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# 1 (apicheck)

## 1.1 Overview

(apicheck) exports two routines. **apicheck-generate** produces a description of the Scheme API exported by a set of modules as an S-expression. **apicheck-validate** verifies that the API exported by a set of modules is compatible with an API description generated by **apicheck-generate**.

It would be nice to have Makefile.am fragments here, but for now, see the Guile-Library source distribution for information on how to integrate apicheck with your module's unit test suite.

## 1.2 Usage

**apicheck-generate** *module-names* [Function]

Generate a description of the API exported by the set of modules *module-names*.

**apicheck-validate** *api module-names* [Function]

Validate that the API exported by the set of modules *module-names* is compatible with the recorded API description *api*. Raises an exception if the interface is incompatible.

## 2 (config load)

### 2.1 Overview

This module needs to be documented.

### 2.2 Usage

<code>&lt;configuration&gt;</code>	[Class]
<code>load-config!</code>	[Generic]
<code>load-config! (cfg &lt;configuration&gt;) (commands &lt;list&gt;)</code> <code>          (file-name &lt;string&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>&amp;config-error</code>	[Class]
<code>config-error-arguments condition</code>	[Function]

## 3 (container async-queue)

### 3.1 Overview

A asynchronous queue can be used to safely send messages from one thread to another.

### 3.2 Usage

`make-async-queue` [Function]

Create a new asynchronous queue.

`async-enqueue! q elt` [Function]

Enqueue *elt* into *q*.

`async-dequeue! q` [Function]

Dequeue a single element from *q*. If the queue is empty, the calling thread is blocked until an element is enqueued by another thread.

## 4 (container nodal-tree)

### 4.1 Overview

A nodal tree is a tree composed of nodes, each of which may have children. Nodes are represented as alists. The only alist entry that is specified is **children**, which must hold a list of child nodes. Other entries are intentionally left unspecified, so as to allow for extensibility.

### 4.2 Usage

<code>nodal-tree? x</code>	[Function]
Predicate to determine if x is a nodal tree. Not particularly efficient: intended for debugging purposes.	
<code>make-node . attributes</code>	[Function]
<code>node-ref node name</code>	[Function]
<code>node-set! node name val</code>	[Function]
<code>node-children node</code>	[Function]



## 5 (container delay-tree)

### 5.1 Overview

A delay tree is a superset of a nodal tree (see (container nodal-tree)). It extends nodal trees to allow any entry of the node to be a promise created with the `delay` operator.

### 5.2 Usage

**force-ref** *node field* [Function]  
Access a field in a node of a delay tree. If the value of the field is a promise, the promise will be forced, and the value will be replaced with the forced value.

## 6 (debugging assert)

### 6.1 Overview

Defines an `assert` macro, and the `cout` and `cerr` utility functions.

### 6.2 Usage

**assert** *expr . others* [Special Form]

Assert the truth of an expression (or of a sequence of expressions).

syntax: `assert ?expr ?expr ... [report: ?r-exp ?r-exp ...]`

If `(and ?expr ?expr ...)` evaluates to anything but `#f`, the result is the value of that expression. Otherwise, an error is reported.

The error message will show the failed expressions, as well as the values of selected variables (or expressions, in general). The user may explicitly specify the expressions whose values are to be printed upon assertion failure – as *?r-exp* that follow the identifier `report:`.

Typically, *?r-exp* is either a variable or a string constant. If the user specified no *?r-exp*, the values of variables that are referenced in *?expr* will be printed upon the assertion failure.

**cout** . *args* [Function]

Similar to `cout << arguments << args`, where *argument* can be any Scheme object.

If it's a procedure (e.g. `newline`), it's called without args rather than printed.

**cerr** . *args* [Function]

Similar to `cerr << arguments << args`, where *argument* can be any Scheme object.

If it's a procedure (e.g. `newline`), it's called without args rather than printed.

## 7 (debugging time)

### 7.1 Overview

Defines a macro to time execution of a body of expressions. Each element is timed individually.

### 7.2 Usage

`time` *expr . others* [Special Form]  
syntax: `(time expr1 expr2...)`

Times the execution of a list of expressions, in milliseconds. The resolution is limited to guile's `internal-time-units-per-second`. Disregards the expressions' return value(s) (FIXME).

## 8 (graph topological-sort)

### 8.1 Overview

The algorithm is inspired by Cormen, Leiserson and Rivest (1990) ‘‘Introduction to Algorithms’’, chapter 23.

### 8.2 Usage

`topological-sort dag` [Function]

Returns a list of the objects in the directed acyclic graph, *dag*, topologically sorted. Objects are compared using `equal?`. The graph has the form:

```
(list (obj1 . (dependents-of-obj1))
      (obj2 . (dependents-of-obj2)) ...)
```

...specifying, for example, that `obj1` must come before all the objects in `(dependents-of-obj1)` in the sort.

`topological-sortq dag` [Function]

Returns a list of the objects in the directed acyclic graph, *dag*, topologically sorted. Objects are compared using `eq?`. The graph has the form:

```
(list (obj1 . (dependents-of-obj1))
      (obj2 . (dependents-of-obj2)) ...)
```

...specifying, for example, that `obj1` must come before all the objects in `(dependents-of-obj1)` in the sort.

`topological-sortv dag` [Function]

Returns a list of the objects in the directed acyclic graph, *dag*, topologically sorted. Objects are compared using `eqv?`. The graph has the form:

```
(list (obj1 . (dependents-of-obj1))
      (obj2 . (dependents-of-obj2)) ...)
```

...specifying, for example, that `obj1` must come before all the objects in `(dependents-of-obj1)` in the sort.

## 9 (htmlprag)

### 9.1 Overview

HtmlPrag provides permissive HTML parsing capability to Scheme programs, which is useful for software agent extraction of information from Web pages, for programmatically transforming HTML files, and for implementing interactive Web browsers. HtmlPrag emits “SHTML,” which is an encoding of HTML in [SXML], so that conventional HTML may be processed with XML tools such as [XPath] and [SXML-Tools]. Like [SSAX-HTML], HtmlPrag provides a permissive tokenizer, but also attempts to recover structure. HtmlPrag also includes procedures for encoding SHTML in HTML syntax.

The HtmlPrag parsing behavior is permissive in that it accepts erroneous HTML, handling several classes of HTML syntax errors gracefully, without yielding a parse error. This is crucial for parsing arbitrary real-world Web pages, since many pages actually contain syntax errors that would defeat a strict or validating parser. HtmlPrag’s handling of errors is intended to generally emulate popular Web browsers’ interpretation of the structure of erroneous HTML. We euphemistically term this kind of parse “pragmatic.”

HtmlPrag also has some support for [XHTML], although XML namespace qualifiers [XML-Names] are currently accepted but stripped from the resulting SHTML. Note that valid XHTML input is of course better handled by a validating XML parser like [SSAX].

To receive notification of new versions of HtmlPrag, and to be polled for input on changes to HtmlPrag being considered, ask the author to add you to the moderated, announce-only email list, `htmlprag-announce`.

Thanks to Oleg Kiselyov and Kirill Lisovsky for their help with SXML.

### 9.2 Usage

<code>shtml-comment-symbol</code>	[Variable]
<code>shtml-decl-symbol</code>	[Variable]
<code>shtml-empty-symbol</code>	[Variable]
<code>shtml-end-symbol</code>	[Variable]
<code>shtml-entity-symbol</code>	[Variable]
<code>shtml-named-char-id</code>	[Variable]
<code>shtml-numeric-char-id</code>	[Variable]
<code>shtml-pi-symbol</code>	[Variable]
<code>shtml-start-symbol</code>	[Variable]
<code>shtml-text-symbol</code>	[Variable]
<code>shtml-top-symbol</code>	[Variable]
<code>html-&gt;shtml <i>input</i></code>	[Function]
<code>html-&gt;sxml <i>input</i></code>	[Function]
<code>html-&gt;sxml-Onf <i>input</i></code>	[Function]

<code>html-&gt;sxml-1nf</code>	<i>input</i>	[Function]
<code>html-&gt;sxml-2nf</code>	<i>input</i>	[Function]
<code>make-html-tokenizer</code>	<i>in normalized?</i>	[Function]
<code>parse-html/tokenizer</code>	<i>tokenizer normalized?</i>	[Function]
<code>shtml-&gt;html</code>	<i>shtml</i>	[Function]
<code>shtml-entity-value</code>	<i>entity</i>	[Function]
<code>shtml-token-kind</code>	<i>token</i>	[Function]
<code>sxml-&gt;html</code>	<i>shtml</i>	[Function]
<code>test-htmlprag</code>		[Function]
<code>tokenize-html</code>	<i>in normalized?</i>	[Function]
<code>write-shtml-as-html</code>	<i>shtml out</i>	[Function]
<code>write-sxml-html</code>	<i>shtml out</i>	[Function]

## 10 (io string)

### 10.1 Overview

Procedures that do io with strings.

### 10.2 Usage

`find-string-from-port? str <input-port> . max-no-char` [Function]

Looks for *str* in <input-port>, optionally within the first *max-no-char* characters.

## 11 (logging logger)

### 11.1 Overview

This is a logging subsystem similar to the one in the python standard library. There are two main concepts to understand when working with the logging modules. These are loggers and log handlers.

**Loggers**      Loggers are the front end interfaces for program logging. They can be registered by name so that no part of a program needs to be concerned with passing around loggers. In addition, a default logger can be designated so that, for most applications, the program does not need to be concerned with logger instances at all beyond the initial setup.

Log messages all flow through a logger. Messages carry with them a level (for example: 'WARNING', 'ERROR', 'CRITICAL'), and loggers can filter out messages on a level basis at runtime. This way, the amount of logging can be turned up during development and bug investigation, but turned back down on stable releases.

Loggers depend on Log Handlers to actually get text to the log's destination (for example, a disk file). A single Logger can send messages through multiple Log Handlers, effectively multicasting logs to multiple destinations.

**Log Handlers**

Log Handlers actually route text to a destination. One or more handlers must be attached to a logger for any text to actually appear in a log.

Handlers apply a configurable transformation to the text so that it is formatted properly for the destination (for instance: syslogs, or a text file). Like the loggers, they can filter out messages based on log levels. By using filters on both the Logger and the Handlers, precise controls can be put on which log messages go where, even within a single logger.

### 11.2 Example use of logger

Here is an example program that sets up a logger with two handlers. One handler sends the log messages to a text log that rotates its logs. The other handler sends logs to standard error, and has its levels set so that INFO and WARN-level logs don't get through.

```
(use-modules (logging logger)
             (logging rotating-log)
             (logging port-log)
             (scheme documentation)
             (oop goops))
```

```
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Support functions
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```

```
(define (setup-logging)
  (let ((lgr      (make <logger>)))
```



```

      (rotating (make <rotating-log>
                    #:num-files 3
                    #:size-limit 1024
                    #:file-name "test-log-file"))
      (err      (make <port-log> #:port (current-error-port))))

;; don't want to see warnings or info on the screen!!
(disable-log-level! err 'WARN)
(disable-log-level! err 'INFO)

;; add the handlers to our logger
(add-handler! lgr rotating)
(add-handler! lgr err)

;; make this the application's default logger
(set-default-logger! lgr)
(open-log! lgr)))

(define (shutdown-logging)
  (flush-log)    ;; since no args, it uses the default
  (close-log!)   ;; since no args, it uses the default
  (set-default-logger! #f))

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Main code
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(setup-logging)

Due to log levels, this will get to file,
but not to stderr
(log-msg 'WARN "This is a warning.")

This will get to file AND stderr
(log-msg 'CRITICAL "ERROR message!!!")

