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Chapter 1: Introduction

yscript¹ (pronounced 'why-script') is a computer language for representing and manipulating propositions. It can be used to represent real-world rules such as legislation or codes of practice, as well as to create systems based around less formally defined procedures or knowledge.

When yscript code is executed, it results in a dialog or *consultation*. A series of questions are asked, and conclusions are made. Along the way, the user can interrogate the system as to why questions are being asked, to explain how conclusions have been reached and to check hypotheticals. When a session completes, a report is generated to give an answer to the original goals and to explain why this is the case.

The core language has been stable for a long time.² From the outset, one of the central aims was to develop a form of representation that looked as much like natural language as possible. The language syntax manages to almost entirely avoid the use of symbols which are the principle structural elements of most programming languages. This was done partly to make it easier to write code for non-programmers, but also to make the code more transparent. Even if you can't write code in yscript, you can probably understand what it is doing and possibly even comment upon whether it accurately encapsulates anything from the real world that it is meant to reflect.

In formal terms, yscript code consists of *rules* that deal with *facts*. Facts are expressed in their plain English-language form. Individual rules are imperative but often just declare relationships between facts. Once a rule is being evaluated, other rules that can help determine a value for required facts are automatically executed in a goal-oriented fashion. Each time that a new fact becomes known, rules are used to check if other fact values can be derived. When required, rules can be specifically called like procedures or functions in other languages.

yscript also supports *examples*³. An *example* is a set of propositions supporting a particular outcome. This was implemented in yscript to deal with case-based reasoning in law but probably has application in other fields. Finally, yscript applications can generate *documents*. A *document* is built procedurally but can take

¹ The *yscript* language was originally developed for the expert systems shell *ysh*. Prior to being integrated into AustLII's DataLex platform, yscript was also used as the language and code interpreter for a system called *wysh* (short for "web-ysh"). For a history of the project see Greenleaf, Mowbray & Chung, 'Building Sustainable Free Legal Advisory Systems: Experiences from the History of AI & Law' (2018) 34(1) *Computer Law & Security Review* 324

² The language has been substantially extended since inception, but the core elements have remained the same and, with very few minor exceptions code written for the earliest versions of *yscript* will still run under the current interpreter. A summary of changes between *ysh* version 1.x and *yscript* 2.1x are set out in Appendix 3 at page 139.

³ The yscript library uses an analogous reasoning approach developed by Alan Tyree called PANNDAs. This is described in his book Tyree, A, *Expert Systems in Law*, Prentice Hall, 1990.

advantage of rule-based determination of necessary facts. Document assembly can also use external templates.

One of the advantages of using a quasi-natural language form of coding is that it is often possible to directly adopt the wording of a set of rules that you are trying to represent. This is particularly useful in the legal domain, where it is desirable to use language taken from statutes and regulations. In legal documents, the exact form of words often matters. Specific words and phrases can imply underlying complex meaning or act as a point of reference to a body of interpretative documents and decisions which need to be considered.

The rule-based structure of yscript encourages and supports *isomorphism* (that is, one-to-mapping) of real-word rules into yscript code. This makes it a lot easier to build applications, but more importantly it allows for simpler maintenance of the code as source legislation or other rules change.

yscript can be used directly via the *cyscript* command-line interpreter or it can be embedded in larger systems and applications. A major environment that uses yscript is AustLII's *DataLex* platform. This uses yscript to answer legal problems within the AustLII web-based environment and provides links to and from yscript dialogs to primary and secondary legal materials that provide support and explanation. For other applications, yscript provides a library with an associated API that supports most programming languages including C, C++, Python, Ruby, and Perl.

The structure of the rest of this guide is as follows:

Chapter 2 gives a quick tutorial introduction designed to provide you with enough information to start writing code. Whilst yscript provides many features, you should be able to do 90% of the things you need to do with 10% of the language. It is possible to build quite large and sophisticated applications with little more information than is contained in the tutorial.

The following chapters describe the language in detail and are also meant to serve as a reference source.

Chapter 3 is a technical chapter describing the core elements of the language. It discusses the basic syntax, data types, constants and expressions and contains several tables enumerating fundamental language elements.

Chapter 4 deals with *facts*. At one level, facts are like variables in other languages. In yscript, however, facts are also the principal way in which an application communicates with the user. This chapter deals with how fact names are transformed into questions and statements and how you can change this if necessary. The chapter also deals with the use of *context*. This is important when building larger or collaborative applications which need to be divided into separate and independent parts.

Chapter 5 discusses *statements*. Most of the statements that are used in typical yscript code are just assignments and IF-THEN-ELSE statements. Whilst it is probably not

desirable if you are trying to write reusable declarative code, yscript also supports most of the basic statement constructs that can be found in conventional languages.

Chapter 6 is all about *rules*. Rules are generally invoked in a goal-driven (backward chaining) way. In some circumstances, it is necessary to use rules differently. Other types of rules such as *forward* rules, *daemons*, and procedures are discussed. This chapter also describes how rules can be declared as *goals*.

Chapter 7 introduces *examples*. Examples are used to support analogous reasoning in yscript. They were mainly introduced to deal with handling the application of legal case-based reasoning but can be used more generally.

Chapter 8 describes the *document assembly* facilities available. Document assembly is imperative by its nature but can make use of rules to determine surrounding issues and which parts of a document need to be created.

The final chapter – Chapter 9, makes various suggestions for how to write good yscript code. Some of the principles that are suggested are quite straight-forward (such as *not using a yscript feature just because it is there*) but are based on experience with building applications and teaching others to do so and are intended to be practical.

The appendices contain a detailed description of available units of measurement and currencies, the interactive command line environment – *cyscript*, a summary of recent changes to language features, a formal description of the yscript grammar, a description of the interpreter library API, a guide to using cyscript as a server and several extended examples.

Chapter 2: Getting Started

This chapter provides a quick tutorial introduction to using yscript. It is designed to present the essential elements of the language in a practical way. Most of the details are skipped in favour of giving enough information to start writing useful applications. All examples are complete pieces of code and can be run as is or modified to allow you to play with the language and to become comfortable with it.

2.1 Hello Rainy World

yscript code consists of a set of declarations of *rules* and *facts*. When evaluated, execution begins by firing a rule and generally proceeds by using other rules to determine the values of *facts* as they are needed.

Consider the following code:⁴

```
RULE PROVIDES
you should take an umbrella ONLY IF it is raining
```

The first thing you will notice is that some of the words (“RULE PROVIDES” and “ONLY IF”) are in upper case. These are reserved words or *keywords* and are used to provide structure. Other phrases are in lower case, such as “you should take an umbrella” and “it is raining”. These are English language⁵ propositions or *facts*. Facts do not necessarily have to be propositional and can have others sorts of values, but we will leave discussing this until later.

The meaning of the rule is meant to be transparent, namely that it will be determined that you should take an umbrella if it is raining, and it will be concluded that you should not take an umbrella if it is not. The ONLY IF operator indicates a propositional (or *boolean*) assignment.

When evaluated, the yscript interpreter will execute (*fire*) the rule and attempt to assign the value of the fact “it is raining” to the fact “you should take an umbrella”. Because there is no other rule that can help to determine a value for “it is raining”, the system will ask the user. If the user answers “yes” then it will be determined that “you should take an umbrella”, otherwise it will be concluded that “you should not take an umbrella”. If the user answers “unknown”, it will be concluded that “it is uncertain whether or not you should take an umbrella”.

⁴ The *umbrella* code is the equivalent of the “Hello, World” example that starts most computer language tutorials. It is not a very “yscript” sort of thing to want to do, but if you did want to write code to output “Hello, World”, you would write: RULE PROVIDES SAY "Hello, World".

⁵ It is possible at some stage in the future that *yscript* may be adapted to work in other languages, but for the moment proposition transformations will only work in English.

yscript code is contained in one or more files, that usually have the suffix - .ys. Most legal users will be using yscript as part of the *DataLex* platform⁶ (see <http://datalex.org/dev/tools/>7>), but if you are running it from the standard distribution under Unix or Linux, code is interpreted by the `ys` command line interpreter - *cyscript*.⁸ Assuming the above code was saved in a file called - “rain.ys”, the user session might go something like:

```
% ys rain.ys

Is it raining?
** why

This will help determine whether or not you should take an umbrella.

Is it raining?
** no

You should not take an umbrella because it is not raining.
```

In the dialog that occurs during the above session, facts are automatically turned into questions and expressed in the positive and negative form as necessary. Explanations for conclusions are also built automatically, as are explanations for “why” questions are being considered (so-called *explication*). The use of natural language propositions and descriptions for both identifying facts and for generating interaction with an application’s user is one of yscript’s distinguishing features. It is designed to make applications quick to build and easy to maintain.

2.2 Adding More Rules

The example can be expanded by adding additional rules and by using *expressions* to create more complicated propositions using logical operators as follows:

```
RULE PROVIDES
you should take an umbrella ONLY IF
  you have an umbrella AND
  you might need an umbrella

RULE PROVIDES
you might need an umbrella ONLY IF
  it is raining OR
  it looks like it might rain

RULE PROVIDES
it is raining ONLY IF
  water is falling from the sky
```

⁶ *DataLex* is a legal applications development environment which is available on AustLII (see <http://www.datalex.org/>). It incorporates yscript in a system that integrates it with the primary and secondary legal materials on AustLII and facilitates cooperative code development.

⁷ If you just want to test and run yscript code, skip the first section (“Import legislation section”) and just type your code into the second box “Edit DataLex Code-base” and “Run consultation”.

⁸ The yscript standard distribution also includes a C-library API with examples of how to call this from C, C++, Python, Ruby, and Perl. It is also possible to run cyscript as a server on a Unix socket. See Appendices 5 and 6.

When more than one rule is present, by default execution begins with the first rule and the following interaction will result:

Do you have an umbrella?

** **yes**

Is water falling from the sky?

** **no**

Does it look like it might rain?

** **yes**

You should take an umbrella because you have an umbrella and you might need an umbrella. You might need an umbrella because it looks like it might rain.

2.3 A Slightly More Legal Example

As was said in the introduction, the main application of yscript has been to build applications in the legal domain, so let's now consider a slightly more legal example:

```
PERSON the client
PERSON the defendant
```

```
RULE Litigation Basics PROVIDES
the client should sue the defendant ONLY IF
  the client has a good cause of action AND
  the defendant has the capacity to pay damages
```

```
RULE Consequences of Insolvency PROVIDES
IF the defendant is insolvent THEN
  the defendant does not have the capacity to pay damages
```

This example introduces a few more elements of the yscript language. The first thing that is different is that the rules have names: "Litigation Basics" and "Consequences of Insolvency". Rule names are generally optional,⁹ but it is good practice to include them as rule names provide documentation as to what a rule does and perhaps what it is based on. These descriptions can be used to describe the hierarchy of rules under consideration and for selecting goal rules for sessions.

The first rule uses the same sort of ONLY IF statement that has been used in the previous two examples. The second rule introduces the "IF-THEN"¹⁰ statement. This statement allows you to specify that some conclusion should be made (in the case "the defendant does not have the capacity to pay damages") if some premise ("the defendant is insolvent") is true. If the premise is not true, then no conclusion will be made.

The code starts with the declarations "PERSON the client" and "PERSON the defendant". These statements declare the *named subjects* - "the client" and "the defendant". A

⁹ Rules must be named if you specifically want to invoke them with the CALL statement or if they are to be used as GOALS. Rule names are also used by the verbose tracking facility.

¹⁰ As we will see later, you can follow an IF-THEN with an ELSE clause as is the case for most programming languages. You can also nest IF-THEN-ELSE statements and specify that they should apply to more than one statement by using BEGIN-END blocks. See § 5.2 at page 64.

named subject is a string that forms part of the description (name) of other facts. In the example, both “the client” and “the defendant” appear as part of the fact “the client should sue the defendant”. These named subjects will be replaced by a name or an appropriate pronoun when the fact is used in a question or explanation. Other types of named subjects include THINGS (i.e., something that has a name but is inanimate like a company or a place) and PERSON-THINGS (i.e., an entity that can be animate or inanimate).¹¹

When executed, the session goes:

- 1) What is the name of the client?
** **Maryanne Smithers**
- 2) What is Maryanne Smithers's preferred gender?
** **female**
- 3) What is Maryanne Smithers's preferred form of address?
** **Professor Smithers**
- 4) What is the name of the defendant?
** **George Dobinson**
- 5) What is George Dobinson's preferred gender?
** **male**
- 6) What is George Dobinson's preferred form of address?
** **Dr**
- 7) Does Professor Smithers have a good cause of action?
** **yes**
- 8) Is Dr Dobinson insolvent?
** **no**
- 9) Does he have the capacity to pay damages?
** **yes**

Professor Smithers should sue Dr Dobinson because she has a good cause of action and Dr Dobinson has the capacity to pay damages.

2.4 Rules as Code

The most common application of yscript has been to represent legislation, regulations, and formal rules (*Rules as Code*¹² or *RaC*). Using the elements introduced so far in this tutorial, it is possible to represent the provisions of most forms of legislative text. Because we generally want to be as legally correct as possible, it is generally desirable to use the exact language from source legislation as yscript facts. It is also good practice to map the structure and organisation of legislation to rules to make code easier to maintain and to facilitate better explanations.

¹¹ In the example, “the client” and “the defendant” probably should really be of type PERSON-THING as both parties could potentially be corporations or unincorporated associations.

¹² For a discussion of *Rules as Code* generally, see J Mohun and A Roberts, “Cracking the code: Rulemaking for humans and machines”, *OECD Working Papers on Public Governance*, No. 42, OECD Publishing, Paris 2020.

Consider the following section from NSW *Crimes Act 1900* which deals with “Setting trap etc”:

```
Setting trap etc
49 SETTING TRAP ETC
(1) Any person who--
(a) places or sets, or causes to be placed or set, any trap, device or thing
    (whether its nature be electronic, electric, mechanical, chemical or
    otherwise) capable of destroying human life or inflicting grievous bodily
    harm on any person, or
(b) knowingly permits any such trap, device or thing to continue to be placed
    or set,
    with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm shall be liable to imprisonment
    for five years.
(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall extend to any gin or trap, placed with the
    intention of destroying vermin, or to any trap, device or thing placed in
    a dwelling-house for the protection thereof.
```

To represent this in yscript, we should reflect that the overall structure of the section has two subsections (1) and (2) and subsection (1) has two sub-subsections (a) and (b). We should also try to keep as much of the language as we can, but we will need to make some judgment calls about how requirements should be broken up and what the overall outcome of each yscript rule should be.

The main purpose of the section is to provide for an offence of “setting a trap” with a penalty of imprisonment for five years where either subsections (1)(a) or (1)(b) apply and where subsection (2) does not. The opening rules might go something like:

```
RULE Crimes Act 1900 Section 49 PROVIDES
the defendant has committed an offence under section 49 ONLY IF
    section 49(1) applies AND
    section 49(2) does not apply

RULE Crimes Act 1900 Section 49(1) PROVIDES
section 49(1) applies ONLY IF
    section 49(1)(a) applies AND/OR
    section 49(1)(b) applies AND
    the defendant had the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm
```

Note that we have had to introduce a new operator - AND/OR. This is the same as an OR, but it has higher precedence (that is, it binds more tightly) than AND, so that either (a) or (b) must apply, as well as the defendant having intent to inflict grievous bodily harm.

If we ran this code, it would go:

```
1) Does section 49(1)(a) apply?
   ** yes

2) Did the defendant have the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm?
   ** yes

3) Does section 49(2) apply?
   ** no
```

```
The defendant has committed an offence under section 49 because section
49(1) applies and section 49(2) does not apply. Section 49(1) applies
because section 49(1)(a) applies and the defendant had the intent to inflict
grievous bodily harm.
```

To complete the section translation and make the application more useful, we could add:

```
PERSON the defendant
```

```
RULE Crimes Act 1900 Section 49 PROVIDES
the defendant has committed an offence under section 49 ONLY IF
  section 49(1) applies AND
  section 49(2) does not apply
```

```
RULE Crimes Act 1900 Section 49(1) PROVIDES
section 49(1) applies ONLY IF
  section 49(1)(a) applies AND/OR
  section 49(1)(b) applies AND
  the defendant had the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm
```

```
RULE Crimes Act 1900 Section 49(1)(a) PROVIDES
section 49(1)(a) applies ONLY IF
  the defendant placed or set a trap, device or thing AND/OR
  the defendant caused a trap, device or thing to be placed or
  set AND
  the trap, device or thing was capable of destroying human
  life AND/OR
  the trap, device or thing was capable of inflicting grievous
  bodily harm on any person
```

```
RULE Crimes Act 1900 Section 49(1)(b) PROVIDES
section 49(1)(b) applies ONLY IF
  the defendant knowingly permitted a trap, device or thing to
  continue to be placed or set AND
  the trap, device or thing was capable of destroying human life
  or inflicting grievous bodily harm on any person
```

```
RULE Crimes Act 1900 Section 49(2) PROVIDES
section 49(2) applies ONLY IF
  the trap was placed with the intention of destroying vermin OR
  the trap was placed in a dwelling house to protect against
  vermin
```

One of the interesting features of the example is the amount of statutory interpretation involved in making the statute work as code. In section 49(2), for example, we have had to require that the exception for traps relating to protection of dwelling houses only operates in the context of vermin.

When run, the session might go:

- 1) What is the name of the defendant?
** **Howard Jones**
- 2) What is Howard Jones's preferred gender?
** **male**
- 3) What is Howard Jones's preferred form of address?
** **Mr Jones**
- 4) Did Mr Jones place or set a trap, device or thing?
** **no**
- 5) Did he cause a trap, device or thing to be placed or set?
** **no**
- 6) Did he knowingly permit a trap, device or thing to continue to

- be placed or set?
** **yes**
- 7) Was the trap, device or thing capable of destroying human life or inflicting grievous bodily harm on any person?
** **yes**
- 8) Did Mr Jones have the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm?
** **yes**
- 9) Was the trap placed with the intention of destroying vermin?
** **no**
- 10) Was the trap placed in a dwelling house to protect against vermin?
** **no**

Mr Jones has committed an offence under section 49 because section 49(1) applies and section 49(2) does not apply.

Section 49(1) applies because section 49(1)(b) applies and Mr Jones had the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm.

Section 49(1)(b) applies because Mr Jones knowingly permitted a trap, device or thing to continue to be placed or set and the trap, device or thing was capable of destroying human life or inflicting grievous bodily harm on any person.

Section 49(2) does not apply because the trap was not placed with the intention of destroying vermin and the trap was not placed in a dwelling house to protect against vermin.

2.5 Review

Reviewing the information covered in this chapter in half a page, yscript code consists of rules which often have the form:

```
RULE rule-name PROVIDES
some conclusion is reached ONLY IF
  some premise applies AND
  some other premise applies
```

or sometimes:

```
RULE rule-name PROVIDES
IF some premise applies THEN
  some conclusion is reached
```

You can create more complicated conditions by replacing **AND** with the **OR** operator or the **AND/OR** operator.

Named subjects can be introduced with the keywords **PERSON**, **THING** and **PERSON-THING** as in:

```
PERSON description of person's role
THING description of non-person subject
PERSON-THING description of a subject that is animate or inanimate
```

If you have followed up until now, you should now be able to write yscript code and be able to create quite large and sophisticated applications. You can probably put off reading the rest of this manual until you have had the chance to experiment.

Chapter 3: Syntax, Types, Constants and Expressions

This chapter describes yscript syntax, the basic data *types* that it supports and *expressions* that can be used to combine *constants* and *facts*. The content includes a formal description of the fundamental elements of language, so you might just want to skim through it and use it as a reference source.

3.1 Keywords and Descriptors

The syntax of yscript code is different from most computer languages in that it makes very limited use of non-alphanumeric symbols. Generally, characters such as '=', '+', or '&' have no special meaning.¹³ The code consists of *keywords* and *descriptors*. A *keyword* is a reserved term that is always written in upper case. The full list¹⁴ of keywords is:

ALIAS	ALL	AND	AND/OR	AND/OR/WITH	AND/WITH
AS	ASSERT	ATTACH	AUTHORITY	BACKWARD	BEGIN
BOOLEAN	BY	CALL	CASE	CONTEXT	DAEMON
DATE	DAY	DAYS	DEFAULT	DEFINITE	DETERMINE
DISPLAYED	DIVIDED	DO	DOCUMENT	DOLLAR	DOLLARS
ELSE	END	END-SECTION	EQUAL	EQUALS	EXAMPLE
EXIT	EXPLAIN	FACT	FOR	FORGET	FORMAL
FORWARD	FROM	GENDER	GENDER-NEUTRAL	GENDERNEUTRAL	GOAL
GREATER	GREATEREQUAL	HOUR	HOURS	IF	IN
INCLUDE	INFO	INFORMAL	INTEGER	IS	LESS
LESSEQUAL	LEVEL	LINE	LINK	LISTED	MATCH
MATCHES	MINUS	MINUTE	MINUTES	MOD	MONEY
MONTH	MONTHS	NEXT	NOT	NUMBER	NUMBER
NUMBERED	ONLY	OR	OR/WITH	ORDER	PARAGRAPH
PERSON	PERSON-THING	PERSONTHING	PLUS	PROCEDURE	PROMPT
PROVIDES	RANGE	REPEAT	REPORT	RULE	SAY
SECOND	SECONDS	SECTION	SESSION	SEX	STRING
STYLE	SUB-RULE	SUBRULE	SYSTEM	TEMPLATE	TEXT
THAN	THEN	THING	TIME	TIMES	TO
TRANSLATE	UNCERTAIN	UNIT	UNKNOWN	UNLISTED	UNNAMED
UNREPORTED	UNTIL	VERB	VERBS	WEEK	WEEKS
WHEN	WHILE	YEAR	YEARS		

Figure 1 - List of Keywords

A *descriptor* is a sequence of letters and symbols that does not include a keyword and is used to refer to a *constant*, *fact* or *text*. Descriptors may include any Unicode character

¹³ Apart from being used in the occasional keywords (such as AND/OR, AND/OR/WITH and PERSON-THING), other places where special characters are significant are in facts where tilde (~) is optionally used to divide a fact name into a subject and predicate and where curly brackets ({}) are used to embed fact values or to specify *generic rules* and in the VERBS declaration where pipe (|) is used to specify alternative word forms. Single and double quotes are used to indicate string constants. Other characters such as decimal points, plus or minus signs and unit abbreviations have special meaning within numerical constant values.

¹⁴ This list includes keywords that have been deprecated or which are used to parse DataLex declarations that are simply passed through to the DataLex system.

in UTF-8 encoding.¹⁵ Sequences of blanks (spaces, tabs and newlines) containing more than one newline character are treated as a single newline. All other blank sequences are processed as though they were a single space. Upper and lower case is significant. Code may be formatted however you wish¹⁶ but it is recommended that standard indenting is used to indicate control flow.¹⁷ *Text* may optionally be enclosed in single or double quotes.

3.2 Escape Sequences

The special meaning of a keyword and of any individual character may be escaped by preceding it with a backslash ('\') character. Newlines can be included in text with the sequence `\n`. For example:

```
"THIS \IS A \STRING CONTAINING KEYWORDS SURROUNDED \BY QUOTES\"
this text is in \{ curly brackets \}
this is a fact the contains a real tilde - \~
this is the first line of text\nthis the second\nand this is the third
```

The complete list of escape sequences is:

Escape Sequence	Meaning
<code>\KEYWORD</code>	the keyword as a plain word
<code>\n</code>	newline
<code>\\</code>	backslash
<code>\~</code>	tilde
<code>\"</code>	double quote
<code>\'</code>	single quote
<code>\{</code>	left curly bracket
<code>\}</code>	right curly bracket
<code>\<</code>	Left angle bracket ¹⁸
<code>\></code>	Right angle bracket
<code>\x</code>	any other character 'x'

Figure 2 - Character Escape Sequences

3.3 Comments

Comments are used to describe parts of the code and to indicate things that are not obvious, limitations of the code or things that are yet to be done. Comments have no

¹⁵ Normally, non-ASCII Unicode characters are simply included in descriptors. Where such characters are syntactically significant such as single and double quotes and non-breaking spaces in non-*text* blocks, these are transliterated to ASCII form.

¹⁶ *Text* blocks may use Markdown formatting. See § 8.2 at page 91.

¹⁷ `yscript` can also be called with the `-p` flag which will “pretty-print” code in suggested standard format.

¹⁸ In the original version of `yscript`, angle brackets were used for embedded facts. To support legacy code, facts that are enclosed in angle brackets and used or declared elsewhere in the code are still treated as embedded facts. Apart from dealing with any problems that arise from this special case, angle brackets should not need to be escaped.

effect on the meaning of the code itself or of what it does when executed or evaluated. yscript code is intended to be transparent and so use of comments should be used when they really have something to say rather than just repeating what anyone can already read. yscript supports line and multi-line commenting styles.

Multi-line comments are introduced with the characters `/*` and finish with `*/`. Unlike most languages, comments nest so that you can comment out code which already contains comments. For example:

```
/* this is a comment */

/*
 *   so is /* this */
 */
```

You can also use C++ style single line `//` comments. For example

```
// this is single-line comment in C++ style
this is code // but this is a comment
```

3.4 Code Syntax and Structure

yscript code consists of a set of declarations of *facts* and *rules*.¹⁹ Each of these types of declarations is dealt with in a chapter of their own below, but we have already seen examples of each type of declaration in the previous section.

Facts are dynamically typed and only need to be formally declared if their *type* is not implicit from their usage. The examples of fact declarations that have already been used relate to a special type of facts called - *named subjects* which are declared as in:

```
PERSON the claimant
THING the destination
PERSON-THING the party
```

BOOLEAN facts can be associated with the values `true` and `false`.²⁰ Other facts can have values such as numbers, dates, or strings.

Where necessary, these can be formally declared as in:

```
MONEY the purchase price
INTEGER the number of properties purchased
DATE the date of purchase
STRING the name of the client
```

Rule declarations start with a rule type (generally just `RULE`), followed by an optional name and the keyword `PROVIDES`, and finally one or more *statements*. We have already

¹⁹ As we will see later, facts and rules can also be grouped in *contexts* which are designed to build larger applications. See § 4.18 on page 58. There are also several other miscellaneous declaration types including: *defaults*, *rule order*, *includes* and *verbs*.

²⁰ As an alternative, BOOLEAN facts can take the constant values `yes` and `no` which have the same meaning as `true` and `false`.

considered examples of two types of statements: *assignment* (ONLY IF) and the conditional IF-THEN statement. An assignment statement can take several forms, but the simplest is the ONLY IF form where a (BOOLEAN) fact is assigned the truth value of a fact or *expression*.

For example:

```
RULE PROVIDES
  a proposition requiring two conditions is true ONLY IF
    the first condition is met AND
    the second condition is met
```

In this example, the value of the *expression* "the first condition is met AND the second condition is met" is assigned to the fact "a proposition requiring two conditions is true".

The other example of a *statement* that we have seen is the IF-THEN statement which will only evaluate a statement if a condition is true. For example:

```
RULE PROVIDES
  IF the condition is true THEN
    the conclusion is true
```

will execute the assignment statement - "the conclusion is true", only if the expression containing just the fact "the condition is true", is true.

3.5 Types and Constants

There are eight basic *types* of *facts* and *constants*: boolean, currency, dates, genders, integers, numbers and strings and times.²¹

Constants are used to refer to values that do not change²² such as numbers, dates, and strings. Each constant has an associated type and will be recognised as such based on the format of a descriptor and where it appears in the code.

²¹ There are also three composite types for *named subjects*: PERSON, THING and PERSON-THING.

²² Two exceptions to the rule that constants do not change are the DATE *constant* - today, and the INTEGER *constant* - random. The former will always have the value of today's date and the latter is a random number.

The basic types and associated constant forms are:

Type	Example	Description
BOOLEAN	true	true or false.
NUMBER	1000.123	A number with optional decimal point and fractional component and optionally preceded by a plus or minus sign.
INTEGER	1,000	A positive or negative whole number with no decimal point or fractional component.
MONEY	\$100.00	A monetary value consisting of a currency abbreviation, then an integer followed by an optional decimal point and two digits.
STRING	"xyz"	Anything starting and ending with a single or double quote.
DATE	1 January 2021	A date in any commonly used format including the shorthand today. By default, day/month ordering is day and then month.
TIME	10:23am	A time in any commonly used format including: now, midday, noon and midnight.
GENDER	female	Any preferred gender or unspecified.

Figure 3 - Types and Constants

BOOLEAN facts and constants have a value of true or false. An INTEGER is a positive or negative whole number which can be in the range -10^{18} to $+10^{18}$. A NUMBER is a double precision floating point number with approximately 10^{16} digits of accuracy and is presented with up to 6 digits after the decimal point. A STRING is any series of characters contained in double or single quotes.²³

GENDER facts may refer to any string value. The value can also be UNSPECIFIED where a user does not wish to provide their gender or where the value is otherwise inappropriate or unnecessary.

A MONEY value is identical to a NUMBER except that if a fact or constant is not associated with some other currency *unit* when its value is first used, then the fact or constant

²³ Unicode quotes are also recognised. A string can contain single and double quotes. Strings can also contain embedded facts enclosed in {curly brackets}. See § 4.13 below at page 56.

will be associated with the unit `dollars`. This can be changed by specifying a different monetary *unit*.²⁴ A `MONEY` value cannot be associated with a non-currency unit.

Date Constants

The `DATE` type is used to refer to calendar dates. Most standard date formats can be used as constants in code and during execution. Examples of some of these are:

5th March 2020	MARCH 5, 2020
5th day of March, 2020	Mar 5 2020
5 MAR 20	5/3/2020
05.03.2020	05:03:20
2020-05-03	today

Figure 4 - Common Date Formats

The default output date format²⁵ is: 21st March, 2021. The day/month order in `yscript` code assumes that the day comes before the month. The day/month ordering for user input when `yscript` code is executed is determined by the locale.

The supported range of years is from AD 1 to 9999²⁶. Where a year has only two digits, and if it is less than 50 it will be taken to be a shorthand for 2000–2050, and abbreviated years from 50 to 99 will be taken to be referring to 1951–1999. To avoid confusion introduced by US style month-day ordering,²⁷ it is good practice to use a date format with a non-numerical month. It is also a good idea to avoid short form years and include full four-digit years. The word `today` is interpreted as a date equivalent to today's date.

Time Constants

The `TIME` type is used to refer to time. Like dates, most common formats are recognised. The default output format is `hh.mm am/pm`. This can be changed by specifying a different `STYLE`.²⁸ Times are assumed to be local by default. This can be changed by adding a time zone.

²⁴ This can be done on a per fact basis (see § 4.5 at page 45) or the default change be changed for all monetary units (see § 4.8 at page 49).

²⁵ This can be changed by specifying a new default date format. See § 4.8 at page 49.

²⁶ Years before the Common Era (BCE or BC) can be dealt with using the `calendar year` unit. See page 48.

²⁷ Apart from ISO dates, `yscript code` uses the European convention of assuming dates are in *day-month-year* format. The day-month order for dates input by an application end-user is determined by the current locale.

²⁸ See § Figure 22 – Time Styles at page 48.

For example:

10 PM	10.00p.m.	12 noon	2300 hours
22:00	10 o'clock	12 midnight	now
20:00:02	10.20.30 a.m.	noon	14:20 AEST ²⁹

Figure 5 - Common Time Formats

3.6 Number Formats

Numbers can be written in a variety of formats. All numbers can be positive or negative and may always start with an optional plus or minus sign. For non-integers, the decimal point can be written as a full-stop or as a comma and this may appear as the first thing in a number without being preceded by a zero. Digits to the left of a decimal point can be grouped into sets of 3 or 4 digits with commas, full-stops or spaces. Where this is ambiguous, the number will be interpreted as though a comma is a separator rather than a decimal point. Non-integers can also be expressed in exponential form.

Some examples:

123	the integer, one-hundred-an-twenty-three
-1,000	minus one thousand using US/UK style comma grouping
200 000 000	two hundred million using ISO style digit grouping
10.200.000	ten point two million using European grouping
+1020,0000	ten point two million using Japanese 4 digit grouping
10'200'000	ten point two million using Swiss style grouping
10.5	ten and a half in US/UK style
10,50	ten and a half in European / international format
2.000,12	two thousand point twelve in European format
3,300	three thousand, three hundred in UK/US format
3,3	three-point three in European format
1.200e+3	one thousand, two hundred in exponential form

Figure 6 - Number Formats

The output numbering style can be set using the `STYLE` sub-declaration on a per fact basis³⁰ or can be set generally with the `DEFAULT NUMBER STYLE` declaration.

3.7 Currencies and Units of Measurement

Facts and constants with a numerical value can be associated with a unit of measurement or an international currency.

²⁹ For a list of supported time zones see Figure 29 - Time Zones at page 110.

³⁰ See § 4.6 at page 46.

A reference to a numerical constant can include a unit by either indicating a unit type after the constant value or, in the case of currency amounts, by preceding the constant value with the currency type such as a dollar sign or other currency symbol. For example:

50 km	30°C	100 MPH
1 µl	20 t	30 N m
€ 200	1000VT	GBP 150

Figure 7 - Example Units

The specification of a unit may sometimes result in a change to the value of an associated constant. The reference to € 200 in the example above will have no effect other than indicating in the code that this is intended to be an amount in Euros. The *euro* is a *base unit* and so € 200 has a value of 200. The second example - 50km, is expressed in terms of the *kilometre* which is derived from the base unit of length - the *metre*. A kilometre is 1000 metres and so 50 kms will have the value - 50000. The final example - 1 µl, refers to one microlitre which is one-millionth of the base-unit - the litre and accordingly will have the value of 0.000001.

Metric Base Units

Metric values are made up of an optional metric prefix followed by a *metric base-unit*. The metric base-units³¹ are as follows:

amp	A	atmosphere	atm	bar	bar
becquerel	Bq	bit	b	byte	B
candela	cd	coulomb	C	dalton	Da
degrees Celsius	°C	electronvolt	eV	farad	F
gram ³²	g	gray	Gy	hectare	ha
henry	H	hertz	Hz	joule	J
katal	kat	kelvin	K	litre	l
lumen	lm	lux	lx	metre	m
mole	mol	newton	N	ohm	Ω
pascal	Pa	second	s	siemens	S
sievert	Sv	tesla	T	ton	ton
tonne	t	volt	V	watt	W
weber	Wb				

Figure 8 -Metric Base Units

³¹ This is a list of all base units that can take a metric prefix and includes the seven SI base units, the official twenty named dimensioned SI derived units, the dimensioned non-SI units accepted for use with SI units and the unofficial non-SI units - bits, bytes, and tons.

³² The SI unit of mass is the *kilogram* which is one of the seven SI base units. Whilst the *kilo* is technically part of the base SI unit name, yscript regards the base-unit for mass as the *gram*.

Non-Metric Base Units

Non-metric unit types such as non-dimensioned SI units, Imperial and US based measures are also supported. These include:

acre	acre	ångström	Å	astronomical unit	au
Bel	bel	British thermal unit	BTU	calorie	Cal
chain	ch	cup	cup	day	day
decibel	dB	degree	°	degree Fahrenheit	°F
fathom	ftm	fluid ounce	fl oz	foot	ft
furlong	fur	gallon	gal	gravity	<i>g</i>
hour	hr	inch	"	inch of mercury	inHg
knot	kn	mile	mi	minute	'
month	Mth	nautical mile	nmi	neper	Np
ounce	oz	percent	%	pint	pt
pound	lb	quart	qt	radian	rad
second	"	steradian	sr	stone	st
tablespoon	tbsp	torr	Torr	week	wk
yard	yd	year	yr		

Figure 9 - US, Imperial and other Units

Referring to a Unit

A unit can be referred to by either its full name or by its abbreviation.³³ Long names may be in plural or singular form. The following sets of examples all refer to the same unit and will result in a constant having the same value:

€ 200, 200 euros, 200 EUR, 200
 10 ohms, 10 Ω, 10
 90 degrees, 90°, 90

Metric Prefixes

Metric base units can be combined with a *metric prefix* to indicate multiple and submultiple values. Any metric base unit can be combined with the following prefixes:

³³ There are also some automatic mappings for commonly used alternative forms of both the long and abbreviated unit names. See Figure 27 - Unit Synonyms at page 105.

yotta	Y	10^{24}	1 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
yetta	Z	10^{21}	1 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
exa	E	10^{18}	1 000 000 000 000 000 000
peta	P	10^{15}	1 000 000 000 000 000
tera	T	10^{12}	1 000 000 000 000
giga	G	10^9	1 000 000 000
mega	M	10^6	1 000 000
kilo	k	10^3	1 000
milli	m	10^{-3}	0.001
micro	μ	10^{-6}	0.000 001
nano	n	10^{-9}	0.000 000 001
pico	p	10^{-12}	0.000 000 000 001
femto	f	10^{-15}	0.000 000 000 000 001
atto	a	10^{-18}	0.000 000 000 000 000 001
zepto	z	10^{-21}	0.000 000 000 000 000 000 001
yocto	y	10^{-24}	0.000 000 000 000 000 000 000 001

Figure 10 - Metric Prefixes

The following examples each have the same meaning:

1 tonne, 1 t, 1 megagram, 1000 kg
 50 km, 50 kilometres, 50000 metres

Note that for metric values, it is possible to refer to the same value in different ways. A tonne is one million grams and hence the use of the metric prefix “mega” (which means million). Similarly, a kilogram (abbreviated to kg in second example) refers to 1000 grams (the “kilo” prefix meaning 1000). One thousand kilograms is a million grams or one tonne. Similarly, a kilometre is 1000 metres and so 50km is 50000 metres.

Base units can be combined to produce derived units. Only specific derived units are recognised.

For example:

9.81 m/s²
 30 miles per gallon
 22 m²·kg·s⁻²·K⁻¹·mol⁻¹

Composite Units

Some units may optionally be constructed from components. The most important of these is elapsed time which can be expressed in hours, minutes, and seconds. The other composite units are *feet and inches* and *pounds and ounces*.

For example:

2 hours 10 minutes 3 seconds	10 lbs 3 ounces
10 minutes	10 feet
10 minutes 3.3 seconds	6' 6"

Figure 11 - Composite Units

Currency Units

Currency units are indicated by preceding a numerical value with a currency abbreviation or following a number with a currency description. Currencies can be generic or currency specific. Generic currencies are not necessarily associated with any country or economic group. For example:

Long Description	Abbreviation	Examples
dollars	\$	\$100, \$10,230.00, 2000 dollars
pounds	£	£15, £22.50, 100 pounds
euros	€	€ 75, € 150.00,50, 3.000 euros
yen	¥	¥1000, ¥10,0000, 500 yen

Figure 12 - Generic Currencies

All currencies, also have a country or economic group specific unit. This is indicated by three-letter ISO-4217 currency code. Some currencies also use unique abbreviations that map to these codes. For example:

USD 20,000, US\$20,000, USD\$20,000, 20000 USD
 AUD 5,000, A\$5000, AUD\$5000, 5000 AUD
 GBP 3000, GBP£3,000, 3,000 GBP
 EUR 75, 2.000,12 EUR
 JPY 1000, JP¥10,0000, 500 JPY

3.8 Expressions

An *expression* consists of fact or constant references, connected by *operators*. Expressions are used as conditions in *statements* (such as IF, WHILE and REPEAT) and for building complex values to be assigned to facts. *Binary operators* describe the relationship between two facts or perform an operation that depends on two fact values. Expressions can be *logical* (combining truth values), *relational* (comparing two values) or *arithmetic* (mathematical). Unary operators operate over a single fact value and can appear before a fact or constant (*pre-unary*) or after a fact or constant (*post-unary*). Unary operators bind more tightly (that is, have higher precedence) than binary operators. The order of precedence for binary operators is (highest to lowest):

TIMES DIVIDED MOD
 PLUS MINUS
 EQUALS GREATER GREATEREQUAL LESS LESSEQUAL NOTEQUAL MATCHES IN
 AND/OR AND/OR/WITH
 AND AND/WITH
 OR OR/WITH

Figure 13 - Operator Precedence

The order of evaluation of an expression can be changed by use of BEGIN-END pairs (which work like brackets in ordinary mathematical expressions). For example, the mathematical expression $(2 + 3) \times 4$ could be written as:

```
BEGIN 2 PLUS 3 END TIMES 4
```

Logical Operators

Logical operators are used to combine propositions to form more complex propositions. The available logical operators are:

Logical Operator	Meaning
AND	logical conditional AND
OR	logical conditional OR
AND/OR	logical conditional OR with high precedence
AND/WITH	logical non-conditional AND
OR/WITH	logical non-conditional OR
AND/OR/WITH	logical non-conditional OR with high precedence

Figure 14 - Logical Operators

Conditional operators operate left-to-right but will stop when a result is known. Non-conditional operators evaluate **all** arguments from left to right and are only used in special circumstances where you want to evaluate all facts in an expression regardless of whether they effect the logical result.

Some operators are semantically equivalent and only differ in respect of their precedence. Normally, logical operators follow the same precedence found in most programming languages, such that (for example) AND will bind more tightly than OR. Like in mathematical expressions, this can be altered with BEGIN and END pairs as discussed above. It is often however more aesthetic to use the AND/OR operator which works exactly like the normal conditional OR operator but with a binding strength above that of AND.³⁴

Relative Operators

Relative operators compare two values for equality or relativity. The EQUALS and NOTEQUALS operators will work with expressions returning any type of value. The IN-operator tests if the first string is a sub-string of the second string and only works for expressions returning type STRING. All other relative operators are only legal for values with a type that has a continuous range (that is, DATE, INTEGER, MONEY, and NUMBER). Relative operators may be preceded by the keyword IS and then optionally followed

³⁴ When using conditional logical operators, the slightly less aesthetic AND/OR/WITH can be used for the same purpose.

by the keywords `THAN` or `TO` where this makes the code read in a more English-like way.

The following relative operators are available:

Relative Operator	Meaning
<code>EQUAL</code> or <code>EQUALS</code> or <code>EQUAL TO</code> or <code>EQUALS TO</code>	Test for equality
<code>NOT EQUAL</code> or <code>NOT EQUALS</code> or <code>NOT EQUAL TO</code> or <code>NOT EQUALS TO</code>	Test for in-equality
<code>IN</code>	Test if the first string is a sub-string of the second
<code>LESS</code> or <code>LESS THAN</code> or <code>IS LESS THAN</code>	Test if the first expression is less than the second expression
<code>GREATER</code> or <code>GREATER THAN</code> or <code>IS GREATER THAN</code>	Test if the first expression is greater than the second expression
<code>LESSEQUAL</code> or <code>LESSEQUAL THAN</code> or <code>IS LESSEQUAL TO</code>	Test if the first expression is less than or equal to the second expression
<code>GREATEREQUAL</code> or <code>GREATEREQUAL TO</code> or <code>IS GREATEREQUAL TO</code>	Test if the first expression is greater than or equal to the second expression

Figure 15 - Relative Operators

Note that comparing facts of type `NUMBER` for equality or inequality will always be inexact to allow for rounding errors that may have been introduced by calculation.

Some examples:

```

the value of the property IS LESS THAN $1,000,000
the number of people IS GREATER THAN 5
the type of game IS NOT EQUAL TO "a lottery"
"Neptune" IN the list of planets
the value of the prize IS GREATER THAN $100 AND the value of the prize IS
LESS THAN $1,000

```

Arithmetic Operators

Arithmetic operators normally perform mathematical calculations on numbers and dates. The `MATCHES` operator returns a number between 0 and 100 indicating the extent to which two strings are similar. This is useful if you are attempting to deal with free form user responses. Whilst not strictly arithmetic, the `PLUS` operator will also concatenate two strings.

