just works.

- If exec/4 does not find the command to be executed, there is no visible error message: it is sent to a error output which has already been assigned to a different stream, disconnected from the one the user sees.
59 Prolog system internal predicates

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This module implements some miscellaneous predicates which provide access to some internal statistics, special properties of the predicates, etc.

59.1 Usage and interface (prolog_sys)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(prolog_sys)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    statistics/0, statistics/2, new_atom/1, predicate_property/2, predicate_property/3, current_atom/1, garbage_collect/0.
    ```
  - Regular Types:
    ```prolog
    clockfreq_result/1, tick_result/1, symbol_result/1, gc_result/1, memory_result/1, time_result/1, symbol_option/1, garbage_collection_option/1, memory_option/1, clockfreq_option/1, tick_option/1, time_option/1.
    ```

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.
    ```

59.2 Documentation on exports (prolog_sys)

statistics/0: PREDICATE

(Trust) Usage:
Prints statistics about the system.

statistics/2: PREDICATE

Usage 1: statistics(Tick_option,Tick_result)
Gather information about clock ticks (either run, user, system or wall tick) since last consult or since start of program. A tick is the smallest amount of time that a clock can measure.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Options to get information about execution ticks.  
  ```prolog
  Tick_result is any term.  
  ```

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Options to get information about execution ticks.  
  ```prolog
  Tick_result is a two-element list of numbers. The first number is the number of ticks since the start of the execution; the second number is the number of ticks since the previous consult to tick.  
  ```
Usage 2: `statistics(Clockfreq_option,Clockfreq_result)`
Gather information about frequency of the clocks used to measure the ticks (either run-
user, system or wall clock). Results are returned in hertz. This value also can be defined
as the amount of ticks that a clock can measure in one second.
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Options to get information about the frequency of clocks used to get the ticks. (pro-
  log_sys:clockfreq_option/1)
  `Clockfreq_result` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  Options to get information about the frequency of clocks used to get the ticks. (pro-
  log_sys:clockfreq_option/1)
  `Clockfreq_result` is a number. It gives the frequency in hertz used by the clock get
  the ticks. (prolog_sys:clockfreq_result/1)

Usage 3: `statistics(Time_option,Time_result)`
Gather information about time (either process time or wall time) since last consult or
since start of program. Results are returned in milliseconds. Note that internally, time is
calculated as:

\[
\text{Time\_result} = \frac{\text{Tick\_result}}{\text{Clockfreq\_result}} \times 1000
\]
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Options to get information about execution time. `Time\_option` must be one of
  runtime, usertime, systemtime or walltime. (prolog_sys:time_option/1)
  `Time_result` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  Options to get information about execution time. `Time\_option` must be one of
  runtime, usertime, systemtime or walltime. (prolog_sys:time_option/1)
  `Time\_result` is a two-element list of numbers. The first number is the time since the
  start of the execution; the second number is the time since the previous consult to
time. (prolog_sys:time_result/1)

Usage 4: `statistics(Memory_option,Memory_result)`
Gather information about memory consumption.
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Options to get information about memory usage. (prolog_sys:memory_option/1)
  `Memory_result` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  Options to get information about memory usage. (prolog_sys:memory_option/1)
  Result is a two-element list of integers. The first element is the space taken up by
  the option selected, measured in bytes; the second integer is zero for program space
  (which grows as necessary), and the amount of free space otherwise. (pro-
  log_sys:memory\_result/1)

Usage 5: `statistics(Garbage_collection_option,Gc_result)`
Gather information about garbage collection.
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Options to get information about garbage collection. (pro-
  log_sys:garbage\_collection\_option/1)
  `Gc\_result` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
The following properties should hold upon exit:
Options to get information about garbage collection. (prolog_sys:garbage_collection_option/1)

Gc_result is a tree-element list of integers, related to garbage collection and memory management. When stack_shifts is selected, the first one is the number of shifts (reallocations) of the local stack; the second is the number of shifts of the trail, and the third is the time spent in these shifts. When garbage_collection is selected, the numbers are, respectively, the number of garbage collections performed, the number of bytes freed, and the time spent in garbage collection. (prolog_sys:gc_result/1)

Usage 6: statistics(Symbol_option,Symbol_result)
Gather information about number of symbols and predicates.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Option to get information about the number of symbols in the program. (prolog_sys:symbol_option/1)
  Symbol_result is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Option to get information about the number of symbols in the program. (prolog_sys:symbol_result/1)
  Symbol_result is a two-element list of integers. The first one is the number of atom, functor, and predicate names in the symbol table. The second is the number of predicates known to be defined (although maybe without clauses). (prolog_sys:symbol_result/1)

Usage 7: statistics(Option,Arg2)
If Option is unbound, it is bound to the values on the other cases.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Arg2 is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Arg2 is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

clockfreq_result/1: REGTYPE
(True) Usage: clockfreq_result(Result)
Result is a number. It gives the frequency in hertz used by the clock get the ticks.

tick_result/1: REGTYPE
(True) Usage: tick_result(Result)
Result is a two-element list of numbers. The first number is the number of ticks since the start of the execution; the second number is the number of ticks since the previous consult to tick.

new_atom/1: PREDICATE
(Trust) Usage: new_atom(Atom)
Returns, on success, a new atom, not existing before in the system. The entry argument must be a variable. The idea behind this atom generation is to provide a fast source of identifiers for new objects, concurrent predicates, etc. on the fly.
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The following properties should hold at call time:
Atom is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:
Atom is an atom. (basic Props:atm/1)

symbol_result/1: REGTYPE
( True) Usage: symbol_result(Result)
Result is a two-element list of integers. The first one is the number of atom, functor, and predicate names in the symbol table. The second is the number of predicates known to be defined (although maybe without clauses).

gc_result/1: REGTYPE
( True) Usage: gc_result(Result)
Result is a tree-element list of integers, related to garbage collection and memory management. When stack shifts is selected, the first one is the number of shifts (reallocations) of the local stack; the second is the number of shifts of the trail, and the third is the time spent in these shifts. When garbage collection is selected, the numbers are, respectively, the number of garbage collections performed, the number of bytes freed, and the time spent in garbage collection.

memory_result/1: REGTYPE
( True) Usage: memory_result(Result)
Result is a two-element list of integers. The first element is the space taken up by the option selected, measured in bytes; the second integer is zero for program space (which grows as necessary), and the amount of free space otherwise.

time_result/1: REGTYPE
( True) Usage: time_result(Result)
Result is a two-element list of numbers. The first number is the time since the start of the execution; the second number is the time since the previous consult to time.

symbol_option/1: REGTYPE
( True) Usage: symbol_option(M)
Option to get information about the number of symbols in the program.

garbage_collection_option/1: REGTYPE
( True) Usage: garbage_collection_option(M)
Options to get information about garbage collection.
memory_option/1:  REGTYPE
  (True) Usage: memory_option(M)
  Options to get information about memory usage.

clockfreq_option/1:  REGTYPE
  (True) Usage: clockfreq_option(M)
  Options to get information about the frequency of clocks used to get the ticks.
	
tick_option/1:  REGTYPE
  (True) Usage: tick_option(M)
  Options to get information about execution ticks.

time_option/1:  REGTYPE
  (True) Usage: time_option(M)
  Options to get information about execution time. M must be one of runtime, usertime, systemtime or walltime.
	predicate_property/2:  PREDICATE
  Usage: predicate_property(Head,Property)
  The predicate Head, visible from the current module, (a goal) has the property Property.
  – The following properties should hold upon exit:
    Head is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/l)
    Property is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  General properties:
  Test: predicate_property(Head,Prop)
  Predicate property of true/0 is compiled
  – If the following properties should hold at call time:
    term_basic:Head=true (term_basic:= /2)
    then the following properties should hold upon exit:
    term_basic:Prop=compiled (term_basic:= /2)
	predicate_property/3:  PREDICATE
  No further documentation available for this predicate.

current_atom/1:  PREDICATE
  (Trust) Usage: current_atom(Atom)
  Enumerates on backtracking all the existing atoms in the system.
  – The following properties hold upon exit:
    Atom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
garbage_collect/0:  
(Trust) Usage:
Forces garbage collection when called.

59.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (prolog_sys)

- The space used by the process is not measured here: process data, code, and stack also take up memory. The memory reported for atoms is not what is actually used, but the space used up by the hash table (which is enlarged as needed).
- The predicate predicate_property/2 needs more work:
  - Efficiency: In order to be complete and efficient, this needs to be a built-in predicate of our module system. Consulting predicate properties does not seem a dangerous operation (except that, when it cannot be resolved at compile-time, it prevents removal of module runtime information).
  - Correctness: The head is automatically module-expanded on call. If the head is not module-expanded, there are consistency problems. Other systems avoid those problems by disallowing the import of two predicates with the same name from different modules. That is clearly not a solution in Ciao.
  - Implement a '$predicate_property'/2 where the module can be specified. That will simplify the predicate_property/2 implementation
60 DEC-10 Prolog file IO

This module implements the support for DEC-10 Prolog style file I/O.

60.1 Usage and interface (dec10_io)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(dec10_io)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    
    ```prolog
    see/1, seeing/1, seen/0, tell/1, telling/1, told/0, close_file/1.
    ```
  - **Imports:**
    - **Packages:**
      
      ```prolog
      prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes.
      ```

60.2 Documentation on exports (dec10_io)

**see/1:**

Usage: see(File)

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  ```prolog
  File is currently instantiated to an atom.
  ```

**seeing/1:**

Usage: seeing(File)

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  ```prolog
  File is currently instantiated to an atom.
  ```

**seen/0:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**tell/1:**

Usage: tell(File)

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  ```prolog
  File is currently instantiated to an atom.
  ```

**telling/1:**

Usage: telling(File)

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  ```prolog
  File is currently instantiated to an atom.
  ```
told/0:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

close_file/1:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.
Chapter 61: Quintus-like internal database

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

The predicates described in this section were introduced in early implementations of Prolog to provide efficient means of performing operations on large quantities of data. The introduction of indexed dynamic predicates have rendered these predicates obsolete, and the sole purpose of providing them is to support existing code. There is no reason whatsoever to use them in new code.

These predicates store arbitrary terms in the database without interfering with the clauses which make up the program. The terms which are stored in this way can subsequently be retrieved via the key on which they were stored. Many terms may be stored on the same key, and they can be individually accessed by pattern matching. Alternatively, access can be achieved via a special identifier which uniquely identifies each recorded term and which is returned when the term is stored.

61.1 Usage and interface (old_database)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(old_database)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    recorda/3, recordz/3, recorded/3, current_key/2.
    ```

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.
    ```

61.2 Documentation on exports (old_database)

recorda/3: PREDICATE

```prolog
recorda(Key,Term,Ref)
```

The term Term is recorded in the internal database as the first item for the key Key, where Ref is its implementation-defined identifier. The key must be given, and only its principal functor is significant. Any uninstantiated variables in the Term will be replaced by new private variables, along with copies of any subgoals blocked on these variables.

Usage: recorda(Key,Term,Ref)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Key is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Ref is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- The following properties should hold globally:
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

recordz/3: PREDICATE

```prolog
recordz(Key,Term,Ref)
```

Like recorda/3, except that the new term becomes the last item for the key Key.

Usage: recordz(Key,Term,Ref)
The following properties should hold at call time:

Key is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Ref is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties should hold globally:
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

**recorded/3:**

```
recorded(Key,Term,Ref)
```

The internal database is searched for terms recorded under the key Key. These terms are successively unified with Term in the order they occur in the database. At the same time, Ref is unified with the implementation-defined identifier uniquely identifying the recorded item. If the key is instantiated to a compound term, only its principal functor is significant. If the key is uninstantiated, all terms in the database are successively unified with Term in the order they occur.

**Usage:** recorded(Key,Term,Ref)

The following properties should hold globally:
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

**current_key/2:**

```
current_key(KeyName,KeyTerm)
```

KeyTerm is the most general form of the key for a currently recorded term, and KeyName is the name of that key. This predicate can be used to enumerate in undefined order all keys for currently recorded terms through backtracking.

**Usage:** current_key(Name,Key)

The following properties should hold globally:
This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
62 ttyout (library)

62.1 Usage and interface (ttyout)

- **Library usage:**
  :- use_module(library(ttyout)).

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    ttyget, ttyget1, ttynl, ttyput, ttyskip, ttytab, ttyflush, ttydisplay, ttydisplayq, ttyskipeol, ttydisplay_string.

- **Imports:**
  - **Packages:**
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

62.2 Documentation on exports (ttyout)

ttyget/1: **PREDICATE**

Usage: ttyget(X)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  X is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

- The following properties should hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

ttyget1/1: **PREDICATE**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

ttynl/0: **PREDICATE**

True:

- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

ttyput/1: **PREDICATE**

Usage: ttyput(X)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  X is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

- The following properties should hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
ttyskip/1:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

ttytab/1:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

ttyflush/0:
   True:
      The following properties hold globally:
      This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

ttydisplay/1:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

ttydisplayq/1:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

ttyskipeol/0:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

ttydisplay_string/1:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.
63 Enabling operators at run-time

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This library package allows the use of the statically defined operators of a module for the reading performed at run-time by the program that uses the module. Simply by using this package the operator definitions appearing in the module are enabled during the execution of the program.

63.1 Usage and interface (runtime_ops_doc)

- Library usage:
  
  ```
  :- use_package(runtime_ops).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[runtime_ops]).
  ```

- Imports:
  
  - *System library modules:*
    
    operators.
  - *Packages:*
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
PART V - Assertions, Properties, Types, Modes, Comments (assertions)

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Ciao allows annotating the program code with assertions. Such assertions include type and instantiation mode declarations, but also more general properties as well as comments for autodocumentation in the literate programming style. These assertions document predicates (and modules and whole applications) and can be used by the Ciao preprocessor/compiler while debugging and optimizing the program or library, and by the Ciao documenter to build program or library reference manuals.
64 The Ciao assertion package

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The assertions package adds a number of new declaration definitions and new operator definitions which allow including program assertions in user programs. Such assertions can be used to describe predicates, properties, modules, applications, etc. These descriptions can contain formal specifications (such as sets of preconditions, post-conditions, or descriptions of computations) as well as machine-readable textual comments.

This module is part of the assertions library. It defines the basic code-related assertions, i.e., those intended to be used mainly by compilation-related tools, such as the static analyzer or the run-time test generator.

Giving specifications for predicates and other program elements is the main functionality documented here. The exact syntax of comments is described in the autodocumenter (lpdoc [Knu84,Her99]) manual, although some support for adding machine-readable comments in assertions is also mentioned here.

There are two kinds of assertions: predicate assertions and program point assertions. All predicate assertions are currently placed as directives in the source code, i.e., preceded by “:-”. Program point assertions are placed as goals in clause bodies.

64.1 More info

The facilities provided by the library are documented in the description of its component modules. This documentation is intended to provide information only at a “reference manual” level. For a more tutorial introduction to the subject and some more examples please see [PBH00]. The assertion language implemented in this library is modeled after this design document, although, due to implementation issues, it may differ in some details. The purpose of this manual is to document precisely what the implementation of the library supports at any given point in time.

64.2 Some attention points

- Formatting commands within text strings: many of the predicates defined in these modules include arguments intended for providing textual information. This includes titles, descriptions, comments, etc. The type of this argument is a character string. In order for the automatic generation of documentation to work correctly, this character string should adhere to certain conventions. See the description of the docstring/1 type/grammar for details.

- Referring to variables: In order for the automatic documentation system to work correctly, variable names (for example, when referring to arguments in the head patterns of pred declarations) must be surrounded by an @var command. For example, @var{VariableName} should be used for referring to the variable “VariableName”, which will appear then formatted as follows: VariableName. See the description of the docstring/1 type/grammar for details.
64.3 Usage and interface (assertions_doc)

- Library usage:
  The recommended procedure in order to make use of assertions in user programs is to include the assertions syntax library, using one of the following declarations, as appropriate:
  
  ```prolog
  :- module(...,...,[assertions]).
  :- use_package([assertions]).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    check/1, trust/1, true/1, false/1.

- New operators defined:
  `=>/2`, `:/2`, `decl/1`, `decl/2`, `pred/1`, `pred/2`, `prop/1`, `prop/2`, `modedef/1`, `calls/1`, `calls/2`, `success/1`, `success/2`, `test/1`, `test/2`, `texec/1`, `texec/2`, `comp/1`, `comp/2`, `entry/1`, `exit/1`, `exit/2`.

- New declarations defined:
  `pred/1`, `pred/2`, `texec/1`, `texec/2`, `calls/1`, `calls/2`, `success/1`, `success/2`, `test/1`, `test/2`, `comp/1`, `comp/2`, `prop/1`, `prop/2`, `entry/1`, `exit/1`, `exit/2`, `modedef/1`, `decl/1`, `decl/2`, `doc/2`, `comment/2`.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    `assertions/assertions_props`.
  - Packages:
    `prelude`, `nonpure`.

64.4 Documentation on new declarations (assertions_doc)

`pred/1`:

**DECLARATION**

This assertion provides information on a predicate. The body of the assertion (its only argument) contains properties or comments in the formats defined by `assert_body/1`.

More than one of these assertions may appear per predicate, in which case each one represents a possible "mode" of use (usage) of the predicate. The exact scope of the usage is defined by the properties given for calls in the body of each assertion (which should thus distinguish the different usages intended). All of them together cover all possible modes of usage.

For example, the following assertions describe (all the and the only) modes of usage of predicate `length/2` (see lists):

```prolog
:- pred length(L,N) : list * var => list * integer
# "Computes the length of L.".
:- pred length(L,N) : var * integer => list * integer
# "Outputs L of length N.".
:- pred length(L,N) : list * integer => list * integer
# "Checks that L is of length N.".
```
Usage: :- pred AssertionBody.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     AssertionBody is an assertion body. (assertions.props:assrt_body/1)

pred/2: DECLARATION
This assertion is similar to a pred/1 assertion but it is explicitly qualified. Non-qualified pred/1 assertions are assumed the qualifier check.
Usage: :- AssertionStatus pred AssertionBody.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     AssertionStatus is an acceptable status for an assertion. (assertions.props:assrt_status/1)
     AssertionBody is an assertion body. (assertions.props:assrt_body/1)

texec/1: DECLARATION
This assertion is similar to a calls/1 assertion but it is used to provide input data and execution commands to the unit-test driver.
Usage: :- texec AssertionBody.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     AssertionBody is a call assertion body. (assertions.props:c_assrt_body/1)

texec/2: DECLARATION
This assertion is similar to a texec/1 assertion but it is explicitly qualified with an assertion status. Non-qualified texec/1 assertions are assumed to have check status.
Usage: :- AssertionStatus texec AssertionBody.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     AssertionStatus is an acceptable status for an assertion. (assertions.props:assrt_status/1)
     AssertionBody is a call assertion body. (assertions.props:c_assrt_body/1)
calls/1: DECLARATION
This assertion is similar to a pred/1 assertion but it only provides information about the calls to a predicate. If one or several calls assertions are given they are understood to describe all possible calls to the predicate.
For example, the following assertion describes all possible calls to predicate is/2 (see arithmetic):
   :- calls is(term, arithexpression).

Usage: :- calls AssertionBody.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     AssertionBody is a call assertion body. (assertions.props:c_assrt_body/1)
calls/2: DECLARATION
This assertion is similar to a calls/1 assertion but it is explicitly qualified with an assertion status. Non-qualified calls/1 assertions are assumed to have check status.
Usage: :- AssertionStatus calls AssertionBody.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     AssertionStatus is an acceptable status for an assertion.  (assertions_props:assrt_status/l)
     AssertionBody is a call assertion body.  (assertions_props:c_assrt_body/l)

success/1: DECLARATION
This assertion is similar to a pred/1 assertion but it only provides information about the answers to a predicate. The described answers might be conditioned to a particular way of calling the predicate.
For example, the following assertion specifies the answers of the length/2 predicate if it is called as in the first mode of usage above (note that the previous pred assertion already conveys such information, however it also compelled the predicate calls, while the success assertion does not):
   :- success length(L,N) : list * var => list * integer.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     AssertionBody is a predicate assertion body.  (assertions_props:s_assrt_body/l)

success/2: DECLARATION
success assertion This assertion is similar to a success/1 assertion but it is explicitly qualified with an assertion status. The status of non-qualified success/1 assertions is assumed to be check.
Usage: :- AssertionStatus success AssertionBody.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     AssertionStatus is an acceptable status for an assertion.  (assertions_props:assrt_status/l)
     AssertionBody is a predicate assertion body.  (assertions_props:s_assrt_body/l)

test/1: DECLARATION
This assertion is similar to a success assertion but it specifies a concrete test case to be run in order verify (partially) that the predicate is working as expected. For example, the following test will verify that the length predicate works well for the particular list given:
   :- test length(L,N) : ( L = [1,2,5,2] ) => ( N = 4 ).
Usage: :- test AssertionBody.
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     AssertionBody is a predicate assertion body.  (assertions_props:s_assrt_body/l)
**test/2:**

This assertion is similar to a test/1 assertion but it is explicitly qualified with an assertion status. Non-qualified test/1 assertions are assumed to have check status. In this context, check means that the test should be executed when the developer runs the test battery.

**Usage:** :- AssertionStatus test AssertionBody.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - AssertionStatus is an acceptable status for an assertion.  
    (assertions_props:assrt_status/l)
  -AssertionBody is a predicate assertion body.  
    (assertions_props:s_assrt_body/l)

**comp/1:**

This assertion is similar to a pred/1 assertion but it only provides information about the global execution properties of a predicate (note that such kind of information is also conveyed by pred assertions). The described properties might be conditioned to a particular way of calling the predicate.

For example, the following assertion specifies that the computation of `append/3` (see `lists`) will not fail if it is called as described (but does not compel the predicate to be called that way):

```
:- comp append(Xs,Ys,Zs) : var * var * var + not_fail.
```

**Usage:** :- comp AssertionBody.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  -AssertionBody is a comp assertion body.  
    (assertions_props:g_assrt_body/l)

**comp/2:**

This assertion is similar to a comp/1 assertion but it is explicitly qualified. Non-qualified comp/1 assertions are assumed the qualifier check.

**Usage:** :- AssertionStatus comp AssertionBody.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - AssertionStatus is an acceptable status for an assertion.  
    (assertions_props:assrt_status/l)
  -AssertionBody is a comp assertion body.  
    (assertions_props:g_assrt_body/l)

**prop/1:**

This assertion is similar to a pred/1 assertion but it flags that the predicate being documented is also a “property.” Properties are standard predicates, but which are *guaranteed to terminate for any possible instantiation state of their argument(s)*, do not perform side-effects which may interfere with the program behaviour, and do not further instantiate their arguments or add new constraints.

Provided the above holds, properties can thus be safely used as run-time checks. The program transformation used in `ciaoapp` for run-time checking guarantees the third requirement. It also performs some basic checks on properties which in most cases are enough for the second requirement. However, it is the user’s responsibility to guarantee
termination of the properties defined. (See also Chapter 66 [Declaring regular types], page 395 for some considerations applicable to writing properties.)

The set of properties is thus a strict subset of the set of predicates. Note that properties can be used to describe characteristics of arguments in assertions and they can also be executed (called) as any other predicates.

Usage: :- prop AssertionBody.

-The following properties should hold at call time:

  AssertionBody is an assertion body. (assertions Props:assert_body/1)

prop/2: DECLARATION

This assertion is similar to a prop/1 assertion but it is explicitly qualified. Non-qualified prop/1 assertions are assumed the qualifier check.

Usage: :- AssertionStatus prop AssertionBody.

-The following properties should hold at call time:

  AssertionStatus is an acceptable status for an assertion. (assertions Props:assert_status/1)
  AssertionBody is an assertion body. (assertions Props:assert_body/1)

entry/1: DECLARATION

This assertion provides information about the external calls to a predicate. It is identical syntactically to a calls/1 assertion. However, they describe only external calls, i.e., calls to the exported predicates of a module from outside the module, or calls to the predicates in a non-modular file from other files (or the user).

These assertions are trusted by the compiler. As a result, if their descriptions are erroneous they can introduce bugs in programs. Thus, entry/1 assertions should be written with care.

An important use of these assertions is in providing information to the compiler which it may not be able to infer from the program. The main use is in providing information on the ways in which exported predicates of a module will be called from outside the module. This will greatly improve the precision of the analyzer, which otherwise has to assume that the arguments that exported predicates receive are any arbitrary term.

Usage: :- entry AssertionBody.

-The following properties should hold at call time:

  AssertionBody is a call assertion body. (assertions Props:c assert_body/1)

exit/1: DECLARATION

This type of assertion provides information about the answers that an (exported) predicate provides for external calls. It is identical syntactically to a success/1 assertion. However, it describes only external answers, i.e., answers to the exported predicates of a module from outside the module, or answers to the predicates in a non-modular file from other files (or the user). The described answers may be conditioned to a particular way of calling the predicate. E.g.:

  :- exit length(L,N) : list * var => list * integer.

Usage: :- exit AssertionBody.
The following properties should hold at call time:
AssertionBody is a predicate assertion body. (assertions_props:s_assrt_body/1)

exit/2: DECLARATION
exit assertion This assertion is similar to an exit/1 assertion but it is explicitly qualified with an assertion status. Non-qualified exit/1 assertions are assumed the qualifier check.
Usage: :- AssertionStatus exit AssertionBody.

modedef/1: DECLARATION
This assertion is used to define modes. A mode defines in a compact way a set of call and success properties. Once defined, modes can be applied to predicate arguments in assertions. The meaning of this application is that the call and success properties defined by the mode hold for the argument to which the mode is applied. Thus, a mode is conceptually a “property macro”.
The syntax of mode definitions is similar to that of pred declarations. For example, the following set of assertions:

```prolog
:- modedef +A : nonvar(A) # "A is bound upon predicate entry.".

:- pred p(+A,B) : integer(A) => ground(B).
```
is equivalent to:

```prolog
:- pred p(A,B) : (nonvar(A),integer(A)) => ground(B) # "A is bound upon predicate entry.".
```
Usage: :- modedef AssertionBody.

decl/1: DECLARATION
This assertion is similar to a pred/1 assertion but it is used for declarations instead than for predicates.
Usage: :- decl AssertionBody.

decl/2: DECLARATION
This assertion is similar to a decl/1 assertion but it is explicitly qualified. Non-qualified decl/1 assertions are assumed the qualifier check.
Usage: :- AssertionStatus decl AssertionBody.
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**doc/2:**

**Usage:** :- doc(Pred,Comment).

Documentation. This assertion provides a text Comment for a given predicate Pred.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `Pred` is a head pattern. (assertions_props:head_pattern/1)
  - `Comment` is a text comment with admissible documentation commands. The usual formatting commands that are applicable in comment strings are defined by `stringcommand/1`. See the lpdoc manual for documentation on comments. (assertions_props:docstring/1)

**comment/2:**

**Usage:** :- comment(Pred,Comment).

An alias for `doc/2` (deprecated, for compatibility with older versions).

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `Pred` is a head pattern. (assertions_props:head_pattern/1)
  - `Comment` is a text comment with admissible documentation commands. The usual formatting commands that are applicable in comment strings are defined by `stringcommand/1`. See the lpdoc manual for documentation on comments. (assertions_props:docstring/1)

64.5 Documentation on exports (assertions_doc)

**check/1:**

**Usage:** check(PropertyConjunction)

This assertion provides information on a clause program point (position in the body of a clause). Calls to a `check/1` assertion can appear in the body of a clause in any place where a literal can normally appear. The property defined by `PropertyConjunction` should hold in all the run-time stores corresponding to that program point. See also Chapter 70 [Run-time checking of assertions], page 419.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `PropertyConjunction` is either a term or a *conjunction* of terms. The main functor and arity of each of those terms corresponds to the definition of a property. The first argument of each such term is a variable which appears as a head argument. (assertions_props:property_conjunction/1)

**trust/1:**

**Usage:** trust(PropertyConjunction)

This assertion also provides information on a clause program point. It is identical syntactically to a `check/1` assertion. However, the properties stated are not taken as something to be checked but are instead *trusted* by the compiler. While the compiler may in some cases detect an inconsistency between a `trust/1` assertion and the program, in all other cases the information given in the assertion will be taken to be true. As a result, if these assertions are erroneous they can introduce bugs in programs. Thus, `trust/1` assertions should be written with care.

An important use of these assertions is in providing information to the compiler which it may not be able to infer from the program (either because the information is not
present or because the analyzer being used is not precise enough). In particular, providing information on external predicates which may not be accessible at the time of compiling the module can greatly improve the precision of the analyzer. This can be easily done with trust assertion.

— The following properties should hold at call time:

PropertyConjunction is either a term or a conjunction of terms. The main functor and arity of each of those terms corresponds to the definition of a property. The first argument of each such term is a variable which appears as a head argument.

(assertions_props:property_conjunction/1)

true/1:  

Usage: true(PropertyConjunction)  

This assertion is identical syntactically to a check/1 assertion. However, the properties stated have been proved to hold by the analyzer. Thus, these assertions often represent the analyzer output.

— The following properties should hold at call time:

PropertyConjunction is either a term or a conjunction of terms. The main functor and arity of each of those terms corresponds to the definition of a property. The first argument of each such term is a variable which appears as a head argument.

(assertions_props:property_conjunction/1)

false/1:  

Usage: false(PropertyConjunction)  

This assertion is identical syntactically to a check/1 assertion. However, the properties stated have been proved not to hold by the analyzer. Thus, these assertions often represent the analyzer output.

— The following properties should hold at call time:

PropertyConjunction is either a term or a conjunction of terms. The main functor and arity of each of those terms corresponds to the definition of a property. The first argument of each such term is a variable which appears as a head argument.

(assertions_props:property_conjunction/1)
65 Types and properties related to assertions

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This module is part of the **assertions** library. It provides the formal definition of the syntax of several forms of assertions and describes their meaning. It does so by defining types and properties related to the assertions themselves. The text describes, for example, the overall fields which are admissible in the bodies of assertions, where properties can be used inside these bodies, how to combine properties for a given predicate argument (e.g., conjunctions), etc., and provides some examples.

65.1 Usage and interface (**assertions_props**)

- **Library usage:**
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(assertions_props)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - **Properties:**
    - head_pattern/1, nabody/1, docstring/1.
  - **Regular Types:**
    - assrt_body/1, complex_arg_property/1, property_conjunction/1, property_startterm/1, complex_goal_property/1, dictionary/1, c_assrt_body/1, s_assrt_body/1, g_assrt_body/1, assrt_status/1, assrt_type/1, predfunctor/1, propfunctor/1.

- **Imports:**
  - **Packages:**
    - prelude, nonpure, dcg, assertions, regtypes.

65.2 Documentation on exports (**assertions_props**)

**assrt_body/1:**

This predicate defines the different types of syntax admissible in the bodies of pred/1, decl/1, etc., assertions. Such a body is of the form:

```
Pr [: DP] [: CP] [= AP] [+ GP] [# CO]
```

where (fields between [...] are optional):

- **Pr** is a head pattern (head_pattern/1) which describes the predicate or property and possibly gives some implicit call/answer information.
- **DP** is a (possibly empty) complex argument property (complex_arg_property/1) which expresses properties which are compatible with the predicate, i.e., instantiations made by the predicate are compatible with the properties in the sense that applying the property at any point would not make it fail.
- **CP** is a (possibly empty) complex argument property (complex_arg_property/1) which applies to the calls to the predicate.
- **AP** is a (possibly empty) complex argument property (complex_arg_property/1) which applies to the answers to the predicate (if the predicate succeeds). These only apply if the (possibly empty) properties given for calls in the assertion hold.
• GP is a (possibly empty) complex goal property (\texttt{complex\_goal\_property/1}) which applies to the \textit{whole execution} of a call to the predicate. These only apply if the (possibly empty) properties given for calls in the assertion hold.

• CG is a comment string (\texttt{docstring/1}). This comment only applies if the (possibly empty) properties given for calls in the assertion hold. The usual formatting commands that are applicable in comment strings can be used (see \texttt{stringcommand/1}).

See the \texttt{lpdoc} manual for documentation on assertion comments.

\textbf{Usage:} \texttt{assert\_body(X)}

\texttt{X} is an assertion body.

\texttt{head\_pattern/1:} \hspace{1cm} \texttt{PROPERTY}

A head pattern can be a predicate name (functor/arity) (\texttt{predname/1}) or a term. Thus, both \texttt{p/3} and \texttt{p(A,B,C)} are valid head patterns. In the case in which the head pattern is a term, each argument of such a term can be:

• A variable. This is useful in order to be able to refer to the corresponding argument positions by name within properties and in comments. Thus, \texttt{p(Input,Parameter,Output)} is a valid head pattern.

• A variable, as above, but preceded by a "mode." This mode determines in a compact way certain call or answer properties. For example, the head pattern \texttt{p(Input,+Parameter,Output)} is valid, as long as \texttt{+/1} is declared as a mode.

Acceptable modes are documented in \texttt{library(basicmodes)} and \texttt{library(isomodes)}. User defined modes are documented in \texttt{modedef/1}.

• Any term. In this case this term determines the instantiation state of the corresponding argument position of the predicate calls to which the assertion applies.

• A ground term preceded by a "mode." The ground term determines a property of the corresponding argument. The mode determines if it applies to the calls and/or the successes. The actual property referred to is that given by the term but with one more argument added at the beginning, which is a new variable which, in a rewriting of the head pattern, appears at the argument position occupied by the term. For example, the head pattern \texttt{p(Input,+list(int),Output)} is valid for mode \texttt{+/1} defined in \texttt{library(isomodes)}, and equivalent in this case to having the head pattern \texttt{p(Input,A,Output)} and stating that the property \texttt{list(A,int)} holds for the calls of the predicate.

• Any term preceded by a "mode." In this case, only one variable is admitted, it has to be the first argument of the mode, and it represents the argument position. I.e., it plays the role of the new variable mentioned above. Thus, no rewriting of the head pattern is performed in this case. For example, the head pattern \texttt{p(Input,+Parameter,list(int)),Output)} is valid for mode \texttt{+/2} defined in \texttt{library(isomodes)}, and equivalent in this case to having the head pattern \texttt{p(Input,Parameter,Output)} and stating that the property \texttt{list(\texttt{Parameter,int})} holds for the calls of the predicate.

\textbf{Usage:} \texttt{head\_pattern(Pr)}

\texttt{Pr} is a head pattern.

\texttt{complex\_arg\_property/1:} \hspace{1cm} \texttt{REGTYPE}

\texttt{complex\_arg\_property(Props)}
Props is a (possibly empty) complex argument property. Such properties can appear in two formats, which are defined by property_conjunction/1 and property_starterm/1 respectively. The two formats can be mixed provided they are not in the same field of an assertion. I.e., the following is a valid assertion:

```prolog
:- pred foo(X,Y) : nonvar * var => (ground(X),ground(Y)).
```

Usage: complex_arg_property(Props)

Props is a (possibly empty) complex argument property

**property_conjunction/1:**

This type defines the first, unabridged format in which properties can be expressed in the bodies of assertions. It is essentially a conjunction of properties which refer to variables. The following is an example of a complex property in this format:

- `(integer(X),list(Y,integer))`: X has the property integer/1 and Y has the property list/2, with second argument integer.

Usage: property_conjunction(Props)

Props is either a term or a conjunction of terms. The main functor and arity of each of those terms corresponds to the definition of a property. The first argument of each such term is a variable which appears as a head argument.

**property_starterm/1:**

This type defines a second, compact format in which properties can be expressed in the bodies of assertions. A property_starterm/1 is a term whose main functor is */2 and, when it appears in an assertion, the number of terms joined by */2 is exactly the arity of the predicate it refers to. A similar series of properties as in property_conjunction/1 appears, but the arity of each property is one less: the argument position to which they refer (first argument) is left out and determined by the position of the property in the property_starterm/1. The idea is that each element of the */2 term corresponds to a head argument position. Several properties can be assigned to each argument position by grouping them in curly brackets. The following is an example of a complex property in this format:

- `integer * list(integer)`: the first argument of the procedure (or function, or ...) has the property integer/1 and the second one has the property list/2, with second argument integer.

- `{integer,var} * list(integer)`: the first argument of the procedure (or function, or ...) has the properties integer/1 and var/1 and the second one has the property list/2, with second argument integer.

Usage: property_starterm(Props)

Props is either a term or several terms separated by */2. The main functor of each of those terms corresponds to that of the definition of a property, and the arity should be one less than in the definition of such property. All arguments of each such term are ground.

**complex_goal_property/1:**

complex_goal_property(Props)

Props is a (possibly empty) complex goal property. Such properties can be either a term or a conjunction of terms. The main functor and arity of each of those terms corresponds
to the definition of a property. Such properties apply to all executions of all goals of the predicate which comply with the assertion in which the Props appear.

The arguments of the terms in Props are implicitly augmented with a first argument which corresponds to a goal of the predicate of the assertion in which the Props appear. For example, the assertion

\[ \text{:- comp var(A) + not\_further\_inst(A)}. \]

has property \text{not\_further\_inst/1} as goal property, and establishes that in all executions of \text{var(A)} it should hold that \text{not\_further\_inst(var(A),A)}.

Usage: \text{complex\_goal\_property(Props)}

Props is either a term or a \text{conjunction} of terms. The main functor and arity of each of those terms corresponds to the definition of a property. A first implicit argument in such terms identifies goals to which the properties apply.

\text{nabody/1:}
Usage: \text{nabody(ABody)}

\text{ABody} is a normalized assertion body.

\text{dictionary/1:}
Usage: \text{dictionary(D)}

D is a dictionary of variable names.

\text{c\_assrt\_body/1:}

This predicate defines the different types of syntax admissible in the bodies of call/1, entry/1, etc. assertions. The following are admissible:

\[ \text{Pr : CP [# CO]} \]

where (fields between [...] are optional):

- \text{CP} is a (possibly empty) complex argument property ( \text{complex\_arg\_property/1} ) which applies to the \text{calls} to the predicate.
- \text{CO} is a comment string ( \text{docstring/1} ). This comment only applies if the (possibly empty) properties given for calls in the assertion hold. The usual formatting commands that are applicable in comment strings can be used (see \text{stringcommand/1}).

The format of the different parts of the assertion body are given by \text{n\_assrt\_body/5} and its auxiliary types.
Usage: \text{c\_assrt\_body(X)}

X is a call assertion body.

\text{s\_assrt\_body/1:}

This predicate defines the different types of syntax admissible in the bodies of pred/1, func/1, etc. assertions. The following are admissible:
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Pr : CP => AP # CO
Pr : CP => AP
Pr => AP # CO
Pr => AP

where:
- Pr is a head pattern (head_pattern/1) which describes the predicate or property and possibly gives some implicit call/answer information.
- CP is a (possibly empty) complex argument property (complex_arg_property/1) which applies to the calls to the predicate.
- AP is a (possibly empty) complex argument property (complex_arg_property/1) which applies to the answers to the predicate (if the predicate succeeds). These only apply if the (possibly empty) properties given for calls in the assertion hold.
- CO is a comment string (docstring/1). This comment only applies if the (possibly empty) properties given for calls in the assertion hold. The usual formatting commands that are applicable in comment strings can be used (see stringcommand/1).

The format of the different parts of the assertion body are given by n_assert_body/5 and its auxiliary types.
Usage: s_assert_body(X)
X is a predicate assertion body.

g_assert_body/1: REGTYPE
This predicate defines the different types of syntax admissible in the bodies of comp/1 assertions. The following are admissible:
Pr : CP + GP # CO
Pr : CP + GP
Pr + GP # CO
Pr + GP

where:
- Pr is a head pattern (head_pattern/1) which describes the predicate or property and possibly gives some implicit call/answer information.
- CP contains (possibly empty) complex argument property (complex_arg_property/1) which applies to the calls to the predicate.
- GP contains (possibly empty) complex goal property (complex_goal_property/1) which applies to the whole execution of a call to the predicate. These only apply if the (possibly empty) properties given for calls in the assertion hold.
- CO is a comment string (docstring/1). This comment only applies if the (possibly empty) properties given for calls in the assertion hold. The usual formatting commands that are applicable in comment strings can be used (see stringcommand/1).

The format of the different parts of the assertion body are given by n_assert_body/5 and its auxiliary types.
Usage: g_assert_body(X)
X is a comp assertion body.
assert_status/1: REGTYPE
The types of assertion status. They have the same meaning as the program-point assertions, and are as follows:

assert_status(true).
assert_status(false).
assert_status(check).
assert_status(checked).
assert_status(trust).

Usage: assert_status(X)
X is an acceptable status for an assertion.

assert_type/1: REGTYPE
The admissible kinds of assertions:

assert_type(pred).
assert_type(prop).
assert_type(decl).
assert_type(func).
assert_type(calls).
assert_type(success).
assert_type(comp).
assert_type(entry).
assert_type(exit).
assert_type(test).
assert_type(texec).
assert_type(modedef).

Usage: assert_type(X)
X is an admissible kind of assertion.

predfunctor/1: REGTYPE
Usage: predfunctor(X)
X is a type of assertion which defines a predicate.

propfunctor/1: REGTYPE
Usage: propfunctor(X)
X is a type of assertion which defines a property.

docstring/1: PROPERTY
Usage: docstring(String)
String is a text comment with admissible documentation commands. The usual formatting commands that are applicable in comment strings are defined by stringcommand/1. See the lpdoc manual for documentation on comments.
66 Declaring regular types

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This library package adds declarations and new operator definitions which provide simple syntactic sugar to write regular type definitions in source code. Regular types are just properties which have the additional characteristic of being regular types (basic_props:regtype/1), defined below.

For example, this library package allows writing:

```
:- regtype tree(X) # "X is a tree."
```

instead of the more cumbersome:

```
:- prop tree(X) + regtype # "X is a tree."
```

Regular types can be used as properties to describe predicates and play an essential role in program debugging (see the Ciao Prolog preprocessor (ciaopp) manual).

In this chapter we explain some general considerations worth taking into account when writing properties in general, not just regular types.

66.1 Defining properties

Given the classes of assertions in the Ciao assertion language, there are two fundamental classes of properties. Properties used in assertions which refer to execution states (i.e., calls/1, success/1, and the like) are called properties of execution states. Properties used in assertions related to computations (i.e., comp/1) are called properties of computations. Different considerations apply when writing a property of the former or of the latter kind.

Consider a definition of the predicate string_concat/3 which concatenates two character strings (represented as lists of ASCII codes):

```
string_concat([],L,L).
string_concat([X|Xs], L,[X|NL]):- string_concat(Xs,L,NL).
```

Assume that we would like to state in an assertion that each argument “is a list of integers.” However, we must decide which one of the following two possibilities we mean exactly: “the argument is instantiated to a list of integers” (let us call this property instantiated_to_intlist/1), or “if any part of the argument is instantiated, this instantiation must be compatible with the argument being a list of integers” (we will call this property compatible_with_intlist/1). For example, instantiated_to_intlist/1 should be true for the terms [], [1,2], but should not be for X, [a,2], and [X,2]. In turn, compatible_with_intlist/1 should be true for [], X, [1,2], and [X,2], but should not be for [X|1], [a,2], and 1. We refer to properties such as instantiated_to_intlist/1 above as instantiation properties and to those such as compatible_with_intlist/1 as compatibility properties (corresponding to the traditional notions of “instantiation types” and “compatibility types”).

It turns out that both of these notions are quite useful in practice. In the example above, we probably would like to use compatible_with_intlist/1 to state that on success of string_concat/3 all three arguments must be compatible with lists of integers in an assertion like:

```
:- success string_concat(A,B,C) => (compatible_with_intlist(A),
                              compatible_with_intlist(B),
                              compatible_with_intlist(C)).
```

With this assertion, no error will be flagged for a call to string_concat/3 such as string_concat([20],L,R), which on success produces the resulting atom string_concat([20],L,[20|L]), but a call string_concat([],a,R) would indeed flag an error.

On the other hand, and assuming that we are running on a Prolog system, we would probably like to use instantiated_to_intlist/1 for sumlist/2 as follows:
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:- calls sumlist(L,N) : instantiated_to_intlist(L).

sumlist([],0).
sumlist([X|R],S) :- sumlist(R,PS), S is PS+X.
to describe the type of calls for which the program has been designed, i.e., those in which the first argument of sumlist/2 is indeed a list of integers.

The property instantiated_to_intlist/1 might be written as in the following (Prolog) definition:

:- prop instantiated_to_intlist/1.

instantiated_to_intlist(X) :-
    nonvar(X), instantiated_to_intlist_aux(X).

instantiated_to_intlist_aux([]).
instantiated_to_intlist_aux([X|T]) :-
    integer(X), instantiated_to_intlist(T).

(Recall that the Prolog built-in integer/1 itself implements an instantiation check, failing if called with a variable as the argument.)

The property compatible_with_intlist/1 might in turn be written as follows (also in Prolog):

:- prop compatible_with_intlist/1.

compatible_with_intlist(X) :- var(X).
compatible_with_intlist(X) :-
    nonvar(X), compatible_with_intlist_aux(X).

compatible_with_intlist_aux([]).
compatible_with_intlist_aux([X|T]) :-
    int_compat(X), compatible_with_intlist(T).

int_compat(X) :- var(X).
int_compat(X) :- nonvar(X), integer(X).

Note that these predicates meet the criteria for being properties and thus the prop/1 declaration is correct.

Ensuring that a property meets the criteria for “not affecting the computation” can sometimes make its coding somewhat tedious. In some ways, one would like to be able to write simply:

intlist([]).
intlist([X|R]) :- int(X), intlist(R).

(Incidentally, note that the above definition, provided that it suits the requirements for being a property and that int/1 is a regular type, meets the criteria for being a regular type. Thus, it could be declared :- regtype intlist/1.)

But note that (independently of the definition of int/1) the definition above is not the correct instantiation check, since it would succeed for a call such as intlist(X). In fact, it is not strictly correct as a compatibility property either, because, while it would fail or succeed as expected, it would perform instantiations (e.g., if called with intlist(X) it would bind X to []). In practice, it is convenient to provide some run-time support to aid in this task.

The run-time support of the Ciao system (see Chapter 70 [Run-time checking of assertions], page 419) ensures that the execution of properties is performed in such a way that properties written as above can be used directly as instantiation checks. Thus, writing:
:- calls sumlist(L,N) : intlist(L).

has the desired effect. Also, the same properties can often be used as compatibility checks by
writing them in the assertions as compat(Property) (basic_props:compat/1). Thus, writing:

:- success string_concat(A,B,C) => ( compat(intlist(A)),
       compat(intlist(B)),
       compat(intlist(C)) ).

also has the desired effect.

As a general rule, the properties that can be used directly for checking for compatibility should
be downwards closed, i.e., once they hold they will keep on holding in every state accessible in
forwards execution. There are certain predicates which are inherently instantiation checks and
should not be used as compatibility properties nor appear in the definition of a property that
is to be used with compat. Examples of such predicates (for Prolog) are ==, ground, nonvar,
integer, atom, >, etc. as they require a certain instantiation degree of their arguments in order
to succeed.

In contrast with properties of execution states, properties of computations refer to the entire
execution of the call(s) that the assertion relates to. One such property is, for example, not_­
fail/1 (note that although it has been used as in :- comp append(Xs,Ys,Zs) + not_fail,
it is in fact read as not_fail(append(Xs,Ys,Zs)); see assertions_props:complex_goal_­
property/1). For this property, which should be interpreted as “execution of the predicate
either succeeds at least once or loops,” we can use the following predicate not_fail/1 for run­
time checking:

not_fail(Goal):-
   if( call(Goal),
       true, %7 then
       warning(Goal) ). %% else

where the warning/1 (library) predicate simply prints a warning message.

In this simple case, implementation of the predicate is not very difficult using the (non­
standard) if/3 builtin predicate present in many Prolog systems.

However, it is not so easy to code predicates which check other properties of the computation
and we may in general need to program a meta-interpreter for this purpose.

66.2 Usage and interface (regtypes_doc)

- Library usage:
  :- use_package(regtypes).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[regtypes]).
- New operators defined:
  regtype/1 [1150.fx], regtype/2 [1150.xfx].
- New declarations defined:
  regtype/1, regtype/2.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    assertions/assertions_props.
  - Packages:
    prelude, assertions, pure.
66.3 Documentation on new declarations (regtypes_doc)

regtype/1: 

This assertion is similar to a prop assertion but it flags that the property being documented is also a “regular type.” Regular types are properties whose definitions are regular programs (see below). This allows for example checking whether it is in the class of types supported by the regular type checking and inference modules.

A regular program is defined by a set of clauses, each of the form:

\[ p(x, v_1, \ldots, v_n) :- body_1, \ldots, body_k. \]

where:

1. \( x \) is a term whose variables (which are called term variables) are unique, i.e., it is not allowed to introduce equality constraints between the variables of \( x \).
   
   For example, \( p(f(X, Y)) :- \ldots \) is valid, but \( p(f(X, X)) :- \ldots \) is not.
2. in all clauses defining \( p/n+1 \) the terms \( x \) do not unify except maybe for one single clause in which \( x \) is a variable.
3. \( n \geq 0 \) and \( p/n \) is a parametric type functor (whereas the predicate defined by the clauses is \( p/n+1 \)).
4. \( v_1, \ldots, v_n \) are unique variables, which are called parametric variables.
5. Each \( body_i \) is of the form:
   
   1. \( t(z) \) where \( z \) is one of the term variables and \( t \) is a regular type expression;
   2. \( q(y, t_1, \ldots, t_m) \) where \( m \geq 0 \), \( q/m \) is a parametric type functor, not in the set of functors \( =/2, ~/2, ~/3 \).
      
      \( t_1, \ldots, t_m \) are regular type expressions, and \( y \) is a term variable.
6. Each term variable occurs at most once in the clause’s body (and should be as the first argument of a literal).

A regular type expression is either a parametric variable or a parametric type functor applied to some of the parametric variables.

A parametric type functor is a regular type, defined by a regular program, or a basic type. Basic types are defined in Chapter 23 [Basic data types and properties], page 133.

The set of regular types is thus a well defined subset of the set of properties. Note that types can be used to describe characteristics of arguments in assertions and they can also be executed (called) as any other predicates.

Usage: \( :- \) regtype AssertionBody.

– The following properties should hold at call time:

\( AssertionBody \) is an assertion body. \( \) (assertions_props:assrt_body/1)

regtype/2:

This assertion is similar to a regtype/1 assertion but it is explicitly qualified. Non-qualified regtype/1 assertions are assumed the qualifier check. Note that checking regular type definitions should be done with the ciaopp preprocessor.

Usage: \( :- \) AssertionStatus regtype AssertionBody.

– The following properties should hold at call time:

\( AssertionStatus \) is an acceptable status for an assertion. \( \) (assertions_props:assrt_status/1)

\( AssertionBody \) is an assertion body. \( \) (assertions_props:assrt_body/1)
67 Properties which are native to analyzers

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This library contains a set of properties which are natively understood by the different program analyzers of ciaoPP. They are used by ciaoPP on output and they can also be used as properties in assertions.

67.1 Usage and interface (native_props)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(assertions(native_props)))
  or also as a package :- use_package(nativeprops).
  Note the different names of the library and the package.

- Exports:
  - Properties:
    clique/1, clique_1/1, compat/1, constraint/1, covered/1, covered/2, exception/1, exception/2, fails/1, finite_solutions/1, have_choicepoints/1, indep/1, indep/2, instance/1, is_det/1, linear/1, mshare/1, mut_exclusive/1, no_choicepoints/1, no_exception/1, no_exception/2, no_signal/1, no_signal/2, non_det/1, nonground/1, not_covered/1, not_fails/1, not_mut_exclusive/1, num_solutions/2, solutions/2, possibly_fails/1, possibly_nondet/1, relations/2, sideff_hard/1, sideff_pure/1, sideff_soft/1, signal/1, signal/2, signals/2, size/2, size/3, size_lb/2, size_o/2, size_ub/2, size_metric/3, size_metric/4, succeeds/1, steps/2, steps_lb/2, steps_o/2, steps_ub/2, tau/1, terminates/1, test_type/2, throws/2, user_output/2.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    terms_check, terms_vars, hiordlib, sort, lists, streams, file_utils, system, odd, rtchecks/rtchecks_send.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, hiord.

67.2 Documentation on exports (native_props)

clique/1: PROPERTY
  clique(X)
  X is a set of variables of interest, much the same as a sharing group but X represents all the sharing groups in the powerset of those variables. Similar to a sharing group, a clique is often translated to ground/1, indep/1, and indep/2 properties.
  Usage: clique(X)
  The clique pattern is X.
  - The following properties should hold globally:
    This predicate is understood natively by Ciaopp as clique(X). (basic_props:native/2)
Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible). (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

clique_1/1:  
clique_1(X)  
X is a set of variables of interest, much the same as a sharing group but X represents all the sharing groups in the power set of those variables but disregarding the singletons. Similar to a sharing group, a clique_1 is often translated to ground/1, indep/1, and indep/2 properties.

Usage: clique_1(X)
The 1-clique pattern is X.
   The following properties should hold globally:
     This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as clique_1(X). (basic_props:native/2)
     Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible). (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

compat/1:  
Usage: compat(Prop)
Use Prop as a compatibility property.
   The following properties should hold globally:
     Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible). (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: compat(goal).

constraint/1:  
constraint(C)
C contains a list of linear (in)equalities that relate variables and int values. For example, \([A < B + 4]\) is a constraint while \([A < BC + 4]\) or \([A = 3.4, B > C]\) are not.
(True) Usage: constraint(C)
C is a list of linear equations
   The following properties hold globally:
     This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

covered/1:  
covered(X)
For any call of the form X there is at least one clause whose test succeeds (i.e., all the calls of the form X are covered) [DLGH97].
Usage: covered(X)
All the calls of the form X are covered.
   The runtime check of the property have the status unimplemented. (basic_props:rtcheck/2)
covered/2:  
covered(X,Y)  
All variables occurring in X occur also in Y.  
(True) Usage: covered(X,Y)  
X is covered by Y.  

- The following properties hold globally:  
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
  (basic_props:native/1)

exception/1:  
Usage: exception(Goal)  
Calls of the form Goal throw an exception.  

Meta-predicate with arguments: exception(goal).

exception/2:  
Usage: exception(Goal,E)  
Calls of the form Goal throw an exception that unifies with E.  

Meta-predicate with arguments: exception(goal,?).

fails/1:  
fails(X)  
Calls of the form X fail.  
(True) Usage: fails(X)  
Calls of the form X fail.  

- The following properties hold globally:  
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
  (basic_props:native/1)  

Meta-predicate with arguments: fails(goal).

finite_solutions/1:  
finite_solutions(X)  
Calls of the form X produce a finite number of solutions [DLGH97].  
Usage: finite_solutions(X)  
All the calls of the form X have a finite number of solutions.  

- The following properties should hold globally:  
  Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked  
  at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible).  
  (basic Props:no_rtcheck/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: finite_solutions(goal).
have_choicepoints/1:  
Usage: have_choicepoints(X)  
A call to X creates choicepoints.

Meta-predicate with arguments: have_choicepoints(goal).

indep/1:  
(True) Usage: indep(X)  
The variables in pairs in X are pairwise independent.

- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as indep(X). (basic_props:native/2)

indep/2:  
(True) Usage: indep(X,Y)  
X and Y do not have variables in common.

- The following properties hold globally:
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as indep([[X,Y]]). (basic_props:native/2)

instance/1:  
Usage: instance(Prop)  
Use Prop as an instantiation property. Verify that execution of Prop does not produce bindings for the argument variables.

- The following properties should hold globally:
  Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible). (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: instance(goal).

is_det/1:  
is_det(X)  
All calls of the form X are deterministic, i.e., produce at most one solution, or do not terminate. In other words, if X succeeds, it can only succeed once. It can still leave choice points after its execution, but when backtracking into these, it can only fail or go into an infinite loop.

Usage: is_det(X)  
All calls of the form X are deterministic.

Meta-predicate with arguments: is_det(goal).
linear/1: PROPERTY
linear(X)
X is bound to a term which is linear, i.e., if it contains any variables, such variables appear only once in the term. For example, [1,2,3] and f(A,B) are linear terms, while f(A,A) is not.
(True) Usage: linear(X)
X is instantiated to a linear term.

mshare/1: PROPERTY
mshare(X)
X contains all sharing sets [JL88,MH89] which specify the possible variable occurrences in the terms to which the variables involved in the clause may be bound. Sharing sets are a compact way of representing groundness of variables and dependencies between variables. This representation is however generally difficult to read for humans. For this reason, this information is often translated to ground/1, indep/1 and indep/2 properties, which are easier to read.
Usage: mshare(X)
The sharing pattern is X.

mut_exclusive/1: PROPERTY
mut_exclusive(X)
For any call of the form X at most one clause succeeds, i.e., clauses are pairwise exclusive.
Usage: mut_exclusive(X)
For any call of the form X at most one clause succeeds.
The following properties should hold globally:

The runtime check of the property have the status unimplemented. (basic_procs:rtcheck/2)

Meta-predicate with arguments: mut_exclusive(goal).

no_choicepoints/1: PROPERTY
Usage: no_choicepoints(X)
A call to X does not create choicepoints.
Meta-predicate with arguments: no_choicepoints(goal).

no_exception/1: PROPERTY
Usage: no_exception(Goal)
Calls of the form Goal do not throw any exception.
Meta-predicate with arguments: no_exception(goal).

no_exception/2: PROPERTY
Usage: no_exception(Goal,E)
Calls of the form Goal do not throw exception E.
Meta-predicate with arguments: no_exception(goal,?).

no_signal/1: PROPERTY
Usage: no_signal(Goal)
Calls of the form Goal do not send any signal.
Meta-predicate with arguments: no_signal(goal).

no_signal/2: PROPERTY
Usage: no_signal(Goal,E)
Calls of the form Goal do not send the signal E.
Meta-predicate with arguments: no_signal(goal,?).

non_det/1: PROPERTY
non_det(X)
All calls of the form X are non-deterministic, i.e., produce several solutions.
Usage: non_det(X)
All calls of the form X are non-deterministic.
Meta-predicate with arguments: non_det(goal).
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**nonground/1:**

**Usage:** nonground(X)

X is not ground.

*The following properties should hold globally:*

This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as not_ground(X). (basic_props:native/2)

**not_covered/1:**

**not_covered(X)**

There is some call of the form X for which there is no clause whose test succeeds [DLGH97].

**Usage:** not_covered(X)

Not all of the calls of the form X are covered.

*The following properties should hold globally:*

The runtime check of the property have the status unimplemented. (basic_props:rtcheck/2)

**not_fails/1:**

**not_fails(X)**

Calls of the form X produce at least one solution, or do not terminate [DLGH97].

(True) **Usage:** not_fails(X)

All the calls of the form X do not fail.

*The following properties hold globally:*

This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: not_fails(goal).

**not_mut_exclusive/1:**

**not_mut_exclusive(X)**

For calls of the form X more than one clause may succeed. I.e., clauses are not disjoint for some call.

**Usage:** not_mut_exclusive(X)

For some calls of the form X more than one clause may succeed.

*The following properties should hold globally:*

The runtime check of the property have the status unimplemented. (basic Props:rtcheck/2)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: not_mut_exclusive(goal).

**num_solutions/2:**

**Usage 1:** num_solutions(X,N)

All the calls of the form X have N solutions.
If the following properties should hold at call time:

- X is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- N is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

Usage 2: num_solutions(Goal, Check)

For a call to Goal, Check(X) succeeds, where X is the number of solutions.

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  - Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  - Check is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

solutions/2:

Usage: solutions(Goal, Sols)

Goal Goal produces the solutions listed in Sols.

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  - Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  - Sols is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

possibly_fails/1:

Usage: possibly_fails(X)

Non-failure is not ensured for any call of the form X [DLGH97]. In other words, nothing can be ensured about non-failure nor termination of such calls.

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible). (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: possibly_fails(goal).

possibly_nondet/1:

Usage: possibly_nondet(X)

Non-determinism is not ensured for all calls of the form X. In other words, nothing can be ensured about determinacy nor termination of such calls.

- The following properties should hold globally:
  - Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible). (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)
relations/2:
relations(X,N)
The goal X produces N solutions. In other words, N is the cardinality of the solution set of X.
Usage: relations(X,N)
Goal X produces N solutions.
- The following properties should hold globally:
  The runtime check of the property have the status unimplemented. (basic_props:rtcheck/2)

Meta-predicate with arguments: relations(goal,?).

sideff_hard/1:
Usage: sideff_hard(X)
X has hard side-effects, i.e., those that might affect program execution (e.g., assert/retract).
- The following properties should hold globally:
  Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible). (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: sideff_hard(goal).

sideff_pure/1:
Usage: sideff_pure(X)
X is pure, i.e., has no side-effects.
- The following properties should hold globally:
  Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible). (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: sideff_pure(goal).

sideff_soft/1:
Usage: sideff_soft(X)
X has soft side-effects, i.e., those not affecting program execution (e.g., input/output).
- The following properties should hold globally:
  Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible). (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: sideff_soft(goal).

signal/1:
Usage: signal(Goal)
Calls of the form Goal throw a signal.

Meta-predicate with arguments: signal(goal).
signal/2:  
Usage: signal(Goal,E)  
A call to Goal sends a signal that unifies with E.  

Meta-predicate with arguments: signal(goal,?).

signals/2:  
Usage: signals(Goal,Es)  
Calls of the form Goal can generate only the signals that unify with the terms listed in Es.

The following properties should hold globally:

The runtime check of the property have the status unimplemented.  
(basic.props:rtcheck/2)

Meta-predicate with arguments: signals(goal,?).

size/2:  
Usage: size(X,Y)  
Y is the size of argument X, for any approximation.

The following properties should hold globally:

Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible).  
(basic.props:no_rtcheck/1)

size/3:  
Usage: size(A,X,Y)  
Y is the size of argument X, for the approximation A.

The following properties should hold globally:

Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible).  
(basic.props:no_rtcheck/1)

size_lb/2:  
Usage: size_lb(X,Y)  
The minimum size of the terms to which the argument Y is bound is given by the expression Y. Various measures can be used to determine the size of an argument, e.g., list-length, term-size, term-depth, integer-value, etc. [DL93,LGHD96].

Y is a lower bound on the size of argument X.

The following properties should hold globally:

Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible).  
(basic.props:no_rtcheck/1)
**size_o/2:**

Usage: size_o(X,Y)

The size of argument X is in the order of Y.

— *The following properties should hold globally:*

  Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible).  

  (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

**size_ub/2:**

Usage: size_ub(X,Y)

Y is a upper bound on the size of argument X.

— *The following properties should hold globally:*

  Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible).  

  (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

**size_metric/3:**

Usage: size_metric(Head,Var,Metric)

Metric is the metric of the variable Var, for any approximation.

— *The following properties should hold globally:*

  Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible).  

  (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: size_metric(goal,?,?,??).

**size_metric/4:**

Usage: size_metric(Head,Approx,Var,Metric)

Metric is the metric of the variable Var, for the approximation Approx. Currently, Metric can be: int/1, size/1, length/1, depth/2, and void/1.

— *The following properties should hold globally:*

  Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible).  

  (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: size_metric(goal,?,?,??).

**succeeds/1:**

Usage: succeeds(Prop)

A call to Prop succeeds.

— *The following properties should hold globally:*

  Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to rtcheck(G, impossible).  

  (basic_props:no_rtcheck/1)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: succeeds(goal).
steps/2:  
\text{steps}(X,Y)  
The time (in resolution steps) spent by any call of the form \( X \) is given by the expression \( Y \)  
\text{Usage: steps}(X,Y)  
\( Y \) is the cost (number of resolution steps) of any call of the form \( X \).  
- \text{The following properties should hold globally:}  
  - Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to \text{rtcheck}(G, \text{impossible}). \hspace{1cm} \text{(basic\_props:no\_rtcheck/1)}  
\text{Meta-predicate} with arguments: \text{steps}(\text{goal},?) .

steps_lb/2:  
\text{steps\_lb}(X,Y)  
The minimum computation time (in resolution steps) spent by any call of the form \( X \) is given by the expression \( Y \) \cite{DLGHL97,LGHD96}  
\text{Usage: steps\_lb}(X,Y)  
\( Y \) is a lower bound on the cost of any call of the form \( X \).  
- \text{The following properties should hold globally:}  
  - Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to \text{rtcheck}(G, \text{impossible}). \hspace{1cm} \text{(basic\_props:no\_rtcheck/1)}  
\text{Meta-predicate} with arguments: \text{steps\_lb}(\text{goal},?) .

steps_o/2:  
\text{steps\_o}(X,Y)  
\text{Usage: steps\_o}(X,Y)  
\( Y \) is the complexity order of the cost of any call of the form \( X \).  
- \text{The following properties should hold globally:}  
  - Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to \text{rtcheck}(G, \text{impossible}). \hspace{1cm} \text{(basic\_props:no\_rtcheck/1)}  
\text{Meta-predicate} with arguments: \text{steps\_o}(\text{goal},?) .

steps_ub/2:  
\text{steps\_ub}(X,Y)  
The maximum computation time (in resolution steps) spent by any call of the form \( X \) is given by the expression \( Y \) \cite{DL93,LGHD96}  
\text{Usage: steps\_ub}(X,Y)  
\( Y \) is an upper bound on the cost of any call of the form \( X \).  
- \text{The following properties should hold globally:}  
  - Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to \text{rtcheck}(G, \text{impossible}). \hspace{1cm} \text{(basic\_props:no\_rtcheck/1)}  
\text{Meta-predicate} with arguments: \text{steps\_ub}(\text{goal},?) .
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**tau/1:**

\[
\text{tau}(\text{Types})
\]

*Types* contains a list with the type associations for each variable, in the form \(V_1[T_1, \ldots, T_N]\). Note that \(\text{tau}\) is used in object-oriented programs only.

(\text{True}) Usage: \text{tau}(\text{TypeInfo})

*Types* is a list of associations between variables and list of types

- *The following properties hold globally:*
  
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
  (\text{basic.props:native/1})

**terminates/1:**

\[
\text{terminates}(X)
\]

Calls of the form \(X\) always terminate [DLGH97].

Usage: \text{terminates}(X)

All calls of the form \(X\) terminate.

- *The following properties should hold globally:*
  
  Declares that the assertion in which this comp property appears must not be checked at run-time. Equivalent to \text{rtcheck}(G, \text{impossible}).  
  (\text{basic.props:no_rtcheck/1})

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: \text{terminates}(\text{goal}).

**test_type/2:**

Usage: \text{test_type}(X,T)

Indicates the type of test that a predicate performs. Required by the nonfailure analysis.

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: \text{test_type}(\text{goal},?)

**throws/2:**

Usage: \text{throws}(\text{Goal},\text{Es})

Calls of the form \(\text{Goal}\) can throw only the exceptions that unify with the terms listed in \(\text{Es}\).

- *The following properties should hold globally:*
  
  The runtime check of the property have the status \text{unimplemented}.  
  (basic.props:rtcheck/2)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: \text{throws}(\text{goal},?)

**user_output/2:**

Usage: \text{user_output}(\text{Goal},S)

Calls of the form \(\text{Goal}\) write \(S\) to standard output.

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: \text{user_output}(\text{goal},?)

**instance/2:**

(\text{True}) Usage: \text{instance}(\text{Term1},\text{Term2})

\(\text{Term1}\) is an instance of \(\text{Term2}\).

- *The following properties hold globally:*
  
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  
  (\text{basic.props:native/1})
67.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (native_props)

- A missing property is succeeds (\text{not\_fails} = \text{succeeds or not\_terminates}. – EMM
Chapter 68: ISO-Prolog modes

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This file defines the “modes” used in the documentation of the ISO-Prolog standard. See also Chapter 69 [Classical Prolog modes], page 415 for an alternative set of modes.

68.1 Usage and interface (isomodes_doc)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_package([assertions,isomodes]).
  ```

- New operators defined:
  
  ```prolog
  ?/1 [200,fy], 0/1 [200,fy].
  ```

- New modes defined:
  
  ```prolog
  +/1, -/1, ?/1, @/1, +/2, -/2, ?/2, 0/2.
  ```

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions.

68.2 Documentation on new modes (isomodes_doc)

+/1: (True) Usage: +A

- The following properties are added at call time:
  
  A is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

/-1: (True) Usage: -A

- The following properties are added at call time:
  
  A is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

?/1:

Unspecified argument.

@/1: (True) Usage: @A

- The following properties are added globally:
  
  A is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)
+\(2\):

(True) Usage: \(A+X\)
- The following properties are added at call time:
  undefined:call(X,A)

- The following properties are added upon exit:
  undefined:call(X,A)

- The following properties are added globally:
  A is not further instantiated.

\(-/2\):

(True) Usage: \(A-X\)
- The following properties are added at call time:
  A is a free variable.

- The following properties are added upon exit:
  undefined:call(X,A)

\(?/2\):

(True) Usage: \(A?X\)
- Call and exit are compatible with:
  undefined:call(X,A)

\(\oplus/2\):

(True) Usage: \(\oplus(A,X)\)
- The following properties are added at call time:
  undefined:call(X,A)

- The following properties are added upon exit:
  undefined:call(X,A)

- The following properties are added globally:
  A is not further instantiated.
69 Classical Prolog modes

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This file defines a number of very simple "modes" which are frequently useful in programs. These correspond to the modes used in classical Prolog texts with some simple additions. Note that some of these modes use the same symbol as one of the ISO-modes (see Chapter 68 [ISO-Prolog modes], page 413) but with subtly different meaning.

69.1 Usage and interface (basicmodes_doc)

- Library usage:
  :- use_package([assertions,basicmodes]).
- New operators defined:
  ?/1 [500,fx], @/1 [500,fx].
- New modes defined:
  +/1, -/1, ?/1, @/1, in/1, out/1, go/1, +/2, -/2, ?/2, @/2, in/2, out/2, go/2.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    metaprops/meta_props.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, metaprops, hiord.

69.2 Documentation on new modes (basicmodes_doc)

+/1: MODE
Input value in argument.
(True) Usage: +A
  - The following properties are added at call time:
    A is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

-/1: MODE
No input value in argument.
(True) Usage: -A
  - The following properties are added at call time:
    A is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

?/1: MODE
Unspecified argument.
@/1:  
No output value in argument.  
(\textbf{True) Usage: } \@A  
\- \textit{The following properties are added globally:}  
\hspace{1em} \texttt{A} is not further instantiated. \hfill (\texttt{basic\_props:not\_further\_inst}/2)  

\begin{itemize}
\item \textbf{MODE}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{in/1:}  
Input argument.  
(\textbf{True) Usage: } \texttt{in}(A)  
\- \textit{The following properties are added at call time:}  
\hspace{1em} \texttt{A} is currently ground (it contains no variables). \hfill (\texttt{term\_typing:ground}/1)  
\- \textit{The following properties are added upon exit:}  
\hspace{1em} \texttt{A} is currently ground (it contains no variables). \hfill (\texttt{term\_typing:ground}/1)  

\textbf{out/1:}  
Output argument.  
(\textbf{True) Usage: } \texttt{out}(A)  
\- \textit{The following properties are added at call time:}  
\hspace{1em} \texttt{A} is a free variable. \hfill (\texttt{term\_typing:var}/1)  
\- \textit{The following properties are added upon exit:}  
\hspace{1em} \texttt{A} is currently ground (it contains no variables). \hfill (\texttt{term\_typing:ground}/1)  

\textbf{go/1:}  
Ground output (input/output argument).  
(\textbf{True) Usage: } \texttt{go}(A)  
\- \textit{The following properties are added upon exit:}  
\hspace{1em} \texttt{A} is currently ground (it contains no variables). \hfill (\texttt{term\_typing:ground}/1)  

\textbf{+/2:}  
(\textbf{True) Usage: } A+X  
\- \textit{Call and exit are compatible with:}  
\hspace{1em} \texttt{A} has property \texttt{X}. \hfill (\texttt{meta\_props:call}/2)  
\- \textit{The following properties are added at call time:}  
\hspace{1em} \texttt{A} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hfill (\texttt{term\_typing:nonvar}/1)  

\textbf{-/2:}  
(\textbf{True) Usage: } A-X  
\- \textit{Call and exit are compatible with:}  
\hspace{1em} \texttt{A} has property \texttt{X}. \hfill (\texttt{meta\_props:call}/2)  
\- \textit{The following properties are added at call time:}  
\hspace{1em} \texttt{A} is a free variable. \hfill (\texttt{term\_typing:var}/1)
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?/2:

(True) Usage: A?X

— Call and exit are compatible with:
  A has property X.

@/2:

(True) Usage: @A,X

— Call and exit are compatible with:
  A has property X.
— The following properties are added globally:
  A is not further instantiated.

in/2:

(True) Usage: inA,X

— Call and exit are compatible with:
  A has property X.
— The following properties are added at call time:
  A is currently ground (it contains no variables).
— The following properties are added upon exit:
  A is currently ground (it contains no variables).

out/2:

(True) Usage: outA,X

— Call and exit are compatible with:
  A has property X.
— The following properties are added at call time:
  A is a free variable.
— The following properties are added upon exit:
  A is currently ground (it contains no variables).

go/2:

(True) Usage: goA,X

— Call and exit are compatible with:
  A has property X.
— The following properties are added upon exit:
  A is currently ground (it contains no variables).
Chapter 70: Run-time checking of assertions

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This package provides a complete implementation of run-time checks of predicate assertions. The program is instrumented to check such assertions at run time, and in case a property does not hold, the error is reported. Note that there is also an older package called rtchecks, by David Trallero. The advantage of this one is that it can be used independently of CiaoPP and also has updated functionality.

There are two main applications of run-time checks:

- To improve debugging of certain predicates, specifying some expected behavior that is checked at run-time with the assertions.
- To avoid manual implementation of run-time checks that should be done in some predicates, leaving the code clean and understandable.

The run-time checks can be configured using prolog flags. Below we itemize the valid prolog flags with its values and a brief explanation of the meaning:

- **rtchecks_level**
  - exports: Only use rtchecks for external calls of the exported predicates.
  - inner: Use also rtchecks for internal calls. Default.
- **rtchecks_trust**
  - no: Disable rtchecks for trust assertions.
  - yes: Enable rtchecks for trust assertions. Default.
- **rtchecks_entry**
  - no: Disable rtchecks for entry assertions.
  - yes: Enable rtchecks for entry assertions. Default.
- **rtchecks_exit**
  - no: Disable rtchecks for exit assertions.
  - yes: Enable rtchecks for exit assertions. Default.
- **rtchecks_test**
  - no: Disable rtchecks for test assertions. Default.
  - yes: Enable rtchecks for test assertions. Used for debugging purposes, but is better to use the unittest library.
- **rtchecks_inline**
  - no: Instrument rtchecks using call to library predicates present in rtchecks_rt.pl, nativeprops.pl and basic_props.pl. In this way, space is saved, but sacrificing performance due to usage of meta calls and external methods in the libraries. Default.
  - yes: Expand library predicates inline as far as possible. In this way, the code is faster, because its avoids metacalls and usage of external methods, but the final executable could be bigger.

- **rtchecks_asrloc** Controls the usage of locators for the assertions in the error messages. The locator says the file and lines that contains the assertion that had failed. Valid values are:
  - no: Disabled.

- **rtchecks_predloc** Controls the usage of locators for the predicate that caused the run-time check error. The locator says the first clause of the predicate that the violated assertion refers to.
  - no: Disabled.
• yes: Enabled, Default.

• rtchecks_callloc
  • no: Do not show the stack of predicates that caused the failure
  • predicate: Show the stack of predicates that caused the failure. Instrument it in the
    predicate. Default.
  • literal: Show the stack of predicates that caused the failure. Instrument it in the
    literal. This mode provides more information, because reports also the literal in the
    body of the predicate.

• rtchecks_namefmt
  • long: Show the name of predicates, properties and the values of the variables
  • short: Only show the name of the predicate in a reduced format. Default.

• rtchecks_abort_on_error
  Controls if run time checks must abort the execution of a program (by raising an exception),
  or if the execution of the program have to continue.
  Note that this option only affect the default handler and the predicate call_rtc/1, so if
  you use your own handler it will not have effect.
  • yes: Raising a run time error will abort the program.
  • no: Raising a run time error will not stop the execution, but a message will be shown.
    Default.

70.1 Usage and interface (rtchecks_doc)

• Library usage:
  :- use_package(rtchecks).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[rtchecks]).

• Imports:
  – Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
71 Unit Testing Library

Author(s): Edison Mera.

This library provides an extension of the Ciao assertion language which allows writing unit tests. The central idea is to use the assertion language to provide specifications of test cases for a given predicate. The package also provides some special properties that are convenient when specifying unit tests and the required run-time libraries.

In general, a test assertion is written as follows:

```prolog
:- test predicate(A1, A2, ..., An)
   : <Precondition>
   => <Postcondition>
   + <Global properties>
   # <Comment>.
```

Where the fields of the test assertion have the usual meaning in Ciao assertions, i.e., they contain conjunctions of properties which must hold at certain points in the execution. Here we give a somewhat more operational (“test oriented”), reading to these fields: *predicate/n* is the predicate to be tested. *Precondition* is a goal that is called before the predicate being tested, and can be used to generate values of the input parameters. *Postcondition* is a goal that should succeed after *predicate/n* has been called. The idea appears to be simple, but note that due to the non-determinism of logic programs, the test engine needs to test all the solutions that can be tested up to given limits (for example, a maximum number of solutions, or a given time-out). *Properties* specifies some global properties that the predicate should meet, for example, *not_fails* means that the program does not fail, *exception(error(a,b))* means that the program should throw the exception *error(a,b)*, and so on. But there are some specific properties that only applies to testing specified in the module *unittest_props.pl*, for example *times(N)* specifies that the given test should be executed N times, *try_sols(N)* specifies that the first N solutions of the predicate *predicate/n* are tested. *Comment* is a string that document the test.

A convenient way to run these tests is by selecting options in the CiaoDbg menu within the development environment:

1. Run tests in current module: execute only the tests specified in the current module.
2. Run tests in all related modules: execute the tests specified in the module and in all the modules being used by this.
3. Show untested predicates: show the exported predicates that do not have any test assertion.

71.1 Additional notes

1. The test assertions allow performing unit testing, i.e., in Ciao, performing tests at the predicate level.
2. The tests currently can only be applied to exported predicates.
3. If you need to write tests for predicates that are spread over several modules, but work together, then it is best to create a separate module, and reexport to the predicates required to build the test. This allows performing integration testing, using the same syntax of the unit tests.
4. The Ciao system includes a good (and growing) number of unit tests. To run all the tests among the other standard tests within the CiaoDE run the following (at the top level of the source tree):

   ```bash
   ./ciaosetup runtests
   ```
71.2 Usage and interface (unittest_doc)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(unittest)).
  ```

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes.

71.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (unittest_doc)

- load_compilation_module, load_test_module and load_resource_module directives have similar behavior
PART VI - Ciao library miscellanea

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

This part documents several Ciao libraries which provide different useful additional functionality. Such functionality includes performing operating system calls, gathering statistics from the Ciao engine, file and filename manipulation, error and exception handling, fast reading and writing of terms (marshalling and unmarshalling), file locking, issuing program and error messages, pretty-printing programs and assertions, a browser of the system libraries, additional expansion utilities, concurrent aggregates, graph visualization, etc.
72 Library Paths for Ciao Bundles

Author(s): The CLIP Group.
This package setups the file search path and library aliases to access all the available Ciao bundles.

72.1 Usage and interface (ciaopaths_doc)

- Library usage:
  :- use_package(ciaopaths).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[ciaopaths]).
- New operators defined:
  -->/2 [1200.xfx], 1/2 [1100.xfy].
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    aggregates, dynamic, iso_misc, iso_byte_char, iso_incomplete, operators, read, write, terms_check, terms_vars, cyclic_terms.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, iso, dcg.

72.2 Known bugs and planned improvements (ciaopaths_doc)

- The package is disabled by default for efficiency reasons (forces many dependencies on minimal programs). Nevertheless, a lighter implementation could be enabled by default for the 'ciao' dialect in the near future (and make the package disappear).
73 Analytic benchmarks

Author(s): Manuel Carro (adapted to Ciao Prolog).

This module provides a set of analytic benchmarks which try to isolate and measure the speed of certain very common operations in a Prolog system. The benchmarks come from a variety of sources, mostly within former ECRC (please look at the comments in the source code) and were posted by Jean-Claude Syre on 24th June 1986 to the Prolog Digest. Further packaging was done by Thoma Sjoland and SICS. They were adapted to Ciao Prolog by Manuel Carro, by:

- Changing the syntax to Ciao Prolog, when needed, including extensive use of higher-order programming for the benchmarking loops.
- Adapting the size of the benchmarks and the number of repetitions to fit modern computers and Prolog compilation.
- Changing the format of the output and recording performance data in the incore database.
- Changing benchmarking loops to be failure-driven.
- Adding a void initial dry run to heat up the caches.

The comments corresponding to the original programs follow. They have been largely unchanged, except to reflect changes in the program interface necessary to perform the modularization and to adapt them to Ciao Prolog. Of course the number of repeated calls was changed. The original comments are still in the source files.

73.1 Testing Calls

This is the one you always dreamed to test! Like all benchmarks, it uses a loop calling the actual benchmark program. The benchmark program consists of a sequence of 200 predicates having no arguments, no choice points, NOTHING. 200 is chosen to have sufficient accuracy in measuring the execution time.

The results show the effect of pure calls, and the Klips performance can be called the peak performance of the prolog system. Note that the peak performance has very little significance to classify the overall performance of a Prolog system.

73.2 Testing non-deterministic behavior

This program contains a series of 3 different benchmark predicates.

The predicate choice_point/1 tests calls invoking the creation of a choice point, i.e. a branch point where the execution will possibly come back to in case of backtracking. It does NOT backtrack. Two versions are proposed, one with and the other without arguments.

We then present two predicates to evaluate the mechanism of backtracking during execution. Both predicates create one choice_point and then backtrack 20 times on every loop iteration step. baktrak1/1 exhibits a kind of backtracking called deep, while baktrak2/1 deals with shallow backtracking. Both are worth being tried, whatever your particular Prolog System is.

73.3 Testing environment handling

The creation and deletion of environments are an important feature in prolog machines. The following program attempts to evaluate that. A usual condition to have environments is that the clause is made of several goals. Thus there will be calls in the clause creating environments, and some work to set the parameters of each call. Three arguments per goal were chosen because this number comes close to the average number of arguments of a predicate and to the average number of permanent variables in an environment. The arguments were arranged in different orders for every goal, because we did not want to measure the merits of register transfer
optimisations. Note that these transfers exist, so the results cannot be compared with those
given by the program which creates choice points (generally slower).

Another version, envirOar/1, with 0 argument in each call, can also be usefully tried

73.4 Testing indexing mechanisms

We give only one test for indexing, i.e. the selection of a clause due to the type of an
argument. This program does not test the merits of indexing on an argument other than the
first one. It does not test for multiple indexing either. It does not show the inefficiency which
occurs if 2 choice points per clause are created. This may happen e.g. in Warren's indexing
scheme.

Each of these tests would require an extra benchmark program. The program given below
tests the main point in indexing. Right now we think it is not worth adding all this complexity
to the benchmarks, in order to measure all the details in indexing. Therefore we give only this
single test.

73.5 Testing unification

We have 6 programs to evaluate the process of unification in the Prolog system:
• Test of list construction via unification.
• Test of list matching unification.
• Test of structure construction via unification. This program is equivalent to construct\_list,
except that it uses the standard structure representation instead of the simplified list nota-
tion.
• Test of structure matching via unification. This predicate matches a list of 100 elements in
structure notation.
• Test to match a nested structure. This predicate tests the (compiled) unification of a
complex structure.
• Test of general unification of 2 complex structures. This predicate tests general unification.
We call it general unification, because it cannot be analysed at compile time. Therefore
this kind of unification cannot be compiled and, even in a compiled system, it must be
handled at run time, exactly as by an interpreter. This is done by a general procedure for
unification. The name of the benchmark therefore does not reflect that the unification is
general, i.e. including all Prolog types (e.g. it does not contain variables), but it reflects
the use of the procedure for general unification as opposed to specific, compiled unification.

Manuel Carro: note that in this case the term "Logical Inference" is a bit contrived, since
by design some of these (head) unifications are very more complicated, naturally being slower and
giving slow KLIPS results.

73.6 Testing dereferencing

Program to benchmark the dereferencing speed. It constructs a list containing 500 variables
which are then bound together. Since different systems use different strategies for binding
variables on the global stack, the whole is made for two lists and the long variable chain is
created only in one of them.

Manuel Carro: different results in this benchmark are not likely to affect larger, general
programs. It is a well-known fact that n programs tend not to generate long dereferencing chains.
Empirical measurements show that dereference chains of length greater than three are extremely
rare. So a suboptimal / optimal behavior in this test is not likely to affect greatly the overall
speed of a system.
73.7 Testing the cut

It seems almost impossible to isolate the cut operator in a simple test program. However, the cut-testing program in this benchmark set contains a lot of cut at exec time. It may be regarded as a partial test of cut, and may be worthwhile for some software implementations of Prolog. cuttest/1 calls the cutitl predicate, which performs 100 calls to a predicate cutl1 where a cut operator appears in the second clause. Having indexing makes the evaluation of the cut more accurate, so please indicate in our result whether or not your Prolog system uses indexing, to clarify the comparison with others.

73.8 Assorted small programs

Here we deal with prolog programs that do something, while being still small but representative of some well-known Prolog computations. This set should be augmented by other programs, some of them might come from your ideas.

Some of the following programs were taken from the Berkeley paper by Peter Van Roy "A Prolog Compiler for the PLM". Other programs were kindly donated by the following ECRC members: Helmut Simonis, Mehmet Dincbas, Micha Meier and Pascal Van Hentenryck.

The programs have been statically analysed and they represent fairly standard programs as far as the statistical averages are concerned. That is the arity of most clauses is 2 or 3 and there are usually 2 or 3 clauses per predicate. The programs range from fairly trivial programs like fibonacci series to problems such as Hamiltonian graph traversal.

Also, some more programs have been added since the last release and some corrections have been made. Most of the writes were removed in order to reduce i/o activity.

The programs added were symbolic differentiation (from Warren's paper) and a quick sort algorithm using difference lists. The last addition is a bit of a rogue: its a naive reverse, where one can enter the list length. The list gets constructed and then gets reversed.

We are grateful to Saumya Debray from Stony Brook and others for comments, suggestions, feedback and useful inputs.

These benchmarks were run on a VAX 785 with 8 Meg of memory, under 4.2 BSD Unix. The interpreter was C-Prolog version 1.5.

This entire file (without mail/net headers) contains 584 lines.

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Call by</th>
<th># of Inferences (one iteration)</th>
<th>KLips (C-Prolog)</th>
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<td>fib</td>
<td>fibonacci(l).</td>
<td>4932</td>
<td>2.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>map</td>
<td>map(200).</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>1.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mham</td>
<td>mham(l)</td>
<td>493824</td>
<td>1.7</td>
</tr>
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<td>mutest</td>
<td>mutest(l).</td>
<td>1366</td>
<td>2.3</td>
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<td>quicksort</td>
<td>qs(10).</td>
<td>601</td>
<td>1.9</td>
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<td>queens</td>
<td>qu(10).</td>
<td>684</td>
<td>1.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>query</td>
<td>query(l).</td>
<td>2294</td>
<td>0.9</td>
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<td>sym_diff</td>
<td>differen(150).</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>1.5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
73.9 Usage and interface (ecrc)

- **Library usage:**
  
  `:- use_module(library(ecrc)).`

- **Exports:**
  
  - **Predicates:**
    
    `main/1, just_benchmarks/0, generate_human_file/0, generate_machine_file/0, send_info_to_developers/0, arithm_average/2, geom_average/2.`
  
  - **Regular Types:**
    
    `benchmark_usage/1`.

- **Imports:**
  
  - **System library modules:**
    
    `aggregates, format, lists, system, dec10_io, terms, hiordlib, getopt, prolog_sys, benchmarks/benchmark_utilities, benchmarks/boresea, benchmarks/choice, benchmarks/envir, benchmarks/index, benchmarks/unif, benchmarks/deref, benchmarks/cut, benchmarks/small_programs, benchmarks/results`.
  
  - **Packages:**
    
    `prelude, nonpure, assertions, basicmodes, regtypes, unittestprops, unittestdecls, hiord`.

73.10 Documentation on exports (ecrc)

**main/1:**

**Predicate**

**Usage:** `main(Flags)`

Main entry point. Execute all benchmarks and report on the performance obtained. This makes it easy to run the set of benchmarks as an executable. Its behavior regarding printing gathered data can be controlled with the list of flags passed as argument. Data is always asserted and available to other programs through the `dump_benchmark_data/0` and `access_benchmark_data/8` predicates.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  
  **Flags** is currently a term which is not a free variable. (`term_typing:nonvar/1`)
Flags is a list of benchmark_usages.

benchmark_usage/1:

Usage: benchmark_usage(Flag)

Options which determine what this module should do with the execution results when called through the main/1 entry point (i.e., if compiled to an executable). It is defined as

```
benchmark_usage('--estimation').
benchmark_usage('--no-machine').
benchmark_usage('--no-human').
benchmark_usage('--send-info').
benchmark_usage('--base-file-name').
```

with the following meaning:

- `'--no-human'`: do not dump human-readable data.
- `'--no-machine'`: do not dump data as a series of facts (which is a machine-readable format) which can be saved to a file and later read back in Prolog.
- `'--send-info'`: send a mail to the Ciao developers with the information gathered plus a terse description of the machine (O.S., architecture, CPU type and speed). The existence of a suitable user command to send mail is expected. No message is sent otherwise. No sensible (personal, etc.) information is gathered or sent.
- `'--base-file-name file-name'`: use file-name as a base to generate file with the reports this module generates. The machine-oriented file will have the .pi extension and the human-oriented file will have the .txt extension.

The options above can be used when calling main/1 predicate or as command-line options for an executable built from this file. Note that the default options print available data both in human-readable and machine-readable formats.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:

Flag is an atom.

just_benchmarks/0:

Usage: Run the set of benchmarks in this program and save the speed information gathered. They can be later accessed using the predicates generate_machine_file/0 or generate_human_file/0.

generate_human_file/0:

Usage: Print to standard output a human-readable report of the information gathered by running just_benchmarks/0.

generate_machine_file/0:

Usage: Print to standard output a machine-readable report of the information gathered by running just_benchmarks/0.
send_info_to_developers/0:
Usage:
Send a message to the Ciao developers with a report of the information gathered by running just_benchmarks/0.

arithm_average/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

geom_average/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

73.11 Known bugs and planned improvements (ecrc)
- The actual logical inferences each benchmark does has to be checked.
74 Parse and return command-line options

Author(s): Manuel Carro.

74.1 Usage and interface (getopts)

- Library usage:
  \texttt{:­ use­module(library(getopts)).}
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    \texttt{getopts/4, cl_option/2.}
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    \texttt{lists.}
  - Packages:
    \texttt{prelude, nonpure, assertions, basicmodes, regtypes.}

74.2 Documentation on exports (getopts)

\texttt{getopts/4:} \hspace{1cm} \texttt{PREDICATE}

Usage: \texttt{getopts(Arguments, Opts, Matched, Rest)}

Ciao Prolog parses the command-line arguments of its executables and passes them as a list of atoms to the \texttt{main/1} predicate. Thus, a shell invocation such as

```
./my_program -file input.txt -file input2.txt --output_file out.txt
-create-dir --decode --unsorte
```

makes \texttt{main/1} receive an argument such as

`['-file', 'input.txt', '-file', 'input2.txt', '--output_file', 'out.txt',
'-create-dir', '--decode', '--unsorte']`

\texttt{getopts/4} can be used to parse such an command-line option list, passed in the \texttt{Arguments} parameter. \texttt{Opts} is a list of expected options, each option being an \texttt{option spec}, i.e., a term of the form \texttt{atom/arity}. For every \texttt{atom} a command-line option of the form \texttt{'--atom'} or \texttt{'-atom'} is expected, with \texttt{arity} arguments following it. An \texttt{arity} of zero can be omitted. For each matched option spec, the list \texttt{Matched} will contain a term of the form \texttt{atom(Arg1, Arg2, ..., Argn)}, where \texttt{n = arity}. The list \texttt{Rest} will contain the unmatched element in \texttt{Arguments}.

\texttt{Rest} will respect the relative order of the elements in \texttt{Arguments}. The matching elements in \texttt{Matched} appear in the same order as the options in \texttt{Opts}, and for every option in \texttt{Opts}, its matches appear in the order as they came in \texttt{Arguments}.

Assuming \texttt{Arguments} is \texttt{['-file', 'input.txt', '-file', 'input2.txt', '--output_file', 'out.txt', '-create-dir', '--decode', '--unsorte']}, some possible uses of \texttt{getopts/4} follow.

- Check that a simple option has been selected:
  \begin{verbatim}
  ?- getopts(Args, ['create-dir'], M, R).
  Args = ...
  \end{verbatim}
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M = ['create-dir'],
R = ['-file', 'input.txt', '-file', 'input2.txt', '--output_file', 'out.txt', '--decode', '--unsorte']

- Which argument was given to an option expecting an additional value?

```prolog
1 ?- getopts(Args, [output_file/1], M, R).
Args = ...
M = [output_file('out.txt')],
R = ['-file', 'input.txt', '-file', 'input2.txt', '-create-dir',
    '--decode', '--unsorte']
```

```prolog
1 ?- getopts(Args, [output_file/1], [output_file(F)], R).
Args = ..
F = 'out.txt',
R = ['-file', 'input.txt', '-file', 'input2.txt', '-create-dir',
    '--decode', '--unsorte']
```

- Extract options (and associated values) which can appear several times.

```prolog
1 ?- getopts(Args, [file/1], M, R).
Args = ...
M = [file('input.txt'), file('input2.txt')],
R = ['-output_file', 'out.txt', '-create-dir', '--decode',
    '--unsorte']
```

- Was decoding selected?

```prolog
1 ?- getopts(Args, [decode], [], R).
Args = ...
R = ['-file', 'input.txt', '-file', 'input2.txt', '-create-dir',
    '--output_file', 'out.txt', '--create-dir', '--unsorte']
```

- Was encoding selected?

```prolog
1 ?- getopts(Args, [encoding], [], R).
no
```

- Was decoding not selected?

```prolog
1 ?- getopts(Args, [decode], [], R).
no
```

- Are all the options passed to the program legal options? If this is not the case, which option(s) is/are not legal?

```prolog
1 ?- getopts(Args, [file/1, output_file/1, 'create-dir',
    encode, decode, unsorted], [], R).
```

The complexity of \texttt{getopts/1} is currently \(O(L_a \times L_o)\), where \(L_a\) is the length of the argument list and \(L_o\) is the length of the option list.

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}

  - \texttt{Arguments} is a list of atoms. \hspace{1cm} (basic.props:list/2)
  - \texttt{Opts} is a list of specs. \hspace{1cm} (basic.props:list/2)
  - \texttt{Matched} is a list of terms. \hspace{1cm} (basic.props:list/2)
  - \texttt{Rest} is a list of terms. \hspace{1cm} (basic.props:list/2)

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}

  - \texttt{Arguments} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{1cm} (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - \texttt{Opts} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{1cm} (term_typing:nonvar/1)
cl_option/2:  
Usage: cl_option(Arguments,Option)
Check that Option is an option in Arguments.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  
  Arguments is a list of atoms. (basic_props:list/2)
  Option is AtomName/Arity (getopts:spec/l)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arguments is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Option is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

74.3 Documentation on internals (getopts)

spec/1:  
Usage: spec(Spec)
Spec is AtomName/Arity
75 llists (library)

75.1 Usage and interface (llists)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(llists)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - append/2, flatten/2, collect_singletons/2, transpose/2.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - lists.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

75.2 Documentation on exports (llists)

**append/2:**

**Usage:**
Concatenates a list of lists into a list.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - Arg1 is a list of lists.
  - Arg2 is a list.

**flatten/2:**

**Usage:**
Flattens out nested lists into a list.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - Arg2 is a list.
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - Arg1 is any term.
- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - Arg2 is a list.

**collect_singletons/2:**

**Usage:**
Collects in a list the singletons lists appearing in a list of lists.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - Arg2 is a list.
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arg1 is a list of lists. (basic_props:list/2)
– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Arg2 is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

transpose/2: PREDICATE

Usage:
Transposes a list of lists, that is, viewing it as a matrix changes rows by columns.
– Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Arg2 is a list of lists. (basic_props:list/2)
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arg1 is a list of lists. (basic_props:list/2)
– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Arg2 is a list of lists. (basic_props:list/2)

General properties:
Test: transpose(X,Y)
Transpose a non numeric matrix.
– If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:X=[[aaa,bbb,ccc],[ddd,eee,fff]] (term_basic:= /2)
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  The terms Y and [[aaa,ddd],[bbb,eee],[ccc,fff]] are strictly identical. (term_compare:== /2)

Test: transpose(X,Y)
Transpose a 2x1 matrix.
– If the following properties should hold at call time:
  term_basic:X=[[1.0,2.0]] (term_basic:= /2)
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  The terms Y and [[1.0],[2.0]] are strictly identical. (term_compare:== /2)
76 Structured stream handling

76.1 Usage and interface (streams)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(streams)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - open_null_stream/1, open_input/2, close_input/1, open_output/2, close_output/1.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions.

76.2 Documentation on exports (streams)

**open_null_stream/1:**

- Usage:
  ```prolog
  open_null_stream(S)
  ```
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - S is an open stream.

**open_input/2:**

- Usage:
  ```prolog
  open_input(FileName,InputStreams)
  ```
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - FileName is a source name.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - streams:input_handler(InputStreams)

**close_input/1:**

- Usage:
  ```prolog
  close_input(InputStreams)
  ```
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - streams:input_handler(InputStreams)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - streams:input_handler(InputStreams)

**open_output/2:**

- Usage:
  ```prolog
  open_output(FileName,OutputStreams)
  ```
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - FileName is a source name.
The following properties should hold upon exit:

\[
\text{streams:output_handler(OutputStreams)} \quad (\text{streams:output_handler/1})
\]

close\_output/1:

Usage: close\_output(OutputStreams)

The following properties should hold at call time:

\[
\text{streams:output_handler(OutputStreams)} \quad (\text{streams:output_handler/1})
\]

The following properties should hold upon exit:

\[
\text{streams:output_handler(OutputStreams)} \quad (\text{streams:output_handler/1})
\]
77 Dictionaries

Author(s): The CLIP Group.
This module provides predicates for implementing dictionaries. Such dictionaries are currently implemented as ordered binary trees of key-value pairs.

77.1 Usage and interface (dict)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(dict)).
  ```prolog```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog```
    dictionary/5, dic_node/2, dic_lookup/3, dic_lookup/4, dic_get/3, dic_replace/4.
    ```prolog```
  - Regular Types:
    ```prolog```
    dictionary/1, old_or_new/1, non_empty_dictionary/1.
    ```prolog```

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    ```prolog```
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, isomodes.
    ```prolog```

77.2 Documentation on exports (dict)

dictionary/1: (True) Usage: dictionary(D)
D is a dictionary.

dictionary/5: PREDICATE
Usage: dictionary(D,K,V,L,R)
The dictionary node D has key K, value V, left child L, and right child R.
  - The following properties should hold upon exit:
    D is a non-empty dictionary. (dict:non_empty_dictionary/1)

dic_node/2: PREDICATE
Usage: dic_node(D,N)
N is a sub-dictionary of D.
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    D is a non-empty dictionary. (dict:non_empty_dictionary/1)
  - The following properties should hold upon exit:
    N is a dictionary. (dict:dictionary/1)
**dic_lookup/3:**

**Usage:** `dic_lookup(D, K, V)`

D contains value V at key K. If it was not already in D it is added.

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - D is a non-empty dictionary.

**dic_lookup/4:**

**Usage:** `dic_lookup(D, K, V, 0)`

Same as `dic_lookup(D, K, V)`. 0 indicates if it was already in D (old) or not (new).

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - D is a non-empty dictionary.
  - `dict:old_or_new(0)`

**dic_get/3:**

**Usage:** `dic_get(D, K, V)`

D contains value V at key K. Fails if it is not already in D.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - D is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - D is a dictionary.
- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - D is a non-empty dictionary.

**dic_replace/4:**

**Usage:** `dic_replace(D, K, V, D1)`

D and D1 are identical except for the element at key K, which in D1 contains value V, whatever has (or whether it is) in D.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - D is a dictionary.
  - D1 is a dictionary.
- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - D is a dictionary.
  - D1 is a dictionary.

**old_or_new/1:**

A regular type, defined as follows:

- `old_or_new(old)`.
- `old_or_new(new)`.

**non_empty_dictionary/1:**

(True) **Usage:** `non_empty_dictionary(D)`

D is a non-empty dictionary.
77.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (dict)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
Chapter 78: String processing

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza.

This module provides predicates for doing input/output with strings (character code lists) and for including in grammars defining strings.

78.1 Usage and interface (strings)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(strings)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - `get_line/2`, `get_line/1`, `write_string/2`, `write_string/1`, `whitespace/2`, `whitespace0/2`, `string/3`.
  - Regular Types:
    - `line/1`.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `dcg`, `assertions`, `isomodes`.

78.2 Documentation on exports (strings)

**get_line/2:**

```prolog
get_line(Stream, Line)
```

Reads from `Stream` a line of text and unifies `Line` with it. The end of the line can have UNIX [10] or MS-DOS [13 10] termination, which is not included in `Line`. At EOF, the term `end_of_file` is returned.

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  S is an open stream.
  ```
  (streams_basic:stream/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  ```prolog
  strings:line(L)
  ```
  (strings:line/1)

**get_line/1:**

```prolog
get_line(Line)
```

Behaves like `current_input(S), get_line(S,Line)`.

Usage:

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  ```prolog
  strings:line(L)
  ```
  (strings:line/1)
line/1:  
A regular type, defined as follows:

\begin{verbatim}
line(L) :-
  string(L).
line(end_of_file).
\end{verbatim}

write_string/2:  
write_string(Stream,String)

Writes String onto Stream.

Usage: write_string(Stream,String)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is an open stream.
  String is a string (a list of character codes).

write_string/1:  
write_string(String)

Behaves like current_input(S), write_string(S, String).

Usage: write_string(String)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  String is a string (a list of character codes).

whitespace/2:  
whitespace(String,Rest)

In a grammar rule, as whitespace/0, represents whitespace (a positive number of space (32), tab (9), newline (10) or return (13) characters). Thus, Rest is a proper suffix of String with one or more whitespace characters removed. An example of use would be:

\begin{verbatim}
attrs([[]]) --> ""
attrs([N|Ns]) -->
  whitespace,
  attr(N),
  attrs(Ns).
\end{verbatim}

Usage: whitespace(S1,S2)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  S1 is a string (a list of character codes).
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  S2 is a string (a list of character codes).

whitespace0/2:  
whitespace0(String,Rest)

In a grammar rule, as whitespace0/0, represents possible whitespace (any number of space (32), tab (9), newline (10) or return (13) characters). Thus, Rest is String or a proper suffix of String with one or more whitespace characters removed. An example of use would be:
assignment(N,V) \rightarrow 
variable_name(N), whitespace0, ",=", whitespace0, value(V).

Usage: whitespace0(S1,S2)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  S1 is a string (a list of character codes).
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  S2 is a string (a list of character codes).

string/3:

string(String,Head,Tail)

In a grammar rule, as string/1, represents literally String. An example of use would be:

double(A) \rightarrow 
  string(A),
  string(A).

Usage 1:
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  String is a string (a list of character codes).
  Head is a string (a list of character codes).
  Tail is a string (a list of character codes).
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  String is a string (a list of character codes).
  Head is a string (a list of character codes).
  Tail is a string (a list of character codes).

Usage 2: string(A,B,C)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  C is a list.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  A is a list.
  B is a list.
79 Printing status and error messages

Author(s): The CLIP Group.
This is a very simple library for printing status and error messages to the console.

79.1 Usage and interface (messages)

- Library usage:
  ::= use_module(library(messages)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    error_message/1, error_message/2, error_message/3, warning_message/1,
    warning_message/2, warning_message/3, note_message/1, note_message/2,
    note_message/3, simple_message/1, simple_message/2, optional_message/2,
    optional_message/3, debug_message/1, debug_message/2, debug_goal/2, debug_goal/3,
    show_message/2, show_message/3, show_message/4.
  - Regular Types:
    message_t/1.
  - Multifiles:
    issue_debug_messages/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    format, lists, write, filenames, compiler/c_itf_internal.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

79.2 Documentation on exports (messages)

error_message/1: PREDICATE
  Usage: error_message(Text)
  Same as message(error,Text).
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    Text is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

error_message/2: PREDICATE
  Usage: error_message(Text,ArgList)
  Same as message(error,Text,ArgList).
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    Text is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is
    an atom it will be converted into a string with name/2. (format:format_control/1)
    ArgList is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: error_message(?,,addmodule(?)).
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**error_message/3:**

**PREDICATE**

Usage: `error_message(Lc, Text, ArgList)`

Same as `message(error, Lc, Text, ArgList)`.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - Identifies a source line range in a file.

```prolog
location_t(loc(File, L1, L2)) :-
  atm(File),
  int(L1),
  int(L2).
```

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: `error_message(?,?,addmodule(?))`.

**warning_message/1:**

**PREDICATE**

Usage: `warning_message(Text)`

Same as `message(warning, Text)`.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - Text is a string (a list of character codes).

```prolog
warning_message/1
```

**warning_message/2:**

**PREDICATE**

Usage: `warning_message(Text, ArgList)`

Same as `message(warning, Lc, Text, ArgList)`.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - Text is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with `name/2`.  
    - (format:format_control/l)
  - ArgList is a list.  
    - (basic_props:list/l)

```prolog
warning_message/2
```

**warning_message/3:**

**PREDICATE**

Usage: `warning_message(Lc, Text, ArgList)`

Same as `message(warning, Lc, Text, ArgList)`.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - Identifies a source line range in a file.

