Yodl 2.xx.yy

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Abstract

Yodl is a package implementing a pre-document language and tools to process it. The idea of Yodl is that you write up a document in a pre-language, then use the tools (e.g. yodl2html) to convert it to some final document language. Current converters are for HTML, man, LaTeX, a poor-man's text converter and an experimental XML converter. Main document types are 'article', 'report', 'book', 'letter' and 'manpage'. The Yodl document language is designed to be easy to use and extensible.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

`Yodl` stands for 'Your Own Document Language' (originally: `Yet Oneother Document Language`) and is basically a pre-processor to convert document files in a special macro language (the `Yodl` language) to any output format. The `Yodl` language is not a 'final' language, in the sense that it can be viewed or printed directly. Rather, a document in the `Yodl` language is a 'pre-document', that is converted with some macro package to an output format, to be further processed.

`Yodl` was designed in 1996 by Karel Kubat when he needed a good document preprocessor to convert output to either LaTeX (for printing) or to HTML for publishing via a WWW site. Although SGML does this too, he wanted something that is used 'intuitively' and with greater ease. This is reflected in the syntax of the `Yodl` language, in the available macros of the `Yodl` macro package, and very probably also in other aspects of `Yodl`. However, `Yodl` is designed to convert to *any* output format; so it is possible to write a macro package that converts `Yodl` documents to, say, the `man` format for manual pages.

Some highlights of `Yodl`:

- `Yodl` allows the inclusion of files. This makes it easier to split up a document into 'logical' parts, each kept in a separate file. Thus, a 'main document' file can include all the sub-parts. (Imagine that you're the editor of a journal. Authors are likely to send in their submissions in separate files; inclusion can then be very handy!)
- Files which are included are searched for either 'as-is', or in a given 'system-wide include' directory, similar to the workings of the **C** preprocessor. Therefore, it is possible to create a set of include files holding macros, and to place them into one macro directory. (See also chapter 4, where a macro package that is distributed with `Yodl` is described.)
- For all the handled files (either stated on the commandline or included), `Yodl` supplies an extension if none is present. The default extension is `.yo`, but can be defined to anything in the compilation of the `Yodl` program.
- `Yodl` supports conditional parsing of its input, controlled by defined symbols. This resembles the `#ifdef` / `#else` / `#endif` preprocessor macros of the **C** language. `Yodl` also supports other `if` clauses, e.g., to test for the presence of an argument to a macro.

- `Yodl` offers hooks to define counters, to modify them, and to use them in a document. Thereby `Yodl` offers the possibility for automatic numbering of e.g., sections. Of course, some document languages (e.g., LaTeX) offer this too; but some don't. When converting a `Yodl` document to, say, HTML, this feature is very handy.
- `Yodl` is designed to be easy to use: `Yodl` uses 'normal' characters to identify commands in the text, instead of insisting weird-looking tags or escape characters. Editing a document in the `Yodl` macro language is designed to be as easy as possible.
- Similar to other document languages, `Yodl` supports 'character conversion tables' which define how a character should appear in the output.

This document first describes `Yodl` from the point of the user: how can macros be defined, how is the program used etc.. Next, my own macro package is presented and the macros therein described. Finally, this document holds technical information about the installation and the inner workings of `Yodl`.

1.1 What's new in Yodl 2.00?

Compared to earlier versions, `Yodl` Version 2.00 is a complete rebuilt, and offers many new features.

- Changed Yodl's name expansion. From 'Yet Oneother Document Language' to:

  Your Own Document Language

- The following commands are now obsolete and should/must be avoided. Alternatives are always offered.

  ENDDEF DECWSLEVEL should be used;

  INCLUDELIT NOEXPANDINCLUDE should be used;

  NEWCOUNTER DEFINECOUNTER should be used;

  STARTDEF INCWSLEVEL should be used;

  UNDEFINEMACRO DELETEMACRO should be used;

  WRITEOUT FPUTS should be used;

- Several new commands were implemented:

  ADDTOSYMBOL adds text to a symbol's value;

  DEFINESYMBOLVALUE defines a symbol and its initial value;

  DELETECOUNTER opposite from NEWCOUNTER: removes an existing counter;

  IFBUILTIN checks whether the argument is a builtin macro;

  IFCOUNTER checks whether the argument is a defined counter;

  IFEQUAL checks whether two numerical values are equal;

  IFGREATER checks whether the first numerical value exceeds the second numerical value;

IFMACRO checks whether the argument is a defined macro;

IFSMALLER checks whether the first numerical value is smaller than the second numerical value;

IFSYMBOL checks whether the argument is a defined symbol;

PATHINCLUDELIT includes literaly a file found in the XXincludepath path;

POPCOUNTER pops a previously pushed countervalue;

POPMACRO pops a previously pushed macrodefinition;

POPSYMBOL pops a previously pushed symbolvalue;

PUSHCOUNTER pushes the current value of a counter, initilaizes the active counter to 0;

PUSHCOUNTERVALUE pushes the current value of a counter, initilaizes the active counter to any value;

PUSHMACRO pushes the current definition of a macro, activates a local redefinition;

PUSHSYMBOL pushes the current value of a symbol, initializing the active value to an empty string;

SETSYMBOL assigns a new value to a symbol;

SYMBOLVALUE returns the value of a symbol as text.

- Several macros were deprecated. Alternatives are suggested in the 'man yodlmacros' manpage:
  - `enddit();`
  - `endeit();`
  - `endit();`
  - `endmenu();`
  - `endtable();`
  - `enumerate(list);`
  - `itemize(list);`
  - `menu(list);`
  - `mit();`
  - `node(previous)(this)(next)(up);`
  - `startcenter();`
  - `startdit();`
  - `starteit();`
  - `startit();`
  - `startmenu();`
  - `starttable(nColumns)(LaTexAllignment);`
- `XXincludePath`: Symbol installed by Yodl itself, but modifiable by the user: It holds the value of the current :-separated list of directories that are visited (sequentially) by the INCLUDEFILE command. `XXincludePath` may contain `$HOME`, which will be replaced by the user's home directory if the 'home' or 'HOME' environment variable is defined. It may also contain t($STD_INCLUDE), which will be replaced by the compilation defined standard include path. The standard includepath may be overruled by either (in

that order) the command line switch -I or the `tt(Yodl)_INCLUDE_PATH` environment variable. By default, the current directory is added to the standard include path. When -I or `tt(Yodl)_INCLUDE_PATH` is used, the current directory must be mentioned explicitly. The individual directories need not be terminated by a /-character. In the distributed .deb archive, the standard directory is defined as the current working directory and `/usr/share/yodl`, in that order.