Arithmetical Operator	Meaning
TIMES	Multiply two numbers.
DIVIDED or DIVIDED BY	Divide the first number by the second number.
PLUS	Add two numbers together or concatenate two strings.
MINUS	Subtract the second number from the first number.
MOD	Return remainder after dividing first number by second number.
MATCHES	Return a percentage fuzzy match for two strings.

Figure 16 - Arithmetic Operators

Some examples:

```
1 PLUS 1
BEGIN 1 PLUS 2 END TIMES 3
"the cat" PLUS "in the hat"
the response MATCHES "something we're looking for" GREATER THAN 50
```

Unary Operators

Unary operators have a single operand which may appear before or after the operator. The following unary operators are available:

Pre-Unary Operator	Meaning
UNKNOWN	Test if a fact is unknown or unknowable.
NOT	Negate the truth value of the following expression.
DAY	Extract the (integral) day from the following date.
HOUR	Extract the hours value from the following time.
MINUTE	Extract the minutes value from the following time.
MONTH	Extract the (integral) month from the following date.
SECOND	Extract the seconds value from the following time.
YEAR	Extract a year from a date.

Figure 17 - Pre-Unary Operators

Post-Unary Operator	Meaning
SECOND or SECONDS	The previous expression is in seconds.
MINUTE or MINUTES	The previous expression is in minutes.
HOUR or HOURS	The previous expression is in hours.
DAY or DAYS	The previous expression is in days.
WEEK or WEEKS	The previous expression is in weeks.
MONTH or MONTHS	The previous expression is in months.
YEAR or YEARS	The previous expression is in years.

Figure 18 - Post-Unary Operators

The NOT operator negates the truth value of the expression that follows. It is not often strictly necessary, as usually you can write boolean fact in its negative form. For example, a reference to a fact in the form: section 123 does not apply is equivalent to NOT section 123 applies.

The UNKNOWN operator checks to see whether the value of a fact is known without attempting to find a value for it. All other unary operators relate to date and time arithmetic.³⁵

Date Arithmetic and Comparison

Dates can be compared in expressions using regular equality and relational operators. They may only be compared with other facts and constants of type DATE. For example:

```
the start of Spring EQUALS 1 September 2020
the date something happened IS LESS THAN the date
something else happened
```

The components of a date can be extracted using the pre-unary operators: DAY, MONTH and YEAR. The result is an integral (INTEGER) value. For example:

```
the month that Spring starts IS MONTH the start of Spring
the year it happened IS YEAR the date something happened
```

The PLUS and MINUS expression operators can be used to perform date arithmetic. Days can be simply added to or subtracted from a date. It is also possible to add and subtract weeks, months, and years by using the week, month, and years units. For example:

³⁵ This is discussed further in the next section. Note that for constant values the effect of using the post-unary keywords is equivalent to the use of an equivalent unit.

```
ninety days after this date IS this date PLUS 90
ninety days after this date IS this date PLUS 90 days
six months before this date IS this date MINUS 6 months
```

When adding or subtracting months or years to or from a date and where the day falls on the last day of the month, the resulting date will fall on the last day of the month for the new date. For example:

```
30 June 2020 PLUS 9 months EQUALS 31 March 2021
29 February 2020 PLUS 1 year EQUALS 28 February 2021
```

It is permissible to add or subtract days, months, and years to a date at the same time. For example:

```
the final date IS the signing date PLUS 1 month PLUS 1 day
```

or a longer example:

```
DATE my date
INTEGER my day
INTEGER my month
INTEGER my year

RULE PROVIDES
my date IS 1 January 1 PLUS my day DAYS36 MINUS 1 DAY
        PLUS my month MONTHS MINUS 1 MONTH
        PLUS my year YEARS MINUS 1 YEAR
```

Time Arithmetic and Comparison

Like dates, fact values and constants of type TIME can also be compared and subject to arithmetic. Times are stored as the number of seconds since midnight in local time.

For example:

```
TIME the time

RULE PROVIDES
IF the time IS LESS THAN 12 noon THEN
    it is morning
ELSE IF the time IS LESS THAN 6 pm THEN
    it is afternoon
ELSE
    it is evening
```

Seconds can be simply added to or subtracted from times and they will continue to display correctly regardless of whether a time becomes negative or is greater than 24 hours. Times can be added and subtracted to DATES. For example:

³⁶ The units DAY, WEEK, MONTH and YEAR are also reserved words when capitalised. These have the same effect as using the corresponding units but can be applied to a fact as well as being part of a constant reference.

```

RULE PROVIDES
ASSERT the start date IS 31 December 2021
ASSERT the start time IS 11pm
ASSERT the finish time IS the start time PLUS 3 hours
ASSERT the finish date IS the start date PLUS the finish time

```

will produce:

```

The start date is 31st December, 2021. The start time is
11pm. The finish time is 2am because the start time is 11pm.
The finish date is 1st January, 2022 because the start date
is 31st December, 2021 and the finish time is 2am.

```

Times from different time zones³⁷ may be combined and will be automatically converted as necessary. For example:

```

TIME the time in Sydney
UNIT AEST

RULE PROVIDES
the time in Sydney IS 5.16am UTC-7

```

will produce:

```

The time in Sydney is 10.16pm AEST.

```

Expressions Involving Numerical Units

The value of all facts and constants is stored in *base-unit* format.³⁸ For example, the value of 1000 m and 1 km will both be 1000. *Composite units*³⁹ are also stored using the unit associated with the base form. Elapsed time expressed in hours and/or minutes is stored in seconds, feet are stored as inches and pounds are stored as ounces. For example, the constants - 2 hours and 120 minutes, will both have the value 7200.

The effect of this is that generally units forming part of a base-unit or base form family can be compared or assigned to each other. These units can also be added together or subtracted from each other. For example:

```

RULE PROVIDES
ASSERT the length IS 750 m PLUS 1.25 km
ASSERT the other length IS 50 feet PLUS 10 feet 6 inches

```

will produce:

```

The length is 2 km. The other length is 60 ft 6 in.

```

Units from different systems of measurement are converted as necessary. So, for example:

³⁷ See Figure 29 - Time Zones on page 110 for a list of supported time zones.

³⁸ See § 3.7 above at page 29.

³⁹ See Composite Units at page 32.

```
NUMBER the imperial length
UNIT yards
```

```
RULE PROVIDES
ASSERT the length IS 750 m PLUS 60 ft 6 in
ASSERT the imperial length IS the length
```

will produce:

```
The imperial length is 840.37664 yd because the length is 768.4404 m.
```

Finally, values associated with units can be multiplied and divided. For example:

```
RULE PROVIDES
ASSERT x IS 10 metres TIMES 10 metres
ASSERT y IS 10 feet TIMES 24 inches
```

will result in:

```
X is 100 m2. Y is 20 sq ft.
```


Chapter 4: Facts

Facts are used to hold a value during execution and are referred to by a descriptor that is not a *constant* and that is not *text*. Generally, fact names should be written in lower case unless referring to a proper noun or an abbreviation. Fact names can contain any Unicode character in UTF-8 encoding. Case is significant. Like other descriptors, fact names can contain multiple spaces or tabs and can extend across more than one line. Blank space is treated as a single space.

4.1 Fact Declarations

Facts are always associated with a single *type*. Most facts will be of type `BOOLEAN`, that is they are propositional statements representing either a premise or a conclusion. Other valid fact types are `DATE`, `GENDER`, `INTEGER`, `MONEY`, `NUMBER`, `STRING` and `TIME`.⁴⁰ It is not generally necessary⁴¹ to formally declare a fact unless its type is not clear from the way it is used or if you want to modify the way the name of the fact is used when communicating with the user. Fact declarations consist of an optional *qualifier* followed by a *type*, optionally followed by the keyword `FACT` and then the name of the fact. If only the keyword `FACT` appears then the fact is assumed to be `BOOLEAN`.

The formal syntax⁴² for a fact declaration header is:⁴³

```
[ GOAL ] [ SYSTEM | UNREPORTED ]
  [ BOOLEAN | GENDER | INTEGER | NUMBER | STRING | TIME ] [FACT]
  fact-name [ FROM context ]
```

The qualifiers `SYSTEM` and `UNREPORTED` serve to suppress the reporting of fact values for facts that are being used in a mechanical way. The use of *contexts* allows for facts to have separate namespaces and is discussed at the end of this chapter.

Where the `GOAL` keyword is specified, this procedure will be marked as a goal rule.

Some examples of simple fact declarations include:

```
INTEGER the number of children of the testator
MONEY the value of the prize
STRING the name of the event
FACT the testator is survived by a legal or de facto spouse
```

⁴⁰ Facts may also refer to a *named subject* which is a composite fact discussed below. See § 4.12 at page 53.

⁴¹ The other main reason for formally declaring facts is so that they can be shared between different *contexts* as discussed in § 4.18 at page 58.

⁴² The convention used in this manual is that square brackets `[]` indicate that the contents are *optional*, curly brackets `{}` indicate *one or more occurrences* of their content and pipe `(|)` indicates an alternative. Non-literals are shown in italics. *boolean-fact* `{AND boolean-fact}` thus means a boolean fact (for example, section 23 applies) optionally followed by zero or more occurrences of the keyword `AND` followed by another boolean fact (for example, section 23 applies `AND` section 24 applies).

⁴³ Fact declarations can also be followed by a prompt, an alias, attachments, translations, explanations, and a range. Where a fact is part of an object, it can also contain *statements*. See § 6.8 at page 78.

Fact declarations should appear outside of rules and procedures. Facts cannot be declared as being local to a rule or procedure and are accessible from all rules in the context.⁴⁴

4.2 Propositions

yscript code generally involves manipulating facts in propositional form. *Propositional logic* is a branch of logic that is concerned with combining statements which are true or false (*propositions*) to form or decompose more complex propositions. Unlike other forms of logic, propositional logic is not concerned with how the propositions themselves work. Propositions are regarded as indivisible units of expression. In yscript, propositions are represented as `BOOLEAN` facts.

The name of a fact operates much like a variable name in a conventional programming language. The thing that is different in yscript, however, is that the fact names are also used to build elements of English dialogs which are used to interact with application users. This is important because it means that information can be treated symbolically but with no requirement to provide a separate textual representation for each symbol. Whilst the composition of propositional (boolean) fact names is irrelevant to the symbolic operation of an application (that is, what conclusions are formed and for which reasons) it is very important from the point of view of communicating with an end-user.

yscript uses a light-weight natural language parser⁴⁵ to transform simple English language propositions into their positive or negative form and to turn them into questions when necessary. A proposition is regarded as a subject followed by a predicate. The subject is the person or thing that the proposition is about. The predicate modifies the subject. A predicate implies some action and should always start with a simple or compound verb and may optionally be followed by an object or modifying action phrase:

subject compound-or-simple-verb [object]

The most critical step for yscript in processing a proposition is to divide the proposition into a subject and a predicate. The current approach applies a set of heuristic rules that identify different parts of speech based around generally used word forms supplemented by a dictionary of commonly used verbs expressed in their present, plural, past and past-participle forms. The algorithm will prefer auxiliary verbs over all other verbs in a proposition. Where no auxiliary verb is present, it will look for a known verb in past tense or plural form, then for words that appear to be verbs (that is, which appear to be plurals or to be in past tense or which are preceded

⁴⁴ Facts may also be shared between contexts. See § 4.18 at page 58.

⁴⁵ If you are interested in how yscript parses propositions, the standard distribution includes a utility called `trans` which interactively prompts for a proposition and shows how and why the proposition is split into a subject, verb and object as well as displaying resultant translations.

by an adverb) and then a known verb in present tense. The algorithm considers parts of speech that appear to be nouns and several other factors.

The list of auxiliary verbs includes:

am	are	can	could	did	do	does
had	has	have	is	may	might	must
ought	shall	should	was	were	will	would

Figure 19 - List of Auxiliary Verbs

The practical upshot of all of this is that when choosing the name for a BOOLEAN fact, you should describe it as a proposition, that is it should start with a subject, then a verb (in the positive or negative and in compound or non-compound form) and, optionally an object. For example:

```
yscript is a computer language
propositional logic studies ways of joining statements
the rule applies
```

Provided that fact names appear in this format, yscript will normally be able to affect sensible prompts and translations that can be used during user sessions. For the above examples, the following automatic prompts and translations would be used:

```
Is yscript a computer language?
yscript is a computer language.
yscript is not a computer language.
```

```
Does propositional logic study ways of joining propositions?
Propositional logic studies ways of joining propositions.
Propositional logic does not study ways of joining propositions.
```

```
Does the rule apply?
The rule applies.
The rule does not apply.
```

Internally, all boolean fact names are stored in positive form. Contractions are expanded, and some grammatical forms simplified.

The following sets of alternatives all refer to the same fact:

```
the rule applies
the rule does not apply
the rule does apply
the rule doesn't apply
```

```
the person went overseas
the person did not go overseas
the person didn't go overseas
the person did go overseas
```

```
the defendant did twenty years in prison
the defendant did not do twenty years in prison
```

```
the testator had no children
the testator had children
the testator did not have children
the testator didn't have children
```

4.3 Dealing with Grammatical Errors

The natural language parsing techniques used by yscript to transpose and manipulate propositions are heuristic in nature and occasionally mistakes will be made.⁴⁶ When this happens, the first step is to try to rephrase the proposition in a more straightforward way. Provisos and exceptions are probably best expressed as separate facts. Passive statements should be expressed in active form. The parser will always prefer an auxiliary verb⁴⁷ over any other known verb or word that appears to be a verb. Inserting an auxiliary verb like “does” or “did” will often resolve the problem. If this is superfluous, it will serve just to identify a verb and will not appear in consultations.

If these techniques do not work, then there are three other approaches. The simplest is to divide the proposition manually by inserting a tilde (~) between the proposition subject and predicate (that is, before the compound or simple verb). This will become part of the name of the fact and must be included the first time a fact is used. For example:

```
the client~thinks he has a good case
the cost of the appeals~exceeded expectations
```

The parser currently contains a dictionary of around 6,000 commonly used verbs. For other verbs (particularly irregular verbs), it may either not recognise the word as a verb or transpose it incorrectly to and from its plural, past tense, or past participle form. In such cases, verbs can be added to the dictionary using the VERBS declaration.⁴⁸ The syntax is:

```
VERB|VERBS { present|plural|past|past-participle }
```

For example:

```
VERBS catch|catches|caught|caught break|breaks|broke|broken
```

Where none of these approaches works, the final resort is to declare specific prompts and translations for the fact.⁴⁹

⁴⁶ Apart from the `trans` utility mentioned previously, the `yscript` interpreter has a `-t` flag which will display the translations for all facts in an application.

⁴⁷ See Figure 19 at page 43 for a list.

⁴⁸ Previously, `yscript` was much more reliant upon verbs being declared in code. The need for the `VERBS` declaration is now much reduced to the point that it is nearly always unnecessary. In older code, you may also see that verb forms were presented in condensed form and separated by tildes. This usage is deprecated and probably best forgotten as a bad idea.

⁴⁹ See § 4.11 at page 51 below.

4.4 Non-Boolean Facts

Non-boolean facts are introduced in one of two ways: by use or formally. If the first use of a fact requires that it have a type other than boolean, the fact is automatically associated with this type.

For non-boolean facts, choose a name that can be followed by an “is” or an “are” (where the subject is plural) and a value. For example, the fact declarations:

```
MONEY the purchase price
MONEY the proceeds of the raffle
DATE the date of the purchase
STRING the names of the children
```

will result in the following prompts and translations:

```
What is the purchase price?
The purchase price is $1,000,000.

What are the proceeds of the raffle?
The proceeds of the raffle are $200.

What is the date of purchase?
The date of purchase is 28th February 2020.

What are the names of the children?
The names of the children are Moe, Larry and curly
```

4.5 Currencies and Units of Measure

Numerical facts may also be associated with a *unit* of measure and a *dimension*. The units associated with facts can be declared explicitly or can be inferred from assignments and expression usage of constants or other facts. For example, the following statements or expressions will result in the fact having the specified type, unit, and dimension:

Statement	Type	Unit	Dimension
the weight IS 10 kg	INTEGER	grams	kilograms
the force IS LESS THAN 1.0 N	NUMBER	newtons	newtons
the temperature EQUALS 100 °C	INTEGER	degrees Celsius	degrees Celsius
the amount GREATER THAN \$100.00	NUMBER	dollars	dollars

A unit and dimension association can also be indicated as part of a formal fact declaration. This is done using the UNIT sub-declaration. The syntax is:

```
UNIT unit-name
```

The *unit-name* may be either the full name or the abbreviation for a unit. For example, the formal declarations for the facts from the previous examples would be:

```
INTEGER the weight UNIT kilograms
NUMBER the force UNIT newtons
INTEGER the temperature UNIT degrees Celsius
NUMBER the amount UNIT dollars
```

The *dimension* of the unit is indicated by a metric prefix to the unit name. It is used as the default when asking the end-user for any values during consultations. It will also sometimes affect the way that a value is displayed.⁵⁰

Where a fact is assigned the value of an expression with a different unit type, the value and unit type will be converted where possible. This includes units with different dimensions as well as units from different systems of measurement.

For example:

```
INTEGER the temperature UNIT degrees Celsius
NUMBER the wind speed UNIT km/h
INTEGER the temperature in Fahrenheit UNIT °F
INTEGER the wind speed in miles per hour UNIT mph

RULE PROVIDES
ASSERT the temperature IS 25°C
ASSERT the wind speed IS 10 km/h
ASSERT the temperature in Fahrenheit IS the temperature
ASSERT the wind speed in miles per hour IS the wind speed
```

will produce:

```
The temperature is 25°C. The wind speed is 10 km/h. The
temperature in Fahrenheit is 77°F because the temperature
is 25°C. The wind speed in miles per hour is 6 mph because
the wind speed is 10 km/h.
```

4.6 Time Zones

Times are assumed to be local by default. This can be changed by specifying the time UNIT to a particular time zone.⁵¹ For example:

```
TIME the time in New York City
UNIT EST
```

Note that time zones are not completely standardised and can be ambiguous. The time UNIT can also be set to an IANA country code.⁵²

⁵⁰ For example, where the unit `millimetres` or `mm` is used, lengths will be displayed as millimetres for values less than 10m. Similarly, values using the unit/dimension `kilometres` will be displayed in kilometres even when greater than 1000.

⁵¹ See Figure 29 - Time Zones at page 110 for a complete list of available time zones.

⁵² See Figure 30 - Time Zone Country Names at page 112 for a list.

For example:

```
TIME the time in London
UNIT Europe/London
```

Apart from being unique, using IANA names has the advantage that it will select a time zone that accounts for any daylight savings changes. Where there is no available time zone, this will be set to local time.

The overall default time zone can be changed with the `DEFAULT TIME UNIT` declaration.⁵³

4.7 Styles

Facts can also be associated with *styles* which can be used to specify how the value of a fact should be displayed. The style will normally be automatically selected based on the fact type and associated unit type. This can be changed by using the `STYLE` sub-declaration.

The syntax is:

```
STYLE style-description
```

For example:

```
NUMBER the length of the boat
UNIT metres
STYLE European
```

Numerical Styles

The valid numerical styles which are applicable to fact declarations of types: `NUMBER`, `INTEGER` and `MONEY` are:

default	use commas to separate 1,000s and a dot for the decimal point
europaean	use dots to separate 1.000s and a comma for the decimal point
si	use SI format – spaces to separate 1 000s and a dot for the decimal point
eastern-europaean	use SI format, but use a comma for the decimal point
japanese	use commas to separate groups of 1,0000s and dot for the decimal point
swiss	use quotes to separate groups of 3 digits and a comma for decimal point
roman	use roman numerals

Figure 20 – Numerical Styles

⁵³ See § 4.8 at page 49.

Calendar Years

Calendar years can be declared as the INTEGER unit – calendaryear. When output, calendar years will be expressed to be BC / BCE and AD / CE depending upon the year value. The output presentation can be changed with the following styles:

AD or BC	precede years after zero with AD and follow years before 0 with BC
A.D. or B.C.	precede years after zero with A.D. and follow years before 0 with B.C.
BCE or CE	follow years after zero with CE and follow years before 0 with BCE
B.C.E. or C.E.	precede years after zero with C.E. and follow years before 0 with B.C.E.

Figure 21 - Calendar Year Styles

Where the style is in lowercase, the era will only be included for non-contemporary dates (which are defined as prior to AD 1000 and after 2200). For example:

```
AD 300
300 CE
2000 B.C.E
2021
```

Time Style Formats

The TIME style format consists of a string with the following elements:

HH	zero padded hours (00–23)
hh	hour (1–12)
MM	zero padded minutes (00–59)
mm	minutes (1–59)
SS	Zero padded minutes (00–59)
ss	Seconds (1–59)
am or pm	am, pm, noon or midnight
AM or PM	AM, PM, NOON or MIDNIGHT
A.M. or P.M.	A.M., P.M., NOON or MIDNIGHT
TZ or tz	international time zone

Figure 22 - Time Styles

For example:

Format	Example Output
hh.mm.ssam/pm	10.23pm
HH:mm:ss	22:23
HHmm:ss hours	2223:15 hours
HH:MM tz	14:25 AEST
hh.mm am/pm TZ	2.15 am UTC+11

Date Style Formats

The output date format can be changed by specifying a DATE style which is a string containing the following elements:

day or dd	the day (1–31)
DD	zero padded day (01–31)
month	the month (January–December)
MONTH	the month in capitals
MMM	abbreviated month in capitals
mmm	abbreviated month in mixed case
MM	zero padded month as number
mm	the month as a number (1–12)
th	day suffix (st, nd or th)
TH	day suffix in capitals
year or yyyy	the year (0–9999)
YY	the year (00–99)

Figure 23 - Date Styles

For example, setting the date style to “the dayth of month, year” will result in dates displaying as in “the 20th of December, 2021” and “mm/dd/yyyy” will display the first of March 2021 as “3/1/2021”.

There are no styles for fact values of type BOOLEAN, GENDER and STRING.

4.8 Default Styles, Numbering and Units

The default output style and numbering for all facts of a particular type can be changed using the DEFAULT declaration. The available default style declarations are:

Declaration Syntax	Example
DEFAULT NUMBER ⁵⁴ STYLE <i>number-style</i> ⁵⁵	DEFAULT NUMBER STYLE swiss
DEFAULT MONEY UNIT <i>currency-unit</i> ⁵⁶	DEFAULT MONEY UNIT euro
DEFAULT YEAR STYLE <i>year-style</i>	DEFAULT YEAR STYLE B.C.E.
DEFAULT DATE STYLE <i>date-format-string</i>	DEFAULT DATE STYLE dd/mm/yyyy
DEFAULT TIME STYLE <i>time-style</i> ⁵⁷	DEFAULT TIME STYLE hh:mm:ss
DEFAULT TIME UNIT <i>time-zone</i>	DEFAULT TIME UNIT Asia/Tokyo

Figure 24 - Default Styles, Numbering and Units

⁵⁴ This will change the formatting for all output numerical values, that is it will apply to types: NUMBER, INTEGER and MONEY.

⁵⁵ See Figure 20 - Numerical Styles on page 47 for a list of valid numerical styles.

⁵⁶ Currency units are discussed on page 33.

⁵⁷ See Figure 22 - Time Styles on page 48.

4.9 Certainty

Before a fact is assigned a value or one is provided by the user, the fact value is unknown. If there is no way of otherwise determining a value for a fact and the user says that the value of the fact is uncertain, the fact is tagged as being unknowable (or unspecified). Once a fact becomes unknowable, the system will not attempt to use rules to find a value and it will not re-ask the user for a value.

The certainty of a fact can be tested with the UNKNOWN pre-unary operator. This will return true if the fact value is uncertain (that is, not value has yet to be determined) or unknowable (that is, it is not possible to know a value for this fact).

For example:

```
IF UNKNOWN the defendant is bankrupt THEN
    it is possible that the defendant is not solvent
```

4.10 Ranges

Where there is a need to further limit the range of acceptable responses from the user then a FACT declaration can include a RANGE restriction.

The syntax is:

```
RANGE arithmetic-term TO arithmetic-term
    { RANGE arithmetic-term TO arithmetic-term } |
RANGE arithmetic-term { RANGE arithmetic-term }
```

Continuous Ranges

The first format is used to restrict user responses to a continuous range of values. It is unusual, but you can also specify a split range of values by using more than one RANGE declaration. Some examples:

```
MONEY the maximum amount of money payable as a separate prize
    RANGE $0 TO the total value of all of the prizes

DATE the school holidays
    RANGE 28 March 2020 TO 11 April 2020
    RANGE 19 June 2020 TO 30 June 2020
    RANGE 20 September 2020 TO 3 October 2020
    RANGE 15 December 2020 TO 28 January 2021

DATE the notice period
    RANGE today TO today PLUS 6 MONTHS
```

Discrete Ranges

Ranges can also be used to specify that a user must select from a specific set of values. This can be used with facts of any type, but most typically this is used for facts of type STRING.

For example:

```
STRING the name of the security agency
  RANGE "ASIO" RANGE "ASD" RANGE "ASIS" RANGE "DIO"
  RANGE "AFP" RANGE "AIC"
```

Where a discrete range of responses is specified, the calling environment should present a question in relation to the associated fact in multiple choice format.

For example:

```
1) What is the name of the security agency?
  (a) ASIO
  (b) ASD
  (c) ASIS
  (d) DIO
  (e) AFP
  (f) AIC
```

```
Please select?
**
```

Range Errors

If the user attempts to provide a value for a fact that is out of range, an error message will be issued⁵⁸ and the question re-asked. For example:

```
MONEY the total value of all prizes
MONEY the maximum amount of money payable as a separate prize
  RANGE 0 TO the total value of all prizes

RULE PROVIDES
DETERMINE the maximum amount of money payable as a separate prize
```

will result in the consultation:

```
1) What is the total value of all prizes?
  ** 500

2) What is the maximum amount of money payable as a separate prize?
  ** 1000

  The value must be between $0 to $500.
```

4.11 Prompts and Translations

One of the features of yscript is its ability to automatically transpose propositions into questions, translations, and explanations so that you do not need to maintain a separate set of textual material for an otherwise symbolic form of representation. Nevertheless, there are occasions when you will want the representation as contained

⁵⁸ This message can be customised using the RANGE argument to the TRANSLATE declaration covered in the next section.

in facts in the code to be different from the text that is used to communicate with the user.

In addition to specifying RANGE restrictions following a formal fact declaration, you can also provide a prompt and translations. The syntax for specifying a prompt and translations is:

```
PROMPT text
TRANSLATE [constant | RANGE | UNKNOWN] AS text
```

For example:

```
FACT the testator died intestate59
PROMPT did the deceased die without leaving a will
TRANSLATE true AS the deceased died without a will
TRANSLATE false AS the deceased left a will
```

In the case of a non-boolean fact, the *translation-text* will precede the value when output. If you want to put the value somewhere else, include an empty pair of curly brackets. Where *constant* is omitted, the translation becomes the *default translation* and is used if none of the other translations apply. If *constant* is replaced by the keyword UNKNOWN,⁶⁰ the translation will be used where the fact value is unknown or unspecified. If *value* is replaced by the keyword RANGE, the translation will be used in place of the automatically generated out of range error message.

For example:

```
INTEGER the number of surviving children
RANGE 0 TO 100
PROMPT how many children survived the testator
TRANSLATE 0 AS no children survived the testator
TRANSLATE 1 AS one child survived the testator
TRANSLATE AS {} children survived the testator
TRANSLATE RANGE AS please enter the number of children (0 if none)
TRANSLATE UNKNOWN AS it is not known if the testator had any children
```

Apart from including the value of the fact itself in translations and prompts, you can also include the value of any other fact by including the fact name in curly brackets. If the value of the fact is not known, this will be determined before a value for the current fact is requested or set.⁶¹

⁵⁹ Prompts and translations will automatically be transformed into questions and sentences which start with a capital letter and finish with an appropriate punctuation character. These can also be specifically provided. Quotes surrounding text blocks will normally be removed and should be escaped if you really want a quote or translation to appear in quotes.

⁶⁰ You can also use the constant `unknown` or `unspecified` which in this context all have the same meaning.

⁶¹ Named subjects (discussed in §4.12 on page 51) may also be used in translation text.

For example:

```
STRING the capital city
TRANSLATE AS {} is the capital of {the name of the country}
```

4.12 Named Subjects

Named subjects are used to dynamically replace references to subjects contained in facts with the names or appropriate pronouns and possessives for persons and things. There are three *types* of named subjects: PERSON, THING and PERSON-THING. A PERSON is animate with a name and optionally a gender and preferred form of address. This will be replaced with the preferred name and a pronoun. A THING is inanimate and is used to refer to such entities as companies and places. Where appropriate, a THING can be replaced by “it” or “its”. A PERSON-THING may be either animate or inanimate such as a client, a buyer or seller, or a party to a legal action.

Named subject declarations

Named subjects must be specifically declared.⁶² For example:

```
PERSON the testator
THING the agency
PERSON-THING the owner
```

During execution, when a fact containing a named subject is first used (that is, the fact becomes a goal or a value has been concluded), yscript will prompt for a name and ask questions about preferred gender or whether a PERSON-THING is animate or not.

For example:

- 1) What is the name of the owner?
** **Malcolm Turnbull**
- 2) Is Malcolm Turnbull a person?
** **yes**
- 3) What is Malcolm Turnbull’s preferred gender?
** **male**
- 4) What is Malcolm Turnbull’s preferred form of address?
** **Mr Turnbull**

Related Facts

The named subject itself is a fact with the underlying basic type STRING. When a named subject is declared, up to three other *related* facts may also be automatically created. These have the following types and format:

⁶² Named subjects can be declared at any point in the code. They do not have to be declared before they are used.

```

STRING the name of the named subject
BOOLEAN the named subject is a person
GENDER the gender of the named subject
STRING the preferred form of address for the named subject

```

Named subjects of type PERSON-THING will generate all four of these related facts. THINGS only have a name and PERSONS have a name, gender, and preferred form of address.

The GENDER related fact, has the following default translations:

```

GENDER the gender of the named subject
PROMPT what is the named subject's preferred gender
TRANSLATE AS the named subject's preferred gender is {}

```

The *preferred form of address* related fact, has these default translations:

```

STRING the preferred form of address for the named subject
PROMPT what is the named subject's preferred form of address
TRANSLATE AS the named subject's preferred form of address is {}

```

These related facts can be used like any other facts.⁶³ Their values can be set and used, and new prompts and translations can be defined. For example, you could change the prompt and translation for *the named subject* is a person fact as follows:

```

PERSON-THING the taxpayer
BOOLEAN the taxpayer is a person
PROMPT the taxpayer is an individual
TRANSLATE "yes" AS the taxpayer is an individual
TRANSLATE "no" AS the taxpayer is a company or some other entity

```

Any of the facts related to a named subject can be unknown or unspecified (indicated with an "unknown", "unspecified" or *blank*) response from the user during execution. A non-blank response for preferred gender is also taken to be "unspecified". Where the name of a named subject is unknown, the description of the named subject will not be replaced in any dialogs. Where it is unknown whether a named subject refers to a person or not, or where it is known that the named subject is referring to a person, but the preferred gender is unspecified, then the name is always used to replace references to the named subject in other facts.

⁶³ Using a related fact that is a component of a named subject, may alter the order that the system asks for the value of other related facts to the named subject.

For example, assuming the consultation is asking about a fact named the taxpayer which is of type PERSON:

- 1) What is the name of the taxpayer?
** **Amelia Smith**
 - 2) What is Amelia Smith's preferred gender?
** **pansexual**
 - 3) What is Amelia Smith's preferred form of address?
** **Amy**
 - 4) Is Amy an Australian citizen?
** **yes**
 - 5) Does Amy earn income in Australia?
** **what**⁶⁴
- 1) The name of the taxpayer is Amelia Smith.
 - 2) Amelia Smith's preferred gender is pansexual.
 - 3) Amelia Smith's preferred form of address is Amy.
 - 4) Amy is an Australian citizen.

The intended user response a question related to the preferred form of address fact is a complete replacement for the name of the named subject.⁶⁵ Where the value appears to be a complete form of address, it will be used in place of the name. If however, the user responds with just an honorific (such as "Ms", "Dr", or "Professor"), this is used to construct a preferred name consisting of the honorific followed by a surname. If the name is a set of pronouns separated by slashes (e.g., zie/zim/zis), or if the name otherwise doesn't appear to be valid, the original name is used. In all cases, the value of the preferred form of address will be set to a complete name.

Named Subject Declaration Modifiers

Which related facts are used for a named subject and other named subject behaviour can be changed with the modifiers: DEFINITE, GENDER-NEUTRAL, INFORMAL and UNNAMED. They can be combined and are used as in:

```
DEFINITE the vehicle
PERSON the academic
GENEDER-NEUTRAL PERSON the applicant
INFORMAL PERSON the child
UNNAMED PERSON the defendant
UNNAMED GENDER-NEUTRAL PERSON the deceased
```

DEFINITE named subjects are used with THINGS to automatically prepend the definite article – “the”. This is often a more natural way to describe certain classes of inanimate objects that are referring to a class of things⁶⁶. GENDER-NEUTRAL named subjects don't ask

⁶⁴ The “what” command is used in cyscript to display the known user supplies facts (or *premises*). See Appendix 2 for a complete list of cyscript interactive commands that are available.

⁶⁵ This may be more formal or less formal. For example, if the name is “George Brown”, then the preferred form of address could be “Mr Brown” or “George”.

⁶⁶ For example, the description of a group of things or the type or class of a group of persons or things.

for a preferred gender and do not use pronouns. `INFORMAL` named subjects don't ask for a preferred form of address. `UNNAMED` named subjects use a name only once, and then revert to using only the name of the named section itself or pronouns. `UNNAMED` named subjects never ask for a preferred form of addresses. `GENDER-NEUTRAL INFORMAL` named subjects only ask for a name and use this for all named subject replacements. `GENDER-NEUTRAL UNNAMED` named subjects are like `UNNAMED` subjects but do not use any pronouns.

4.13 Embedded Facts

Fact values may be embedded as part of the name of another fact by including the fact name within curly brackets. For example:

```
{the name of the child} is the child of {the name of the parent}
```

When executed, this code will lead to the following dialog:

```
1) What is the name of the child?
   ** Grace

2) What is the name of the parent?
   ** Henry

REPORT

Grace is the child of Henry.
```

Embedded facts can also be used in *text*, such as for document assembly, translations, and explanations. Where the value of an embedded fact is unknown prior to the use of the parent fact, a value will be determined.

4.14 Explanations

Explanations are text descriptions that add further explanation about a fact (the *default explanation*) or that provide information about the fact when it has a particular value (*valued explanations*). It is up to the application interface as to how these are used, but typically the default explanation will be displayed before the prompt seeking a value for a fact. *Valued explanations* are displayed after a user has provided a value for a fact or can also be used to give the user more information about the implications of answering a question in a particular way.

Explanations are declared in a similar way to translations. The syntax is:

```
EXPLAIN [ constant | UNKNOWN ] AS text
```


The following example code is from an application relating to community gaming:⁶⁷

```

STRING the type of gaming activity
RANGE "Art union" RANGE "Draw Lottery"
EXPLAIN AS The Community Gaming Regulations 2020 regulate the
  Conduct of gambling for social, charitable and non-profit
  purposes in NSW. The Regulations provide for several categories
  of permitted gaming activities.
EXPLAIN "Art union" AS You will now be asked a series of questions
  to see whether or not your proposed activity is covered by the
  "Art Union gaming activity" provisions which are contained in
  regulation 4.
EXPLAIN "Draw lottery" AS
  You will now be asked a series of questions to see whether or
  not your proposed activity is covered by the "Draw Lottery"
  provisions which are contained in regulation 6.

RULE PROVIDES
IF the type of gaming activity EQUALS "Art union" THEN
  DETERMINE IF regulation 4 applies
IF the type of gaming activity EQUALS "Draw Lottery" THEN
  DETERMINE IF regulation 6 applies

```

When executed using cyscript, the session will go:

```

The Community Gaming Regulations 2020 regulate the Conduct of gambling for
social, charitable and non-profit purposes in NSW. The Regulations provide
for several categories of permitted gaming
activities.

```

- 1) What is the type of gaming activity?
 - (a) Art union
 - (b) Draw Lottery

```

Please select?
** b

```

```

You will now be asked a series of questions to see whether or not
Your proposed activity is covered by the "Draw Lottery" provisions
Which are contained in regulation 6.

```

- 2) Does regulation 6 apply?


```
**
```

4.15 Information

Apart from attaching explanations that always get displayed before a question is asked or when a particular answer is made or contemplated, it is also possible to provide further information about a question using the `INFO` sub-declaration.

The syntax is:

```

INFO text

```

⁶⁷ This type of application is probably better dealt with by use of the `CASE-WHEN-THEN` statement which automatically applies range restrictions. See § 5.3 at page 64.

For example:

```
FACT you are married
INFO If you are unsure about whether you are married, please see the
Marriage Act 1961 (Cth).
```

In cyscript, the INFO message will be displayed whenever the user gives a blank or illegal response to a question. Other calling environments can display this when a user hovers the mouse pointer over a question or clicks on an “information” type icon or symbol.

4.16 Attachments

Fact declarations may include one or more *attachments*. Attachments are used in document assembly and are more fully discussed in § 8.5. The syntax is:

```
ATTACH [DISPLAYED] [qualifier] REPORT|DOCUMENT|TEMPLATE name [AS
description]
```

4.17 Aliases

Aliases are also used in document assembly and provide a way to specify a short name for a fact as used in document templates.⁶⁸ The syntax is:

```
ALIAS name
```

For example:

```
STRING the name of the first mentioned party
ALIAS party_one
```

4.18 Context

For most small applications, all fact names and rules exist in the same namespace. Any rule can use and set a value for any fact. For larger projects, yscript code can be divided into *contexts*. A *context* provides a separate namespace for facts and rule names that are related, and which can operate independently or as part of some larger application. A file may contain more than one context and a context can be split across several files.

Context Declaration

At the start of each new file, rules and facts are in the *shared context* and are available in all other contexts. A new context is introduced with a declaration of the form:

⁶⁸ See § 8.5 at page 97.

```
CONTEXT context-name
```

where *context-name* is the name of a new or existing context. For example, to specify that the rules and facts following in a file are to do with a particular piece of legislation, you could say:

```
CONTEXT Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)
```

Once declared, everything following the context declaration will be within the specified context until either another context declaration or end of file.

Namespace

Rules and facts within each context have their own separate namespace. If a fact or rule exists with same name as one in the shared context, the version of the fact in the current context will be used.⁶⁹ Similarly, if identically named facts or rules exist in two or more contexts, all are treated as referring to different facts.

Where you need to refer to a fact from a different context (other than the shared context), you can declare it within a given context as follows:

```
type fact FROM context
```

For example:

```
CONTEXT Modern Slavery Act 2018  
FACT section 23 applies FROM Corporations Act 2001  
NUMBER amount of proceeds FROM Gaming Regulations 2020
```

All references to the fact with the current context will then be taken to be to the fact *from* the external context. You can access the fact value and/or set a new value. Rules needing the fact will use it regardless of whether they are in the original context or the context that has imported the fact.

⁶⁹ This will result in a warning message. It is better to avoid this situation by renaming facts if possible.

Consider the example:

```

THING the entity

CONTEXT Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)

FACT the entity carried on business in Australia FROM Corporations Act 2001
TRANSLATE true AS the entity carried on business in Australia under section
21 of the Corporations Act 2001
TRANSLATE false AS the entity did not carry-on business in Australia under
section 21 of the Corporations Act 2001

RULE Section 5(2) PROVIDES
the entity carried on business in Australia during the reporting period
ONLY IF
    the entity was a body corporate during the reporting period AND
    the entity carried on business in Australia

CONTEXT Corporations Act 2001

RULE Section 21 PROVIDES
the entity carried on business in Australia ONLY IF
    section 21(1) applies OR
    section 21(2) applies

RULE Corporations Act 2001 Section 21(1) PROVIDES
section 21(1) applies ONLY IF
    the entity has a place of business in Australia, or in a State
    or Territory

```

In this example, we declare two contexts: one for material relating to the *Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)* and another for the *Corporations Act 2001*. The named subject - the entity, is declared in the shared context and so is available in both other defined contexts. The first of these Acts relies on the other for a defined term - the entity carried on business in Australia. The Modern Slavery Act (Cth) context specifically imports this fact making it shared between the two contexts. The rest of the facts have their own separate name spaces. When executed, the session will go:

- 1) What is the name of the entity?
** **Telstra**
- 2) Was Telstra a body corporate during the reporting period?
** **yes**
- 3) Does Telstra have a place of business in Australia, or in a State or Territory?
** **yes**

REPORT

Telstra carried on business in Australia during the reporting period because it was a body corporate during the reporting period and it carried on business in Australia under section 21 of the Corporations Act 2001.

Telstra carried on business in Australia under section 21 of the Corporations Act 2001 because section 21(1) applies. Section 21(1) applies because Telstra has a place of business in Australia, or in a State or Territory.

Rule and Procedure References

If you want to expressly call⁷⁰ a rule or procedure from a remote context, you can use the syntax:

```
CALL rule-name FROM context
```

for example:

```
CALL section 23 FROM Corporations Act 2001
```

Rule, goal and fact names returned via the API do not reflect the context. The name of link facts should incorporate enough information to identify the fact independently. If you need to specify the name of a goal and the context is important, you can proceed the goal pattern with the name of the context followed by two colons, for example:

```
Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)::section 23
```

⁷⁰ The CALL statement is discussed in the following chapter at § 5.6 on page 66.

Chapter 5: Statements

Rules are comprised of one or more *statements*. These include *assignments* and IF-THEN-ELSE control statements. Other statements can be used to perform multi-way branches (CASE-WHEN), DETERMINE the value of a fact, to specifically CALL a particular rule, to specify loops (WHILE and REPEAT) and to imperatively output text (SAY).

Multiple statements can be grouped as a single statement by enclosing them with BEGIN and END.

5.1 Assignments and Assertions

Assignments are used to set the value of a fact. There are two basic types of assignment: *assertions*, where a truth (boolean) value is set by asserting a fact in the positive or negative and *regular assignments* where any type of fact is explicitly assigned a value. The assignment syntax is:

```
[ASSERT] boolean-fact { AND boolean-fact } |  
[ASSERT] fact IS | ONLY IF expression
```

Assertions

To assert a BOOLEAN fact, you simply express the fact in positive or negative form. Where necessary to separate the assertion from a previous statement, it can be preceded with the keyword ASSERT. Additional assertions can follow by adding the keyword AND then further assertions. For example:

```
section 123 applies  
section 123 does not apply  
the testator died intestate AND  
the estate will be distributed according to the rules of intestacy  
  
ASSERT the activity is illegal  
ASSERT penalties will apply
```

Regular Assignments

The IS and ONLY IF operators are used to assign a specific value of an expression to a fact. The two operators are entirely equivalent, but generally ONLY IF is used for BOOLEAN assignments and IS for everything else. Some examples:

```
the applicant meets the requirements of section 49 ONLY IF  
section 49(1) is satisfied AND  
section 49(2) is satisfied  
  
ASSERT the date of the agreement IS 31 January 2020  
  
ASSERT the value of the estate IS £200,000 MINUS the cost of taxes
```

One of the side-effects of assignments is that they associate facts that are used to calculate the assigned value, as reasons for *how* the value of the target fact was determined. Internally, this information is stored as a *how list* for each fact. A fact can never be a justification for itself, and self-references are excluded from ever being added to how list for a fact.