```prolog
location_t(loc(File, L1, L2)) :-
  atm(File),
  int(L1),
  int(L2).
```

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: `warning_message(?,?,addmodule(?))`.
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note_message/1:                  PREDICATE
Usage: note_message(Text)
Same as message(note,Text).
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Text is a string (a list of character codes).

note_message/2:                  PREDICATE
Usage: note_message(Text,ArgList)
Same as message(note,Text,ArgList).
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Text is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with name/2.  (format:format_control/1)
  ArgList is a list.  (basic_props:list/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: note_message(?addmodule(?)).

note_message/3:                  PREDICATE
Usage: note_message(Lc,Text,ArgList)
Same as message(note,Lc,Text,ArgList).
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Identifies a source line range in a file.
  location_t(loc(File,L1,L2)) :-
    atm(File),
    int(L1),
    int(L2).

Text is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with name/2.  (format:format_control/1)
ArgList is a list.  (basic_props:list/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: note_message(?addmodule(?)).

simple_message/1:                PREDICATE
Usage: simple_message(Text)
The text provided in Text is printed.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Text is a string (a list of character codes).

simple_message/2:                PREDICATE
Usage: simple_message(Text,ArgList)
The text provided in Text is printed as a message, using the arguments in ArgList.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Text is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with name/2.  (format:format_control/1)
  ArgList is a list.
optional_message/2:  
Usage: optional_message(Text,Opts)

The text provided in Text is printed as a message, but only if the atom -v is a member of Opts. These predicates are meant to be used for optional messages, which are only to be printed when verbose output is requested explicitly.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Text is a string (a list of character codes).
  - Opts is a list of atms.

optional_message/3:  
Usage: optional_message(Text,ArgList,Opts)

The text provided in Text is printed as a message, using the arguments in ArgList, but only if the atom -v is a member of Opts. These predicates are meant to be used for optional messages, which are only to be printed when verbose output is requested explicitly.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Text is a string (a list of character codes).
  - ArgList is a list.
  - Opts is a list of atms.

debug_message/1:  
Usage: debug_message(Text)

The text provided in Text is printed as a debugging message. These messages are turned on by defining a fact of issue_debug_messages/1 with the module name as argument.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Text is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with name/2.

debug_message/2:  
Usage: debug_message(Text,ArgList)

The text provided in Text is printed as a debugging message, using the arguments in ArgList to interpret any variable-related formatting commands embedded in Text. These messages are turned on by defining a fact of issue_debug_messages/1 which the module name as argument.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Text is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with name/2.

Meta-predicate with arguments: debug_message(?),addmodule(?)).

dbg_goal/2:  
Usage: debug_goal(Goal,Text)

Goal is called. The text provided in Text is then printed as a debugging message. The whole process (including running Goal) is turned on by defining a fact of issue_debug_messages/1 with the module name as argument.
**debug_goal/3:**

**Usage:** `debug_goal(Goal, Text, ArgList)`

`Goal` is called. The text provided in `Text` is then printed as a debugging message, using the arguments in `ArgList` to interpret any variable-related formatting commands embedded in `Text`. Note that the variables in `ArgList` can be computed by `Goal`. The whole process (including running `Goal`) is turned on by defining a fact of `issue_debug_messages/1` with the module name as argument.

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: `debug_goal(goal, ?, addmodule(?))`.

**show_message/2:**

**Usage:** `show_message(Type, Text)`

The text provided in `Text` is printed as a message of type `Type`.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - The types of messages supported by the message predicate (`messages:message_t/1`)
  - `Text` is a string (a list of character codes). (`basic_props:string/1`)

**show_message/3:**

**Usage:** `show_message(Type, Text, ArgList)`

The text provided in `Text` is printed as a message of type `Type`, using the arguments in `ArgList` to interpret any variable-related formatting commands embedded in `Text`.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - The types of messages supported by the message predicate (`messages:message_t/1`)
  - `Text` is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with `name/2`. (`format:format_control/1`)
  - `ArgList` is a list. (`basic_props:list/1`)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: `show_message(?, ?, addmodule(?))`.

**show_message/4:**

**Usage:** `show_message(Type, Lc, Text, ArgList)`

The text provided in `Text` is printed as a message of type `Type`, using the arguments in `ArgList` to interpret any variable-related formatting commands embedded in `Text`, and reporting error location `Lc` (file and line numbers).

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - The types of messages supported by the message predicate (`messages:message_t/1`)
  - Identifies a source line range in a file.
    
    `location_t(loc(File, L1, L2)) :-`
    
    `atm(File),`
    `int(L1),`
    `int(L2).` (`c_itf_internal:location_t/1`)

  - `Text` is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with `name/2`. (`format:format_control/1`)
  - `ArgList` is a list. (`basic_props:list/1`)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: `show_message(?, ?, ?, addmodule(?))`. 
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message_t/1: REGTYPE
Usage:
The types of messages supported by the message predicate

location_t/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from c_itf_internal (see the corresponding documentation for details).

79.3 Documentation on multifiles (messages)

issue_debug_messages/1: PREDICATE
(Trust) Usage: issue_debug_messages(Module)
Printing of debugging messages is enabled for module Module.
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Module is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
The predicate is multifile.
The predicate is of type data.

79.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (messages)
- Debug message switching should really be done with an expansion, for performance.
80 Accessing and redirecting the stream aliases

Author(s): Manuel Carro.

This library allows the redefinition of the files to which the special streams user_input, user_output, and user_error point to. On startup they point to the standard input, standard output, and standard error, in Unix style (Windows users may find that standard error stream does not work properly). Changing the file pointed to is useful for, e.g., redirecting the place to which the Prolog’s standard error stream goes from within Prolog (e.g., to start a log file).

80.1 Usage and interface (io_alias_redirection)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(io_alias_redirection)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - `set_stream/3`, `get_stream/2`.

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, basicmodes.

80.2 Documentation on exports (io_alias_redirection)

`set_stream/3`:

PREDICATE

Usage: `set_stream(StreamAlias, NewStream, OldStream)`

Associate `StreamAlias` with an open stream `NewStream`. Returns in `OldStream` the stream previously associated with the alias. The mode of `NewStream` must match the intended use of `StreamAlias`.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `StreamAlias` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `NewStream` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `StreamAlias` is the alias of an open stream, i.e., an atom which represents a stream at Prolog level. (streams_basic:stream_alias/1)
  - `NewStream` is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
  - `OldStream` is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)

`get_stream/2`:

PREDICATE

Usage: `get_stream(StreamAlias, Stream)`

Return in `Stream` the stream associated with `StreamAlias`.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `StreamAlias` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `StreamAlias` is the alias of an open stream, i.e., an atom which represents a stream at Prolog level. (streams_basic:stream_alias/1)
  - `Stream` is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
81 Reading terms from strings

Author(s): Francisco Bueno, Daniel Cabeza, Manuel Hermenegildo, Jose F. Morales.
This module implements predicates for reading (parsing) terms from strings or atom codes.

Use with extreme care. This is a quick and incomplete implementation.

81.1 Usage and interface (read_from_string)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(read_from_string)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    `read_from_string/2`, `read_from_string/3`, `read_from_string_opts/4`, `read_from_string_atmvars/2`,
    `read_from_string_atmvars/3`, `read_from_atom_atmvars/2`, `read_from_atom/2`.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    `diet`, `read`, `operators`.
  - Packages:
    `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `basicmodes`.

81.2 Documentation on exports (read_from_string)

`read_from_string/2`:

Usage: `read_from_string(String,Term)`
Read a term Term from String.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - String is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Term is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

`read_from_string/3`:

Usage: `read_from_string(String,Term,Rest)`
Read a term Term from String up to Rest (which is the non-parsed rest of the list).
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - String is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Term is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
**read_from_string_opts/4:**

*Usage:* `read_from_string_opts(String,Term,Rest,Opts)`

*String* is parsed into *Term* up to *Rest* (which is the non-parsed rest of the list). The options in *Opts* can be:

- `variable_names(Ns)`
  - Read variable names in *Ns*.
  - *The following properties should hold at call time:*
    - *String* is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    - *Term* is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
    - *Opts* is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

**read_from_string_atmvars/2:**

*Usage:* `read_from_string_atmvars(String,Term)`

Read a term *Term* from *String*. It ignores the unparsed rest of the string (see `read_from_string_atmvars/3`).

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - *String* is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - *Term* is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**General properties:**

**Test:** `read_from_string_atmvars(A,T)`

- *If the following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `term_basic:A=[97]`
  - *then the following properties should hold upon exit:*
    - `term_basic:= /2`
    - `term_basic:T=a` (term_basic:= /2)

**Test:** `read_from_string_atmvars(A,T)`

- *If the following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `term_basic:A=[49]`
  - *then the following properties should hold upon exit:*
    - `term_basic:= /2`
    - `term_basic:T=1` (term_basic:= /2)

**Test:** `read_from_string_atmvars(A,T)`

- *If the following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `term_basic:A=[65]`
  - *then the following properties should hold upon exit:*
    - `term_basic:= /2`
    - `term_basic:T=A` (term_basic:= /2)

**Test:** `read_from_string_atmvars(A,T)`

- *If the following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `term_basic:A=[102,40,97,41]`
  - *then the following properties should hold upon exit:*
    - `term_basic:= /2`
    - `term_basic:T=f(a)` (term_basic:= /2)

**Test:** `read_from_string_atmvars(A,T)`

- *If the following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `term_basic:A=[102,47,50]`
  - *then the following properties should hold upon exit:*
    - `term_basic:= /2`
    - `term_basic:T=f/2` (term_basic:= /2)
read_from_string_atmvars/3:  
Usage: read_from_string_atmvars(String,Term,Rest)  
Read a term Term from String up to Rest (which is the non-parsed rest of the list). Unquoted uppercase identifiers are read as atoms instead of variables (thus, the read term is always ground).

The following properties should hold at call time:

String is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
Term is a free variable.

General properties:

Test: read_from_string_atmvars(A,T,R)

If the following properties should hold at call time:

term_basic:A=[102,40,97,41]

then the following properties should hold upon exit:

term_basic:T=f(a)

Test: read_from_string_atmvars(A,T,R)

If the following properties should hold at call time:

term_basic:A=[102,40,97,41,32,102,111,111,32]

then the following properties should hold upon exit:

term_basic:T=f(a)

read_from_atom_atmvars/2:

Usage: read_from_atom_atmvars(Atom,Term)  
Like read_from_string_atmvars/2, but reads the term Term from the atom codes in Atom.

The following properties should hold at call time:

Atom is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
Term is a free variable.

General properties:

Test: read_from_atom_atmvars(A,T)

If the following properties should hold at call time:

term_basic:A=a

then the following properties should hold upon exit:

term_basic:T=a

Test: read_from_atom_atmvars(A,T)

If the following properties should hold at call time:

term_basic:A=1

then the following properties should hold upon exit:

term_basic:T=1

Test: read_from_atom_atmvars(A,T)
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- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  \[ \text{term} = A = \lambda \]
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  \[ \text{term} = T = \lambda \]

Test: \texttt{read_from_atom}(A, T)

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  \[ \text{term} = \lambda f(a) \]
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  \[ \text{term} = T = f(a) \]

Test: \texttt{read_from_atom}(A, T)

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  \[ \text{term} = \lambda f/2 \]
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:
  \[ \text{term} = T = f/2 \]

read\_from\_atom/2:

Usage: \texttt{read_from_atom}(Atom, Term)

Read the term Term from the atom codes in Atom.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Atom is currently a term which is not a free variable. \quad \text{term\_typing:nonvar/1}
  
  Term is a free variable. \quad \text{term\_typing:var/1}

81.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (read\_from\_string)

- All predicates except \texttt{read_from_atom}/2 were implemented as a quick hack initially written mainly for parsing daVinci’s messages. The good implementation should: a) create a read stream from a string, and b) call the standard reader.
- \texttt{read_from_atom}/2 is implemented using pipe/2, which is not safe.
82 ctrlcclean (library)

82.1 Usage and interface (ctrlcclean)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(ctrlcclean)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - ctrlc_clean/1, delete_on_ctrlc/2, ctrlcclean/0.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - system.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions.

82.2 Documentation on exports (ctrlcclean)

(ctrlc_clean/1: PREDICATE
  No further documentation available for this predicate. Meta-predicate with arguments: ctrlc_clean(goal).

(delete_on_ctrlc/2: PREDICATE
  No further documentation available for this predicate.

(ctrlcclean/0: PREDICATE
  No further documentation available for this predicate.
83 errhandle (library)

83.1 Usage and interface (errhandle)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(errhandle)).
  ```

- Exports:
  
  - Predicates:
    
      ```prolog
      error_protect/1, handle_error/2.
      ```

- Imports:
  
  - System library modules:
    
      ```prolog
      system, rtchecks/rtchecks_utils.
      ```
  
  - Packages:
    
      ```prolog
      prelude, nonpure, assertions.
      ```

83.2 Documentation on exports (errhandle)

**error_protect/1:**

No further documentation available for this predicate. *Meta-predicate* with arguments:

```prolog
error_protect(goal).
```

**handle_error/2:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.
Chapter 84: Fast reading and writing of terms

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza, Oscar Portela Arjona.
This library provides predicates to support reading / writing of terms on a format designed to be handled on read faster than standard representation.

84.1 Usage and interface (fastrw)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(fastrw)).
  ```prolog```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - fast_read/1, fast_write/1, fast_read/2, fast_write/2,
      fast_write_to_string/3.

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, dcg, assertions, isomodes.

84.2 Documentation on exports (fastrw)

fast_read/1:

```prolog```
fast_read(Term)
```prolog```

The next term is read from current standard input and is unified with Term. The syntax of the term must agree with fast_read / fast_write format. If the end of the input has been reached, Term is unified with the term 'end_of_file'. Further calls to fast_read/1 will then cause an error.

fast_write/1:

```prolog```
fast_write(Term)
```prolog```

Output Term in a way that fast_read/1 and fast_read/2 will be able to read it back.

fast_read/2:

```prolog```
fast_read(Stream, Term)
```prolog```

The next term is read from Stream and unified with Term. The syntax of the term must agree with fast_read / fast_write format. If the end of the input has been reached, Term is unified with the term 'end_of_file'. Further calls to fast_read/2 will then cause an error.

Usage:
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
**fast_write/2:**

*fast_write(Stream, Term)*

Output Term to Stream in a way that *fast_read/1* and *fast_read/2* will be able to read it back.

**Usage:**

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
  - Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  - Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- *The following properties should hold globally:*
  - Term is not further instantiated. (basic_props:not_further_inst/2)

**fast_write_to_string/3:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

### 84.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (fastrw)

- Both *fast_read/2* and *fast_write/2* simply set the current output/input and call *fast_read/1* and *fast_write/1*. Therefore, in the event an error happens during its execution, the current input/output streams may be left pointing to the Stream.
85 File name manipulation

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza, Angel Fernandez Pineda.
This library provides some small utilities to handle file name syntax.

85.1 Usage and interface (filenames)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(filenames)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    no_path_file_name/2, file_directory_base_name/3, file_name_extension/3,
    basename/2, extension/2.
  - Regular Types:
    atom_or_str/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    assertions/native_props, lists.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nativeprops.

85.2 Documentation on exports (filenames)

no_path_file_name/2: PREDICATE
This predicate will extract the last item (usually the file name) from a given path.
The first argument must be instantiated to a string or atom. Whenever the first argument
is an atom, the second argument will be an atom. Whenever the first argument is a string,
the second argument will be a string.

This predicate will fail under any of the following conditions:
- First argument is not an atom, nor a string.
- Second argument is not the last given path item (given path is the first argument).

Those are the most usual usages of no_path_file_name/2:

?- no_path_file_name("/home/nexusV/somefile.txt",K).
K = "somefile.txt" ?
yes

?- no_path_file_name('/home/nexusV/somefile.txt',K).
K = 'somefile.txt' ?
yes

Usage: no_path_file_name(Path,FileName)
FileName is the file corresponding to the given Path.
Call and exit should be compatible with:

Path is an atom or a string
FileName is an atom or a string

file_directory_base_name/3:

Usage: file_directory_base_name(Path,Directory,BaseName)

Given a file path Path, Directory is the directory part and BaseName is the filename part. Directory does not end in ‘/’ unless it is just ‘/’. Directory is ‘.’ if Path does not contain ‘/’.

Call and exit should be compatible with:

Path is an atom or a string
Directory is an atom or a string
BaseName is an atom or a string

file_name_extension/3:

This predicate may be used in two ways:

1. To create a file name from its components: name and extension. For instance:

   \[- file_name_extension(File,mywork,’.txt’).

   File = ’mywork.txt’ ?

   yes

   ?-

2. To split a file name into its name and extension. For Instance:

   \[- file_name_extension(’mywork.txt’,A,B).

   A = mywork,
   B = ’.txt’ ?

   yes

   ?-

Any other usage of file_name_extension/3 will cause the predicate to fail. Notice that valid arguments are accepted both as atoms or strings.

Usage: file_name_extension(File,BaseName,Extension)

Splits a FileName into its BaseName and Extension.

Call and exit should be compatible with:

FileName is an atom or a string
BaseName is an atom or a string
Extension is an atom or a string

General properties:

Test: file_name_extension(File,Name,Ext)

This is a bug, this test must succeeds.
If the following properties do not hold at call time:

- term_basic:File=/home/user/emacs.d/dummy

then the following properties do not hold upon exit:

- term_basic:Name=/home/user/emacs.d/dummy
- term_basic:Ext=

then the following properties do not hold globally:

- All calls of the form file_name_extension(File,Name,Ext) are deterministic. (native_props:is_det/1)
- All the calls of the form file_name_extension(File,Name,Ext) do not fail. (native_props:not_fails/1)

basename/2: PREDICATE

 isAuthenticated(File,BaseName)

BaseName is FileName without extension. Equivalent to file_name_extension(FileName,BaseName,_). Useful to extract the base name of a file using functional syntax.

Usage:

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - FileName is an atom or a string (filenames:atom_or_str/1)
  - BaseName is an atom or a string (filenames:atom_or_str/1)

atom_or_str/1: REGTYPE

Usage: atom_or_str(X)

X is an atom or a string

extension/2: PREDICATE

extension(File,Extension)

Extension is the extension (suffix) of FileName. Equivalent to file_name_extension(FileName,_,Extension). Useful to extract the extension of a file using functional syntax.

Usage:

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - FileName is an atom or a string (filenames:atom_or_str/1)
  - Extension is an atom or a string (filenames:atom_or_str/1)
86 Symbolic filenames

Author(s): Francisco Bueno.

This module provides a predicate for file opening which can use any term as an alias for the filename (i.e., symbolic filenames) instead of the usual constants which are file system path names of the actual files.

The correspondence between an alias and the actual file path is done dynamically, without having to recompile the program. It is possible to define the correspondence via facts for file_alias/2 in a file declared with multifile:alias_file/1 in the program: those facts will be dynamically loaded when running the program. Alternatively, the correspondence can be defined via shell environment variables, by defining the value of a variable by the (symbolic) name of the file to be the path of the actual file.

86.1 Usage and interface (symfnames)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(symfnames)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    open/3.
  - Multifiles:
    alias_file/1, file_alias/2.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    read, system.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

86.2 Documentation on exports (symfnames)

open/3: PREDICATE

open(File,Mode,Stream)

Open File with mode Mode and return in Stream the stream associated with the file. It is like streams_basic:open/3, but File is considered a symbolic name: either defined by user:file_alias/2 or as an environment variable. Predicate user:file_alias/2 is inspected before the environment variables.

(True) Usage:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  File is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  Mode is an opening mode ('read', 'write' or 'append'). (streams_basic:io_mode/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
86.3 Documentation on multfiles (symfnames)

alias_file/1:  
alias_file(File)
Declares File to be a file defining symbolic names via file_alias/2. Anything else in File is simply ignored. The predicate is multifile.

file_alias/2:  
file_alias(Alias,File)
Declares Alias as a symbolic name for File, the real name of an actual file (or directory). The predicate is multifile.

The predicate is of type data.

86.4 Other information (symfnames)

The example discussed here is included in the distribution files. There is a main application file which uses module mm. This module reads a line from a file; the main predicate in the main file then prints this line. The important thing is that the file read is named by a symbolic name "file". The main application file declares another file where the symbolic names are assigned actual file names:

:- use_module(mm).

:- multifile alias_file/1.
alias_file(myfiles).

main :- p(X), display(X), nl.

Now, the file myfiles.pl can be used to change the file you want to read from without having to recompile the application. The current assignment is:

%:- use_package([]).
file_alias(file,"mm.pl").

so the execution of the application will show the first line of mm.pl. However, you can change to:

file_alias(file,"main.pl").

and then execution of the same executable will show the first line of main.pl.
87 File/Stream Utilities

**Author(s):** The CLIP Group.

This module implements a collection of predicates to read/write files (or streams) from/to several sources (lists of terms, strings, predicate output, etc.), in a compact way.

### 87.1 Usage and interface (file_utils)

- **Library usage:**
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(file_utils)).
  ```
- **Exports:**
  - *Predicates:*
    - `file_terms/2`, `copy_stdout/1`, `file_to_string/2`, `file_to_string/3`, `string_to_file/2`, `stream_to_string/2`, `stream_to_string/3`, `output_to_file/2`.
  - *Imports:*
    - **System library modules:**
      - `read`, `streams`, `strings`.
    - **Packages:**
      - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `isomodes`.

### 87.2 Documentation on exports (file_utils)

#### file_terms/2:

**PREDICATE**

**Usage 1:** `file_terms(File, Terms)`

Unifies `Terms` with the list of all terms in `File`.
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `File` is a source name.
  - `Terms` is a free variable.
- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - `Terms` is a list.

**Usage 2:** `file_terms(File, Terms)`

Writes the terms in list `Terms` (including the ending ' . ') onto file `File`.
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `File` is a source name.
  - `Terms` is a list.

#### copy_stdout/1:

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:** `copy_stdout(File)`

Copies file `File` to standard output.
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `File` is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - `File` is a source name.
**file_to_string/2:**

**Usage:** file_to_string(FileName,String)

Reads all the characters from the file FileName and returns them in String.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - FileName is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - String is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - FileName is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic Props:string/1)

**file_to_string/3:**

**Usage:** file_to_string(FileName,String,Tail)

Reads all the characters from the file FileName and returns them in String. Tail is the end of String.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - FileName is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - String is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - FileName is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic Props:string/1)

**string_to_file/2:**

**Usage:** string_to_file(String,FileName)

Reads all the characters from the string String and writes them to file FileName.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - String is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - FileName is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic Props:string/1)
  - FileName is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)

**stream_to_string/2:**

**Usage:** stream_to_string(Stream,String)

Reads all the characters from Stream, returns them in String, and closes Stream.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Stream is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - String is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic Props:string/1)
**stream_to_string/3:**

**Usage:** stream_to_string(Stream, String, Tail)

Reads all the characters from Stream, returns them in String, and closes Stream. Tail is the end of String.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Stream is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - String is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)

**output_to_file/2:**

No further documentation available for this predicate. *Meta-predicate* with arguments: output_to_file(goal, ?).
88 File locks

Author(s): José Manuel Gómez Pérez, Daniel Cabeza, Manuel Carro.
This module implements file locks: the ability to lock a file so that other processes cannot access it until the file is unlocked. **It is, however, not working.** The predicates do nothing. Proper implementation is planned for a near future.

88.1 Usage and interface (file_locks)

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- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(file_locks)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  
  - Predicates:
    
    ```prolog
    lock_file/3, unlock_file/2.
    ```

- **Imports:**
  
  - Packages:
    
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
    ```

88.2 Documentation on exports (file_locks)

**lock_file/3:**

**Usage:** `lock_file(File,LockType,Result)`

Tries to lock `File` with `LockType` and returns the result (either true or false) in `Result`.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  
  - `File` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `LockType` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Result` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

**unlock_file/2:**

**Usage:** `unlock_file(File,Result)`

Tries to unlock `File` the result (either true or false) in `Result`.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  
  - `File` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Result` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

88.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (file_locks)

- No doing anything helpful.
89 Lists and conjunctions and disjunctions

89.1 Usage and interface (formulae)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(formulae)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    
    list_to_conj/3, list_to_conj/2, conj_to_list/2, list_to_disj/2, disj_to_list/2, conj_to_llist/2, llist_to_conj/2, disj_to_llist/2, llist_to_disj/2, body2list/2, asbody_to_conj/2, list_to_disj2/2.
  - **Properties:**
    
    assert_body_type/1.
  - **Regular Types:**
    
    conj_disj_type/1, t_conj/1, t_disj/1.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    
    messages.
  - **Packages:**
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes.

89.2 Documentation on exports (formulae)

**list_to_conj/3:**

**PREDICATE**

```
list_to_conj(List,Conj,End)
Conj is the conjunction made up of the elements of List plus a final element End.
```

**list_to_conj/2:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage 1:** list_to_conj(A,B)

Conj is the conjunction made up of the elements of List. ([]) is true). It runs in both ways.

```prolog
?- list_to_conj( A , a ).
A = [a] ? ;
no
?- list_to_conj( A , (a,V) ).
A = [a,V] ? ;
no
?- list_to_conj( A , (a,V,b) ).
```
A = [a,V,b] ? ;

no
?- list_to_conj([A], B).
B = A ? ;

no
?- list_to_conj([a,A], B).
B = (a,A) ? ;

no
?- list_to_conj([a,A,b], B).
B = (a,A,b) ? ;

no
?- list_to_conj([], B).
B = true ? ;

no

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*
A is a list.
B is a free variable.

— *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
Conjuncts.

Usage 2: list_to_conj(A,B)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*
A is a free variable.
Conjuncts.

— *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
A is a list.

conj_to_list/2: PREDICATE

conj_to_list(Conj,List)
List is the list made up of the elements of conjunction Conj (true is []).

list_to_disj/2: PREDICATE

Usage: list_to_disj(A,B)
Disj is the disjunction made up of the elements of List. ([] is true). It runs in both ways. Examples:
?- list_to_disj([a], A).
A = a ;
no
?- list_to_disj([a,b], A).
A = (a;b) ;
no
?- list_to_disj([a,B,b], A).
A = (a;B;b) ;
no
?- list_to_disj([a,b,B], A).
A = (a;b;B) ;
no
?- list_to_disj(A, (a)).
A = [a] ;
no
?- list_to_disj(A, (a;b)).
A = [a,b] ;
no
?- list_to_disj(A, (a;B;b)).
A = [a,B,b] ;
no

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  A is a list.
  B is a free variable.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Conjunctions.

`disj_to_list/2`: PREDICATE

`disj_to_list(Disj,List)`
List is the list made up of the elements of disjunction Disj (true is []).

`conj_to_llist/2`: PREDICATE

Turns a conjunctive (normal form) formula into a list (of lists of ...). As a side-effect, inner conjunctions get flattened. No special care for true.
llist_to_conj/2:  
**PREDICATE**  
Inverse of conj_to_llist/2. No provisions for anything else than a non-empty list on input (i.e., they will go ‘as are’ in the output.

disj_to_llist/2:  
**PREDICATE**  
Turns a disjunctive (normal form) formula into a list (of lists of ...). As a side-effect, inner disjunctions get flattened. No special care for true.

llist_to_disj/2:  
**PREDICATE**  
Inverse of disj_to_llist/2. No provisions for anything else than a non-empty list on input (i.e., they will go ‘as are’ in the output.

body2list/2:  
**PREDICATE**  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

asbody_to_conj/2:  
**PREDICATE**  
Usage 1: asbody_to_conj(A,B)  
Transforms assertion body A into a conjunction (B). It runs in both ways
  
  * The following properties should hold at call time:
    
    formulae:assert_body_type(A)  
    B is a free variable.  
    (formulae:assert_body_type/1)  
    (term_typing:var/1)
  
  * The following properties should hold upon exit:
    
    The usual prolog way of writing conjunctions and disjunctions in a body using ’,’ and ’;’  
    (formulae:conj_disj_type/1)

Usage 2: asbody_to_conj(A,B)  

  * The following properties should hold at call time:
    
    A is a free variable.  
    (term_typing:var/1)

  * The usual prolog way of writing conjunctions and disjunctions in a body using ’,’ and ’;’  
    (formulae:conj_disj_type/1)

  * The following properties should hold upon exit:
    
    formulae:assert_body_type(A)  
    (formulae:assert_body_type/1)

assert_body_type/1:  
**PROPERTY**  
A property, defined as follows:

    assert_body_type(X) :-
    list(X,assert_body_type__).

conj_disj_type/1:  
**REGTYPE**  
Usage:

  The usual prolog way of writing conjunctions and disjunctions in a body using ’,’ and ’;’
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\texttt{t_conj/1:}\quad \textit{Usage:}\quad \text{Conjunctions.}

\texttt{t_disj/1:}\quad \textit{Usage:}\quad \text{Conjunctions.}

\texttt{list_to_disj2/2:}\quad \text{No further documentation available for this predicate.}
90 Term manipulation utilities

Author(s): The CLIP Group.
This module implements some utils to do term manipulation.

90.1 Usage and interface (terms)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(terms)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - `term_size/2`, `copy_args/3`, `arg/2`, `atom_concat/2`.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - `assertions/native_props`.
  - Packages:
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `nativeprops`.

90.2 Documentation on exports (terms)

term_size/2:  
(True) Usage: `term_size(Term,N)`  
Determines the size of a term.

  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    - Term is any term.
    - N is a non-negative integer.

General properties:
Test: `term_size(A,B)`
  - If the following properties should hold at call time:
    - `term_basic:A=p(a,b,c(d,e))`
    - then the following properties should hold upon exit:
      - `term_basic:B=6`  

Test: `term_size(A,B)`
  - If the following properties should hold at call time:
    - `term_basic:A=p(a,b,c(d,189954))`
    - then the following properties should hold upon exit:
      - `term_basic:B=6`  

Test: `term_size(A,B)`
  - If the following properties should hold at call time:
    - `term_basic:A=[1,2,3]`
    - then the following properties should hold upon exit:
      - `term_basic:B=7`
**copy_args/3:**  
Usage: `copy_args(N,Term,Copy)`  
Term and Copy have the same first N arguments.  
- The following properties should hold at call time:  
  N is a non-negative integer.  

**General properties:**  
Trust: `copy_args(N,Term,Copy)`  
- If the following properties hold at call time:  
  N is currently ground (it contains no variables).  
  Term is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  Then the following properties hold globally:  
  `copy_args(N,Term,Copy)` is evaluable at compile-time.  

Trust: `copy_args(N,Term,Copy)`  
- The following properties hold globally:  
  `copy_args(N,Term,Copy)` is side-effect free.

**arg/2:**  
Usage: `arg(Term,Arg)`  
Arg is an argument of Term. Gives each of the arguments on backtracking.

**atom_concat/2:**  
Usage 1: `atom_concat(Atms,Atm)`  
Atm is the atom resulting from concatenating all atoms in the list Atms in the order in which they appear. If Atm is an atom at call then Atms can contain free variables.  
- The following properties should hold at call time:  
  Atms is a list of atms.  
- The following properties should hold upon exit:  
  Atm is an atom.  

Usage 2: `atom_concat(Atms,Atm)`  
- Call and exit should be compatible with:  
  Atms is a list of atms.  
- The following properties should hold at call time:  
  Atm is an atom.  
- The following properties should hold upon exit:  
  Atms is a list of atms.

**General properties:**  
Test: `atom_concat(A,B)`  
- If the following properties should hold at call time:  
  term_basic:A=/home/edison/svn/dist/CiaoDE/bin,/X,-,l.ll  
  term_basic:B=/home/edison/svn/dist/CiaoDE/bin/fileinfo-l.ll  
  then the following properties should hold upon exit:  
  The terms X and fileinfo are strictly identical.
Test: \texttt{atom_concat(A,B)}

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{align*}
  \text{term_basic}\! & = \! [a,b,c] & (\text{term_basic}:= /2) \\
  \text{then the following properties should hold upon exit:} & \quad (\text{term_compare}== /2)
  \end{align*}

Test: \texttt{atom_concat(X,Y)}

\texttt{atom_concat} that generates several solutions.

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{align*}
  \text{term_basic}\! & = \! [a,B\mid C] \quad (\text{term_basic}:= /2) \\
  \text{term_basic}\! & = \! abcde \quad (\text{term_basic}:= /2) \\
  \text{then the following properties should hold upon exit:} & \quad (\text{basic_props:member/2})
  \end{align*}

Test: \texttt{atom_concat(X,Y)}

\texttt{atom_concat} that generates several solutions.

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{align*}
  \text{term_basic}\! & = \! [a,B\mid C] \quad (\text{term_basic}:= /2) \\
  \text{term_basic}\! & = \! abcde \quad (\text{term_basic}:= /2) \\
  \text{then the following properties should hold globally:} & \quad (\text{native_props:solutions/2})
  \end{align*}

Test: \texttt{atom_concat(X,Y)}

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{align*}
  \text{term_basic}\! & = \! [A,b,\cdot] \quad (\text{term_basic}:= /2) \\
  \text{term_basic}\! & = \! ab \quad (\text{term_basic}:= /2) \\
  \text{then the following properties should hold upon exit:} & \quad (\text{term_compare}== /2)
  \end{align*}

Test: \texttt{atom_concat(X,Y)}

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{align*}
  \text{term_basic}\! & = \! [A,b,C] \quad (\text{term_basic}:= /2) \\
  \text{term_basic}\! & = \! abc \quad (\text{term_basic}:= /2) \\
  \text{then the following properties should hold upon exit:} & \quad (\text{term_compare}== /2)
  \end{align*}
91 Term checking utilities

Author(s): The CLIP Group.
This module implements the term checking utilities.

91.1 Usage and interface (terms_check)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(terms_check)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - ask/2, subsumes_term/2, variant/2, most_general_instance/3, most_specific_generalization/3, unifiable/3.
  - Properties:
    - instance/2.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks.

91.2 Documentation on exports (terms_check)

ask/2: PREDICATE

```prolog
ask(Term1,Term2)
```

Term1 and Term2 unify without producing bindings for the variables of Term1. I.e., instance(Term1,Term2) holds.

instance/2: PROPERTY

(Not) Usage: instance(Term1,Term2)
Term1 is an instance of Term2.
- The following properties hold globally:
  - This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic Props:native/1)

subsumes_term/2: PREDICATE

Usage: subsumes_term(Term1,Term2)
Term2 is an instance of Term1.

variant/2: PREDICATE

variant(Term1,Term2)
Term1 and Term2 are identical up to renaming.
most_general_instance/3:  
most_general_instance(Term1,Term2,Term)  
Term satisfies instance(Term,Term1) and instance(Term,Term2) and there is no term  
more general than Term (modulo variants) that satisfies it.

most_specific_generalization/3:  
most_specific_generalization(Term1,Term2,Term)  
Term satisfies instance(Term1,Term) and instance(Term2,Term) and there is no term  
less general than Term (modulo variants) that satisfies it.

unifiable/3:  
unifiable(X,Y,Unifier)  
Usage: unifiable(X,Y,Unifier)  
If X and Y can unify, unify Unifier with a list of Var = Value, representing the bindings  
required to make X and Y equivalent. The predicate handles attributed variables as classical  
one.

91.3 Other information (terms_check)  
Currently, ask/2 and instance/2 are exactly the same. However, ask/2 is more general,  
since it is also applicable to constraint domains (although not yet implemented): for the par­  
ticular case of Herbrand terms, it is just instance/2 (which is the only ask check currently  
implemented).

91.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (terms_check)  
- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either  
the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
92 Sets of variables in terms

Author(s): The CLIP Group.
This module implements predicates to handle sets of variables in terms.

92.1 Usage and interface (terms_vars)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(terms_vars)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    varset/2, intersect_vars/3, member_var/2, diff_vars/3, varsbag/3, varset_in_args/2, term_variables/2, term_variables/3.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    idlists, sort.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

92.2 Documentation on exports (terms_vars)

varset/2:  
varset(Term,Xs)
Xs is the sorted list of all the variables in Term.

intersect_vars/3:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

member_var/2:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

diff_vars/3:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

varsbag/3:  
varsbag(Term,Vs,Xs)
Vs is the list of all the variables in Term ordered as they appear in Term right-to-left depth-first (including duplicates) plus Xs.
varset_in_args/2:  
Usage: varset_in_args(T,LL)  
Each list of LL contains the variables of an argument of T, for each argument, and in left to right order.  
- The following properties should hold at call time:  
  T is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)  
- The following properties should hold upon exit:  
  LL is a list of list(var)s.  
  (basic_props:list/2)

term_variables/2:  
Usage: term_variables(Term,Vars)  
Vars is the list of all the variables in Term, ordered as they appear in Term right-to-left depth-first (without duplicates).

term_variables/3:  
Usage: term_variables(Term,Vars,Tail)  
Vars-Tail is the difference list of all the variables in Term, ordered as they appear in Term right-to-left depth-first (without duplicates).
93 Cyclic terms handling

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza, Remy Haemmerle.

This module implements predicates related to cyclic terms. Cyclic (or infinite) terms are produced when unifying a variable with a term which contains that variable.

93.1 Usage and interface (cyclic_terms)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(cyclic_terms)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    acyclic_term/1, uncycle_term/2, recycle_term/2, cyclic_term/1, cyclic_term/1.
    ```
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    lists.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
    ```

93.2 Documentation on exports (cyclic_terms)

acyclic_term/1:
  Usage: acyclic_term(T)
  True if T is acyclic (finite).

uncycle_term/2:
  Usage: uncycle_term(T,U)
  Given a term T, U is a finite representation of T as an acyclic term. This representation can be converted back to T using recycle_term/2.

recycle_term/2:
  Usage: recycle_term(U,T)
  Given U, a finite representation of a term as an acyclic term as uncycle_term/2 produces, T is the represented term. U is modified by the predicate, thus to maintain it untouched copy_term/2 should be used.

cyclic_term/1:
  Usage: cyclic_term(T)
  True if T is cyclic (infinite).
cyclic_term/1:  
Usage: cyclic_term(T)  
True if T is cyclic (infinite).

cyclic_term/1:  
Usage: cyclic_term(T)  
True if T is cyclic (infinite).
94 A simple pretty-printer for Ciao programs

Author(s): The CLIP Group.
This library module writes out to standard output a clause or a list of clauses.

94.1 Usage and interface (pretty_print)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(pretty_print)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - `pretty_print/2, pretty_print/3, pretty_print/4`.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - `operators, vndict, write`.
  - Packages:
    - `prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, fsyntax`.

94.2 Documentation on exports (pretty_print)

**pretty_print/2:**

**Predicate**

Usage: `pretty_print(Cls,Flags)`

Prints each clause in the list `Cls` after numbering its variables.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `pretty_print:clauses(Cls)`
  - `Flags` is a list of flags.

**pretty_print/3:**

**Predicate**

Usage: `pretty_print(Cls,Flags,Ds)`

Prints each clause in the list `Cls` after using the corresponding variable names dictionary in `Ds` to name its variables.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `pretty_print:clauses(Cls)`
  - `Flags` is a list of flags.
  - `Ds` is a dictionary of variable names.

**pretty_print/4:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.
94.3 Documentation on internals (pretty_print)

clauses/1:  
A regular type, defined as follows:

```
clauses([]).
clauses([_1|_2]) :-
    clause(_1),
    clauses(_2).
clauses(_1) :-
    clause(_1).
```

clause/1:  
A regular type, defined as follows:

```
clause(_1) :-
    clterm(_1).
clause((_1,_2)) :-
    clterm(_1),
    term(_2).
```

clterm/1:  
A regular type, defined as follows:

```
clterm(clause(_1,_2)) :-
    callable(_1),
    body(_2).
clterm(directive(_1)) :-
    body(_1).
clterm((_1:-_2)) :-
    callable(_1),
    body(_2).
clterm(_1) :-
    callable(_1).
```

body/1:  
A well formed body, including ege expressions and &-concurrent expressions. The atomic goals may or may not have a key in the form ~(goal: any), and may or may not be module qualified, but if they are it has to be in the form ~(~(moddesc:goal):any).

Usage: body(X)
X is a printable body.

flag/1:  
A keyword ask/1 flags whether to output asks or whens and nl/1 whether to separate clauses with a blank line or not.

Usage: flag(X)
X is a flag for the pretty-printer.
94.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (pretty_print)

- 2.- If the priority of and operator, &/1 or &/2, is redefined with lower priority than :-/2 or ./1, the written term is incorrect because it does not include parenthesis to make Ciao associate and operator first.
Chapter 95: Pretty-printing assertions

Author(s): Francisco Bueno.
This module defines some predicates which are useful for writing assertions in a readable form.

95.1 Usage and interface (assrt_write)

- **Library usage:**
  ```prolog```
  :use_module(library(assrt_write)).
  ```prolog```

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - `write_assertion/6`, `write_assertion/7`, `write_assertion_as_comment/6`, `write_assertion_as_comment/7`, `write_assertion_as_double_comment/6`, `write_assertion_as_double_comment/7`.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    - `format`, `assertions/assrt_lib`, `messages`, `assertions/assertions_props`, `vndict`.
  - **Packages:**
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `regtypes`.

95.2 Documentation on exports (assrt_write)

**write_assertion/6:**

**Usage:** `write_assertion(Goal,Status,Type,Body,Dict,Flag)`

Writers the (normalized) assertion to current output.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - **Status** is an acceptable status for an assertion.
  - **Type** is an admissible kind of assertion.
  - **Body** is a normalized assertion body.
  - **Dict** is a dictionary.
  - **Flag** is `status` or `nostatus`.

**write_assertion/7:**

**Usage:** `write_assertion(Stream,Goal,Status,Type,Body,Dict,Flag)`

Writers the (normalized) assertion to stream `Stream`.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - **Status** is an acceptable status for an assertion.
  - **Type** is an admissible kind of assertion.
  - **Body** is a normalized assertion body.
  - **Dict** is a dictionary.
  - **Flag** is `status` or `nostatus`.
write_assertion_as_comment/6:  
Usage: write_assertion_as_comment(Goal,Status,Type,Body,Diet,Flag)
Writes the (normalized) assertion to current output as a Prolog comment.
  
  Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Status is an acceptable status for an assertion.  (assertions_props:assrt_status/1)
  Type is an admissible kind of assertion.  (assertions_props:assrt_type/1)
  Body is a normalized assertion body.  (assertions_props:nabody/1)
  Dict is a dictionary.  (dict:dictionary/1)
  Flag is status or nostatus.  (assrt_write:status_flag/1)

write_assertion_as_comment/7:  
Usage: write_assertion_as_comment(Stream,Goal,Status,Type,Body,Diet,Flag)
Writes the (normalized) assertion to stream Stream as a Prolog comment.
  
  Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Status is an acceptable status for an assertion.  (assertions_props:assrt_status/1)
  Type is an admissible kind of assertion.  (assertions_props:assrt_type/1)
  Body is a normalized assertion body.  (assertions_props:nabody/1)
  Dict is a dictionary.  (dict:dictionary/1)
  Flag is status or nostatus.  (assrt_write:status_flag/1)

write_assertion_as_double_comment/6:  
Usage: write_assertion_as_double_comment(Goal,Status,Type,Body,Diet,Flag)
Writes the (normalized) assertion to current output as a Prolog double comment.
  
  Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Status is an acceptable status for an assertion.  (assertions_props:assrt_status/1)
  Type is an admissible kind of assertion.  (assertions_props:assrt_type/1)
  Body is a normalized assertion body.  (assertions_props:nabody/1)
  Dict is a dictionary.  (dict:dictionary/1)
  Flag is status or nostatus.  (assrt_write:status_flag/1)

write_assertion_as_double_comment/7:  
Usage: write_assertion_as_double_comment(Stream,Goal,Status,Type,Body,Diet,Flag)
Writes the (normalized) assertion to stream Stream as a Prolog double comment.
  
  Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Status is an acceptable status for an assertion.  (assertions_props:assrt_status/1)
  Type is an admissible kind of assertion.  (assertions_props:assrt_type/1)
  Body is a normalized assertion body.  (assertions_props:nabody/1)
  Dict is a dictionary.  (dict:dictionary/1)
  Flag is status or nostatus.  (assrt_write:status_flag/1)
96 The Ciao library browser

Author(s): Angel Fernandez Pineda.

The librowser library provides a set of predicates which enable the user to interactively find Ciao libraries and/or any predicate exported by them.

This is a simple example:

```prolog
?- apropos('*find*').
persdbrt_sql: dbfindall/4
persdbrtsql: dbfindall/4
conc_aggregates: findall/3
linda: rd_findall/3
vndict: find_name/4
internals: $find_file/8
aggregates: findall/4,findall/3

yes
?- 
```

Librowser is specially useful when inside GNU Emacs: just place the cursor over a librowser response and press C-cTAB in order to get help on the related predicate. Refer to the "Using Ciao inside GNU Emacs" chapter for further information.

96.1 Usage and interface (librowser)

- Library usage:
  It is not necessary to use this library at user programs. It is designed to be used at the Ciao toplevel shell: ciaosh. In order to do so, just make use of `use_module/l` as follows:

```prolog
use_module(library(librowser)).
```

Then, the library interface must be read. This is automatically done when calling any predicate at librowser, and the entire process will take a little moment. So, you should want to perform such a process after loading the Ciao toplevel:

```prolog
Ciao 0.9 #75: Fri Apr 30 19:04:24 MEST 1999
?- use_module(library(librowser)).

yes
?- update.
```

Whether you want this process to be automatically performed when loading ciaosh, you may include those lines in your `.ciaorc` personal initialization file.

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    update/0, browse/2, where/1, describe/1, system_lib/1, apropos/1.
    ```

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    regexp/regexp_code, read, fastrw, system, streams, lists.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regexp.
    ```
96.2 Documentation on exports (librowser)

**update/0:**

This predicate will scan the Ciao system libraries for predicate definitions. This may be done once time before calling any other predicate at this library.

`update/0` will also be automatically called (once) when calling any other predicate at librowser.

**Usage:**

Creates an internal database of modules at Ciao system libraries.

**browse/2:**

This predicate is fully reversible, and is provided to inspect concrete predicate specifications. For example:

```prolog
?- browse(M,findall/A).
A = 3,
M = conc_aggregates ? ;
A = 4,
M = aggregates ? ;
A = 3,
M = aggregates ? ;
no
?- 
```

**Usage:** `browse(Module,Spec)`

Associates the given `Spec` predicate specification with the `Module` which exports it.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `Module` is a module name (an atom)  
  - `Spec` is a `Functor/Arity` predicate specification

**where/1:**

This predicate will print at the screen the module needed in order to import a given predicate specification. For example:

```prolog
?- where(findall/A).
findall/3 exported at module conc_aggregates
findall/4 exported at module aggregates
findall/3 exported at module aggregates
yes
?- 
```

**Usage:** `where(Spec)`

Display what module to load in order to import the given `Spec`.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `Spec` is a `Functor/Arity` predicate specification
**describe/**1:  
This one is used to find out which predicates were exported by a given module. Very useful when you know the library, but not the concrete predicate. For example:

```prolog
?- describe(librowser).
Predicates at library librowser :
a_propos/1
system_lib/1
describe/1
where/1
browse/2
update/0

yes
?-  
```

*Usage: describe(Module)*

Display a list of exported predicates at the given Module

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**system_lib/**1:

It retrieves on backtracking all Ciao system libraries stored in the internal database. Certainly, those which were scanned at `update/0` calling.

*Usage: system_lib(Module)*

Module variable will be successively instantiated to the system libraries stored in the internal database.

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**apropos/**1:

This tool makes use of regular expressions in order to find predicate specifications. It is very useful whether you can’t remember the full name of a predicate. Regular expressions take the same format as described in library `patterns`. Example:

```prolog
?- apropos('atom_*').
terms: atom_concat/2
concurrency: atom_lock_state/2
atomic_basic: atom_concat/3, atom_length/2, atom_codes/2
iso_byte_char: atom_chars/2

yes
?-  
```

*Usage: apropos(RegSpec)*

This will search any predicate specification `Spec` which matches the given `RegSpec` incomplete predicate specification.

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**PREDICATE**
96.3 Documentation on internals (librowser)

apropos_spec/1: defined as:

\[
\text{apropos_spec}(_1).
\]
\[
\text{apropos_spec}(_1/\text{Arity}) :- \\
\text{int}(\text{Arity}).
\]

Usage: apropos_spec(S)

S is a Pattern/Antity specification.
97 Code translation utilities

Author(s): Angel Fernandez Pineda.

This library offers a general way to perform clause body expansions. Goal, fact and spec translation predicates are automatically called when needed, while this utility navigates through the meta-argument specification of the body itself. All predicates within this library must be called at second-pass expansions, since it uses information stored at c_itf library.

97.1 Usage and interface (expansion_tools)

- **Library usage:**
  This library is provided as a tool for those modules which performs source-to-source code translation, usually known as code expanders. It may be loaded as other modules using a `use_module/1`. Nothing special needs to be done.

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - `imports_meta_pred/3, body_expander/6, arg_expander/6`.
  - **Imports:**
    - **System library modules:**
      - `compiler/c_itf`.
    - **Packages:**
      - `prelude, nonpure, assertions, hiord`.

97.2 Documentation on exports (expansion_tools)

`imports_meta_pred/3`: PREDICATE

Macro provided in order to know meta-predicate specifications accessible from a module.

**Usage:** `imports_meta_pred(Module, MetaSpec, AccessibleAt)`

Tells whether `MetaSpec` meta-predicate specification is accessible from `Module`. `AccessibleAt` will be binded to `\^` whether meta-predicate is a builtin one. If not, it will be unified with the module which defines the meta-predicate.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `Module` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `MetaSpec` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

`body_expander/6`: PREDICATE

This predicate is the main translation tool. It navigates through a clause body, when a single `goal` appears, user-code is called in order to perform a translation. Whether user-code fails to translate the involved goal, it remains the same. Regardless that goal is translated or not, an argument expansion will be performed over all goals if applicable (see `arg_expander/6` predicate).

Variable (unknown at compile time) goals will also be attempt to translate.

**Usage:**

`body_expander(GoalTrans, FactTrans, SpecTrans, Module, Body, ExpandedBody)`
Translates Body to ExpandedBody by the usage of user-defined translators GoalTrans, FactTrans and SpecTrans. The module where the original body appears must be unified with Module argument.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - GoalTrans is a user-defined predicate which performs goal meta-type translation (expansion_tools:goal_expander/1)
  - FactTrans is a user-defined predicate which performs fact meta-type translation (expansion_tools:fact_expander/1)
  - SpecTrans is a user-defined predicate which performs spec meta-type translation (expansion_tools:spec_expander/1)
  - Module is an atom.
  - ExpandedBody is a free variable.

Meta-predicate with arguments: body_expander((pred 3),(pred 3),(pred 3),?,?,?).

arg_expander/6:

This predicate is an auxiliary translation tool, which is used by body_expander/6 predicate. It remains exported as a macro. The predicate navigates through the meta-argument specification of a goal. Whether a goal, fact or spec argument appears, user-code is called in order to perform a translation. Whether user-code fails to translate the involved argument, it remains the same. Builtins as `;'/2 or `:',/2 are treated as meta-predicates defining goal meta-arguments. When a goal meta-argument is located, body_expander/6 will be called in order to navigate through it. Notice that a goal meta-argument may be unified with another goal defining another meta-argument, so navigation is required. If arguments are not known to arg_expander/6, translation will not occur. This is possible whether goal or qualifying module are variables.

Usage:

arg_expander(GoalTrans,FactTrans,SpecTrans,Module,Goal,ExpandedGoal)

Translates Goal to ExpandedGoal by applying user-defined translators (GoalTrans, FactTrans and SpecTrans) to each meta-argument present at such goal. The module where the original goal appears must be unified with Module argument.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - GoalTrans is a user-defined predicate which performs goal meta-type translation (expansion_tools:goal_expander/1)
  - FactTrans is a user-defined predicate which performs fact meta-type translation (expansion_tools:fact_expander/1)
  - SpecTrans is a user-defined predicate which performs spec meta-type translation (expansion_tools:spec_expander/1)
  - Module is an atom.
  - ExpandedBody is a free variable.

Meta-predicate with arguments: arg_expander((pred 3),(pred 3),(pred 3),?,?,?).

97.3 Documentation on internals (expansion_tools)

expander_pred/1:

Usage: expander_pred(Pred)

PROPERTY
Pred is a user-defined predicate used to perform code translations. First argument will be binded to the corresponding term to be translated. Second argument must be binded to the corresponding translation. Third argument will be binded to the current module were first argument appears. Additional arguments will be user-defined.

97.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (expansion_tools)

- pred(N) meta-arguments are not supported at this moment.
98 Low-level concurrency/multithreading primitives

Author(s): Manuel Carro.

This module provides basic mechanisms for using concurrency and implementing multi-goal applications. It provides a means for arbitrary goals to be specified to be run in a separate stack set; in that case, they are assigned a goal identifier with which further accesses (e.g., asking for more solutions) to the goal can be made. Additionally, in some architectures, these goals can be assigned an O.S. thread, separate from the one which made the initial call, thus providing concurrency and, in multiprocessors, parallelism capabilities.

98.1 Usage and interface (concurrency)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(concurrency)).

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    eng_call/4, eng_call/3, eng_backtrack/2, eng_cut/1, eng_release/1, eng_wait/1, eng_kill/1, eng_killothers/0, eng_self/1, goal_id/1, eng_goal_id/1, eng_status/0, lock_atom/l, unlock_atom/l, atom_lock_state/2, concurrent/1.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    foreign_interface/foreign_interface_properties, prolog_sys.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, foreign_interface, basicmodes, regtypes, foreign_interface(foreign_interface_ttrs), foreign_interface(foreign_interface_ops).

98.2 Documentation on exports (concurrency)

eng_call/4:

(True) Usage: eng_call(Goal,EngineCreation,ThreadCreation,GoalId)

Calls Goal in a new engine (stack set), possibly using a new thread, and returns a GoalId to designate this new goal henceforth. EngineCreation can be either wait or create; the distinction is not yet meaningful. ThreadCreation can be one of self, wait, or create. In the first case the creating thread is used to execute Goal, and thus it has to wait until its first result or failure. The call will fail if Goal fails, and succeed otherwise. However, the call will always succeed when a remote thread is started. The space and identifiers reclaimed for the thread must be explicitly deallocated by calling eng_release/1. GoalIds are unique in each execution of a Ciao Prolog program.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Goal is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  EngineCreation is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ThreadCreation is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
GoalId is a free variable.  \((\text{term\_typing:var/1})\)

Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  \((\text{basic\_props:callable/1})\)

EngineCreation is an atom.  \((\text{basic\_props:atm/1})\)

ThreadCreation is an atom.  \((\text{basic\_props:atm/1})\)

Meta-predicate with arguments: \texttt{eng\_call(goal,?,?,?)}. 

\textbf{eng\_call/3:}

\textbf{PREDICATE}

\textbf{Usage: \texttt{eng\_call(Goal,EngineCreation,ThreadCreation)}}

Similar to \texttt{eng\_call/4}, but the thread (if created) and stack areas are automatically released upon success or failure of the goal. No GoalId is provided for further interaction with the goal.

\begin{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{itemize}
    \item Goal is currently a term which is not a free variable. \((\text{term\_typing:nonvar/1})\)
    \item EngineCreation is currently a term which is not a free variable. \((\text{term\_typing:nonvar/1})\)
    \item ThreadCreation is currently a term which is not a free variable. \((\text{term\_typing:nonvar/1})\)
    \item Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. \((\text{basic\_props:callable/1})\)
    \item EngineCreation is an atom. \((\text{basic\_props:atm/1})\)
    \item ThreadCreation is an atom. \((\text{basic\_props:atm/1})\)
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

Meta-predicate with arguments: \texttt{eng\_call(goal,?,?,?)}. 

\textbf{eng\_backtrack/2:}

\textbf{PREDICATE}

\textbf{Usage: \texttt{eng\_backtrack(GoalId,ThreadCreation)}}

Performs backtracking on the goal designed by GoalId. A new thread can be used to perform backtracking, according to ThreadCreation (same as in \texttt{eng\_call/4}). Fails if the goal is backtracked over by the local thread, and there are no more solutions. Always succeeds if executed by a remote thread. The engine is not automatically released upon failure: \texttt{eng\_release/1} must be called to that end.

\begin{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{itemize}
    \item GoalId is currently a term which is not a free variable. \((\text{term\_typing:nonvar/1})\)
    \item ThreadCreation is currently a term which is not a free variable. \((\text{term\_typing:nonvar/1})\)
    \item GoalId is an integer. \((\text{basic\_props:int/1})\)
    \item ThreadCreation is an atom. \((\text{basic\_props:atm/1})\)
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{eng\_cut/1:}

\textbf{PREDICATE}

\textbf{Usage: \texttt{eng\_cut(GoalId)}}

Performs a \texttt{cut} in the execution of the goal GoalId. The next call to \texttt{eng\_backtrack/2} will therefore backtrack all the way and fail.
The following properties should hold at call time:

GoalId is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
(basic_props:nonvar/1)

GoalId is an integer.  
(basic_props:int/1)

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eng_release/1:  
PREDICATE

Usage: eng_release(GoalId)

Cleans up and releases the engine executing the goal designed by GoalId. The engine must be idle, i.e., currently not executing any goal. eng_wait/1 can be used to ensure this.

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The following properties should hold at call time:

GoalId is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
(basic_props:nonvar/1)

GoalId is an integer.  
(basic_props:int/1)

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eng_wait/1:  
PREDICATE

Usage: eng_wait(GoalId)

Waits for the engine executing the goal denoted by GoalId to finish the computation (i.e., it has finished searching for a solution, either with success or failure).

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The following properties should hold at call time:

GoalId is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
(basic_props:nonvar/1)

GoalId is an integer.  
(basic_props:int/1)

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eng_kill/1:  
PREDICATE

Usage: eng_kill(GoalId)

Kills the thread executing GoalId (if any), and frees the memory used up by the stack set. Usually one should wait (eng_wait/1) for a goal, and then release it, but killing the thread explicitly allows recovering from error states. A goal cannot kill itself. This feature should be used with caution, because there are situations where killing a thread might render the system in an unstable state. Threads should cooperate in their killing, but if the killed thread is blocked in a I/O operation, or inside an internal critical region, this cooperation is not possible and the system, although stopped, might very well end up in an inconsistent state.

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The following properties should hold at call time:

GoalId is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
(basic_props:nonvar/1)

GoalId is an integer.  
(basic_props:int/1)

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eng_killothers/0:  
PREDICATE

Usage:

Kills threads and releases stack sets of all active goals, but the one calling eng_killothers. Again, a safety measure. The same cautions as with eng_kill/1 should be taken.
eng_self/1: PREDICATE
Usage: eng_self( GoalId )
GoalId is unified with the identifier of the goal within which eng_self/1 is executed.
eng_self/1 is deprecated, and eng_goal_id/1 should be used instead.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  GoalId is an integer. (basic<Props:int/1)

goal_id/1: PREDICATE
Usage: goal_id(GoalId)
GoalId is unified with the identifier of the goal within which goal_id/1 is executed.
goal_id/1 is deprecated, and eng_goal_id/1 should be used instead.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  GoalId is an integer. (basic<Props:int/1)

ing_goal_id/1: PREDICATE
Usage: eng_goal_id( GoalId )
GoalId is unified with the identifier of the goal within which eng_goal_id/1 is executed.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  GoalId is an integer. (basic<Props:int/1)

eng_status/0: PREDICATE
Usage:
Prints to standard output the current status of the stack sets.

lock_atom/1: PREDICATE
(True) Usage 1:
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arg1 is an integer. (basic<Props:int/1)
– The following properties hold globally:
  The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the function ForeignName.
  The same considerations as above example are to be applied. (foreign<Props:foreignJow/2)

Usage 2: lock_atom(Atom)
The semaphore associated to Atom is accessed; if its value is nonzero, it is atomically
decremented and the execution of this thread proceeds. Otherwise, the goal waits until a
nonzero value is reached. The semaphore is then atomically decremented and the execution
of this thread proceeds.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term<Props:nonvar/1)
  Atom is an integer. (basic<Props:int/1)
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unlock_atom/1: PREDICATE

(True) Usage 1:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arg1 is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
- The following properties hold globally:
  The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the function ForeignName.
  The same considerations as above example are to be applied. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign_low/2)

Usage 2: unlock_atom(Atom)
The semaphore associated to Atom is atomically incremented.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Atom is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

atom_lock_state/2: PREDICATE

(True) Usage 1:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arg1 is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Arg2 is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
- The following properties hold globally:
  The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the function ForeignName.
  The same considerations as above example are to be applied. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign_low/2)

Usage 2: atom_lock_state(Atom,Value)
Sets the semaphore associated to Atom to Value. This is usually done at the beginning of the execution, but can be executed at any time. If not called, semaphore associated to atoms are by default initied to 1. It should be used with caution: arbitrary use can transform programs using locks in a mess of internal relations. The change of a semaphore value in a place other than the initialization stage of a program is not among the allowed operations as defined by Dijkstra [Dij65,BA82].
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Value is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Atom is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Value is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

Usage 3: atom_lock_state(Atom,Value)
Consults the Value of the semaphore associated to Atom. Use sparingly and mainly as a medium to check state correctness. Not among the operations on semaphore by Dijkstra.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Value is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Atom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  Value is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
The predicate named \texttt{PredName} is made concurrent in the current module at runtime (useful for predicate names generated on-the-fly). Thisdifficults a better compile-time analysis, but in turn offers more flexibility to applications. It is also faster for some applications: if several agents have to share data in a structured fashion (e.g., the generator knows and wants to restrict the data generated to a set of other threads), a possibility is to use the same concurrent fact and employ a field within the fact to distinguish the receiver/sender. This can cause many threads to access and wait on the same fact, which in turns can create contention problems. It is much better to create a new concurrent fact and to use that new name as a channel to communicate the different threads. \texttt{concurrent/1} can either be given a predicate spec in the form \texttt{Name/Arity}, with \texttt{Name} and \texttt{Arity} bound, or to give a value only to \texttt{Arity}, and let the system choose a new, unused \texttt{Name} for the fact.

Usage:

\emph{The following properties should hold at call time:}

\texttt{PredName} is a \texttt{Name/Arity} structure denoting a predicate name:

\begin{verbatim}
predname(P/A) :-
atm(P),
nnegint(A).
\end{verbatim}

\section*{98.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (concurrency)}

- Available only for Windows 32 environments and for architectures implementing POSIX threads.
- Some implementation of threads have a limit on the total number of threads that can be created by a process. Thread creation, in this case, just hangs. A better solution is planned for the future.
99 All solutions concurrent predicates

**Author(s):** Manuel Carro (concurrency-safeness).

This module implements thread-safe aggregation predicates. Its use and results should be the same as those in the aggregates library, but several goals can use them concurrently without the interference and wrong results (due to implementation reasons) aggregates might lead to. This particular implementation is completely based on the one used in the aggregates library (whose original authors were Richard A. O’Keefe and David H.D. Warren).

99.1 Usage and interface (**conc_aggregates**)  

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(conc_aggregates)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - findall/3, setof/3, bagof/3.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    - assertions/native_props, prolog_sys.
  - **Packages:**
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, nativeprops.

99.2 Documentation on exports (**conc_aggregates**)  

**findall/3:**

**Usage:** findall(Template,Generator,List)

A special case of bagof, where all free variables in the Generator are taken to be existentially quantified. Safe in concurrent applications.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **Generator** is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - **Template** is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - **Goal** is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  - **Set** is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

- **The following properties should hold globally:**
  - All calls of the form findall(Template,Generator,List) are deterministic. (native_props:is.det/1)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: findall(? ,goal, ?).
setof/3:

Usage: setof(Template,Goal,Set)

Finds the Set of instances of the Template satisfying the Generator. The set is in ascending order (see compare/3 for a definition of this order) without duplicates, and is non-empty. If there are no solutions, setof/3 fails. setof/3 may succeed in more than one way, binding free variables in the Generator to different values. This can be avoided by using existential quantifiers on the free variables in front of the Generator, using ~/2. E.g., in A^p(A,B), A is existentially quantified. Safe in concurrent applications.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Goal is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Template is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  - Set is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- The following properties should hold globally:
  - Template is not further instantiated. (basic Props:not_further_inst/2)

bagof/3:

Usage: bagof(Template,Generator,Bag)

Finds all the instances of the Template produced by the Generator, and returns them in the Bag in the order in which they were found. If the Generator contains free variables which are not bound in the Template, it assumes that this is like any other Prolog question and that you want bindings for those variables. This can be avoided by using existential quantifiers on the free variables in front of the Generator, using ~/2. Safe in concurrent applications.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Generator is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Template is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  - Set is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- The following properties should hold globally:
  - Template is not further instantiated. (basic Props:not_further_inst/2)

99.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (conc_aggregates)

- Thread-safe setof/3 is not yet implemented.
- Thread-safe bagof/3 is not yet implemented.
100 The socket interface

Author(s): Manuel Carro, Daniel Cabeza.

This module defines primitives to open sockets, send, and receive data from them. This allows communicating with other processes, on the same machine or across the Internet. The reader should also consult standard bibliography on the topic for a proper use of these primitives.

100.1 Usage and interface (sockets)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(sockets)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    connect_to_socket_type/4, connect_to_socket/3, bind_socket/3, socket_accept/2, select_socket/5, socket_send/2, socket_recv_code/3, socket_recv/2, socket_shutdown/2, hostname_address/2.
    ```
  - Regular Types:
    ```prolog
    socket_type/1, shutdown_type/1.
    ```
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    foreign_interface/foreign_interface_properties.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, regtypes, foreign_interface, basicmodes, foreign_interface(foreign_interface_ttrs), foreign_interface(foreign_interface_ops).
    ```

100.2 Documentation on exports (sockets)

connect_to_socket_type/4:

(Predicate) Usage: `connect_to_socket_type(Host, Port, Type, Stream)`

Returns a Stream which connects to Host. The Type of connection can be defined. A Stream is returned, which can be used to write/2 to, to read/2, to socket_send/2 to, or to socket_recv/2 from the socket.

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  ```prolog
  Host is currently instantiated to an atom. (term_typing:atom/1)
  Port is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Type is a valid socket type. (sockets:socket_type/1)
  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
  ```
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  Host is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Port is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Type is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Stream is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  ```
connect_to_socket/3:  
Usage: connect_to_socket(Host, Port, Stream)
Calls connect_to_socket_type/4 with SOCK_STREAM connection type. This is the connection type you want in order to use the write/2 and read/2 predicates (and other stream IO related predicates).

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Host is an atom.
  - Port is an integer.
  - Stream is an open stream.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Host is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Port is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Stream is a free variable.

bind_socket/3:
(True) Usage: bind_socket(Port, Length, Socket)
Returns an AF_INET Socket bound to Port (which may be assigned by the OS or defined by the caller), and listens to it (hence no listen call in this set of primitives). Length specifies the maximum number of pending connections.

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - Port is an integer.
  - Length is an integer.
  - Socket is an integer.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Length is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Socket is a free variable.

- The following properties hold globally:
  - The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the function ForeignName.
  - The same considerations as above example are to be applied. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign_low/2)

socket_accept/2:
(True) Usage: socket_accept(Sock, Stream)
Creates a new Stream connected to Sock.

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - Sock is an integer.
  - Stream is an open stream.
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The following properties should hold at call time:

- **Sock** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- **Stream** is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties hold globally:

- The Prolog predicate **PrologName** is implemented using the function **ForeignName**. 
  The same considerations as above example are to be applied.  
  (foreign_interface_properties:foreign_low/2)

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**select_socket/5:**

**PREDICATE**

(True) Usage: `select_socket(Socket, NewStream, T0_ms, Streams, ReadStreams)`

Wait for data available in a list of **Streams** and in a **Socket**. **Streams** is a list of Prolog streams which will be tested for reading. **Socket** is a socket (i.e., an integer denoting the O.S. port number) or a free variable. **T0_ms** is a number denoting a timeout. Within this timeout the **Streams** and the **Socket** are checked for the availability of data to be read. **ReadStreams** is the list of streams belonging to **Streams** which have data pending to be read. If **Socket** was a free variable, it is ignored, and **NewStream** is not checked. If **Socket** was instantiated to a port number and there are connections pending, a connection is accepted and connected with the Prolog stream in **NewStream**.

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - **Socket** is an integer.  
    (basic_props:int/1)
  - **NewStream** is an open stream.  
    (streams_basic:stream/1)
  - **T0_ms** is an integer.  
    (basic_props:int/1)
  - **Streams** is a list of streams.  
    (basic_props:list/2)
  - **ReadStreams** is a list of streams.  
    (basic_props:list/2)

The following properties should hold at call time:

- **Socket** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- **NewStream** is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)
- **T0_ms** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- **Streams** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- **ReadStreams** is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties hold globally:

- The Prolog predicate **PrologName** is implemented using the function **ForeignName**. 
  The same considerations as above example are to be applied.  
  (foreign_interface_properties:foreign_low/2)

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**socket_send/2:**

**PREDICATE**

(True) Usage: `socket_send(Stream, String)`

Sends **String** to the socket associated to **Stream**. The socket has to be in connected state. **String** is not supposed to be NULL terminated, since it is a Prolog string. If a NULL terminated string is needed at the other side, it has to be explicitly created in Prolog.

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - **Stream** is an open stream.  
    (streams_basic:stream/1)
  - **String** is a string (a list of character codes).  
    (basic_props:string/1)
The following properties should hold at call time:

Steam is currently a term which is not a free variable.  \( \text{term\_typing:nonvar/1} \)

String is currently a term which is not a free variable.  \( \text{term\_typing:nonvar/1} \)

The following properties hold globally:

The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the function ForeignName.

The same considerations as above example are to be applied.  \( \text{foreign\_interface\_properties:foreign\_low/2} \)

socket_recv_code/3:

PREDICATE

(\text{True}) Usage: socket_recv_code(Stream, String, Length)

Receives a String from the socket associated to Stream, and returns its Length. If Length is -1, no more data is available.

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - Stream is an open stream.  \( \text{streams\_basic:stream/1} \)
  - String is a string (a list of character codes).  \( \text{basic\_props:string/1} \)
  - Length is an integer.  \( \text{basic\_props:int/1} \)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Stream is currently a term which is not a free variable.  \( \text{term\_typing:nonvar/1} \)

- The following properties hold globally:
  - The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the function ForeignName.
  - The same considerations as above example are to be applied.  \( \text{foreign\_interface\_properties:foreign\_low/2} \)

socket_recv/2:

PREDICATE

Usage: socket_recv(Stream, String)

As socket_recv_code/3, but the return code is ignored.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Stream is an open stream.  \( \text{streams\_basic:stream/1} \)
  - String is a string (a list of character codes).  \( \text{basic\_props:string/1} \)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Stream is currently a term which is not a free variable.  \( \text{term\_typing:nonvar/1} \)

socket_shutdown/2:

PREDICATE

(\text{True}) Usage: socket_shutdown(Stream, How)

Shut down a duplex communication socket with which Stream is associated. All or part of the communication can be shutdown, depending on the value of How. The atoms read, write, or read_write should be used to denote the type of closing required.

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - Stream is an open stream.  \( \text{streams\_basic:stream/1} \)
  - How is a valid shutdown type.  \( \text{sockets:shutdown\_type/1} \)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Stream is currently a term which is not a free variable.  \( \text{term\_typing:nonvar/1} \)
  - How is currently a term which is not a free variable.  \( \text{term\_typing:nonvar/1} \)
The following properties hold globally:
The Prolog predicate `PrologName` is implemented using the function `ForeignName`.
The same considerations as above example are to be applied. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign_low/2)

**hostname_address/2:**

(Predicate) Usage: `hostname_address(Hostname, Address)`

*Address* is unified with the atom representing the address (in AF_INET format) corresponding to *Hostname*.

- *Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:*
  
  *Hostname* is an atom.  
  (basic_props:atm/1)

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  *Hostname* is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)

- *The following properties hold globally:*
  
  The Prolog predicate `PrologName` is implemented using the function `ForeignName`.
The same considerations as above example are to be applied. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign_low/2)

**socket_type/1:**

(Registry) Defines the atoms which can be used to specify the socket type recognized by `connect_to_socket_type/4`. Defined as follows:

- `socket_type(stream).`
- `socket_type(dgram).`
- `socket_type(raw).`
- `socket_type(seqpacket).`
- `socket_type(rdm).`

Usage: `socket_type(T)`

*T* is a valid socket type.

**shutdown_type/1:**

(Registry) Usage: `shutdown_type(T)`

*T* is a valid shutdown type.
101 Sockets I/O

Author(s): Francisco Bueno.
This module provides two useful predicates for programming with sockets.

101.1 Usage and interface (sockets_io)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(sockets_io)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    serve_socket/3, safe_write/2.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    lists, sockets/sockets.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, hiord, regtypes.

101.2 Documentation on exports (sockets_io)

serve_socket/3: PREDICATE
(True) Usage: serve_socket(Socket,Server,Handler)
Handles the streams associated to Socket calling Server on one request of each stream (as Server(Stream)), and Handler(Stream) if the stream is empty (connection closed).
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Socket is a socket id. (sockets_io:socket/1)
  Server is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  Handler is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: serve_socket(?,(pred 1),(pred 1)).

safe_write/2: PREDICATE
(True) Usage: safe_write(Stream,Term)
Writes Term to Stream in a way that it is safe for a socket connection on Stream.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Stream is an open stream. (streams.basic:stream/1)
  Term is any term. (basic Props:term/1)
102 The Ciao Make Package

Author(s): Manuel Hermenegildo.
This package is used mainly in two main ways:
- When writing Makefiles for lpmake.
- When writing applications which use the make library.
In both cases, this is the package that defines the syntax and meaning of the dependency rules used.

102.1 Usage and interface (make_doc)

- Library usage:
  - When writing Makefiles for lpmake, such makefiles start with:
    ```prolog
    :- module(_,_,[make]).
    ```
  - When writing applications which use the make package, then it is loaded as any other package within the application.
    Note: It is often useful to use the fsyntax package inside a Makefile (or when using the make library in other applications). If both make and fsyntax are used, then make should appear before fsyntax in the list of packages.
  - New operators defined:
    ```prolog
    ::=/2 [978,xfy], <=-/2 [977,xfy], <=-/1 [975,xfy], <=-/1 [977,yf].
    ```
  - Imports:
    - System library modules:
      ```prolog
      make/make_rt.
      ```
    - Packages:
      ```prolog
      prelude, nonpure, assertions.
      ```

102.2 Other information (make_doc)

102.2.1 The Dependency Rules

The package allows defining the following types of rules:

```
```
A rule of this form declares that in order to produce the file with suffix TargetSuffix from a source file with the suffix SourceSuffix and root name SourceRoot the commands in BodyLiterals must be executed. BodyLiterals is a standard Ciao Prolog clause body, i.e., a comma-separated conjunction of literals. When writing the script, SourceRoot is typically left as a variable, to be instantiated by lpmake when the script is run to the root of name of the file to be processed. This allows using the value of SourceRoot in BodyLiterals. For example, the following rule:

Example rule:
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:- use_module(library(terms), [atom_concat/2]).

dvi <= tex :: FileRoot :-
    atom_concat(['latex ','FileRoot','.tex'],Command),
    system(Command).

states that we can generate a file File.dvi if we have a file named File.tex and
that the command to do so is latex File.tex. Thus, if this rule appears in file
Makefile.pl and we issue the command lpmake paper.dvi the following occurs:

- If paper.dvi does not exist and paper.tex exists, then paper.dvi is generated
  from paper.tex by issuing the system command latex paper.tex.
- If paper.dvi already exists, nothing is done.
- If paper.tex does not exist, an error is reported.

Target <- :- BodyLiterals.

A rule of this form declares that in order to produce the file Target the commands
in BodyLiterals must be executed. Target need not be a real file: it can also be
simply the name of the rule, which is used to invoke it (as a procedure name). For
example, the following rule, when the command lpmake realclean is issued, deletes
temporary files in the LaTeX application:

:- use_module(library(system_extra)).

clean <- :-
    ls('*aux|*log|*~',Files)
    delete_files(Files).

Target <- Deps :- BodyLiterals.

A rule of this form declares that in order to produce the file Target, first targets
Deps will be called (i.e., the elements of Deps are either other targets with rules
defined for them, or a file or files which are already present or which can—and will
be—generated from other available files using other rules). Then, the commands
in BodyLiterals will be executed. Deps may be one target or a list of targets. For
example, the following rule, when the command lpmake realclean is issued, cleans
all the temporary files in the LaTeX application (including .dvi and .ps files). It
requires that clean be executed first:

:- use_package(fsyntax).
    :- use_module(library(system_extra)).

    realclean <- clean :-
        delete_files(['ls(''*dvi|*ps'')').

The following rule states that in order to meet the target view, target paper.ps
must be available or generated. For example, lpmake view can be used to call the
ghostview visualizer on paper.ps. Note the use of a globally defined predicate main
which is called in two places in the rule, and could be used in other rules in the
same file (main := paper. is equivalent to the fact main(paper).—see the fsyntax
library):

:- use_package(fsyntax).
    :- use_module(library(system_extra)).
    :- use_module(library(terms), [atom_concat/2]).

    main := paper.

    view <- `atom_concat(["main,",'ps']) :-
In addition to these rules, the configuration file can define normal predicates in the usual way, or import predicates from other modules, all of which can be called from the bodies of the dependency rules. For example, the system_extra library (an extension of the system library) defines many system predicates in a form which makes them very useful inside Makefiles, specially if the fsyntax package is used (see the examples below).

If lpmake is called without an explicit target as argument, then the first target rule in the Makefile is used. This is useful in that the first rule can be seen as the default rule.

### 102.2.2 Specifying Paths

Using the vpath/1 predicate it is possible in configuration files to define several paths in which files related to the rules can be located. In this way, not all files need to be in the same directory as the configuration file. For example:

```prolog
:- use_package(fsyntax).

vpath := '/home/clip/Systems/ciao/lib'.
vpath := '/home/clip/Systems/ciao/library'.
vpath := '/home/clip/Systems/lpdoc/lib'.
```

### 102.2.3 Documenting Rules

It is also possible to define documentation for the rules:

```prolog
target_comment(Target) :- BodyLiterals.
```

A rule of this form allows documenting the actions related to the target. The body (BodyLiterals) will be called in two circumstances:

- If Target is called during execution of 'lpmake commands'.
- When calling 'lpmake -h'.

Using noun forms (*generation of foo* instead of *generating foo*) in comments helps this dual purpose. For example, the following rule:

```prolog
target_comment(realclean) :-
    display('Cleanup of all generated files.').
```

will produce output in the two cases pointed out above.

```prolog
dependency_comment(SourceSuffix, TargetSuffix, SourceRoot) :- BodyLiterals.
```

Same as the previous rule, but for suffix rules. See, for example, the following generic rule:

```prolog
:- use_module(library(terms), [atom_concat/2]).
```

```prolog
dependency_comment(SSuffix,TSuffix,FileBase) :-
    display(~atom_concat([['Generation of ',FileBase,'.',TSuffix,' from ',FileBase,'.',SSuffix]]).
```

### 102.2.4 An Example of a Makefile

The following is a simple example of a Makefile showing some basic functionality (this is MakefileExample.pl in the example_simple directory in the make library.):

```prolog
:- module(_,_,[make,fsyntax]).
:- use_module(library(system_extra)).
```
:- use_module(library(lists), [append/3]).
:- use_module(library(terms), [atom_concat/2]).
:- discontiguous(comment/2).

%%% A simple target. Defines how to produce file 'hw'.

hw <- [] :-
    writef("Hello world", hw).

%%% A comment describing this target (see below):
comment(hw, ["Generation of file hw"]).

%%% A target with a dependency. 'hwhw' requires 'hw'.

hwhw <- [hw] :-
    readf(hw, Content),
    append(Content, [0
|Content], DoubleContent),
    writef(DoubleContent, hwhw).

comment(hwhw, ["Generation of file hwhw"]).

%%% A simple target. Defines how to produce file 'datafile.simple'.

'datafile.simple' <- :-
    writef("Hello world", 'datafile.simple').

comment('datafile.simple', ['Generation of file datafile.simple']).

%%% A dependency based on suffixes:
%%% <file>.double is generated always from <file>.simple

double <= simple :: Name :-
    readf(~atom_concat([Name,'.simple']), Content),
    append(Content, [0
|Content], DoubleContent),
    writef(DoubleContent, ~atom_concat([Name,'.double'])).

%%% A dependency based on suffixes with a precondition.
%%% <file>.double is generated always from <file>.simple, once
%%% precond is done

boo <- :-
    display((double <= simple :: name <- precond :- body1, body2)).

%%% Example using library predicates
clean <- [] # "Cleanup of temporary files " :-
    delete_files(['ls('*~|*.asr|*.itf|*.po')).

realclean <- clean :-
    delete_files(['ls('hw|hwhw|*simple|*double')).

comment(realclean,['Cleanup of all generated files']).

% Reporting progress and documenting commands:
% If target_comment/1 is defined it can be used to produce user-defined
% output when targets are processed and/or documentation on what each
% target does (used for example when lpmake is called with -h). Using
% 'generation of foo' instead of 'generating foo' in comments helps in this
% dual purpose.
%  
:- push_prolog_flag(multi arity_warnings,off).
% Make calls target_comment/1 for simple targets:
target_comment(Target) :-
    comment(Target,Comment),
    display('atom_concat(['atom_concat(Comment), '
']).
:- pop_prolog_flag(multi arity_warnings).

% Similarly, make calls dependency_comment/3 for dependencies (only
% during execution, not when documenting -h).
dependency_comment(SSuffix,TSuffix,FileBase) :-
    display('atom_concat([Generation of ',FileBase,TSuffix, ' from ',FileBase,SSuffix, '\n']).

The following are a few commands that can be used on the previous file (see file
CommandsToTry in the example simple directory in the make library):

lpmake -m MakefileExample.pl hwhw
(Generate file hwhw --needs to generate file hw first)

lpmake -m MakefileExample.pl datafile.double
(Generate file datafile.double --needs to generate file
datafile.simple first)

lpmake -m MakefileExample.pl realclean
(Cleanup)

lpmake -h -m MakefileExample.pl
(Help on general use of lpmake and commands available in MakefileExample.pl)

See also the LaTeX example in the example latex directory in the make library.
Chapter 103: Predicates Available When Using The Make Package

103 Predicates Available When Using The Make Package

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This is the run-time module which implements the predicates which are provided when using the make library package in a given application. For example, they are used internally by lpmake.

103.1 Usage and interface (make_rt)

- **Library usage:**
  
  This module is loaded automatically when the make library package is used.

- **Exports:**
  
  - **Predicates:**
    
    make/1, make_option/1, verbose_message/1, verbose_message/2, dot_concat/2, call_unknown/1, all_values/2, get_value/2, get_value_def/3, get_all_values/2, name_value/2, set_name_value/2, cp_name_value/2, get_name_value/3, get_name_value_string/3, add_name_value/2, del_name_value/1, check_var_exists/1, find_file/2, vpath/1, add_vpath/1, vpath_mode/3, add_vpath_mode/3, bold_message/1, bold_message/2, normal_message/2, bolder_message/1, bolder_message/2, newer/2, register_module/1, unregister_module/1, push_name_value/3, pop_name_value/1, push_active_config/1, pop_active_config/0, get_active_config/1, dyn_load_cfg_module_into_make/1, get_settings_nvalue/1, apply_vpath_mode/4, get_name/2.
  
  - **Regular Types:**
    
    target/1.

- **Imports:**
  
  - **System library modules:**
    
    compiler/compiler, filenames, terms, system, format, lists, messages, make/up_to_date, aggregates.
  
  - **Packages:**
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, hiord.

103.2 Documentation on exports (make_rt)

**make/1:**

Usage: make(TargetList)

This is the main entry point to the make library. It makes the list of targets one by one as well as any intermediate targets needed as dictated by the dependency rules.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  TargetList is a list of targets.

**target/1:**

Usage: target(T)

T is a Makefile target.
**make_option/1:**

Usage: `make_option(Option)`

Asserting/retracting facts of this predicate sets/clears library options. Default is no options (i.e., the predicate is undefined). The following values are supported:

- `make_option('-v')`. % Verbose: prints progress messages (useful % for debugging rules).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Option` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

The predicate is of type `data`.

**verbose_message/1:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**verbose_message/2:**

Usage: `verbose_message(Text,ArgList)`

The text provided in `Text` is printed as a message, using the arguments in `ArgList`, if `make_option('-v')` is defined. Otherwise nothing is printed.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Text` is an atom or string describing how the arguments should be formatted. If it is an atom it will be converted into a string with `name/2`. (format:format_control/1)
  - `ArgList` is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

**dot_concat/2:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**call_unknown/1:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**all_values/2:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**get_value/2:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**get_value_def/3:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.
get_all_values/2:  
Usage: get_all_values(Name,Values)  
Values are all the possible values of Name.

name_value/2:  
No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is of type data.

set_name_value/2:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

cp_name_value/2:  
Usage: cp_name_value(Source,Target)  
Copy the variable values from Source to Target  
  The following properties should hold at call time:  
  Source is an atom.  
  Target is an atom.

get_name_value/3:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

get_name_value_string/3:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

add_name_value/2:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

del_name_value/1:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

check_var_exists/1:  
Usage: check_var_exists(Var)  
Fails printing a message if variable Var does not exist.

find_file/2:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.
vpath/1: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is of type data.

add_vpath/1: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

vpath_mode/3: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is of type data.

add_vpath_mode/3: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

bold_message/1: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

bold_message/2: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

normal_message/2: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

bolder_message/1: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

bolder_message/2: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

newer/2: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

register_module/1: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

unregister_module/1: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate.
**push_name_value/3:**

Usage: `push_name_value(Name, Var, R)`

Push variable name `Name` with all values of variable `Var` and returns `R`, an abstract type to pass to `pop_name_value/1` to undo the push changes. Push cannot be nested.

**pop_name_value/1:**

Usage: `pop_name_value(R)`

Restores the value of the variable indicated by the abstract type `R`. Notice that `R` _must be_ the argument returned by `push_name_value/2`.

**push_active_config/1:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**pop_active_config/0:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**get_active_config/1:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**dyn_load_cfg_module_into_make/1:**

Usage: `dyn_load_cfg_module_into_make(ConfigFile)`

Used to load dynamically a module (typically, a Makefile) into the make library from the application using the library.

- _The following properties should hold at call time:_
  - `ConfigFile` is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)

**get_settings_nvalue/1:**

Usage: `get_settings_nvalue(Pred)`

Executes `Pred` as unknown call, in other words, it is useful to execute predicates that have been loaded by `register_module/1`.

Example: `get_settings_nvalue(my_options(ciao, A, B))`.

- _The following properties should hold at call time:_
  - `Pred` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

**apply_vpath_mode/4:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.
get_name/2:  
Usage: get_name(Path,Name)  
Name is the file name for the path Path

up_to_date/2:  
Imported from up_to_date (see the corresponding documentation for details).

103.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (make_rt)
- The current handle of help messages is deficient. It must be in a standar form, and the user of this library only must be allowed to add messages, not procedures to print it.
- target_comment/1 does not work, why? :-(.
104 Additional operating system utilities

Author(s): Manuel Hermenegildo.

This is a (temporary) extension to library system (which it reexports). Much of this should probably end up eventually in system, but once we have worked out the best interface and, in some cases, the proper implementation (the implementations in here are in some cases just calls to Un*x shell primitives or commands).

104.1 Usage and interface (system_extra)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(system_extra)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    del_dir_if_empty/l, move_files/2, move_file/2, copy_files/2, copy_files/3,
    copy_files_nofail/3, symbolic_link/2, symbolic_link/3, ls/3, ls/2, etags/2,
    add_suffix/3, add_prefix/3, filter-alist-pattern/3, --/1, try_finally/3,
    set_owner/2, del_endings_nofail/2, del_file_nofail/1, del_file_nofail/2,
    del_files_nofail/1, delete_files/1, do/5, do/4, do/2, do/3, do_str/3, do_str_without_nl/3,
    do_str_without_nl__popen/2, do_atmlist__popen/2, cat/2,
    cat_append/2, readf/2, datime_atom/l, datime_atom/2, datime_string/l,
    datime_string/2, datime_to_string/2, no_tr_nl/2, replace_strings_in_file/3,
    replace_params_in_file/3, writef/2, writef/3, writef_list/2, writef_list/3,
    replace_strings/3, replace_params/3, get_perms/2, set_perms/2, set_exec_perms/2,
    mkdir_perm/2, execute_permissions/2, execute_permissions/4,
    convert_permissions/2, convert_permissions/4, backup_file/1, using_tty/0.
    ```
  - Regular Types:
    ```prolog
    pattern/1, do_options/l.
    ```

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    regexp/regexp_code, system, messages, terms, lists, llists, sort, write, file_utils, strings, diet.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes, hiord, regexp.
    ```

104.2 Documentation on exports (system_extra)

del_dir_if_empty/1:  
  No further documentation available for this predicate.

move_files/2:  
  Usage 1: move_files(Files,Dir)  
  Move Files to directory Dir (note that to move only one file to a directory, rename_file/2 can be used).
(True) Usage 2:

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Arg1 is a list of atms.  
  (basic.props:list/2)
  
  Arg2 is an atom.  
  (basic.props:atm/1)

move_file/2:

Usage: move_file(File,Dir)

Move File to directory Dir

copy_files/2:

Usage 1: copy_files(Files,Dir)

Like copy_files/3, with empty options list.

(True) Usage 2:

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Arg1 is a list of atms.  
  (basic.props:list/2)
  
  Arg2 is an atom.  
  (basic.props:atm/1)

copy_files/3:

Usage: copy_files(Files,Dir,Opts)

Copy Files to directory Dir, using Opts as the option list for copy. See copy_file/3 for the list of options. Note that to move only one file to a directory, rename_file/2 can be used.

copy_files_nofail/3:

Usage: copy_files_nofail(Files,Dir,Opts)

Like copy_files/3, but do not fail in case of errors.

symbolic_link/2:

Usage: symbolic_link(Source,Dir)

Create a symbolic link in Dir pointing to file or directory Source (performs a copy in Windows).

classic_symbolic_link/3:

Usage: symbolic_link(Source,Dir,NewName)

Create a symbolic link in Dir pointing to file or directory Source and give it name NewName (performs a copy in Windows).
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ls/3:
Usage 1: ls(Directory, Pattern, FileList)
FileList is the unordered list of entries (files, directories, etc.) in Directory whose names match Pattern. If Directory does not exist FileList is empty.

(True) Usage 2:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Arg1 is an atom. (basic.props:atm/1)
  - system_extra:pattern(Arg2) (system_extra:pattern/1)
  - Arg3 is a free variable. (term.typing:var/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Arg3 is a list of atms. (basic.props:list/2)

pattern/1:
A regular type, defined as follows:
\[
\text{pattern}(A) :- \text{atom}(A).
\]

ls/2:
Usage 1: ls(Pattern, FileList)
FileList is the unordered list of entries (files, directories, etc.) in the current directory whose names match Pattern (same as ls('.', Pattern, FileList)).

(True) Usage 2:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - system_extra:pattern(Arg1) (system_extra:pattern/1)
  - Arg2 is a free variable. (term.typing:var/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Arg2 is a list of atms. (basic.props:list/2)

etags/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

add_suffix/3:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

add_prefix/3:
No further documentation available for this predicate.
filter_alist_pattern/3:

Usage 1: filter_alist_pattern(UnFiltered,Pattern,Filtered)

Filtered contains the elements of UnFiltered which match with Pattern.

(True) Usage 2:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Arg1 is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)
  - system_extra:pattern(Arg2) (system_extra:pattern/1)
  - Arg3 is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Arg3 is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)

try_finally/3:

Usage: try_finally(Start,Goal,End)

Calls initialization goal Start and then calls Goal Goal, but always continues with the evaluation of End. If Goal is non-deterministic, in case of backtracking Start is called again before redoing Goal.

Meta-predicate with arguments: try_finally(goal,goal,goal).

set_owner/2:

No further documentation available for this predicate.

del_endings_nofail/2:

No further documentation available for this predicate.

del_file_nofail/1:

No further documentation available for this predicate.

del_file_nofail/2:

No further documentation available for this predicate.
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**del_files_nofail/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**delete_files/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**do/5:**

*Usage:* `do(Command,OutputFile,ErrorFile,Action,ReturnCode)`

Executes `Command` redirecting standard output to `OutputFile` and standard error to `ErrorFile`. `ReturnCode` is the code returned by the execution of `Command`. `Action` is a list of atoms that specify the actions to be completed in case the `Command` fails. Three of these options: `fail`, `exception`, and `nofail` are mutually exclusive. The rest of the options are flags that mean (type `do_options/1`):

- `inform_nofail`: informs about the error code returned by the execution of the command.
- `show_output_on_error`: shows the content of `OutputFile` in case of error.
- `show_error`: shows the content of `ErrorFile` in case of error.
- `silent`: do not print any error message. The option `inform_nofail` overrides this option in case of `fail`.
- `verbose_command`: shows the command before being executed. Useful for tracing.
- `verbose`: `verbose_command` plus overrides the error and output file settings and outputs everything to `user_output` and `user_error`.

*The following properties should hold at call time:*

- `Command` is a list of atoms. (basic_props:list/2)
- `OutputFile` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
- `ErrorFile` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
- `Action` is a list of `do_options`. (basic_props:list/2)

*The following properties should hold upon exit:*

- `ReturnCode` is a number. (basic_props:num/1)

**do_options/1:**

A regular type, defined as follows:

- `do_options(fail)`.
- `do_options(nofail)`.
- `do_options(silent)`.
- `do_options(exception)`.
- `do_options(halt)`.
- `do_options(inform_nofail)`.
- `do_options(show_output_on_error)`.
- `do_options(show_error_on_error)`.
- `do_options(verbos)`.
- `do_options(verbos_command)`.
do/4:
Usage: do(Command,OutputFile>ErrorFile,Action)
Same as do/5 but omitting the returned code.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Command is a list of atms.
  OutputFile is an atom.
  ErrorFile is an atom.
  Action is a list of do_options.

PREDICATE

do/2:
Usage: do(Command,Action)
Same as do/3 but omitting the return code.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Command is a list of atms.
  Action is a list of do_options.

PREDICATE

do/3:
Usage: do(Command,Action,ReturnCode)
Same as do/5 but omitting the files.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Command is a list of atms.
  Action is a list of do_options.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  ReturnCode is a number.

PREDICATE

do_str/3:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

PREDICATE

do_str_without_nl/3:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

PREDICATE

do_str_without_nl_popen/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

PREDICATE

do_atmlist_popen/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

PREDICATE

cat/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

PREDICATE
cat_append/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

readf/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

datetime_atom/1:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

datetime_atom/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

datetime_string/1:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

datetime_string/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

datetime_to_string/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

no_tr_nl/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

replace_strings_in_file/3:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

replace_params_in_file/3:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

writef/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

writef/3:
No further documentation available for this predicate.
writef_list/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

writef_list/3:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

replace_strings/3:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

replace_params/3:
Usage: replace_params(Subst,Str,Str2)
Replace <v>Key</v> strings from the input Str string by values input by values stored in Subst

get_perms/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

set_perms/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

set_exec_perms/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

mkdir_perm/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

execute_permissions/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

execute_permissions/4:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

convert_permissions/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.
convert_permissions/4:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

backup_file/1:  
Usage: backup_file(FileName)  
Save a backup copy of file FileName

using_tty/0:  
Usage:  
The standard input is an interactive terminal.

system_error_report/1:  
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

replace_characters/4:  
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

no_swapslash/3:  
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

cyg2win/3:  
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

winpath_c/3:  
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

winpath/3:  
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

winpath/2:  
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

using_windows/0:  
(UNDOC_REEXPORT)  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
rename_file/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

delete_directory/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

delete_file/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

set_exec_mode/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

chmod/3:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

chmod/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

fmode/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

touch/1:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

modif_time0/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

modif_time/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

file_properties/6:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

file_property/2:  (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
file_exists/2:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

file_exists/1:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

mktemp_in_tmp/2:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

mktemp/2:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

directory_files/2:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

wait/3:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

exec/8:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

exec/3:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

exec/4:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

popen_mode/1:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

popen/3:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

system/2:  
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
system/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

shell/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

shell/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

shell/0: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

cd/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

working_directory/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

make_dirpath/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

make_dirpath/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

make_directory/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

make_directory/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

umask/2: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

current_executable/1: (UNDOC_REEXPORT)
   Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
current_host/1:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

get_address/2:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

get_tmp_dir/1:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

get_grnam/1:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

get_pwnam/1:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

get_gid/1:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

get_uid/1:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

get_pid/1:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

file_dir_name/3:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

extract_paths/2:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

dir_path/2:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

copy_file/3:  
(UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
copy_file/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

c_errno/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

del_env/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

set_env/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

current_env/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

setenvstr/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

getenvstr/2: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

datetime_struct/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

datetime/9: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

datetime/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

time/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).

pause/1: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
    Imported from system (see the corresponding documentation for details).
The libraries documented in this part extend the Ciao language in several different ways. The extensions include:

- pure Prolog programming (well, this can be viewed more as a restriction than an extension);
- feature terms or records (i.e., structures with names for each field);
- parallel programming (e.g., &-Prolog style);
- functional syntax;
- higher-order;
- global variables;
- setarg and undo;
- delaying predicate execution;
- active modules;
- breadth-first execution;
- iterative deepening-based execution;
- constraint logic programming;
- object oriented programming.
105 Pure Prolog package

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

This library package allows the use of pure Prolog in a Ciao module/program. It is based on the fact that if an engine module is imported explicitly then all of them have to be imported explicitly. The engine modules are:

- **engine(arithmetic)**
  Chapter 28 [Arithmetic], page 181.

- **engine(atomic_basic)**
  Chapter 27 [Basic predicates handling names of constants], page 171.

- **engine(attributes)**
  (undefined) [Attributed variables], page (undefined).

- **engine(basic_props)**
  Chapter 23 [Basic data types and properties], page 133.

- **engine(basiccontrol)**
  Chapter 21 [Control constructs/predicates], page 127.

- **engine(data_facts)**
  Chapter 33 [Fast/concurrent update of facts], page 219.

- **engine(exceptions)**
  Chapter 31 [Exception and Signal handling], page 209.

- **engine(io_aux)**
  Chapter 35 [Message printing primitives], page 229.

- **engine(io_basic)**
  Chapter 30 [Basic input/output], page 201.

- **engine(prolog_flags)**
  Chapter 32 [Changing system behaviour and various flags], page 213.

- **engine(streams_basic)**
  Chapter 29 [Basic file/stream handling], page 191.

- **engine(system_info)**
  Chapter 39 [Internal Runtime Information], page 241.

- **engine(term_basic)**
  Chapter 25 [Basic term manipulation], page 159.

- **engine(term_compare)**
  Chapter 26 [Comparing terms], page 165.

- **engine(term_typing)**
  Chapter 24 [Extra-logical properties for typing], page 151.

Note that if any of these modules is explicitly imported in a program then the language defaults to Pure Prolog, plus the functionality added by the modules explicitly imported.

It is recommended that if you explicitly import an engine module you also use this package, which will guarantee that the predicate `true/0` is defined (note that this is the only Ciao builtin which cannot be redefined).
105.1 Usage and interface (pure_doc)

- Library usage:
  
  :- use_package(pure).
  
  or
  
  :- module(...,...,[pure]).

- Imports:
  
  - Packages:
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

105.2 Known bugs and planned improvements (pure_doc)

- Currently, the following builtin predicates/program constructs cannot be redefined, in addition to true/0: (->)/2 (,)/2 (+)/1 if/3
Chapter 106: Multiple Argument Indexing

106 Multiple Argument Indexing

Author(s):
Anil Nair (original work), Tom Howland (http://home.pacbell.net/tomjdnh/pd.html, derived the original work), Francisco Bueno (initial port to Ciao), Jose F. Morales (improvements in implementation and documentation).

Indexing (in Prolog) is an optimization technique that reduces the search space of the predicates without altering the Prolog semantics.

In the most general case, predicate clauses are tried on backtracking one after the other, in sequential order. We can call this list of clauses a try-list. Indexing is based on removing clauses that are known to fail without any observable output (no side-effects) from the try-list. A typical implementation introduces tests before the actual predicate execution to discriminate among a collection of precomputed specialized try-lists. In the best case, this technique can obtain try-lists with 0 or 1 elements for calls.

Currently, the Ciao engine implements a limited but fast 1st-argument-1st-level indexing. The indexer package provides more powerful indexing schemes. It lets you pick different combinations of arguments to index on. E.g., it will let you index on the first and third argument or the second and the third argument of a predicate.

The selection of the try-list is based on computing a hash value for the terms (or part of them) to be indexed upon. Given this, the optimization pays off only when the amount of clashing that your original predicate causes without indexing superseeds the cost of the hashing function. Such amount of course depends on the number and form of the facts in your predicate, and the calling modes.

**Important Note about Performance**
- The current implementation of the package is done at the source level, so it may sometimes not be as fast as expected.
- The complexity of the hashing function currently used is $O(n)$ with $n$ the number of characters in the textual representation of the term. Thus, even if the search tree is reduced, performance can be much slower in some cases that the cheaper internal (1st argument, 1st level) indexing used in Ciao.

Despite this, the package implements some indexing schemes with low overhead.
- A single `:- index p(+,?,...,?)` indexer (1st argument, 1st level). Reuses the internal indexing.
- A single `:- index p(?,...,+,...?)` indexer (one argument, 1st level). Reuses the internal indexing by reordering the predicate arguments.
106.1 Usage and interface (indexer_doc)

- **Library usage:**
  This facility is used as a package, thus either including `indexer` in the package list of the module, or by using the `use_package/1` declaration. The facility predicate `hash_term/2`, documented here, is defined in library module `indexer(hash)`.

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - `hash_term/2`.
  
- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    - `assertions/native_props, indexer/hash`.
  - **Packages:**
    - `prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes`.

106.2 Documentation on exports (indexer_doc)

`hash_term/2`:

- **PREDICATE**
- `hash_term(Term,HashValue)`
  Provides an efficient way to calculate an integer HashValue for a ground Term.
- **Usage 1:** `hash_term(T,N)`
  N is a hashing index for T.
  - **The following properties should hold at call time:**
    - T is currently ground (it contains no variables).
    - N is a free variable.
  - **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
    - N is an integer.
- **Usage 2:** `hash_term(T,N)`
  - **The following properties should hold at call time:**
    - T is not ground.
    - N is a free variable.
  - **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
    - N is a free variable.

106.3 Documentation on internals (indexer_doc)

`index/1`:

- **DECLARATION**
- **Usage:** `:- index(IndexSpecs)`.
  Declares an indexing scheme for a predicate. Each spec declares an indexing on a combination of the arguments. Indexing will be performed using any of the specs in `IndexSpecs` (being thus interpreted as an or).
You should use a * in an argument position if you wish to hash on the entire term in that argument. If a + is used only one level of the term in the argument is used for hashing. An i is used to indicate that argument is already an integer, and therefore its own value will be used for hashing. The argspec ? simply indicates not to use the argument for indexing.

For example, the index specification:

```prolog
:- index foo(+,?,*,i), foo(?,-,?,i).
```

declares indexing for foo/4 either on a combination of the first, third, and fourth arguments, or only on the last argument, which is an integer. In the first case, only the principal functor of the first argument will be used for hashing; the third argument will be used in its entirety.

The argspec n is a pragmatic extension and cannot be used in conjunction with the other specifiers aside from ?. It stands for "nonvar" and implies that the argument will not be used for hashing, since only ground terms can effectively be used in hashing. Thus, it can not be used in combination with other specifiers within a particular index specification. It is often the fastest thing to use.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  
  IndexSpecs is an index specification.

indexespecs/1:
An index specification is defined as follows:

```prolog
indexespecs(Spec) :-
    indexspec(Spec).
indexespecs((Spec,Specs)) :-
    indexspec(Spec),
    indexespecs(Specs).
indexspec(Spec) :-
    Spec=..[F|Args],
    list(Args,argspec).
```

Usage: indexespecs(IndexSpecs)
Indexespecs is an index specification.

argspec/1:
An argument hash specification is defined as follows:

```prolog
argspec(+).
argspec(*).
argspec(i).
argspec(n).
argspec(?)
```

Usage: argspec(Spec)
Spec is an argument hash specification.
106.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (indexer_doc)

- The semantics of cut (!) are not preserved with the ‘general’ indexing scheme (see implementation). Translations should happen after choice idiom / cut idiom are introduced. That is not possible with the current expansion mechanism. Communication with the internal indexing tables could be the easier solution.
- Indexing specs must appear before the clauses of the predicate they specify.
Chapter 107: Higher-order

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza.

This module is a wrapper for the implementation-defined predicate call/1, and it implements the call/2 predicate.

107.1 Usage and interface (hiord_rt)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(hiord_rt)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    call/1, call/2, SYSCALL/1, $nodebug_call/1, $meta_call/1.
    ```
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, isomodes.
    ```

107.2 Documentation on exports (hiord_rt)

call/1: PREDICATE

```prolog
call(G)
```
Executes goal G, restricting the scope of the cuts to the execution of G. Equivalent to writing a variable G in a goal position.

(Trust) Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  G is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  ```
- The following properties hold globally:
  ```prolog
  This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP. (basic_props:native/1)
  ```

Meta-predicate with arguments: call(goal).

call/2: PREDICATE

```prolog
call(Pred,Arg1)
```
There exists a set of built-in predicates of the form call/N with N > 1 which execute predicate Pred given arguments Arg1 ... ArgX. If Pred has already arguments Arg1 is added to the start, the rest to the end. This predicate, when Pred is a variable, can be written using the special Ciao syntax Pred(Arg1,...,ArgX).

Usage:

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ```prolog
  Arg1 is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  ```
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  Pred is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  ```
The following properties should hold upon exit:

Arg1 is any term.  

(basic.props:term/1)

The following properties should hold globally:

This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP.  

(basic.props:native/1)

SYSCALL/1:

(Trust) Usage: 

The following properties should hold at call time:

Arg1 is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  

(basic.props:callable/1)

$nodebug_call/1:

(Trust) Usage: 

The following properties should hold at call time:

Arg1 is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  

(basic.props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: $nodebug_call(goal).

$meta_call/1:

(Trust) Usage: $meta_call(A)

The following properties should hold at call time:

A is currently a term which is not a free variable.  

(term.typing:nonvar/1)

A is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  

(basic.props:callable/1)

The following properties hold globally:

This predicate is understood natively by CiaoPP as call(A).  

(basic.props:native/2)

107.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (hiord_rt)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
108 Higher-order predicates

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza, Manuel Carro, Edison Mera.

This library implements a few basic higher-order predicates. These add functionality to the basic higher-order functionality of Ciao. Examples of the latter are:

Using pred(1):

\[
\text{list(L, functor(_,2))} \\
\text{list(L, >0))}
\]

Using pred(2):

108.1 Usage and interface (hiordlib)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog```
  ```
  :- use_module(library(hiordlib)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog```
    ```
    map/3, map/4, map/5, map/6, foldl/4, minimum/3, split/4.
    ```
  - Imports:
    ```prolog```
    ```
    System library modules:
    assertions/native_props.
    ```
    ```prolog```
    ```
    Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, basicmodes, nativeprops, dcg, fsyntax, hiord, unittestdecls.
    ```

108.2 Documentation on exports (hiordlib)

map/3:

Usage: \text{map(LLlist,Op,RList)}

Examples of use:

\[
\text{map([1,3,2], arg(f(a,b,c,d)), [a,c,b]) or} \\
\text{map([1,3,2], nth([a,b,c,d]), [a,c,b])} \\
\text{map(\[D\",\"C\"]}, \text{append(.\",)}, \text{[\"D\",\"C\"]})
\]

Meta-predicate with arguments: \text{map(?,(pred 2),?)}. 

General properties:

Test: \text{map(A,B,C)}

- If the following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog```
  ```
  \text{term_basic:A=[1,3,2]} \quad \text{term_basic:= /2)} \\
  \text{term_basic:B=arg(f(a,b,c,d))} \quad \text{term_basic:= /2)} \\
  \text{then the following properties should hold upon exit:} \\
  \text{term_basic:C=[a,c,b]} \quad \text{term_basic:= /2)}
  ```

- Then the following properties should hold globally:

All the calls of the form \text{map(A,B,C)} do not fail. \quad \text{(native_props:not_fails/1)}

All calls of the form \text{map(A,B,C)} are deterministic. \quad \text{(native_props:is_det/1)}
Test: map(A,B,C)
   - If the following properties should hold at call time:
     term_basic:A=\[1,3,2\] \hspace{1cm} (term_basic:= /2)
     term_basic:B=\text{nth}([a,b,c,d]) \hspace{1cm} (term_basic:= /2)
     then the following properties should hold upon exit:
     term_basic:C=\[a,c,b\] \hspace{1cm} (term_basic:= /2)
     then the following properties should hold globally:
     All the calls of the form \textit{map}(A,B,C) do not fail.
     All calls of the form \textit{map}(A,B,C) are deterministic.

Test: map(A,B,C)
   - If the following properties should hold at call time:
     term_basic:A=\[[68],[67]\] \hspace{1cm} (term_basic:= /2)
     term_basic:B=\text{append}([46]) \hspace{1cm} (term_basic:= /2)
     then the following properties should hold upon exit:
     term_basic:C=\[[68,46],[67,46]\] \hspace{1cm} (term_basic:= /2)
     then the following properties should hold globally:
     All the calls of the form \textit{map}(A,B,C) do not fail.
     All calls of the form \textit{map}(A,B,C) are deterministic.

\texttt{map/4:}
\begin{verbatim}
Usage: map(LList,Op,RList,Tail)
DCG version of map.
\end{verbatim}
\textit{Meta-predicate} with arguments: map(?,(pred 3),?,?).
\textbf{General properties:}

Test: map(A,B,C,D)
   - If the following properties should hold at call time:
     term_basic:A=\[1,3,2\] \hspace{1cm} (term_basic:= /2)
     term_basic:B=((L,[E|T],T):-\text{arg}(L,(\text{f}(a,b,c,d),E))) \hspace{1cm} (term_basic:= /2)
     term_basic:D=[x,y] \hspace{1cm} (term_basic:= /2)
     then the following properties should hold upon exit:
     term_basic:C=[a,c,b,x,y] \hspace{1cm} (term_basic:= /2)
     then the following properties should hold globally:
     All the calls of the form \textit{map}(A,B,C,D) do not fail.
     All calls of the form \textit{map}(A,B,C,D) are deterministic.

\texttt{map/5:}
\begin{verbatim}
No further documentation available for this predicate. \textbf{Meta-predicate} with arguments:
map(?,?,?,(pred 4),?,?,?).
\end{verbatim}

\texttt{map/6:}
\begin{verbatim}
No further documentation available for this predicate. \textbf{Meta-predicate} with arguments:
map(?,?,?,?,(pred 5),?,?,?).
\end{verbatim}
**foldl/4:**

**Usage:** foldl(List, Seed, Op, Result)

Example of use:

```
?- foldl(["daniel","cabeza","gras"], "", 
        
        ("'(X,Y,Z) :- append(X, " || Y, Z)), R).
```

```
R = "daniel cabeza gras " ?
```

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: foldl(?,(pred 3),?).

---

**minimum/3:**

**Usage:** minimum(List, SmallerThan, Minimum)

Minimum is the smaller in the nonempty list List according to the relation SmallerThan:

SmallerThan(X, Y) succeeds iff X is smaller than Y.

---

*The following properties should hold at call time:*

- SmallerThan is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- SmallerThan is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- Minimum is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: minimum(?,(pred 2),?).

---

**split/4:**

**Usage:** split(List, Condition, Left, Right)

Divides List in two list, where Left contains the elements for which the call to Condition succeeds, and Right the remaining elements.

---

*The following properties should hold at call time:*

- List is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- Condition is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- Condition is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- Left is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
- Right is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

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*The following properties should hold upon exit:*

- List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- Condition is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
- Left is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- Right is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: split(?,(pred 1),?,?).

**General properties:**

**Test:** split(A,B,C,D)
If the following properties should hold at call time:

\[
\begin{align*}
term\_basic:A &= [1,2,3,4,5,6] \\
term\_basic:B &= \geq (4) \\
\end{align*}
\]

then the following properties should hold upon exit:

\[
\begin{align*}
term\_basic:C &= [5,6] \\
term\_basic:D &= [1,2,3,4] \\
\end{align*}
\]

then the following properties should hold globally:

All the calls of the form \texttt{split(A,B,C,D)} do not fail.
109 Terms with named arguments -records/feature terms

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This library package provides syntax which allows accessing term arguments by name (these terms are sometimes also referred to as records, and are also similar to feature terms [AKPS92]).

109.1 Usage and interface (argnames_doc)

- Library usage:
  :- use_package(argnames).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[argnames]).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    $~/3.
- New operators defined:
  $/2 [150,xfx], =>/2 [950,xfx], argnames/1 [1150,fx].
- New declarations defined:
  argnames/1.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

109.2 Documentation on new declarations (argnames_doc)

argnames/1: DECLARATION

Usage: :- argnames(ArgNamedPredSpec).
An argnames/1 declaration assigns names to the argument positions of terms (or literal/goals) which use a certain functor/arity. This allows referring to these arguments by their name rather than by their argument position. Sometimes, argument names may be clearer and easier to remember than argument positions, specially for predicates with many arguments. Also, in some cases this may allow adding arguments to certain predicates without having to change the code that uses them. These terms with named arguments are sometimes also referred to as records, and are also similar to feature terms [AKPS92]. For example, in order to write a program for the zebra puzzle we might declare:

  :- use_package([argnames]).
  :- argnames house(color, nation, pet, drink, car).

which first includes the package and then assigns a name to each of the arguments of any term (or literal/goal) with house/5 as the main functor.

For convenience the package extends the built-in data/1 declaration so that names to arguments can be assigned as with the argnames/1 declaration, as for example:

  :- data product(id, description, brand, quantity).

Once an argnames/1 is given, it is possible to use the names to refer to the arguments of any term (or literal/goal) which has the same main functor as that of the term which
appears in the \texttt{argnames/1} declaration. This is done by first writing the functor name, then the infix operator \$, and then, between curly brackets, zero, one, or more pairs \texttt{argument-name=argument-value}, separated by commas (i.e., the infix operator \$ is used between the name and the value). Again, argument names must be atomic. Argument values can be any term. Arguments which are not specified are assumed to have a value of \_ (i.e., they are left unconstrained).

Thus, after the declaration for \texttt{house/5} in the example above, any occurrence in that code of, for example, \texttt{house\{nation=\texttt{Owns_zebra}, pet=\texttt{zebra}\}} is exactly equivalent to \texttt{house(_,Owns_zebra,zebra,_,_)}\footnote{The actual zebra puzzle specification might include a clause such as: \begin{verbatim} zebra(Owns_zebra, Drinks_water, Street) :- Street = \texttt{[house\{\},house\{\},house\{\},house\{\},house\{\}]}, member(house\{nation=\texttt{Owns_zebra},pet=\texttt{zebra}\}, Street), member(house\{nation=Drinks_water,drink=\texttt{water}\}, Street), member(house\{drink=\texttt{coffee},color=\texttt{green}\}, Street), left_right(house\{color=\texttt{ivory}\}, house\{color=\texttt{green}\}, Street), member(house\{car=\texttt{porsche},pet=\texttt{snails}\}, Street), ... \end{verbatim}}. Also, \texttt{house\{\}} is equivalent to \texttt{house(_,_,_,_,_)}\footnote{Another syntax supported, useful mainly in declarations to avoid specifying the arity, is \texttt{house\{\}}, which is equivalent in our example to \texttt{house/5} (but for data declarations there is a special syntax as we have seen).}

Any number of \texttt{argnames/1} declarations can appear in a file, one for each functor whose arguments are to be accessed by name. As with other packages, argument name declarations are \textit{local to the file} in which they appear. The \texttt{argnames/1} declarations affect only program text which appears after the declaration. It is easy to make a set of declarations affect several files for example by putting such declarations in a separate file which is included by all such files.

An \texttt{argnames/1} declaration does not change in any way the internal representation of the associated terms and does not affect run-time efficiency. It is simply syntactic sugar.

\textbf{Runtime support}

It is possible to write pairs with unbound argument names. In that case, runtime information is emitted to resolve the argument name at execution time.

\section*{109.3 Documentation on exports (argnames_doc)}

\textbf{109.3.1 Documentation on exports (argnames_doc)}

\begin{verbatim}
$^/-3/

Usage: $^-(Term,Replacement,NewTerm)

NewTerm is as Term but with the arguments specified in Replacement changed (they need to be in argnames syntax). The predicate is in fact virtual, since it is translated by the package to a pair of unifications. For example, given the declaration :- argnames house(color, nation, pet, drink, car), the goal

$^-(House, house\{car => seat, pet => mouse\}, NewHouse)

would be compiled to the unifications

\texttt{House = house(C,N,\_,\_,\_)}, \texttt{NewHouse = house(C,N,mouse,D,seat)}.
\end{verbatim}
109.4 Other information (argnames_doc)

Two simple examples of the use of the argnames library package follow.