- Initial blank lines in the generated document are suppressed by default.
- Command line argument -D also allows the assignment of an initial value to a symbol
- Command line argument -P is now -p, the previously defined -p argument is now -n (–max-nested-files), defining the maximum number of nested files yodl will process.
- Command line argument -r (–max-replacements) defines the maximum number of macro and/or subst replacements accepted between consecutive characters read from `s`.
- All assignents to counters (SETCOUNTER, ADDTOCOUNTER, etc.) not only accept numerical arguments, but also counter names.
- Rewrote several awkwardly coded macros, using the new SYMBOL and COUNTER facilities
- Added experimental, very limited, xml support to help me generating xml for the horrible 'webplatform' of the university of Groningen. But at least Yodl now offers xml support as well.
- The default extension for figures in the HTML and XML conversions is now `.jpg` rather than `.gif`. The `sethtmlfigureext()` macro can be used the change the default figure extension.
- There is no limit to the number of conversion-options that can be specified: macros like `htmlbodyopt()` and `latexoption()` can be specified as often as required resulting in one concatenated specification.
- Upgraded most of the documentation.
- Separated yodl-macro files for the various formats. While this might not strictly be necessary, I feel this is better than using big fat generic macro definition files which are bloated with ', ' macros. I introduced a generic frame, mentioning the macros that must at least be defined by the individual formats.
- Internally, the software was VASTLY reorganized. I feel that generally programs written in **C** don't benefit from approaches that have become quite natural for C++ programmers. I had the choice to either rewrite Yodl to a C++ program or to reprogram Yodl in the line of C++, but still using C. I opted for the latter. So, now the src section contains 'object-like' function families, like 'countermap_...()' handling all counte-related operations, 'textvector_...()', handling all text-vector like operations, and other. Other functions reveived minor modifications. E.g., xrealloc() now requires you to specify both the number of elements and the size of the elements. By doing so, it is sheer impossible to overlook the fact that you have to specify the size of the elements, thus preventing the allocation of chars when, e.g., ints are required.

- An old inconvenience was removed: line number counting is now using natural numbers, starting at 1, rather than line indices, starting at 0.
- My old `@icce.rug.nl` e-mail address has been changed into my current e-mail address:

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- The post processing is now performed by the program 'yodlpost'. This program again used Design Patterns originally developed for object oriented contexts, resulting in an program that is easy to maintain. modify and expand.
- The post-processor doesn't use `.tt(Yodl)TAGSTART.` and `.YODTAGEND.` anymore.
- The basic conversion formats now supported are html, latex, man, and text. Xml support is experimental, other formats are no longer supported, mainly because my personal unfamiliarity with the format (texinfo), or because the format appears to be somewhat obsolete (sgml).
- Added a Yodl document type 'letter', indended to be used with the 'brief.cls' LaTeX documentclass
- Yodl 2.00 converts documents *much* faster than earlier versions.

1.2 Why use Yodl?

Yodl is not a word processor, not even an editor. At first glance you might say, yeah, why should I learn Your Own Document Language? The answer is exactly that: because it can be *Your* own document language!

First of all, Yodl may lower the threshold of new users to start writing documents. An example of an excellent, though not very user-friendly document language is LaTeX. Typing all the backslash and curly brace characters in LaTeX and remembering that an asterisk must be typed as `$*$` may be hard at first. In such situations, a properly configured Yodl macro set removes these obstacles and thereby helps novices. Yodl is designed to be easy to learn. As the Yodl package is growing, so is the manual. The ease of 'learning Yodl' may thus somewhat diminish, but just keep in mind: as long as you need just plain texts, Yodl does OK. If you want more functionality, e.g., the composition of manual pages for Unix, dig into the documentation.

Second, Yodl permits to create more than one macro set, defining the same commands, but leading to different output actions. Thereby, the same input file can be converted to several output formats, depending on the loaded macro set. In this, Yodl is a 'general front' document language, which converts a Yodl document to a specialized language for further processing. This was of course one of my reasons to write Yodl: I needed a good converter for either LaTeX or HTML.

Third, Yodl always allows an 'escape route' to the output format. Most situations can be handled with Yodl macros, but sure enough, some users will want special actions for a given output format. A typical example for the necessity of such an escape route is the typesetting of mathematical formulas. Say you want to use Yodl for a document that is converted either to LaTeX (being a very good mathematical

typesetter) or to HTML (a very poor mathematical typesetter). An approach might be to decide *inside the document* how to typeset a mathematical formula. Yodl provides conditional command processing to accomplish this. The decision would be based on the output format: for LaTeX, you'd typeset the formula using all the facilities that LaTeX offers, and for HTML you'd use poor-mans typesetting. Typically, other pre-processors for documents don't allow such escape routes. Well, Yodl does.

1.3 Copying Yodl

Yodl is free software; it is distributed under the terms of the GNU General Public Licence. For details, please refer to the file COPYING.

The original author and brainfather of Yodl Karel Kubat`<karel@e-tunity.nl>` would very much like to to hear from you, if you use Yodl in a commercial setting (beats me why).

Also, he likes to receive postcards, preferably from far-away places (i take it that's from outside, or near the edges of, Europe).

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Chapter 2

Yodl User Guide

This section describes the `yodl` program from the point of a meta-user, one who is interested in how macro files work, or one who wants to write a new converter. If you're just interested in using Yodl with the pre-existing converters and macro files, skip this chapter and continue with the macro package description (chapter 4).

The `Yodl` program the main converter of the Yodl package. The basic usage of the `yodl` program, `yodl`'s built-in macros, and the syntax of the Yodl language is described here.

2.1 Using the yodl program

`Yodl` reads one or more input files, interprets the commands therein, and writes one output file. The program is started as:

yodl *options inputfile [inputfile...]*

In this specification, the options are optional. Most options have 'long variants' also, which are mentioned in the following list. In this list, `-x, -optionname` are two alternate ways to specify option x. If `-x` takes an argument, it may be specified immediately following the `-x`, but separating blanks may also be used. Options not taking arguments can be combined (e.g., `-a -b -c` may be combined to `-abc`). Arguments specified with long options should be separated from the long option using a `=` character.

The following options are currently available:

- `-D, -define=NAME[=VALUE]`: Defines *name* as a symbol. This option is acts like `DEFINESYMBOL(NAME)()`. If `=VALUE` is added, `NAME` is initialized to `VALUE` (identically to `DEFINESYMBOL(NAME)(VALUE)`).
- `-d, -definemacro=NAME=EXPANSION`: Defines `NAME` as macro expanding to `EXPANSION`
- `-h, -help`: usage information is written to the standard error stream, describing all of Yodl's options.

