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# Minutes of the Forth 200x Meeting #3

*Forth 200x Standards Committee*

*Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany.*

*13–14 September 2007*

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## *Participants*

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## *Consideration of proposals*

Proposal	Comments	Vote	Action
ekeys	EKEY>FKEY, K-F1 and friends.	9/0/1	PK
fp-stack	Referred for clarification of document changes, revised proposal to be re-submitted.		AE
number-prefix	% (binary), # (decimal) and \$ (hex)	7/0/0	PK
structure	Simple data structures, test cases required	7/0/0	PK/SP
throw-iors	Additional THROW codes for <i>iors</i>	7/0/0	SP/PK

## *Discussion of draft proposals*

Proposal	Comments	Status	Action
2value	Redraft with new T0.	Referred	AE
directories	Redraft with simple text replacement	Referred	AE
escaped-strings	Clarify case sensitivity	Ongoing	SP/PK
f-value	Redraft with new T0	Referred	AE
synonym	Progress on to CfV	Ongoing	SP/PK
extended-locals	Remove local buffers	Referred	SP
xchars	Revise in light of i18n proposal	Ongoing	BP/AE

## *Fast track draft proposals*

Proposal	Comments	Status	Action
foreword	Extend book references	Accepted	PK
to	Use Elizabeth Rather's ambiguous condition	Accepted	AE/PK
	Remove note on state smart targets	8/0/0	
	Add RFI0007 some place		

*Progress Reports*

## 1. Publication of Minutes

AE has written a one page overview for Forth-Gesellschaft, this should be published on the web site. AE

PK has been asked to be a guest editor for the Forth notes in the ACM SigPlan notes. PK

## 2. Review of RfD/CfV process

See X:foreword fast track RfD.

## 3. Development Reports

## (a) number prefixes

See x:number-prefix CfV.

## (b) 0 for NIL Rewording of sections 3.3.3.1 and 3.3.3.2.

FC/AE

## (c) 16-/32-bit signed/unsigned ! and @ for integers, bytes, octets.

Send to RfD.

FC

## (d) directory: directory accessing in general

Redraft with simple text replacement mechanism.

AE

## (e) required: directory handling for included and required.

See directory.

AE

*Review of Forth2007.1 basis document*

## 1. Correct X:defined

Done.

## 2. Remove inlineing of non-glossary rationale text

Only the word set rationale has been moved. Word rationale has been retained (inline).

## 3. Replace "Validation" with "Testing" (test)

Done.

## 4. Separate normative and informative sections

Using wire binding has removed the need for separate documents.

## 5. Introduction of "Implementation" sections to rationale. Done.

## 6. foreword: Replace "Members of X3" with "200x Membership"

Done.

## 7. Addition of Change Log appendix

See Appendix H of basis 07.1

## 8. Publication of basis document on web site

<http://www.forth200x.org/basis/forth07-1.pdf>

## 9. Publication of basis source code on web site

<http://www.forth200x.org/basis>

*Matters Arising*

## 1. Proposals Process

PK

## (a) Modify the first paragraph of section (b) to include the following line:

Be warned, this will generate a lot of heated discussion.

## (b) Add the following to section (f):

If you can not attend a meeting, you should ask somebody who is attending to champion the proposal on your behalf.

2. Membership PK  
Add a paragraph relating to how a person becomes a member of the committee. This paragraph is to go through the fast track RfD procedure.
3. Obsolescent features PK  
Introduce a new “Obsolete Word set”. Removing the words currently listed in section 1.4.2.
4. Inline text  
The inline rationale should be rendered in a different font, such as sans-serif. PK  
The idea of separating the testing and/or reference implementations into separate appendices was discussed with no conclusive outcome.
5. RFI0007 AE/PK  
Integrate RFI0007 (IMMEDIATE vs “compilation semantics”) into the document.
6. Review all RFI documents for integration into the document:  
**RFI 0001:** meaning of “*flag*” returned by READ-LINE at end of file.  
**RFI 0002:** duplicate wordlist in the search order.  
**RFI 0003:** What’s allowed between CREATE and DOES>.  
**RFI 0004:** Standard punctuation for double-cell numbers.  
**RFI 0005:** Initiation semantics.  
**RFI 0006:** Writing to Input Buffers.  
**RFI 0007:** Distinction between IMMEDIATE and “special compilation semantics”

### *Date of Next Meeting*

Introduction of a “review” meeting for detailed discussion of RfDs was discussed. Investigate the possibility of attaching this meeting to the Forth-Tagung in late April (24/5).

UH

The next voting meeting will be held directly before the next euroForth conference to be held in Vienna in late September (Sep 25/6).

AE