(shutdown-logging)

```

## 11.3 Usage

### <log-handler>

[Class]

This is the base class for all of the log handlers, and encompasses the basic functionality that all handlers are expected to have. Keyword arguments recognized by the <log-handler> at creation time are:

**#:formatter**

This optional parameter must be a function that takes three arguments: the log level, the time (as from `current-time`), and the log string itself. The function must return a string representing the formatted log.

Here is an example invocation of the default formatter, and what its output looks like:

```
(default-log-formatter 'CRITICAL
                        (current-time)
                        "The servers are melting!")
==> "2003/12/29 14:53:02 (CRITICAL): The servers are melting!"■
```

**emit-log** [Generic]

`emit-log handler str`. This method should be implemented for all the handlers. This sends a string to their output media. All level checking and formatting has already been done by `accept-log`.

**accept-log** [Generic]

`accept-log handler lvl time str`. If *lvl* is enabled for *handler*, then *str* will be formatted and sent to the log via the `emit-log` method. Formatting is done via the formatting function given at *handler*'s creation time, or by the default if none was given.

This method should not normally need to be overridden by subclasses. This method should not normally be called by users of the logging system. It is only exported so that writers of log handlers can override this behavior.

**accept-log** (*self* <log-handler>) (*level* <top>) (*time* <top>) (*str* <top>) [Method]**<logger>** [Class]

This is the class that aggregates and manages log handlers. It also maintains the global information about which levels of log messages are enabled, and which have been suppressed. Keyword arguments accepted on creation are:

**#:handlers**

This optional parameter must be a list of objects derived from `<log-handler>`. Handlers can always be added later via `add-handler!` calls.

**add-handler!** [Generic]

`add-handler! lgr handler`. Adds *handler* to *lgr*'s list of handlers. All subsequent logs will be sent through the new handler, as well as any previously registered handlers.

**add-handler!** (*lgr* <logger>) (*handler* <log-handler>) [Method]**log-msg** [Generic]

`log-msg [lgr] lvl arg1 arg2 ....` Send a log message made up of the `display`'ed representation of the given arguments. The log is generated at level *lvl*, which should be a symbol. If the *lvl* is disabled, the log message is not generated. Generated log messages are sent through each of *lgr*'s handlers.

If the *lgr* parameter is omitted, then the default logger is used, if one is set.

As the args are display'ed, a large string is built up. Then, the string is split at newlines and sent through the log handlers as independent log messages. The reason for this behavior is to make output nicer for log handlers that prepend information like pid and timestamps to log statements.

```
;; logging to default logger, level of WARN
(log-msg 'WARN "Warning! " x " is bigger than " y "!!!")
```

```
;; looking up a logger and logging to it
(let ((l (lookup-logger "main")))
  (log-msg l 'CRITICAL "FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE!")
  (log-msg l 'CRITICAL "ABORTING NOW"))
```

`log-msg (lgr <logger>) (lvl <top>) (objs <top>)...` [Method]

`log-msg (lvl <symbol>) (objs <top>)...` [Method]

`set-default-logger! lgr` [Function]

Sets the given logger, *lgr*, as the default for logging methods where a logger is not given. *lgr* can be an instance of <logger>, a string that has been registered via `register-logger!`, or `#f` to remove the default logger.

With this mechanism, most applications will never need to worry about logger registration or lookup.

```
;; example 1
(set-default-logger! "main") ;; look up "main" logger and make it the default
```

```
;; example 2
(define lgr (make <logger>))
(add-handler! lgr
  (make <port-handler>
    #:port (current-error-port)))
(set-default-logger! lgr)
(log-msg 'CRITICAL "This is a message to the default logger!!!")
(log-msg lgr 'CRITICAL "This is a message to a specific logger!!!")
```

`register-logger! str lgr` [Function]

Makes *lgr* accessible from other parts of the program by a name given in *str*. *str* should be a string, and *lgr* should be an instance of class <logger>.

```
(define main-log (make <logger>))
(define corba-log (make <logger>))
(register-logger! "main" main-log)
(register-logger! "corba" corba-log)
```

```
;; in a completely different part of the program...
(log-msg (lookup-logger "corba") 'WARNING "This is a corba warning.")
```

`lookup-logger str` [Function]

Looks up an instance of class <logger> by the name given in *str*. The string should have already been registered via a call to `register-logger!`.

- enable-log-level!** *lgr lvl* [Function]  
 Enables a specific logging level given by the symbol *lvl*, such that messages at that level will be sent to the log handlers. *lgr* can be of type `<logger>` or `<log-handler>`.  
 Note that any levels that are neither enabled or disabled are treated as enabled by the logging system. This is so that misspelt level names do not cause a logging blackout.
- disable-log-level!** *lgr lvl* [Function]  
 Disables a specific logging level, such that messages at that level will not be sent to the log handlers. *lgr* can be of type `<logger>` or `<log-handler>`.  
 Note that any levels that are neither enabled or disabled are treated as enabled by the logging system. This is so that misspelt level names do not cause a logging blackout.
- flush-log** [Generic]  
*flush-log handler*. Tells the *handler* to output any log statements it may have buffered up. Handlers for which a flush operation doesn't make sense can choose not to implement this method. The default implementation just returns `#t`.
- flush-log** (*lgr* `<logger>`) [Method]
- flush-log** [Method]
- flush-log** (*lh* `<log-handler>`) [Method]
- open-log!** [Generic]  
*open-log! handler*. Tells the *handler* to open its log. Handlers for which an open operation doesn't make sense can choose not to implement this method. The default implementation just returns `#t`.
- open-log!** [Method]
- open-log!** (*lgr* `<logger>`) [Method]
- open-log!** (*lh* `<log-handler>`) [Method]
- close-log!** [Generic]  
*open-log! handler*. Tells the *handler* to close its log. Handlers for which a close operation doesn't make sense can choose not to implement this method. The default implementation just returns `#t`.
- close-log!** [Method]
- close-log!** (*lgr* `<logger>`) [Method]
- close-log!** (*lh* `<log-handler>`) [Method]

## 12 (logging port-log)

### 12.1 Overview

This module defines a log handler that writes to an arbitrary port of the user's choice. Uses of this handler could include:

- Sending logs across a socket to a network log collector.
- Sending logs to the screen
- Sending logs to a file
- Collecting logs in memory in a string port for later use

### 12.2 Usage

`<port-log>`

[Class]

This is a log handler which writes logs to a user-provided port.

Keywords recognized by `<port-log>` on creation are:

`#:port` This is the port to which the log handler will write.

`#:formatter`

Allows the user to provide a function to use as the log formatter for this handler. See [\[logging logger <log-handler>\]](#), [page 13](#), for details.

Example of creating a `<port-log>`:

```
(make <port-log> #:port (current-error-port))
```

## 13 (logging rotating-log)

### 13.1 Overview

This module defines a log handler for text logs that rotate when they get to be a user-defined size. This is similar to the behavior of many UNIX standard log files. See [Chapter 11 \[logging logger\]](#), [page 12](#), for more information in general on log handlers.

### 13.2 Usage

`<rotating-log>` [Class]

This is a log handler which writes text logs that rotate when they reach a configurable size limit.

Keywords recognized by `<rotating-log>` on creation are:

`#:num-files`

This is the number of log files you want the logger to use. Default is 4.

`#:size-limit`

This is the size, in bytes, a log file must get before the logs get rotated. Default is 1MB (104876 bytes).

`#:file-name`

This is the base of the log file name. Default is “logfile”. Numbers will be appended to the file name representing the log number. The newest log file is always “*NAME.1*”.

`#:formatter`

Allows the user to provide a function to use as the log formatter for this handler. See [\[logging logger <log-handler>\]](#), [page 13](#), for details.

Example of creating a `<rotating-log>`:

```
(make <rotating-log>
  #:num-files 3
  #:size-limit 1024
  #:file-name "test-log-file"))
```

## 14 (match-bind)

### 14.1 Overview

Utility functions and syntax constructs for dealing with regular expressions in a concise manner. Will be submitted to Guile for inclusion.

### 14.2 Usage

**match-bind** *regex str vars consequent . alternate* [Special Form]

Match a string against a regular expression, binding lexical variables to the various parts of the match.

*vars* is a list of names to which to bind the parts of the match. The first variable of the list will be bound to the entire match, so the number of variables needed will be equal to the number of open parentheses (‘(’) in the pattern, plus one for the whole match.

*consequent* is executed if the given expression *str* matches *regex*. If the string does not match, *alternate* will be executed if present. If *alternate* is not present, the result of **match-bind** is unspecified.

Here is a short example:

```
(define (star-indent line)
  "Returns the number of spaces until the first
  star ('*') in the input, or #f if the first
  non-space character is not a star."
  (match-bind "^( *)\\*.*$" line (_ spaces)
    (string-length spaces)
    #f))
```

**match-bind** compiles the regular expression *regex* at macro expansion time. For this reason, *regex* must be a string literal, not an arbitrary expression.

**s///** *pat subst* [Function]

Make a procedure that performs perl-like regular expression search-and-replace on an input string.

The regular expression pattern *pat* is in the standard regular expression syntax accepted by **make-regexp**. The substitution string is very similar to perl’s **s///** operator. Backreferences are indicated with a dollar sign (‘\$’), and characters can be escaped with the backslash.

**s///** returns a procedure of one argument, the input string to be matched. If the string matches the pattern, it will be returned with the first matching segment replaced as per the substitution string. Otherwise the string will be returned unmodified.

Here are some examples:

```
((s/// "foo" "bar") "foo bar baz qux foo")
⇒ "bar bar baz qux foo"
```

```
((s/// "zag" "bar") "foo bar baz qux foo")
⇒ "foo bar baz qux foo"
```

```
((s/// "(f(o+)) (zag)?" "$1 $2 $3")
"foo bar baz qux foo")
⇒ "foo oo bar baz qux foo"
```

**s///g** *pat subst*

[Function]

Make a procedure that performs perl-like global search-and-replace on an input string.

The *pat* and *subst* arguments are as in the non-global **s///**. See [\[s///\]](#), [page 19](#), for more information.

**s///g** differs from **s///** in that it does a global search and replace, not stopping at the first match.



## 15 (math minima)

### 15.1 Overview

This module contains functions for computing the minimum values of mathematical expressions on an interval.

### 15.2 Usage

**golden-section-search** *f x0 x1 prec* [Function]

The Golden Section Search algorithm finds minima of functions which are expensive to compute or for which derivatives are not available. Although optimum for the general case, convergence is slow, requiring nearly 100 iterations for the example  $(x^3-2x-5)$ . If the derivative is available, Newton-Raphson is probably a better choice. If the function is inexpensive to compute, consider approximating the derivative.

*x0* and *x1* are real numbers. The (single argument) procedure *func* is unimodal over the open interval  $(x0, x1)$ . That is, there is exactly one point in the interval for which the derivative of *func* is zero.

It returns a pair  $(x \text{ . } func(x))$  where *func*(*x*) is the minimum. The *prec* parameter is the stop criterion. If *prec* is a positive number, then the iteration continues until *x* is within *prec* from the true value. If *prec* is a negative integer, then the procedure will iterate *-prec* times or until convergence. If *prec* is a procedure of seven arguments, *x0*, *x1*, *a*, *b*, *fa*, *fb*, and *count*, then the iterations will stop when the procedure returns *#t*.

Analytically, the minimum of  $x^3-2x-5$  is 0.816497.