109.4.1 Using argument names in a toy database

```prolog
:- module(simple_db,_,[argnames,assertions,regtypes]).
:- use_module(library(aggregates)).

:- doc(title,"A simple database application using argument names").

:- data
product( id, description, brand, quantity ).

% Compute the stock of products from a given brand.
% Note call to findall is equivalent to: findall(Q,product(_,_,Brand,Q),L).
brand_stock(Brand,Stock) :-
    findall(Q,product{brand=>Brand,quantity=>Q},L),
    sumlist(L,Stock).

sumlist([],0).
sumlist([X|T],S) :-
    sumlist(T,S1),
    S is X + S1.
```

109.4.2 Complete code for the zebra example

```prolog
:- module(_,zebra/3,[argnames]).

/* There are five consecutive houses, each of a different color and inhabited by men of different nationalities. They each own a different pet, have a different favorite drink, and drive a different car.
1. The Englishman lives in the red house.
2. The Spaniard owns the dog.
3. Coffee is drunk in the green house.
4. The Ukrainian drinks tea.
5. The green house is immediately to the right of the ivory house.
6. The Porsche driver owns snails.
```
7. The Masserati is driven by the man who lives in the yellow house.
8. Milk is drunk in the middle house.
9. The Norwegian lives in the first house on the left.
10. The man who drives a Saab lives in the house next to the man with the fox.
11. The Masserati is driven by the man in the house next to the house where the horse is kept.
12. The Honda driver drinks orange juice.
14. The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.

The problem is: Who owns the Zebra? Who drinks water?

*: argnames house(color, nation, pet, drink, car).

zebra(Owns_zebra, Drinks_water, Street) :-
    Street = [house{} , house{} , house{} , house{} , house{}],
    member(house{nation => Owns_zebra, pet => zebra}, Street),
    member(house{nation => Drinks_water, drink => water}, Street),
    member(house{nation => englishman, color => red}, Street),
    member(house{nation => spaniard, pet => dog}, Street),
    member(house{drink => coffee, color => green}, Street),
    member(house{nation => ukrainian, drink => tea}, Street),
    left_right(house{color => ivory}, house{color => green}, Street),
    member(house{car => porsche, pet => snails}, Street),
    member(house{car => masserati, color => yellow}, Street),
    Street = [_, _, house{drink => milk}, _, _],
    Street = [house{nation => norwegian}|_],
    next_to(house{car => saab}, house{pet => fox}, Street),
    next_to(house{car => masserati}, house{pet => horse}, Street),
    member(house{car => honda, drink => orange_juice}, Street),
    member(house{nation => japanese, car => jaguar}, Street),
    next_to(house{nation => norwegian}, house{color => blue}, Street).

member(X,[X|_]).
member(X,[_|Y]) :- member(X,Y).

left_right(L,R,[L,R|_]).
left_right(L,R,[_|T]) :- left_right(L,R,T).

next_to(X,Y,L) :- left_right(X,Y,L).
next_to(X,Y,L) :- left_right(Y,X,L).

109.5 Known bugs and planned improvements (argnames_doc)

- It would be nice to add a mechanism to portray terms with named arguments in a special (user definable) way.
- The predicate $\$-$ still does not support runtime argnames.
110 Functional notation

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This library package allows the use of functional notation in a Ciao module/program. It supports function application, predefined evaluable functors, functional definitions, quoting, and (combined with the lazy library) lazy evaluation. The extensions implemented by this library are also composable with higher-order features and can be combined with other Ciao packages such as constraints, assertions, etc.

The package provides syntactic sugar for defining and using predicates as if they were functions. However, they can still retain the power of predicates. Any function definition written using this package is in fact defining a predicate, and any predicate can be used as a function.

The predicate associated with a function has the same name and one more argument, meant as the place holder for the “result” of the function. In fact, this argument is just the one that will be syntactically connected to the surrounding goal or function, but it does not necessarily imply any directionality, i.e., it does not necessarily mean that this argument is an output or an input. This argument is by default added to the right, i.e., it is the last argument, but can be changed by using a declaration, as explained below.

110.1 Function applications

Any term preceded by the ~/1 operator is a function application, as can be seen in the goal write(`arg(1,T)), which is strictly equivalent to the sequence arg(1,T,A), write(A). The declaration fun_return/1 allows using a predicate argument other than the last as the return argument. For example with :- fun_return functor(~,_,_) the expression `functor(f,2) will be evaluated to the term f(_,__). This definition of the return argument can also be done on the fly in each invocation in the following way: ~functor(~,f,2).

Functors can be declared as evaluable by using the declaration fun_eval/1. This allows avoiding the need to use the ~/ operator. Thus, :- fun_eval arg/2 allows writing write(arg(1,T)) instead of write(`arg(1,T)) as above. This declaration can be combined with the previous one: :- fun_eval functor(~,_,_).

110.2 Predefined evaluable functors

By using the declaration :- fun_eval arith(true), all the functors understood by is/2 will be also evaluated. This is active from the declaration downwards until a :- fun_eval arith(false) declaration or the end of the module is reached. Beware that arithmetic functors are used in some cases for other purposes than arithmetic: e.g. abolish(p/2). But this is not so disturbing as it may appear because this package is not active in declarations, except for the goal-including declarations initialization/1 and on_abort/1. Note that all the declarations introduced by this package, as is customary in Ciao, are local to the module where they are included.

In addition to functors declared with the declaration fun_eval/1, the package defines as evaluable the functors used for disjunctive and conditional expressions: | /2 and ? /2 (defined as operators). A disjunctive expression has the form (V1|V2), and its value when first evaluated is V1, and on backtracking V2. A conditional expression has the form (Cond ? V1), or more commonly (Cond ? V1 | V2), and its value, if the execution of Cond as a goal succeeds, is V1, otherwise in the first form it causes backtracking, and on the second form its value is V2. Note that due to the operator precedences, these expressions normally need to be surrounded by parenthesis. Also, a nested expression: (Cond1 ? V1 | Cond2 ? V2 | V3) is evaluated as (Cond1 ? V1 | (Cond2 ? V2 | V3)).
110.3 Functional definitions

A functional definition is composed of one or more functional clauses. A functional clause is written using the binary operator := /2, as in:

```
opposite(red) := green.
```

which is equivalent to \( \text{opposite}(\text{red}, \text{green}) \). or

```
addlast(X,L) := ~append(L,[X]).
```

which is equivalent to \( \text{addlast}(X,L,R) :- \text{append}(L,[X],R) \).

Functional clauses can also have a body, which is executed before the result value is computed. It can serve as a guard for the clause or to provide the equivalent of where-clauses in functional languages:

```
fact(0) := 1.
fact(N) := N = 0 \ ? 1
   | N > 0 \ ? N * ~fact(–N).
```

Note that guards can often be defined more compactly using conditional expressions:

```
fact(N) := N = 0 \ ? 1
   | N > 0 \ ? N * ~fact(–N).
```

The declaration :- fun_eval defined(true) allows to locally define as evaluable functions being defined, so that the \( \sim \) operator does not need to be used within a functional definition for the functor being defined. For example, for the fact invocations in the previous definitions, which can now be written as, e.g. (we provide the full module definition):

```
:- module(_,_,[fsyntax]).

:- fun_eval arith(true).
:- fun_eval defined(true).

fact(0) := 1.
fact(N) := N = 0 \ ? 1
   | N > 0 \ ? N * ~fact(–N).
```

This behaviour is reverted using :- fun_eval defined(false).

The translation of functional clauses has the following properties:

- The translation produces steadfast predicates, that is, output arguments are unified after possible cuts.
- Defining recursive predicates in functional style maintains the tail recursion of the original predicate, thus allowing the usual compiler optimizations.

Some implementation details and a discussion of the recent combination of this library (which dates from Ciao version 0.2) with the lazy evaluation library can be found in [CCH06].

110.4 Quoting functors

Functors (either in functional or predicate clauses) can be prevented from being evaluated by using the \( \sim /1 \) prefix operator (read as “quote”), as in
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110.5 Some scoping issues

When using function applications inside the goal arguments of meta-predicates, there is an ambiguity as they could be evaluated either in the scope of the outer execution or the in the scope of the inner execution. The chosen behavior is by default to evaluate function applications in the scope of the outer execution. If they should be evaluated in the inner scope, the goal containing the function application needs to be escaped with the "~/1 prefix operator, as in findall(X, (d(Y), ~/1(X = f(Y)+1)), L) (which could also be written as findall(X, ~/1 (d(Y), X = f(Y)+1), L)) and which expands into findall(X, (d(Y),f(Y,Z),T is Z+1,X=T), L). With no escaping the function application is evaluated in the scope of the outer execution, i.e., it expands to f(Y,Z), T is Z+1, findall(X, (d(Y),X=T), L).

110.6 Other functionality

In addition to the basic package fsyntax, a package functional is also provided, to allow programming with a more functional-flavored style. That package activates the declarations :- fun_eval arith(true) and :- fun_eval defined(true), and defines the .~/2 operator for use in lists (but be careful: this period cannot be followed by a whitespace!) and the operator ++~/2 as a function for appending lists. The factorial example above can be written as follows using the functional package:

:- module(_,_,[functional]).

fact(N) := N=0 ? 1
    | N>0 ? N * fact(--N).

Which is equivalent to:

:- module(_,_,[fsyntax]).

:- fun_eval arith(true).
:- fun_eval defined(true).

fact(0) := 1.
fact(N) := N * fact(--N) :- N > 0.

%% Or, alternatively:
%
%% fact(N) := N=0 ? 1
%%    | N>0 ? N * fact(--N).

See the end of this chapter for additional examples.
110.7 Combining with higher order

Ciao provides in its standard library the hiord package, which supports a form of higher-order untyped logic programming with predicate abstractions [CH99a,Cab04,CHL04]. Predicate abstractions are Ciao’s translation to logic programming of the lambda expressions of functional programming: they define unnamed predicates which will be ultimately executed by a higher-order call, unifying its arguments appropriately. A function abstraction is provided as functional syntactic sugar for predicate abstractions:

Predicate abstraction: 

```
'(X,Y) :- p(X,Z), q(Z,Y).
```

Function abstraction: 

```
'(X) := q(~p(X)).
```

and function application is syntactic sugar over predicate application:

Predicate application: 

```
... P(X,Y), ...
```

Function application: 

```
... Y = ~P(X), ...
```

The combination of this hiord package with the fsyntax and lazy packages (and, optionally, the type inference and checking provided by the Ciao preprocessor [HPBLG05]) basically provide the functionality present in modern functional languages (currying is not syntactically implemented, but its results can be obtained by deriving higher-order data from any other higher-order data (see [Cab04]), as well as some of the functionality of full higher-order logic programming.

At this moment, it is necessary to specify the :- fun_eval hiord(true) option to enable correct handling of function abstractions.

110.8 Usage and interface (fsyntax_doc)

- Library usage:
  - :- use_package(fsyntax).
  - or
  - :- module(...,...,[fsyntax]).
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions.

110.9 Other information (fsyntax_doc)

110.10 Some examples using functional syntax

We now illustrate some of the uses of the package through examples. The following example defines a simple unary function der(X) which returns the derivative of a polynomial arithmetic expression:

```
der(x) := 1.
der(C) := 0 :- number(C).
der(A + B) := der(A) + der(B).
der(C * A) := C * der(A) :- number(C).
der(x ** N) := N * x ** ~(N - 1) :- integer(N), N > 0.
```

Note that if we include the directive mentioned before which makes arithmetic functors evaluable then we would have to write the program in the following (clearly, less pleasant and more obfuscated) way:
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:- fun_eval(arith(true)).
der(x) := 1.
der(C) := 0 :- number(C).
der(~(A + B)) := ~(der(A) + der(B)).
der(~(C * A)) := ~(C * der(A)) :- number(C).
der(~(x ** N)) := ~(N * ~(x ** (N - 1))) :- integer(N), N > 0.

Both of the previous code fragments translate to the following code:
der(x, 1).
der(C, 0) :- number(C).
der(A + B, X + Y) :- der(A, X), der(B, Y).
der(C * A, C * X) :- number(C), der(A, X).
der(x ** N, N * x ** Nl) :- integer(N), N > 0, Nl is N - 1.

Functional notation interacts well with other Ciao language features. For example, it provides compact and familiar notation for regular types and other properties:
:- module(_,_,[hiord,functional,assertions,regtypes,'bf/bfall']).
:- regtype color/1. color := red | blue | green.
:- regtype slist/1. slist := [] | _ | slist.
:- regtype list_of/l. list_of(T) := [] | ~T | list_of(T).

where the functional clauses expand to (note the use of higher-order in the third example):
color(red). color(blue). color(green).
list([]).
list([_|T]) :- list(T).
list_of(_, [])
list_of(T, [X|Xs]) :- T(X), list_of(T, Xs).

Such types and properties are then admissible in the usual way in assertions, e.g.:
:- pred append/3 :: list * list * list.
:- pred color_value/2 :: list(color) * int.

The combination of functional syntax and user-defined operators brings significant flexibility, as can be seen in the following definition of a list concatenation (append) operator (note that these are the definitions mentioned before which are active by default in the functional package):
:- op(600, xfy, (..)).
:- op(650, xfy, (++)).
:- fun_eval (++)/2.
[] ++ L := L.
X.Xs ++ L := X.(Xs ++ L).

This definition will be compiled exactly to the standard definition of append (and, thus, will be reversible). The functional syntax and user-defined operators allow writing for example Space
= ' ', write("Hello" ++ Space ++ "world!") instead of the equivalent forms Space = ' ', write( append("Hello", append(Space, "world!"))) (if append/2 is defined as evaluable) or Space = ' ', append(Space, "world!", T1), append("Hello", T1, T2), write(T2).

As another example, we can define an array indexing operator for fixed-size, multi-dimensional arrays. Assume that arrays are built using nested structures whose main functor is a and whose arities are determined by the specified dimensions, i.e., a two-dimensional array \( A \) of dimensions \([N,M]\) will be represented by the nested structure \( a(a(A11, \ldots, A1M), a(A21, \ldots, A2M), \ldots, a(AN1, \ldots, ANM)) \), where \( A11, \ldots, ANM \) may be arbitrary terms (we ignore for simplicity arity limitations, solved in any case typically by further nesting with logarithmic access time). The following recursive definition defines the property \texttt{fixed_array/2} and also the array access operator \( @ \):

\begin{verbatim}
fixed_array([N|Ms],A):-
  functor(A,a,N),
  rows(N,Ms,A).

fixed_array([N],A):-
  functor(A,a,N).

rows(0,_,_).
rows(N,Ms,A) :-
  N > 0,
  arg(N,A,Arg),
  array(Ms,Arg),
  rows(N-1,Ms,A).
\end{verbatim}

This allows writing, e.g., \( M = \texttt{fixed_array([2,2])}, M@[2,1] = 3 \) (which could also be expressed as \( \texttt{fixed_array([2,2])@[2,1]} = 3 \)), where the call to the \texttt{fixed_array} property generates an empty \( 2 \times 2 \) array \( M \) and \( M@[2,1] = 3 \) puts 3 in \( M[2,1] \). This can be done in the top level:

\( ?- M = \texttt{fixed_array([2,2])}, M@[2,1] = 3. \)

provided the \texttt{op} and \texttt{function} declarations are loaded into the top level also. Another example of use is: \( A3@[N+1,M] = A1@[N-1,M] + A2@[N,M+2] \).

Such functionality can be grouped into a \texttt{package} as follows. The package main file (arrays.pl) might be:

\begin{verbatim}
:- package(arrays).
:- include(arrays_ops).

:- use_module(arrays_rt).
\end{verbatim}

where file arrays_ops.pl may contain:

\begin{verbatim}
:- use_package(functional).

:- op(150, xfx, '@').
:- fun_eval '@'/2.
\end{verbatim}
The main file is arrays_rt.pl which would contain for example (note that it also uses arrays_ops.pl, and that is why the contents of arrays_ops.pl were not put directly in arrays.pl):

```prolog
:- module(arrays_rt,_, [functional,hiord,assertions,regtypes,isomodes]).
:- include(arrays_ops).
:- doc(title,"Some simple array operations with syntactic support").
:- doc(author,"Pro Grammer").
:- doc(module,"This library implements a very simple set of operations on arrays. The idea is to illustrate the use of functional syntax (operators) by providing syntactic support for invoking array operations such as element access, array (vector) addition, etc.").
```

```prolog
%%% Regtypes
%%% :- doc(doinclude,array/1).
%%% :- doc(doinclude,vector/1).
%%% :- doc(doinclude,dim/1).

:- regtype array(A) "@var{A} is a multi-dimensional array.".
% Should obviously be defined in more detail...
array(A) :- struct(A).

:- regtype dim(D) "@var{D} represents the dimensions of an array.".
dim(D) :- list(D,int).

:- regtype vector(V) "@var{V} is a one-dimensional fixed-size array.".
vector(V) :- fixed_array([N],V), int(N).
```

```prolog
%%% pred fixed_array(Dim,Array) :: dim * array
# "@var{Array} is an array of fixed dimensions @var{Dim}".

fixed_array([N|Ms],A):-
    functor(A,a,N),
    rows(N,Ms,A).
fixed_array([N],A):-
    functor(A,a,N).
```
rows(0,_,_,_).
rows(N,_,_,A):-
    N > 0,
    arg(N,_,Arg),
    fixed_array(_,Arg),
    rows(N-1,_,_).

:- pred @.(Array,Index,Elem):: array * dim * int
# "Elem is the Index-th element of Array.".
V@[I|Js] := ~arg(I,V)@Js.

:- pred <+>(V1,V2,V3) :: vector * vector * vector
# "V3 is V1 + V2."
V1 <+> V2 := V3 :-
    V1 = ~fixed_array([N]),
    V2 = ~fixed_array([N]),
    V3 = ~vecplus_(N,V1,V2).

vecplus_(0,_,_,_).
vecplus_(N,V1,V2,V3) :-
    N > 0,
    V3@[N] = V1@[N] + V2@[N],
    vecplus_(N-1,V1,V2,V3).

:- pred <*>/(V1,V2,V3) :: vector * vector * vector
# "V3 is V1 * V2 (inner product)."
V1 <*> V2 := ~vecmul_(N,V1,V2,0) :-
    V1 = ~fixed_array([N]),
    V2 = ~fixed_array([N]).

vecmul_(0, _, _, Acc, Acc).
vecmul_(N, V1, V2, Acc, IP) :-
    N > 0,
    vecmul_(N-1, V1, V2, Acc + (V1@[N] * V2@[N]), IP).

A file using this package would be:
:- module(_,_).
:- use_package(library(fsyntax(examples(arrays)))).
main(M) :-
    V1 = a(1,3,4,5),
    V2 = a(5,4,3,1),
    I = 1,
    display(V2@[I+1]),
    M = V1 <*> (V2 <+> V1).
110.11 Examples of combining with higher order

The following map and foldl definitions (from the hiordlib library) illustrate the combination of functional syntax and higher-order logic programming:

```prolog
:- fun_eval map/2.
:- meta_predicate map(_,pred(2),_).
map([], _) := [].
map([X|Xs], P) := [P(X) | map(Xs, P)].
```

With this definition:

```prolog
?- L = ~map([1,2,3], ( _(X,Y):- Y = f(X) ) ).
L = [f(1),f(2),f(3)] ?
```

```prolog
?- [f(1),f(2),f(3)] = ~map(L, ( _(X,f(X)) :- true ) ).
L = [1,2,3] ?
```

Also, after running:

```prolog
?- ["helloworld", "byeworld"] = map(["hello", "bye"], ++(X)).
```

(Where (++)/2 corresponds to the above definition of append) X will be bound to "world", which is the only solution to the equation.

And when calling:

```prolog
map(L, ++(X), ["hello.", "bye."]).
```

several values for L and X are returned through backtracking:

```prolog
L = ["hello","bye"], X = "." ?;
L = ["hello.","bye."], X = [] ?
```

(remember to set the flag write_strings to on in these examples so that the top level prints strings as strings of characters instead of lists of ASCII codes).

110.12 Some additional examples using functional syntax

A definition of the Fibonacci function, written in functional notation:

```prolog
:- module(_,_,[functional]).

fib(0) := 0.
fib(1) := 1.
fib(N) := fib(N-1) + fib(N-2) :- integer(N), N > 1.

write_fib(N):-
 message([’The ’,N,’. Fibonacci number is: ’,~fib(N),’.’]).
```

This is the factorial example, written in functional notation and including some assertions:
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:- module(_,_,[assertions,nativeprops,functional]).

:- pred fact(+int,-int) + is_det.
:- pred fact(-int,+int) + non_det.

fact(N) := N=0 ? 1
    | N>0 ? N * fact(--N).

And, the same example written using clpq constraints:

:- module(_,_,[assertions,nativeprops,fsyntax,clpqf]).

:- fun_eval .=. /1.
:- op(700,fx,[.=.]).
:- fun_eval fact/1.

:- pred fact(+int,-int) + is_det.
:- pred fact(-int,-int) + non_det.

fact( .=. 0) := .=. 1.

which allows for example calling it “backwards:”

?- 24 = ~fact(X).

X = 4 ?

A very simple example using lazy evaluation:

:- module(_,_,[functional,lazy]).
:- use_module(library(lazy(lazy_lib)), [take/3]).

nums(N) := ~take(N,nums_from(0)).

:- lazy fun_eval nums_from/1.

nums_from(X) := [X | nums_from(X+1)].

A naive reverse example, using functional notation:

:- module(_, [nrev/2], [functional]).

nrev( [] ) := [ ].
nrev( [H|T] ) := ~conc( nrev(T),[H] ).

conc( [], L ) := L.
conc( [H|T], K ) := [ H | conc(T,K) ].

And the same example using some assertions:

:- module(_, [nrev/2], [assertions,fsyntax,nativeprops]).

:- entry nrev/2 : {list, ground} * var.

:- pred nrev(A,B) : list(A) => list(B)
+ (not_fails, is_det, steps_o(exp(length(A),2))).

nrev([],[]) := [] .
nrev([H|L]) := ~conc(~nrev(L),[H]).

:- pred conc(A,_,_)+ (terminates, is_det, steps_o(length(A))).
conc([],L) := L .
conc([H|L],K) := [H|~conc(L,K)].

Finally, a simple stream creation example where assertions are used to define a safety policy (that no file outside /tmp should be opened):
:- module(_,[create_streams/2],[fsyntax,assertions,regtypes]).
:- entry create_streams(A,B) : list(A,num).
create_streams([],[]) := [] .
create_streams([N|NL]) := [~open_file(Fname,write) | ~create_streams(NL)] :-
app("/tmp/../",~number_codes(N),Fname).
app("/tmp/",~number_codes(N),Fname).

app([],L) := L .
app([X|Xs],L) := [X|~app(Xs,L)].

% open_file library:
open_file(Fname,Mode) := ~open(File,Mode) :- atom_codes(File,Fname).

% Safety policy:
:- check calls open_file(Fname,_,_) : safe_name(Fname).

:- regtype safe_name/l. safe_name("/tmp/"||L) :- list(L,alphnum_code).

:- regtype alphnum_code/l. alphnum_code := ~alph_code | ~num_code.

:- regtype alph_code/l. alph_code := 0'a | 0'b | 0'c | 0'd | 0'e | 0'f .

110.13 Known bugs and planned improvements (fsyntax_doc)

- Assumes that is/2 is imported.
- Lazy functions declarations require translation priorities to move it to the lazy package.
- Detect automatically when hiord is being used, deprecate eval_hiord.
- I am not sure if shared variables are working for predicate abstractions.
• Find out if predicate abstractions are being fully translated at compile time (see output for hiordfun example).
111 global (library)

111.1 Usage and interface (global)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(global)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    set_global/2, get_global/2, push_global/2, pop_global/2, del_global/1.
    ```
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
    ```

111.2 Documentation on exports (global)

### set_global/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

### get_global/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

### push_global/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

### pop_global/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

### del_global/1:
No further documentation available for this predicate.
Chapter 112: Andorra execution

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This package allows the execution under the Basic Andorra Model [War88]. The model classifies goals as a determinate goal, if at most one clause matches the goal, or nondeterminate goal, otherwise. In this model a goal is delayed until either it becomes determinate or it becomes the leftmost goal and no determinate goal is available. The implementation of this selection rule is based on the use of attributed variables [Hol92,Hol90].

In order to test determinacy we verify only the heads of clauses and builtins in the bodies of clauses before the first cut, if any. By default, determinacy of a goal is detected dynamically: when called, if at most one clause matches, it is executed; otherwise, it is delayed. For goals delayed the test is repeated each time a variable appearing in the goal is instantiated. In addition, efficiency can be improved by using declarations that specify the determinacy conditions. These will be considered for testing instead of the generic test on all clauses that can match.

As with any other Ciao package, the andorra computation rule affects only the module that uses the package. If execution passes across two modules that use the computation rule, determinate goals are run in advance within one module and also within the other module. But determinate goals of one module do not run ahead of goals of the other module.

It is however possible to preserve the computation rule for calls to predicates defined in other modules. These modules should obviously also use this package. In addition all predicates from such modules should imported, i.e., the directive :- use_module(module), should be used in this case instead of :- use_module(module,[...]). Otherwise calls to predicates outside the module will only be called when they became the leftmost goal.

### 112.1 Usage and interface (andorra_doc)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_package(andorra).
  
  or
  
  :- module(...,...,[andorra]).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  
  - **Regular Types:**
    
    detcond/1, path/1.

- **New operators defined:**
  
  ```prolog
  \=/2 [700,xfx], ?=/2 [700,xfx].
  ```

- **New declarations defined:**
  
  determinate/2.

- **Imports:**
  
  - **Packages:**
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

### 112.2 Documentation on new declarations (andorra_doc)

**determinate/2:**

```prolog
:- determinate(Pred,Cond).
```
Declares determinacy conditions for a predicate. Conditions Cond are on variables of arguments of Pred. For example, in:

```prolog
:- determinate(member(A,B,C), ( A ?= term(B,[1]) ; C?=[|] )).
```

```prolog
member(A,[A|B],B).
member(A,[B|C],[B|D]) :-
    A==B,
    member(A,C,D).
```

the declaration states that a call `member(A,B,C)` is determinate when either A doesn’t unify with the first argument of B or C doesn’t unify with `[|]`.

Usage: `:- determinate(Pred,Cond).`

States that the predicate Pred is determinate when Cond holds.

The following properties should hold at call time:

Pred is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:

```prolog
predname(P/A) :-
    atm(P),
    nnegint(A).
```

Cond is a determinacy condition.

```prolog
detcond(ground(X)) :- var(X).
detcond(nonvar(X)) :- var(X).
detcond(instatiated(A,Path)) :-
    var(A),
    list(Path,int).
detcond(?!=(Term1,Term2)) :-
    path(Term1),
    path(Term2).
detcond(==(Term1,Term2)) :-
    path(Term1),
    path(Term2).
detcond(Test) :-
    ( test Test ).
```

- ground/1 and nonvar/1 have the usual meaning.
- instatiated(A,Path) means that the subterm of A addressed by Path is not a variable. Path is a list of integer numbers describing a path to the subterm regarding the whole term A as a tree. For example, `instantiated(f(g(X),h(i(Z),Y)),[2,1])` tests whether `i(Z)` is not a variable.
- `Term1 ?\= Term2` means “terms Term1 and Term2 do not unify (when instantiated)”. Term1 and Term2 can be either an argument of the predicate or a term `term(V,Path)`, which refers to the subterm of V addressed by Path.

112.3 Documentation on exports (andorra_doc)

detcond/1:

 Defined by:

```prolog
detcond(ground(X)) :- var(X).
detcond(nonvar(X)) :- var(X).
detcond(instatiated(A,Path)) :-
    var(A),
    list(Path,int).
detcond(?!=(Term1,Term2)) :-
    path(Term1),
    path(Term2).
detcond(==(Term1,Term2)) :-
    path(Term1),
    path(Term2).
detcond(Test) :-
    ( test Test ).
```

- ground/1 and nonvar/1 have the usual meaning.
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- `Term1 ?\= Term2` means “terms Term1 and Term2 do not unify (when instantiated)”. Term1 and Term2 can be either an argument of the predicate or a term `term(V,Path)`, which refers to the subterm of V addressed by Path.
• Term1 != Term2 means “terms Term1 and Term2 unify (when instantiated)”. The same considerations above apply to Term1 and Term2.
• any other test that does not unify variables can also be used ( ==/2, \=/2, atomic/1).

Usage: detcond(X)
X is a determinacy condition.

path/1:

Defined by:

\[
\text{path}(X) : - \\
\text{var}(X). \\
\text{path}(X) : - \\
\text{list}(X, \text{int}).
\]

112.4 Other information (andorra_doc)

The andorra transformation will include the following predicates into the code of the module that uses the package. Be careful not to define predicates by these names:
• detcond_andorra/4
• path_andorra/4
• detcond_susp/4
• path_susp/4
• list_andorra2/5
• test_andorra2/4
113 Call on determinate

Author(s): Jose F. Morales, Manuel Carro.

Offers an enriched variant of call and cut \(!!/0\) which executes pending goals when the computation has no more alternatives.

This library is useful to, for example, get rid of external connections once the necessary data has been obtained.

113.1 Usage and interface (det_hook_doc)

- Library usage:
  
  :- use_module(library(det_hook_rt)).
  in which case, \(!!/0\) is not available.

  Typically, this library is used as a package:
  
  :- use_package(det_hook).

- New operators defined:
  
  \(?/1\) \([200,fy]\), \(0/1\) \([200,fy]\).

- New modes defined:
  
  \(+/1\), \(-/1\), \(?/1\), \(\@/1\), \(+/2\), \(-/2\), \(?/2\), \(\@/2\).

- Imports:
  
  - System library modules:
    
    det_hook/det_hook_rt.

  - Packages:
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

113.2 Documentation on new modes (det_hook_doc)

\(+/1\):

(\(\text{True}\)) Usage: \(+A\)

- \textit{The following properties are added at call time:}

  \(A\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.  \(\text{term\_typing:nonvar/1}\)

\(-/1\):

(\(\text{True}\)) Usage: \(-A\)

- \textit{The following properties are added at call time:}

  \(A\) is a free variable.  \(\text{term\_typing:var/1}\)

\(?/1\):

(\(\text{True}\)) Usage: \(?A\)

- \textit{The following properties are added at call time:}

  \(A\) is a term which may be a free variable.  \(\text{term\_typing:free\_var/1}\)
@/1: 

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: } \text{@}A

- \text{The following properties are added globally:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item $A$ is not further instantiated. (basic\_props:not\_further\_inst/2)
  \end{itemize}

+/2: 

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: } A+X

- \text{The following properties are added at call time:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item undefined:call(X,A) (undefined property)
  \end{itemize}

-/2: 

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: } A-X

- \text{The following properties are added at call time:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item $A$ is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)
  \end{itemize}

- \text{The following properties are added upon exit:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item undefined:call(X,A) (undefined property)
  \end{itemize}

?/2: 

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: } A?X

- \text{Call and exit are compatible with:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item undefined:call(X,A) (undefined property)
  \end{itemize}

- \text{The following properties are added upon exit:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item undefined:call(X,A) (undefined property)
  \end{itemize}

@/2: 

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: } \text{@}(A,X)

- \text{The following properties are added at call time:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item undefined:call(X,A) (undefined property)
  \end{itemize}

- \text{The following properties are added upon exit:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item undefined:call(X,A) (undefined property)
  \end{itemize}

- \text{The following properties are added globally:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item $A$ is not further instantiated. (basic\_props:not\_further\_inst/2)
  \end{itemize}
113.3 Other information (det_hook_doc)

As an example, the program

```prolog
:- module(_, _, [det_hook]).

enumerate(X):-
    display enumerating, nl,
    OnCut = (display('goal cut'), nl),
    OnFail = (display('goal failed'), nl),
    det_try(enum(X), OnCut, OnFail).

enum(1).
enum(2).
enum(3).
```

behaves as follows:

```prolog
?- enumerate(X).
enumerating
X = 1 ? ;

X = 2 ? ;

X = 3 ? ;
goal failed
```

(note the message inserted on failure). The execution can be cut as follows:

```prolog
?- use_package(det_hook).
{Including /home/clip/lib/ciao/ciao-1.7/library/det_hook/det_hook.pl }

yes
?- enumerate(X), '!!'.
enumerating
goal cut
X = 1 ? ;
no
```

113.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (det_hook_doc)

- If the started goals do not exhaust their solutions, and '!!'/0 is not used, the database will populate with facts which will be consulted the next time a '!!'/0 is used. This could cause incorrect executions.
114 Runtime predicates for call on determinate

**Author(s):** Jose F. Morales, Manuel Carro.

Implementation of variant of call and cut which executes pending goals when the computation has no more alternatives.

### 114.1 Usage and interface (det_hook_rt)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(det_hook_rt)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - `det_try/3`

- **Imports:**
  - **Packages:**
    - `prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes`

### 114.2 Documentation on exports (det_hook_rt)

**det_try/3:**

**Predicate**

**Usage:** `det_try(Goal, OnCut, OnFail)`

**Action** is called, and `OnCut` and `OnFail` are goals to be executed when `Goal` is cut or when it finitely fails, respectively. In order for this to work, cutting must be performed in a special way, by using the `!!0` predicate, also provided by this module.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `Goal` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
  - `OnCut` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
  - `OnFail` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

**Meta-predicate** with arguments: `det_try(goal, goal, goal)`. 
115 Miscellaneous predicates

Author(s): Manuel Carro, Daniel Cabeza.

This module implements some miscellaneous non-logical (but sometimes very useful) predicates.

115.1 Usage and interface (odd)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(odd)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
  
    ```prolog
    setarg/3, undo/1.
    ```

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.
    ```

115.2 Documentation on exports (odd)

**setarg/3:**

**Predicate**

Usage: setarg(Index, Term, NewArg)

Replace destructively argument Index in Term by NewArg. The assignment is undone on backtracking. This is a major change to the normal behavior of data assignment in Ciao Prolog.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  ```prolog
  Index is currently instantiated to an integer. (term_typing:integer/1)
  Term is a compound term. (basic_props:struct/1)
  NewArg is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  ```

**undo/1:**

**Predicate**

Usage: undo(Goal)

Call(Goal) is executed on backtracking. This is a major change to the normal control of Ciao Prolog execution.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  ```prolog
  Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  ```

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  
  ```prolog
  Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  ```

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: undo(goal).
116 Mutable Terms

**Author(s):** Rémy Haemmerlé.

This module provides mutable terms i.e. an abstract datatype provides with efficient back-trackable destructive assignment. In other words, any destructive assignments are transparently undone on backtracking. Modifications that are intended to survive backtracking must be done by asserting or retracting dynamic program clauses instead. Mutable must be prefered to destructive assignment of arbitrary terms using `setarg/3` of the module `odd` which does not have safe semantics.

116.1 Usage and interface (mutables)

- **Library usage:**
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(mutables)).
  ```
- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    ```prolog
    create_mutable/2, get_mutable/2, update_mutable/2, mutable/1.
    ```
- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    ```prolog
    odd.
    ```
  - **Packages:**
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
    ```

116.2 Documentation on exports (mutables)

- **create_mutable/2:**
  ```prolog
  Usage: create_mutable(Datum,Mutable)
  ```
  Unifies Datum with a freshly created mutable term with initial value Datum.

- **get_mutable/2:**
  ```prolog
  Usage: get_mutable(Datum,Mutable)
  ```
  Unifies Datum with the current value of the mutable term Mutable. Mutable must be a mutable term.

- **update_mutable/2:**
  ```prolog
  Usage: update_mutable(Datum,Mutable)
  ```
  Updates the current value of the mutable term Mutable to become Datum. Mutable must be a mutable term.

- **mutable/1:**
  ```prolog
  Usage: mutable(Term)
  ```
  Succeeds if Term is currently instantiated to a mutable term.
117 Block Declarations

Author(s): Rémy Haemmerlé.
Version: 0.1 (2008/25/5)

This package provides compatibility with SICStus' block declarations

117.1 Usage and interface (block_doc)

- Library usage:
  :- use_package(block).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[block]).
- New operators defined:
  block/1 [1150.fx].
- New declarations defined:
  block/1.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

117.2 Documentation on new declarations (block_doc)

block/1: [DECLARATION]

(Use) Usage: :- block(BlockSpecs).

In this declaration BlockSpecs specifies a disjunction of conditions. Each condition is of the form predname(C1, ..., CN) where each CI is either a ‘-’ if the call must suspend until the corresponding argument is bound, or anything else otherwise.

Convention: The recommended style is to write the block declarations in front of the source code of the predicate they refer to. Indeed, they are part of the source code of the predicate and must precede the first clause. Moreover it is suggested to use ‘?’ for specifying non conditioned arguments.

Example: The following definition calls to merge/3 having uninstantiated arguments in the first and third position or in the second and third position will suspend.

  :- block merge(-,?,-), merge(?,-,-).
  merge([], Y, Y).
  merge(X, [], X).
  merge([H|X], [E|Y], [H|Z]) :- H @< E, merge(X, [E|Y], Z).
  merge([H|X], [E|Y], [E|Z]) :- H @>= E, merge([H|X], Y, Z).

  The following properties hold at call time:
  BlockSpecs is a sequence or list of callables. (basic_props:sequence_or_list/2)
118 Delaying predicates (freeze)

Author(s): Remy Haemmerle, Manuel Carro, Daniel Cabeza.

This library offers a simple implementation of freeze/2, frozen/2, etc. [Col82,Nai85,Nai91,Car87] based on the use of attributed variables [Hol92,Hol90].

118.1 Usage and interface (freeze)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  ```- use_module(library(freeze)).```  
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog```
    ```freeze/2, frozen/2.```  
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    ```prolog```
    ```prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks.```  

118.2 Documentation on exports (freeze)

freeze/2:  
**PREDICATE**

Usage: ```freeze(X,Goal)```  
If X is free delay Goal until X is non-variable.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```Goal``` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
  (**basic.props:callable/1**)

``Meta-predicate with arguments: freeze(?,-goal).``

frozen/2:  
**PREDICATE**

Usage: ```frozen(X,Goal)```  
Goal is currently delayed until variable X becomes bound.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  ```Goal``` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
  (**basic.props:callable/1**)

``Meta-predicate with arguments: frozen(?,-goal).``

118.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (freeze)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
119 Delaying predicates (when)

Author(s): Manuel Carro.

when/2 delays a predicate until some condition in its variable is met. For example, we may want to find out the maximum of two numbers, but we are not sure when they will be instantiated. We can write the standard max/3 predicate (but changing its name to gmax/3 to denote that the first and second arguments must be ground) as

\[
\text{gmax}(X, Y, X) :- X > Y, !. \\
\text{gmax}(X, Y, Y) :- X \leq Y.
\]

and then define a 'safe' max/3 as

\[
\text{max}(X, Y, Z) :- \\
\quad \text{when}((\text{ground}(X), \text{ground}(Y)), \text{gmax}(X, Y, Z)).
\]

which can be called as follows:

?\(-\text{max}(X, Y, Z), Y = 0, X = 8. \\
X = 8, \\
Y = 0, \\
Z = 8 \?
\]

Alternatively, max/3 could have been defined as

\[
\text{max}(X, Y, Z) :- \\
\quad \text{when}((\text{ground}((X, Y)), \text{gmax}(X, Y, Z)).
\]

with the same effects as above. More complex implementations are possible. Look, for example, at the max.pl implementation under the when library directory, where a max/3 predicate is implemented which waits on all the arguments until there is enough information to determine their values:

?\(-\text{use_module(library(when(max)))}. \\
yes \\
?- \text{max}(X, Y, Z), Z = 5, Y = 4. \\
X = 5, \\
Y = 4, \\
Z = 5 \?
\]

yes
119.1 Usage and interface (when)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(when)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    when/2.
  - Regular Types:
    wakeup_exp/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    terms_vars, sort, sets.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

119.2 Documentation on exports (when)

when/2: PREDICATE
Usage: when(WakeupCond,Goal)
Delays / executes Goal according to WakeupCond given. The WakeupConds now acceptable are ground(T) (Goal is delayed until T is ground), nonvar(T) (Goal is delayed until T is not a variable), and conjunctions and disjunctions of conditions:

  wakeup_exp(ground(_l)).
  wakeup_exp(nonvar(_l)).
  wakeup_exp((Cl,C2)) :-
      wakeup_exp(C1),
      wakeup_exp(C2).
  wakeup_exp((Cl;C2)) :-
      wakeup_exp(C1),
      wakeup_exp(C2).

when/2 only fails it the WakeupCond is not legally formed. If WakeupCond is met at the time of the call no delay mechanism is involved — but there exists a time penalty in the condition checking.

In case that an instantiation fires the execution of several predicates, the order in which these are executed is not defined.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - WakeupCond is a legal expression for delaying goals. (when:wakeup_exp/1)
  - Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: when(?,goal).

wakeup_exp/1: REGTYPE
(True) Usage: wakeup_exp(T)
T is a legal expression for delaying goals.
119.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (when)

- Redundant conditions are not removed.
- Floundered goals are not appropriately printed.
120 Active modules (high-level distributed execution)

Author(s): Manuel Hermenegildo, Daniel Cabeza.

Active modules [CH95] provide a high-level model of inter-process communication and distributed execution (note that this is also possible using Ciao’s communication and concurrency primitives, such as sockets, concurrent predicates, etc., but at a lower level of abstraction). An active module (or an active object) is an ordinary module to which computational resources are attached, and which resides at a given location on the network. Compiling an active module produces an executable which, when running, acts as a server for a number of predicates: the predicates exported by the module. Predicates exported by an active module can be accessed by a program on the network by simply “using” the module, which then imports such “remote predicates.” The process of “using” an active module does not involve transferring any code, but rather setting up things so that calls in the module using the active module are executed as remote procedure calls to the active module. This occurs in the same way independently of whether the active module and the using module are in the same machine or in different machines across the network.

Except for having to compile it in a special way (see below), an active module is identical from the programmer point of view to an ordinary module. A program using an active module imports it and uses it in the same way as any other module, except that it uses “use_active_module” rather than “use_module” (see below). Also, an active module has an address (network address) which must be known in order to use it. In order to use an active module it is necessary to know its address: different “protocols” are provided for this purpose (see below).

1 From the implementation point of view, active modules are essentially daemons: executables which are started as independent processes at the operating system level. Communication with active modules is implemented using sockets (thus, the address of an active module is an IP socket address in a particular machine). Requests to execute goals in the module are sent through the socket by remote programs. When such a request arrives, the process running the active module takes it and executes it, returning through the socket the computed answers. These results are then taken and used by the remote processes. Backtracking over such remote calls works as usual and transparently. The only limitation (this may change in the future, but it is currently done for efficiency reasons) is that all alternative answers are precomputed (and cached) upon the first call to an active module and thus an active module should not export a predicate which has an infinite number of answers.

The first thing to do is to select a method whereby the client(s) (the module(s) that will use the active module) can find out in which machine/port (IP address/socket number) the server (i.e., the active module) will be listening once started, i.e., a “protocol” to communicate with the active module. The easiest way to do this is to make use of the rendezvous methods which are provided in the Ciao distribution in the library/actmods directory; currently, tmpbased., filebased., webbased., and platformbased...

The first one is based on saving the IP address and socket number of the server in a file in a predefined directory (generally /tmp, but this can be changed by changing tmpbased_common.pl).

The second one is similar but saves the info in the directory in which the server is started (as <module_name>.addr), or in the directory that a .addr file, if it exists, specifies. The clients must be started in the same directory (or have access to a file .addr specifying the same directory). However, they can be started in different machines, provided this directory is shared (e.g., by NFS or Samba), or the file can be moved to an appropriate directory on a different machine –provided the full path is the same.

1 It is also possible to provide active modules via a WWW address. However, we find it more straightforward to simply use socket addresses. In any case, this is generally hidden inside the access method and can be thus made transparent to the user.
The third one is based on a name server for active modules. When an active module is started, it communicates its address to the name server. When the client of the active module wants to communicate with it, it asks the name server the active module address. This is all done transparently to the user. The name server must be running when the active module is started (and, of course, when the application using it is executed). The location of the name server for an application must be specified in an application file named `webbased_common.pl` (see Section 3.1 below).

The fourth one is also based on a name server, but the address of the name server is given as a parameter to the active modules when started.

The rendezvous methods (or protocols) are encoded in two modules: a first one, called `...publish.pl`, is used by the server to publish its info. The second one, called `...locate.pl`, is used by the client(s) to locate the server info. For efficiency, the client methods maintain a cache of addresses, so that the server information only needs to be read from the file system the first time the active module is accessed.

Active modules are compiled using the `-a` option of the Ciao compiler (this can also be done from the interactive top-level shell using `make_actmod/2`). For example, issuing the following command:

```
ciaoc -a 'actmods/filebased_publish' simple_server
```

compiles the simple server example that comes with the distribution (in the `actmods/example` directory). The `simple_client_with_main` example (in the same directory) can be compiled as usual:

```
ciaoc simple_client_with_main
```

Note that the client uses the `actmods` package, specifies the rendezvous method by importing `library(actmods(filebased_locate))`, and explicitly imports the “remote” predicates (implicit imports will not work). Each module using the `actmods` package should only use one of the rendezvous methods.

Now, if the server is running (e.g., `simple_server &` in Un*x or double-clicking on it in Win32) when the client is executed it will connect with the server to access the predicate(s) that it imports from it.

A simpler even client `simple_client.pl` can be loaded into the top level and its predicates called as usual (and they will connect with the server if it is running).

### 120.1 Active modules as agents

It is rather easy to turn Ciao active modules into agents for some kind of applications. The directory `examples/agents` contains a (hopefully) self-explanatory example.
120.2 Usage and interface (actmods_doc)

- Library usage:
  
  `- use_package(actmods).
  or
  `- module(...,...,[actmods]).

- New declarations defined:
  `use_active_module/2`.

- Imports:
  - _Packages:_
    `prelude, nonpure, assertions`.

120.3 Documentation on new declarations (actmods_doc)

`use_active_module/2`: DECLARATION

Usage: `:- use_active_module(AModule,Imports).`

Specifies that this code imports from the active module defined in _AModule_ the predicates in _Imports_. The imported predicates must be exported by the active module.

- _The following properties should hold at call time:_
  - _AModule_ is a source name. `streams_basic:sourcename/1`
  - _Imports_ is a list of _prednames_. `basic.props:list/2`

120.4 Other information (actmods_doc)

The protocols _webbased_ and _platformbased_ are described in this section with a bit more detail.

120.5 Active module name servers (webbased protocol)

An application using a name server for active modules must have a file named _webbased_common.pl_ that specifies where the name server resides. It must have the _URL_ and the path which corresponds to that _URL_ in the file system of the server machine (the one that hosts the _URL_) of the file that will hold the name server address.

The current distribution provides a file _webbased_common.pl_ that can be used (after proper setting of its contents) for a server of active modules for a whole installation. Alternatively, particular servers for each application can be set up (see below).

The current distribution also provides a module that can be used as name server by any application. It is in file _examples/webbased_server/webbased_server.pl_.

To set up a name server edit _webbased_common.pl_ to change its contents appropriately as described above (_URL_ and corresponding complete file path). Then recompile this library module:

```
ciao -c webbased_common
```

The name server has to be compiled as an active module itself:
ciaoc -a actmods/webserver_publish webbased_server

It has to be started in the server machine before the application and its active modules are compiled.

Alternatively, you can copy webbased_common.pl and use it to set up name servers for particular applications. Currently, this is a bit complicated. You have to ensure that the name server, the application program, and all its active modules are compiled and executed with the same webbased_common.pl module. One way to do this is to create a subdirectory actmods under the directory of your application, copy webbased_common.pl to it, modify it, and then compile the name server, the application program, and its active modules using a library path that guarantees that your actmods directory is located by the compiler before the standard Ciao library. The same applies for when running all of them if the library loading is dynamic.

One way to do the above is using the -u compiler option. Assume the following file:

```prolog
:- module(paths, [/[1,1]]).
:- multifile library_directory/1.
:- dynamic library_directory/1.
:- initialization(asserta_fact(
    library_directory(’/root/path/to/my/particular/application’))).
```

then you have file webbased_common.pl in a subdirectory actmods of the above cited path. You have to compile the name server, the active modules, and the rest of the application with:

```bash
ciaoc -u paths -s ...
```

to use your particular webbased_common.pl and to make executables statically link libraries. If they are dynamic, then you have to provide for the above library_directory path to be set up upon execution. This can be done, for example, by including module paths into your executables.

Addresses of active modules are saved by the name server in a subdirectory webbased_db of the directory where you start it —see examples/webbased_server/webbased_db/webbased_server). This allows to restart the server right away if it dies (since it saves its state). This directory should be cleaned up regularly of addresses of active modules which are no more active. To do this, stop the server —by killing it (its pid is in PATH/FILE), and restart it after cleaning up the files in the above mentioned directory.

### 120.6 Platforms (platformbased protocol)

This protocol is also based on a name server. There are, however, two differences with the above one: the name server address and the active modules names are dynamic. On the one hand, the name server address (IP address/socket number) is given to the active modules when they are started up. This might be convenient when using the same name server executable for different applications starting up a different name server process for each application. On the other hand, the name assigned to a given active module can also be given as a parameter to the active module when it is started up. This makes it easier to maintain a local name space for particular applications (e.g., two modules with the same name can be used as active modules in the same application).

The code of a name server for the previous section protocol can also be used for this protocol (e.g., file examples/webbased_server/webbased_server.pl).
120.7 Known bugs and planned improvements (actmods_doc)

- The package provides no means for security: the accessing application must take care of this (?).
- It can happen that there is a unique process for an active module serving calls from several different simultaneous executions of the same application (or even different applications). In this case, there might be unwanted interactions (e.g., if the active module has state).
- Applications may fail if the name server or an active module is restarted during execution of the application (since they might restart at a different port than the one cached by the application).
- One may want name servers to reside at a fixed and known machine and port number (this is known as a service and is defined in /etc/services in a Un*x machine).
121 Agents

**Author(s):** Francisco Bueno.

An agent is an active module which has a main execution thread. Simultaneously (i.e., in concurrent execution with the main thread), the agent receives messages from other agents, which trigger the execution of a predicate by the name of the message. Messages can also be sent to other agents, by calling the predicate by the name of the message in the context of the receiver agent (see `::/2` below). Agents are identified by name. The name of an agent is usually the name of its (main) file, but this depends on the protocol used (see `protocol/1` below).

A simple agent that sends inform messages and at the same time receives them from other agents, answering back ok, will look like:

```prolog
agent :-
    repeat,
    display('Agent id:message?- '), read(Agent:Mess),
    Agent::inform(Mess),
    fail.

inform(Agent,Mess):-
    display(Agent), display(' has sent: '), display(Mess), nl,
    Agent::ok.

ok(_Agent).
```

121.1 Usage and interface (agent_doc)

- **Library usage:**
  ```prolog
  :- agent(AgentName,[Message|...]).
  ```
  for the main file of the agent.
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(agent(agent_call))).
  ```
  for the rest of modules of the agent that need to send messages.

- **New operators defined:**
  ```prolog
  ::/2 [550.xfx].
  ```

- **New declarations defined:**
  ```prolog
  protocol/1.
  ```

- **Imports:**
  ```prolog
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
  ```

121.2 Documentation on new declarations (agent_doc)

**protocol/1:**

A protocol is formed by a pair of modules which allow to locate connection addresses of agents. By convention, the names of these modules have a common prefix, which makes
reference to the protocol, and have suffixes '.locate' and '.publish'. The 'publish' part
of the protocol must define a multifile predicate save_addr_actmod/1 and the 'locate'
part export a predicate module_address/2. The first one publishes an agent address; the
second one locates the address of an agent. Together, both make it possible for agents
to send and receive messages. All agents in a multi-agent system must therefore use
the same protocol. Upon compilation, they will then be (automatically) instrumented as
active modules under the corresponding rendezvous method.

Usage: :- protocol(P). Protocol is the prefix to a library path where an active module rendezvous protocol can
be found.

### 121.3 Documentation on multifiles (agent_doc)

**save_addr_actmod/1:**

Usage: save_addr_actmod(Address)

(protocol defined) publishes the agent's Address.

The predicate is multifile.

### 121.4 Documentation on internals (agent_doc)

**module_address/2:**

Usage: module_address(Agent,Address)

(protocol defined) gives the Address of Agent.

**::/2:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**self/1:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

### 121.5 Other information (agent_doc)

This package is intended as a sample of how to program agents in Ciao, based on active
modules. It probably lacks many features that an agent might need. In particular, it lacks
language-independence: it is thought for multi-agent systems where all agents are programmed
in Ciao.

You are welcome to add any feature that you may be missing!

### 121.5.1 Platforms

A platform is an active module which holds connection addresses of agents in a multi-agent
system. A protocol is provided which enables the use of platforms: agent/platformbased.
A suitable platform must be up and running when agents which run under this protocol are
started up. The host id and port number (IP address/socket number) of the platform must
then be given as arguments to the agents executables. The protocol also allows to give an
agent name to the agent upon start-up. A module suitable for a platform can be found in
library(actmods/examples/webbased_server/webbased_server).
121.6 Known bugs and planned improvements (agent_doc)

- Currently, the agent has to be compiled explicitly as an active module. The same protocol than in the agent source code must be used for this. Automatic compilation is not working.
- It seems that there are running-ahead problems with threads that prevent to correctly publish agent addresses, sometimes.
122 Breadth-first execution

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza, Manuel Carro, Manuel Hermenegildo.

This package implements breadth-first execution of predicates. This may be useful in search problems when a proof procedure is needed that will find all solutions (even if it may still loop for some failures). This is in contrast with the default depth-first search, which may loop in some cases even if there are correct answers to a given query. This library is also useful when experimenting with pure programs as well as when teaching logic programming, for illustrating the expected theoretical results that should be expected from the declarative semantics (see for example the slides in http://www.clipslab.org/proglog).

It is important to realize, however, that the improved behaviour of breadth first execution comes at a high (exponential!) price in terms of both time ad memory. This library allows the programmer to control this overhead by selecting which predicates will be executed in breadth-first mode and which predicates in depth-first mode. More concretely, predicates written with operators '<-'/1 (facts) and '<-'/2 (clauses) are executed using breadth-first search, while predicates using the standard syntax will be executed depth-first.

The following example implements two versions of a predicate meant to succeed if two nodes of a directed graph are connected. The chain/2 predicate (which will be executed depth-first) loops without finding the connection between a and d, while the bfchain/2 predicate (which will be executed breadth-first) will find the connection correctly:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{test}(\text{bf}) & : - \text{bfchain}(a,d). \\
\text{test}(\text{df}) & : - \text{chain}(a,d). \quad \% \text{loops!}\n\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{bfchain}(X,X) & : - . \\
\text{bfchain}(X,Y) & : - \text{arc}(X,Z), \text{bfchain}(Z,Y). \\
\text{chain}(X,X). \\
\text{chain}(X,Y) & : - \text{arc}(X,Z), \text{chain}(Z,Y). \\
\text{arc}(a,b). \\
\text{arc}(a,d). \\
\text{arc}(b,c). \\
\text{arc}(c,a). \\
\end{align*}
\]

A second package, 'bf/bfall', allows executing all the predicates in a given module in breadth-first mode. In this case, predicates should be written using the standard syntax. This is useful to be able to switch easily between depth-first and breadth-first execution (e.g., for testing purposes) for all predicates in a given module without having to modify the program. The following program (written in standard syntax) runs breadth-first:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{test} & : - \text{chain}(a,d). \\
\text{chain}(X,X). \\
\text{chain}(X,Y) & : - \text{arc}(X,Z), \text{chain}(Z,Y). \\
\text{arc}(a,b). \\
\text{arc}(a,d). \\
\text{arc}(b,c). \\
\end{align*}
\]
arc(c,a).

There is another version, package `bf/af`, which ensures AND-fairness by goal shuffling. This reduces the number of cases in which an execution that is a failure loops instead (infinite failures) at a small additional cost. For example, by using `bf/af` the following code correctly answers “no” when executing `test/0`:

```prolog
:- module(sublistapp, [test/0, sublistapp/2], ['bf/af']).

:- push_prolog_flag(unused_pred_warnings, no).

test :- sublistapp([a], [b]).

sublistapp(S, L) <- append(_, S, Y), append(Y, _, L).

append([], L, L) <- .
append([X|Xs], L, [X|Ys]) <- append(Xs, L, Ys).

:- pop_prolog_flag(unused_pred_warnings).
```

There is also a package `bf/bfall` which again allows executing all the predicates in a given module in breadth-first, and-fair mode, where also all predicates should be written using the standard syntax. This package offers (at a cost, of course) very nice results for many programs, and is used extensively in programming courses by the Ciao developers.

Finally, it should be noted that a separate library, `id`, implements iterative-deepening search, which can in many cases be a better alternative to breadth-first search, since it achieves the same improvement in the completeness results in many cases at a greatly reduced execution cost (but the enumeration order of solutions is not as nice, and that is why these packages are very attractive for prototyping and teaching).

122.1 Usage and interface (bf_doc)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_package(bf).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[bf]).
  ```
- New operators defined:
  ```prolog
  <=/2 [1200,xfx], <=/1 [1200,xf].
  ```
- Imports:
  ```prolog
  Packages:
  prelude, nonpure, assertions.
  ```

122.2 Known bugs and planned improvements (bf_doc)

- Does not correctly work in user files.
123  Iterative-deepening execution

Author(s): Rémy Haemmerlé, Manuel Carro, Claudio Vaucheret, Manuel Hermenegildo.

This package applies a compiling control technique to implement depth first iterative deepening execution [Kor85]. It changes the usual depth-first computation rule by iterative-deepening on those predicates specifically marked. This is very useful in search problems when a complete proof procedure is needed.

When this computation rule is used, first all goals are expanded only up to a given depth. If no solution is found or more solutions are needed by backtracking, the depth limit is incremented and the whole goal is repeated. Although it might seem that this approach is very inefficient because all higher levels are repeated for the deeper ones, it has been shown that it performs only about \( \frac{b}{(b - 1)} \) times as many operations than the corresponding breadth-first search, (where \( b \) is the branching factor of the proof tree) while the waste of memory is the same as depth first.

The usage is by means of the following directive:

\[
\text{:- iterative(Name, FirstCut, Formula).}
\]

which states than the predicate 'Name' given in functor/arity form will be executed using iterative deepening rule starting at the depth 'FirstCut' with depth being incremented by the predicate 'Formula'. This predicate compute the new depth using the previous one. It must implement a dilating function i.e. the new depth must be greater. For example, to start with depth 5 and increment by 10 you can write:

\[
\text{:- iterative(p/1,5,f).}
\]

\[
f(X,Y) :- Y \text{ is } X + 10.
\]

or if you prefer,

\[
\text{:- iterative(p/1,5,(X,Y):- Y \text{ is } X + 10)).}
\]

You can also use a fourth parameter to set a limiting depth. All goals below the given depth limit simply fail. Thus, with the following directive:

\[
\text{:- iterative(p/1,5,(X,Y):- Y \text{ is } X + 10),100).}
\]

all goals deeper than 100 will fail.

An example of code using this package would be:

\[
\text{:- module(example_id, _,[id]).}
\]

\[
test(id) :-
\]

\[
idchain(a,d).
\]

\[
test(df) :-
\]

\[
chain(a,d). \% loops!
\]

\[
\text{:- iterative(idchain/2, 3, (X,Z):- Z \text{ is } X + 1) ).}
\]

\[
idchain(X,X).
\]

\[
idchain(X,Y) :-
\]

\[
arc(X,Z),
\]

\[
idchain(Z,Y).
\]

\[
chain(X,X).
\]

\[
chain(X,Y) :-
\]

\[
arc(X,Z),
\]

\[
chain(Z,Y).
\]

\[
arc(a,b).
\]
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arc(a,d).
arc(b,c).
arc(c,a).

The order of solutions are first the shallower and then the deeper. Solutions which are between two cutoff are given in the usual left to right order. For example,

```ciao
:- module(_,_,[id]).
%
% All goals deeper than 2 will fail
:- iterative(p/1,0,(_,X,Z) :- Z is X + 1),2).
%
% Change the solutions’ order to goal p(X).
%:- iterative(p/1,1,(_,X,Z) :- Z is X + 3)).

p(X) :- q(X).
p(a).
q(X) :- r(X).
q(b).
r(X) :- s(X).
r(c).
s(d).
```

Another complete proof procedure implemented is the bf package (breadth first execution).

### 123.1 Usage and interface (id_doc)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```ciao
  :- use_package(id).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[id]).
  ```

- **Imports:**
  
  - **Packages:**
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
Chapter 124: Constraint programming over rationals

124 Constraint programming over rationals

Author(s): Christian Holzbaur, Daniel Cabeza, Samir Genaim (Meta-programming predicates).

Note: This package is currently being adapted to the new characteristics of the Ciao module system. This new version works right now with limitations, but it is under further development at the moment. Use with (lots of) caution.

124.1 Usage and interface (clpq_doc)

- Library usage:
  
  
  :- use_package(clpq).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[clpq]).

- New operators defined:
  
  .=./.2 [700,xfx], .<>/.2 [700,xfx], .</.2 [700,xfx], .>./.2 [700,xfx], .>=/.2 [700,xfx].

- Imports:
  
  
  Packages:
  
  prelude, nonpure, assertions.

124.2 Other information (clpq_doc)

124.2.1 Some CLP(Q) examples

(Other examples can be found in the source and library directories.)

- 'Reversible' Fibonacci (clpq):
  
  :- use_package(clpq).
  :- module(_, [fib/2], []).

  fib(X,Y):- X =. 0, Y =. 0.
  fib(X,Y):- X =. 1, Y =. 1.
  fib(N,F) :-
    N >. 1,
    N1 =. N - 1,
    N2 =. N - 2,
    fib(N1, F1),
    fib(N2, F2),
    F =. F1+F2.

- Matrix multiplication (clpq):
  
  :- use_package(clpq).
  :- use_module(library(write)).

  mmultiply([],_,[]).
mmultiply([V0|Rest], V1, [Result|Others]):=  
    mmultiply(Rest, V1, Others),  
    multiply(V1, V0, Result).

multiply([], _, []).  
multiply([V0|Rest], V1, [Result|Others]):=  
    multiply(Rest, V1, Others),  
    vmul(V0, V1, Result).

vmul([], [], 0).  
vmul([H1|T1], [H2|T2], Result):=  
    vmul(T1, T2, NewResult),  

matrix(1, [[1,2,3,4,5],[4,0,-1,5,6],[7,1,-2,8,9],[-1,0,1,3,2],[1,5,-3,2,4]]).  
matrix(2, [[3,2,1,0,-1],[-2,1,3,0,2],[1,2,0,-1,5],[1,3,2,4,5],[-5,1,4,2,2]]).

%% Call with: ?- go(M).

go(M):=  
    matrix(1, M1),  
    matrix(2, M2),  
    mmultiply(M1, M, M2).

• Queens (clpq):
    :- use_package(clpq).

queens(N, Qs) :- constrain_values(N, N, Qs), place_queens(N, Qs).

constrain_values(0, _, []).  
constrain_values(N, Range, [X|Xs]) :-  
    N >. 0, X >. 0, X <=. Range,  
    N1 =. N - 1,  
    constrain_values(N1, Range, Xs), no_attack(Xs, X, 1).

no_attack([], _Queen, _Nb).

no_attack([Y|Ys], Queen, Nb) :-  
    Queen <> Y+Nb,  
    Queen <> Y-Nb,  
    Nb1 =. Nb + 1,  
    no_attack(Ys, Queen, Nb1).

place_queens(0, _).  
place_queens(N, Q) :-  
    N > 0, member(N, Q), N1 is N-1, place_queens(N1, Q).

124.2.2 Meta-programming with CLP(Q)

The implementation of CLP(Q) in Ciao compiles the constraints in the program to a sequence 
of calls to the underlying constraints solver (at compile-time). This results in efficient implemen-
tation, since the structure of the constraints is processed only at compile-time, but requires the constraints to be known at static time which can be a limitation for metaprogramming-based applications such as static program analyzers. For example, the call:

?- X = (A+B), Y = (C-D), X .>. Y.

no

fails because X .>. Y is translated first to a sequence of calls that require (when they invoked) X and Y to be either numbers or free variables. To overcome this limitation, you can use clp_meta/1 which delays the translation of the constraints from compile-time to run-time (i.e., when clp_meta/1 is called), For example:

?- X = (A+B), Y = (C-D), clp_meta([X .>. Y]).

X = A+B,
Y = C-D,
C.<.D+A+B ?

The argument of clp_meta/1 accepts a goal or lists of goals, where each goal is limited to conjunctions, disjunctions, or CLP(Q) constraints. Other operations on constraints which are extensively used in meta-programming, in particular in static program analysis, are projection and entailment check. The projection operation restricts the constraints (that are available in the store) to a given set of variables and turns the answer into terms. You can use the multifile predicate dump_constraints/3 for that purpose:


Cs = [X>.Y],
C>.B,
C.<.A ?

?- C = (B+D), clp_meta([A .>. C, D .>. 0]), dump_constraints([A,B],[X,Y],Cs).

C = B+D,
Cs = [Y.<.X],
D.< -B+A,
D>.0 ?

The entailment check is used to check if a list of constrains is entailed by the store. You can use the predicate clp_entailed/1 for that purpose:


B>.D,
C>.B,
C.<.A ?

yes

?- A .>=. B, clp_entailed([ A .>. B ]).

no
124.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (clpq_doc)

- clp(Q) and clp(R) cannot be used simultaneously in the same program, or even within the same toplevel session.
125 Constraint programming over reals

Author(s): Christian Holzbaur, Daniel Cabeza, Samir Genaim (Meta-programming predicates).

Note: This package is currently being adapted to the new characteristics of the Ciao module system. This new version now works right now to some extent, but it under further development at the moment. Use with (lots of) caution.

125.1 Usage and interface (clpr_doc)

- Library usage:
  `:- use_package(clpr).`
  or
  `:- module(...,...,[clpr]).`
- New operators defined:
  `.=/2 [700.xfx], .<>./2 [700.xfx], .<./2 [700.xfx], .>=./2 [700.xfx], .>=./2 [700.xfx].`
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    `prelude, nonpure, assertions`.

125.2 Other information (clpr_doc)

125.2.1 Some CLP(R) examples

(Other examples can be found in the source and library directories.)
- 'Reversible' Fibonacci (clpr):
  ```prolog
  :- module(_, [fib/2], []).
  :- use_package(clpr).
  
  fib(X,Y):- X =. 0, Y =. 0.
  fib(X,Y):- X =. 1, Y =. 1.
  fib(N,F) :-
    N >. 1,
    N1 =. N - 1,
    N2 =. N - 2,
    fib(N1, F1),
    fib(N2, F2),
    F =. F1+F2.
  ```

- Dirichlet problem for Laplace’s equation (clpr):
  ```prolog
  \% Solve the Dirichlet problem for Laplace’s equation using
  ```
% Leibman's five-point finit-differenc approximation.
% The goal ?- go1 is a normal example, while the goal ?- go2
% shows output constraints for a small region where the boundary conditions
% are not specified.
%
:- use_package(clpq).
:- use_module(library(format)).

laplace([_, _]).
laplace([H1, H2, H3|T]):-
    laplace_vec(H1, H2, H3),
    laplace([H2, H3|T]).

laplace_vec([_, _, [_, _, [_, _]]].
laplace_vec([_TL, T, TR|T1], [ML, M, MR|T2], [_BL, B, BR|T3]):-
    B + T + ML + MR - 4 * M . = . 0,
    laplace_vec([T, TR|T1], [M, MR|T2], [B, BR|T3]).

printmat([]).
printmat([H|T]):-
    printvec(H),
    printmat(T).

printvec([]):- nl.
printvec([H|T]):-
    printrat(H),
    printvec(T).

printrat(rat(N,D)) :- !,
    X is N/D,
    format(" ~2f",X).
printrat(N) :-
    X is N*100,
    format(" ~2d",X).

go1:-
    X = [
        [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
        [100, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _],
        [100, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _],
        [100, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _],
        [100, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _],
        [100, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _],
        [100, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _],
        [100, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _, _],
        [100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100]
    ],
    laplace(X),
    printmat(X).
% Answer:
% 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
% 100.00 51.11 32.52 24.56 21.11 20.12 21.11 24.56 32.52 51.11 100.00
% 100.00 71.91 54.41 44.63 39.74 38.26 39.74 44.63 54.41 71.91 100.00
% 100.00 82.12 68.59 59.80 54.97 53.44 54.97 59.80 68.59 82.12 100.00
% 100.00 87.97 78.03 71.00 66.90 65.56 66.90 71.00 78.03 87.97 100.00
% 100.00 91.71 84.58 79.28 76.07 75.00 76.07 79.28 84.58 91.71 100.00
% 100.00 94.30 89.29 85.47 83.10 82.30 83.10 85.47 89.29 94.30 100.00
% 100.00 96.20 92.82 90.20 88.56 88.00 88.56 90.20 92.82 96.20 100.00
% 100.00 97.67 95.59 93.96 92.93 92.58 92.93 93.96 95.59 97.67 100.00
% 100.00 98.89 97.90 97.12 96.63 96.46 96.63 97.12 97.90 98.89 100.00
% 100.00 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0

\texttt{go2([B31, M32, M33, B34, B42, B43, B12, B13, B21, M22, M23, B24]) :-
  laplace([
  \quad [\_B11, B12, B13, \_B14],
  \quad [B21, M22, M23, B24],
  \quad [B31, M32, M33, B34],
  \quad [\_B41, B42, B43, \_B44]
  \]).}

% Answer:
% %
% % B34. = -4*M22+B12+B21+4*M33-B43,
% % M23. = 4*M22-M32-B12-B21,
% % B31. = -M22+4*M32-M33-B42,
% % B24. = 15*M22-4*M32-4*B12-4*B21-M33-B13 ?

\section*{125.2.2 Meta-programming with CLP(R)}

see Section 124.2.2 [Meta-programming with CLP(Q)], page 622

\section*{125.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (clpr_doc)}

- \texttt{clp(Q)} and \texttt{clp(R)} cannot be used simultaneously in the same program, or even within the same toplevel session.
Chapter 126: Fuzzy Prolog

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This package implements an extension of prolog to deal with uncertainty. We implement a fuzzy prolog that models interval-valued fuzzy logic. This approach is more general than other fuzzy prologs in two aspects:

1. Truth values are sub-intervals on [0,1]. In fact, it could be a finite union of sub-intervals, as we will see below. Having a unique truth value is a particular case modeled with a unitary interval.

2. Truth values are propagated through the rules by means of a set of aggregation operators. The definition of an aggregation operator is a generalization that subsumes conjunctive operators (triangular norms as min, prod, etc.), disjunctive operators (triangular co-norms as max, sum, etc.), average operators (averages as arithmetic average, quasi-linear average, etc.) and hybrid operators (combinations of previous operators).

We add uncertainty using CLP(R) instead of implementing a new fuzzy resolution as other fuzzy prologs. In this way, we use the original inference mechanism of Prolog, and we use the constraints and its operations provided by CLP(R) to handle the concept of partial truth. We represent intervals as constrains over real numbers and aggregation operators as operations with constraints.

Each fuzzy predicate has an additional argument which represents its truth value. We use "~" instead of ":-" to distinguish fuzzy clauses from prolog clauses. In fuzzy clauses, truth values are obtained via an aggregation operator. There is also some syntactic sugar for defining fuzzy predicates with certain membership functions, the fuzzy counterparts of crisp predicates, and the fuzzy negation of a fuzzy predicate.
126.1 Usage and interface (fuzzy_doc)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_package(fuzzy).
  or
  :- module(..., ..., [fuzzy]).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    :#/2, fuzzy_predicate/1, fuzzy/1, fnot/1, :~>/2, =>/4.
    ```
  - Properties:
    ```prolog
    fuzzybody/1.
    ```
  - Regular Types:
    ```prolog
    faggregator/1.
    ```
- New operators defined:
  ```prolog
  :~/2 [1200, xfx], :~/1 [1200, xf], :~/ [1200, xfx], :=/2 [1200, xfx], :=/1 [1175, fx], fnot/1 [1150, fx], aggr/1 [1150, fx], #/2 [1120, xfy], <#/2 [1120, xfy], #>/2 [1120, xfy], fuzzy/1 [1150, fx], fuzzy_predicate/1 [1190, fx], fuzzy_discrete/1 [1190, fx].
  ```
- New declarations defined:
  ```prolog
  aggr/1.
  ```
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes.
    ```

126.2 Documentation on new declarations (fuzzy_doc)

aggr/1: DECLARATION

(True) Usage: :- aggr(Name).
Declares Name an aggregator. Its binary definition has to be provided. For example:
  ```prolog
  :- aggr myaggr.
  ```
  ```prolog
  myaggr(X,Y,Z) :- Z = X*Y.
  ```
defines an aggregator identical to prod.
- The following properties hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  Name is an atomic term (an atom or a number). (basic_props:constant/1)
  ```

126.3 Documentation on exports (fuzzy_doc)

#:2: PREDICATE

(True) Usage: #: (Name, Decl)
Defines fuzzy predicate Name from the declaration Decl.
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  ```prolog
  Name is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:
  ```
predname(P/A) :-
    atm(P),
    nnegint(A).
(basic_props:predname/1)

Decl is one of the following three:
    fuzzydecl(fuzzy_predicate(_1)).
    fuzzydecl(fuzzy(_1)).
    fuzzydecl(fnot(_1)).
(user:/home/ciaobot/ciaobot-data/pm_ubuntu/source/master/CiaoDE/ciao/library/fuzzy/fuzzy_doc):fuzzydecl/1]

fuzzy_predicate/1: PREDICATE
(True) Usage: fuzzy_predicate(Domain)
Defines a fuzzy predicate with piecewise linear continuous membership function. This is given by Domain, which is a list of pairs of domain-truth values, in increasing order and exhaustive. For example:
    young :# fuzzy_predicate([[0,1),(35,1),(45,0),(120,0)]).
defines the predicate:
    young(X,1):- X .>=. 0, X .<. 35.
    young(X,M):- X .>=. 35, X .<. 45, 10*M .=. 45-X.
    young(X,0):- X .>=. 45, X .=<. 120.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Domain is a list.
(basic_props:list/1)

fuzzy/1: PREDICATE
(True) Usage: fuzzy(Name)
Defines a fuzzy predicate as the fuzzy counterpart of a crisp predicate Name. For example,
    p_f :# fuzzy p/2
defines a new fuzzy predicate p_f/3 (the last argument is the truth value) with truth value equal to 0 if p/2 fails and 1 otherwise.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Name is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:
    predname(P/A) :-
        atm(P),
        nnegint(A).
(basic_props:predname/1)

fnot/1: PREDICATE
(True) Usage: fnot(Name)
Defines a fuzzy predicate as the fuzzy negation of another fuzzy predicate Name. For example,
    notp_f :# fnot p_f/3
defines the predicate:
\texttt{notp\_f(X,Y,M) :-}
\texttt{p\_f(X,Y,Mp),}
\texttt{M .=. 1 - Mp.}

\textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
\textbf{Name} is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:
\texttt{predname(P/A) :-}
\texttt{atm(P),}
\texttt{nnegint(A).}

\texttt{(basic\_props:predname/l)}

\texttt{:-/2:}
\texttt{(True) Usage: ":"(Head,Body)}
Defines a fuzzy clause for a fuzzy predicate. The clause contains calls to either fuzzy or crisp predicates. Calls to crisp predicates are automatically fuzzified. The last argument of \texttt{Head} is the truth value of the clause, which is obtained as the aggregation of the truth values of the body goals. An example:
\texttt{:- module(young2,_,[fuzzy]).}
\texttt{young\_couple(X,Y,Mu) :- min}
\texttt{age(X,Xl),}
\texttt{age(Y,Yl),}
\texttt{young(Xl,MuX),}
\texttt{young(Yl,MuY).}
\texttt{age(john,37).}
\texttt{age(rose,39).}
\texttt{young :# fuzzy\_predicate([[0,1),(35,1),(45,0),(120,0)]).}
so that:
\texttt{?- young\_couple(john,rose,M).}
\texttt{M .=. 0.6 ?}

\textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
\textbf{Head} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. \texttt{(basic\_props:callable/1)}
\textbf{Body} is a clause body plus an optional aggregation operator. \texttt{(user(/home/ciaobot/ciaobot-data/pm_ubuntu/source/master/CiaoDE/ciao/library/fuzzy/fuzzy\_doc):fuzzybody/l)}

\texttt{fuzzybody/1:}
\texttt{(True) Usage: fuzzybody(B)}
\texttt{B} is a clause body plus an optional aggregation operator.
faggregator/1: REGTYPE
The first three are, respectively, the T-norms: minimum, product, and Lukasiewicz's. The last three are their corresponding T-conorms. Aggregators can be defined by the user, see aggr/1.

\[
\begin{array}{l}
\text{faggregator(min).} \\
\text{faggregator(prod).} \\
\text{faggregator(luka).} \\
\text{faggregator(max).} \\
\text{faggregator(dprod).} \\
\text{faggregator(dluka).}
\end{array}
\]

Usage: faggregator(Aggr)
Aggr is an aggregator which is cumulative, i.e., its application to several values by iterating pairwise the binary operation is safe.

=>/4: PREDICATE
(\text{True}) Usage: =>(Aggr,A,B,Truth)
The fuzzy implication \( A \Rightarrow B \) defined by aggregator \text{Aggr}, resulting in the truth value \text{Truth}.

\text{The following properties should hold at call time:}
\begin{itemize}
\item \text{Aggr} is an aggregator which is cumulative, i.e., its application to several values by iterating pairwise the binary operation is safe.
\item \text{A} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
\item \text{B} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
\item \text{Truth} is a free variable.
\end{itemize}

126.4 Other information (fuzzy_doc)
An example program:

\[
\text{:- module(dicesum5,_,[fuzzy]).}
\]

% this example tries to measure which is the possibility
% that a couple of values, obtained throwing two loaded dice, sum 5. Let
% us suppose we only know that one die is loaded to obtain a small value
% and the other is loaded to obtain a large value.
%
% the query is \text{? sum}(5,M)
%
small :# fuzzy_predicate([[1,1),(2,1),(3,0.7),(4,0.3),(5,0),(6,0)]).
large :# fuzzy_predicate([[1,0),(2,0),(3,0.3),(4,0.7),(5,1),(6,1)]).

diel(X,M) :-
    small(X,M).

die2(X,M) :-
large(X,M).

two_dice(X,Y,M):~ prod
die1(X,M1),
die2(Y,M2).

sum(2,M) :~
two_dice(1,1,M1).

sum(5,M) :~ dprod
two_dice(4,1,M1),
two_dice(1,4,M2),
two_dice(3,2,M3),
two_dice(2,3,M4).

There are more examples in the subdirectory `fuzzy/examples` of the distribution.

126.5 Known bugs and planned improvements (fuzzy_doc)

- General aggregations defined by users.
- Inconsistent behaviour of meta-calls in fuzzy clauses.
- Some meta-predicate constructions need be added, specially for 'disjunctive' fuzzy clauses, e.g., `sum/2` in the dice example.
127 Object Oriented Programming

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O’Ciao is a set of libraries which allows object-oriented programming in Ciao Prolog. It extends the Ciao Prolog module system by introducing two new concepts:

- Inheritance.
- Instantiation.

Polymorphism is the third fundamental concept provided by object oriented programming. This concept is not mentioned here since traditional PROLOG systems are polymorphic by nature.

Classes are declared in the same way as modules. However, they may be enriched with inheritance declarations and other object-oriented constructs. For an overview of the fundamentals of O’Ciao, see http://www.clip.dia.fi.upm.es/~clip/papers/ociao-tr.ps.gz. However, we will introduce the concepts in a tutorial way via examples.

127.1 Early examples

The following one is a very simple example which declares a class – a simple stack. Note that if you replace class/1 declaration with a module/1 declaration, it will compile correctly, and can be used as a normal Prolog module.

```
%% A class for stacks.
%%
%% Class declaration: the current source defines a class.
:- class(stack,[],[]).

%% State declaration: storage/1 is an attribute.
:- dynamic storage/1.

%% Interface declaration: the following predicates will be available at run-time.
:- export(push/1).
:- export(pop/1).
:- export(top/1).
:- export(is_empty/0).

%% Methods

push(Item) :-
    nonvar(Item),
    asserta_fact(storage(Item)).

pop(Item) :-
    var(Item),
    retract_fact(storage(Item)).

top(Top) :-
    storage(Top), !.
```
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is_empty :-
  storage(_), !, fail.
  is_empty.

If we load this code at the Ciao toplevel shell:

?- use_package(objects).

yes
?- use_class(library('class/examples/stack')).

yes
?- we can create two stack instances:

?- St1 new stack, St2 new stack.

St1 = stack('9254074093385163'),
St2 = stack('92540740991') ?,

and then, we can operate on them separately:

1 ?- St1:push(8), St2:push(9).

St1 = stack('9254074093385163'),
St2 = stack('92540740991') ?

yes
1 ?- St1:top(I), St2:top(K).

I = 8,
K = 9,
St1 = stack('9254074093385163'),
St2 = stack('92540740991') ?

yes
1 ?-

The interesting point is that there are two stacks. If the previous example had been a normal module, we would have a stack, but only one stack.

The next example introduces the concepts of inheritable predicate, constructor, destructor and virtual method. Refer to the following sections for further explanation.

%%%-----------------------------------------------------%%%  
%%% A generic class for item storage.  %%%
%%%-----------------------------------------------------%%%  
:- class(generic).

% Public interface declaration:
:- export([set/1, get/1, callme/0]).

% An attribute
:- data datum/1.

% Inheritance declaration: datum/1 will be available to %
% descendant classes (if any).
:- inheritable(datum/1).

% Attribute initialization: attributes are easily initialized
% by writing clauses for them.
datum(none).

% Methods

set(X) :-
    type_check(X),
    set_fact(datum(X)).

get(X) :-
    datum(X).

callme :-
    a_virtual(IMPL),
    display(IMPL),
    display(' implementation of a_virtual/0 '),
    nl.

% Constructor: in this case, every time an instance
% of this class is created, it will display a message.
generic :-
    display(' generic class constructor '),
    nl.

% Destructor: analogous to the previous constructor,
% it will display a message every time an instance
% of this class is eliminated.
destructor :-
    display(' generic class destructor '),
    nl.

% Predicates:
% cannot be called as messages (X:method)

% Virtual declaration: tells the system to use the most
% descendant implementation of a_virtual/1 when calling
% it from inside this code (see callme/0).
% If there is no descendant implementation for it,
% the one defined below will be used.
:- virtual a_virtual/1.

a_virtual(generic).

:- virtual type_check/1.

type_check(X) :-
    nonvar(X).
And the following example, is an extension of previous class. This is performed by establishing an inheritance relationship:

```
:- class(specific).
% Establish an inheritance relationship with class "generic".
:- inherit_class(library('class/examples/generic')).
% Override inherited datum/1.
% datum/1 is said to be overriden because there are both an % inherited definition (from class "generic") and a local one, % which overrides the one inherited.
:- data datum/1.
:- inheritable datum/1.
% Extend the public interface inherited from "generic". % note that set/1 and a_virtual/0 are also overriden. % undo/0 is a new functionality added.
:- export([set/1,undo/0]).
% Methods
set(Value) :-
    inherited datum(OldValue), !,
    inherited set(Value),
    asserta_fact(datum(OldValue)).
set(Value) :-
    inherited set(Value).
undo :-
    retract_fact(datum(Last)), !,
    asserta_fact(inherited(datum(Last))).
undo :-
    retractall_fact(inherited(datum(_))).
% Constructor
specific :-
    generic,
    retractall_fact(inherited(datum(_))),
    display(’ specific class constructor ’),
    nl.
% Destructor
destructor :-
    display(’ specific class destructor ’),
    nl.
```
% Predicates

% New implementation of a_virtual/1.
% Since this predicate was declared virtual, the
% implementation below will be called from the inherited
% method callme/0 instead of the version defined at "generic".
a_virtual(specific).

Additional examples may be found on the library/class/examples directory relative to your Ciao Prolog installation.

127.2 Recommendations on when to use objects

We would like to give some advice in the use of object oriented programming, in conjunction with the declarative paradigm.

You should reconsider using O'Ciao in the following cases:

- The pretended "objects" have no state, i.e., no data or dynamic predicates. In this case, a normal module will suffice.
- There is state, but there will be only one instance of a pretended class. Again, a module suffices.
- The "objects" are data structures (list, trees, etc) already supported by Prolog. However, it does make sense to model, using objects, data structures whose change implies a side-effect such as drawing a particular window on the screen.

We recommend the usage of O'Ciao in the following cases:

- You feel you will need to have several copies of a "module".
- Local copies of a module are needed instead of a global module being modified by several ones.
- The "classes" are a representation of external entities to Prolog. For example: the X-Window system.
- There is state or code outside the Prolog system which needs to be manipulated. For example: interfaces to Java or Tcl/Tk code.
- You are not familiar with Prolog, but you know about object oriented programming. O'Ciao may be used as a learning tool to introduce yourself on the declarative programming paradigm.

127.3 Limitations on object usage

O'Ciao run-time speed is limited by the usage of meta-programming structures, for instance: X = (Object:myMethod(25)), call(X). O'Ciao will optimize static manipulation of objects (those that can be determined at compile time).
128 Declaring classes and interfaces

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O’Ciao classes are declared in the same way as traditional prolog modules. The general mechanism of source expansion will translate object-oriented declarations to normal prolog code. This is done transparently to the user.

Abstract interfaces are restricted classes which declare exported predicates with no implementation. The implementation itself will be provided by some class using an implements/1 declaration. Only export/1 and data/1 declarations are allowed when declaring an interface. Normal classes may treated as interfaces just ignoring all exported predicate implementations.

128.1 Usage and interface (class_doc)

- Library usage:

  To declare a class the compiler must be told to use the class source expansion. To do so, source code must start with a module declaration which loads the class package:

  ```prolog
  :- class(ClassName).
  ```

  or a module/3 declaration, as follows:

  ```prolog
  :- module(ClassName,[],[class]).
  ```

  Interfaces are declared in a similar way:

  ```prolog
  :- interface(InterfaceName).
  ```

  Please, do not use SICStus-like module declaration, with a non-empty export list. In other case, some non-sense errors will be reported by normal Ciao module system.

  Most of the regular Ciao declarations may be used when defining a class, such as concurrent/1, dynamic/1, discontiguous/1, multifile/1, and so on.

  However, there are some restrictions which apply to those declarations:

  - `meta_predicate/1` declaration is not allowed to hold addmodule and pred(N) meta-arguments, except for previously declared multifiles.

  - Attribute and multifile predicates must be declared before any clause of the related predicate.

  - There is no sense in declaring an attribute as meta_predicate.

  It is a good practice to put all your declarations at the very beginning of the file, just before the code itself.

- Exports:

  - Predicates:
    - inherited/1, self/1, constructor/0, destructor/0.

- New declarations defined:

  - export/1, public/1, inheritable/1, data/1, dynamic/1, concurrent/1, inherit_class/1, implements/1, virtual/1.

- Imports:

  - System library modules:
    - objects/objects_rt.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions.
128.2 Documentation on new declarations (class_doc)

**export/1:**

Declares a method or attribute to be part of the public interface.
The public interface is the set of predicates which will be accessible from any code establishing an usage relationship with this class (see use_class/1 for further information).
Publishing an attribute or method is very similar to exporting a predicate in a Prolog module.
Whether an inherited and exported predicate is overridden, it must be explicitly exported again.
An inherited (but not exported) predicate may become exported, without overriding it by the usage of this declaration.
**Usage:**  :- export(Spec).
*Spec* will be part of the public (exported) interface.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  *Spec* is a method or attribute specification.
  
  (objects_rt:method_spec/1)

**public/1:**

Just an alias for export/1.
**Usage:**  :- public(Spec).
This declaration may be used instead of export/1.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  *Spec* is a method or attribute specification.
  
  (objects_rt:method_spec/1)

**inheritable/1:**

Declares a method or attribute to be inherited by descendant classes. Notice that all public predicates are inheritable by default. There is no need to mark them as inheritable.
Traditionally, object oriented languages make use of the protected concept. Inheritable/1 may be used as the same concept.
The set of inheritable predicates is called the inheritable interface.
**Usage:**  :- inheritable(MethodSpec).
*MethodSpec* is accessible to descendant classes.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  *MethodSpec* is a method or attribute specification.
  
  (objects_rt:method_spec/1)

**data/1:**

Declares an attribute at current class. Attributes are used to build the internal state of instances. So, each instance will own a particular copy of those attribute definitions. In this way, one instance may have different state from another.
O’Ciao attributes are restricted to hold simple facts. It is not possible to hold a Head :-Body clause at an instance attribute.
Notice that attributes are multi-evaluated by nature, and may be manipulated by the habitual assert/retract family of predicates.
Attributes may also be initialized. In order to do so, simply put some clauses after the attribute definition. Each time an instance is created, its initial state will be built from those initialization clauses.

Note: whether a data/1 declaration appears inside an interface, it will be automatically exported.

Usage: :: data Spec.
Spec is an attribute.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Spec is a method or attribute specification.

\[\text{objects}_\text{rt}:\text{method}\_\text{spec}/1\]

\textbf{dynamic/1:} \quad \text{DECLARATION}

Just an alias for data/1.

Usage: :: dynamic Spec.

You may use this declaration instead of data/1.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Spec is a method or attribute specification.

\[\text{objects}_\text{rt}:\text{method}\_\text{spec}/1\]

\textbf{concurrent/1:} \quad \text{DECLARATION}

Declares a concurrent attribute at current class. Concurrent attributes are just the same as normal attributes, those declared using data/1, except for they may freeze the calling thread instead of failing when no more choice points are remaining on the concurrent attribute.

In order to get more information about concurrent behavior take a look to the concurrent/1 built-in declaration on Ciao Prolog module system.

Usage: :: concurrent Spec.

Declares Spec to be a concurrent attribute.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Spec is a method or attribute specification.

\[\text{objects}_\text{rt}:\text{method}\_\text{spec}/1\]

\textbf{inherit_class/1:} \quad \text{DECLARATION}

Makes any public and/or inheritable predicate at inherited class to become accessible by any instance derived from current class.

Inherited class is also called the super class.

Only one inherit_class/1 declaration is allowed to be present at current source.

Notice that inheritance is public by default. Any public and/or inheritable declaration will remain the same to descendant classes. However, any inherited predicate may be overridden (redefined).

A predicate is said to be overridden when it has been inherited from super class, but there are clauses (or a data/1 declaration) present at current class for such a predicate.

Whether a public predicate is overridden, the local definition must also be exported, otherwise an error is reported.

Whether an inheritable predicate (not public) is overridden, the local definition must also be marked as inheritable or exported, otherwise an error is also reported.
Note: whether `inherit_class/1` appears inside an interface, it will be used as an `implements/1` declaration.

**Usage:** `- inherit_class(Source).`

Establish an inheritance relationship between current class and the class defined at `Source` file.

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  - `Source` is a valid path to a prolog file containing a class declaration (without .pl extension).

**implements/1:**

**DECLARATION**

Forces current source to provide an implementation for the given interface file. Such interface file may declare another class or a specific interface.

Every public predicate present at given interface file will be automatically declared as public at current source, so you must provide an implementation for such predicates.

The effect of this declaration is called interface inheritance, and there is no restriction on the number of implements/1 declarations present at current code.

**Usage:** `- implements(Interface).`

Current source is supposed to provide an implementation for `Interface`.

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  - `Interface` is a valid path to a prolog file containing a class declaration or an interface declaration (without .pl extension).

**virtual/1:**

**DECLARATION**

This declaration may be used whenever descendant classes are to implement different versions of a given predicate.

`virtual` predicates give a chance to handle, in an uniform way, different implementations of the same functionality.

Whether a virtual predicate is declared as a method, there must be at least one clause of it present at current source. Whenever no special implementation is needed at current class, a never-fail/always-fail clause may be defined (depending on your needs). For example:

```
:- virtual([ test1/1 , test2/2 ]).
  test1(_).
  test2(_,_) :- fail.
```

This kind of virtual methods are also known as abstract methods, since implementation is fully delegated to descendant classes.

An attribute may be also declared as a virtual one, but there is no need to write clauses for it.

**Usage:** `- virtual(VirtualMethodSpec).`

All calls to `VirtualMethodSpec` predicate in current source will use the most descendant implementation of it.

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  - `VirtualMethodSpec` is a method specification.
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inherited/1: PREDICATE
This predicate qualifier may be used whenever you need to reference an attribute or method on the super class.
Since methods and attributes may be redefined, this qualifier is needed to distinguish between a locally declared predicate and the inherited one, which has the same name.
There is no need to use inherited/1 if a particular inherited predicate has not been redefined at current class.
Usage: inherited(Goal)
References a given Goal at the super class
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

self/1: PREDICATE
Determines which instance is currently executing self/1 goal.
Predicate will fail if argument is not a free variable. Otherwise, it will always succeed, retrieving the instance identifier which is executing current code.
This functionality is very useful since an object must have knowledge of other object’s identifier in order to send messages to it. For example:
:- concurrent ack/0.
send_data_to_object(Data,Obj) :- self(X), Obj:take_this(Data,X), current_fact(ack).
acknowledge :- asserta_fact(ack).
take_this(Data,Sender) :- validate_data(Data), Sender:acknowledge.
Usage: self(Variable)
Retrieves current instance identifier in Variable
   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     Variable is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
   - The following properties should hold upon exit:
     Variable is an unique term which identifies an object. (objects_rt:instance_id/1)

constructor/0: PREDICATE
A constructor is a special case of method which complies the following conditions:
- The constructor functor matches the current class name.
- A constructor may hold any number of arguments.
- If an inheritance relationship was defined, an inherited constructor must be manually called (see below).
- When instance creation takes place, any of the declared constructors are implicitly called. The actual constructor called depends on the new/2 goal specified by the user.

This is a simple example of constructor declaration for the foo class:
foo :-
    display('an instance was born').

Constructor declaration is not mandatory, and there may be more than one constructor declarations (with different arity) at the source code.
This functionality is useful when some computation is needed at instance creation. For example: opening a socket, clearing the screen, etc.
Whenever an inheritance relationship is established, and there is any constructor defined at the super class, you must call manually an inherited constructor. Here is an example:
    :- class(foo).
    :- inherit_class(myclass).

foo :-
    myclass(0),
    display('an instance was born').

foo(N) :- myclass(N).

Consequences may be unpredictable, if you forget to call an inherited constructor. You should also take care not to call an inherited constructor twice.
All defined constructors are inheritable by default. A constructor may also be declared as public (by the user), but it is not mandatory.

Usage:
Constructors are implicitly declared

destructor/0:

A destructor is a special case of method which will be automatically called when instance destruction takes place.
A destructor will never be wanted to be part of the public interface, and there is no need to mark them as inheritable, since all inherited destructors are called by O'Ciao just before yours.
This is a simple example of destructor declaration:
    destructor :-
    display('goodbye, cruel world!!!').

Destructor declaration is not mandatory. Failure or success of destructors will be ignored by O'Ciao, and they will be called only once.
This functionality is useful when some computation is needed at instance destruction. For example: closing an open file.

Usage:
Destructors are implicitly declared

128.4 Other information (class_doc)

This describes the errors reported when declaring a class or an interface. The first section will explain compile-time errors, this is, any semantic error which may be determined at compile time. The second section will explain run-time errors, this is, any exception that may be raised by the incorrect usage of O'Ciao. Some of those errors may be not reported at compile time, due to the use of meta-programational structures. For example:
    functor(X,my_method,0),call(X).

O'Ciao is not able to check whether my_method/0 is a valid method or not. So, this kind of checking is left to run time.
128.4.1 Class and Interface error reporting at compile time

- **ERROR : multiple inheritance not allowed.**
  There are two or more `inherit_class/1` declarations found at your code. Only one declaration is allowed, since there is no multiple code inheritance support.

- **ERROR : invalid inheritance declaration.**
  The given parameter to `inherit_class/1` declaration is not a valid path to a Prolog source.

- **ERROR : sorry, addmodule meta-arg is not allowed at F/A.**
  You are trying to declare `F/A` as meta-predicate, and one of the meta-arguments is `addmodule`. This is not allowed in O’Ciao due to implementation restrictions. For example:
  ```prolog```
  ```
  :- meta_predicate example(addmodule).
  example(X,FromModule) :- call(FromModule:X).
  ```

- **ERROR : invalid attribute declaration for Arg.**
  Argument to `data/1` or `dynamic/1` declaration is not a valid predicate specification of the form `Functor/Arity`. For example:
  ```prolog```
  ```
  :- data attr.
  :- dynamic attr(_).
  :- data attr/m.
  ```
  etc, etc...

- **ERROR : pretended attribute F/A was assumed to be a method.**
  You put some clauses of `F/A` before the corresponding `data/1` or `dynamic/1` declaration. For example:
  ```prolog```
  ```
  attr(initial_value).
  :- data attr/1.
  ```
  It is a must to declare attributes before any clause of the given predicate.

- **ERROR : destructor/0 is not allowed to be an attribute.**
  There is a `:- data(destructor/0)` or `:- dynamic(destructor/0)` declaration in your code. This is not allowed since destructor/0 is a reserved predicate, and must be always a method.

- **ERROR : Constructor is not allowed to be an attribute.**
  As the previous error, you are trying to declare a constructor as an attribute. A constructor must allways be a method.

- **ERROR : invalid multifile: destructor/0 is a reserved predicate.**
  There is a `:- multifile(destructor/0)` declaration in your code. This is not allowed since destructor/0 is a reserved predicate, and must be always a method.

- **ERROR : invalid multifile: Constructor is a reserved predicate.**
  As the previous error, you are trying to declare a constructor as a multifile. Any constructor must always be a method.

- **ERROR : multifile declaration of F/A ignored: it was assumed to be a method.**
  You put some clauses of `F/A` before the corresponding multifile/1 declaration. For example:
  ```prolog```
  ```
  example(a,b).
  :- multifile example/2.
  ```
  Multifile predicates must be declared before any clause of the given predicate.

- **ERROR : invalid multifile declaration: multifile(Arg).**
  Given argument to multifile/1 declaration is not a valid predicate specification, of the form `Functor/Arity`. 
• **ERROR**: invalid public declaration: \textit{Arg.}  
Given argument \textit{Arg} to public/1 or export/1 declaration is not a valid predicate specification, of the form \textit{Functor/Arity}.

• **ERROR**: invalid inheritable declaration: \textit{inheritable(Arg)}.  
Given argument \textit{Arg} to inheritable/1 declaration is not a valid predicate specification, of the form \textit{Functor/Arity}.

• **ERROR**: destructor/0 is not allowed to be virtual.  
There is a :- virtual(destructor/0) declaration present at your code. Destructors and/or constructors are not allowed to be virtual.

• **ERROR**: \textit{Constructor} is not allowed to be virtual.  
As the previous error, you are trying to declare a constructor as virtual. This is not allowed.

• **ERROR**: invalid virtual declaration: \textit{virtual(Arg)}.  
Given argument to virtual/1 declaration is not a valid predicate specification, of the form \textit{Functor/Arity}.

• **ERROR**: clause of \textit{F/A} ignored: only facts are allowed as initial state.  
You declared \textit{F/A} as an attribute, then you put some clauses of that predicate in the form \textit{Head} :- \textit{Body}. For example:
   
   :- data my_attribute/l.  
   my_attribute(X) :- X>=0, X=<2.  
   This is not allowed since attributes are assumed to hold simple facts. The correct usage for those initialization clauses is:
   
   :- data my_attribute/l.  
   my_attribute(0).  
   my_attribute(1).  
   my_attribute(2).  

• **ERROR**: multifile \textit{F/A} is not allowed to be public.  
The given \textit{F/A} predicate is both present at multifile/1 and public/1 declarations. For example:
   
   :- public(p/1).  
   :- multifile(p/1).  
   This is not allowed since multifile predicates are not related to Object Oriented Programming.

• **ERROR**: multifile \textit{F/A} is not allowed to be inheritable.  
Analogous to previous error.

• **ERROR**: multifile \textit{F/A} is not allowed to be virtual.  
Analogous to previous error.

• **ERROR**: virtual \textit{F/A} must be a method or attribute defined at this class.  
There is a virtual/1 declaration for \textit{F/A}, but there is not any clause of that predicate nor a data/1 declaration. You must declare at least one clause for every virtual method. Virtual attributes does not require any clause but a data/1 declaration must be present.

• **ERROR**: implemented interface \textit{Module} is not a valid interface.  
There is an implements/1 declaration present at your code where given \textit{Module} is not declared as class nor interface.

• **ERROR**: predicate \textit{F/A} is required both as method (at \textit{Itf1} interface) and attribute (at \textit{Itf2} interface).  
There is no chance to give a correct implementation for \textit{F/A} predicate since \textit{Itf1} and \textit{Itf2} interfaces require different definitions. To avoid this error, you must remove one of the related implements/1 declaration.
- **ERROR**: inherited *Source* must be a class.
  
  There is an :- inherit_class(*Source*) declaration, but that source was not declared as a class.

- **ERROR**: circular inheritance: *Source* is not a valid super-class.
  
  Establishing an inheritance relationship with *Source* will cause current class to be present twice in the inheritance line. This is not allowed. The cause of this is error is simple: There is some inherited class from *Source* which also establishes an inheritance relationship with current source.

- **ERROR**: method/attribute *F/A* must be implemented.
  
  Some of the implemented interfaces requires *F/A* to be defined, but there is no definition for such predicate, even an inherited one.

- **ERROR**: local implementation of *F/A* hides inheritable/public definition.
  
  There is an inherited definition for *F/A* which is been redefined at current class, but there is no valid inheritable/public declaration for the last one. Overridden public predicates must be also declared as public. Overridden inheritable predicates must be declared either as public or inheritable.

- **ERROR**: public predicate *F/A* was not defined nor inherited.
  
  There is a public/1 declaration for *F/A*, but there is no definition for it at current class nor an inherited one.

- **ERROR**: argument to self/1 must be a free variable.
  
  Argument to self/1 is not a variable, for example: `self(abc)`.

- **ERROR**: unknown inherited attribute in *Goal*.
  
  *Goal* belongs to assert/retract family of predicates, and given argument is not a valid inherited attribute. The most probable causes of this error are:
  - The given predicate is defined at super-class, but you forgot to mark it as inheritable (or public), at such class.
  - The given predicate was not defined (at super-class) as an attribute, just as a method.

- **ERROR**: unknown inherited goal: *Goal*.
  
  The given *Goal* was not found at super-class, or it is not accessible. Check whether *Goal* was marked as inheritable (or public) at super-class.

- **ERROR**: invalid argument: *F/A* is not an attribute.
  
  You are trying to pass a method as an argument to any predicate which expect a fact predicate.

- **ERROR**: unknown inherited fact: *Fact*.
  
  There is a call to any predicate which expects a fact argument (those declared as data or dynamic), but the actual argument is not an inherited attribute. For example:
  
  `asserta_fact(inherited(not_an_attribute(8)))`
  
  where `not_an_attribute/1` was not declared as data or dynamic by the super-class (or corresponding ascendant).

- **ERROR**: unknown inherited spec: *F/A*.
  
  There is a reference to an inherited predicate specification, but the involved predicate has not been inherited.

- **WARNING**: meta-predicate specification of *F/A* ignored since this is an attribute.
  
  You declared *F/A* both as an attribute and a meta-predicate. For example:
  
  ```
  :- meta_predicate attr(goal).
  :- data attr/1.
  ```
  
  There is no sense in declaring an attribute as meta-predicate.
• WARNING: class destructor is public
There is a :- public(destructor/0) declaration present at your code. Marking a destructor as public is a very bad idea since anybody may destroy or corrupt an instance before the proper time.

• WARNING: class destructor is inheritable
Analogous to previous error.

• WARNING: There is no call to inherited constructor/s
You have not declared any constructor at your class, but there is any inherited constructor that should be called. Whenever you do not need constructors, but there is an inheritance relationship (where super-class declares a constructor), you should write a simple constructor as the following example:

```
:- class(myclass).
:- inherit_class(other_class).
```

myclass :-
    other_class.

• WARNING: multifile F/A hides inherited predicate.
You declared as multifile a predicate which matches an inherited predicate name. Any reference to the inherited predicate must be done by the ways of the inherited/1 qualifier.

128.4.2 Class and Interface error reporting at run time

• EXCEPTION: error(existence_error(object_goal,Goal),Mod).
  Called Goal from module (or class) Mod is unknown or has not been published.

128.4.3 Normal Prolog module system interaction

O’Ciao works in conjunction with the Ciao Prolog module system, which also reports its own error messages. This will cause Ciao to report a little criptic error messages due to the general mechanism of source-to-source expansion. Those are some tips you must consider when compiling a class:

• Any error relative to method ’m’ with arity A will be reported for predicate ’obj$m’/A+1. For example:

```
WARNING: (Ins 28-30) [Item,Itema] - singleton variables in obj$remove/2
```
  This error is relative to method remove/1.

• set_prolog_flag/1 declaration will be useful when declaring multiple constructors. It will avoid some awful warnings. Example:

```
:- class(myclass).

%% Use this declaration whenever several constructors are needed.

:- set_prolog_flag(multi arity warnings,off).

myclass(_).

myclass(_,_).