5.2 IF-THEN-ELSE Statement

IF-THEN-ELSE statements provide for conditional evaluation of other statements. The syntax is:

```
IF expression THEN statement [ ELSE statement ]
```

Where *expression* is true, then the first *statement* is executed, otherwise (if present) the second *statement* following the ELSE is executed. For example:

```
IF the entity fails to comply with a request under section 16A THEN
    the Minister may publish the identity of the entity AND
    the Minister may publish the identities of all entities included by a
    joint modern slavery statement
```

```
IF the deadline for submission has been extended THEN
    the last day for submission IS
    the last day of the financial year PLUS 9 months
```

```
ELSE
    the last day for submission IS
    the last day of the financial year PLUS 3 months
```

IF-THEN-ELSE statements can be joined together to test for a range of conditions. For example:

```
IF the name of the entity EQUALS "DFAT" THEN
    the entity is a commonwealth government department
ELSE IF the name of the entity EQUALS "Telstra" THEN
    the entity is a public company
ELSE
    nothing much is known about the nature of the entity
```

BEGIN-END pairs can also be used to make the meaning and function of nested IF-THEN-ELSE statements clearer.

For example:

```
IF section 16(1) applies THEN BEGIN
    IF the exemption in section 16(2) applies THEN
        there is not a breach of section 16
END ELSE
    section 16 does not apply
```

5.3 CASE-WHEN Statement

The CASE-WHEN statement is a multi-way branch statement which compares the value of a fact against one or more constants.

The syntax is:

```
CASE fact-name71 { WHEN constant-value | DEFAULT [ THEN ] statement }
```

The value of the fact referred to by *fact-name* is compared against each of the specified constant values. The first statement associated with a constant value which matches the fact value is executed. If no constant matches the fact value, then the statement associated with the DEFAULT instance is executed. The DEFAULT instance must be the last condition in a CASE statement.

Where *fact-name* refers to a fact of type STRING⁷² and there is no default condition, the range of the fact will be restricted to these values. For example:

```
CASE you would like to immigrate
  WHEN "yes" THEN you should apply for an immigration visa
  WHEN "no" THEN CALL you should apply for a visitor visa
  WHEN "maybe" THEN CALL you should get advice about an appropriate visa
```

will result in the automatic declaration:

```
STRING FACT you would like to immigrate
RANGE "yes"
RANGE "no"
RANGE "maybe"
```

and result in a multi-choice question when executed:

```
Would you like to immigrate?
(a) yes
(b) no
(c) maybe

Please select:
**
```

5.4 WHILE-DO Statement

WHILE-DO statements allow for a statement to be executed whilst an expression is true. The syntax is:

```
WHILE expression DO statement
```

The statement is inherently procedural and is seldom used unless you are attempting to use yscript as a general-purpose programming language.⁷³ To illustrate what is possible, the following example will calculate the value of the mathematical constant *Pi*:

⁷¹ Where a CASE-WHEN statement immediately follows the declaration of a fact (that is when the fact is an *object*), then CASE *fact-name* may be omitted. See § 6.8 at page 78 below.

⁷² If the type is not declared, then the fact's type will be implicitly declared as STRING.

⁷³ See § 6.7 below for a discussion of the limitations on loops.

```

// Calculate the value of Pi

SYSTEM NUMBER i

PROCEDURE Pi PROVIDES
ASSERT i IS 2.0
ASSERT pi IS 3.0
WHILE i LESS THAN 128 DO BEGIN
  pi IS pi PLUS 4 DIVIDED BEGIN
    i TIMES
    BEGIN i PLUS 1 END TIMES
    BEGIN i PLUS 2 END
  END
  i IS i PLUS 2
  ASSERT pi IS pi MINUS 4 DIVIDED BEGIN
    i TIMES
    BEGIN i PLUS 1 END TIMES
    BEGIN i PLUS 2 END
  END
  i IS i PLUS 2
  SAY Pi is <pi>.
END

```

5.5 REPEAT-UNTIL Statement

The REPEAT-UNTIL statement executes a set of one or more statements until an expression is true. Its syntax is:

```
REPEAT statements UNTIL expression
```

Again, this is used infrequently in practice, but there is room for an example:

```

//      Using yscript as a general-purpose programming language
//
//      (aka "how not to use yscript" :-)
//

PROCEDURE main PROVIDES
CALL Squares

SYSTEM INTEGER x
SYSTEM INTEGER x2
SYSTEM INTEGER the largest number to show squares for

PROCEDURE Squares PROVIDES
x IS 1
REPEAT
  ASSERT x2 IS x TIMES x
  SAY {x} squared is {x2}
  ASSERT x IS x PLUS 1
UNTIL x IS GREATER THAN the largest number to show squares for

```

5.6 CALL/SUBRULE Statement

The CALL statement allows *rules* and *procedures* to be invoked explicitly. The syntax is:

```
CALL | SUBRULE [ GOAL ] rule-name [ FROM context ]
```

The statements for the named *rule* or *procedure* will be executed and control will be returned to the next statement. The CALL statement is procedural and should be used

with care.⁷⁴ Where it is more natural, the CALL keyword can be replaced by SUBRULE. Where the GOAL keyword is specified, the specified rule will become the current goal.

Where a rule is not in the current context or the shared context, you can still call it by specifying the *context* using the FROM *context* syntax.

For example:

```
RULE Section 45 PROVIDES
SUBRULE Section 45(1)
SUBRULE Section 45(2)
SUBRULE Section 45(3)
```

5.7 NEXT Statement

The NEXT statement is the same as the CALL statement but it does not return. When the rule or procedure completes, the session finishes. The syntax is:

```
NEXT [ GOAL] rule-name [ FROM context ]
```

For example:

```
DOCUMENT Non-Disclosure Agreement PROVIDES
CALL Preamble
IF the agreement is unilateral THEN
    NEXT Unilateral Agreement
ELSE
    NEXT Multi-party Agreement
```

5.8 DETERMINE Statement

The DETERMINE statement causes the value of a fact to be determined, that is the fact becomes the current goal fact. The syntax is:

```
DETERMINE [IF] fact
```

Unless you are intentionally writing imperative code, the use of this statement is probably best confined to goal rules. Otherwise, if facts are *forgotten* or if the system otherwise must recalculate everything, it may lead to unanticipated results.

One of the uses of including DETERMINE in a goal rule is that it has the effect of adding the fact to list of those that will be *reported* on. *Reports* are discussed in § 6.4.

⁷⁴ See § 6.7 *Writing Procedural Code* below.

An example:

```
GOAL RULE Competition and Consumer Act 2010 Section 52F - Application for
registration of news business and news business corporation PROVIDES
DETERMINE the News Business Corporation may apply to the ACMA for
  Registration of the news business under section 52F(1)(a)
DETERMINE the News Business Corporation may apply to the ACMA for
  registration of the News Business Corporation under section 52F(1)(b)
DETERMINE the News Business Corporation may apply to the ACMA for
  endorsement of the News Business Corporation as the registered news
  business corporation for the news business under section 52F(1)(c)
```

5.9 FORGET Statement

The FORGET statement causes the value of facts to be forgotten. The syntax is:

```
FORGET ALL | fact-name
```

When followed by the keyword ALL, all fact values will be cleared, and the session will restart.

When a *fact-name* is specified, the value for this fact and all facts that were subsequently determined or provided by the user after this fact will be set to UNKNOWN. See §6.7 *Writing Procedure Code* below for examples of how FORGET should be used.

An example:

```
RULE Contracts Formation PROVIDES
a contract has been formed ONLY IF
  there has been an offer AND
  the offer has been accepted AND
  there is consideration
IF you have made any mistakes THEN
  FORGET ALL
```

5.10 SAY Statement

The SAY statement sends a text message which will be displayed the next time that the controlling environment asks the user a question. The syntax is:

```
SAY text
```

for example:

```
SAY "Hello, World"
```

The statement is procedural and particularly if included in backward or forward-chaining rules will produce a lot of unwanted text. Even in procedural code, it will be invoked repeatedly as the system rebuilds between user questions. See §4.14 *Explanations for a mechanism to attach text to facts which is more controllable.*

Normally, the SAY statement is only useful for debugging. Consider the following example:

```
RULE Giants PROVIDES
SAY "Fee"
IF you heard that THEN BEGIN
  SAY "Fi"
  IF you heard another sound THEN BEGIN
    SAY "Fo"
    IF it sounds like a giant is coming THEN BEGIN
      SAY "Fum"
      SAY "It is definitely a giant!"
    END
  END
END
END
```

This code will produce the following result when executed:

```
1) Did you hear that?
  ** y

  Fee
  Fi

2) Did you hear another sound?
  ** y

  Fee
  Fi
  Fo

3) Does it sound like a giant is coming?
  ** y

  Fee
  Fi
  Fo
  Fum
  It is definitely a giant!
```

5.11 EXIT Statement

The EXIT statement terminates a session. The syntax is:

```
EXIT [SESSION]
```

Without the SESSION argument, the statement will cause the interpreter to terminate. With the SESSION argument, control will return to the calling environment. If you want to restart a session, use FORGET ALL.

5.12 INCLUDE Directive

The `INCLUDE` directive can be used to include the contents of another file⁷⁵ as part of the source. This is useful for organising large pieces of code and possibly for assisting with collaboration.⁷⁶ It can be used within a rule as a statement or outside rules as a declaration.

The syntax is:

```
INCLUDE filename
```

For example, where the file `interpretation.js` includes some standard interpretation provisions such as:

```
// interpretation.js
RULE Persons PROVIDES
IF the party is a company THEN
    the party is not a person
IF the party is a person THEN BEGIN
    the party is not a company AND
    the party is not a partnership
```

it could be included as:

```
INCLUDE "interpretation.js"
RULE Section 56 PROVIDES
Section 57 applies ONLY IF
    the party is a company
```

⁷⁵ The DataLex environment extends `INCLUDE` to allow for URLs.

⁷⁶ Specifying multiple files when running code is probably more flexible.

Chapter 6: Rules

Statements are contained in *rules*. There must be at least one rule in any piece of yscript code.⁷⁷ Execution commences with the *goal rule*.⁷⁸

6.1 Default Rule Behaviour

Once the goal rule has started execution (or has been *fired*), the rule statements are executed in order. By default, if a fact value is required as part of an expression for an assignment or as a condition for a control statement (such as IF), yscript will fire each of the rules in the code that potentially can determine a value for the fact until a value is available.⁷⁹ If a value can't be determined, the user will be prompted to provide one. If a value is found, each of the rules in code that make use of the fact with the newly determined value are fired but will block if a user response is ever required.

The default behaviour of rules in yscript can hence be said to be goal oriented or *backward chaining*. The behaviour is also *forward chaining* in the sense that rules will be used to determine every possible fact value that can be reached given the current facts which are known.⁸⁰ This behaviour can be altered by changing the rule type.

6.2 Rule Declarations and Types

A rule declaration consists of a *rule header* followed by one or more statements. The rule header contains an optional GOAL qualifier, a rule type, and an optional rule name. This is followed by the keyword PROVIDES and then the statements that make up the rule.

The syntax is:

```
[GOAL] rule-type [RULE] [rule-name] PROVIDES statements
```

where *rule-type* is one of:

```
BACKWARD | DAEMON | DOCUMENT | FORWARD | PROCEDURE | RULE
```

⁷⁷ This includes an object which is essentially a fact with statements. See § 6.8 at page 78.

⁷⁸ Goal rules are discussed in § 6.3 at page 72.

⁷⁹ When backward chaining, the system keeps track of which rules are already being evaluated. If a rule ever becomes reliant upon itself (directly or indirectly), the rule will *block* and consideration will move to the next available rule (if any).

⁸⁰ Another way of putting this is that the default rule type is BACKWARD chaining but that it also operates as a forward-chaining DAEMON.

For example:

```
RULE Common-sense about companies PROVIDES
IF the client is a company THEN
    the client is not a person
```

The rule name is optional, but it is strongly recommended that you include rule names as these are used to select goals and rules to be CALLED as well as for describing what the system is doing and why it is doing it. Rule names are in a different namespace from fact names.

You can change the way that rules are used, by declaring with a type other than just RULE. The following additional rule types are available:

Backward Rules

A rule that is declared to be BACKWARD will only ever backward chain, that is it will not be used to determine fact values except in a strictly goal driven fashion. This will have the effect of stopping conclusions being made that are strictly unnecessary.

Forward Rules

A rule that is declared to be FORWARD will be fired whenever the value of a fact that it uses becomes known. Forward rules are not used for backward chaining.

Daemons

A DAEMON is fired whenever a fact that it uses becomes known. Unlike a FORWARD rule, a DAEMON operates silently and will never cause a question to be asked of the user. Daemons are not used when backward chaining.

Procedures

PROCEDURES are not used to determine any fact values unless they are specifically called with a CALL or NEXT statement.

Document Rules

DOCUMENT rules are used for document assembly which is discussed in Chapter 8: Document Assembly. They are like procedures but allow additional statements for generating text to be included in documents.

6.3 Goal Rules

If there is only one rule, or no goal rules are explicitly specified, then the *goal rule* will be the first rule that is declared. Goal rules can be declared by including the qualifier GOAL before the rule declaration.

For example, the goal rule for the Modern Slavery application is:

GOAL RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)

If only one goal rule is declared, this will be used in place of the first rule to start execution. If there is more than one goal rule, the user will be asked to select which goal rule they wish to use.

For example:

The following goals are defined:

- 1) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 4 – Art union gaming activities
- 2) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5 – Housie or bingo
- 3) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 6 – Draw lotteries
- 4) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 7 – No-draw lotteries
- 5) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 8 – Mini-numbers lotteries
- 6) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 9 – Progressive lotteries
- 7) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 10 – Free lotteries
- 8) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 11 – Promotional raffles conducted by registered clubs
- 9) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 12 – Other gaming activities for charitable purposes
- 10) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13 – Sweeps and calcuttas
- 11) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 14 – Trade promotion gaming activities

Please select a goal?

**

6.4 Reports

Apart from being important in specifying a starting point, goal rules also have a direct effect upon *reports*. By default,⁸¹ a report is generated at the end of each user session and is designed to give a summary of the outcomes and the reasons for them. All facts that are assigned a value or that are the subject of a DETERMINE statement in the goal rule are included in the final report. The report will include an explanation as to how each of these facts was determined and will go on to recursively explain each of sub-conclusions necessary to support this explanation.

⁸¹ This behaviour can be changed by using attachments. See § 8.6 at page 97.

For example:

```
AustLII Bingo is not permitted "housie" or "bingo" under
regulation 5 because: it is not Charity housie under
regulation 5(2); it is not Social housie under regulation
5(3); and it is not Club bingo under regulation 5(4).
```

```
AustLII Bingo is not Charity housie under regulation 5(2)
because regulation 5(2)(c) is not satisfied. Regulation
5(2)(c) is not satisfied because the total value of the
expenses of conducting AustLII Bingo (excluding the cost of
prizes) is more than 12.5% of the gross proceeds of the
gaming activity. The total value of the expenses of
conducting AustLII Bingo (excluding the cost of prizes) is
more than 12.5% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity
because the total value of the expenses of conducting it
(excluding the cost of prizes) is $1,000 and the amount of
the gross proceeds of AustLII Bingo are $5,000.
```

If you want to include a fact that would otherwise not be included, use `DETERMINE` in the goal rule. If you want to exclude a fact from the report, use the `UNREPORTED` qualifier when the fact is declared.

Where the goal rule does not determine the value of any facts, the report will explain all determined facts in reverse order to that in which they were determined.

6.5 Rule Order

When more than one rule can potentially help to determine the value for a fact, yscript will normally fire each rule in the order that they were declared, that is earlier rules in earlier files will go first. If you wish to change the order in which rules are evaluated, you can simply re-order them. The disadvantage of this approach is that it might mean that rule order is no longer reflective of a source rule set.

The order in which rules are fired can be explicitly set with the `ORDER` statement. The syntax is:

```
ORDER rule-name { THEN rule-name }
```

For example:

```
ORDER Section 23 THEN Section 3 THEN Section 10
```

6.6 Generic Rules

Generic rules allow for the declaration of rule templates which have a similar form but match a number of different sets of facts. The aim of generic rules is to save you having to rewrite essentially the same rule but with facts with slightly different names.

Within generic rules, facts may contain a variable element which is indicated by an empty pair of curly brackets. Prior to executing the code, yscript will automatically produce a new rule for each fact that it can find matching the specified pattern in the

rule template. The variable part of a fact name represented by {} must be the same in all facts in the rule. For example, the *Copyright Act 1968 (Cth)* contains a definition of “qualified person” in section 32(4) which can apply at “the time that the work was made” or “at the time the work was first published”.⁸²

The following generic rule will deal with all these facts:

```
RULE Copyright Act 1968 – Section 32(4) PROVIDES
  the author was a "qualified person" {} under the section 32(4)
  definition ONLY IF
    the author was an Australian citizen {} OR
    the author was an Australian protected person {} OR
    the author was a person resident in Australia {}
```

It is equivalent to writing two rules:

```
RULE Copyright Act 1968 – Section 32(4) PROVIDES
  the author was a "qualified person" at the time that the work was
  made under the section 32(4) definition ONLY IF
    the author was an Australian citizen at the time that the work
    was made OR
    the author was an Australian protected person at the time that
    the work was made OR
    the author was a person resident in Australia at the time that
    the work was made
```

```
RULE Copyright Act 1968 – Section 32(4) PROVIDES
  the author was a "qualified person" at the time the work was first
  published under the section 32(4) definition ONLY IF
    the author was an Australian citizen at the time the work was
    first published OR
    the author was an Australian protected person at the time the
    work was first published OR
    the author was a person resident in Australia at the time the
    work was first published
```

6.7 Writing Procedural Code

This section provides a slightly technical explanation of some issues relating to writing procedural code in yscript.

By its nature, yscript is a declarative language. The order of execution is normally driven by goal-directed backward chaining or result-directed forward firing of rules. Rules and expressions themselves, however, are imperative. Statements in rules are executed sequentially, and facts and constants in expressions are evaluated according to operator precedence then are evaluated left to right.

When an expression is being evaluated, each reference to an uninitialised fact may result in a rule firing to attempt to derive a value, or in a question being asked of the user. The rules engine will block attempts by rules to invoke themselves to stop loops and infinite recursion. Each time a question is asked, control returns to the calling environment. When control passes back to the yscript interpreter, the rules are re-

⁸² There are also several other forms contained in the Act such as: s32(1)(b) *for a substantial part of the period of the making of the work*; and s32(2)(e) *immediately before the author's death*.

executed from the starting rule to re-establish the current state and to use any new information that has been provided.

yscript includes several statements which facilitate procedural programming. These include control statements such as `WHILE-DO` and `REPEAT-UNTIL`, as well as the `CALL` and `NEXT` statements which will specifically invoke a particular rule. The language also includes the `FORGET` statement which will de-initialise the value of a fact and all facts that were subsequently determined.

Most of the time, procedural code will execute as in any other imperative computer language. The main exceptions to this are when a rule directly or indirectly invokes itself via `CALL` or `NEXT` or where a `WHILE-DO` or `REPEAT-UNTIL` loop relies on a fact that needs to be re-initialised on each iteration of the loop.

Consider the latter case first. The following code will run as expected because it does not rely upon any interaction with the end-user (that is, no questions are asked):

```
ASSERT count IS 1
WHILE count LESS THAN 10 DO
  ASSERT count IS count PLUS 1
```

In this example, the fact - `count`, is first initialised to 1 and remains initialised throughout the execution of the while loop until it reaches the value of 10.

Consider the following example however:

```
WHILE you wish to continue DO      // incorrect
  SAY do something
```

This will cause the user to be asked the question: *"Do you wish to continue?"*. If the user answers *"no"*, control will continue after the statement. If the user answers *"yes"*, this will produce an infinite loop.⁸³

An incorrect way of trying to address this would be to insert a `FORGET` statement before the loop as in:

```
FORGET you wish to continue      // incorrect
WHILE you wish to continue DO
  SAY do something
```

This example will not work and will result in the question *"Do you wish to continue?"* being asked indefinitely. Each time that the value of *"you wish to continue"* is forgotten, the interpreter will pass control back to the calling environment to ask the user for a value and then when restarted, will forget the value again.

⁸³ The infinite loop will be picked up by the interpreter and it will issue a fatal error message: `maximum recursion level reached`.

The correct way to write this code is to make sure that any FORGET statement comes after a reference to the fact to which it refers:

```
WHILE you wish to continue DO BEGIN
    SAY do something
    FORGET you wish to continue
END
```

In this case, the WHILE loop never actually iterates. When the value of “you wish to continue” is forgotten, the system restarts and stops when it encounters the reference to it in the guard for the loop. Arguably, the code is better written as:

```
IF you wish to continue THEN BEGIN
    SAY do something
    FORGET you wish to continue
END
```

In the same way that the interpreter’s rules engine will block backward-chaining rules from calling themselves, attempts to CALL a rule, or pass control via NEXT to a rule, that is already on the rules stack will also be blocked. When a CALL or NEXT statement attempts to execute a rule that is already being executed, the interpreter will automatically call FORGET to bring the system back to the state that it was in when the rule was originally called. The effect of this is that it is always safe to use CALL or NEXT to invoke any rule, and if necessary, the system will backtrack to produce a sensible result.

Consider, for example, the following code:

```
PROCEDURE Options PROVIDES
CASE your preferred option
    WHEN "option 1" CALL Option 1
    WHEN "option 2" CALL Option 2

PROCEDURE Option 1 PROVIDES
SAY "Something about option 1"
FORGET your preferred option

PROCEDURE Option 2 PROVIDES
SAY "Something about option 2"
CALL Options
```

The aim of the code is to present the user with two options, call a procedure based on their answer and then ask for another option. The approach set out in “Option 1” is like that discussed above in relation to WHILE-DO loops. The “Option 1” procedure does what it needs to and then the call to FORGET will forget the value of “your preferred option”, and the question “What is your preferred option?” will be asked.

“Option 2” will also work. When the user selects “option 2”, the procedure “Option 2” is executed and the SAY message “Something about option 2” is sent to the message queue for display the next time the calling environment gets control and asks the user a question. When the CALL to “Options” is made, this will be blocked because the “Options” procedure is already on the goal rule stack. Instead, the interpreter will FORGET the value of “your preferred option” and only then do the CALL to “Options” (again, producing the question “What is your preferred option?”).

You can see what is happening, by putting cyscript into verbose mode:

```
* FIRING Options
  1) What is your preferred option?
    (a) option 1
    (b) option 2
    Please select?
    ** b

* DETERMINED VALUE FOR your preferred option
* FIRING Options
* BLOCKED Options
* FORGOT your preferred option
  Something about option 2

  1) What is your preferred option?
    (a) option 1
    (b) option 2
    Please select?
    **
```

6.8 Rules as Objects

The namespace for rule names and facts is different and it is possible to declare a rule and a fact with the same name. When this is done, a fact effectively becomes a very simple *object* in the sense that it can hold a value and that it also has associated code.

To provide a convenient way to write procedural code to implement decision-trees and chatbots, yscript provides for a short-form way of associating a procedure with a fact. Fact declarations may be followed by a set of statements which will form a procedure with the same name. For example:

```
FACT it is raining
WHEN true NEXT take an umbrella
WHEN false NEXT it looks like it might rain
```

is equivalent to:

```
FACT it is raining

PROCEDURE it is raining PROVIDES
CASE it is raining
  WHEN true NEXT take an umbrella
  WHEN false NEXT it looks like it might rain
```

Where a CASE-WHEN statement immediately follows a fact declaration, the “CASE *fact-name*” part of the statement can be omitted, and the fact name will be used instead.

When implementing decision-trees, it is common to ask a question and then to branch depending upon a response. Permitting the CASE part of the CASE-WHEN statement is a convenience to reduce code repetition and to make the code more compact.

The following example illustrates how a simple decision-tree can be implemented using the object syntax:

```
FACT there has been an offer
WHEN true NEXT the offer has been accepted
WHEN false THEN a contract has not been formed
```

```
FACT the offer has been accepted
WHEN true NEXT there is consideration
WHEN false THEN a contract has not been formed
```

```
FACT there is consideration
WHEN true THEN a contract has been formed
WHEN false THEN a contract has not been formed
```

This will result in the session:

- 1) Has there been an offer?
** y
- 2) Has the offer been accepted?
** y
- 3) Is there consideration?
** y

A contract has been formed because: there has been an offer;
the offer has been accepted; and there is consideration.

Chapter 7: Examples

Apart from the rule-based approaches outlined above, yscript also supports simple analogous reasoning. This is based on a method of measuring similarity of examples called PANNDA, developed by Alan Tyree and described in his book *Expert Systems in Law*, Prentice Hall, 1990. The method is designed to support case-based reasoning in law but may be of application in other domains.

7.1 Example Declarations

When yscript is trying to infer a value for a fact and no further rules can be found to assist, it will look to see if the fact is contained in an *example set*. The syntax to declare an EXAMPLE is:

```
[GOAL] EXAMPLE [RULE] name PROVIDES [IF expression THEN] assignment
```

The *expression* component of either the IF guard or the *assignment* itself, should consist of a number of relative expressions separated by an AND operator. Each relative expression (normally just a fact name) should represent one significant facet of the example. The OR connector should not generally be used. The following example comes from the finding of chattels code:

```
EXAMPLE Armory v Delamirie PROVIDES
  the finder wins ONLY IF
    the finder was not the occupier of the premises AND
    the chattel was not attached AND
    the non-finder was not the owner of the real estate AND
    the non-finder was not the owner of the chattel AND
    there was a bailment of the chattel AND
    there was not a term in a lease which mentioned found items AND
    there was not a master-servant relationship between the parties AND
    the chattel was not hidden AND
    there was not an attempt to find the true owner of the chattel AND
    there was prior knowledge of the existence of the chattel
```

The IF-THEN form of the declaration should only be used where the fact about which the example relates is non-boolean.

It is important that each example is sensibly named. The name is used to construct three automatic facts of the form:

```
the situation is similar to name
the situation is on all-fours with name
name can be distinguished
```

7.2 Example Evaluation

When the system is about to attempt to infer a value for a fact using an example set, it first finds all examples which relate to it (that is, all examples where the fact appears

as the target of an assignment). It then infers (or asks the user for) a value for all facts used in the examples. Finally, it compares each example with the situation described by these fact values and finds the *nearest* and *furthest* example. The furthest example is the one with the closest facts but giving a different result to the nearest one.

The target fact is set to the same value as the nearest example. The *similar* or *all-fours* fact for the nearest example is set to true. If the example is not on all fours, the *distinguished* fact is also set for the furthest case. All facts (including the target fact itself) receive sensible explanatory associations (for *how/reporting*). Not all possible supporting facts are used for explanations. Rather, only *significant* ones are reported (*significant* facts are those which tend to, in themselves, divide the example set or in this instance have unusual values).

The underlying mechanism used to handle analogous reasoning is based on Tyree's PANNDA algorithm (where each matching fact is weighted according to how poorly it divides the example set as measured by its inverse variance). This approach has also been extended in several minor respects:

1. The original PANNDA algorithm dealt only in boolean facts and outcomes. There has never really been any good reason why the outcomes had to be boolean (they are not used in determining which case to follow or distinguish). Accordingly, this restriction has been dropped in the yscript implementation.
2. yscript also supports non-boolean facts. The variance for each of these is calculated in the context of the present fact value and so care should be taken with use of equality operators. These should only be used where the fact can only take one of a discrete number of values.
3. It is not necessary that each example contains all attributes used in other examples. This feature can be used to generalise the effect of an example. The missing attributes become, in effect, *wild*. Such examples, are, of course, much easier to match. Again, caution is called for.

7.3 Finders Example

This is the complete finding of chattels example which uses the cases from the original PANNDA Finders code:

EXAMPLE *Armory v Delamirie* PROVIDES

the finder wins ONLY IF

the finder was not the occupier of the premises AND
the chattel was not attached AND
the non-finder was not the owner of the real estate AND
the non-finder was not the owner of the chattel AND
there was a bailment of the chattel AND
there was not a term in a lease which mentioned found items AND
there was not a master-servant relationship between the parties AND
the chattel was not hidden AND
there was not an attempt to find the true owner of the chattel AND
there was prior knowledge of the existence of the chattel

EXAMPLE *Bridges v Hawkesworth* PROVIDES

the finder wins ONLY IF

the finder was not the occupier of the premises AND
the chattel was not attached AND
the non-finder was the owner of the real estate AND
the non-finder was not the owner of the chattel AND
there was a bailment of the chattel AND
there was not a term in a lease which mentioned found items AND
there was not a master-servant relationship between the parties AND
the chattel was not hidden AND
there was an attempt to find the true owner of the chattel AND
there was not prior knowledge of the existence of the chattel

EXAMPLE *Elwes v Brigg Gas* PROVIDES

the finder does not win ONLY IF

the finder was the occupier of the premises AND
the chattel was attached AND
the non-finder was the owner of the real estate AND
the non-finder was not the owner of the chattel AND
there was not a bailment of the chattel AND
there was a term in a lease which mentioned found items AND
there was not a master-servant relationship between the parties AND
the chattel was hidden AND
there was an attempt to find the true owner of the chattel AND
there was not prior knowledge of the existence of the chattel

EXAMPLE *Hannah v Peel* PROVIDES

the finder wins ONLY IF

the finder was not the occupier of the premises AND
the chattel was not attached AND
the non-finder was the owner of the real estate AND
the non-finder was not the owner of the chattel AND
there was not a bailment of the chattel AND
there was not a term in a lease which mentioned found items AND
there was not a master-servant relationship between the parties AND
the chattel was hidden AND
there was an attempt to find the true owner of the chattel AND
there was not prior knowledge of the existence of the chattel

EXAMPLE *Corporation of London v Yorkwin* PROVIDES

the finder does not win ONLY IF

the finder was the occupier of the premises AND
the chattel was attached AND
the non-finder was the owner of the real estate AND
the non-finder was not the owner of the chattel AND
there was a bailment of the chattel AND
there was a term in a lease which mentioned found items AND
there was not a master-servant relationship between the

parties AND
the chattel was hidden AND
there was an attempt to find the true owner of the chattel AND
there was not prior knowledge of the existence of the chattel

EXAMPLE *Moffatt v Kazana* PROVIDES
the finder does not win ONLY IF
the finder was the occupier of the premises AND
the chattel was not attached AND
the non-finder was not the owner of the real estate AND
the non-finder was the owner of the chattel AND
there was not a bailment of the chattel AND
there was not a term in a lease which mentioned found items AND
there was not a master-servant relationship between the
parties AND
the chattel was hidden AND
there was an attempt to find the true owner of the chattel AND
there was prior knowledge of the existence of the chattel

EXAMPLE *South Staffordshire Water Co v Sharman* PROVIDES
the finder does not win ONLY IF
the finder was not the occupier of the premises AND
the chattel was attached AND
the non-finder was the owner of the real estate AND
the non-finder was not the owner of the chattel AND
there was not a bailment of the chattel AND
there was not a term in a lease which mentioned found items AND
there was a master-servant relationship between the parties AND
the chattel was hidden AND
there was an attempt to find the true owner of the chattel AND
there was not prior knowledge of the existence of the chattel

EXAMPLE *Yorkwin v Appleyard* PROVIDES
the finder does not win ONLY IF
the finder was not the occupier of the premises AND
the chattel was attached AND
the non-finder was not the owner of the real estate AND
the non-finder was not the owner of the chattel AND
there was not a bailment of the chattel AND
there was not a term in a lease which mentioned found items AND
there was a master-servant relationship between the parties AND
the chattel was hidden AND
there was an attempt to find the true owner of the chattel AND
there was not prior knowledge of the existence of the chattel

An example session for the above code is as follows:⁸⁴

- 1) What is the name of the finder?
** **Alan Parker**
- 2) Is Alan Parker a person?
** **yes**
- 3) What is Alan Parker's preferred gender?
** **male**
- 4) What is Alan Parker's preferred form of address?
** **Mr**
- 5) Was Mr Parker the occupier of the premises?
** **no**
- 6) Was the chattel attached?
** **no**
- 7) What is the name of the non-finder?
** **British Airways**
- 8) Is British Airways a person?
** **no**
- 9) Was British Airways the owner of the real estate?
** **yes**
- 10) Was British Airways the owner of the chattel?
** **no**
- 11) Was there a bailment of the chattel?
** **no**
- 12) Was there a term in a lease which mentioned found items?
** **no**
- 13) Was there a master-servant relationship between the parties?
** **no**
- 14) Was the chattel hidden?
** **no**
- 15) Was there an attempt to find the true owner of the chattel?
** **yes**
- 16) Was there prior knowledge of the existence of the chattel?
** **no**

REPORT

Mr Parker wins because the situation is similar to *Bridges v Hawkesworth* and *South Staffordshire Water Co v Sharman* can be distinguished.

The situation is similar to *Bridges v Hawkesworth* because: Mr Parker was not the occupier of the premises; the chattel was not attached; *British Airways* was the owner of the real estate; and the chattel was not hidden.

South Staffordshire Water Co v Sharman can be distinguished because the chattel was not attached and there was not a master-servant relationship between the parties.

Chapter 8: Document Assembly

yscript provides two document assembly mechanisms: *documents* and *templates*. Using either approach, documents are generated in imperative fashion but can take advantage of the rest of yscript to determine what needs to be included or to select an appropriate document type or format. *Documents* are generated using statements which generate text, optionally in Markdown format.⁸⁵ *Templates* use yscript fact values to modify external documents which are generally in word-processing format such as DOCX.⁸⁶

When a document has been assembled, it will be displayed at the end of the user session along with the report. Where there are several documents, these can be presented as *attachments*. An attachment is part of a fact declaration that indicates that a document, template, or report should be made available to the user whenever a value for the fact is concluded.

8.1 Documents

Documents are generated from rules of the type - DOCUMENT. Document rules are never automatically invoked and must either be called by a goal rule or called using a CALL or NEXT statement. The only difference between a DOCUMENT rule and a PROCEDURE is that document rules may use the statements - LINE, PARAGRAPH and TEXT to write text to a document. The LINE statement ends the output line with a new-line and the PARAGRAPH statement ends the line with two new-lines. The TEXT statement just outputs the raw text with no new line. The syntax of these statements is:

```
[NUMBERED] [LEVEL number] [PARAGRAPH|LINE|TEXT] text
```

where *text* is an arbitrary piece of text to be output as part of the document being generated.

For the most part, *text* will be used literally except that it may contain the values of facts by including these in curly brackets. If these facts are not used elsewhere, they will be automatically declared (as type STRING) and if it is not possible to determine a value for the fact then the system will ask the user. If you want a fact appearing in text to be of a different type to STRING (including for named subjects) then you need to formally declare it.

⁸⁵ Markdown is discussed in § 8.2 at page 91.

⁸⁶ The type of documents which can be used as templates depends on the template engine. The Jinja2 engine will work with DOCX and any text format such as RTF, Markdown and T_EX. See § 8.7 at page 98.

For example:

```

INFORMAL PERSON the testator
DATE the date of execution of the Will

DOCUMENT Preamble PROVIDES
PARAGRAPH This will dated {the date of execution of the Will}
is made by me {the name of the testator}, of {the address of the testator},
{the occupation of the testator}.

```

will produce the following dialog and output:

- 1) What is the date of execution of the Will?
** **today**
- 2) What is the name of the testator?
** **Gloria Huntingdale**
- 3) What is Gloria Huntingdale's preferred gender?
** **female**
- 4) What is the address of Gloria Huntingdale?
** **One, The Esplanade, Gold Coast, Australia**
- 5) What is the occupation of Gloria Huntingdale?
** **Mining Magnate**

```

This will dated 4th November, 2020 is made by me Gloria
Huntingdale, of One, The Esplanade, Gold Coast, Australia,
Mining Magnate.

```

Including the keyword `NUMBERED` before a `PARAGRAPH`, `LINE` or `TEXT` statement will number the paragraph. The `LEVEL` keyword will control the sub-level of numbering and will generate Markdown blockquote tags which are discussed in § 8.2.

If you want to include different text depending upon one or more fact values, you can use `IF-THEN` statements as in:

```

DOCUMENT Revocation PROVIDES
IF all former testamentary dispositions are to be revoked THEN
  NUMBERED PARAGRAPH I hereby revoke all former testamentary
  dispositions.

```

It is generally convenient to use multiple `DOCUMENT` rules to generate different parts of a document and then to `CALL` these as necessary.

For example:

```
DOCUMENT Last Will & Testament PROVIDES
  CALL Preamble
  CALL Revocation
  CALL Bequest
  CALL Execution
```

Following is a complete example of a simple Will generator:

```
INFORMAL PERSON the testator
STRING the name of the testator
PROMPT what is the name of the person making the Will
DATE the date of execution of the Will
DATE the date of the old Will

GOAL DOCUMENT Last Will & Testament PROVIDES
IF the testator should make a Will THEN BEGIN
  CALL Disclaimer
  CALL Preamble
  CALL Revocation
  CALL Contemplation of Marriage
  CALL Sole Beneficiary
  CALL Attestation
END

DOCUMENT Disclaimer PROVIDES
PARAGRAPH Disclaimer: This is not a real Will and must not be used as such.
This will does not purport to accurately represent the current or past law
of any jurisdictions.

DOCUMENT Preamble PROVIDES
PARAGRAPH This will dated {the date of execution of the Will} is made by me
{the name of the testator}, of {the testator's address},
{the testator's occupation}.

DOCUMENT Revocation PROVIDES
IF all former testamentary dispositions are to be revoked THEN
  NUMBERED PARAGRAPH I revoke all former testamentary dispositions.
ELSE
  NUMBERED PARAGRAPH I revoke all former testamentary dispositions except
  clause(s) {the list of clauses from the old will which are to be saved}
  of my testamentary instrument dated {the date of the old Will} which
  clause(s) I hereby confirm.

DOCUMENT Contemplation of Marriage PROVIDES
IF the Will is to be made in contemplation of marriage THEN BEGIN
  IF the Will is to be conditional on the marriage actually taking place
  THEN
    NUMBERED PARAGRAPH This will is made in contemplation of my
    marriage with {the name of the testator's fiancée} and is
    conditional on the marriage taking place within
    {the maximum number of months within which the wedding must
    take place} months.
  ELSE
    NUMBERED PARAGRAPH This will is made in contemplation of my
    marriage
    with {the name of the testator's fiancée} but is not conditional on
    the
    marriage taking place.
  END
END
```

```

DOCUMENT Sole Beneficiary PROVIDES
IF everything disposed of under the Will is to be left one person THEN
BEGIN
  IF the sole beneficiary is over 18 THEN
    NUMBERED PARAGRAPH I give the whole of my estate to
      {the name of the sole beneficiary} whom I appoint my sole executor.
  ELSE BEGIN
    NUMBERED PARAGRAPH I give the whole of my estate to
      {the name of the sole beneficiary}.
    NUMBERED PARAGRAPH I appoint {name of the executor and trustee} as
      my sole executor and sole trustee of my estate.
  END
END ELSE BEGIN
  NUMBERED PARAGRAPH I give the whole of my estate in equal shares to
    {the names of the joint beneficiaries}.
  NUMBERED PARAGRAPH I appoint the {the name of the executor} as my
    sole executor.
END

DOCUMENT Attestation PROVIDES
PARAGRAPH SIGNED by the testator in our presence and attested by us in the
presence of the testator and each other.

```

To sort out the issue as to whether a person should make a Will at all, you could add:

```

RULE Power to Make a Will PROVIDES
the testator should make a will ONLY IF
  the testator is over 18 years of age AND
  there is not any doubt about the testator's mental capacity to make a
  Will AND/OR
  the test set out in Banks v Goodfellow is met AND/OR
  the Will is to be approved by the Supreme Court under section 18 of the
  Succession Act 2006 OR
  the testator is not over 18 years of age AND
  the Will is to be made in contemplation of marriage AND
  there is not any doubt about the testator's mental capacity to make a
  Will AND/OR
  the test set out in Banks v Goodfellow is met OR
  the testator is not over 18 years of age AND
  the Will is to be approved by the Supreme Court under section 16 of the
  Succession Act 2006

RULE The Test in Banks v Goodfellow PROVIDES
the test set out in Banks v Goodfellow is met ONLY IF
  the testator can appreciate the effect of making a will AND
  the testator can recall the assets that make up the testator's estate
AND
  the testator can comprehend that there are people who are entitled to
  provisions from the deceased estate AND
  the testator does not suffer from a disorder that stops the testator
  from making rational decisions about the distribution of the testator's

```

When run, the following consultation will result:

- 1) What is the name of the person making the Will?
** **George Brown**
- 2) What is George Brown's preferred gender?
** **m**
- 3) Is he over 18 years of age?
** **y**
- 4) Is there any doubt about his mental capacity to make a Will?
** **n**
- 5) What is the date of execution of the Will?
** **today**
- 6) What is George Brown's address?
** **34 Pitt Street, Sydney**
- 7) What is his occupation?
** **Nurse**
- 8) Are all former testamentary dispositions to be revoked?
** **y**
- 9) Is the Will to be made in contemplation of marriage?
** **n**
- 10) Is everything disposed of under the Will to be left one person?
** **y**
- 11) Is the sole beneficiary over 18?
** **y**
- 12) What is the name of the sole beneficiary?
** **Daisy Brown**

The generated document will be:

Disclaimer: This is not a real Will and must not be used as such. This Will does not purport to accurately represent the current or past law of any jurisdictions.

This Will dated 20th June, 2021 is made by me George Brown, of 34 Pitt Street, Sydney, Nurse.

1. I revoke all former testamentary dispositions.

2. I give the whole of my estate to Daisy Brown whom I appoint my sole executor.

SIGNED by the testator in our presence and attested by us in the presence of the testator and each other.

8.2 Markdown

Markdown is a lightweight text mark-up language which allows for simple text formatting. It was originally developed by John Gruber and Aaron Swartz in 2004 as a way of making documents "publishable as-is, as plain text, without looking like it's

been marked up with tags or formatting instructions".⁸⁷ A central aim is that text marked up in Markdown should remain humanly readable whilst being able to be converted into other formats.

yscript uses Markdown for all *text* blocks such as explanations, SAY statements and document output. You can use it to introduce basic formatting into documents. The following illustrates some of the basic Markdown elements:

Introduction to Markdown

=====

Paragraphs consist of one or more lines of text that are separated by blank lines.

Headings can be underlined as above or begin with between one and six hashes to indicate the heading level.

Lists can be numbered or bulleted:

1. Numbered lists start with digits then a dot then a space;
2. Other list items continue. Words can be in *italics* or **bold**;
3. Until you are finished the list.

* Bullet lists are similar

* With items preceded by a star or a dash

> Blockquotes are preceded by a greater than.

> Like this. And can be nested:

>> Like this nested blockquote.

When rendered, this will look like:

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Like this nested blockquote.

8.3 Including Markdown Text in yscript Code

Markdown text is inherently line-based. When including Markdown text in yscript code, you may still indent it with spaces or tabs to represent the format or control flow of the yscript code. Any left indent that follows the first newline in the block will

⁸⁷ John Grubber, *Markdown* <<https://daringfireball.net/projects/markdown/>>.

conceptually become a left margin for Markdown purposes. The first non-space character on this and subsequent lines in the text block will be treated as though this is the first character on the line.

For example, in the following code:

```
IF the sky is blue THEN
  PARAGRAPH
    1. it is a great day
    Today
```

the text block following the PARAGRAPH statement represents a Markdown numbered list. It is equivalent to:

```
IF the sky is blue THEN PARAGRAPH 1. it is a great day today
```

or

```
IF the sky is blue THEN PARAGRAPH
1. It is a great day today
```

If you wish to indent some text to indicate (for example) a Markdown code block, you can do something like:

```
PARAGRAPH
This is an example of some code:
  This text will be indented.
This text will not be.
```

In yscript code, trailing spaces on a line (that is space characters after the last character of text but immediately before a newline) are ignored. The Markdown use of two trailing spaces to indicate a hard line-break is not supported.⁸⁸ If you want to introduce a hard end of line, finish the line with a slash ('\') or use the escape sequence '\n'.