```
(define func (lambda (x) (+ (* x (+ (* x x) -2)) -5)))
(golden-section-search func 0 1 (/ 10000))
==> (816.4883855245578e-3 . -6.0886621077391165)
(golden-section-search func 0 1 -5)
==> (819.6601125010515e-3 . -6.088637561916407)
(golden-section-search func 0 1
  (lambda (a b c d e f g) (= g 500)))
==> (816.4965933140557e-3 . -6.088662107903635)
```

## 16 (math primes)

### 16.1 Overview

This module defines functions related to prime numbers, and prime factorization.

### 16.2 Usage

`prime:trials` [Variable]

This is the maximum number of iterations of Solovay-Strassen that will be done to test a number for primality. The chance of error (a composite being labelled prime) is ( $\text{expt } 2 \text{ } (- \text{prime:trials})$ ).

`prime? n` [Function]

Returns `#f` if  $n$  is composite, and `#t` if it is prime. There is a slight chance, ( $\text{expt } 2 \text{ } (- \text{prime:trials})$ ), that a composite will return `#t`.

`prime> start` [Function]

Return the first prime number greater than  $start$ . It doesn't matter if  $start$  is prime or composite.

`primes> start count` [Function]

Returns a list of the first  $count$  prime numbers greater than  $start$ .

`prime< start` [Function]

Return the first prime number less than  $start$ . It doesn't matter if  $start$  is prime or composite. If no primes are less than  $start$ , `#f` will be returned.

`primes< start count` [Function]

Returns a list of the first  $count$  prime numbers less than  $start$ . If there are fewer than  $count$  prime numbers less than  $start$ , then the returned list will have fewer than  $start$  elements.

`factor k` [Function]

Returns a list of the prime factors of  $k$ . The order of the factors is unspecified. In order to obtain a sorted list do (`sort! (factor k) <`).

## 17 (math rationalize)

### 17.1 Overview

Functions for rationalizing numbers, and finding simple ratios.

### 17.2 Usage

`rationalize x e` [Function]

Returns an exact number that is within  $e$  of  $x$ . Computes the correct result for exact arguments (provided the implementation supports exact rational numbers of unlimited precision); and produces a reasonable answer for inexact arguments when inexact arithmetic is implemented using floating-point.

`find-ratio x e` [Function]

Returns the list of the *simplest* numerator and denominator whose quotient differs from  $x$  by no more than  $e$ .

`(find-ratio 3/97 .0001)`  $\Rightarrow$  `(3 97)`

`(find-ratio 3/97 .001)`  $\Rightarrow$  `(1 32)`

## 18 (os process)

### 18.1 Overview

This is a library for execution of other programs from Guile. It also allows communication using pipes (or a pseudo terminal device, but that's not currently implemented). This code originates in the (goosh) modules, which itself was part of goonix in one of Guile's past lives.

The following will hold when starting programs:

1. If the name of the program does not contain a / then the directories listed in the current PATH environment variable are searched to locate the program.
2. Unlike for the corresponding primitive exec procedures, e.g., `execlp`, the name of the program can not be set independently of the path to execute: the zeroth and first members of the argument vector are combined into one.

All symbols exported with the prefix `os:process:` are there in support of macros that use them. They should be ignored by users of this module.

### 18.2 Usage

`os:process:pipe-fork-child` *expr in-conns out-conns pipes* [Special Form]

`run+` *expr . connections* [Special Form]

Evaluate an expression in a new foreground process and wait for its completion. If no connection terms are specified, then all ports except `current-input-port`, `current-output-port` and `current-error-port` will be closed in the new process. The file descriptors underlying these ports will not be changed.

The value returned is the exit status from the new process as returned by the `waitpid` procedure.

The *keywords* and *connections* arguments are optional: see `run-concurrently+`, which is documented below. The `#:foreground` keyword is implied.

```
(run+ (begin (write (+ 2 2)) (newline) (quit 0)))
(run+ (tail-call-program "cat" "/etc/passwd"))
```

`run-concurrently+` *proc . connections* [Special Form]

Evaluate an expression in a new background process. If no connection terms are specified, then all ports except `current-input-port`, `current-output-port` and `current-error-port` will be closed in the new process. The file descriptors underlying these ports will not be changed.

The value returned in the parent is the pid of the new process.

When the process terminates its exit status can be collected using the `waitpid` procedure.

Keywords can be specified before the connection list:

`#:slave` causes the new process to be put into a new session. If `current-input-port` (after redirections) is a tty it will be assigned as the controlling terminal. This option is used when controlling a process via a pty.

**#:no-auto-close** prevents the usual closing of ports which occurs by default.

**#:foreground** makes the new process the foreground job of the controlling terminal, if the current process is using job control. (not currently implemented). The default is to place it into the background

The optional connection list can take several forms:

(**port**) usually specifies that a given port not be closed. However if **#:no-auto-close** is present it specifies instead a port which should be closed.

(**port 0**) specifies that a port be moved to a given file descriptor (e.g., 0) in the new process. The order of the two components is not significant, but one must be a number and the other must evaluate to a port. If the file descriptor is one of the standard set (0, 1, 2) then the corresponding standard port (e.g., **current-input-port**) will be set to the specified port.

Example:

```
(let ((p (open-input-file "/etc/passwd")))
  (run-concurrently+ (tail-call-program "cat") (p 0)))
```

**tail-call-pipeline . args** [Special Form]

Replace the current process image with a pipeline of connected processes.

The expressions in the pipeline are run in new background processes. The foreground process waits for them all to terminate. The exit status is derived from the status of the process at the tail of the pipeline: its exit status if it terminates normally, otherwise 128 plus the number of the signal that caused it to terminate.

The signal handlers will be reset and file descriptors set up as for **tail-call-program**. Like **tail-call-program** it does not close open ports or flush buffers.

Example:

```
(tail-call-pipeline ("ls" "/etc") ("grep" "passwd"))
```

**tail-call-pipeline+ . args** [Special Form]

Replace the current process image with a pipeline of connected processes.

Each process is specified by an expression and each pair of processes has a connection list with pairs of file descriptors. E.g., ((1 0) (2 0)) specifies that file descriptors 1 and 2 are to be connected to file descriptor 0. This may also be written as ((1 2 0)).

The expressions in the pipeline are run in new background processes. The foreground process waits for them all to terminate. The exit status is derived from the status of the process at the tail of the pipeline: its exit status if it terminates normally, otherwise 128 plus the number of the signal that caused it to terminate.

The signal handlers will be reset and file descriptors set up as for **tail-call-program**. Like **tail-call-program** it does not close open ports or flush buffers.

Example:

```
(tail-call-pipeline+ (tail-call-program "ls" "/etc") ((1 0))
  (tail-call-program "grep" "passwd"))
```

**os:process:new-comm-pipes *old-pipes out-conns*** [Function]

**os:process:pipe-make-commands *fdes port portvar*** [Function]

**os:process:pipe-make-redir-commands *connections portvar*** [Function]

**os:process:setup-redirced-port** *port fdes* [Function]

**run** *prog . args* [Function]

Execute *prog* in a new foreground process and wait for its completion. The value returned is the exit status of the new process as returned by the **waitpid** procedure.

Example:

```
(run "cat" "/etc/passwd")
```

**run-concurrently** . *args* [Function]

Start a program running in a new background process. The value returned is the pid of the new process.

When the process terminates its exit status can be collected using the **waitpid** procedure.

Example:

```
(run-concurrently "cat" "/etc/passwd")
```

**run-with-pipe** *mode prog . args* [Function]

Start *prog* running in a new background process. The value returned is a pair: the CAR is the pid of the new process and the CDR is either a port or a pair of ports (with the CAR containing the input port and the CDR the output port). The port(s) can be used to read from the standard output of the process and/or write to its standard input, depending on the *mode* setting. The value of *mode* should be one of "r", "w" or "r+".

When the process terminates its exit status can be collected using the **waitpid** procedure.

Example:

```
(use-modules (ice-9 rdelim)) ; needed by read-line
(define catport (cdr (run-with-pipe "r" "cat" "/etc/passwd")))
(read-line catport)
```

**tail-call-program** *prog . args* [Function]

Replace the current process image by executing *prog* with the supplied list of arguments, *args*.

This procedure will reset the signal handlers and attempt to set up file descriptors as follows:

1. File descriptor 0 is set from (current-input-port).
2. File descriptor 1 is set from (current-output-port).
3. File descriptor 2 is set from (current-error-port).

If a port can not be used (e.g., because it's closed or it's a string port) then the file descriptor is opened on the file specified by **\*null-device\*** instead.

Note that this procedure does not close any ports or flush output buffers. Successfully executing *prog* will prevent the normal flushing of buffers that occurs when Guile terminates. Doing otherwise would be incorrect after forking a child process, since the buffers would be flushed in both parent and child.

Examples:

```
(tail-call-program "cat" "/etc/passwd")  
(with-input-from-file "/etc/passwd"  
  (lambda ()  
    (tail-call-program "cat"))))
```

## 19 (scheme documentation)

### 19.1 Overview

Defines some macros to help in documenting macros, variables, generic functions, and classes.

### 19.2 Usage

**define-macro-with-docs** *name-and-args docs . body* [Special Form]  
Define a macro with documentation.

**define-with-docs** *sym docs val* [Special Form]  
Define a variable with documentation.

**define-generic-with-docs** *name documentation* [Special Form]  
Define a generic function with documentation.

**define-class-with-docs** *name supers docs . slots* [Special Form]  
Define a class with documentation.



## 20 (scheme kwargs)

### 20.1 Overview

Support for defining functions that take python-like keyword arguments. In one of his early talks, Paul Graham wrote about a large system called "Rtml":

Most of the operators in Rtml were designed to take keyword parameters, and what a help that turned out to be. If I wanted to add another dimension to the behavior of one of the operators, I could just add a new keyword parameter, and everyone's existing templates would continue to work. A few of the Rtml operators didn't take keyword parameters, because I didn't think I'd ever need to change them, and almost every one I ended up kicking myself about later. If I could go back and start over from scratch, one of the things I'd change would be that I'd make every Rtml operator take keyword parameters.

See [\[lambda/kwargs\]](#), page 29, for documentation and examples.

See Section “Optional Arguments” in *Guile Reference Manual*, for more information on Guile's standard support for optional and keyword arguments. Quote taken from <http://lib.store.yahoo.net/lib/paulgraham/bbnexcerpts.txt>.

### 20.2 Usage

**define/kwargs** *what . body* [Special Form]

Defines a function that takes kwargs. See [\[scheme kwargs lambda/kwargs\]](#), page 29, for more information.

**lambda/kwargs** *BINDINGS . BODY* [Special Form]

Defines a function that takes keyword arguments.

*bindings* is a list of bindings, each of which may either be a symbol or a two-element symbol-and-default-value list. Symbols without specified default values will default to `#f`.

For example:

```
(define frobulate (lambda/kwargs (foo (bar 13) (baz 42))
  (list foo bar baz)))
(frobulate) ⇒ (#f 13 42)
(frobulate #:baz 3) ⇒ (#f 13 3)
(frobulate #:foo 3) ⇒ (3 13 42)
(frobulate 3 4) ⇒ (3 4 42)
(frobulate 1 2 3) ⇒ (1 2 3)
(frobulate #:baz 2 #:bar 1) ⇒ (#f 1 2)
(frobulate 10 20 #:foo 3) ⇒ (3 20 42)
```

This function differs from the standard `lambda*` provided by Guile in that invoking the function will accept positional arguments. As an example, the `lambda/kwargs` behaves more intuitively in the following case:

```
((lambda* (#:optional (bar 42) #:key (baz 73))
  (list bar baz))
```

```
1 2) ⇒ (1 73)
((lambda/kwargs ((bar 42) (baz 73))
  (list bar baz))
1 2) ⇒ (1 2)
```

The fact that `lambda*` accepts the extra ‘2’ argument is probably just a bug. In any case, `lambda/kwargs` does the right thing.

## 21 (scheme session)

### 21.1 Overview

The same thing as guile 1.6's (ice-9 session), except with hooks that introduce extensibility to the `help` macro. The added functions are `add-value-help-handler!` and `remove-value-help-handler!`.

### 21.2 Usage

**help** [Special Form]

(help [NAME]) Prints useful information. Try '(help)'.

**system-module** [Special Form]

**add-name-help-handler!** *proc* [Function]

Adds a handler for performing 'help' on a name.

'proc' will be called with the unevaluated name as its argument. That is to say, when the user calls '(help FOO)', the name is FOO, exactly as the user types it.

The return value of 'proc' is as specified in 'add-value-help-handler!'.

**add-value-help-handler!** *proc* [Function]

Adds a handler for performing 'help' on a value.

'proc' will be called as (PROC NAME VALUE). 'proc' should return #t to indicate that it has performed help, a string to override the default object documentation, or #f to try the other handlers, potentially falling back on the normal behavior for 'help'.

**apropos** *rgx . options* [Function]

Search for bindings: `apropos regexp {options= 'full 'shadow 'value}`

**apropos-fold** *proc init rgx folder* [Function]

Folds PROCEDURE over bindings matching third arg REGEXP.

Result is