:- set_prolog_flag(multi arity warnings,on).
```
128.5 Known bugs and planned improvements (class_doc)

- addmodule and pred(N) meta-arguments are not allowed on meta-predicates.
129 Compile-time usage of objects

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This package is required to enable user code to create objects and manipulate them, as well as loading any needed class.

129.1 Usage and interface (objects_doc)

- **Library usage:**
  Any code which needs to use objects must include the objects package:
  ```prolog
  :- module(ModuleName,Exports,[objects]).
  ```
  You can use objects even if your code is a class. Note that declaring a class does not automatically enables the code to create instances.
  ```prolog
  :- class(ModuleName,[],[objects]).
  ```
  This package enables both static and dynamic usage of objects.

- **New declarations defined:**
  - use_class/1, instance_of/2, new/2.

- **Imports:**
  - System library modules:
    objects/objects_rt.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

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**use_class/1:**

It establishes an usage relationship between the given file (which is supposed to declare a class) and current source. Usage relationships are needed in order to enable code to create instances of the given class, and to make calls to instances derived from such class.

Since an interface is some kind of class, they may be used within this declaration but only for semantic checking purposes. Instances will not be derived from interfaces.

**Usage:**
  ```prolog
  :- use_class(ClassSource).
  ```
  Establish usage relationship with ClassSource.
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    - **ClassSource** is a valid path to a prolog file containing a class declaration (without .pl extension).

**instance_of/2:**

It statically declares an identifier to be an instance of a given class.

It may be used as new/2 predicate except for:
- The instance identifier will not be a variable, it must be provided by the user, and must be unique.
• Instance creation will never fail, even if the constructor fails.

For every statically declared object the given constructor will be called at program startup. Those instances may be destroyed manually, but it is not recommended.

When reloading the involved class from the Ciao toplevel shell. It may destroy statically declared instances, and create them again.

Statically declared instances must be called using a specifically designed module-qualification: `ClassName(Object):Goal`. For example:

```prolog
:- module(example,[main/0],[objects]).
:- use_class(library(counter)).
:- cnt instance_of counter(10).
```

```prolog
main :-
    counter(cnt):decrease(1),
    counter(cnt):current_value(X),
    display(X).
```

But statically written code (only) is allowed to use module-style qualifications as a macro:

```prolog
main :-
    cnt:decrease(1),
    cnt:current_value(X),
    display(X).
```

Notice that dynamically expanded goals such as `X=cnt,X:decrease(1)` will not work, use `X=counter(cnt),X:decrease(1)` instead.

**Usage:** `:- instance_of(Object,Constructor).`

Declares `Object` to be an instance of the class denoted by `Constructor`.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Object` is an unique term which identifies an object.  
    (objects_rt:instance_id/1)
  - `Constructor` is a term whose functor matches a class name.  
    (objects_rt:constructor/1)

**new/2:**

This declaration has the same effect as `instance_of/2`.

**Usage:** `:- new(Object,Constructor).`

Just an alias for `instance_of/2`.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Object` is an unique term which identifies an object.  
    (objects_rt:instance_id/1)
  - `Constructor` is a term whose functor matches a class name.  
    (objects_rt:constructor/1)

### 129.3 Other information (objects_doc)

Compile-time errors are restricted to some local analysis. Since there is no type declaration in the Prolog language, there is no possibility to determine whenever a given variable will hold an instance of any class.

However, little semantic analysis is performed. User may aid to perform such an analysis by the usage of run time checks (which are also detected at compile time), or static declarations. For example:
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\texttt{clause(Obj) : - Obj:a_method(334).}

O’Ciao may be not able to determine whenever \texttt{a_method/1} is a valid method for instance \texttt{Obj}, unless some help is provided:

\texttt{clause(Obj) : - Obj instance_of myclass, Obj:a_method(334).}

In such case, O’Ciao will report any semantic error at compile-time.

Most of the run-time errors are related to normal Ciao Prolog module system. Since objects are treated as normal Prolog modules at run time, there is no further documentation here about that stuff.

129.3.1 Error reporting at compile time (objects)

- \textbf{ERROR : invalid instance identifier }\texttt{ID}: must be an atom
  There is a \texttt{instance_of/2} or \texttt{new/2} declaration where first argument \texttt{ID} must be an unique atom, but currently it is not. Statically declared instances needs an identifier to be provided by the user.

- \textbf{ERROR : instance identifier }\texttt{ID} already in use
  There are two or more \texttt{instance_of/2} declarations with the same first argument \texttt{ID}. Instance identifiers must be unique.

- \textbf{ERROR : invalid use_class/1 declaration: }\texttt{SourceFile} is not a class
  Those are the causes for this error:
  - The given \texttt{SourceFile} does not exist, or is not accesible.
  - The given \texttt{SourceFile} is not a Prolog source.
  - The given \texttt{SourceFile} is a valid Prolog source, but it does not declare a class.

- \textbf{ERROR : unknown class on }\texttt{ID} instance declaration
  The class defined on the \texttt{instance_of/2} declaration for \texttt{ID} instance has not been loaded by a \texttt{use_class/1} declaration.

- \textbf{ERROR : instance identifier }\texttt{ID} is an existig Prolog module
  There is an statically declared instance whose identifier may cause interference with the Ciao Prolog module system. Use another instance identifier.

- \textbf{ERROR : unknown constructor on }\texttt{ID} instance declaration
  The given constructor on the \texttt{instance_of/2} declaration for \texttt{ID} has not been defined at the corresponding class.

- \textbf{ERROR : constructor is needed on }\texttt{ID} instance declaration
  No constructor was defined on the \texttt{instance_of/2} declaration for \texttt{ID} and default constructor is not allowed. You must provide a constructor.

- \textbf{ERROR : static instance }\texttt{ID} was derived from a different constructor at }\texttt{AnotherModule}
  \texttt{ID} has been declared to be an static instance both on \texttt{AnotherModule} and current source, but different constructors were used. The most probable causes for this error are:
  - Occasionally, there is another module using the same instance identifier and it was not noticed by you. Another different identifier may be used instead.
  - It was you intention to use the same object as declared by the other module. In this case, the same constructor must be used.

- \textbf{ERROR : invalid first argument in call to new(}\texttt{Args}\texttt{)}
  There is a \texttt{new/1} goal in your code where first argument is not a free variable. For example:

\texttt{myobj new myclass}

First argument must be a variable in order to receive a run-time generated object identifier.
- **ERROR : unknown class in call to** `new(?, Constructor)`
  The given `Constructor` in call to `new/2` does not correspond to any used class at current code. The most probable cause of this may be:
  - You forgot to include a `use_class/1` declaration in your code.
  - There is a spelling mistake in the constructor. For example:
    ```prolog
    :- use_class(myclass).
    foo(X) :- X new myclass.
    ```
- **ERROR : can not create an instance from an interface:** `new(?, Constructor)`
  Given `Constructor` references an interface rather than a class. Instances can not be derived from interface-expanded code.
- **ERROR : unknown constructor in call to** `new(?, Constructor)`
  As the previous error, there is a mistake in the given `Constructor`. This error is reported when you are trying to call a constructor which was not defined at the corresponding class. Check the class definition to find what is going on.
  Another cause for this error is the incorrect usage of the default constructor. Whenever there are one or more constructors defined at the involved class, you are restricted to chose one of them. This seems that default constructor will be available, if and only if, there are no constructors defined at the involved class.
- **ERROR : call to non-public ID:Goal**
  You are trying to call a method which was not declared as public by the class specified in `instance_of/2` declaration for `ID`.
- **ERROR : call to inaccessible predicate at instance** `ID:Goal`
  There is a call to `Goal` at statically declared instance `ID` which is unknown or was not declared as public.
- **ERROR : unknown instance ID of class Class at Goal**
  There is a call to `Goal` where involved statically declared instance `ID` is unknown or is not derived from `Class`. Check whether it was declared by a `instance_of/2` declaration.
- **ERROR : inaccessible attribute Fact at instance ID**
  There is an attempt to use `ID:Fact` but it was not declared as public.
- **ERROR : unknown attribute Fact at instance ID**
  There is an attempt to use `ID:Fact` but it is unknown or it is not an attribute (may be a method).
- **WARNING : invalid call to** `new(?,..)`
  There is a call to `new/2` in your code where first argument variable has been determined to hold any other instance. For example:
  ```prolog
  foo :- X new myclass, X new otherclass.
  ```
  or
  ```prolog
  foo(X) :- X instance_of myclass, X new myclass.
  ```
  The related call to `new/2` will always fail.
- **WARNING : called Goal is not public at any used class**
  There is a call to `Var:Goal` where `Var` has not been determined to be compatible with any class. However, `Goal` is not public at any class specified by the `use_class/1` declaration. This is a warning (not an error) since `Var:Goal` may be not related to Object Oriented Programming.
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- **EXCEPTION** : instantiation\_error( '1st argument must be free variable')
  Calling to new/1 requires first argument to be a free variable. For example:
  \[ X = \texttt{this\_will\_raise\_an\_exception}, X \texttt{new myclass}. \]

- **EXCEPTION** : instantiation\_error('class not given')
  You called new/2 using a free variable as second argument.

- **EXCEPTION** : instantiation\_error(inaccesible\_class(\texttt{Class}), from(\texttt{Module}))
  \texttt{Module} tried to create an instance of \texttt{Class} by the ways of new/2, but there is no usage relationship between \texttt{Module} and \texttt{Class}.

- **EXCEPTION** : instantiation\_error(invalid\_constructor(\texttt{Constructor}))
  \texttt{Constructor} was not defined by the corresponding class.
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130 Run time usage of objects

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This library provides run-time support for object creation and manipulation. Objects are also called class instances, or simply instances.

Objects in Ciao are treated as normal modules. This is, an object is a run-time generated Prolog module, which may be identified by an unique term across the whole application.

This is a very simple example of how to create an instance, and how to make calls to it:

\[ \text{AnObj new myclass, AnObj:mymethod.} \]

In order to make any object accessible from code, an usage relationship must be established between the class (from which instances are derived) and the code itself. Refer to \texttt{use_class/1} predicate or \texttt{use_class/1} declaration in order to do so.

130.1 Usage and interface (\texttt{objects_rt})

- **Library usage:**
  This library is automatically loaded when using the \texttt{objects} package:

  \[ :- \text{module}([\textit{ModuleName}, \textit{Exports}, \texttt{[objects]}]). \]

  Nothing special needs to be done.

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    new/2, instance_of/2, derived_from/2, interface/2, instance_codes/2, destroy/1, use_class/1.
  - **Properties:**
    constructor/1, class_name/1, interface_name/1, instance_id/1, class_source/1, interface_source/1, method_spec/1, virtual_method_spec/1.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    compiler/compiler, prolog_sys.
  - **Packages:**
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, basicmodes.

130.2 Documentation on exports (\texttt{objects_rt})

new/2: PREDICATE

Dynamic instance creation takes place by the ways of this predicate.

It takes a free variable as first argument which will be instantiated to an internal object identifier.

Second argument must be instantiated to a class constructor. Class constructors are designed to perform an initialization on the new created instance. Notice that instance initialization may involve some kind of computation, not only state initialization.
A class constructor is made by a functor, which must match the intended class name, and
any number of parameters. For example:

```ciao
Obj new myclass(1500,'hello, world!!!')
```

Those parameters depend (obviously) on the constructors defined at the class source.
If no constructors were defined, no parameters are needed. This is called the default
constructor. An example:

```ciao
Obj new myclass
```

The default constructor cannot be called if there is any constructor available at the class
source.

Instantiation will raise an exception and fail whenever any of this conditions occur:
- First argument is not a free variable.
- Second argument functor is a class, but there is no usage relationship with it.
- Second argument functor is not a class.
- The given constructor is unknown.
- The given constructor fails (notice that default constructor never fails).

Objects may also be statically declared, refer to `instance_of/2` declaration.

Usage: `new(InstanceVar,Constructor)`

Creates a new instance of the class specified by `Constructor` returning its identifier in
`InstanceVar`

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `InstanceVar` is a free variable. (term_ttyping:var/1)
  - `Constructor` is a term whose functor matches a class name. (objects_rt:constructor/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - `InstanceVar` is an unique term which identifies an object. (objects_rt:instance_id/1)

`instance_of/2:`

This predicate is used to perform dynamic type checking. You may check whether a
particular instance belongs to a particular class or related descendants.

`instance_of/2` is used to perform static semantic analysis over object-oriented code con­
structions.

By the use of `instance_of/2` you may help to perform such analysis.

Usage 1: `instance_of(Instance,Class)`
Test whether `Instance` was derived from any descendant of `Class`, or that class itself

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Instance` is an unique term which identifies an object. (objects_rt:instance_id/1)
  - `Class` is an atom denoting a class. (objects_rt:class_name/1)

Usage 2: `instance_of(Instance,Class)`
Retrieves, on backtracking, the inheritance line of `Instance` commencing on the creation
class (that specified on call to `new/2`) and continuing on the rest of ascendant classes, if
any.
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The following properties should hold at call time:

- **Instance** is an unique term which identifies an object.  
  (objects Rt:instance_id/1)
- **Class** is a free variable.  
  (term typing:var/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:

- **Class** is an atom denoting a class.  
  (objects Rt:class_name/1)

**derived_from/2:**

Predicate

Test whether an object identifier was derived directly from a class, by the usage of `new/2` or a static instance declaration (`instance_of/2`).

Usage 1: `derived_from(Instance,Class)`
Test derivation of **Instance** from **Class**

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Instance** is an unique term which identifies an object.  
    (objects Rt:instance_id/1)
  - **Class** is an atom denoting a class.  
    (objects Rt:class_name/1)

Usage 2: `derived_from(Instance,Class)`
Retrieves the **Class** responsible of the derivation of **Instance**.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Instance** is an unique term which identifies an object.  
    (objects Rt:instance_id/1)
  - **Class** is a free variable.  
    (term typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - **Class** is an atom denoting a class.  
    (objects Rt:class_name/1)

**interface/2:**

Predicate

This predicate is used to ensure a given interface to be implemented by a given instance.

Usage 1: `interface(Instance,Interface)`
Check whether **Instance** implements the given **Interface**.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Instance** is an unique term which identifies an object.  
    (objects Rt:instance_id/1)
  - **Interface** is a unique atom which identifies a public interface.  
    (objects Rt:interface_name/1)

Usage 2: `interface(Instance,Interfaces)`
Retrieves on backtracking all the implemented **Interfaces** of **Instance**.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Instance** is an unique term which identifies an object.  
    (objects Rt:instance_id/1)
  - **Interfaces** is a free variable.  
    (term typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - **Interfaces** is an unique atom which identifies a public interface.  
    (objects Rt:interface_name/1)
instance_codes/2: PREDICATE
Retrieves a character string representation from an object identifier and vice-versa.

Usage 1: instance_codes(Instance,String)
Retrieves a String representation of given Instance.
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    Instance is an unique term which identifies an object. (objects_rt:instance_id/I)
    String is a free variable. (term_typing:var/I)
  - The following properties should hold upon exit:
    String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/I)

Usage 2: instance_codes(Instance,String)
Reproduces an Instance from its String representation. Such an instance must be alive across the application: this predicate will fail whether the involved instance has been destroyed.
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    Instance is a free variable. (term_typing:var/l)
    String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/l)
  - The following properties should hold upon exit:
    Instance is an unique term which identifies an object. (objects_rt:instance_id/I)

destroy/1: PREDICATE
As well as instances are created, they must be destroyed when no longer needed in order to release system resources.
Unfortunately, current O’Ciao implementation does not support automatic instance de­struction, so user must manually call destroy/1 in order to do so.
The programmer must ensure that no other references to the involved object are left in memory when destroy/1 is called. If not, unexpected results may be obtained.

Usage: destroy(Instance)
Destroys the object identified by Instance.
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    Instance is an unique term which identifies an object. (objects_rt:instance_id/I)

use_class/1: PREDICATE
The behaviour of this predicate is identical to that provided by the declaration of the same name use_class/1. It allows user programs to dynamically load classes. Whether the given source is not a class it will perform a use_module/1 predicate call.

Usage: use_class(ClassSource)
Dynamically loads the given ClassSource
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    ClassSource is a valid path to a prolog file containing a class declaration (without .pl extension). (objects_rt:class_source/I)

constructor/1: PROPERTY
Usage: constructor(Cons)
Cons is a term whose functor matches a class name.
class_name/1:  
Usage: class_name(ClassName)  
ClassName is an atom denoting a class.

interface_name/1:  
Usage: interface_name(Interface)  
Interface is an unique atom which identifies a public interface.

instance_id/1:  
Usage: instance_id(ID)  
ID is an unique term which identifies an object.

class_source/1:  
Usage: class_source(Source)  
Source is a valid path to a prolog file containing a class declaration (without .pl extension).

interface_source/1:  
Usage: interface_source(Source)  
Source is a valid path to a prolog file containing a class declaration or an interface declaration (without .pl extension).

method_spec/1:  
There is no difference between method or attribute specifications, and habitual predicate specifications. It is just a Functor/Arity term.  
Usage: method_spec(Spec)  
Spec is a method or attribute specification.

virtual_method_spec/1:  
Usage: virtual_method_spec(Spec)  
Spec is a method specification.

130.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (objects_rt)

- Usage of objects from the user module does not work properly. It is better to use the objects package in a (proper) module.
- Not really a bug: when loading code which declares static instances from the toplevel shell, predicate use_module/1) will not work properly: those instances may be not correctly created, and predicates will fail whenever they are not supposed to do. This may be avoided by reloading again the involved module, but make sure it is modified and saved to disk before doing so.
131 Declaring abstract interfaces for classes

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O’CIAO abstract interfaces are simple modules which declares exported predicates with no implementation. The implementation itself will be provided by some class using an implements/1 declaration.

O’CIAO classes may be also treated as interfaces just ignoring all exported predicate implementation.

In order to get information about error reporting, consult the class_doc chapter on this documentation.

131.1 Usage and interface (interface_doc)

• Library usage:
  To declare an interface, the interface source expansion package must be loaded:
  :- interface(ItfName).
  or using a module/3 declaration, as follows:
  :- module(ItfName,[],[interface]).
  Note: interfaces does not declare any code, so there is no need to load them from the CIAO toplevel shell.

• Imports:
  – Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
PART VIII - Interfaces to other languages and systems

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The following interfaces to/from Ciao are documented in this part:
- External interface (e.g., to C).
- Socket interface.
- Tcl/tk interface.
- Web interface (http, html, xml, etc.);
- Persistent predicate databases (interface between the Ciao internal database and the external file system).
- SQL-like database interface (interface between the Ciao internal database and external SQL/ODBC systems).
- Java interface.
- Calling emacs from Ciao.
Chapter 132: Foreign Language Interface

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Ciao Prolog includes a high-level, flexible way to interface C and Prolog, based on the use of assertions to declare what are the expected types and modes of the arguments of a Prolog predicate, and which C files contain the corresponding code. To this end, the user provides:

- A set of C files, or a precompiled shared library,
- A Ciao Prolog module defining which predicates are implemented in the C files and the types and modes of their arguments, and
- an (optional) set of flags required for the compilation of the files.

The Ciao Prolog compiler analyzes the Prolog code written by the user and gathers this information in order to generate automatically C "glue" code implementing the data translation between Prolog and C, and to compile the C code into dynamically loadable C object files, which are linked automatically when needed.

132.1 Declaration of Types

Each predicate implemented as a foreign C function must have accompanying declarations in the Ciao Prolog associated file stating the types and modes of the C function. A sample declaration for `prolog_predicate` which is implemented as `foreign_function_name` is:

\[
\text{:- true pred prolog_predicate(ml(Argl), \ldots mN(ARGV)) :: typel * \ldots * typeN + (foreign(foreign_function_name), returns(ArgR)).}
\]

where `ml`, \ldots, `mN` and `typel`, \ldots, `typeN` are respectively the modes and types of the arguments, `foreign_function_name` is the name of the C function implementing `prolog_predicate/N`, and the result of this function is unified with `ArgR`, which must be one of `Argl` \ldots `ARGV`.

This notation can be simplified in several ways. If the name of the foreign function is the same as the name of the Ciao Prolog predicate, `foreign(foreign_function_name)` can be replaced by `foreign`. `returns(ArgR)` specifies that the result of the function corresponds to the `ArgR` argument of the Ciao Prolog predicate. If the foreign function does not return anything (or if its value is ignored), then `returns(ArgR)` must be removed. Note that `returns` cannot be used without `foreign`. A simplified, minimal form is thus:

\[
\text{:- true pred prolog Predicate(ml(Argl), \ldots mN(ARGV)) :: typel * \ldots * typeN + foreign.}
\]

132.2 Equivalence between Ciao Prolog and C types

The automatic translation between Ciao Prolog and C types is defined (at the moment) only for some simple but useful types. The translation to be performed is solely defined by the types of the arguments in the Ciao Prolog file (i.e., no inspection of the corresponding C file is done). The names (and meaning) of the types known for performing that translation are to be found in Chapter 133 [Foreign Language Interface Properties], page 687; they are also summarized below (Prolog types are on the left, and the corresponding C types on the right):

- `num` \text{\textless\textgreater} `double`
- `int` \text{\textless\textgreater} `int`
- `atm` \text{\textless\textgreater} `char *`
- `string` \text{\textless\textgreater} `char *` (with trailing zero)
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- byte_list <-> char * (a buffer of bytes, with associated length)
- int_list <-> int * (a buffer of integers, with associated length)
- double_list <-> double * (a buffer of doubles, with associated length)
- address <-> void *

Strings, atoms, and lists of bytes are passed to (and from) C as dynamically (ciao_malloc) created arrays of characters (bytes). Those arrays are freed by Ciao Prolog upon return of the foreign function unless the property do_not_free/2 is specified (see examples below). This caters for the case in which the C files save in a private state (either by themselves, or by a library function being called by them) the values passed on from Prolog. The type byte_list/1 requires an additional property, size_of/2, to indicate which argument represents its size.

Empty lists of bytes and integers are converted into C NULL pointers, and vice versa. Empty strings ([]) and null atoms (") are converted into zero-length, zero-ended C strings (""). C NULL strings and empty buffers (i.e., buffers with zero length) are transformed into the empty list or the null atom (' ').

Most of the work is performed by the predicates in the Chapter 135 [Foreign Language Interface Builder], page 695, which can be called explicitly by the user. Doing that is not usually needed, since the Ciao Prolog Compiler takes care of building glue code files an of compiling and linking whatever is necessary.

### 132.3 Equivalence between Ciao Prolog and C modes

The (prefix) +/1 ISO mode (or, equivalently, the in/1 mode) states that the corresponding Prolog argument is ground at the time of the call, and therefore it is an input argument in the C part; this groundness is automatically checked upon entry. The (prefix) -/1 ISO mode (or, equivalently, the go/1 mode) states that Prolog expects the C side to generate a (ground) value for that argument. Arguments with output mode should appear in C functions as pointers to the corresponding base type (as it is usual with C), i.e., an argument which is an integer generated by the C file, declared as

```prolog
:- true pred get_int(go(ThisInt)) :: int + foreign
or as
:- true pred get_int(-ThisInt) :: int + foreign
```

should appear in the C code as

```c
void get_int(int *thisint)
{
   ....
}
```

Note the type of the (single) argument of the function. Besides, the return value of a function can always be used as an output argument, just by specifying to which Prolog arguments it corresponds, using the foreign/1 property. The examples below illustrate this point, and the use of several assertions to guide the compilation.

### 132.4 Custom access to Prolog from C

Automatic type conversions does not cover all the possible cases. When the automatic type conversion is not enough (or if the user, for any reason, does not want to go through the automatic conversion), it is possible to instruct Ciao Prolog not to make implicit type conversion. The strategy in that case is to pass the relevant argument(s) with a special type (a ciao_term) which can represent any term which can be built in Prolog. Operations to construct, traverse, and test this data abstraction from C are provided. The prototypes of these operations are placed on the "ciao_prolog.h" file, under the include subdirectory of the installation directory.
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(the Ciao Prolog compiler knows where it has been installed, and gives the C compiler the appropriate flags). This non direct correspondence mode is activated whenever a Ciao Prolog type unknown to the foreign interface (i.e., none of those in Chapter 133 [Foreign Language Interface Properties], page 687) or the type any_term (which is explicitly recognised by the foreign language interface) is found. The latter is preferred, as it is much more informative, and external tools, as the the CiaoPP preprocessor, can take advantage of them.

132.4.1 Term construction

All term construction primitives return an argument of type ciao_term, which is the result of constructing a term. All Ciao Prolog terms can be built using the interface operations ciao_var(), ciao_structure(), ciao_integer(), and ciao_float(). There are, however, variants and specialized versions of these operations which can be freely intermixed. Using one version or another is a matter of taste and convenience. We list below the prototypes of the primitives in order of complexity.

Throughout this section, true, when referred to a boolean value, correspond to the integer value 1, and false correspond to the integer value 0, as is customary in C boolean expressions. These values also available as the (predefined) constants ciao_true and ciao_false, both of type ciao_bool.

- ciao_term ciao_var();
  Returns a fresh, unbound variable.
- ciao_term ciao_integer(int i);
  Creates a term, representing an integer from the Prolog point of view, from a C integer.
- ciao_term ciao_float(double i);
  Creates a term, representing a floating point number, from a floating point number.
- ciao_term ciao_put_number_chars(char *number_string);
  It converts number_string (which must a string representing a syntactically valid number) into a ciao_term.
- ciao_term ciao_atom(char *name);
  Creates an atom whose printable name is given as a C string.
- ciao_term ciao_structure_a(char *name, int arity, ciao_term *args);
  Creates a structure with name 'name' (i.e., the functor name), arity 'arity' and the components of the array 'args' as arguments: args[0] will be the first argument, args[1] the second, and so on. The 'args' array itself is not needed after the term is created, and can thus be a variable local to a procedure. An atom can be represented as a 0-arity structure (with ciao_structure(name, 0)), and a list cell can be constructed using the V/2 structure name. The _a suffix stands for array.
- ciao_term ciao_structure(char *name, int arity, ...);
  Similar to ciao_structure_a, but the C arguments after the arity are used to fill in the arguments of the structure.
- ciao_term ciao_list(ciao_term head, ciao_term tail);
  Creates a list from a head and a tail. It is equivalent to ciao_structure(".", 2, head, tail).
- ciao_term ciao_empty_list();
  Creates an empty list. It is equivalent to ciao_atom("[]").
- ciao_term ciao_listn_a(int len, ciao_term *args);
  Creates a list with 'len' elements from the array args. The nth element of the list (starting at 1) is args[n-1] (starting at zero).
• `ciao_term ciao_listn(int length, ...);`
  Like `ciao_listn_a()`, but the list elements appear explicitly as arguments in the call.
• `ciao_term ciao_dlist_a(int len, ciao_term *args, ciao_term base);`
  Like `ciao_listn_a`, but a difference list is created. `base` will be used as the tail of the list, instead of the empty list.
• `ciao_term ciao_dlist(int length, ...);`
  Similar to `ciao_dlist_a()` with a variable number of arguments. The last one is the tail of the list.
• `ciao_term ciao_copy_term(ciao_term src_term);`
  Returns a new copy of the `term`, with fresh variables (as `copy_term/2` does).

132.4.2 Testing the Type of a Term

A `ciao_term` can contain any Prolog term, and its implementation is opaque to the C code. Therefore the only way to know reliably what data is passed on is using explicit functions to test term types. Below, `ciao_bool` is a type defined in "ciao_prolog.h" which can take the values 1 (for `true`) and 0 (for `false`).
• `ciao_bool ciao_is_variable(ciao_term term);`
  Returns true if `term` is currently an uninstantiated variable.
• `ciao_bool ciao_is_number(ciao_term term);`
  Returns true if `term` is an integer (of any length) or a floating point number.
• `ciao_bool ciao_is_integer(ciao_term term);`
  Returns true if `term` is instantiated to an integer.
• `ciao_bool ciao_fits_in_int(ciao_term term);`
  Returns true if `term` is instantiated to an integer which can be stored in an `int`, and false otherwise.
• `ciao_bool ciao_is_atom(ciao_term atom);`
  Returns true if `term` is an atom.
• `ciao_bool ciao_is_list(ciao_term term);`
  Returns true if `term` is a list (actually, a `cons` cell).
• `ciao_bool ciao_is_empty_list(ciao_term term);`
  Returns true if `term` is the atom which represents the empty list (i.e., []).
• `ciao_bool ciao_is_structure(ciao_term term);`
  Returns true if `term` is a structure of any arity. This includes atoms (i.e., structures of arity zero) and lists, but excludes variables and numbers.

132.4.3 Term navigation

The functions below can be used to recover the value of a `ciao_term` into C variables, or to inspect Prolog structures.
• `int ciao_to_integer(ciao_term term);`
  Converts `term` to an integer. `ciao_is_integer(term)` must hold.
• `ciao_bool ciao_to_integer_check(ciao_term term, int *result);`
  Checks whether `term` fits into the size of an integer. If so, true is returned and `*result` is unified with the integer `term` represents. Otherwise, false is returned and `*result` is not touched.
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- **double ciao_to_float(ciao_term term);**
  Converts term to a float value. ciao_is_number(term) must hold.

- **char *ciao_get_number_chars(ciao_term term);**
  It converts ciao_term (which must be instantiated to a number) into a C string representing the number in the current radix. The string returned is a copy, which must (eventually) be explicitly deallocated by the user C code using the operation ciao_free().

- **char *ciao_atom_name(ciao_term atom);**
  Returns the name of the atom. The returned string is the one internally used by Ciao Prolog, and should not be deallocated, changed or altered in any form. The advantage of using it is that it is fast, as no data copying is needed.

- **char *ciao_atom_name_dup(ciao_term atom);**
  Obtains a copy of the name of the atom. The string can be modified, and the programmer has the responsibility of deallocating it after being used. Due to the copy, it is slower than calling char *ciao_atom_name().

- **ciao_term ciao_list_head(ciao_term term);**
  Extracts the head of the list term. Requires term to be a list.

- **ciao_term ciao_list_tail(ciao_term term);**
  Extracts the tail of the list term. Requires term to be a list.

- **char *ciao_structure_name(ciao_term term);**
  Extracts the name of the structure term. Requires term to be a structure.

- **int ciao_structure_arity(ciao_term term);**
  Extracts the arity of the structure term.
  Requires term to be a structure.

- **ciao_term ciao_structure_arg(ciao_term term, int n);**
  Extracts the nth argument of the structure term. It behaves like arg/3, so the first argument has index 1. Requires term to be a structure.

### 132.4.4 Testing for Equality and Performing Unification

Variables of type ciao_term cannot be tested directly for equality: they are (currently) implemented as a sort of pointers which may be aliased (two different pointers may refer to the same object). The interface provides helper functions for testing term equality and to perform unification of terms.

- **ciao_bool ciao_unify(ciao_term x, ciao_term y);**
  Performs the unification of the terms x and y, and returns true if the unification was successful. This is equivalent to calling the (infix) Prolog predicate =/2. The bindings are trailed and undone on backtracking.

- **ciao_bool ciao_equal(ciao_term x, ciao_term y);**
  Performs equality testing of terms, and returns true if the test was successful. This is equivalent to calling the (infix) Prolog predicate ==/2. Equality testing does not modify the terms compared.

### 132.4.5 Raising Exceptions

The following functions offers a way of throwing exceptions from C that can be caught in Prolog with catch/3. The term that reaches Prolog is exactly the same which was thrown by C. The execution flow is broken at the point where ciao_raise_exception() is executed, and it returns to Prolog.

- **void ciao_raise_exception(ciao_term ball);**
  Raises an exception an throws the term ball.
132.4.6 Creating and disposing of memory chunks

Memory to be used solely by the user C code can be reserved/disposed of using, e.g., the well-known malloc()/free() functions (or whatever other functions the user may have available). However, memory explicitly allocated by Ciao Prolog and passed to C code, or allocated by C code and passed on to Ciao Prolog (and subject to garbage collection by it) should be allotted and freed (when necessary) by using the functions:

- void *ciao_malloc(int size);
- void ciao_free(void *pointer);

whose behavior is similar to malloc()/free(), but which will cooordinate properly with Ciao Prolog's internal memory management.

132.4.7 Calling Prolog from C

It is also possible to make arbitraty calls to Prolog predicates from C. There are two basic ways of make a query, depending on whether only one solution is needed (or if the predicate to be called is known to generate only one solution), or if several solutions are required.

When only one solution is needed ciao_commit_call obtains it (the solution obtained will obviously be the first one) and discards the resources used for finding it:

- ciao_bool ciao_commit_call(char *name, int arity, ...);

  Makes a call to a predicate and returns true or false depending on whether the query has succeded or not. In case of success, the (possibly) instantiated variables are reachable from C.

- ciao_bool ciao_commit_call_term(ciao_term goal);

  Like ciao_commit_call() but uses the previously built term goal as goal.

If more than one solution is needed, it is necessary to use the ciao_query operations. A consult begins with a ciao_query_begin which returns a ciao_query object. Whenever an additional solution is required, the ciao_query_next function can be called. The query ends by calling ciao_query_end and all pending search branches are pruned.

- ciao_query *ciao_query_begin(char *name, int arity, ...);

  The predicate with the given name, arity and arguments (similar to the ciao_structure() operation) is transformed into a ciao_query object which can be used to make the actual query.

- ciao_query *ciao_query_begin_term(ciao_term goal);

  Like ciao_query_begin but using the term goal instead.

- ciao_bool ciao_query_ok(ciao_query *query);

  Determines whether the query may have pending solutions. A false return value means that there are no more solutions; a true return value means that there are more possible solutions.

- void ciao_query_next(ciao_query *query);

  Ask for a new solution.

- void ciao_query_end(ciao_query *query);

  Ends the query and frees the used resources.

132.5 Examples
132.5.1 Mathematical functions

In this example, the standard mathematical library is accessed to provide the \( \sin \), \( \cos \), and \( \text{fabs} \) functions. Note that the library is specified simply as

```prolog
:- use_foreign_library([m]).
```

The foreign interface adds the `-lm` at compile time. Note also how some additional options are added to optimize the compiled code (only glue code, in this case) and mathematics (only in the case of Linux in an Intel processor).

File `math.pl`:

```prolog
:- module(math, [sin/2, cos/2, fabs/2], [foreign_interface]).
:- true pred sin(in(X),go(Y)) :: num * num + (foreign,returns(Y)).
:- true pred cos(in(X),go(Y)) :: num * num + (foreign,returns(Y)).
:- true pred fabs(in(X),go(Y)) :: num * num + (foreign,returns(Y)).

:- extra_compiler_opts(['-O2']).
:- extra_compiler_opts('LINUXi86',['-ffast-math']).
:- use_foreign_library('LINUXi86', m).
```

132.5.2 Addresses and C pointers

The address type designates any pointer, and provides a means to deal with C pointers in Prolog without interpreting them whatsoever. The C source file which implements the operations accessed from Prolog is declared with the

```prolog
:- use_foreign_source(objects_c).
```

directive.

File `objects.pl`:

```prolog
:- module(objects, [object/2, show_object/1], [foreign_interface]).
:- true pred object(in(N),go(Object)) ::
   int * address + (foreign,returns(Object)).

:- true pred show_object(in(Object)) ::
   address + foreign.

:- use_foreign_source(objects_c).
:- extra_compiler_opts('-O2').
```

File `objects.c.c`:

```c
#include <stdio.h>

struct object {
   char *name;
   char *colour;
};

#define OBJECTS 3

struct object objects[OBJECTS] =
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```
{ "ring", "golden" },
{ "table", "brown" },
{ "bottle", "green" };

struct object *object(int n) {
    return &objects[n % OBJECTS];
}

void show_object(struct object *o) {
    printf("I show you a %s %s\n", o->colour, o->name);
}
```

### 132.5.3 Lists of bytes and buffers

A list of bytes (c.f., a list of ints) corresponds to a byte buffer in C. The length of the buffer is associated to that of the list using the property size_of/2. The returned buffer is freed by Ciao Prolog upon its reception, unless the do_not_free/1 property is specified (see later). Conversely, a list of natural numbers in the range 0 to 255 can be passed to C as a buffer.

**File byte_lists.pl:**

```prolog
:- module(byte_lists, [obtain_list/3, show_list/2], [foreign_interface]).

:- true pred obtain_list(in(N),go(Length),go(List)) :: int * int * byte_list
    + (foreign,size_of(List,Length)).

:- true pred show_list(in(Length),in(List)) :: int * byte_list
    + (foreign,size_of(List,Length)).

:- use_foreign_source(bytes_op).
```

**File bytes-op.c:**

```c
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void obtain_list(int n, int *l, char **s) {
    int i;
    int c;
    if (n < 0) n = 0;
    *l = n;
    *s = (char *)malloc(*l);
    for (i = 0; i < *l; i++) {
        (*s)[i] = i;
    }
}

void show_list(int l, char *s) {
    if (s) {
        int n;
        printf("From C: ");
        for (n = 0; n < l; n++) {
            printf(" %d", s[n]);
        }
    }
```

132.5.4 Lists of integers

File int_lists.pl:

```prolog
:- module(int_lists, [obtain_list/3, show_list/2], [foreign_interface]).

:- true pred obtain_list(in(N),go(Length),go(List)) :: int * int * int_list + (foreign,size_of(List,Length)).
:- true pred show_list(in(Length),in(List)) :: int * int_list + (foreign,size_of(List,Length)).

:- use_foreign_source(ints_op).
```

File ints_op.c:

```c
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void obtain_list(int n, int *l, int **s) {
    int i;
    int c;
    if (n < 0) n = 0;
    *l = n;
    *s = (int *)malloc(*l * sizeof(int));
    for (i = 0; i < *l; i++) {
        (*s)[i] = i;
    }
}

void show_list(int l, int *s) {
    if (s) {
        int n;
        printf("From C: ");
        for (n = 0; n < l; n++) {
            printf(" %d", s[n]);
        }
        printf(" .\n");
    } else {
        printf(".
");
    }
```
132.5.5 Strings and atoms

A C string can be seen as a buffer whose end is denoted by the trailing zero, and therefore stating its length is not needed. Two translations are possible into Ciao Prolog: as a Prolog string (list of bytes, with no trailing zero) and as an atom. These are selected automatically just by choosing the corresponding type (look at the examples below).

Note how the \texttt{do\_not\_free/1} property is specified in the \texttt{a\_string/1} predicate: the string returned by C is static, and therefore it should not be freed by Prolog.

\textbf{File} \texttt{strings\_and\_atoms.pl}:

\begin{verbatim}
:- module(strings_and_atoms,
[ lookup_string/2,
  lookup_atom/2,
  a_string/1,
  show_string/1,
  show_atom/1
],
[foreign_interface]).

:- true pred a_string(go(S)) ::
  string + (foreign(get_static_str),returns(S),do_not_free(S)).

:- true pred lookup_string(in(N),go(S)) ::
  int * string + (foreign(get_str),returns(S)).

:- true pred lookup_atom(in(N),go(S)) ::
  int * atm + (foreign(get_str),returns(S)).

:- true pred show_string(in(S)) :: string + foreign(put_str).

:- true pred show_atom(in(S)) :: atm + foreign(put_str).

:- use_foreign_source(str_op).
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{File} \texttt{str\_op.c}:

\begin{verbatim}
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

char *get_static_str() {
  return "this is a string Prolog should not free";
}
\end{verbatim}
132.5.6 Arbitrary Terms

This example shows how data Prolog can be passed untouched to C code, and how it can be manipulated there.

File any_term.pl:

```prolog
:- module(any_term, [custom_display_term/1, custom_create_term/2 ], [foreign_interface]).

:- true pred custom_display_term(in(X)) :: any_term + foreign.
:- true pred custom_create_term(in(L), go(X)) :: int * any_term + (foreign,returns(X)).

:- use_foreign_source(any_term_c).
:- extra_compiler_opts('-02').
```

File any_term.c.c:

```c
#include <stdio.h>
```
#include "ciao_prolog.h"

ciao_term custom_create_term(int n) {
  ciao_term t;
  t = ciao_empty_list();
  while (n > 0) {
    t = ciao_list(ciao_integer(n), t);
    n--;
  }
  return t;
}

void custom_display_term(ciao_term term) {
  if (ciao_is_atom(term)) {
    printf("<atom name="", ciao_atom_name(term));
  } else if (ciao_is_structure(term)) {
    int i;
    int a;
    a = ciao_structure_arity(term);
    printf("<structure name="", ciao_structure_name(term), a);
    for (i = 1; i <= a; i++) {
      printf("<argument number="", i);
      custom_display_term(ciao_structure_arg(term, i));
      printf("</argument>");
    }
    printf("</structure>");
  } else if (ciao_is_list(term)) {
    printf("<list>
      <head>
      custom_display_term(ciao_list_head(term));
      printf("</head>");
      printf("<tail>");
      custom_display_term(ciao_list_tail(term));
      printf("</tail>");
    printf("</list>");
  } else if (ciao_is_empty_list(term)) {
    printf("<empty_list/>");
  } else if (ciao_is_integer(term)) {
    printf("<integer value="", ciao_to_integer(term));
  } else if (ciao_is_number(term)) {
    printf("<float value="", ciao_to_float(term));
  } else {
    printf("<unknown/>");
  }
}
132.5.7 Exceptions

The following example defines a predicate in C that converts a list of codes into a number using `strtol()`. If this conversion fails, then an exception is raised.

File `exceptions_example.pl`:
```
:- module(exceptions_example,
    [codes_to_number_c/2,
     safe_codes_to_number/2
    ],
    [foreign_interface]).

:- use_module(library(format)).
% If the string is not a number raises an exception.
:- true pred codes_to_number_c(in(X), go(Y)) :: string * int + (foreign, returns(Y)).

safe_codes_to_number(X, Y) :-
catch(codes_to_number_c(X, Y), Error, handle_exception(Error)).

handle_exception(Error) :- format("Exception caught "w"n", [Error]).

:- use_foreign_source(exceptions_c).
:- extra_compiler_opts('-02')
```

File `exceptions.c.c`:
```
#include <string.h>
#include "ciao_prolog.h"

int codes_to_number_c(char *s) {
    char *endptr;
    int n;
    n = strtol(s, &endptr, 10);
    if (endptr == NULL || *endptr != '\0') {
        ciao_raise_exception(ciao_structure("codes_to_number_exception",
                                              1,
                                              ciao_atom(s)));
    }
    return n;
}
```

132.5.8 Testing number types and using unbound length integers

Unbound length integers (and, in general, any number) can be converted to/from `ciao_terms` by using strings. The following examples show two possibilities: one which tries to be as smart as possible (checking whether numbers fit into a machine int or not), and being lazy and simpler -and probably slower.

File `bigints.pl`:
```
:- module(bigints,
```
make_smart_conversion/3, % Checks and uses convenient format
force_string_conversion/2 % Passes around using strings
],
[foreign_interface]).

:- true pred make_smart_conversion_c(in(X), go(Y), go(How))::
   any_term * any_term * any_term + foreign #
   "Given a number @var{X}, it is unified with @var{Y} by using the most
   specific internal representation (short integer, float, or long
   integer). @var{How} returns how the conversion was done.
   It behaves unpredictably if @var{X} is not a number.".

:- true pred force_string_conversion_c(in(X), go(Y))::
   any_term * any_term + foreign #
   "Given a number @var{X}, it is unified with @var{Y} by using the most
   general internal representation (a string of characters). It behaves
   unpredictably if @var{X} is not a number.".

:- use_foreign_source(bigints_c).

make_smart_conversion(A, B, C):-  % Safety test
   number(A),
   make_smart_conversion_c(A, B, C).

force_string_conversion(A, B):-
   number(A),  % Safety test
   force_string_conversion_c(A, B).

File bigintS-C.c:
#include "ciao_prolog.h"

void make_smart_conversion_c(ciao_term number_in,
   ciao_term *number_out,
   ciao_term *how_converted) {

   int  inter_int;
   double inter_float;
   char * inter_str;

   if (ciao_fits_in_int(number_in)) { /* Includes the case of being a float */
      inter_int = ciao_to_integer(number_in);
      *number_out = ciao_integer(inter_int);
      *how_converted = ciao_atom("machine_integer");
   } else
      if (ciao_is_integer(number_in)) { /* Big number */
         inter_str = ciao_get_number_chars(number_in);
         *number_out = ciao_put_number_chars(inter_str);
         ciao_free(inter_str);
         *how_converted = ciao_atom("string");
      } else { /* Must be a float */
         inter_float = ciao_to_float(number_in);
   }
*number_out = ciao_float(inter_float);
*how_converted = ciao_atom("float");
}
}

void force_string_conversion_c(ciao_term number_in, ciao_term *number_out) {
    char *inter_str;
    inter_str = ciao_get_number_chars(number_in);
    *number_out = ciao_put_number_chars(inter_str);
    ciao_free(inter_str);
}

132.5.9 Interfacing with C++

Ciao code can be interfaced easily with C++ using this interface. The basic idea is to write C functions (functions prefixed by `extern "C"`) within the C++ code to make the bridge between calls from prolog to C++. Then, C++ objects can be cast as addresses. Because the foreign interface assumes that the foreign source is classical C, C++ source files should be declared with their extension.

File `cc_stack.pl`:

```prolog
:- module(cc_stack, [cc_stack_new/l, cc_stack_size/2, cc_stack_push/2, cc_stack_pop/l, cc_stack_top/2], [foreign_interface, assertions]).
:- use_module(library(odd), [undo/1]).

:- true pred ciao_stack_new(go(Stack)) :: address + (foreign, returns(Stack)).
:- true pred ciao_stack_delete(in(_Stack)) :: address + foreign.
:- true pred ciao_stack_size(in(_Stack), go(Size)) :: (address * int) + (foreign, returns(Size)).
:- true pred ciao_stack_push(in(_Stack), in(_Value)) :: (address * int) + foreign.
:- true pred ciao_stack_pop(in(_Stack)) :: address + foreign.
:- true pred ciao_stack_top(in(_Stack), go(Value)) :: (address * int) + (foreign, returns(Value)).

cc_stack_new(cc_stack(X)) :-
    ciao_stack_new(X),
    % stack are deallocated on backtrack.
    undo(ciao_stack_delete(X)).

cc_stack_size(cc_stack(X), Size):-
    ciao_stack_size(X, Size).

cc_stack_push(cc_stack(X), I):-
    ciao_stack_push(X, I).```
cc_stack_pop(cc_stack(X)):-
  ( ciao_stack_size(X, Size), Size > 0 ->
    ciao_stack_pop(X)
  ;
    throw(error(empty_cc_stack, cc_stack_pop/l-l))
).

cc_stack_top(cc_stack(X), Int):-
  ( ciao_stack_size(X, Size), Size > 0 ->
    ciao_stack_top(X, Int)
  ;
    throw(error(empty_cc_stack, cc_stack_top/l-l))
).

:- use_foreign_library('stdc++').
:- use_foreign_source('cc_stack.cc').

File cc_stack.cc:
#include <stack>
using namespace std;

typedef stack<int> ciao_stack;

extern "C" void *
ciao_stack_new()
{
  return (void*) new ciao_stack;
}

extern "C" void
ciao_stack_delete(void * S)
{
  delete ((ciao_stack *) S);
}

extern "C" int
ciao_stack_size(void * S)
{
  return (((ciao_stack *) S)->size());
}

extern "C" void
ciao_stack_push(void * S, int v)
{
  ((ciao_stack *) S)->push(v);
}
extern "C" void
ciao_stack_pop(void * S)
{
    ((ciao_stack *) S)->pop();
}

extern "C" int
ciao_stack_top(void * S)
{
    return ((ciao_stack *) S)->top();
}

132.6 Usage and interface (foreign_interface_doc)

- Library usage:
  The foreign interface is used by including foreign_interface in the include list of a module, or by means of an explicit :- use_package(foreign_interface).
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
133 Foreign Language Interface Properties

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The foreign language interface uses some properties to specify linking regimes, foreign files to be compiled, types of data available, memory allocation policies, etc.

133.1 Usage and interface (foreign_interface_properties)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(foreign_interface_properties)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - **Properties:**
    
    ```prolog
    foreign_low/1, foreign_low/2, size_of/3, foreign/1, foreign/2, returns/2, do_not_free/2, needs_state/1, ttr/3.
    ```
  - **Regular Types:**
    
    ```prolog
    int_list/1, double_list/1, byte_list/1, byte/1, null/1, address/1, any_term/1.
    ```

- **Imports:**
  - **Packages:**
    
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes.
    ```

133.2 Documentation on exports (foreign_interface_properties)

**int_list/1:**

Usage: `int_list(List)`

List is a list of integers.

**double_list/1:**

Usage: `double_list(List)`

List is a list of numbers.

**byte_list/1:**

Usage: `byte_list(List)`

List is a list of bytes.

**byte/1:**

Usage: `byte(Byte)`

Byte is a byte.
null/1: REGTYPE
   Usage: null(Address)
   Address is a null address.

address/1: REGTYPE
   Usage: address(Address)
   Address is a memory address.

any_term/1: REGTYPE
   Usage: any_term(X)
   X is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term.

foreign_low/1: PROPERTY
   Usage: foreign_low(Name)
   The Prolog predicate Name is implemented using the function Name. The implementation
   is not a common C one, but it accesses directly the internal Ciao Prolog data structures
   and functions, and therefore no glue code is generated for it.

foreign_low/2: PROPERTY
   Usage: foreign_low(PrologName,ForeignName)
   The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the function ForeignName. The
   same considerations as above example are to be applied.

size_of/3: PROPERTY
   Usage: size_of(Name,ListVar,SizeVar)
   For predicate Name, the size of the argument of type byte_list/1, ListVar, is given by
   the argument of type integer SizeVar.

foreign/1: PROPERTY
   Usage: foreign(Name)
   The Prolog predicate Name is implemented using the foreign function Name.

foreign/2: PROPERTY
   Usage: foreign(PrologName,ForeignName)
   The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the foreign function ForeignName.

returns/2: PROPERTY
   Usage: returns(Name,Var)
   The result of the foreign function that implements the Prolog predicate Name is unified
   with the Prolog variable Var. Cannot be used without foreign/1 or foreign/2.
do_not_free/2: PROPERTY
Usage: do_not_free(Name, Var)
For predicate Name, the C argument passed to (returned from) the foreign function will not be freed after calling the foreign function.

needs_state/1: PROPERTY
Usage: needs_state(Name)
The foreign function which implements the predicate Name needs a ciao_state as its first argument.

ttr/3: PROPERTY
Usage: ttr(Name, Var, TTr)
For predicate Name, the C argument will be translated using TTr as term translator.

133.3 Documentation on internals (foreign_interface_properties)

use_foreign_source/1: DECLARATION
(True) Usage: :-use_foreign_source(Files).
Files is the (list of) foreign file(s) that will be linked with the glue-code file. If the file(s) do(es) not have extension, then the '.c' extension will be automatically added
- The following properties hold at call time:
  Files is an atom or a list of atoms. (basic_props:atm_or_atm_list/1)

use_foreign_source/2: DECLARATION
(True) Usage: :-use_foreign_source(OsArch, Files).
Files are the OS and architecture dependant foreign files. This allows compiling and linking different files depending on the O.S. and architecture.
- The following properties hold at call time:
  OsArch is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  Files is an atom or a list of atoms. (basic_props:atm_or_atm_list/1)

use_foreign_library/1: DECLARATION
(True) Usage: :-use_foreign_library(Libs).
Libs is the (list of) external library(es) needed to link the C files. Only the short name of the library (i.e., what would follow the -l in the linker is needed.
- The following properties hold at call time:
  Libs is an atom or a list of atoms. (basic_props:atm_or_atm_list/1)
use_foreign_library/2:  
(True) Usage: :- use_foreign_library(OsArch,Libs).
Libs are the OS and architecture dependant libraries.
  – The following properties hold at call time:
    OsArch is an atom.  
    Libs is an atom or a list of atoms.

extra_compiler_opts/1:  
(True) Usage: :- extra_compiler_opts(Opts).
Opts is the list of additional compiler options (e.g., optimization options) that will be used during the compilation.
  – The following properties hold at call time:
    Opts is an atom or a list of atoms.

extra_compiler_opts/2:  
(True) Usage: :- extra_compiler_opts(OsArch,Opts).
Opts are the OS and architecture dependant additional compiler options.
  – The following properties hold at call time:
    OsArch is an atom.  
    Opts is an atom or a list of atoms.

use_compiler/1:  
(True) Usage: :- use_compiler(Compiler).
Compiler is the compiler to use in this file. When this option is used, the default (Ciao-provided) compiler options are not used; those specified in extra_compiler_options are used instead.
  – The following properties hold at call time:
    Compiler is an atom.

use_compiler/2:  
(True) Usage: :- use_compiler(OsArch,Compiler).
Compiler is the compiler to use in this file when compiling for the architecture OsArch. The option management is the same as in use_compiler/2.
  – The following properties hold at call time:
    OsArch is an atom.  
    Compiler is an atom.

extra_linker_opts/1:  
(True) Usage: :- extra_linker_opts(Opts).
Opts is the list of additional linker options that will be used during the linkage.
  – The following properties hold at call time:
    Opts is an atom or a list of atoms.
extra_linker_opts/2:
DECLARATION
(True) Usage: :- extra_linker_opts(OsArch,Opts).
Opts are the OS and architecture dependant additional linker options.
- The following properties hold at call time:
  OsArch is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  Opts is an atom or a list of atoms. (basic_props:atm_or_atm_list/1)

use_linker/1:
DECLARATION
(True) Usage: :- use_linker(Linker).
Linker is the linker to use in this file. When this option is used, the default (Ciao-
provided) linker options are not used; those specified in extra_linker_options/1 are
used instead.
- The following properties hold at call time:
  Linker is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

use_linker/2:
DECLARATION
(True) Usage: :- use_linker(OsArch,Linker).
Compiler is the linker to use in this file when compiling for the architecture OsArch. The
option management is the same as in use_compiler/2.
- The following properties hold at call time:
  OsArch is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  Linker is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

foreign_inline/2:
DECLARATION
(True) Usage: :- foreign_inline(Term,Text).
Term is a predicate name. Text is a source C code that define the predicate Term. Term
is present for future use with the analyzers. Example of this can be viewed in the hrtimer
library.
- The following properties hold at call time:
  Term is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:
    predname(P/A) :-
    atm(P),
    nnegint(A). (basic_props:predname/1)
  Text is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

133.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (foreign_interface_properties)
- The size_of/3 property has an empty definition
- The byte/1 property has an empty definition. A possible right definition is commented.
134 Utilities for on-demand compilation of foreign files

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This module provides two predicates which give the user information regarding how to compile external (C) files in order to link them with the Ciao Prolog engine at runtime.

These predicates are not intended to be called directly by the end-user. Instead, a tool or module whose aim is generating dynamically loadable files from source files should use the predicates in this file in order to find out what are the proper compiler and linker to use, and which options must be passed to them in the current architecture.

134.1 Usage and interface (foreign_compilation)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(foreign_compilation)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    compiler_and_opts/2, linker_and_opts/2.
    ```
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.
    ```

134.2 Documentation on exports (foreign_compilation)

compiler_and_opts/2: PREDICATE

Usage: compiler_and_opts(Compiler,Opts)

If you want to compile a foreign language file for dynamic linking in the current operating system and architecture, you have to use the compiler Compiler and give it the options Opts. A variable in Opts means that no special option is needed.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ```prolog
  Compiler is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  Opts is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)
  ```

linker_and_opts/2: PREDICATE

Usage: linker_and_opts(Linker,Options)

If you want to link a foreign language file for dynamic linking in the current operating system and architecture, you have to use the linker Compiler and give it the options Opts. A variable in Opts means that no special option is needed.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ```prolog
  Linker is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  Options is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)
  ```
Chapter 135: Foreign Language Interface Builder

Author(s): Jose F. Morales, Manuel Carro.

Low-level utilities for building foreign interfaces. End-users should not need to use them, as the Ciao Prolog Compiler reads the user assertions and calls appropriately the predicates in this module.

135.1 Usage and interface (build_foreign_interface)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(build_foreign_interface)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  
  - **Predicates:**
    
    build_foreign_interface/1, rebuild_foreign_interface/1, build_foreign_interface_explicit_decls/2, rebuild_foreign_interface_explicit_decls/2, build_foreign_interface_object/1, rebuild_foreign_interface_object/1, do_interface/1.

- **Imports:**
  
    - **System library modules:**
      
      write_c/write_c, streams, terms, lists, llists, aggregates, system, messages, assertions/assrt_lib, foreign_compilation, compiler/c_itf, compiler/engine_path, ctrlcclean, errhandle, filenames.
    
    - **Packages:**
      
      prelude, nonpure, assertions, basicmodes, dcg, fsyntax.

135.2 Documentation on exports (build_foreign_interface)

build_foreign_interface/1:  

**Usage:** build_foreign_interface(File)

Reads assertions from File, generates the gluecode for the Ciao Prolog interface, compiles the foreign files and the gluecode file, and links everything in a shared object. Checks modification times to determine automatically which files must be generated/compiled/linked.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  
    File is a source name. 

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  
    File is currently ground (it contains no variables). 

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  
    File is currently ground (it contains no variables).

rebuild_foreign_interface/1:  

**Usage:** rebuild_foreign_interface(File)

Like build_foreign_interface/1, but it does not check the modification time of any file.
Call and exit should be compatible with:
- File is a source name.  \text{(streams\_basic:sourcename/1)}
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - File is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - File is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}

\textbf{build\_foreign\_interface\_explicit\_decls/2:}

Usage: \texttt{build\_foreign\_interface\_explicit\_decls(File,Decls)}

Like \texttt{build\_foreign\_interface/1}, but use declarations in Decls instead of reading the declarations from File.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - File is a source name. \text{(streams\_basic:sourcename/1)}
  - Decls is a list of terms. \text{(basic\_props:list/2)}
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - File is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}
  - Decls is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - File is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}
  - Decls is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}

\textbf{rebuild\_foreign\_interface\_explicit\_decls/2:}

Usage: \texttt{rebuild\_foreign\_interface\_explicit\_decls(File,Decls)}

Like \texttt{build\_foreign\_interface\_explicit\_decls/1}, but it does not check the modification time of any file.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - File is a source name. \text{(streams\_basic:sourcename/1)}
  - Decls is a list of terms. \text{(basic\_props:list/2)}
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - File is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}
  - Decls is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - File is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}
  - Decls is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}

\textbf{build\_foreign\_interface\_object/1:}

Usage: \texttt{build\_foreign\_interface\_object(File)}

Compiles the gluecode file with the foreign source files producing an unique object file.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - File is a source name. \text{(streams\_basic:sourcename/1)}
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - File is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - File is currently ground (it contains no variables). \text{(term\_typing:ground/1)}
rebuild_foreign_interface_object/1:

**Usage:** rebuild_foreign_interface_object(File)

Compiles (again) the gluecode file with the foreign source files producing an unique object file.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  File is a source name. *(streams.basic:sourcename/1)*

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  File is currently ground (it contains no variables). *(term_typing:ground/1)*

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  File is currently ground (it contains no variables). *(term_typing:ground/1)*

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do_interface/1:

**Usage:** do_interface(Decls)

Given the declarations in Decls, this predicate succeeds if these declarations involve the creation of the foreign interface.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  Decls is a list of terms. *(basic.props:list/2)*

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  Decls is currently ground (it contains no variables). *(term_typing:ground/1)*

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*

  Decls is currently ground (it contains no variables). *(term_typing:ground/1)*
136 Interactive Menus

Author(s): The CLIP Group.
This library package allows definition interactive menus

136.1 Usage and interface (menu_doc)

- Library usage:
  :- use_package(menu).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[menu]).
- New operators defined:
  ://2 [970,xfx], <\-/2 [971,xfx], guard/1 [900,fy], $/2 [150,xfx], =>/2 [950,xfx], argnames/1 [1150,fx].
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    menu/menu_generator, menu/menu_rt.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, argnames.

136.2 Documentation on multifiles (menu_doc)

menu_default/3: PREDICATE
No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is multifile.

menu_opt/6: PREDICATE
No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is multifile.

hook_menu_flag_values/3: PREDICATE
No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is multifile.

hook_menu_check_flag_value/3: PREDICATE
No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is multifile.

hook_menu_flag_help/3: PREDICATE
No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is multifile.

hook_menu_default_option/3: PREDICATE
No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is multifile.
137 menu_generator (library)

137.1 Usage and interface (menu_generator)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(menu_generator)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  
  - **Predicates:**
    
    - menu/1, menu/2, menu/3, menu/4, get_menu_flag/3, set_menu_flag/3, space/1,
    get_menu_configs/1, save_menu_config/1, remove_menu_config/1, restore_menu_config/1, show_menu_configs/0, show_menu_config/1, get_menu_options/2, get_menu_flags/1, restore_menu_flags_list/1, get_menu_flags/2, restore_menu_flags/2, generate_js_menu/1, eq/3, neq/3, uni_type/2, vmember/2.
  
    - **Regular Types:**
      
      menu_flag_values/1.
  
    - **Multifiles:**
      
      $is_persistent/2, persistent_dir/2, persistent_dir/4, menu_default/3, menu_opt/6, hook_menu_flag_values/3, hook_menu_check_flag_value/3, hook_menu_flag Help/3, hook_menu_default_option/3.
  
- **Imports:**
  
    - **System library modules:**
      
      persdb/persdbrt, aggregates, write, messages, prompt, lists.
  
    - **Packages:**
      
      prelude, nonpure, hiord, assertions, regtypes, argnames, persdb, persdb(persdb_decl), nortchecks.

137.2 Documentation on exports (menu_generator)

**menu/1:**

**Predicate**

Usage: menu(M)

Like menu( M , true ).

**menu/2:**

**Predicate**

Usage: menu(M,Bool)

Like menu/4 with no selected options, taking the menu level from the term M (example: ana(l) is expert, ana is naive), and using Bool to decide whether print help message or not.

**menu/3:**

**Predicate**

Usage: menu(M,Level,Bool)

Like menu/4 with no selected options.
menu/4:
Usage: menu(M,Level,Bool,AlreadySelectedOpts)
Execute the menu X. Level specifies the menu level. Bool decides whether print the help message. AlreadySelectedOpts is a list with the selected options.

get_menu_flag/3:
Usage: get_menu_flag(M,F,V)
Returns the value in V of the flag F in the menu (-branch) M.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  M is currently instantiated to an atom.
  F is currently instantiated to an atom.
  V is a free variable.

set_menu_flag/3:
Usage: set_menu_flag(M,F,V)
Set the value V of the flag F in the menu (-branch) M.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  M is currently instantiated to an atom.
  F is currently instantiated to an atom.
  V is a free variable.

space/1:
Usage: space(N)
prints N spaces.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  N is a number.

get_menu_configs/1:
Usage: get_menu_configs(X)
Returns a list of atoms in X with the name of stored configurations.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  X is a free variable.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  X is a list of atoms.

save_menu_config/1:
Usage: save_menu_config(Name)
Save the current flags configuration under the Name key.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Name is an atom.
**remove_menu_config/1:**

**PREDICATE**
Usage: remove_menu_config(Name)
Remove the configuration stored with the Name key (the same provided in save_menu_config/1).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Name is an atom.  
  (basic_props:atm/1)

**restore_menu_config/1:**

**PREDICATE**
Usage: restore_menu_config(Name)
Restore the configuration saved with the Name key (the same provided in save_menu_config/1).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Name is an atom.  
  (basic_props:atm/1)

**show_menu_configs/0:**

**PREDICATE**
Usage:
Show all stored configurations.

**show_menu_config/1:**

**PREDICATE**
Usage: show_menu_config(C)
Show specific configuration values pointed by C key (the same provided in save_menu_config/1).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  C is an atom.  
  (basic_props:atm/1)

**get_menu_options/2:**

**PREDICATE**
Usage: get_menu_options(Flag,V)
Returns possible options in V by fail for the flag Flag.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  F is currently instantiated to an atom.  
  (term_typing:atom/1)

**get_menu_flags/1:**

**PREDICATE**
Usage: get_menu_flags(L)
Return a list L of all current menu flags, composed by terms with the form (M,F,V), where M is the menu, F the flag, and V the value. This list can be used as argument of restore_flags_list/1

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  L is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  L is a list.  
  (basic_props:list/1)
**restore_menu_flags_list/1:**

*Usage:* `restore_menu_flags_list(L)`

Restores menu flags. L is a list of tuple (M,F,V) where M is the menu, F is the flag, and V is the value of the flag F in the menu M.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - L is a list.

**get_menu_flags/2:**

*Usage:* `get_menu_flags(M,L)`

Return a list L of the current menu M composed by terms with the form (F=V), F the flag, and V the value. This list can be used as argument of `restore_menu_flags/2`

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - M is any term.
  - L is a free variable.

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  - L is a list.

**restore_menu_flags/2:**

*Usage:* `restore_menu_flags(M,F)`

Restore the flag of the menu M. F is a list of terms F=V, which indicate the flag (F) and the value (V). M is the target menu to which those flags "belong". Additionally, F can contains terms like `changed_to_menu(NM)` that will put NM as the new target menu.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - M is currently instantiated to an atom.
  - F is a list.

**generate_js_menu/1:**

Internal Info. Short description and general ideas about how the JS menu is generated.

The current model for the JS menu is an array of `menuq` (object in JS).

```javascript
var assert_rtcheck = menus.length ;
var v_assert_rtcheck ;
menus[ menus.length ] = new menuq( "assert_rtcheck",
     "Perform Run-Time Checks",
     "none,pred,pp_assrt,pp_code",
     "none",
     "((v_menu_level == "expert") &&
     (v_inter_all == "check_assertions"))" ) ;
```

A variable with the same name as the flag name is created with the value of the index of the menu in the array. Another variable with 'v_' (v = value) indicates the value (of the flag) chosen by the user in the combo-boxes that appear on the webpage (note you should not read this if you have not seen the webpage working). The object `menuq` holds several things: the flag name (to find out the index in some JS functions), the title, the options (notice there is no space in the options, this is important!), default option and the guard.
All the problem here is to generate the (JS) guard, because the rest of information is the same as in menu_opt/6. What code does is to execute the guard in prolog, and obtain a list of the form [flag=value,flag2=value2...]. Additionally an element of the list can be another list, which indicates that the join operator (&& or ||) is swapped. For example: [a=1,b=2,c=3,d=4] will be translated in JS like ((a==1)&&(b==2)||(c==3))&&(d==4)).

Prolog Guards (the ones in menu_opt) have been rewritten in order to do not generate free variables, i.e., they are finite guards now. So calling them with a variable in its first argument, we get the list like the named in the previous paragraph.

% Unfortunately, the current CiaoPP menu does not have all information % itself to concatenate several menus, i.e., when asking which kind of % action the user desire, depending on the answer one path or another % one is taken. Who decide which path? % 'auto_interface' does. We do have % to take this into account, because generating the assertions of a % "subpath" will produce the activation of it without permision of the % father (the menu which launch it).

Also, we have to keep in mind that menu has several submenus (or branches) defined and ones connect with others. For example, the menu

all, 'Select Menu Level' # menu_level - naive.
all, 'Select Action Group' # inter_all - analyze :: all_menu_branch.

check(1), 'Perform Compile-Time Checks' # assert_ctcheck - on.

... 

ana , 'Select Aliasing-Mode Analysis' # modes - shfr <- true.

defines 3 menus: all, check(1), and ana. It usually happens that one menu invoques (connect or continue) with another menu (then it is a submenu or a branch). When generating the guards we have to add additional restrictions to the guards in order to make submenus do not appear in the incorrect moment. For example, check(1) menu will be only active if menu_level = expert and inter_all=check_assertions (more on this come later). How are several menus connected between each other? The process of connecting the menus is post-processing the selected flags (options) via post hook (the one defined after :: field). The post-processing hook only have to add the element ask_ menu(Branch,Level) or ask_menu(Branch) to the selected flag list (the argument of the hook). So let us say that when calling all_menu_branch( X , Y ) we get:

?- all_menu_branch(A,B).

A = [inter_all=optimize,menu_level=naive|_A],
B = [ask_menu(opt,0),inter_all=optimize,menu_level=naive|_A] ? ;

A = [inter_all=optimize,menu_level=expert|_A],
B = [ask_menu(opt,1),inter_all=optimize,menu_level=expert|_A] ? ;

A = [inter_all=analyze,menu_level=naive|_A],
B = [ask_menu(ana,0),inter_all=analyze,menu_level=naive|_A] ? ;

A = [inter_all=analyze,menu_level=expert|_A],
B = [ask_menu(ana,1),inter_all=analyze,menu_level=expert|_A] ? ;

A = [inter_all=check_assertions,menu_level=naive|_A],
B = [ask_menu(check,0),inter_all=check_assertions,menu_level=naive|_A] ? ;
A = \[inter\_all=check\_assertions,menu\_level=expert|_A],
B = \[ask\_menu(check,1),inter\_all=check\_assertions,menu\_level=expert|_A] ? ;

A = \[inter\_all=check\_certificate,menu\_level=_B|_A],
B = \[inter\_all=check\_certificate,menu\_level=_B|_A] ? ;

A = \[inter\_all=optimize,_A,menu\_level=naive|_B],
B = \[ask\_menu(opt,0),inter\_all=optimize,_A,menu\_level=naive|_B] ? ;

Notice that the last option contains free variables in the list (not taking the tail into account). That is the indicator for us to stop searching for more solutions. Additionally, we can have more complex things like:

?- opt\_menu\_branch(A,B).

A = \[menu\_level=naive,inter\_optimize=_A|_B],
B = \[ask\_menu(_A,0),menu\_level=naive,inter\_optimize=_A|_B] ? ;

A = \[menu\_level=expert,inter\_optimize=_A|_B],
B = \[ask\_menu(_A,1),menu\_level=expert,inter\_optimize=_A|_B] ? ;

A = \[menu\_level=naive,_B,inter\_optimize=_A|_C],
B = \[ask\_menu(_A,0),menu\_level=naive,_B,inter\_optimize=_A|_C] ?

In this situation, the menu that will be asked will depend on the value of the flag inter_optimize, so we will just to generate as many ask_menu as possible values the flag has. The predicate generate_menu_path/2 solves all this problem: for a given flag, it looks up to find out the guard composed by flags that will activate the flag. This predicate also consider the problem of menu aliasing, i.e., the option optimize in inter_ana menu launch opt menu, so % optimize is an alias for opt or vice-versa. For example, for the given flag ass_not_stat_eval, the path is: \[v\_menu\_level=expert, v\_inter\_all=check\_assertions\], that means that menu_level flag has to have the value "expert" and the inter_all flag has to have the value "check.assertions" (note that menu_level and inter_all defines two menu branches). If we would execute only the precondition we would get: \[v\_assert\_ctcheck=on\].

There are % two one limitations imposed to the JS menu. % The menu level indicated by menu_level flag, is hiwireed. The % other limitation is more serious. All flags values in the JS menu are mapped into one set of flags. In other words, changing a value of a shared flag by two menu branch will be reflected on the other branch. For example, changing type analysis in analyze menu branch, will modify the value of the same flag in check assertions branch.

The last point to name is about generated JS guards. This world is not fair, and sometimes happens things you just do not expect. Here is one of those things. When calling the Prolog guards with the list of current selected values, the cases that can occur are much less than when seeing all the possible combinations. Something like (a=true| a=1)&&(b=2), in Prolog guard execution (with instantiated things) will mean: the selected options are not nil, and a=1 and b=2, or in other words: (a==1)&(b==2). But in JS, unfortunately means: b=2. Nowadays, this problem is solved by clean_imperative_guard/2 which tries to remove all stupid true conditions, but I am sure Murphy is listening to me now and he started to create an user to make the call clean_imperative_guard/2 generates wrong answer.

Usage: generate_js_menu(DoNotIncludeList)
Reads all multifile menu_opt/6 predicates and writes in default output a JavaScript Menu.
– The following properties should hold at call time:
   DoNotIncludeList is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

\textbf{eq/3:} \hspace{10cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

\textbf{Usage: eq(Type, A, B)}

Type is the value returned by the 2nd arg of \texttt{uni_type}. A and B are whatever terms. This predicate success if they are equal (like \(A=B\)).

\textbf{neq/3:} \hspace{10cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

\textbf{Usage: neq(Type, A, B)}

Type is the value returned by the 2nd arg of \texttt{uni_type}. A and B are whatever terms. The semantic is similar to \(A == B\).

\textbf{uni_type/2:} \hspace{10cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

\textbf{Usage: uni_type(Var, Type)}

Var should be the argument passed to the menu guard. Type is an abstract type that decides how unifications should be done in eq/3 and neq/3.

\textbf{vmember/2:} \hspace{10cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

\textbf{Usage: vmember(Var, List)}

It is member equivalent predicate to be used in guards.

\textbf{menu_flag_values/1:} \hspace{10cm} \textbf{REGTYPE}

\textbf{Usage: menu_flag_values(X)}

Flag values

\section*{137.3 Documentation on multifiles (menu_generator)}

\textbf{$\$is_persistent/2$:} \hspace{10cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is \texttt{multifile}.

The predicate is of type \texttt{data}.

\textbf{persistent_dir/2:} \hspace{10cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is \texttt{multifile}.

The predicate is of type \texttt{data}.

\textbf{persistent_dir/4:} \hspace{10cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is \texttt{multifile}.

The predicate is of type \texttt{data}. 
**menu_default/3:**

(Trust) Usage 1: menu_default(Menu,Flag,DefaultValue)

*Menu* is a term that has to correspond with the 1st argument of *Menu*. *Flag* is the desired flag to have a default value. *DefaultValue* is the default value of *Flag*.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - *Menu* is any term. (basic_props:term/l)
  - *Flag* is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  - *DefaultValue* is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)

(Trust) Usage 2: menu_default(Menu,Flag,DefaultValue)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - *Menu* is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  - *Flag* is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  - *DefaultValue* is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)

(Trust) Usage 3: menu_default(Menu,Flag,DefaultValue)

This call mode can be used to ask which flags and its values has a menu *menu*

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - *Menu* is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  - *Flag* is a free variable. (term_typing:var/l)
  - *DefaultValue* is a free variable. (term_typing:var/l)

(Trust) Usage 4: menu_default(Menu,Flag,DefaultValue)

This call mode can be used to ask which value have the flag *Flag* in the menu *menu*

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - *Menu* is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  - *Flag* is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  - *DefaultValue* is a free variable. (term_typing:var/l)

The predicate is *multifile*.

**menu_opt/6:**

Usage 1: menu_opt(Menu,Flag,Text,Guard,BeforePrinting,SelectedHook)

*Menu* is a term that specifies the menu name. It can be an atom or just a predicate of arity 1, where the 1st argument indicates the menu level (i.e., ana(1) is the level 1 of 'ana' menu). *Flag* is the flag that will be asked.

*Text* is the test that will be printed when asking the *Flag*.

*Guard* is a predicate of arity 1 that is invoked to see if the flag should be asked. The argument is the selected menu options till moment in the way: [flag1=value1, flag2=value2, ...].

*BeforePrinting* is a predicate of arity 0, that is invoked whenever the menu option has been selected the validator menu options chooser.

*SelectedHook* is a predicate of arity 2, that is invoked whenever the flag has been selected by the user. The 1st argument are the current selected values, including the current flag, and in the 2nd argument the possible modified list is expected.

In summary, if *Guard* holds, then *BeforePrinting* is executed (no action is taken whether it fails or not), and after the user has types the option *SelectedHook* is invoked.
— The following properties should hold at call time:

**Menu**
is any term.  
(\text{basic\_props:term/1})

**Flag**
is an atom.  
(\text{basic\_props:atm/1})

**Text**
is an atom.  
(\text{basic\_props:atm/1})

**Guard**
is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
(\text{basic\_props:callable/1})

**BeforePrinting**
is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
(\text{basic\_props:callable/1})

**SelectedHook**
is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  
(\text{basic\_props:callable/1})

(\text{Trust}) Usage 2: menu_opt(Menu,Flag,Text,Guard,BeforePrinting,SelectedHook)

— The following properties should hold at call time:

**Menu**
is any term.  
(\text{basic\_props:term/1})

**Flag**
is any term.  
(\text{basic\_props:term/1})

**Text**
is any term.  
(\text{basic\_props:term/1})

**Guard**
is any term.  
(\text{basic\_props:term/1})

**BeforePrinting**
is any term.  
(\text{basic\_props:term/1})

**SelectedHook**
is any term.  
(\text{basic\_props:term/1})

The predicate is \text{multifile}.

**hook_menu_flag_values/3:**  
\text{PREDICATE}

\text{Usage: hook_menu_flag_values(Menu,Flag,Values)}

It is a hook. It is invoked whenever a menu question is printed. **Values** is a term which specifies the possible values. If **Values** is \text{alist(List)} \text{-atom list-}, then menu will check if the typed value by user belongs to List. If **Values** is a term \text{ask(T,Flag)}, the menu will invoke \text{hook_menu_check_flag_value/3} hook to check if introduced value is valid.

— The following properties should hold at call time:

**Menu**
is currently instantiated to an atom.  
(\text{term\_typing:atom/1})

**Flag**
is currently instantiated to an atom.  
(\text{term\_typing:atom/1})

**Values**
is a free variable.  
(\text{term\_typing:var/1})

— The following properties should hold upon exit:

**Flag values**  
(menu\_generator:menu\_flag\_values/1)

The predicate is \text{multifile}.

**hook_menu_check_flag_value/3:**  
\text{PREDICATE}

\text{Usage: hook_menu_check_flag_value(M,F,V)}

It is a hook. It is invoked whenever the menu needs to check whether the answer introduced for the menu \text{M} is correct. This happens when \text{hook_menu_flag_values/3} returns in its second argument something different than \text{alist(_)}.

The predicate is \text{multifile}.
hook_menu_flag_help/3:  
Usage: hook_menu_flag_help(M,F,H)  
It is a hook. It is invoked whenever the user ask for a help description, H, of the flag F in the menu M.  
The predicate is multifile.

hook_menu_default_option/3:  
Usage: hook_menu_default_option(M,F,D)  
It is a hook. It is invoked whenever the menu needs to offer a default option to the user in the menu M and it has not been neither introduced before nor specified by menu_default/3.  
The predicate is multifile.

137.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (menu_generator)  
- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
138 Interface to daVinci

Author(s): Francisco Bueno.

This library allows connecting a Ciao Prolog application with daVinci V2.X.

The communication is based on a two-way channel: after daVinci is started, messages are sent in to it and read in from it on demand by different Prolog predicates. Messages are sent via writing the term as text; messages are received by reading text and returning an atom. Commands sent and answers received are treated as terms from the Prolog side, since for daVinci they are text but have term syntax; the only difficulty lies in strings, for which special Prolog syntax is provided.

See accompanying file library(davinci(commands)) for examples on the use of this library.

daVinci is developed by U. of Bremen, Germany.

138.1 Usage and interface (davinci)

- Library usage:
  
  :- use_module(library(davinci)).

- Exports:
  
  - Predicates:
    
    davinci/0, topd/0, davinci_get/1, davinci_get_all/1, davinci_put/1, davinci_quit/0, davinci_ugraph/1, davinci_lgraph/1, ugraph2term/2, formatting/2.

- Imports:
  
  - System library modules:
    
    aggregates, prompt, format, read, graphs/ugraphs, write, system.

  - Packages:
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

138.2 Documentation on exports (davinci)

davinci/0:

Start up a daVinci process.

topd/0:

A toplevel to send to daVinci commands from standard input.

davinci_get/1:

Usage: davinci_get(Term)

Get a message from daVinci. Term is a term corresponding to daVinci’s message.
davinci_get_all/1:
Usage: davinci_get_all(List)
Get all pending messages. List is a list of terms as in davinci_get/1.
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

davinci_put/1:
Usage: davinci_put(Term)
Send a command to daVinci.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  davinci:davinci_command(Term) (davinci:davinci.command/1)

davinci_quit/0:
Exit daVinci process. All pending answers are lost!

davinci_ugraph/1:
Usage: davinci_ugraph(Graph)
Send a graph to daVinci.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  davinci:ugraph(Graph) (davinci:ugraph/1)

davinci_lgraph/1:
Usage: davinci_lgraph(Graph)
Send a labeled graph to daVinci.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  davinci:lgraph(Graph) (davinci:lgraph/1)

ugraph2term/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

formatting/2:
No further documentation available for this predicate.
138.3 Documentation on internals (davinci)

davinci_command/1: PROPERTY

Syntactically, a command is a term. Semantically, it has to correspond to a command understood by daVinci. Two terms are interpreted in a special way: string/1 and text/1: string(Term) is given to daVinci as "Term"; text(List) is given as "Term1 Term2 ...Term " for each Term in List. If your term has functors string/1 and text/1 that you don’t want to be interpreted this way, use it twice, i.e., string(string(Term)) is given to daVinci as string(Term') where Term' is the interpretation of Term.

ugraph/1: PROPERTY

ugraph(Graph)

Graph is a term which denotes an ugraph as in library(ugraphs). Vertices of the form node/2 are interpreted in a special way: node(Term,List) is interpreted as a vertex Term with attributes List. List is a list of terms conforming the syntax of davinci_put/l and corresponding to daVinci’s graph nodes attributes. If your vertex has functor node/2 and you don’t want it to be interpreted this way, use it twice, i.e., node(node(T1,T2),[]) is given to daVinci as vertex node(T1,T2). A vertex is used both as label and name of daVinci’s graph node. daVinci’s graph edges have label V1-V2 where V1 is the source and V2 the sink of the edge. There is no support for multiple edges between the same two vertices.

lgraph/1: PROPERTY

lgraph(Graph)

Graph is a term which denotes a wgraph as in library(wgraphs), except that the weights are labels, i.e., they do not need to be integers. Vertices of the form node/2 are interpreted in a special way. Edge labels are converted into special intermediate vertices. Duplicated labels are solved by adding dummy atoms ’’. There is no support for multiple edges between the same two vertices.
139 The Tcl/Tk interface

Author(s): Montse Iglesias Urraca, The CLIP Group.

The Tcl/Tk library package is a bidirectional interface to the Tcl language and the Tk toolkit. Tcl is an interpreted scripting language with many extension packages, particularly the graphical interface toolkit, Tk. The interaction between both languages is expressed in terms of an interface between the Tcl/Tk process and the Prolog process. This approach allows the development of mixed applications where both sides, Tcl/Tk and Prolog, can be combined in order to exploit their respective capabilities.

This library uses two sockets to connect both the Tcl and the Prolog processes: event_socket and term_socket. There are also two Tcl global variables: prolog_variables and terms. The value of any of the bound variables in a goal will be stored in the array prolog_variables with the variable name as index. Terms is the string which contains the printed representation of prolog terms.

Prolog to Tcl

The Tcl/Tk side waits for requests from the Prolog side, and executes the Tcl/Tk code received. Also, the Tcl/Tk side handles the events and exceptions which may be raised on its side, passing on control to the Prolog side in case it is necessary.

To use Tcl, you must create a Tcl interpreter object and send commands to it. A Tcl command is specified as follows:

\[
\text{Command} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Atom} \{ \text{other than } [] \} \\
\mid \text{Number} \\
\mid \text{chars(PrologString)} \\
\mid \text{write(Term)} \\
\mid \text{format(Fmt,Args)} \\
\mid \text{dq(Command)} \\
\mid \text{br(Command)} \\
\mid \text{sqb(Command)} \\
\mid \text{min(Command)} \\
\mid \text{ListOfCommands}
\]

\[
\text{ListOfCommands} \quad \rightarrow \quad [] \\
\mid \text{[Command|ListOfCommands]}
\]

where:

- Atom denotes the printed representation of the atom.
- Number denotes their printed representations.
- chars(PrologString) denotes the string represented by PrologString (a list of character codes).
- write(Term) denotes the string that is printed by the corresponding built-in predicate.
- format(Term) denotes the string that is printed by the corresponding built-in predicate.
- dq(Command) denotes the string specified by Command, enclosed in double quotes.
- br(Command) denotes the string specified by Command, enclosed in braces.
- sqb(Command) denotes the string specified by Command, enclosed in square brackets.
min(Command)
denotes the string specified by Command, immediately preceded by a hyphen.

ListOfCommands
denotes the strings denoted by each element, separated by spaces.

The predicates to use Tel from Prolog are tcl_new/1, tcl_delete/1, tcl_eval/3, and tcl_event/3.

An example of use with Prolog as master and Tel as slave, consisting of a GUI to a program which calculates the factorial of a number:

```prolog
:- use_module(library(tcltk)).

go :-
  tcl_new(X),
  tcl_eval(X,[button,'.b',min(text),dq('Compute!')],_),
  tcl_eval(X,[button,'.c','-text',dq('Quit')],_),
  tcl_eval(X,[entry,'.el',min(textvariable),'inputval'],_),
  tcl_eval(X,[label,'.11',min(text),dq('The factorial of ')],_),
  tcl_eval(X,[pack, '.11','.el'],_),
  tcl_eval(X,[entry,'.e2',min(textvariable),'outputval'],_),
  tcl_eval(X,[label,'.12',min(text),dq('is ')],_),
  tcl_eval(X,[pack, '.12', '.e2'],_),
  tcl_eval(X,[bind,'.b','<ButtonPress-l>',
    br([set,'inputval','$inputval','$inputval','
    prolog_one_event,
    dq(write(execute(tk_test_aux:factorial('$inputval', 'Outputval')))),

    set, 'outputval','$prolog_variables(Outputval)'])),
  _,
  tcl_eval(X,[bind,'.c','<ButtonPress-l>',
    br([prolog_one_event,
    dq(write(execute(exit_tk_event_loop)))]),
  _,
  tk_event_loop(X).
```

Tel to Prolog

This is the usual way to build a GUI application. The slave, Prolog, behaves as a server that fulfills eventual requests from the master side, Tel. At some point, during the user interaction with the GUI, an action may take place that triggers the execution of some procedure on the slave side (a form submit, for example). Thus, the slave is invoked, performs a service, and returns the result to the GUI through the socket connection.

This library includes two main specific Tel commands:

prolog Goal

Goal is a string containing the printed representation of a Prolog goal. The goal will be called in the user module unless it is prefixed with another module name. The call is always deterministic and its can be either of the following:

I, in case of success

The value of any of the variables in the goal that is bound to a term will be returned to Tel in the array prolog_variables with the variable name as index.
0, if the execution fails
The Prolog exception Tcl exception is raised. The error message will
be "Prolog Exception: " appended with a string representation of such
exception.

prolog_event Term
Adds the new term to the terms queue. These can be later retrieved through
predicates tcl_event/3 and tk_next_event/2.

Additionally, seven extra Tcl commands are defined.

prolog_delete_event
Deletes the first term of the terms queue.

prolog_list_events
Sends all the terms of the terms queue through the event_socket. The last element
is end_of_event_list.

prolog_cmd Command
Receives as an argument the Tcl/Tk code, evaluates it and returns through the
term_socket the term tclError in case of error or the term tclResult with the result
of the command executed. If the command is prolog, upon return, the goal run on
the prolog side is received. In order to get the value of the variables, predicates are
compared using the unify_term command. Returns 0 when the script runs without
errors, and 1 if there is an error.

prolog_one_event Term
Receives as an argument the term associated to one of the Tk events. Sends the term
through the event_socket and waits for its unification. Then unify_term command
is called to update the prolog_variables array.

prolog_thread_event Term
Receives as an argument the term associated to one of the Tk events. Sends the term
through the event_socket and waits for its unification. Then unify_term command
is called to update the prolog_variables array. In this case the term_socket is non
blocking.

convert_variables String
Its argument is a string containing symbols that can not be sent through the sockets.
This procedure deletes them from the input string and returns the new string.

unify_term Term1 Term2
Unifies Term1 and Term2 and updates the the prolog_variables array.

The predicates to use Prolog from Tcl are tk_event_loop/1, tk_main_loop/1, tk_new/2,
and tk_next_event/2.

An example of use with Tcl as master and Prolog as slave, implementing the well known "Hello,
world!" dummy program (more can be seen in directory examples):
Prolog side:
    :- use_module(library(tcltk)).
    :- use_package(classic).

    hello('Hello, world!').

go :-
    tk_new([name('Simple')], Tcl),
    tcl_eval(Tcl, 'source simple.tcl', _),
    tk_main_loop(Tcl),
tcl_delete(Tcl).

Tel side (simple.tcl):

```
label .l -textvariable tvar
button .b -text "Go!" -command {run}
pack .l .b -side top

proc run {} {

    global prolog_variables
    global tvar

    prolog hello(X)
    set tvar $prolog_variables(X)
}
```

139.1 Usage and interface (tcltk)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(tcltk)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    tcl_new/l, tcl_eval/3, tcl_delete/1, tcl_event/3, tk_event_loop/1, tk_main_loop/1, tk_new/2, tk_next_event/2.
  - Regular Types:
    tclInterpreter/l, tclCommand/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    tcltk/tcltk_low_level, write.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, regtypes.

139.2 Documentation on exports (tcltk)

tcl_new/1: PREDICATE

Usage: tcl_new(TclInterpreter)

Creates a new interpreter, initializes it, and returns a handle to it in TclInterpreter.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  TclInterpreter is a reference to a Tcl interpreter. (tcltk:tclInterpreter/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  TclInterpreter is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
**tcl eval/3:**

Usage: `tcl_eval(TclInterpreter, Command, Result)`

Evaluates the commands given in `Command` in the Tcl interpreter `TclInterpreter`. The result will be stored as a string in `Result`. If there is an error in `Command` an exception is raised. The error messages will be *Tcl Exception* if the error is in the syntax of the Tcl/Tk code or *Prolog Exception* if the error is in the prolog term.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - `TclInterpreter` is a reference to a Tcl interpreter. (tcltk:tclInterpreter/1)
  - `Command` is a Tcl command. (tcltk:tclCommand/1)
  - `Result` is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `TclInterpreter` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Command` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Result` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: `tcl_eval(?,?,addmodule(?)).`

**tcl delete/1:**

Usage: `tcl_delete(TclInterpreter)`

Given a handle to a Tcl interpreter in variable `TclInterpreter`, it deletes the interpreter from the system.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - `TclInterpreter` is a reference to a Tcl interpreter. (tcltk:tclInterpreter/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `TclInterpreter` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

**tcl event/3:**

Usage: `tcl_event(TclInterpreter, Command, Events)`

Evaluates the commands given in `Command` in the Tcl interpreter whose handle is provided in `TclInterpreter`. `Events` is a list of terms stored from Tcl by *prolog event*. Blocks until there is something on the event queue.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - `TclInterpreter` is a reference to a Tcl interpreter. (tcltk:tclInterpreter/1)
  - `Command` is a Tcl command. (tcltk:tclCommand/1)
  - `Events` is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `TclInterpreter` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Command` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Events` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
tclInterpreter/1:  
Usage: tclInterpreter(I)  
I is a reference to a Tcl interpreter.

REGTYPE

tclCommand/1:  
Usage: tclCommand(C)  
C is a Tcl command.

REGTYPE

tk_event_loop/1:  
Usage: tk_event_loop(TclInterpreter)  
Waits for an event and executes the goal associated to it. Events are stored from Tcl with the prolog command. The unified term is sent to the Tcl interpreter in order to obtain the value of the tcl array of prolog_variables. If the term received does not have the form execute(Goal), the predicate silently exits. If the execution of Goal raises a Prolog error, the interpreter is deleted and an error message is given.

– Call and exit should be compatible with:
  TclInterpreter is a reference to a Tcl interpreter. (tcltk:tclInterpreter/1)

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  TclInterpreter is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

PREDICATE

tk_main_loop/1:  
Usage: tk_main_loop(TclInterpreter)  
Passes control to Tk until all windows are gone.

– Call and exit should be compatible with:
  TclInterpreter is a reference to a Tcl interpreter. (tcltk:tclInterpreter/1)

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  TclInterpreter is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

PREDICATE

tk_new/2:  
Usage: tk_new(Options,TclInterpreter)  
Performs basic Tcl and Tk initialization and creates the main window of a Tk application. Options is a list of optional elements according to:

name(+ApplicationName)  
Sets the Tk main window title to ApplicationName. It is also used for communicating between Tcl/Tk applications via the Tcl send command. Default name is an empty string.

display(+Display)  
Gives the name of the screen on which to create the main window. Default is normally determined by the DISPLAY environment variable.

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file

Opens the script file. Commands will not be read from standard input and the execution returns back to Prolog only after all windows (and the interpreter) have been deleted.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Options is a list.
  - TclInterpreter is a reference to a Tcl interpreter.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Options is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - TclInterpreter is a free variable.

\[\text{tk_next_event/2:} \quad \text{PREDICATE}\]

Usage: \text{tk_next_event(TclInterpreter,Event)}

Processes events until there is at least one Prolog event associated with TclInterpreter. Event is the term corresponding to the head of a queue of events stored from Tcl with the prolog_event command.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - TclInterpreter is a reference to a Tcl interpreter.
  - Event is a string (a list of character codes).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - TclInterpreter is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Event is a free variable.
Chapter 140: Low level interface library to Tcl/Tk

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The tcltk_low_level library defines the low level interface used by the tcltk library. Essentially it includes all the code related directly to the handling of sockets and processes. This library should normally not be used directly by user programs, which use tcltk instead. On the other hand in some cases it may be useful to understand how this library works in order to understand possible problems in programs that use the tcltk library.

### 140.1 Usage and interface (tcltk_low_level)

- **Library usage:**
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(tcltk_low_level)).
  ``

- **Exports:**
  - Predicates:
    - `new_interp/1`, `new_interp/2`, `new_interp_file/2`, `tcltk/2`, `tcltk_raw_code/2`, `receive_result/2`, `send_term/2`, `receive_event/2`, `receive_list/2`, `receive_confirm/2`, `delete/1`.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    - terms, sockets/sockets, system, write, read, strings, format.
  - **Packages:**
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, regtypes.

### 140.2 Documentation on exports (tcltk_low_level)

**new_interp/1:**

- **Usage:** `new_interp(TclInterpreter)`
- Creates two sockets to connect to the `wish` process, the term socket and the event socket, and opens a pipe to process `wish` in a new shell.
  - *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
    - `TclInterpreter` is a reference to a *Tcl* interpreter. (tcltk_low_level:tclInterpreter/l)
  - *The following properties should hold at call time:*
    - `TclInterpreter` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/l)

**new_interp/2:**

- **Usage:** `new_interp(TclInterpreter, Options)`
- Creates two sockets, the term socket and the event socket, and opens a pipe to process `wish` in a new shell invoked with the `Options`.
  - *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
    - `TclInterpreter` is a reference to a *Tcl* interpreter. (tcltk_low_level:tclInterpreter/l)
    - `Options` is currently instantiated to an atom. (term_typing:atom/l)
The following properties should hold at call time:

- **TclInterpreter** is a free variable.  

- **Options** is currently a term which is not a free variable.

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**new_interp_file/2:**

*Usage:* `new_interp_file(FileName,TclInterpreter)`

*PREDICATE*

Creates two sockets, the term socket and the event socket, and opens a pipe to process `wish` in a new shell invoked with a `FileName`. `FileName` is treated as a name of a script file.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - **FileName** is a string (a list of character codes).  
  - **TclInterpreter** is a reference to a *Tcl* interpreter.  
  
- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - **FileName** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  - **TclInterpreter** is a free variable.  

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**tcltk/2:**

*Usage:* `tcltk(Code,TclInterpreter)`

*PREDICATE*

Sends the `Code` converted to string to the `TclInterpreter`.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - **Code** is a *Tcl* command.  
  - **TclInterpreter** is a reference to a *Tcl* interpreter.  
  
- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - **Code** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  - **TclInterpreter** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  

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**tcltk_raw_code/2:**

*Usage:* `tcltk_raw_code(String,TclInterpreter)`

*PREDICATE*

Sends the tcltk code items of the *Stream* to the `TclInterpreter`.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - **String** is a string (a list of character codes).  
  - **TclInterpreter** is a reference to a *Tcl* interpreter.  
  
- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - **String** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  - **TclInterpreter** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  

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**receive_result/2:**

*Usage:* `receive_result(Result,TclInterpreter)`

*PREDICATE*

Receives the `Result` of the last *TclCommand* into the `TclInterpreter`. If the *TclCommand* is not correct the wish process is terminated and a message appears showing the error.
— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  Result is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

  TclInterpreter is a reference to a *Tcl* interpreter. (tcltk_low_level:tclInterpreter/1)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  Result is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

  TclInterpreter is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

**send_term/2:**

Usage: send_term(String,TclInterpreter)

Sends the goal executed to the TclInterpreter. String has the predicate with unified variables

— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

  TclInterpreter is a reference to a *Tcl* interpreter. (tcltk_low_level:tclInterpreter/1)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  String is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

  TclInterpreter is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

**receive_event/2:**

Usage: receive_event(Event,TclInterpreter)

Receives the Event from the event socket of the TclInterpreter.

— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  Event is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

  TclInterpreter is a reference to a *Tcl* interpreter. (tcltk_low_level:tclInterpreter/1)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  Event is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

  TclInterpreter is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

**receive_list/2:**

Usage: receive_list(List,TclInterpreter)

Receives the List from the event socket of the TclInterpreter. The List has all the predicates that have been inserted from Tcl/Tk with the command prolog_event. It is a list of terms.

— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

  TclInterpreter is a reference to a *Tcl* interpreter. (tcltk_low_level:tclInterpreter/1)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  List is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

  TclInterpreter is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
receive_confirm/2:  PREDICATE
Usage: receive_confirm(String,TclInterpreter)
Receives the String from the event socket of the TclInterpreter when a term inserted into the event queue is managed.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
  TclInterpreter is a reference to a Tcl interpreter. (tcltk_low_level:tclInterpreter/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  String is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  TclInterpreter is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

delete/1:  PREDICATE
Usage: delete(TclInterpreter)
Terminates the wish process and closes the pipe, term socket and event socket. Deletes the interpreter TclInterpreter from the system.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  TclInterpreter is a reference to a Tcl interpreter. (tcltk_low_level:tclInterpreter/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  TclInterpreter is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

140.3 Documentation on internals (tcltk_low_level)

core/1:  PREDICATE
Usage: core(String)
core/1 is a set of facts which contain Strings to be sent to the Tcl/Tk interpreter on startup. They implement miscellaneous Tcl/Tk procedures which are used by the Tcl/Tk interface.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  String is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
141 The PiLLoW Web programming library

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This package implements the PiLLoW library [CHV96a]. The following three chapters document, respectively, the predicates for HTML/XML/CGI programming, the predicate for HTTP connectivity, and the types used in the definition of the predicates (key for fully understanding the other predicates). You can find a paper and some additional information in the library/pillow/doc directory of the distribution, and in the WWW at http://clip.dia.fi.upm.es/Software/pillow/pillow.html. There is also a PiLLoW on-line tutorial (slides) at http://clip.dia.fi.upm.es/logalg/slides/C_pillow/C_pillow.html which illustrates the basic features and provides a number of examples of PiLLoW use.

141.1 Installing PiLLoW

To correctly install PiLLoW, first, make sure you downloaded the right version of PiLLoW (there are different versions for different LP/CLP systems; the version that comes with Ciao is of course the right one for Ciao). Then, please follow these steps:

1. Copy the files in the images directory to a WWW accessible directory in your server.
2. Edit the file icon_address.pl and change the fact to point to the URL to be used to access the images above.
3. In the Ciao system the files are in the correct place, in other systems copy the files pillow.pl and icon_address.pl to a suitable directory so that your Prolog system will find them.

141.2 Usage and interface (pillow_doc)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_package(pillow).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[pillow]).
  ```

- New operators defined:
  
  ```prolog
  $/2 [150,xfx], $/1 [150,fx].
  ```

- Imports:
  
  - System library modules:
    
    pillow/http, pillow/html.
  - Packages:
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
142 HTML/XML/CGI programming

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This module implements the predicates of the PiLLoW package related to HTML/ XML generation and parsing, CGI and form handlers programming, and in general all the predicates which do not imply the use of the HTTP protocol.

### 142.1 Usage and interface (html)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(html)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  
  - **Predicates:**
    
    - `output_html/1`, `html2terms/2`, `xml2terms/2`, `html_template/3`, `html_report_error/1`, `get_form_input/1`, `get_form_value/3`, `form_empty_value/1`, `form_default/3`, `set_cookie/2`, `get_cookies/1`, `url_query/2`, `url_query_amp/2`, `url_query_values/2`, `my_url/1`, `url_info/2`, `url_info_relative/3`, `form_request_method/1`, `icon_address/2`, `html_protect/1`, `http_lines/3`.
  
  - **Multifiles:**
    
    - `define_flag/3`, `html_expansion/2`.

- **Imports:**
  
  - **System library modules:**
    
    - `strings`, `lists`, `system`, `read`, `pillow/pillow_aux`, `pillow/pillow_types`.
  
  - **Packages:**
    
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `isomodes`, `dcg`, `define_flag`.

### 142.2 Documentation on exports (html)

**output_html/1:**

```prolog
output_html(HTMLTerm)
```

Outputs `HTMLTerm`, interpreted as an `html_term/1`, to current output stream.

*(True) Usage:*

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  `HTMLTerm` is a term representing HTML code. *(pillow_types:html_term/1)*

**html2terms/2:**

```prolog
html2terms(String,Terms)
```

`String` is a character list containing HTML code and `Terms` is its prolog structured representation.

*(True) Usage 1:*

Translates an HTML-term into the HTML code it represents.
The following properties should hold at call time:

- **String** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- **Terms** is a term representing HTML code. (pillow_types:html_term/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:

- **String** is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

(True) Usage 2:
Translates HTML code into a structured HTML-term.

- **Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:**
  - **Terms** is a term representing HTML code in canonical form. (pillow_types:canonic_html_term/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **String** is a string (a list of character codes).

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - **Terms** is a term representing HTML code in canonical form. (pillow_types:canonic_html_term/1)

xml2terms/2:  
PREDICATE

xml2terms(String,Terms)

**String** is a character list containing XML code and **Terms** is its prolog structured representation.

(True) Usage 1:
Translates a XML-term into the XML code it represents.

- **Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:**
  - **Terms** is a term representing HTML code in canonical form.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **String** is a free variable.
  - **Terms** is a term representing HTML code.

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - **String** is a string (a list of character codes).

(True) Usage 2:
Translates XML code into a structured XML-term.

- **Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:**
  - **Terms** is a term representing XML code in canonical form.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **String** is a string (a list of character codes).

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - **Terms** is a term representing XML code in canonical form.

html_template/3:  
PREDICATE

html_template(Chars,Terms,Diet)

Interprets **Chars** as an HTML template returning in **Terms** the corresponding structured HTML-term, which includes variables, and unifying **Diet** with a dictionary of those variables (an incomplete list of name=Var pairs). An HTML template is standard HTML
code, but in which “slots” can be defined and given an identifier. These slots represent parts of the HTML code in which other HTML code can be inserted, and are represented in the HTML-term as free variables. There are two kinds of variables in templates:

- Variables representing page contents. A variable with name \texttt{name} is defined with the special tag \texttt{\langle V \rangle name \langle /V \rangle}.
- Variables representing tag attributes. They occur as an attribute or an attribute value starting with \_\_, followed by its name, which must be formed by alphabetic characters.

As an example, suppose the following HTML template:

\begin{verbatim}
<html>
<body bgcolor=_bgcolor>
  \texttt{content}</v>
</body>
</html>
\end{verbatim}

The following query in the Ciao toplevel shows how the template is parsed, and the dictionary returned:

\begin{verbatim}
?- file_to_string('template.html',_S), html_template(_S,Terms,Dict).

Dict = [bgcolor=_A, content=_B|_],
Terms = [env(html,[]),
  ",,env(body,[bgcolor=_A],[
    ",_B," 
    "]", 
    "]"],
  ] ?

yes
\end{verbatim}

If a dictionary with values is supplied at call time, then variables are unified accordingly inside the template:

\begin{verbatim}
?- file_to_string('template.html',_S), html_template(_S,Terms,[content=b("hello world!"),bgcolor="white"]).

Terms = [env(html,[]),
  ",,env(body,[bgcolor="white"],[
    ",b("hello world!")," 
    "]"],
  ] ?

yes
\end{verbatim}

(True) Usage:

- Calls should, and \texttt{exit} will be compatible with:
  - \texttt{Terms} is a term representing HTML code in canonical form. \texttt{(pillow_types:canonic_html_term/1)}
  - \texttt{Dict} is a list. \texttt{(basic.props:list/1)}

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - \texttt{Chars} is a string (a list of character codes). \texttt{(basic.props:string/1)}
The following properties hold upon exit:

- **Terms** is a term representing HTML code in canonical form. (pillow_types:canonic_html_term/1)
- **Dict** is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

**html_report_error/1:**

(Predicate)

Usage: html_report_error(Error)

Outputs error Error as a standard HTML page.

**get_form_input/1:**

(Predicate)

```
get_form_input(Dict)
```

Translates input from the form (with either the POST or GET methods, and even with CONTENT_TYPE multipart/form-data) to a dictionary Dict of attribute=value pairs. If the flag raw_form_values is off (which is the default state), it translates empty values (which indicate only the presence of an attribute) to the atom '$empty', values with more than one line (from text areas or files) to a list of lines as strings, the rest to atoms or numbers (using name/2). If the flag on, it gives all values as atoms, without translations.

(True) Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Dict is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Dict is a dictionary of values of the attributes of a form. It is a list of form_assignment (pillow_types:form_dict/1)

**get_form_value/3:**

(Predicate)

```
get_form_value(Dict,Var,Val)
```

Unifies Val with the value for attribute Var in dictionary Dict. Does not fail: value is ‘’ if not found (this simplifies the programming of form handlers when they can be accessed directly).

(True) Usage:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - Val is a value of an attribute of a form. (pillow_types:form_value/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Dict is a dictionary of values of the attributes of a form. It is a list of form_assignment (pillow_types:form_dict/1)
  - Var is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Val is a value of an attribute of a form. (pillow_types:form_value/1)

**form_empty_value/1:**

(Predicate)

```
form_empty_value(Term)
```

Checks that Term, a value coming from a text area is empty (can have spaces, newlines and linefeeds).
form_default/3: PREDICATE

(True) Usage: form_default(Val, Default, NewVal)

Useful when a form is only partially filled, or when the executable can be invoked either by a link or by a form, to set form defaults. If the value of Val is empty then NewVal = Default, else NewVal = Val.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Val is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Default is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - NewVal is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

set_cookie/2: PREDICATE

set_cookie(Name, Value)

Sets a cookie of name Name and value Value. Must be invoked before outputting any data, including the cgi_reply html-term.

(True) Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Name is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - Value is an atomic term (an atom or a number). (basic_props:constant/1)

get_cookies/1: PREDICATE

get_cookies(Cookies)

Unifies Cookies with a dictionary of attribute=value pairs of the active cookies for this URL. If the flag raw_form_values is on, values are always atoms even if they could be interpreted as numbers.

(True) Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Cookies is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Cookies is a dictionary of values. It is a list of pairs atom=constant. (pil-low_types:value_dict/1)

url_query/2: PREDICATE

url_query(Dict, URLArgs)

(Deprecated, see url_query_values/2) Translates a dictionary Dict of parameter values into a string URLArgs for appending to a URL pointing to a form handler.

(True) Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Dict is a dictionary of values. It is a list of pairs atom=constant. (pil-low_types:value_dict/1)
  - URLArgs is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - URLArgs is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
url_query_amp/2: PREDICATE

url_query_amp(Diet, URLArgs)
Translates a dictionary Diet of parameter values into a string URLArgs for appending to a URL pointing to a form handler to be used in the href of a link (uses &amp; instead of &).

(True) Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Diet is a dictionary of values. It is a list of pairs atom=constant. (pil-
    low_types:value_dict/1)
  - URLArgs is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - URLArgs is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

url_query_values/2: PREDICATE

url_query_values(Diet, URLArgs)
Diet is a dictionary of parameter values and URLArgs is the URL-encoded string of those assignments, which may appear after an URL pointing to a CGI script preceded by a '?'. Diet is computed according to the raw_form_values flag. The use of this predicate is reversible.

(True) Usage 1:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Diet is a dictionary of values. It is a list of pairs atom=constant. (pil-
    low_types:value_dict/1)
  - URLArgs is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - URLArgs is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

(True) Usage 2:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Diet is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - URLArgs is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Diet is a dictionary of values. It is a list of pairs atom=constant. (pil-
    low_types:value_dict/1)

my_url/1: PREDICATE

my_url(URL)
Unifies URL with the Uniform Resource Locator (WWW address) of this cgi executable.

(True) Usage:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - URL is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - URL is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
url_info/2:

url_info(URL, URLTerm)

Translates a URL URL to a Prolog structure URLTerm which details its various components, and vice-versa. For now non-HTTP URLs make the predicate fail.

(True) Usage 1:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  
  URLTerm specifies a URL.  
  (pillow_types:url_term/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  URL is an atom.  
  (basic_props:atm/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  
  URLTerm specifies a URL.  
  (pillow_types:url_term/1)

(True) Usage 2:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  
  URLTerm specifies a URL.  
  (pillow_types:url_term/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  URL is a string (a list of character codes).  
  (basic_props:string/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  
  URLTerm specifies a URL.  
  (pillow_types:url_term/1)

(True) Usage 3:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  URL is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)
  
  URLTerm specifies a URL.
  (pillow_types:url_term/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  
  URL is a string (a list of character codes).  
  (basic_props:string/1)

url_info_relative/3:

url_info_relative(URL, BaseURLTerm, URLTerm)

Translates a relative URL URL which appears in the HTML page referred to by BaseURLTerm into URLTerm, a Prolog structure containing its absolute parameters. Absolute URLs are translated as with url_info/2. E.g.

url_info_relative("dadu.html", http('www.foo.com',80,"/bar/scoob.html"), Info)
gives Info = http('www.foo.com',80,"/bar/dadu.html").

(True) Usage 1:
- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  
  URLTerm specifies a URL.  
  (pillow_types:url_term/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  URL is an atom.  
  (basic_props:atm/1)
  
  BaseURLTerm specifies a URL.  
  (pillow_types:url_term/1)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  
  URLTerm specifies a URL.  
  (pillow_types:url_term/1)

(True) Usage 2:
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Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:

- `URLTerm` specifies a URL.

The following properties should hold at call time:

- `URL` is a string (a list of character codes).
- `BaseURLTerm` specifies a URL.

The following properties hold upon exit:

- `URLTerm` specifies a URL.

form_request_method/1:

PREDICATE

(True) Usage: form_request_method(Method)

Unifies `Method` with the method of invocation of the form handler (GET or POST).

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - `Method` is an atom.

icon_address/2:

PREDICATE

icon_address(Img, IAddress)

The PiLLoW image `Img` has URL `IAddress`.

(True) Usage:

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - `Img` is an atom.
  - `IAddress` is an atom.

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - `Img` is an atom.
  - `IAddress` is an atom.

html_protect/1:

PREDICATE

html_protect(Goal)

Calls `Goal`. If an error occurs during its execution, or it fails, an HTML page is output informing about the incident. Normally the whole execution of a CGI is protected thus.

(True) Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Goal` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

Meta-predicate with arguments: html_protect(goal).

http_lines/3:

PREDICATE

(True) Usage: http_lines(Lines, String, Tail)

`Lines` is a list of the lines with occur in `String` until `Tail`. The lines may end UNIX-style or DOS-style in `String`, in `Lines` they have not end of line characters. Suitable to be used in DCGs.

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - `Lines` is a list of strings.
  - `String` is a string (a list of character codes).
  - `Tail` is a string (a list of character codes).
142.3 Documentation on multifiles (html)

define_flag/3: PREDICATE

Defines a flag as follows:

\[
\text{define_flag(raw_form_values, [on, off], off)}. \\
\]

(See Chapter 32 [Changing system behaviour and various flags], page 213). If flag is on, values returned by \text{get_form_input/1} are always atoms, unchanged from its original value.

(Trust) Usage: \text{define_flag(Flag, FlagValues, Default)}

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - Flag is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - Define the valid flag values (basic_props:flag_values/1)

The predicate is multifile.

html_expansion/2: PREDICATE

(Truе) Usage: \text{html_expansion(Term, Expansion)}

Hook predicate to define macros. Expand occurrences of Term into Expansion, in \text{output_html/1}. Take care to not transform something into itself!

The predicate is multifile.

142.4 Other information (html)

The code uses input from from L. Naish’s forms and Francisco Bueno’s previous Chat interface. Other people who have contributed are (please inform us if we leave out anybody): Markus Fromherz, Samir Genaim.
143 HTTP connectivity

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza.

This module implements the HTTP protocol, which allows retrieving data from HTTP servers.

143.1 Usage and interface (http)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(http)).
  ```prolog```
- Exports:
  - predicates:
    ```prolog```
    fetch_url/3.
  ```prolog```
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog```
    strings, lists, pillow/pillow_aux, pillow/pillow_types, pillow/http_ll.
  ```prolog```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog```
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, dcg.
  ```prolog```

143.2 Documentation on exports (http)

```prolog```
fetch_url/3: PREDICATE
```prolog```
```prolog```
fetch_url(URL,Request,Response)
```prolog```
Fetches the document pointed to by URL from Internet, using request parameters Request, and unifies Response with the parameters of the response. Fails on timeout. Note that redirections are not handled automatically, that is, if Response contains terms of the form status(redirection,301,_) and location(NewURL), the program should in most cases access location NewURL.

(True) Usage: fetch_url(URL,Request,Response)
```prolog```
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog```
  URL specifies a URL. (pillow_types:url_term/1)
  Request is a list of http_request_params. (basic_props:list/2)
- The following properties hold upon exit:
  ```prolog```
  Response is a list of http_response_params. (basic_props:list/2)
Chapter 144: PiLLoW types

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza.

Here are defined the regular types used in the documentation of the predicates of the PiLLoW package.

144.1 Usage and interface (pillow_types)

- Library usage:
  
  :- use_module(library(pillow_types)).

- Exports:
  
  - Regular Types:
    
    canonic_html_term/1, canonic_xml_term/1, html_term/1, form_dict/1, form_assignment/1, form_value/1, value_dict/1, url_term/1, http_request_param/1, http_response_param/1, http_date/1, weekday/1, month/1, hms_time/1.

- Imports:
  
  - Packages:
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

144.2 Documentation on exports (pillow_types)

canonic_html_term/1: REGTYPE

A term representing HTML code in canonical, structured way. It is a list of terms defined by the following predicate:

```
canonic_html_item(comment(S)) :-
  string(S).
canonic_html_item(declare(S)) :-
  string(S).
canonic_html_item(env(Tag,Atts,Terms)) :-
  atm(Tag),
  list(Atts,tag_attrib),
  canonic_html_term(Terms).
canonic_html_item($$(Tag,Atts)) :-
  atm(Tag),
  list(Atts,tag_attrib).
canonic_html_item(S) :-
  string(S).
tag_attrib(Att) :-
  atm(Att).
tag_attrib(Att=Val) :-
  atm(Att),
  string(Val).
```

Each structure represents one HTML construction:

```
env(tag,attribs,terms)
```

An HTML environment, with name tag, list of attributes attribs and contents terms.
\( \text{tag,attribs} \)

An HTML element of name \( \text{tag} \) and list of attributes \( \text{attribs} \). \( \text{($)/2} \) is defined by the pillow package as an infix, binary operator.

\( \text{comment}(\text{string}) \)

An HTML comment (translates to/from \(<!--\text{string}-->\)).

\( \text{declare}(\text{string}) \)

An HTML declaration, they are used only in the header (translates to/from \(<!\text{string}>)\).

\( \text{string} \)

Normal text is represented as a list of character codes.

For example, the term

\[
\text{env}((a, [\text{href}="\text{www.therainforestsite.com}"])), \\
["\text{Visit }", \text{img}[\text{src}=\text{TRFS.gif}]]
\]

is output to (or parsed from):

\[
<a \text{ href="www.therainforestsite.com">Visit <img src="TRFS.gif"</a>
\]

(True) Usage: \text{canonic_html_term} (\text{HTMLTerm})

\text{HTMLTerm} is a term representing HTML code in canonical form.

\text{canonic_xml_term}/1:

A term representing XML code in canonical, structured way. It is a list of terms defined by the following predicate (see \text{tag_attrib}/1 definition in \text{canonic_html_term}/1):

\[
\text{canonic_xml_item}(\text{Term}) := \\
\text{canonic_xml_item}(\text{Term}). \\
\text{canonic_xml_item}(\text{xmldecl}(\text{Atts})) := \\
\text{list}(\text{Atts}, \text{tag_attrib}). \\
\text{canonic_xml_item}(\text{env}(\text{Tag}, \text{Atts}, \text{Terms})) := \\
\text{atm}(\text{Tag}), \\
\text{list}(\text{Atts}, \text{tag_attrib}), \\
\text{canonic_xml_term}(\text{Terms}). \\
\text{canonic_xml_item}(\text{elem}(\text{Tag}, \text{Atts})) := \\
\text{atm}(\text{Tag}), \\
\text{list}(\text{Atts}, \text{tag_attrib}).
\]

In addition to the structures defined by \text{canonic_html_term}/1 (the \( \text{($)/2} \) structure appears only in malformed XML code), the following structures can be used:

\( \text{elem}(\text{tag,atts}) \)

Specifies an XML empty element of name \( \text{tag} \) and list of attributes \( \text{atts} \). For example, the term

\[
\text{elem}(\text{arc, [weigh="3", begin="n1", end="n2"]})
\]

is output to (or parsed from):

\[
<\text{arc weigh="3" begin="n1" end="n2"} />
\]

\( \text{xmldecl}(\text{atts}) \)

Specifies an XML declaration with attributes \( \text{atts} \) (translates to/from \(<?xml\text{atts}?>\))
(True) Usage: `canonic_xml_term(XMLTerm)`

`XMLTerm` is a term representing XML code in canonical form.

**html_term/1:**

A term which represents HTML or XML code in a structured way. In addition to the structures defined by `canonic_html_term/1` or `canonic_xml_term/1`, the following structures can be used:

- `begin(tag,atts)`
  - It translates to the start of an HTML environment of name `tag` and attributes `atts`. There exists also a `begin(tag)` structure. Useful, in conjunction with the next structure, when including in a document output generated by an existing piece of code (e.g. `tag = pre`). Its use is otherwise discouraged.

- `end(tag)`
  - Translates to the end of an HTML environment of name `tag`.

- `start` Used at the beginning of a document (translates to `<html>`).

- `end` Used at the end of a document (translates to `</html>`).

- `--` Produces a horizontal rule (translates to `<hr>`).

- `\` Produces a line break (translates to `<br>`).

- `\$` Produces a paragraph break (translates to `<p>`).

- `image(address)`
  - Used to include an image of address (URL) `address` (equivalent to `img[src=address]`).

- `image(address,atts)`
  - As above with the list of attributes `atts`.

- `ref(address,text)`
  - Produces a hypertext link, `address` is the URL of the referenced resource, `text` is the text of the reference (equivalent to `a(href=address,[text])`).

- `label(name,text)`
  - Labels `text` as a target destination with label `name` (equivalent to `a([name=name],[text])`).

- `heading(n,text)`
  - Produces a heading of level `n` (between 1 and 6), `text` is the text to be used as heading. Useful when one wants a heading level relative to another heading (equivalent to `hn(text)`).

- `itemize(items)`
  - Produces a list of bulleted items, `items` is a list of corresponding HTML terms (translates to a `<ul>` environment).

- `enumerate(items)`
  - Produces a list of numbered items, `items` is a list of corresponding HTML terms (translates to a `<ol>` environment).

- `description(defs)`
  - Produces a list of defined items, `defs` is a list whose elements are definitions, each of them being a Prolog sequence (composed by `,` operators). The last element of the sequence is the definition, the other (if any) are the defined terms (translates to a `<dl>` environment).
nice_itemize((img, items))
    Produces a list of bulleted items, using the image img as bullet. The predicate icon_address/2 provides a colored bullet.

preformatted(text)
    Used to include preformatted text, text is a list of HTML terms, each element of the list being a line of the resulting document (translates to a <pre> environment).

verbatim(text)
    Used to include text verbatim, special HTML characters (<, >, & , " and space) are translated into its quoted HTML equivalent.

prolog_term(term)
    Includes any prolog term term, represented in functional notation. Variables are output as _.

nl
    Used to include a newline in the HTML source (just to improve human readability).

entity(name)
    Includes the entity of name name (ISO-8859-1 special character).

start_form(addr,atts)
    Specifies the beginning of a form. addr is the address (URL) of the program that will handle the form, and atts other attributes of the form, as the method used to invoke it. If atts is not present (there is only one argument) the method defaults to POST.

start_form
    Specifies the beginning of a form without assigning address to the handler, so that the form handler will be the cgi-bin executable producing the form.

end_form
    Specifies the end of a form.

checkbox(name, state)
    Specifies an input of type checkbox with name name, state is on if the checkbox is initially checked.

radio(name, value, selected)
    Specifies an input of type radio with name name (several radio buttons which are interlocked must share their name), value is the the value returned by the button, if selected=value the button is initially checked.

input(type, atts)
    Specifies an input of type type with a list of attributes atts. Possible values of type are text, hidden, submit, reset, Idots

textinput(name, atts, text)
    Specifies an input text area of name name. text provides the default text to be shown in the area, atts a list of attributes.

option(name, val, options)
    Specifies a simple option selector of name name, options is the list of available options and val is the initial selected option (if val is not in options the first item is selected by default) (translates to a <select> environment).

menu(name, atts, items)
    Specifies a menu of name name, list of attributes atts and list of options items. The elements of the list items are marked with the prefix operator $ to indicate that they are selected (translates to a <select> environment).

form_reply
cgi_reply This two are equivalent, they do not generate HTML, rather, the CGI protocol requires this content descriptor to be used at the beginning by CGI executables (including form handlers) when replying (translates to Content-type: text/html).

pr Includes in the page a graphical logo with the message “Developed using the PiLlow Web programming library”, which points to the manual and library source.

name(text) A term with functor name/1, different from the special functors defined herein, represents an HTML environment of name name and included text text. For example, the term