For example:

```
PARAGRAPH
This is a line by itself\
So is this\n
This is the last line of the paragraph.

But all of
this text gets wrapped
as the next paragraph.
```

Apart from these subtleties, Markdown text will normally be passed through yscript unchanged and any indents and line-breaks that would cause changes to the meaning of the Markdown text are preserved.

⁸⁸ The reason for this is that giving meaning to two trailing spaces is likely to cause confusion for what is otherwise a free-form syntax.

8.4 Suggested Markdown Elements

It is up to the calling environment to render the Markdown text. There are many different extensions to the original Markdown format.⁸⁹ yscript is largely agnostic as to which of these you use and displays the Markdown text in its unchanged (but humanly readable) form. The DataLex environment uses a third-party *CommonMark* based library.

It is suggested that you confine your use to the following Markdown elements:

Paragraphs

A paragraph is a set of unindented lines. Paragraphs can be separated by a blank line (that is, a line containing only zero or more spaces or tabs followed by a newline). Normal paragraphs should not be indented. For example:

```
This is a paragraph. All
words in the paragraph will
be word-wrapped and left-aligned.
```

Lines

A line is a piece of text followed by a slosh ('\') and then a newline. As already stated, yscript does not support the two trailing spaces format from the original Markdown specification.

For example:

```
These are two\
separate lines.
```

Bold and Italics

Bold and italics can be indicated by surrounding text with two stars and one star respectively. For example, this is in **bold** and this is in *italics*. There cannot be a space between the stars and the text, i.e., this is **incorrect** and not in **bold** and *this* is also incorrect and not in *italics*.

Headings

Headings are introduced by preceding a line with between one and six hash characters. There should be a space after the last hash. For example:

⁸⁹ The most popular extensions are *GFM* (Git-Hub Flavoured Markdown), *CommonMark*, *Markdown Extra*, *MultiMarkdown* and *R Markdown*. These support extended syntax features such as tables, footnotes, definition lists, task lists and emojis.

```
# This is a level one heading
## This is a level two heading
##### This is a level six heading
```

Alternatively, headings can use underlining. Text underlined with equal signs ('=') represents a level one heading and text underlined with minus signs ('-') represents a level two heading. For example:

```
This is a level one heading
=====

This is a level two heading
-----
```

Numbered Lists

Numbered lists consist of one or more *paragraphs* beginning with a series of digits followed by a stop ('.') and then a space. The numbering of the paragraphs does not matter, but the first number should be one ('1. '). Where you want to include subsequent paragraphs at the same level as a numbered paragraph, this should be indented by four spaces.

For example:

1. This is the first paragraph in the numbered list.

This paragraph follows on at the same level as the first numbered paragraph.
2. This is the second paragraph in the numbered list.

Unnumbered Lists

Unnumbered lists start with a star ('*'), minus sign ('-') or plus sign ('+'), then a space and then text. Again, subsequent paragraphs can be included at the same level but indenting by four spaces. For example:

- * This is the first item of an unnumbered list;
- * this is the second item; and
- * this is the third item.

Horizontal Rules

You can insert a horizontal rule but starting a line with three or more stars ('*') or minus signs ('-'). Optionally, a space may be included between each star or minus sign. For example:

```
---
*****
* * * * * *
```

Blockquotes

A blockquote can be introduced by starting a line with one or more greater than signs (>) followed by a space. The number of greater than signs indicate the level of nesting. A greater than sign may precede each line in a blockquote, or you can just place a greater than sign before the first line.⁹⁰ A blockquote can include other Markdown elements.

For example:

```
> This is an example of a blockquote
> that contains two lines and then a block quoted list:
>> 1. This is the first item in the numbered list.
>> 2. This is the second item in the numbered list.
> This is the last sentence of the original blockquote.
```

Code Blocks

Code blocks are used to represent pre-formatted (i.e., mono-spaced) text such as is used in computer code. In code blocks, all hard line-breaks and indenting are rendered. Code blocks can be introduced by indenting every line by at least four spaces or a tab or by *fencing* it within two lines starting with three back-ticks (``).

For example:

```
``yscript
this yscript code will be pre-formatted ONLY IF
    it is not indented OR
    it is indented however you like
```

this yscript code will be pre-formatted ONLY IF
 it is indented by at least four spaces or a tab
```

### Links

You can include HTML links by placing the link text in square brackets then the destination URL in round brackets. For example:

```
[link text](http://www.destination.url)
```

### Images

Images can be included in text by starting a line with an exclamation mark (!), followed by a description of the image in square brackets and then the URL for the image in round brackets. For example:

```
![alt-image text](http://image.url.location/image.png)
```

---

<sup>90</sup> John Gruber refers to the latter approach as the *lazy* format. Placing a greater than sign before each line is designed to reflect the ordinary e-mail practice and is easier to read for raw (non-rendered) Markdown text.



## 8.5 Templates

*Templates* are files that are separate from any yscript code that are marked up in a templating language and processed by an external template processor. They are suitable for documents of any complexity and may make use of the word-processing or other features of their native format. Templates can use yscript facts to insert values such as names, addresses, and amounts as well as to determine whether to include material. When a template is to be generated, yscript passes the values of all relevant facts for use by the template processor.<sup>91</sup> The results can be *attached* to yscript facts as described in the next section.

## 8.6 Attachments

*Attachments* are fact sub-declarations that indicate that generated reports, documents, and templates should be brought to the users' attention when the value of a fact becomes known. Typically, this fact will be the ultimate or a major conclusion.

The attachment syntax is:

```
ATTACH [DISPLAYED] [qualifier] REPORT|DOCUMENT|TEMPLATE [name] [AS
description]
```

Where the DISPLAYED keyword is used, or where there is only a single attachment, the attachment will be immediately displayed when the fact becomes known. If it is not possible to display the attachment, the user will be prompted to save it.

If there is more than one non-displayed attachment, a list will be generated, and the user will be presented with a multi-choice question as to which documents they wish to view and potentially save.

The optional *qualifier* argument can be used to specify the template language. The permitted values are currently: DataLex or Jinja2.

The REPORT, DOCUMENT or TEMPLATE argument specifies what is being attached. Without a *name*, REPORT and DOCUMENT will display the default report and all documents respectively. Otherwise, a report or document will be produced for the specified rule name.

The *description* argument is used to describe the document in the multi-choice list or in any questions.

---

<sup>91</sup> The template processor can be invoked by either the yscript interpreter directly or by the calling environment.

For example:

```
FACT the disclosing party needs a non-disclosure agreement
ATTACH REPORT AS Record of Advice
ATTACH TEMPLATE nda.docx AS Draft Non-Disclosure Agreement
ATTACH DOCUMENT Letter to Client AS Letter to Client
```

will produce the necessary attached documents and present the dialog:

The following documents are available:

- 1) Record of Advice
- 2) Draft Non-Disclosure Agreement
- 3) Letter to Client

Please select:

\*\*

## 8.7 Aliases

Fact names can be long and may not be convenient when used in templated documents. Such names can be *aliased* using the ALIAS declaration. The syntax is:

```
ALIAS name
```

## 8.8 Templating Languages and Formats

yscript currently only supports two templating languages: DataLex and Jinja2.

### *DataLex*

The *DataLex* templating language has been developed specifically for the DataLex Development Environment by Philip Chung. It works with Microsoft Word DOCX format documents.

To insert yscript fact values into your document, copy and paste in the fact name, replace all spaces with underscores and then highlight it in yellow. Conditional text is highlighted in green and roughly follows yscript syntax.

### *Jinja2*

*Jinja* is a template engine written by Armin Ronacher. The syntax is based on Django's<sup>92</sup> built-in web template engine. Jinja is used by several other systems including docassemble.<sup>93</sup> The most recent version of Jinja is *Jinja2* and this is how it is often referred to.

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<sup>92</sup> Django is a Python-based free and open-source web framework. See <<https://www.djangoproject.com>>.

<sup>93</sup> docassemble is a free, open-source expert system for guided interviews and document assembly, based on Python, YAML, and Markdown written by Jonathan Pyle. See <<http://docassemble.org>>.

Jinja2 is an extremely flexible language,<sup>94</sup> and the processor can be used with any type of text-based file format (such as Markdown, TeX, XML or RTF) as well as Microsoft Word DOCX.

To include a yscript fact in a Jinja2 template document, replace all of the spaces in the fact name with underscores and include it between a pair of double curly braces.

For example:

```
Dear {{name_of_the_customer}},

I am writing to you in relation to your contract with
{{name_of_contracting_party}}. Please note that this agreement will finish
on {{the_contract_termination_date}}. Should you wish to renew the
contract, please give us a call.

Yours sincerely,
```

To include conditional text, use the syntax:

```
{% if condition %}
text to be included if condition is met
{% else %}
Optional text to be included if condition is not met
{% endif %}
```

For example:

```
Dear {{name_of_the_customer}},

I am writing to you in relation to your contract with
{{name_of_contracting_party}}. Please note that this agreement will finish
on {{the_contract_termination_date}}.

{% if the_customer_is_a_valued_customer %}
We really value your business and we would like to set up a time to talk to
you about renewing the contract.
{% else %}
We thank you for your business and hope you find some other company to take
care of your needs in the future.
{% endif %}

Yours sincerely,
```

---

<sup>94</sup> A full description can be found at <https://jinja.palletsprojects.com/en/3.0.x/>.



## Chapter 9: Style Guide

Writing *good* code can largely be a matter of personal taste, but like most languages yscript will naturally support some approaches to coding better than others. The following suggestions about style will make it easier to write code and make it simpler to maintain and extend the code. These approaches will also make it easier for other people to understand your code and to work collaboratively.

### *Simplicity*

Try to aim for simplicity wherever possible. Complicated mechanical constructs and workarounds detract from the readability of the code and can have unexpected repercussions, particularly when code is later expanded or changed. Don't use language features simply because they are available.

### *Isomorphism*

Where the code represents rules from a legal source document such as a piece of legislation, try to directly translate the statutory rules into yscript code, observing as far as possible the order and grouping of the rules, and adding as little interpretation as possible. Keep other rules, such as interpretation or 'common sense' which do not derive directly from the legislation, in a separate part of your code.

### *Small rules*

Avoid large and complicated rules. Small rules are easier to understand and will assist with automatic explanations.

### *Fact Names*

Include the basis for facts in descriptors, as in *the layout is in "material form" as defined in s.5*. This will make for more meaningful explanations. Avoid using unnecessarily long descriptors. These make for convoluted questions and explanations. Do not use the translation and prompt options unnecessarily. Try changing the fact name to get yscript to handle it properly, first. Avoid use of embedded facts.

### *Rule Types*

Use only the default rule type unless you have a good reason for doing otherwise. Relying upon the order of rule execution can lead to code that is cryptic and difficult to understand.

### *Declarative Representation*

Unless you are intentionally writing something that is procedural, avoid using DETERMINE and CALL statements except where unavoidable or when generating documents. When writing declarative code, avoid being concerned about the actual operation of rules and instead concentrate on *describing* what it is that you are trying to deal with.

### *Comments*

Avoid using comments to repeat what is already in your code. The code should largely be transparent. Comments are helpful where there is something non-obvious or work remaining to be done.

### *Context*

For large projects, divide the code into *contexts* and avoid overly relying on the shared context for communication between contexts. As far as is possible, each context should be capable of running on a free-standing basis and its reliance or links to other contexts explicitly declared.

## Appendix 1: Units, Currencies and Time Zones

This section contains a set of detailed tables outlining available units of measurement, currency units and time zones.

### 9.1 Numerical Units

| Unit                 | Abbrev    | Metric |                |         |   |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|----------------|---------|---|
| acre                 | acre      |        | imperial pint  | imp pt  |   |
| amp                  | A         | *      | imperial quart | imp qt  |   |
| angstrom             | Å         |        | imperial ton   | Imp ton |   |
| astronomical unit    | au        |        | inch           | in      |   |
| atmosphere           | atm       | *      | joule          | J       | * |
| bar                  | bar       | *      | katal          | kat     | * |
| barrel               | bl        |        | kelvin         | K       |   |
| becquerel            | Bq        | *      | knot           | knot    |   |
| bel                  | B         |        | litre          | l       | * |
| bit                  | b         | *      | lumen          | lm      | * |
| British thermal unit | BTU       |        | metre          | m       | * |
| bushel               | bu        |        | mile           | mi      |   |
| byte                 | B         | *      | minute         | min     |   |
| calorie              | Cal       |        | mole           | mol     | * |
| candela              | cd        | *      | month          | mth     |   |
| chain                | ch        |        | nautical mile  | nmi     |   |
| coulomb              | C         | *      | neper          | Np      |   |
| cup                  | cup       |        | newton         | N       | * |
| dalton               | Da        | *      | ohm            | Ω       | * |
| day                  | day       |        | ounce          | oz      |   |
| decibel              | dB        |        | pascal         | Pa      | * |
| degree               | °         |        | pennyweight    | pwt     |   |
| degree Celsius       | °C        |        | percent        | %       |   |
| degree Fahrenheit    | °F        |        | pint           | pt      |   |
| dram                 | dr        |        | pound          | lb      |   |
| electronvolt         | eV        | *      | quart          | qt      |   |
| farad                | F         | *      | radian         | rad     |   |
| fathom               | ftm       |        | second         | s       | * |
| fluid ounce          | fl oz     |        | siemens        | S       | * |
| foot                 | ft        |        | sievert        | Sv      | * |
| furlong              | fur       |        | steradian      | sr      |   |
| gallon               | gal       |        | stone          | st      |   |
| grain                | gr        |        | tablespoon     | tbsp    |   |
| gram                 | g         |        | teaspoon       | tsp     |   |
| gravity              | <i>g</i>  |        | tesla          | T       | * |
| gray                 | Gy        | *      | ton            | ton     | * |
| hectare              | ha        | *      | tonne          | t       | * |
| henry                | H         | *      | us cup         | us cup  |   |
| hertz                | Hz        | *      | us tablespoon  | us tbsp |   |
| hour                 | hr        |        | us teaspoon    | us tsp  |   |
| imp cup              | imp cup   |        | volt           | V       | * |
| imp tablespoon       | imp tbsp  |        | watt           | W       | * |
| imp teaspoon         | imp tsp   |        | weber          | Wb      | * |
| imperial barrel      | imp bl    |        | week           | wk      |   |
| imperial bushel      | imp bu    |        | yard           | yd      |   |
| imperial fluid ounce | imp fl oz |        | year           | yr      |   |
| imperial gallon      | imp gal   |        |                |         |   |

Figure 25 - Numerical Units

## 9.2 Derived Units

| Derived Unit               | Abbreviation       | Metric |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| bits per second            | bps                | *      |
| bytes per second           | Bps                | *      |
| coulombs per cubic metre   | C/m <sup>3</sup>   | *      |
| coulombs per kilogram      | C/kg               | *      |
| coulombs per square metre  | C/m <sup>2</sup>   | *      |
| cubic centimetres          | cm <sup>3</sup>    |        |
| cubic feet                 | cu ft              |        |
| cubic inches               | cu in              |        |
| cubic kilometres           | km <sup>3</sup>    |        |
| cubic metres               | m <sup>3</sup>     |        |
| cubic millimetres          | mm <sup>3</sup>    |        |
| cubic yards                | cu yd              |        |
| farads per metre           | F/m                | *      |
| grams per metre square     | g/m <sup>2</sup>   | *      |
| gray per second            | Gy/s               | *      |
| hectopascals               | hPa                | *      |
| henrys per metre           | H/m                | *      |
| inches of mercury          | inHg               |        |
| joules per cubic metre     | J/m <sup>3</sup>   | *      |
| joules per kelvin          | J/K                | *      |
| joules per kilogram        | J/kg               | *      |
| joules per mole            | J/mol              | *      |
| katal per cubic metre      | kat/m <sup>3</sup> | *      |
| metres per hour            | m/h                | *      |
| metres per litre           | m/l                | *      |
| metres per second          | m/s                | *      |
| metres per second squared  | m/s <sup>2</sup>   | *      |
| miles per gallon           | mpg                |        |
| miles per hour             | mph                |        |
| moles per cubic metre      | mol/m <sup>3</sup> | *      |
| newton metres              | N m                | *      |
| newtons per metre          | N/m                | *      |
| pascal seconds             | Pa s               | *      |
| pounds per square inch     | psi                |        |
| radians per second         | rad/s              |        |
| radians per second squared | rad/s <sup>2</sup> |        |
| reciprocal metres          | m <sup>-1</sup>    |        |
| revolutions per minute     | rpm                |        |
| square centimetres         | cm <sup>2</sup>    |        |
| square feet                | sq ft              |        |
| square inches              | sq in              |        |
| square kilometres          | km <sup>2</sup>    |        |
| square metres              | m <sup>2</sup>     |        |
| square miles               | sq mi              |        |
| square millimetres         | mm <sup>2</sup>    |        |
| square yards               | sq yd              |        |
| torr                       | mmHg               |        |
| volts per metre            | V/m                | *      |
| watt hours                 | W h                | *      |
| watts per square metre     | W/m <sup>2</sup>   | *      |
| watts per steradian        | W/sr               | *      |

Figure 26 - Derived Units



### 9.3 Unit Synonyms

Units may be referred to by the following synonyms. By default, abbreviating and multiplicative dots and stops are ignored. Non-SI units are not case specific. Units with negative exponents will match equivalent units using a divisor. Exponents can be expressed as simple digits (that is,  $10m^2$  is treated the same as  $10m^2$ ).

| Synonym             | Unit                 |                  |                  |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| baud                | bits per second      | long ton         | imp ton          |
| candle              | candela              | m/s/s            | m/s <sup>2</sup> |
| candlepower         | candela              | meter            | metre            |
| cc                  | cm <sup>3</sup>      | metric ton       | tonne            |
| Celsius             | degrees Celsius      | mho              | siemen           |
| centigrade          | Celsius              | mi/h             | mph              |
| cu cm               | cm <sup>3</sup>      | mi/hr            | mph              |
| cu foot             | cu ft                | mi/hr            | mph              |
| cu inch             | cu in                | mi <sup>2</sup>  | sq mi            |
| cu m                | m <sup>3</sup>       | micron           | micrometre       |
| cu yard             | cu yd                | millimicron      | nanometre        |
| cui                 | cu in                | N m              | J                |
| degC                | Celsius              | N/m <sup>2</sup> | Pa               |
| degF                | Fahrenheit           | r/min            | rpm              |
| degK                | Kelvin               | rev/min          | rpm              |
| degree Kelvin       | Kelvin               | revs/min         | rpm              |
| displacement ton    | imp ton              | short ton        | ton              |
| drachm              | dram                 | sq cm            | cm <sup>2</sup>  |
| dwt                 | pwt                  | sq foot          | sq ft            |
| Fahrenheit          | degree<br>Fahrenheit | sq inch          | sq in            |
| fermi               | femtometre           | sq km            | km <sup>2</sup>  |
| ft <sup>2</sup>     | sq ft                | sq m             | m <sup>2</sup>   |
| ft <sup>3</sup>     | cu ft                | sq mile          | sq mi            |
| gamma               | nanotesla            | sq yard          | sq yd            |
| gramme              | gram                 | us barrel        | barrel           |
| in <sup>2</sup>     | sq in                | us bl            | bl               |
| in <sup>3</sup>     | cu in                | us bu            | bu               |
| inche               | inch                 | us bushel        | bushel           |
| J/s                 | W                    | us fl oz         | fl oz            |
| kg m/s <sup>2</sup> | N                    | us fluid ounce   | fluid ounce      |
| km per hour         | km/h                 | us gal           | gal              |
| km per hr           | km/h                 | us gallon        | gallon           |
| km/hour             | km/h                 | us pint          | pint             |
| km/hr               | km/h                 | us pt            | pt               |
| kmpH                | km/h                 | us qt            | qt               |
| kms/hr              | km/h                 | us quart         | quart            |
| kph                 | km/h                 | us ton           | ton              |
| KWh                 | kW h                 | w/t              | imp ton          |
| kWh                 | kW h                 | weight ton       | imp ton          |
| liter               | litre                | yd <sup>2</sup>  | sq yd            |
|                     |                      | yd <sup>3</sup>  | cu yd            |

Figure 27 - Unit Synonyms

## 9.4 Currency Units

| Currency                 | Abb | Sym   |                         |     |       |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| Afghan afghani           | AFN | ؍     | Guernsey pound          | GGP | £     |
| Albanian lek             | ALL | L     | Guinean franc           | GNF | Fr    |
| Alderney pound           |     | £     | Guyanese dollar         | GYD | \$    |
| Algerian dinar           | DZD | DA    | Haitian gourde          | HTG | G     |
| Angloan kwanza           | AOA | Kz    | Honduran lempira        | HNL | L     |
| Argentine peso           | ARS | \$    | Hong Kong dollar        | HKD | HK\$  |
| Armenian dram            | AMD | ֏     | Hungarian forint        | HUF | Ft    |
| Artsakh dram             |     | դր.   | Icelandic króna         | ISK | kr    |
| Aruban florin            | AWG | f     | Indian rupee            | INR | ₹     |
| Australian dollar        | AUD | \$    | Indonesian rupiah       | IDR | Rp    |
| Azerbaijani manat        | AZN | ₭     | Iranian rial            | IRR | ؀     |
| Bahamian dollar          | BSD | \$    | Iraqi dinar             | IQD | د.ع   |
| Bahraini dinar           | BHD | د.ب.  | Israeli new shekel      | ILS | ₪     |
| Bangladeshi taka         | BDT | ৳     | Jamaican dollar         | JMD | \$    |
| Barbadian dollar         | BBD | BBD\$ | Japanese yen            | JPY | ¥     |
| Belarusian ruble         | BYN | Br    | Jersey pound            | JEP | £     |
| Belize dollar            | BZD | \$    | Jordanian dinar         | JOD | د.ا   |
| Bermudian dollar         | BMD | \$    | Kazakhstani tenge       | KZT | ₸     |
| Bhutanese ngultrum       | BTN | Nu.   | Kenyan shilling         | KES | Sh    |
| Bitcoin                  | BTC | ₿     | Kiribati dollar         | KID | \$    |
| Bolivian boliviano       | BOB | Bs.   | Kuwaiti dinar           | KWD | د.ك.  |
| Botswana pula            | BWP | P     | Kyrgyzstani som         | KGS | с     |
| Brazilian real           | BRL | R\$   | Lao kip                 | LAK | ₭     |
| British pound            | GBP | £     | Lebanese pound          | LBP | ل.ل.  |
| Brunei dollar            | BND | \$    | Lesotho loti            | LSL | L     |
| Bulgarian leva           | BGN | лв.   | Liberian dollar         | LRD | LRD\$ |
| Burmese kyat             | MMK | Ks    | Libyan dinar            | LYD | ل.د.  |
| Burundian franc          | BIF | Fr    | Macanese pataca         | MOP | \$    |
| CFP franc                | XPF | ₣     | Macedonian denar        | MKD | ден   |
| Cambodian riel           | KHR | ៛     | Malagasy ariary         | MGA | Ar    |
| Canadian dollar          | CAD | \$    | Malawian kwacha         | MWK | MK    |
| Cape Verdean escudo      | CVE | Esc   | Malaysian ringgit       | MYR | RM    |
| Cayman Islands dollar    | KYD | \$    | Maldivian rufiyaa       | MVR | ރ.    |
| Central African franc    | XAF | Fr    | Manx pound              | IMP | £     |
| Chilean peso             | CLP | \$    | Mauritanian ouguiya     | MRU | UM    |
| Chinese yuan             | CNY | 元     | Mauritian rupee         | MUR | Rs    |
| Colombian peso           | COP | \$    | Mexican peso            | MXN | MXN\$ |
| Comorian franc           | KMF | Fr    | Moldovan leu            | MDL | L     |
| Congolese franc          | CDF | Fr    | Mongolian tögrög        | MNT | ₮     |
| Cook Islands dollar      | CKD | \$    | Moroccan dirham         | MAD | د.م.  |
| Costa Rican colón        | CRC | ₡     | Mozambican metical      | MZN | MT    |
| Croatian kuna            | HRK | kn    | Namibian dollar         | NAD | \$    |
| Cuban peso               | CUP | \$    | Nepalese rupee          | NPR | ₨     |
| Czech koruna             | CZK | Kč    | Netherlands Ant guilder | ANG | f     |
| Danish kroner            | DKK | kr    | New Taiwan dollar       | TWD | \$    |
| Djiboutian franc         | DJF | Fr    | New Zealand dollar      | NZD | \$    |
| Dominican peso           | DOP | RD\$  | Nicaraguan córdoba      | NIO | \$    |
| Eastern Caribbean dollar | XCD | \$    | Nigerian naira          | NGN | ₦     |
| Egyptian pound           | EGP | £     | Niue dollar             |     | \$    |
| Eritrean nakfa           | ERN | Nfk   | North Korean won        | KPW | ₩     |
| Ethiopian birr           | ETB | Br    | Norwegian kroner        | NOK | kr    |
| European Euro            | EUR | €     | Omani rial              | OMR | ر.ع.  |
| Falkland Islands pound   | FKP | £     | Pakistani rupee         | PKR | ₨     |
| Faroese króna            | FOK | kr    | Panamanian balboa       | PAB | B/.   |
| Fijian dollar            | FJD | \$    | Papua New Guinean kina  | PGK | K     |
| Gambian dalasi           | GMD | D     | Paraguayan guaraní      | PYG | ₲     |
| Georgia lari             | GEL | ლ     | Peruvian sol            | PEN | S/.   |
| Ghanaian cedi            | GHS | ₵     | Philippine peso         | PHP | ₱     |
| Gibraltar pound          | GIP | £     | Pitcairn Islands dollar | PND | \$    |
| Guatemalan quetzal       | GTQ | Q     | Polish złoty            | PLN | zł    |
|                          |     |       | Qatari riyal            | QAR | ر.ق.  |

|                        |     |       |                          |     |      |
|------------------------|-----|-------|--------------------------|-----|------|
| RTGS dollar            | ZWB |       | Swiss franc              | CHF | Fr.  |
| Romanian leu           | RON | lei   | Syrian pound             | SYP | £    |
| Russian ruble          | RUB | ₽     | Tajikistani somoni       | TJS | c.   |
| Rwandan franc          | RWF | Fr    | Tanzanian shilling       | TZS | Sh   |
| Sahrawi peseta         |     | ₮     | Thai baht                | THB | ฿    |
| Saint Helena pound     | SHP | £     | Tongan pa'anga           | TOP | \$   |
| Samoaan tālā           | WST | T     | Transnistrian ruble      | PRB | p.   |
| Saudi riyal            | SAR | ﷲ     | Trinidad & Tobago dollar | TTD | \$   |
| Serbian dinar          | RSD | дин   | Tunisian dinar           | TND | د.ت  |
| Seychellois rupee      | SCR | ₮     | Turkish lira             | TRY | ₺    |
| Sierra Leonean leone   | SLL | Le    | Turkmenistan manat       | TMT | m.   |
| Singapore dollar       | SGD | \$    | Tuvaluan dollar          | TVD | \$   |
| Solomon Islands dollar | SBD | \$    | Ugandan shilling         | UGX | Sh   |
| Somali shilling        | SOS | Sh    | Ukrainian hryvnia        | UAH | ₴    |
| Somaliland shilling    | SLS | Sl    | UAE dirham               | AED | د.إ. |
| South African rand     | ZAR | R     | United States dollar     | USD | \$   |
| South Korean won       | KRW | ₩     | Uruguayan peso           | UYU | \$   |
| South Sudanese pound   | SSP | £     | West African CFA franc   | XOF | Fr   |
| Sri Lankan rupee       | LKR | Rs    | Yemeni rial              | YER | ﷲ    |
| Sudanese pound         | SDG | ج.س.  | Zambian kwacha           | ZMW | ZK   |
| Surinamese dollar      | SRD | SRD\$ |                          |     |      |
| Swazi lilangeni        | SZL | L     |                          |     |      |
| Swedish krona          | SEK | kr    |                          |     |      |

Figure 28 - Currency Units

## 9.5 Time Zone Styles

The following style names / time zone abbreviations can be used as the STYLE for facts of type TIME. You can also use specify a time zone relative to UTC (Coordinated Universal Time) or GMT (Greenwich Mean Time), for example: UCT+10 or GMT-1. Note that time zones are not formally defined and that they sometimes can mean more than one thing.

| Abbrev | Time Zone                                | Time Diff |       |                                   |           |
|--------|------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| ACDT   | Australian Central Daylight-Saving Time  | UTC+10:30 | BRT   | Brasília Time                     | UTC-03    |
| ACST   | Australian Central Standard Time         | UTC+09:30 | BST   | British Summer Time <sup>95</sup> | UTC+01    |
| ACT    | Acre Time                                | UTC-05    | BTT   | Bhutan Time                       | UTC+06    |
| ACWST  | Australian Central Western Standard Time | UTC+08:45 | CAT   | Central Africa Time               | UTC+02    |
| ADT    | Atlantic Daylight Time                   | UTC-03    | CCT   | Cocos Islands Time                | UTC+06:30 |
| AEDT   | Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time | UTC+11    | CDT   | Central Daylight Time             | UTC-05    |
| AEST   | Australian Eastern Standard Time         | UTC+10    | CEST  | Central European Summer Time      | UTC+02    |
| AFT    | Afghanistan Time                         | UTC+04:30 | CET   | Central European Time             | UTC+01    |
| AKDT   | Alaska Daylight Time                     | UTC-08    | CHADT | Chatham Daylight Time             | UTC+13:45 |
| AKST   | Alaska Standard Time                     | UTC-09    | CHAST | Chatham Standard Time             | UTC+12:45 |
| ALMT   | Alma-Ata Time                            | UTC+06    | CHOT  | Choibalsan Standard Time          | UTC+08    |
| AMST   | Amazon Summer Time (Brazil)              | UTC-03    | CHOST | Choibalsan Summer Time            | UTC+09    |
| AMT    | Amazon Time (Brazil)                     | UTC-04    | CHST  | Chamorro Standard Time            | UTC+10    |
| AMT    | Armenia Time                             | UTC+04    | CHUT  | Chuuk Time                        | UTC+10    |
| ANAT   | Anadyr Time                              | UTC+12    | CIST  | Clipperton Island Standard Time   | UTC-08    |
| AQTT   | Aqtobe Time                              | UTC+05    | CKT   | Cook Island Time                  | UTC-10    |
| ART    | Argentina Time                           | UTC-03    | CLST  | Chile Summer Time                 | UTC-03    |
| AST    | Atlantic Standard Time                   | UTC-04    | CLT   | Chile Standard Time               | UTC-04    |
| AWST   | Australian Western Standard Time         | UTC+08    | COST  | Colombia Summer Time              | UTC-04    |
| AZOST  | Azores Summer Time                       | UTC±00    | COT   | Colombia Time                     | UTC-05    |
| AZOT   | Azores Standard Time                     | UTC-01    | CST   | Central Standard Time             | UTC-06    |
| AZT    | Azerbaijan Time                          | UTC+04    | CVT   | Cape Verde Time                   | UTC-01    |
| BNT    | Brunei Time                              | UTC+08    | CWST  | Central Western Standard Time     | UTC+08:45 |
| BIOT   | British Indian Ocean Time                | UTC+06    | CXT   | Christmas Island Time             | UTC+07    |
| BIT    | Baker Island Time                        | UTC-12    | DAVT  | Davis Time                        | UTC+07    |
| BOT    | Bolivia Time                             | UTC-04    | DDUT  | Dumont d'Urville Time             | UTC+10    |
| BRST   | Brasília Summer Time                     | UTC-02    | EASST | Easter Island Summer Time         | UTC-05    |
|        |                                          |           | EAST  | Easter Island Standard Time       | UTC-06    |
|        |                                          |           | EAT   | East Africa Time                  | UTC+03    |
|        |                                          |           | ECT   | Ecuador Time                      | UTC-05    |

<sup>95</sup> BST is also sometimes used to mean Bougainville Standard Time. Use UCT+11 instead.

|       |                                                   |        |      |                                    |           |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------|--------|------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| EDT   | Eastern Daylight Time                             | UTC-04 | IOT  | Indian Ocean Time                  | UTC+03    |
| EEST  | Eastern European Summer Time                      | UTC+03 | IRDT | Iran Daylight Time                 | UTC+04:30 |
| EET   | Eastern European Time                             | UTC+02 | IRKT | Irkutsk Time                       | UTC+08    |
| EGST  | Eastern Greenland Summer Time                     | UTC±00 | IRST | Iran Standard Time                 | UTC+03:30 |
| EGT   | Eastern Greenland Time                            | UTC-01 | IST  | Indian Standard Time <sup>96</sup> | UTC+05:30 |
| EST   | Eastern Standard Time                             | UTC-05 | JST  | Japan Standard Time                | UTC+09    |
| FET   | Further-eastern European Time                     | UTC+03 | KALT | Kaliningrad Time                   | UTC+02    |
| FJT   | Fiji Time                                         | UTC+12 | KGT  | Kyrgyzstan Time                    | UTC+06    |
| FKST  | Falkland Islands Summer Time                      | UTC-03 | KOST | Kosrae Time                        | UTC+11    |
| FKT   | Falkland Islands Time                             | UTC-04 | KRAT | Krasnoyarsk Time                   | UTC+07    |
| FNT   | Fernando de Noronha Time                          | UTC-02 | KST  | Korea Standard Time                | UTC+09    |
| GALT  | Galápagos Time                                    | UTC-06 | LHST | Lord Howe Standard Time            | UTC+10:30 |
| GAMT  | Gambier Islands Time                              | UTC-09 | LHST | Lord Howe Summer Time              | UTC+11    |
| GET   | Georgia Standard Time                             | UTC+04 | LINT | Line Islands Time                  | UTC+14    |
| GFT   | French Guiana Time                                | UTC-03 | MAGT | Magadan Time                       | UTC+12    |
| GILT  | Gilbert Island Time                               | UTC+12 | MART | Marquesas Islands Time             | UTC-09:30 |
| GIT   | Gambier Island Time                               | UTC-09 | MAWT | Mawson Station Time                | UTC+05    |
| GMT   | Greenwich Mean Time                               | UTC±00 | MDT  | Mountain Daylight Time             | UTC-06    |
| GST   | South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands Time | UTC-02 | MET  | Middle European Time               | UTC+01    |
| GST   | Gulf Standard Time                                | UTC+04 | MEST | Middle European Summer Time        | UTC+02    |
| GYT   | Guyana Time                                       | UTC-04 | MHT  | Marshall Islands Time              | UTC+12    |
| HDT   | Hawaii-Aleutian Daylight Time                     | UTC-09 | MIST | Macquarie Island Station Time      | UTC+11    |
| HAEC  | Heure Avancée d'Europe Centrale                   | UTC+02 | MIT  | Marquesas Islands Time             | UTC-09:30 |
| HST   | Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time                     | UTC-10 | MMT  | Myanmar Standard Time              | UTC+06:30 |
| HKT   | Hong Kong Time                                    | UTC+08 | MSK  | Moscow Time                        | UTC+03    |
| HMT   | Heard and McDonald Islands Time                   | UTC+05 | MST  | Malaysia Standard Time             | UTC+08    |
| HOVST | Hovd Summer Time                                  | UTC+08 | MST  | Mountain Standard Time             | UTC-07    |
| HOVT  | Hovd Time                                         | UTC+07 | MUT  | Mauritius Time                     | UTC+04    |
| ICT   | Indochina Time                                    | UTC+07 | MVT  | Maldives Time                      | UTC+05    |
| IDLW  | International Day Line West time zone             | UTC-12 | MYT  | Malaysia Time                      | UTC+08    |
| IDT   | Israel Daylight Time                              | UTC+03 | NCT  | New Caledonia Time                 | UTC+11    |
|       |                                                   |        | NDT  | Newfoundland Daylight Time         | UTC-02:30 |
|       |                                                   |        | NFT  | Norfolk Island Time                | UTC+11    |
|       |                                                   |        | NOVT | Novosibirsk Time                   | UTC+07    |
|       |                                                   |        | NPT  | Nepal Time                         | UTC+05:45 |
|       |                                                   |        | NST  | Newfoundland Standard Time         | UTC-03:30 |

<sup>96</sup> Note that IST can also mean Irish Standard Time and Israel Standard Time. Use instead UTC+1 and UTC+2 respectively.

|      |                                         |           |       |                                    |        |
|------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------------------------------|--------|
| NT   | Newfoundland Time                       | UTC-03:30 | SST   | Singapore Standard Time            | UTC+08 |
| NUT  | Niue Time                               | UTC-11    | SYOT  | Showa Station Time                 | UTC+03 |
| NZDT | New Zealand Daylight Time               | UTC+13    | TAHT  | Tahiti Time                        | UTC-10 |
| NZST | New Zealand Standard Time               | UTC+12    | THA   | Thailand Standard Time             | UTC+07 |
| OMST | Omsk Time                               | UTC+06    | TFT   | French Southern and Antarctic Time | UTC+05 |
| ORAT | Oral Time                               | UTC+05    | TJT   | Tajikistan Time                    | UTC+05 |
| PDT  | Pacific Daylight Time                   | UTC-07    | TKT   | Tokelau Time                       | UTC+13 |
| PET  | Peru Time                               | UTC-05    | TLT   | Timor Leste Time                   | UTC+09 |
| PETT | Kamchatka Time                          | UTC+12    | TMT   | Turkmenistan Time                  | UTC+05 |
| PGT  | Papua New Guinea Time                   | UTC+10    | TRT   | Turkey Time                        | UTC+03 |
| PHOT | Phoenix Island Time                     | UTC+13    | TOT   | Tonga Time                         | UTC+13 |
| PHT  | Philippine Time                         | UTC+08    | TVT   | Tuvalu Time                        | UTC+12 |
| PHST | Philippine Standard Time                | UTC+08    | ULAST | Ulaanbaatar Summer Time            | UTC+09 |
| PKT  | Pakistan Standard Time                  | UTC+05    | ULAT  | Ulaanbaatar Standard Time          | UTC+08 |
| PMDT | Saint Pierre and Miquelon Daylight Time | UTC-02    | UTC   | Coordinated Universal Time         | UTC±00 |
| PMST | Saint Pierre and Miquelon Standard Time | UTC-03    | UYST  | Uruguay Summer Time                | UTC-02 |
| PONT | Pohnpei Standard Time                   | UTC+11    | UYT   | Uruguay Standard Time              | UTC-03 |
| PST  | Pacific Standard Time                   | UTC-08    | UZT   | Uzbekistan Time                    | UTC+05 |
| PWT  | Palau Time                              | UTC+09    | VET   | Venezuelan Standard Time           | UTC-04 |
| PYST | Paraguay Summer Time                    | UTC-03    | VLAT  | Vladivostok Time                   | UTC+10 |
| PYT  | Paraguay Time                           | UTC-04    | VOLT  | Volgograd Time                     | UTC+04 |
| RET  | Réunion Time                            | UTC+04    | VOST  | Vostok Station Time                | UTC+06 |
| ROTT | Rothera Research Station Time           | UTC-03    | VUT   | Vanuatu Time                       | UTC+11 |
| SAKT | Sakhalin Island Time                    | UTC+11    | WAKT  | Wake Island Time                   | UTC+12 |
| SAMT | Samara Time                             | UTC+04    | WAST  | West Africa Summer Time            | UTC+02 |
| SAST | South African Standard Time             | UTC+02    | WAT   | West Africa Time                   | UTC+01 |
| SBT  | Solomon Islands Time                    | UTC+11    | WEST  | Western European Summer Time       | UTC+01 |
| SCT  | Seychelles Time                         | UTC+04    | WET   | Western European Time              | UTC±00 |
| SDT  | Samoa Daylight Time                     | UTC-10    | WIB   | Western Indonesian Time            | UTC+07 |
| SGT  | Singapore Time                          | UTC+08    | WIT   | Eastern Indonesian Time            | UTC+09 |
| SLST | Sri Lanka Standard Time                 | UTC+05:30 | WITA  | Central Indonesia Time             | UTC+08 |
| SRET | Srednekolymsk Time                      | UTC+11    | WGST  | West Greenland Summer Time         | UTC-02 |
| SRT  | Suriname Time                           | UTC-03    | WGT   | West Greenland Time                | UTC-03 |
| SST  | Samoa Standard Time                     | UTC-11    | WST   | Western Standard Time              | UTC+08 |
|      |                                         |           | YAKT  | Yakutsk Time                       | UTC+09 |

Figure 29 - Time Zones

## 9.6 Time Zone Country Names

|                                |                              |                                |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Africa/Abidjan                 | America/Asuncion             | America/Mazatlan               |
| Africa/Accra                   | America/Atikokan             | America/Menominee              |
| Africa/Addis_Ababa             | America/Bahia                | America/Merida                 |
| Africa/Algiers                 | America/Bahia_Banderas       | America/Metlakatla             |
| Africa/Asmara                  | America/Barbados             | America/Mexico_City            |
| Africa/Bamako                  | America/Belem                | America/Miquelon               |
| Africa/Bangui                  | America/Belize               | America/Moncton                |
| Africa/Banjul                  | America/Blanc-Sablon         | America/Monterrey              |
| Africa/Bissau                  | America/Boa_Vista            | America/Montevideo             |
| Africa/Blantyre                | America/Bogota               | America/Montserrat             |
| Africa/Brazzaville             | America/Boise                | America/Nassau                 |
| Africa/Bujumbura               | America/Cambridge_Bay        | America/New_York               |
| Africa/Cairo                   | America/Campo_Grande         | America/Nipigon                |
| Africa/Casablanca              | America/Cancun               | America/Nome                   |
| Africa/Ceuta                   | America/Caracas              | America/Noronha                |
| Africa/Conakry                 | America/Cayenne              | America/North_Dakota/Beulah    |
| Africa/Dakar                   | America/Cayman               | America/North_Dakota/Center    |
| Africa/Dar_es_Salaam           | America/Chicago              | America/North_Dakota/New_Salem |
| Africa/Djibouti                | America/Chihuahua            | America/Nuuk                   |
| Africa/Douala                  | America/Costa_Rica           | America/Ojinaga                |
| Africa/El_Aaiun                | America/Creston              | America/Panama                 |
| Africa/Freetown                | America/Cuiaba               | America/Pangnirtung            |
| Africa/Gaborone                | America/Curacao              | America/Paramaribo             |
| Africa/Harare                  | America/Danmarkshavn         | America/Phoenix                |
| Africa/Johannesburg            | America/Dawson               | America/Port_of_Spain          |
| Africa/Juba                    | America/Dawson_Creek         | America/Port-au-Prince         |
| Africa/Kampala                 | America/Denver               | America/Porto_Velho            |
| Africa/Khartoum                | America/Detroit              | America/Puerto_Rico            |
| Africa/Kigali                  | America/Dominica             | America/Punta_Arenas           |
| Africa/Kinshasa                | America/Edmonton             | America/Rainy_River            |
| Africa/Lagos                   | America/Eirunepe             | America/Rankin_Inlet           |
| Africa/Libreville              | America/El_Salvador          | America/Recife                 |
| Africa/Lome                    | America/Fort_Nelson          | America/Regina                 |
| Africa/Luanda                  | America/Fortaleza            | America/Resolute               |
| Africa/Lubumbashi              | America/Glace_Bay            | America/Rio_Branco             |
| Africa/Lusaka                  | America/Goose_Bay            | America/Santarem               |
| Africa/Malabo                  | America/Grand_Turk           | America/Santiago               |
| Africa/Maputo                  | America/Grenada              | America/Santo_Domingo          |
| Africa/Maseru                  | America/Guadeloupe           | America/Sao_Paulo              |
| Africa/Mbabane                 | America/Guatemala            | America/Scoresbysund           |
| Africa/Mogadishu               | America/Guayaquil            | America/Sitka                  |
| Africa/Monrovia                | America/Guyana               | America/St_Barthelmy           |
| Africa/Nairobi                 | America/Halifax              | America/St_Johns               |
| Africa/Ndjamena                | America/Havana               | America/St_Kitts               |
| Africa/Niamey                  | America/Hermosillo           | America/St_Lucia               |
| Africa/Nouakchott              | America/Indiana/Indianapolis | America/St_Thomas              |
| Africa/Ouagadougou             | America/Indiana/Knox         | America/St_Vincent             |
| Africa/Porto-Novo              | America/Indiana/Marengo      | America/Swift_Current          |
| Africa/Sao_Tome                | America/Indiana/Petersburg   | America/Tegucigalpa            |
| Africa/Tripoli                 | America/Indiana/Tell_City    | America/Thule                  |
| Africa/Tunis                   | America/Indiana/Vevay        | America/Thunder_Bay            |
| Africa/Windhoek                | America/Indiana/Vincennes    | America/Tijuana                |
| America/Adak                   | America/Indiana/Winamac      | America/Toronto                |
| America/Anchorage              | America/Inuvik               | America/Tortola                |
| America/Anguilla               | America/Iqaluit              | America/Vancouver              |
| America/Antigua                | America/Jamaica              | America/Whitehorse             |
| America/Araguaina              | America/Juneau               | America/Winnipeg               |
| America/Argentina/Buenos_Aries | America/Kentucky/Louisville  | America/Yakutat                |
| America/Argentina/Catamarca    | America/Kentucky/Monticello  | America/Yellowknife            |
| America/Argentina/Cordoba      | America/Kralendijk           | Antarctica/Casey               |
| America/Argentina/Jujuy        | America/La_Paz               | Antarctica/Davis               |
| America/Argentina/La_Rioja     | America/Lima                 | Antarctica/DumontDUrville      |
| America/Argentina/Mendoza      | America/Los_Angeles          | Antarctica/Macquarie           |
| America/Argentina/Rio_Gallegos | America/Lower_Princes        | Antarctica/Mawson              |
| America/Argentina/Salta        | America/Maceio               | Antarctica/McMurdo             |
| America/Argentina/San_Juan     | America/Managua              | Antarctica/Palmer              |
| America/Argentina/San_Luis     | America/Manaus               | Antarctica/Rothera             |
| America/Argentina/Tucuman      | America/Marigot              | Antarctica/Syowa               |
| America/Argentina/Ushuaia      | America/Martinique           | Antarctica/Troll               |
| America/Aruba                  | America/Matamoros            | Antarctica/Vostok              |

|                     |                        |                      |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Arctic/Longyearbyen | Asia/Tehran            | Europe/Riga          |
| Asia/Aden           | Asia/Thimphu           | Europe/Rome          |
| Asia/Almaty         | Asia/Tokyo             | Europe/Samara        |
| Asia/Amman          | Asia/Tomsk             | Europe/San_Marino    |
| Asia/Anadyr         | Asia/Ulaanbaatar       | Europe/Sarajevo      |
| Asia/Aqtou          | Asia/Urumqi            | Europe/Saratov       |
| Asia/Aqtobe         | Asia/Ust-Nera          | Europe/Simferopol    |
| Asia/Ashgabat       | Asia/Vientiane         | Europe/Skopje        |
| Asia/Atyrau         | Asia/Vladivostok       | Europe/Sofia         |
| Asia/Baghdad        | Asia/Yakutsk           | Europe/Stockholm     |
| Asia/Bahrain        | Asia/Yangon            | Europe/Tallinn       |
| Asia/Baku           | Asia/Yekaterinburg     | Europe/Tirane        |
| Asia/Bangkok        | Asia/Yerevan           | Europe/Ulyanovsk     |
| Asia/Barnaul        | Atlantic/Azores        | Europe/Uzhgorod      |
| Asia/Beirut         | Atlantic/Bermuda       | Europe/Vaduz         |
| Asia/Bishkek        | Atlantic/Canary        | Europe/Vatican       |
| Asia/Brunei         | Atlantic/Cape_Verde    | Europe/Vienna        |
| Asia/Chita          | Atlantic/Faroe         | Europe/Vilnius       |
| Asia/Choibalsan     | Atlantic/Madeira       | Europe/Volgograd     |
| Asia/Colombo        | Atlantic/Reykjavik     | Europe/Warsaw        |
| Asia/Damascus       | Atlantic/South_Georgia | Europe/Zagreb        |
| Asia/Dhaka          | Atlantic/St_Helena     | Europe/Zaporozhye    |
| Asia/Dili           | Atlantic/Stanley       | Europe/Zurich        |
| Asia/Dubai          | Australia/Adelaide     | Indian/Antananarivo  |
| Asia/Dushanbe       | Australia/Brisbane     | Indian/Chagos        |
| Asia/Famagusta      | Australia/Broken_Hill  | Indian/Christmas     |
| Asia/Gaza           | Australia/Darwin       | Indian/Cocos         |
| Asia/Hebron         | Australia/Eucla        | Indian/Comoro        |
| Asia/Ho_Chi_Min     | Australia/Hobart       | Indian/Kerguelen     |
| Asia/Hong_Kong      | Australia/Lindeman     | Indian/Mahe          |
| Asia/Hovd           | Australia/Lord_Howe    | Indian/Maldives      |
| Asia/Irkutsk        | Australia/Melbourne    | Indian/Mauritius     |
| Asia/Istanbul       | Australia/Perth        | Indian/Mayotte       |
| Asia/Jakarta        | Australia/Sydney       | Indian/Reunion       |
| Asia/Jayapura       | Europe/Amsterdam       | Pacific/Apia         |
| Asia/Jerusalem      | Europe/Azores          | Pacific/Auckland     |
| Asia/Kabul          | Europe/Astrakhan       | Pacific/Bougainville |
| Asia/Kamchatka      | Europe/Athens          | Pacific/Chatham      |
| Asia/Karachi        | Europe/Belgrade        | Pacific/Chuuk        |
| Asia/Kathmandu      | Europe/Berlin          | Pacific/Easter       |
| Asia/Khandyga       | Europe/Bratislava      | Pacific/Efate        |
| Asia/Kolkata        | Europe/Brussels        | Pacific/Enderbury    |
| Asia/Krasnoyarsk    | Europe/Bucharest       | Pacific/Fakaofu      |
| Asia/Kuala_Lumpur   | Europe/Budapest        | Pacific/Fiji         |
| Asia/Kuching        | Europe/Busingen        | Pacific/Funafuti     |
| Asia/Kuwait         | Europe/Chisinau        | Pacific/Galapagos    |
| Asia/Macau          | Europe/Copenhagen      | Pacific/Gambier      |
| Asia/Magadan        | Europe/Dublin          | Pacific/Guadalupe    |
| Asia/Makassar       | Europe/Gibraltar       | Pacific/Guam         |
| Asia/Manila         | Europe/Guernsey        | Pacific/Honolulu     |
| Asia/Muscat         | Europe/Helsinki        | Pacific/Kiritimati   |
| Asia/Nicosia        | Europe/Isle_of_Man     | Pacific/Kosrae       |
| Asia/Novokuznetsk   | Europe/Istanbul        | Pacific/Kwajalein    |
| Asia/Novosibirsk    | Europe/Jersey          | Pacific/Majuro       |
| Asia/Omsk           | Europe/Kaliningrad     | Pacific/Marquesas    |
| Asia/Oral           | Europe/Kiev            | Pacific/Midway       |
| Asia/Phnom_Penh     | Europe/Kirov           | Pacific/Nauru        |
| Asia/Pontianak      | Europe/Lisbon          | Pacific/Niue         |
| Asia/Pyongyang      | Europe/Ljubljana       | Pacific/Norfolk      |
| Asia/Qatar          | Europe/London          | Pacific/Noumea       |
| Asia/Qostanay       | Europe/Luxembourg      | Pacific/Pago_Pago    |
| Asia/Qyzylorda      | Europe/Madrid          | Pacific/Palau        |
| Asia/Riyadh         | Europe/Malta           | Pacific/Pitcairn     |
| Asia/Sakhalin       | Europe/Mariehamn       | Pacific/Pohnpei      |
| Asia/Samarkand      | Europe/Minsk           | Pacific/Port_Moresby |
| Asia/Seoul          | Europe/Monaco          | Pacific/Rarotonga    |
| Asia/Shanghai       | Europe/Moscow          | Pacific/Saipan       |
| Asia/Singapore      | Europe/Nicosia         | Pacific/Tahiti       |
| Asia/Srednekolymsk  | Europe/Oslo            | Pacific/Tarawa       |
| Asia/Taipei         | Europe/Paris           | Pacific/Tongatapu    |
| Asia/Tashkent       | Europe/Podgorica       | Pacific/Wake         |
| Asia/Tbilisi        | Europe/Prague          | Pacific/Wallis       |

Figure 30 - Time Zone Country Names



## Appendix 2: The *cyscript* Interpreter

This appendix describes *cyscript* – the default command line interpreter. This is a Unix/Linux command line tool that provides a simple environment to run and test *yscript* code. The code for the interpreter interface itself (*ys.c*) is also an example of how to use the *yscript* API.<sup>97</sup>

### 1. Usage

*cyscript* is invoked with the command *ys*. The command takes zero or more files containing *yscript* code as arguments. Where no source file is provided, *cyscript* will read from standard input. The files conventionally end with the suffix *.ys* and *cyscript* will check for the presence of a file with this ending before looking for the bare filename.

The formal usage is:

```
ys [-cdgmpstvx] [--facts=facts] [--goal=rule] [file.[ys]] ...
```

#### *Available Flags*

The flags have the following meanings:

|                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>-c, --check</code>                           | This option parses all input files but does not run them. This is useful for checking to see if there are any syntax errors or warnings. <sup>98</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>-d, --debug</code>                           | The <code>-d</code> flag turns on verbose mode which reports system actions such as when rules are fired or blocked, when a fact is explicitly being determined or forgotten and when fact values are concluded or changed.                                                                                                                  |
| <code>-f file,</code><br><code>--facts=file</code> | The <code>-f</code> indicates that once the code files have been parsed and loaded, that the facts and default goal should be set to those contained in the specified <code>file</code> . The format <sup>99</sup> of the <code>file</code> is the same as the one used by the interactive <code>load</code> and <code>save</code> commands. |

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<sup>97</sup> *cyscript* can also be placed on a socket and used as a server. This is covered in Appendix 6: Using *cyscript* as a Server on page 157.

<sup>98</sup> There is a list of all error and warning messages below on page 127.

<sup>99</sup> This file is stored in JSON format.

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|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>-g rule,</code><br><code>--goal=rule</code> | The <code>-g</code> flag sets the default goal rule to a rule either matching the specified <code>rule</code> name or (if there is no such rule) the first rule that contains <code>rule</code> as a substring.                                                                   |
| <code>-h, --help</code>                           | The help flag displays a quick summary of command usage and flags.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>-j, --json</code>                           | This flag will cause all output to be in <i>JSON</i> format. <sup>100</sup> This is intended to support applications that use the interpreter in an automated way. It makes sure that all output is always flushed and changes the prompt to <code>**</code> on a line by itself. |
| <code>-n, --showfacts</code>                      | The <code>-n</code> flag writes the names of all facts that are used in any of the input source files. These are written one per line. It is intended to support external applications that need to interact with yscript using fact values.                                      |
| <code>-p, --pretty</code>                         | The <code>-p</code> flag outputs a pretty-printed copy of the yscript code on standard output.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>-s, --statistics</code>                     | The <code>-s</code> flag outputs some statistics about the yscript code. These include the total number of rules, facts, tokens and characters.                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>-t, --translations</code>                   | The <code>-t</code> flag outputs the translations used for all facts. This includes the prompt that will be used to get a value from the user and the fact in positive and negative form.                                                                                         |
| <code>-T, --templates=dir</code>                  | This flag specifies the base directory for all document template <sup>101</sup> files. When set, only files located under this directory can be used as templates.                                                                                                                |
| <code>-v, --version</code>                        | The <code>-v</code> flag prints the version number for interpreter and library.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>-x, --xref</code>                           | The <code>-x</code> flag prints a fact cross reference that shows which rules use the fact and which rules conclude a value for the fact.                                                                                                                                         |

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<sup>100</sup> See Appendix 6: Using cyscript as a Server on page 157.

<sup>101</sup> For discussion of document templates, see § 8.5 on page 97.

`-y, --yaml` The `-y` flag causes all output to be in *YAML*<sup>102</sup> format. Like the `-j` flag, this also causes cyscript to operate in server mode without pagination and with regular output flushing.

### Code Reformatting

The pretty printer (`-p`) will output code in standard recommended format. This is mainly intended for tidying up code and making it consistent, but it is also useful occasionally for tracking down obscure bugs. For example, the following input:

```
PERSON the person
RULE South African Citizenship Act 1995 PROVIDES
the person is a South African citizen ONLY IF
 the person is a citizen by birth under section 2 of
 the South African Citizenship Act 1995 OR the person is a citizen
by descent under section 3 of the South African Citizenship Act 1995 OR the
person is a citizen by naturalisation under section 4
 of the South African Citizenship Act 1995 RULE South
African Citizenship Act 1995 Section 2 PROVIDES
the person
is
a citizen by birth under section 2 of
the South African Citizenship Act 1995 ONLY IF section 2(1) of the
South African Citizenship Act 1995 applies OR section 2(2) of
the South African Citizenship Act 1995 applies OR section 2(3)
of the South African Citizenship Act 1995 applies
```

will be reformatted as:

```
PERSON the person

RULE South African Citizenship Act 1995 PROVIDES
the person is a South African citizen ONLY IF
 the person is a citizen by birth under section 2 of the South
African Citizenship Act 1995 OR
 the person is a citizen by descent under section 3 of the South
African Citizenship Act 1995 OR
 the person is a citizen by naturalisation under section 4 of the
South African Citizenship Act 1995

RULE South African Citizenship Act 1995 Section 2 PROVIDES
the person is a citizen by birth under section 2 of the South African
Citizenship Act 1995 ONLY IF
 section 2(1) of the South African Citizenship Act 1995 applies OR
 section 2(2) of the South African Citizenship Act 1995 applies OR
 section 2(3) of the South African Citizenship Act 1995 applies
```

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<sup>102</sup> Discussion of *YAML* output is in Appendix 6: Using cyscript as a Server at page 157.

*Statistics*

The `-s` flag produces simple statistics about yscript code. For example:

```
Rules: 93
Facts: 445
Tokens: 858
Characters: 32968
```

*Translations*

The `-t` flag produces a list of the translations used for all facts including the forms that will be used to ask for a value and, as appropriate, its positive and negative form or the form used to report a non-boolean value. Where the default generated translations have been overridden (via a `TRANSLATE` or `PROMPT` declaration), these translations are used.

This facility is useful because it allows you to see how every fact will be presented to the application user without having to run through all fact scenarios. The output format is first the fact as a question, then the fact in positive form and then the fact in negative form (or just the fact with a value for non-boolean facts).

For example:

```
- Does Part III of the Act apply?
- Part III of the Act applies.
- Part III of the Act does not apply.

- Is S8(1)(a) satisfied?
- S8(1)(a) is satisfied.
- S8(1)(a) is not satisfied.

- Did a person copy the circuit layout in a material form?
- A person copied the circuit layout in a material form.
- A person did not copy the circuit layout in a material form.

- Has the copy of the circuit layout or an integrated circuit made
 in accordance with the circuit layout been sold?
- The copy of the circuit layout or an integrated circuit made in
 accordance with the circuit layout has been sold.
- The copy of the circuit layout or an integrated circuit made in
 accordance with the circuit layout has not been sold.

- What is the date of infringement?
- The date of infringement is {}.
```

Note that the standard distribution also includes a utility called `trans` which can also be useful in understanding how propositions have been interpreted. It is a filter that reads a line which should contain a proposition and it outputs how the proposition has been divided, why and gives the default translations.

For example:

**% trans**

**Aristotle remarks that falsity and truth require combination and separation**

aristotle/remarks/that falsity and truth require combination and separation  
[defined-verb]

- Does Aristotle remark that falsity and truth require combination and separation?
- Aristotle remarks that falsity and truth require combination and separation.
- Aristotle does not remark that falsity and truth require combination and separation.

**The notion of a proposition can also be found in the works of Medieval philosophers**

the notion of a proposition/can/also be found in the works of medieval philosophers [skip-noun|auxiliary-verb]

- Can the notion of a proposition also be found in the works of Medieval philosophers?
- The notion of a proposition can also be found in the works of Medieval philosophers.
- The notion of a proposition cannot also be found in the works of Medieval philosophers.

### *Cross-referencing*

The -x flag produces a fact cross-reference. It shows a list of all facts along with the names of rules where a fact is used (preceded by a hyphen) and rules where a value for the fact is determined (preceded by an Asterix). Fact names are the glue that binds rules together and it is important that they match when they should. An example cross-reference follows:

section 2(1) of the South African Citizenship Act 1995 applies

- \* South African Citizenship Act 1995 Section 2(1)
- South African Citizenship Act 1995 Section 2
- South African Citizenship Act 1995 Section 2(2)(a)

section 2(1)(a) of the South African Citizenship Act 1995 applies

- \* South African Citizenship Act 1995 Section 2(1)(a)
- South African Citizenship Act 1995 Section 2(1)

the person was a South African citizen immediately prior to the date of commencement of the South African Citizenship Amendment Act, 2010

- \* Citizenship Amendment Act, 2010 Commencement
- South African Citizenship Act 1995 Section 2(1)(a)

the person was born in the republic of South Africa

- South African Citizenship Act 1995 Section 2(2)(a)
- South African Citizenship Act 1995 Section 2(3)
- South African Citizenship Act 1995 Section 4(3)

### Return Code

ys returns 0 on success, and non-zero on error. Possible errors include usage errors, missing or invalid file names, syntax errors and run-time errors. For a full list, see *Error and Warning Messages* below.

## 2. Interactive Sessions

When the cyscript is started, the first thing it does is to load and parse the yscript code file(s). If any syntax or other errors are encountered, one or more error messages or warnings are issued. If a fact file has been specified via the `-f` flag, the included goal is set, and facts are loaded. If a goal has been declared via the `-g` flag, this is set as the default goal.

### Selecting a Goal

If no goal has been set and the code contains more than one listed GOAL, the user is asked which goal rule they wish to use.

For example:

The following goals are defined:

- 1) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 4 – Art union gaming activities
- 2) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5 – Housie or bingo
- 3) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 6 – Draw lotteries
- 4) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 7 – No-draw lotteries
- 5) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 8 – Mini-numbers lotteries
- 6) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 9 – Progressive lotteries
- 7) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 10 – Free lotteries
- 8) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 11 – Promotional raffles conducted by registered clubs
- 9) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 12 – Other gaming activities for charitable purposes
- 10) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13 – Sweeps and calcuttas
- 11) Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 14 – Trade promotion gaming activities

Please select a goal?

\*\*

### Questions and Prompts

Execution begins by *firing* the goal rule. Rule evaluation proceeds until the value of a fact is needed from the application user. The system then issues the default explanation for the fact (if any) and prompts for a fact value. Ordinarily, a simple prompt is used, and the user is expected to respond with an answer of a type that is appropriate for the fact in issue. There are also several standard responses such as quit to end the session and help to get a list of available cyscript commands. If the user

types in something that can't be understood or that is otherwise invalid, the system issues an error and re-asks the question.

For example:

- 1) What is the name of the nominee?  
\*\* **Paul Dutton**
- 2) Is he an Australian citizen?  
\*\* **no idea**  
  
Please respond with yes or no.
- 3) Is Peter Dutton an Australian citizen?  
\*\*

Similarly, if the fact has an associated range and the answer is out of range, a warning will be issued and the question re-asked.

For example:

- 9) What is the amount of the gross proceeds of the AustLII Christmas Lottery?  
\*\* **30000**
- 10) What is the amount paid to AustLII?  
\*\* **40000**  
  
The value must be between \$0 to \$30,000.

Where the fact has a set of discrete possible range values, the prompt will be in multiple choice form. For example:

- 1) What is the type of gaming activity that you are proposing?
  - (a) Art union
  - (b) Housie or bingo
  - (c) Draw lottery (including raffles and guessing competitions)
  - (d) No-draw lottery (including break-open lotteries, scratch lotteries and football doubles)
  - (e) Mini-numbers lottery
  - (f) Progressive lottery (including a hundred club, silver Circles and tipping competitions)
  - (g) Free lottery (including lucky door or lucky seat promotions)
  - (h) Promotional raffle conduct by a registered club
  - (i) Other gaming activity (including a chocolate wheel or Lucky envelopes) for charitable purposes
  - (j) Sweep or calcutta
  - (k) Trade promotion gaming activity (including card jackpot games)

Please select?

\*\*

### *Uncertain Responses*

If the user is uncertain of an answer or where they specifically wish to say that the answer to a question is uncertain or they do not wish to specify, they can type *u*, *unknown*, *uncertain*, or *unspecified*.

A blank answer for a question involving facts of type *STRING* will also be interpreted as an unspecified response. This behaviour is important for the answering of questions related to named subjects. It means, for example, that if the user hits enter in response to the name of a named subject, follow-up questions will be suppressed, and the description of the named subject will not be replaced in subsequent dialogs.

For example:

- 1) What is the name of the taxpayer?  
\*\*
- 2) Is the taxpayer an Australian citizen?  
\*\*

It also means that the user can skip answering gender questions or questions in relation to the preferred form of address. For example:

- 1) What is the name of the taxpayer?  
\*\* **Gretta Simpson**
- 2) What is Gretta Simpson's preferred gender?  
\*\*
- 3) What is Gretta Simpson's preferred form of address?  
\*\*
- 4) Is Gretta Simpson an Australian citizen?  
\*\*

### *What If?*

The user can test what will happen if they answer in a particular way by prefacing their answer with the term *whatif* or the words *what if*. Provided that the proposed answer is a legal response, the system will return the conclusions that would be reached or if none would be reached, what the next question will be.



For example:

- 7) Has Google volunteered to comply with the requirements of the Act?  
**\*\* what if no**

The following conclusions will be drawn:

- Google has not volunteered to comply with the requirements of the Act under section 6 for the reporting period.
- Section 5(1)(d) does not apply.
- Section 5(1) does not apply.
- Google is not a reporting entity.
- The conditions set out in section 13(1) are not met.
- Google has not submitted a modern slavery statement under section 13.
- Section 16(2)(a) applies.
- Section 16(2) applies.
- Google has complied with the Act.

- 7) Has Google volunteered to comply with the requirements of the Act?  
**\*\* what if yes**

No immediate conclusions will be drawn. The system will go on to ask:  
Has Google given written notice to the Minister in a manner and form approved by the Minister?

*Why?*

The *why* command can be used to explain *why* a question is being asked. Where the current question is about a related fact such as a named subject or a string used in an associated explanation, translation, or document, then the response will be to say that answer will be used when referring to the fact or named subject.

For example:

- 1) What is the name of the client?  
**\*\* why**

This will be used when referring to the client.

- 2) What is the client's address  
**\*\* why**

This will be used when referring to the client's address.

Where the current question results from an attempt to infer a value for another fact, the first time the command is issued, the response will be to say that the fact on the top of the goal fact stack is being determined. If the command is re-issued, the system backs up through the stack to use the next goal fact and so on. The effect is to successively explain what a question is being asked and then why it is necessary to know the value of the fact forming the basis of the explanation.

For example:

- 3) Did Telstra have a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period?

**\*\* why**

This will help determine whether or not section 5(1) applies.

- 3) Did Telstra have a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period?

**\*\* why**

This will help determine whether or not Telstra is a reporting entity.

- 3) Did Telstra have a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period?

**\*\* why**

This will help determine whether or not Telstra has complied with the Act.

- 3) Did Telstra have a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period?

**\*\* why**

There are no other facts under consideration.

When the why command is followed by the word this (ie why this), only the top level goal will be displayed. For example:

- 3) Did Telstra have a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period?

**\*\* why this**

This will help determine whether or not section 5(1) applies.

*What?*

The what command displays a list of all facts which have been supplied by the user (that is, it displays a list of premises). Apart from being useful in and of itself, this also provides numbers that can be used with the forget command.

For example:

- 1) What is the name of the entity?  
\*\* **Telstra**
  - 2) Is Telstra an individual?  
\*\* **no**
  - 3) Did Telstra have a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period?  
\*\* **yes**
  - 4) Was Telstra a company during the reporting period?  
\*\* **yes**
  - 5) Was Telstra formed or incorporated in Australia?  
\*\* **what**
- 1) The name of the entity is Telstra.
  - 2) Telstra is not an individual.
  - 3) Telstra had a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period.
  - 4) Telstra was a company during the reporting period.

*So?*

The `so` command displays a list of all conclusions that have been reached. The numbers for each fact can be used with the `how` command.

For example:

- Was Telstra formed or incorporated in Australia?  
\*\* **so**
- 1) Telstra was a body corporate during the reporting period.
  - 2) Section 5(2)(b) does not apply.
  - 3) Telstra was not a trust where the trust estate was a resident trust estate within the meaning of Division 6 of Part III of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 during the reporting period.
  - 4) Subsection (b) of the definition of "Australian entity" does not apply.
  - 5) Telstra was not a corporate limited partnership which was a resident within the meaning of section 94T of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 during the reporting period.
  - 6) Subsection (c) of the definition of "Australian entity" does not apply.
  - 7) Telstra was not a partnership during the reporting period.
  - 8) Telstra was not a non-corporate Commonwealth entity within the meaning of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013.

*How*

The `how` command can be used to explain how a particular conclusion was reached. It lists the facts that were used in determining a value for the fact. For example:

- 5) Was Telstra formed or incorporated in Australia?  
\*\* **how 2**
- Section 5(2)(b) does not apply because Telstra was a body Corporate during the reporting period.

## Forget

The forget command is used to *forget* the value of a user-supplied fact or premise. The value of the fact is set to unknown and the system is restarted. The effect of this is to usually to immediately re-ask for a value of the fact that was just forgotten. If instead of an individual fact number, the user type forget all, the value of all facts and conclusions will be forgotten and the session will restart.

For example:

- 1) What is the name of the entity?  
\*\* **Australia Post**
  - 2) Is Australia Post an individual?  
\*\* **no**
  - 3) Did Australia Post have a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period?  
\*\* **yes**
  - 4) Was Australia Post a company during the reporting period?  
\*\* **what**
- 1) The name of the entity is Australia Post.
  - 2) Australia Post is not an individual.
  - 3) Australia Post had a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period.
  - 4) Was Australia Post a company during the reporting period?  
\*\* **forget 3**
- 3) Did Australia Post have a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period?  
\*\* **what**
- 1) The name of the entity is Australia Post.
  - 2) Australia Post is not an individual.
  - 3) Did Australia Post have a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period?  
\*\* **forget all**
- 1) What is the name of the entity?  
\*\*

## Goals

At the start of a session, if there is more than one goal rule (that is, more than one rule is declared with the qualifier GOAL), cyscript will ask the user to choose from a list of the available goal rules. At any point in the session, the user can also type goals, and this will show the same set of goals and give the user an opportunity to keep the current facts, but to pursue a different goal rule. If there is only one goal rule, or if the user types goals all,<sup>103</sup> the system will display a list of all available rules regardless of whether or not they have been formally declared as a GOAL. If the user wishes to

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<sup>103</sup> The user can also type rules all and this will have the same effect.

pursue a particular goal and they know the rule name, they can type `goal rule-name` where *rule-name* is an entire rule name or part thereof.

For example:

The following goals are defined:

- 1) Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "Australian entity"
- 2) Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5
- 3) Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 12
- 4) Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)

Please select a goal?

\*\* 2

- 1) What is the name of the entity?  
\*\* Queensland Rail
- 2) Is Queensland Rail an individual?  
\*\* n
- 3) Did Queensland Rail have a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period?  
\*\* goals

The following goals are defined:

- 1) Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "Australian entity"
- 2) Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5
- 3) Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 12
- 4) Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)

Please select a goal?

\*\*

## Rules

The command `rules all` is equivalent to `goals all` (and will display a list of all rule names and allow the user to select one as the current goal). The command `rule rule-name` is like `goal rule-name` but searches all rules for one matching *rule-name*. Typing `rule` by itself will display a list of rules that are currently being considered.

For example:

- 1) What is the name of the entity?  
\*\* ANZ
- 2) Is ANZ an individual?  
\*\* n
- 3) Did ANZ have a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million for the reporting period?  
\*\* y
- 4) Was ANZ a company during the reporting period?  
\*\* rules

Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)  
Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5  
Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(1)

```

Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(1)(a)
Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(1)(a)(i)
Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "Australian entity"
Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 Section 6 "resident" (1)(b)

```

Typing just the command `rule` will display the complete text of the current rule that is being evaluated. In a similar fashion to the `why` command, issuing more than once will step back through the rule stack.

For example:

```

3) Did ANZ have a consolidated revenue of at least $100 million for
the reporting period?
** rule

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(1)(a) PROVIDES
section 5(1)(a) applies ONLY IF
the entity had a consolidated revenue of at least $100
million for the reporting period AND
section 5(1)(a)(i) applies AND/OR
section 5(1)(a)(ii) applies

```

Where you know the name of the rule you wish to display, you can also always display any rule with the command `show rule rule-name`, for example:

```
show rule section 5(1)
```

### Verbose Mode

`cyscript` can be put into *verbose* mode either by invoking it with the `-d` (or `--debug`) flag or by typing the command `verbose`. Verbose mode can be toggled off and on by typing `verbose` again. The effect of verbose mode is to display system actions.<sup>104</sup> For example:

```

1) What is the name of the entity?
** verbose

1) What is the name of the entity?
** Sydney Water

* DETERMINED VALUE FOR the name of the entity
* FORWARD-CHAINING FOR the name of the entity
* FIRING Entity is Commonwealth of Australia

2) Is Sydney Water an individual?
** no

* DETERMINED VALUE FOR the entity is a person
* FORWARD-CHAINING FOR the entity is a person
* FIRING Individuals and Companies are not trusts

```

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<sup>104</sup> There is a list of verbose messages in the following section on page 135.

### Load and Save

The save and load commands will save the current goal and facts to and from a file (respectively). For example:

```
2) Is BHP an individual?
 ** save myfacts

2) Is BHP an individual?
 ** load myfacts
```

### 3. Error and Warning Messages

yscript generates various types of messages: parsing errors, session messages, verbose messages, fatal errors, and internal errors. This section explains what each message means. Each group is sorted for ease of look-up.

#### Parsing Errors

Parsing errors can be produced when a new or changed piece of code is first read by the interpreter. They indicate that something is syntactically or semantically wrong in the source file. Each message is preceded by a file name and an approximate line number as to where the error was encountered. For example:

```
gaming.ys: 23: expected factor before end of expression
```

Only the first error for each block (that is, fact declaration or rule) is displayed. The complete list of error and warning messages is as follows:

#### *alias redeclared*

A fact has been declared with more than one document-assembly alias (via the ALIAS sub-declaration).

```
AND or AND/WITH argument(s) not boolean
AND/OR argument(s) not boolean
```

One or more of the arguments to an AND or AND/OR operator in an *expression* does not return a boolean result.

```
arithmetic expression has incompatible units
arithmetic term has incompatible units
assignment to '%s' involves incompatible units
```

An expression or an assignment involves values that have units that cannot be used together. For example, it is illegal to add a weight to a length or a time to volume.

#### *attempted assignment to constant*

The left-hand-side of an assignment is a constant and not a fact.

*bad multi-assignment*

This error occurs when parsing assertions forming part of a multiple assignment. It probably indicates a trailing `AND` keyword that is missing a following fact name.

*bad statement*

The parser was expecting the start of a new statement such as an assignment or an `IF-THEN-ELSE`. The error generally indicates a malformed expression on the previous line.

*bad WEEKS/MONTHS/YEARS type*

The `WEEKS`, `MONTHS` and `YEARS` post-unary operators can only be applied to a number. The factor preceding one of these keywords is producing a non-numerical result.

*DAY/MONTH/YEAR applied to non-date*

When used as a pre-unary operator, the `WEEKS`, `MONTHS` and `YEARS` operators can only be applied to a factor yielding a `DATE`.

*declaration hides shared fact*

This is only a warning message. It is warning you that you have formally declared a fact, which will hide access to a fact with the name in the shared context. If this was intended, then you can safely ignore this message.

*declaration of boolean expressed in negative*

This is warning message indicating that you have used a proposition that is expressed in the negative when declaring a fact. The actual fact name will be changed to convert this into positive form.

*default not last CASE condition*

The default case must be the last `WHEN` condition in a `CASE` statement.

*expected ALL or fact name after FORGET*

The `FORGET` keyword is not followed by the keyword `ALL` or the name of a fact to be forgotten.

*expected block start*

The parser was expecting to see a new rule or fact definition. This will generally appear as the first error message and usually indicates that you are using a word-processor and have saved the file in binary format or that the file is not yscript code at all.

*expected CASE before WHEN*

The parser has encountered a `WHEN` condition without being preceded by a `CASE`. It is only legal to skip the `CASE/fact` specification as the first statement in following a `FACT` (object) declaration.



*expected constant after EXPLAIN*  
*expected constant after TRANSLATE*  
*expected constant after WHEN*

This error generally indicates that an EXPLAIN, TRANSLATE or WHEN keyword has been followed by a fact name rather than a constant.

*expected context*  
*expected context name*

This error occurs in either a fact declaration or a CALL statement where you have indicated that you are referring to something from another context with the FROM keyword, but you are missing the name of the context itself. Deleting the FROM keyword will fix this.

*expected description after AS*

This error indicates that you have not included a text description following the AS keyword.

*expected example name not constant*

You have attempted to use a constant instead of a name for an EXAMPLE.

*expected fact name after CASE*

The CASE keyword must be followed by a fact name. This error indicates either a missing fact name or attempted use of a constant.

*expected fact name after DETERMINE*

The DETERMINE statement requires the name of a fact. Again, this might indicate that you have attempted to determine the value of a constant.

*expected factor*

This error message indicates a malformed expression. The parser was expecting to see a factor (that is, a fact or a constant) and instead has found something else (for example, a keyword).

*expected factor before end of expression*

This error is like the previous message but indicates that the parser ran out of expression when it was trying to parse a factor. A typical way to generate this message is to put a trailing operator (for example, an AND) on the end of an otherwise valid expression.

*expected GOAL, RULE, or rule type*

This error indicates a malformed RULE declaration. It is normally generated if you attempt to make something other than a rule (e.g., a fact) a goal.

*expected number after LEVEL*

A PARAGRAPH, LINE or TEXT statement is malformed. You have used the LEVEL keyword without following it by a literal number in the range 1 to 7.

*expected rule name not constant*

A rule name cannot start with a number or be some other constant.

*expected RULE or rule type*

You have started introducing a new rule with the GOAL keyword, then failed to follow it with the RULE keyword or a rule type.

*expected STYLE after DEFAULT DATE**expected STYLE after DEFAULT NUMBER**expected STYLE after DEFAULT TIME*

The parser was expecting the keyword STYLE after a DEFAULT declaration.

*expected text after SAY*

The SAY keyword must be followed by the text to be displayed. This can be within or without quotes.

*expected UNIT after DEFAULT MONEY*

The parser was expected the sequence DEFAULT MONEY UNIT *unit*. You have possibly attempted to assign a MONEY STYLE which is currently unsupported.

*expected WHEN after CASE*

You have attempted to use a CASE statement with no WHEN conditions. This probably indicates a syntax error immediately after the WHEN fact name.

*fact already has associated rule*

You have attempted to add two or more sets of statements to a fact / object.

*guard is not boolean*

The condition for an IF statement does not return a boolean result. You may need to formally declare some of the facts involved in the conditional expression.

*illegal assignment to 'fact-name'*

The right-hand side of an assignment (that is the *expression* after the ONLY IF or IS) returns a value which is of an incompatible type with the target fact. Again, this only happens after an attempt has been made to coerce the type of facts involved in the expression and so you made need to formally declare and type facts.

*illegal example body*

*Examples* do not share the same syntax as other rules. They can only consist of a single IF-THEN-ELSE *statement* or an *assignment*. Read the documentation about examples in Chapter 7.

*inappropriate terms for DIVIDE**inappropriate terms for MINUS**inappropriate terms for MOD**inappropriate terms for PLUS**inappropriate terms for TIMES*

You have attempted to perform a mathematical function on a non-numeric value. The DIVIDE, MINUS, MOD, PLUS and TIMES binary operators can only be used with the following exceptions: STRINGS can be concatenated with PLUS; and numbers can be added to and subtracted from DATES.

*inappropriate terms for relational operator*

A relational operator is a comparative operator such as LESS THAN, GREATER THAN or EQUALS. The message indicates that the arguments cannot sensibly be compared. You may need to formally declare fact types.

*LEVEL argument too Large*

The number following the level portion of the PARAGRAPH, LINE or TEXT statement must be between 1 and 7.

*missing ALIAS descriptor*

You have used the ALIAS sub-declaration within a fact but have not followed it by a fact descriptor.

*missing context name*

You have started a new context with the CONTEXT keyword, but you have not given it a name.

*missing fact description after DETERMINE*

The DETERMINE keyword must be followed by the name of a fact.

*missing default date format**missing default money unit**missing default number style**missing default time format*

A DEFAULT declaration is missing the actual unit or style.

*missing END*

The parser was expecting the keyword END. This probably indicates a mis-matched BEGIN-END pair.

*missing EXPLAIN text*

The text block for an EXPLAIN sub-declaration is missing.

*missing fact name*

You have started formally declaring a fact by using a type name (e.g. BOOLEAN, STRING etc) and you have not followed it by a fact name.

*missing factor*

This error message indicates a malformed expression. The parser was expecting to see a *factor* (that is, a fact name or constant) and instead it found a keyword that is not a pre-unary operator.

*missing include file name*

You are missing the file name after an INCLUDE keyword. This may be optionally in quotes.

*missing INFO text*

An INFO sub-declaration is not followed by a text block.

*missing keyword AS after EXPLAIN*  
*missing keyword AS after TRANSLATE*  
*missing keyword DO*  
*missing keyword END*  
*missing keyword IF after ONLY*  
*missing keyword PROVIDES*  
*missing keyword THEN*  
*missing keyword UNTIL*

The indicated keyword is missing.

*missing PARAGRAPH, LINE or TEXT*

You have used NUMBERED or LEVEL and have not then gone on to use PARAGRAPH, LINE or TEXT.

*missing PROMPT text*

You have used the PROMPT keyword within a formal fact declaration, but you have not followed it by the prompt text.

*missing rule name after CALL*  
*missing rule name after NEXT*

The name of the rule to call has been omitted after a CALL or NEXT statement.

*missing STYLE type*

You have not included a style type following the STYLE keyword.

*missing text*

The parser has found a PARAGRAPH, TEXT, or LINE statement, but this is not followed by any text to write.

*missing TRANSLATE text*

You are missing the translation text after a TRANSLATE declaration.

*missing UNIT type*

You have not included a unit type following the UNIT keyword.

*named subjects can't have translations or ranges*

You have attempted to provide a translation or range for a named subject which is illegal. You can translate the related facts such as the name, gender, and preferred address of the named subject.

*no rules!*

You have passed yscript a syntactically correct (or empty) file which doesn't declare any rules. The interpreter has nothing to do.

*non-boolean assignment to 'fact-name'*

You have attempted to assign a non-boolean value to a boolean fact. This may indicate that the fact should be formally declared as something other than BOOLEAN.

*NOT value not boolean  
OR argument(s) not Boolean*

The argument(s) to a NOT or OR operator are not boolean and cannot be coerced to be so.

*out of expression space*

You have used an *expression* which is too complex for the system to handle. Try dividing the expression into smaller units (and preferably distribute it between several different rules).

*rule undefined*

You have used CALL to call a rule that you have not declared.

*rule/range too large/complex*

The rule body or range has produced too many tokens for the code-generator to deal with at once. Try dividing the contents between more rules.

*SECOND/MINUTE/HOUR applied to non-time*

You have attempted to use one of the pre-unary operators – SECOND, MINUTE or HOUR to a value which is not of the type - TIME.

*style redeclared*

You have attempted to declare the style for a fact.

*too many WHEN conditions for CASE*

There is a hard limit of 4096 when conditions for any individual CASE statement.

*unit redeclared*

You have attempted to redeclare the unit for a fact.

*unknown currency - '%s'*

You have used an unknown currency unit. See § 3.7 at page 29 for a list of units.

*unknown default number style - '%s'**unknown number style - '%s'*

You have used an unknown numbering style. See Figure 20 – Numerical Styles on page 23.

*unknown unit - '%s'*

You have used an unknown unit name. See § 3.7 at page 29 for a list of units.

*UNTIL guard is not boolean**WHILE guard is not Boolean*

The condition to a REPEAT or WHILE statement is non-boolean. Try formally declaring some of the facts.

*Session Errors*

Session errors are produced in response to user interaction with the cyscript interpreter. Their meaning is intended to be straight-forward, but for the sake of completeness are listed and briefly explained here.

*Bad parameter for forget.*

You have tried to forget a fact that is not yet known. Use the - what command to see the valid fact numbers.

*Bad parameter for how.*

You have tried to show how a conclusion has been concluded before it has been concluded. Try using so to see how many conclusions have been reached.

*Load failed.*

You tried to load a set of facts from a file that either does not exist, is unreadable or is corrupt.

*No conclusions have been reached.*

You have issued a `so` command and no conclusions have yet been reached.

*No facts have been supplied.*

You have issued a `what` command and no facts have yet been supplied.

*Rule not found.*

The full or partial name of the rule that you have specified as an argument to the `rule` command could not be found.

*Save failed.*

You have tried to save the current facts to a file and the write failed.

*The value is out of range.*

You have entered a value that is out of range. Normally you will get a more helpful message that tells you what the valid range is!

*There are no other facts under consideration.*

You have issued a `why` command or, more probably a series of `why` commands and there is no further explanation available to explain why a question is being asked<sup>105</sup>.

*Verbose Messages*

Verbose messages can be either turned on at invocation with the `-d` flag or toggled on and off with the `verbose` command during a user session. They are intended to let you know what the system is really doing with your rules.

**BACKWARD-CHAINING FOR**

The system is backward chaining to find a value for a new goal fact. It will invoke each rule that potentially can conclude a value for the fact until these are exhausted, or a value is found. If along the way, it needs the values of other facts these will recursively become goal facts.

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<sup>105</sup> For many years this message was “Planet Earth is blue and there is nothing I can do” which was meant to express the same level of exasperation that parents often feel when a young child just keeps asking “why?”.

**BLOCKED**

The system has blocked a rule from firing because the rule is already being executed as part of the current set of rules being executed. If rules did not block, then an infinite loop would result.

**CALLING**

A rule has been explicitly called with a `CALL` statement. It is fired regardless of whether it is needed to derive a value for any of the goal facts.

**CHANGED VALUE FOR**

The value of a fact has been changed. This is unusual and reflects some procedural or imperative element in the code.

**DETERMINED VALUE FOR**

The value of a fact has been determined. If it was a goal fact, it will be popped off the goal stack and its predecessor will become the current goal.

**DETERMINING**

A value for a fact is being determined. This is a result of it being a goal fact.

**EFACT RETURNED VARIANCE OF**

This indicates the overall variance of a fact that is involved as an attribute of an example set.

**EXAMPLE RETURNED SCORE OF**

This number reflects the overall score of a particular example given the current set of facts / attributes.

**FIRING**

A rule is being fired. This can be the result of backward or forward chaining or can reflect that a rule has been specifically called.

**FORGOT**

The value of a fact has been forgotten. This will usually result in an attempt by the system to immediately recalculate.

**FORWARD-CHAINING FOR**

The system is firing a rule because one of its premises has become known. This will normally only happen if a rule is specifically tagged as being `FORWARD`.



### Fatal Errors

Fatal errors can occur on invocation, during parsing / code-generation and at run-time. They indicate that something is fundamentally wrong and cause the interpreter to exit.

*filename: can't open*

You have passed the interpreter the name of a code file (both with and without the .ys extension) that does not exist or that cannot be opened.

*popbuft: out of stack space  
out of memory*

Unless you are trying to run an enormous piece of code, these errors probably indicate an internal error.

*maximum recursion level reached*

This error usually indicates some form of infinite loop such as a rule calling itself unconditionally or a set of rules that operate together to produce a loop.

*Usage: ys [-cdjnpstvxy] [--facts=facts] [--goal=rule-name] [--  
templates=dir] [file[.ys] ...]*

You have possibly got one of the flags wrong. Try `ys --help` for current usage.



## Appendix 3: yscript 2.x Language Changes

This appendix sets out the changes to the yscript language between versions 1.x and 2.x. Changes are backwardly compatible and yscript code written in previous versions revisions of the language should still work without needing to be modified.

### *Context [4.18]*

The most fundamental change is the introduction of *contexts*. The aim of contexts is to support large applications which need to be split into smaller self-contained and largely independent pieces. yscript code can also now be contained in more than one file. Each file may contain one or more contexts and conversely a context can be split across files.

A context provides a separate namespace for rules and facts. Each context may be, for example, an individual Act.

At the start of each new file, rules and facts are in the *shared context* and are available in all other contexts in all files containing code. If you want to start a new context (or add to one from another file), you include the keyword `CONTEXT` and the name of the context, for example:

```
CONTEXT Electoral Act 1918 (Cth)
```

From this point, all new rule and fact names have their own namespace. If a fact exists in the shared context, then that fact will be used unless it is explicitly declared in the new context. Otherwise, you can have facts in two or more different contexts with the same name but referring to different values.

If you want to refer to a fact from a different context, you need to associate the fact with one in that context by declaring it as in:

```
CONTEXT Commonwealth Constitution
FACT the definition of "adult" under Schedule 1 FROM Acts Interpretation
Act 1901
```

The effect of this is that all references to the fact 'the definition of "adult" under Schedule 1' will be to the version of this fact in the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 context. References in both the Commonwealth Constitution context and the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 context will refer to the same fact.

### *Embedded Facts [4.13]*

Curly brackets are now used instead of angle brackets for embedded facts. This applies to fact names, constants, and text. The reason for the change is to better support document assembly and interfaces involving HTML or XML. The use of angle brackets is deprecated but will still work to specify the default fact (i.e. {}, previously <>), in templated rules and otherwise where the contents of the angle brackets refer to a fact

that is either explicitly or implicitly defined elsewhere. Otherwise, angle bracket characters will be output as literals.

### Markdown [8.2]

Text may now be formatted in *Markdown*. Markdown is a lightweight text formatting language that allows for simple text markup to include things like **bold**, *italics*, headings and lists. Output from the document assembly statements PARAGRAPH, LINE and TEXT will now generate output in Markdown compatible format. For example:

```
DOCUMENT List Example PROVIDES
NUMBERED LEVEL 1 PARAGRAPH This section applies only if:
NUMBERED LEVEL 2 PARAGRAPH some sub-condition applies; and
NUMBERED LEVEL 3 PARAGRAPH some sub-sub-condition applies; or
NUMBERED LEVEL 3 PARAGRAPH some other sub-sub-condition applies; and
NUMBERED LEVEL 2 PARAGRAPH some other sub-condition applies.
NUMBERED LEVEL 1 PARAGRAPH The effect of not complying with 1 is whatever.
```

will produce:

```
1. This section applies only if:
> (1) some sub-condition applies; and
>> (a) some sub-sub-condition applies; or
>> (b) some other sub-sub-condition applies; and
>
> (2) some other sub-condition applies.