```
(PROCEDURE MODULE1 NAME1 VALUE1
 (PROCEDURE MODULE2 NAME2 VALUE2
  ...
 (PROCEDURE MODULEn NAMEn VALUEn INIT)))
```

where INIT is the second arg to 'apropos-fold'.

Fourth arg FOLDER is one of

```
(apropos-fold-accessible MODULE) ;fold over bindings accessible in MODULE
apropos-fold-exported           ;fold over all exported bindings
apropos-fold-all                ;fold over all bindings
```

<code>apropos-fold-accessible</code>	<i>module</i>	[Function]
<code>apropos-fold-all</code>	<i>fold-module init</i>	[Function]
<code>apropos-fold-exported</code>	<i>fold-module init</i>	[Function]
<code>apropos-internal</code>	<i>rgx</i>	[Function]
Return a list of accessible variable names.		
<code>arity</code>	<i>obj</i>	[Function]
<code>module-commentary</code>	<i>name</i>	[Function]
<code>remove-name-help-handler!</code>	<i>proc</i>	[Function]
Removes a handler for performing ‘help’ on a name.		
See the documentation for ‘add-name-help-handler’ for more information.		
<code>remove-value-help-handler!</code>	<i>proc</i>	[Function]
Removes a handler for performing ‘help’ on a value.		
See the documentation for ‘add-value-help-handler’ for more information.		
<code>source</code>	<i>obj</i>	[Function]

## 22 (search basic)

### 22.1 Overview

This module has the classic search functions in it.

### 22.2 Usage

**depth-first-search** *init done? expander* [Function]

Performs a depth-first search from initial state *init*. It will return the first state it sees for which predicate *done?* returns **#t**. It will use function *expander* to get a list of all states reachable from a given state.

*init* can take any form the user wishes. This function treats it as opaque data to pass to *done?* and *expander*.

*done?* takes one argument, of the same type as *init*, and returns either **#t** or **#f**.

*expander* takes one argument, of the same type as *init*, and returns a list of states that can be reached from there.

**breadth-first-search** *init done? expander* [Function]

Performs a breadth-first search from initial state *init*. It will return the first state it sees for which predicate *done?* returns **#t**. It will use function *expander* to get a list of all states reachable from a given state.

*init* can take any form the user wishes. This function treats it as opaque data to pass to *done?* and *expander*.

*done?* takes one argument, of the same type as *init*, and returns either **#t** or **#f**.

*expander* takes one argument, of the same type as *init*, and returns a list of states that can be reached from there.

**binary-search-sorted-vector** *vec target [cmp = -] [default = #f]* [Function]

Searches a sorted vector *vec* for item *target*. A binary search is employed which should find an item in  $O(\log n)$  time if it is present. If *target* is found, the index into *vec* is returned.

As part of the search, the function *cmp* is applied to determine whether a vector item is less than, greater than, or equal to the *target*. If *target* cannot be found in the vector, then *default* is returned.

*cmp* defaults to `-`, which gives a correct comparison for vectors of numbers. *default* will be **#f** if another value is not given.

(**binary-search-sorted-vector** #(10 20 30) 20)  $\Rightarrow$  1

## 23 (statprof)

### 23.1 Overview

(statprof) is intended to be a fairly simple statistical profiler for guile. It is in the early stages yet, so consider its output still suspect, and please report any bugs to [guile-devel at gnu.org](mailto:guile-devel@gnu.org), or to me directly at [rlb at defaultvalue.org](mailto:rlb at defaultvalue.org).

A simple use of statprof would look like this:

```
(statprof-reset 0 50000 #t)
(statprof-start)
(do-something)
(statprof-stop)
(statprof-display)
```

This would reset statprof, clearing all accumulated statistics, then start profiling, run some code, stop profiling, and finally display a gprof flat-style table of statistics which will look something like this:

% time	cumulative seconds	self seconds	calls	self ms/call	total ms/call	name
35.29	0.23	0.23	2002	0.11	0.11	-
23.53	0.15	0.15	2001	0.08	0.08	positive?
23.53	0.15	0.15	2000	0.08	0.08	+
11.76	0.23	0.08	2000	0.04	0.11	do-nothing
5.88	0.64	0.04	2001	0.02	0.32	loop
0.00	0.15	0.00	1	0.00	150.59	do-something
...						

All of the numerical data with the exception of the calls column is statistically approximate. In the following column descriptions, and in all of statprof, "time" refers to execution time (both user and system), not wall clock time.

% time      The percent of the time spent inside the procedure itself (not counting children).

cumulative seconds

The total number of seconds spent in the procedure, including children.

self seconds

The total number of seconds spent in the procedure itself (not counting children).

calls        The total number of times the procedure was called.

self ms/call

The average time taken by the procedure itself on each call, in ms.

total ms/call

The average time taken by each call to the procedure, including time spent in child functions.

name        The name of the procedure.

The profiler uses `eq?` and the procedure object itself to identify the procedures, so it won't confuse different procedures with the same name. They will show up as two different rows in the output.

Right now the profiler is quite simplistic. I cannot provide call-graphs or other higher level information. What you see in the table is pretty much all there is. Patches are welcome :-)

## 23.2 Implementation notes

The profiler works by setting the unix profiling signal `ITIMER_PROF` to go off after the interval you define in the call to `statprof-reset`. When the signal fires, a sampling routine is run which looks at the current procedure that's executing, and then crawls up the stack, and for each procedure encountered, increments that procedure's sample count. Note that if a procedure is encountered multiple times on a given stack, it is only counted once. After the sampling is complete, the profiler resets profiling timer to fire again after the appropriate interval.

Meanwhile, the profiler keeps track, via `get-internal-run-time`, how much CPU time (system and user – which is also what `ITIMER_PROF` tracks), has elapsed while code has been executing within a `statprof-start/stop` block.

The profiler also tries to avoid counting or timing its own code as much as possible.

## 23.3 Usage

- statprof-active?** [Function]  
Returns `#t` if `statprof-start` has been called more times than `statprof-stop`, `#f` otherwise.
- statprof-start** [Function]  
Start the profiler.
- statprof-stop** [Function]  
Stop the profiler.
- statprof-reset** *sample-seconds sample-microseconds count-calls?* [Function]  
Reset the statprof sampler interval to *sample-seconds* and *sample-microseconds*. If *count-calls?* is true, arrange to instrument procedure calls as well as collecting statistical profiling data.  
Enables traps and debugging as necessary.
- statprof-accumulated-time** [Function]  
Returns the time accumulated during the last statprof run.
- statprof-sample-count** [Function]  
Returns the number of samples taken during the last statprof run.
- statprof-fold-call-data** *proc init* [Function]  
Fold *proc* over the call-data accumulated by statprof. Cannot be called while statprof is active. *proc* should take two arguments, (*call-data prior-result*).  
Note that a given proc-name may appear multiple times, but if it does, it represents different functions with the same name.

<code>statprof-proc-call-data</code> <i>proc</i>	[Function]
Returns the call-data associated with <i>proc</i> , or <code>#f</code> if none is available.	
<code>statprof-call-data-name</code> <i>cd</i>	[Function]
<code>statprof-call-data-calls</code> <i>cd</i>	[Function]
<code>statprof-call-data-cum-samples</code> <i>cd</i>	[Function]
<code>statprof-call-data-self-samples</code> <i>cd</i>	[Function]
<code>statprof-call-data-&gt;stats</code> <i>call-data</i>	[Function]
Returns an object of type <code>statprof-stats</code> .	
<code>statprof-stats-proc-name</code> <i>stats</i>	[Function]
<code>statprof-stats-%-time-in-proc</code> <i>stats</i>	[Function]
<code>statprof-stats-cum-secs-in-proc</code> <i>stats</i>	[Function]
<code>statprof-stats-self-secs-in-proc</code> <i>stats</i>	[Function]
<code>statprof-stats-calls</code> <i>stats</i>	[Function]
<code>statprof-stats-self-secs-per-call</code> <i>stats</i>	[Function]
<code>statprof-stats-cum-secs-per-call</code> <i>stats</i>	[Function]
<code>statprof-display</code> . <i>port</i>	[Function]
Displays a gprof-like summary of the statistics collected. Unless an optional <i>port</i> argument is passed, uses the current output port.	
<code>statprof-display-anomolies</code>	[Function]
A sanity check that attempts to detect anomolies in statprof's statistics.	
<code>with-statprof</code> . <i>args</i>	[Special Form]
Profiles the expressions in its body.	
Keyword arguments:	
<code>#:loop</code>	Execute the body <i>loop</i> number of times, or <code>#f</code> for no looping default: <code>#f</code>
<code>#:hz</code>	Sampling rate default: 20
<code>#:count-calls?</code>	Whether to instrument each function call (expensive) default: <code>#f</code>



## 24 (string completion)

### 24.1 Overview

This module provides a facility that can be used to implement features such as TAB-completion in programs. A class `<string-completer>` tracks all the potential complete strings. Here is an example usage.

```
(use-modules (string completion)
             (oop goops)
             (srfi srfi-11))      ;; for the (let-values)

(define c (make <string-completer>))
(add-strings! c "you your yourself yourselves")

(let-values (((completions expansion exact? unique?) (complete c "yours"))))
  (display completions)(newline)
  (display expansion) (newline)
  (display exact?)(newline)
  (display unique?)(newline))

==> ("yourself" "yourselves")
     "yourself"
     #f
     #f
```

There are several more options for usage, which are detailed in the class and method documentation.

### 24.2 Usage

`<string-completer>` [Class]

This is the class that knows what the possible expansions are, and can determine the completions of given partial strings. The following are the recognized keywords on the call to `make`:

`#:strings`

This gives the completer an initial set of strings. It is optional, and the `add-strings!` method can add strings to the completer later, whether these initial strings were given or not. The strings that follow this keyword can take any form that the `add-strings!` method can take (see below).

`#:case-sensitive?`

This is a boolean that directs the completer to do its comparisons in a case sensitive way or not. The default value is `#t`, for case-sensitive behavior.

`case-sensitive-completion?` [Generic]

`case-sensitive-completion? completer.` Returns `#t` if the completer is case-sensitive, and `#f` otherwise.

`case-sensitive-completion?` (*o* <string-completer>) [Method]

`add-strings!` [Generic]

`add-strings!` *completer strings*. Adds the given strings to the set of possible completions known to *completer*. *strings* can either be a list of strings, or a single string of words separated by spaces. The order of the words given is not important.

`add-strings!` (*sc* <string-completer>) (*strings* <top>) [Method]

`all-completions` *completer str* [Function]

Returns a list of all possible completions for the given string *str*. The returned list will be in alphabetical order.

Note that users wanting to customize the completion algorithm can subclass <string-completer> and override this method.

`complete` [Generic]

`complete` *completer str*. Accepts a string, *str*, and returns four values via a *values* call. These are:

*completions*

This is the same list that would be returned from a call to `all-completions`.

*expansion*

This is the longest string that would have returned identical results. In other words, this is what most programs replace your string with when you press TAB once. This value will be equal to *str* if there were no known completionss.

```
("wonders" "wonderment" "wondering")
  completed against "won" yields an expansion
  of "wonder"
```

*exact?*

This will be `#t` if the returned *expansion* is an exact match of one of the possible completions.

*unique?*

This will be `#t` if there is only one possible completion. Note that when *unique?* is `#t`, then *exact?* will also be `#t`.

`complete` (*sc* <string-completer>) (*str* <top>) [Method]

## 25 (string soundex)

### 25.1 Overview

Soundex algorithm, taken from Knuth, Vol. 3 “Sorting and searching”, pp 391–2

### 25.2 Usage

**soundex** *name* [Function]

Performs the original soundex algorithm on the input *name*. Returns the encoded string. The idea is for similar sounding names to end up with the same encoding.