```
address('clip@clip.dia.fi.upm.es')
```

is translated into the HTML source

```
<Address>clip@clip.dia.fi.upm.es</Address>
```

name(atts,text) A term with functor name/2, different from the special functors defined herein, represents an HTML environment of name name, attributes atts and included text text. For example, the term

```
a([href='http://www.clip.dia.fi.upm.es/'],"Clip home")
```

represents the HTML source

```
<a href="http://www.clip.dia.fi.upm.es/">Clip home</a>
```

(True) Usage: html_term(HTMLTerm)

HTMLTerm is a term representing HTML code.

form_dict/1: REGTYPE

(True) Usage: form_dict(Dict)

Dict is a dictionary of values of the attributes of a form. It is a list of form_assignment

form_assignment/1: REGTYPE

(True) Usage: form_assignment(Eq)

Eq is an assignment of value of an attribute of a form. It is defined by:

```
form_assignment(A=V) :-
   atm(A),
   form_value(V).
form_value(A) :-
   atm(A).
form_value(N) :-
   num(N).
form_value(L) :-
   list(L,string).
```
form_value/1: REGTYPE
   (True) Usage: form_value(V)
   V is a value of an attribute of a form.

value_dict/1: REGTYPE
   (True) Usage: value_dict(Dict)
   Dict is a dictionary of values. It is a list of pairs atom=constant.

url_term/1: REGTYPE
   A term specifying an Internet Uniform Resource Locator. Currently only HTTP URLs
   are supported. Example: http('www.clip.dia.fi.upm.es',80,'/Software/Ciao/').
   Defined as
   url_term(http(Host,Port,Document)) :-
      atm(Host),
      int(Port),
      string(Document).
   (True) Usage: url_term(URL)
   URL specifies a URL.

http_request_param/1: REGTYPE
   A parameter of an HTTP request:
   • head: Specify that the document content is not wanted.
   • timeout(T): T specifies the time in seconds to wait for the response. Default is 300
     seconds.
   • if_modified_since(Date): Get document only if newer than Date. Date has the format
     defined by http_date/1.
   • user_agent(Agent): Provides a user-agent field, Agent is an atom. The string
     "PiLLoW/1.1" (or whatever version of PiLLoW is used) is appended.
   • authorization(Scheme,Params): To provide credentials. See RFC 1945 for details.
   • option(Value): Any unary term, being Value an atom, can be used to provide another
     valid option (e.g. from('user@machine')).

   (True) Usage: http_request_param(Request)
   Request is a parameter of an HTTP request.

http_response_param/1: REGTYPE
   A parameter of an HTTP response:
   • content(String): String is the document content (list of bytes). If the head parameter
     of the HTTP request is used, an empty list is get here.
   • status(Type,Code,Reason): Type is an atom denoting the response type, Code is the
     status code (an integer), and Reason is a string holding the reason phrase.
   • message_date(Date): Date is the date of the response, with format defined by http_
     date/1.
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- **location**(Loc): This parameter appears when the document has moved, Loc is an atom holding the new location.
- **http_server**(Server): Server is the server responding, as a string.
- **authenticate**(Params): Returned if document is protected, Params is a list of challenges. See RFC 1945 for details.
- **allow**(Methods): Methods are the methods allowed by the server, as a list of atoms.
- **content_encoding**(Encoding): Encoding is an atom defining the encoding.
- **content_length**(Length): Length is the length of the document (an integer).
- **content_type**(Type,Subtype,Params): Specifies the document content type, Type and Subtype are atoms, Params a list of parameters (e.g. content_type(text, html, [])).
- **expires**(Date): Date is the date after which the entity should be considered stale. Format defined by http_date/1.
- **last_modified**(Date): Date is the date at which the sender believes the resource was last modified. Format defined by http_date/1.
- **pragma**(String): Miscellaneous data.
- **header**(String): Any other functor header/1 is an extension header.

(True) Usage: http_response_param(Response)
Response is a parameter of an HTTP response.

**http_date/1:**

REGTYPE
http_date(Date)
Date is a term defined as
http_date(date(WeekDay, Day, Month, Year, Time)) :-
  weekday(WeekDay),
  int(Day),
  month(Month),
  int(Year),
  hms_time(Time).

(True) Usage: http_date(Date)
Date is a term denoting a date.

**weekday/1:**

REGTYPE
weekday(WeekDay)
WeekDay is a term denoting a weekday.

**month/1:**

REGTYPE
month(Month)
Month is a term denoting a month.

**hms_time/1:**

REGTYPE
hms_time(Time)
Time is an atom of the form hh:mm:ss
145 JSON encoder and decoder

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This module defines a term representation for JSON (http://json.org/) (JavaScript Object Notation), as well as encoders and decoders.

This is an alpha version of the module. Use with care. Both the interface and implementation may change in the future.

145.1 Usage and interface (json)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(json)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - json_to_string/2, string_to_json/2.
  - Regular Types:
    - json/1, json_attrs/1, json_attr/1, json_val/1, json_list/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - strings.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, basicmodes, dcg.

145.2 Documentation on exports (json)

json/1: REGTYPE
Usage:
A JSON object.

  json(json(Attrs)) :-
  json_attrs(Attrs).

json_attrs/1: REGTYPE
Usage:
Attributes (pairs of key/value) of a JSON object.

  json_attrs([]).
  json_attrs([X|Xs]) :-
    json_attr(X),
    json_attrs(Xs).
**json_attr/1:**
A regular type, defined as follows:

\[
\text{json_attr(Id=Val) :- atm(Id), json_val(Val).}
\]

**json_val/1:**
A regular type, defined as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{json_val(string(X)) :- string(X).} \\
\text{json_val(X) :- number(X).} \\
\text{json_val(X) :- json(X).} \\
\text{json_val(X) :- json_list(X).} \\
\text{json_val(true).} \\
\text{json_val(false).} \\
\text{json_val(null).}
\end{align*}
\]

**json_list/1:**
Usage:
A list of JSON elements

**json_to_string/2:**
Usage: json_to_string(Term, String)
Encode a JSON Term as a character list.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  A JSON object.

\[
\text{json(json(Attrs)) :- json_attratts(Attrs).}
\]

String is a string (a list of character codes).

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Term is currently a term which is not a free variable.

**string_to_json/2:**
Usage: string_to_json(String, Term)
Decode a character list as a JSON Term.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  String is a string (a list of character codes).

A JSON object.
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\[
\text{json(json(Arrs)) :-}
\]
\[
\text{json\_attrs(Arrs).}
\]

The following properties should hold at call time:

- String is currently a term which is not a free variable.

145.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (json)

- Missing tests. See http://json.org/example.html for many examples.
146 Persistent predicate database

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### 146.1 Introduction to persistent predicates

This library implements a *generic persistent predicate database*. The basic notion implemented by the library is that of a persistent predicate. The persistent predicate concept provides a simple, yet powerful generic persistent data access method [CHGT98,Par97]. A persistent predicate is a special kind of dynamic, data predicate that “resides” in some persistent medium (such as a set of files, a database, etc.) that is typically external to the program using such predicates. The main effect is that any changes made to a persistent predicate from a program “survive” across executions. I.e., if the program is halted and restarted the predicate that the new process sees is in precisely the same state as it was when the old process was halted (provided no change was made in the meantime to the storage by other processes or the user).

Persistent predicates appear to a program as ordinary predicates, and calls to these predicates can appear in clause bodies in the usual way. However, the definitions of these predicates do not appear in the program. Instead, the library maintains automatically the definitions of predicates which have been declared as persistent in the persistent storage.

Updates to persistent predicates can be made using enhanced versions of *asserta_fact/1*, *assertz_fact/1* and *retract_fact/1*. The library makes sure that each update is a transactional update, in the sense that if the update terminates, then the permanent storage has definitely been modified. For example, if the program making the updates is halted just after the update and then restarted, then the updated state of the predicate will be seen. This provides security against possible data loss due to, for example, a system crash. Also, due to the atomicity of the transactions, persistent predicates allow concurrent updates from several programs.

### 146.2 Persistent predicates, files, and relational databases

The concept of persistent predicates provided by this library essentially implements a lightweight, simple, and at the same time powerful form of relational database (a deductive database), and which is standalone, in the sense that it does not require external support, other than the file management capabilities provided by the operating system. This is due to the fact that the persistent predicates are in fact stored in one or more auxiliary files below a given directory.

This type of database is specially useful when building small to medium-sized standalone applications in Prolog which require persistent storage. In many cases it provides a much easier way of implementing such storage than using files under direct program control. For example, interactive applications can use persistent predicates to represent their internal state in a way that is close to the application. The persistence of such predicates then allows automatically restoring the state to that at the end of a previous session. Using persistent predicates amounts to simply declaring some predicates as such and eliminates having to worry about opening files, closing them, recovering from system crashes, etc.

In other cases, however, it may be convenient to use a relational database as persistent storage. This may be the case, for example, when the data already resides in such a database (where it is perhaps accessed also by other applications) or the volume of data is very large. *persdb_sql* [CCG98] is a companion library which implements the same notion of persistent predicates used herein, but keeping the storage in a relational database. This provides a very natural and transparent way to access SQL database relations from a Prolog program. In that library, facilities are also provided for reflecting more complex *views* of the database relations.
as predicates. Such views can be constructed as conjunctions, disjunctions, projections, etc. of database relations, and may include SQL-like aggregation operations.

A nice characteristic of the notion of persistent predicates used in both of these libraries is that it abstracts away how the predicate is actually stored. Thus, a program can use persistent predicates stored in files or in external relational databases interchangeably, and the type of storage used for a given predicate can be changed without having to modify the program (except for replacing the corresponding **persistent/2** declarations).

An example application of the **persdb** and **persdb_sql** libraries (and also the **pillow** library [CH97]), is WebDB [GCH98]. WebDB is a generic, highly customizable **deductive database engine** with an **html interface**. WebDB allows creating and maintaining Prolog-based databases as well as relational databases (residing in conventional relational database engines) using any standard WWW browser.

**146.3 Using file-based persistent predicates**

Persistent predicates can be declared statically, using **persistent/2** declarations (which is the preferred method, when possible), or dynamically via calls to **make_persistent/2**. Currently, persistent predicates may only contain facts, i.e., they are **dynamic** predicates of type **data/1**.

Predicates declared as persistent are linked to directory, and the persistent state of the predicate will be kept in several files below that directory. The files in which the persistent predicates are stored are in readable, plain ASCII format, and in Prolog syntax. One advantage of this approach is that such files can also be created or edited by hand, in a text editor, or even by other applications.

An example definition of a persistent predicate implemented by files follows:

```prolog
:- persistent(p/3, dbdir).

persistent_dir(dbdir, '/home/clip/public_html/db').
```

The first line declares the predicate p/3 persistent. The argument **dbdir** is a key used to index into a fact of the relation **persistent_dir/2-4**, which specifies the directory where the corresponding files will be kept. The effect of the declaration, together with the **persistent_dir/2-4** fact, is that, although the predicate is handled in the same way as a normal data predicate, in addition the system will create and maintain efficiently a persistent version of p/3 via files in the directory /home/clip/public_html/db.

The level of indirection provided by the **dbdir** argument makes it easy to place the storage of several persistent predicates in a common directory, by specifying the same key for all of them. It also allows changing the directory for several such persistent predicates by modifying only one fact in the program. Furthermore, the **persistent_dir/2-4** predicate can even be dynamic and specified at run-time.

**146.4 Implementation Issues**

We outline the current implementation approach. This implementation attempts to provide at the same time efficiency and security. To this end, up to three files are used for each predicate (the persistence set): the data file, the operations file, and the backup file. In the updated state the facts (tuples) that define the predicate are stored in the data file and the operations file is empty (the backup file, which contains a security copy of the data file, may or may not exist).

While a program using a persistent predicate is running, any insertion (assert) or deletion (retract) operations on the predicate are performed on both the program memory and on the persistence set. However, in order to incur only a small overhead in the execution, rather than changing the data file directly, a record of each of the insertion and deletion operations is
appended to the operations file. The predicate is then in a transient state, in that the contents of the data file do not reflect exactly the current state of the corresponding predicate. However, the complete persistence set does.

When a program starts, all pending operations in the operations file are performed on the data file. A backup of the data file is created first to prevent data loss if the system crashes during this operation. The order in which this updating of files is done ensures that, if at any point the process dies, on restart the data will be completely recovered. This process of updating the persistence set can also be triggered at any point in the execution of the program (for example, when halting) by calling update_files.

146.5 Defining an initial database

It is possible to define an initial database by simply including in the program code facts of persistent predicates. They will be included in the persistent database when it is created. They are ignored in successive executions.

146.6 Using persistent predicates from the top level

Special care must be taken when loading into the top level modules or user files which use persistent predicates. Beforehand, a goal use_module(library(persdb(persdbrt))) must be issued. Furthermore, since persistent predicates defined by the loaded files are in this way defined dynamically, a call to initialize_db/0 is commonly needed after loading and before calling predicates of these files.
146.7 Usage and interface (persdbrt)

- **Library usage:**
  There are two packages which implement persistence: `persdb` and `persdb/11` (for low level). In the first, the standard builtins `asserta_fact/1, assertz_fact/1,` and `retract_fact/1` are replaced by new versions which handle persistent data predicates, behaving as usual for normal data predicates. In the second package, predicates with names starting with `p` are defined, so that there is no overhead in calling the standard builtins. In any case, each package is used as usual: including it in the package list of the module, or using the `use_package/1` declaration.

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - `passerta_fact/1`, `passertz_fact/l`, `pretract_fact/1`, `pretractall_fact/1`, `asserta_fact/1`, `assertz_fact/l`, `retract_fact/1`, `retractall_fact/1`, `initialize_db/0`, `make_persistent/2`, `update_files/0`, `update_files/1`, `create/2`.
  - **Regular Types:**
    - `meta_predname/l`, `directoryname/1`.
  - **Multifiles:**
    - `$is_persistent/2`, `persistent_dir/2`, `persistent_dir/4`.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    - `lists`, `read`, `aggregates`, `system`, `file_locks/file_locks`, `persdb/persdbcache`.
  - **Packages:**
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `regtypes`, `nortchecks`, `persdb(persdb_decl)`.

146.8 Documentation on exports (persdbrt)

**passerta_fact/1:**

**Usage:** `passerta_fact(Fact)`

Persistent version of `asserta_fact/1`: the current instance of `Fact` is interpreted as a fact (i.e., a relation tuple) and is added at the beginning of the definition of the corresponding predicate. The predicate concerned must be declared `persistent`. Any uninstantiated variables in the `Fact` will be replaced by new, private variables. Defined in the `persdb/11` package.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Fact` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: `passerta_fact(Fact)`.

**passertz_fact/1:**

**Usage:** `passertz_fact(Fact)`

**Predicate**
Persistent version of **assertz_fact/1**: the current instance of **Fact** is interpreted as a fact (i.e., a relation tuple) and is added at the end of the definition of the corresponding predicate. The predicate concerned must be declared **persistent**. Any uninstantiated variables in the **Fact** will be replaced by new, private variables. Defined in the 'persdb/11' package.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **Fact** is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

**Meta-predicate** with arguments: **assertz_fact(fact)**.

**pretract_fact/1:**

**pretract_fact(P)**

Retracts a predicate in both, the dynamic and the persistent databases.

**Usage:** **pretract_fact(Fact)**

Persistent version of **retract_fact/1**: deletes on backtracking all the facts which unify with **Fact**. The predicate concerned must be declared **persistent**. Defined in the 'persdb/11' package.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **Fact** is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

**Meta-predicate** with arguments: **pretract_fact(fact)**.

**pretractall_fact/1:**

**pretractall_fact(P)**

Retracts all the instances of a predicate in both, the dynamic and the persistent databases.

**Meta-predicate** with arguments: **pretractall_fact(fact)**.

**asserta_fact/1:**

**Usage:** **asserta_fact(Fact)**

Same as **passerta_fact/1**, but if the predicate concerned is not persistent then behaves as the builtin of the same name. Defined in the **persdb** package.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **Fact** is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

**Meta-predicate** with arguments: **asserta_fact(fact)**.

**assertz_fact/1:**

**Usage:** **assertz_fact(Fact)**

Same as **passertz_fact/1**, but if the predicate concerned is not persistent then behaves as the builtin of the same name. Defined in the **persdb** package.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **Fact** is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

**Meta-predicate** with arguments: **assertz_fact(fact)**.
retract_fact/1:  
Usage: retract_fact(Fact)
Same as pretract_fact/1, but if the predicate concerned is not persistent then behaves as the builtin of the same name. Defined in the persdb package.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: retract_fact(fact).

retractall_fact/1:  
Usage: retractall_fact(Fact)
Same as pretractall_fact/1, but if the predicate concerned is not persistent then behaves as the builtin of the same name. Defined in the persdb package.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: retractall_fact(fact).

initialize_db/0:  
Usage:
Initializes the whole database, updating the state of the declared persistent predicates. Must be called explicitly after dynamically defining clauses for persistent_dir/2.

make_persistent/2:  
Usage: make_persistent(PredDesc,Keyword)
Dynamic version of the persistent declaration.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  persdbt:meta_predname(PredDesc) (persdbt:meta_predname/1)
  Keyword is an atom corresponding to a directory identifier. (persdbcache:keyword/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: make_persistent(spec,?).

update_files/0:  
Usage:
Updates the files comprising the persistence set of all persistent predicates defined in the application.

update_files/1:  
Usage: update_files(PredSpecList)
Updates the files comprising the persistence set of the persistent predicates in PredSpecList.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  PredSpecList is a list of prednames. (basic_props:list/2)

Meta-predicate with arguments: update_files(list(spec)).
create/2:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

meta_predname/1:  
A regular type, defined as follows:

\[
\text{meta_predname}(\$:P) \leftarrow \text{predname}(P).
\]

directoryname/1:  
Usage: \text{directoryname}(X)

\( X \) is an atom, the name of a directory.

### 146.9 Documentation on multifiles (persdbrt)

\$is_persistent/2:  
\$is_persistent(Spec,Key)

Predicate \text{Spec} persists within database \text{Key}. Programmers should not define this predicate directly in the program. The predicate is \textit{multifile}.

The predicate is of type \textit{data}.

\text{persistent_dir}/2:  
Usage: \text{persistent_dir}(Keyword,Location_Path)

Relates identifiers of locations (the Keywords) with descriptions of such locations (Location_Paths). Location_Path is a directory and it means that the definition for the persistent predicates associated with Keyword is kept in files below that directory (which must previously exist). These files, in the updated state, contain the actual definition of the predicate in Prolog syntax (but with module names resolved).

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}

  \text{Keyword} is an atom corresponding to a directory identifier. \textit{(persdbcache:keyword/l)}

  \text{Location_Path} is an atom, the name of a directory. \textit{(persdbrt:directoryname/l)}

The predicate is \textit{multifile}.

The predicate is of type \textit{data}.

\text{persistent_dir}/4:  
Usage: \text{persistent_dir}(Keyword,Location_Path,DirPerms,FilePerms)

The same as \text{persistent_dir}/2, but including also the permission modes for persistent directories and files.

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}

  \text{Keyword} is an atom corresponding to a directory identifier. \textit{(persdbcache:keyword/l)}

  \text{Location_Path} is an atom, the name of a directory. \textit{(persdbrt:directoryname/l)}

  \text{DirPerms} is an integer. \textit{(basic.props:int/l)}

  \text{FilePerms} is an integer. \textit{(basic.props:int/l)}

The predicate is \textit{multifile}.

The predicate is of type \textit{data}. 

146.10 Documentation on internals (persdbrt)

**persistent/2:**

**Usage:** :- persistent(PredDesc,Keyword).

Declares the predicate PredDesc as persistent. Keyword is the identifier of a location where the persistent storage for the predicate is kept. The location Keyword is described in the `persistent_dir` predicate, which must contain a fact in which the first argument unifies with Keyword.

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*

  PredDesc is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:

  ```prolog
  predname(P/A) :-
  atm(P),
  nnegint(A).
  ```

  (basic_props:predname/1)

  Keyword is an atom corresponding to a directory identifier. (persdbcache:keyword/1)

**keyword/1:**

An atom which identifies a fact of the `persistent_dir/2` relation. This fact relates this atom to a directory in which the persistent storage for one or more persistent predicates is kept. Storage is expected under a subdirectory by the name of the module and in a file by the name of the predicate.

146.11 Known bugs and planned improvements (persdbrt)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.

- To load in the toplevel a file which uses this package, module `library(persdb(persdbrt))` has to be previously loaded.
147 Using the persdb library

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

Through the following examples we will try to illustrate the two mains ways of declaring and using persistent predicates: statically (the preferred method) and dynamically (necessary when the new persistent predicates have to be defined at run-time). The final example is a small application implementing a simple persistent queue.

147.1 An example of persistent predicates (static version)

```prolog
:- module(example_static,[main/1],[persdb,iso]).

% Declare the directory associated to the key "db" where the persistence sets of the persistent predicates are stored:
% persistent_dir(db,'./').

% Declare a persistent predicate:
:- persistent(bar/1, db).

% Read a term, storing it in a new fact of the persistent predicate and list all the current facts of that predicate
main :-
    read(X),
    assertz_fact(bar(X)),
    findall(Y, bar(Y), L),
    write(L).

erase_one :-
    retract_fact(bar(_)).
erase_all :-
    retractall_fact(bar(_)).
```

147.2 An example of persistent predicates (dynamic version)

```prolog
:- module(example_dynamic,[main/1],[persdb,iso]).

main([X]):-
    % Declare the directory associated to the key "db"
    asserta_fact(persistent_dir(db,'./')),
    % Declare the predicate bar/1 as dynamic (and data) at run-time
    data(bar/1),
    % Declare the predicate bar/1 as persistent at run-time
    make_persistent(bar/1, db),
    assertz_fact(bar(X)),
    findall(Y, bar(Y), L),
    write(L).
```
147.3 A simple application / a persistent queue

:- module(queue, [main/0],[persdb,iso]).

:- use_module(library(read)).
:- use_module(library(write)).
:- use_module(library(aggregates)).

persistent_dir(queue_dir,'./pers').

:- persistent(queue/1, queue_dir).

queue(first).
queue(second).

main:-
  write('Action ( in(Term). | slip(Term) | out. | list. | halt. ): '),
  read(A),
  ( handle_action(A)
  -> main
  ; write('Unknown command.'), nl, main ).

handle_action(end_of_file) :-
  halt.
handle_action(halt) :-
  halt.
handle_action(in(Term)) :-
  assertz_fact(queue(Term)).
handle_action(slip(Term)) :-
  asserta_fact(queue(Term)).
handle_action(out) :-
  ( retract_fact(queue(Term))
  -> write('Out '), write(Term)
  ; write('FIFO empty.' ) ),
  nl.
handle_action(list) :-
  findall(Term,queue(Term),Terms),
  write('Contents: '), write(Terms), nl.
148 Filed predicates

Author(s): Francisco Bueno.

This package allows using files as a “cache” for predicates defined by facts. This is useful for huge tables of facts that may push the memory limits of the system too far. Goals of a filed predicate are executed simply by reading from the corresponding file.

Anything in the DB file used for the predicate that is different from a fact for the corresponding predicate is ignored. Each call to a filed predicate forces opening the file, so the use of this package is subject to the limit on the number of open files that the system can support.

Dynamic modification of the filed predicates is also allowed during execution of the program. Thus filed predicates are regarded as dynamic, data predicates residing in a file. However, dynamic modifications to the predicates do not affect the file, unless the predicate is also declared persistent.

The package is compatible with persdb in the sense that a predicate can be made both filed and persistent. In this way, the predicate can be used in programs, but it will not be loaded (saving memory), can also be modified during execution, and modifications will persist in the file. Thus, the user interface to both packages is the same (so the DB file must be one for both filing and persistency).

148.1 Usage and interface (factsdb_doc)

- Library usage:
  This facility is used as a package, thus either including factsdb in the package list of the module, or by using the use_package/1 declaration. The facility predicates are defined in library module factsdb_rt.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    factsdb/factsdb_rt.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

148.2 Documentation on multifiles (factsdb_doc)

$factsdb$cached_goal/3: PREDICATE

No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is multifile.

148.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (factsdb_doc)

- The DB files for persistent predicates have to be used as such from the beginning. Using a DB file for a filed predicate first, and then using it also when making the predicate persistent won’t work. Nor the other way around: using a DB file for a persistent predicate first, and then using it also when making the predicate filed.
Chapter 149: Filed predicates (runtime)

Author(s): Francisco Bueno.
Runtime module for the factsdb package.

149.1 Usage and interface (factsdb_rt)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(factsdb_rt)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - `asserta_fact/1`, `assertz_fact/1`, `call/1`, `current_fact/1`, `retract_fact/1`.
  - Multifiles:
    - `$factsdb$cached_goal/3`, `persistent_dir/2`, `file_alias/2`.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - `counters`, `read`, `persdb/persdbcache`.
  - Packages:
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`.

149.2 Documentation on exports (factsdb_rt)

`asserta_fact/1`:

Usage: `asserta_fact(Fact)`

Version of `data_facts:asserta_fact/1` for filed predicates. The current instance of `Fact` is interpreted as a fact and is added at the beginning of the definition of the corresponding predicate. Therefore, before all the facts filed in the DB file for the predicate. The predicate concerned must be declared as `facts`; if it is not, then `data_facts:asserta_fact/1` is used.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Fact` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

Meta-predicate with arguments: `asserta_fact(fact)`.

`assertz_fact/1`:

Usage: `assertz_fact(Fact)`

Version of `data_facts:assertz_fact/1` for filed predicates. The current instance of `Fact` is interpreted as a fact and is added at the end of the definition of the corresponding predicate. Therefore, after all the facts filed in the DB file for the predicate. The predicate concerned must be declared as `facts`; if it is not, then `data_facts:assertz_fact/1` is used.
The following properties should hold at call time:

Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: assertz_fact(fact).

call/1: PREDICATE
Usage: call(Fact)
Same as current_fact/1 if the predicate concerned is declared as facts. If it is not, an exception is raised.

The following properties should hold at call time:
Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: call(fact).

current_fact/1: PREDICATE
Usage: current_fact(Fact)
Version of data_facts:current_fact/1 for filed predicates. The current instance of Fact is interpreted as a fact and is unified with an actual fact in the current definition of the corresponding predicate. Therefore, with a fact previously asserted or filed in the DB file for the predicate, if it has not been retracted. The predicate concerned must be declared as facts; if it is not, then data_facts:current_fact/1 is used.

The following properties should hold at call time:
Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: current_fact(fact).

retract_fact/1: PREDICATE
Usage: retract_fact(Fact)
Version of data_facts:retract_fact/1 for filed predicates. The current instance of Fact is interpreted as a fact and is unified with an actual fact in the current definition of the corresponding predicate; such a fact is deleted from the predicate definition. This is true even for the facts filed in the DB file for the predicate; but these are NOT deleted from the file (unless the predicate is persistent). The predicate concerned must be declared as facts; if it is not, then data_facts:retract_fact/1 is used.

The following properties should hold at call time:
Fact is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: retract_fact(fact).
149.3 Documentation on multifiles (factsdb_rt)

$factsdb$cached_goal/3:  
PREDICATE
$factsdb$cached_goal(Spec,Spec,Key)
Predicate Spec is filed within database Key. Programmers should not define this predicate directly in the program. The predicate is *multifile*.

**persistent_dir/2:**  
PREDICATE
See persdb. The predicate is *multifile*.
The predicate is of type *data*.

**file_alias/2:**  
PREDICATE
See symfnames. This predicate is used only if persistent_dir/2 fails. The predicate is *multifile*.
The predicate is of type *data*.

149.4 Documentation on internals (factsdb_rt)

**facts/2:**  
DECLARATION
Usage: :- facts(PredDesc,Keyword).
Declares the predicate PredDesc as filed. Keyword is the identifier of a location where the file DB for the predicate is kept. The location Keyword is described in the file_alias predicate, which must contain a fact in which the first argument unifies with Keyword.
— The following properties should hold upon exit:
PredDesc is a Name/Arity structure denoting a predicate name:

\[
\text{predname}(P/A) : - \\
\text{atm}(P), \\
\text{nnegint}(A).
\]
(basic_props:predname/1)

Keyword is an atom corresponding to a directory identifier. (persdbcach:keyword/1)

**keyword/1:**  
PREDICATE
See persdbrt. The same conventions for location of DB files apply in both packages.
150 sqltypes (library)

150.1 Usage and interface (sqltypes)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(sqltypes)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - accepted_type/2, get_type/2, type_compatible/2, type_union/3, sybase2sqltypes_list/2, sybase2sqltype/2, postgres2sqltypes_list/2, postgres2sqltype/2.
  - **Regular Types:**
    - sqltype/1, sybasetype/1, postgrestype/1.

- **Imports:**
  - **Packages:**
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, dcg, isomodes.

150.2 Documentation on exports (sqltypes)

**sqltype/1:**

- REGTYPE
  - sqltype(int).
  - sqltype(flt).
  - sqltype(num).
  - sqltype(string).
  - sqltype(date).
  - sqltype(time).
  - sqltype(datetime).

These types have the same meaning as the corresponding standard types in the basictypes library.

**Usage:** sqltype(Type)

Type is an SQL data type supported by the translator.

**accepted_type/2:**

- PREDICATE

**Usage:** accepted_type(SystemType,NativeType)

For the moment, tests whether the SystemType received is a sybase or a postgres type (in the future other systems should be supported) and obtains its equivalent NativeType sqltype.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - SystemType is an SQL data type supported by Sybase. (sqltypes:sybasetype/1)
  - NativeType is an SQL data type supported by the translator. (sqltypes:sqltype/1)
get_type/2:  
**PREDICATE**

Usage: get_type(Constant,Type)

Prolog implementation-specific definition of type retrievals. CIAO Prolog version given here (ISO).

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  Constant is any term.  
  
  Type is an SQL data type supported by the translator.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  Constant is currently a term which is not a free variable.

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type_compatible/2:  
**PREDICATE**

Usage: type_compatible(TypeA,TypeB)

Checks if TypeA and TypeB are compatible types, i.e., they are the same or one is a subtype of the other.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  TypeA is an SQL data type supported by the translator.
  
  TypeB is an SQL data type supported by the translator.

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type_union/3:  
**PREDICATE**

Usage: type_union(TypeA,TypeB,Union)

Union is the union type of TypeA and TypeB.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  TypeA is an SQL data type supported by the translator.
  
  TypeB is an SQL data type supported by the translator.
  
  Union is an SQL data type supported by the translator.

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sybasetype/1:  
**REGTYPE**

SQL datatypes supported by Sybase for which a translation is defined:

- sybasetype(integer).
  
- sybasetype(numeric).
  
- sybasetype(float).
  
- sybasetype(double).
  
- sybasetype(date).
  
- sybasetype(char).
  
- sybasetype(varchar).
  
- sybasetype('long varchar').
  
- sybasetype(binary).
  
- sybasetype('long binary').
  
- sybasetype(timestamp).
  
- sybasetype(time).
  
- sybasetype(tinyint).

Usage: sybasetype(Type)

Type is an SQL data type supported by Sybase.
Chapter 150: sqltypes (library)

**sybase2sqltypes_list/2:**

Predicate

Usage: `sybase2sqltypes_list(SybaseTypesList,SQLTypesList)`

`SybaseTypesList` is a list of Sybase SQL types. `PrologTypesList` contains their equivalent SQL-type names in CIAO.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - `SybaseTypesList` is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - `SQLTypesList` is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

**sybase2sqltype/2:**

Predicate

Usage: `sybase2sqltype(SybaseType,SQLType)`

`SybaseType` is a Sybase SQL type name, and `SQLType` is its equivalent SQL-type name in CIAO.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - `SybaseType` is an SQL data type supported by Sybase. (sqltypes:sybasetype/1)
  - `SQLType` is an SQL data type supported by the translator. (sqltypes:sqltype/1)

**postgrestype/1:**

Regtype

SQL datatypes supported by postgreSQL for which a translation is defined:

- `postgrestype(int2)`.
- `postgrestype(int4)`.
- `postgrestype(int8)`.
- `postgrestype(float4)`.
- `postgrestype(float8)`.
- `postgrestype(date)`.
- `postgrestype(timestamp)`.
- `postgrestype(time)`.
- `postgrestype(char)`.
- `postgrestype(varchar)`.
- `postgrestype(text)`.
- `postgrestype(bool)`.

Usage: `postgrestype(Type)`

Type is an SQL data type supported by postgres.

**postgres2sqltypes_list/2:**

Predicate

Usage: `postgres2sqltypes_list(PostgresTypesList,SQLTypesList)`

`PostgresTypesList` is a list of postgres SQL types. `PrologTypesList` contains their equivalent SQL-type names in CIAO.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - `PostgresTypesList` is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - `SQLTypesList` is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
postgres2sqltype/2: PREDICATE

Usage: postgres2sqltype(PostgresType,SQLType)

PostgresType is a postgres SQL type name, and SQLType is its equivalent SQL-type name in CIAO.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - PostgresType is an SQL data type supported by postgres. (sqltypes:postgrestype/1)
  - SQLType is an SQL data type supported by the translator. (sqltypes:sqltype/1)
151 persdbtr_sql (library)

151.1 Usage and interface (persdbtr_sql)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(persdbtr_sql)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    sql_persistent_tr/2, sql_goal_tr/2, dbId/2.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

151.2 Documentation on exports (persdbtr_sql)

sql_persistent_tr/2:  PREDICATE
No further documentation available for this predicate.

sql_goal_tr/2:  PREDICATE
No further documentation available for this predicate.

dbId/2:  PREDICATE
No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is of type data.
152 pl2sqlinsert (library)

152.1 Usage and interface (pl2sqlinsert)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(pl2sqlinsert)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    pl2sqlInsert/2.
  - Multifiles:
    sql__relation/3, sql__attribute/4.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    operators, default_predicates, lists.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, default, runtime_ops, condcomp, dcg, assertions.

152.2 Documentation on exports (pl2sqlinsert)

pl2sqlInsert/2: 
No further documentation available for this predicate.

152.3 Documentation on multifiles (pl2sqlinsert)

sql__relation/3: 
No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is multifile. The predicate is of type data.

sql__attribute/4: 
No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is multifile. The predicate is of type data.
153 Prolog/Java Bidirectional Interface

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The increasing diversity of platforms used today and the diffusion of Internet and the World Wide Web makes compatibility between platforms a key factor to run the software everywhere with no change. Java seems to achieve this goal, using a bytecode intermediate language and a large library of platform-dependent and independent classes which fully implements many. On the other hand, Prolog provides a powerful implementation of logic programming paradigm. This document includes the reference manual of the Prolog/Java bidirectional interface implemented in Ciao. In addition, it has been developed an application of this interface that makes use of an object oriented extension of Prolog to encapsulate the java classes, O’Ciao, both the ones defined in the JDK as well as new classes developed in Java. These classes can be used in the object oriented prolog extension of Ciao just like native O’Ciao classes.

The proposed interaction between both languages is realized as an interface between two processes, a Java process and a Prolog process, running separately. This approach allows the programmer to use of both Java and Prolog, without the compiler-dependent glue code used in other linkage-oriented approaches, and preserves the philosophy of Java as an independent language. The interface communication is based on a clean socket-based protocol, providing hardware and software independence. This allows also both processes to be run in different machines connected by a TCP/IP transport protocol, based on a client/server model that can evolve to a more cooperative model.

The present manual includes reference information about the Prolog side of the bidirectional Java/Prolog interface. The Java side of this interface is explained in the HTML pages generated by Javadoc.

153.1 Distributed Programming Model

The differences between Prolog and Java impose the division of the interface in two main parts: a prolog-to-java and a java-to-prolog interfaces. Most of the applications that will use this interface will consider that will be a ‘client’ side that request actions and queries to a ‘server’ side, which accomplish the actions and answer the queries. In a first approach, any of the both one-way interfaces implement a pure client/server model: the server waits for a query, performs the received query and sleeps until the next query comes; the client starts the server, carries out the initial part of the job initiating all the conversations with the server, and requests the server to do some things sometimes.

This model cannot handle correctly the tasks regarding an event oriented programming environment like Java. A usual application of the prolog-to-java interface could be a graphical user interface server made in java, and a prolog client on the other side. A pure client/server model based on requests and results is not powerful enough to leave the prolog side managing all the application specific work of this example: some java specific stuff is needed to catch and manipulate properly the events thrown by the graphical user interface. This problem can be solved in a distributed context, on which both languages are clients and servers simultaneously, and can perform requests and do actions at a time. Using this model, the prolog side can add a prolog goal as listener of a specific event, and the java side launches that goal when the event raises.

In any case, the client/server approach simplifies the design of the interface, so both interfaces have been designed in such way, but keeping in mind that the goal is to reach a distributed environment, so each side do the things it is best designed for.
154 Prolog to Java interface

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This module defines the Ciao Prolog to Java interface. This interface allows a Prolog program to start a Java process, create Java objects, invoke methods, set/get attributes (fields), and handle Java events.

This interface only works with JDK version 1.2 or higher.

Although the Java side interface is explained in Javadoc format (it is available at library/javall/javadoc/ in your Ciao installation), the general interface structure is detailed here.

154.1 Prolog to Java Interface Structure

This interface is made up of two parts: a Prolog part and a Java part, running in separate processes. The Prolog part receives requests from a Prolog program and sends them to the Java part through a socket. The Java part receives requests from the socket and performs the actions included in the requests.

If an event is thrown in the Java side, an asynchronous message must be sent away to the Prolog side, in order to launch a Prolog goal to handle the event. This asynchronous communication is performed using a separate socket. The nature of this communication needs the use of threads both in Java and Prolog: to deal with the 'sequential program flow,' and other threads for event handling.

In both sides the threads are automatically created by the context of the objects we use. The user must be aware that different requests to the other side of the interface could run concurrently.

154.1.1 Prolog side of the Java interface

The Prolog side receives the actions to do in the Java side from the user program, and sends them to the Java process through the socket connection. When the action is done in the Java side, the result is returned to the user Prolog program, or the action fails if there is any problem in the Java side.

Prolog data representation of Java elements is very simple in this interface. Java primitive types such as integers and characters are translated into the Prolog corresponding terms, and even some Java objects are translated in the same way (e.g. Java strings). Java objects are represented in Prolog as compound terms with a reference id to identify the corresponding Java object. Data conversion is made automatically when the interface is used, so the Prolog user programs do not have to deal with the complexity of these tasks.

154.1.2 Java side

The Java side of this layer is more complex than the Prolog side. The tasks this part has to deal with are the following:

- Wait for requests from the Prolog side.
- Translate the Prolog terms received in the Prolog 'serialized' form to a more useful Java representation (see the Java interface documentation available at library/javall/javadoc/ in your Ciao installation for details regarding Java representation of Prolog terms).
- Interpret the requests received from the Prolog side, and execute them.
- Handle the set of objects created by or derived from the requests received from the prolog side.
- Handle the events raised in the Java side, and launch the listeners added in the prolog side.
- Handle the exceptions raised in the Java side, and send them to the Prolog side.

In the implementation of the Java side, two items must be carefully designed: the handling of Java objects, and the representation of prolog data structures. The last item is specially important because all the interactions between Prolog and Java are made using Prolog structures, an easy way to standardize the different data management in both sides. Even the requests themselves are encapsulated using Prolog structures. The overload of this encapsulation is not significant in terms of socket traffic, due to the optimal implementation of the prolog serialized term.

The Java side must handle the objects created from the Prolog side dynamically, and these objects must be accessed as fast as possible from the set of objects. The Java API provides a powerful implementation of Hash tables that achieves all the requirements of our implementation.

On the other hand, the Java representation of prolog terms is made using the inheritance of Java classes. In the Java side there exists a representation of a generic prolog term, implemented as an abstract class in Java. Variables, atoms, compound terms, lists, and numeric terms are classes in the Java side which inherit from the term class. Java objects can be seen also under the prolog representation as compound terms, where the single argument corresponds to the Hash key of the actual Java object in the Hash table referred to before. This behaviour makes the handling of mixed Java and Prolog elements easy. Prolog goals are represented in the Java side as objects which contain a Prolog compound term with the term representing the goal. This case will be seen more in depth in next chapter, where the Java to Prolog interface is explained.

154.2 Java event handling from Prolog

Java event handling is based on a delegation model since version 1.1.x. This approach to event handling is very powerful and elegant, but a user program cannot handle all the events that can arise on a given object: for each kind of event, a listener must be implemented and added specifically. However, the Java 2 API includes a special listener (AWTEventListener) that can manage the internal Java event queue.

The Prolog to Java interface has been designed to emulate the Java event handler, and is also based on event objects and listeners. The Prolog to Java interface implements its own event manager, to handle those events that have Prolog listeners associated to the object that raises the event. From the Prolog side can be added listeners to objects for specific events. The Java side includes a list of goals to launch from the object and event type.

Due to the events nature, the event handler must work in a separate thread to manage the events asynchronously. The Java side has its own mechanisms to work this way. The Prolog side must be implemented specially for event handling using threads. The communication between Java and Prolog is also asynchronous, and an additional socket stream is used to avoid interferences with the main socket stream. The event stream will work in this implementation only in one way: from Java to Prolog. If an event handler needs to send back requests to Java, it will use the main socket stream, just like the requests sent directly from a Prolog program.
The internal process of registering a Prolog event handler to a Java event is shown in the next figure:

**Prolog registering of Java events**

![Diagram of Prolog registering of Java events]

When an event raises, the Prolog to Java interface has to send to the Prolog user program the goal to evaluate. Graphically, the complete process takes the tasks involved in the following figure:

**Prolog handling of Java events**

![Diagram of Prolog handling of Java events]
154.3 Java exception handling from Prolog

Java exception handling is very similar to the peer prolog handling: it includes some specific statements to trap exceptions from user code. In the java side, the exceptions can be originated from an incorrect request, or can be originated in the code called from the request. Both exception types will be sent to prolog using the main socket stream, allowing the prolog program manage the exception. However, the first kind of exceptions are prefixed, so the user program can distinguish them from the second type of exceptions.

In order to handle exceptions properly using the prolog to java and java to prolog interfaces simultaneously, in both sides of the interface those exceptions coming from their own side will be filtered: this avoids an endless loop of exceptions bouncing from one side to another.

154.4 Usage and interface (javart)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(javart)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    java_start/0, java_start/1, java_start/2, java_stop/0, java_connect/2,
    java_disconnect/0, java_use_module/1, java_create_object/2, java_delete_object/1, java_invoke_method/2, java_get_value/2, java_set_value/2, java_add_listener/3, java_remove_listener/3.
    ```
  - Regular Types:
    ```prolog
    machine_name/1, java_constructor/1, java_object/1, java_event/1, prolog_goal/1, java_field/1, java_method/1.
    ```

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    concurrency/concurrency, iso_byte_char, lists, read, write, javail/javasock, system.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.
    ```

154.5 Documentation on exports (javart)

**java_start/0:**

Usage:

Starts the Java server on the local machine, connects to it, and starts the event handling thread.

**java_start/1:**

Usage: `java_start(Classpath)`

Starts the Java server on the local machine, connects to it, and starts the event handling thread. The Java server is started using the classpath received as argument.
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Call and exit should be compatible with:
Classpath is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:
Classpath is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

java_start/2:
Usage: java_start(Machine_name,Classpath)
Starts the Java server in machine_name (using rsh!), connects to it, and starts the event handling thread. The Java server is started using the Classpath received as argument.

Call and exit should be compatible with:
Machine_name is the network name of a machine. (javart:machine_name/1)
Classpath is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:
Machine_name is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Classpath is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

java_stop/0:
Usage: java_stop()
Stops the interface terminating the threads that handle the socket connection, and finishing the Java interface server if it was started using java_start/2.

java_connect/2:
Usage: java_connect(Machine_name,Port_number)
Connects to an existing Java interface server running in Machine_name and listening at port Port_number. To connect to a Java server located in the local machine, use 'localhost' as machine_name.

Call and exit should be compatible with:
Machine_name is the network name of a machine. (javart:machine_name/1)
Port_number is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:
Machine_name is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Port_number is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

java_disconnect/0:
Usage: java_disconnect()
Closes the connection with the Java process, terminating the threads that handle the connection to Java. This predicate does not terminate the Java process (this is the disconnection procedure for Java servers not started from Prolog). This predicate should be used when the communication is established with java_connect/2.
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**machine_name/1:**
Usage: machine_name(X)
X is the network name of a machine.

**java_constructor/1:**
Usage: java_constructor(X)
X is a java constructor (structure with functor as constructor full name, and arguments as constructor arguments).

**java_object/1:**
Usage: java_object(X)
X is a java object (a structure with functor '$java_object', and argument an integer given by the java side).

**java_event/1:**
Usage: java_event(X)
X is a java event represented as an atom with the full event constructor name (e.g., 'java.awt.event.ActionEvent').

**prolog_goal/1:**
Usage: prolog_goal(X)
X is a prolog predicate. Prolog term that represents the goal that must be invoked when the event raises on the object. The predicate arguments can be java objects, or even the result of java methods. These java objects will be evaluated when the event raises (instead of when the listener is added). The arguments that represent java objects must be instantiated to already created objects. The variables will be kept uninstantiated when the event raises and the predicate is called.

**java_field/1:**
Usage: java_field(X)
X is a java field (structure on which the functor name is the field name, and the single argument is the field value).

**java_use_module/1:**
Usage: java_use_module(Module)
Loads a module and makes it available from Java.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - Module is any term.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - Module is currently a term which is not a free variable.
**java_create_object/2:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:**

New Java object creation. The constructor must be a compound term as defined by its type, with the full class name as functor (e.g., `java.lang.String`), and the parameters passed to the constructor as arguments of the structure.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  
  **Arg1** is a Java constructor (structure with functor as constructor full name, and arguments as constructor arguments). (javart:java_constructor/1)
  
  **Arg2** is a Java object (a structure with functor `$java_object`, and argument an integer given by the Java side). (javart:java_object/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  
  **Arg1** is a Java constructor (structure with functor as constructor full name, and arguments as constructor arguments). (javart:java_constructor/1)
  
  **Arg2** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  
  **Arg2** is a Java object (a structure with functor `$java_object`, and argument an integer given by the Java side). (javart:java_object/1)

**java_delete_object/1:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:**

Java object deletion. It removes the object given as argument from the Java object table.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  
  **Arg1** is a Java object (a structure with functor `$java_object`, and argument an integer given by the Java side). (javart:java_object/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  
  **Arg1** is a Java object (a structure with functor `$java_object`, and argument an integer given by the Java side). (javart:java_object/1)

**java_invoke_method/2:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:**

Invokes a Java method on an object. Given a Java object reference, invokes the method represented with the second argument.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  
  **Arg1** is a Java object (a structure with functor `$java_object`, and argument an integer given by the Java side). (javart:java_object/1)
  
  **Arg2** is a Java method (structure with functor as method name, and arguments as method ones, plus a result argument. This result argument is unified with the atom 'Yes' if the Java method returns void). (javart:java_method/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  
  **Arg1** is a Java object (a structure with functor `$java_object`, and argument an integer given by the Java side). (javart:java_object/1)
  
  **Arg2** is a Java method (structure with functor as method name, and arguments as method ones, plus a result argument. This result argument is unified with the atom 'Yes' if the Java method returns void). (javart:java_method/1)
java_method/1:
Usage: java_method(X)
X is a Java method (structure with functor as method name, and arguments as method ones, plus a result argument. This result argument is unified with the atom 'Yes' if the java method returns void).

java_get_value/2:
Usage:
Gets the value of a field. Given a Java object as first argument, it instantiates the variable given as second argument. This field must be uninstantiated in the java_field functor, or this predicate will fail.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Arg1 is a Java object (a structure with functor '$java_object', and argument an integer given by the Java side).
  (javart:java_object/1)
  Arg2 is a Java field (structure on which the functor name is the field name, and the single argument is the field value).
  (javart:java_field/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arg1 is a Java object (a structure with functor '$java_object', and argument an integer given by the Java side).
  (javart:java_object/1)
  Arg2 is a Java field (structure on which the functor name is the field name, and the single argument is the field value).
  (javart:java_field/1)

java_set_value/2:
Usage:
Sets the value of a Java object field. Given a Java object reference, it assigns the value included in the java_field compound term. The field value in the java_field structure must be instantiated.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Arg1 is a Java object (a structure with functor '$java_object', and argument an integer given by the Java side).
  (javart:java_object/1)
  Arg2 is a Java field (structure on which the functor name is the field name, and the single argument is the field value).
  (javart:java_field/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arg1 is a Java object (a structure with functor '$java_object', and argument an integer given by the Java side).
  (javart:java_object/1)
  Arg2 is a Java field (structure on which the functor name is the field name, and the single argument is the field value).
  (javart:java_field/1)

java_add_listener/3:
Usage:
Add a listener to an event on an object. Given a Java object reference, it registers the goal received as third argument to be launched when the Java event raises.
— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  **Arg1** is a java object (a structure with functor '$java_object', and argument an integer given by the Java side).

  (javart:java_object/1)

  **Arg2** is a java event represented as an atom with the full event constructor name (e.g., 'java.awt.event.ActionListener').

  (javart:java_event/1)

  **Arg3** is a prolog predicate. Prolog term that represents the goal that must be invoked when the event raises on the object. The predicate arguments can be java objects, or even the result of java methods. These java objects will be evaluated when the event raises (instead of when the listener is added). The arguments that represent java objects must be instantiated to already created objects. The variables will be kept uninstantiated when the event raises and the predicate is called.

  (javart:prolog_goal/1)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  **Arg1** is a java object (a structure with functor '$java_object', and argument an integer given by the Java side).

  (javart:java_object/1)

  **Arg2** is a java event represented as an atom with the full event constructor name (e.g., 'java.awt.event.ActionListener').

  (javart:java_event/1)

  **Arg3** is a prolog predicate. Prolog term that represents the goal that must be invoked when the event raises on the object. The predicate arguments can be java objects, or even the result of java methods. These java objects will be evaluated when the event raises (instead of when the listener is added). The arguments that represent java objects must be instantiated to already created objects. The variables will be kept uninstantiated when the event raises and the predicate is called.

  (javart:prolog_goal/1)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: `java_add_listener(?,?,goal)`.

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**java_remove_listener/3:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:**

It removes a listener from an object event queue. Given a Java object reference, goal registered for the given event is removed.

— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  **Arg1** is a java object (a structure with functor '$java_object', and argument an integer given by the Java side).

  (javart:java_object/1)

  **Arg2** is a java event represented as an atom with the full event constructor name (e.g., 'java.awt.event.ActionListener').

  (javart:java_event/1)

  **Arg3** is a prolog predicate. Prolog term that represents the goal that must be invoked when the event raises on the object. The predicate arguments can be java objects, or even the result of java methods. These java objects will be evaluated when the event raises (instead of when the listener is added). The arguments that represent java objects must be instantiated to already created objects. The variables will be kept uninstantiated when the event raises and the predicate is called.

  (javart:prolog_goal/1)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  **Arg1** is a java object (a structure with functor '$java_object', and argument an integer given by the Java side).

  (javart:java_object/1)

  **Arg2** is a java event represented as an atom with the full event constructor name (e.g., 'java.awt.event.ActionListener').

  (javart:java_event/1)
Arg3 is a prolog predicate. Prolog term that represents the goal that must be invoked when the event raises on the object. The predicate arguments can be java objects, or even the result of java methods. These java objects will be evaluated when the event raises (instead of when the listener is added). The arguments that represent java objects must be instantiated to already created objects. The variables will be kept uninstantiated when the event raises and the predicate is called. (javart:prolog_goal/1)
Chapter 155: Java to Prolog interface

**Author(s):** Jesús Correas.

This module defines the Prolog side of the Java to Prolog interface. This side of the interface only has one public predicate: a server that listens at the socket connection with Java, and executes the commands received from the Java side.

In order to evaluate the goals received from the Java side, this module can work in two ways: executing them in the same engine, or starting a thread for each goal. The easiest way is to launch them in the same engine, but the goals must be evaluated sequentially: once a goal provides the first solution, all the subsequent goals must be finished before this goal can backtrack to provide another solution. The Prolog side of this interface works as a top-level, and the goals partially evaluated are not independent.

The solution of this goal dependence is to evaluate the goals in a different prolog engine. Although Ciao includes a mechanism to evaluate goals in different engines, the approach used in this interface is to launch each goal in a different thread.

The decision of what kind of goal evaluation is selected is done by the Java side. Each evaluation type has its own command terms, so the Java side can choose the type it needs.

A Prolog server starts by calling the `prolog_server/0` predicate, or by calling `prolog_server/1` predicate and providing the port number as argument. The user predicates and libraries to be called from Java must be included in the executable file, or be accesible using the built-in predicates dealing with code loading.

### 155.1 Usage and interface (jtopl)

**Library usage:**

```prolog
:- use_module(library(jtopl)).
```

**Exports:**

- **Predicates:**
  - `prolog_server/0`, `prolog_server/1`, `prolog_server/2`, `shell_s/0`, `query_solutions/2`, `query_requests/2`, `running_queries/2`.

**Imports:**

- **System library modules:**
  - `concurrency/concurrency`, `system`, `read`, `compiler/compiler`, `javal/javasock`, `read_from_string`.
- **Packages:**
  - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `regtypes`, `isomodes`.

### 155.2 Documentation on exports (jtopl)

**prolog_server/0:**

**Usage:**

Prolog server entry point. Reads from the standard input the node name and port number where the Java client resides, and starts the prolog server listening at the jp socket. This predicate acts as a server: it includes an endless read-process loop until the `prolog_halt` command is received.
However, from the low-level communication point of view, this Prolog server actually works as a client of the Java side. This means that Java side waits at the given port to a Prolog server trying to create a socket; Prolog side connects to that port, and then waits for Java requests (acting as a 'logical' server). To use this Prolog server as a real server waiting for connections at a given port, use \texttt{prolog_server/1}.

\textbf{prolog\_server/1: \textit{PREDICATE}}

\textbf{Usage:}
Waits for incoming Java connections to act as a Prolog goal server for Java requests. This is the only \texttt{prolog\_server/*} predicate that works as a true server: given a port number, waits for a connection from Java and then serves Java requests. When a termination request is received, finishes the connection to Java and waits next Java connection request. This behaviour is different with respect to previous versions of this library. To work as before, use \texttt{prolog\_server/2}.

Although it currently does not support simultaneous Java connections, some work is being done in that direction.

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Arg1} is an atom. \texttt{(basic\_props:atm/1)}
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{prolog\_server/2: \textit{PREDICATE}}

\textbf{Usage:}
Prolog server entry point. Given a network node and a port number, starts the prolog server trying to connect to Java side at that node:port address, and then waits for Java requests. This predicate acts as a server: it includes an endless read-process loop until the \texttt{prolog\_halt} command is received.

However, from the low-level communication point of view, this Prolog server actually works as a client of the Java side. This means that Java side waits at the given port to a Prolog server trying to create a socket; Prolog side connects to that port, and then waits for Java requests (acting as a 'logical' server). To use this Prolog server as a real server waiting for connections at a given port, use \texttt{prolog\_server/1}.

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \texttt{Arg1} is an atom. \texttt{(basic\_props:atm/1)}
    \item \texttt{Arg2} is an atom. \texttt{(basic\_props:atm/1)}
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{shell\_s/0: \textit{PREDICATE}}

\textbf{Usage:}
Command execution loop. This predicate is called when the connection to Java is established, and performs an endless loop processing the commands received. This predicate is only intended to be used by the Prolog to Java interface and it should not be used by a user program.

\textbf{query\_solutions/2: \textit{PREDICATE}}

No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is of type \textit{concurrent}. 

query_requests/2: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is of type concurrent.

running_queries/2: PREDICATE
   No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is of type concurrent.
Chapter 156: Low-level Prolog to Java socket connection

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This module defines a low-level socket interface, to be used by javart and jtopl. Includes all the code related directly to the handling of sockets. This library should not be used by any user program, because is a very low-level connection to Java. Use javart (Prolog to Java interface) or jtopl (Java to Prolog interface) libraries instead.

156.1 Usage and interface (javasock)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(javasock)).

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    bind_socket_interface/1, start_socket_interface/2, stop_socket_interface/0, join_socket_interface/0, java_query/2, java_response/2, prolog_query/2, prolog_response/2, is_connected_to_java/0, java_debug/1, java_debug_redo/1, start_threads/0.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    fastrw, sockets/sockets, format, concurrency/concurrency, javail/jtopl, sockets/sockets_io.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

156.2 Documentation on exports (javasock)

bind_socket_interface/1: PREDICATE

Usage: bind_socket_interface(Port)

Given an port number, waits for a connection request from the Java side, creates the sockets to connect to the java process, and starts the threads needed to handle the connection.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Port is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Port is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

start_socket_interface/2: PREDICATE

Usage: start_socket_interface(Address,Stream)

Given an address in format 'node:port', creates the sockets to connect to the java process, and starts the threads needed to handle the connection.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Address is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

  Stream is an open stream. (streams_basic:stream/1)
The following properties should hold at call time:

- **Address** is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- **Stream** is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

**stop_socket_interface/0**: 
**Usage:**
Closes the sockets to disconnect from the Java process, and waits until the threads that handle the connection terminate.

**join_socket_interface/0**: 
**Usage:**
Waits until the threads that handle the connection terminate.

**java_query/2**: 
**Usage:** java_query(ThreadId, Query)

Data predicate containing the queries to be sent to Java. First argument is the Prolog thread Id, and second argument is the query to send to Java.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - **ThreadId** is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - **Query** is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

The predicate is of type **concurrent**.

**java_response/2**: 
**Usage:** java_response(Id, Response)

Data predicate that stores the responses to requests received from Java. First argument corresponds to the Prolog thread Id; second argument corresponds to the response itself.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - **Id** is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - **Response** is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

The predicate is of type **concurrent**.

**prolog_query/2**: 
**Usage:** prolog_query(Id, Query)

Data predicate that keeps a queue of the queries requested to Prolog side from Java side.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - **Id** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - **Query** is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

The predicate is of type **concurrent**.
**prolog_response/2:**

*Usage:* prolog_response(Id,Response)

Data predicate that keeps a queue of the responses to queries requested to Prolog side from Java side.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - Id is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - Response is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

The predicate is of type `concurrent`.

**is_connected_to_java/0:**

*Usage:*

Checks if the connection to Java is established.

**java_debug/1:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**java_debug_redo/1:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**start_threads/0:**

*Usage:*

Starts the threads that will handle the connection to Java. This predicate is declared public for internal purposes, and it is not intended to be used by a user program.
157 Calling emacs from Prolog

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This library provides a prolog-emacs interface. This interface is complementary to (and independent from) the emacs mode, which is used to develop programs from within the emacs editor/environment. Instead, this library allows calling emacs from a running Prolog program. This facilitates the use of emacs as a “user interface” for a Prolog program. Emacs can be made to:

- Visit a file, which can then be edited.
- Execute arbitrary emacs lisp code, sent from Prolog.

In order for this library to work correctly, the following is needed:

- You should be running the emacs editor on the same machine where the executable calling this library is executing.
- This emacs should be running the emacs server. This can be done by including the following line in your .emacs file:
  
  ;; Start a server that emacsclient can connect to.
  (server-start)

Or typing M-x server-start within emacs.

This suffices for using emacs to edit files. For running arbitrary code the following also needs to be added to the .emacs file:

(setq enable-local-eval t)
   Allows executing lisp code without asking.

(setq enable-local-eval nil)
   Does not allow executing lisp code without asking.

(setq enable-local-eval 'maybe)
   Allows executing lisp code only if user agrees after asking (asks interactively for every invocation).

Examples:

Assuming that a .pl file loads this library, then:

..., emacs_edit('foo'), ...  
  Opens file foo for editing in emacs.

..., emacs_eval_nowait("(run-ciao-toplevel)") , ...
  Starts execution of a Ciao top-level within emacs.
157.1 Usage and interface (emacs)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(emacs)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    emacs_edit/1, emacs_edit_nowait/1, emacs_eval/1, emacs_eval_nowait/1.
  - Regular Types:
    elisp_string/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    terms_check, lists, terms, system.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes, fsyntax, hiord.

157.2 Documentation on exports (emacs)

emacs_edit/1: PREDICATE
Usage:
Opens the given file for editing in emacs. Waits for editing to finish before continuing.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arg1 is an atom which is the name of a file. (emacs:filename/1)

emacs_edit_nowait/1: PREDICATE
Usage:
Opens the given file for editing in emacs and continues without waiting for editing to finish.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arg1 is an atom which is the name of a file. (emacs:filename/1)

emacs_eval/1: PREDICATE
Usage:
Executes in emacs the lisp code given as argument. Waits for the command to finish before continuing.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arg1 is a string containing emacs lisp code. (emacs:elisp_string/1)

emacs_eval_nowait/1: PREDICATE
Usage:
Executes in emacs the lisp code given as argument and continues without waiting for it to finish.
The following properties should hold at call time:

Arg1 is a string containing emacs lisp code.

elisp_string/1: REGTYPE
Usage: elisp_string(L)
L is a string containing emacs lisp code.
158 linda (library)

This is a SICStus-like linda package. Note that this is essentially quite obsolete, and provided mostly in case it is needed for compatibility, since Ciao now supports all Linda functionality (and more) through the concurrent fact database.

158.1 Usage and interface (linda)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(linda)).
  ```prolog```

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - linda_client/1, close_client/0, in/1, in/2, in_noblock/1, out/1, rd/1, rd/2, rd_noblock/1, rd_findall/3, linda_timeout/2, halt_server/0, open_client/2, in_stream/2, out_stream/2.
  - **Imports:**
    - **System library modules:**
      - read, fastrw, sockets/sockets.
    - **Packages:**
      - prelude, nonpure, assertions.

158.2 Documentation on exports (linda)

**linda_client/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**close_client/0:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**in/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**in/2:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**in_noblock/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.
out/1:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

rd/1:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

rd/2:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

rd_noblock/1:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

rd_findall/3:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

linda_timeout/2:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

halt_server/0:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

open_client/2:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

in_stream/2:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.

out_stream/2:
   No further documentation available for this predicate.
PART IX - Abstract data types

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This part includes libraries which implement some generic data structures (abstract data types) that are used frequently in programs or in the Ciao system itself.
159 Extendable arrays with logarithmic access time

Author(s): Lena Flood.

This module implements extendable arrays with logarithmic access time. It has been adapted from shared code written by David Warren and Fernando Pereira.

159.1 Usage and interface (arrays)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(arrays)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    new_array/1, is_array/1, aref/3, arefa/3, arefl/3, aset/4, array_to_list/2.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

159.2 Documentation on exports (arrays)

ew_array/1: PREDICATE
  Usage: new_array(Array)
  returns an empty new array Array.
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    Array is a free variable.

is_array/1: PREDICATE
  Usage: is_array(Array)
  Array actually is an array.
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    Array is currently a term which is not a free variable.

aref/3: PREDICATE
  Usage: aref(Index,Array,Element)
  unifies Element to Array[Index], or fails if Array[Index] has not been set.
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    Index is currently a term which is not a free variable.
    Array is currently a term which is not a free variable.
arefa/3: PREDICATE
Usage: arefa(Index, Array, Element)
is as aref/3, except that it unifies Element with a new array if Array[Index] is undefined.
This is useful for multidimensional arrays implemented as arrays of arrays.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Index is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Array is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

aref1/3: PREDICATE
Usage: aref1(Index, Array, Element)
is as aref/3, except that Element appears as [] for undefined cells. Thus, aref1(_,_,[]) always succeeds no matter what you give in the first or second args.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Index is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Array is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

aset/4: PREDICATE
Usage: aset(Index, Array, Element, NewArray)
unifies NewArray with the result of setting Array[Index] to Element.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Index is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Array is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  NewArray is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

array_to_list/2: PREDICATE
Usage: array_to_list(Array, List)
returns a List of pairs Index-Element of all the elements of Array that have been set.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Array is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  List is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
Chapter 160: Association between key and value

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This library implements a table. It takes its name from the classical "association lists". It allows storing a set of values and a key for each value, such that the values can later be accessed through these keys. These keys could not be ground terms, but they could not be instanciated later (so, this implementation unify with '===' instead of '=='). The implementation uses a dynamically changing data structure for efficiency. When there are few elements the data structure used is a list of pairs. When the number of elements stored goes beyond some number, an AVL tree is used. There is a certain level of hysteresis so that no repeated data structure conversions occur when the number of elements is close to the threshold.

160.1 Usage and interface (assoc)

- Library usage:
  \(-\) use_module(library(assoc)).

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    empty_assoc/1, assoc_to_list/2, is_assoc/1, min_assoc/3, max_assoc/3, gen_assoc/3, get_assoc/3, get_assoc/5, get_next_assoc/4, get prev_assoc/4, list_to_assoc/2, ord_list_to_assoc/2, map_assoc/2, map_assoc/3, map/3, foldl/4, put_assoc/4, put_assoc/5, add_assoc/4, update_assoc/5, del_assoc/4, del_min_assoc/4, del_max_assoc/4.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    hiordlib, lists.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, basicmodes, hiord, regtypes.

160.2 Documentation on exports (assoc)

empty_assoc/1:

Usage 1: empty_assoc(Assoc)
True if Assoc is an empty assoc_table.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Assoc is a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Assoc is a association between keys and values. (assoc:assoc_table/1)

Usage 2: empty_assoc(Assoc)
Assoc is an empty assoc_table.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Assoc is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Assoc is a association between keys and values. (assoc:assoc_table/1)
**assoc_to_list/2:**

**Usage:** assoc_to_list(Assoc,L)

Transforms Assoc into L where each pair of L was a association in Assoc.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - L is a free variable.
  - Assoc is a associations between keys and values.
  - L is a ordered list of elements of the form key-value.

**is_assoc/1:**

**Usage:** is_assoc(Assoc)

True if Assoc is an assoc_table.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Assoc is a associations between keys and values.

**min_assoc/3:**

**Usage:** min_assoc(Assoc,Key,Value)

Key and Value are key and value of the element with the smallest key in Assoc.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Key is a free variable.
  - Value is a free variable.
  - Assoc is a associations between keys and values.
  - K is a valid key in a assoc_table.
  - Value is a valid value in a assoc_table.

**max_assoc/3:**

**Usage:** max_assoc(Assoc,Key,Value)

Key and Value are the key and value of the element with the largest key in Assoc.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Key is a free variable.
  - Value is a free variable.
  - Assoc is a associations between keys and values.
  - Key is a valid key in a assoc_table.
  - Value is a valid value in a assoc_table.
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**gen_assoc/3:**

**Usage 1:** gen_assoc(K,Assoc,V)

Enumerate matching elements of Assoc in ascending order of their keys via backtracking.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - K is a free variable.
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - V is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - K is a valid key in a assoc_table.
  - Assoc is a associations betweeen keys and values.
  - V is a valid value in a assoc_table.

**Usage 2:** gen_assoc(K,Assoc,V)

Enumerate matching elements of Assoc in ascending order of their keys via backtracking whose value is V.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - K is a free variable.
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - V is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - K is a valid key in a assoc_table.
  - Assoc is a associations betweeen keys and values.
  - V is a valid value in a assoc_table.

**get_assoc/3:**

**Usage 1:** get_assoc(K,Assoc,V)

True if V is the value associated to the key K in the assoc_table Assoc.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - K is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - V is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - K is a valid key in a assoc_table.
  - Assoc is a associations betweeen keys and values.
  - V is a valid value in a assoc_table.

**Usage 2:** get_assoc(K,Assoc,V)

V is the value associated to the key K in the assoc_table Assoc.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - K is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - V is a free variable.
  - K is a valid key in a assoc_table.
  - Assoc is a associations betweeen keys and values.
  - V is a valid value in a assoc_table.
get_assoc/5:  
Usage: get_assoc(K,Assoc,Old,NewAssoc,New)  
NewAssoc is an assoc_table identical to Assoc except that the value associated with Key is New instead of Old.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - K is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  - Old is a free variable.  
  - NewAssoc is a free variable.  
  - New is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  - K is a valid key in a assoc_table.  
  - Assoc is a associations between keys and values.  
  - Old is a valid value in a assoc_table.  
  - NewAssoc is a associations between keys and values.  
  - New is a valid value in a assoc_table.

get_next_assoc/4:  
Usage: get_next_assoc(K,Assoc,NextK,NextV)  
NextK and NextV are the next key and associated value after K in Assoc.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - K is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  - NextK is a free variable.  
  - NextV is a free variable.  
  - K is a valid key in a assoc_table.  
  - Assoc is a associations between keys and values.  
  - NextK is a valid key in a assoc_table.  
  - NextV is a valid value in a assoc_table.

get_prev_assoc/4:  
Usage: get_prev_assoc(K,Assoc,PrevK,PrevV)  
PrevK and PrevV are the previous key and associated value after K in Assoc.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - K is a valid key in a assoc_table.  
  - Assoc is a associations between keys and values.  
  - PrevK is a valid key in a assoc_table.  
  - PrevV is a valid value in a assoc_table.

list_to_assoc/2:  
Usage: list_to_assoc(L,Assoc)  
Transforms L into Assoc where each pair of L will be a association in Assoc.
The following properties should hold at call time:
- L is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- Assoc is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- L is a list of elements of the form key-value. (assoc:pairs/1)
- Assoc is an association between keys and values. (assoc:assoc_table/1)

ord_list_to_assoc/2:
Usage: ord_list_to_assoc(L,Assoc)
Transforms L, a list of pairs (using the functor -/2) sorted by its first element, into the table Assoc where each pair of L will become an association in Assoc.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - L is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Assoc is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - L is a ordered list of elements of the form key-value. (assoc:ord_pairs/1)
  - Assoc is an association between keys and values. (assoc:assoc_table/1)

map_assoc/2:
Usage: map_assoc(Pred,Assoc)
Assoc is an association tree, and for each Key, if Key is associated with Value in Assoc, Pred(Value) is true.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Pred is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: map_assoc((pred 1),?).

map_assoc/3:
Usage: map_assoc(Pred,Assoc,NewAssoc)
Assoc and NewAssoc are association trees of the same shape, and for each Key, if Key is associated with Old in Assoc and with new in NewAssoc, Pred(Old,New) is true.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Pred is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - NewAssoc is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: map_assoc((pred 2),?,?).

map/3:
Usage: map(Assoc1,Pred,Assoc2)
Applies Pred with arity 3 to each value of the assoc_table Assoc1 obtaining the new assoc_table Assoc2 in which only the values can have changed.
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  \(\text{Assoc}1\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \(\text{Pred}\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \(\text{Assoc}2\) is a free variable.

\textit{Meta-predicate} with arguments: \texttt{map(?,(pred 3),?)}.  

\textbf{foldl/4:} 

Usage: \texttt{foldl(\text{Assoc},\text{DS},\text{Pred},\text{NDS})}

Applies \text{Pred} with arity 4 to each value of the assoc.
\text{table} \text{Assoc}. If \text{Pred} is satisfied, it updates the data-structure \text{DS}. Otherwise it fails.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  \(\text{Assoc}\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \(\text{DS}\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \(\text{Pred}\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \(\text{NDS}\) is a free variable.

\textit{Meta-predicate} with arguments: \texttt{foldl(?,?,(pred 4),?)}.  

\textbf{put_assoc/4:} 

Usage: \texttt{put_assoc(K,\text{Assoc},V,\text{NewAssoc})}

The value \(V\) is inserted in \text{Assoc} associated to the key \(K\) and can be used to insert and change associations.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  \(K\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \(\text{Assoc}\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \(V\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \(\text{NewAssoc}\) is a free variable.

\textit{Meta-predicate} with arguments: \texttt{assoc(key/l),assoc:assoc_table/l,assoc: value/1,assoc:assoc_table/l}}

\textbf{put_assoc/5:} 

Usage: \texttt{put_assoc(K,\text{Assoc}1,V,\text{Assoc}2,\text{Member})}

The value \(V\) is inserted in \text{Assoc}1 associated to the key \(K\) and the result is \text{Assoc}2. If the key \(K\) doesn’t belong to the \text{Assoc}1 then \text{Member} is unified with no. Otherwise, \text{Assoc}2 is the result of substituting the association \(K-\text{OldValue}\) by \(K-V\) and \text{Member} is unified with yes(OldValue).

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  \(K\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \(\text{Assoc}1\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \(V\) is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  \(\text{Assoc}2\) is a free variable.
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Member is a free variable.
K is a valid key in a assoc_table.
Assoc1 is a associations between keys and values.
V is a valid value in a assoc_table.
Assoc2 is a associations between keys and values.
Member is no or yes(value).

(assoc: key/1)
(term_typing: var/1)
(term_typing: var/1)
(assoc: assoc_table/1)
(assoc: assoc_table/1)
(assoc: assoc_table/1)

add_assoc/4:
Usage: add_assoc(K, Assoc1, V, Assoc2)
This is similar to put_value/5 but Key must not appear in Assoc1 (Member in put_value/5 is known to be no). An error is thrown otherwise.

The following properties should hold at call time:
K is currently a term which is not a free variable.
Assoc1 is currently a term which is not a free variable.
V is currently a term which is not a free variable.
Assoc2 is a free variable.
K is a valid key in a assoc_table.
Assoc1 is a associations between keys and values.
V is a valid value in a assoc_table.
Assoc2 is a associations between keys and values.

(assoc: assoc_table/1)
(term_typing: nonvar/1)
(term_typing: nonvar/1)
(term_typing: nonvar/1)
(term_typing: var/1)
(assoc: key/1)
(assoc: assoc_table/1)
(assoc: value/1)

update_assoc/5:
Usage: update_assoc(K, Assoc1, V, Assoc2, OldVar)
This is similar to put_assoc/5 but Key must not appear in Assoc1 (Member in put_assoc/5 is known to be no). An error is thrown otherwise.

The following properties should hold at call time:
K is currently a term which is not a free variable.
Assoc1 is currently a term which is not a free variable.
V is currently a term which is not a free variable.
Assoc2 is a free variable.
K is a valid key in a assoc_table.
Assoc1 is a associations between keys and values.
V is a valid value in a assoc_table.
Assoc2 is a associations between keys and values.
OldVar is a valid value in a assoc_table.

(assoc: assoc_table/1)
(term_typing: nonvar/1)
(term_typing: nonvar/1)
(term_typing: nonvar/1)
(term_typing: var/1)
(term_typing: var/1)
(assoc: key/1)
(assoc: assoc_table/1)
(assoc: value/1)

del_assoc/4:
Usage: del_assoc(K, Assoc1, V, Assoc2)
Delete in Assoc1 the key K to give Assoc2. If the key K does not belong to the Assoc1 then Member is unified with no and Assoc1 and Assoc2 are unified. Otherwise Assoc2 is the result of deleting the key K and its associated Value, and Member is unified with yes(Value).

(assoc: is_member/1)
The following properties should hold at call time:

- K is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
- Assoc is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
- V is a free variable.  
- Assoc is a free variable.  
- K is a valid key in an assoc_table.  
- Assoc is a associations between keys and values.  
- V is a valid value in an assoc_table.  
- Assoc is a associations between keys and values.

```
(term_typing:nonvar/1)
(term_typing:nonvar/1)
(term_typing:var/1)
(term_typing:var/1)
(assoc:key/1)
(assoc:assoc_table/1)
(assoc:table/1)
(assoc:assoc_table/1)
```

\[\text{del_min_assoc/4:} \quad \text{PREDICATE}\]

Usage: \texttt{del_min_assoc(Assoc,K,V,NewAssoc)}

\texttt{Assoc} and \texttt{NewAssoc} define the same finite function except that \texttt{Assoc} associates \texttt{K} with \texttt{V} and \texttt{NewAssoc} doesn’t associate \texttt{K} with any value and \texttt{K} precedes all other keys in \texttt{Assoc}.

- The following properties should hold at call time:

```
(term_typing:nonvar/1)
(term_typing:var/1)
(term_typing:var/1)
(term_typing:var/1)
(assoc:assoc_table/1)
(assoc:assoc_table/1)
(assoc:assoc_table/1)
```

\[\text{del_max_assoc/4:} \quad \text{PREDICATE}\]

Usage: \texttt{del_max_assoc(Assoc,K,V,NewAssoc)}

\texttt{Assoc} and \texttt{NewAssoc} define the same finite function except that \texttt{Assoc} associates \texttt{K} with \texttt{V} and \texttt{NewAssoc} doesn’t associate \texttt{K} with any value and \texttt{K} is preceded by all other keys in \texttt{Assoc}.

- The following properties should hold at call time:

```
(term_typing:nonvar/1)
(term_typing:var/1)
(term_typing:var/1)
(term_typing:var/1)
(assoc:assoc_table/1)
(assoc:assoc_table/1)
(assoc:assoc_table/1)
```

161 counters (library)

161.1 Usage and interface (counters)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(counters)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    setcounter/2, getcounter/2, inccounter/2.

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

161.2 Documentation on exports (counters)

**setcounter/2**:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**getcounter/2**:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**inccounter/2**:  
No further documentation available for this predicate.
Chapter 162: Identity lists

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The operations in this module handle lists by performing equality checks via identity instead of unification.

162.1 Usage and interface (idlists)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(idlists)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - member_0/2, memberchk/2, list_insert/2, add_after/4, add_before/4, delete/3, subtract/3, union_idlists/3.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

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member_0/2:

```prolog
member_0(X,Xs)
```

True iff memberchk/2 is true.

memberchk/2:

```prolog
memberchk(X,Xs)
```

Checks that X is an element of (list) Xs.

list_insert/2:

```prolog
Usage: list_insert(List,Term)
```

Adds Term to the end of (tail-opened) List if there is not an element in List identical to Term.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - List is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - Term is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

add_after/4:

```prolog
Usage: add_after(L0,E0,E,L)
```

Adds element E after the first element identical to E0 (or at end) of list L0, returning in L the new list.
The following properties should hold at call time:
L0 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
E0 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
E is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
L is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

add_before/4:
Usage: add_before(L0,E0,E,L)
Adds element E before the first element identical to E0 (or at start) of list L0, returning
in L the new list.
The following properties should hold at call time:
L0 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
E0 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
E is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
L is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

delete/3:
Usage: delete(List,Element,Rest)
Rest has the same elements of List except for all the occurrences of elements identical to
Element.
The following properties should hold at call time:
List is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Element is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Rest is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

subtract/3:
Usage: subtract(Set,Set0,Difference)
Difference has the same elements of Set except those which have an identical occurrence
in Set0.
The following properties should hold at call time:
Set is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Set0 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Difference is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

union_idlists/3:
Usage: union_idlists(List1,List2,List)
List has the elements which are in List1 but are not identical to an element in List2
followed by the elements in List2.
The following properties should hold at call time:
List1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
List2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
List is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
163 Lists of numbers

Author(s): The CLIP Group.
This module implements some kinds of lists of numbers.

163.1 Usage and interface (numlists)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(numlists)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - `get_primes/2`, `sum_list/2`, `sum_list/3`, `sum_list_of_lists/2`, `sum_list_of_lists/3`.
  - Regular Types:
    - `intlist/1`, `numlist/1`.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - `lists`.
  - Packages:
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `regtypes`.

163.2 Documentation on exports (numlists)

get_primes/2:
  **PREDICATE**
  **Usage:** get_primes(N,Primes)
  Computes the Nth first prime numbers in ascending order.
  - **The following properties should hold at call time:**
    - N is an integer.
  - **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
    - Primes is a list of integers.

intlist/1:
  **REGTYPE**
  **Usage:** intlist(X)
  X is a list of integers.

numlist/1:
  **REGTYPE**
  **Usage:** numlist(X)
  X is a list of numbers.
**sum_list/2:**

Usage: `sum_list(List,N)`

N is the total sum of the elements of List.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - List is a list of numbers.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - N is a number.

**sum_list/3:**

Usage: `sum_list(List,NO,N)`

N is the total sum of the elements of List plus NO.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - List is a list of numbers.
  - NO is a number.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - N is a number.

**sum_list_of_lists/2:**

Usage: `sum_list_of_lists(Lists,N)`

N is the total sum of the elements of the lists of Lists.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - List is a list of numlists.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - N is a number.

**sum_list_of_lists/3:**

Usage: `sum_list_of_lists(Lists,NO,N)`

N is the total sum of the elements of the lists of Lists plus NO.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - List is a list of numlists.
  - NO is a number.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - N is a number.
164 Pattern (regular expression) matching - deprecated version

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

(Deprecated - please use the new "regexp" package instead.)

This library provides facilities for matching strings and terms against patterns (i.e., regular expressions).

164.1 Usage and interface (patterns)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(patterns)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    match_pattern/2, match_pattern/3, case_insensitive_match/2, letter_match/2, match_pattern_pred/2.
  - Regular Types:
    pattern/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    lists.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, dcg, regtypes.

164.2 Documentation on exports (patterns)

match_pattern/2: PREDICATE

Usage: match_pattern(Pattern,String)

Matches String against Pattern. For example, match_pattern("*.pl","foo.pl") succeeds.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Pattern is a pattern to match against. (patterns:pattern/1)
  String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

match_pattern/3: PREDICATE

Usage: match_pattern(Pattern,String,Tail)

Matches String against Pattern. Tail is the remainder of the string after the match. For example, match_pattern("??*","foo.pl",Tail) succeeds, instantiating Tail to "o.pl".

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Pattern is a pattern to match against. (patterns:pattern/1)
  String is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
  Tail is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
case_insensitive_match/2:
Usage: case_insensitive_match(Pred1,Pred2)
Tests if two predicates Pred1 and Pred2 match in a case-insensitive way.

letter_match/2:
Usage: letter_match(X,Y)
True iff X and Y represents the same letter

pattern/1:
Special characters for Pattern are:
* Matches any string, including the null string.
? Matches any single character.
[] Matches any one of the enclosed characters. A pair of characters separated by a minus sign denotes a range; any character lexically between those two characters, inclusive, is matched. If the first character following the [ is a ^ then any character not enclosed is matched. No other character is special inside this construct. To include a [ in a character set, you must make it the first character. To include a ‘,’ you must use it in a context where it cannot possibly indicate a range: that is, as the first character, or immediately after a range.
| Specifies an alternative. Two patterns A and B with | in between form an expression that matches anything that either A or B will match.
{...} Groups alternatives inside larger patterns.
\ Quotes a special character (including itself).
Usage: pattern(P)
P is a pattern to match against.

match_pattern_pred/2:
Usage: match_pattern_pred(Pred1,Pred2)
Tests if two predicates Pred1 and Pred2 match using regular expressions.
165 Graphs

Author(s): Francisco Bueno.
This module implements utilities for work with graphs

165.1 Usage and interface (graphs)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(graphs)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    dgraph_to_ugraph/2, dlgraph_to_lgraph/2, edges_to_ugraph/2, edges_to_lgraph/2.
  - Regular Types:
    dgraph/1, dlgraph/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    sort, graphs/ugraphs, graphs/lgraphs.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, basicmodes, regtypes.

165.2 Documentation on exports (graphs)

dgraph/1:

  \texttt{dgraph(Graph)}
  
  A directed graph is a term \texttt{graph(V,E)} where \texttt{V} is a list of vertices and \texttt{E} is a list of edges (none necessarily sorted). Edges are pairs of vertices which are directed, i.e., \texttt{(a,b)} represents \texttt{a->b}. Two vertices \texttt{a} and \texttt{b} are equal only if \texttt{a==b}.

Usage: \texttt{dgraph(Graph)}

\texttt{Graph} is a directed graph.

dlgraph/1:

  \texttt{dlgraph(Graph)}
  
  A labeled directed graph is a directed graph where edges are triples of the form \texttt{(a,l,b)} where \texttt{l} is the label of the edge \texttt{(a,b)}.

Usage: \texttt{dlgraph(Graph)}

\texttt{Graph} is a directed labeled graph.

dgraph_to_ugraph/2:

Usage: \texttt{dgraph_to_ugraph(Graph,UGraph)}

Converts \texttt{Graph} to \texttt{UGraph}. 
The following properties should hold at call time:

- **Graph** is currently a term which is not a free variable.
- **UGraph** is a free variable.
- **Graph** is a directed graph.
- **UGraph** is a free variable.

The following properties should hold upon exit:

- **Graph** is a directed graph.
- **UGraph** is an ugraph.

**dlgraph_to_lgraph/2:**

Usage: dlgraph_to_lgraph(Graph,LGraph)

Converts **Edges** to **LGraph**.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Graph** is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - **LGraph** is a free variable.
  - **Graph** is a directed labeled graph.
  - **LGraph** is a free variable.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - **Edges** is a list of pairs.
  - **LGraph** is a labeled graph of **term** terms.

**edges_to_ugraph/2:**

Usage: edges_to_ugraph(Edges,UGraph)

Converts **Graph** to **UGraph**.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Edges** is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - **UGraph** is a free variable.
  - **Edges** is a list of pairs.
  - **UGraph** is a free variable.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - **Edges** is a list of pairs.
  - **UGraph** is an ugraph.

**edges_to_lgraph/2:**

Usage: edges_to_lgraph(Edges,LGraph)

Converts **Edges** to **LGraph**.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Edges** is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - **LGraph** is a free variable.
  - **Edges** is a list of triples.
  - **LGraph** is a free variable.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - **Edges** is a list of triples.
  - **LGraph** is a labeled graph of **term** terms.
165.3 Documentation on internals (graphs)

pair/1:
Usage: pair(P)
P is a pair (_,_).

triple/1:
Usage: triple(P)
P is a triple (_,_,_).
Chapter 166: Unweighted graph-processing utilities

**Author(s):** Richard A. O’Keefe (original shared code), Mats Carlsson (adapted from original code), Francisco Bueno (modifications), Manuel Carro (modifications).

An unweighted directed graph (ugraph) is represented as a list of (vertex-neighbors) pairs, where the pairs are in standard order (as produced by keysort with unique keys) and the neighbors of each vertex are also in standard order (as produced by sort), and every neighbor appears as a vertex even if it has no neighbors itself.

An undirected graph is represented as a directed graph where for each edge \((U,V)\) there is a symmetric edge \((V,U)\).

An edge \((U,V)\) is represented as the term \(U-V\).

A vertex can be any term. Two vertices are distinct iff they are not identical \((==/2)\).

A path is represented as a list of vertices. No vertex can appear twice in a path.

### 166.1 Usage and interface (ugraphs)

- **Library usage:**
  ```prolog```
  ```
  :- use_module(library(ugraphs)).
  ```
- **Exports:**
  - *Predicates:*
    - `vertices_edges_to_ugraph/3`, `neighbors/3`, `edges/2`, `del_edges/3`, `add_edges/3`, `vertices/2`, `del_vertices/3`, `add_vertices/3`, `transpose/2`, `rooted_subgraph/3`, `point_to/3`.
  - *Regular Types:*
    - `ugraph/1`.
- **Imports:**
  - *System library modules:*
    - `sets`, `sort`.
  - *Packages:*
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `isomodes`, `regtypes`.

### 166.2 Documentation on exports (ugraphs)

#### `vertices_edges_to_ugraph/3`:

PREDICATE

No further documentation available for this predicate.

#### `neighbors/3`:

PREDICATE

(*True*) Usage: `neighbors(Vertex,Graph,Neighbors)`

Is true if `Vertex` is a vertex in `Graph` and `Neighbors` are its neighbors.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `Vertex` is currently a term which is not a free variable. *(term_typing:nonvar/1)*
  - `Graph` is currently a term which is not a free variable. *(term_typing:nonvar/1)*
  - `Neighbors` is a free variable. *(term_typing:var/1)*
edges/2:
  (True) Usage: edges(Graph,Edges)
  Unifies Edges with the edges in Graph.
  – The following properties should hold at call time:
    Graph is currently a term which is not a free variable.  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    Edges is a free variable.  (term_typing:var/1)

del_edges/3:
  (True) Usage: del_edges(Graph1,Edges,Graph2)
  Is true if Graph2 is Graph1 with Edges removed from it.
  – The following properties should hold at call time:
    Graph1 is currently a term which is not a free variable.  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    Edges is currently a term which is not a free variable.  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    Graph2 is a free variable.  (term_typing:var/1)

add_edges/3:
  (True) Usage: add_edges(Graph1,Edges,Graph2)
  Is true if Graph2 is Graph1 with Edges and their 'to' and 'from' vertices added to it.
  – The following properties should hold at call time:
    Graph1 is currently a term which is not a free variable.  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    Edges is currently a term which is not a free variable.  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    Graph2 is a free variable.  (term_typing:var/1)

vertices/2:
  (True) Usage: vertices(Graph,Vertices)
  Unifies Vertices with the vertices in Graph.
  – The following properties should hold at call time:
    Graph is currently a term which is not a free variable.  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    Vertices is a free variable.  (term_typing:var/1)

del_vertices/3:
  (True) Usage: del_vertices(Graph1,Vertices,Graph2)
  Is true if Graph2 is Graph1 with Vertices and all edges to and from Vertices removed from it.
  – The following properties should hold at call time:
    Graph1 is currently a term which is not a free variable.  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    Vertices is currently a term which is not a free variable.  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    Graph2 is a free variable.  (term_typing:var/1)
add_vertices/3:

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: add_vertices(Graph1,Vertices,Graph2)}

\text{Is true if Graph2 is Graph1 with Vertices added to it.}

- \text{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  - Graph1 is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Vertices is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Graph2 is a free variable.

\text{transpose/2:}

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: transpose(Graph,Transpose)}

\text{Is true if Transpose is the graph computed by replacing each edge (u,v) in Graph by its symmetric edge (v,u). It can only be used one way around. The cost is } \mathcal{O}(N^2).

- \text{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  - Graph is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Transpose is a free variable.

\text{rooted_subgraph/3:}

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: rooted_subgraph(Graph,Sources,SubGraph)}

\text{SubGraph is the subgraph of Graph which is reachable from Sources.}

- \text{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  - Graph is an ugraph.
  - Sources is a list.
  - SubGraph is a free variable.

- \text{The following properties hold upon exit:}
  - SubGraph is an ugraph.

\text{point_to/3:}

(\text{True}) \text{ Usage: point_to(Vertex,Graph,Point_to)}

\text{Is true if Point_to is the list of nodes which go directly to Vertex in Graph.}

- \text{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  - Vertex is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Graph is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - Point_to is a free variable.

\text{ugraph/1:}

\text{Usage: ugraph(Graph)}

Graph is an ugraph.
Chapter 167: wgraphs (library)

167 wgraphs (library)

167.1 Usage and interface (wgraphs)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(wgraphs)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    vertices_edges_to_wgraph/3.
    ```

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    sets, sort.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
    ```

167.2 Documentation on exports (wgraphs)

- `vertices_edges_to_wgraph/3`:
  No further documentation available for this predicate.
168 Labeled graph-processing utilities

Author(s): Francisco Bueno.
See the comments for the ugraphs library.

168.1 Usage and interface (lgraphs)

- Library usage:
  \[\text{:- use\_module(library(lgraphs)).}\]
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    \[\text{vertices\_edges\_to\_lgraph/3.}\]
  - Regular Types:
    \[\text{lgraph/2.}\]
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    \[\text{sort, sets.}\]
  - Packages:
    \[\text{prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, regtypes.}\]

168.2 Documentation on exports (lgraphs)

\text{lgraph/2:}

Usage: \text{lgraph(Graph,Type)}
Graph is a labeled graph of Type terms.

\text{vertices\_edges\_to\_lgraph/3:}

This one is a copy of the same procedure in library(wgraphs) except for the definition of min/3 (ah! - the polymorphism!).
It would only be needed if there are multi-edges, i.e., several edges between the same two vertices.
169 queues (library)

169.1 Usage and interface (queues)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(queues)).
  ```prolog```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    q_empty/1, q_insert/3, q_member/2, q_delete/3.
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

169.2 Documentation on exports (queues)

**q_empty/1:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**q_insert/3:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**q_member/2:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.

**q_delete/3:**
No further documentation available for this predicate.
170 Random numbers

Author(s): Daniel Cabeza.
This module provides predicates for generating pseudo-random numbers.

170.1 Usage and interface (random)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(random)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - random/1, random/3, srandom/1.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - foreign_interface/foreign_interface_properties.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, foreign_interface, basicmodes, regtypes, foreign_interface(foreign_interface_ttrs), foreign_interface(foreign_interface_ops).

170.2 Documentation on exports (random)

random/1: PREDICATE

```
random(Number)
Number is a (pseudo-) random number in the range [0.0,1.0]
```

(True) Usage:
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Number is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- **The following properties hold upon exit:**
  Number is currently instantiated to a float. (term_typing:float/1)
- **The following properties hold globally:**
  The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the function ForeignName. The same considerations as above example are to be applied. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign_low/2)

random/3: PREDICATE

```
random(Low,Up,Number)
Number is a (pseudo-) random number in the range [Low, Up]
```

(True) Usage 1:
If Low and Up are integers, Number is an integer.
The following properties should hold at call time:
Low is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
Up is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
Number is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:
Number is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

The following properties hold globally:
The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the function ForeignName. The same considerations as above example are to be applied. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign_low/2)

(True) Usage 2:
The following properties should hold at call time:
Low is a float. (basic_props:flt/1)
Up is a number. (basic_props:num/1)
Number is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:
Number is a float. (basic_props:flt/1)

(True) Usage 3:
The following properties should hold at call time:
Low is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
Up is a float. (basic_props:flt/1)
Number is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:
Number is a float. (basic_props:flt/1)

srandom/1: PREDICATE
srandom(Seed)
Changes the sequence of pseudo-random numbers according to Seed. The stating sequence of numbers generated can be duplicated by calling the predicate with Seed unbound (the sequence depends on the OS).

(True) Usage:
Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
Seed is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

The following properties hold upon exit:
Seed is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

The following properties hold globally:
The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the function ForeignName. The same considerations as above example are to be applied. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign_low/2)
171 Set Operations

Author(s): Lena Flood.
This module implements set operations. Sets are just ordered lists.

171.1 Usage and interface (sets)

- **Library usage:**
  ```prolog```
  ```- use_module(library(sets)).```  

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - `insert/3`, `ord_delete/3`, `ord_member/2`, `ord_test_member/3`, `ord_subtract/3`,
      `ord_intersection/3`, `ord_intersection_diff/4`, `ord_intersect/2`, `ord_subset/2`,
      `ord_subset_diff/3`, `ord_union/3`, `ord_union_diff/4`, `ord_union_symdiff/4`, `ord_`
      `union_change/3`, `merge/3`, `ord_disjoint/2`, `setproduct/3`.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    - `sort`.
  - **Packages:**
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `basicmodes`.

171.2 Documentation on exports (sets)

- **`insert/3`**
  **PREDICATE**
  ```prolog```
  ```insert(Set1, Element, Set2)```  
  It is true when `Set2` is `Set1` with `Element` inserted in it, preserving the order.
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    - `Set1` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    - `Element` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    - `Set2` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- **`ord_delete/3`**
  **PREDICATE**
  ```prolog```
  ```ord_delete(Set0, X, Set)```  
  It succeeds if `Set` is `Set0` without element `X`.
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    - `Set0` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    - `X` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    - `Set` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
ord_member/2:
Usage: ord_member(X, Set)
It succeeds if X is member of Set.
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  X is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

ord_test_member/3:
Usage: ord_test_member(Set, X, Result)
If X is member of Set then Result=yes. Otherwise Result=no.
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  X is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Result is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

ord_subtract/3:
Usage: ord_subtract(Set1, Set2, Difference)
It is true when Difference contains all and only the elements of Set1 which are not also in Set2.
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

ord_intersection/3:
Usage: ord_intersection(Set1, Set2, Intersection)
It is true when Intersection is the ordered representation of Set1 and Set2, provided that Set1 and Set2 are ordered lists.
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

ord_intersection_diff/4:
Usage: ord_intersection_diff(Set1, Set2, Intersect, NotIntersect)
Intersect contains those elements which are both in Set1 and Set2, and NotIntersect those which are in Set1 but not in Set2.
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Intersect is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  NotIntersect is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
ord_intersect/2:
Usage: ord_intersect(Xs,Ys)
Succeeds when the two ordered lists have at least one element in common.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Xs is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Ys is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

ord_subset/2:
Usage: ord_subset(Xs,Ys)
Succeeds when every element of Xs appears in Ys.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Xs is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Ys is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

ord_subset_diff/3:
Usage: ord_subset_diff(Set1,Set2,Difference)
It succeeds when every element of Set1 appears in Set2 and Difference has the elements of Set2 which are not in Set1.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Difference is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

ord_union/3:
Usage: ord_union(Set1,Set2,Union)
It is true when Union is the union of Set1 and Set2. When some element occurs in both sets, Union retains only one copy.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

ord_union_diff/4:
Usage: ord_union_diff(Set1,Set2,Union,Difference)
It succeeds when Union is the union of Set1 and Set2, and Difference is Set2 set-minus Set1.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Union is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Difference is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
ord_union_symdiff/4:
Usage: ord_union_symdiff(Set1, Set2, Union, Diff)
It is true when Diff is the symmetric difference of Set1 and Set2, and Union is the union of Set1 and Set2.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Union is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Diff is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

ord_union_change/3:
Usage: ord_union_change(Set1, Set2, Union)
Union is the union of Set1 and Set2 and Union is different from Set2.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Union is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

merge/3:
Usage: merge(Set1, Set2, Union)
See ord_union/3.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

ord_disjoint/2:
Usage: ord_disjoint(Set1, Set2)
Set1 and Set2 have no element in common.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

setproduct/3:
Usage: setproduct(Set1, Set2, Product)
Product has all two element sets such that one element is in Set1 and the other in Set2, except that if the same element belongs to both, then the corresponding one element set is in Product.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Set1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Set2 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Product is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
Chapter 172: Variable name dictionaries

Author(s): Francisco Bueno, Edison Mera.

172 Variable name dictionaries

172.1 Usage and interface (vndict)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(vndict)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - `create_dict/2`, `create_pretty_dict/2`, `complete_dict/3`, `complete_vars_dict/3`, `prune_dict/3`, `sort_dict/2`, `dict2varnamesl/2`, `varnames12dict/2`, `find_name/4`, `prettyvars/2`, `rename/2`, `vars_names_dict/3`.
  - Regular Types:
    - `null_dict/1`, `varnamedict/1`.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - `varnames/dict_types`, `idlists`, `terms_vars`, `sets`, `sort`.
  - Packages:
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `basicmodes`, `regtypes`.

172.2 Documentation on exports (vndict)

**null_dict/1:**

**REGTYPE**

Usage: `null_dict(D)`

D is an empty dictionary.

**create_dict/2:**

**PREDICATE**

Usage: `create_dict(Term,Dict)`

Dict has names for all variables in Term.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  Dict is a dictionary of variable names. (vndict:varnamedict/1)

**create_pretty_dict/2:**

**PREDICATE**

Usage: `create_pretty_dict(Term,Dict)`

Dict has names for all variables in Term. The difference with `create_dict/2` is that prettier names are generated

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
The following properties should hold upon exit:

Dict is a dictionary of variable names. (vndict:varnamedict/1)

**complete_dict/3:**

**Usage:** complete_dict(Dict,Term,NewDict)

NewDict is Dict augmented with the variables of Term not yet in Dict.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Dict is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  
  Term is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  
  NewDict is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**complete_vars_dict/3:**

**Usage:** complete_vars_dict(Dict,Vars,NewDict)

NewDict is Dict augmented with the variables of the list Vars not yet in Dict.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Dict is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  
  Vars is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  
  NewDict is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**prune_dict/3:**

**Usage:** prune_dict(Term,Dict,NewDict)

NewDict is Dict reduced to just the variables of Term.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Term is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  
  Dict is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  
  NewDict is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**sort_dict/2:**

**Usage:** sort_dict(D,Dict)

D is sorted into Dict.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  D is a dictionary of variable names. (vndict:varnamedict/1)
  
  Dict is a dictionary of variable names. (vndict:varnamedict/1)

**dict2varnamesl/2:**

**Usage:** dict2varnamesl(Dict,VNs)

Translates Dict to VNs.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Dict is a dictionary of variable names. (vndict:varnamedict/1)
The following properties should hold upon exit:
VNs is a list of Name=Var pairs, where Var is a variable and Name its name.
(dict_types:varnamesl/l)

\textbf{varnamesl2dict/2:} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

Usage: \texttt{varnamesl2dict(VNs,Dict)}

Translates VNs to Dict.

\begin{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold at call time:
    VNs is a list of Name=Var pairs, where Var is a variable and Name its name.
    (dict_types:varnamesl/l)
  \item The following properties should hold upon exit:
    Dict is a dictionary of variable names.
    (vndict:varnamedict/l)
\end{itemize}

\textbf{find_name/4:} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

\texttt{find_name(Vars,Names,V,Name)}

Given that \texttt{vars_names_dict(Dict,Vars,Names)} holds, it acts as \texttt{rename(X,Dict)}, but
the name of X is given as Name instead of unified with it.

\textbf{prettyvars/2:} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

Usage:
Give names to the variables in the term Term using the dictionary Dict. Intended to
replace \texttt{prettyvars/1} in those places where is possible to get the dictionary of variables.

\begin{itemize}
  \item Call and exit should be compatible with:
    \texttt{Arg1} is any term. \hspace{1cm} (basic_props:term/l)
    \texttt{Arg2} is a list of Name=Var pairs, where Var is a variable and Name its name.
    (dict_types:varnamesl/l)
  \item The following properties should hold at call time:
    \texttt{Arg2} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{1cm} (term_typing:nonvar/l)
\end{itemize}

\textbf{rename/2:} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

Usage: \texttt{rename(Term,Dict)}

Unifies each variable in Term with its name in Dict. If no name is found, a new name is
created.

\begin{itemize}
  \item The following properties should hold at call time:
    Dict is a dictionary of variable names. \hspace{1cm} (vndict:varnamedict/l)
\end{itemize}

\textbf{varnamedict/1:} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{REGTYPE}

Usage: \texttt{varnamedict(D)}

D is a dictionary of variable names.
vars_names_dict/3: 

Usage: vars_names_dict(Dict, Vars, Names)

Vars is a sorted list of variables, and Names is a list of their names, which correspond in the same order.

— Call and exit should be compatible with:

Dict is a dictionary of variable names. (vndict:varnamedict/1)

Vars is a list. (basic.props:list/1)

Names is a list. (basic.props:list/1)
PART X - Contributed libraries

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

This part includes a number of libraries which have contributed by users of the Ciao system. Over time, some of these libraries are moved to the main library directories of the system.
173 A Chart Library

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

This library is intended to ease the task of displaying some graphical results. This library allows the programmer to visualize different graphs and tables without knowing anything about specific graphical packages.

You need to install the BLT package in your computer. BLT is an extension to the Tk toolkit and it does not require any patching of the Tcl or Tk source files. You can find it in http://www.tcltk.com/blt/index.html

Basically, when the user invokes a predicate, the library (internally) creates a bltwin interpreter and passes the information through a socket to display the required widget. The interpreter parses the received commands and executes them.

The predicates exported by this library can be classified in four main groups, according to the types of representation they provide.

- bar charts
- line graphs
- scatter graphs
- tables

To represent graphs, the Cartesian coordinate system is used. I have tried to show simple samples for every library exported predicate in order to indicate how to call them.

173.1 Bar charts

In this section we shall introduce the general issues about the set of barchart predicates. By calling the predicates that pertain to this group a bar chart for plotting two-dimensional data (X-Y coordinates) can be created. A bar chart is a graphic means of comparing numbers by displaying bars of lengths proportional to the y-coordinates they represented. The barchart widget has many configurable options such as title, header text, legend and so on. You can configure the appearance of the bars as well. The bar chart widget has the following components:

Header text
The text displayed at the top of the window. If it is ‘’ no text will be displayed.

Save button
The button placed below the header text. Pops up a dialog box for the user to select a file to save the graphic in PostScript format.¹

Bar chart title
The title of the graph. It is displayed at the top of the bar chart graph. If text is ‘’ no title will be displayed.

X axis title
X axis title. If text is ‘’ no x axis title will be displayed.

Y axis title
Y axis title. If text is ‘’ no y axis title will be displayed.

X axis
X coordinate axis. The x axis is drawn at the bottom margin of the bar chart graph. The x axis consists of the axis line, ticks and tick labels. Tick labels can be numbers or plain text. If the labels are numbers, they could be displayed at uniform intervals (the numbers are treated as normal text) or depending on its x-coordinate value. You can also set limits (maximum and minimum) for the x axis, but only if the tick labels are numeric.

¹ Limitation: Some printers can have problems if the PostScript file is too complex (i.e. too many points/lines appear in the picture).
Y axis  Y coordinate axis. You can set limits (maximum and minimum) for the y axis. The y axis is drawn at the right margin of the bar chart graph. The y axis consists of the axis line, ticks and tick labels. The tick labels are numeric values determined from the data and are drawn at uniform intervals.

Bar chart graph
This is the plotting area, placed in the center of the window and surrounded by the axes, the axis titles and the legend (if any). The range of the axes controls what region of the data is plotted. By default, the minimum and maximum limits are determined from the data, but you can set them (as mentioned before). Data points outside the minimum and maximum value of the axes are not plotted.

Legend
The legend displays the name and symbol of each bar. The legend is placed in the right margin of the Bar chart graph.

Footer text
Text displayed at the lower part of the window. If text is "", no header text will be displayed.

Quit button
Button placed below the footer text. Click it to close the window.

All of them are arranged in a window. However you can, for example, show a bar chart window without legend or header text. Other configuration options will be explained later.

In addition to the window appearance there is another important issue about the bar chart window, namely its behaviour in response to user actions. The association user actions to response is called bindings. The main bindings currently specified are the following:

Default bindings
Those are well known by most users. They are related to the frame displayed around the window. As you know, you can interactively move, resize, close, iconify, deiconify, send to another desktop etc. a window.

Bindings related to bar chart graph and its legend
Clicking the left mouse key over a legend element, the corresponding bar turns out into red. After clicking again, the bar toggles to its original look. In addition, you can do zoom-in by pressing the left mouse key over the bar chart graph and dragging to select an area. To zoom out simply press the right mouse button.

When the pointer passes over the plotting area the cross hairs are drawn. The cross hairs consists of two intersecting lines (one vertical and one horizontal). Besides, if the pointer is over a legend element, its background changes.

Bindings related to buttons
There are two buttons in the main widget. Clicking the mouse on the Save button a "Save as" dialog box is popped up. The user can select a file to save the graph. If the user choose a file that already exists, the dialog box prompts the user for confirmation on whether the existing file should be overwritten or not. Furthermore, you can close the widget by clicking on the Quit button.

When the pointer passes over a button the button color changes.

The predicates that belong to this group are those whose names begin with barchart and genmultibar. If you take a look at the predicate names that pertain to this group, you will notice that they are not self-explanatory. It would have been better to name the predicates in a way that allows the user to identify the predicate features by its name, but it would bring about very long names (i.e barchart_WithoutLegend_BarsAtUniformIntervals_RandomBarsColors). For this reason I decided to simply add a number after barchart to name them.
173.2 Line graphs

It is frequently the case that several datasets need to be displayed on the same plot. If so, you may wish to distinguish the points in different datasets by joining them by lines of different color, or by plotting with symbols of different types. This set of predicates allows the programmer to represent two-dimensional data (X-Y coordinates). Each dataset contains x and y vectors containing the coordinates of the data. You can configure the appearance of the points and the lines which the points are connected with. The configurable line graph components are:

- **Line graph**: This is the plotting area, placed in the center of the window and surrounded by the axes, the axes titles and the legend (if any). The range of the axes controls what region of the data is plotted. By default, the minimum and maximum limits are determined from the data, but you can set them. Data points outside the minimum and maximum value of the axes are not plotted. You can specify how connecting line segments joining successive datapoints are drawn by setting the `Smooth` argument. Smooth can be either linear, step, natural and quadratic. Furthermore, you can select the appearance of the points and lines.

- **Legend**: The legend displays the name and symbol of each line. The legend is placed in the right margin of the graph.

The elements header, footer, quit and save buttons, the titles and the axes are quite similar to those in barchart graphs, except in that the tick labels will be numbers. All of them are arranged in a window by the geometry manager. However you can, as we mentioned in the above paragraphs, show a line graph window without any titles or footer text. Other configuration options will be explained later in this section or in the corresponding modules.

Related to the behaviour of the widgets in response to user actions (bindings) we will remark the following features:

- **Bindings related to line graph and its legend**: Clicking the left mouse key over a legend element, the corresponding line turns out into blue. Repeating the action reverts the line to its original color. Moreover, you can do zoom-in by clicking the left mouse key over the bar chart graph and dragging a rectangle defining the area you want to zoom in. To zoom out simply press the right mouse button.

  When the pointer passes over the plotting area the cross hairs are drawn. The cross hairs consists of two intersecting lines (one vertical and one horizontal). Besides, if the pointer is over a legend element, its background changes.

- **Other bindings**: The default bindings and the bindings related to the save and quit buttons are similar to those in the bar chart graphs.

The predicates that belong to this group are those whose names begin with `graph_`.