- `-i, -index[=file]`: 'file' is the name of the index file. By default `<outputbase>.idx` is used. No default when output is written to stdout. The index file is processed by Yodl's post-processor, `yodlpost`.

- `-I, -include=DIR`: This defines the system-wide include directory where `Yodl` searches for its input files. E.g. a statement to include a given file, like:

  ```
  INCLUDEFILE(latex)
  ```

  will cause Yodl to search for the file `latex` in the current directory, and when that fails, in the system-wide include directory. The system-wide include directory is typically the place where the maintainer of a system stores macro-files for Yodl. This searching process applies to files that are included inside a document but also applies to filenames on the command line when invoking the `Yodl` program.

  The name of the included file (`latex` in the above example) is the bare name, the `Yodl` program will supply a default extension (`.yo`), if necessary.

  The `-I` option overrules Yodl's built-in name for the system-wide include directory. The built-in name is defined when compiling Yodl, and is, e.g., `/usr/share/yodl`. Furthermore, the definition may contain $HOME, which will be replaced by the user's home directory if the 'home' or 'HOME' environment variable is defined. It may also contain $STD_INCLUDE, which will be replaced by the compilation defined standard include path. The standard includepath may be overruled by either (in that order) the command line switch `-I` or the `tt(Yodl)_INCLUDE_PATH` environment variable. By default, the current directory is added to the standard include path. Hewver, when `-I` or `tt(Yodl)_INCLUDE_PATH` is used, the current directory must be mentioned explicitly. The individual directories need not be terminated by a /-character. In distributed `.deb` archives, the standard directory is defined as `/usr/share/yodl` (prefixed by the current working directory).

- `-k, -keep-ws`: Since `Yodl` version 2.00 blanks at the begin and end of lines are ignored, even without a trailing \, when the 'white space level' is non-zero. Earlier versions kept these blanks. The legacy handling of white space at end of lines can by obtained using the `-k` flag. Note that white space are always kept when using verbatim copying, and when the white-space level is zero.

- `-l, -live-data=HOW`: This option controls the policy for executing `SYSTEM` or `PIPETHROUGH` commands; *HOW* being `none` (0) by default. The *HOW* argument can have the following values:

  - `none` or 0: (the default): No macros calling system programs are allowed.
  - `confirm` or 1: The macros can be executed, but only after user confirmation is obtained. The macros in question are shown while the Yodl document is processed, and the user must either accept or reject the call.
  - `report` or 2: The macros are executed, but what is called is shown during the Yodl run (if the WARNING message level is active).
  - `ok` or 3: The macros are executed, and not shown during the run. Be careful when using `-live-data ok`. It should be used only when a document is clearly 'unharmful'.

- `-m, -messages=SET`: Set the so-called 'message level' to a combination of the SET `acdeinw`. The letters of this set have the following meanings:
  - `a`: alert. When an alert-error occurs, Yodl terminates. Here Yodl requests something of the system (like a `get_cwd()`), but the system fails.
  - `c`: critical. When a critical error occurs, Yodl terminates. The message itself can be suppressed, but exiting can't. A critical condition is, e.g., the omission of an open parenthesis at a location where a parameter list should appear, or a non-existing file in an `INCLUDEFILE` specification (as this file should be parsed). A non-existing file with a `NOEXPANDINCLUDE` specification is a plain (non-critical) error.
  - `d`: debug. Probably too much info, like getting information about each character that was read by Yodl.
  - `e`: error. An error (like doubly defined symbols). Error messages will not stop the parsing of the input (up to a maximum number of errors), but no output is generated.
  - `i`: info. Not as detailed as 'debug', but still very much info, like information about media switches.
  - `n`: notice. Information about, e.g., calls to the builtin function calls.
  - `w`: warning. Something you should know about, but probably not affecting Yodl's proper functioning

  Non-configurable is the handling of an *emergency* message. These messages can't be suppressed, but shouldn't happen, as they point to some internal error. It would be appreciated to `receive information`[1] about these messages if they ever occur.

- `-n, -max-nested-files=NR`: This option causes Yodl to abort when the number of nested input files exceeds `NR`, which is 20 by default. Exceeding this number usually means a circular definition somewhere in the document. This is the case when, a file `a.yo` includes `b.yo`, while `b.yo` includes `a.yo` etc.. It does not prevent recursive macro- or subst-replacements. For that the `-r` (`-max-replacements`) option is available.

- `-o, -output=FILE`: This option causes Yodl to write its output to `FILE`. By default, the output goes to the standard output stream. E.g., you can use `Yodl` to read a file `input` and to write to `output` with the following two commands:

  ```
  yodl input > output
  yodl -ooutput input
  ```

  The difference being that in the latter case an index file is generated, but not in the former case. Notice that writing an index file can be forced when the `-index` option is specified.

- `-p, -preload=CMD`: This option 'pre-loads' the string `cmd`. It acts as though `cmd` was the first command in the first input file that is processed by `Yodl`.

  More than one `-preload=CMD` options may be present on the command line. Each of the commands is then processed in turn, before reading any file.

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- `-r, -max-replacements=NR`: This option causes Yodl to abort when the number of macro calls or subst-replacements exceeds `NR * 10,000`. By default, `NR` equals 1. Setting `-max-replacements=0` implies that no macro- or subst-replacement checks are performed.
- `-t, -trace`: This option enables tracing: while parsing, Yodl writes its output to the standard error stream. As is the case with the `-k` option, this option is defined for debugging purposes only.
- `-V, -version`. This option will show `Yodl`'s actual version.
- `-v, -verbose`: This option increases Yodl's 'verbosity level' and may occur more than once. By default yodl will show alerting, critical, emergency and error messages. Each `-verbose` option will add a next message level. In order, warning, notice, info and debug messages will be added to this set. It is also possible to suppress messages. The `VERBOSITY` builtin can be used for that.
- `-W, -warranty`. This option will show a warranty disclaimer and a copyright notice.
- `-w, -warn`: The presence of this option caused Yodl to warn when, e.g., symbols are redefined.

The *inputfile* elements on the command line specify which files Yodl should process. All names are supplied with an extension[2]. The files are then searched for in the directories mentioned in the include-path. Files may also be specified using absolute pathnames.

Note that all filenames on the command line are input files. To define an output file, either use the `-output` option or redirect the output.

2.2 The Yodl grammar

The grammar which is used by `Yodl` mixes 'real' text that should appear on the output with *markups*: commands for `Yodl`. The markups must follow a certain grammar, which is described in this section. `Yodl` therefore falls in the category of 'markup languages', in contrast to 'WYSIWYG'-programs. As a consequence, `Yodl` promotes concept-oriented writing.