```
(soundex "Aiza")  
=> "A200"  
(soundex "Aisa")  
=> "A200"  
(soundex "Aesha")  
=> "A200"
```

## 26 (string transform)

### 26.1 Overview

Module ‘(string transform)’ provides functions for modifying strings beyond that which is provided in the guile core and ‘(srfi srfi-13)’.

### 26.2 Usage

**escape-special-chars** *str special-chars escape-char* [Function]

Returns a copy of *str* with all given special characters preceded by the given *escape-char*.

*special-chars* can either be a single character, or a string consisting of all the special characters.

```
;; make a string regexp-safe...
(escape-special-chars "***(Example String)***"
  "[]()/*."
  #\\)
=> "\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*(Example String\\)\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*"

;; also can escape a single char...
(escape-special-chars "richardt@vzavenue.net"
  #\\@
  #\\@)
=> "richardt@@vzavenue.net"
```

**transform-string** *str match? replace* [*start = #f*] [*end = #f*] [Function]

Uses *match?* against each character in *str*, and performs a replacement on each character for which matches are found.

*match?* may either be a function, a character, a string, or *#t*. If *match?* is a function, then it takes a single character as input, and should return *#t* for matches. *match?* is a character, it is compared to each string character using *char=?*. If *match?* is a string, then any character in that string will be considered a match. *#t* will cause every character to be a match.

If *replace* is a function, it is called with the matched character as an argument, and the returned value is sent to the output string via ‘display’. If *replace* is anything else, it is sent through the output string via ‘display’.

Note that the replacement for the matched characters does not need to be a single character. That is what differentiates this function from ‘string-map’, and what makes it useful for applications such as converting ‘#&’ to “&” in web page text. Some other functions in this module are just wrappers around common uses of ‘transform-string’. Transformations not possible with this function should probably be done with regular expressions.

If *start* and *end* are given, they control which portion of the string undergoes transformation. The entire input string is still output, though. So, if *start* is ‘5’, then the first five characters of *str* will still appear in the returned string.

```
; these two are equivalent...
(transform-string str #\space #\-) ; change all spaces to -'s
(transform-string str (lambda (c) (char=? #\space c)) #\-)
```

**expand-tabs** *str* [*tab-size* = 8] [Function]

Returns a copy of *str* with all tabs expanded to spaces. *tab-size* defaults to 8.

Assuming tab size of 8, this is equivalent to:

```
(transform-string str #\tab "          ")
```

**center-string** *str* [*width* = 80] [*chr* = #\space] [*rchr* = #\ ] [Function]

Returns a copy of *str* centered in a field of *width* characters. Any needed padding is done by character *chr*, which defaults to '#\space'. If *rchr* is provided, then the padding to the right will use it instead. See the examples below. *left* and *rchr* on the right. The default *width* is 80. The default *lchr* and *rchr* is '#\space'. The string is never truncated.

```
(center-string "Richard Todd" 24)
=> "      Richard Todd      "
```

```
(center-string " Richard Todd " 24 #\=)
=> "==== Richard Todd ====="
```

```
(center-string " Richard Todd " 24 #\< #\>)
=> "<<<<< Richard Todd >>>>>"
```

**left-justify-string** *str* [*width* = 80] [*chr* = #\space] [Function]

**left-justify-string** *str* [*width* *chr*]. Returns a copy of *str* padded with *chr* such that it is left justified in a field of *width* characters. The default *width* is 80. Unlike 'string-pad' from srfi-13, the string is never truncated.

**right-justify-string** *str* [*width* = 80] [*chr* = #\space] [Function]

Returns a copy of *str* padded with *chr* such that it is right justified in a field of *width* characters. The default *width* is 80. The default *chr* is '#\space'. Unlike 'string-pad' from srfi-13, the string is never truncated.

**collapse-repeated-chars** *str* [*chr* = #\space] [*num* = 1] [Function]

Returns a copy of *str* with all repeated instances of *chr* collapsed down to at most *num* instances. The default value for *chr* is '#\space', and the default value for *num* is 1.

```
(collapse-repeated-chars "H e l l o")
=> "H e l l o"
```

```
(collapse-repeated-chars "H--e--l--l--o" #\-)
=> "H-e-l-l-o"
```

```
(collapse-repeated-chars "H-e--l---l----o" #\- 2)
=> "H-e--l--l--o"
```

## 27 (string wrap)

### 27.1 Overview

Module ‘(string wrap)’ provides functions for formatting text strings such that they fill a given width field. A class, `<text-wrapper>`, does the work, but two convenience methods create instances of it for one-shot use, and in the process make for a more “schemey” interface. If many strings will be formatted with the same parameters, it might be better performance-wise to create and use a single `<text-wrapper>`.

### 27.2 Usage

`<text-wrapper>` [Class]

This class encapsulates the parameters needing to be fed to the text wrapping algorithm. The following are the recognized keywords on the call to `make`:

`#:line-width`

This is the target length used when deciding where to wrap lines. Default is 80.

`#:expand-tabs?`

Boolean describing whether tabs in the input should be expanded. Default is `#t`.

`#:tab-width`

If tabs are expanded, this will be the number of spaces to which they expand. Default is 8.

`#:collapse-whitespace?`

Boolean describing whether the whitespace inside the existing text should be removed or not. Default is `#t`.

If text is already well-formatted, and is just being wrapped to fit in a different width, then setting this to ‘`#f`’. This way, many common text conventions (such as two spaces between sentences) can be preserved if in the original text. If the input text spacing cannot be trusted, then leave this setting at the default, and all repeated whitespace will be collapsed down to a single space.

`#:initial-indent`

Defines a string that will be put in front of the first line of wrapped text. Default is the empty string, “”.

`#:subsequent-indent`

Defines a string that will be put in front of all lines of wrapped text, except the first one. Default is the empty string, “”.

`#:break-long-words?`

If a single word is too big to fit on a line, this setting tells the wrapper what to do. Defaults to `#t`, which will break up long words. When set to `#f`, the line will be allowed, even though it is longer than the defined `#:line-width`.

Here's an example of creating a `<text-wrapper>`:

```
(make <text-wrapper> #:line-width 48 #:break-long-words? #f)
```

`fill-string` [Generic]

`fill-string str keywds ....` Wraps the text given in string *str* according to the parameters provided in *keywds*, or the default setting if they are not given. Returns a single string with the wrapped text. Valid keyword arguments are discussed with the `<text-wrapper>` class.

`fill-string tw str.` fills *str* using the instance of `<text-wrapper>` given as *tw*.

`fill-string (tw <text-wrapper>) (str <top>)` [Method]

`fill-string (str <top>) (keywds <top>)...` [Method]

`string->wrapped-lines` [Generic]

`string->wrapped-lines str keywds ....` Wraps the text given in string *str* according to the parameters provided in *keywds*, or the default setting if they are not given. Returns a list of strings representing the formatted lines. Valid keyword arguments are discussed with the `<text-wrapper>` class.

`string->wrapped-lines tw str.` Wraps the text given in string *str* according to the given `<text-wrapper>` *tw*. Returns a list of strings representing the formatted lines. Valid keyword arguments are discussed with the `<text-wrapper>` class.

`string->wrapped-lines (tw <text-wrapper>) (str <top>)` [Method]

`string->wrapped-lines (str <top>) (keywds <top>)...` [Method]

## 28 (sxml apply-templates)

### 28.1 Overview

Pre-order traversal of a tree and creation of a new tree:

```

apply-templates:: tree x <templates> -> <new-tree>
where
  <templates> ::= (<template> ...)
  <template>  ::= (<node-test> <node-test> ... <node-test> . <handler>)
  <node-test> ::= an argument to node-typeof? above
  <handler>   ::= <tree> -> <new-tree>

```

This procedure does a *normal*, pre-order traversal of an SXML tree. It walks the tree, checking at each node against the list of matching templates.

If the match is found (which must be unique, i.e., unambiguous), the corresponding handler is invoked and given the current node as an argument. The result from the handler, which must be a **<tree>**, takes place of the current node in the resulting tree. The name of the function is not accidental: it resembles rather closely an **apply-templates** function of XSLT.

### 28.2 Usage

**apply-templates** *tree templates*

[Function]



## 29 (sxml fold)

### 29.1 Overview

(sxml fold) defines a number of variants of the *fold* algorithm for use in transforming SXML trees. Additionally it defines the layout operator, `fold-layout`, which might be described as a context-passing variant of SSAX's `pre-post-order`.

### 29.2 Usage

`foldt fup fhere tree` [Function]

The standard multithreaded tree fold.

*fup* is of type `[a] -> a`. *fhere* is of type `object -> a`.

`fold proc seed list` [Function]

The standard list fold.

*proc* is of type `a -> b -> b`. *seed* is of type `b`. *list* is of type `[a]`.

`foldts fdown fup fhere seed tree` [Function]

The single-threaded tree fold originally defined in SSAX. See [Chapter 31 \[\(sxml ssax\)\]](#), [page 48](#), for more information.

`foldts* fdown fup fhere seed tree` [Function]

A variant of [\[foldts\]](#), [page 45](#) that allows pre-order tree rewrites. Originally defined in Andy Wingo's 2007 paper, *Applications of fold to XML transformation*.

`fold-values proc list . seeds` [Function]

A variant of [\[fold\]](#), [page 45](#) that allows multi-valued seeds. Note that the order of the arguments differs from that of `fold`.

`foldts*-values fdown fup fhere tree . seeds` [Function]

A variant of [\[foldts\\*\]](#), [page 45](#) that allows multi-valued seeds. Originally defined in Andy Wingo's 2007 paper, *Applications of fold to XML transformation*.

`fold-layout tree bindings params layout stylesheet` [Function]

A traversal combinator in the spirit of SSAX's [\[pre-post-order\]](#), [page 53](#).

`fold-layout` was originally presented in Andy Wingo's 2007 paper, *Applications of fold to XML transformation*.