173.3 Scatter graphs

The challenge of this section is to introduce some general aspects about the scatter graph predicates group. By invoking the scatter graph predicates the user can represent two-dimensional point datasets. Often you need to display one or several point datasets on the same plot. If so, you may wish to distinguish the points that pertain to different datasets by using plotting symbols of different types, or by displaying them in different colors. This set of predicates allows you to represent two-dimensional data (X-Y coordinates). Each dataset contains x and y vectors containing the coordinates of the data. You can configure the appearance of the points. The configurable scatter graph components are:
scatter graph

This is the plotting area, placed in the center of the window and surrounded by the axes, the axes titles and the legend (if any). The range of the axes controls what region of the data is plotted. By default, the minimum and maximum limits are determined from the data, but you can set them (as we mentioned before). Data points outside the minimum and maximum value of the axes are not plotted. The user can select the appearance of the points.

Legend

The legend displays the name and symbol of each point dataset. The legend is drawn in the right margin of the graph.

The elements header, footer, quit and save buttons, the titles and the axes are similar to those in barchart graphs except for that, as in line graphs, the tick labels will be numbers. All of them are arranged in a window by the geometry manager. However you can, for example, show a scatter graph window without titles or footer text, as we mentioned before. Other configuration options will be explained later, in the corresponding modules.

Related to the behaviour of the widgets in response to user actions (bindings) the following features are:

Bindings related to scatter graph and its legend

Clicking the left mouse key over a legend element, the points which belong to the corresponding dataset turn out into blue. Repeating the action toggles the point dataset to its original color. Moreover, you can do zoom-in by clicking the left mouse key over the bar chart graph and dragging a rectangle defining the area you want to zoom-in on. To do zoom-out simply press the right mouse button.

When the pointer passes over the plotting area the cross hairs are drawn. The cross hairs consists of two intersecting lines (one vertical and one horizontal). Besides, if the pointer is over a legend element, its background changes.

Other bindings

The default bindings and the bindings related to the save and quit buttons are similar to those in the bar chart graphs.

The predicates that belong to this group are those whose names began with `scattergraph`.

### 173.4 Tables

The purpose of this section is to allow the user to display results in a table. A table is a regular structure in which:

- Every row has the same number of columns, or
- Every column has the same number of rows.

The widget configurable components are as follows:

**Title**

Title of the widget, it is displayed centered at the top of the canvas. If text is ‘’ no title will be displayed.

**Header text**

Left centered text displayed bellow the title. If text is ‘’ no header text will be displayed.

**Table**

Is placed in the center of the window. The table is composed by cells ordered in rows and columns. The cell values can be either any kind of text or numbers and they can be empty as well (see the type definition in the corresponding chapter module). A table is a list of lists. Each sublist is a row, so every sublist in the table must contain the same number of elements.
173.5 Overview of widgets

Although you don’t have to worry about how to arrange the widgets, here is an overview of how Tcl-tk, the underlying graphical system currently used by chartlib, performs this task. Quoting from the book *Tcl and Tk toolkit*, John K. Ousterhout.

The X Window System provides many facilities for manipulating windows in displays. The root window may have any number of child windows, each of which is called a top-level window. Top-level windows may have children of their own, which may have also children, and so on. The descendants of top-level windows are called internal windows. Internal windows are used for individual controls such as buttons, text entries, and for grouping controls together. An X-application typically manages several top-level windows. Tk uses X to implement a set of controls with the Motif look and feel. These controls are called widgets. Each widget is implemented using one X window, and the terms "window" and "widget" will be used interchangeably in this document. As with windows, widgets are nested in hierarchical structures. In this library top-level widgets (nonleaf or main) are just containers for organizing and arranging the leaf widgets (components). Thereby, the barchart widget is a top-level window which contains some widget components.

Probably the most painstaking aspect of building a graphical application is getting the placement and size of the widgets just right. It usually takes many iterations to align widgets and adjust their spacing. That’s because managing the geometry of widgets is simply not a packing problem, but also graphical design problem. Attributes such as alignment, symmetry, and balance are more important than minimizing the amount of space used for packing. Tk is similar to other X toolkits in that it does not allow widgets to determine their own geometries. A widget will not even appeared unless it is managed by a geometry manager. This separation of geometry management from internal widget behaviour allows multiple geometry managers to exist simultaneously and permits any widget to be used with any geometry manager. A geometry manager’s job is to arrange one or more slave widgets relative to a master widgets. There are some geometry managers in Tk such as pack, place and canvas widget. We will use another one call table.

The table geometry manager arranges widgets in a table. It’s easy to align widgets (horizontally and vertically) or to create empty space to balance the arrangement of the widgets. Widgets (called slaves in the Tk parlance) are arranged inside a containing widget (called the master). Widgets are positioned at row,column locations and may span any number of rows or columns. More than one widget can occupy a single location. The placement of widget windows determines both the size and arrangement of the table. The table queries the requested size of each widget. The requested size of a widget is the natural size of the widget (before the widget is shrunk or expanded). The height of each row and the width of each column is the largest widget spanning that row or column. The size of the table is in turn the sum of the row and column sizes. This is the table’s normal size. The total number of rows and columns in a table is determined from the indices specified. The table grows dynamically as windows are added at larger indices.
173.6 Usage and interface (chartlib)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(chartlib)).
  ```

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    chartlib/genbar1, chartlib/genbar2, chartlib/genbar3, chartlib/genbar4,
    chartlib/genmultibar, chartlib/table_widget1,
    chartlib/table_widget2, chartlib/table_widget3, chartlib/table_widget4,
    chartlib/gengraph1, chartlib/gengraph2, chartlib/chartlib_errhandle.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, regtypes, isomodes.
    ```

173.7 Documentation on exports (chartlib)

- **barchart1/7**: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
  Imported from `genbar1` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

- **barchart1/9**: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
  Imported from `genbar1` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

- **percentbarchart1/7**: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
  Imported from `genbar1` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

- **barchart2/7**: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
  Imported from `genbar2` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

- **barchart2/11**: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
  Imported from `genbar2` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

- **percentbarchart2/7**: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
  Imported from `genbar2` (see the corresponding documentation for details).

- **barchart3/7**: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
  Imported from `genbar3` (see the corresponding documentation for details).
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barchart3/9: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from genbar3 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

percentbarchart3/7: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from genbar3 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

barchart4/7: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from genbar4 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

barchart4/11: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from genbar4 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

percentbarchart4/7: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from genbar4 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

multibarchart/8: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from genmultibar (see the corresponding documentation for details).

multibarchart/10: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from genmultibar (see the corresponding documentation for details).

tablewidget1/4: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from table_widget1 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

tablewidget1/5: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from table_widget1 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

tablewidget2/4: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from table_widget2 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

tablewidget2/5: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from table_widget2 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

tablewidget3/4: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)
Imported from table_widget3 (see the corresponding documentation for details).
tablewidget3/5: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from table_widget3 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

tablewidget4/4: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from table_widget4 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

tablewidget4/5: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from table_widget4 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

graph_b1/9: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from gengraph1 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

graph_b1/13: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from gengraph1 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

graph_w1/9: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from gengraph1 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

graph_w1/13: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from gengraph1 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

scattergraph_b1/8: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from gengraph1 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

scattergraph_b1/12: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from gengraph1 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

scattergraph_w1/8: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from gengraph1 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

scattergraph_w1/12: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from gengraph1 (see the corresponding documentation for details).

graph_b2/9: (UNDOC.REEXPORT) Imported from gengraph2 (see the corresponding documentation for details).
• Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
Chapter 174: Low level Interface between Prolog and blt

174 Low level Interface between Prolog and blt

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

This module exports some predicates to interact with Tcl-tk, particularly with the bltwish program. Bltwish is a windowing shell consisting of the Tcl command language, the Tk toolkit plus the additional commands that come with the BLT library and a main program that reads commands. It creates a main window and then processes Tcl commands.

174.1 Usage and interface (bltclass)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(bltclass)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    new_interp/1, tcltk_raw_code/2, interp_file/2.
  - Regular Types:
    bltwish_interp/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    strings.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

174.2 Documentation on exports (bltclass)

new_interp/1: PREDICATE
new_interp(Interp)
Creates a bltwish interpreter and returns a socket. The socket allows the communication between Prolog and Tcl-tk. Thus, bltwish receives the commands through the socket.
Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Interp is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  bltclass:bltwish_interp(Interp) (bltclass:bltwish_interp/1)

Tcltk_raw_code/2: PREDICATE
tcltk_raw_code(Command_Line,Interp)
Sends a command line to the interpreter. Tcl-tk parses and executes it.
Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Command_Line is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
  bltclass:bltwish_interp(Interp) (bltclass:bltwish_interp/1)
bltwish_interp/1:  
    bltwish_interp(Interp)

This type defines a bltwish interpreter. In fact, the bltwish interpreter receives the commands through the socket created.

    bltwish_interp(Interp) :-
        stream(Interp).

interp_file/2:  
    interp_file(File,Interp)

Sends the script file (File) to the interpreter through the socket. A script file is a file that contains commands that Tcl-tk can execute.

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - File is a source name. (streams_basic:sourcename/1)
  - bltclass:bltwish_interp(Interp) (bltclass:bltwish_interp/1)
175 Error Handler for Chartlib

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

This module is an error handler. If the format of the arguments is not correct in a call to a chartlib predicate an exception will be thrown. You can wrap the chartlib predicates with the predicates exported by this module to handle automatically the errors if any.

175.1 Usage and interface (chartlib_errhandle)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(chartlib_errhandle)).
  ```prolog```

- Export:
  - Predicates:
    chartlib_text_error_protect/1, chartlib_visual_error_protect/1.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    chartlib/bitclass, chartlib/install_utils.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

175.2 Documentation on exports (chartlib_errhandle)

chartlib_text_error_protect/1: PREDICATE

chartlib_text_error_protect(G)

This predicate catches the thrown exception and sends it to the appropriate handler. The handler will show the error message in the standard output.

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - G is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic.props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: chartlib_text_error_protect(goal).

chartlib_visual_error_protect/1: PREDICATE

chartlib_visual_error_protect(G)

This predicate catches the thrown exception and sends it to the appropriate handler. The handler will pop up a message box.

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - G is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic.props:callable/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: chartlib_visual_error_protect(goal).
175.3 Documentation on internals (chartlib_errhandle)

**handler_type/1:**

```prolog
handler_type(X)
```

The library chartlib includes two error handlers already programmed.

```prolog
handler_type(text).
handler_type(visual).
```

**error_message/2:**

```prolog
error_message(ErrorCode, ErrorMessage)
```

Binds the error code with its corresponding text message.

**Usage:**

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  ```prolog
  ErrorCode is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  ErrorMessage is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  ```

**error_file/2:**

```prolog
error_file(ErrorCode, ErrorFile)
```

Binds the error code with its corresponding script error file.

**Usage:**

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  ```prolog
  ErrorCode is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  ErrorFile is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  ```
176 Color and Pattern Library

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

This module contains predicates to access and check conformance to the available colors and patterns.

176.1 Usage and interface (color_pattern)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(color_pattern)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - Predicates:
    - `color/2, pattern/2, random_color/1, random_lightcolor/1, random_darkcolor/1, random_pattern/1`.
  - **Regular Types:**
    - `color/1, pattern/1`.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    - `random/random`.
  - **Packages:**
    - `prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes`.

176.2 Documentation on exports (color_pattern)

```prolog
color/1:
color(Color)

color('GreenYellow').
color('Yellow').
color('White').
color('Wheat').
color('BlueViolet').
color('Violet').
color('MediumTurquoise').
color('DarkTurquoise').
color('Turquoise').
color('Thistle').
color('Tan').
color('Sienna').
color('Salmon').
color('VioletRed').
color('OrangeRed').
color('MediumVioletRed').
color('IndianRed').
color('Red').
color('Plum').
```
Defines available colors for elements such as points, lines or bars.

\texttt{color} \texttt{1} \texttt{(C1,C2)}

\texttt{color} \texttt{2} :
Test whether the color C1 is a valid color or not. If C1 is a variable the predicate will choose a valid color randomly. If C1 is a ground term that is not a valid color an exception (error9) will be thrown.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  color_pattern:color(C1) (color_pattern:color/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  color_pattern:color(C2) (color_pattern:color/1)

**pattern/1:**

```prolog
pattern(Pattern)
  pattern(pattern1).
  pattern(pattern2).
  pattern(pattern3).
  pattern(pattern4).
  pattern(pattern5).
  pattern(pattern6).
  pattern(pattern7).
  pattern(pattern8).
  pattern(pattern9).
```

Defines valid patterns used in the stipple style bar attribute.

**pattern/2:**

```prolog
Usage: pattern(P1,P2)
```

Test whether the pattern P1 is a valid pattern or not. If P1 is a variable the predicate will choose a valid pattern randomly. If P1 is a ground term that is not a valid pattern an exception (error10) will be thrown.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  color_pattern:pattern(P1) (color_pattern:pattern/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  color_pattern:pattern(P2) (color_pattern:pattern/1)

**random_color/1:**

```prolog
random_color(Color)
```

This predicate choose a valid color among the availables randomly.

**Usage:**

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  color_pattern:color(Color) (color_pattern:color/1)

**random_lightcolor/1:**

```prolog
random_lightcolor(Color)
```

This predicate choose a valid light color among the availables randomly.

**Usage:**
The following properties should hold at call time:
Color is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:
color_pattern:color(Color) (color_pattern:color/1)

random_darkcolor/1:
random_darkcolor(Color)
This predicate choose a valid dark color among the availables randomly.
Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Color is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
color_pattern:color(Color) (color_pattern:color/1)

random_pattern/1:
random_pattern(Pattern)
This predicate choose a valid pattern among the availables randomly.
Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Pattern is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
color_pattern:pattern(Pattern) (color_pattern:pattern/1)
177 Barchart widgets - 1

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

This module defines predicates to show barchart widgets. The three predicates exported by this module plot two-variable data as regular bars in a window. They all share the following features:

- No numeric values for the x axis are needed because they will be interpreted as labels. See xbarelement1/1 definition type.
- The bars will be displayed at uniform intervals.
- The user can either select the appearance of the bars (background color, foreground color and stipple style) or not. See the xbarelement1 type definition. Thus, the user can call each predicate in two ways.
- The bar chart has a legend. One entry (symbol and label) per bar.
- If you don’t want to display text in the elements header, barchart title, x axis title, y axis title or footer, simply type ’’ as the value of the argument.
- The predicates test whether the format of the arguments is correct. If one or both vectors are empty, the exception error2 will be thrown. If the vectors contain elements but are not correct, the exception error1 or error3 will be thrown, depending on the error type. error1 means that XVector and YVector do not contain the same number of elements and error3 indicates that not all the XVector elements contain a correct number of attributes.

Particular features will be pointed out in the corresponding predicate.

177.1 Usage and interface (genbar1)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(genbar1)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    barchart1/7, barchart1/9, percentbarchart1/7.
    ```
  - Regular Types:
    ```prolog
    yelement/1, axis_limit/l, header/1, title/1, footer/1.
    ```

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    chartlib/bltclass, chartlib/test_format, chartlib/color_pattern, chartlib/install_utils, lists, random/random.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, nortchecks, regtypes, isomodes.
    ```

177.2 Documentation on exports (genbar1)

**barchart1/7:**

```prolog
barchart1(Header,BarchartTitle,XTitle,XVector,YTitle,YVector,Footer)
```
The y axis range is determined from the limits of the data. Two examples are given to demonstrate clearly how to call the predicates. In the first example the user sets the bar appearance, in the second one the appearance features will be chosen by the system and the colors that have been assigned to the variables Color1, Color2 and Pattern will be shown also.

Example 1:

```prolog
barchart1('This is the header text',
  'Barchart title',
  'xaxistitle',
  [ ['bar1','legend_element1','Blue','Yellow','pattern1'],
    ['bar2','legend_element2','Plum','SeaGreen','pattern2'],
    ['bar3','legend_element3','Turquoise','Yellow',
      'pattern5'] ],
  'yaxixtitle',
  [20,10,59],
  'footer').
```

Example 2:

```prolog
barchart1('This is the header text',
  'Barchart title',
  'xaxistitle',
  [ ['element1','legend_element1',Color1,Color2,Pattern],
    ['element2','legend_element2'],
    ['element3','legend_element3'] ],
  'yaxixtitle',
  [20,10,59],
  'footer').
```

**Usage:**

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  - BarchartTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - XTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - XVector is a list of xbarelement1s. (basic_props:list/2)
  - YTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - YVector is a list of yelements. (basic_props:list/2)
  - Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)

**barchart1/9:**

You can set the minimum and maximum limits of the y axis. Data outside the limits will not be plotted. Each limit, as you can check by looking at the axis_limit/1 definition, is a number. If the argument is a variable the limit will be calculated from the data (i.e., if YMax value is YValueMax the maximum y axis limit will calculated using the largest data value).

Example:

```prolog
barchart1('This is the header text',
  'Barchart title',
  'YTitle',
  [20,10,59],
  'footer').
```
percentbarchart1/7:

PREDICATE

percentbarchart1(Header,BTitle,XTitle,XVector,YTitle,YVector,Footer)

The y axis maximum coordinate value is 100. The x axis limits are automatically worked out.

Example:

percentbarchart1('This is a special barchart to represent percentages',
    'Barchart with legend',
    'My xaxistitle',
    [ [1,'bar1','Blue','Yellow','pattern1'],
      [8,'bar2','MediumTurquoise','Plum','pattern5'] ],
    'My yaxixtitle',
    [80,10],
    'This is the footer text').

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.  \(\text{genbar1:header/1}\)
  
  **BTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  \(\text{genbar1:title/1}\)
  
  **XTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  \(\text{genbar1:title/1}\)
  
  **XVector** is a list of xbarelementls.  \(\text{basic_props:list/2}\)
  
  **YTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  \(\text{genbar1:title/1}\)
  
  **YVector** is a list of yelements.  \(\text{basic_props:list/2}\)
  
  **genbar1:axis_limit(YMax)**  \(\text{genbar1:axis_limit/1}\)
  
  **genbar1:axis_limit(YMin)**  \(\text{genbar1:axis_limit/1}\)
  
  **Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph.  \(\text{genbar1:footer/1}\)
yelement/1:

```
    yelement(Y) :-
        number(Y).
```

Y is the bar length, so it must be a numeric value.

Both Prolog and Tcl-Tk support integers and floats. Integers are usually specified in
decimal, but if the first character is 0 the number is read in octal (base 8), and if the first
two characters are 0x, the number is read in hexadecimal (base16). Float numbers may
be specified using most of the forms defined for ANSI C, including the following examples:

- 9.56
- 5.88e-2
- 5.1E2

Note: Be careful when using floats. While 8. or 7.0e4 is interpreted by Tcl-tk as 8.0 and
7.0e4, Prolog will not read them as float numbers. Example:

```
?- number(8.e+5).
{SYNTAX ERROR: (Ins 130-130) , or ) expected in arguments
    number ( 8
    ** here **
    . e + 5 ) .
}
```

no

```
?- number(8.).
{SYNTAX ERROR: (Ins 138-138) , or ) expected in arguments
    number ( 8
    ** here **
    . ) .
}
```

no

```
?- number(8.0e+5).
yes
?- number(8.0).
yes
```

Precision: Tcl-tk internally represents integers with the C type int, which provides at
least 32 bits of precision on most machines. Since Prolog integers can (in some implementa-
tions) exceed 32 bits but the precision in Tcl-tk depends on the machine, it is up to the
programmer to ensure that the values fit into the maximum precision of the machine for
integers. Real numbers are represented with the C type double, which is usually repre-
sented with 64-bit values (about 15 decimal digits of precision) using the IEEE Floating
Point Standard.

Conversion: If the list is composed by integers and floats, Tcl-tk will convert integers to
floats.

axis_limit/1:
axis_limit(X) :-
    number(X).
axis_limit(_1).

This type is defined in order to set the minimum and maximum limits of the axes. Data outside the limits will not be plotted. Each limit is a number or a variable. If the argument is not a number the limit will be calculated from the data (i.e., if YMax value is Var the maximum y axis limit will be calculated using the largest data value).

header/1:  
Usage: header(X)  
X is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.

title/1:  
Usage: title(X)  
X is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.

footer/1:  
Usage: footer(X)  
X is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph.

177.3 Documentation on internals (genbar1)

xbarelement1/1:  
Usage: xbarelement1([XValue,LegendElement])  
XValue bar label. Although XValue values may be numbers, the will be treated as labels. Different elements with the same label will produce different bars.

LegendElement Legend element name. It may be a number or an atom and equal or different to the XValue. Every LegendElement value of the list must be unique.

ForegColor It sets the Foreground color of the bar. Its value must be a valid color, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a color chosen by the library.
**BackColor**

It sets the Background color of the bar. Its value must be a valid color, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a color chosen by the library.

**SPattern**

It sets the stipple of the bar. Its value must be a valid pattern, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a pattern chosen by the library.

### 177.4 Known bugs and planned improvements (genbar1)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
178 Barchart widgets - 2

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

This module defines predicates which show barchart widgets. The three predicates exported by this module plot two-variable data as regular bars in a window. They all share the following features:

- Numeric values for the x axis are needed, otherwise it does not work properly. See xbarelement2/1 definition type.
- The bar position is proportional to the x-coordinate value.
- The user can either select the appearance of the bars (background color, foreground color and stipple style) or not. See the xbarelement2/1 type definition. Thus, the user can call each predicate in two ways.
- The bar chart has a legend and one entry (symbol and label) per bar.
- If you do not want to display text in the elements header, barchart title, x axis title, y axis title or footer, simply type ’’ as the value of the argument.
- The predicates test whether the format of the arguments is correct. If one or both vectors are empty, the exception error2 will be thrown. If the vectors contain elements but are not correct, the exception error1 or error3 will be thrown, depending on the error type. error1 means that XVector and YVector does not contain the same number of elements and error3 indicates that not all the XVector elements contain a correct number of attributes.

Particular features will be pointed out in the corresponding predicate.

178.1 Usage and interface (genbar2)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(genbar2)).
  ```prolog```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    barchart2/7, barchart2/11, percentbarchart2/7.
  - Regular Types:
    xbarelement2/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    chartlib/genbarl, chartlib/bltclass, chartlib/color_pattern, chartlib/test_format, chartlib/install_utils, lists, random/random.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

178.2 Documentation on exports (genbar2)

barchart2/7:  PREDICATE

barchart2(Header,BarchartTitle,XTitle,XVector,YTitle,YVector,Footer)

The maximum and minimum limits for axes are determined from the data.

Example:
barchart2('This is the header text',
    'Barchart with legend',
    'My xaxistitle',
    [ [1,'bar1','Blue','Yellow','pattern1'],
      [2,'bar2','MediumTurquoise','Plum','pattern5'] ],
    'My yaxistitle',
    [20,10],
    'This is the footer text').

Usage:
- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.  
  (genbar1:header/1)
  
  **BarchartTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
  (genbar1:title/1)
  
  **XTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
  (genbar1:title/1)
  
  **XVector** is a list of xbarelement2s.  
  (basic_props:list/2)
  
  **YTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
  (genbar1:title/1)
  
  **YVector** is a list of yelements.  
  (basic_props:list/2)
  
  **Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph.  
  (genbar1:footer/1)

barchart2/11: 

**PREDICATE**

barchart2(Header,BT,XT,XVector,XMax,XMin,YT,YVector,YMax,YMin,Footer)

You can set the minimum and maximum limits of the axes. Data outside the limits will not be plotted. Each limit, as you can check looking at the axis_limit/1 definition, is a number. If the argument is a variable the limit will be calculated from the data (i.e., if YMax value is YValueMax the maximum y axis limit will calculated using the largest data value).

Example:

barchart2('This is the header text',
    'Barchart with legend',
    'My xaxistitle',
    [ [1,'bar1',Color1,Color2,Pattern1],
      [2,'bar2',Color3,Color4,Pattern2] ],
    10,
    -10,
    'My yaxistitle',
    [20,10],
    100,
    -10,
    'The limits for the axes are set by the user').

Usage:
- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.  
  (genbar1:header/1)
  
  **BT** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
  (genbar1:title/1)
  
  **XT** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
  (genbar1:title/1)
  
  **XVector** is a list of xbarelement2s.  
  (basic_props:list/2)
  
  genbar1:axis_limit(XMax)  
  (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  
  genbar1:axis_limit(XMin)  
  (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
YT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. 
YVector is a list of yelements.
genbar1:axis_limit(YMax)
genbar1:axis_limit(YMin)
Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph.

percentbarchart2/7: 
percentbarchart2(Header,BTitle,XTitle,XVector,YTitle,YVector,Footer)
The y axis maximum coordinate value is 100. The x axis limits are autoarrange.
Example:
percentbarchart2('This is a special barchart to represent percentages',
'Barchart with legend',
'My xaxistitle',
[ [1,'bar1','Blue','Yellow','pattern1'],
[2,'bar2','MediumTurquoise','Plum','pattern5'] ],
'My yaxixtitle',
[80,10],
'This is the footer text').

Usage:
— _The following properties should hold at call time:_
Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.
BTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.
XTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.
XVector is a list of xbarelement2s.
YTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.
YVector is a list of yelements.
Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph.

xbarelement2/1: 
xbarelement2([XValue,LegendElement]) :-
    number(XValue),
    atomic(LegendElement).
xbarelement2([XValue,LegendElement,ForegColor,BackgColor,SPattern]) :-
    number(XValue),
    atomic(LegendElement),
    color(ForegColor),
    color(BackgColor),
    pattern(SPattern).

Defines the attributes of the bar.

XValue x-coordinate position of the bar. Different elements with the same abscissas will produce overlapped bars.

LegendElement Element legend name. It may be a number or an atom and equal or different to the XValue. Every LegendElement value of the list must be unique.
**ForeColor**

Is the Foreground color of the bar. Its value must be a valid color, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a color chosen by the library.

**BackColor**

Is the Background color of the bar. Its value must be a valid color, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a color chosen by the library.

**SPattern**

Is the stipple of the bar. Its value must be a valid pattern, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a pattern chosen by the library.
179 Depict barchart widgets - 3

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

This module defines predicates which depict barchart widgets. The three predicates exported by this module plot two-variable data as regular bars in a window and are similar to those exported in the genbar1 module except in that these defined in this module do not display a legend. Thus, not all the argument types are equal.

The predicates test whether the format of the arguments is correct. If one or both vectors are empty, the exception error2 will be thrown. If the vectors contain elements but are not correct, the exception error1 or error3 will be thrown, depending on the error type. error1 means that XVector and YVector do not contain the same number of elements and error3 indicates that not all the XVector elements contain a correct number of attributes.

179.1 Usage and interface (genbar3)

• Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(genbar3)).

• Exports:
  — Predicates:
    barchart3/7, barchart3/9, percentbarchart3/7.

• Imports:
  — System library modules:
    chartlib/genbar1, chartlib/bltclass, chartlib/color_pattern,
    chartlib/test_format, chartlib/install_utils, lists, random/random.
  — Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

179.2 Documentation on exports (genbar3)

barchart3/7: 

barchart3(Header,BarchartTitle,XTitle,XVector,YTitle,YVector,Footer)

As we mentioned in the above paragraph, this predicate is comparable to barchart1/8 except in the XVector argument type.

Example:

barchart3('This is the header text', 
  'Barchart without legend', 
  'My xaxistitle', 
  [[‘bar1’],[‘bar2’]], 
  'My yaxixtitle', 
  [20,10], 
  'This is the footer text').

Usage:

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
BarchartTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
XTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
XVector is a list of xbarelement3s. (basic_props:list/2)
YTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
YVector is a list of yelements. (basic_props:list/2)
Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)

barchart3/9:
PREDICATE
barchart3(Header,BTitle,XTitle,XVector,YTitle,YVector,YMax,YMin,Footer)
As we mentioned, this predicate is quite similar to the barchart1/10 except in the XVector argument type, because the yielded bar chart lacks of legend.
Example:

barchart3('This is the header text',
     'Barchart without legend',
     'My xaxistitle',
     [[‘barl’],[‘bar2’]],
     'My yaxixtitle',
     30,
     5,
     [20,10],
     'This is the footer text').

Usage:
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  BTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  XTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  XVector is a list of xbarelement3s. (basic_props:list/2)
  YTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  YVector is a list of yelements. (basic_props:list/2)
  genbar1:axis_limit(YMax) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(YMin) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)

percentbarchart3/7:
PREDICATE
percentbarchart3(Header,BTitle,XTitle,XVector,YTitle,YVector,Footer)
The y axis maximum coordinate value is 100. The x axis limits are autoarrange.
Example:

percentbarchart3('This is a special barchart to represent percentages',
                 'Barchart without legend',
                 'My xaxistitle',
                 [[‘pr1’,'Blue','Yellow','pattern1'],
                  ['pr2','MediumTurquoise','Plum','pattern5']],
                 'My yaxixtitle',
                 100,
                 5,
                 [20,10],
                 'This is the footer text').
Usage:
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  BTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  XTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  XVector is a list of xbarelement3s. (basic_props:list/2)
  YTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  YVector is a list of yelements. (basic_props:list/2)
  Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)

179.3 Documentation on internals (genbar3)

xbarelement3/1:

xbarelement3([XValue]) :- atomic(XValue).
xbarelement3([XValue,ForegColor,BackgColor,StipplePattern]) :-
    atomic(XValue),
    color(ForegColor),
    color(BackgColor),
    pattern(StipplePattern).

Defines the attributes of the bar.

XValue bar label. Although XValue values may be numbers, the will be treated as labels. Different elements with the same label will produce different bars.

ForegColor It sets the Foreground color of the bar. Its value must be a valid color, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a color chosen by the library.

BackgColor It sets the Background color of the bar. Its value must be a valid color, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a color chosen by the library.

SPattern It sets the stipple of the bar. Its value must be a valid pattern, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a pattern chosen by the library.
180 Depict barchart widgets - 4

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This module defines predicates which depict barchart widgets. The three predicates exported by this module plot two-variable data as regular bars in a window and are similar to those exported in genbar2 module except in that those defined in this module doesn’t display a legend. Thus, the user does not have to define legend element names.

The predicates test whether the format of the arguments is correct. If one or both vectors are empty, the exception error2 will be thrown. If the vectors contains elements but are not correct, the exception error1 or error3 will be thrown, depending on the error type. error1 means that XVector and YVector do not contain the same number of elements and error3 indicates that not all the XVector elements contain a correct number of attributes.

180.1 Usage and interface (genbar4)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(genbar4)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    barchart4/7, barchart4/11, percentbarchart4/7.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    chartlib/genbar1, chartlib/bltclass, chartlib/color_pattern, chartlib/test_format, chartlib/install_utils, lists, random/random.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

180.2 Documentation on exports (genbar4)

barchart4/7: PREDICATE

barchart4(Header,BarchartTitle,XTitle,XVector,YTitle,YVector,Footer)

As we mentioned in the above paragraph, this predicate is comparable to barchart2/8 except in the XVector argument type.
Example:

barchart4('This is the header text',
  'Barchart without legend',
  'My xaxistitle',
  [[2],[5],[6]],
  'My yaxixtitle',
  [20,10,59],
  'Numeric values in the xaxis').

Usage:
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.  (genbar1:header/1)
BarchartTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbarl:title/1)

XTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbarl:title/1)

XVector is a list of xbarelement4s. (basic_props:list/2)

YTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbarl:title/1)

YVector is a list of yelements. (basic_props:list/2)

Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbarl:footer/1)

barchart4/11:

As we stated before, this predicate is quite similar to barchart2/10 except in the following aspects:

• The XVector argument type, because the yielded bar chart lacks the legend.
• The user can set limits for both x axis and y axis.

Example:

barchart4('This is the header text, you can write a graph description',
'Barchart without legend',
'My xaxistitle',
[[2,'Blue','Yellow','pattern1'],
 [20,'MediumTurquoise','Plum','pattern5'],
 [30,'MediumTurquoise','Green','pattern5']],
50,
-10,
'My yaxixtitle',
[20,10,59],
100,
-10,
'Numeric values in the xaxis').

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  Hdr is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbarl:header/1)
  BT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbarl:title/1)
  XT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbarl:title/1)
  XVector is a list of xbarelement4s. (basic_props:list/2)
  genbar1:axis.limit(XMax) (genbarl:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis.limit(XMin) (genbarl:axis_limit/1)
  YT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbarl:title/1)
  YVector is a list of yelements. (basic_props:list/2)
  genbar1:axis.limit(YMax) (genbarl:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis.limit(YMin) (genbarl:axis_limit/1)
  Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbarl:footer/1)
percentbarchart4/7:  
\text{percentbarchart4}(\text{Header}, \text{BTitle}, \text{XTitle}, \text{XVector}, \text{YTitle}, \text{YVector}, \text{Footer})

The y axis maximum coordinate value is 100. The x axis limits are automatically worked out. This predicate is useful when the bar height represents percentages.

Example:
\begin{verbatim}
percentbarchart4('This is the header text',
   'Barchart without legend',
   'My xaxistitle',
   [[2,'Blue','Yellow','pattern1'],[5,'Yellow','Plum','pattern5'],
    [6,'MediumTurquoise','Green','pattern5']],
   'My yaxixtitle',
   [20,10,59],
   'Numeric values in the xaxis').
\end{verbatim}

Usage:
- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{Header} is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  \item \textbf{BTitle} is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  \item \textbf{XTitle} is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  \item \textbf{XVector} is a list of xbarelement4s. (basic_props:list/2)
  \item \textbf{YTitle} is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  \item \textbf{YVector} is a list of yelements. (basic_props:list/2)
  \item \textbf{Footer} is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
  \end{itemize}

180.3 Documentation on internals (genbar4)

xbarelement4/1:  
\text{xbarelement4}(\text{XValue}, \text{ForegColor}, \text{BackgColor}, \text{SPattern})

Defines the attributes of the bar.

\textbf{XValue} \hspace{1cm} x-coordinate position of the bar. Different elements with the same abscissas will produce overlapped bars.

\textbf{ForegColor}  
It sets the Foreground color of the bar. Its value must be a valid color, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a color chosen by the library.

\textbf{BackgColor}  
It sets the Background color of the bar. Its value must be a valid color, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a color chosen by the library.

\textbf{SPattern}  
It sets the stipple of the bar. Its value must be a valid pattern, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a pattern chosen by the library.
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This module defines predicates which depict line graph and scatter graph widgets. All eight predicates exported by this module plot two-variable data. Each point is defined by its X-Y coordinate values. A dataset is defined by two lists xvector and yvector, which contain the points coordinates. As you might guess, the values placed in the the same position in both lists are the coordinates of a point. They both share the following features:

- Numeric values for vector elements are needed. We’ll use two vectors to represent the X-Y coordinates of each set of plotted data, but in this case every dataset shares the X-vector, i.e., x-coordinate of points with the same index\(^1\) in different datasets is the same. Thus, the numbers of points in each yvector must be equal to the number of points in the xvector.
- The active element color is navyblue, which means that when you select a legend element, the corresponding line or point dataset turns into navyblue.
- The user can either select the appearance of the lines and/or points of each dataset or not. If not, the system will choose the colors for the lines and the points among the available ones in accordance with the plot background color and it will also set the points size and symbol to the default. If the plot background color is black, the system will choose a lighter color, and the system will select a darker color when the plot background color is white. Thus, the user can define the appearance attributes of each dataset in four different ways. Take a look at the attributes/1 type definition and see the examples to understand it clearly.
- The graph has a legend and one entry (symbol and label) per dataset.
- If you do not want to display text in the element header, barchart title, xaxis title, yaxis title or footer, simply give ’’ as the value of the argument.
- The predicates check whether the format of the arguments is correct as well. The testing process involves some verifications. If one or both vectors are empty, the exception error2 will be thrown. If the vectors contains elements but are not correct, the exception error4 will be thrown.

The names of the line graph predicates begin with graph_ and those corresponding to the scatter graph group begin with scattergraph_.

\(^1\) It should be pointed out that I am refering to an index as the position of an element in a list.
181.1 Usage and interface (gengraph1)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(gengraph1)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - `graph_b1/9`, `graph_b1/13`, `graph_w1/9`, `graph_w1/13`, `scattergraph_b1/8`, `scattergraph_b1/12`, `scattergraph_w1/8`, `scattergraph_w1/12`.
  - Regular Types:
    - `vector/1`, `smooth/1`, `attributes/1`, `symbol/1`, `size/1`.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - chartlib/bltclass, chartlib/genbar1, chartlib/color_pattern, chartlib/test_format, chartlib/install_utils, lists, random/random.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

181.2 Documentation on exports (gengraph1)

**graph_b1/9:**

```
graph_b1(Header, GTitle, XTitle, XVector, YTitle, YVectors, LAatts, Footer, Smooth)
```

Besides the features mentioned at the begining of the chapter, the displayed graph generated when calling this predicate has the following distinguishing characteristics:

- The plotting area background color is black.
- The cross hairs color is white.
- The axes limits are determined from the data.

Example:

```prolog
graph_b1('This is the header text',
'Graph_title',
'xaxistitle',
[20,10,59],
'yaxistitle',
[10,35,40],[25,50,60],
['element1', 'Blue', 'Yellow', 'plus', 6], ['element2', Outline, Color],
'footer',
'linear').
```

Usage:

- **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.  
- **GTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.
- **XTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.
- **gengraph1:vector(XVector)**
- **YTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.
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YVectors is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
LAtts is a list of attributes. (basic_props:list/2)
Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
gengraph1:smooth(Smooth) (gengraph1:smooth/1)

Graph_bl/13:

The particular features related to this predicate are described below:

- The plotting area background color is black.
- The cross hairs color is white.
- You can set the minimum and maximum limits of the axes. Data outside the limits will not be plotted.

Example:

\[
\text{graph_bl('This is the header text', 'Graph_title', 'xaxistitle', [20,10,59], 50, 'yaxixtitle', [[10,35,40],[25,50,60]], 50, 'footer', 'step').}
\]

Usage:

The following properties should hold at call time:

- Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
- GT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
- XT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
gengraph1:vector(XV) (gengraph1:vector/1)
genbar1:axis_limit(XMax) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
genbar1:axis_limit(XMin) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
- YT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
- YVs is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
genbar1:axis_limit(YMax) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
genbar1:axis_limit(YMin) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
LAtts is a list of attributes. (basic_props:list/2)
Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
gengraph1:smooth(Smooth) (gengraph1:smooth/1)
graph_w1/9:  

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\[ \text{graph}_w1(\text{Header},\text{GTitle},\text{XTitle},\text{XVector},\text{YTitle},\text{YVectors},\text{LAtts},\text{Footer},\text{Smooth}) \]

This predicate is quite similar to \text{graph}_b1/9. The differences lies in the plot background color and in the cross hairs color, which are white and black respectively.

Example:

\[
\text{graph}_w1('This is the header text',
    'Graph_title',
    'xaxistitle',
    [20,10,40,50],
    'yaxixtitle',
    [ [10,35,40,50],[25,20,60,40] ],
    [['line1','Blue','DarkOrchid'],['line2','circle',3]],
    'footer',
    'quadratic').
\]

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - \text{Header} is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  - \text{GTitle} is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - \text{XTitle} is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - \text{gengraph1:vector}(\text{XVector}) (gengraph1:vector/1)
  - \text{YTitle} is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - \text{YVectors} is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
  - \text{LAtts} is a list of attributes. (basic_props:list/2)
  - \text{Footer} is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
  - \text{gengraph1:smooth}(\text{Smooth}) (gengraph1:smooth/1)

graph_w1/13:  

PREDICATE

\[ \text{graph}_w1(\text{Header},\text{CT},\text{XT},\text{XX},\text{XMax},\text{XMin},\text{YT},\text{YVs},\text{YMax},\text{YMin},\text{LAtts},\text{Footer},\text{Smooth}) \]

This predicate is quite similar to \text{graph}_b1/13, the differences between them are listed below:

- The plotting area background color is white.
- The cross hairs color is black.

Example:

\[
\text{graph}_w1('This is the header text',
    'Graph_title',
    'xaxistitle',
    [20,10,59],
    100,
    10,
    'yaxixtitle',
    [[10,35,40],[25,20,60]],
    -,
    -,
    [['element1','Blue','Yellow'],['element2','Turquoise','Plum']],
    'footer',
    'quadratic').
\]

Usage:
– *The following properties should hold at call time:*

**Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.  
**GTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
**XT** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
**gengraphl: vector** (XV)  
**genbarl:axis_limit** (XMax)  
**genbarl:axis_limit** (XMin)  
**YT** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
**YVs** is a list of vectors.  
**genbarl:axis_limit** (YMax)  
**genbarl:axis_limit** (YMin)  
**LAtts** is a list of attributes.  
**Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph.  
**gengraphl :smooth** (Smooth)

**scattergraph_b1/8:**  
**scattergraph_b1(Header,GTitle,XTitle,XVector,YTitle,YVectors,PAtts,Footer)**  
Apart from the features brought up at the beginning of the chapter, the scatter graph displayed invoking this predicate has the following characteristics:

- The plotting area background color is black.
- The cross hairs color is white.
- The axes limits are determined from the data.

Example:

```prolog
scattergraph_b1('This is the header text',  
                'Graph_title',  
                'xaxistitle',  
                [10,15,20],  
                'yaxixtitle',  
                [[10,35,20],[15,11,21]],  
                [['element1','Blue','Yellow'],['element2','Turquoise','Plum']]),  
                'footer').
```

**Usage:**

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*

**Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.  
**GTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
**XT** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
**gengraphl: vector** (XVector)  
**YTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
**YVectors** is a list of vectors.  
**PAtts** is a list of attributes.  
**Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph.
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scattergraph_bl/12:
scattergraph_bl(Header, GT, XT, XV, XMax, XMin, YT, YVs, YMax, YMin, PAtts, Footer)
The particular features related to this predicate are described below:

- The plotting area background color is black.
- The cross hairs color is white.
- You can set the minimum and maximum limits of the axes. Data outside the limits will not be plotted.

Example:

scattergraph_bl('This is the header text',
    'Graph_title',
    'xaxistitle',
    [20,10,59],
    50,
    -,
    'yaxistitle',
    [[10,35,40],[25,50,60]],
    50,
    -,
    [['point dataset1','Blue','Yellow'],['point dataset2']],
    'footer').

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  GT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  XT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  gengraph1:vector(XV) (gengraph1:vector/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(XMax) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(XMin) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  YT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  YVs is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
  genbar1:axis_limit(YMax) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(YMin) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  PAtts is a list of attributes. (basic_props:list/2)
  Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)

scattergraph_wl/8:
scattergraph_wl(Header, GT, XT, XVector, YT, YVectors, PAtts, Footer)
This predicate is quite similar to scattergraph_bl/8 except in the following:

- The plotting area background color is black.
- The cross hairs color is white.
- If the user does not fix the points colors, they will be chosen among the lighter ones.

Example:

scattergraph_wl('This is the header text',
    'Graph_title',
    'xaxistitle',
    ...)
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[20,10,59],
'yaxixtitle',
[[10,35,40],[25,20,60]],
[['e1','Blue','Green'],['e2','MediumVioletRed','Plum']],
'footer').

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  GT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  XT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  gengraph1:vector(XVector) (gengraph1:vector/1)
  YT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  YVectors is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
  PAatts is a list of attributes.
  Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)

scattergraph_w1/12:
scattergraph_w1(Header,GT,XT,XV,XMax,XMin,YT,YVs,YMax,YMin,PAtts,Footer)
This predicate is quite similar to scattergraph1_bl/13, the differences between them are listed below:
- The plotting area background color is white.
- The cross hairs color is black.

Example:
scattergraph_w1('This is the header text',
  'Graph_title',
  'xaxistitle',
  [20,10,59],
  150,
  5,
  'yaxixtitle',
  [[10,35,40],[25,20,60]],
  -10,
  [['e1','Blue','Yellow'],['e2','MediumTurquoise','Plum']],
  'footer').

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  GT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  XT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  gengraph1:vector(XV) (gengraph1:vector/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(XMax) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(XMin) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  YT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  YVs is a list of vectors.
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**genbarl:axis_limit(YMax)**  
(genbarl:axis_limit/1)

**genbarl:axis_limit(YMin)**  
(genbarl:axis_limit/1)

**PAtts** is a list of attributes.  
(basic_props:list/2)

**Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph.  
(genbarl:footer/1)

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**vector/1:**  

```prolog
vector(X) :-
    list(X,number).
```

The type vector defines a list of numbers (integers or floats).

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**smooth/1:**  

```prolog
smooth(Smooth)
    smooth(linear).
    smooth(cubic).
    smooth(quadratic).
    smooth(step).
```

Specifies how connecting segments are drawn between data points. If Smooth is linear, a single line segment is drawn, connecting both data points. When Smooth is step, two line segments will be drawn, the first line is a horizontal line segment that steps the next X-coordinate and the second one is a vertical line, moving to the next Y-coordinate. Both cubic and quadratic generate multiple segments between data points. If cubic is used, the segments are generated using a cubic spline. If quadratic, a quadratic spline is used. The default is linear.

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**attributes/1:**  

```prolog
attributes([ElementName]) :-
    atomic(ElementName).
attributes([ElementName,OutLine,Color]) :-
    atomic(ElementName),
    color(OutLine),
    color(Color).
attributes([ElementName,Symbol,Size]) :-
    atomic(ElementName),
    symbol(Symbol),
    size(Size).
attributes([ElementName,OutLine,Color,Symbol,Size]) :-
    atomic(ElementName),
    color(OutLine),
    color(Color),
    symbol(Symbol),
    size(Size).
```

Each line or point dataset in the graph has its own attributes, which are defined by this type. The name of the dataset, specified in the **ElementName** argument, may be either a number or an atom. The second argument is the color of a thin line around each point in the dataset and the Color argument is the points and lines color. Both **OutLine** and **Color** must be a valid color (see available values in color/1), otherwise a random color
according to the plot background color will be selected. The Symbol must be a valid symbol and the Size must be a number. Be careful if you want to specify the Symbol and the Size, otherwise the predicate will not work as you expect. If you don’t select a symbol and a size for a dataset the default values will be square and 1 pixel.

symbol/1:
    symbol(Symbol)
    symbol(square).
symbol(circle).
symbol(diamond).
symbol(plus).
symbol(cross).
symbol(splus).
symbol(scross).
symbol(triangle).
Symbol stands for the shape of the points whether in scatter graphs or in line graphs.

size/1:
    size(Size)
    size(Size) :-
        number(Size).
Size stands for the size in pixels of the points whether in scatter graphs or in line graphs.
182 Line graph widgets

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This module defines predicates which show line graph widgets. All eight predicates exported by this module plot two-variable data. Each point is defined by its X-Y coordinate values. Every predicate share the following features:

- A dataset is defined by three lists xvector, yvector and attributes. The arguments named XVectors (or XVs), YVectors (or YVs) and LAtts\(^1\) contain this information. Those arguments must be lists whose elements are also lists. The first dataset is defined by the first element of the three lists, the second dataset is defined by the second element of the three lists and so on.
- Numeric values for the vector elements are needed. We will use two vectors to represent the X-Y coordinates of each set of data plotted. In these predicates the vectors can have different number of points. However, the number of elements in xvector and yvector that pertain to a certain dataset must be, obviously, equal.
- The active line color is blue, which means that when you select a legend element, the corresponding line turns into navyblue.
- The user can either select the appearance for the lines and the points or not. See the attributes/1 type definition. Thus, the user can call each predicate in different ways.
- The graph has a legend and one entry (symbol and label) per dataset.
- If you do not want to display text in the elements header, barchart title, xaxis title, yaxis title or footer, simply give ’’ as the value of the argument.
- The predicates check whether the format of the arguments is correct as well. The testing process involves some verifications. If one or both vectors are empty, the exception error2 will be thrown. If the vectors contains elements but are not correct, the exception error4 will be thrown.

182.1 Usage and interface (gengraph2)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(gengraph2)).
  ```
- Exports:
  
  - Predicates:
    
    graph_b2/9, graph_b2/13, graph_w2/9, graph_w2/13, scattergraph_b2/8, scattergraph_b2/12, scattergraph_w2/8, scattergraph_w2/12.
  - Imports:
    
    - System library modules:
      
      chartlib/gengraph1, chartlib/genbar1, chartlib/bltclass, chartlib/color_pattern, chartlib/test_format, chartlib/install_utils, lists, random/random.
    - Packages:
      
      prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

\(^{1}\) In scatter graphs the attribute that contains the features of a point dataset is PAtts.
182.2 Documentation on exports (gengraph2)

**graph_b2/9:**

PREDICATE

```prolog
graph_b2(Header, GTitle, XTitle, XVectors, YTitle, YVectors, LAtts, Footer, Sm)
```

Besides the features mentioned at the beginning of the module chapter, the displayed graph generated calling this predicate has the following distinguish characteristics:

- The plotting area background color is black.
- The cross hairs color is white.
- The axis limits are determined from the data.

Example:

```prolog
graph_b2('This is the header text',
    'Graph_title',
    'xaxistitle',
    [[20,30,59], [25,50]],
    'yaxixtitle',
    [[10,35,40], [25,50]],
    ['line1','Blue','Yellow'], ['line2'],
    'footer',
    'natural').
```

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  - **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.  (genbar1:header/1)
  - **GTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  (genbar1:title/1)
  - **XTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  (genbar1:title/1)
  - **XVectors** is a list of vectors.  (basic_props:list/2)
  - **YTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  (genbar1:title/1)
  - **YVectors** is a list of vectors.  (basic_props:list/2)
  - **LAtts** is a list of attributes.  (basic_props:list/2)
  - **Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph.  (genbar1:footer/1)
  - **gengraph1:smooth(Sm)**  (gengraph1:smooth/1)

**graph_b2/13:**

PREDICATE

```prolog
graph_b2(Header, GTitle, XTitle, XVectors, YTitle, YVectors, LAtts, Footer, Smooth)
```

In addition to the features brought up at the beginning of the module chapter, this graph has the following:

- The plotting area background color is black.
- The cross hairs color is white.
- You can set the maximum and minimum values for the graph axes.

Example:

```prolog
graph_b2('This is the header text',
    'Graph_title',
    'xaxistitle',
    [[20,10,59], [15,30,35]],
    YMax, YMin, LAtts, Footer, Smooth)
```
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Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:

  - **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.  
    (genbar1:header/1)
  - **GT** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
    (genbar1:title/1)
  - **XT** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
    (genbar1:title/1)
  - **XVs** is a list of vectors.  
    (basic_props:list/2)
  - **YTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
    (genbar1:title/1)
  - **YVs** is a list of vectors.  
    (basic_props:list/2)
  - **LAtts** is a list of attributes.  
    (basic_props:list/2)
  - **Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph.  
    (genbar1:footer/1)
  - **gengraph1:smooth(Smooth)**  
    (gengraph1:smooth/1)

**graph_w2/9:**

This predicate is quite similar to **graph_b2/9**. The difference lies in the graph appearance, as you can see below.

- The plotting area background color is white.
- The cross hairs color is black.

Example:

```prolog
graph_w2('This is the header text',  
  'Graph_title',  
  'xaxistitle',  
  [[10,30,59],[25,50]],  
  'yaxistitle',  
  [[10,35,40],[25,40]],  
  [['element1','Blue','DarkOrchid'],['element2','DarkOliveGreen',  
    'Firebrick']],  
  'footer',  
  'natural').
```

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:

  - **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.  
    (genbar1:header/1)
  - **GT** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  
    (genbar1:title/1)
XT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  (genbar1:title/1)
XVectors is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
YTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
YVectors is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
LAtts is a list of attributes. (basic_props:list/2)
Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
gengraph1:smooth(Smooth) (gengraph1:smooth/1)

graph_w2/13:

\[
graph_w2(\text{Header}, \text{GT}, \text{XT}, \text{XV}, \text{XMax}, \text{XMin}, \text{YT}, \text{YVs}, \text{YMax}, \text{YMin}, \text{LAtts}, \text{Footer}, \text{Smooth})
\]

This predicate is comparable to graph_b2/13. The differences lie in the plot background color and in the cross hairs color, which are white and black respectively.

Example:

\[
\text{graph}_w2(\text{'This is the header text'}, \\
\text{'Graph_title'}, \\
\text{'xaxistitle'}, \\
[[10,30,59],[10,35,40]], \\
80, \\
\text{-'}, \\
\text{'yaxixtitle'}, \\
[[10,35,40],[25,50,60]], \\
50, \\
\text{-'}, \\
[[\text{'element1','Blue','Green'}],[\text{'element2','Turquoise','Black'}]], \\
\text{'footer'}, \\
\text{'linear'}). \\
\]

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  GT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  XT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  XV is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
  genbar1:axis_limit(XMax) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(XMin) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  YT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  YVs is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
  genbar1:axis_limit(YMax) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(YMin) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  LAtts is a list of attributes. (basic_props:list/2)
  Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
  gengraph1:smooth(Smooth) (gengraph1:smooth/1)
scattergraph_b2/8:

scattergraph_b2(Header, GT, XT, XVectors, YT, YVectors, PAtts, Footer)

Apart from the features brought up at the beginning of the chapter, the scatter graph displayed when invoking this predicate has the following features:

- The plotting area background color is black.
- The cross hairs color is white.
- The axis limits are determined from the data.

Example:

```
scattergraph_b2('This is the header text',
    'Graph_title',
    'xaxistitle',
    [[10,15,20],[8,30,40]],
    'yaxixtitle',
    [[10,35,20],[15,11,21]],
    [['element1','Blue','Yellow'],['element2','MediumTurquoise','Plum']],
    'footer').
```

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  - **GT** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - **XT** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - **XVectors** is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
  - **YT** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - **YVectors** is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
  - **PAtts** is a list of attributes. (basic_props:list/2)
  - **Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)

scattergraph_b2/12:

scattergraph_b2(Header, GT, XT, XVs, XMax, XMin, YT, YVs, YMax, YMin, PAtts, Footer)

The particular features related to this predicate are described below:

- The plotting area background color is black.
- The cross hairs color is white.
- You can set the minimum and maximum limits of the axes. Data outside the limits will not be plotted.

Example:

```
scattergraph_b2('This is the header text',
    'Graph_title',
    'xaxistitle',
    [[20,30,50],[18,40,59]],
    50,
    'yaxixtitle',
    [[10,35,40],[25,50,60]],
    50,
    ').
scattergraph_w2/8:

scattergraph_w2(Header,GTitle,XTitle,XVs,YTitle,YVs,PAtts,Footer)

This predicate is quite similar to scattergraph_w1/8 except in the following:

- The plotting area background color is black.
- The cross hairs color is white.
- If the user do not provide the colors of the points, they will be chosen among the lighter ones.

Example:

scattergraph_w2('This is the header text',
 'Graph_title',
 'xaxistitle',
 [[20,30,40,15,30,35,20,30]],
 'yaxistitle',
 [[10,30,40,25,20,25,20,25]],
 [['set1','cross',4]],
 'footer').

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbarl:header/1)
  GTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbarl:title/1)
  XTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbarl:title/1)
  genbar1:vector(XVs) (genbar1:vector/1)
  YTitle is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbarl:title/1)
  YVs is a list of vectors. (basic_props:list/2)
  PAtts is a list of attributes. (basic_props:list/2)
  Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
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scattergraph_w2/12: PREDICATE

scattergraph_w2(Header,GT,XT,XVs,XMax,XMin,YT,YVs,YMax,YMin,PAtts,Footer)

This predicate is comparable to scattergraph_w2/13, the differences between them are listed below:

- The plotting area background color is white.
- The cross hairs color is black.

Example:

scattergraph_w2('This is the header text',
                'Graph_title',
                'xaxistitle',
                [[20,10,59],[15,30,50]],
                150,
                5,
                'yaxixtitle',
                [[10,35,40],[25,20,60]],
                -10,
                [['e1','Blue','Yellow'],['e2','MediumTurquoise','Plum']],
                'footer')

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph.  (genbar1:header/1)
  GT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  (genbar1:title/1)
  XT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  (genbar1:title/1)
  XVs is a list of vectors.  (basic_props:list/2)
  genbar1:axis_limit(XMax)  (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(XMin)  (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  YT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long.  (genbar1:title/1)
  YVs is a list of vectors.  (basic_props:list/2)
  genbar1:axis_limit(YMax)  (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(YMin)  (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  PAtts is a list of attributes.  (basic_props:list/2)
  Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph.  (genbar1:footer/1)
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183 Multi barchart widgets

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This module defines predicates which show barchart widgets. These bar charts are somewhat different from the bar charts generated by the predicates in modules genbar1, genbar2, genbar3 and genbar4. Predicates in the present module show different features of each dataset element in one chart at the same time. Each bar chart element is a group of bars, and the element features involve three vectors defined as follows:

- **xvector** is a list containing the names (atoms) of the bars (n elements). Each bar group will be displayed at uniform intervals.
- **yvector** is a list that contains m sublists, each one is composed of n elements. The i-sublist contains the y-values of the i-BarAttribute element for all of the XVector elements.
- **bar_attributes** is a list containing the appearance features of the bars (m elements). Each element of the list can be partial or complete, which means that you can define as bar attributes only the element name or by setting the element name, its background and foreground color and its stipple pattern.

Other relevant aspects about this widgets are:

- If you don't want to display text in the elements header, barchart title, xaxis title, yaxis title or footer, simply type ’’ as the value of the argument.
- The bar chart has a legend, and one entry (symbol and label) per feature group bar.
- The user can either select the appearance of the bars (background color, foreground color and stipple style) or not. See the multibar_attribute type definition.
- Data points can have their bar segments displayed in one of the following modes: stacked, aligned, overlapped or overlayed. They user can change the mode clicking in the checkboxes associated to each mode.
- The predicates test whether the format of the arguments is correct. If one or both vectors are empty, the exception error2 will be thrown. If the vectors contains elements but are not correct, the exception error5 or error6 will be thrown, depending on what is incorrect. error5 means that XVector and each element of YVector do not contain the same number of elements or that YVector and BarsAtt do not contain the same number of elements, while error6 indicates that not all the BarsAtt elements contain a correct number of attributes.

The examples will help you to understand how these predicates should be called.

183.1 Usage and interface (genmultibar)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(genmultibar)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - multibarchart/8, multibarchart/10.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    - chartlib/genbar1, chartlib/bltclass, chartlib/color_pattern, chartlib/test_format, chartlib/install_utils, lists, random/random.
  - **Packages:**
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.
183.2 Documentation on exports (genmultibar)

**multibarchart/8:**

```
multibarchart(Header,BTitle,XTitle,XVector,YTitle,BarsAtts,YVector,Footer)
```

The x axis limits are autoarrange. The user can call the predicate in two ways. In the first example the user sets the appearance of the bars, in the second one the appearance features will be chosen by the library.

Example 1:

```
multibarchart('This is the Header text', 'My BarchartTitle', 'Processors', ['processor1', 'processor2', 'processor3', 'processor4'], 'Time (seconds)', [['setup time', 'MediumTurquoise', 'Plum', 'pattern2'], ['sleep time', 'Blue', 'Green', 'pattern5'], ['running time', 'Yellow', 'Plum', 'pattern1']], [[20,30,40,50], [10,8,5,35], [60,100,20,50]], 'This is the Footer text').
```

Example 2:

```
multibarchart('This is the Header text', 'My BarchartTitle', 'Processors', ['processor1', 'processor2', 'processor3', 'processor4'], 'Time (seconds)', [['setup time'], ['sleep time'], ['running time']], [[20,30,40,50], [10,8,5,35], [60,100,20,50]], 'This is the Footer text').
```

**Usage:**

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  - **BTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - **XTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - **XVector** is a list of xelements. (basic_props:list/2)
  - **YTitle** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - **BarsAtts** is a list of multibar_attributes. (basic_props:list/2)
  - **YVector** is a list of yelements. (basic_props:list/2)
  - **Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)

**multibarchart/10:**

```
multibarchart(Header,BTitle,XTitle,XVector,YTitle,BarsAtts,YVector,YMax,YMin,Footer)
```

This predicate is quite similar to `multibarchart/8`, except that you can choose limits in the y axis. The part of the bars placed outside the limits will not be plotted.

Example 2:

```
multibarchart('This is the Header text', 'My BarchartTitle', 'Processors',
```

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['processor1', 'processor2', 'processor3', 'processor4'],
'Time (seconds)',
[['setup time'], ['sleep time'], ['running time']],
[[20, 30, 40, 50], [10, 8, 5, 35], [60, 100, 20, 50]],
[80],
[0],
'This is the Footer text').

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  BT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  XT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  XVector is a list of xelements. (basic_props:list/2)
  YT is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  BAtts is a list of multibar_attributes. (basic_props:list/2)
  YVector is a list of yelements. (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(YMax) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  genbar1:axis_limit(YMin) (genbar1:axis_limit/1)
  Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)

183.3 Documentation on internals (genmultibar)

multibar_attribute/1: REGTYPE
  multibar_attribute([LegendElement]) :-
    atomic(LegendElement).
  multibar_attribute([LegendElement, ForegroundColor, BackgroundColor, StipplePattern]) :-
    atomic(LegendElement),
    color(ForegroundColor),
    color(BackgroundColor),
    pattern(StipplePattern).

Defines the attributes of each feature bar along the different datasets.

LegendElement
  Legend element name. It may be a number or an atom. Every LegendElement value of the list must be unique.

ForegroundColor
  It sets the Foreground color of the bar. Its value must be a valid color, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a color chosen by the library.

BackgroundColor
  It sets the Background color of the bar. Its value must be a valid color, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a color chosen by the library.

StipplePattern
  It sets the stipple of the bar. Its value must be a valid pattern, otherwise the system will throw an exception. If the argument value is a variable, it gets instantiated to a pattern chosen by the library.
**xelement/1**:  

```prolog
xelement(Label) :-  
    atomic(Label).
```

This type defines a dataset label. Although `Label` values may be numbers, the will be treated as atoms, so it will be displayed at uniform intervals along the x axis.
184 table_widget1 (library)

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

In addition to the features explained in the introduction, the predicates exported by this module depict tables in which the font weight for the table elements is bold.

If the arguments are not in a correct format the exception error8 will be thrown.

184.1 Usage and interface (table_widget1)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(table_widget1)).

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    tablewidget1/4, tablewidget1/5.
  - Regular Types:
    table/1, image/1.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    chartlib/genbar1, chartlib/bltclass, chartlib/test_format,
    chartlib/install_utils, lists.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

184.2 Documentation on exports (table_widget1)

tablewidget1/4:  

PREDICATE

tablewidget1(Title,Header,ElementTable,Footer)

Shows a regular table in a window. The user does not choose a background image.

Example:

tablewidget1('This is the title',
  'Header text',
  [['Number of processors', '8'], ['Average processors', '95'],
      ['Average Tasks per fork', '7.5']],
  'Footer text').

Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Title is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  table_widget1:table(ElementTable) (table_widget1:table/1)
  Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
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**tablewidget1/5:**

`tablewidget1(Title,Header,ElementTable,Footer,BackgroundImage)`

Shows a regular table in a window. The user must set a background image. See the `image/1` type definition.

Example:

```
tablewidget1('This is the title',
             'Header text',
             [['Number of processors','8'], ['Average processors','95'],
              ['Average Tasks per fork','7.5']],
             'Footer text',
             './images/rain.gif')
```

**Usage:**

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Title** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  - **ElementTable** is a list of rows, each row must contain the same number of elements, otherwise the table wouldn’t be regular and an exception will be thrown by the library. The rows list may not be empty.

**table/1:**

A table is a list of rows, each row must contain the same number of elements, otherwise the table wouldn’t be regular and an exception will be thrown by the library. The rows list may not be empty.

```
table([X]) :-
    row(X).

table([X|Xs]) :-
    row(X),
    table(Xs).
```

**image/1:**

Some predicates allow the user to set the widget background image, whose is what this type is intended for. The user has to take into account the following restrictions:

- The image must be in gif format.
- The file path must be absolute.

### 184.3 Documentation on internals (table_widget1)

**row/1:**

```
row([X]) :-
    cell_value(X).
row([X|Xs]) :-
    cell_value(X),
    row(Xs).
```

Each row is a list of elements whose type is `cell_value/1`. A row cannot be an empty list, as you can see in the definition type.
row/1:  
row([X]) :-
    cell_value(X).
row([X|Xs]) :-
    cell_value(X),
    row(Xs).

Each row is a list of elements whose type is cell_value/1. A row cannot be an empty list, as you can see in the definition type.

cell_value/1:  
This type defines the possible values that a table element have. If any cell value is ", the cell will be displayed empty.

    cell_value(X) :-
        atomic(X).
185 table_widget2 (library)

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

In addition to the features explained in the introduction, predicates exported by this module display tables in which the font weight for the elements placed in the first row is bold. The remaining elements are in medium weight font.

If the arguments are not in a correct format the exception error8 will be thrown.

185.1 Usage and interface (table_widget2)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(table_widget2)).
  ```

- Exports:
  
  - Predicates:
    
    `tablewidget2/4, tablewidget2/5`.

- Imports:
  
  - System library modules:
    
    `chartlib/genbar1, chartlib/bltclass, chartlib/table_widget1, chartlib/test_format, chartlib/install_utils, lists`.

  - Packages:
    
    `prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes`.

185.2 Documentation on exports (table_widget2)

tablewidget2/4:

PREDICATE

`tablewidget2(Title, Header, ElementTable, Footer)`

Shows a regular table in a window. The system sets a default background image for the widget.

Example:

```
tablewidget2('COM Features',
   'Extracted from "Inside COM" book ',
   [['Feature', 'Rich people', 'Bean Plants', 'C++', 'COM'],
    ['Edible', 'Yes', 'Yes', 'No', 'No'],
    ['Supports inheritance', 'Yes', 'Yes', 'Yes', 'Yes and No'],
    ['Can run for President', 'Yes', 'No', 'No', 'No']],
   'What do you think about COM?').
```

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  - **Title** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  
  - **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  
  - **ElementTable** is a table (an atom) describing the table's contents. (table_widget1:table/1)
  
  - **Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
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**tablewidget2/5:**

```
tablewidget2(Title,Header,ElementTable,Footer,BackgroundImage)
```

This predicate and `tablewidget2/4` are quite similar, except that in the already one defined you must set the background image.

Example:

```
tablewidget2('COM Features',
             'Extracted from "Inside COM" book ',
             [['Feature','Rich people','Bean Plants','C++','COM'],
              ['Edible','Yes','Yes','No','No'],
              ['Supports inheritance','Yes','Yes','Yes','Yes and No'],
              ['Can run for President','Yes','No','No','No']],
             'What do you think about COM?',
             './images/rain.gif').
```

**Usage:**

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **Title** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbarl:title/1)
  - **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbarl:header/1)
  - **table_widget1:table(ElementTable)** (table_widget1:table/1)
  - **Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbarl:footer/1)
  - **table_widget1:image(BackgroundImage)** (table_widget1:image/1)
186 table_widget3 (library)

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

The predicates exported by this module display data in a regular table, as we brought up in
the introduction. Both predicates have in common that the font weight for the elements placed
in the first column is bold and the remaining elements are in medium font weight.

If the arguments are not in a correct format the exception error8 will be thrown.

186.1 Usage and interface (table_widget3)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(table_widget3)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    `tablewidget3/4, tablewidget3/5.`

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    `chartlib/genbarl, chartlib/bltclass, chartlib/table_widget1, chartlib/test_format, chartlib/install_utils, lists.`
  - Packages:
    `prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.`

186.2 Documentation on exports (table_widget3)

### tablewidget3/4:

**PREDICATE**

`tablewidget3(Title,Header,ElementTable,Footer)`

Shows a regular table in a window. The user does not choose a background image.

Example:

```
    tablewidget3('This is the title',
       'Header text',
       [['Number of processors', '8'], ['Average processors', '95'],
        ['Tasks per fork', '7.5']],
       'Footer text').
```

Usage:

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  - Title is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  - table_widget1:table(ElementTable) (table_widget1:table/1)
  - Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
**tablewidget3/5:**

*PREDICATE*

tablewidget3(Title, Header, ElementTable, Footer, BackgroundImage)

Shows a regular table in a window. The user must set a background image.

Example:

```lisp
  tablewidget3('This is the title',
               'Header text',
               [['Number of processors', '8'], ['Average processors', '95'],
                ['Average Tasks per fork', '7.5']],
               'Footer text',
               './images/rain.gif')
```

**Usage:**

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - **Title** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbarI:title/1)
  - **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbarI:header/1)
  - **Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbarI:footer/1)
  - **ElementTable** (table_widgetI:table/1)
  - **BackgroundImage** (table_widget1:image/1)
Chapter 187: table_widget4 (library)

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

In addition to the features explained in the introduction, predicates exported by this module display tables in which the font weight for the elements placed in the first row and column is bold. The remaining elements are in medium weight font.

If the arguments are not in a correct format the exception error8 will be thrown.

187.1 Usage and interface (table_widget4)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(table_widget4)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    tablewidget4/4, tablewidget4/5.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    chartlib/genbarl, chartlib/bltclass, chartlib/table_widget1,
    chartlib/test_format, chartlib/install_utils, lists.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

187.2 Documentation on exports (table_widget4)

tablewidget4/4:

```
Predicate

tablewidget4(Title,Header,ElementTable,Footer)
Shows a regular table in a window. The system sets a default background image for the widget.

Example:

```
```
tablewidget4('Some sterEUtypes',
  'Source: Eurostat yearbook, 1999',
  ['[Country','Adult alcohol intake per year (litres)',
  'Cigarettes smoked per day per adult',
  'Suicides per 100000 people'],
  ['Finland','8.4','2.2','26.3'],['Spain','11.4','5.3','7.5'],
  ['Austria','11.9','4.6','20.7'],['Britain','9.4','4.2','7.1'],
  ['USA','4.7','4.9','13'],['European Union','11.1','4.5','11.9'],
  'This is part of the published table').
```

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Title is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  Header is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  table_widget1:table(ElementTable) (table_widget1:table/1)
  Footer is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
tablewidget4/5:

\[ \text{tablewidget4(Title,Header,ElementTable,Footer,BackgroundImage)} \]

This predicate and tablewidget4/4 are comparable, except that in the already defined you must set the background image.

Example:

\[ \text{tablewidget4('Some sterEUtypes',} \]
\[ \quad \text{'Source: Eurostat yearbook, 1999',} \]
\[ \quad \text{[['Country','Adult alcohol intake per year (litres)','} \]
\[ \quad \quad \text{'Cigarettes smoked per day per adult','} \]
\[ \quad \quad \quad \text{'Suicides per 100000 people']}, \]
\[ \quad \text{[['Finland','8.4','2.2','26.3'],['Spain','11.4','5.3','7.5']}, \]
\[ \quad \text{[['Austria','11.9','4.6','20.7'],['Britain','9.4','4.2','7.1']}, \]
\[ \quad \text{[['USA','4.7','4.9','13'],['European Union','11.1','4.5','11.9']}, \]
\[ \quad \text{'This is part of the published table',} \]
\[ \quad \quad \text{',}/images/rain.gif').} \]

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  - **Title** is a text (an atom) to be used as label, usually not very long. (genbar1:title/1)
  - **Header** is a text (an atom) describing the header of the graph. (genbar1:header/1)
  - **table_widget1:table( ElementTable)** (table_widget1:table/1)
  - **Footer** is a text (an atom) describing the footer of the graph. (genbar1:footer/1)
  - **table_widget1:image( BackgroundImage)** (table_widget1:image/1)
Chapter 188: test_format (library)

Author(s): Isabel Martín García.

Most of the predicates exported by this module perform some checks to determine whether the arguments attain some conditions or not. In the second case an exception will be thrown. To catch the exceptions you can use the following metapredicates when invoking chartlib exported predicates:

- chartlib_text_error_protect/1
- chartlib_text_error_protect/1

Both metapredicates are defined in the chartlib_errhandle module that comes with this library. Some of the predicates have a Predicate argument which will be used in case of error to show which chartlib predicate causes the error.

188.1 Usage and interface (test_format)

- Library usage:

```prolog
:- use_module(library(test_format)).
```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - equalnumber/3, not_empty/4, not_empty/3, check_sublist/4, valid_format/4, vectors_format/4, valid_vectors/4, valid_attributes/2, valid_table/2.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - lists.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

188.2 Documentation on exports (test_format)

**equalnumber/3:**

```
equalnumber(X,Y,Predicate)
```

Test whether the list X and the list Y contain the same number of elements.

**Usage:**

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - X is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - Y is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - Predicate is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

**not_empty/4:**

```
not_empty(X,Y,Z,Predicate)
```

Tests whether at least one the lists X, Y or Z are empty.

**Usage:**
The following properties should hold at call time:

- X is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- Y is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- Z is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- Predicate is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

**not_empty/3:**

\[
\text{not_empty}(X, Y, \text{Predicate})
\]
Tests whether the lists X or Y are empty.

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - X is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - Y is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - Predicate is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

**check_sublist/4:**

\[
\text{check_sublist}(\text{List}, \text{Number}_1, \text{Number}_2, \text{Predicate})
\]
Tests if the number of elements in each sublist of List is \text{Number}_1 or \text{Number}_2.

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - \text{Number}_1 is currently instantiated to an integer. (term_typing:integer/1)
  - \text{Number}_2 is currently instantiated to an integer. (term_typing:integer/1)
  - Predicate is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

**valid_format/4:**

\[
\text{valid_format}(X\text{Vector}, Y\text{Vector}, \text{BarsAttributes}, \text{Predicate})
\]
Tests the following restrictions:

- The \text{XVector} number of elements is the same as each \text{YVector} sublist number of elements.
- The \text{YVector} length is equal to \text{BarsAttributes} length.

Usage:

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - \text{XVector} is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - \text{YVector} is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - \text{BarsAttributes} is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - Predicate is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
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vectors_format/4: PREDICATE
vectors_format(XVector, YVectors, LinesAttributes, Predicate)
Tests the following conditions:
• YVectors list and LinesAttributes list have the same number of elements.
• XVector list and each YVectors element have the same number of elements.
• Each sublist of LinesAttributes is composed of 5, 3 or 1 elements.
Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  XVector is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  YVectors is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  LinesAttributes is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  Predicate is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

valid_vectors/4: PREDICATE
valid_vectors(XVector, YVectors, LinesAttributes, Predicate)
Tests the following conditions:
• XVector list, YVectors list and LinesAttributes list have the same number of elements.
• Each sublist of LinesAttributes is composed of 5, 3 or 1 element.
Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  XVector is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  YVectors is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  LinesAttributes is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  Predicate is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

valid_attributes/2: PREDICATE
valid_attributes(BarsAttributes, Predicate)
Check if each BarsAttributes element is a list composed of one or four elements.
Usage:
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  BarsAttributes is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  Predicate is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

valid_table/2: PREDICATE
valid_table(ElementTable, Predicate)
All of the ElementTable sublists have the same number of elements and are not empty.
Usage:
The following properties should hold at call time:

ElementTable is a list. (basic.props:list/1)

Predicate is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic.props:callable/1)
189 Doubly linked lists

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This library implements "doubly linked" lists, in the sense that they can be traversed in both directions with good complexity. An index is used for referencing the current element in the list. This index can be modified by the next and prev predicates. The value of the current index can be obtained via the top predicate.

189.1 Usage and interface (ddlist)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(ddlist)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    • null_ddlist/1, create_from_list/2, to_list/2, next/2, prev/2, insert/3,
      insert_top/3, insert_after/3, insert_begin/3, insert_end/3, delete/2,
      delete_top/2, delete_after/2, remove_all_elements/3, top/2, rewind/2,
      forward/2, length/2, length_next/2, length_prev/2, ddlist_member/2.
    ```
  - Regular Types:
    ```prolog
    • ddlist/1.
    ```
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    • lists.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    • prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.
    ```

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null_ddlist/1:

**Usage:** null_ddlist(A)

NullList is an empty ddlist.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  A is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  ```
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  ```prolog
  A is a "doubly linked" list. (ddlist:ddlist/1)
  ```

create_from_list/2:

**Usage:** create_from_list(List,DDList)

Creates a doubly linked list from normal list List.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  DDList is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  ```
The following properties should hold upon exit:

- DDList is a "doubly linked" list. (ddlist:ddlist/1)

**to_list/2:**

Usage: to_list(DDList, List)

Converts from doubly linked list to list.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  - DDList is a "doubly linked" list. (ddlist:ddlist/1)
  - List is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  
  - List is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

**next/2:**

Usage: next(OldList, NewList)

NewList is OldList but index is set to the element following the current element of OldList. It satisfies next(A,B), prev(B,A).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  - OldList is a "doubly linked" list. (ddlist:ddlist/1)
  - NewList is a "doubly linked" list. (ddlist:ddlist/1)

**prev/2:**

Usage: prev(OldList, NewList)

NewList is OldList but index is set to the element before the current element of OldList.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  - OldList is a "doubly linked" list. (ddlist:ddlist/1)
  - NewList is a "doubly linked" list. (ddlist:ddlist/1)

**insert/3:**

Usage: insert(List, Element, NewList)

NewList is like List but with Element inserted before the current index. It satisfies insert(X , A , Xp) , delete(Xp , X).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  - List is a "doubly linked" list. (ddlist:ddlist/1)
  - Element is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - NewList is a "doubly linked" list. (ddlist:ddlist/1)

**insert_top/3:**

Usage: insert_top(List, Element, NewList)

Put Element as new top of NewList and push the rest of elements after it. It satisfies top(NewList , element)
The following properties should hold at call time:

List is a "doubly linked" list.  
Element is any term.  
NewList is a "doubly linked" list.

**insert_after/3:**

Usage: insert_after(List,Element,NewList)

NewList is like List but with Element inserted after the current index. It satisfies insert_after(X, A, Xp), delete_after(Xp, X).

The following properties should hold at call time:

List is a "doubly linked" list.  
Element is any term.  
NewList is a "doubly linked" list.

**insert_begin/3:**

Usage: insert_begin(List,Element,NewList)

NewList is like List with Element as first element.

The following properties should hold at call time:

List is a "doubly linked" list.  
Element is any term.  
NewList is a "doubly linked" list.

**insert_end/3:**

Usage: insert_end(List,Element,NewList)

NewList is like List with Element as last element.

The following properties should hold at call time:

List is a "doubly linked" list.  
Element is any term.  
NewList is a "doubly linked" list.

**delete/2:**

Usage: delete(OldList,NewList)

NewList does not have the previous element (top(prev)) of OldList.

The following properties should hold at call time:

OldList is a "doubly linked" list.  
NewList is a "doubly linked" list.
delete_top/2:
Usage: delete_top(OldList, NewList)
NewList does not have the current element (top) of OldList.
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  OldList is a "doubly linked" list.
  NewList is a "doubly linked" list.

delete_after/2:
Usage: delete_after(OldList, NewList)
NewList does not have next element to current element (top) of OldList.
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  OldList is a "doubly linked" list.
  NewList is a "doubly linked" list.

remove_all_elements/3:
Usage: remove_all_elements(OldList, E, NewList)
Remove all elements that unify with E from OldList. NewList is the result of this operation. The pointer is not modified unless there it is pointing at element that unifies with E.
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  OldList is a "doubly linked" list.
  E is currently a term which is not a free variable.
– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  NewList is a "doubly linked" list.

top/2:
Usage: top(List, Element)
Element is the element pointed by index.
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  List is a "doubly linked" list.
  Element is any term.

rewind/2:
Usage: rewind(OldList, NewList)
NewList is the OldList but index is set to 0.
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  OldList is a "doubly linked" list.
  NewList is a "doubly linked" list.
forward/2:  PREDICATE
Usage: forward(OldList,NewList)
NewList is the OldList but index is set to length of NewList.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  OldList is a "doubly linked" list.
  NewList is a "doubly linked" list.

length/2:  PREDICATE
Usage: length(List,Len)
Len is the length of the List
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  List is a "doubly linked" list.
  Len is an integer.

length_next/2:  PREDICATE
Usage: length_next(List,Len)
Len is the length from the current index till the end.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  List is a "doubly linked" list.
  Len is an integer.

length_prev/2:  PREDICATE
Usage: length_prev(List,Len)
Len is the length from the beginning till the current index.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  List is a "doubly linked" list.
  Len is an integer.

ddlist/1:  REGTYPE
Usage: ddlist(X)
X is a "doubly linked" list.

ddlist_member/2:  PREDICATE
Usage: ddlist_member(X,DDLList)
Success if X is member of DDLList. X first unifies with elements of the forward list, i.e. from
the top till the end, and later with elements from the top to the beginning.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  X is any term.
  DDLList is a "doubly linked" list.
189.3 Other information (ddlist)

Two simple examples of the use of the ddlist library package follow.

189.3.1 Using insert_after

:- module( dd1 , _ , [ ] ).
:- use_module(library(ddlist)).

main(A,B):-
    % L = []
    null_ddlist( L ),
    % L = [1]
    insert_after( L , 1 , L1 ),
    % L = [1,2]
    insert_after( L1 , 2 , L2 ),
    % L = [1,3,2]
    insert_after( L2 , 3 , L3 ),
    % L = [1,3,2] => A = [1]
    top( L3 , A ),
    % L = [3,2]
    next( L3 , PL3 ),
    top( PL3 , B ).

189.3.2 More Complex example

:- module( dd2 , _ , [ ] ).
:- use_module(library(ddlist)).

main(A,B):-
    % L = []
    null_ddlist( L ),
    % L = [1]
    insert_after( L , 1 , L1 ),
    % L = [1,2]
    insert_after( L1 , 2 , L2 ),
    % L = [1,2]
    insert( L2 , 3 , L3 ),
    % L = [3,1,2]
    prev( L3 , PL3 ),
    % L = [],
    forward( PL3 , FOR ),
    % L = [2]
    prev( FOR , FOR1 ),
    % L = [2] => A = 2
    top( FOR1 , A ),
    % L = [1,2]
    prev( FOR1 , FOR2 ).
% L = [2]
delea_after( FOR2, FOR3 ),
% L = [3,2]
prev( FOR3, FOR4 ),
% L = [3,2] => B = 3
top( FOR4, B ).
190 Ciao bindings for ZeroMQ messaging library

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Access to the basic ZMQ (http://www.zeromq.org/) functionality from Ciao Prolog

190.1 Usage and interface (zeromq)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(zeromq)).
  ```

- Exports:
  
  - Predicates:
    - `zmq_init/0`, `zmq_term/0`, `zmq_socket/2`, `zmq_close/1`, `zmq_bind/2`, `zmq_connect/2`, `zmq_subscribe/3`, `zmq_unsubscribe/3`, `zmq_send/4`, `zmq_recv/5`, `zmq_multipart_pending/2`, `zmq_poll/3`, `zmq_device/3`, `zmq_error_check/1`, `zmq_errors/1`, `zmq_send_multipart/3`, `zmq_recv_multipart/4`, `zmq_send_terms/3`, `zmq_recv_terms/4`, `demo_responder/0`, `demo_requester/1`, `demo_requester/2`.

- Imports:
  
  - System library modules:
    - `foreign_interface/foreign_interface_properties`, `lists`, `write`, `zeromq/term_ser`.

  - Packages:
    - `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `foreign_interface`, `basicmodes`, `regtypes`, `foreign_interface(foreign_interface_ttrs)`, `foreign_interface(foreign_interface_ops)`.

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`zmq_init/0`:

**PREDICATE**

(Expr: `True`) **Usage:**

Initializes the ZMQ context for the current thread. This is done automatically on any call to ZMQ routines that require the context.

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  
  The Prolog predicate `PrologName` is implemented using the foreign function `ForeignName`.

```
(foreign_interface_properties:foreign/2)
```

`zmq_term/0`:

**PREDICATE**

(Expr: `True`) **Usage:**

Terminates the ZMQ context for the current thread. Previously attempts to close all open sockets.

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  
  The Prolog predicate `PrologName` is implemented using the foreign function `ForeignName`.

```
(foreign_interface_properties:foreign/2)
```
**zmq_socket/2:**

(True) Usage: `zmq_socket(SocketAtom, TypeAtom)`

Creates a new socket named by atom `SocketAtom`. `TypeAtom` corresponds to a ZMQ socket type. It can be one of: `req`, `rep`, `pub`, `sub`, `push`, `pull`, `pair`, `router`, `dealer`. No other socket must be associated with `SocketAtom` at the time of calling.

- **Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:**
  - `SocketAtom` is an atom.  
  - `TypeAtom` is an atom.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `SocketAtom` is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - `TypeAtom` is currently ground (it contains no variables).

- **The following properties hold upon exit:**
  - `SocketAtom` is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - `TypeAtom` is currently ground (it contains no variables).

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  - The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the foreign function ForeignName. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign/2)

**zmq_close/1:**

(True) Usage: `zmq_close(SocketAtom)`

Closes socket identified with the atom `SocketAtom`.

- **Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:**
  - `SocketAtom` is an atom.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `SocketAtom` is currently ground (it contains no variables).

- **The following properties hold upon exit:**
  - `SocketAtom` is currently ground (it contains no variables).

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  - The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the foreign function ForeignName. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign/2)

**zmq_bind/2:**

(True) Usage: `zmq_bind(SocketAtom, Endpoint)`

Binds socket `SocketAtom` to the given `Endpoint` address. Addresses are strings of the form “tcp://HOST:PORT”, or “ipc://ENDPOINT”, or “inproc://IDENTIFIER”. See ZMQ documentation for more details. A socket can be simultaneously bound to several endpoints.

- **Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:**
  - `SocketAtom` is an atom.
  - `Endpoint` is a string (a list of character codes).

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `SocketAtom` is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - `Endpoint` is currently ground (it contains no variables).

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  - The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the foreign function ForeignName. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign/2)
The following properties hold upon exit:
SocketAtom is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)
Endpoint is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)

The following properties hold globally:
The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the foreign function
ForeignName. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign/2)

**zmq_connect/2:**

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<tr>
<td>(True) Usage: zmq_connect(SocketAtom, Endpoint)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Connects socket to the given endpoint. See <strong>zmq_bind/2</strong> for more details. A socket can be simultaneously connected to several endpoints.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:</td>
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<tr>
<td>SocketAtom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Endpoint is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>- The following properties should hold at call time:</td>
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<td>SocketAtom is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)</td>
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**zmq_subscribe/3:**

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<td>(True) Usage: zmq_subscribe(SocketAtom, Len, Prefix)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Subscribes socket SocketAtom of type <strong>sub</strong> to listen for messages that start with the given Prefix byte list of size Len. A sub socket must be subscribed to receive messages, even if the prefix is an empty list. If <strong>Size</strong>&lt;0, the actual size will be the length of Prefix, otherwise at most <strong>Size</strong> bytes from Prefix will be used. If <strong>Size</strong>&gt;length(Phase), the remaining bytes will be zeroes.</td>
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<td>- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:</td>
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<td>SocketAtom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)</td>
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<td>Len is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)</td>
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<td>Prefix is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term. (foreign_interface_properties:any_term/1)</td>
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<td>- The following properties should hold at call time:</td>
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<td>Len is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)</td>
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<td>Prefix is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)</td>
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<td>- The following properties hold upon exit:</td>
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<td>Prefix is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)</td>
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The following properties hold globally:
The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the foreign function ForeignName.

\[ \text{foreign\_interface\_properties:foreign/2} \]

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zmq_unsubscribe/3:
PREDICATE

\[ \text{(True) Usage: zmq\_unsubscribe(SocketAtom,Len,Prefix)} \]

Removes subscription previously established with zmq_subscribe/3. If Size<0, the actual size will be the length of Prefix, otherwise at most \( \text{Size} \) bytes from Prefix will be used. If Size>length(Prefix), the remaining bytes will be zeroes.

Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:

- SocketAtom is an atom. \( \text{basic\_props:atm/l} \)
- Len is an integer. \( \text{basic\_props:int/l} \)
- Prefix is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term. \( \text{foreign\_interface\_properties:any\_term/l} \)

The following properties should hold at call time:

- SocketAtom is currently ground (it contains no variables). \( \text{term\_typing:ground/l} \)
- Len is currently ground (it contains no variables). \( \text{term\_typing:ground/l} \)
- Prefix is currently ground (it contains no variables). \( \text{term\_typing:ground/l} \)

The following properties hold upon exit:

- SocketAtom is currently ground (it contains no variables). \( \text{term\_typing:ground/l} \)
- Len is currently ground (it contains no variables). \( \text{term\_typing:ground/l} \)
- Prefix is currently ground (it contains no variables). \( \text{term\_typing:ground/l} \)

The following properties hold globally:

- The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the foreign function ForeignName. \( \text{foreign\_interface\_properties:foreign/2} \)

zmq_send/4:
PREDICATE

\[ \text{(True) Usage: zmq\_send(SocketAtom,Size,ByteList,Options)} \]

Sends a list of bytes ByteList of size Size over socket SocketAtom using the list of options Options. Possible options are: noblock to send in background, and sndmore to signify that more message parts will follow. If Size<0, the actual size will be the length of ByteList, otherwise at most \( \text{Size} \) bytes from ByteList will be used. If Size>length(ByteList), the remaining bytes will be zeroes.

Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:

- SocketAtom is an atom. \( \text{basic\_props:atm/l} \)
- Size is an integer. \( \text{basic\_props:int/l} \)
- ByteList is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term. \( \text{foreign\_interface\_properties:any\_term/l} \)
- Options is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term. \( \text{foreign\_interface\_properties:any\_term/l} \)

The following properties should hold at call time:

- SocketAtom is currently ground (it contains no variables). \( \text{term\_typing:ground/l} \)
- Size is currently ground (it contains no variables). \( \text{term\_typing:ground/l} \)
- ByteList is currently ground (it contains no variables). \( \text{term\_typing:ground/l} \)
- Options is currently ground (it contains no variables). \( \text{term\_typing:ground/l} \)
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The following properties hold upon exit:

- SocketAtom is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/l)
- Size is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/l)
- ByteList is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/l)
- Options is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/l)

The following properties hold globally:

- The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the foreign function ForeignName. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign/2)

**zmq_recv/5:**

PREDICATE

(True) Usage: zmq_recv(SocketAtom,Maybe,Size,ByteList,Options)

Reads a message (or a message part) from socket SocketAtom using list of options Options. The only valid option is currently noblock, which returns without waiting for a message to arrive. On exit, Maybe is set to either none (if no message was read), or to some if some message (part) was read. Size tells the number of bytes read, and ByteList is the list of bytes read.

- Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:
  - SocketAtom is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  - Maybe is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term. (foreign_interface_properties:any_term/l)
  - Size is an integer. (basic_props:int/l)
  - ByteList is a list of bytes. (foreign_interface_properties:byte_list/l)
  - Options is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term. (foreign_interface_properties:any_term/l)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - SocketAtom is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/l)
  - Options is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/l)

- The following properties hold upon exit:
  - SocketAtom is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/l)
  - Maybe is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/l)
  - Size is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/l)
  - ByteList is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/l)
  - Options is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/l)

- The following properties hold globally:

  The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the foreign function ForeignName. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign/2)

  The result of the foreign function that implements the Prolog predicate Name is unified with the Prolog variable Maybe. Cannot be used without foreign/1 or foreign/2. (foreign_interface_properties:returns/2)

  For predicate zmq_recv(SocketAtom,Maybe,Size,ByteList,Options), the size of the argument of type byte_list/1, ByteList, is given by the argument of type integer Size. (foreign_interface_properties:size_of/3)
**PREDICATE**

### zmq_multipart_pending/2:

**Usage:** `zmq_multipart_pending(SocketName, Result)`

Checks whether there are more parts from the same multipart message waiting to be read on the socket `SocketAtom`. `Result` is set to either `some` or `none`.

- **Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:**
  - `SocketName` is an atom.  
  - `Result` is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `SocketName` is currently ground (it contains no variables).

- **The following properties hold upon exit:**
  - `SocketName` is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - `Result` is currently ground (it contains no variables).

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  - The Prolog predicate `PrologName` is implemented using the foreign function `ForeignName`.
  - The result of the foreign function that implements the Prolog predicate `Name` is unified with the Prolog variable `Result`. Cannot be used without `foreign/1` or `foreign/2`.

### zmq_poll/3:

**Usage:** `zmq_poll(SocketList, Timeout, Result)`

Polls sockets from the list `SocketList` for incoming messages. `Timeout` defines how long to wait in microseconds: 0 means immediate return, and -1 means indefinite waiting. `Result` is a sublist of sockets from `SocketList` that have pending messages.

- **Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:**
  - `SocketList` is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term.
  - `Timeout` is an integer. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term.
  - `Result` is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `SocketList` is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - `Timeout` is currently ground (it contains no variables).

- **The following properties hold upon exit:**
  - `SocketList` is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - `Timeout` is currently ground (it contains no variables).
  - `Result` is currently ground (it contains no variables).

- **The following properties hold globally:**
  - The Prolog predicate `PrologName` is implemented using the foreign function `ForeignName`.
  - The result of the foreign function that implements the Prolog predicate `Name` is unified with the Prolog variable `Result`. Cannot be used without `foreign/1` or `foreign/2`. 
**zmq_device/3:**

(\text{True}) \text{Usage: } \text{zmq_device(DevType,Frontend,Backend)}

Starts a ZMQ “device” of type \text{DevType} with front-end socket \text{Frontend} and back-end socket \text{Backend}. \text{DevType} must be \text{queue}, \text{forwarder} or \text{streamer}. The front-end and the back-end sockets must be previously set up with correct socket types and bound/connected to their respective endpoints.

- \text{Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:}
  
  \text{DevType} is an atom. \\
  \text{Frontend} is an atom. \\
  \text{Backend} is an atom.

- \text{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  
  \text{DevType} is currently ground (it contains no variables). \\
  \text{Frontend} is currently ground (it contains no variables). \\
  \text{Backend} is currently ground (it contains no variables).

- \text{The following properties hold upon exit:}
  
  \text{DevType} is currently ground (it contains no variables). \\
  \text{Frontend} is currently ground (it contains no variables). \\
  \text{Backend} is currently ground (it contains no variables).

- \text{The following properties hold globally:}
  
  The Prolog predicate \text{PrologName} is implemented using the foreign function \text{ForeignName}. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign/2)

**zmq_error_check/1:**

(\text{True}) \text{Usage: } \text{zmq_error_check(Maybe)}

Checks whether errors occurred in the previous \text{zmq_XXX} operations. \text{Maybe} is set either to \text{none} or to \text{some}

- \text{Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:}
  
  \text{Maybe} is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign/1)

- \text{The following properties hold upon exit:}
  
  \text{Maybe} is currently ground (it contains no variables). (term_typing:ground/1)

- \text{The following properties hold globally:}
  
  The Prolog predicate \text{PrologName} is implemented using the foreign function \text{ForeignName}. (foreign_interface_properties:foreign/2)

The result of the foreign function that implements the Prolog predicate \text{Name} is unified with the Prolog variable \text{Maybe}. Cannot be used without foreign/1 or foreign/2. (foreign_interface_properties:returns/2)

**zmq_errors/1:**

(\text{True}) \text{Usage: } \text{zmq_errors(ErrorList)}

Retrieves and clears the list of errors (latest first) that have accumulated as the result of the previous \text{zmq_XXX} calls. Each list element has the form \text{error(Errno, Reason, Socket)}, where \text{Errno} is a numeric error code, \text{Reason} is an atom describing the context of the error, and \text{Socket} is the name of socket in relation to which the error has occurred. For an error that has occurred in \text{zmq_poll/3} \text{Socket} is ‘’.
Calls should, and exit will be compatible with:

ErrorList is any term. The foreign interface passes it to C functions as a general term.

The following properties hold upon exit:
ErrorList is currently ground (it contains no variables).

The following properties hold globally:
The Prolog predicate PrologName is implemented using the foreign function ForeignName.
The result of the foreign function that implements the Prolog predicate Name is unified with the Prolog variable ErrorList. Cannot be used without foreign/1 or foreign/2.

zmq_send_multipart/3:

PREDICATE
Usage: zmq_send_multipart(SocketAtom,Parts,Options)
Sends a multipart message over socket SocketAtom using option list Options (the only usable option is currently noblock). Parts is a (ground, proper) list of elements of the form Size:Bytelist or ByteList. In the latter case, the size is calculated using length/2.

Call and exit should be compatible with:
SocketAtom is an atom.
Parts is a list.
Options is a list of atms.

zmq_recv_multipart/4:
PREDICATE
Usage: zmq_recv_multipart(SocketAtom,Maybe,Parts,Options)
Receives a multipart message over socket SocketAtom using option list Option (the only usable option is currently noblock). Maybe is set either to none (no message parts read) or to some (some message parts read). Parts contains the message parts in the format Size:ByteList.

Call and exit should be compatible with:
SocketAtom is an atom.
Maybe is an atom.
Parts is a list.
Options is a list.

zmq_send_terms/3:
PREDICATE
Usage: zmq_send_terms(SocketAtom,Terms,Options)
Sends a list of terms over the given sockets. The terms are serialized before sending.

Call and exit should be compatible with:
SocketAtom is an atom.
Terms is a list.
Options is a list of atms.
**zmq_recv_terms/4:**  
**PREDICATE**  
Receives a list of terms from the given socket sent using `zmq_send_terms/3`  
**Usage:** `zmq_recv_terms(SocketAtom,Maybe,Terms,Options)`  
Receive list of terms `Terms` over socket `SocketAtom`. The meaning of `Maybe` and `Options` is the same as in `zmq_send_multipart/3`. Each list item of `Terms` is constructed using a disjoint set of free variables.  
— Call and exit should be compatible with:  
  - `SocketAtom` is an atom.  
  - `Maybe` is an atom.  
  - `Terms` is a list.  
  - `Options` is a list.  
  
**.demo_responder/0:**  
**PREDICATE**  
**Usage:**  
Starts a responder (resp type) socket that reads messages from TCP port 64321 on the local machine. While waiting for inbound messages, every five seconds prints a reminder on the screen. Replies with “Ok” to each received message. Stops and closes the socket after receiving a message of length zero.  

**demo_requester/1:**  
**PREDICATE**  
**Usage:** `demo_requester(ByteList)`  
Same as `demo_requester/2`, except that it connects specifically to `tcp://localhost:64321`.  

**demo_requester/2:**  
**PREDICATE**  
**Usage:** `demo_requester(Endpoint,ByteList)`  
Sends a message `ByteList` to a responder socket listening on `Endpoint`, then waits for the response, prints it and finishes.
Ciao DHT Implementation

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General documentation pending
Chapter 191: Top-level user interface to DHT

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This module contains just a top-level interface to the utilities provided by the DHT system in Ciao. The ‘philosophy’ of the current approach is that most details are hidden behind simple read/write primitives and that the handler is exposed to the client for a concrete DHT. By doing things this way we expect to preserve the simplicity of DHT usage while providing the freedom of being able to switch between various instances of the Ciao DHT system.

191.1 Usage and interface (dht_client)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(dht_client)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    dht_connect/2, dht_connect/3, dht_disconnect/1, dht_consult_b/4, dht_consult_nb/4, dht_extract_b/4, dht_extract_nb/4, dht_store/4, dht_hash/3.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    sockets/sockets, dht/dht_misc.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

191.2 Documentation on exports (dht_client)

dht_connect/2:

Connect to the DHT specified by Server (IP address).

Usage: dht_connect(Server,Connection)

Perform a straightforward connection from the client-side of a DHT node. The information about DHT node to connect to is supplied as Server. It could equally be a DNS name or an IP address.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Server is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  Connection is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Server is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  Connection is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)


dht_connect/3:

Connect to the DHT specified by Server (IP address).

Usage: dht_connect(Server,Port,Connection)
Perform a straightforward connection from the client-side of a DHT node. The information about DHT node to connect to is supplied as combination of Server and Port, if a non standard port is used for server-to-client communication. It could equally be a DNS name or an IP address.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Server is an atom.  
  Port is an integer.  
  Connection is a free variable.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  
  Server is an atom.  
  Port is an integer.  
  Connection is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)

\[\text{dht.disconnect/1:} \quad \text{PREDICATE}\]

Disconnect from DHT, identified by special supplied connection.

Usage: dht_disconnect(Connection)

Issues 'end_of_file' token to the stream supplied as Connection and closes it without delay.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Connection is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)

\[\text{dht.consult_b/4:} \quad \text{PREDICATE}\]

Look either for exact predicate or predicate matching the pattern in DHT.

Usage: dht_consult_b(Conn,Key,Value,Resp)

dht_consult/4 performs a lookup in the DHT represented by Conn (see dht_connect/2) and searches for Value previously associated with the Key. Value may be partially instantiated in which case matching against the tuples stored in DHT is performed.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Conn is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)
  
  Key is an atom.  
  Value is any term.  
  Resp is a free variable.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  
  Conn is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)
  
  Key is an atom.  
  Value is any term.  
  Resp is ground.
dht_consult_nb/4:  PREDICATE
Usage: dht_consult_nb(Connection, Key, Value, Response)

`dht_consult/4` performs a lookup in the DHT represented by `Conn` (see `dht_connect/2`) and searches for `Value` previously associated with the `Key`. `Value` may be partially instantiated in which case matching against the tuples stored in DHT is performed.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Connection is a predicate of type `dht_connection/2`, where first argument is of type `atm/1` and second of type `streams_basic:stream/1`
  (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)

  Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
  Value is any term.  (basic_props:term/1)
  Response is a free variable.  (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:

  Connection is a predicate of type `dht_connection/2`, where first argument is of type `atm/1` and second of type `streams_basic:stream/1`
  (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)

  Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
  Value is any term.  (basic_props:term/1)
  Response is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)

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dht_extract_b/4:  PREDICATE

Extract from DHT an exact predicate of type `Key(Value)` or one that matches given pattern.

Usage: dht_extract_b(Connection, Key, Value, Response)

This predicate extracts information from the DHT connected to by `Connection`, that is stored under key `Key` if it matches the pattern supplied as `Value`.

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  Connection is a predicate of type `dht_connection/2`, where first argument is of type `atm/1` and second of type `streams_basic:stream/1`
  (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)

  Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
  Value is any term.  (basic_props:term/1)
  Response is a free variable.  (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:

  Connection is a predicate of type `dht_connection/2`, where first argument is of type `atm/1` and second of type `streams_basic:stream/1`
  (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)

  Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
  Value is any term.  (basic_props:term/1)
  Response is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)

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dht_extract_nb/4:  PREDICATE

Extract from DHT an exact predicate of type `Key(Value)` or one that matches given pattern.

Usage: dht_extract_nb(Connection, Key, Value, Response)
This predicate extracts information from the DHT connected to by Connection, that is stored under key Key if it matches the pattern supplied as Value.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Connection is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)
  - Key is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - Value is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - Response is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

**dht_store/4:**

PREDICATE

Store data to DHT in form of Key(Value) predicate. No free variables are allowed in predicate.

Usage: dht_store(Connection, Key, Value, Response)

The value provided in Value is stored under a key given as Key inside the DHT mentioned as Connection.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Connection is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)
  - Key is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - Value is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - Response is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Connection is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)
  - Key is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - Value is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - Response is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

**dht_hash/3:**

PREDICATE

Get value of hash function for a given term.

Usage 1: dht_hash(Connection, Value, Hash)

Get (in Hash) the hash of Value as determined by the DHT pointed to by Connection. Implemented mostly for testing purposes.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Connection is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)
  - Value is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - Hash is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Connection is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)
  Value is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  Hash is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

Usage 2: dht_hash(Connection, Value, Hash)
Check whether Hash is equal to the hash of Value as determined by the DHT pointed to by Connection. Implemented mostly for testing purposes.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Connection is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)
  Value is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  Hash is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Connection is a predicate of type dht_connection/2, where first argument is of type atm/1 and second of type streams_basic:stream/1 (dht_client:dht_connection_type/1)
  Value is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  Hash is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
Chapter 192: Top-level interface to a DHT server

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192.1 Usage and interface (dht_server)

Library usage:
:- use_module(library(dht_server)).

Exports:
- Predicates:
dht_server/1, dht_prolog/1.

Imports:
- System library modules:
sockets/sockets, system, format, dht/dht_config, dht/dht_logic_misc,
dht/dht_s2s, dht/dht_s2c.
- Packages:
  prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

192.2 Documentation on exports (dht_server)

dht_server/1: PREDICATE

main/1: start the DHT server. Here is a step-by-step behavior:
1. set all values of dht_config.pl module to default.
2. modify those, for which command-line arguments were supplied.
3. modify server number separately, since it depends on two command-line arguments:
   --server-id and --hash-power.
4. output resulting values to terminal.
5. start client side communication by executing dht_s2c:dht_s2c_mian/0.
6. start server side communication by executing dht_s2s:dht_s2s_mian/0.

Usage: dht_server(Arguments)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Arguments is associated with simple list, that represents pairs of command line arguments (argument and its value). Possible values are: --join-host, --hash-power, --server-id, --s2c-port, --s2c-threads, --s2s-port, --s2s-threads. All of the arguments (except --join-host) accept integer values. In case of --join-host value of argument should be equal to IP/DNS address of host running a copy of DHT.
  (dht_server:dht_arguments_list/1)


dht_prolog/1: PREDICATE

Another style to launch the DHT server. All the parameters are passed in the list. Members of the list are of type parameter_name(parameter_value), where parameter_name corresponds to name of the command line argument without two leading dashes (--) and with internal dash replaced by the underscore (_). All the values are of integer type, except the value of join_host, which should be an atom.
Chapter 193: Server to client communication module

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This module describes the server-2-client side behavior of any node. Since the behavior is not very different this module shares a number of features with dht_s2c.pl:

- extensive usage of the Ciao threading mechanism;
- interface made as simple as possible;
- dht_server.pl module is the only usage point;
- parameters are passed through the dht_config.pl module.