Basically, Yodl only does 'something special' when it encounters the name of a builtin function or the name of a user-defined macro, followed by a parameter list. Sometimes a function or macro requires multiple arguments, which must then be specified in sequence. All required parameter lists, however, must be specified within the same input file. It is not allowed to split the activation of a builtin function or macro over multiple input files. Plain text, on the other hand, may be split over multiple files.

In this section the elements of `Yodl`'s grammar are briefly discussed.

[2] this extension is defined in the installation of Yodl and is usually `.yo`

2.2.1 Language elements

At the lowest level, `Yodl`'s lexical scanner returns small pieces of information to its parser. These pieces of information are called *tokens*, and consist of elements like a blank space, a non-blank character, or an end-of-ile flag. These tokens are at too small an aggregation level to be useful for the current user-guide, so here we concentrate our discussion on the next aggregation level: compound elements and conceptual elements.

Compound elements relate to the basic tokens as words in a sentence to the individual letters of the words. These compound elements are identifiers, names, numbers and parameter lists.

Conceptual elements are found at the next higher aggregation levels: *builtin functions* are the buildin blocks for all of `Yodl`'s functionality, *symbols* and *counters* are `Yodl`'s *variables*, and (user defined) *macros* extend `Yodl`'s functionality beyond those of the basic builtin functions.

In the coming sections these basic and conceptual elements are discussed in greater detail.

Identifiers and Names

Identifiers are names that can have a special meaning in the `Yodl` language. E.g., the sequence `INCLUDEFILE` is an identifier: when followed by a filename in parentheses, `Yodl` will take some special action (in this case, read the file as a `Yodl`-source file).

Identifiers may consist of uppercase or lowercase characters. No other characters may appear in them.

In particular, *note* that this diverts from the well known definition for identifiers used in most programming languages: identifiers may not contain underscores, nor digits. `Yodl`, therefore, won't accept identifiers like `run4` or `under_score`.

Names are sequences of characters, not containing white space characters. (i.e., any series of characters not containing spaces, tabs or newlines). Names are allowed with certain builtin functions, liek the `INCLUDEFILE` function, expecting the name of a file as its argument.

Numbers

Numbers consist of digits and an optional minus sign. They are most often used for so-called *counters*. In some contexts (e.g. with the builtin function VERBOSITY 3.1.73, *hexadecimal* numbers are allowed. Hexadecimal numbers have 16 'digits': the familiar 0-9, but also `a-f` (or `A-F`), representing the decimal values 10 until 15, respectively. Hexadecimal values are usually prefixed by `0x`, for example `0x4e`.

In other contexts (in particular, with character tables 2.3), octal numbers or character constants are allowed too.

An octal number only consists of the digits 0-7. In `Yodl`, octal values *must* consist of three digits, and *must* be preceded by a backslash.

Character constants may very well be considered numerical values. Character con-

stants consist of a character value between single quotes, for example `'a'`.

Refer to section 2.3 for more detailed information about the use of octal values and character constants.

`Yodl` has no concept of floating point values nor does it have facilities for performing floating point arithmetic.

Parameter lists

Parameter lists contain arguments to `Yodl` builtin functions or user-defined macros. Each parameter list contains exactly *one* argument, and *must* be enclosed by parentheses.

A parameter list is recognized as such when encountered immediately following the name of a builtin function or user-defined macro. Some functions or macros expect multiple arguments. In those cases, the required number of arguments must be provided, possibly separated from each other by white-space only.

For example, the following shows how to call the builtin function `DEFINECOUNTER`, expecting two arguments:

```
DEFINECOUNTER(MyCounter)()
DEFINECOUNTER(MyCounter)    ()
DEFINECOUNTER(MyCounter)(12)
```

`Yodl` recognizes the arguments to a macro as parameter lists, i.e., delimited by `(` and `)`. As long as the numbers of opening and closing parentheses match, `Yodl` will correctly recognize the list. E.g., given a hypothetical macro `somemacro`, the following code sample shows the macro followed by one parameter list:

```
somemacro(Here is a chunk of text.)
somemacro(Here is a some (more) text.)
```

A problem arises when the number of parentheses is unbalanced: i.e., when the parameter list consists of more opening than closing parentheses or *vice versa* To handle such situations, Yodl offers a 'literal-character' mechanism (see the `CHAR` macro in 3.1.4) and a 'global substitution' mechanism (see the `SUBST` macro in 3.1.65). For example, to send the text

```
here's a ")" closing parenthesis
```

as an argument to our hypothetical macro `somemacro`, the following can be used:

```
COMMENT(-- Alternative 1: using CHAR --)
somemacro(here's a "CHAR(41)" closing parenthesis)
```

```
COMMENT(-- Alternative 2: using SUBST --)
SUBST(closepar)(CHAR(41))
somemacro(here's a "closepar" closing parenthesis)
```

Both methods have disadvantages: the `CHAR` method requires you to remember that an ASCII 41 is a closing parenthesis. The `SUBST` method defines a string `closepar` that is *always* expanded to a closing parenthesis, wherever it may occur in the text. But whatever method is used, it should be clear by now that unbalanced parameter lists can be handled by Yodl. Also, remember that unbalanced parenthesis pairs are only relevant in argument lists. Yodl handles parentheses in normal text as ordinary characters.

Builtin functions

The building blocks of `Yodl`'s functionality are its *builtin functions*. Builtin functions exists to manipulate all of `Yodl`'s builtin types (character tables, counters, macros and symbols) and to do basic bookkeeping and flow-control: it is possible to test values of counters and symbols, to include other input files, to generate warning and error messages, and to start child- or subprocesses. Each builtin function is described in a separate subsection of section BUILTIN 3.1.

Character translation tables

Character translation tables exist to perform conversion specific transformations. For example, in `html`, the \'e is written as `&eacute;`, but in LaTeX it's written as \'e. Rather than using a potentially long if-else ladder to determine how to set a particular character, a character translation table can be used. The character translation table of a particular conversion is then activated only for that type of conversion.

Character table translations are used very late during the processing of `Yodl`'s input `s`: it is the output generator that handles the character translations. Consequently, macros or builtin function calls that might appear in a character's redefinition in a character table will not be expanded. In practice this never is a point of concern. In section 2.3 the use of character translation tables is discussed in detail.

Counters

Some document languages (notably LaTeX) automatically prefix numbers when typesetting sections, subsections, tables, figures etc.. Other document languages (e.g. `html`) don't.

