
Minutes of the Forth 200x Meeting #4

Forth 200x Standards Committee

Technische Universität Wien, Vienna, Austria.

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Ulrich Hoffmann and Bernd Paysan become full members of the committee according to the membership rules.

Andrew Haley, Willi Stricker and Leon Wagner were allowed to vote at the discretion of the committee in accordance with the membership rules.

Minutes of last meeting

The draft minutes of the last meeting contain a error: They claim that the throw-iors proposal was referred for further clarification, when they where accepted. With this correction the minutes where accepted (10/0/1) as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

Review of Forth2007.2 basis document

1. \LaTeX source file now given in page footer.
2. Inline rationale text now in sans-serif font.
3. Renamed “forward” to “foreword”.
4. Two new sentences added to “Process”.
5. Membership Rules added to “200x Membership”.
6. Added X:number-prefix proposal: extending section 2.2.1 *Numeric notation* and table 3.6 *Forth 200x Extensions*. Replacing section 3.4.1.3 *Text interpreter input number conversion*, with the addition of text to 8.3.2 *Text interpreter input number conversion*. Moving section 12.2.2 *Notation* to section 2.2.1 *Numeric notation*. Adding test cases to section A.3.4.1.3 *Numeric notation*.
7. Added X:structures proposal: extended table 3.6 *Forth 200x Extensions*, sections 4.1.2 *Ambiguous conditions* and 10.4.1.2 *Ambiguous conditions*. Adding section 10.3.1 *Data types*, BEGIN-STRUCTURE, END-STRUCTURE, +FIELD, CFIELD: and FFIELD: to 10.6.2 *Facility extension words* and DFFIELD:, FFIELD: and SFFIELD: to 12.6.2 *Floating extension words*.

The rational for BEGIN-STRUCTURE contains the phrase “school of though” which should be corrected to “school of thought”. PK

8. Added X:throw-iors proposal: extended tables 3.6 *Forth 200x Extensions* and 9.2 *THROW code assignments*.
9. Tidied up source code in X:keys definitions, adding rationale for to EKEY.
The text relating to the relationship between KEY, KEY?, EKEY and EKEY? still needs work, in particular the persistence of the value returned. AE/SP/PK
10. Corrected a number of section numbering errors in appendix A Rationale.
11. Added books by Elizabeth Rather and Stephen Pelc; a URL for the Thinking Forth entry in the appendix B *Bibliography*.
12. Reformatted appendix G *Change Log* to allow the separate versions of the basis document to appear in the table of contents.

Consideration of proposals

Proposal	Comments	Vote	Action
fp-stack	Accepted with minor modifications	10/0/0	AE

Discussion of draft proposals

Proposal	Comments	Status	Action
2value	Redraft with new T0	Ongoing	AE
directories	Referred for workshop discussion	Ongoing	AE
escaped-strings	Progress on to CfV	Ongoing	AE/PK
f-value	Redraft with new T0	Ongoing	AE
synonym	Minor revision to ambiguous conditions	Ongoing	SP/PK
extended-locals	Revise { syntax	Referred	SP
local-buffers	Withdrawn to be replaced by a new RFD	Withdrawn	
xchars	Referred for a workshop discussion to integration into a proposed localisation wordset.	Ongoing	BP/AE

Progress Reports

1. Development Reports
 - (a) 0 for NIL No progress to report. FC/AE
 - (b) 16-/32-bit signed/unsigned ! and @ for integers, bytes, octets.
Some progress, but would like assistance before publication. FC
 - (c) directory: directory accessing in general
Referred to a workshop regarding use of text substitution. AE
2. Integration of RFI0007 (IMMEDIATE vs “compilation semantics”)
No progress to report. AE/PK
3. Obsolescent Word set
It was agreed that the words should be moved to a non-normative appendix rather than a new wordset (11/0/0). A RFD should be developed for the next meeting. PK
4. Review/integration of RFI documents:
No progress to report. AE/PK

Matters Arising

1. Cross Compiler: Develop Elisabeth Rather's Cross Compiler proposal into an RfD.
BP/LW/SP
2. Localisation: Develop L10N proposals into RFD, with the possible integration of the existing xchar proposal.
PK/SP
3. The length of the meeting was considered. It was agreed that the next voting meeting should be extended by a day to allow time for workshop discussions.

Date of Next Meeting

A review meeting to be held in conjunction with the Forth-Tagung in April/May. UH

The next voting meeting will be held directly before the next euroForth conference to be held in England. The location and dates are yet to be decided. Bill Stoddart, Peter Knaggs and Andrew Haley are all to look into conference facilities and report back to the email list.
PK/BS/AH