```
bindings := (<binding>...)
binding  := (<tag> <bandler-pair>...)
           | (*default* . <post-handler>)
           | (*text* . <text-handler>)
tag      := <symbol>
handler-pair := (pre-layout . <pre-layout-handler>)
               | (post . <post-handler>)
               | (bindings . <bindings>)
               | (pre . <pre-handler>)
               | (macro . <macro-handler>)
```

*pre-layout-handler*

A function of three arguments:

*kids*            the kids of the current node, before traversal

*params*        the params of the current node

*layout*        the layout coming into this node

*pre-layout-handler* is expected to use this information to return a layout to pass to the kids. The default implementation returns the layout given in the arguments.

*post-handler*

A function of five arguments:

*tag*            the current tag being processed

*params*        the params of the current node

*layout*        the layout coming into the current node, before any kids were processed

*klayout*       the layout after processing all of the children

*kids*           the already-processed child nodes

*post-handler* should return two values, the layout to pass to the next node and the final tree.

*text-handler*

*text-handler* is a function of three arguments:

*text*           the string

*params*        the current params

*layout*        the current layout

*text-handler* should return two values, the layout to pass to the next node and the value to which the string should transform.

## 30 (sxml simple)

### 30.1 Overview

A simple interface to XML parsing and serialization.

### 30.2 Usage

`xml->sxml [port = (current-input-port)]` [Function]

Use SSAX to parse an XML document into SXML. Takes one optional argument, *port*, which defaults to the current input port.

`sxml->xml tree [port = (current-output-port)]` [Function]

Serialize the sxml tree *tree* as XML. The output will be written to the current output port, unless the optional argument *port* is present.

`sxml->string sxml` [Function]

Detag an sxml tree *sxml* into a string. Does not perform any formatting.

`universal-sxslt-rules` [Variable]

A set of `pre-post-order` rules that transform any SXML tree into a form suitable for XML serialization by `(sxml transform)`'s `SRV:send-reply`. Used internally by `sxml->xml`.

## 31 (sxml ssax)

### 31.1 Overview

#### Functional XML parsing framework

#### SAX/DOM and SXML parsers with support for XML Namespaces and validation

This is a package of low-to-high level lexing and parsing procedures that can be combined to yield a SAX, a DOM, a validating parser, or a parser intended for a particular document type. The procedures in the package can be used separately to tokenize or parse various pieces of XML documents. The package supports XML Namespaces, internal and external parsed entities, user-controlled handling of whitespace, and validation. This module therefore is intended to be a framework, a set of "Lego blocks" you can use to build a parser following any discipline and performing validation to any degree. As an example of the parser construction, this file includes a semi-validating SXML parser.

The present XML framework has a "sequential" feel of SAX yet a "functional style" of DOM. Like a SAX parser, the framework scans the document only once and permits incremental processing. An application that handles document elements in order can run as efficiently as possible. *Unlike* a SAX parser, the framework does not require an application register stateful callbacks and surrender control to the parser. Rather, it is the application that can drive the framework – calling its functions to get the current lexical or syntax element. These functions do not maintain or mutate any state save the input port. Therefore, the framework permits parsing of XML in a pure functional style, with the input port being a monad (or a linear, read-once parameter).

Besides the *port*, there is another monad – *seed*. Most of the middle- and high-level parsers are single-threaded through the *seed*. The functions of this framework do not process or affect the *seed* in any way: they simply pass it around as an instance of an opaque datatype. User functions, on the other hand, can use the seed to maintain user's state, to accumulate parsing results, etc. A user can freely mix his own functions with those of the framework. On the other hand, the user may wish to instantiate a high-level parser: `SSAX:make-elem-parser` or `SSAX:make-parser`. In the latter case, the user must provide functions of specific signatures, which are called at predictable moments during the parsing: to handle character data, element data, or processing instructions (PI). The functions are always given the *seed*, among other parameters, and must return the new *seed*.

From a functional point of view, XML parsing is a combined pre-post-order traversal of a "tree" that is the XML document itself. This down-and-up traversal tells the user about an element when its start tag is encountered. The user is notified about the element once more, after all element's children have been handled. The process of XML parsing therefore is a fold over the raw XML document. Unlike a fold over trees defined in [1], the parser is necessarily single-threaded – obviously as elements in a text XML document are laid down sequentially. The parser therefore is a tree fold that has been transformed to accept an accumulating parameter [1,2].

Formally, the denotational semantics of the parser can be expressed as

```

parser:: (Start-tag -> Seed -> Seed) ->
  (Start-tag -> Seed -> Seed -> Seed) ->
  (Char-Data -> Seed -> Seed) ->
  XML-text-fragment -> Seed -> Seed
parser fdown fup fchar "<elem attrs> content </elem>" seed
= fup "<elem attrs>" seed
(parser fdown fup fchar "content" (fdown "<elem attrs>" seed))

parser fdown fup fchar "char-data content" seed
= parser fdown fup fchar "content" (fchar "char-data" seed)

parser fdown fup fchar "elem-content content" seed
= parser fdown fup fchar "content" (
  parser fdown fup fchar "elem-content" seed)

```

Compare the last two equations with the left fold

```
fold-left kons elem:list seed = fold-left kons list (kons elem seed)
```

The real parser created by `SSAX:make-parser` is slightly more complicated, to account for processing instructions, entity references, namespaces, processing of document type declaration, etc.

The XML standard document referred to in this module is <http://www.w3.org/TR/1998/REC-xml-19980210>

The present file also defines a procedure that parses the text of an XML document or of a separate element into SXML, an S-expression-based model of an XML Information Set. SXML is also an Abstract Syntax Tree of an XML document. SXML is similar but not identical to DOM; SXML is particularly suitable for Scheme-based XML/HTML authoring, SXPath queries, and tree transformations. See `SXML.html` for more details. SXML is a term implementation of evaluation of the XML document [3]. The other implementation is context-passing.

The present frameworks fully supports the XML Namespaces Recommendation: <http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml-names/> Other links:

- [1] Jeremy Gibbons, Geraint Jones, "The Under-appreciated Unfold," Proc. ICFP'98, 1998, pp. 273-279.
- [2] Richard S. Bird, The promotion and accumulation strategies in transformational programming, ACM Trans. Progr. Lang. Systems, 6(4):487-504, October 1984.
- [3] Ralf Hinze, "Deriving Backtracking Monad Transformers," Functional Pearl. Proc ICFP'00, pp. 186-197.

## 31.2 Usage

`xml-token?` [Function]

```

-- Scheme Procedure: pair? x
  Return '#t' if X is a pair; otherwise return '#f'.

```

`xml-token-kind` [Special Form]

`xml-token-head` [Special Form]

`make-empty-attlist` [Function]

<code>attlist-add</code> <i>syntmp-attlist-277 syntmp-name-value-278</i>	[Function]
<code>attlist-null?</code>	[Function]
-- Scheme Procedure: null? x Return '#t' iff X is the empty list, else '#f'.	
<code>attlist-remove-top</code> <i>syntmp-attlist-280</i>	[Function]
<code>attlist-&gt;alist</code> <i>syntmp-attlist-281</i>	[Function]
<code>attlist-fold</code> <i>syntmp-kons-214 syntmp-knil-215 syntmp-lis1-216</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:uri-string-&gt;symbol</code> <i>syntmp-uri-str-312</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:skip-internal-dtd</code> <i>syntmp-port-246</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:read-pi-body-as-string</code> <i>syntmp-port-243</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:reverse-collect-str-drop-ws</code> <i>syntmp-fragments-494</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:read-markup-token</code> <i>syntmp-port-238</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:read-cdata-body</code> <i>syntmp-port-248 syntmp-str-handler-249</i> <i>syntmp-seed-250</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:read-char-ref</code> <i>syntmp-port-260</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:read-attributes</code> <i>syntmp-port-301 syntmp-entities-302</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:complete-start-tag</code> <i>syntmp-tag-head-355 syntmp-port-356</i> <i>syntmp-elems-357 syntmp-entities-358 syntmp-namespaces-359</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:read-external-id</code> <i>syntmp-port-370</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:read-char-data</code> <i>syntmp-port-387 syntmp-expect-eof?-388</i> <i>syntmp-str-handler-389 syntmp-seed-390</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:xml-&gt;sxml</code> <i>syntmp-port-500 syntmp-namespace-prefix-assig-501</i>	[Function]
<code>ssax:make-elem-parser</code>	[Special Form]
<code>ssax:make-parser</code>	[Special Form]
<code>ssax:make-pi-parser</code>	[Special Form]

## 32 (sxml ssax input-parse)

### 32.1 Overview

A simple lexer.

The procedures in this module surprisingly often suffice to parse an input stream. They either skip, or build and return tokens, according to inclusion or delimiting semantics. The list of characters to expect, include, or to break at may vary from one invocation of a function to another. This allows the functions to easily parse even context-sensitive languages.

EOF is generally frowned on, and thrown up upon if encountered. Exceptions are mentioned specifically. The list of expected characters (characters to skip until, or break-characters) may include an EOF "character", which is to be coded as the symbol, `*eof*`.

The input stream to parse is specified as a *port*, which is usually the last (and optional) argument. It defaults to the current input port if omitted.

If the parser encounters an error, it will throw an exception to the key `parser-error`. The arguments will be of the form *(port message specialising-msg\*)*.

The first argument is a port, which typically points to the offending character or its neighborhood. You can then use `port-column` and `port-line` to query the current position. *message* is the description of the error. Other arguments supply more details about the problem.

### 32.2 Usage

<code>peek-next-char</code>	<code>[port = (current-input-port)]</code>	[Function]
<code>assert-curr-char</code>	<code>expected-chars comment [port = (current-input-port)]</code>	[Function]
<code>skip-until</code>	<code>arg [port = (current-input-port)]</code>	[Function]
<code>skip-while</code>	<code>skip-chars [port = (current-input-port)]</code>	[Function]
<code>next-token</code>	<code>prefix-skipped-chars break-chars [comment = ""] [port = (current-input-port)]</code>	[Function]
<code>next-token-of</code>	<code>incl-list/pred [port = (current-input-port)]</code>	[Function]
<code>read-text-line</code>	<code>[port = (current-input-port)]</code>	[Function]
<code>read-string</code>	<code>n [port = (current-input-port)]</code>	[Function]

## 33 (sxml transform)

### 33.1 Overview

#### SXML expression tree transformers

##### Pre-Post-order traversal of a tree and creation of a new tree

```
pre-post-order:: <tree> x <bindings> -> <new-tree>

where

  <bindings> ::= (<binding> ...)
  <binding> ::= (<trigger-symbol> *preorder* . <handler>) |
               (<trigger-symbol> *macro* . <handler>) |
               (<trigger-symbol> <new-bindings> . <handler>) |
               (<trigger-symbol> . <handler>)
  <trigger-symbol> ::= XMLname | *text* | *default*
  <handler> :: <trigger-symbol> x [<tree>] -> <new-tree>
```

The pre-post-order function visits the nodes and nodelists pre-post-order (depth-first). For each `<Node>` of the form `(name <Node> ...)`, it looks up an association with the given *name* among its `<bindings>`. If failed, `pre-post-order` tries to locate a `*default*` binding. It's an error if the latter attempt fails as well. Having found a binding, the `pre-post-order` function first checks to see if the binding is of the form

```
(<trigger-symbol> *preorder* . <handler>)
```

If it is, the handler is 'applied' to the current node. Otherwise, the pre-post-order function first calls itself recursively for each child of the current node, with `<new-bindings>` prepended to the `<bindings>` in effect. The result of these calls is passed to the `<handler>` (along with the head of the current `<Node>`). To be more precise, the handler is `_applied_` to the head of the current node and its processed children. The result of the handler, which should also be a `<tree>`, replaces the current `<Node>`. If the current `<Node>` is a text string or other atom, a special binding with a symbol `*text*` is looked up.

A binding can also be of a form

```
(<trigger-symbol> *macro* . <handler>)
```

This is equivalent to `*preorder*` described above. However, the result is re-processed again, with the current stylesheet.

### 33.2 Usage

**SRV:send-reply . fragments**

[Function]

Output the *fragments* to the current output port.

The fragments are a list of strings, characters, numbers, thunks, `#f`, `#t` – and other fragments. The function traverses the tree depth-first, writes out strings and characters, executes thunks, and ignores `#f` and `'()`. The function returns `#t` if anything was written at all; otherwise the result is `#f`. If `#t` occurs among the fragments, it is not written out but causes the result of `SRV:send-reply` to be `#t`.



<code>foldts</code> <i>fdown fup fthere seed tree</i>	[Function]
<code>post-order</code> <i>tree bindings</i>	[Function]
<code>pre-post-order</code> <i>tree bindings</i>	[Function]
<code>replace-range</code> <i>beg-pred end-pred forest</i>	[Function]

## 34 (sxml xpath)

### 34.1 Overview

#### SXPath: SXML Query Language

SXPath is a query language for SXML, an instance of XML Information set (InfoSet) in the form of s-expressions. See (sxml ssax) for the definition of SXML and more details. SXPath is also a translation into Scheme of an XML Path Language, [XPath](#). XPath and SXPath describe means of selecting a set of InfoSet's items or their properties.

To facilitate queries, XPath maps the XML InfoSet into an explicit tree, and introduces important notions of a location path and a current, context node. A location path denotes a selection of a set of nodes relative to a context node. Any XPath tree has a distinguished, root node – which serves as the context node for absolute location paths. Location path is recursively defined as a location step joined with a location path. A location step is a simple query of the database relative to a context node. A step may include expressions that further filter the selected set. Each node in the resulting set is used as a context node for the adjoining location path. The result of the step is a union of the sets returned by the latter location paths.

The SXML representation of the XML InfoSet (see SSAX.scm) is rather suitable for querying as it is. Bowing to the XPath specification, we will refer to SXML information items as 'Nodes':