Therefore, a macro package that converts a Yodl document to LaTeX doesn't need to provide the numbering of sections etc.. However, if you do want the numbering and if you want to convert documents to, say, `html`, then you must take care of the numbering yourself.

Counters exist to make this possible. Counters can be incremented, can be given a particular value, can be given a new value temporarily and can be removed. They

always contain integral values, which may be negative.

Section 2.5 describes the use of counters in more detail.

Macros

Macros are comparable to builtin functions, but they can be defined in `Yodl` input files. Macros add functionality to `Yodl` exceeding the basic functionality of the builtin functions. Macros can have arguments, and they are used in exactly the same way as builtin functions are used.

When `Yodl` encounters a macro, it acts as follows:

- Its arguments are obtained, by reading its argument lists. These arguments are not interpreted in any way. They are simply removed from the input, and stored for further processing;
- References to arguments in the macro's definition (using the `ARG#` notation, where `#` is the sequence number of a particular argument) are replaced by the literal text of the corresponding macro's arguments.
- The thus modified definition text is now pushed back into the input stream, to be processed by `Yodl`'s lexical scanner.

Defining macros is described in section 3.1.11. Macros may be defined, deleted, renamed, and temporarily given other definitions.

Nousermacros

When `Yodl` is started using the `-w` flag on the command line, then warnings are generated when Yodl encounters a possible macro name, followed by a parameter list, without finding a macro by that name. Yodl then prints something like `cannot expand possible user macro`.

Examples of such sequences are, `The necessary file(s) are here`, or `see the manual page for sed(1)`. The candidate macros are `file` and `sed`, as these names could very well have been 'valid' user macros followed by their parameter list.

A *nousermacro* can be defined to suppress these warnings, by informing `Yodl` that `file` and `sed` aren't macros. Nousermacros may be defined and undefined. See sections 3.1.45 and 3.1.16 for details).

Symbols

`Yodl` symbols contain text. They were introduced to allow the flexible expansion of text, the length and/or content of which cannot be determined in advance. In particular, symbols are useful to store a series of LaTeX document options, or a series of `html` body options. In earlier versions of `Yodl` complex and confusing constructions using nested definitions of macros were used for this. These macros were not only confusingly complex, but they also suffered from a hard-coded maximum. Symbols solve these drawbacks, and now that they are available, they are used for all natural situations in which an initially unknown piece of text must be stored.

National language specific strings are another useful area in which symbols can be used. The symbol `CONTENTSHEADING` can be set to the name of the contents heading (e.g., `Contents` in English, `Inhoud` in Dutch, `Contenido` in Spanish, and macros can simply insert the value of the symbol `CONTENTSHEADING` at the appropriate location.

Symbols can be defined 3.1.12, removed 3.1.17, (temporarily 3.1.59 or permanently 3.1.63) be given another value; pushed symbol values can be restored 3.1.54 at a later point. Of course, their values can also be inserted 3.1.66 into `Yodl`'s output file.

2.2.2 Line continuation

To make the typing of input easier, `Yodl` allows you to end a line with a backslash character \and to continue it on the next line. That way you can split long lines to fit your screen. When processing its input, `Yodl` will treat these lines as one long line, and will of course ignore the \character. This feature only works when the \character is the last one on the line (no spaces may follow).

When the line **following** the one with the \character has leading spaces, then these are omitted. This allows you to 'indent' a file as you wish, while the space characters of the indentation are ignored by the `Yodl` program.

A trivial example is the following:

```
Grandpa and\
grandma are sitting on the sofa.
```

Due to the occurrence of the \character in the sequence `and\`, `Yodl` will combine the lines to

```
Grandpa andgrandma are sitting on the sofa.
```

Note that the spaces before `grandma` are ignored, since this is the second line following a \character.

If you **do** want one or more spaces while joining lines with \, put the spaces **before** the \character.
Summarizing:

- A Line ending in a backslash character is merged with the next line.
- This only happens if the \character is the **last** character of the line, no spaces may appear behind the \.
- When merging lines, `Yodl` ignores leading spaces of the second line.

The question is of course, how do you accomplish that a line really ends with a \, when you do **not** want `Yodl` to merge it with the following line? In such a case,

type a space character following your \: `Yodl` won't combine the lines. Or set the \character as `CHAR(\)` or `CHAR(92)` (see section 3.1.4 for the `CHAR` macro).

When `Yodl` processes input files, and the white-space level exceeds zero (see section 3.1.38), then all lines are processed as if they terminated by a \. This behavior was implemented first with `Yodl` version 2.00. It can be suppressed using `Yodl`'s `-k` flag.

2.2.3 The +identifier sequence

There may be situations in which you must type a macro name right after a sequence of characters, while Yodl should recognize this. Imagine that someone wrote a great macro `footnote` for you[3], to typeset footnotes. If you'd type in a document:

```
The C Programming Languagefootnote(as defined by
Kernighan and Ritchie) ...
```

then of course Yodl would fail to see the start of a macro in the sequence `Languagefootnote`. You could say

```
The C Programming Language footnote(as defined by
Kernighan and Ritchie) ...
```

but that would introduce a space between `Language` and the footnote. Probably you don't want that, since spaces between a word and a footnote number look awful and because of the fact that the footnote number might be typeset on the following line.

For these special situations, Yodl recognizes the `+identifier` sequence as the start of a macro, while the + sign is effectively ignored. In the above example you could therefore use

```
The C Programming Language+footnote(as defined by
Kernighan and Ritchie) ...
```

The `+identifier` recognition only works when the identifier following the + sign is a macro. In all other situations, a + is just a plus-sign.

(The `+identifier` sequence furthermore plays an important role in macro packages. If you're interested, see the file `shared.yo` which is by default installed to `/usr/local/lib/yodl`.)

2.2.4 Preventing macros from being expanded

One more feature of the Yodl language remains to be described. In the previous section it was described how a macro may be called immediately following alphabetical characters. What about the opposite situation where we do *not* want a macro to be expanded in a particular situation? The `NOUSERMACRO` builtin command (cf. section 3.1.45) may be used to suppress the interpretation of a character sequence

[3] someone did, in fact, see the next chapter

(e.g., `file(...)`) as a macro, but what if a macro should not be expanded in the occasional situation? For this case various solutions are available:

- First, the `tt(...)` and `verb(...)` macros may be used to suppress macro expansion. These macros will also temporarily change the typesetting font, though.
- Second, `NOEXPAND()` builtin command may be used: the macro name may be passed to `NOEXPAND()`, immediately followed by the 'argument list':

  ```
  Like this: NOEXPAND(NOEXPAND)(hello world)
  ```

- Third, the `nop()` macro may be used to separate a macro name from its argument list:

  ```
  Like this: NOEXPAND+nop()(hello world)
  ```

2.3 Character tables

The Yodl language provides a way to define character translation tables, to activate them, and to deactivate them. A character translation table defines how a character in the input will appear in the output.