193.1 Usage and interface (dht_s2c)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(dht_s2c)).
  ```prolog```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - dht_s2c_main/0.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - sockets/sockets, concurrency/concurrency, dht/dht_config, dht/dht_misc,
    - dht/dht_logic, dht/dht_logic_misc.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

193.2 Documentation on exports (dht_s2c)

dht_s2c_main/0:

Generally speaking, this predicate must perform some common tasks like:

- listen to a port for incoming connections from clients,
- and process requests from clients.

All the parameters needed are received from initial configuration, which is stored in dht_config.pl module.
194 Server to server communication module

Author(s): Arsen Kostenko.

This module describes server-2-server side behavior of any node. Since this includes various communication and inspection tasks that should be performed in parallel, this module makes extensive usage of Ciao threading mechanism. On the other hand, module must be as simple as possible in terms of usage. Therefore, only a single predicate dht_s2s_main/0 is exposed to outer world and rest of complexity is hidden inside. This predicate is used from dht_server.pl module. All the parameters are passed through dht_config.pl module.

194.1 Usage and interface (dht_s2s)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(dht_s2s)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  
  - **Predicates:**
    
    dht_s2s_main/0.

- **Imports:**
  
  - **System library modules:**
    
    sockets/sockets, system, concurrency/concurrency, dht/dht_config, dht/dht_misc, dht/dht_logic.
  
  - **Packages:**
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

194.2 Documentation on exports (dht_s2s)

dht_s2s_main/0:  

**PREDICATE**

Generally speaking, this predicate must perform some conventional tasks like:

- set local part of DHT to initial state,
- contact a successor node if there is any,
- and finally launch several threads that listen to streams, process incoming requests and inspect state of local finger-table.

All parameters (like listen port, number of threads, host to join, etc) are received from dht_config.pl module.
195 DHT-related logics

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This module implements a core DHT functionality, like finger-table manipulation and lookup search. Keep in mind that remote calls (known as remote predicate calls in Prolog) are extracted to a separate module as well as low-level database handling. In turn, the logic module is utilized by higher-level modules, like the server-2-server and server-2-client communication modules.

Id is treated as the value of the hash function used all over the DHT.

195.1 Usage and interface (dht_logic)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(dht_logic)).

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    dht_init/1, dht_finger/2, dht_successor/1, dht_check_predecessor/1, dht_closest_preceding_finger/2, dht_find_predecessor/2, dht_find_successor/2, dht_join/1, dht_notify/1, dht_stabilize/0, dht_fix_fingers/0, dht_id_by_node/2, dht_find_and_consult_b/2, dht_consult_server_b/3, dht_find_and_consult_nb/2, dht_consult_server_nb/3, dht_find_and_extract_b/2, dht_extract_from_server_b/3, dht_find_and_extract_nb/2, dht_extract_from_server_nb/3, dht_find_and_store/2, dht_store_to_server/4.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    dht/dht_rpr, dht/dht_config, dht/dht_logic_misc, dht/dht_storage, dht/dht_routing.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes, fsyntax.

195.2 Documentation on exports (dht_logic)

dht_init/1: PREDICATE

Predicated performs the initialization of a single-node DHT.

Usage: dht_init(OwnId)

The predicate is intended to perform various initialization functions like finger_table creation, hostname and IP address retrieval. The value supplied in OwnId is treated as value of the hash function used all over the DHT.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  OwnId is an integer. (basic.props:int/1)

dht_finger/2: PREDICATE

Get the node identifier (composition of identifier and IP-address) by using index in the finger table. Prolog synonym for finger[k].node.

Usage: dht_finger(Idx, Finger)
dht_finger/2 implements the array looking up necessary to retrieve information from the finger table, where first argument \textit{Idx} if acting as array index and \textit{Finger} as corresponding array value.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \textit{Idx} is an integer. \hspace{1cm} (basic.props:int/1)
    \item \textit{Finger} is a free variable. \hspace{1cm} (term_typing:var/1)
  \end{itemize}

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \textit{Idx} is an integer. \hspace{1cm} (basic.props:int/1)
    \item \textit{Finger} is ground. \hspace{1cm} (basic.props:gnd/1)
  \end{itemize}

\textbf{dht_successor/1:}

Wrapper around \textit{dht_finger/1}, where first argument is defaulted to '1'

**Usage:** \texttt{dht_successor(Successor)}

\textit{dht_successor/1} a simple wrapper around \textit{dht_finger/2}, that looks up the first row of so-called finger-table

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \textit{Successor} is a free variable. \hspace{1cm} (term_typing:var/1)
  \end{itemize}

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \textit{Successor} is ground. \hspace{1cm} (basic.props:gnd/1)
  \end{itemize}

\textbf{dht_check_predecessor/1:}

\textit{dht_check_predecessor/1} predicate is called by external nodes when they run \textit{dht_stabilize/0}. Since there is no other way to learn about a predecessor’s failure, but checking explicitly once predecessor is required. that is why behavior of \textit{dht_check_predecessor} is following:

1. give ‘nil’ as predecessor if it is stored in database that way, which happens if node is unaware of any other nodes on the ring,
2. otherwise, get current value of predecessor,
3. try calling predecessor with any arbitrary predicate in our case \textit{dht_successor/1},
4. if an exception is issued by remote call - reset predecessor to ‘nil’,
5. get value of predecessor once again and bind this value to the answer. We also check that in case of finger-nodes failure, but this would work out only in poorly populated Chord-ring

**Usage 1:** \texttt{dht_check_predecessor(PredecessorId)}

Get value of predecessor for current node.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \textit{PredecessorId} is a free variable. \hspace{1cm} (term_typing:var/1)
  \end{itemize}

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \textit{PredecessorId} is ground. \hspace{1cm} (basic.props:gnd/1)
  \end{itemize}

**Usage 2:** \texttt{dht_check_predecessor(PredecessorId)}

Check whether value supplied is equal to id of predecessor.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \textit{PredecessorId} is ground. \hspace{1cm} (basic.props:gnd/1)
  \end{itemize}

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \textit{PredecessorId} is ground. \hspace{1cm} (basic.props:gnd/1)
**dht_closest_preceding_finger/2:**  
**PREDICATE**  
Perform search over current finger table, in order to find entry pointing to node that is more closely located to value supplied via Id. Here is original part of code from Chord paper.

\[
\text{n.closest_preceding_finger(id)\{ }
\text{  for i = m downto 1 \{ }
\text{    if (finger[i].node in (n, id))\{ }
\text{      return finger[i].node; }
\text{    }\}
\text{  }\}
\text{  return n; }
\text{\}}
\]

Usage: \text{dht_closest_preceding_finger(Id,Finger)}

\text{dht_closest_preceding_finger/2} is searching local finger-table for the entry which points to a node, that is `closer` (in terms of DHT distance) to the identifier specified at \text{Id}. It should hold that identifier of the node found is greater than identifier of current node and lesser than the identifier supplied in \text{Id}. No estimations concerning other nodes in between them are made. Furthermore, a cyclic structure of identifiers is preserved: identifier '0' is lesser then identifier '1' but greater then the highest identifier in DHT.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - \text{Id} is an integer.  
  - \text{Finger} is a free variable.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - \text{Id} is an integer.  
  - \text{Finger} is ground.

**dht_find_predecessor/2:**  
**PREDICATE**  
Perform search over existing DHT structure. The resulting node is expected to precede the one identified by \text{Id}. Again, a small quote from Chord-paper source code.

\[
\text{n.find_predecessor(id)\{ }
\text{  n’ is n, }
\text{  while(id not_in (n’, n’.successor) \{ }
\text{    n’ = n’.closest_preceding_finger(id); }
\text{  }\}
\text{  return n’; }
\text{\}}
\]

Usage: \text{dht_find_predecessor(Id,Predecessor)}

\text{dht_find_predecessor/2} searches all over DHT for a node, which is `the closest` (in terms of DHT distance) to the index specified as \text{Id}. In other words, the searched node must have the index lesser than the identifier specified in \text{Id} and there must not be any other nodes between identifier specified in \text{Id} and the node found.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - \text{Id} is an integer.  
  - \text{Predecessor} is a free variable.
The following properties should hold upon exit:

- Id is an integer.
- Predecessor is ground.

\textbf{dht\_find\_successor/2:}

Usage: \texttt{dht\_find\_successor(Id,Successor)}

\texttt{dht\_find\_successor/2} has behavior similar to \texttt{dht\_find\_predecessor/2} except that it gives a node that directly succeeds the identifier specified. In other words, the identifier of the node found is greater than the identifier specified in \texttt{Id} and there are no other nodes between the node found and the node specified in \texttt{Id}

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Id is an integer.
  - Successor is a free variable.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Id is an integer.
  - Successor is ground.

\textbf{dht\_join/1:}

It performs the join procedure on the node pointed by the argument. Here is the corresponding quote:

\begin{verbatim}
 n.join(Next){
   predecessor = nil;
   successor = Next.find_successor(n);
 }
\end{verbatim}

Usage: \texttt{dht\_join(NodeIP)}

\texttt{dht\_join/2} is executed every time some node decides to join some DHT. The only information needed for execution of join is a valid ID / IP combination of any existing node, which must be supplied with \texttt{NodeID}

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - NodeIP is an atom.

\textbf{dht\_notify/1:}

This predicate performs 'notification'. Notification is part of adaptation process launched by \texttt{dht\_stabilize/0}. A quote from Chord paper that refers to this section is given below:

\begin{verbatim}
 n.notify(NewNodeId){
   if (predecessor is nil ||
     NewNodeId in (predecessor, n)){
     predecessor = NewNodeId;
   }
 }
\end{verbatim}

Usage: \texttt{dht\_notify(NewNode)}

\texttt{dht\_notify/1} is called on current node, once any other DHT node specified by \texttt{NewNode} regards current node at it’s successor.
The following properties should hold at call time:

NewNode is ground.  \( \text{(basic_props:gnd/1)} \)

\textbf{dht\_stabilize/0:} \hspace{1cm} \text{PREDICATE}

\text{dht\_stabilize}

Perform stabilization on the successor node by asking successor’s predecessor value. If the value returned is equal to current node, just stay calm, otherwise try to adopt the newly returned result as new successor. Most of the 'dirty' work is performed by \texttt{stabilize}\_successor/2 predicate. The corresponding Chord-paper quote is given below:

\begin{verbatim}
    n.stabilize(){
        x = successor.predecessor;
        if (x in (n, successor)){
            successor = x;
        }
    successor.notify(n);
}
\end{verbatim}

There is also a small simplification scheme, since before calling \texttt{dht\_join/1} each node assumes itself as the only member of the circle, the very first case of \texttt{dht\_stabilize/0} does nothing if successor is actually equal to current node.

\textbf{Usage:}

\texttt{dht\_stabilize/0} is a eternally repeated predicate, which aims at stabilizing first-level references of the finger-table, while multiple concurrent joins and failures can happen. Its main goal is to ask its own successor to report its predecessor. If the reported node is different from the one that is calling \texttt{dht\_stabilize/0}, there should be someone in between current node and its the successor. So a newly reported node should be registered as the successor instead of an old one. Technically, once an inconsistency between actual state of DHT and finger-table is found a newly found node is asked to perform \texttt{dht\_notify/1}, with current node as an argument.

\textbf{dht\_fix\_fingers/0:} \hspace{1cm} \text{PREDICATE}

\text{dht\_fix\_fingers}

This predicate takes care of maintaining the finger table entries (except the first one) up to date. The first entry is taken care of by a specialized predicate \texttt{dht\_stabilize/0}, since there is much more responsibility on first entry (a direct successor). Rest of the same task is performed here, by \texttt{dht\_fix\_fingers/0}. In the Chord paper notation this part look like:

\begin{verbatim}
    n.fix_fingers(){
        i = random index > 1 into finger[];
        finger[i].node = find_successor(finger[i].start);
    }
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{Usage:}

\texttt{dht\_fix\_fingers/0} is yet another randomly repeated predicate, which aims at stabilizing high-level references of finger-table, while multiple concurrent joins and failures happen. Once started, \texttt{dht\_fix\_fingers/0} picks a random (but not first) entry of finger table,
and searches for a node responsible for the identifiers specified in the entry. In case, node
that was found is different from the one currently specified, current node is replaced by a
new one.

dht_id_by_node/2:

This predicate is entirely used by remote calls. Since there is dht_rpr_id_by_node/2 for
current module. This is an effort to avoid module-re-exportation (dht_routing.pl and
dht_rpr.pl).
Usage: dht_id_by_node(Node,NodeID)
Get node identity by node number.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Node is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  NodeID is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Node is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  NodeID is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

dht_find_and_consult_b/2:

This is meant to perform two actions:
• search for the node responsible for value supplied as a Key;
• perform dht_consult_server_b/3 on a node found.

This is the first predicate of the whole dht_find_and_*/2 family of predicates. Name of
each member of the family gives a hint on implementation. And as it is presented by the
name of the family, they share some part of implementation - all the members of the family
perform search for particular DHT-node, which is achieved by find_server/3 predicate.
Usage 1: dht_find_and_consult_b(Key,Value)
An invocation of this type would bind all free variables in Value to the values present in
the local database of the node responsible for Key.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Key is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Value is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

– The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Key is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

Usage 2: dht_find_and_consult_b(Key,Value)
Invocation with two ground arguments is equal to checking the presence of the term
specified by Value inside the DHT.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Key is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
dht_consult_server_b/3:

**PREDICATE**

Basically forms the second half of dht_find_and_consult/2 predicate. This predicate takes no care about search of corresponding server. The only thing it does - given a server try to locate a predicate under given Key there. Of course there two possible variants of application:

**Usage 1: dht_consult_server_b(NodeId,Key,Value)**

First variant deals with real consulting, when the value is unknown. Therefore, after predicate is successfully executed, a real value, that is stored under Key is associated with third argument (Value)

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - NodeId is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Key is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Value is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  - NodeId is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Key is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

**Usage 2: dht_consult_server_b(NodeId,Key,Value)**

Second variant is more similar to check for existence, All arguments are ground by the time predicate is called, so the only use is success/failure of predicate itself.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - NodeId is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Key is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  - NodeId is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Key is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

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dht_find_and_consult_nb/2:

**PREDICATE**

dht_find_and_consult_nb/2 is meant to perform two actions:

- search for the node responsible for value supplied as a Key;
- perform dht_consult_server_nb/3 on a node found.

This is the first predicate of the whole dht_find_and_*/2 family of predicates. Name of each member of the family gives a hint on implementation. And as it is presented by the name of the family, they share some part of implementation - all the members of the family perform search for particular DHT-node, which is achieved by find_server/3 predicate.

**Usage 1: dht_find_and_consult_nb(Key,Value)**

An invocation of this type would bind all free variables in Value to the values present in the local database of the node responsible for Key.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - Key is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - Value is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
The following properties should hold upon exit:
Key is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

Usage 2: dht_find_and_consult_nb(Key,Value)
Invocation with two ground arguments is equal to checking the presence of the term specified by Value inside the DHT.

The following properties should hold at call time:
Key is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

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dht_consult_server_nb/3:
PREDICATE

Basically forms the second half of dht_find_and_consult/2 predicate. This predicate takes no care about search of corresponding server. The only thing it does - given a server try to locate a predicate under given Key there. Of course there two possible variants of application:

Usage 1: dht_consult_server_nb(NodeId,Key,Value)
First variant deals with real consulting, when the value is unknown. Therefore, after predicate is successfully executed, a real value, that is stored under Key is associated with third argument (Value)

The following properties should hold at call time:
NodeId is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
Key is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
Value is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:
NodeId is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
Key is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

Usage 2: dht_consult_server_nb(NodeId,Key,Value)
Second variant is more similar to check for existence, All arguments are ground by the time predicate is called, so the only use is success/failure of predicate itself.

The following properties should hold at call time:
NodeId is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
Key is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:
NodeId is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
Key is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

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dht_find_and_extract_b/2:
PREDICATE

dht_find_and_extract_b/2 is meant to perform two actions:
- search for node responsible for value supplied as a Key;
- perform dht_extract_from_server_b/3 on a node found.
Unlike `dht_find_and_consult/2`, this predicate removes matching records from the local databases of the corresponding nodes.

**Usage 1: dht_find_and_extract_b(Key,Value)**

An invocation of this type would bind all free variables in `Value` to values present in the local database of the corresponding node, and the values against which the matching was performed are erased.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  - `Key` is an integer.  
  - `Value` is a free variable.

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*

  - `Key` is an integer.
  - `Value` is ground.

**Usage 2: dht_find_and_extract_b(Key,Value)**

Invocation with two ground arguments is equal to checking presence of term specified by `Value` inside the DHT, and removing it in case of successful search.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  - `Key` is an integer.
  - `Value` is ground.

**dht_extract_from_server_b/3**:

This predicate is also used entirely as a second part of `dht_find_and_extract/2` predicate. It’s behavior differs from similar `dht_consult_server_b/3` predicate, only in action that is performed over DHT. In this case ‘extraction’ of predicates, instead of simple ‘consultation’

**Usage 1: dht_extract_from_server_b(NodeId,Key,Value)**

First variant deals with blind ‘extraction’, when the value is unknown. Therefore, after predicate is successfully executed, a real value, that is stored under `Key` is associated with third argument (`Value`)

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  - `NodeId` is ground.
  - `Key` is ground.
  - `Value` is a free variable.

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*

  - `NodeId` is ground.
  - `Key` is ground.
  - `Value` is ground.

**Usage 2: dht_extract_from_server_b(NodeId,Key,Value)**

Second variant is more similar to pointed elimination. All arguments are ground by the time predicate is called, so the only use is success and elimination of predicate itself or general failure on contrary.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  - `NodeId` is ground.
  - `Key` is ground.
  - `Value` is ground.
The following properties should hold upon exit:

- **NodeId** is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
- **Key** is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
- **Value** is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

**dht_find_and_extract_nb/2:**

This predicate is meant to perform two actions:

- search for node responsible for value supplied as a **Key**;
- perform **dht_extract_from_server_nb/3** on a node found.

Unlike **dht_find_and_consult/2**, this predicate removes matching records from the local databases of the corresponding nodes.

**Usage 1: dht_find_and_extract_nb(Key,Value)**

An invocation of this type would bind all free variables in **Value** to values present in the local database of the corresponding node, and the values against which the matching was performed are erased.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **Key** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - **Value** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - **Key** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - **Value** is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

**Usage 2: dht_find_and_extract_nb(Key,Value)**

Invocation with two ground arguments is equal to checking presence of term specified by **Value** inside the DHT, and removing it in case of successful search.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **Key** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - **Value** is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

**dht_extract_from_server_nb/3:**

This predicate is also used entirely as a second part of **dht_find_and_extract/2** predicate. It’s behavior differs from similar **dht_consult_server_b/3** predicate, only in action that is performed over DHT. In this case ‘extraction’ of predicates, instead of simple ‘consultation’

**Usage 1: dht_extract_from_server_nb(NodeId,Key,Value)**

First variant deals with blind ‘extraction’, when the value is unknown. Therefore, after predicate is successfully executed, a real value, that is stored under **Key** is associated with third argument (**Value**)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **NodeId** is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - **Key** is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - **Value** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - **NodeId** is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - **Key** is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - **Value** is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
**Usage 2: dht_extract_from_server_nb(NodeId,Key,Value)**

Second variant is more similar to pointed elimination. All arguments are ground by the time predicate is called, so the only use is success and elimination of predicate itself or general failure on contrary.

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  - NodeId is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Key is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

– *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  - NodeId is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Key is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

**dht_find_and_store/2:**

First part of this predicate is similar to rest of dht_find_and_*/2 family - perform search over existing DHT structure. After search - storage operation is performed.

**Usage: dht_find_and_store(Key,Value)**

dht_find_and_store/2 is meant to perform two actions:

- search for a node responsible for the value supplied as Key;
- perform dht_store_to_server/4 on node found.

Since the arguments of dht_store_to_server/4 must be ground both arguments of dht_find_and_store are ground too.

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  - Key is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

**dht_store_to_server/4:**

Second part of dht_find_and_store/2 predicate.

**Usage: dht_store_to_server(NodeId,Key,KeyHash,Value)**

Store Value under given Key and also record relation between Key and KeyHash.

– *The following properties should also hold at call time:*
  
  - NodeId is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Key is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - KeyHash is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
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196 Finger table and routing information

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This module holds the basic operations over the finger table and other routing information. Developed for the sake of simplicity, it should be used only within the dht_logic.pl file. Probably the most important and abstract part of the routing is the finger table. Here is a finger table copy of the node representing identifier 0 (from the Chord paper):

\[
\begin{align*}
& \text{finger_table(1, 1, finger_interval(1,2), 1).} \\
& \text{finger_table(2, 2, finger_interval(2,4), 3).} \\
& \text{finger_table(3, 4, finger_interval(4,0), 0).}
\end{align*}
\]

This table reflects the case where there are 8 identifiers in total in the identifier circle and three running nodes with identifiers 0, 1, and 3. In general each entry can be represented as \( \text{finger_table}(\text{idx}, \text{start}, \text{interval}, \text{succ}) \). Here is a brief description of each argument:

- \text{idx} - Since arrays are not native for Prolog, I put the index as the first argument to the \text{finger_table} predicate to achieve indexing.
- \text{start} - ID that starts the corresponding section of the table.
- \text{interval} - IDs that fit into the corresponding section of table, represented in the form: \( \text{finger_interval} (\text{interval_start}, \text{interval_end}) \), where:
  - \text{interval_start} - ID that starts this interval.
  - \text{interval_end} - first ID of the next interval.
- \text{succ} - ID of node responsible for the corresponding section of table, represented in \text{node_id(id, ip)} form, where:
  - \text{id} - ID of a node.
  - \text{ip} - IP address of a node.

196.1 Usage and interface (dht_routing)

- **Library usage:**
  \[ \text{:- use_module(library(dht_routing)).} \]
- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - \text{dht_finger_table/2, dht_finger_start/2, dht_update_finger/2, dht_set_finger/4,}
      \text{dht_predecessor/1, dht_set_predecessor/1, dht_reset_predecessor/0.}
  - **Imports:**
    - **Packages:**
      \text{prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.}

196.2 Documentation on exports (dht_routing)

\text{dht_finger_table/2:}

It serves as a read-only interface to the finger table information as follows: \text{Idx} stands for an index in an array, and \text{Node} is the number of the node which is recorded in the entry with that index.
Usage 1: dht_finger_table(Idx,Node)
This case is equal to getting any (possibly random) entry from the finger table.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Idx is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - Node is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Idx is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - Node is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

Usage 2: dht_finger_table(Idx,Node)
Get some (one or several if backtracking is exploited) indexes that mention particular
node number, supplied as Node.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Idx is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - Node is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Idx is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - Node is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

Usage 3: dht_finger_table(Idx,Node)
Get the identifier of the node, indexed by Idx. Theoretically, there should be no more
than an entry for each value of index.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Idx is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - Node is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Idx is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - Node is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

Usage 4: dht_finger_table(Idx,Node)
Check whether a particular combination (index and node number) is present in finger
table.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Idx is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - Node is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

\texttt{dht\_finger\_start/2:}
PREDICATE
This predicate may be regarded as a read-only interface to map between the index is a
finger table and the beginning of the section of the DHT circle.

Usage 1: dht_finger_start(Idx,NextId)
Get any entry, in other words and entry that has any index and points to any segment in
the circle. Common constraints on finger tables, do hold anyway:
- result unifies with the content of finger table;
- predicate enumerates possible results on backtracking.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Idx is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - NextId is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
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Usage 2: dht_finger_start(Idx,NextId)
Ask for the index of entry that mentions a particular node as the starting one.

Usage 3: dht_finger_start(Idx,NextId)
Get the starting node for a certain entry of finger table.

Usage 4: dht_finger_start(Idx,NextId)
Check for the presence of a correspondence between a certain entry and its starting node.

dht_update_finger/2:

\[dht\_update\_finger/2\]

\[dht\_update\_finger/2\] takes care of changing node value to NodeId for entry with index number equal to Idx. This predicate has entirely imperative behavior. Both arguments are to be ground at the moment of call.

Usage: dht_update_finger(Idx,NodeId)
Stores supplied information, previously erasing all old information.

Usage: dht_set_finger(Idx,Start,End,Node)
All the arguments are to be ground and of type integer.
The following properties should hold at call time:

- **Idx** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
- **Start** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
- **End** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
- **Node** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

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**dht_predecessor/1:**

**PREDICATE**

A common read-only interface to get or check the ID of the predecessor node.

**Usage 1:** dht_predecessor(PredId)

Get number of predecessor node.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - PredId is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - PredId is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

**Usage 2:** dht_predecessor(PredId)

Check whether particular number is associated with current predecessor.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - PredId is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

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**dht_set_predecessor/1:**

**PREDICATE**

Write interface for predecessor ID. It checks the type of its argument and saves argument locally.

**Usage:** dht_set_predecessor(PredId)

Save PredId as the ID of predecessor for current node.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - PredId is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

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**dht_reset_predecessor/0:**

**PREDICATE**

Set value of preceding node index to 'nil' whatever it's prior value is.
197 Various wrappers for DHT logics module

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This module contains miscellaneous predicates related to the dht_logic.pl module. Mostly various calculation-wrappers.

197.1 Usage and interface (dht_logic_misc)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(dht_logic_misc)).
  ```

- Exports:
  
  - Predicates:
    
    ```prolog
    hash_size/1, highest_hash_number/1, consistent_hash/2, next_on_circle/2,
    not_in_circle_oc/3, in_circle_oo/3, in_circle_oc/3.
    ```

- Imports:
  
    ```prolog
    - System library modules:
      indexer/hash, dht/dht_config.
    
    - Packages:
      prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.
    ```

197.2 Documentation on exports (dht_logic_misc)

hash_size/1: 

**PREDICATE**

This predicate calculates \((2^{**m})\), where 'm' is equal to hash_power/1 received from system wide configurations stored in dht_config.pl.

**Usage:** hash_size(Size)

The only purpose of hash_size/1 predicate is to get corresponding value from system wide configurations stored in dht_config.pl file and convert it into the number of nodes virtually available in the current DHT installation.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  ```prolog
  Size is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  ```

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  
  ```prolog
  Size is ground. (basic Props:gnd/1)
  Size is an integer. (basic Props:int/1)
  ```

highest_hash_number/1: 

**PREDICATE**

This predicate calculates \((2^{**m})-1\), where 'm' is equal to hash_power/1 received from system wide configurations stored in dht_config.pl.

**Usage 1:** highest_hash_number(N)

If used with a ground argument highest_hash_number/1 simply checks whether the value supplied corresponds to the biggest hash number possible in the DHT.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  ```prolog
  N is an integer. (basic Props:int/1)
  ```
Usage 2: `highest_hash_number(N)`
Otherwise (if argument happens to be a free variable) the value of N is bound to the highest hash number possible in the DHT.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  N is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  N is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

**consistent_hash/2:**
PREDICATE
This kind of computation is usually performed every time, when one needs to get value of hash-function.

Usage: `consistent_hash(Term,DHTHash)`
Straightforward computation of hash (DHTHash) on the basis of Term supplied.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  DHTHash is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  DHTHash is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

**next_on_circle/2:**
PREDICATE
Performs the calculation of \((i+1) \mod ((2^{\text{hash_power}})-1)\), where \(i\) is the first argument supplied, and \(m\) is equal to hash_power/1.

Usage: `next_on_circle(Id,Num)`

`next_on_circle/2` is a calculation wrapping. One can only use it with first argument ground and equal to integer value. What is more, that value **MUST** be kept within certain bounds: value of \(i\) **MUST** meet the constraints \(0 \leq i \leq \text{HighNum}\), where \(\text{HighNum}\) is retrieved via `highest_hash_number/1` predicate.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Id is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Num is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  Id is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Num is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

**not_in_circle_oc/3:**
PREDICATE

`not_in_circle_oc/3`: the 'oc' suffix stands for "open-closed" interval. The predicate implements the behavior of the expression: \(i\) **not in** \((a,b]\), where both 'a' and 'b' are numbers/identifiers on the DHT-ring.

Usage: `not_in_circle_oc(Id,Start,End)`

Yet another wrapper around simple calculations. All arguments are expected to be ground, by the time the predicate is called. The predicate checks whether the value supplied as \(i\) fits into circle sector defined by values of Start and End. If the condition is not true - the whole predicate fails.
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The following properties should hold at call time:
Id is an integer.  (basic.props:int/1)
Start is an integer.  (basic.props:int/1)
End is an integer.  (basic.props:int/1)

in_circle_oo/3: PREDICATE
in_circle_oo/3: the 'oo' suffix stands for "open-open" circle interval. The predicate implements the behavior of following expression: \( \text{Id} \in (a,b) \).
Usage: in_circle_oo(Id,Start,End)
Check whether value of Id fits into sector defined by Start and End excluding both, fail otherwise.
  The following properties should hold at call time:
  Id is an integer.  (basic.props:int/1)
  Start is an integer.  (basic.props:int/1)
  End is an integer.  (basic.props:int/1)

in_circle_oc/3: PREDICATE
in_circle_oc/3: the 'oc' suffix stands for "open-closed" interval. The predicate is based on in_circle_oo/3 and considers the interval to be closed on the right. This predicate implements the behavior of the expression: \( \text{Id} \in (a,b] \).
Usage: in_circle_oc(Id,Start,End)
Check whether value of Id fits into sector defined by Start and End excluding first and including second. Fail if the condition does not hold.
  The following properties should hold at call time:
  Id is an integer.  (basic.props:int/1)
  Start is an integer.  (basic.props:int/1)
  End is an integer.  (basic.props:int/1)
Chapter 198: Remote predicate calling utilities

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RPR stands for Remote PRedicate calling. The basic functionality of a remote procedure (or predicate, in Prolog terms of Prolog) call is gathered here. Thus module contains predicates for the execution of remote calls and manipulation routines of the module-specific database.

198.1 Usage and interface (dht_rpr)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(dht_rpr)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    dht_rpr_register_node/1, dht_rpr_register_node/2, dht_rpr_node_by_id/2, 
    dht_rpr_id_by_node/2, dht_rpr_compose_id/3, dht_rpr_clear_by_node/1, dht_rpr_node/1, 
    dht_rpr_call/2, dht_rpr_call/3, node_id/2.
    ```
  - Regular Types:
    ```prolog
    dht_rpr_node_id/1.
    ```

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    format, sockets/sockets, dht/dht_config, dht/dht_misc.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.
    ```

198.2 Documentation on exports (dht_rpr)

**dht_rpr_register_node/1:**

**PREDICATE**

Sometimes information from remote nodes is received in the form of a `node_id/2`. In these cases a single argument predicate might be useful.

**Usage:** `dht_rpr_register_node(NodeID)`

Save node identity to module-specific DB.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  NodeID is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second as IP/DNS address.
  ```

**dht_rpr_register_node/2:**

**PREDICATE**

General write interface to DB of physical nodes (those that have IP addresses). Information is re-written every time, so no old entries are expected to remain.

**Usage:** `dht_rpr_register_node(Node,NodeIP)`

`dht_rpr_register_node/2` is responsible for the management of a module-specific database that stores information on node identifiers and IP addresses corresponding to them. Despite there is only one usage mode the behavior may differ depending on the
state of module-specific database. For instance, if the database already contains informa-
tion about a node, whose identifier is equal to the one supplied in Node, a newly supplied
entry would be written over the old one. A new entry is added to the module-specific
database otherwise.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Node is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  NodeIP is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

\textbf{dht\_rpr\_node\_by\_id/2:} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{PREDICATE}

Just a convenient wrapper around module-specific data structures, which is used in combi-
nation with Ciao functional syntax.

\textbf{Usage 1: dht\_rpr\_node\_by\_id(NodeID,Node)}

Extract value of node from the node identifier NodeID.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  NodeID is a term of type node\_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second
  as IP/DNS address. (dht\_rpr:dht\_rpr\_node\_id/1)
  Node is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)

— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  NodeID is a term of type node\_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second
  as IP/DNS address. (dht\_rpr:dht\_rpr\_node\_id/1)
  Node is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

\textbf{Usage 2: dht\_rpr\_node\_by\_id(NodeID,Node)}

Check whether the value of the NodeID node identifier corresponds to the Node value.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  NodeID is a term of type node\_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second
  as IP/DNS address. (dht\_rpr:dht\_rpr\_node\_id/1)
  Node is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  NodeID is a term of type node\_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second
  as IP/DNS address. (dht\_rpr:dht\_rpr\_node\_id/1)
  Node is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

\textbf{Usage 3: dht\_rpr\_node\_by\_id(NodeID,Node)}

Return the node identifier associated to the exact node number.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  NodeID is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)
  Node is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

— The following properties should hold upon exit:
  NodeID is a term of type node\_id/2 with first argument as integer and second as free
  variable or IP/DNS address (dht\_rpr:dht\_rpr\_comp\_node\_addr/1)
  Node is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)

\textbf{Usage 4: dht\_rpr\_node\_by\_id(NodeID,Node)}

This case is merely useless, however perfectly possible.

— The following properties should hold at call time:
  NodeID is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)
  Node is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)
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**dht_rpr_id_by_node/2:**

Convenient wrapper around internal data structures, as well as `dht_rpr_node_by_id/2`, this predicate is usually used in combination with Ciao functional syntax.

**Usage 1:** `dht_rpr_id_by_node(Node,NodeID)`

Get node identity by it’s number.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  - `Node` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `NodeID` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  - `Node` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `NodeID` is a term of type `node_id/2` with first argument as integer value and second as IP/DNS address. (dht_rpr:dht_rpr_node_id/1)

**Usage 2:** `dht_rpr_id_by_node(Node,NodeID)`

Lookup and fill remaining id field.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  - `Node` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `NodeID` is a term of type `node_id/2` with first argument as free variable or integer and second an IP/DNS address (dht_rpr:dht_rpr_comp_node_id/1)

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  - `Node` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `NodeID` is a term of type `node_id/2` with first argument as integer value and second as IP/DNS address. (dht_rpr:dht_rpr_node_id/1)

**Usage 3:** `dht_rpr_id_by_node(Node,NodeID)`

Lookup and fill remaining address field.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  - `Node` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `NodeID` is a term of type `node_id/2` with first argument as integer and second as free variable or IP/DNS address (dht_rpr:dht_rpr_comp_node_addr/1)

- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  
  - `Node` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `NodeID` is a term of type `node_id/2` with first argument as integer value and second as IP/DNS address. (dht_rpr:dht_rpr_node_id/1)

**Usage 4:** `dht_rpr_id_by_node(Node,NodeID)`

Check whether local database really has record about `NodeID` with `Node` as its node number.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  - `Node` is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - `NodeID` is a term of type `node_id/2` with first argument as integer value and second as IP/DNS address. (dht_rpr:dht_rpr_node_id/1)

**dht_rpr_node_id/1:**

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Usage: `dht_rpr_node_id(NodeID)`

NodeID is a term of type `node_id/2` with first argument as integer value and second as IP/DNS address.
dht_rpr_compose_id/3:  
Compose identity structure out of arguments provided  
Usage 1: dht_rpr_compose_id(Node,NodeIP,NodeID)  
Compose an internal structure.  
  - The following properties should hold at call time:  
    Node is an integer.  
    NodeIP is ground.  
    NodeID is a free variable.  
  - The following properties should hold upon exit:  
    Node is an integer.  
    NodeIP is ground.  
    NodeID is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second  
    as IP/DNS address.  
Usage 2: dht_rpr_compose_id(Node,NodeIP,NodeID)  
Check whether arguments correspond to structure supplied.  
  - The following properties should hold at call time:  
    Node is an integer.  
    NodeIP is ground.  
    NodeID is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second  
    as IP/DNS address.  
  - The following properties should hold upon exit:  
    Node is an integer.  
    NodeIP is ground.  
    NodeID is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second  
    as IP/DNS address.

dht_rpr_clear_by_node/1:  
Write-interface (or more precisely, erase-interface) to DB of physical nodes (those that have  
IP-address). dht_rpr_clear_node is a dumb-wrapper around retraction operation over module-specific database. As usually, retraction may be performed when the argument is  
a free variable.  
Usage 1: dht_rpr_clear_by_node(Node)  
Erase any (possibly random) node information.  
  - The following properties should hold at call time:  
    Node is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer and second as free  
    variable or IP/DNS address  
  - The following properties should hold upon exit:  
    Node is ground.  
Usage 2: dht_rpr_clear_by_node(Node)  
Erase exact node.  
  - The following properties should hold at call time:  
    Node is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second as  
    IP/DNS address.  
  - The following properties should hold upon exit:  
    Node is ground.
**dht_rpr_node/1:**

Generic read interface to DB of physical nodes.

**Usage 1:** dht_rpr_node(Node)

Checks for presence of any information on a node supplied as Node.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Node is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second as IP/DNS address. (dht_rpr:dht_rpr_node_id/1)

**Usage 2:** dht_rpr_node(Node)

Get node that matches given template.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  Node is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument is either a free variable or an integer and second is either a free variable or a IP/DNS address (dht_rpr:dht_rpr_comp_node/1)

**dht_rpr_call/2:**

**Usage 1:** dht_rpr_call(HostId,Goal)

Perform remote call of partially instantiated goal: e.g., a pattern search. Remote host for execution is specified via IP/DNS address of node identity, rest of identity is ignored.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as free variable or integer and second an IP/DNS address (dht_rpr:dht_rpr_comp_node_id/1)
  Goal is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as free variable or integer and second an IP/DNS address (dht_rpr:dht_rpr_comp_node_id/1)
  Goal is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

**Usage 2:** dht_rpr_call(HostId,Goal)

Perform remote call of partially instantiated goal: e.g., a pattern search. Remote host for execution is specified via integer of node identity, IP/DNS address is searched through local database.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer and second as free variable or IP/DNS address (dht_rpr:dht_rpr_comp_node_addr/1)
  Goal is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
The following properties should hold upon exit:
HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer and second as free variable or IP/DNS address
Goal is ground.
Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

Usage 3: dht_rpr_call(HostId,Goal)
Perform remote call of partially instantiated goal: e.g., a pattern search. Remote host for execution is specified via IP/DNS address of node identity, rest of identity is ignored

The following properties should hold at call time:
HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second as IP/DNS address.
Goal is a free variable.
Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

The following properties should hold upon exit:
HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second as IP/DNS address.
Goal is ground.
Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

Usage 4: dht_rpr_call(HostId,Goal)
Perform remote call of partially instantiated goal: e.g., a pattern search. Remote host for execution is specified via integer, IP/DNS address is searched through local database using that integer as part of node identity.

The following properties should hold at call time:
HostId is an integer.
Goal is a free variable.
Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

The following properties should hold upon exit:
HostId is an integer.
Goal is ground.
Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

Usage 5: dht_rpr_call(HostId,Goal)
Perform remote call of partially instantiated goal: e.g., a pattern search. Finally make a try to use first argument as directly-specified IP/DNS address.

The following properties should hold at call time:
HostId is an atom.
Goal is a free variable.
Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

The following properties should hold upon exit:
HostId is an atom.
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Usage 6: dht_rpr_call(HostId, Goal)
Perform remote call of fully instantiated goal: e.g., a pattern search. Remote host for execution is specified via IP/DNS address of node identity, rest of identity is ignored.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as free variable or integer and second an IP/DNS address.
  - Goal is ground.
  - Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as free variable or integer.
  - Goal is ground.
  - Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

Usage 7: dht_rpr_call(HostId, Goal)
Perform remote call of fully instantiated goal: e.g., a pattern search. Remote host for execution is specified via integer of node identity, IP/DNS address is searched through local database.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer and second as free variable or IP/DNS address.
  - Goal is ground.
  - Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer and second as free variable or IP/DNS address.
  - Goal is ground.
  - Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

Usage 8: dht_rpr_call(HostId, Goal)
Perform remote call of fully instantiated goal: e.g., a pattern search. Remote host for execution is specified via IP/DNS address of node identity, rest of identity is ignored.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second as IP/DNS address.
  - Goal is ground.
  - Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - HostId is a term of type node_id/2 with first argument as integer value and second as IP/DNS address.

Goal is ground.                          (basic_props:gnd/1)
Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.  (basic_props:callable/1)
Goal is ground.  
Goal is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. 

Usage 9: \texttt{dht\_rpr\_call(HostId,Goal)}

Perform remote call of fully instantiated goal: e.g., a pattern search. Remote host for execution is specified via integer, IP/DNS address is searched through local database using that integer as part of node identity.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{itemize}
   \item \texttt{HostId} is an integer. 
   \item \texttt{Goal} is ground.
   \item \texttt{Goal} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
  \end{itemize}

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \begin{itemize}
   \item \texttt{HostId} is an integer.
   \item \texttt{Goal} is ground.
   \item \texttt{Goal} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
  \end{itemize}

Usage 10: \texttt{dht\_rpr\_call(HostId,Goal)}

Perform remote call of fully instantiated goal: e.g., a pattern search. Finally make a try to use first argument as directly-specified IP/DNS address.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{itemize}
   \item \texttt{HostId} is an atom.
   \item \texttt{Goal} is ground.
   \item \texttt{Goal} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
  \end{itemize}

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  \begin{itemize}
   \item \texttt{HostId} is an atom.
   \item \texttt{Goal} is ground.
   \item \texttt{Goal} is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure.
  \end{itemize}

dht\_rpr\_call/3:

The only difference this predicate has with \texttt{dht\_rpr\_call/2} is debug-enabling switch. Third parameter is expected to be responsible for that. It takes one of two possible values 'debug' or 'nodebug'. The first one is default. If default value is used, the standard output stream is populated with various debugging information.

Usage 1: \texttt{dht\_rpr\_call(HostId,Goal,Debug)}

dht\_rpr\_call/3 executes a \texttt{Goal} remotely and prints some debugging information locally. The platform for the remote execution is specified by \texttt{HostId}. \texttt{Debug} variable must be bound to value 'debug' in order for this case to fire.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  \begin{itemize}
   \item \texttt{HostId} is an integer.
   \item \texttt{Goal} is any term.
   \item \texttt{Debug} is ground.
  \end{itemize}
Usage 2: dht_rpr_call(HostId, Term, Anything)

dht_rpr_call/3 executes a Goal remotely without writing any information on the local output stream. The platform for the remote execution is specified by HostId.
— The following properties should hold at call time:

  HostId is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Term is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  Anything is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

node_id/2: PREDICATE

node_id/2 is an auxiliary predicate for internal data structures handling. The predicate is of type concurrent.
199 Underlying data-storage module

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This module contains very low-level utilities of data storage specific to a single node. Neither data sharing nor remote invocation is performed at this level. Note that no dedicated data manipulation is performed neither on this level. Also keep in mind that concept of Key should always meet the same constraints as the second argument of functor/3 predicate. Important decision taken at this point is representation of all information stored in the DHT as usual Prolog facts. This behavior is implemented by representing relations of form Key -> Value in form of Key(Value) facts.

199.1 Usage and interface (dht_storage)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(dht_storage)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    dht_store/3, dht_extract_b/2, dht_extract_nb/2, dht_consult_b/2, dht_consult_nb/2, dht_key_hash/2.
    ```
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    concurrency/concurrency.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.
    ```

199.2 Documentation on exports (dht_storage)

dht_store/3: PREDICATE

This predicate stores information into the local (module-local) database. The three arguments stand for key, value, and value of hash-function, when applied to the key. The third argument is needed for auxiliary database, which is used by reverse lookup.

Usage: dht_store(Key,KeyHash,Value)

The value provided in Value is stored under a key given as Key.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  Key is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  KeyHash is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  Value is ground. (basic_props:gnd/1)
  ```

dht_extract_b/2: PREDICATE

Looks up local database for fact of following type Key/1, that takes Value as argument. The pair is extracted from the database if there is at lease one match. Otherwise call is blocking once the fact is not found instantly.

Usage 1: dht_extract_b(Key,Value)

Search for exact fact.
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Usage 2: dht_extract_b(Key,Value)
Search for fact matching pattern. Pattern is supplied as Value.

Usage 2: dht_extract_nb(Key,Value)
Search for combination of Key/Value matching pattern. Pattern is supplied as Value.

Usage 2: dht_consult_b(Key,Value)
Search for exact combination of Key/Value.
The following properties should hold at call time:
Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
Value is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:
Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
Value is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)

Usage 2: dht_consult_b(Key,Value)
Search for combination of Key/Value matching pattern. Pattern is supplied as Value.

The following properties should hold at call time:
Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
Value is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:
Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
Value is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)

dht_consult_nb/2:
PREDICATE
Looks up local database for combination of Key/Value of following type Key/1 that takes Value as argument. The combination of Key/Value is only looked up - no modifications are done in any case (whether a match was found or not). As in case with dht_extract_nb/2, this predicate does not block while searching for matching values.

Usage 1: dht_consult_nb(Key,Value)
Search for exact combination of Key/Value.

The following properties should hold at call time:
Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
Value is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:
Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
Value is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)

Usage 2: dht_consult_nb(Key,Value)
Search for combination of Key/Value matching pattern. Pattern is supplied as Value.

The following properties should hold at call time:
Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
Value is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:
Key is an atom.  (basic_props:atm/1)
Value is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)

dht_key_hash/2:
PREDICATE
A general read-interface to auxiliary database, in order to perform reverse search: 'get set of keys by corresponding value of hash function'.

Usage 1: dht_key_hash(Key,KeyHash)
The most general case (when both arguments are free) is searching for any key-hash pair stored in auxiliary database.
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The following properties should hold at call time:

- Key is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)
- KeyHash is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)

The following properties should hold upon exit:

- Key is ground.  
  (basic_props:gnd/1)
- KeyHash is an integer.  
  (basic_props:int/1)

Usage 2: dht_key_hash(Key,KeyHash)
Here Key is ground, which in turn leads to search for information on concrete predicate.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  - Key is ground.  
    (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - KeyHash is a free variable.  
    (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  
  - Key is ground.  
    (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - KeyHash is an integer.  
    (basic_props:int/1)

Usage 3: dht_key_hash(Key,KeyHash)
On the contrary to previous example, this one has only second argument KeyHash ground. Therefore, this type of call would search for keys, that where mapped into given value of hash-function.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  - Key is a free variable.  
    (term_typing:var/1)
  - KeyHash is an integer.  
    (basic_props:int/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  
  - Key is ground.  
    (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - KeyHash is an integer.  
    (basic_props:int/1)

Usage 4: dht_key_hash(Key,KeyHash)
Finally, calling dht_key_hash with both arguments ground is similar to straight-forward check on auxiliary database, or to asking a question: “Does auxiliary database has any information on this key, which is mapped into that hash value?”

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  - Key is ground.  
    (basic_props:gnd/1)
  - KeyHash is an integer.  
    (basic_props:int/1)
200 Configuration module

Author(s): Arsen Kostenko.

This is the initial system-wide configuration storage module. All the configurations stored here are represented by command-line arguments or corresponding terms, depending on the server launching style.

200.1 Usage and interface (dht_config)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(dht_config)).

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - hash_power/1, dht_set_hash_power/1, dht_s2c_port/1, dht_set_s2c_port/1,
      dht_s2c_threads/1, dht_set_s2c_threads/1, dht_s2s_port/1, dht_set_s2s_port/1,
      dht_s2s_threads/1, dht_set_s2s_threads/1, dht_join_host/1, dht_set_join_host/1,
      dht_server_id/1, dht_set_server_id/1, dht_server_host/1, dht_set_server_host/1.

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

200.2 Documentation on exports (dht_config)

hash_power/1: PREDICATE
Get/check power of currently running DHT. Hash function has \((2^{**}m)\) values, therefore hash_power/1 returns/checks \(m\).
Usage 1: hash_power(Power)
Bound Power to value of currently running DHT power.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Power is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - Power is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

Usage 2: hash_power(Power)
Check whether Power is equal to power of the currently running DHT.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Power is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

dht_set_hash_power/1: PREDICATE
Set initial power of hash function.
Usage: dht_set_hash_power(Power)
Set \(m\) for \((2^{**}m)\) formula.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Power is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
**dht_s2c_port/1:**

Get/check server to client communication port.

**Usage 1:** dht_s2c_port(\(\text{Port}\))

Set value of \(\text{Port}\) to currently used port number for server-to-client communication.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - \(\text{Port}\) is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- *The following properties should hold upon exit:*
  - \(\text{Port}\) is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

**Usage 2:** dht_s2c_port(\(\text{Port}\))

Check whether value of \(\text{Port}\) is equal to currently used port number for server-to-client communication.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - \(\text{Port}\) is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

**dht_set_s2c_port/1:**

Set port for server-to-client communication.

**dht_s2c_threads/1:**

Get/check number of threads for server-to-client communication.

**dht_set_s2c_threads/1:**

Set number of threads for server-to-client communication.

**dht_s2s_port/1:**

Get/check server-to-server communication port.

**dht_set_s2s_port/1:**

Set server-to-server communication port.

**dht_s2s_threads/1:**

Get/check number of threads for server-to-server communication.

**dht_set_s2s_threads/1:**

Set number of threads for server-to-server communication.

**dht_join_host/1:**

Get/check address of the host to join.
dht_set_join_host/1:
    Set address of the host to join.

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dht_server_id/1:
    Get/check node number of current server.

PREDICATE

dht_set_server_id/1:
    Set node number of current server.

PREDICATE

dht_server_host/1:
    Get/check address of the current server

PREDICATE

dht_set_server_host/1:
    Set address of the current server

PREDICATE
201 Tiny module with miscellaneous functions

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This module holds just two predicates at the moment: write_pr/2 and read_pr. In both of them the 'pr' suffix is standing for 'predicate', which in turn means that both of them are intended for transportation of predicates from one environment to another.

201.1 Usage and interface (dht_misc)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(dht_misc)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    write_pr/2, read_pr/2.
    ```
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    fastrw.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.
    ```

201.2 Documentation on exports (dht_misc)

write_pr/2: PREDICATE
write_pr/2 is a straight-forward wrapping around the fast_write/2 predicate, without any checks on arguments. The sole purpose is to allow usage of various ways of writing to streams without changing entire code of DHT.
Usage: write_pr(Stream,Term)
Write the value of the Term into stream provided by Stream.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  Stream is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)
  Term is any term.  (basic_props:term/1)
  ```

read_pr/2: PREDICATE
Similarly to the previous predicate, this one serves currently as a wrap around the fast_read/2 predicate, and was implemented with the same purpose - to allow transparent switching to different stream reading systems.
Usage 1: read_pr(Stream,Term)
Read stream represented by Stream looking for presence of pattern given by Term. If none found, the predicate does not block. Result found may be non-fully ground.
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  Stream is ground.  (basic_props:gnd/1)
  Term is any term.  (basic_props:term/1)
  ```
Usage 2: read_pr(Stream,Term)

Same as previous, with only modification - result found may be ground as well.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Stream is ground.  (basic.props:gnd/1)
  Term is any term.  (basic.props:term/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  
  Stream is ground.  (basic.props:gnd/1)
  Term is ground.  (basic.props:gnd/1)

Usage 3: read_pr(Stream,Term)

Scan stream Stream for presence of concrete (exact) predicate given by value of Term.

Term is fully bound.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Stream is ground.  (basic.props:gnd/1)
  Term is ground.  (basic.props:gnd/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  
  Stream is ground.  (basic.props:gnd/1)
  Term is ground.  (basic.props:gnd/1)
Chapter 202: Constraint programming over finite domains

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This package extends Ciao with constraints over finite domains (FD). The solver is an instance of the Constraint Logic Programming (CLP) scheme as introduced by Jaffar and Lassez [JL87]. It uses classical propagation techniques as described in Van Hentenryck’s book [Van89] and Diaz’s clp(FD) implementation [CD96].

The package provides predicates for checking consistency of FD constraints. A FD is a small subset of integers, and FD constraints are relations over integer. Hence only integer or variables are allowed in such constraints. FD variables (i.e., variables that occur in an FD constraint) get associated with a domain either explicitly declared by the program or implicitly imposed by the solver. As soon as variables get an empty domain the computation fails, hence forcing backtracking.

The package defines basic operators, automatically imports basic constraints and enumerating predicates form the module clpfd_rt, and provides high-level Section 202.2 [Meta-Constraints], page 993 through a transparent compilation process.

202.1 Completeness Considerations

For efficiency reason, the solver is not complete on non-ground constraints, in the sense that it may not be able to determine that a set of constraints is actually satisfiable. In such cases, the system silently succeeds. To ensure full completeness, the programmer may use the labeling/2 predicate that uses an automatic backtracking search to find ground solutions for a list of FD variables. Labeling is complete, always terminates, and yields no redundant solutions. See an example of use of labeling in the following Section 202.3 [Example], page 994.

On success, the top-level will display the domain associated with each FD variable remaining free in the query. This domain should not be understood as values permitted for the corresponding variable, but only as values not excluded by the incomplete propagation mechanism of the solver. Note that the answer output by the top-level is by itself incomplete as the remaining constraints are not showed.

202.2 Meta-Constraints

There are five meta-constraints, namely #=/2, the constraint equal, #=/2, the constraint not equal, #</2, the constraint less than, the constraint not equal, #</2, the constraint less or equal, #>/2, the constraint more than, and #>/2, the constraint more or equals. These meta-constraint are defined over arithmetic expression with FD variables (see regular type fd_expr/1 in module clpfd_rt.). Such constraints are "meta" in the sens that their arguments are interpreted at compile-time and all variables occurring free in the arguments will be implicitly constrained to take integer values only. In particular, note that variables constrained in such a way would not be unifiable with complex FD expressions. For instance, the call:

\[
X + Y \#> Z.
\]

is not equivalent to the call:

\[
A = X + Y, \ A \#> Z.
\]

While the first call succeeds, the second one will throw an exception to indicate that A cannot be unified with the non-integer term. It is possible to view meta-constraints as a convenient way to define an infinite number of FD constraints. For instance \( A \#> Z \) and \( X + Y \#> Z \) can be considered respectively as binary and ternary constraints over FD variables.

It is possible to delay interpretation of meta-constraints at call-time by explicitly prefixing the call with clpfd_rt. For instance, the following call will not throw any exception:

\[
A = X + Y, \ clfd_rt:(A \#> Z).
\]
202.3 Example

The problem is to put N queens on an NxN chessboard so that there is no pair of queens threatening each other. Each variable is a queen. Each queen has a designated row. The problem is to find a different column for each one.

The main constraint of the problem is that no queen threaten another. This is encoded by the `dif/3` predicate and should hold for any pair of queens.

The main call is `queens(N, L, Lab)` which looks for a solution L for the N queens problem using labeling Lab. Observe the call to `labeling/2` at the end of definition of `queens/3`, which tries to find a solution for the problem.

```prolog
/* Benchmark (Finite Domain) */
/* Name : queens.pl */
/* Title : N-queens problem */
/* Original Source: P. Van Hentenryck's book */

/* Put N queens on an NxN chessboard so that there is no couple of queens */
/* threatening each other. */

/* Solution: */
/* N=4 [2,4,1,3] */
/* N=8 [1,5,8,6,3,7,2,4] */
/* N=16 [1,3,5,2,13,9,14,12,15,6,16,7,4,11,8,10] */

:- module(queens, _, [clpfd, expander, fsyntax]).
:- use_module(library(write), [write/1]).
:- use_module(library(prolog_sys), [statistics/2]).
:- use_module(library(lists), [length/2]).
:- use_module(library(clpfd(fd_range)), [fd_range_type/1]).
:- use_module(library(clpfd(fd_constraints))).

%:- module(queens, [main_/2]).
%:- use_module(library(clpfd)).

main(N, Lab, Const) :-
    statistics(runtime, _),
    queens(N, L, Lab, Const),
    statistics(runtime,[_ , Y]),
    write(L),
    nl,
    write('time : '),
    write(Y),
    write('	'), write(~dif_type), write(')'),
    nl.

queens(N, L, Lab, Const) :-
    length(L, N),
    domain(L, 1, N),
    domain(L, 1, N),
safe(L, Const),
labeling(Lab, L).

safe([], _Const).
safe([X|L], Const) :-
    noattack(L, X, 1, Const),
safe(L, Const).

noattack([], _, _, _Const).
noattack([Y|L], X, I, Const) :-
    diff(Const, X, Y, I),
    II is I + 1,
    noattack(L, X, II, Const).

:- discontiguous diff/4.
diff(clpfd, X, Y, I) :-
    X #\= Y,
    X #\= Y+I,
    X+I #\= Y.

:- use_module(library(clpfd(fd_constraints))).

diff_type(fd).

diff(fd, X,Y,I):-
    fd_diff("wrapper(X), ~wrapper(Y), I").

fd_diff(X, Y, I):-
    fd_constraints:'a<>b'(X,Y),
    fd_constraints:'a<>b+t'(X,Y,I),
    fd_constraints:'a<>b+t'(Y,X,I).

:- use_package('clpfd/indexicals').

diff(idx, X,Y,I):-
    idx_diff("wrapper(X), ~wrapper(Y), I").

idx_diff(X, Y, I) +:
    X in -\{-val(Y), val(Y)+c(I), val(Y)-c(I)\},
    Y in -\{-val(X), val(X)-c(I), val(X)+c(I)\}.

:- use_module(library(clpfd(fd_term))).

diff(kernel, X,Y,I):-
    kernel_diff("wrapper(X), ~wrapper(Y), I").

kernel_diff(X, Y, I) :-
    fd_term:add_propag(Y, val, 'queens:cstr'(X, Y, I)),
    fd_term:add_propag(X, val, 'queens:cstr'(Y, X, I)).
% Y is always singleton.
cstr(X, Y, I):-
    fd_term:integerize(Y, YO),
    fd_term:prune(X, YO),
    Y1 is YO + I,
    fd_term:prune(X, Y1),
    Y2 is YO - I,
    fd_term:prune(X, Y2).

202.4 Usage and interface (clpfd_doc)

- Library usage:
  :- use_package(clpfd).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[clpfd]).
- New operators defined:
in/2 [700,xfx], #=/2 [700,xfx], #\=/2 [700,xfx], #</2 [700,xfx], #=</2 [700,xfx], #>/2 [700,xfx], #>=/2 [700,xfx], .;/2 [550,xfx].
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    clpfd/clpfd_rt.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes.

202.5 Known bugs and planned improvements (clpfd_doc)

- See clpfd/clpfd_options for a list of configurable options in the solver. This part is undocumented.
Chapter 203: Finite domain solver runtime

203 Finite domain solver runtime

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This module provides Finite Domain (FD) constraints and enumerating predicates for FD variables. See clpfd_doc for more details about the Ciao FD solver.

This module provides two kinds of contraints: basic constraints (such as domain/3, all_different/1, ...) that deal with FD variables or lists of FD variables, and meta-contraints (such as #=/2, #=>/2, ...) that deal with arithmetic expressions over FD variables, called in the following FD expressions. Meta-constraints of this module behave as describes in package clpfd, except that their arguments are interpreted at run time.

203.1 Usage and interface (clpfd_rt)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(clpfd_rt)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    in/2, #=>/2, #=>/2, #=>/2, #=>/2, domain/3, in/2, all_different/1,
    labeling/2, indomain/1, label/1, labeling/2, wrapper/2.
    ```
  - Regular Types:
    ```prolog
    fdvar/1, fd_range_expr/1, fd_expr/1.
    ```
  - Multifiles:
    ```prolog
    ```

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    lists, clpfd/clpfd_debug_rt, sort, clpfd/fd_term, clpfd/fd_constraints,
    clpfd/fd_labeling, clpfd/fd_optim, attr/attr_rt.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, fsyntax, dcg, clpfd(clpfd_debug),
    clpfd(clpfd_options), condcomp, debugpred, attr.
    ```

203.2 Documentation on exports (clpfd_rt)

in/2:  
  PREDICATE
  Usage: in(Var,Range)
  Constrains Var to take its value in the domain described by Range.
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    Var is a variable or an integer. (clpfd_rt:fdvar/1)
    Range is a range expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_range_expr/1)

fdvar/1:  
  REGTYPE
  Usage: fdvar(X)
  X is a variable or an integer.
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**fd_range_expr/1:**

A term denoting a range expression:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{fd_range_expr}(I) & :- \\
& \text{integer}(I). \\
\text{fd_range_expr}(.-(Min,Max)) & :- \\
& \text{integer}(Min), \\
& \text{integer}(Max). \\
\text{fd_range_expr}(A\setminus B) & :- \\
& \text{fd_range_expr}(A), \\
& \text{fd_range_expr}(B).
\end{align*}
\]

an integer stands for a singleton range, \(\text{Min..Max}\) for the closed interval from \(\text{Min}\) to \(\text{Max}\), and \(A\setminus B\) for the union of ranges \(A\) and \(B\). Range expressions are used by the \text{in/2} predicate.

Usage: \text{fd_range_expr(Expr)}

Expr is a range expression.

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**fd_expr/1:**

A term denoting an arithmetic expression over FD variables:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{fd_expr}(Var) & :- \\
& \text{var}(Var). \\
\text{fd_expr}(I*Exp) & :- \\
& \text{int}(I), \\
& \text{fd_expr}(Exp). \\
\text{fd_expr}(Exp*I) & :- \\
& \text{int}(I), \\
& \text{fd_expr}(Exp). \\
\text{fd_expr}(Exp1+Exp2) & :- \\
& \text{fd_expr}(Exp1), \\
& \text{fd_expr}(Exp2). \\
\text{fd_expr}(Exp1-Exp2) & :- \\
& \text{fd_expr}(Exp1), \\
& \text{fd_expr}(Exp2). \\
\text{fd_expr}(-Exp) & :- \\
& \text{fd_expr}(Exp).
\end{align*}
\]

FD expressions are used by meta-constraints.

Usage: \text{fd_expr(Expr)}

Expr is an FD expression.

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**#=/2:**

Meta-constraint "equal".

Usage: \#=(A,B)

Constrains the interpretation of \(A\) to be equal to the interpretation of \(B\).

The following properties should hold at call time:

- \(A\) is an FD expression.
- \(B\) is an FD expression.
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#\=/2: PREDICATE
Meta-constraint "not equal".
Usage: #\=(A, B)
Constrains the interpretation of A to be different from the interpretation of B.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  A is an FD expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_expr/1)
  B is an FD expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_expr/1)

#</2: PREDICATE
Meta-constraint "smaller than".
Usage: #<(A, B)
Constrains the interpretation of A to be smaller than the interpretation of B.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  A is an FD expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_expr/1)
  B is an FD expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_expr/1)

#=</2: PREDICATE
Meta-constraint "smaller or equal".
Usage: #<=(A, B)
Constrains A to be smaller or equal to B.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  A is an FD expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_expr/1)
  B is an FD expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_expr/1)

#>/2: PREDICATE
Meta-constraint "greater than".
Usage: #>(A, B)
Constrains the interpretation of A to be greater than the interpretation of B.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  A is an FD expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_expr/1)
  B is an FD expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_expr/1)

#>=/2: PREDICATE
Meta-constraint "greater or equal".
Usage: #>=(A, B)
Constrains the interpretation of A to be greater or equal than the interpretation of B.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  A is an FD expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_expr/1)
  B is an FD expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_expr/1)
domain/3: PREDICATE
Usage: domain(Vars, Min, Max)
Constrains each element of Vars to take its value between Min and Max (included). This predicate is generally used to set the initial domain of an interval

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Vars is a list of fdvars. (basic_props:list/2)
  - Min is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - Max is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

in/2: PREDICATE
Usage: in(Var, Range)
Constrains Var to take its value in the domain described by Range.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Var is a variable or an integer. (clpfd_rt:fdvar/1)
  - Range is a range expression. (clpfd_rt:fd_range_expr/1)

all_different/1: PREDICATE
Usage: all_different(Vars)
Constrains all elements in Vars to take distinct values. This is equivalent to posting an inequality constraint for each pair of variables. This constraint is triggered when a variable becomes ground, removing its value from the domain of the other variables.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Vars is a list of fdvars. (basic_props:list/2)

labeling/2: PREDICATE
Usage: labeling(Options, Vars)
Assigns a value to each variable in Vars according to the labeling options given by Options. This predicate is re-executable on backtracking.

The different options are:
- []: the leftmost variables is selected first. Its values are enumerating from the smallest to the greatest.
- [ff]: the variable with the smallest number of elements in its domain is selected first. Its values are then enumerated from the smallest to the greatest.
- [step]: the variable with the smallest number of elements in its domain is selected first. The minimal value of the domain is assigned, on backtracking the value is pruned form the domain and a new variable is selected.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Vars is a list of fdvars. (basic_props:list/2)

indomain/1: PREDICATE
No further documentation available for this predicate.
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**label/1:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**labeling/2:**

Usage: labeling(Options, Vars)

Assigns a value to each variable in Vars according to the labeling options given by Options.
This predicate is re-executable on backtracking.

The different options are:

- `[]`: the leftmost variable is selected first. Its values are enumerating from the smallest to the greatest.
- `[ff]`: the variable with the smallest number of elements in its domain is selected first. Its values are then enumerated from the smallest to the greatest.
- `[step]`: the variable with the smallest number of elements in its domain is selected first. The minimal value of the domain is assigned, on backtracking the value is pruned from the domain and a new variable is selected.

The following properties should hold at call time:

- Vars is a list of fdvars.

**minimize/2:**

No further documentation available for this predicate. Meta-predicate with arguments:

minimize(goal, ?).

**203.3 Documentation on multifiles (clpfd_rt)**

**attr_rt:unify_hook/3:**

No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is multifile.

**attr_rt:attribute_goals/4:**

No further documentation available for this predicate. The predicate is multifile.
Chapter 204: Constraint programming over finite domains

204 Constraint programming over finite domains

Author(s): José Manuel Gómez Pérez, Manuel Carro.

This package is not anymore maintained. Prefer package clpfd which provides similar features.

This package is a very preliminary implementation of a finite domain solver. Examples can be found in the source and library directories.

- SEND + MORE = MONEY:

```prolog
:- use_package(fd).
:- use_module(library(prolog_sys), [statistics/2]).
:- use_module(library(format)).

smm(SMM) :-
  statistics(runtime,_),
  do_smm(SMM),
  statistics(runtime,[_, Time]),
  format("Used ~d milliseconds\n", Time).

do_smm(X) :-
  X = [S,E,N,D,M,0,R,Y],
  X in 0 .. 9,
  all_different(X),
  M >. 0,
  S >. 0,
  1000*S + 100*E + 10*N + D + 1000*M + 100*0 + 10*R + E
  .=. 10000*M + 1000*0 + 100*N + 10*E + Y,
  labeling(X).
```

- Queens:

```prolog
:- use_package(fd).
:- use_module(library(prolog_sys), [statistics/2]).
:- use_module(library(format)).
:- use_module(library( aggregates)).
:- use_module(library( lists), [ length/2 ]).

queens(N, Qs) :-
  statistics(runtime,_),
  do_queens(N, Qs),
  statistics(runtime,[_, Time]),
  format("Used ~d milliseconds\n", Time).

do_queens(N, Qs):-
  constrain_values(N, N, Qs),
  all_different(Qs),!,
  labeling(Qs).

constrain_values(0, _N, []).```
constrain_values(N, Range, [X|Xs]):-
   N > 0,
   X in 1 .. Range,
   N1 is N - 1,
   constrain_values(N1, Range, Xs),
   no_attack(Xs, X, 1).

no_attack([], _Queen, _Nb).
no_attack([Y|Ys], Queen, Nb):-
   Nb1 is Nb + 1,
   no_attack(Ys, Queen, Nb1),
   Queen .<> Y + Nb,
   Queen .<> Y - Nb.

204.1 Usage and interface (fd_doc)

- Library usage:
  :- use_package(fd).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[fd]).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    labeling/1, pitm/2, choose_var/3, choose_free_var/2, choose_var_nd/2,
    choose_value/2, retrieve_range/2, retrieve_store/2, glb/2, lub/2, bounds/3,
    retrieve_list_of_values/2.
  - Regular Types:
    fd_item/l, fd_range/l, fd_subrange/l, fd_store/l, fd_store_entity/l.
- New operators defined:
  .=./2 [700,xfx], .<>./2 [700,xfx], .<./2 [700,xfx], .=../2 [700,xfx], .>.../2 [700,xfx], .&./2 [600,xfy], in/2 [700,xfy].
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

204.2 Documentation on exports (fd_doc)

fd_item/l: REGTYPE
Usage: fd_item(FD_item)
FD_item is a finite domain entity, i.e. either a finite domains variable or an integer.

fd_range/l: REGTYPE
Usage: fd_range(FD_range)
FD_range is the range of a finite domain entity.
fd_subrange/1: REGTYPE
Usage:
A subrange is a pair representing a single interval.

fd_store/1: REGTYPE
Usage: fd_store(FD_store)
FD_store is a representation of the constraint store of a finite domain entity.

fd_store_entity/1: REGTYPE
Usage:
Representation of primitive constraints.

labeling/1: PREDICATE
Usage: labeling(Vars)
Implements the labeling process. Assigns values to the input variables Vars. On exit all
variables are instantiated to a consistent value. On backtracking, the predicate returns
all possible assignments. No labeling heuristics implemented so far, i.e. variables are
instantiated in their order of appearance.
— The following properties should hold at call time:

   Vars is a list of fd_items.
   (basic.props:list/2)

pitm/2: PREDICATE
Usage: pitm(V,MiddlePoint)
Returns in MiddlePoint the intermediate value of the range of V. In case V is a ground
integer value the returned value is V itself.
— The following properties should hold at call time:

   V is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term.typing:nonvar/1)
   MiddlePoint is a free variable. (term.typing:var/1)
   V is a finite domain entity, i.e. either a finite domains variable or an integer.
   (user(/home/ciaobot/ciaobot-
data/pm_ubuntu/source/master/CiaoDE/ciao/contrib/fd/fd_doc):fd.item/1)
   MiddlePoint is an integer. (basic.props:int/1)

choose_var/3: PREDICATE
Usage: choose_var(ListOfVars,Var,RestOfVars)
Returns a finite domain item Var from a list of fd items ListOfVars and the rest of the
list RestOfVars in a deterministic way. Currently it always returns the first item of the
list.
The following properties should hold at call time:

- **ListofVars** is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- **Var** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- **RestOfVars** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- **ListofVars** is a list of fd_items. (basic_props:list/2)
- **Var** is a finite domain entity, i.e. either a finite domains variable or an integer. (user(/home/ciaobot/ciaobot-data/pm_ubuntu/source/master/CiaoDE/ciao/contrib/fd/fd_doc):fd_item/1)
- **RestOfVars** is a list of fd_items. (basic_props:list/2)

**choose_free_var/2**: 

**PREDICATE**

**Usage**: choose_free_var(ListofVars,Var)

Returns a free variable Var from a list of fd items ListofVars. Currently it always returns the first free variable of the list.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **ListofVars** is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - **Var** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - **ListofVars** is a list of fd_items. (basic_props:list/2)
  - **Var** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**choose_var_nd/2**: 

**PREDICATE**

**Usage**: choose_var_nd(ListofVars,Var)

Returns non deterministically an fd item Var from a list of fd items ListofVars.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **ListofVars** is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - **Var** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - **ListofVars** is a list of fd_items. (basic_props:list/2)
  - **Var** is a finite domain entity, i.e. either a finite domains variable or an integer. (user(/home/ciaobot/ciaobot-data/pm_ubuntu/source/master/CiaoDE/ciao/contrib/fd/fd_doc):fd_item/1)

**choose_value/2**: 

**PREDICATE**

**Usage**: choose_value(Var,Value)

Produces an integer value Value from the domain of Var. On backtracking returns all possible values for Var.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **Var** is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - **Value** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - **Var** is a finite domain entity, i.e. either a finite domains variable or an integer. (user(/home/ciaobot/ciaobot-data/pm_ubuntu/source/master/CiaoDE/ciao/contrib/fd/fd_doc):fd_item/1)
  - **Value** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
retrieve_range/2: 
Usage: retrieve_range(Var,Range)
Returns in Range the range of an fd item Var.
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Var is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Range is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Var is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Range is the range of a finite domain entity. (user(/home/ciaobot/ciaobot-data/pm_ubuntu/source/master/CiaoDE/ciao/contrib/fd/fd_doc):fd_range/1)

retrieve_store/2: 
Usage: retrieve_store(Var,Store)
Returns in Store a representation of the constraint store of an fd item Var.
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Var is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Store is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Var is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Store is a representation of the constraint store of a finite domain entity. (user(/home/ciaobot/ciaobot-data/pm_ubuntu/source/master/CiaoDE/ciao/contrib/fd/fd_doc):fd_store/1)

glb/2: 
Usage: glb(Var,LowerBound)
Returns in LowerBound the lower bound of the range of Var.
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Var is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  LowerBound is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Var is a finite domain entity, i.e. either a finite domains variable or an integer. (user(/home/ciaobot/ciaobot-data/pm_ubuntu/source/master/CiaoDE/ciao/contrib/fd/fd_doc):fd_item/1)
  LowerBound is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

lub/2: 
Usage: lub(Var,UpperBound)
Returns in UpperBound the upper bound of the range of Var.
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Var is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  UpperBound is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  Var is a finite domain entity, i.e. either a finite domains variable or an integer. (user(/home/ciaobot/ciaobot-data/pm_ubuntu/source/master/CiaoDE/ciao/contrib/fd/fd_doc):fd_item/1)
  UpperBound is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
bounds/3:  
Usage: bounds(Var, LowerBound, UpperBound)  
Returns in LowerBound and UpperBound the lower and upper bounds of the range of Var.  
- The following properties should hold at call time:  
  Var is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  LowerBound is a free variable.  
  UpperBound is a free variable.  
  Var is a finite domain entity, i.e. either a finite domains variable or an integer.  
  LowerBound is an integer.  
  UpperBound is an integer.  

retrieve_list_of_values/2:  
Usage: retrieve_list_of_values(Var, ListOfValues)  
Returns in ListOfValues an enumeration of all the values in the range of Var  
- The following properties should hold at call time:  
  Var is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  ListOfValues is a free variable.  
  Var is a finite domain entity, i.e. either a finite domains variable or an integer.  
  ListOfValues is a list of ints.
Chapter 205: Dot generator

Author(s): Claudio Ochoa.
This module generates a dot file representing a graph. Nodes and edges can contain labels

205.1 Usage and interface (gendot)

- Library usage:
  \[\texttt{:- use\_module(library(gendot)).}\]
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    \[\texttt{gendot/3}.\]
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    \[\texttt{terms, format}.\]
  - Packages:
    \[\texttt{prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes}.\]

205.2 Documentation on exports (gendot)

\texttt{gendot/3:} \hspace{5cm} \texttt{PREDICATE}

Usage: \texttt{gendot(L,Filename,Type)}
Generates a dot file from a list \texttt{L} representing a graph. It receives the basename \texttt{Filename} (without extension) of the output .dot file. Each element of \texttt{L} is a node in the graph, represented by a tuple (Identifier, Label, Edges), where Edges is a list of the outgoing edges of the current node, and each element of Edges is either an Identifier or a tuple (Identifier,Label). In all cases, Labels are atoms. \texttt{Type} indicates the type of graph. If the graph is a Tree, then final nodes are represented by boxes. In all other cases, nodes are represented by circles

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - \texttt{L} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{2cm} (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  - \texttt{Filename} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{2cm} (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  - \texttt{Type} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{2cm} (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
Chapter 206: Printing graphs using gnuplot as auxiliary tool

206 Printing graphs using gnuplot as auxiliary tool

Author(s): David Trallero Mena.

This library uses gnuplot for printing graphs.

User-friendly predicates to generate data plots are provided, as well as predicates to set the general options which govern the generation of such plots. If no options is specified, global ones are used for data plots generation.

Several files can be generated as temporary files. A BaseName is required for generating the temporaries files. Data files name will be created from BaseName + number + .dat. The BaseName + " .plot" will be the name used for gnuplot tool.

A list of pairs of list of pairs of the form (X,Y) and Local Option value is provided to the main predicate as data. In other words DataList = [(CurveDataList,LocalOptions), (CurveDataList1,LocalOptions1) ...]. Additionally, function( String ) , LocalOptions) can be used for adding a curve to the plot (imagine you want to compare your result with 'x=y').

LocalOptions of the DataList are options that are applied to the curve, as for example, if we print the curve with lines, or the title in the legend, etc. GlobalOptions are referred to the plot options, like title in x or y axis, etc.

206.1 Usage and interface (gnuplot)

- **Library usage:**
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(gnuplot)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  
  - **Predicates:**
    
    get_general_options/1, set_general_options/1, generate_plot/2, generate_plot/3.

- **Imports:**
  
    - **System library modules:**
      
      lists, write, system.
    
    - **Packages:**
      
      prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes.

206.2 Documentation on exports (gnuplot)

get_general_options/1:

**Usage:** get_general_options(X)

Get the general options of the graphic that will be plotted

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  X is a free variable.

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  
  X is a list.
set_general_options/1:
PREDICATE
Usage: set_general_options(X)
Get the general options of the graphic that will be plotted. Possible options are:
- format(A) Specify the format of points
- nokey Legend is no represented
- nogrid No grid
- grid An smooth grid is shown
- label(L , (X,Y)) Put Label L at point (X,Y)
- xlabel(A) Label of X-Axis
- ylabel(A) Label of Y-Axis
- xrange(A,B) Define the X range representation
- yrange(A,B) Define the Y range representation
- title(A) Title of the plot
- key(A) define the key (for example [left,box], left is the position, box indicates that a box should be around)
- term_post(A) define the postscript terminal. A is a list of atoms.
- size(A,B) specify the size of the plot (A,B float numbers)
- autoscale autoscale the size of the plot
- autoscale(A) autoscale the argument (for example: autoscale(x))

The following properties should hold at call time:
- X is a list.

(basic_props:list/1)

generate_plot/2:
PREDICATE
Usage: generate_plot(BaseName,DataList)
This predicates generate a 'BaseName + .ps' postscript file using each element of DataList as pair of list of pairs and local options, i.e., ( list((X,Y)), LocalOptions), in which X is the position in X-Axis and Y is the position in Y-Axis. Nevertheless, each element of DataList can be a list of pairs instead of a pair for commodity. gnuplot is used as auxiliary tool. Temporary files 'BaseName + N.dat' are generated for for every list of pairs, and 'BaseName + .plot' is de file used by gnuplot. The local options can be:
- with(Option) Tells how the curve will be represented. Option can b line, dots, boxes, impulses, linespoints. This option HAVE TO BE the last one
- title(T) Put the name of the curve in the legend to T

The following properties should hold at call time:
- BaseName is currently instantiated to an atom.
- DataList is a list of pairs.

(term_typing:atom/1)
(basic_props:list/2)

The following properties should hold upon exit:
- BaseName is currently instantiated to an atom.
- DataList is a list of pairs.

(term_typing:atom/1)
(basic_props:list/2)

generate_plot/3:
PREDICATE
Usage: generate_plot(BaseName,DataList,GeneralOptions)
It is the same as generate_plot/2 but GeneralOptions are used as the general options of the plot. Look at predicate set_general_options for detailed description of possible options.
The following properties should hold at call time:

- **BaseName** is currently instantiated to an atom.  
  \[\text{term\_typing:atom/1}\]
- **DataList** is a list of pairs.  
  \[\text{basic\_props:list/2}\]
- **GeneralOptions** is a list.  
  \[\text{basic\_props:list/1}\]

The following properties should hold upon exit:

- **BaseName** is currently instantiated to an atom.  
  \[\text{term\_typing:atom/1}\]
- **DataList** is a list of pairs.  
  \[\text{basic\_props:list/2}\]
- **GeneralOptions** is a list.  
  \[\text{basic\_props:list/1}\]
207 Lazy evaluation

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This library package allows the use of lazy evaluation in a Ciao module/program.

Lazy Evaluation is a program evaluation technique used particularly in functional languages. When using lazy evaluation, an expression is not evaluated as soon as it is assigned, but rather when the evaluator is forced to produce the value of the expression. Although the `when` or `freeze` control primitives present in many modern logic programming systems are more powerful than lazy evaluation, they lack the simplicity of use and cleaner semantics of functional lazy evaluation.

The objective of this package is to allow evaluating the functions lazily. Functions are the subset of relations (predicates) which have a designated argument through which a single output is obtained for any set of inputs (the other arguments). In logic programming systems which have syntactic support for functions (including Ciao), functions are typically translated to predicates whose last argument is designated as a (single value) output and the rest as inputs.

In our proposal, a function can be declared as lazy via the following declaration:

```prolog
:- lazy fun_eval f/N.
```

This function could be represented as:

```prolog
:- lazy fun_eval f("_,_,_,_").
```

where `~` indicates the argument through which the single output will be obtained. Another possible representation may be:

```prolog
:- lazy fun_return f("_,_,_,_").
```

In order to achieve the intended behavior, the execution of each function declared as lazy is suspended until the return value of the function is needed.

A simple example of the use of lazy evaluation would be the definition of a function which returns the (potentially) infinite list of integers starting with a given one:

```prolog
:- lazy fun_eval nums_from/l.
nums_from(X) := [X | nums_from(X+l)].
```

While lazy functions certainly increase the overhead in the execution, they also allow the user to develop in an easy way predicates which can handle infinite terms, and this is the main advantage of the proposed functionality.

Lazy evaluation can be also a better option than eager evaluation when a function in a different module is used and it returns a big amount of data. As an example, we have the following module `module1`:

```prolog
:- module(module1, [test/1], [fsyntax, lazy, hiord]).
:- use_module(library(lazy(lazy_lib)), [nums_from/2, takeWhile/3]).
:- use_module(module2, [squares/2]).
:- use_module(library(arithpreds)).

:- fun_eval test/0.
test := takeWhile((''(X) :- X < 10000), squares(nums_from(1))).
```

and another module `module2`:

```prolog
:- module(module1, [test/1], [fsyntax, lazy, hiord]).
:- use_module(library(lazy(lazy_lib)), [nums_from/2, takeWhile/3]).
```
Function `test/0` in module `ml` needs to execute function `squares/1`, in module `m2`, which will return a very long list (in the case of this example this list will be infinite, but the conclusions also apply with finite but long lists). If `squares/1` were executed eagerly then the entire list would be returned, to immediately execute the `take/2` function with the entire list, but creating this intermediate result is wasteful in terms of memory requirements. In order to solve this problem, the `squares/1` function could be moved to module `ml` and merged with `take/2` (or, also, they could exchange a size parameter). But rearranging the program is not always possible and may perhaps complicate other aspects of the overall program design.

If instead the `squares/1` function is evaluated lazily, it is possible to keep the definitions unchanged and in different modules and there will be a smaller memory penalty for storing the intermediate result. As more values are needed by the `take/2` function, more values in the list returned by `squares/1` are built (in this example, only 10 values). These values that have been consumed and passed over will be recovered by the garbage collector and the corresponding memory freed. The query:

```
?- test(X).
```

will compute `X = [1,4,9,16,25,36,49,64,81,100]`.

A library of useful functions has been added to this package to allow the programmer to develop lazy functions easily and with a well-defined syntax. This library is called `lazy_lib.pl` and it provides the following functions:

- `nums_from(+X,-List)`: List is unified with an infinite list of successive numbers starting in `X`.
- `nums_from_inc(+X,+Y,-List)`: List is unified with an infinite list of successive numbers starting in `X` with an increment of `Y`.
- `repeat(+X,-List)`: List is unified with an infinite list of the term `Y`.
- `cycle(+X,-List)`: List is unified with an infinite list of the term `Y` repeated infinite times.
- `take(+X,+ListA,-ListR)`: ListR is unified with the first `X` elements of the infinite list `ListA`.
- `takeWhile(+P,+ListA,-ListR)`: ListR is unified with the first elements of the infinite list `ListA` while the condition `P` is true.
- `drop(+X,+ListA,-ListR)`: ListR is unified with the infinite list `ListA` dropping the first `X` elements.
- `dropWhile(+P,+ListA,-ListR)`: ListR is unified with the infinite list `ListA` dropping the first elements while the condition `P` is true.
- `splitAt(+X,+ListA,-Res)`: Res is unified with a tuple of lists where the first list is composed by the first `X` elements of the list `ListA` and the second list is composed by the rest of the elements of `ListA`.
- `span(+P,+ListA,-Res)`: Res is unified with a tuple of lists where the first list is composed by the elements of `ListA` which verify the condition `P` and the second list is composed by the rest of the elements of the initial list.
- `tail(+ListA,-ListR)`: ListR is unified with the tail of the infinite list `ListA`.
- `lazy_map(+ListA,+P,-ListR)`: Version of the `map/3` predicate to be executed lazily.
- `lazy_foldl(+ListA,+X,+P,-ListR)`: Version of the `foldl/3` predicate to be executed lazily.
• zipWith(+P,+ListA,+ListB,-ListR): ListR is a list whose elements are calculated from the function P and the elements of input lists ListA and ListB occurring at the same position in both lists.

207.1 Usage and interface (lazy_doc)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_package(lazy).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[lazy]).
  ```
- New operators defined:
  ```prolog
  lazy/1 [1170,fx].
  ```
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    freeze/freeze.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
    ```

207.2 Other information (lazy_doc)

The translation of the code in order to execute it lazily is explained below.

A sentence translation is provided to handle the lazy directives. The translation of a lazy function into a predicate is done in two steps. First, the function is converted into a predicate (using the fsyntax package). Then, the resulting predicate is transformed to suspend its execution until the value of the last variable (i.e., the output variable) is needed. This suspension is achieved by the use of the `freeze/1` control primitive that many modern logic programming systems implement quite efficiently (block or when declarations can obviously also be used, but we explain the transformation in terms of freeze because it is more widespread). The translation will rename the original predicate to an internal name and add a bridge predicate with the original name which invokes the internal predicate through a call to freeze/1. This will delay the execution of the internal predicate until its result is required, which will be detected as a binding (i.e., demand) of its output variable.

We show now an example of the use of lazy evaluation, and how a lazy function is translated by this package. The following code returns an (infinite) list of fibonacci numbers:

```prolog
:- lazy fun_eval fiblist/0.
fiblist := [0, 1 | ~zipWith(add, FibL, ~tail(FibL))]
:- FibL = fiblist.
```

which is translated into:

```prolog
fiblist(X) :-
  freeze(X, 'fiblist_$$lazy$$'(X)).

'fiblist_$$lazy$$'([0, 1 | Rest]) :-
  fiblist(FibL),
  tail(FibL, T),
  zipWith(add, FibL, T, Rest).
```
In the `fiblist` function defined, any element in the resulting infinite list of fibonacci numbers can be referenced, as for example, `nth(X, "fiblist", Value)`. The other functions used in the definition are `tail/2` and `zipWith/3`. These two functions can be found in the `lazy_lib.pl` runtime file.
Chapter 208: Programming MYCIN rules

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MYCIN databases are declared as Prolog modules containing mycin rules. Those rules are given a certainty factor (CF) which denotes an expert’s credibility on that rule:

- A value of -1 stands for surely not.
- A value of 1 stands for certainly.
- A value of 0 stands for I don’t know.

Intermediate values are allowed.

Mycin rules work on a different way as Prolog clauses: a rule will never fail (in the Prolog sense), it will return a certainty value instead. As a consequence all mycin rules will be explored during inference, so the order in which rules are written is not significant. For this reason, the usage of the Prolog cut (!) is discouraged.

208.1 Usage and interface (mycin_doc)

- **Library usage:**
  In order to declare a mycin database you must include the following declaration as the first one in your file:
  
  ```prolog
  :- mycin(MycinDataBaseName).
  ```

- **New declarations defined:**
  export/1.

- **Imports:**
  - *Packages:*
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.

208.2 Documentation on new declarations (mycin_doc)

`export/1:`

**DECLARATION**

This directive allows a given mycin predicate to be called from Prolog programs. The way in which mycin rules are called departs from Prolog ones. For instance, the following mycin predicate:

```prolog
:- export p/1.
```

must be called from Prolog Programs as: `mycin(p(X),CF)`, where CF will be binded to the resulting certainty factor. Obviously, the variables on `P/1` may be instantiated as you wish. Since the Prolog predicate `mycin/2` may be imported from several mycin databases, it is recommended to fully qualify those predicate goals. For example: `mydatabase:mycin(p(X),CF).`

**Usage:** `:- export(Spec).`

Spec will be a callable mycin predicate.
208.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (mycin_doc)

- Not fully implemented.
- Dynamic mycin predicates not implemented: open question.
- Importation of user-defined mycin predicates requires further design. This includes importation of mycin databases from another mycin database.
Chapter 209: The Ciao Profiler

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The Ciao profiler provides a high-level, flexible way to mark a predicate (or a literal) for profiling. This is done by using declarations to indicate if a program element must be instrumented or not.

By default, if the user does not specify anything, no predicate inside the module will be instrumented as cost center for profiling. The use of at least one declaration saying that a specific predicate must be instrumented overrides this behavior.

The declaration is as follows:

```
:- cost_center pred1/Arity1, ... predN/ArityN.
```

where `pred1/Arity1, ..., predN/ArityN` are the predicates to be instrumented as cost centers. They can be separated by commas or the can be in a list.

By default the engine hooks of all defined cost center are active. The declaration:

```
(predN/ArityN,nohooks)
```

will deactivate them.

Another useful declaration makes possible to indicate that a given predicate is not going to be instrumented as cost center:

```
:- no_cost_center pred1/Arity1, ... predN/ArityN.
```

where `pred1/Arity1, ..., predN/ArityN` are the predicates that will not be instrumented as cost centers. There are two options (as in the previous case): write one assertion for each predicate or declare more than one predicate (separated by commas or in a list) in only one assertion.

The following assertions define the behavior of all the predicates of the module:

```
:- all_cost_center.

:- all_no_cost_center.
```

They specify respectively that all the predicates in the module will be instrumented as cost centers and that no predicate in the module will be instrumented as cost center. In the first assertion the engine hooks of all defined cost centers are active. The declaration `:- all_cost_center(nohooks)`. will deactivate them.

Cost centers can be also defined at literal level replacing the literal by the declaration:

```
:- cost_center(name_cc, literal)
```

where `literal` is the program literal and `name_cc` is the name of its associated cost center. At predicate level the name of both cost center and predicate are equal.

209.1 Usage and interface (profiler_doc)

- Library usage:
  The Ciao profiler is used by including `profiler` in the package inclusion list of a module, or by means of an explicit `:- use_package(profiler)`. directive.

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions.
210 ProVRML - a Prolog interface for VRML

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck, Manuel Carro (some changes), The CLIP Group.

ProVRML is Prolog library to handle VRML code. The library consists of modules to handle the tokenising, that is breaking the VRML code into smaller parts that can be analysed further. The further analysis will be the parsing. This is a complex part of the library and consists of several modules to handle errors and value check. When the parsing is done we have the Prolog terms of the VRML code. The terms are quite similar to the origin VRML code and can easily be read if you recognise that syntax.

This Prolog terms of the VRML code is then possible to use for analysis, reconstruction, reverse engineering, building blocks for automatic generation of VRML code. There are several possibilities and these are only some of them.

When you are done with the Prolog terms for the code, you would probably want to reverse the action and return to VRML code. This is done with the code generation modules. These are built up in more or less the same manner as the parser modules.

210.1 Usage and interface (provrml)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(provrml)).
  ```

- Exports:
  
  - Predicates:
    
    - `vrml_web_to_terms/2`, `vrml_file_to_terms/2`, `vrml_web_to_terms_file/2`, `vrml_file_to_terms_file/2`, `terms_file_to_vrml/2`, `terms_file_to_vrml_file/2`, `terms_to_vrml_file/2`, `terms_to_vrml/2`, `vrml_to_terms/2`, `vrml_in_out/2`, `vrml_http_access/2`.

- Imports:
  
  - System library modules:
    
  
  - Packages:
    
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, regtypes, pillow.

210.2 Documentation on exports (provrml)

vrml_web_to_terms/2:

**Predicate**

Usage: `vrml_web_to_terms(WEBAddress, Terms)`

Given a address to a VRML-document on the Internet, the predicate will return the prolog-terms.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  
  - `WEBAddress` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Terms` is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  - `WEBAddress` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Terms` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
vrml_file_to_terms/2:

**Usage 1: vrml_file_to_terms(FileName,Term)**
Given a filename containing a VRML-file the predicate returns the prolog terms corresponding.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - FileName is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - Term is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - FileName is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Term is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**Usage 2: vrml_file_to_terms(FileName,Terms)**
Given a filename containing a VRML-file and a filename, the predicate write the prolog terms corresponding to the filename.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - FileName is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - Terms is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - FileName is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Terms is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

vrml_web_to_terms_file/2:

**Usage: vrml_web_to_terms_file(WEBAddress,FileName)**
Given a address to a VRML-document on the Internet and a filename, the predicate will write the prolog terms to the file.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - WEBAddress is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - FileName is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - WEBAddress is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - FileName is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

vrml_file_to_terms_file/2:

No further documentation available for this predicate.

terms_file_to_vrml/2:

**Usage: terms_file_to_vrml(FileName,List)**
From a given filename with prolog terms on the special format, the predicate returns the corresponding VRML-code.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - FileName is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - List is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - FileName is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - List is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
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terms_file_to_vrml_file/2:

Usage: terms_file_to_vrml_file(Atom,Atom)

From a given filename with prolog terms on the special format, the predicate writes the corresponding VRML-code to second filename.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Atom is an atom.
  Atom is an atom.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Atom is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  Atom is currently a term which is not a free variable.


terms_to_vrml_file/2:

Usage: terms_to_vrml_file(Term,FileName)

Given prolog-terms the predicate writes the corresponding VRML-code to the given file.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Term is an atom.
  FileName is an atom.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Term is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  FileName is currently a term which is not a free variable.


terms_to_vrml/2:

Usage: terms_to_vrml(Term,VRMLCode)

Given prolog-terms the predicate returns a list with the corresponding VRML-code.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Term is an atom.
  VRMLCode is a string (a list of character codes).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Term is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  VRMLCode is a free variable.


vrm_to_terms/2:

Usage: vrml_to_terms(VRMLCode,Terms)

Given a list with VRML-code the predicate will return the corresponding prolog-terms.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  VRMLCode is a string (a list of character codes).
  Terms is an atom.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  VRMLCode is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  Terms is a free variable.
vrml_in_out/2:  
Usage: vrml_in_out(FileName,FileName)  
This is a control-predicate that given a filename to a VRML-file and a filename, the predicate will read the VRML-code. Transform it to prolog-terms and then transform it back to VRML-code and write it to the latter file.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  FileName is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  FileName is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  FileName is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  FileName is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

vrml_http_access/2:  
Usage: vrml_http_access(ReadFilename,BaseFilename)  
Given a web-address to a VRML-file the predicate will load the code, write it first to the second argument with extension ".first.wrl". Then it transform the code to prolog terms and write it with the extension ".term". Transform it back to VRML-code and write it to the filename with ".wrl. A good test-predicate.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ReadFilename is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  BaseFilename is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ReadFilename is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  BaseFilename is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

210.3 Documentation on internals (provrml)

read_page/2:  
Usage: read_page(WEBAddress,Data)  
This routine reads a page on the web using pillow routines.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  WEBAddress is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  Data is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  WEBAddress is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Data is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
Chapter 211: boundary (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.
This module offers predicate to check values according to their boundaries and offers lists of possible node ascendents.

211.1 Usage and interface (boundary)

- Library usage:
  `:- use_module(library(boundary)).`
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    `boundary_check/3`, `boundary_rotation_first/2`, `boundary_rotation_last/2`, `reserved_words/1`, `children_nodes/1`.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    `aggregates`, `dynamic`, `iso_misc`, `iso_byte_char`, `iso_incomplete`, `operators`, `read`, `write`, `terms_check`, `terms_vars`, `cyclic_terms`, `provrml/internal_types`, `provrml/provrmlerror`.
  - Packages:
    `prelude`, `nonpure`, `assertions`, `isomodes`, `regtypes`, `iso`, `dcg`.

211.2 Documentation on exports (boundary)

boundary_check/3:  PREDICATE
Usage: `boundary_check(Value_to_check,Init_value,Bound)`
This predicate check the boundaries of the given value according to the boundary values. If the value is wrong according to the boundaries, the value is checked according to the initial value given. If the value continues to be wrong, an error will be raised accordingly.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - `Value_to_check` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Init_value` is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)
  - `Bound` is a variable interval. (internal_types:bound/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - `Value_to_check` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Init_value` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Bound` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

boundary_rotation_first/2:  PREDICATE
Usage: `boundary_rotation_first(Bound_double,Bound)`
The predicate will extract the first bounds from a double bound.
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— Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Bound_double is a variable interval. (internal_types:bound_double/1)
  Bound is a variable interval. (internal_types:bound/1)
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Bound_double is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Bound is a free variable.

boundary_rotation_last/2:
  PREDICATE
  Usage: boundary_rotation_last(Bound_double,Bound)
  The predicate will extract the last bounds from a double bound.
— Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Bound_double is a variable interval. (internal_types:bound_double/1)
  Bound is a variable interval. (internal_types:bound/1)
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  Bound_double is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Bound is a free variable.

reserved_words/1:
  PREDICATE
  Usage: reserved_words(List)
  Returns a list with the reserved words, words prohibited to use in cases not appropriated.
— Call and exit should be compatible with:
  List is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  List is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

children_nodes/1:
  PREDICATE
  Usage: children_nodes(List)
  Returns a list of all nodes possible as children nodes.
— Call and exit should be compatible with:
  List is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)
— The following properties should hold at call time:
  List is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
212 dictionary (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.

This module contains the fixed dictionary. All the nodes in VRML with their associated fields.

212.1 Usage and interface (dictionary)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(dictionary)).
  ```

- Exports:
  
  - Predicates:
    
    `dictionary/6`.

- Imports:
  
  - System library modules:
    
    `aggregates, dynamic, iso_misc, iso_byte_char, iso_incomplete, operators, read, write, terms_check, terms_vars, cyclic_terms, provrml/internal_types`.

  - Packages:
    
    `prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, regtypes, iso, dcm`.

212.2 Documentation on exports (dictionary)

dictionary/6:

**PREDICATE**

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<td><code>dictionary(NodeTypeId,AccessType,FieldTypeId,FieldId,Init_value,Boundary)</code></td>
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To lookup information about the nodes, getting their properties. Note that the type returned for the bound can be of two different types bound or bound_double. The rotation type have one bound for the directions and one for the degree of rotation.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  - ** NodeTypeId is an atom.** (basic_props:atm/1)
  
  - **AccessType is an atom.** (basic_props:atm/1)
  
  - **FieldTypeId is an atom.** (basic_props:atm/1)
  
  - **FieldId is an atom.** (basic_props:atm/1)
  
  - **Init_value is a list of atms.** (basic_props:list/1)
  
  - **Boundary is a variable interval.** (internal_types:bound/1)

  - *The following properties should hold at call time:*
    
    - **Init_value is a free variable.** (term_typing:var/1)
    
    - **Boundary is a free variable.** (term_typing:var/1)

**Usage**

| 2: |
| `dictionary(NodeTypeId,AccessType,FieldTypeId,FieldId,Init_value,Boundary)` | 

To lookup information about the nodes, getting their properties. Note that the type returned for the bound can be of two different types bound or bound_double. The rotation type have one bound for the directions and one for the degree of rotation.
Call and exit should be compatible with:

- **NodeTypeld** is an atom.  
  (basic_props:atm/1)
- **AccessType** is an atom.  
  (basic_props:atm/1)
- **FieldTypeld** is an atom.  
  (basic_props:atm/1)
- **Fieldld** is an atom.  
  (basic_props:atm/1)
- **Init_value** is a list of atms.  
  (basic_props:list/2)
- **Boundary** is a variable interval.  
  (internal_types:bound_double/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:

- **Init_value** is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)
- **Boundary** is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)
Chapter 213: dictionary_tree (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.
This module offers a dynamic tree structured dictionary a bit combined with predicates that gives it the usability to be the dictionary for the parser.

213.1 Usage and interface (dictionary_tree)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(dictionary_tree)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    create_dictionaries/1, is_dictionaries/1, get_definition_dictionary/2,
    get_prototype_dictionary/2, dictionary_insert/5, dictionary_lookup/5,
    merge_tree/2.
    ```

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    aggregates, dynamic, iso_misc, iso_byte_char, iso_incomplete, operators, read,
    write, terms_check, terms_vars, cyclic_terms, lists, provrml/internal_types.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, regtypes, iso, dcg.
    ```

213.2 Documentation on exports (dictionary_tree)

create_dictionaries/1: PREDICATE

Usage: create_dictionaries(Dictionary)
Returns a dictionary. A general name was used if the user would like to change the code to include more dictionaries.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Dictionary is a dictionary. (internal_types:dictionary/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Dictionary is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

is_dictionaries/1: PREDICATE

Usage: is_dictionaries(Dictionary)
Is the argument a dictionary is solved by this predicate.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Dictionary is a dictionary. (internal_types:dictionary/1)
get_definition_dictionary/2: 
Usage: get_definition_dictionary(Dictionary,Tree)
Returns the definition dictionary (for the moment there is only one dictionary), which is 
a tree representation.
— Call and exit should be compatible with:
Dictionary is a dictionary. (internal_types:dictionary/1)
Tree is a tree structure. (internal_types:tree/1)
— The following properties should hold at call time:
Dictionary is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Tree is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

get_prototype_dictionary/2: 
Usage: get_prototype_dictionary(Dictionary,Tree)
Returns the prototype dictionary (for the moment there is only one dictionary), which is 
a tree representation.
— Call and exit should be compatible with:
Dictionary is a dictionary. (internal_types:dictionary/1)
Tree is a tree structure. (internal_types:tree/1)
— The following properties should hold at call time:
Dictionary is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Tree is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

dictionary_insert/5: 
Usage: dictionary_insert(Key,Type,Field,Dictionary,Info)
The predicate will search for the place for the Key and return Info, if the element inserted 
had a post before (same key value) multiple else new. The dictionary is dynamic and do 
not need output because of using unbinded variables.
— Call and exit should be compatible with:
Key is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
Type is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
Field is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
Dictionary is a tree structure. (internal_types:tree/1)
Info is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
— The following properties should hold at call time:
Key is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Type is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Field is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Dictionary is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

dictionary_lookup/5: 
Usage: dictionary_lookup(Key,Type,Field,Dictionary,Info)
The predicate will search for the Key and return Info;defined or undefined accordingly. If 
defined the fields will be filled as well. The predicate do not insert the element.
– *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  Key is an atom. 
  Type is an atom. 
  Field is any term. 
  Dictionary is a dictionary. 
  Info is an atom. 

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  Key is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  Dictionary is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  Info is a free variable.

**merge_tree/2:**

**Usage:** `merge_tree(Tree,Tree)`

The predicate can be used for adding a tree dictionary to another one (the second). It will remove equal posts but posts with a slight difference will be inserted. The resulting tree will be the second tree.

– *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  Tree is a tree structure. 
  Tree is a tree structure. 

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  Tree is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  Tree is currently a term which is not a free variable.
214 provrmlerror (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.
This file implements error predicates of different types.

214.1 Usage and interface (provrmlerror)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(provrmlerror)).
```prolog```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - error_vrml/1, output_error/1.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - write.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

214.2 Documentation on exports (provrmlerror)

error_vrml/1: PREDICATE

Usage: error_vrml(Structure)
Given a structure with the error type as its head with possible arguments, it will write the associated error-text.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Structure is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Structure is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

output_error/1: PREDICATE

Usage: output_error(Message)
This predicate will print the error message given as the argument. This predicate is used for warnings that only needs to be given as information and not necessarily give an error by the VRML browser.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Message is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Message is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Chapter 215: field_type (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.

215.1 Usage and interface (field_type)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(field_type)).
  ```prolog```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog```
    fieldType/1.
  ```prolog```
- Imports:
  ```prolog```
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes.

215.2 Documentation on exports (field_type)

fieldType/1: PREDICATE

Usage: fieldType(FieldTypeId)

Boolean predicate used to check the FieldTypeId with the defined.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ```prolog```
  FieldTypeId is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  ```prolog```
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog```
  FieldTypeId is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
216 field_value (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.

216.1 Usage and interface (field_value)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(field_value)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - fieldValue/6, mfstringValue/5.
  - Properties:
    - parse/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    - lists, provrml/provrml_parser, provrml/parser_util, provrml/provrmlerror.
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, dcg.

216.2 Documentation on exports (field_value)

**fieldValue/6:**  
**PREDICATE**

**Usage:** fieldValue(ParseIn, ParseOut, FieldTypeId, FieldValue, L, T)

The predicate reads the fieldValue from the input token stream and return the value of the parsing. The resulting list might be of numbers, strings or VRML code depending on the FieldTypeId.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - fieldValue:parse(ParseIn) (field_value:parse/1)
  - fieldValue:parse(ParseOut) (field_value:parse/1)
  - FieldTypeId is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - FieldValue is a list of terms. (basic_props:list/2)
  - L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - FieldTypeId is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - FieldValue is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**mfstringValue/5:**  
**PREDICATE**

**Usage:** mfstringValue(ParseIn, ParseOut, Value, L, T)

The predicate is exported for 'EXTERNPROTO' use, where names for locations are given. Reads one string value or multiple string values from a list.
— Call and exit should be compatible with:

- field_value:parse(ParseIn)
- field_value:parse(ParseOut)
- Value is a list of strings.
- L is a list.
- T is a list.

— The following properties should hold at call time:

- ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
- ParseOut is a free variable.
- Value is a free variable.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{parse/1:} & \quad \text{PROPERTY} \\
& \quad \text{A property, defined as follows:} \\
& \quad \text{parse(_1).} \\
& \quad \text{parse(parse(In,Out,Env,Dic)) :-} \\
& \quad \text{list(In),} \\
& \quad \text{list(Out),} \\
& \quad \text{environment(Env),} \\
& \quad \text{dictionary(Dic).}
\end{align*}
\]
217 field_value_check (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.

217.1 Usage and interface (field_value_check)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  ```:- use_module(library(field_value_check)).```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog```
    ```fieldValue_check/8, mfstringValue/7.```
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog```
    ```provrml/provrml_io, provrml/generator_util, provrml/boundary, provrml/tokeniser, provrml/generator, provrml/parser_util.```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog```
    ```prelude, nonpure, dcg, assertions, isomodes.```

217.2 Documentation on exports (field_value_check)

`fieldValue_check/8`:

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:** `fieldValue_check(FieldTypeld,Value,Parseln,ParseOut,InitValue,Boundary,L,T)`

The predicate read the fieldValue from the input token stream from the Parseln. Checks of the values will be done in other module but initiated here. The values will be, if correct, collected via the DCG with the out/3 predicate for later output.

All the predicates have the same meaning as the corresponding predicates in the input module `field_value.pl`. For more information about the different please see that module.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - `FieldTypeld` is an atom.
  - `Value` is a list.
  - `field_value_check:parse(ParseIn)` (field_value_check:parse/1)
  - `field_value_check:parse(ParseOut)` (field_value_check:parse/1)
  - `InitValue` is an atom.
  - `Boundary` is an atom.
  - `L` is a list.
  - `T` is a list.
  - `term_typing:nonvar/1`

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `FieldTypeld` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Value` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `ParseIn` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `ParseOut` is a free variable.
  - `InitValue` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Boundary` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
mfstringValue/7:
    No further documentation available for this predicate.
Chapter 218: generator (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.

218 generator (library)

218.1 Usage and interface (generator)

• Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(generator)).

• Exports:
  — Predicates:
    generator/2, nodeDeclaration/4.

• Imports:
  — System library modules:
    aggregates, dynamic, iso_misc, iso_byte_char, iso_incomplete, operators,
    read, write, terms_check, terms_vars, cyclic_terms, provrml/provrml_io,
    provrml/generator_util, provrml/parser_util, provrml/provrmlerror,
    provrml/internal_types.
  — Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes, dcg, iso.

218.2 Documentation on exports (generator)

generator/2:  PREDICATE

Usage: generator(Terms,VRML)
This predicate is the generator of VRML code. It accepts a list of terms that is correct
VRML code, other kind of terms will be rejected will errormessage accordingly. The
output is a string of correct VRML code, acceptable for VRML browsers.
  — Call and exit should be compatible with:
    Terms is a list of terms.                           (basic_props:list/2)
    VRML is a string (a list of character codes).       (basic_props:string/1)
  — The following properties should hold at call time:
    Terms is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    VRML is a free variable.                           (term_typing:var/1)

nodeDeclaration/4:  PREDICATE

Usage: nodeDeclaration(ParseIn,ParseOut,L,T)
The node declaration can be constructed by a DEFINition, we then make a call to gener-
ator_util to make proper settings before continue. There can be a USE of a prior defined
node or we can have a normal node declaration, one of the built ins.
  — Call and exit should be compatible with:
    ParseIn is a parse structure.                     (internal_types:parse/1)
    ParseOut is a parse structure.                    (internal_types:parse/1)
    L is a list.                                       (basic_props:list/1)
    T is a list.                                       (basic_props:list/1)
The following properties should hold at call time:

- **ParseIn** is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- **ParseOut** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
Chapter 219: generator_util (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.