```
<Node> ::= <Element> | <attributes-coll> | <attrib>
         | "text string" | <PI>
```

This production can also be described as

```
<Node> ::= (name . <Nodeset>) | "text string"
```

An (ordered) set of nodes is just a list of the constituent nodes:

```
<Nodeset> ::= (<Node> ...)
```

Nodesets, and Nodes other than text strings are both lists. A <Nodeset> however is either an empty list, or a list whose head is not a symbol. A symbol at the head of a node is either an XML name (in which case it's a tag of an XML element), or an administrative name such as '@'. This uniform list representation makes processing rather simple and elegant, while avoiding confusion. The multi-branch tree structure formed by the mutually-recursive datatypes <Node> and <Nodeset> lends itself well to processing by functional languages.

A location path is in fact a composite query over an XPath tree or its branch. A single step is a combination of a projection, selection or a transitive closure. Multiple steps are combined via join and union operations. This insight allows us to *elegantly* implement XPath as a sequence of projection and filtering primitives – converters – joined by *combinators*. Each converter takes a node and returns a nodeset which is the result of the corresponding query relative to that node. A converter can also be called on a set of nodes. In that case it returns a union of the corresponding queries over each node in the set. The union is easily implemented as a list append operation as all nodes in a SXML tree are considered distinct, by XPath conventions. We also preserve the order of the members in the union. Query combinators are high-order functions: they take converter(s) (which is a

Node|Nodeset -> Nodeset function) and compose or otherwise combine them. We will be concerned with only relative location paths [XPath]: an absolute location path is a relative path applied to the root node.

Similarly to XPath, SXPath defines full and abbreviated notations for location paths. In both cases, the abbreviated notation can be mechanically expanded into the full form by simple rewriting rules. In case of SXPath the corresponding rules are given as comments to a `sxpath` function, below. The regression test suite at the end of this file shows a representative sample of SXPaths in both notations, juxtaposed with the corresponding XPath expressions. Most of the samples are borrowed literally from the XPath specification, while the others are adjusted for our running example, `tree1`.

## 34.2 Usage

<code>nodeset? x</code>	[Function]
<code>node-typeof? crit</code>	[Function]
<code>node-eq? other</code>	[Function]
<code>node-equal? other</code>	[Function]
<code>node-pos n</code>	[Function]
<code>filter pred?</code>	[Function]
<code>take-until pred?</code>	[Function]
<code>take-after pred?</code>	[Function]
<code>map-union proc lst</code>	[Function]
<code>node-reverse node-or-nodeset</code>	[Function]
<code>node-trace title</code>	[Function]
<code>select-kids test-pred?</code>	[Function]
<code>node-self pred?</code>	[Function]
<code>node-join . selectors</code>	[Function]
<code>node-reduce . converters</code>	[Function]
<code>node-or . converters</code>	[Function]
<code>node-closure test-pred?</code>	[Function]
<code>node-parent rootnode</code>	[Function]
<code>sxpath path</code>	[Function]

## 35 (term ansi-color)

### 35.1 Overview

The ‘(term ansi-color)’ module generates ANSI escape sequences for colors. Here is an example of the module’s use:

```
method one: safer, since you know the colors
will get reset
(display (colorize-string "Hello!\n" 'RED 'BOLD 'ON-BLUE))

method two: insert the colors by hand
(for-each display
  (list (color 'RED 'BOLD 'ON-BLUE)
        "Hello!"
        (color 'RESET)))
```

### 35.2 Usage

**color** . *lst* [Function]

Returns a string containing the ANSI escape sequence for producing the requested set of attributes.

The allowed values for the attributes are listed below. Unknown attributes are ignored.

Reset Attributes

‘CLEAR’ and ‘RESET’ are allowed and equivalent.

Non-Color Attributes

‘BOLD’ makes text bold, and ‘DARK’ reverses this. ‘UNDERLINE’ and ‘UNDERSCORE’ are equivalent. ‘BLINK’ makes the text blink. ‘REVERSE’ invokes reverse video. ‘CONCEALED’ hides output (as for getting passwords, etc.).

Foreground Color Attributes

‘BLACK’, ‘RED’, ‘GREEN’, ‘YELLOW’, ‘BLUE’, ‘MAGENTA’, ‘CYAN’, ‘WHITE’

Background Color Attributes

‘ON-BLACK’, ‘ON-RED’, ‘ON-GREEN’, ‘ON-YELLOW’, ‘ON-BLUE’, ‘ON-MAGENTA’, ‘ON-CYAN’, ‘ON-WHITE’

**colorize-string** *str* . *color-list* [Function]

Returns a copy of *str* colorized using ANSI escape sequences according to the attributes specified in *color-list*. At the end of the returned string, the color attributes will be reset such that subsequent output will not have any colors in effect.

The allowed values for the attributes are listed in the documentation for the **color** function.

## 36 (texinfo)

### 36.1 Overview

#### Texinfo processing in scheme

This module parses texinfo into SXML. TeX will always be the processor of choice for print output, of course. However, although `makeinfo` works well for info, its output in other formats is not very customizable, and the program is not extensible as a whole. This module aims to provide an extensible framework for texinfo processing that integrates texinfo into the constellation of SXML processing tools.

#### Notes on the SXML vocabulary

Consider the following texinfo fragment:

```
@defn Primitive set-car! pair value
This function...
@end defn
```

Logically, the category (Primitive), name (set-car!), and arguments (pair value) are “attributes” of the defn, with the description as the content. However, texinfo allows for @-commands within the arguments to an environment, like `@defn`, which means that texinfo “attributes” are PCDATA. XML attributes, on the other hand, are CDATA. For this reason, “attributes” of texinfo @-commands are called “arguments”, and are grouped under the special element, ‘%’.

Because ‘%’ is not a valid NCName, stexinfo is a superset of SXML. In the interests of interoperability, this module provides a conversion function to replace the ‘%’ with ‘texinfo-arguments’.

### 36.2 Usage

`call-with-file-and-dir filename proc` [Function]

Call the one-argument procedure *proc* with an input port that reads from *filename*. During the dynamic extent of *proc*’s execution, the current directory will be (`dirname filename`). This is useful for parsing documents that can include files by relative path name.

`texi-command-specs` [Variable]

A list of (*name content-model . args*)

*name*           The name of an @-command, as a symbol.

*content-model*

A symbol indicating the syntactic type of the @-command:

EMPTY-COMMAND

No content, and no @end is coming

EOL-ARGS   Unparsed arguments until end of line

EOL-TEXT   Parsed arguments until end of line

**INLINE-ARGS**

Unparsed arguments ending with #\}

**INLINE-TEXT**

Parsed arguments ending with #\}

**ENVIRON** The tag is an environment tag, expect @end foo.

**TABLE-ENVIRON**

Like ENVIRON, but with special parsing rules for its arguments.

**FRAGMENT** For \*fragment\*, the command used for parsing fragments of texinfo documents.

INLINE-TEXT commands will receive their arguments within their bodies, whereas the -ARGS commands will receive them in their attribute list.

EOF-TEXT receives its arguments in its body.

ENVIRON commands have both: parsed arguments until the end of line, received through their attribute list, and parsed text until the @end, received in their bodies.

EOF-TEXT-ARGS receives its arguments in its attribute list, as in ENVIRON.

There are four @-commands that are treated specially. @include is a low-level token that will not be seen by higher-level parsers, so it has no content-model. @para is the paragraph command, which is only implicit in the texinfo source. @item has special syntax, as noted above, and @entry is how this parser treats @item commands within @table, @ftable, and @vtable.

Also, indexing commands (@cindex, etc.) are treated specially. Their arguments are parsed, but they are needed before entering the element so that an anchor can be inserted into the text before the index entry.

*args* Named arguments to the command, in the same format as the formals for a lambda. Only present for INLINE-ARGS, EOL-ARGS, ENVIRON, TABLE-ENVIRON commands.

**texi-command-depth** *command max-depth* [Function]

Given the texinfo command *command*, return its nesting level, or #f if it nests too deep for *max-depth*.

Examples:

```
(texi-command-depth 'chapter 4)      ⇒ 1
(texi-command-depth 'top 4)           ⇒ 0
(texi-command-depth 'subsection 4)    ⇒ 3
(texi-command-depth 'appendixsubsec 4) ⇒ 3
(texi-command-depth 'subsection 2)    ⇒ #f
```

**texi-fragment->stexi** *string-or-port* [Function]

Parse the texinfo commands in *string-or-port*, and return the resultant stexi tree. The head of the tree will be the special command, \*fragment\*.

**texi->stexi** *port* [Function]  
Read a full texinfo document from *port* and return the parsed stexi tree. The parsing will start at the **@settitle** and end at **@bye** or EOF.

**stexi->sxml** *tree* [Function]  
Transform the stexi tree *tree* into sxml. This involves replacing the % element that keeps the texinfo arguments with an element for each argument.  
FIXME: right now it just changes % to **texinfo-arguments** – that doesn't hang with the idea of making a dtd at some point

## 37 (texinfo docbook)

### 37.1 Overview

This module exports procedures for transforming a limited subset of the SXML representation of docbook into stexi. It is not complete by any means. The intention is to gather a number of routines and stylesheets so that external modules can parse specific subsets of docbook, for example that set generated by certain tools.

### 37.2 Usage

**\*sdocbook->stexi-rules\*** [Variable]  
 A stylesheet for use with SSAX's `pre-post-order`, which defines a number of generic rules for transforming docbook into texinfo.

**\*sdocbook-block-commands\*** [Variable]  
 The set of sdocbook element tags that should not be nested inside each other. See [\[sdocbook-flatten\]](#), page 60, for more information.

**filter-empty-elements** *sdocbook* [Function]  
 Filters out empty elements in an sdocbook nodeset. Mostly useful after running `sdocbook-flatten`.

**replace-titles** *sdocbook-fragment* [Function]  
 Iterate over the sdocbook nodeset *sdocbook-fragment*, transforming contiguous `refsect` and `title` elements into the appropriate texinfo sectioning command. Most useful after having run `sdocbook-flatten`.

For example:

```
(replace-titles '((refsect1) (title "Foo") (para "Bar.")))
⇒ '((chapter "Foo") (para "Bar."))
```

**sdocbook-flatten** *sdocbook* [Function]  
 "Flatten" a fragment of sdocbook so that block elements do not nest inside each other.

Docbook is a nested format, where e.g. a `refsect2` normally appears inside a `refsect1`. Logical divisions in the document are represented via the tree topology; a `refsect2` element *contains* all of the elements in its section.

On the contrary, texinfo is a flat format, in which sections are marked off by standalone section headers like `@chapter`, and block elements do not nest inside each other.

This function takes a nested sdocbook fragment *sdocbook* and flattens all of the sections, such that e.g.