There are two main reasons for the need of character translation tables. First, a document language becomes much easier to use when you can type an asterisk as * instead of `$*$` or `\verb/*/` (these are sequences from the LaTeX document language). Hence, a mechanism that expands a * in the input to to `\verb/*/` on the output, saves the users a lot of typing.

Second, forcing users to type weird sequences won't work if you're planning on converting the same Yodl document to a different output format. If the user types `\verb/*/` in the input to typeset an asterisk in the output, how should he or she arrive at a single * in the output in another output format?

The solution is of course to define the translation for an input character like * given the output format.

2.3.1 Defining a translation table

The built-in macro `DEFINECHARTABLE` defines a character translation table. It takes two parameter lists: the name of the table and the character translations. Hence, each table is defined by its own name.

As an example of a table, consider the following fragment. It defines a table that translates the upper case characters `A` to `E` to their lower case equivalents:

```
DEFINECHARTABLE(tolower)(
    'A' = "a"
    'B' = "b"
    'C' = "c"
    'D' = "d"
    'E' = "e"
)
```

Each `DEFINECHARTABLE` statement **must** have a non-empty second parameter. "Empty" character tables cannot be defined, though one non-translation table is built-in.

The syntaxis of the second parameter list is as follows:

- On separate lines, input characters are mapped to a sequence to appear on the output.
- Per line, the input character is specified as `'c'`, `c` being any character. Escape-sequences from the **C** programming language can be used in this specification; Yodl supports the sequences `\a` (alert), `\b` (beep), `\f` (formfeed), `\n` (newline), `\r` (carriage return), `\t` (tab), and `\v` (vertical tab). Any other character following a \ defines itself: `\\` defines one backslash character.
- Following the character specification, a `=` must appear.
- Following that, a sequence of one or more characters appears, enclosed in double quotes, defining the translation. Again, escape sequences can be used, as in:

  ```
  '\n' = "End of line\n"
  ```

  Such a mapping adds the text `End of line` to each line, since each newline character in the input is replaced by the text `End of line`, followed by the newline itself.

Translations which are **not** specified in the table are left to the default, which is to output the character as-is.

Note that the character table translation is something that the `yodl` program does as one of its last actions, just before sending text to the output file. The expansion text is not further processed by `yodl`, except for the conversion of **C**-type escape sequences to ordinary characters. The expansion text should therefore not be protected by, e.g., `NOTRANS` (unless of course you want some character to generate the text `NOTRANS` on the output).

2.3.2 Using a translation table

A defined translation table is activated by the macro `USECHARTABLE`. This macro takes one parameter list, which may be:

- empty, in which case the default mapping is restored,
- a name of a previously defined character table.

The default mapping, selected when an empty parameter list is given, means that Yodl enters its 'zero translation state', meaning no character translation at all.

2.3.3 Pushing and popping character tables

Besides the previously described macro `USECHARTABLE()`, Yodl has one other mechanism of activating and deactivating character translation tables. This mechanism uses a stack, and hence, the related macros are appropriately named `PUSHCHARTABLE()` and `POPCHARTABLE()`.

- `PUSHCHARTABLE(name)` *pushes* the currently active translation table onto a stack, and activates the table identified by `name`. The argument may be emtpy; in that case, the zero-translation table is activated (analogously to `USECHARTABLE()`).
- `POPCHARTABLE()` activates the translation table that was last pushed. There is no argument to this macro.

Using the push/pop mechanism is handy when a table must be temporarily activated, but when it is not known which table exacty is active prior to the temporary activation. E.g., imagine that you need to use a character table called `listing` to typeset a listing, but that you do not know the current table. The pushing and popping mechanism is then used as follows:

```
COMMENT(First, we save the current table on the stack and
        we activate our "listing" table.)
PUSHCHARTABLE(listing)

COMMENT(Now the text is question is typeset.)
...

COMMENT(The previously active table is re-activated, whatever its name.)
POPCHARTABLE()
```

2.4 Sending literal text to the output

The Yodl program has three built-in macros to send literal text to the output file. The macros are listed in the above section 3.1 and are furthermore described here.

- The `CHAR` macro takes one argument: the ASCII number of a character or the character itself. The character is sent to the output file without being translated with the currently active character translation table.
- The `NOTRANS` macro takes one argument: the text in question. The text is neither parsed (i.e., macros in it are not expanded), nor translated with the current character translation table.
  The `NOTRANS` macro is conceptually like a series of `CHAR` macros.
- The `NOEXPAND` macro takes one argument: the text in question. The text is not parsed, but it **is** translated with the current character translation table.

To illustrate the need for the distinction between `NOTRANS` and `NOEXPAND`, consider the following. The `HTML` converter (described in chapter 4) must be able to send

HTML commands to the output file, but must also be able to send literal text (e.g., a source file listing). The HTML commands of course must be neither translated with any character table, nor must they be expanded in regard to macros. In contrast, a source file listing must be subject to character translations: the `&`, `<` and `>` characters can cause difficulties. Two possible macros for a HTML converter are:

```
COMMENT(--- htmlcommand(cmd) sends its argument as a HTML command
            to the output ---)
DEFINEMACRO(htmlcommand)(1)(NOTRANS(ARG1))

COMMENT(--- verb(listing) sends the listing to the output ---)
DEFINECHARTABLE(list)(
    '&'     =   "&amp;"
    '<'     =   "&lt;"
    '>'     =   "&gt;"
)

DEFINEMACRO(verb)(1)(
    USECHARTABLE(list)
    NOTRANS(<listing>)
    NOEXPAND(ARG1)
    NOTRANS(</listing>)
    USECHARTABLE(standard)
)
```

In this example it is assumed that a character translation table `standard` exists, defining the 'normal' translations. This table is re-activated in the `verb` macro.

2.5 Counters

Some document languages (notably LaTeX) automatically prefix numbers when typesetting sections, subsections, tables, figures etc.. Other document languages (e.g. HTML) unfortunately don't.

Therefore, a macro package that converts a Yodl document to LaTeX doesn't need to provide the numbering of sections etc.. However, if you do want the numbering and if you want to convert documents to, say, HTML, then you must take care of the numbering yourself.

This section describes the counters in Yodl: how to create counters, how to use them, etc..