219.1 Usage and interface (generator_util)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(generator_util)).
  ```prolog```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog```
    reading/4, reading/5, reading/6, open_node/6, close_node/5, close_nodeGut/4, open_PROTO/4, close_PROTO/6, open_EXTERNPROTO/5, close_EXTERNPROTO/6, open_DEF/5, close_DEF/5, open_Script/5, close_Script/5, decompose_field/3, indentation_list/2, start_vrmlScene/4, remove_comments/4.
    ```prolog```

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    provrml/provrmlerror, provrml/provrml_io, provrml/field_value, provrml/field_value_check, provrml/lookup, provrml/parser_util.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, dcg, assertions, nortchecks, isomodes.

219.2 Documentation on exports (generator_util)

reading/4: PREDICATE

Usage 1: reading(DEF,Parse,L,T)
This predicate will check if we have the special key word.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ```prolog```
  DEF is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  Parse is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/l)
  L is a list. (basic_props:list/l)
  T is a list. (basic_props:list/l)
  ```prolog```
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog```
  DEF is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/l)
  Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/l)
  ```prolog```

Usage 2: reading(IS,NodeType,ParseIn,ParseOut)
This predicate will refer to a formerly introduced interface. We do a checkup of the type and output the values.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ```prolog```
  IS is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  NodeType is an atom. (basic_props:atm/l)
  ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/l)
  ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/l)
The following properties should hold at call time:

- IS is currently a term which is not a free variable.
- NodeType is currently a term which is not a free variable.
- ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
- ParseOut is a free variable.

Usage 3: reading(Node, Parse, L, T)

This predicate will read a node so we will check the properties of that one and then continue the progress in the generation.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Node is an atom.
  - Parse is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

The following properties should hold at call time:

- Node is currently a term which is not a free variable.
- Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable.

Usage 4: reading(Script, Parse, L, T)

This predicate read a script and will then continue the generation.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Script is an atom.
  - Parse is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

The following properties should hold at call time:

- Script is currently a term which is not a free variable.
- Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable.

Usage 5: reading(NodeGut, NodeName, ParseIn, ParseOut)

This predicate will read a node gut and will check the field according to the name.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - NodeGut is an atom.
  - NodeName is an atom.
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.

The following properties should hold at call time:

- NodeGut is currently a term which is not a free variable.
- NodeName is currently a term which is not a free variable.
- ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
- ParseOut is a free variable.

Usage 6: reading(PROTO, Parse, L, T)

This predicate will read a prototype, check that the term name is the one, 'PROTO'.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - PROTO is an atom.
  - Parse is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.
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The following properties should hold at call time:
- PROTO is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

**Usage 7:** reading(EXTERNPROTO,Parse,L,T)
This predicate reads a term with the name given as the first argument.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - EXTERNPROTO is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - Parse is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  - L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:
- EXTERNPROTO is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

**reading/5:**

**Usage 1:** reading(Entrance,ParseIn,ParseOut,L,T)
This predicate is a general predicate in this help module. The first argument is a key word to direct the input to the right entrance. When I say output in the following predicates I am referring to the out predicate which actually will use the features of DCG and we will add the output terms in a list for later output. The list is hidden to the user but is in this case the fourth argument will be the list and the fifth will be the resulting list, hopefully empty after the generation. Then we should have read all the terms.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Entrance is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  - ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  - L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:
- Entrance is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**Usage 2:** reading(Empty,ParseIn,ParseOut,L,T)
This predicate check if we have ran out of input and is ready to terminate the reading.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Empty is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  - ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  - L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:
- Empty is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
Usage 3: reading(Header, ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)
This predicate reads the header and after the header we can have more information, that is comments.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Header is an atom.
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Header is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseOut is a free variable.

Usage 4: reading(NULL, ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)
This predicate accepts the special key word 'NULL' and will output that.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - NULL is an atom.
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - NULL is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseOut is a free variable.

Usage 5: reading(Comment, ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)
This predicate will read a comment.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Comment is an atom.
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Comment is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseOut is a free variable.

Usage 6: reading(USE, ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)
This predicate will read the 'USE' key word.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - USE is an atom.
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.
The following properties should hold at call time:

- USE is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

Usage 7: reading(MfstringValue, ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)
This predicate will read the term multi field string value. Then it will continue the generation in the field_value_check module. There it will read the string values and generate the code.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - MfstringValue is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  - ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  - L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:

- MfstringValue is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

Usage 8: reading(ExposedField, ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)
This predicate will read an exposedField and do the checkup for the interface with all its components.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - ExposedField is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  - ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  - L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:

- ExposedField is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

Usage 9: reading(RestrictedInterfaceDeclaration, ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)
This predicate will read the declaration for a restricted field and do the checkup accordingly if necessary.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - RestrictedInterfaceDeclaration is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  - ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  - L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:

- RestrictedInterfaceDeclaration is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
Usage 10: reading(ExternInterfaceDeclaration, ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)

For reading an external interface declaration we see that we have three arguments in the
term and that we have special access key word. We then outputs the declaration.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ExternInterfaceDeclaration is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ExternInterfaceDeclaration is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

Usage 11: reading(ROUTE, ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)

Reading a ROUTE and we split the term into its parts. There might be comments in
the different fields and therefore we have to strip.clean the fields to get them without a
possible list containing comments, this for the checkup of the routing parameters. We
then do an output of the values, then with the comments.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ROUTE is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ROUTE is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

Usage 12: reading(Error_X, ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)

The predicate will call a proper error message after fetching some values like name.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Error_X is a compound term. (basic_props:struct/1)
  ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Error_X is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

reading/6:

No further documentation available for this predicate.
open_node/6:  
**Usage:** open_node(ParseIn, ParseOut, NodeGutsParseStruct, NodeNameId, L, T)

The predicate will open a node to extract its name and its guts. The guts will then be added to a new parse structure to be emptied in the above module, generator.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.
  - NodeGutsParseStruct is a parse structure.
  - NodeNameId is an atom.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseOut is a free variable.
  - NodeGutsParseStruct is a free variable.
  - NodeNameId is a free variable.

**close_node/5:**  
**Usage:** close_node(ParseNodeStruct, ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)

The predicate will end the generation from the node and will do that by adding all the new posts in the dictionary, like new declarations and nodes, to the already used dictionary.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - ParseNodeStruct is a parse structure.
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - ParseNodeStruct is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseOut is a free variable.

**close_nodeGut/4:**  
**Usage:** close_nodeGut(ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)

The predicate will perform all the actions needed to terminate the reading of the node guts.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseOut is a free variable.
openPROTO/4:  
Usage: openPROTO(Parse,ProtoParse,L,T)  
This predicate will construct a parse structure with the prototype information, the interface only. It can thereafter be used in further code generation. The scene will be opened afterwards.

   - Call and exit should be compatible with:
     Parse is a parse structure.  
     ProtoParse is a parse structure.  
     L is a list.  
     T is a list.  

   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
     ProtoParse is a free variable.  

closePROTO/6:  
Usage: closePROTO(DeclParse,SceneParse,ParseIn,ParseOut,L,T)  
The predicate will push the dictionaries with its new information when gone through the scenery. The output parse structure will contain all the new information.

   - Call and exit should be compatible with:
     DeclParse is a parse structure.  
     SceneParse is a parse structure.  
     ParseIn is a parse structure.  
     ParseOut is a parse structure.  
     L is a list.  
     T is a list.  

   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     SceneParse is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
     ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
     ParseOut is a free variable.  

openEXTERNPROTO/5:  
Usage: openEXTERNPROTO(Parse,DeclParse,StringParse,L,T)  
This predicate will construct parse structures with the prototype information, the interface and the strings. It can thereafter be used in further code generation.

   - Call and exit should be compatible with:
     Parse is a parse structure.  
     DeclParse is a parse structure.  
     StringParse is a parse structure.  
     L is a list.  
     T is a list.  

   - The following properties should hold at call time:
     Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
     DeclParse is a free variable.  
     StringParse is a free variable.
close_EXTERNPROTO/6: PREDICATE
Usage: close_EXTERNPROTO(ParseDeclIn,ParseStringIn,ParseIn,ParseOut,L,T)
The predicate will end the generating of the external prototype and do checkup if there
was correct.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - ParseDeclIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseStringIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseOut is a free variable.

open_DEF/5: PREDICATE
Usage: open_DEF(ParseIn,ParseOut,ParseNode,L,T)
The predicate will open and do the settings to generate the code for a definition of a node.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.
  - ParseNode is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseOut is a free variable.
  - ParseNode is a free variable.

close_DEF/5: PREDICATE
Usage: close_DEF(ParseNode,ParseIn,ParseOut,L,T)
The predicate will push the new dictionary information from the node definition to the
output parse structure combining the information in the old parse structure with the newly
received.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - ParseNode is a parse structure.
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - ParseNode is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseOut is a free variable.
open_Script/5:
  Usage: open_Script(ParseIn,ParseOut,ScriptParse,L,T)
  The predicate will create a parse structure with the script guts.
  - Call and exit should be compatible with:
    ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
    ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
    ScriptParse is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
    L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
    T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
    ScriptParse is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

close_Script/5:
  Usage: close_Script(ScriptParse,Parseln,ParseOut,L,T)
  This predicate will update the dictionaries after generating code for the script.
  - Call and exit should be compatible with:
    ScriptParse is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
    ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
    ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
    L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
    T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    ScriptParse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

decompose_field/3:
  No further documentation available for this predicate.

indentation_list/2:
  Usage: indentation_list(Parse,IndList)
  This predicate will construct a list with indentations to be output before text. The information of the indentations is inside the parse structure.
  - Call and exit should be compatible with:
    Parse is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
    IndList is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)
  - The following properties should hold at call time:
    Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
    IndList is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
start_vrmlScene/4: PREDICATE

Usage: start_vrmlScene(Parse, ParseScene, L, T)

The predicate will construct a parse structure with the prototype scene and do the setups.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:

  Parse is a parse structure.
  ParseScene is a parse structure.
  L is a list.
  T is a list.

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  ParseScene is a free variable.

remove_comments/4: PREDICATE

Usage: remove_comments(Value, CommentsBefore, ValueClean, CommentsAfter)

The predicate will remove comments and return the comments before and after the pure value.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:

  Value is a list of atms.
  CommentsBefore is a list of atms.
  ValueClean is an atom.
  CommentsAfter is a list of atms.

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  Value is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  CommentsBefore is a free variable.
  ValueClean is a free variable.
  CommentsAfter is a free variable.

219.3 Known bugs and planned improvements (generator_util)

- Run-time checks have been reported not to work with this code. That means that either the assertions here, or the code that implements the run-time checks are erroneous.
220 internal_types (library)

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These are the internal data types used in the predicates. They are only used to simplify this documentation and make it more understandable.

Implemented by Göran Smedbäck

220.1 Usage and interface (internal_types)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(internal_types)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Regular Types:
    ```prolog
    bound/1, bound_double/1, dictionary/1, environment/1, parse/1, tree/1, whitespace/1.
    ```
- Imports:
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, regtypes.
    ```

220.2 Documentation on exports (internal_types)

bound/1: REGTYPE
Min is a number or an atom that indicates the minimal value, Max indicates the maximal.

bound(bound(Min,Max)) :-
  atm(Min),
  atm(Max).

(True) Usage: bound(Bound)
Bound is a variable interval.

bound_double/1: REGTYPE
Min is a number or an atom that indicates the minimal value, Max indicates the maximal.
The first two for some value and the second pair for some other. Typically used for types that are compound, e.g., rotationvalue.

bound_double(bound(Min0,Max0,Min1,Max1)) :-
  atm(Min0),
  atm(Max0),
  atm(Min1),
  atm(Max1).

(True) Usage: bound_double(Bound)
Bound is a variable interval.
dictionary/1:
    Dic is a tree structure and is used as the internal representation of the dictionary.
    
    dictionary(dic(Dic)) :-
        tree(Dic).
    dictionary(X) :-
        term(X).
    
    (True) Usage: dictionary(Dictionary)
    Dictionary is a dictionary.

environment/1:
    EnvironmentType one of 'DEF','PROTO','EXTERNPROTO' with the name Name.
    Whitespace is a structure with whitespace information.
    
    environment(env(Env,Name,WhiteSpace)) :-
        atm(Env),
        atm(Name),
        whitespace(WhiteSpace).
    
    (True) Usage: environment(Environment)
    Environment is an environment structure.

parse/1:
    In is the list of tokens to parse and Out is the resulting list after the parsing. Env is of type
    env and is the environment-structure. The dictionary Die contains created information
    and structures.
    
    parse(parse(In,Out,Env,Dic)) :-
        list(In),
        list(Out),
        environment(Env),
        dictionary(Dic).
    
    (True) Usage: parse(Parse)
    Parse is a parse structure.

tree/1:
    Key is the search-key, Leaf is the information, Left and Right are more dictionary posts,
    where Left have less Key-value.
    
    tree(tree(Key,Leaf,Left,Right)) :-
        atm(Key),
        leaf(Leaf),
        tree(Left),
        tree(Right).
    
    (True) Usage: tree(Tree)
    Tree is a tree structure.
whitespace/1:

The Row and Indentation information. The row information used when parsing the VRML code to give accurate error position and the indentation is used when generating VRML code from terms.

whitespace(w(Row, Indentation)) :-
    number(Row),
    number(Indentation).

(True) Usage: whitespace(Whitespace)

Whitespace is a whitespace structure.
Chapter 221: provrml_io (library)

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This file implements I/O predicates of different types.
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221.1 Usage and interface (provrml_io)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(provrml_io)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    out/1, out/3, convert_atoms_to_string/2, read_terms_file/2, write_terms_file/2, read_vrml_file/2, write_vrml_file/2.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    aggregates, dynamic, iso_misc, iso_byte_char, iso_incomplete, operators, read, write, terms_check, terms_vars, cyclic_terms, lists.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, dcg, iso, regtypes.

221.2 Documentation on exports (provrml_io)

out/1:
Usage: out(ListOfOutput)
The predicate used is out/3 (DCG) where we will 'save' the output in the second argument.
The third argument is the rest, nil.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ListOfOutput is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ListOfOutput is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

out/3:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

convert_atoms_to_string/2:
Usage: convert_atoms_to_string(Atoms, String)
The predicate transforms a list of atoms to a string.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Atoms is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)
  String is a list of nums. (basic_props:list/2)
The following properties should hold at call time:

- **Atoms** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- **String** is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)

**read_terms_file/2:**

Usage: `read_terms_file(FileTerm,Term)`

Given a filename to a file with terms, the predicate reads the terms and returns them in the second argument. **Filename** is an atom and **Term** is the read prolog terms.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - **Filename** is an atom.  
    (basic_props:atm/1)
  - **Term** is an atom.  
    (basic_props:atm/1)
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **Filename** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
    (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - **Term** is a free variable.  
    (term_typing:var/1)

**write_terms_file/2:**

Usage: `write_terms_file(FileTerm,List)`

Given a filename and a list of terms the predicate will write them down to the file.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - **FileName** is an atom.  
    (basic_props:atm/1)
  - **List** is a list of atms.  
    (basic_props:list/2)
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **FileName** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
    (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - **List** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
    (term_typing:nonvar/1)

**read_vrml_file/2:**

Usage: `read_vrml_file(FileTerm,Data)`

Given a filename, the predicate returns the substance.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - **FileName** is an atom.  
    (basic_props:atm/1)
  - **Data** is a string (a list of character codes).  
    (basic_props:string/1)
- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - **FileName** is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
    (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - **Data** is a free variable.  
    (term_typing:var/1)

**write_vrml_file/2:**

Usage: `write_vrml_file(FileTerm,Data)`

Given a filename and data in form of a string, the predicate will write the data to the named file.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - **FileName** is an atom.  
    (basic_props:atm/1)
  - **Data** is a string (a list of character codes).  
    (basic_props:string/1)
— The following properties should hold at call time:

FileName is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Data is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Chapter 222: lookup (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.

222 lookup (library)

222.1 Usage and interface (lookup)

- Library usage:
  :- use_module(library(lookup)).
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    create_proto_element/3, get_prototype_interface/2, get_prototype_definition/2, lookup_check_node/4, lookup_check_field/6, lookup_check_interface_fieldValue/8, lookup_field/4, lookup_route/5, lookup_fieldTypeDef/1, lookup_get_fieldType/4, lookup_field_access/4, lookup_set_def/3, lookup_set.prototype/4, lookup_set.extern.prototype/4.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    aggregates, dynamic, iso_misc, iso_byte_char, iso_incomplete, operators, read, write, terms_check, terms_vars, cyclic_terms, provrml/provrmlerror, provrml/internal_types, provrml/parse_util, provrml/dictionary, provrml/dictionary_tree, provrml/field_value_check, provrml/boundary, provrml/generator_util, provrml/field_type, provrml/field_value.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, dcg, iso.

222.2 Documentation on exports (lookup)

create_proto_element/3: PREDICATE

Usage: create_proto_element(Interface,Definition,Proto)

The predicate will construct a proto structure containing the interface and the definition.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - Interface is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - Definition is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - Proto is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Interface is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Definition is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Proto is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

get_prototype_interface/2: PREDICATE

Usage: get_prototype_interface(Proto,Interface)

The predicate will return the interface from a proto structure.
Call and exit should be compatible with:
Proto is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
Interface is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:
Proto is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Interface is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**get_prototype_definition/2:**

Usage: get_prototype_definition(Proto,Definition)
The predicate will return the definition from a proto structure.

Call and exit should be compatible with:
Proto is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
Definition is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:
Proto is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
Definition is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**lookup_check_node/4:**

Usage: lookup_check_node(ParseIn,NodeTypeId,L,T)
The predicate will check so that the node is of an acceptable type. If the node name is not found in the ordinary dictionary then the secondary dictionary is consulted, the personal one. Then the node have to be a Prototype, Externproto or a Defined one.

Call and exit should be compatible with:
field_value:parse(ParseIn) (field_value:parse/1)
NodeTypeId is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

The following properties should hold at call time:
ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
NodeTypeId is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

**lookup_check_field/6:**

Usage: lookup_check_field(ParseIn,ParseOut,NodeTypeId,Field,L,T)
The predicate will create some output through the DCG and the output command out/3. There will be formatting and the most important part there will be a check of the field type and of its values so that they correspond to the type.

Call and exit should be compatible with:
field_value:parse(ParseIn) (field_value:parse/1)
field_value:parse(ParseOut) (field_value:parse/1)
NodeTypeId is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
Field is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
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lookup_check_interface_fieldValue/8: PREDICATE

Usage: lookup_check_interface_fieldValue(ParseIn,ParseOut,AccessType,FieldType,Id,FieldValue,DCGIn,DCGOut)

The predicate formats the output for the interface part of the prototype. It also checks the values for the fields.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - field_value:parse(ParseIn)
  - field_value:parse(ParseOut)
  - AccessType is an atom.
  - FieldType is any term.
  - Id is an atom.
  - FieldValue is any term.
  - DCGIn is a string (a list of character codes).
  - DCGOut is a string (a list of character codes).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - AccessType is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - FieldType is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Id is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - FieldValue is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

lookup_field/4: PREDICATE

Usage: lookup_field(Parse,FieldTypeId,FieldIdO,FieldIdl)

The predicate will control that the two connected Fields are of the same type, e.g., SFColor - SFColor, MFVec3f - MFVec3f.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - field_value:parse(Parse)
  - FieldTypeId is an atom.
  - FieldIdO is an atom.
  - FieldId1 is an atom.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - FieldTypeId is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - FieldIdO is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - FieldId1 is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
lookup_route/5: 
Usage: \texttt{lookup\_route(Parse,NodeTypeldO,FieldldO,NodeTypeldl,Fieldldl)}

The predicate will check the routing behaviour for two given fields. They will be checked according to the binding rules, like name changes access properties. The node types for the field must of course be given for the identification.

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{field\_value:parse(Parse)}
  \item \texttt{NodeTypeTypeldO} is an atom.
  \item \texttt{FieldldO} is an atom.
  \item \texttt{NodeTypeTypeldl} is an atom.
  \item \texttt{Fieldldl} is an atom.
  \end{itemize}

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{Parse} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  \item \texttt{NodeTypeTypeldO} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  \item \texttt{FieldldO} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  \item \texttt{NodeTypeTypeldl} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  \item \texttt{Fieldldl} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  \end{itemize}

lookup_fieldTypeId/1:
Usage: \texttt{lookup\_fieldTypeId(FieldTypeld)}

The predicate just make a check to see if the given FieldType id is among the allowed. You can not construct own ones and the check is nearly a spellcheck.

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{FieldTypeld} is an atom. (basic\_props:atm/1)
  \end{itemize}

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{FieldTypeld} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  \end{itemize}

lookup_get_fieldType/4:
Usage: \texttt{lookup\_get\_fieldType(Parse,NodeTypeTypeld,Fieldld,FieldType)}

The predicate will return the given field’s type. It will start the search in the ordinar dictionary and then to the personal dictionary sarting off with 'PROTO'. After it will go for 'DEF' and 'EXTERNPROTO'.

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{field\_value:parse(Parse)}
  \item \texttt{NodeTypeTypeld} is an atom.
  \item \texttt{Fieldld} is an atom.
  \item \texttt{FieldType} is an atom.
  \end{itemize}

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{Parse} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  \item \texttt{NodeTypeTypeld} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  \item \texttt{Fieldld} is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term\_typing:nonvar/1)
  \item \texttt{FieldType} is a free variable. (term\_typing:var/1)
  \end{itemize}
lookup_field_access/4: PREDICATE

Usage: lookup_field_access(Parse, NodenameId, FieldId, FieldId)

The predicate will control that the access properties are correct according to the certain rules that we have. It makes a check to see if the fields are of the same access type or if one of them is an exposedField. It is not doing a route check up to control that behaviour entirely.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - field_value:parse(Parse) (field_value:parse/1)
  - NodenameId is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - FieldId is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - FieldId is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - NodenameId is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - FieldId is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - FieldId is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

lookup_set_def/3: PREDICATE

Usage: lookup_set_def(Parse, Name, Node)

The predicate will enter a new post in the personal dictionary for the node definition.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - field_value:parse(Parse) (field_value:parse/1)
  - Name is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - Node is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Name is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Node is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)

lookup_set_prototype/4: PREDICATE

Usage: lookup_set_prototype(Parse, Name, Interface, Definition)

The predicate will insert the prototype definition in the personal dictionary and will give a warning if there is a multiple name given.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - field_value:parse(Parse) (field_value:parse/1)
  - Name is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - Interface is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - Definition is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Name is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Interface is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Definition is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
**lookup_setExternPrototype/4:**

*Usage:* `lookup_setExternPrototype(Parse, Name, Interface, Strings)`

The predicate will insert the external prototype definition in the personal dictionary and will give a warning if there is a multiple name given.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  - `field_value:parse(Parse)`
  - `Name` is an atom.
  - `Interface` is any term.
  - `Strings` is any term.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  - `Parse` is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - `Name` is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - `Interface` is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - `Strings` is currently a term which is not a free variable.
223 provrml_parser (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.

223.1 Usage and interface (provrml_parser)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(provrml_parser)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    parser/2, nodeDeclaration/4.
  - Properties:
    field_Id/1.
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    aggregates, dynamic, iso_misc, iso_byte_char, iso_incomplete, operators, read, write, terms_check, terms_vars, cyclic_terms, lists, provrml/lookup, provrml/field_value, provrml/tokeniser, provrml/parser_util, provrml/possible, provrml/provrmlerror.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, dgc, regtypes, iso.

223.2 Documentation on exports (provrml_parser)

parser/2: PREDICATE

Usage: parser(VRML,Terms)

The parser uses a tokeniser to read the input text string of VRML code and returns a list with the corresponding terms. The tokens will be read in this parser as the grammar says. The parser is according to the specification of the VRML grammar, accept that it is performed over tokens in stead of the actual code.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - VRML is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
  - Terms is a list of terms. (basic_props:list/2)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - VRML is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Terms is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

nodeDeclaration/4: PREDICATE

Usage: nodeDeclaration(Parse_in,Parse_out,L,T)

The predicate is also accepted as a node field as has to be accessed from the module that reads field values, i.e., field_value.pl
- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  Parse_in is a parse structure.  \hspace{2cm} (internal_types:parse/1)
  Parse_out is a parse structure.  \hspace{2cm} (internal_types:parse/1)
  L is a list.  \hspace{2cm} (basic Props:list/1)
  T is a list.  \hspace{2cm} (basic Props:list/1)

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  Parse_in is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{2cm} (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Parse_out is a free variable. \hspace{2cm} (term_typing:var/1)

**field_Id/1:**  
A property, defined as follows:

  field_Id(_1).
224 parser_util (library)

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224.1 Usage and interface (parser_util)

- **Library usage:**
  ```prolog```
  :- use_module(library(parser_util)).
  ```

- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    at_least_one/4, at_least_one/5, fillout/4, fillout/5, create_node/3, create_field/3, create_field/4, create_field/5, create_directed_field/5, correct_commenting/4, create_parse_structure/1, create_parse_structure/2, create_parse_structure/3, create_environment/4, insert_comments_in_beginning/3, get_environment_name/2, get_environment_type/2, get_row_number/2, add_environment_whitespace/3, get_indentation/2, inc_indentation/2, dec_indentation/2, push_whitespace/3, push_dictionaries/3, get_parsed/2, get_environment/2, inside_proto/1, get_dictionaries/2, strip_from_list/2, strip_from_term/2, strip_clean/2, strip_exposed/2, strip_restricted/2, strip_interface/2, set_parsed/3, set_environment/3, insert_parsed/3, reverse_parsed/2, stop_parse/2, look_first_parsed/2, get_first_parsed/3, remove_code/3, look_ahead/3.

- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    aggregates, dynamic, iso_misc, iso_byte_char, iso_incomplete, operators, read, write, terms_check, terms_vars, cyclic_terms, lists, provrml/dictionary_tree, provrml/internal_types.
  - **Packages:**
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, isomodes, iso, dcg.

224.2 Documentation on exports (parser_util)

at_least_one/4: **PREDICATE**

**Usage:** at_least_one(ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)

One or more whitespace or comment have to be read, for the moment there are no whitespaces to be read so we only stick with the comments.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - ParseIn is a parse structure.
  - ParseOut is a parse structure.
  - L is a list.
  - T is a list.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - ParseOut is a free variable.
at_least_one/5:

Usage: at_least_one(ParseIn, ParseOut, ListOfRead, L, T)

One or more whitespace or comment have to be read, the result will be given in the list.

  Call and exit should be compatible with:
  
  ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  ListOfRead is a list of terms. (basic_props:list/2)
  L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

  The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  ListOfRead is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

fillout/4:

Usage: fillout(ParseIn, ParseOut, L, T)

If there are whitespaces and comments, zero or more of each. This read all comments and
all whitespace. The comments and whitespace will not be returned.

  Call and exit should be compatible with:
  
  ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

  The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

fillout/5:

Usage: fillout(ParseIn, ParseOut, ResultingList, L, T)

If there are whitespaces and comments, zero or more of each, we add them to the resulting
list. This read all comments and all whitespace.

  Call and exit should be compatible with:
  
  ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  ResultingList is a list of terms. (basic_props:list/2)
  L is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  T is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

  The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  ResultingList is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
create_node/3: 
Usage: create_node(NodeTypeId,Parse,Node)
The predicate will construct a node term with the read guts which is inside the parse structure. A node consists of its name and one argument, a list of its fields.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - NodeTypeId is an atom. 
  - Parse is a parse structure. 
  - Node is any term. 
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - NodeTypeId is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  - Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  - Node is a free variable. 

create_field/3: 
Usage: create_field(FieldNameId,Arguments,Field)
The predicate will construct a field with the Id as the fieldname and the arguments as they are, in a double list, which results in a single list or a single list which will result in free arguments.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - FieldNameId is an atom. 
  - Arguments is any term. 
  - Field is any term. 
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - FieldNameId is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  - Arguments is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  - Field is a free variable. 

create_field/4: 
Usage: create_field(FieldAccess,FieldType,FieldId,Field)
The predicate will construct a field with its access type as the name with type and id as arguments.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  - FieldAccess is an atom. 
  - FieldType is an atom. 
  - FieldId is an atom. 
  - Field is any term. 
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - FieldAccess is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  - FieldType is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  - FieldId is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  - Field is a free variable.
**create_field/5:**

**Usage:** `create_field(FieldAccess, FieldType, FieldId, Fieldvalue, Field)`

The predicate will construct a field with its access type as the name with type, id and value as arguments.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - `FieldAccess` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `FieldType` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `FieldId` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Fieldvalue` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - `Field` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `FieldAccess` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `FieldType` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `FieldId` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Fieldvalue` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Field` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**create_directed_field/5:**

**Usage:** `create_directed_field(Access, Type, Id0, Id1, Field)`

The predicate will construct a directed field with the key word IS in the middle. Its access type as the name with type, from id0 and to id1 as arguments.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - `Access` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Type` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Id0` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Id1` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Field` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `Access` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Type` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Id0` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Id1` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Field` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

**correct_commenting/4:**

**Usage:** `correct_commenting(Place, Comment, ParsedIn, ParsedOut)`

The predicate places the comment 'before' or 'after' the parsed term. This results in a list with the term and the comment or in just returning the term.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - `Place` is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
  - `Comment` is a compound term. (basic_props:struct/1)
  - `ParsedIn` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - `ParsedOut` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
create_parse_structure/1:

Usage: create_parse_structure(Parse)

The predicate will construct the parse structure with its three fields: the parsing list, the environment structure, and the dictionaries.

– Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Parse is a parse structure.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Parse is a free variable.

create_parse_structure/2:

Usage 1: create_parse_structure(ParseIn,ParseOut)

The predicate will construct a parse structure with its three fields: the parsing list, the environment structure, and the dictionaries. It will reuse the environment and the dictionaries from the input.

– Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ParseIn is a parse structure.
  ParseOut is a parse structure.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  ParseOut is a free variable.

Usage 2: create_parse_structure(ParsedList,ParseOut)

The predicate will construct a parse structure with its three fields: the parsing list, the environment structure, and the dictionaries. It will use the list of parsed items in its structure.

– Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ParsedList is a list of terms.
  ParseOut is a parse structure.

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  ParsedList is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  ParseOut is a free variable.

create_parse_structure/3:

Usage: create_parse_structure(ParsedList,ParseIn,ParseOut)

The predicate will construct a parse structure with its three fields: the parsing list, the environment structure, and the dictionaries. It will use the list of parsed items in its structure and the environment and the dictionary from the parse structure given.
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- Call and exit should be compatible with:

  ParsedList is a list of terms. \(\text{(basic\_props:list/2)}\)
  ParseIn is a parse structure. \(\text{(internal\_types:parse/1)}\)
  ParseOut is a parse structure. \(\text{(internal\_types:parse/1)}\)

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  ParsedList is currently a term which is not a free variable. \(\text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}\)
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. \(\text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}\)
  ParseOut is a free variable. \(\text{(term\_typing:var/1)}\)

create_environment/4:

Usage: create_environment(Parse,EnvType,Name,EnvStruct)

The predicate will construct an environment structure based on the information in the parse structure. Well only the white-space information will be reused. There are three types of environments 'PROTO', 'EXTERNPROTO', and 'DEF'.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:

  Parse is a parse structure. \(\text{(internal\_types:parse/1)}\)
  EnvType is an atom. \(\text{(basic\_props:atm/1)}\)
  Name is an atom. \(\text{(basic\_props:atm/1)}\)
  EnvStruct is an environment structure. \(\text{(internal\_types:environment/1)}\)

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. \(\text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}\)
  EnvType is currently a term which is not a free variable. \(\text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}\)
  Name is currently a term which is not a free variable. \(\text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}\)
  EnvStruct is a free variable. \(\text{(term\_typing:var/1)}\)

insert_comments_in_beginning/3:

Usage: insert_comments_in_beginning(Comment,ParseIn,ParseOut)

We add the comment in the beginning of the parsed, to get the proper look.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:

  Comment is a compound term. \(\text{(basic\_props:struct/1)}\)
  ParseIn is a parse structure. \(\text{(internal\_types:parse/1)}\)
  ParseOut is a parse structure. \(\text{(internal\_types:parse/1)}\)

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  Comment is currently a term which is not a free variable. \(\text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}\)
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. \(\text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}\)
  ParseOut is a free variable. \(\text{(term\_typing:var/1)}\)

get_environment_name/2:

Usage: get_environment_name(Environment,Name)

The predicate will return the environment name.
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– Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Environment is an environment structure. (internal_types:environment/1)
  Name is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Environment is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Name is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

get_environment_type/2:
Usage: get_environment_type(Environment,Type)
The predicate will return the environment type, one of the three: 'PROTO', 'EXTERN-PROTO', and 'DEF'.
– Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Environment is an environment structure. (internal_types:environment/1)
  Type is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Environment is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Type is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

get_row_number/2:
Usage: get_row_number(Parse,Row)
The predicate will return the row number from the parse structure. The row number is not fully implemented.
– Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Parse is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  Row is a number. (basic_props:num/1)
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Row is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

add_environment_whitespace/3:
Usage: add_environment_whitespace(EnvIn,WhiteSpaceList,EnvOut)
The predicate will add the new whitespace that is collected in a list of whitespaces to the environment.
– Call and exit should be compatible with:
  EnvIn is an environment structure. (internal_types:environment/1)
  WhiteSpaceList is a list of atms. (basic_props:list/2)
  EnvOut is an environment structure. (internal_types:environment/1)
– The following properties should hold at call time:
  EnvIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  WhiteSpaceList is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  EnvOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
get_indentation/2:

Usage 1: get_indentation(Whitespace, Indentation)

The predicate will return the indentation depth from a whitespace structure.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Whitespace is a whitespace structure.
  Indentation is a number.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Whitespace is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  Indentation is a free variable.

Usage 2: get_indentation(Parse, Indentation)

The predicate will return the indentation depth from a parse structure.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Parse is a parse structure.
  Indentation is a number.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  Indentation is a free variable.

inc_indentation/2:

Usage: inc_indentation(ParseIn, ParseOut)

Will increase the indentation with one step to a parse structure.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ParseIn is a parse structure.
  ParseOut is a parse structure.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  ParseOut is a free variable.

dec_indentation/2:

Usage: dec_indentation(ParseIn, ParseOut)

Will decrease the indentation with one step to a parse structure.

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ParseIn is a parse structure.
  ParseOut is a parse structure.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  ParseOut is a free variable.

add_indentation/3:

No further documentation available for this predicate.
reduce_indentation/3:
No further documentation available for this predicate.

push_whitespace/3:
PREDICATE
Usage: push_whitespace(ParseWithWhitespace, ParseIn, ParseOut)
The predicate will add the whitespace values from one parse structure to another one, resulting in the output, with the values from the second parse structure with the whitespace from the first added.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ParseWithWhitespace is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  ParseIn is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  ParseOut is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ParseWithWhitespace is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ParseOut is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

push_dictionaries/3:
PREDICATE
Usage: push_dictionaries(Parse, Parse, Parse)
The predicate will set the first parse structure’s directory to the second parsing structure argument. The resulting parsing structure will be returned.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Parse is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  Parse is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  Parse is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  Parse is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

get_parsed/2:
PREDICATE
Usage 1: get_parsed(ParseStructure,ListOfParsed)
The predicate will return a list of the parsed terms that is inside the parse structure.
- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  ParseStructure is a parse structure. (internal_types:parse/1)
  ListOfParsed is a list of terms. (basic_props:list/2)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ParseStructure is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  ListOfParsed is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
Usage 2: get_parsed(ParseStructure,EnvironmentStructure)
The predicate will return the environment of the parse structure.
— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  ParseStructure is a parse structure.  
  (internal_types:parse/1)

  EnvironmentStructure is an environment structure.  
  (internal_types:environment/1)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  ParseStructure is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)

  EnvironmentStructure is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)

**Usage 3: get_parsed(ParseStructure,Dictionaries)**

The predicate will return dictionary used within the parse structure.

— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  ParseStructure is a parse structure.  
  (internal_types:parse/1)

  Dictionaries is a dictionary.  
  (internal_types:dictionary/1)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  ParseStructure is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)

  Dictionaries is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)

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**get_environment/2:**  

PREDICATE

No further documentation available for this predicate.

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**inside_proto/1:**  

PREDICATE

*Usage: inside_proto(Parse)*

The predicate will answer the question: are we parsing inside a PROTO/EXTERNPROTO.

— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  Parse is a parse structure.  
  (internal_types:parse/1)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  Parse is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)

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**get_dictionaries/2:**  

PREDICATE

No further documentation available for this predicate.

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**strip_from_list/2:**  

PREDICATE

*Usage: strip_from_list(ListWithComments,CleanList)*

The predicate will strip the list from comments and return a list without any comments.

— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  ListWithComments is a list of terms.  
  (basic_props:list/2)

  CleanList is a list of terms.  
  (basic_props:list/2)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  ListWithComments is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)

  CleanList is a free variable.  
  (term_typing:var/1)
strip_from_term/2:

Usage: \texttt{strip\_from\_term(Term,Stripped)}

The predicate will remove comments from a term, it will reduce its arguments if there are comments as arguments.

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  
  \texttt{Term} is any term. \hspace{2cm} \text{(basic\_props:term/1)}
  
  \texttt{Stripped} is any term. \hspace{2cm} \text{(basic\_props:term/1)}

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  
  \texttt{Term} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{2cm} \text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}
  
  \texttt{Stripped} is a free variable. \hspace{2cm} \text{(term\_typing:var/1)}

strip_clean/2:

Usage: \texttt{strip\_clean(ParsedIn,ParsedOut)}

The predicate will return a striped list or a single atom if there was no comments and no more items in the list. It will also return a atom if there is comments and only one other element.

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  
  \texttt{ParsedIn} is any term. \hspace{2cm} \text{(basic\_props:term/1)}
  
  \texttt{ParsedOut} is any term. \hspace{2cm} \text{(basic\_props:term/1)}

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  
  \texttt{ParsedIn} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{2cm} \text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}
  
  \texttt{ParsedOut} is a free variable. \hspace{2cm} \text{(term\_typing:var/1)}

strip_exposed/2:

No further documentation available for this predicate.

strip_restricted/2:

No further documentation available for this predicate.

strip_interface/2:

Usage: \texttt{strip\_interface(Interface,StrippedInterface)}

The predicate will remove comments from the interface that we read for the PROTOtype. This will help us when setting the properties.

- \textit{Call and exit should be compatible with:}
  
  \texttt{Interface} is a list of \texttt{terms}. \hspace{2cm} \text{(basic\_props:list/2)}
  
  \texttt{StrippedInterface} is a list of \texttt{terms}. \hspace{2cm} \text{(basic\_props:list/2)}

- \textit{The following properties should hold at call time:}
  
  \texttt{Interface} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{2cm} \text{(term\_typing:nonvar/1)}
  
  \texttt{StrippedInterface} is a free variable. \hspace{2cm} \text{(term\_typing:var/1)}
set_parsed/3:  
**Usage:** set_parsed(ParseIn, NewParseList, ParseOut)  
The predicate will create a new parse structure from the first parse structure with the parse list from the second argument.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  ParseIn is a parse structure.  
  NewParseList is a list of terms.  
  ParseOut is a parse structure.  

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  NewParseList is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  ParseOut is a free variable.

set_environment/3:  
**Usage:** set_environment(Environment, ParseIn, ParseOut)  
The modifier will return a parse structure with the environment given with the other properties from the first parse structure.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  Environment is an environment structure.  
  ParseIn is a parse structure.  
  ParseOut is a parse structure.  

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  Environment is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  ParseOut is a free variable.

insert_parsed/3:  
**Usage:** insert_parsed(ListOfParsed, ParseIn, ParseOut)  
The predicate will append the newly parsed terms to the old that we have in the parse structure.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  ListOfParsed is a list of terms.  
  ParseIn is a parse structure.  
  ParseOut is a parse structure.  

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  ListOfParsed is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  ParseIn is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  ParseOut is a free variable.

reverse_parsed/2:  
**Usage:** reverse_parsed(ParseIn, ParseOut)  
The returned parse structure is the same as the input with the difference that the parsed terms are in reverse order.
– *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - `ParseIn` is a parse structure.
  - `ParseOut` is a parse structure.

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `ParseIn` is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - `ParseOut` is a free variable.

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**stop_parse/2:**

*Usage: stop_parse(TermIn,TermOut)*

The predicate will bind the invalue to the outvalue, used to terminate a parsing.

– *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - `TermIn` is any term.
  - `TermOut` is any term.

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `TermIn` is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - `TermOut` is a free variable.

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**look_first_parsed/2:**

*Usage: look_first_parsed(Parse,First)*

Look at the first item in the parse structure.

– *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - `Parse` is a parse structure.
  - `First` is any term.

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `Parse` is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - `First` is a free variable.

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**get_first_parsed/3:**

*Usage: get_first_parsed(ParseIn,ParseOut,First)*

Get the first item in the parse structure and return the parse structure with the item removed.

– *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - `ParseIn` is a parse structure.
  - `ParseOut` is a parse structure.
  - `First` is any term.

– *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `ParseIn` is currently a term which is not a free variable.
  - `ParseOut` is a free variable.
  - `First` is a free variable.
**remove_code/3:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**look_ahead/3:**

**Usage**: `look_ahead(Name, Parsed, Parsed)`

This predicate is used normally by the CDG and the two last arguments will therefore be the same because we don’t remove the parsed. The name is the name inside a term, the first argument.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  - `Name` is an atom.  
  - `Parsed` is a list of terms. 
  - `Parsed` is a list of terms.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  - `Name` is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  - `Parsed` is currently a term which is not a free variable. 
  - `Parsed` is a free variable.
225 possible (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.

225.1 Usage and interface (possible)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(possible)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    
    `continue/3`

- Imports:
  - Packages:
    
    `prelude, nonpure, dcg, assertions, isomodes`.

225.2 Documentation on exports (possible)

`continue/3`:

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:**

```
continue(RuleName, L, T)
```

The predicate will check the rule name's possible followers, that is the entrance in the grammar, to see if we have the possibility to continue the generation in the asked direction. We will by using the DCG look one item ahead to see if we have the proper key name ahead. Then we check the possible alternatives for the rule name from the list and type we receive from the call to possible. As we can see there are different look ahead predicates depending if we have a token or a word, looking on the structure name(token name) or if we should read the first word beyond the structure name.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  
  RuleName is an atom.  
  (basic_props:atm/1)
  L is a list.  
  (basic_props:list/1)
  T is a list.  
  (basic_props:list/1)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  
  RuleName is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  (term_typing:nonvar/1)
226 tokeniser (library)

Author(s): Göran Smedbäck.

226.1 Usage and interface (tokeniser)

- Library usage:
  
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(tokeniser)).
  ```

- Exports:
  
  - Predicates:
    
    - `tokeniser/2, token_read/3`

- Imports:
  
  - System library modules:
    
    - `lists, provrml/provrmlerror`
  
  - Packages:
    
    - `prelude, nonpure, dcg, assertions, isomodes`

226.2 Documentation on exports (tokeniser)

tokeniser/2: PREDICATE

Usage: `tokeniser(VRML, Tokens)`

This predicate will perform the parsing of the VRML code. The result will be tokens that will be the source for producing the Prolog terms of the VRML code. This is done in the parser module. From these terms analysis, changing, and any thing that you want to do with VRML code from Prolog programming language. We perform the predicate with a catch call to be able to output error messages if encountered.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  - `VRML` is a list of `atms`. (basic_props:list/2)
  - `Tokens` is a list of `terms`. (basic_props:list/2)

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*

  - `VRML` is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - `Tokens` is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)


token_read/3: PREDICATE

Usage 1: `token_read(String,L,T)`

The predicate will return the token string with one argument the string. The string has some special properties according to the specification, but always starting with the string symbol.

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*

  - `String` is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
  - `L` is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  - `T` is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
– **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  
  String is a free variable.  
  
  **Usage 2: token_read(Comment,L,T)**
  
  The predicate will return a token for a comment. The comment symbol, the bracket will start the comment and go for a complete line.

  – **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
    
    Comment is any term.  
    
    L is a list.  
    
    T is a list.

  – **The following properties should hold at call time:**
    
    Comment is a free variable.

  **Usage 3: token_read(Id,L,T)**
  
  The predicate will return a token for a word, an identifier. there is a check whether the id starts with a capital or a low cap letter. There are tough no distinction made in the token, but made a bit more easy to change if needed.

  – **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
    
    Id is any term.  
    
    L is a list.  
    
    T is a list.

  **Usage 4: token_read(Exp,L,T)**
  
  The predicate will return the token for an exponentional number. The number are according to the definitions of VRML and due to the normal Prolog standard. We allow integer and float exponents but not exponential exponents.

  – **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
    
    Exp is any term.  
    
    L is a list.  
    
    T is a list.

  **Usage 5: token_read(Float,L,T)**
  
  The predicate will return a token for a floating point value.

  – **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
    
    Float is currently instantiated to a float.  
    
    L is a list.  
    
    T is a list.

  **Usage 6: token_read(Hex,L,T)**
  
  The returned token is of type hexadecimal number according to the specifications.E.g., 0xabcd3ef where the 0x is essential.

  – **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
    
    Hex is any term.  
    
    L is a list.  
    
    T is a list.

  **Usage 7: token_read(Int,L,T)**
  
  The token returned is the integer token and will contain the integer value read.
— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  Int is an integer.               (basic.props:int/1)
  L is a list.                    (basic.props:list/1)
  T is a list.                    (basic.props:list/1)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  Int is a free variable.         (term_typing:var/1)

**Usage 8: token_read(Symbol,L,T)**

The symbol returned with this token is one of the symbols allowed according to the specification. The only symbol is dot for the moment.

— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  Symbol is any term.              (basic.props:term/1)
  L is a list.                    (basic.props:list/1)
  T is a list.                    (basic.props:list/1)

**Usage 9: token_read(ListOfType,L,T)**

The token for whitespace returns a list with the encountered whitespaces. This is a better way because a whitespace are seldom found alone. The whitespaces considered are: space, tab, new-line, return, and comma.

— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  ListOfType is any term.          (basic.props:term/1)
  L is a list.                    (basic.props:list/1)
  T is a list.                    (basic.props:list/1)

**Usage 10: token_read(Paren,L,T)**

There are four tokens returned with this prefix: node_open, node_close, list_open, list_close.

— *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  
  Paren is an atom.                (basic.props:atm/1)
  L is a list.                    (basic.props:list/1)
  T is a list.                    (basic.props:list/1)

— *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  
  Paren is a free variable.       (term_typing:var/1)
The Ciao System
227 Pattern (regular expression) matching

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

This library provides facilities for matching strings and terms against patterns. There are some prolog flags

- There is a prolog flag to case insensitive match. Its name is case_insensitive. If its value is on, matching is case insensitive, but if its value is off matching isn't case insensitive. By default, its value is off.
- There is a syntax facility to use matching more or less like a unification. You can type, " =~ "regexp" " as an argument of a predicate. Thus, that argument must match with regexp. For example:

```prolog
pred ( =~ "ab*c", B) :- ...
```

is equivalent to

```prolog
pred (X,B) :- match_posix("ab*c",X,R), ...
```

So, there are two prolog flags about this. One of this prolog flags is "format". Its values are shell, posix, list and pred, and substitute in the example match_posix by match_shell, match_posix, match_struct and match_pred respectivly. By default its value is posix. The other prolog flag is exact. Its values are on and off. If its value is off substitute in the example R by []. If its value is on, R is a variable. By default, its value is on.

227.1 Usage and interface (regexp_doc)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_package(regexp).
  or
  :- module(...,...,[regexp]).
  ```
- New operators defined:
  ```prolog
  =~/l [200,fy].
  ```
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    regexp/regexp_code.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions.
    ```

227.2 Documentation on internals (regexp_doc)

**match_shell/3:** 

Usage: `match_shell(Exp,IN,Rest)`

Matches IN against Exp. Rest is the longest remainder of the string after the match. For example, `match_shell("??","foo.pl",Tail)` succeeds, instantiating Tail to "o.pl".
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Exp is a shell regular expression to match against.
IN is a string (a list of character codes).  
Rest is a string (a list of character codes).

**match_shell/2:**

**PREDICATE**

Usage: match_shell(Exp,IN)

Matches completely IN (no tail can remain unmatched) against Exp similarly to match_shell/3.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Exp is a shell regular expression to match against.  
  (regexp_code:shell_regexp/1)

  IN is a string (a list of character codes).  
  (basic_props:string/1)

**match_posix/2:**

**PREDICATE**

Usage: match_posix(Exp,IN)

Matches completely IN (no tail can remain unmatched) against Exp similarly to match_posix/3.

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  Exp is a shell regular expression to match against.  
  (regexp_code:shell_regexp/1)

  IN is a string (a list of character codes).  
  (basic_props:string/1)

**match_posix/4:**

**PREDICATE**

Usage: match_posix(Exp,In,Match,Rest)

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  Exp is a shell regular expression to match against.  
  (regexp_code:shell_regexp/1)

  In is a string (a list of character codes).  
  (basic_props:string/1)

  Match is a list of strings.  
  (basic_props:list/2)

  Rest is a string (a list of character codes).  
  (basic_props:string/1)

**match_posix_rest/3:**

**PREDICATE**

Usage: match_posix_rest(Exp,IN,Rest)

Matches IN against Exp. Tail is the remainder of the string after the match. For example, 
match_posix("ab*c","abbbbcdf",Tail) succeeds, instantiating Tail to "df".

- The following properties should hold at call time:

  Exp is a posix regular expression to match against.  
  (regexp_code:posix_regexp/1)

  IN is a string (a list of character codes).  
  (basic_props:string/1)

  Rest is a string (a list of character codes).  
  (basic_props:string/1)

**match_posix_matches/3:**

**PREDICATE**

Usage: match_posix_matches(Exp,IN,Matches)

Matches completely IN against Exp. Exp can contain anchored expressions of the form \(\texttt{\(\backslash\text{regexp}\)}\). Matches will contain a list of the anchored expression which were matched on success. Note that since POSIX expressions are being read inside a string, backslashes will have to be doubled. For example,
?- match_posix_matches("\\(aa\|bb\\)\\(bb\|aa\\)", "bbaa", M).
M = ["bb","aa"] ;
no

?- match_posix_matches("\\(aa\|bb\\)\\(bb\|aa\\)", "aabb", M).
M = ["aa","bb"] ;
no

The following properties should hold at call time:
Exp is a shell regular expression to match against.  (regexp_code:shell_regexp/1)
IN is a string (a list of character codes).  (basic_props:string/1)
Matches is a list of strings.  (basic_props:list/2)

match_struct/4:  PREDICATE
Usage: match_struct(Exp,IN,Rest,Tail)
Matches IN against Exp.  Tail is the remainder of the list of atoms IN after the match.
For example, match_struct([a,*\(b\),c],[a,b,b,c,d,e],Tail) succeeds, instantiating Tail to [d,e].

- Call and exit should be compatible with:
  Exp is a struct regular expression to match against.  (regexp_code:struct_regexp/1)
  IN is a string (a list of character codes).  (basic_props:string/1)
  Rest is a string (a list of character codes).  (basic_props:string/1)

match_pred/2:  PREDICATE
Usage: match_pred(Pred1,Pred2)
Tests if two predicates Pred1 and Pred2 match using posix regular expressions.

replace_first/4:  PREDICATE
Usage: replace_first(IN,Old,New,Resul)
Replace the first occurrence of the Old by New in IN and copy the result in Resul.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  IN is a string (a list of character codes).  (basic_props:string/1)
  Old is a posix regular expression to match against.  (regexp_code:posix_regexp/1)
  New is a string (a list of character codes).  (basic_props:string/1)
  Resul is a string (a list of character codes).  (basic_props:string/1)

replace_all/4:  PREDICATE
Usage: replace_all(IN,Old,New,Resul)
Replace all occurrences of the Old by New in IN and copy the result in Resul.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  IN is a string (a list of character codes).  (basic_props:string/1)
  Old is a posix regular expression to match against.  (regexp_code:posix_regexp/1)
  New is a string (a list of character codes).  (basic_props:string/1)
  Resul is a string (a list of character codes).  (basic_props:string/1)
228 regexp_code (library)

228.1 Usage and interface (regexp_code)

- **Library usage:**
  ```prolog```
  ```prolog```use_module(library(regexp_code)).
  ```prolog```
- **Exports:**
  - **Predicates:**
    - match_shell/3, match_shell/2, match_posix/2, match_posix/4, match_posix_rest/3, match_posix_matches/3, match_struct/4, match_pred/2, replace first/4, replace_all/4.
  - **Regular Types:**
    - shell_regexp/1, posix_regexp/1, struct_regexp/1.
  - **Multifiles:**
    - define_flag/3.
- **Imports:**
  - **System library modules:**
    - lists.
  - **Packages:**
    - prelude, nonpure, assertions, dcg, regtypes, define_flag.

228.2 Documentation on exports (regexp_code)

**match_shell/3:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:** match_shell(Exp, IN, Rest)

Matches IN against Exp. Rest is the longest remainder of the string after the match. For example, `match_shell("???", "foo.pl", Tail)` succeeds, instantiating Tail to "o.pl".

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - Exp is a shell regular expression to match against.  
    (regexp_code:shell_regexp/1)
  - IN is a string.  
    (regexp_code:string/1)
  - Rest is a string.  
    (regexp_code:string/1)

**match_shell/2:**

**PREDICATE**

**Usage:** match_shell(Exp, IN)

Matches completely IN (no tail can remain unmatched) against Exp similarly to `match_shell/3`.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - Exp is a shell regular expression to match against.  
    (regexp_code:shell_regexp/1)
  - IN is a string.  
    (regexp_code:string/1)
match_posix/2:
Usage: match_posix(Exp,IN)
Matches completely IN (no tail can remain unmatched) against Exp similarly to match_posix/3.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Exp is a shell regular expression to match against. (regexp_code:shell_regexp/1)
  IN is a string. (regexp_code:string/1)

match_posix/4:
Usage: match_posix(Exp,IN,Match,Rest)
- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Exp is a shell regular expression to match against. (regexp_code:shell_regexp/1)
  IN is a string. (regexp_code:string/1)
  Match is a list of strings. (basic_props:list/2)
  Rest is a string. (regexp_code:string/1)

match_posix_rest/3:
Usage: match_posix_rest(Exp,IN,Rest)
Matches IN against Exp. Tail is the remainder of the string after the match. For example, match_posix("ab*c","abbbbcdf",Tail) succeeds, instantiating Tail to "df".

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Exp is a posix regular expression to match against. (regexp_code:posix_regexp/1)
  IN is a string. (regexp_code:string/1)
  Rest is a string. (regexp_code:string/1)

match_posix_matches/3:
Usage: match_posix_matches(Exp,IN,Matches)
Matches completely IN against Exp. Exp can contain anchored expressions of the form \(\) which were matched on success. Note that since POSIX expressions are being read inside a string, backslashes will have to be doubled. For example,

?- match_posix_matches("\\(aa|bb\\)\\(bb|aa\\)\", "bbaa", M).
M = ["bb","aa"] ?
no

?- match_posix_matches("\\(aa|bb\\)\\(bb|aa\\)\", "aabb", M).
M = ["aa","bb"] ?
no

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  Exp is a shell regular expression to match against. (regexp_code:shell_regexp/1)
  IN is a string. (regexp_code:string/1)
  Matches is a list of strings. (basic_props:list/2)
match_struct/4:

Usage: match_struct(Exp, IN, Rest, Tail)

Matches IN against Exp. Tail is the remainder of the list of atoms IN after the match. For example, match_struct([a,*b,c],[a,b,b,c,d,e],Tail) succeeds, instantiating Tail to [d,e].

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - Exp is a struct regular expression to match against. (regexp_code:struct_regexp/l)
  - IN is a string. (regexp_code:string/l)
  - Rest is a string. (regexp_code:string/l)

match_pred/2:

Usage: match_pred(Pred1, Pred2)

Tests if two predicates Pred1 and Pred2 match using posix regular expressions.

replace_first/4:

Usage: replace_first(IN, Old, New, Resul)

Replace the first occurrence of the Old by New in IN and copy the result in Resul.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - IN is a string. (regexp_code:string/l)
  - Old is a posix regular expression to match against. (regexp_code:posix_regexp/l)
  - New is a string. (regexp_code:string/l)
  - Resul is a string. (regexp_code:string/l)

replace_all/4:

Usage: replace_all(IN, Old, New, Resul)

Replace all occurrences of the Old by New in IN and copy the result in Resul.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - IN is a string. (regexp_code:string/l)
  - Old is a posix regular expression to match against. (regexp_code:posix_regexp/l)
  - New is a string. (regexp_code:string/l)
  - Resul is a string. (regexp_code:string/l)

shell_regexp/1:

Usage: shell_regexp(P)

P is a shell regular expression to match against.

posix_regexp/1:

Usage: posix_regexp(P)

P is a posix regular expression to match against.
**struct_regexp/1:**

*Usage:* `struct_regexp(P)`

P is a struct regular expression to match against.

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**228.3 Documentation on multifiles (regexp_code)**

**define_flag/3:**

*(Trust) Usage: define_flag(Flag,FlagValues,Default)*

- *The following properties hold upon exit:*
  
  - Flag is an atom. *(basic_procs:atm/1)*
  
  Define the valid flag values *(basic_procs:flag_values/1)*

The predicate is _multifile._
229 Automatic tester

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This module has been created to automate the test that a predicate should pass hopefully. With that intention we have to provide a set of test and its correct answers. The predicate run_tester/10 will execute every test and compare it with its answer, generating two traces, one with detailed information, and another with the summary of executions of the tests.

229.1 Usage and interface (tester)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(tester)).
  ```
- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    ```prolog
    run_tester/10.
    ```
- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    ```prolog
    lists, write, io_alias_redirection.
    ```
  - Packages:
    ```prolog
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, hiord.
    ```

229.2 Documentation on exports (tester)

run_tester/10: PREDICATE

Usage: run_tester(LogFile, ResultFile, Begin, Test, TestList, Check, CheckList, End, GoodExamples, Slider)|

run_tester is a predicate for automatize testers. It get 2 file names as entry (LogFile and ResultFile) for saving the trace and the short result scheme respectively. Being and End are called at the beginning and at the end of the test. Test is called which each element of TestList and after, Check is called with the corresponding element in CheckList for checking the results of Test predicate. GoodExample is ground(int) at the exit and tells the number of examples that passed the test correctly. Slider can take the values slider(no) or slider(Title) and slider will be shown everytime a new test is called.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  ```prolog
  LogFile is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
  ResultFile is a string (a list of character codes). (basic_props:string/1)
  Begin is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  Test is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  TestList is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  Check is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  CheckList is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
  ```
End is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

GoodExamples is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

Slider is any term. (basic_props:term/1)

Meta-predicate with arguments: run_tester(?,,(pred 0),(pred 1),?,(pred 0),?,?,?).

229.3 Other information (tester)

Two simple examples of the use of the run_tester are provided.

229.3.1 Understanding run_test predicate

:- module( tester_test2 ,_ ,_ ).

:- use_module('..'(tester)).
%- use_module( library(tester) ).
:- use_module(library(lists)).
:- use_module(library(write)).

init_func :-
    write( 'Starting the test
' ).

 tester_func( (X,X,_) ) :-
    write( 'The argument is correct ' ),
    write( X ) , nl.

 checker_func( (_,X,X) ) :-
    write( 'check is fine

' ).

end_func :-
    write( 'Test ended
' ).

main :-
    L = [ (1,1,1), % CORRECT
         (2,2,1), % Test CORRECT , CHECK FALSE
         (1,2,2) % Test FALSE
     ],

    run_tester('test.log',
              'result.log',
              init_func ,
              tester_func ,
              L ,
              checker_func ,
              L ,
end_func,
Res,
slider( 'Tester2: ' )
},

length( L , LL ),
Op is (Res / LL) * 100,

229.3.2 More complex example

In this example we just want to test if the output of Ciaopp is readable by CIAO.
Tester function succeeds if it is able to write the output file.
Checker function succeeds if it is able to load the written file.

:- module( tester_test1 , _ , [ ] ).
%:- use_module( library(tester) , [run_tester/10] ).
:- use_module(../(tester), [run_tester/10]).

:- use_module(library(ciaopp)).
:- use_module(library(compiler)).

:- use_module(library(filenames)).
:- use_module(library(write)).
:- use_module(library(lists)).

init_func.

test_files( '/home/dtm/Ciaopp/Benchmarks/ciaopp/modes/' ).
tester_func( FileArg ) :-
  test_files( Path ),
  atom_concat( Path , FileArg , File0 ),
  message( note ,
    [ ’++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++\n’ ] ),
  (unload( File0 )->true;true),
  module( File0 ),
  atom_concat( TFile , '.pl', File0 ),
  atom_concat( TFile , '_test.pl' , TestFile ),
  output( TestFile ).

get_module( Path , Module ) :-
no_path_file_name(Path, File),
(atom_concat(Module, '.pi', File) -> true; Module = File).

checker_func(FileArg) :-
  get_module(FileArg, Module),
  (unload(Module) -> true; true),
  atom_concat(RawFile, '.pl', FileArg),
  atom_concat(RawFile, '_test.pl', OptFile),
  test_files(Path),
  atom_concat(Path, OptFile, OptFilePath),
  message(note, ['Cargando', OptFilePath]),
  use_module(OptFilePath).

end_func.

main :-
  L = [
    'aiakl.pl',
    'query.pl',
    'mmatrix.pl',
    'ann.pl',
    'bid.pl',
    'rdtok.pl',
    'myread.pl',
    'boyer.pl',
    'read.pl',
    'occur.pl',
    'serialize.pl',
    'browse.pl',
    'peephole.pl',
    'tak.pl',
    'deriv.pl',
    'progeom.pl',
    'warplan.pl',
    'fib.pl',
    'qplan.pl',
    'witt.pl',
    'grammar.pl',
    'zebra.pl',
    'qsortapp.pl',
    'hanoiapp.pl'
  ],
run_tester(
  'test.log',
  'result.log',
  init_func ,
  tester_func ,
  L,
  checker_func ,
  L,
  end_func ,
  Res,
  slider('Tester1: ')
),
length( L , LL ),
Op is (Res / LL) * 100,
230 Measuring features from predicates (time cost or memory used)

Author(s): David Trallero Mena.

This library has been done for measuring or compare execution features (currently only time) of predicates. This module relys on gnuplot, an auxiliary module which use the tool gnuplot, for representing results graphically.

230.1 Usage and interface (time_analyzer)

- Library usage:
  ```prolog
  :- use_module(library(time_analyzer)).
  ```

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    - performance/3, benchmark/6, compare_benchmark/7, generate_benchmark_list/7,
      benchmark2/6, compare_benchmark2/7, generate_benchmark_list2/7,
      sub_times/3, div_times/2, cost/3.
  - Imports:
    - System library modules:
      gnuplot/gnuplot, prolog_sys, lists, write, hiordlib.
    - Packages:
      prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, hiord.

230.2 Documentation on exports (time_analyzer)

**performance/3:**

**Usage:** `performance(P,M,Times)`

Performance accepts a goal, P, as a first argument. The aim of this predicate is to call P several times and measure some feature (in this version, only time, that is reason because no extra parameter has been added). M defines how many times P should be called. Usually, calling the predicate in some succession (10,100,1000) and dividing by the number of times it is executed we can obtain the "execution time" of the predicate (if we are measuring time).

The result of executions are returned in the list `Times`

The different modes are:
- `graph( Start , End , Increment ).` It defines arithmetic succession starting in Start and ending in End, by increment of Increment. So P is called Start times on the first time, Start+Increment on the second, etc.
- `graph` The same as `graph/3` but with default options
- `graph_exp( Start , End , Exp ).` It defines geometric succession. Start is multiplied by Exp till it gets End. So P is called Start times on the first time, Start*Exp on the second, etc.
- `graph_exp` The same as `graph_EXP/3` but with default options

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `P` is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
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M is any term. (basic_props:term/l)

Times is a free variable. (term_typing:var/l)

— The following properties should hold upon exit:

P is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

M is any term. (basic_props:term/l)

Times is a list of nums. (basic_props:list/2)

Meta-predicate with arguments: performance(goal,?,?,?).

benchmark/6:

Usage: benchmark(P,BenchList,NumTimes,Method,Reserved,OutList)

The predicate P, which accepts ONE argument, is called with the first member of each pair of the BenchList list NumTimes. The entry list have pairs because the second member of the pair express the meaning of the first one in the X-Axis. For example, if we are doing a benchmark of qsort function, the first member will be a list for being ordered and the second one will be the length of the unordered list. The output is a list of (X,Y) points where Y means the time needed for its entry of "cost" X. OutList can be used as TimeList in predicate generate_plot. Reserved is reserved for future implementations (it will take the value of runtime, memory_used...)

— The following properties should hold at call time:

P is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

BenchList is a list of pairs. (basic_props:list/2)

NumTimes is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

time_analyzer:average_mode(Method) (time_analyzer:average_mode/1)

Reserved is any term. (basic_props:term/l)

OutList is a free variable. (term_typing:var/l)

— The following properties should hold upon exit:

P is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)

BenchList is a list of pairs. (basic_props:list/2)

NumTimes is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)

time_analyzer:average_mode(Method) (time_analyzer:average_mode/1)

Reserved is any term. (basic_props:term/l)

OutList is a list of pairs. (basic_props:list/2)

compare_benchmark/7:

Usage: compare_benchmark(ListPred,BenchList,Method,NumTimes,BaseName,Reserved,GeneralOptions)

It is the generalization of execute predicate benchmark/6 with several predicates. benchmark/6 predicate is called with each predicate in ListPred, and BaseName is used for the temporaries basename file. GeneralOptions are applied to the plot.
The following properties should hold at call time:

- **ListPred** is a list of callables. (basic_props:list/2)
- **BenchList** is a list. (basic_props:list/1)
- **time_analyzer:average_mode(Method)** (time_analyzer:average_mode/1)
- **NumTimes** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
- **BaseName** is currently instantiated to an atom. (term_typing:atom/1)
- **Reserved** is any term. (basic_props:term/1)
- **GeneralOptions** is a list. (basic_props:list/1)

**generate_benchmark_list/7:**

No further documentation available for this predicate.

**benchmark2/6:**


The predicate **P**, which accepts TWO arguments, is called **NumTimes** with the first member of each pair of the **BenchList** list and a free variable as the second. The time of execution (in the future, the desired featured for be measured) is expected to be the second argument, that is because it is a variable. The entry list, **BenchList** have pairs because the second member of the pair express the cost of the first (in X-Axis). For example, if we are doing a benchmark of qsort function, the first member will be a list for being ordered and the second one will represent the length of the unordered list. The output is a list of (X,Y) points where Y express the time needed for they entry of "cost" X. **OutList** can be used as TimeList in predicate generate_plot. **What** is reserved for future use

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - **P** is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  - **BenchList** is a list of pairs. (basic_props:list/2)
  - **time_analyzer:average_mode(Method)** (time_analyzer:average_mode/1)
  - **NumTimes** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - **What** is currently instantiated to an atom. (term_typing:atom/1)
  - **OutList** is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)

- The following properties should hold upon exit:
  - **P** is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic_props:callable/1)
  - **BenchList** is a list of pairs. (basic_props:list/2)
  - **time_analyzer:average_mode(Method)** (time_analyzer:average_mode/1)
  - **NumTimes** is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
  - **What** is currently instantiated to an atom. (term_typing:atom/1)
  - **OutList** is a list of pairs. (basic_props:list/2)

**compare_benchmark2/7:**

Usage: `compare_benchmark2(ListPred,BenchList,Method,NumTimes,BaseName,Reserved,GeneralOptions)`
It is the generalization of execute predicate `benchmark2/6` with several predicates. `benchmark2/6` is called with each predicate in `ListPred` and `BaseName` is used for the temporary basename file. `GeneralOptions` are applied to the plot (‘default’ can be used for default General options)

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**
  - `ListPred` is a list of callables.
  - `BenchList` is a list.
  - `time_analyzer:average_mode(Method)`
  - `NumTimes` is an integer.
  - `BaseName` is currently instantiated to an atom.
  - `Reserved` is currently instantiated to an atom.
  - `GeneralOptions` is a list.

- **The following properties should hold upon exit:**
  - `ListPred` is a list of callables.
  - `BenchList` is a list.
  - `time_analyzer:average_mode(Method)`
  - `NumTimes` is an integer.
  - `BaseName` is currently instantiated to an atom.
  - `Reserved` is currently instantiated to an atom.
  - `GeneralOptions` is a list.

`generate_benchmark_list2/7:`
No further documentation available for this predicate.

`sub_times/3:`
**PREDICATE**

Usage: `sub_times(A,B,C)`
C is the result of doing A - B, where A, B, C are a list of pairs as (Time,..)

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - A is a list of pairs.
  - B is a list of pairs.
  - C is a list of pairs.

`div_times/2:`
**PREDICATE**

Usage: `div_times(A,B)`
A is a list of pairs (P1,P2). B is a list of pairs with the form (P1,P2/P1) for each (P1,P2) that belongs to A

- *Call and exit should be compatible with:*
  - A is a list of pairs.
  - B is a list of pairs.
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**cost/**3: PREDICATE

**Usage:** cost(A,T,What)

This pred is thought for measuring constant complexity predicates. T is the expected measured feature. What is reserved for future implementations, just put 'runtime'.

- **Call and exit should be compatible with:**
  - A is a term which represents a goal, i.e., an atom or a structure. (basic.props:callable/1)
  - T is an integer. (basic.props:int/1)
  - What is any term. (basic.props:term/1)

*Meta-predicate* with arguments: cost(goal,?,?).

**generate_plot/**3: (UNDOC.REEXPORT)

Imported from gnuplot (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**generate_plot/**2: (UNDOC.REEXPORS)

Imported from gnuplot (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**set_general_options/**1: (UNDOC.REEXPORS)

Imported from gnuplot (see the corresponding documentation for details).

**get_general_options/**1: (UNDOC.REEXPORS)

Imported from gnuplot (see the corresponding documentation for details).
Chapter 231: XDR handle library

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This library offers facilities to enable users to setup preferences on the values an eventual XML document may take. XML documents are specified by XDR documents (eXternal Data Representation standard), in a way conceptually similar to that of objects and classes in object oriented programming. These facilities allow to take as input an XDR Schema defining the class of documents of interest, and establish a dialogue with the user via an HTML form that allows the user to setup preferences to select sub-classes of documents (those which satisfy the preferences). The preferences are the output of the process and may be in the form of XPath expressions, for example, as can be seen in the example attached in the "examples" directory.

231.1 Usage and interface (xdr_handle)

- Library usage:
  
  := use_module(library(xdr_handle)).

- Exports:
  
  - Predicates:
    - xdr_tree/3, xdr_tree/1, xdr2html/4, xdr2html/2, unfold_tree/2, unfold_tree_dic/3, xdr_xpath/2.
  
    - Regular Types:
      - xdr_node/1.

- Imports:
  
  - System library modules:
    - pillow/http, pillow/html, pillow/pillow_types, xdr_handle/xdr_types, aggregates, lists, terms.
  
  - Packages:
    - prelude, nonpure, dcg, assertions, isomodes, hiord, regtypes, pillow.

231.2 Documentation on exports (xdr_handle)

xdr_tree/3:

Usage: xdr_tree(XDR_url,XDR_tree,XDR_id)

Parses an XDR (External Data Representation Standard) located at an url XDR_url into a tree structured Prolog term XDR_tree. It also returns an identifier of the XDR_tree XDR_id corresponding to the sequence of nodes in the tree (this is intended to be a hook to use in CGI applications).

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  XDR_url is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  
  XDR_tree is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  
  XDR_id is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  
  XDR_url specifies a URL. (pillow_types:url_term/1)
  
  XDR_tree specifies an XDR document. (xdr_types:xdr/1)
  
  XDR_id is an integer. (basic_props:int/1)
**xdr_tree/1:**

**Usage:** `xdr_tree(XDR_tree)`

Checks the correctness of an XDR tree `XDR_tree`.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `XDR_tree` specifies an XDR document. *(xdr_types:xdr/1)*

**xdr_node/1:**

**Usage:** `xdr_node(XDR_node)`

`XDR_node` is a XDR tree node.

**xdr2html/4:**

**Usage:** `xdr2html(XDRTree,HTMLOutput,UnfoldedTree,Dic)`

Receives an XDR tree `XDRTree` and produces the corresponding HTML code `HTMLOutput`, an equivalent unfolded plain tree `UnfoldedTree` and a control dictionary `Dic` to hold a reference the eventual form objects.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `XDRTree` is currently a term which is not a free variable. *(term_typing:nonvar/1)*
  - `HTMLOutput` is a free variable. *(term_typing:var/1)*
  - `UnfoldedTree` is a free variable. *(term_typing:var/1)*
  - `Dic` is a free variable. *(term_typing:var/1)*
  - `XDRTree` specifies an XDR document. *(xdr_types:xdr/1)*
  - `HTMLOutput` is a term representing HTML code. *(pillow_types:html_term/1)*
  - `UnfoldedTree` specifies an XDR document. *(xdr_types:xdr/1)*
  - `Dic` is a dictionary of values of the attributes of a form. It is a list of `form_assignment` *(pillow_types:form_dict/1)*

**xdr2html/2:**

**Usage:** `xdr2html(XDRTree,HTMLOutput)`

Receives an XDR tree `XDRTree` and produces the corresponding HTML code `HTMLOutput`. This html code is intended to be part of a form used as a means by which an eventual user can give value to an instance of the XDR, i.e. an XML element.

- *The following properties should hold at call time:*
  - `XDRTree` is currently a term which is not a free variable. *(term_typing:nonvar/1)*
  - `HTMLOutput` is a free variable. *(term_typing:var/1)*
  - `XDRTree` specifies an XDR document. *(xdr_types:xdr/1)*
  - `HTMLOutput` is a term representing HTML code. *(pillow_types:html_term/1)*

**unfold_tree/2:**

**Usage:** `unfold_tree(XDRTree,UFT)`

Obtains an unfolded XDR tree `UFT` from a standard XDR tree `XDRTree`, i.e. an XDR tree where all references to XDR elements have been substituted with the elements themselves. Especially useful for eventual generation of equivalent XPATH expressions, (see example).
The following properties should hold at call time:

- \texttt{XDRTree} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{1em} (term\_typing:nonvar/l)
- \texttt{UFT} is a free variable. \hspace{1em} (term\_typing:var/l)
- \texttt{XDRTree} specifies an XDR document. \hspace{1em} (xdr\_types:xdr/l)
- \texttt{UFT} specifies an XDR document. \hspace{1em} (xdr\_types:xdr/l)

\textbf{unfold\_tree\_dic/3:}

Usage: \texttt{unfold\_tree\_dic(XDRTree,UFT,Dic)}

Obtains an unfolded XDR tree \texttt{UFT} and a form dictionary \texttt{Dic} from a standard XDR tree \texttt{XDRTree}. Especially useful for HTML form data exchange (see example).

The following properties should hold at call time:

- \texttt{XDRTree} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{1em} (term\_typing:nonvar/l)
- \texttt{UFT} is a free variable. \hspace{1em} (term\_typing:var/l)
- \texttt{Dic} is a free variable. \hspace{1em} (term\_typing:var/l)
- \texttt{XDRTree} specifies an XDR document. \hspace{1em} (xdr\_types:xdr/l)
- \texttt{UFT} specifies an XDR document. \hspace{1em} (xdr\_types:xdr/l)
- \texttt{Dic} is a dictionary of values of the attributes of a form. It is a list of \texttt{form\_assignment} \hspace{1em} (pillow\_types:form\_dict/l)

\textbf{xdr\_xpath/2:}

Usage: \texttt{xdr\_xpath(XDRTree,XPath)}

Produces an XPATH expression \texttt{XPath} from an XDR tree \texttt{XDRTree}. If the given XDR tree has no definite value the xpath expression produced will be empty.

The following properties should hold at call time:

- \texttt{XDRTree} is currently a term which is not a free variable. \hspace{1em} (term\_typing:nonvar/l)
- \texttt{XPath} is a free variable. \hspace{1em} (term\_typing:var/l)
- \texttt{XDRTree} specifies an XDR document. \hspace{1em} (xdr\_types:xdr/l)
- \texttt{XPath} is an atom. \hspace{1em} (basic\_props:atm/l)
Chapter 232: XML query library

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This package provides a language suitable for querying XML documents from a Prolog program. Constraint programming expressions can be included in order to prune search as soon as possible, i.e. upon constraint unsatisfiability, improving efficiency. Also, facilities are offered to improve search speed by transforming XML documents into Prolog programs, hence reducing search to just running the program and taking advantage of Prolog’s indexing capabilities.

Queries in an XML document have a recursive tree structure that permits to detail the search on the XML element sought, its attributes, and its children. As a suffix, a constraint programming expression can be added. Queries return value for the free variables included (in case of success), and checks whether the XML document structure matches that depicted by the query itself.

The operators introduced are described below:

- @ Delimits a subquery on an element’s attribute, such as product@val(product_name, "car"), the first argument being the attribute name and the second its value. Any of them can be free variables, being possible to write queries like product@val(Name, "car"), intended to find the ‘Name’ of attributes of element product whose value is the string "car".

- :: The right-hand side of the subexpression delimited by this operator is a query on the children elements of the element described on its left-hand side.

- with Declares the constraints the items sought must satisfy.

Some examples of this query language (more can be found in the examples directory):

Example A:

```prolog
product@val(product_name,"car")::(quantity(X),
   'time-left'(Y),
   negotiation::preference::price(Z))
with X * Z .>. Y
```

Example B:

```prolog
nitf::head::docdata::'doc-id@val('id-string',"020918050")::(Y),
   body::'body.head'::abstract::p(X)
```
232.1 Usage and interface (xml_path_doc)

- Library usage:
  
  :~ use_package(xml_path).
  
or
  :~ module(...,...,[xml_path]).

- Exports:
  - Predicates:
    xml_search/3, xml_parse/3, xml_parse_match/3, xml_search_match/3, xml_index_query/3, xml_index_to_file/2, xml_index/1, xml_query/3.

- Imports:
  - System library modules:
    xml_path/xml_path_types.
  - Packages:
    prelude, nonpure, assertions, regtypes, isomodes.

232.2 Documentation on exports (xml_path_doc)

xml_search/3:  

Usage: xml_search(Query,Source,Doc)

Checks a high level query Query against an XML document Source. If the query is successful it returns in Doc the whole xml element(s) of the document that matched it.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Query is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  Source is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  Doc is a free variable.  

  Query is a primitive XML query.  
  Source is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break.  
  Doc is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break.

xml_parse/3:  

Usage: xml_parse(Query,Source,Doc)

Checks a high level query Query against an XML document Source. If the query is successful it returns in Doc the whole xml element(s) of the document that matched it. On the contrary as xml_search/3, the query can start at any level of the XML document, not necessarily at the root node.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  
  Query is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  Source is currently a term which is not a free variable.  
  Doc is a free variable.
Query is a primitive XML query.  
Source is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break.  
Doc is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break.

**xml_parse_match/3:**  
**PREDICATE**  
Usage: `xml_parse_match(Query, Source, Match)`  
Checks a high level query `Query` against an XML document `Source`. If the query is successful it returns in `Doc` the exact subtree of the XML document that matched it. On the contrary as `xml_search_match/3`, the query can start at any level of the XML document, not necessarily at the root node.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**  
  Query is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)  
  Source is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)  
  Match is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)  
  Query is a primitive XML query. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_query/1)  
  Source is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_item/1)  
  Match is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_item/1)

**xml_search_match/3:**  
**PREDICATE**  
Usage: `xml_search_match(BasicQuery, SourceDoc, Match)`  
Checks query `Query` against an XML document `Source`. If the query is successful it returns in `Doc` the exact subtree of the XML document that matched it.

- **The following properties should hold at call time:**  
  BasicQuery is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)  
  SourceDoc is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)  
  Match is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)  
  BasicQuery is a primitive XML query. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_query/1)  
  SourceDoc is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_item/1)  
  Match is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_item/1)

**xml_index_query/3:**  
**PREDICATE**  
Usage: `xml_index_query(Query, Id, Match)`  
Matches a high level query `Query` against an XML document previously transformed into a Prolog program. `Id` identifies the resulting document `Match`, which is the exact match of the query against the XML document.
The following properties should hold at call time:

- Query is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
- Id is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- Match is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
- Query is a primitive XML query. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_query/1)
- Id is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)
- Match is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_item/1)

xml_index_to_file/2:

Usage: xml_index_to_file(SourceDoc, File)

Transforms the XML document SourceDoc in a Prolog program which is output to file File.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - SourceDoc is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_item/1)
  - File is an atom. (basic_props:atm/1)

xml_index/1:

Usage: xml_index(SourceDoc)

Transforms the XML document SourceDoc in a Prolog program, generating the associated clauses, which are stored dynamically into the current process memory space.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - SourceDoc is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_item/1)

xml_query/3:

Usage: xml_query(Query, Doc, Match)

Checks that XML document Doc is compliant with respect to the query Query expressed in the low level query language. The exact mapping of the query over the document is returned in Match.

- The following properties should hold at call time:
  - Query is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Doc is currently a term which is not a free variable. (term_typing:nonvar/1)
  - Match is a free variable. (term_typing:var/1)
  - Query is a primitive XML query. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_query/1)
  - Doc is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_item/1)
  - Match is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break. (xml_path_types:canonic_xml_item/1)
232.3 Documentation on internals (xml_path_doc)

canonic_xml_term/1:  
(True) Usage: canonic_xml_term(XMLTerm)  
XMLTerm is a term representing XML code in canonical form.

canonic_xml_item/1:  
(True) Usage: canonic_xml_item(XMLItem)  
XMLItem is either a XML attribute, a XML element or a line break.

tag_atrib/1:  
(True) Usage: tag_atrib(Att)  
Att is a XML attribute.

canonic_xml_query/1:  
(True) Usage: canonic_xml_query(Query)  
Query is a primitive XML query.

canonic_xml_subquery/1:  
(True) Usage: canonic_xml_subquery(SQuery)  
SQuery defines a XML subquery.
This is the documentation for a set of contributed standalone utilities contained in the etc_contrib directory of the Ciao distribution.
233 A Program to Help Cleaning your Directories

Author(s): Manuel Carro.
A simple program for traversing a directory tree and deciding which files may be deleted in order to save space and not to loose information.

233.1 Usage (cleandirs)

cleandirs [--silent] <initial_dir> <delete_options> <backup_options>
cleandirs explores <initial_dir> (which should be an absolute path) and looks for backup files and files which can be generated from other files, using a plausible heuristic aimed at retaining the same amount of information while recovering some disk space. The heuristic is based on the extension of the filename.

Delete options is one of:
--list: just list the files/directories which are amenable to be deleted, but do not delete them. SAFE.
--ask: list the files/directories and ask for deletion. UNSAFE if you make a mistake.
--delete: just delete the files/directories without asking. I envy your brave soul if you choose this option.

Backup options is one of:
--includebackups: include backup files in the list of files to check.
--excludebackups: do not include backup files in the list of files to check.
--onlybackups: include only backup files in the list of files to check.

Symbolic links are not traversed. Special files are not checked.

Invoking the program with no arguments will return an up-to-date information on the options.

233.2 Known bugs and planned improvements (cleandirs)

- Recursive removal of subdirectories relies on the existence of a recursive /bin/rm command in your system.
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PART XII - Appendices

Author(s): The CLIP Group.

These appendices describe the installation of the Ciao environment on different systems and some other issues such as reporting bugs, signing up on the Ciao user’s mailing list, downloading new versions, limitations, etc.
# 234 Installing Ciao from the source distribution

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This describes the installation procedure for the Ciao system, including libraries and manuals, from a *source* distribution. This applies primarily to Unix-type systems (Linux, Mac OS X, Solaris, SunOS, etc.). However, the sources can also be compiled if so desired on Windows systems – see Section 234.6 [Installation and compilation under Windows], page 1135 for details.

If you find any problems during installation, please refer to Section 234.8 [Troubleshooting (nasty messages and nifty workarounds)], page 1136. See also Section 236.3 [Downloading new versions], page 1143 and Section 236.4 [Reporting bugs], page 1144.

## 234.1 Un*x installation summary

**Note:** It is recommended that you read the full installation instructions (specially if the installation will be shared by different architectures). However, in many cases it suffices to follow this summary:

1. Uncompress and unpackage (using *gunzip* and *tar -xpf*) the distribution. This will put everything in a new directory whose name reflects the Ciao version.
2. Type `.ciaosetup configure`. This will autodetect and configure the system for your specific platform. If you need more control about what configure does, just add the option `--help` to see more arguments.

   The option `--menu` show a menu with configurable options. You must follow the instructions that appears on it.

   Note that the GNU implementation of the make Un*x command is used internally in some specific parts. It is available in many systems (including all Linux systems and Mac OS X) simply as `make`. If this or next steps stop right away with `make` error messages it is probably an older version and you need to install `gmake`.

3. Type `.ciaosetup build`. This will build executables and compile libraries.
4. Type `.ciaosetup install`. This will install everything in the specified directories.
5. The system will do the right modifications in your startup scripts. This will make the documentation accessible, set the correct mode when opening Ciao source files in *emacs*, etc. The modified files are tagged with the names `\DOTBASRC\`, `\DOTCSHRC\` and `\DOTEMACSY\`, which are the startup files for bash, csh and emacs respectively.

   The following modifications are done automatically in your startup scripts, and you don’t need to do it manually. This will make the documentation accessible, set the correct mode when opening Ciao source files in *emacs*, etc. Note that `<v>libroot</v>` must be replaced with the appropriate value:

   - For users a *csh-compatible shell* (csh, tcsh, ...), add to `/-.cshrc`:

     ```bash
     if ( `-e <v>libroot</v>/ciao/DOTcshrc` ) then
       source <v>libroot</v>/ciao/DOTcshrc
     endif
     ```

   **Note:** while this is recognized by the terminal shell, and therefore by the text-mode Emacs which comes with Mac OS X, the Aqua native Emacs 21 does not recognize that initialization. It is thus necessary, at this moment, to set manually the Ciao shell (ciaosh) and Ciao library location by hand. This can be done from the Ciao menu within Emacs after a Ciao file has been loaded. We believe that the reason is that Mac OS X does not actually consult the per-user initialization files on startup. It should also be possible to put the right initializations in the .emacs file using the `setenv` function of Emacs-lisp, as in
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(setenv "CIAOLIB" "<v>libroot</v>/ciao")
The same can be done for the rest of the variables initialized in
<v>libroot</v>/ciao/DOTcshrc

- For users of an *sh-compatible shell (sh, bash, ...), the installer will add to ~/bashrc
  the next lines:
  
  if [ -f <v>libroot</v>/ciao/DOTprofile ]; then
    . <v>libroot</v>/ciao/DOTprofile
  fi

  This will set up things so that the Ciao executables are found and you can access the
  Ciao system manuals using the info command. Note that, depending on your shell, you
  may have to log out and back in for the changes to take effect.

- Also, if you use emacs (highly recommended) the install will add the next line to your
  ~/.emacs file:

  (load-file "<v>libroot</v>/ciao/ciao-mode-init.el")
  (if (file-exists-p "<v>libroot</v>/ciao/ciao-mode-init.el")
    (load-file "<v>libroot</v>/ciao/ciao-mode-init.el")
  )

If you are installing Ciao globally in a multi-user machine, make sure that you instruct
all users to do the same. If you are the system administrator, the previous steps can be
done once and for all, and globally for all users by including the lines above in the
central startup scripts (e.g., in Linux /etc/bashrc, /etc/csh.login, /etc/csh.cshrc,
/etc/skel, /usr/share/emacs/.../lisp/site-init.pl, etc.).

6. Finally, if the (freely available) emacs editor/environment is not installed in your system,
we highly recommend that you also install it at this point (see Section 234.2 [Un^x full
installation instructions], page 1130 for instructions). While it is easy to use Ciao with any
editor of your choice, the Ciao distribution includes a very powerful application development
environment which is based on emacs and which enables, e.g., source-level debugging, syntax
coloring, context-sensitive on-line help, etc.

7. You may want now want to check your installation (see Section 234.3 [Checking for correct
installation on Un^x], page 1133) and read the documentation, which is stored in
DOCDIR (copied from CIAOSRC/doc/reference) and can be easily accessed as explained in that
same section. There are special “getting started” sections at the beginning of the manual.

8. If you have any problems you may want to check the rest of the instructions. The system
can be uninstalled by typing ./ciaosetup uninstall.

234.2 Un*x full installation instructions

1. Uncompress and unpack: (using gunzip and tar -xpf) the distribution in a suitable
directory. This will create a new directory called ciao-X.Y, where X.Y is the version
number of the distribution. The -p option in the tar command ensures that the relative
dates of the files in the package are preserved, which is needed for correct operation of the
Makefiles.

2. Select installation options: Run the ./ciaosetup configure command and answer the
questions that appears in the menu. The meaning of some important options in the menu
is as follows:

   %
   
   • CIAOSRC: directory where the sources are stored.
   • BINDIR: directory where the Ciao executables will go. For example, if
     BINDIR=/usr/local/bin, then the Ciao compiler (ciaoc) will be stored at
/usr/local/bin/ciaoc. Actually, it will be a link to ciaoc-VersionNumber. This applies also to other executables below and is done so that several versions of Ciao can coexist on the same machine. Note that the version installed latest will be the one started by default when typing ciao, ciaoc, etc.

- **LIBROOT**: directory where the run-time libraries will be installed. The Ciao installation procedure will create a new subdirectory ciao below LIBROOT and a subdirectory below this one for each Ciao version installed. For example, if LIBROOT=/usr/local/lib and you have Ciao version x.y, then the libraries will be installed under /usr/local/lib/ciao/ciao-x.y. This allows you to install site-specific programs under /usr/local/lib/ciao and they will not be overwritten if a new version of Ciao is installed. It also again allows having several Ciao versions installed simultaneously.

- **DOCDIR**: directory where the manuals will be installed. It is often convenient if this directory is accessible via WWW (DOCDIR=/home/httpd/html/ciao, or something like that).

For network-based installations, it is of *utmost importance* that the configured paths be reachable in all the networked machines. Different machines with different architectures can share the same physical source directory during installation, since compilations for different architectures take place in dedicated subdirectories. Also, different machines/architectures can share the same LIBROOT directory (LIBROOT is configured in the menu). This saves space since the architecture-independent libraries will be shared. See Section 234.5 [Multi-architecture support], page 1134 below.

3. **Compile Ciao**: At the ciao top level directory type ./ciaosetup build.

   This will:

   - Build an engine in $(CIAOSRC)/bin/$(CIAOARCH), where $(CIAOARCH) depends on the architecture. The engine is the actual interpreter of the low level code into which Ciao programs are compiled.
   - Build a new Ciao standalone compiler (ciaoc), with the default paths set for your local configuration (nonetheless, these can be overridden by environment variables, as described below).
   - Precompile all the libraries under $(CIAOSRC)/lib and $(CIAOSRC)/library using this compiler.
   - Compile a toplevel Ciao shell and a shell for Ciao scripts, under the $(CIAOSRC)/shell directory.
   - Compile some small, auxiliary applications (contained in the etc directory, and documented in the part of the manual on 'Miscellaneous Standalone Utilities').

   This step can be repeated successively for several architectures in the same source directory. Only the engine and some small parts of the libraries (those written in C) differ from one architecture to the other. Standard Ciao code compiles into bytecode object files (.po) and/or executables which are portable among machines of different architecture, provided there is an executable engine accessible in every such machine. See more details below under Section 234.5 [Multi-architecture support], page 1134.

4. **Check compilation**: If the above steps have been satisfactorily finished, the compiler has compiled itself and all the distribution modules, and very probably everything is fine.

5. **Install Ciao**: To install Ciao in the directories selected in the configuration script during step 2 above, type ./ciaosetup install. This will:

   - Install the executables of the Ciao program development tools (i.e., the general driver/top-level ciao, the standalone compiler ciaoc, the script interpreter ciao-shell, miscellaneous utilities, etc.) in BINDIR (see below). In order to use these tools, the PATH environment variable of users needs to contain the path BINDIR.
• Install the Ciao libraries under LIBROOT/ciao (these will be automatically found).
• Install under DOCDIR the Ciao manuals in several formats (such as GNU info, html, postscript, etc.), depending on the distribution. In order for these manuals to be found when typing M-x info within emacs, or by the standalone info and man commands, the MANPATH and INFOPATH environment variables of users both need to contain the path DOCDIR.
• Install under LIBROOT/ciao the Ciao GNU emacs interface (ciao.el, which provides an interactive interface to the Ciao program development tools, as well as some other auxiliary files) and a file ciao-mode-init containing the emacs initialization commands which are needed in order to use the Ciao emacs interface.

6. Set up user environments: In order to automate the process of setting the variables above, the installation process leaves the files LIBROOT/ciao/DOTcshrc (for csh-like shells), LIBROOT/ciao/DOTprofile (for sh-like shells), and LIBROOT/ciao/ciao-mode-init (for emacs) with appropriate definitions which will take care of all needed environment variable definitions and emacs mode setup. If you has indicated in the menu that the startup files must be modified, then the install process will do it for you, otherwise you can modify by hand these files making the following modifications in your startup scripts, so that these files are used (~libroot~ must be replaced with the appropriate value):

• For users a csh-compatible shell (csh, tcsh, ...), add to ~/.cshrc:

```bash
if ( -e ~libroot~/ciao/DOTcshrc ) then
    source ~libroot~/ciao/DOTcshrc
endif
```

Note: while this is recognized by the terminal shell, and therefore by the text-mode Emacs which comes with Mac OS X, the Aqua native Emacs 21 does not recognize that initialization. It is thus necessary, at this moment, to set manually the Ciao shell (ciaosh) and Ciao library location by hand. This can be done from the Ciao menu within Emacs after a Ciao file has been loaded. We believe that the reason is that Mac OS X does not actually consult the per-user initialization files on startup. It should also be possible to put the right initializations in the .emacs file using the setenv function of Emacs-lisp, as in

```lisp
(setenv "CIAOLIB" "~libroot~/ciao")
```

The same can be done for the rest of the variables initialized in ~libroot~/ciao/DOTcshrc

• For users of an sh-compatible shell (sh, bash, ...), the installer will add to ~/.bashrc the next lines:

```bash
if [ -f ~libroot~/ciao/DOTprofile ]; then
    . ~libroot~/ciao/DOTprofile
fi
```

This will set up things so that the Ciao executables are found and you can access the Ciao system manuals using the info command. Note that, depending on your shell, you may have to log out and back in for the changes to take effect.

• Also, if you use emacs (highly recommended) the install will add the next line to your ~/.emacs file:

```lisp
(load-file "~libroot~/ciao/ciao-mode-init.el")
(if (file-exists-p "~libroot~/ciao/ciao-mode-init.el")
    (load-file "~libroot~/ciao/ciao-mode-init.el")
)
```

If you are installing Ciao globally in a multi-user machine, make sure that you instruct all users to do the same. If you are the system administrator, the previous steps can be done once and for all, and globally for all users by including the lines above in the
central startup scripts (e.g., in Linux /etc/bashrc, /etc/csh.login, /etc/csh.cshrc, /etc/skel, /usr/share/emacs/.../lisp/site-init.pl, etc.).

7. **Download and install Emacs (highly recommended):** If the (freely available) emacs editor is not installed in your system, its installation is highly recommended (if you are installing in a multi-user machine, you may want to do it in a general area so that it is available for other users, even if you do not use it yourself). While it is easy to use Ciao with any editor of your choice, the Ciao distribution includes a very powerful application development environment which is based on emacs and which enables, e.g., source-level debugging, syntax coloring, context-sensitive on-line help, etc.

The emacs editor (in all its versions: Un*x, Windows, etc.) can be downloaded from, for example, http://www.emacs.org/, and also from the many GNU mirror sites worldwide (See http://www.gnu.org/ for a list), in the gnu/emacs and gnu/windows/emacs directories. You can find answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about emacs in general at http://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/emacs-faq.text and about the Windows version at http://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/windows/ntemacs.html (despite the ntemacs name it runs fine also as is on Win9X and Win2000 machines).

8. **Check installation / read documentation:** You may now want to check your installation (see Section 234.3 [Checking for correct installation on Un*x], page 1133) and read the documentation, which is stored in DOCDIR (copied from CIAOSRC/doc/reference) and can be easily accessed as explained that same section. There are special “getting started” sections at the beginning of the manual.

If you have any problems you may want to check Section 234.8 [Troubleshooting (nasty messages and nifty workarounds)], page 1136.

The system can be **uninstalled** by typing ./ciaosetup uninstall in the top directory. Configuration should have not changed since installation, so that the same directories are cleaned (i.e. the variables in SETTINGS should have the same value as when the install was performed).

### 234.3 Checking for correct installation on Un*x

If everything has gone well, several applications and tools should be available to a normal user. Try the following while logged in as a normal user (important in order to check that permissions are set up correctly):

- Typing ciao (or ciaosh) should start the typical Prolog-style top-level shell.
- In the top-level shell, Ciao library modules should load correctly. Type for example use_module(library(dec10_io)) —you should get back a prompt with no errors reported.
- To exit the top level shell, type halt. as usual, or (^D).
- Typing ciaoc should produce the help message from the Ciao standalone compiler.
- Typing ciao-shell should produce a message saying that no code was found. This is a Ciao application which can be used to write scripts written in Ciao, i.e., files which do not need any explicit compilation to be run.

Also, the following documentation-related actions should work:

- If the info program is installed, typing info should produce a list of manuals which should include Ciao manual(s) in a separate area (you may need to log out and back in so that your shell variables are reinitialized for this to work).
- Opening with a WWW browser (e.g., netscape) the directory or URL corresponding to the DOCDIR setting should show a series of Ciao-related manuals. Note that style sheets should be activated for correct formatting of the manual.
- Typing man ciao should produce a man page with some very basic general information on Ciao (and pointing to the on-line manuals).
• The DOCDIR directory should contain the manual also in the other formats such as postscript or pdf which specially useful for printing. See Section 2.3.7 [Printing manuals (Un*x)], page 32 for instructions.

Finally, if emacs is installed, after starting it (typing emacs) the following should work:
• Typing \c{H}\c{0} (or in the menus Help->Manuals->Browse Manuals with Info) should open a list of manuals in info format in which the Ciao manual(s) should appear.
• When opening a Ciao file, i.e., a file with .pl or .pls ending, using \c{C}\c{F}filename (or using the menus) the code should appear highlighted according to syntax (e.g., comments in red), and Ciao/Prolog menus should appear in the menu bar on top of the emacs window.
• Loading the file using the Ciao/Prolog menu (or typing \c{C}\c{0}) should start in another emacs buffer the Ciao toplevel shell and load the file. You should now be able to switch the the toplevel shell and make queries from within emacs.

Note: when using emacs it is very convenient to swap the locations of the (normally not very useful) \c{Caps Lock} key and the (very useful in emacs) \c{Ctrl} key on the keyboard. How to do this is explained in the emacs frequently asked questions FAQs (see the emacs download instructions for their location).

234.4 Cleaning up the source directory

After installation, the source directory can be cleaned up in several ways:
• ./ciaosetup uninstall removes the installation but does not touch the source directories.
• ./ciaosetup totalclean leaves the distribution is its original form, throwing away any intermediate files (as well as any unneeded files left behind by the Ciao developers), while still allowing recompilation.

234.5 Multiarchitecture support

As mentioned before, Ciao applications (including the compiler and the top level) can run on several machines with different architectures without any need for recompiling, provided there is one Ciao engine (compiled for the corresponding architecture) accessible in each machine. Also, the Ciao libraries (installed in LIBROOT, which contain also the engines) and the actual binaries (installed in BINDIR) can themselves be shared on several machines with different architectures, saving disk space.

For example, assume that the compiler is installed as:

```
/usr/local/share/bin/ciaoc
```

and the libraries are installed under

```
/usr/local/share/lib
```

Assume also that the /usr/local/share directory is mounted on, say, a number of Linux and a number of Solaris boxes. In order for ciaoc to run correctly on both types of machines, the following is needed:

1. Make sure you that have done ./ciaosetup install on one machine of each architecture (once for Linux and once for Solaris in our example). This recompiles and installs a new engine and any architecture-dependent parts of the libraries for each architecture. The engines will have names such as ciaoengine.LINUXi86, ciaoengine.SolarisSparc, and so on.

2. In multi-architecture environments it is even more important to make sure that users make the modifications to their startup scripts using \c{T},/libroot,\c{V} ciao/DOTcshrc etc. The selection of the engine (and architecture-dependent parts of libraries) is done in these scripts by setting the environment variable CIAOARCH, using the ciao_get_arch command, which
is installed automatically when installing Ciao. This will set CIAOARCH to, say, LINUXi86, SolarisSparc, respectively, and CIAOENGINE will be set to ciaoengine. CIAOARCH.

However, note that this is not strictly necessary if running on only one architecture: if CIAOARCH is not set (i.e., undefined), the Ciao executables will look simply for ciaoengine, which is always a link to the latest engine installed in the libraries. But including the initialization files provided has the advantage of setting also paths for the manuals, etc.

234.6 Installation and compilation under Windows

There are two possibilities in order to install Ciao on Windows machines:

- Installing from the Windows precompiled distribution. This is the easiest since it requires no compilation and is highly recommended. This is described in Chapter 235 [Installing Ciao from a Win32 binary distribution], page 1139.
- Installing the standard Ciao (Un*x) system source distribution and compiling it under Windows. This is somewhat more complex and currently requires the (freely available) Cygnus Win32 development libraries -described below.

In order to compile Ciao for Win32 environments you need to have the (public domain) Cygnus Win32 and development libraries installed in your system. Compilation should be performed preferably under Windows NT-type systems.

- Thus, the first step, if Cygnus Win32 is not installed in your system, is to download it (from, e.g., http://www.cygnus.com/misc/gnu-win32) and install it. The compilation process also requires that the executables rm.exe, sh.exe, and uname.exe from the Cygnus distribution be copied under /bin prior to starting the process (if these executables are not available under /bin the compilation process will produce a number of errors and eventually stop prematurely).
- Assuming all of the above is installed, type ./ciaosetup allwin32. This will compile both the engine and the Ciao libraries. In this process, system libraries that are normally linked dynamically under Un*x (i.e., those for which .so dynamically loadable files are generated) are linked statically into the engine (this is done instead of generating .dlls because of a limitation in the current version of the Cygnus Win32 environment). No actual installation is made at this point, i.e., this process leaves things in a similar state as if you had just downloaded and uncompressed the precompiled distribution. Thus, in order to complete the installation you should now:
  - Follow now the instructions in Chapter 235 [Installing Ciao from a Win32 binary distribution], page 1139.

A further note regarding the executables generated by the Ciao compiler and top-level: the same considerations given in Chapter 235 [Installing Ciao from a Win32 binary distribution], page 1139 apply regarding .bat files, etc. However, in a system in which Cygnus Win32 is installed these executables can also be used in a very simple way. In fact, the executables can be run as in Un*x by simply typing their name at the bash shell command line without any associated .bat files. This only requires that the bash shell which comes with Cygnus Win32 be installed and accessible: simply, make sure that /bin/sh.exe exists.

234.7 Porting to currently unsupported operating systems and architectures

If you would like to port Ciao to a currently unsupported platform, there are several issues to take into account. The main one is to get the engine to compile in that platform, i.e., the C code under the engine directory. The procedure currently followed by Ciao to decide the various flags needed to compile is as follows:
• The shell script `${CIAOSRC}/etc/ciao_get_arch` is executed; it returns a string describing the operating system and the processor architecture (e.g., LINUXi86, SolarisSparc, SolarisAlpha, etc.). You should make sure it returns a correct (and meaningful) string for your setup. This string is used throughout the compilation to create several architecture-dependant flags.

• Include in the file `${CIAOSRC}/config-sysdep.sh` the definitions necessary for the platform. That file sets several flags regarding, for example, whether to use or not threads, which threads library to use, the optimization flags to use, the compiler, linker, and it also sets separately the architecture name (`ARCHNAME` variable) and the operating system (`OSNAME`).

• Most times the porting problems happen in the use of locks and threads. You can either disable them, or have a look at the files `${CIA0SRC}/engine/locks.h` and `${CIA0SRC}/engine/threads.h`. If you know how to implement native (assembler) locks for your architecture, enable `HAVE_NATIVE_SLOCKS` for your architecture and add the definitions. Otherwise, if you have library-based locks, enable them. The mechanism in `threads.h` is similar.

Once a working engine is achieved, it should be possible to continue with the standard installation procedure, which will try to use a completely static version of the standalone compiler (`ciaoc.sta` in the `ciaoc` directory) to compile the interactive top-level (`ciaosh`) and a new version of the standalone compiler (`ciaoc`). These in turn should be able to compile the Ciao libraries. You may also need to look at some libraries (such as, for example, sockets) which contain C code. If you do succeed in porting to a platform that is currently unsupported please send any patches to ciao@clip.dia.fi.upm.es, and we will include them (with due credit, of course) in the next distribution.

234.8 Troubleshooting (nasty messages and nifty workarounds)

The following is a list of common installation problems reported by users:

• **Problem:** Compilation errors appear when trying a new installation/compilation after the previous one was aborted (e.g., because of errors).
  
  **Possible reason and solution:** It is a good idea to clean up any leftovers from the previous compilation using `./ciaosetup clean_engine` before restarting the installation or compilation process.

• **Problem:**
  During engine compilation, messages such as the following appear: `tasks.c:102:PTHREAD_CANCELASYNCHRONOUS undeclared (first use of this function)`.
  
  **Possible reason and solution:** Your (Linux?) system does not have (yet) the Posix threads library installed. You can upgrade to one which does have it, or download the library from [http://pauillac.inria.fr/~xleroy/linuxthreads/index.html](http://pauillac.inria.fr/~xleroy/linuxthreads/index.html) and install it, or disable the use of threads in Linux: for this, edit the `SETTINGS` file and specify `USE_THREADS=no`, which will avoid linking against thread libraries (it will disable the use of thread-related primitives as well). Clean the engine with `./ciaosetup clean_engine` and restart compilation.

  If you have any alternative threads library available, you can tinker with `engine/threads.h` and the `config-sysdep.sh` file in order to get the task managing macros right for your system. Be sure to link the right library. If you succeed, we (ciao@clip.dia.fi.upm.es) will be happy of knowing about what you have done.

• **Problem:**
  `-lpthread: library not found` (or similar)
Possible reason and solution:
Your (Linux?) system seems to have Posix threads installed, but there is no threads library in the system. In newer releases (e.g., RedHat 5.0), the Posix threads system calls have been included in glibc.so, so specifying -lpthread in config-sysdep.sh is not needed; remove it. ./ciaosetup clean_engine and restart installation.
Alternatively, you may have made a custom installation of Posix threads in a non-standard location: be sure to include the flag -L/this/is/where/the/posix/libraries/are before -lpthread, and to update /etc/ld.so.conf (see man ldconfig).

- Problem:
  Segmentation Violation (when starting the first executable)
Possible reason and solution:
This has been observed with certain older versions of gcc which generated erroneous code under full optimization. The best solution is to upgrade to a newer version of gcc. Alternatively, lowering the level of optimization (by editing the SETTINGS file in the main directory of the distribution) normally solves the problem, at the cost of reduced execution speed.

- Problem: ciao: /home/clip/lib/ciao/ciao-X.Y/engine/ciaoengine: not found
Possible reason and solution:
  - The system was not fully installed and the variable CIAOENGINE was not set.
  - The system was installed, the variable CIAOENGINE is set, but it is does not point to a valid ciaoengine.

See the file LIBROOT/ciao/DOTcshrc for user settings for environment variables.

- Problem:
  ERROR: File library(compiler) not found – aborting... (or any other library is not found)
Possible reason and solution:
  - The system was not installed and the variable CIAOLIB was not set.
  - The system is installed and the variable CIAOLIB is wrong.

See the file LIBROOT/ciao/DOTcshrc for user settings for environment variables.

- Problem:
  ERROR: File <some_directory>/<some_file>.itf not found – aborting...
Possible reason and solution:
Can appear when compiling .pl files. The file to compile (<some_file>.pl) is not in the directory <some_directory>. You gave a wrong file name or you are in the wrong directory.

- Problem:
  *ERROR*: /(write_option,1) is not a regular type (and similar ones)
Possible reason and solution:
This is not a problem, but rather the type checker catching some minor inconsistencies which may appear while compiling the libraries. Bug us to remove it, but ignore it for now.

- Problem:
  WARNING: Predicate <some_predicate>/<N> undefined in module <some_module>
Possible reason and solution:
It can appear when the compiler is compiling Ciao library modules. If so, ignore it (we will fix it). If it appears when compiling user programs or modules, you may want to check your program for those undefined predicates.

- Problem:
  make: Fatal error in reader: SHARED, line 12: Unexpected end of line seen
Possible reason and solution:
You are using standard Un*x make, not GNU’s make implementation (gmake).

- Problem:
  WARNINGS or ERRORS while compiling the Ciao libraries during installation.

Possible reason and solution:
It is possible that you will see some such errors while compiling the Ciao libraries during installation. This is specially the case if you are installing a Beta or Alpha release of Ciao. These releases (which have “odd” version numbers such as 1.5 or 2.1) are typically snapshots of the development directories, on which many developers are working simultaneously, which may include libraries which have typically not been tested yet as much as the “official” distributions (those with “even” version numbers such as 1.6 or 2.8). Thus, minor warnings may not have been eliminated yet or even errors can sneak in. These warnings and errors should not affect the overall operation of the system (e.g., if you do not use the affected library).

- Problem:
In Windows, many programs (including emacs and ciao) exit with error messages like:
Doing vfork: resource temporarily unavailable

Possible reason and solution:
Cygwin needs a special memory layout to implement the fork semantics in Win32 (http://cygwin.com/ml/cygwin/2009-05/msg00413.html). A workaround this problem is using the rebaseall command, which relocates all Cygwin DLLs into a layout that avoids collisions:
- 1. End all cygwin processes.
- 2. Run /bin/rebaseall from c:\cygwin\bin\ash (probably as administrator)
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This describes the installation of Ciao after downloading the Windows binary (i.e., precompiled) distribution. It includes the installation of libraries and manuals and applies to Windows 95/98/NT/2000/XP systems. This is the simplest Windows installation, since it requires no compilation and is highly recommended. However, it is also possible to compile Ciao from the source distribution on these systems (please refer to Chapter 234 [Installing Ciao from the source distribution], page 1129 for details).

If you find any problems during installation, please refer to Section 234.8 [Troubleshooting (nasty messages and nifty workarounds)], page 1136. See also Section 236.3 [Downloading new versions], page 1143 and Section 236.4 [Reporting bugs], page 1144.

235.1 Win32 binary installation summary

Please follow these steps (below we use the terms folder and directory interchangeably):

1. Download the precompiled distribution and unpack it into any suitable folder, such as, e.g., C:\Program Files.
   This will create there a folder whose name reflects the Ciao version. Due to limitations of Windows related to file associations, do not put Ciao too deep in the folder hierarchy. For unpacking you will need a recent version of a zip archive manager – there are many freely available such as WinZip, unzip, pkunzip, etc. (see for example www.winzip.com). Some users have reported some problems with version 6.2 of WinZip, but no problems with, e.g., version 7. With WinZip, simply click on “Extract” and select the extraction folder as indicated above.

2. Stop any Ciao-related applications.
   If you have a previous version of Ciao installed, make sure you do not have any Ciao applications (including, e.g., a toplevel shell) running, or the extraction process may not be able to complete. You may also want to delete the entire folder of the previous installation to save space.

3. Open the Ciao source directory created during extraction and run (e.g. by double-clicking on it) the install(.bat) script. Answer “yes” to the dialog that pops up and type any character in the installation window to finish the process. You may need to reboot for the changes in the registry to take effect.
   This will update the windows registry (the file ciao(.reg) lists the additions) and also create some .bat files which may be useful for running Ciao executables from the command line. It also creates initialization scripts for the emacs editor. The actions performed by the installation script are reported in the installation window.

4. You may want to add a windows shortcut in a convenient place, such as the desktop, to ciaosh.cpx, the standard interactive toplevel shell. It is located inside the shell folder (e.g., click on the file ciaosh.cpx with the right mouse button and select the appropriate option, Send to->Desktop as shortcut).

5. You may also want to add another shortcut to the file ciao(.html) located inside doc\reference\ciao_html so that you can open the Ciao manual by simply double-clicking on this shortcut.

6. Finally, if the (freely available) emacs editor/environment is not installed in your system, we highly recommend that you also install it at this point. While it is easy to use Ciao with any editor of your choice, the Ciao distribution includes a very powerful application development environment which is based on emacs and which enables, e.g., source-level debugging, syntax coloring, context-sensitive on-line help, etc. If you are not convinced, consider that many programmers inside Micros*ft use emacs for developing their programs.
The emacs editor (in all its versions: Un*x, Windows, etc.) can be downloaded from, for example, http://www.emacs.org/, and also from the many GNU mirror sites worldwide (See http://www.gnu.org/ for a list), in the gnu/emacs and gnu/windows/emacs directories. You can find answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about emacs in general at http://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/emacs-faq.text and about the Windows version at http://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/windows/ntemacs.html (despite the ntemacs name it runs fine also as is on Win9X and Win2000 machines).

You need to tell emacs how to load the Ciao mode automatically when editing and how to access the on-line documentation:

- Start emacs (double click on the icon or from the Start menu). Open (menu Files->Open File or simply C-x C-f) the file ForEmacs.txt that the installation script has created in directory where you installed the Ciao distribution.
- Copy the lines in the file (select with the mouse and then menu Edit->Copy). Open/Create using emacs (menu Files->Open File or simply C-x C-f) the file ~/.emacs (or, if this fails, c://.emacs).
- Paste the two lines (menu Edit->Paste or simply C-y) into the file and save (menu Files->Save Buffer or simply C-x C-s).
- Exit emacs and start it again.

emacs should not report any errors (at least related to Ciao) on startup. At this point the emacs checks in the following section should work.

### 235.2 Checking for correct installation on Win32

After the actions and registry changes performed by the installation procedure, you should check that the following should work correctly:

- Ciao-related file types (.pl source files, .cpx executables, .itf, .po, .asr interface files, .pls scripts, etc.) should have specific icons associated with them (you can look at the files in the folders in the Ciao distribution to check).
- Double-clicking on the shortcut to ciaosh(.cpx) on the desktop should start the typical Prolog-style top-level shell in a window. If this shortcut has not been created on the desktop, then double-clicking on the ciaosh(.cpx) icon inside the shell folder within the Ciao source folder should have the same effect.
- In the top-level shell, Ciao library modules should load correctly. Type for example use_module(library(dec10_io)). at the Ciao top-level prompt –you should get back a prompt with no errors reported.
- To exit the top level shell, type halt. as usual, or C-d.

Also, the following documentation-related actions should work:

- Double-clicking on the shortcut to ciao(.html) which appears on the desktop should show the Ciao manual in your default WWW browser. If this shortcut has not been created you can double-click on the ciao(.html) file in the doc\reference\ciao_html folder inside the Ciao source folder. Make sure you configure your browser to use style sheets for correct formatting of the manual (note, however, that some older versions of Explorer did not support style sheets well and will give better results turning them off).
- The doc\reference folder contains the manual also in the other formats present in the distribution, such as info (very convenient for users of the emacs editor/program development system) and postscript or pdf, which are specially useful for printing. See Section 3.2.7 [Printing manuals (Win32)], page 37 for instructions.

Finally, if emacs is installed, after starting it (double-clicking on the emacs icon or from the Start menu) the following should work:
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- Typing `CTRL` `M` (or in the menus Help->Manuals->Browse Manuals with Info) should open a list of manuals in info format in which the Ciao manual(s) should appear.
- When opening a Ciao file, i.e., a file with .pl or .pls ending, using `CTRL` `F` `filename` (or using the menus) the code should appear highlighted according to syntax (e.g., comments in red), and Ciao/Prolog menus should appear in the menu bar on top of the emacs window.
- Loading the file using the Ciao/Prolog menu (or typing `CTRL` `M`) should start in another emacs buffer the Ciao toplevel shell and load the file. You should now be able to switch the toplevel shell and make queries from within emacs.

Note: when using emacs it is very convenient to swap the locations of the (normally not very useful) `Caps Lock` key and the (very useful in emacs) `Ctrl` key on the keyboard. How to do this is explained in the emacs frequently asked questions FAQs (see the emacs download instructions for their location).

If you find that everything works but emacs cannot start the Ciao toplevel you may want to check if you can open a normal Windows shell within emacs (just do `META` `x` `shell`). If you cannot, it is possible that you are using some anti-virus software which is causing problems. See http://www.gnu.org/software/emac/windows/faq3.html#anti-virus for a workaround.

In some Windows versions it is possible that you had to change the first backslashes in the ciao-mode-init.el file in the Ciao Directory. E.g., assuming you have installed in drive c:, instances of `c:\` need to be changed to `c:/`. For example: `c:\prolog/ciao-1.7p30Win32\shell\ciaosh.bat` should be changed to `c:/prolog/ciao-1.7p30Win32\shell\ciaosh.bat`.

235.3 Compiling the miscellaneous utilities under Windows

The etc folder contains a number of utilities, documented in the manual in PART V - Miscellaneous Standalone Utilities. In the Win32 distribution these utilities are not compiled by the installation process. You can create the executable for each of them when needed by compiling the corresponding .pl file.

235.4 Server installation under Windows

If you would like to install Ciao on a server machine, used by several clients, the following steps are recommended:

- Follow the standard installation procedure on the server. When selecting the folder in which Ciao is installed make sure you select a folder that is visible by the client machines. Also make sure that the functionality specified in the previous sections is now available on the server.
- Perform a client installation on each client, by running (e.g., double-click on it) the client.bat script. This should update the registry of each client. At this point all the functionality should also be available on the clients.

235.5 CGI execution under IIS

The standard installation procedure updates the windows registry so that Ciao executables (ending in .cpx) are directly executable as CGIs under Microsoft’s IIS, i.e., so that you make applications written in Ciao available on the WWW (see the pillow library for specific support for this task). In the event you re-install IIS, you probably would lose the entries in the registry which allow this. In that case, processing the file ciao.reg produced during the installation (or simply reinstalling Ciao) will add those entries again.
235.6 Uninstallation under Windows

To uninstall Ciao under Windows, simply delete the directory in which you put the Ciao distribution. If you also want to delete the registry entries created by the Ciao installation (not strictly needed) this must currently be done by hand. The installation leaves a list of these entries in the file ciao.reg to aid in this task. Also, all the register entries contain the word ciao. Thus, to delete all Ciao entries, run the application regedit (for example, by selecting Run from the Windows Start menu), search (CTRL) for ciao in all registry entries (i.e., select all of Keys, Values, and Data in the Edit->Find dialog), and delete each matching key (click on the left window to find the matching key for each entry found).

%%% Local Variables: %%% mode: CIAO %%% update-version-comments: "off" %%% End:
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236.1 Architecture-specific notes and limitations

Ciao makes use of advanced characteristics of modern architectures and operating systems such as multithreading, shared memory, sockets, locks, dynamic load libraries, etc., some of which are sometimes not present in a given system and others may be implemented in very different ways across the different systems. As a result, currently not all Ciao features are available in all supported operating systems. Sometimes this is because not all the required features are present in all the OS flavors supported and sometimes because we simply have not had the time to port them yet.

The current state of matters is as follows:

LINUX: multithreading, shared DB access, and locking working.
Solaris: multithreading, shared DB access, and locking working.
IRIX: multithreading, shared DB access, and locking working.
SunOS 4: multithreading, shared DB access, and locking NOT working.
Win 95/98/NT/2000/XP: multithreading, shared DB access, and locking working. Dynamic linking of object code (C) libraries NOT working.
Mac OS X (Darwin): multithreading, shared DB access, and locking working.

The features that do not work are disabled at compile time.

236.2 Keeping up to date with the Ciao users mailing list

We recommend that you join the Ciao users mailing list (ciao-users@clip.dia.fi.upm.es), in order to receive information on new versions and solutions to problems. Simply send a message to ciao-users-request@clip.dia.fi.upm.es, containing in the body only the word:

subscribe

alone in one line. Messages in the list are strictly limited to issues directly related to Ciao and your email address will of course be kept strictly confidential. You mail also want to subscribe to the comp.lang.prolog newsgroup.

There is additional info available on the Ciao system, other CLIP group software, publications on the technology underlying these systems, etc. in the CLIP group’s WWW site http://clip.dia.fi.upm.es.

236.3 Downloading new versions

Ciao and its related libraries and utilities are under constant improvement, so you should make sure that you have the latest versions of the different components, which can be downloaded from:

http://ciao-lang.org
236.4 Reporting bugs

If you still have problems after downloading the latest version and reading the installation instructions you can send a message to ciao-bug@clip.dia.fi.upm.es. Please be as informative as possible in your messages, so that we can reproduce the bug.

- For installation problems we typically need to have the version and patch number of the Ciao package (e.g., the name of the file downloaded), the output produced by the installation process (you can capture it by redirecting the output into a file or cutting and pasting with the mouse), and the exact version of the Operating System you are using (as well as the C compiler, if you took a source distribution).

- For problems during use we also need the Ciao and OS versions and a small example of code which we can run to reproduce the bug.
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