```
(refsect1 (refsect2 (para "Hello")))
```

becomes

```
((refsect1) (refsect2) (para "Hello"))
```

Oftentimes (always?) sectioning elements have `<title>` as their first element child; users interested in processing the `refsect*` elements into proper sectioning elements



like `chapter` might be interested in `replace-titles` and `filter-empty-elements`. See [\[replace-titles\]](#), page 60, and [\[filter-empty-elements\]](#), page 60.

Returns a nodeset, as described in [Chapter 34 \[sxml xpath\]](#), page 54. That is to say, this function returns an untagged list of stexi elements.

## 38 (texinfo html)

### 38.1 Overview

This module implements transformation from `stexi` to HTML. Note that the output of `stexi->shtml` is actually SXML with the HTML vocabulary. This means that the output can be further processed, and that it must eventually be serialized by [\[sxml simple sxml->xml\]](#), page 47. References (i.e., the `@ref` family of commands) are resolved by a *ref-resolver*. See [\[texinfo html add-ref-resolver!\]](#), page 62, for more information.

### 38.2 Usage

`add-ref-resolver! proc` [Function]

Add *proc* to the head of the list of ref-resolvers. *proc* will be expected to take the name of a node and the name of a manual and return the URL of the referent, or `#f` to pass control to the next ref-resolver in the list.

The default ref-resolver will return the concatenation of the manual name, `#`, and the node name.

`stexi->shtml tree` [Function]

Transform the stexi *tree* into shtml, resolving references via ref-resolvers. See the module commentary for more details.

`urlify str` [Function]

## 39 (texinfo indexing)

### 39.1 Overview

Given a piece of stexi, return an index of a specified variety.

Note that currently, `stexi-extract-index` doesn't differentiate between different kinds of index entries. That's a bug ;)

### 39.2 Usage

`stexi-extract-index` *tree manual-name kind* [Function]

Given an stexi tree *tree*, index all of the entries of type *kind*. *kind* can be one of the predefined texinfo indices (`concept`, `variable`, `function`, `key`, `program`, `type`) or one of the special symbols `auto` or `all`. `auto` will scan the text for a `(printindex)` statement, and `all` will generate an index from all entries, regardless of type.

The returned index is a list of pairs, the CAR of which is the entry (a string) and the CDR of which is a node name (a string).

## 40 (texinfo nodal-tree)

### 40.1 Overview

This module exports a procedure to chunk a stexi document into pieces, delimited by sectioning commands (`@chapter`, `@appendixsec`, etc.). Note that the sectioning commands must be preceded by a `@node`, a condition that the output of `(sxml texinfo)` respects.

The output is a nodal tree (see (container nodal-tree)), with the following fields defined for each node:

### 40.2 Usage

`stexi->nodal-tree stexi max-depth` [Function]

Break *stexi* into a nodal tree. Only break until sectioning identifiers of depth *max-depth*. The following fields are defined for each node:

<b>name</b>	The name of the section.
<b>value</b>	The content of the section, as <code>stexi</code> . The containing element is <code>texinfo</code> .
<b>parent</b>	A reference to the parent node.
<b>children</b>	A list of subnodes, corresponding to the subsections of the current section.

## 41 (texinfo plain-text)

### 41.1 Overview

Transformation from stexi to plain-text. Strives to re-create the output from `info`; comes pretty damn close.

### 41.2 Usage

`stexi->plain-text` *tree*

[Function]

Transform *tree* into plain text. Returns a string.

## 42 (texinfo serialize)

### 42.1 Overview

Serialization of `stexi` to plain texinfo.

### 42.2 Usage

`stexi->texi tree`

Serialize the `stexi tree` into plain texinfo.

[Function]

## 43 (texinfo reflection)

### 43.1 Overview

Routines to generate `stexi` documentation for objects and modules.

Note that in this context, an *object* is just a value associated with a location. It has nothing to do with GOOPS.

### 43.2 Usage

`module-stexi-documentation` [#:sym-name = #f] [#:docs-resolver = [Function]  
(lambda (name def) def)]

Return documentation for the module named *sym-name*. The documentation will be formatted as `stexi` (see [Chapter 36 \[texinfo\]](#), page 57).

`object-stexi-documentation` [#:object = #f] [#:name = [Function]  
" [unknown]" ] [#:force = #f]

`package-stexi-standard-copying` *name version updated years* [Function]  
*copyright-holder permissions*

Create a standard texinfo `copying` section.

*years* is a list of years (as integers) in which the modules being documented were released. All other arguments are strings.

`package-stexi-standard-titlepage` *name version updated authors* [Function]  
Create a standard GNU title page.

*authors* is a list of (*name* . *email*) pairs. All other arguments are strings.

Here is an example of the usage of this procedure:

```
(package-stexi-standard-titlepage
 "Foolib"
 "3.2"
 "26 September 2006"
 '(("Alyssa P Hacker" . "alyssa@example.com"))
 '(2004 2005 2006)
 "Free Software Foundation, Inc."
 "Standard GPL permissions blurb goes here")
```

`package-stexi-standard-menu` *name modules module-descriptions* [Function]  
*extra-entries*

Create a standard top node and menu, suitable for processing by `makeinfo`.

`package-stexi-standard-prologue` *name filename category* [Function]  
*description copying titlepage menu*

Create a standard prologue, suitable for later serialization to texinfo and .info creation with `makeinfo`.

Returns a list of stexinfo forms suitable for passing to `package-stexi-documentation` as the prologue. See [\[texinfo reflection package-stexi-documentation\]](#), page 68, [\[texinfo reflection package-stexi-standard-titlepage\]](#), page 67, [\[texinfo reflection package-stexi-standard-copying\]](#), page 67, and [\[texinfo reflection package-stexi-standard-menu\]](#), page 67.

```
package-stexi-documentation [#:modules = #f] [#:name = #f]          [Function]
  [#:filename = #f] [#:prologue = #f] [#:epilogue = #f]
  [#:module-stexi-documentation-args = (quote ())]
```

Create stexi documentation for a *package*, where a package is a set of modules that is released together.

*modules* is expected to be a list of module names, where a module name is a list of symbols. The stexi that is returned will be titled *name* and a texinfo filename of *filename*.

*prologue* and *epilogue* are lists of stexi forms that will be spliced into the output document before and after the generated modules documentation, respectively. See [\[texinfo reflection package-stexi-standard-prologue\]](#), page 67, to create a conventional GNU texinfo prologue.

*module-stexi-documentation-args* is an optional argument that, if given, will be added to the argument list when `module-texi-documentation` is called. For example, it might be useful to define a `#:docs-resolver` argument.



## 44 (text parse-lalr)

### 44.1 Overview

This file contains yet another LALR(1) parser generator written in Scheme. In contrast to other such parser generators, this one implements a more efficient algorithm for computing the lookahead sets. The algorithm is the same as used in Bison (GNU yacc) and is described in the following paper:

"Efficient Computation of LALR(1) Look-Ahead Set", F. DeRemer and T. Pennello, TOPLAS, vol. 4, no. 4, october 1982.

As a consequence, it is not written in a fully functional style. In fact, much of the code is a direct translation from C to Scheme of the Bison sources.

### 44.2 Defining a parser

The module (text parse-lalr) declares a macro called `lalr-parser`:

```
(lalr-parser tokens rules ...)
```

This macro, when given appropriate arguments, generates an LALR(1) syntax analyzer. The macro accepts at least two arguments. The first is a list of symbols which represent the terminal symbols of the grammar. The remaining arguments are the grammar production rules.

### 44.3 Running the parser

The parser generated by the `lalr-parser` macro is a function that takes two parameters. The first parameter is a lexical analyzer while the second is an error procedure. The lexical analyzer is zero-argument function (a thunk) invoked each time the parser needs to look-ahead in the token stream. A token is usually a pair whose `car` is the symbol corresponding to the token (the same symbol as used in the grammar definition). The `cdr` of the pair is the semantic value associated with the token. For example, a string token would have the `car` set to `'string` while the `cdr` is set to the string value `"hello"`. Once the end of file is encountered, the lexical analyzer must always return the symbol `'*eoi*` each time it is invoked. The error procedure must be a function that accepts at least two parameters.

### 44.4 The grammar format

The grammar is specified by first giving the list of terminals and the list of non-terminal definitions. Each non-terminal definition is a list where the first element is the non-terminal and the other elements are the right-hand sides (lists of grammar symbols). In addition to this, each rhs can be followed by a semantic action. For example, consider the following (yacc) grammar for a very simple expression language:

```
e : e '+' t
  | e '-' t
  | t
  ;
t : t '*' f
  : t '/' f
```

```

    | f
    ;
f : ID
    ;

```

The same grammar, written for the scheme parser generator, would look like this (with semantic actions)

```

(define expr-parser
  (lalr-parser
    ; Terminal symbols
    (ID + - * /)
    ; Productions
    (e (e + t)      : (+ $1 $3)
      (e - t)      : (- $1 $3)
      (t)           : $1)
    (t (t * f)      : (* $1 $3)
      (t / f)      : (/ $1 $3)
      (f)           : $1)
    (f (ID)         : $1)))

```

In semantic actions, the symbol `$n` refers to the synthesized attribute value of the `n`th symbol in the production. The value associated with the non-terminal on the left is the result of evaluating the semantic action (it defaults to `#f`). The above grammar implicitly handles operator precedences. It is also possible to explicitly assign precedences and associativity to terminal symbols and productions a la Yacc. Here is a modified (and augmented) version of the grammar:

```

(define expr-parser
  (lalr-parser
    ; Terminal symbols
    (ID
      (left: + -)
      (left: * /)
      (nonassoc: uminus))
    (e (e + e)      : (+ $1 $3)
      (e - e)      : (- $1 $3)
      (e * e)      : (* $1 $3)
      (e / e)      : (/ $1 $3)
      (- e (prec: uminus)) : (- $2)
      (ID)         : $1)))

```

The `left:` directive is used to specify a set of left-associative operators of the same precedence level, the `right:` directive for right-associative operators, and `nonassoc:` for operators that are not associative. Note the use of the (apparently) useless terminal `uminus`. It is only defined in order to assign to the penultimate rule a precedence level higher than that of `*` and `/`. The `prec:` directive can only appear as the last element of a rule. Finally, note that precedence levels are incremented from left to right, i.e. the precedence level of `+` and `-` is less than the precedence level of `*` and `/` since the formers appear first in the list of terminal symbols (token definitions).

## 44.5 A final note on conflict resolution

Conflicts in the grammar are handled in a conventional way. In the absence of precedence directives, Shift/Reduce conflicts are resolved by shifting, and Reduce/Reduce conflicts are resolved by choosing the rule listed first in the grammar definition. You can print the states of the generated parser by evaluating (**print-states**). The format of the output is similar to the one produced by bison when given the -v command-line option.

## 44.6 Usage

**lalr-parser** *tokens* . *rules* [Special Form]  
The grammar declaration special form. *tokens* is the list of token symbols, and *rules* are the grammar rules. See the module documentation for more details.

**print-states** [Function]  
Print the states of a generated parser.

## 45 (unit-test)

### 45.1 Overview

### 45.2 Usage

<code>assert-equal</code> <i>expected got</i>	[Function]
<code>assert-true</code> <i>got</i>	[Function]
<code>assert-numeric==</code> <i>expected got precision</i>	[Function]
<code>&lt;test-result&gt;</code>	[Class]
<code>tests-run</code>	[Generic]
<code>tests-run (o &lt;test-result&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>tests-failed</code>	[Generic]
<code>tests-failed (o &lt;test-result&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>tests-log</code>	[Generic]
<code>tests-log (o &lt;test-result&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>failure-messages</code>	[Generic]
<code>failure-messages (o &lt;test-result&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>test-started</code>	[Generic]
<code>test-started (self &lt;test-result&gt;) (description &lt;string&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>test-failed</code>	[Generic]
<code>test-failed (self &lt;test-result&gt;) (description &lt;string&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>summary</code>	[Generic]
<code>summary (self &lt;test-result&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>&lt;test-case&gt;</code>	[Class]
<code>name</code>	[Generic]
<code>name (o &lt;test-suite&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>name (o &lt;test-case&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>set-up-test</code>	[Generic]
<code>set-up-test (self &lt;test-case&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>tear-down-test</code>	[Generic]
<code>tear-down-test (self &lt;test-case&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>run</code>	[Generic]
<code>run (self &lt;test-suite&gt;) (result &lt;test-result&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>run (self &lt;test-case&gt;) (result &lt;test-result&gt;)</code>	[Method]

<code>&lt;test-suite&gt;</code>	[Class]
<code>tests</code>	[Generic]
<code>tests (o &lt;test-suite&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>add</code>	[Generic]
<code>add (self &lt;test-suite&gt;) (suite &lt;test-suite&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>add (self &lt;test-suite&gt;) (test &lt;test-case&gt;)</code>	[Method]
<code>run-all-defined-test-cases</code>	[Function]
<code>exit-with-summary <i>result</i></code>	[Function]
<code>assert-exception <i>expression</i></code>	[Special Form]

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