2.5.1 Creating a counter

Before a counter can be used, it must be created with the function `DEFINECOUNTER` or `PUSHCOUNTER`. These functions expects two parameter lists: the name of the counter and an optional value.

The counter's value, named `number` below, may be set as follows:

- If left unspecified, the counter is set to 0;
- `number` may be a postive or negative integral value;
- `number` may be the name of an existing counter, in which case that counter's value is used.

For example, let's say that our macro package should provide two sectioning commands: `section` and `subsection`. The sections should be numbered 0, 1, 2, etc., and the subsections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 etc.. Hence we'd need two counters:

```
DEFINECOUNTER(sectcounter)()
DEFINECOUNTER(subsectcounter)(1)
```

The function `NEWCOUNTER`, as defined in earlier releases of `Yodl`, is still available, but is deprecated.

2.5.2 Using counters

The builtin function `COUNTERVALUE(somecounter)` expands to the value of `somecounter`. E.g., if the current value is 2, then the value 2 is inserted into the output object. It is an error to use `COUNTERVALUE` on a non-existing counter or on a counter not having a defined value (see below).

Yodl has several functions to modify and/or to set the values of counters. The counter's value, named `number` below, may be set as follows:

- If left unspecified, the counter is set to 0;
- `number` may be a postive or negative integral value;
- `number` may be the name of an existing counter, in which case that counter's value is used.

The functions modifying values of counters are:

- `POPCOUNTER(somecounter)`: This function pops the most recently pushed value off the counter's stack, assigning it to `somecounter`. An error occurs when `somecounter` doesn't exist. If the counter was never pushed, it will still exist following `POPCOUNTER`, but its value is undefined: using `COUNTERVALUE(somecounter)` in that case generates an error.
- `PUSHCOUNTER(somecounter)(number)`: This function pushes the current value of the counter `somecounter` on the counter's stack, making `number` its new value. `number` may be left unspecified, in which case the counter will be set to 0. When `somecounter` doesn't exist yet, it is created with an initial value of `number`.
- `SETCOUNTER(somecounter)(number)`: This function sets the value of `somecounter` to the value of `number`. The second parameter list must be an integer number (i.e., consisting of the characters `0` to `9`, optionally prefixed by a `-` sign). The function does not expand to anything; i.e., it does not write to the output file.

- `ADDTOCOUNTER(somecounter)(number)`: This function adds the value of `number` to `somecounter`. The number may be negative.
- `USECOUNTER(somecounter)`: This function first increases the value of `somecounter` by 1, and then writes the value of the counter to the output file.

  This function is particularly useful in combination with `DEFINECOUNTER`: since `DEFINECOUNTER` initializes a counter to zero, `USECOUNTER` can be used to increase the value and to output it. The first time that `USECOUNTER` is used on a new counter, the number 1 appears on the output file. The next time, number 2 appears on the output file etc..

Given the numbering requirements of the hypothetical commands `section` and `subsection` (see the previous section), we can now complete the definitions:

```
DEFINECOUNTER(sectcounter)
DEFINECOUNTER(subsectcounter)

DEFINEMACRO(section)(1)(\
SETCOUNTER(subsectcounter)(0)\
USECOUNTER(sectcounter) ARG1)

DEFINEMACRO(subsection)(1)(\
COUNTERVALUE(sectcounter).USECOUNTER(subsectcounter) ARG1)
```

Chapter 3

All builtin functions

3.1 Yodl's builtin commands

As mentioned previously, `Yodl`'s input consists of text and of commands. `Yodl` supports a number of built-in commands which may either be used in a `Yodl` document, or which can be used to create a macro package.

Don't despair if you find that the description of this section is too technical. Exactly for this reason, `Yodl` supports the macro packages to make the life of a documentation writer easier. E.g., see chapter 4 that describes a macro package for `Yodl`.

Most built-in functions and macros expand the information they receive the way they receive the information. I.e., the information itself is only evaluated by the time it is eventually inserted into an output medium (usually a file). However, some builtin functions will *evaluate* their argument(s) once the argument is processed. They are:

- The `ERROR()` built-in function (see section 3.1.20);
- The `EVAL()` built-in function (see section 3.1.21);
- The `FPUTS()` built-in function (see section 3.1.23);
- The `INTERNALINDEX()` built-in function (see section 3.1.39);
- The `TYPEOUT()` built-in function (see section 3.1.68);
- The `UPPERCASE()` built-in function (see section 3.1.70);
- The `WARNING()` built-in function (see section 3.1.74);

All other built-in functions will *not* evaluate their arguments. See the mentioned functions for details, and in particular `EVAL()` for a description of this evaluation process.

3.1.1 ADDTOCOUNTER

The `ADDTOCOUNTER` function adds a given value to a counter. It expects two parameter lists: the counter name, and the value to add. The counter must be previously

created with DEFINECOUNTER.

The value to add can be negative; in that case, a value is of course subtracted from the counter.

See further section 2.5.

3.1.2 ADDTOSYMBOL

Since Yodl version 2.00 symbols can be manipulated. To add text to an existing symbol the builtin ADDTOSYMBOL is available. It expects two parameter lists: the symbol's name, and the text to add to the symbol. The symbol must have been created earlier using DEFINECOUNTER (see section 3.1.10). The macro's second argument is not evaluated while ADDTOSYMBOL is processed. Therefore, it is easy to add the text of another symbol or the expansion of a macro to a symbol value. E.g.,

```
ADDTOSYMBOL(one)(SYMBOLVALUE(two)XXnl())
```

This will add the text of symbol two, followed by a new line, to the contents of symbol one only when symbol one is evaluated, not when ADDTOSYMBOL is evaluated.

Example:

```
ADDTOSYMBOL(LOCATION)(this is appended to LOCATION)
```

3.1.3 ATEXIT

ATEXIT takes one parameter list as argument. The text of the parameter list is appended to the output file. Note that this text is subject to character table translations etc..

An example using this function is the following. A document in the LaTeX typesetting language requires \end{document} to occur at the end of the document. To automatically append this string to the output file, the following specification can be used:

```
ATEXIT(NOEXPAND(\end{document}))
```

Several ATEXIT lists can be defined. They are appended to the output file in the **reverse** order of specification; i.e., the first ATEXIT list is appended to the output file last. That means that in general the ATEXIT text should be specified when a 'matching' starting command is sent to the output file; as in:

```
COMMENT(Start the LaTeX document.)
NOEXPAND(\begin{document})

COMMENT(Ensure its proper ending.)
ATEXIT(NOEXPAND(\end{document}))
```

3.1.4 CHAR

The command `CHAR` takes one argument, a number or a character, and outputs its corresponding ASCII character to the final output file. This command is built for 'emergency situations', where you need to typeset a character despite the fact that it may be redefined in the current character table (for a discussion of character tables, see 2.3). Also, the `CHAR` function can be used to circumvent Yodl's way of matching parentheses in a parameter list.