2. The effect of not complying with 1 is whatever.
```

### Attachments [8.6]

Document assembly has been extended by *templates* and *attachments*. A template is a file that has been marked up in the new *DataLex* format or with *Jinja2* and which uses facts from yscript to insert names, dates and places into documents. Templates, reports and documents can be attached to a fact and will be displayed when a value for the fact is determined. For example:

```
FACT the client has a cause of action
ATTACH REPORT AS "Legal Advice"
ATTACH DOCUMENT AS "Letter to Client"
ATTACH TEMPLATE form.docx AS "Statement of Claim"
```

### Named Subjects [4.15]

The related facts for named subjects have changed. *The named subject* is a natural person related fact becomes just: the named subject is a person. The type and usage of the gender fact changes from SEX to GENDER and the sex of *the named subject* is now the gender of *the named subject*. Finally, for named subjects of type PERSON and PERSON-

THING<sup>106</sup>, there is an additional related fact: the form of address for *the named subject*. The following table compares the old related facts to the new ones:

| Old Related Fact                                     | New Related Fact                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| STRING the name of <i>the named subject</i>          | STRING the name of <i>the named subject</i>             |
| BOOLEAN <i>the named subject</i> is a natural person | BOOLEAN <i>the named subject</i> is a person            |
| SEX the sex of <i>the named subject</i>              | GENDER the gender of <i>the named subject</i>           |
|                                                      | STRING the form of address for <i>the named subject</i> |

The *gender* and *form of address* related facts also have default prompts and translations as follows:

```
GENDER the gender of the named subject
PROMPT what is the named subject's preferred gender
TRANSLATE unspecified AS the named subject's preferred gender is <>

STRING the preferred form of address for the named subject
PROMPT what is the named subject's preferred form of address
TRANSLATE AS the named subject's preferred form of address is {}
```

There is legacy support translate the old type SEX to be replaced by GENDER, and to map the old fact names to the new ones.

Three qualifiers have been added for named subjects: GENDER-NEUTRAL, INFORMAL and UNNAMED. GENDER-NEUTRAL named subjects don't ask for a preferred gender and do not use pronouns. INFORMAL named subjects don't ask for a preferred form of address. UNNAMED uses a name only once, and then reverts to using only the name of the named section itself or pronouns.

### *New Type Names* [3.5]

The REAL type has been renamed NUMBER. DOLLAR has become MONEY. By default, a MONEY type behaves like the old DOLLAR type and presents amounts as dollars. This can be changed however by specifying a UNIT or by setting the default MONEY unit with the DEFAULT MONEY UNIT declaration. The GENDER type can hold any string value.

### *Currencies and Units of Measurement* [3.7]

All numeric values (NUMBERS, INTEGERS and MONEY) can be associated with a unit of measurement or a currency. They can also have a numbering style. Dates and times may also have styles.

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<sup>106</sup> PERSONTHING may now also be written as PERSON-THING (preferred).

*New Fact Qualifiers [0]*

Two qualifiers have been introduced to fact declarations: UNREPORTED and SYSTEM. An UNREPORTED fact will be excluded from the final report. A SYSTEM fact will not be included in the explanation of any conclusion and will not be returned on a list of premises or conclusions.

*Explanations [4.14]*

Facts may now have optional "explanations". An explanation is a piece of text that is associated with the fact generally (the "default explanation") or with particular values for the fact. Explanations are attached to facts in a similar fashion to translations. They should follow a fact declaration and have the form:

```
STRING the type of gaming activity that you are proposing
EXPLAIN AS The Community Gaming Regulations 2020 regulate the
Conduct of gambling for social, charitable, and non-profit purposes
in NSW. The Regulations provide for 11 types of permitted gaming activities.
EXPLAIN Art union AS You will now be asked a series of questions to see
see whether or not your proposed activity is covered by the "Art
Union gaming activity" provisions which are contained in regulation 4.
```

The default explanation is displayed when the system needs to prompt the user for a fact value or when a value for the fact is first determined. It is intended to add additional explanatory material to help the user answer the question. The value-based explanations are intended to be display either after a value has been provided by the user or (depending on the interface) when the user is considering answering a question in a particular way (such as by *hovering* over an option in a graphical presentation).

*CASE-WHEN-THEN Statement [5.3]*

A new CASE-WHEN-THEN statement has been added. The syntax is:

```
CASE fact-name { WHEN constant-value | DEFAULT [THEN] statement }
```

This is useful when dealing with multi-value user input. Where the *constant-values* are all strings, then *fact-name* will automatically be RANGE restricted to these values (which will also result in a multiple-choice type question).

*Objects [6.8]*

You can create a procedure with the same name as a fact by following a fact declaration with one or more statements. If this statement is a CASE statement, it will assume the name of the fact and the first part of the statement can be omitted. This is helpful when implementing decision-trees and chat-bots.

For example:

```
FACT you wish to get divorced
WHEN true NEXT you are married
WHEN false THEN you may get divorced at any time following 2 years
separation
```

```
FACT you are married
WHEN true you have been separated from your partner for 2 years
WHEN false THEN you cannot be divorced
```

```
FACT you have been separated from your partner for 2 years
WHEN true THEN you can apply for a divorce
WHEN false THEN you must be separated for 2 years to get a divorce
```

### *New Assignment Syntax [5.1]*

The syntax for assignments has changed to allow for AND separated multiple assignments that will be treated as a single statement. In previous versions, the assignment statement syntax was:

```
[ASSERT | AND] fact-descriptor [IS expression]
```

The new assignment statement syntax is:

```
[ASSERT] fact-descriptor { AND fact-descriptor } |
[ASSERT] fact-descriptor IS expression
```

The reason why the keyword AND was previously allowed as a synonym for ASSERT was to permit usage such as:

```
you should take an umbrella AND
you should take your gumboots
```

This was confusing when used in conditionals that allowed control of a single statement (for example, IF-THEN-ELSE and WHILE) because the second assertion was the next statement after the conditional one.

For example:

```
IF it is raining THEN
 you should take an umbrella AND
 you should take your gumboots
```

was previously (and non-obviously) interpreted as:

```
IF it is raining THEN
 you should take an umbrella
ASSERT you should take your gumboots
```

The statement is now equivalent to:

```
IF it is raining THEN BEGIN
 you should take an umbrella AND
 you should take your gumboots
END
```

### *FORGET Statement* [5.9]

The FORGET command can be used to forget the value of facts. The syntax is:

```
FORGET ALL | fact-name
```

When the ALL keyword is specified, the value of all facts will be forgotten, and the user consultation will restart. Where a *fact-name* is given, the value of that fact and all subsequently determined facts will be forgotten. Care needs to be taken to only apply this to facts that have already been determined.

### *EXIT Statement* [5.11]

The EXIT statement causes the system to exit. The syntax is:

```
EXIT [SESSION]
```

When followed by the keyword SESSION, the current session is terminated, and control is returned to the calling environment. For cyscript, this will result in the "Another problem?" prompt. Without the SESSION keyword, the statement causes an immediate exit. All outstanding messages are ignored, and the calling environment is terminated.

### *SAY Statement* [5.10]

The SAY statement causes an associated text message to be displayed before the next prompt. This is only useful in procedural code or for debugging. Otherwise, the command will be executed each time a RULE is fired.

### *INCLUDE Directive* [5.12]

The new INCLUDE directive allows the contents of a file to be included at any point in the code. In the DataLex environment, this directive is pre-processed to extend what can be included to URIs.

### *Comments* [3.3]

In addition to existing C-style multi-line comments, single line comments may now also be used. Anything after // on a line will be ignored.

### *Ranges* [4.10]

cyscript (the name of the default command line interpreter) now displays a multiple-choice list of options when a fact has a range of a set of discrete values. The DataLex interface also does this. See `gaming.y` for an example<sup>107</sup>. The range error messages have

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<sup>107</sup> See page 187.



been improved to describe the range automatically, and a new facility to allow translation of the required range error message has been added via an extension to the TRANSLATE declaration.

For example:

```
TRANSLATE RANGE AS please enter a number from 1 to 100
```

### *Facts [4.3]*

Facts may now have a tilde in them to specify where the verb is / how to split the proposition into a subject and a predicate. For example:

```
profits~exceed expectations
the government~reports a likely deficit
```

The tilde is part of the name of the fact but is not displayed (except in the code itself of course). Use of this approach should be used sparingly.

### *SUBRULE Alternative to CALL [5.6]*

A new keyword – SUBRULE has been added as an alternative for CALL. This allows for more natural syntax when working with legislation.

### *VERBS Generally Unnecessary [4.3]*

A much larger verbs dictionary (6,000 words in four forms)<sup>108</sup> has been added. The VERBS statement is now generally unnecessary. The old tilde (~) separated format is deprecated (but still available) and replaced with a more straightforward piped (|) format.

For example:

```
VERBS foresee|foresees|foresaw|foreseen
```

### *LISTED and UNLISTED Deprecated [6.3]*

The LISTED and UNLISTED qualifiers to a RULE declarations have been deprecated. For backward compatibility, LISTED without being followed by GOAL is now interpreted as just GOAL. UNLISTED is totally ignored.

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<sup>108</sup> The verbs list is contained in the source file “verbs.h”.

*Lexical Changes*

Strings can now use single quotes as well as double quotes. Values and text for TRANSLATIONS may now be quoted or unquoted. Descriptors including fact names and constants may contain any Unicode characters in UTF-8 format.

Whilst not encouraged, the lexical analyser will translate UTF-8 double and single quotes, em and en dashes and non-breaking spaces to their ASCII equivalents where these symbols are lexically significant (for example, to designate a string).

*DataLex Declarations*

DataLex LINK and DEFAULT statements are parsed and ignored. It is a good idea to continue excluding non-yscript extensions with comment tags, for example:

```
/*
 DEFAULT ACT Modern Slavery Act 2018
*/
```

*Interactive Commands*

The goal and rule commands in cyscript have been extended:

|                          |                                                               |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| goals                    | show all defined goals or all rules if no goals defined       |
| goals all                | show all rules and allow session for any of these             |
| goal <i>pattern</i>      | change current goal to first goal with name including pattern |
| rule <i>pattern</i>      | change current goal to first rule with name including pattern |
| rule                     | show the source of the rule under consideration               |
| rules                    | show the hierarchy of all rules under consideration           |
| rules all                | same as "goals all"                                           |
| show fact                | show the name of the current fact                             |
| show rule <i>pattern</i> | show a specified rule                                         |
| why this                 | display the first why explanation (only)                      |

## Appendix 4: Formal Grammar

*code* = *block* { *block* }

*block* = *context* | *defaults* | *example* | *fact-declaration* | *include* | *order* | *rule* | *verbs*

*context* = CONTEXT *context*

*defaults* = DEFAULT *generic-type* STYLE *text*

*fact-declaration* = [ GOAL ] *fact-type descriptor* [ FROM *context* ] [ PROVIDES ]  
 { *attachment* | *explanation* | *info* | *prompt* | *range* | *translation* }  
 [ *statements* ]

*fact-type* = [*qualifier*] [*type* FACT | FACT]

*qualifier* = SYSTEM | UNREPORTED | UNNAMED | INFORMAL | GENDER-NEUTRAL

*attachment* = ATTACH [DISPLAYED] [*qualifier*] REPORT|DOCUMENT|TEMPLATE *name* [AS  
*description*]

*explanation* = EXPLAIN [ UNKNOWN | *value* ] AS *text*

*info* = INFO *text*

*prompt* = PROMPT *text*

*range* = RANGE *arith-term* [ TO *arith-term* ]

*translation* = TRANSLATE [ RANGE | UNKNOWN | *value* ] AS *text*

*fact-type* = *generic-type* | *named-subject*

*generic-type* = BOOLEAN|DATE|GENDER|INTEGER|MONEY|NUMBER|STRING

*named-subject* = PERSON | THING | PERSON-THING

*verbs* = VERB | VERBS *descriptor*

*include* = INCLUDE *file-name*

*example* = *example-header* *example-body*

*example-header* = [GOAL] EXAMPLE [RULE] [*descriptor*] PROVIDES

*example-body* = IF *bool-expr* THEN *assignment*

*order* = ORDER *descriptor* { THEN *descriptor* }

*rule* = *rule-header* *statements*

*rule-header* = [GOAL] *rule-type* [RULE] [*descriptor*] PROVIDES

*rule-type* = BACKWARD|DAEMON|DOCUMENT|FORWARD|PROCEDURE|RULE

*statements* = *statement* { *statement* }

```

statement =
assignment|call|case|determine|exit|forget|if|include|repeat|say|while|write|
 BEGIN statements END

assignment = [ASSERT] descriptor { AND descriptor } |
 descriptor IS|ONLY IF expression

call = CALL | SUBRULE | NEXT [GOAL] descriptor [FROM descriptor]

case = CASE descriptor { WHEN descriptor [THEN] statement }

determine = DETERMINE descriptor

exit = EXIT [SESSION]

forget = FORGET ALL | descriptor

if = IF expression THEN statement [ELSE statement]

say = SAY text

repeat = REPEAT statements UNTIL expression

write = [NUMBERED] [LEVEL number] PARAGRAPH|LINE|TEXT text

while = WHILE expression DO statement

expression = bool-expr { OR|OR/WITH bool-expr }

bool-expr = and-or-expr { AND|AND/WITH and-or-expr }

and-or-expr = rel-expr { AND/OR|AND/OR/WITH rel-expr }

rel-expr = arith-expr { [IS] rel-op [THAN|TO] arith-expr }

arith-expr = term { PLUS|MINUS } term

term = factor { TIMES|DIVIDED [BY] } factor }

factor = {pre-unary-op} descriptor [post-unary-op]

rel-op = LESS|GREATER|LESSEQUAL|GREATEREQUAL|EQUAL|EQUALS|NOT EQUAL|NOT EQUALS

pre-unary-op = NOT|MINUS|PLUS|DAY|MONTH|YEAR|HOUR|MINUTE|SECOND|UNKNOWN

post-unary-op = DAY|WEEK|MONTH|YEAR|DAYS|WEEKS|MONTHS|YEARS|HOURS|MINUTES|SECONDS

```

## Appendix 5: The yscript API

yscript includes an API to a C language-based library. The standard distribution includes a static and shared object version of the library as well as a Perl module and separate library. The library/API should be usable from most other languages. Examples are provided in this appendix for Python, Ruby, Perl, C++ and C. More complete examples are provided for the cyscript code (contained in `src/ys.c`) and the Perl implementation of cyscript – API/`ys.pl`.

### *Fundamental Routines*

To create a yscript-based application, you need to call at least three basic routines:

- `ys_load()` or `ys_load_files()` to load one or more yscript code files
- a loop to call `ys_evaluate()` to start execution and to give the next fact prompt
- `ys_get_report()` to get a copy of the final *report*

`ys_load()` loads a single file containing yscript code, whereas `ys_load_files()` takes a number and string vector containing the names of one or more files.

`ys_evaluate()` optionally specifies a starting goal, gives the value and known status of the last current fact, and passes back a prompt and a type for the next current fact.

`ys_report()` returns a pointer to the final report.

Applications should include the header file `ysapi.h`.

The core of an application using the API (in C) looks like:

```
ys_load(filename);
while (ys_evaluate(0, reply, YS_KNOWN_VALUE, prompt, &type) != 1) {
 fputs(prompt, stdout);
 fgets(reply, YS_MAXLINE, stdin);
}
ys_get_report(0);
```

Fuller examples of simple applications in C, C++, Perl, Python and Ruby are available as `ys-simple.c`, `ys-simple.cpp`, `ys-simple.pl`, `ys-simple.py` and `ys-simple.rb` respectively.

A complete alphabetical list of all API calls follows:

*Alphabetical List of API Calls*

*int ys\_check\_range(char \* reply)*

Check that a user reply is in range for the current fact. Returns 0 if valid or -1 if illegal.

*int ys\_check\_type(char \* reply, int type)*

Check the *type* of a user *reply*. Returns 0 if valid or -1 if illegal.

*int ys\_clear\_messages()*

Clear all messages on the message queue. This will delete any pending explanations, messages, and verbose messages.

*int ys\_conclusions\_count()*

Return the number of conclusions reached.

*int ys\_copy\_facts(FILE \* stream, char \*\* mem, int flags)*

Copy facts to a file or memory. Flags are:

|                       |                                               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| YS_FACTS_ALL          | include conclusions                           |
| YS_FACTS_ALIASES      | use alias if available                        |
| YS_FACTS_ALIASES_ONLY | only save facts with aliases                  |
| YS_FACTS_INCL_GOAL    | include the current goal                      |
| YS_FACTS_EXCL_CONTEXT | don't include context info                    |
| YS_FACTS_NON_BOOLEAN  | include only non-boolean and aliased facts    |
| YS_FACTS_IDENTIFY     | identify GOAL/FACT/VALUE lines                |
| YS_FACTS_UNDERSCORE   | replace spaces in fact names with underscores |
| YS_FACTS_JSON         | output in JSON format                         |

*int ys\_evaluate(char \*goal, char \*val, int known, char \*prompt, int \* type)*

Start or continue a yscript session using "goal" as the goal rule (if not NULL). Returns 1 if the session is continuing and sets "prompt" to a string to ask the user for information of type "type". The next time, *ys\_evaluate* is called you should pass it the user response as a string in "val" and its known status in "known". See below for value types and known constants. If *ys\_set\_askquestion()* has been used to set a call-back to get user answers, you should only have to call *ys\_evaluate* once per session.

*char \* ys\_explain(char \* value)*

Return an explanation associated with a fact for a "value". If "value" is NULL, return the default explanation for the fact. If there is no associated explanation, return NULL.

*int ys\_forget(int number)*

Forget a fact (that is, make a fact uncertain). When called with -1, forget all facts. After a fact value is changed, it is important that the next call have a known value of *YS\_KNOWN\_UNKNOWN* to cause the system status to be recalculated.

*char \* ys\_get\_document(char \* rule-name)*

Return the document as a string (with newlines at paragraph ends). If *rule-name* is NULL or empty, then use the current goal or the first rule if none.

*char \* ys\_get\_fact(int number, int premises)*

Get a descriptor for fact "number" or the current fact if number is 0. Use *premises|YS\_CONTEXT* to return context information (i.e. *context::fact-description*).

*char \* ys\_get\_goal()*

Return the name of the current goal rule or NULL if not set.

*int ys\_goal\_count(int all)*

Return the number of defined goal rules.

*char \* ys\_get\_how(int which)*

Get an explanation as to how a conclusion was made.

*char \* ys\_get\_info()*

Return hint/info for the current fact. Return NULL if not set.

*int ys\_get\_next\_message(char \*\*message, char \*\*desc, char \*\*\*info, int \*flags)*

Get the next "message" described as "desc" with optional "info" null terminated set of strings and flags set as "flags" from the message stream and return the message type. Returns -1 at end of list.

Valid flags are:

YS\_ATTACH\_DISPLAY          attachment should be displayed

*char \* ys\_get\_prompt(int reset\_pronouns)*

Return a prompt for the current fact. If "*reset\_pronouns*" is non-zero, use name (not pronoun) for the first named subject in the fact.

*char \* ys\_get\_range\_trans()*

Get a translation for expected range. Returns NULL if there is none.

*char \*\* ys\_get\_range\_options()*

Get a vector of individual valid range values (if in use else NULL)

*char \* ys\_get\_report(char \* rule-name)*

Return the final report as a string (with newlines at paragraph ends). If *rule-name* is NULL or empty, then use the current goal or the first rule if none.

```
char * ys_get_rule(int level, int title_only, int indent)
```

Return a preformatted copy of the source for a rule at "level" on the rule stack (use zero for the current rule). Use *title\_only|YS\_CONTEXT* to return information about context i.e. *context::rule-name*

```
char * ys_get_rule_by_name(char * rule-name, int indent)
```

Return the text of a rule matching rule-name or pattern.

```
char * ys_get_why(int level)
```

Get a string explanation as to why a fact value needs to be determined.

```
int ys_load(char * filename)
```

Load a single yscript code file. Note use *ys\_load\_files()* for more than one file. Return -1 on failure.

```
int ys_load_files(int filec, char ** filev)
```

Load "filec" yscript code files with names list in string vector "filev". Returns -1 on failure.

```
int ys_load_facts(char * filename)
```

Load the current user facts/state from a file

```
char * ys_next_goal(int first, int all)
```

Get the next rule name or goal rule name, depending on "all". If "first" is set, then start (again) at the first rule. Return NULL when at last rule or goal. "all" is 0 for the next GOAL rule or 1 for the next RULE regardless of whether it is a GOAL rule. Use *all|YS\_CONTEXT* to return rule-name with context included (i.e. *context::rule-name*).

```
int ys_premises_count()
```

Return the number of premises that have been supplied.

```
int ys_rule_exists(char * pattern)
```

Check is a rule exists with a name containing "pattern". Returns non-zero on success.

```
int ys_rules_count()
```

Return number of rules under consideration (i.e., on rules stack).

```
int ys_save_facts(char * filename)
```

Save the current user facts/state to a file.



```
void ys_set_askquestion(int(*p)(char* prompt, char* reply, int type, int x))
```

Set call-back to get an answer in "reply" to a question with "prompt" of "type". "x" is set to non-zero for questions generated by yscript in case you want to use the routine for your own questions.

```
int ys_set_goal(char * goal)
```

Set the goal rule. Return -1 if the rule does not exist or 0 otherwise.

```
char * ys_showall(FILE * stream, char ** string)
```

Write a complete formatted (pretty-printed) version of the code to a stream or a dynamically allocated string.

```
char * ys_showtrans(FILE * stream, char ** string)
```

Write a list of all fact translations and prompts to a stream or string.

```
char * ys_showstats(FILE * stream, char ** string)
```

Write system statistics to a stream or a string.

```
char * ys_xref(FILE * stream, char ** string)
```

Write the fact cross-index to a stream or a string.

```
int ys_fpretty_print(FILE* stream, char** str, char* s, int left, int right)
```

Write a string "s" to a "stream" or a string ("str") formatted to have a left margin of "left" spaces and a right line length of "right" characters. If "stream" is NULL then write to "str" which should be a pointer to a NULL initialised character pointer. If "left" is less than zero then don't format (just do screen pagination). If "right" is less than "left" use screen width (80 characters).

```
int ys_pretty_print(char * s, int left)
```

Equivalent to `ys_fpretty_print(stdout, NULL, s, left, -1)`.

```
int ys_pretty_no_pause(int on)
```

Turn pretty-print screen pagination on or off

*API Constants*

The constant `YS_MAXTERM` is defined in "ysapi.h" and is used for all internal string buffers.

Valid fact types are:

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <code>YS_TYPE_BOOLEAN</code> | "yes" or "no"                |
| <code>YS_TYPE_DATE</code>    | date (in any format)         |
| <code>YS_TYPE_GENDER</code>  | a string                     |
| <code>YS_TYPE_INTEGER</code> | positive or negative integer |
| <code>YS_TYPE_MONEY</code>   | monetary amount              |
| <code>YS_TYPE_NUMBER</code>  | positive negative real       |
| <code>YS_TYPE_STRING</code>  | any string                   |
| <code>YS_TYPE_TIME</code>    | time (in any format)         |

Valid "known" values are:

|                                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <code>YS_KNOWN_UNSPECIFIED</code> | user "uncertain" response         |
| <code>YS_KNOWN_UNKNOWN</code>     | known to be unknown               |
| <code>YS_KNOWN_FALSE</code>       | known to be false (booleans only) |
| <code>YS_KNOWN_TRUE</code>        | known to be true (booleans only)  |
| <code>YS_KNOWN_MALE</code>        | known to be male (gender only)    |
| <code>YS_KNOWN_FEMALE</code>      | known to be female (gender only)  |
| <code>YS_KNOWN_VALUE</code>       | value is known                    |

The following sections include simple examples of using the API from various languages:

*C/C++ API Example*

```

/*
 * ys-simple.cpp / ys-simple.c -- simple C/C++ example using yscript API
 */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include "ysapi.h"

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
 int type;
 char reply[YS_MAXLINE],
 prompt[YS_MAXLINE],
 full_prompt[YS_MAXLINE];

 ys_load_files(argc-1, &argv[1]);
 while (ys_evaluate(0, reply, YS_KNOWN_VALUE, prompt, &type) != 1) {
 snprintf(full_prompt, YS_MAXLINE, "\n%s\n** ", prompt);
 ys_pretty_print (full_prompt, 6);
 fgets(reply, YS_MAXLINE, stdin);
 }
 ys_get_report(0);
 return 0;
}

```

*Perl API Example*

```

#
ys-simple.pl -- simple perl example using the yscript API
#

use ys; # API api module

ys::ys_load_files($#ARGV+1, \@ARGV); # load source file(s)

do {
 ($retval, $prompt, $type) =
 ys::ys_evaluate("", $reply, # evaluate / get next question
 $sys::YS_KNOWN_VALUE); # until done
 if ($retval != 1) {
 ys::ys_pretty_print("\n$prompt\n** ", 6);
 $reply = <STDIN>;
 }
} while ($retval != 1);

$report = ys::ys_get_report(""); # show the report
ys::ys_pretty_print("$report\n", 6);

```

*Python API Example*

```

#
ys-simple.py -- simple yscript api example for python 2.x/3.x using ctypes
#

from sys import *
from ctypes import * # use ctypes

ys = CDLL("../libys.so") # load shared object library
and # set up api argtypes and restypes

ys.y_s_load.argtypes=[c_char_p]
ys.y_s_evaluate.argtypes=[c_char_p, c_char_p, c_int, c_char_p, POINTER(c_int)]
ys.y_s_get_report.argtypes=[c_char_p]
ys.y_s_get_report.restype=c_char_p
ys.y_s_pretty_print.argtypes=[c_char_p, c_int]

if len(argv) != 2:
 print("Usage: " + argv[0] + " filename[.ys]")
 exit(1)

ys.y_s_load(argv[1].encode("utf-8")) # load yscript code file

prompt = create_string_buffer(4096)
type = c_int(0)
reply = b""
retval = 0
known = 0

while retval != 1: # evaluate and get user
 answers
 retval = ys.y_s_evaluate(b"", reply, known, prompt, byref(type));
 if retval != 1:
 myprompt = prompt.value.decode("utf-8")
 ys.y_s_pretty_print(b"\n"+myprompt.encode("utf-8")+b"\n** ",6)
 reply = stdin.readline().encode("utf-8")

report = ys.y_s_get_report(b"") # show report
ys.y_s_pretty_print(b"\nREPORT\n\n" + report + b"\n\n", 6)

```

*Ruby API Example*

```
#
ys-simple.rb -- simple yscript api example for ruby using ffi
#

require 'ffi'

module YS
 extend FFI::Library
 ffi_lib 'c'
 ffi_lib '../libys.so'
 attach_function :ys_load, [:string], :int
 attach_function :ys_evaluate, [:string, :string, :int, :pointer, :pointer], :int
 attach_function :ys_get_report, [:string], :pointer
 attach_function :ys_pretty_print, [:pointer, :int], :int
end

reply = ""
prompt = FFI::MemoryPointer.new(:char, 4096)
type = FFI::MemoryPointer.new(:long)

YS.ys_load(ARGV[0])
while YS.ys_evaluate("", reply, 0, prompt, type) != 1
 YS.ys_pretty_print("\n", 6)
 YS.ys_pretty_print(prompt, 6)
 YS.ys_pretty_print("\n** ", 6)
 reply = $stdin.readline
end
YS.ys_pretty_print(YS.ys_get_report(""), 6)
YS.ys_pretty_print("\n", 6)
```

## Appendix 6: Using cyscript as a Server

The main purpose of cyscript is to provide an interactive command-line based user environment for running applications using the yscript interpreter. You can also use cyscript as a server by placing it on a socket. In this mode, cyscript reads commands on standard input and sends the results to a machine interface. To make things easier, cyscript can generate output in the data serialization formats - *JSON*<sup>109</sup> and *YAML*.<sup>110</sup>

The JSON and YAML interfaces have identical. Most computing languages have libraries that support both formats. YAML is the more modern of the two standards and is easier to read.

### 1. Invocation

To start cyscript as a server generating JSON, call it with the `-j` flag and to have it generate YAML, call it with the `-y` flag. Apart from changing the type of output that cyscript produces, either flag will also cause screen pagination to be suppressed and for more regular flushing of output streams. If you are going to be using external document template files, you will probably also want to set the template directory with the `-T` or `--templates` flag. For example, to invoke cyscript as a server using YAML and setting the template directory:

```
ys -y --templates=/usr/local/ys/templates application.ys
```

### 2. Commands

Input is identical in server and interactive cyscript modes. Each line of input is in response to a question that is asked by the server. The same commands (such as *why*, *what*, and *so*) can be issued in response to any question.

### 3. Output

Output will either be in JSON or YAML format depending upon how cyscript is invoked. In both cases, the end of output is indicated by three dots ("*...*") on a line by

---

<sup>109</sup> JSON is an acronym for *JavaScript Object Notation* and is an open standard file and data-serialization and interchange format. JSON is a language-independent data format, but its syntax is derived from JavaScript object notation. See <[www.json.org](http://www.json.org)> for further information.

<sup>110</sup> YAML is a recursive acronym for *YAML Ain't Markup Language* and is also a data-serialization language that is commonly used for configuration files. It is a strict superset of JSON and includes syntax elements from Python, Perl and C. See <<http://yaml.org>> for information.

themselves. In a sense, this replaces the prompt in interactive mode to say that the server is waiting for input.<sup>111</sup>

JSON data consists of one or more objects which are enclosed by curly brackets. Each object consists of one or more name/value pairs which are separated by commas. Each name/value pair consists of a name in double quotes (sometimes called a *key*) followed by a colon (':') and then a value. A *value* can be a *null*, a *string*, a *number*, a *boolean*, an *array* or an *object*. *Strings* are in double quotes, *null* is just written as *null*, *numbers* are numbers and *booleans* are true or false. *Arrays* are in square brackets.

YAML is a more complicated format than JSON. YAML data is inherently line based and depends upon space-based indenting of text to indicate data structure. Fundamentally it is similar to JSON in that the basic units of representation are key/value pairs. Lines and indenting replace the need for curly and square brackets and obviate the requirement for comma separators. Key/Value pairs are separated by colons. YAML output is divided into *documents* which are indicated by a line containing three dashes ('---').

The following example, shows the same yscript output in both JSON and YAML format:

#### YAML

```

question:
 number: 3
 type: boolean
 text: Did Telstra have a consolidated
 revenue of at least $100 million
 for the reporting period?

...
yes

question:
 number: 4
 type: boolean
 text: Was Telstra a company during the
 reporting period?

...
why

why:
 text: This will help determine whether
 or not Telstra was a company which
 was a resident within the meaning
 of subsection 6(1) of the Income
 Tax Assessment Act 1936 during the
 reporting period.

question:
 number: 4
 type: boolean
 text: Was Telstra a company during the
```

#### JSON

```
{
 "question" : {
 "number" : 3,
 "type" : "boolean",
 "text" : "Did Telstra have a consolidated
revenue of at least $100 million for the
reporting period?"
 }
}

...
yes
{
 "question" : {
 "number" : 4,
 "type" : "boolean",
 "text" : "Was Telstra a company during the
reporting period?"
 }
}

...
why
{
 "why" : {
 "text" : "This will help determine whether
or not Telstra was a company which was a
resident within the meaning of subsection 6(1)
of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 during
the reporting period."
 }
}

{
 "question" : {
 "number" : 4,
 "type" : "boolean",
```

<sup>111</sup> Three dots formally indicate the end of a document in the YAML standard. Many parsers do not support this. It is not part of the JSON standard. It is best separately parsed and regarded as a prompt.

```

 reporting period?
 ...
 "text" : "Was Telstra a company during the
reporting period?"
 }
}
...

```

#### 4. Objects

All output consists of one of twenty different types of objects. As can be seen in the above example, the most used object is "question" which indicates that the user is being asked for the value of the *numbered* premise of a particular *type* with the prompt indicated by *text*. The other object in the above example is "why" which contains a response to a "why" command indicating the reason for asking the current question as *text*.

The complete list of object values and their attributes is as follows:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>attachments:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>intro-text</i><br><b>list:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>number:</b> <i>attach-number</i></li> <li><b>text:</b> <i>attach-desc</i></li> </ul> | <b>help:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>help-text</i><br><b>how:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>how-text</i>                                                                                      | <b>template:</b><br><b>file:</b> <i>file-name</i><br><b>format:</b> <i>template-language</i><br><b>facts:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>fact-name:</b> <i>value</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>conclusions:</b><br><b>list:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>number:</b> <i>fact-number</i></li> <li><b>text:</b> <i>fact-description</i></li> </ul>                                | <b>multi:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>prompt</i><br><b>list:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>option:</b> <i>letter</i></li> <li><b>text:</b> <i>text</i></li> </ul> | <b>verbose:</b><br><b>level:</b> <i>number</i><br><b>text:</b> <i>message</i>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>document:</b><br><b>text:</b>  <br><i>document-text</i>                                                                                                                                                | <b>premises:</b><br><b>list:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>number:</b> <i>fact-number</i></li> <li><b>text:</b> <i>fact-description</i></li> </ul>             | <b>whatif:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>text</i><br><b>list:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>conclusions</i></li> </ul>                                                                |
| <b>error:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>error-message</i>                                                                                                                                                        | <b>question:</b><br><b>number:</b> <i>fact-number</i><br><b>type:</b> <i>type</i><br><b>info:</b> <i>info-text</i><br><b>text:</b> <i>prompt</i>                                  | <b>why:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>why-text</i>                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>explanation:</b><br><b>text:</b>  <br><i>explanation-text</i>                                                                                                                                          | <b>report:</b><br><b>text:</b>  <br><i>report-text</i>                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>fact:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>fact-name</i>                                                                                                                                                             | <b>rule:</b><br><b>text:</b>  <br><i>rule-text</i>                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>file:</b><br><b>name:</b> <i>file-name</i><br><b>text:</b> <i>description</i>                                                                                                                          | <b>rules:</b><br><b>list:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>level:</b> <i>level-number</i></li> <li><b>text:</b> <i>rule-name</i></li> </ul>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>goals:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>text</i><br><b>list:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>number:</b> <i>goal-number</i></li> <li><b>text:</b> <i>rule-name</i></li> </ul>                 |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## 5. Detailed Object Description

This section sets out a description of each object and provides a brief example.

### *attachments*

|                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p>Syntax: <b>attachments:</b><br/> <b>text:</b> <i>intro-text</i><br/> <b>list:</b><br/> - <b>number:</b> <i>attach-number</i><br/> <b>text:</b> <i>attach-description</i></p> | <p>Example: <b>attachments:</b><br/> <b>text:</b> The following documents are available:<br/> <b>list:</b><br/> - <b>number:</b> 1<br/> <b>text:</b> Record of Advice<br/> - <b>number:</b> 2<br/> <b>text:</b> Draft Non-Disclosure Agreement<br/> - <b>number:</b> 3<br/> <b>text:</b> Letter to Client</p> |
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The `attachments` object describes a list of attachment messages relating to reports, documents and template documents that have been received because a value for a fact with `ATTACH` declarations has been set. The `text` attribute is an introductory comment to the list of attachments. The `list` itself consists of two or more objects each with a `number` (which is just an ordinal count) and `text` which contains a brief description of the attachments.

This object is only produced when there are two or more attachments which need to be drawn to the attention of the user. The object will be followed by a question object to deal with the numbered user response.

### *conclusions*

|                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Syntax: <b>conclusions:</b><br/> <b>list:</b><br/> - <b>number:</b> <i>fact-number</i><br/> <b>text:</b> <i>fact-description</i></p> | <p>Example: <b>conclusions:</b><br/> <b>list:</b><br/> - <b>number:</b> 1<br/> <b>text:</b> Google was a body corporate during the reporting period.<br/> - <b>number:</b> 2<br/> <b>text:</b> Section 5(2)(b) does apply.<br/> - <b>number:</b> 3<br/> <b>text:</b> Google was not a trust.</p> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

The `conclusions` object is produced in response to a `so` command. It includes a `list` of facts that the system has concluded. The numbers can be used as arguments to the `how` command.



*document*

Syntax: **document:**  
**text:** |  
*document-text*

Example: **document:**  
**text:** |  
 1st July, 2021  
  
 Henry Ford  
 Ford Motor Co  
 Detroit  
  
 Dear Henry,  
  
 Re: **\*\*Non-Disclosure Agreement\*\***

The document object contains pre-formatted text that has been generated for a document. Markdown formatting is maintained.

*error*

Syntax: **error:**  
**text:** *error-message*

Example: **error:**  
**text:** Please respond with yes or no.

The error object is produced whenever there is an error.<sup>112</sup>

*explanation*

Syntax: **explanation:**  
**text:** |  
*explanation-text*

Example: **explanation:**  
**text:** |  
 This application will help you to determine if your proposed gaming activity fits within the legislative framework and whether or not you need formal approval.

The explanation object is generated either because a question is being asked about a fact that has an EXPLAIN declaration or a fact has been determined for a fact which has an explain declaration. The associated text may have associated Markdown elements.

*fact*

Syntax: **fact:**  
**text:** *fact-name*

Example: **fact:**  
**text:** |  
 the gaming activity is a game in which prizes are awarded by lot

---

<sup>112</sup> A full list of error messages is on page 127.

The fact object results from running the `show fact` command. The `text` attribute contains the unmodified name of the current fact (that is, the one being asked about).

### *file*

|                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Syntax:</b> <b>file:</b><br><b>name:</b> <i>file-name</i><br><b>text:</b> <i>description</i> | <b>Example:</b> <b>file:</b><br><b>name:</b> /tmp/ys.qJ02j.docx<br><b>text:</b> Draft Non-Disclosure Agreement |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

The `file` object results when a user has requested to view a file. The `name` attribute contains the file-name. This will be relative to the template directory if set by the `-T` flag. The `text` tag contains a short description of the file.

### *goals*

|                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Syntax:</b> <b>goals:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>text</i><br><b>list:</b><br>- <b>number:</b> <i>goal-number</i><br><b>text:</b> <i>rule-name</i> | <b>Example:</b> <b>goals:</b><br><b>text:</b> The following goals are defined:<br><b>list:</b><br>- <b>number:</b> 1<br><b>text:</b> Competition and Consumer Act<br>2010 Section 52A "covered News<br>content"<br>- <b>number:</b> 2<br><b>text:</b> Competition and Consumer Act<br>2010 Section 52A "designated<br>digital platform corporation" |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

The `goals` object can be generated at the beginning of a user session if no goal has been set and there is more than one to choose from. It can also be generated in response to the `goals` and `rules all` commands. The `text` attribute contains a short introductory message. `list` is an array or list of objects consisting of a `number` which can be used to select the goal in response to the next question and a `text` description of the goal or rule.

### *help*

|                                                              |                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Syntax:</b> <b>help:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>help-text</i> | <b>Example:</b> <b>help:</b><br><b>text:</b> Other valid responses are:<br>forget, goals, how, quit, rule,<br>so, uncertain, verbose, and why. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

The `help` object results from running the `help` command. It just lists some of the available commands.

### *how*

|                                                            |                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Syntax:</b> <b>how:</b><br><b>text:</b> <i>how-text</i> | <b>Example:</b> <b>how:</b><br><b>text:</b> Section 156(1)(b) of the<br>National Law (Qld) does not apply<br>because Dr Smith is not a<br>registered student. |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

The `how` object results from running the `how` command. Your interface should normally just display this for the user to see it.

### *multi*

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Syntax: <b>multi:</b><br/>               <b>text:</b> <i>prompt</i><br/>               <b>list:</b><br/>                 - <b>option:</b> <i>letter</i><br/>                   <b>text:</b> <i>text</i></p> | <p>Example: <b>multi:</b><br/>               <b>text:</b> What is the type of gaming<br/>                   activity that you are proposing?<br/>               <b>list:</b><br/>                 - <b>option:</b> <i>a</i><br/>                   <b>text:</b> Art union<br/>                 - <b>option:</b> <i>b</i><br/>                   <b>text:</b> Housie or Bingo<br/>                 - <b>option:</b> <i>c</i><br/>                   <b>text:</b> Draw lottery (including<br/>                       raffles and guessing<br/>                       competitions)</p> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

The `multi` object results from the need to ask the user a question with a set RANGE of discrete values (either explicitly using RANGE or via a CASE-WITH-THEN statement). The prompt is an over question prompt. `list` contains a set of objects with each option indicating a different `text` response. The `multi` object will be followed by a question object to gather the multi-choice response from the user.

### *premises*

|                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Syntax: <b>premises:</b><br/>               <b>list:</b><br/>                 - <b>number:</b> <i>fact-number</i><br/>                   <b>text:</b> <i>fact-description</i></p> | <p>Example: <b>premises:</b><br/>               <b>list:</b><br/>                 - <b>number:</b> 1<br/>                   <b>text:</b> The name of the layout is<br/>                       Apple M1.<br/>                 - <b>number:</b> 2<br/>                   <b>text:</b> Apple M1 is a plan<br/>                       comprising a two dimensional<br/>                       representation.<br/>                 - <b>number:</b> 3<br/>                   <b>text:</b> Apple M1 is stored in a form<br/>                       from which it, or a substantial<br/>                       part of Apple M1, can be<br/>                       reproduced.</p> |
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The `premises` object results from executing the `so` command. It lists all of the known user-supplied facts by number and description (`text`).

### *question*

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Syntax: <b>question:</b><br/>               <b>number:</b> <i>fact-number</i><br/>               <b>type:</b> <i>type</i><br/>               <b>info:</b> <i>info-text</i><br/>               <b>text:</b> <i>prompt</i></p> | <p>Example: <b>question:</b><br/>               <b>number:</b> 1<br/>               <b>type:</b> <i>string</i><br/>               <b>info:</b> You should include the full name.<br/>               <b>text:</b> What is the name of the nominee?</p> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

The `question` object is generated each time the user needs to provide an answer to a question about the value of a fact or where some other value is necessary such as a multi-choice or a goal. `number` is the fact number that can be used with `forget` or `-1` where the question does not refer to a fact. The `type` is the type of value required. It is

one of: boolean, string, date, integer, money, number or gender. info is extra information about the question that should be displayed when the user hovers over the question or asks for more information. Your interface should display the prompt and return the user response.

### report

Syntax: **report:**  
**text:** |  
*report-text*

Example: **report:**  
**text:** |  
 The Act does not apply because UTS/Fudan Exchange is not a "non-Core foreign arrangement" under the section 4 definition and it is not a "core foreign arrangement" under section 10(2).

The report object is generated at the end of a session or as a result of an attachment. It contains pre-formatted text which could be in Markdown format. This should just be displayed.

### rule

Syntax: **rule:**  
**text:** |  
*rule-text*

Example: **rule:**  
**text:** |  
 RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 163(1)(b) PROVIDES section 163(1)(b) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied ONLY IF the nominee is an Australian citizen.

The rule object is generated by the rule command. The text is pre-formatted and care should be taken not to re-format it.

### rules

Syntax: **rules:**  
**list:**  
 - **level:** *level-number*  
**text:** *rule-name*

Example: **rules:**  
**list:**  
 - **level:** 2  
**text:** Check overall compliance with Act  
 - **level:** 1  
**text:** Section 4 – Definitions "non-core foreign arrangement"  
 - **level:** 0  
**text:** Section 6 – Foreign arrangements

The rules object lists the rules that are under consideration by level and rule name (text).

*template*

Syntax: **template:**  
**file:** file-name  
**format:** *template-language*  
**facts:**  
 - *fact-name: value*

Example: **template:**  
**file:** nda.docx  
**format:** DataLex  
**facts:**  
**the\_governing\_law:** United States  
 South Wales  
**the\_name\_of\_the\_client:** Elon Musk  
**the\_name\_of\_the\_disclosing\_party:**  
 Tesla  
**address\_of\_the\_disclosing\_party:**  
 Palo Alto

The `template` object is generated where an attachment has been generated and the user has selected to view or copy it. File is the name of the file `template` and the name will be relative to the template directory if `-T` is specified. The `format` is one of DataLex or Jinja2. DataLex templates only work with Word documents and can only be processed with the DataLex environment. Jinja2 documents are generated automatically and do not generate `template` objects.

*verbose*

Syntax: **verbose:**  
**level:** *number*  
**text:** *message*

Example: **verbose:**  
**level:** 1  
**text:** FIRING Check overall compliance  
 with Act  
 ---  
**verbose:**  
**level:** 2  
**text:** BACKWARD-CHAINING FOR the name  
 of the arrangement

Verbose objects describe system actions. They should only be displayed when the user has specifically for this.

*whatif*

Syntax: **whatif:**  
**text:** *text*  
**list:**  
 - *conclusions*

Example: **whatif:**  
**text:** The following conclusions will  
 be drawn:  
**list:**  
 - AustLII Lottery is not an art  
 union gaming activity.  
 - AustLII Lottery is not a permitted  
 "art union gaming activity" under  
 regulation 4.

The `whatif` object results from a `whatif` command. If only a single result will happen, then no `list` is generated. `text` and the `list` of conclusions should normally be displayed.

*why*

Syntax: **why:**  
          **text:** *why-text*

Example: **why:**  
          **text:** This will help determine whether  
                  or not section 5(1)(a) applies.

The *why* object results from the *why* command. *text* contains an explanation as to why the current fact is being asked. This should normally just be displayed.

## Appendix 7: yscript Code Examples

### 1. Commonwealth Constitution s44

