

This file is called SMSEMANTICS.DC and contains a semantic description of SMALLTALK written in itself.
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SMALLTALK and its Semantics
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W A R N I N G ! ! This is an unchecked version done simply to try it out for basic taste and compactness.

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.To ← class | .Do ← + | .name .actions.
              | Find (name) in CALLER ← class|.Do ← activity

* To + | .name | ← = | :exp.
          | Find (name) in CALLER ← exp.
          | name

To Find | :name | ;in = | :context
          | .context ← CALLER

Repeat
  | context,table name OR context,table,global,empty?
    | | ← = | :exp. context,table name ← exp. Done
    | .context ← context,table,global
  | context,table name

To List | ← = | :first :rest. +self
          | first ← | ← = | :first. +self
          | | first
          | rest ← | ← = | :rest. +self
          | | rest
          | length ← | ! | first=NIL → | 0
          | | 1+rest,length
          | print ← | ! "(" + first.print + " " + rest.print + ")"
          | list? ← | ! self
          | eval ← | Repeat
          | | first = ")" → | Done
          | | first = "." → | +value ← rest.eval
          | | +value ← first.eval
          | | value

To Repeat | .program.
          | CODEFOR | Repeat | clause .eval global message self
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To Again :: EMPTY CALLER,CALLER

To Done ::value. !! value CALLER,CALLER,CALLER

To If ::exp = ::, then ::exp | , else = ::. !exp
| texp
| error "I can't find a \"then\""
|
|, then ::. | , else = ::exp. !exp
| tEMPTY

To User | Repeat
| Display Read,eval,print

To :: self.table.name ← message.table.pc.first.
message.table.pc ← message.table,PC.rest.
message.table.name ← message.table.message.table,PC.first.
message.table,message.table,PC ← message.table,message.table,PC,rest.
! name.

To :: ,name.
| message.table.name ←
| message.table,message.table,PC.first .eval message,message

To :: ,token ≠ message.table,PC.first = !! EMPTY
| message.table,PC ← message.table,PC,rest

To :: ::clause. !! clause CALLER,CALLER,CALLER

To EMPTY :: = ::. !! self CALLER,CALLER
| ,empty? = !! +TRUE
| ! self

To Apply ::t :g :c :m.
(t ← .global g .caller c .message m) .eval

To !! ::value :destination.
| Apply value destination destination destination.

To Remember :: ← | Repeat
| ,EMPTY = | !self
| self :name ← :value
|
| ,copy = !! CODEFOR "somehow copy the table"
|
| ,eval = | "Do something or other"
|
| :name :: ← ::value.
| CODEFOR "associate name and value somehow"
| tvalue
|
| ! CODEFOR "Get the value associated with the name"

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To class | bindings.
         |   ↑ instantiate | Remember ← .class ,class
         |   ↓ global global
         |   ↓ caller self
         |   ↓ message message
         |   ↓ eval           .PC bindings
         |   ↓ eval

To instantiate | :classdef.
Repeat
         |   ↓ Pause.
         |   ↓ classdef,copy ← .class classdef
         |   ↓ global global
         |   ↓ caller caller
         |   ↓ message message
         |   ↓ .PC classdef,DO
         |   ↓ eval

To Word
         |   .← → :first :rest.
         |   .rest ← Word ← first.butfirst rest.
         |   .first ← first.first.
         |   ↑ self

         |   .first = | .← → | :first.character = |↑first
         |   ↓ error"input is not a character"
         |   ↓ !first

         |   .rest = | .← → | :rest.character = |↑rest
         |   ↓ Error"Input is not a word"
         |   ↓ !rest

         |   .length = |↑ rest = NULL = 1
         |   ↓ 1 + rest.length

         |   .print = |↑ first.print. rest.print

         |   .word? = |↑ self

         |   .= = |:value. ↑ (first = value,first) AND next = value,next

         |   .eval = | env ← global.
         |   Repeat
         |   ↓ env.empty? = |↑EMPTY
         |   ↓ temp ← env.table self = |↑ apply temp global caller
         |   ↓ message
         |   ↓ env ← global.table.global

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