```
//
// elect.ys – eligibility for Federal Parliament under s44
// of the Australian Constitution and the Australian
// Electoral Act

PERSON the nominee

GOAL RULE Eligibility for Nomination to Federal Parliament PROVIDES
the nominee is entitled to be nominated for election to federal parliament
ONLY IF
 the nominee is entitled to be nominated under section 163
 of the Electoral Act 1918 AND
 section 164 of the Electoral Act 1918 does not apply AND
 section 44 of the Constitution does not apply

RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 163 PROVIDES
the nominee is entitled to be nominated under section 163 of the
Electoral Act 1918 ONLY IF
 section 163(1) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied AND
 section 163(2) of the Electoral Act 1918 is not satisfied

RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 163(1) PROVIDES
section 163(1) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied ONLY IF
 section 163(1)(a) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied AND
 section 163(1)(b) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied AND
 section 163(1)(c) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied

RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 163(1)(a) PROVIDES
section 163(1)(a) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied ONLY IF
 the age of the nominee IS GREATEREQUAL THAN 18 OR
 UNKNOWN the age of the nominee AND
 the nominee is 18 years of age or older

RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 163(1)(b) PROVIDES
section 163(1)(b) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied ONLY IF
 the nominee is an Australian citizen

RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 163(1)(c) PROVIDES
section 163(1)(c) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied ONLY IF
 section 163(1)(c)(i) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied OR
 section 163(1)(c)(ii) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied

RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 163(1)(c)(i) PROVIDES
section 163(1)(c)(i) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied ONLY IF
 the nominee is an elector entitled to vote at a House of
 Representatives election

RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 163(1)(c)(ii) PROVIDES
section 163(1)(c)(ii) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied ONLY IF
 the nominee is qualified to become an elector entitled to vote
 at a House of Representatives election

RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 163(2) PROVIDES
section 163(2) of the Electoral Act 1918 is satisfied ONLY IF
 section 163(1) of the Electoral Act 1918 is not satisfied
```

- RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 164 PROVIDES  
section 164 of the Electoral Act 1918 applies ONLY IF  
section 164(a) of the Electoral Act 1918 applies OR  
section 164(b) of the Electoral Act 1918 applies OR  
section 164(c) of the Electoral Act 1918 applies
- RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 164(a) PROVIDES  
section 164(a) of the Electoral Act 1918 applies ONLY IF  
the nominee is a member of the Parliament of a State
- RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 164(b) PROVIDES  
section 164(b) of the Electoral Act 1918 applies ONLY IF  
the nominee is a member of the Legislative Assembly of  
the Northern Territory of Australia
- RULE Electoral Act 1918 – Section 164(c) PROVIDES  
section 164(c) of the Electoral Act 1918 applies ONLY IF  
the nominee is a member of the Legislative Assembly for  
the Australian Capital Territory
- RULE Constitution – Section 44 PROVIDES  
section 44 of the Constitution applies ONLY IF  
section 44(i) of the Constitution applies OR  
section 44(ii) of the Constitution applies OR  
section 44(iii) of the Constitution applies OR  
section 44(iv) of the Constitution applies OR  
section 44(v) of the Constitution applies
- RULE Constitution – Section 44(i) PROVIDES  
section 44(i) of the Constitution applies ONLY IF  
the nominee is under an acknowledgment of allegiance,  
obedience, or adherence to a foreign power OR  
the nominee is a subject of a foreign power OR  
the nominee is a citizen of a foreign power OR  
the nominee is entitled to the rights or privileges of  
a subject or a citizen of a foreign power
- RULE Constitution – Section 44(ii) PROVIDES  
section 44(ii) of the Constitution applies ONLY IF  
the nominee is attainted of treason OR  
the nominee has been convicted and is under sentence or  
the nominee is subject to be sentenced, for any  
offence punishable under the law of the  
Commonwealth or of a State by  
imprisonment for one year or longer
- RULE Constitution – Section 44(iii) PROVIDES  
section 44(iii) of the Constitution applies ONLY IF  
the nominee is an undischarged bankrupt OR  
the nominee is insolvent
- RULE Constitution – Section 44(iv) PROVIDES  
section 44(iv) of the Constitution applies ONLY IF  
the nominee holds an office of profit under the Crown AND/OR  
the nominee holds a pension payable during the pleasure  
of the Crown out of any of the revenues of the  
Commonwealth AND  
the exception to section 44(iv) of the  
Constitution does not apply



RULE Constitution – Section 44(v) PROVIDES  
section 44(v) of the Constitution applies ONLY IF  
the nominee has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in  
any agreement with the Public Service of the Commonwealth AND  
all such interests are not as a member and in common with the  
other members of an incorporated company consisting of more  
than twenty-five persons

RULE Constitution – Section 44(iv) (exception) PROVIDES  
the exception to section 44(iv) of the Constitution applies ONLY IF  
the nominee holds the office of any of the Queen's  
Ministers of State for the Commonwealth OR  
the nominee holds the office of any of the Queen's  
Ministers for a State OR  
the nominee is a part-time officer or member of the Queen's  
navy or army OR  
the nominee is a part-time officer or member of the naval  
or military forces of the Commonwealth

RULE Acts Interpretation Act 1901 Schedule 1 PROVIDES  
the nominee is an adult ONLY IF  
the definition of "adult" under Schedule 1 of the Acts  
Interpretation Act 1901 Schedule 1 is met

RULE Acts Interpretation Act 1901 Schedule 1 PROVIDES  
the definition of "adult" under Schedule 1 of the Acts  
Interpretation Act 1901 Schedule 1 is met ONLY IF  
the age of the nominee IS GREATEREQUAL THAN 18

EXAMPLE Sykes v Cleary PROVIDES  
the nominee holds an office of profit under the Crown ONLY IF  
the nominee was employed as a teacher at the time of nomination AND  
the nominee was appointed or employed by executive government AND  
the nominee was on unpaid leave at the time of nomination AND  
the nominee was not a judicial member of a tribunal

EXAMPLE Nash (No 2) PROVIDES  
the nominee holds an office of profit under the Crown ONLY IF  
the nominee was not employed as a teacher at the time of nomination AND  
the nominee was appointed or employed by executive government AND  
the nominee was not on unpaid leave at the time of nomination AND  
the nominee was a judicial member of a tribunal

EXAMPLE Lambie (2018) PROVIDES  
the nominee does not hold an office of profit under the Crown ONLY IF  
the nominee was not employed as a teacher at the time of nomination AND  
the nominee was not appointed or employed by executive government AND  
the nominee was not on unpaid leave at the time of nomination AND  
the nominee was not a judicial member of a tribunal

RULE PROVIDES  
IF the nominee was employed as a teacher at the time of nomination THEN  
the nominee was appointed or employed by executive government

RULE PROVIDES  
IF the nominee was a judicial member of a tribunal THEN  
the nominee was appointed or employed by executive government



## 2. Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)

PERSON-THING the entity

DATE the day the Act received Royal Assent

DATE the day the Act was proclaimed

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 1 PROVIDES  
the short title of this Act is the Modern Slavery Act 2018

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 2 PROVIDES  
the date of commencement of section 1 and section 2 IS  
the day the Act received Royal Assent

ASSERT the date of commencement for sections other than section 1  
and section 2 IS the day the Act was proclaimed

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 3 PROVIDES  
this Act requires entities based, or operating, in Australia, with  
an annual consolidated revenue of more than \$100 million, to  
report annually on the risks of modern slavery in their operations and  
supply chains, and actions to address those risks AND  
other entities based, or operating, in Australia may report voluntarily AND  
the Commonwealth is required to report on behalf of non-corporate  
Commonwealth entities AND  
the reporting requirements also apply to Commonwealth corporate entities  
and companies with an annual consolidated revenue of more  
than \$100 million AND  
reports are kept by the Minister in a public repository known as the  
Modern Slavery Statements Register AND  
statements on the register may be accessed by the public, free of charge,  
on the internet

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "accounting standards" PROVIDES  
"accounting standards" has the same meaning as in the Corporations Act 2001

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "Australia" PROVIDES  
"Australia", when used in a geographical sense, does include the  
external Territories

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "Australian entity" PROVIDES  
the entity was an Australian entity during the reporting period ONLY IF  
subsection (a) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies OR  
subsection (b) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies OR  
subsection (c) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies OR  
subsection (d) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "Australian entity" (a) PROVIDES  
subsection (a) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies ONLY IF  
the entity was a company which was a resident within the meaning of  
subsection 6(1) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 during  
the reporting period

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "Australian entity" (b) PROVIDES  
subsection (b) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies ONLY IF  
the entity was a trust where the trust estate was a resident trust  
estate within the meaning of Division 6 of Part III of the  
Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 during the reporting period

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "Australian entity" (c) PROVIDES  
subsection (c) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies ONLY IF  
the entity was a corporate limited partnership which was a resident  
within the meaning of section 94T of the Income Tax  
Assessment Act 1936 during the reporting period

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "Australian entity" (d) PROVIDES  
subsection (d) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies ONLY IF

subsection (d)(i) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies OR  
 subsection (d)(ii) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "Australian entity" (d)(i) PROVIDES  
 subsection (d)(i) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies ONLY IF  
 the entity was formed or incorporated in Australia

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "Australian entity" (d)(ii)  
 PROVIDES  
 subsection (d)(ii) of the definition of "Australian entity" applies ONLY IF  
 the central management or control of the entity was in Australia

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "carries on business in Australia"  
 PROVIDES  
 the entity carries on business in Australia under the  
 section 4 definition ONLY IF section 5(2) is satisfied

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "consolidated revenue"  
 PROVIDES  
 IF the entity does not control another entity or entities within the  
 meaning of the accounting standards THEN  
 the "consolidated revenue" of the entity as defined in section 4 IS  
 "the total revenue of the entity for the reporting period"  
 ELSE  
 the "consolidated revenue" of the entity as defined in section 4 IS  
 "the total revenue of the entity and all of the controlled entities,  
 considered as a group, for the reporting period of the controlling entity"

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "control" PROVIDES  
 "control", of an entity by another entity, means control of the  
 entity within the meaning of the accounting standards

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "entity" PROVIDES  
 the entity is an "entity" under section 4 ONLY IF  
 the entity satisfies the definition of "entity" contained in section  
 960-100 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "modern slavery" PROVIDES  
 the conduct is modern slavery ONLY IF  
 subsection (a) of the section 4 definition of "modern slavery" applies OR  
 subsection (b) of the section 4 definition of "modern slavery" applies OR  
 subsection (c) of the section 4 definition of "modern slavery" applies OR  
 subsection (d) of the section 4 definition of "modern slavery" applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "modern slavery" (a) PROVIDES  
 subsection (a) of the section 4 definition of "modern slavery" applies ONLY IF  
 the conduct would constitute an offence under Division 270 or 271 of the  
 Criminal Code

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "modern slavery" (b) PROVIDES  
 subsection (b) of the section 4 definition of "modern slavery" applies ONLY IF  
 the conduct would constitute an offence under Division 270 or 271  
 of the Criminal Code if the conduct took place in Australia

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "modern slavery" (c) PROVIDES  
 subsection (c) of the section 4 definition of "modern slavery" applies ONLY IF  
 the conduct would constitute trafficking in persons, as defined in  
 Article 3 of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking  
 in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United  
 Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, done at  
 New York on 15 November 2000 ([2005] ATS 27)

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "modern slavery" (d) PROVIDES  
 subsection (d) of the section 4 definition of "modern slavery" applies ONLY IF  
 the conduct would constitute the worst forms of child labour, as  
 defined in Article 3 of the ILO Convention (No. 182) concerning the

Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst  
Forms of Child Labour, done at Geneva on 17 June 1999 ([2007] ATS 38)

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "modern slavery statement"  
PROVIDES  
the statement is a "modern slavery statement" as defined in section 4 ONLY IF  
the statement is a "modern slavery statement" as defined in section 12

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "principal governing body"  
PROVIDES  
IF the entity is a company THEN  
the principal governing body of an entity is the board of directors  
ELSE IF the entity is a superannuation fund THEN  
the principal governing body of an entity is the board of trustees  
ELSE IF the entity is of a kind prescribed by the rules THEN  
the principal governing body of an entity is the prescribed body  
or member(s)  
ELSE  
the principal governing body of an entity is the body, or group of  
members of the entity, with primary responsibility for the governance  
of the entity

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "register" PROVIDES  
"register" means the Modern Slavery Statements Register established  
under section 18

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "reporting entity" PROVIDES  
the entity is a "reporting entity" under the section 4 definition ONLY IF  
section 5(1) is satisfied

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "reporting period" PROVIDES  
"reporting period", of an entity, means a financial year, or another annual  
accounting period applicable to the entity, which starts after the  
commencement of this section

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "responsible member" PROVIDES  
IF subsection (a) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member" applies  
THEN  
the responsible member IS "an individual member of the entity's  
principal governing body who is authorised to sign modern slavery  
statements for the purposes of this Act"  
ELSE IF subsection (b) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member"  
applies THEN  
the responsible member IS "the trustee"  
ELSE IF subsection (c) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member"  
applies THEN  
the responsible member IS "the individual constituting the corporation"  
ELSE IF subsection (d) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member"  
applies THEN  
the responsible member IS "the administrator"  
ELSE IF subsection (e) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member"  
applies THEN  
the responsible member IS "the prescribed member of the entity"

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "responsible member" (a)  
PROVIDES  
subsection (a) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member" applies  
ONLY IF  
subsection (b) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member" does  
not apply AND  
subsection (c) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member"  
does not apply AND  
subsection (d) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member"  
does not apply AND  
subsection (e) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member"  
does not apply

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "responsible member" (b)  
PROVIDES  
subsection (b) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member" applies  
ONLY IF

the entity is a trust administered by a sole trustee

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "responsible member" (c)  
PROVIDES  
subsection (c) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member" applies  
ONLY IF

the entity is a corporation sole

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "responsible member" (d)  
PROVIDES  
subsection (d) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member" applies  
ONLY IF

the entity is under administration within the meaning of the  
Corporations Act 2001

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "responsible member" (e)  
PROVIDES  
subsection (e) of the section 4 definition of "responsible member" applies  
ONLY IF

the entity is of a kind prescribed by the rules

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 4 "rules" PROVIDES  
"rules" means rules made by the Minister under section 25

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5 PROVIDES  
the entity is a reporting entity ONLY IF  
section 5(1) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(1) PROVIDES  
section 5(1) applies ONLY IF  
section 5(1)(a) applies OR  
section 5(1)(b) applies OR  
section 5(1)(c) applies OR  
section 5(1)(d) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(1)(a) PROVIDES  
section 5(1)(a) applies ONLY IF  
the entity had a consolidated revenue of at least \$100 million  
for the reporting period AND  
section 5(1)(a)(i) applies AND/OR  
section 5(1)(a)(ii) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(1)(a)(i) PROVIDES  
section 5(1)(a)(i) applies ONLY IF  
the entity was an Australian entity during the reporting period

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(1)(a)(ii) PROVIDES  
section 5(1)(a)(ii) applies ONLY IF  
the entity carried on business in Australia during the  
reporting period

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(1)(b) PROVIDES  
section 5(1)(b) applies ONLY IF  
the reporting entity is the Commonwealth

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(1)(c) PROVIDES  
section 5(1)(c) applies ONLY IF  
the entity was a corporate Commonwealth entity within the meaning of  
section 11 of the Public Governance, Performance and  
Accountability Act 2013 during the reporting period OR  
the entity was a Commonwealth company within the meaning of

section 89 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 during the reporting period

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(1)(d) PROVIDES  
section 5(1)(d) applies ONLY IF  
the entity has volunteered to comply with the requirements  
of the Act under section 6 for the reporting period

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(2) PROVIDES  
the entity carried on business in Australia during the reporting period  
ONLY IF  
section 5(2)(a) applies OR  
section 5(2)(b) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(2)(a) PROVIDES  
section 5(2)(a) applies ONLY IF  
the entity was a body corporate during the reporting period AND  
the entity carried on business in Australia within the meaning of  
section 21 of the Corporations Act 2001

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 5(2)(b) PROVIDES  
section 5(2)(b) applies ONLY IF  
the entity was not a body corporate during the reporting period AND  
the entity carried on business in Australia within the meaning of  
section 21 of the Corporations Act 2001

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 6 PROVIDES  
the entity has volunteered to comply with the requirements  
of the Act under section 6 for the reporting period ONLY IF  
the entity has volunteered to comply with the requirements of the Act AND  
the entity has given written notice to the Minister in a manner  
and form approved by the Minister AND  
section 6(3) does not apply AND  
section 6(2) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 6(2) PROVIDES  
section 6(2) applies ONLY IF  
section 6(2)(a) applies OR  
section 6(2)(b) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 6(2)(a) PROVIDES  
section 6(2)(a) applies ONLY IF  
the entity was an Australian entity during the reporting period

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 6(2)(b) PROVIDES  
section 6(2)(b) applies ONLY IF  
the entity carried on business in Australia during  
reporting period

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 6(3) PROVIDES  
section 6(3) applies ONLY IF  
the entity has revoked the notice made under section 6(1) by giving  
written notice to the Minister before the start of the reporting period

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 7 PROVIDES  
the Act has a jurisdictional basis ONLY IF  
section 7(1)(a) applies OR  
section 7(1)(b) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 7(1)(a) PROVIDES  
section 7(1)(a) applies ONLY IF  
the Act relates to trade and commerce under paragraph 51(i) of the  
Constitution OR  
the Act relates to census and statistics under paragraph 51(xi) of the  
Constitution OR  
the Act relates to aliens under paragraph 51(xix) of the Constitution OR

the Act relates to corporations under paragraph 51(xx) of the Constitution OR  
 the Act relates to marriage under paragraph 51(xxi) of the Constitution OR  
 the Act relates to immigration under paragraph 51(xxvii) of the Constitution OR  
 the Act relates to external affairs under paragraph 51(xxix) of the Constitution OR  
 the Act relates to incidental matters under paragraph 51(xxxix) of the Constitution OR  
 the Act is covered the executive powers provisions contained in section 61 of the Constitution

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 7(1)(b) PROVIDES  
 section 7(1)(b) applies ONLY IF  
 the Act is made under the implied legislative powers of the Commonwealth

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 7(2) PROVIDES  
 IF the Act gives effect to the International Convention to Suppress the Slave Trade and Slavery, done at Geneva on 25 September 1926 ([1927] ATS 11) OR  
 the Act gives effect to the ILO Convention (No. 29) concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour, done at Geneva on 28 June 1930 ([1933] ATS 21) OR  
 the Act gives effect to the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery, done at Geneva on 7 September 1956 ([1958] ATS 3) OR  
 the Act gives effect to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, done at New York on 16 December 1966 ([1980] ATS 23) OR  
 the Act gives effect to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, done at New York on 18 December 1979 ([1983] ATS 9) OR  
 the Act gives effect to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, done at New York on 20 November 1989 ([1991] ATS 4) OR  
 the Act gives effect to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, done at New York on 15 November 2000 ([2005] ATS 27) OR  
 the Act gives effect to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, done at New York on 25 May 2000 ([2007] ATS 6) OR  
 the Act gives effect to the ILO Convention (No. 182) concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, done at Geneva on 17 June 1999 ([2007] ATS 38)

THEN  
 the Act relates to external affairs under paragraph 51(xxix) of the Constitution

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 8 PROVIDES  
 this Act binds the Crown in right of the Commonwealth AND  
 this Act does not bind the Crown in right of a State, the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 9 PROVIDES  
 this Act extends to every external Territory

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 10 PROVIDES  
 this Act extends to acts, omissions, matters and things outside Australia

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 11 PROVIDES  
 slavery statements must be given annually to the Minister, describing  
 the risks of modern slavery in the operations and supply chains of  
 reporting entities and entities owned or controlled by those entities AND  
 the statements must also include information about actions taken to  
 address those risks AND  
 joint modern slavery statements may be given on behalf of one or more  
 reporting entities AND  
 the Minister must prepare an annual modern slavery statement on behalf



of all non-corporate Commonwealth entities AND  
the Minister may request an explanation from an entity about the  
entity's failure to comply with a requirement in relation to modern  
slavery statements, and may also request that the reporting  
entity undertake remedial action in relation to that requirement AND  
the Minister may publish information about the failure to comply on the  
register or elsewhere, including the identity of an entity if an entity  
fails to comply with the request

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 12 PROVIDES  
the requirement to report under section 12 has been met ONLY IF  
the entity has submitted a modern slavery statement under section 13 OR  
a joint modern slavery statement has been submitted that covers the entity  
under section 14 OR  
the entity is covered by a Commonwealth modern slavery statement  
under section 15

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 13 PROVIDES  
the entity has submitted a modern slavery statement under section 13 ONLY IF  
the conditions set out in section 13(1) are met AND  
the conditions set out in section 13(2) are met

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 13(1) PROVIDES  
the conditions set out in section 13(1) are met ONLY IF  
the entity is a reporting entity AND  
a joint modern slavery statement has not been submitted that covers  
the entity under section 14 AND  
the entity has lodged a modern slavery statement as a single  
reporting entity AND  
the conditions set out in section 13(2) are met

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 13(2) PROVIDES  
the conditions set out in section 13(2) are met ONLY IF  
section 13(2)(a) is satisfied AND  
section 13(2)(b) is satisfied AND  
section 13(2)(c) is satisfied AND  
section 13(2)(d) is satisfied AND  
section 13(2)(e) is satisfied

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 13(2)(a) PROVIDES  
section 13(2)(a) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the modern slavery statement complies with section 16

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 13(2)(b) PROVIDES  
section 13(2)(b) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement has been prepared in a form approved by the Minister

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 13(2)(c) PROVIDES  
section 13(2)(c) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement has been approved by the principal governing  
body of the entity

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 13(2)(d) PROVIDES  
section 13(2)(d) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement has been signed by a responsible member of the entity

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 13(2)(e) PROVIDES  
section 13(2)(e) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement was given to the Minister in a manner approved by  
the Minister AND  
the statement was given to the Minister  
within the required time after the end  
of the reporting period for the entity

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14 PROVIDES  
a joint modern slavery statement has been submitted that covers the

entity under section 14 ONLY IF  
section 14(1) applies AND  
section 14(2) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(1) PROVIDES  
section 14(1) applies ONLY IF  
the reporting entity is not the Commonwealth AND  
the entity is covered by a joint modern slavery statement

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2) PROVIDES  
section 14(2) applies ONLY IF  
section 14(2)(a) is satisfied AND  
section 14(2)(b) is satisfied AND  
section 14(2)(c) is satisfied AND  
section 14(2)(d) is satisfied AND  
section 14(2)(e) is satisfied AND  
section 14(2)(f) is satisfied

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(a) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(a) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the modern slavery statement complies with section 16

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(b) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(b) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the joint statement has been prepared in a form approved by the Minister

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(c) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(c) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the joint statement has been prepared in consultation with each  
reporting entity covered by the statement

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(d) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(d) is satisfied ONLY IF  
section 14(2)(d)(i) is satisfied OR  
section 14(2)(d)(ii) is satisfied OR  
section 14(2)(d)(iii) is satisfied

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(d)(i) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(d)(i) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the joint statement has been approved by the principal governing body of  
each reporting entity covered by the statement

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(d)(ii) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(d)(ii) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the joint statement has been approved by the principal governing body of  
an entity which is in a position, directly or indirectly, to influence or  
control each reporting entity covered by the statement

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(d)(iii) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(d)(iii) is satisfied ONLY IF  
it is not practicable to have all entities covered by the statement to  
approve it AND  
it is not practicable to have a higher entity approve the statement on  
behalf of all entities covered by the joint statement AND  
at least one reporting entity covered by the statement has approved it

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(e) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(e) is satisfied ONLY IF  
section 14(2)(e)(i) is satisfied OR  
section 14(2)(e)(ii) is satisfied OR  
section 14(2)(e)(iii) is satisfied

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(e)(i) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(e)(i) is satisfied ONLY IF  
section 14(2)(d)(i) is satisfied AND  
the joint statement is signed by a responsible member of each reporting  
entity

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(e)(ii) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(e)(ii) is satisfied ONLY IF  
section 14(2)(d)(ii) is satisfied AND  
the joint statement is signed by a responsible member of the higher entity

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(e)(iii) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(e)(iii) is satisfied ONLY IF  
section 14(2)(d)(iii) is satisfied AND  
the joint statement is signed by a responsible member of the relevant  
entities

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(f) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(f) is satisfied ONLY IF  
section 14(2)(f)(i) is satisfied OR  
section 14(2)(f)(ii) is satisfied

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(f)(i) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(f)(i) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement was given to the Minister within the required time after the  
end  
of the reporting period for the entity AND  
the statement was given to the Minister in a manner approved by  
the Minister

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 14(2)(f)(ii) PROVIDES  
section 14(2)(f)(ii) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement was given to the Minister within a period prescribed by  
the rules

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 15 PROVIDES  
the entity is covered by a Commonwealth modern slavery statement  
under section 15 ONLY IF  
the entity is a Commonwealth Department, agency or other Commonwealth owned  
or controlled corporate or non-corporate entity AND  
section 15(1) applies AND  
section 15(2) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 15(1) PROVIDES  
section 15(1) applies ONLY IF  
the entity was not a non-corporate Commonwealth entity within the meaning  
of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 AND  
the entity is included in a modern slavery statement prepared by the  
Commonwealth

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 15(2) PROVIDES  
section 15(2) applies ONLY IF  
section 15(2)(a) applies AND  
section 15(2)(b) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 15(2)(a) PROVIDES  
section 15(2)(a) applies ONLY IF  
the modern slavery statement complies with section 16

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 15(2)(b) PROVIDES  
section 15(2)(b) applies ONLY IF  
the Commonwealth modern slavery statement was prepared  
within the required time after the end of the reporting period

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16 PROVIDES  
the modern slavery statement complies with section 16 ONLY IF

section 16(1) applies AND  
section 16(2) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(1) PROVIDES  
section 16(1) applies ONLY IF

section 16(1)(a) is satisfied AND  
section 16(1)(b) is satisfied AND  
section 16(1)(c) is satisfied AND  
section 16(1)(d) is satisfied AND  
section 16(1)(e) is satisfied AND  
section 16(1)(f) is satisfied AND  
section 16(1)(g) is satisfied

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(1)(a) PROVIDES  
section 16(1)(a) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the modern slavery statement identifies the entity

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(1)(b) PROVIDES  
section 16(1)(b) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement describes the structure, operations and supply chains  
of the entity

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(1)(c) PROVIDES  
section 16(1)(c) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement describes the risks of modern slavery practices in the  
operations and supply chains of the entity, and any entities that  
the entity owns or controls

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(1)(d) PROVIDES  
section 16(1)(d) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement describes the actions taken by the entity and  
any entity that the entity owns or controls, to assess and address  
those risks, including due diligence and remediation processes

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(1)(e) PROVIDES  
section 16(1)(e) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement describes how the entity assesses the  
effectiveness of such actions

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(1)(f) PROVIDES  
section 16(1)(f) is satisfied ONLY IF  
section 16(1)(f)(i) is satisfied AND  
section 16(1)(f)(ii) is satisfied

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(1)(f)(i) PROVIDES  
section 16(1)(f)(i) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement describes the process of consultation with any entities  
that the entity owns or controls

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(1)(f)(ii) PROVIDES  
section 16(1)(f)(ii) is satisfied ONLY IF  
a joint modern slavery statement has not been submitted that covers the  
entity under section 14 OR  
the statement describes the process of consultation with  
the reporting entity giving the statement

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(1)(g) PROVIDES  
section 16(1)(g) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the statement includes all other information considered to be relevant

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(2) PROVIDES  
section 16(2) applies ONLY IF  
the entity is covered by a Commonwealth modern slavery statement  
under section 15 OR  
section 16(2)(a) applies OR  
section 16(2)(b) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(2)(a) PROVIDES  
section 16(2)(a) applies ONLY IF  
the entity has not submitted a modern slavery statement under section 13 OR  
the statement includes details of approval by the principal governing  
body of the entity

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(2)(b) PROVIDES  
section 16(2)(b) applies ONLY IF  
a joint modern slavery statement has not been submitted that covers the  
entity under section 14 OR  
section 16(2)(b)(i) applies AND  
section 16(2)(b)(ii) applies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(2)(b)(i) PROVIDES  
section 16(2)(b)(i) applies ONLY IF  
the joint modern statement includes details of approval by the  
relevant principal governing body or bodies

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16(2)(b)(ii) PROVIDES  
section 16(2)(b)(ii) applies ONLY IF  
section 14(2)(d)(iii) does not apply OR  
the statement does include an explanation of why it is not  
practicable to comply with subsections 14(2)(d)(i) or (ii)

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16A PROVIDES  
IF the entity has not submitted a modern slavery statement under  
section 13 AND  
a joint modern slavery statement has not been submitted that covers the  
entity under section 14 THEN BEGIN  
the Minister may give a written request to the entity under section  
16A(1)(a) to provide an explanation for the failure to comply within  
a specified period of 28 days or longer after the request is given AND  
the Minister may give a written request to the entity under  
section 16A(1)(b) to undertake specified remedial action in accordance  
with the request within a specified period of 28 days or longer after  
the request is given AND  
pursuant to section 16A(2), the Minister may extend, or further extend,  
a period specified in a request under section 16A(1) by written notice  
given to the entity before or after the end of the specified  
period AND  
as required by section 16A(3), the request must include a statement  
of the effect of subsections (2) and (4) to (6)  
END ELSE  
a request from the Minister to the entity in relation to compliance is  
not necessary

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16A(4) PROVIDES  
IF the entity has failed to comply with a request under section 16A(1) THEN  
the Minister may publish the identity of the entity AND  
the Minister may publish the identities of all entities included by a  
joint modern slavery statement AND  
the Minister may publish the date that a request under section 16A(1) was  
made and details of any extensions under section 16A(2) AND  
the Minister may publish details of the explanation or remedial action  
requested, and the period or periods specified in the request AND  
the Minister may publish the reasons why the Minister is satisfied that the  
entity has failed to comply with the request

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 16A(5) PROVIDES  
the entity has failed to comply with a request under section 16A(1) ONLY IF  
no explanation has been given in response to the request within the  
period specified OR  
no remedial action is undertaken in response to the request within  
the period specified

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 17 PROVIDES  
this Part establishes the Modern Slavery Statements Register AND  
the register is made available to the public on the internet AND  
modern slavery statements are registered by the Minister AND  
revised versions of registered modern slavery statements can be  
registered in some circumstances

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 18 PROVIDES  
the Minister must maintain a register of modern slavery statements, to be  
known as the Modern Slavery Statements Register AND  
the register must be made available for public inspection, without  
charge, on the internet

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 19 PROVIDES  
a modern slavery statement can be registered ONLY IF  
the Minister must register the modern slavery statement under  
section 19(1) OR  
the Minister may register the modern slavery statement under  
section 19(2)

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 19(1) PROVIDES  
the Minister must register the modern slavery statement under  
section 19(1) ONLY IF  
the entity has submitted a modern slavery statement under section 13 OR  
a joint modern slavery statement has been submitted that covers the  
entity under section 14 OR  
the entity is covered by a Commonwealth modern slavery statement  
under section 15

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 19(2) PROVIDES  
the Minister may register the modern slavery statement under  
section 19(2) ONLY IF  
the statement was given for the purposes of compliance with section  
13 or 14 (including a statement given in response to a request under  
section 16A) even if the entity giving the statement does not comply  
with the requirements of subsection 13(2) or 14(2)

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 20 PROVIDES  
section 20 needs work

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 21 PROVIDES  
this Part deals with things done by an unincorporated entity AND  
this Part deals with the Minister's capacity to delegate powers and  
functions under this Act AND  
this Part deals with annual reports about the implementation of this Act  
this Part deals with the 3-year review of this Act AND  
this Part deals with the power to make rules

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 22 PROVIDES  
IF this Act requires or allows a thing to be done by an entity that is an  
unincorporated body THEN  
the thing must, or may, be done by a responsible member of the entity  
on the entity's behalf

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 23 PROVIDES  
the Minister may, by writing, delegate all or any of the Minister's powers  
and functions under this Act to an SES employee, or acting SES employee,  
in the Department ONLY IF the power does not make, vary or revoke the rules  
ASSERT the delegate must comply with any directions of the Minister in  
exercising powers or functions under a delegation

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 24 PROVIDES  
section 24 needs work

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Section 25 PROVIDES

section 25 needs work

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\* other Acts, mechanics and common-sense

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RULE Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 Section 6 "resident" (1)(b) PROVIDES  
the entity was a company which was a resident within the meaning of  
subsection 6(1) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 during  
the reporting period ONLY IF

the entity was a company during the reporting period AND BEGIN

the entity was formed or incorporated in Australia OR

the entity was not formed or incorporated in Australia AND

the entity carried on business in Australia during the  
reporting period AND

the central management or control of the entity was  
in Australia AND/OR

the entity's voting power was controlled by shareholders who  
were residents of Australia

END

RULE Corporations Act 2001 Section 21 PROVIDES  
the entity carried on business in Australia within the meaning of  
section 21 of the Corporations Act 2001 ONLY IF

section 21(1) of the Corporations Act 2001 applies OR

section 21(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 applies AND

the business activities in Australia are not restricted to only  
those listed in section 21(3) of the Corporations Act  
2001

RULE Corporations Act 2001 Section 21(1) PROVIDES  
section 21(1) of the Corporations Act 2001 applies ONLY IF  
the entity has a place of business in Australia, or in State or  
Territory

RULE Corporations Act 2001 Section 21(2) PROVIDES  
section 21(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 applies ONLY IF  
section 21(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001 applies OR  
section 21(2)(b) of the Corporations Act 2001 applies

RULE Corporations Act 2001 Section 21(2)(a) PROVIDES  
section 21(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001 applies ONLY IF  
the entity has established or used a share transfer office or a  
share registration office in Australia, or in a State or Territory

RULE Corporations Act 2001 Section 21(2)(b) PROVIDES  
section 21(2)(b) of the Corporations Act 2001 applies ONLY IF  
the entity has administered, managed or otherwise dealt with property  
situated in Australia as an agent, legal representative or trustee,  
whether by employees or agents or otherwise

RULE Corporations Act 2001 Section 21(3) PROVIDES  
the business activities in Australia are restricted to only  
those listed in section 21(3) of the Corporations Act 2001 ONLY IF  
the business activities in Australia involve being a party to  
proceedings or effecting settlement of a proceeding,  
claim or dispute AND/OR  
the business activities in Australia involve holding meetings of  
directors or shareholders or conducting other activities relating to  
the entity's internal affairs AND/OR  
the business activities in Australia involve maintaining a bank  
account AND/OR  
the business activities in Australia involve effecting a sale through  
an independent contractor AND/OR  
the business activities in Australia involve soliciting or procuring an  
order that becomes a binding contract only if the order is accepted

outside of Australia AND/OR  
 the business activities in Australia involves the creation of evidence  
 of a debt or creates a charge on property AND/OR  
 the business activities in Australia involves securing or collecting  
 debts or enforcing rights in regard to securities relating to such  
 debts AND/OR  
 the business activities in Australia involves conducting an isolated  
 transaction that is completed with 31 days, not being one of a number  
 of similar transactions repeated from time to time AND/OR  
 the business activities in Australia involve investing funds or holding  
 any property AND  
 the entity does not have any other business activities in Australia  
 other than those mentioned in section 21(3) of the Corporations Act  
 2001

DATE the first day of the reporting period  
 DATE the last day of the relevant financial year for the entity  
 DATE the date of commencement for sections other than section 1 and section 2

RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) Royal Assent PROVIDES  
 the day the Act received Royal Assent IS 10 December 2018

RULE Modern Slavery Commencement Proclamation 2018 F2018N00189 PROVIDES  
 the day the Act was proclaimed IS 1 January 2019

RULE Reporting Period PROVIDES  
 the reporting period is covered by the Act ONLY IF  
 the first day of the reporting period is after the commencement of the Act

RULE Reporting Period After Commencement of the Act PROVIDES  
 the first day of the reporting period is after the commencement of the Act  
 ONLY IF  
 the first day of the reporting period GREATER THAN  
 the date of commencement for sections other than section 1 and  
 section 2

RULE First Day of the Reporting Period PROVIDES  
 the first day of the reporting period IS  
 the last day of the relevant financial year for the entity  
 MINUS 1 YEAR PLUS 1 DAY

RULE Last Day to Submit PROVIDES  
 IF the reporting period is covered by the Act THEN  
 IF the Australian Government has extended the deadline for submission of  
 modern slavery statements by 3 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic THEN  
 the last day to provide the modern slavery statement for the entity IS  
 the last day of the relevant financial year for the entity PLUS 9 MONTHS  
 ELSE  
 the last day to provide the modern slavery statement for the entity IS  
 the last day of the relevant financial year for the entity PLUS 3 MONTHS

RULE COVID-19 Extension PROVIDES  
 the Australian Government has extended the deadline for submission of  
 modern slavery statements by 3 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic

RULE Commonwealth Statement Within Required Time PROVIDES  
 the Commonwealth modern slavery statement was prepared  
 within the required time after the end of the reporting period ONLY IF  
 the date the Commonwealth modern slavery statement was  
 prepared IS LESSEQUAL THAN the last day to provide the modern  
 slavery statement for the entity

RULE Statement Within Required Time PROVIDES  
 the statement was given to the Minister within the required time after the  
 end of the reporting period for the entity ONLY IF  
 the date the modern slavery statement was given to the Minister



IS LESSEQUAL THAN the last day to provide the modern slavery statement for the entity

RULE Time to Submit Has Not Lapsed PROVIDES  
the entity still has time to submit a modern slavery statement that meets the requirements of the Act ONLY IF  
the last day to provide the modern slavery statement for the entity IS GREATEREQUAL today

GOAL RULE Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) PROVIDES  
the entity has complied with the Act ONLY IF  
the entity is not a reporting entity OR  
the entity is a reporting entity AND  
the reporting period is not covered by the Act OR  
the entity is a reporting entity AND  
the reporting period is covered by the Act AND  
the requirement to report under section 12 has been met OR  
the entity is a reporting entity AND  
the reporting period is covered by the Act AND  
the requirement to report under section 12 has not been met AND  
the entity still has time to submit a modern slavery statement that meets the requirements of the Act

RULE Entity is Commonwealth of Australia PROVIDES  
the reporting entity is the Commonwealth ONLY IF  
the name of the entity EQUALS "the Commonwealth" OR  
the name of the entity EQUALS "Commonwealth" OR  
the name of the entity EQUALS "the Commonwealth of Australia" OR  
the entity is a Commonwealth Department, agency or other Commonwealth owned or controlled corporate or non-corporate entity

RULE Companies Are Bodies Corporate PROVIDES  
IF the entity was a company during the reporting period THEN  
the entity was a body corporate during the reporting period

RULE Individuals and Companies are not trusts PROVIDES  
IF the entity was a company during the reporting period OR  
the entity is a person THEN  
the entity was not a trust where the trust estate was a resident trust estate within the meaning of Division 6 of Part III of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 during the reporting period

RULE Individuals and Companies are not corporate limited partnerships PROVIDES  
IF the entity was a company during the reporting period OR  
the entity is a person THEN  
the entity was not a corporate limited partnership which was a resident within the meaning of section 94T of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 during the reporting period

RULE Individuals and Companies are not Partnerships PROVIDES  
IF the entity was a company during the reporting period OR  
the entity is a person THEN  
the entity was not a partnership during the reporting period

RULE Individuals and Companies not non-Corporate Commonwealth Entities PROVIDES  
IF the entity was a company during the reporting period OR  
the entity is a person THEN  
the entity was not a non-corporate Commonwealth entity within the meaning of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013

RULE Individuals and Private Companies are not Commonwealth Entities PROVIDES  
IF the entity was a company during the reporting period OR  
the entity is a person THEN  
the entity is not a Commonwealth Department, agency or other Commonwealth owned or controlled corporate or non-corporate entity

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RULE Individuals are not Companies PROVIDES
IF the entity is a person THEN
 the entity was not a company during the reporting period

RULE Individuals are not Bodies Corporate PROVIDES
IF the entity is a person THEN
 the entity was not a body corporate during the reporting period

RULE Individuals are not Formed or Incorporated PROVIDES
IF the entity is a person THEN
 the entity was not formed or incorporated in Australia

RULE Individual does not have Central Management or Control PROVIDES
IF the entity is a person THEN
 the central management or control of the entity was not in Australia

RULE Individual is not a Corporate Commonwealth Entity PROVIDES
IF the entity is a person THEN
 the entity was not a corporate Commonwealth entity within the meaning of
 section 11 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability
 Act 2013 during the reporting period

RULE Individual is not a Commonwealth Company PROVIDES
IF the entity is a person THEN
 the entity was not a Commonwealth company within the meaning of section
 89 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013
 during the reporting period

BOOLEAN the entity is a person
PROMPT is the entity an individual
TRANSLATE true AS the entity is an individual
TRANSLATE false AS the entity is not an individual
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### 3. Community Gaming Regulations 2020 (NSW)

PERSON the person conducting the gaming activity  
THING the benefiting organisation  
THING the gaming activity  
THING the organiser  
THING the registered club  
THING the fund-raising organisation

MONEY the amount of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity  
MONEY the amount returned to participants  
MONEY the total value of all of the prizes  
MONEY the total cost of prizes and expenses  
MONEY the amount paid to the benefiting organisation  
MONEY the maximum amount of money payable as a separate prize

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 1 PROVIDES  
this Regulation is the Community Gaming Regulation 2020

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 2 PROVIDES  
this Regulation commences on 1 July 2020 AND  
this Regulation is required to be published on the NSW legislation website

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 2 Commencement PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is covered by the Regulations ONLY IF  
the date of the gaming activity is after the commencement of the  
Regulations on 1 July 2020

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 2 Commencement Calculation  
PROVIDES  
the date of the gaming activity is after the commencement of the Regulations  
on 1 July 2020 ONLY IF  
the date of the gaming activity GREATEREQUAL THAN 1 July 2020

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "art union" PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is run by an "art union" under the regulation 3  
definition ONLY IF  
the organiser is a voluntary association formed to purchase prizes to  
be awarded by lot among members of the association AND  
clause (a) of the definition of "art union" applies AND/OR  
clause (b) of the definition of "art union" applies AND/OR  
clause (c) of the definition of "art union" applies

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "art union" (a) PROVIDES  
clause (a) of the definition of "art union" applies ONLY IF  
the purpose of raising funds is to support a charitable organisation  
under the regulation 3 definition

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "art union" (b) PROVIDES  
clause (b) of the definition of "art union" applies ONLY IF  
the purpose of raising funds is to support a non-profit organisation  
under the regulation 3 definition

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "art union" (c) PROVIDES  
clause (c) of the definition of "art union" applies ONLY IF  
the purpose of raising funds is to support an object of genuinely public  
or charitable character

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "art union gaming  
activity" PROVIDES  
"art union gaming activity" has the meaning given by regulation 4

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "benefiting organisation"  
PROVIDES  
"benefiting organisation" is defined as the person or body for whose benefit a

gaming activity is conducted

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "bingo"  
PROVIDES  
"bingo" is defined in regulation 5(1)

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "calcutta" PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a "calcutta" under the regulation 3 definition  
ONLY IF

clause (a) of the definition of "calcutta" in regulation 4 applies AND  
clause (b) of the definition of "calcutta" in regulation 4 applies AND  
clause (c) of the definition of "calcutta" in regulation 4 applies

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "calcutta" (a) PROVIDES  
clause (a) of the definition of "calcutta" in regulation 4 applies ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a game in which each participant pays a fee for  
a chance to win by lot a right in respect of a competitor in a sporting  
or racing event

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "calcutta" (b) PROVIDES  
clause (b) of the definition of "calcutta" in regulation 4 applies ONLY IF  
the rights in respect of a competitor in a sporting or racing event are  
auctioned

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "calcutta" (c) PROVIDES  
clause (c) of the definition of "calcutta" in regulation 4 applies ONLY IF  
clause (c)(i) of the definition of "calcutta" in regulation 4 applies AND  
clause (c)(ii) of the definition of "calcutta" in regulation 4 applies

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "calcutta" (c)(i)  
PROVIDES  
clause (c)(i) of the definition of "calcutta" in regulation 4 applies ONLY IF  
the holder of each right is entitled to elect to sell the right at the  
auction and receive half of the proceeds of sale

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "calcutta" (c)(ii)  
PROVIDES  
clause (c)(ii) of the definition of "calcutta" in regulation 4 applies  
ONLY IF  
the holder of each right is entitled to elect to retain the right by  
making (and paying half of) the highest bid

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "charitable  
organisation" (1) PROVIDES  
the purpose of raising funds is to support a charitable organisation under  
the regulation 3 definition ONLY IF  
the purpose of raising funds is to support an incorporated or  
unincorporated charitable body formed for, or to benefit, a benevolent,  
philanthropic or patriotic purpose

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "charitable  
organisation" (2) PROVIDES  
the fund-raising organisation is a "charitable organisation" under the  
regulation 3 definition ONLY IF  
the organisation is an incorporated or unincorporated charitable body  
formed for, or to benefit, a benevolent, philanthropic, or patriotic  
purpose

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "charitable  
organisation" (3) PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is conducted by or on behalf of a charitable  
organisation under the regulation 3 definition ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is conducted by or on behalf of an incorporated or  
unincorporated charitable body formed for, or to benefit, a benevolent,  
philanthropic or patriotic purpose

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "charity housie" PROVIDES "charity housie" means a gaming activity permitted under regulation 5(2)

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "club bingo" PROVIDES "club bingo" means a gaming activity permitted under regulation 5(4)

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "chocolate wheel" PROVIDES the gaming activity is a "chocolate wheel" under the regulation 3 definition ONLY IF

- clause (a) of the definition of "chocolate wheel" applies AND
- clause (b) of the definition of "chocolate wheel" applies AND
- clause (c) of the definition of "chocolate wheel" applies

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "chocolate wheel" (a) PROVIDES

clause (a) of the definition of "chocolate wheel" applies ONLY IF numbered tickets are sold to participants

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "chocolate wheel" (b) PROVIDES

clause (b) of the definition of "chocolate wheel" applies ONLY IF a wheel is spun to determine the prize winners based on the numbers on the tickets corresponding to numbers on the wheel

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "chocolate wheel" (c) PROVIDES

clause (c) of the definition of "chocolate wheel" applies ONLY IF a participant wins a prize if the participant holds a ticket that corresponds to the number on which the wheel comes to rest after being spun

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "draw lottery" PROVIDES the gaming activity is a "draw lottery" under the regulation 3 definition ONLY IF

- the gaming activity is a "lottery" under the regulation 3 definition AND
- clause (a) of the definition of "draw lottery" applies AND
- clause (b) of the definition of "draw lottery" applies AND
- clause (c) of the definition of "draw lottery" applies

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "draw lottery" (a) PROVIDES

clause (a) of the definition of "draw lottery" applies ONLY IF numbered tickets are sold to participants in the lottery

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "draw lottery" (b) PROVIDES

clause (b) of the definition of "draw lottery" applies ONLY IF a draw is held in which one or more numbers (corresponding to the numbers on the tickets) is or are selected at random

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "draw lottery" (c) PROVIDES

clause (c) of the definition of "draw lottery" applies ONLY IF prizes are distributed to the participants holding the tickets corresponding to the numbers selected

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "free lottery" PROVIDES the gaming activity is a "free lottery" under the regulation 3 definition ONLY IF

the gaming activity is a permitted free lottery under regulation 10

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "gross proceeds" PROVIDES "gross proceeds" of a gaming activity means the total receipts received from the sale of tickets or from other payments by participants and donations before deduction of expenses

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "housie" PROVIDES  
"housie" is defined in regulation 5(1)

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "liquor component"  
PROVIDES  
"liquor component" means a part of a prize in a gaming activity consisting  
of or including liquor

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "lottery" PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a "lottery" under the regulation 3 definition ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a game in which prizes are awarded by lot

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "lucky envelopes" PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is "lucky envelopes" under the regulation 3 definition  
ONLY IF  
clause (a) of the definition of "lucky envelopes" applies AND  
clause (b) of the definition of "lucky envelopes" applies

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "lucky envelopes" (a)  
PROVIDES  
clause (a) of the definition of "lucky envelopes" applies ONLY IF  
the player purchases a ticket that contains a concealed number

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "lucky envelopes" (b)  
PROVIDES  
clause (b) of the definition of "lucky envelopes" applies ONLY IF  
the player wins a prize if the concealed number matches a number  
displayed at the point of sale of the tickets

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "mini-numbers lottery"  
PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a "mini-numbers lottery" under the regulation 3  
definition ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a game in which participants choose or attempt to  
forecast, from designated numbers, fewer numbers to be drawn on a random  
basis

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "no-draw lottery" PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a "no-draw lottery" under the regulation 3  
definition ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a listed example of a "no-draw lottery" AND/OR  
the gaming activity is not a listed example of a "no-draw lottery" AND  
clause (a) of the definition of "no-draw lottery" applies AND  
clause (b) of the definition of "no-draw lottery" applies AND  
clause (c) of the definition of "no-draw lottery" applies AND  
clause (d) of the definition of "no-draw lottery" applies

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "no-draw lottery" (a)  
PROVIDES  
clause (a) of the definition of "no-draw lottery" applies ONLY IF  
participants purchase a right to participate in the gaming activity

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "no-draw lottery" (b)  
PROVIDES  
clause (b) of the definition of "no-draw lottery" applies ONLY IF  
each ticket, or card or board conferring the right to participate,  
has a hidden symbol (or a set of hidden symbols) that can be exposed  
by removing a covering of paper or other opaque material

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "no-draw lottery" (c)  
PROVIDES  
clause (c) of the definition of "no-draw lottery" applies ONLY IF  
the hidden symbols (or sets of hidden symbols) including prizewinning  
symbols (or sets of prizewinning symbols) are randomly distributed  
among the tickets or cards

- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "no-draw lottery" (d) PROVIDES  
clause (d) of the definition of "no-draw lottery" applies ONLY IF  
a participant, on exposing a hidden symbol (or set of hidden symbols)  
that accords with another symbol (or set of symbols) specified in the  
rules of the gaming activity (whether or not displayed on the ticket or  
card), has a right under those rules to receive a specified prize
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "no-draw lottery" examples PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a listed example of a "no-draw lottery" ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a break-open lottery, scratch lottery or football  
double
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "no-profit organisation" (1) PROVIDES  
the purpose of raising funds is to support a non-profit organisation under  
the regulation 3 definition ONLY IF  
the purpose of raising funds is to support a non-profit incorporated or  
unincorporated body not formed or conducted for private gain
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "no-profit organisation" (2) PROVIDES  
the fund-raising organisation is a "non-profit organisation" under the  
regulation 3  
definition  
ONLY IF  
the organisation is a non-profit incorporated or unincorporated body  
not formed or conducted for private gain
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "no-profit organisation" (3) PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is conducted by or on behalf of a non-profit  
organisation under the regulation 3 definition ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is conducted by or on behalf of a non-profit  
incorporated or unincorporated body not formed or conducted for  
private gain
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "progressive lottery" PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a "progressive lottery" under the regulation 3  
definition ONLY IF  
clause (a) of the definition of progressive lottery applies OR  
clause (b) of the definition of progressive lottery applies OR  
the gaming activity is not a tipping competition or other gaming activity  
conducted along substantially similar lines AND  
the gaming activity is a progressive lottery where a number  
of draws may be conducted on various dates over a stipulated period of  
time AND  
the gaming activity is not a "sweep" under the regulation 3  
definition AND  
the gaming activity is not a "calcutta" under the regulation 3  
definition
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "progressive lottery" (a) PROVIDES  
clause (a) of the definition of progressive lottery applies ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a hundred club, silver circles or other  
activity conducted along substantially similar lines
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "progressive lottery" (b) PROVIDES  
clause (b) of the definition of progressive lottery applies ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a tipping competition or other gaming activity  
conducted along substantially similar lines AND  
clause (b)(i) of the definition of "tipping competition" applies AND

clause (b)(ii) of the definition of "tipping competition" applies AND  
clause (b)(iii) of the definition of "tipping competition" applies AND  
clause (b)(iv) of the definition of "tipping competition" applies

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "progressive  
lottery" (b)(i) PROVIDES  
clause (b)(i) of the definition of "tipping competition" applies ONLY IF  
the player predicts the outcome or results of a sporting or other  
contingency

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "progressive  
lottery" (b)(ii) PROVIDES  
clause (b)(ii) of the definition of "tipping competition" applies ONLY IF  
points are awarded for successful predictions

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "progressive  
lottery" (b)(iii) PROVIDES  
clause (b)(iii) of the definition of "tipping competition" applies ONLY IF  
the prizes are wholly distributed in accordance with the rules of the  
competition

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "progressive  
lottery" (b)(iv) PROVIDES  
clause (b)(iv) of the definition of "tipping competition" applies ONLY IF  
periodical prizes may be awarded (in accordance with the rules of the  
competition

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "publish"  
PROVIDES  
"publish" has the same meaning as in section 9 of the  
Community Gaming Act 2018

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "registered club"  
PROVIDES  
the fund-raising organisation is a "registered club" under the Regulation 3  
definition  
ONLY IF  
the organisation is a club that holds a club licence under the  
Liquor Act 2007

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "session"  
PROVIDES  
"session" of a gaming activity means a number of games of the activity  
played in succession on the same occasion at the same place

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "sweep"  
PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a "sweep" under the regulation 3 definition ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a game in which each participant pays a fee for a  
chance to win by lot a right in respect of a competitor in a sporting  
or racing event AND  
the rights in respect of a competitor in a sporting or racing event are  
not auctioned AND  
the gaming activity is not a "calcutta" under the regulation 3 definition

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "symbol"  
PROVIDES  
"symbol" includes amount, word or picture

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "the Act"  
PROVIDES  
"the Act" means the Community Gaming Act 2018

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "ticket"  
PROVIDES  
"ticket" includes a right to participate in a gaming activity



RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 3 "trade promotion gaming activity"  
PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a "trade promotion gaming activity" under the regulation 3 definition ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is conducted for the purpose of promoting goods or services provided by a business

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Part 2 – Permitted gaming activities PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a permitted gaming activity under Part 2 ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is covered by the Regulations AND  
the gaming activity is a permitted "art union gaming activity" under regulation 4 AND/OR  
the gaming activity is permitted "housie" or "bingo" under regulation 5 AND/OR  
the gaming activity is a permitted "draw lottery" under regulation 6 AND/OR  
the gaming activity is a permitted no-draw lottery under regulation 7 AND/OR  
the gaming activity is a permitted mini-numbers lottery under regulation 8 AND/OR  
the gaming activity is a permitted progressive lottery under regulation 9 AND/OR  
the gaming activity is a permitted free lottery under regulation 10 AND/OR  
the gaming activity is a permitted promotional raffle conducted by a registered club under regulation 11 AND/OR  
the gaming activity is a permitted gaming activity for charitable purposes under regulation 12 AND/OR  
the gaming activity is a permitted sweep or calcutta under regulation 13 AND/OR  
the gaming activity is a permitted trade promotion gaming activity under regulation 14

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 4 – Art union gaming activities PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a permitted "art union gaming activity" under regulation 4 ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is an art union gaming activity AND  
regulation 4(d) applies AND  
regulation 4(a) applies AND  
regulation 4(b) applies AND  
regulation 4(c) applies

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 4 "art union gaming activity" PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is an art union gaming activity ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is run by an "art union" under the regulation 3 definition AND  
the gaming activity is a game in which prizes are awarded by lot

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 4(a) PROVIDES  
regulation 4(a) applies ONLY IF  
at least 30% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity are paid to the benefiting organisation

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 4(a) Calculation PROVIDES  
at least 30% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity are paid to the benefiting organisation ONLY IF  
the amount of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity TIMES 0.3 LESSEQUAL THAN the amount paid to the benefiting organisation

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 4(b) PROVIDES  
regulation 4(b) applies ONLY IF

the total value of all of the prizes exceeds \$30,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 4(b) Calculation PROVIDES  
the total value of all of the prizes exceeds \$30,000 ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes GREATER THAN \$30,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 4(c) PROVIDES  
regulation 4(c) applies ONLY IF  
the maximum amount of money payable as a separate prize does not  
exceed \$30,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 4(c) Calculation PROVIDES  
the maximum amount of money payable as a separate prize does not  
exceed \$30,000 ONLY IF  
the maximum amount of money payable as a separate prize  
LESSEQUAL THAN \$30,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 4(d) PROVIDES  
regulation 4(d) applies ONLY IF  
the person conducting the gaming activity holds an authority for  
the gaming activity AND  
the authority is in force AND  
the gaming activity is conducted in accordance with the authority

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5 – Housie or bingo  
PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is permitted "housie" or "bingo" under  
regulation 5  
ONLY IF  
the gaming activity meets the definition of "housie" or "bingo" under  
regulation 5(1) AND  
the gaming activity is Charity housie under regulation 5(2) AND/OR  
the gaming activity is Social housie under regulation 5(3) AND/OR  
the gaming activity is Club bingo under regulation 5(4)

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(1) PROVIDES  
the gaming activity meets the definition of "housie" or "bingo" under  
regulation 5(1) ONLY IF  
regulation 5(1)(a) is satisfied AND  
regulation 5(1)(b) is satisfied AND  
regulation 5(1)(c) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(1)(a) PROVIDES  
regulation 5(1)(a) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is housie or bingo that is played by one or more  
participants using cards or a device with numbered spaces or symbols

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(1)(b) PROVIDES  
regulation 5(1)(b) is satisfied ONLY IF  
numbered spaces or symbols identified randomly and announced during play  
are marked off by each participant who has a card or device on which the  
numbered space or symbol is displayed

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(1)(c) PROVIDES  
regulation 5(1)(c) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the game is won by the participant who is first able to mark off all  
numbered spaces or symbols on the card or device that are required to be  
marked off for a win

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(2) PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is Charity housie under regulation 5(2) ONLY IF  
regulation 5(2)(a) is satisfied AND  
regulation 5(2)(b) is satisfied AND  
regulation 5(2)(c) is satisfied AND  
regulation 5(2)(d) is satisfied AND  
regulation 5(2)(e) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(2)(a) PROVIDES regulation 5(2)(a) is satisfied ONLY IF the gaming activity is conducted by or on behalf of a charitable organisation under the regulation 3 definition

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(2)(b) PROVIDES regulation 5(2)(b) is satisfied ONLY IF at least 12.5% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity are paid to the benefiting organisation

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(2)(b) Calculation PROVIDES at least 12.5% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity are paid to the benefiting organisation ONLY IF the amount paid to the benefiting organisation GREATEREQUAL THAN the amount of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity TIMES 0.125

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(2)(c) PROVIDES regulation 5(2)(c) is satisfied ONLY IF the total value of the expenses of conducting the gaming activity (excluding the cost of prizes) is not more than 12.5% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(2)(c) Calculation PROVIDES the total value of the expenses of conducting the gaming activity (excluding the cost of prizes) is not more than 12.5% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity ONLY IF the total value of the expenses of conducting the gaming activity (excluding the cost of prizes) LESSEQUAL THAN the amount of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity TIMES 0.125

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(2)(d) PROVIDES regulation 5(2)(d) is satisfied ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming activity is not more than \$10,000 AND the total value of all of the prizes for one session is not more than 75% of the gross proceeds from the gaming activity

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(2)(d) Calculation 1 PROVIDES the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming activity is not more than \$10,000 ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming activity LESSEQUAL THAN \$10,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(2)(d) Calculation 2 PROVIDES the total value of all of the prizes for one session is not more than 75% of the gross proceeds from the gaming activity ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming activity LESSEQUAL THAN the amount of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity TIMES 0.75

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(2)(e) PROVIDES regulation 5(2)(e) is satisfied ONLY IF no more than 48 tickets are permitted to be sold to the same participant

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(2)(e) Calculation PROVIDES no more than 48 tickets are permitted to be sold to the same participant ONLY IF the maximum number of tickets that can be sold to the same participant LESSEQUAL THAN 48

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(3) PROVIDES the gaming activity is Social housie under regulation 5(3) ONLY IF regulation 5(3)(a) is satisfied AND

- regulation 5(3)(b) is satisfied AND  
regulation 5(3)(c) is satisfied AND/OR  
regulation 5(3)(d) applies AND  
regulation 5(3)(e) is satisfied
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(3)(a) PROVIDES  
regulation 5(3)(a) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is conducted solely for social purposes
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(3)(b) PROVIDES  
regulation 5(3)(b) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is not conducted on premises to which a licence  
under the Liquor Act 2007 relates
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(3)(c) PROVIDES  
regulation 5(3)(c) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the  
gaming activity is not more than \$40 AND  
regulation 5(3)(d) does not apply
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(3)(c) Calculation PROVIDES  
the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the  
gaming activity is not more than \$40 ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the  
gaming activity LESSEQUAL THAN \$40
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(3)(d) PROVIDES  
regulation 5(3)(d) applies ONLY IF  
the value of any jackpot prize is not more than \$200
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(3)(d) Calculation PROVIDES  
the value of any jackpot prize is not more than \$200 ONLY IF  
the value of any jackpot prize LESSEQUAL THAN \$200
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(3)(e) PROVIDES  
regulation 5(3)(e) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the total amount invested by participants in a session of the gaming  
activity is returned to participants, after the costs of prizes and  
expenses of conducting the session are deducted
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(3)(e) Calculation PROVIDES  
the total amount invested by participants in a session of the gaming  
activity is returned to participants, after the costs of prizes and  
expenses of conducting the session are deducted ONLY IF  
the total amount invested by participants in a session of the gaming  
activity MINUS the total cost of prizes and expenses EQUALS  
the amount returned to participants
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(4) PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is Club bingo under regulation 5(4) ONLY IF  
regulation 5(4)(a) is satisfied AND  
regulation 5(4)(d) is satisfied AND  
regulation 5(4)(b) is satisfied AND/OR  
regulation 5(4)(c) applies
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(4)(a) PROVIDES  
regulation 5(4)(a) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is conducted by or on the authority of a  
registered club on club premises for the purpose of attracting patronage  
to the club's facilities
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(4)(b) PROVIDES  
regulation 5(4)(b) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes for one game of the  
gaming activity is not more than \$70

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(4)(b) Calculation PROVIDES the total value of all of the prizes for one game of the gaming activity is not more than \$70 ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes for one game of the gaming activity LESSEQUAL THAN \$70

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(4)(c) PROVIDES regulation 5(4)(c) applies ONLY IF a single bonus prize of more than \$70 in value is offered at the end of a session of club bingo

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 5(4)(d) PROVIDES regulation 5(4)(d) is satisfied ONLY IF the prizes do not consist of or include money

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 6 - Draw lotteries PROVIDES the gaming activity is a permitted "draw lottery" under regulation 6 ONLY IF the gaming activity is a "draw lottery" under the regulation 3 definition AND regulation 6(a) is satisfied AND regulation 6(b) is satisfied AND regulation 6(c) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 6(a) PROVIDES regulation 6(a) is satisfied ONLY IF the gaming activity is conducted by or on behalf of a charitable organisation under the regulation 3 definition OR the gaming activity is conducted by or on behalf of a non-profit organisation under the regulation 3 definition

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 6(b) PROVIDES regulation 6(b) is satisfied ONLY IF at least 40% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity are paid to the benefiting organisation

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 6(b) Calculation PROVIDES at least 40% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity are paid to the benefiting organisation ONLY IF the amount of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity TIMES 0.4 LESSEQUAL THAN the amount paid to the benefiting organisation

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 6(c) PROVIDES regulation 6(c) is satisfied ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes is not more than \$30,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 6(c) CALCULATION PROVIDES the total value of all of the prizes is not more than \$30,000 ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes LESSEQUAL THAN \$30,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 7 - No-draw lotteries PROVIDES the gaming activity is a permitted no-draw lottery under regulation 7 ONLY IF the gaming activity is a "no-draw lottery" under the regulation 3 definition AND regulation 7(a) is satisfied AND regulation 7(b) is satisfied AND regulation 7(c) is satisfied AND regulation 7(d) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 7(a) PROVIDES regulation 7(a) is satisfied ONLY IF the gaming activity is conducted by or on behalf of a charitable organisation under the regulation 3 definition OR the gaming activity is conducted by or on behalf of a non-profit organisation under the regulation 3 definition

- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 7(b) PROVIDES regulation 7(b) is satisfied ONLY IF at least 40% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity are paid to the benefiting organisation
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 7(c) PROVIDES regulation 7(c) is satisfied ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes is not more than \$5,000
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 7(c) Calculation PROVIDES the total value of all of the prizes is not more than \$5,000 ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes LESSEQUAL THAN \$5,000
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 7(d) PROVIDES regulation 7(d) is satisfied ONLY IF the total number of tickets produced or obtained for sale for the lottery is not more than 3,000
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 7(d) Calculation PROVIDES the total number of tickets produced or obtained for sale for the lottery is not more than 3,000 ONLY IF the total number of tickets produced or obtained for sale LESSEQUAL THAN 3000
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 8 - Mini-numbers lotteries PROVIDES the gaming activity is a permitted mini-numbers lottery under regulation 8 ONLY IF the gaming activity is a "mini-numbers lottery" under the regulation 3 definition AND regulation 8(a) is satisfied AND regulation 8(b) is satisfied AND regulation 8(c) is satisfied AND regulation 8(d) is satisfied
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 8(a) PROVIDES regulation 8(a) is satisfied ONLY IF the gaming activity is conducted by or on behalf of a charitable organisation under the regulation 3 definition OR the gaming activity is conducted by or on behalf of a non-profit organisation under the regulation 3 definition
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 8(b) PROVIDES regulation 8(b) is satisfied ONLY IF at least 40% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity are paid to the benefiting organisation
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 8(c) PROVIDES regulation 8(c) is satisfied ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming activity is not more than \$20,000
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 8(c) Calculation PROVIDES the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming activity is not more than \$20,000 ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming activity LESSEQUAL THAN \$20,000
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 8(d) PROVIDES regulation 8(d) is satisfied ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming activity is at least 50% of the gross proceeds of the mini-numbers lottery
- RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 8(d) Calculation PROVIDES

the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming activity is at least 50% of the gross proceeds of the mini-numbers lottery ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming activity GREATEREQUAL THAN the amount of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity TIMES 0.5

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 9 – Progressive lotteries PROVIDES

the gaming activity is a permitted progressive lottery under regulation 9 ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a "progressive lottery" under the regulation 3 definition AND  
regulation 9(a) is satisfied AND  
regulation 9(b) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 9(a) PROVIDES

regulation 9(a) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the maximum amount of money payable as a prize is not more than \$7,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 9(a) Calculation PROVIDES  
the maximum amount of money payable as a prize is not more than \$7,000 ONLY IF

the maximum amount of money payable as a prize LESSEQUAL THAN \$7,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 9(b) PROVIDES

regulation 9(b) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes is not more than \$30,000 OR  
the person conducting the gaming activity holds an authority to do so AND  
the authority is in force AND  
the gaming activity is conducted in accordance with the authority

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 9(b) Calculation PROVIDES

the total value of all of the prizes is not more than \$30,000 ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes LESSEQUAL THAN \$30,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 10 – Free lotteries PROVIDES

the gaming activity is a permitted free lottery under regulation 10 ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a "lottery" under the regulation 3 definition AND  
regulation 10(b) is satisfied AND  
regulation 10(c) is satisfied AND  
regulation 10(a) is satisfied AND  
regulation 10(d) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 10(a) PROVIDES

regulation 10(a) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is not a "progressive lottery" under the regulation 3 definition AND  
the gaming activity is not a "trade promotion gaming activity" under the regulation 3 definition

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 10(b) PROVIDES

regulation 10(b) is satisfied ONLY IF  
participation in the lottery is free

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 10(c) PROVIDES

regulation 10(c) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the prizes do not consist of or include money

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 10(d) PROVIDES

regulation 10(d) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes for the gaming activity is not more than \$30,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 11 – Promotional

raffles conducted by registered clubs PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a permitted promotional raffle conducted by a  
registered club under regulation 11 ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a raffle AND  
the raffle is conducted by or on the authority of a registered club AND  
regulation 11(a) is satisfied AND  
regulation 11(b) is satisfied AND  
regulation 11(e) is satisfied AND  
regulation 11(c) is satisfied AND  
regulation 11(d) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 11(a) PROVIDES  
regulation 11(a) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is conducted on the registered club's premises

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 11(b) PROVIDES  
regulation 11(b) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is conducted for the purpose of attracting  
patronage to the registered club's facilities

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 11(c) PROVIDES  
regulation 11(c) is satisfied ONLY IF  
at least 90% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity are used to  
meet the cost of the prizes in the gaming activity or other similar  
gaming activities

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 11(c) Calculation PROVIDES  
at least 90% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity are used to  
meet the cost of the prizes in the gaming activity or other similar  
gaming activities ONLY IF  
the cost of the prizes in the gaming activity GREATEREQUAL THAN  
the amount of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity TIMES 0.9

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 11(d) PROVIDES  
regulation 11(d) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming  
activity is not more than \$5,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 11(d) Calculation PROVIDES  
the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming  
activity is not more than \$5,000 ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming  
activity LESSEQUAL THAN \$5,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 11(e) PROVIDES  
regulation 11(e) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the prizes do not consist of or include money

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 12 - Other gaming  
activities for charitable purposes PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a permitted gaming activity for charitable purposes  
under regulation 12 ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a "chocolate wheel" under the regulation 3  
definition AND/OR  
the gaming activity is "lucky envelopes" under the regulation 3  
definition AND/OR BEGIN  
the gaming activity is of some other type of gaming activity AND  
regulation 12(2) does not apply END AND  
regulation 12(1) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 12(1) PROVIDES  
regulation 12(1) is satisfied ONLY IF  
regulation 12(1)(a) is satisfied AND  
regulation 12(1)(b) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 12(1)(a) PROVIDES



regulation 12(1)(a) is satisfied ONLY IF  
at least 40% of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity are  
paid to the benefiting organisation

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 12(1)(b) PROVIDES  
regulation 12(1)(b) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes for one session of the gaming  
activity is not more than \$5,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 12(2) PROVIDES  
regulation 12(2) applies ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a "lottery" under the regulation 3 definition OR  
the gaming activity is a "sweep" under the regulation 3 definition OR  
the gaming activity is an art union gaming activity OR  
the gaming activity meets the definition of "housie" or "bingo" under  
regulation 5(1) OR  
the gaming activity is a "calcutta" under the regulation 3 definition

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13 – Sweeps and  
calcuttas PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is a permitted sweep or calcutta under regulation 13  
ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is a "sweep" under the regulation 3 definition AND/OR  
the gaming activity is a "calcutta" under the regulation 3 definition AND  
regulation 13(1) applies AND  
regulation 13(3) is satisfied AND  
regulation 13(4) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(1) PROVIDES  
regulation 13(1) applies ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is conducted according to regulation 13(1)(a) AND  
regulation 13(1)(b) applies AND/OR  
regulation 13(2) applies AND  
regulation 13(1)(c) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(1)(a) PROVIDES  
the gaming activity is conducted according to regulation 13(1)(a) ONLY IF  
regulation 13(1)(a)(i) applies OR  
regulation 13(1)(a)(ii) applies

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(1)(a)(i) PROVIDES  
regulation 13(1)(a)(i) applies ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is conducted for or on behalf of a fund-raising  
organisation AND  
the fund-raising organisation is an "approved fund-raising  
organisation" as defined in regulation 13(6)

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(1)(a)(ii) PROVIDES  
regulation 13(1)(a)(ii) applies ONLY IF  
the gaming activity is conducted for social purposes

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(1)(b) PROVIDES  
regulation 13(1)(b) applies ONLY IF  
there is not a payment or benefit payable for the right to participate  
in the gaming activity, other than the stake money for the gaming  
activity

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(1)(c) PROVIDES  
regulation 13(1)(c) is satisfied ONLY IF  
the total value of all of the prizes for the gaming activity is not more  
than \$30,000 OR  
the person conducting the gaming activity holds an authority to do so AND  
the authority is in force AND  
the gaming activity is conducted in accordance with the authority

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(1)(c) Calculation

## PROVIDES

the total value of all of the prizes for the gaming activity is not more than \$30,000 ONLY IF

the total value of all of the prizes LESSEQUAL THAN \$30,000

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(2) PROVIDES regulation 13(2) applies ONLY IF

the payment is a fee charged for entry to a venue or function at which the gaming activity is conducted AND

the payment is not related to the gaming activity AND

the payment is usually charged for entry to the venue or function

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(3) PROVIDES regulation 13(3) is satisfied ONLY IF

regulation 13(1)(a)(i) does not apply OR

regulation 13(3)(a) is satisfied AND

regulation 13(3)(b) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(3)(a) PROVIDES regulation 13(3)(a) is satisfied ONLY IF

a reasonable amount of the gross proceeds is paid to the approved fund-raising organisation

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(3)(b) PROVIDES regulation 13(3)(b) is satisfied ONLY IF

the amount is agreed in writing before the sweep or calcutta is conducted

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(4) PROVIDES regulation 13(4) is satisfied ONLY IF

regulation 13(1)(a)(i) applies OR

the gross proceeds are distributed to the holders of the rights in respect of the successful participants in the event to which the sweep or calcutta relates

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(5) PROVIDES

the amount of proceeds remaining after payment of prize money and the costs and expenses of the gaming activity may be paid for the purposes of the fund-raising organisation, even if that amount exceeds the agreed amount of the gross proceeds

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(6) PROVIDES

the fund-raising organisation is an "approved fund-raising organisation" as defined in regulation 13(6) ONLY IF

regulation 13(6)(a) applies OR

regulation 13(6)(b) applies OR

regulation 13(6)(c) applies OR

regulation 13(6)(d) applies OR

regulation 13(6)(e) applies OR

regulation 13(6)(f) applies

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(6)(a) PROVIDES regulation 13(6)(a) applies ONLY IF

the fund-raising organisation is a "charitable organisation" under the regulation 3 definition OR

the fund-raising organisation is a "non-profit organisation" under the regulation 3 definition

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(6)(b) PROVIDES regulation 13(6)(b) applies ONLY IF

the fund-raising organisation is a political party or trade union

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(6)(c) PROVIDES regulation 13(6)(c) applies ONLY IF

the fund-raising organisation is a "registered club" under the Regulation 3 definition

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(6)(d) PROVIDES regulation 13(6)(d) applies ONLY IF the fund-raising organisation is a club registered under the Rules of Racing of Racing New South Wales

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(6)(e) PROVIDES regulation 13(6)(e) applies ONLY IF the fund-raising organisation is a greyhound racing club within the meaning of the Greyhound Racing Act 2017

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 13(6)(f) PROVIDES regulation 13(6)(f) applies ONLY IF the fund-raising organisation is a harness racing club within the meaning of the Harness Racing Act 2009

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 14 – Trade promotion gaming activities PROVIDES the gaming activity is a permitted trade promotion gaming activity under regulation 14 ONLY IF the gaming activity is a "trade promotion gaming activity" under the regulation 3 definition AND regulation 14(a) is satisfied AND regulation 14(b) is satisfied AND regulation 14(c) is satisfied

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 14(a) PROVIDES regulation 14(a) is satisfied ONLY IF an entry or other fee is not charged to participate in the gaming activity

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 14(b) PROVIDES regulation 14(b) is satisfied ONLY IF written consent has been obtained to the conduct of the gaming activity from a person who is authorised by the business benefiting from the gaming activity to provide that consent

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 14(c) PROVIDES regulation 14(c) is satisfied ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes is not more than \$10,000 OR the person conducting the gaming activity holds an authority for the activity AND the authority is in force AND the gaming activity is conducted in accordance with the authority

RULE Community Gaming Regulation 2020 Regulation 14(c) Calculation PROVIDES the total value of all of the prizes is not more than \$10,000 ONLY IF the total value of all of the prizes LESSEQUAL THAN \$10,000

MONEY the amount paid to the benefiting organisation RANGE \$0 TO the amount of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity

MONEY the maximum amount of money payable as a separate prize RANGE \$0 TO the total value of all of the prizes

MONEY the total value of the expenses of conducting the gaming activity (excluding the cost of prizes) RANGE \$0 TO the amount of the gross proceeds of the gaming activity MINUS the amount paid to the benefiting organisation

STRING the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EXPLAIN AS The Community Gaming Regulations 2020 regulate the conduct of gambling for social, charitable and non-profit purposes in NSW. The Regulations provide for 11 categories of permitted gaming activities. EXPLAIN Art union AS You will now be asked a series of questions to see whether or not your proposed activity is covered by the "Art Union gaming activity" provisions which are contained in regulation 4.

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EXPLAIN Housie or bingo AS You will now be asked a series of
questions to see whether or not your proposed activity is covered by the
"housie or bingo" provisions which are contained in regulation 5.
EXPLAIN Draw lottery (including raffles and guessing competitions) AS
You will now be asked a series of questions to see whether or not your
proposed activity is covered by the "Draw Lottery" provisions which are
contained in regulation 6.
EXPLAIN No-draw lottery (including break-open lotteries, scratch lotteries
and football doubles) AS You will now be asked a series of questions to
see whether or not your proposed activity is covered by the "No-Draw
Lottery" provisions which are contained in regulation 7.
EXPLAIN Mini-numbers lottery AS You will now be asked a series of
questions to see whether or not your proposed activity is covered by the
"Mini-numbers Lottery" provisions which are contained in regulation 8.
EXPLAIN Progressive lottery (including a hundred club, silver circles and
tipping competitions) AS You will now be asked a series of questions to
see whether or not your proposed activity is covered by the
"Progressive Lottery" provisions which are contained in regulation 9.
EXPLAIN Free lottery (including lucky door or lucky seat promotions) AS
You will now be asked a series of questions to see whether or not
your proposed activity is covered by the "Free Lottery"
provisions which are contained in regulation 10.
EXPLAIN Promotional raffle conduct by a registered club AS
You will now be asked a series of questions to see whether or not
your proposed activity is covered by the "Registered Club Promotional
Raffle" provisions which are contained in regulation 11.
EXPLAIN Other gaming activity (including a chocolate wheel or lucky
envelopes) for charitable purposes AS You will now be asked a series
of questions to see whether or not your proposed activity is covered by
the "Other gaming activities" provisions which are contained in
regulation 12."
EXPLAIN Sweep or calcutta AS You will now be asked a series of questions
to see whether or not your proposed activity is covered by the "Sweep or
Calcutta" provisions which are contained in regulation 13.
EXPLAIN Trade promotion gaming activity (including card jackpot games) AS
You will now be asked a series of questions to see whether
your proposed activity is covered by the "Trade Promotion" provisions
which are contained in regulation 14.
RANGE "Art union"
RANGE "Housie or bingo"
RANGE "Draw lottery (including raffles and guessing competitions)"
RANGE "No-draw lottery (including break-open lotteries, scratch lotteries
and football doubles)"
RANGE "Mini-numbers lottery"
RANGE "Progressive lottery (including a hundred club, silver circles and
tipping competitions)"
RANGE "Free lottery (including lucky door or lucky seat promotions)"
RANGE "Promotional raffle conduct by a registered club"
RANGE "Other gaming activity (including a chocolate wheel or lucky
envelopes) for charitable purposes"
RANGE "Sweep or calcutta"
RANGE "Trade promotion gaming activity (including card jackpot games)"

GOAL RULE Community Gaming Regulations 2020 (NSW) PROVIDES
IF the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EQUALS "Art union"
THEN BEGIN
 DETERMINE IF the gaming activity is a permitted "art union gaming
 activity" under regulation 4
END
IF the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EQUALS "Housie or
Bingo" THEN BEGIN
 DETERMINE IF the gaming activity is permitted "housie" or "bingo"
 under regulation 5
END
IF the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EQUALS "Draw lottery
(including raffles and guessing competitions)" THEN BEGIN

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 DETERMINE IF the gaming activity is a permitted "draw lottery" under
 regulation 6
 END
 IF the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EQUALS "No-draw
 lottery (including break-open lotteries, scratch lotteries and football
 doubles)" THEN BEGIN
 DETERMINE IF the gaming activity is a permitted no-draw lottery under
 regulation 7
 END
 IF the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EQUALS "Mini-numbers
 lottery" THEN BEGIN
 DETERMINE IF the gaming activity is a permitted mini-numbers lottery
 under regulation 8
 END
 IF the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EQUALS "Progressive
 lottery (including a hundred club, silver circles and tipping competitions)"
 THEN BEGIN
 DETERMINE IF the gaming activity is a permitted progressive lottery under
 regulation 9
 END
 IF the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EQUALS "Free lottery
 (including lucky door or lucky seat promotions)" THEN BEGIN
 DETERMINE IF the gaming activity is a permitted free lottery under
 regulation 10
 END
 IF the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EQUALS "Promotional
 raffle conduct by a registered club" THEN BEGIN
 DETERMINE IF the gaming activity is a permitted promotional raffle
 conducted by a registered club under regulation 11
 END
 IF the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EQUALS "Other gaming
 activity (including a chocolate wheel or lucky envelopes) for charitable
 purposes" THEN BEGIN
 DETERMINE IF the gaming activity is a permitted gaming activity for
 charitable purposes under regulation 12
 END
 IF the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EQUALS "Sweep or
 calcutta" THEN BEGIN
 DETERMINE IF the gaming activity is a permitted sweep or calcutta under
 regulation 13
 END
 IF the type of gaming activity that you are proposing EQUALS "Trade
 promotion gaming activity (including card jackpot games)" THEN BEGIN
 DETERMINE IF the gaming activity is a permitted trade promotion gaming
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 END
END
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