The following arguments may be specified with `CHAR` (attempted in this order):

- A decimal number indicating the number of the character in the ascii-table (for example `CHAR(41)`);
- A plain, single character (for example `CHAR(#)`).

So, when you're sure that you want to send a printable character that is not a closing parenthesis to the output file, you can use the form `CHAR(c)`, `c` being the character (as in, `CHAR(;)`). To send a non-printable character or a closing parenthesis to the output file, look up the ASCII number of the character, and supply that number as argument to the `CHAR` command.

Example: The following two statements send an `A` to the output file.

```
CHAR(65)
CHAR(A)
```

The following statement sends a closing parenthesis:

```
CHAR(41)
```

Another way to send a string to the output file without expansion by character tables or by macro interpretation, is by using the function `NOTRANS` (see section 3.1.44). If you want to send a string to the output **without** macro interpretation, but **with** character table translation, use `NOEXPAND` (see section 3.1.41).

3.1.5 CHDIR

The command `CHDIR` takes one argument, a directory to change to. This command is implemented to simplify the working with `includefile` (see `includefile` in `yodlmacros(7)`). As a demonstration by example, consider the following fragment:

```
includefile(subdir/onefile)
includefile(subdir/anotherfile)
includefile(subdir/yetanotherfile)
```

This fragment can be changed to:

```
CHDIR(subdir)
includefile(onefile)
includefile(anotherfile)
includefile(yetanotherfile)
CHDIR(..)
```

The current directory, as given to `CHDIR`, only affects how `includefile` will search for its files.

Note that this example assumes that the current working directory is a member of Yodl's include-path specification (cf., Yodl's `-include` option).

3.1.6 COMMENT

The `COMMENT` function takes one parameter list. The text in the list is treated as comment. I.e., it is ignored. The text is not copied to the final output file.

3.1.7 COUNTERVALUE

`COUNTERVALUE` expands to the value of a counter. Its single parameter list must contain the name of a counter. The counter must have been created earlier using the builtin `DEFINECOUNTER`.
Example:

```
The counter has value COUNTERVALUE(MYCOUNTER).
```

See also section 2.5.

3.1.8 DECWSLEVEL

`DECWSLEVEL` requires one (empty) parameter list. It reduces the current white-space level. The white-space level typically is used in files that only define Yodl macros. When no output should be generated while processing these files, the white-space level can be used to check for this. If the white-space level exceeds zero, a warning will be generated if the file produces non-whitespace output. The builtin function `DECWSLEVEL` is used to reduce the whitespace level following a previous call of `INCWSLEVEL`.

Once the white space level exceeds zero, no output will be generated. White space, therefore will effectively be ignored. The white space level cannot be reduced to negative values. A warning is issued if that would have happened if it were allowed.

Example:

```
INCWSLEVEL()
DEFINESYMBOL(....)
DEFINEMACRO(...)(...)(...)
DECWSLEVEL()
```

Without the `INCWSLEVEL` and `DECWSLEVEL`, calls, the above definition would generate four empty lines to the output stream.

The `INCWSLEVEL` and `DECWSLEVEL` calls may be nested. The best approach is to put an `INCWSLEVEL` at the first line of a macro-defining Yodl-file, and a matching `DECWSLEVEL` call at the very last line.

3.1.9 DEFINECHARTABLE

`DEFINECHARTABLE` is used to define a character translation table. The function expects two parameterlists, containing the name of the character table and character table translations on separate lines. These character table translations are of the form

```
character = quoted-string
```

Here, character is always a value within single quotes. It may be a single character, an octal character value or a hexadecimal character value. The single character may be prefixed by a \-character (e.g., `'\\'`). The octal character value must start with a backslash, followed by three octal digits (e.g., `'\045'`. The hexadecimal character value starts with `0x`, followed by two hexadecimal characters. E.g., `'0xbe'`. The double quoted string may contain anything (but the string must be on one line), possibly containing escape-sequences too.

Example:

```
DEFINECHARTABLE(demotable)(
    '&'     = "&amp;"
    '\\'    = "\\backslash"
    '\045'  = "oct(45)"
    '0xa4'  = "hex(a4)"
)
```

The builtin function `DEFINECHARTABLE` does not *activate* the table. The table is merely defined. To activate the character translation table, use `USECHARTABLE`. The discussion of character tables is postponed to section 2.3.

3.1.10 DEFINECOUNTER

`DEFINECOUNTER` creates a new counter, to be subsequently used by, e.g, the `USECOUNTER` function. `DEFINECOUNTER` expects two parameter list: the name of the counter to create and an optional initial value. By default the counter will be initialized to zero.

Examples:

```
DEFINECOUNTER(YEAR)(1950)
DEFINECOUNTER(NTIMES)()
```

See also section 2.5.

3.1.11 DEFINEMACRO

`DEFINEMACRO` is used to define new macros. This function requires three parameter lists:

- An identifier, being the name of the macro to define. This identifier may only consist of uppercase or lowercase characters. Note that it can *not* contain numbers, nor underscore characters.
- A number, stating the number of arguments that the macro will require once used. The number must be in the range 0 to 61.
- The text that the macro will expand to, once used. This text may contain the strings `ARG`x, x being 1, 2, etc.. At these places the arguments to the macro will be pasted in. The numbers that identify the arguments are 1 to 9, then A to Z and finally a to z. This gives a range of 61 expandable arguments, which is enough for all real-life applications.

For example, the following fragment defines a macro `bookref`, which can be used to typeset a reference to a book. It requires three arguments; say, an author, a title and the name of a publisher:

```
DEFINEMACRO(bookref)(3)(
    Author(s):          ARG1
    Book title:         ARG2
    Published by:       ARG3
)
```

Such a macro could be used as follows:

```
bookref(Sobotta/Becher)
       (Atlas der Anatomie des Menschen)
```

```
(Urban und Schwarzenberg, Berlin, 1972)
```

When called, it would produce the following output:

```
Author(s):          Sobotta/Becher
Book title:         Atlas der Anatomie des Menschen
Published by:       Urban und Schwarzenberg, Berlin, 1972
```

While applying a macro, the three parameter lists are pasted to the places where `ARG1`, `ARG2` etc. occur in the definition.

Note the following when defining new macros:

- The parameter list containing the name of the new macro, `(bookref)` in the above example, must occur right after `DEFINEMACRO`. No spaces are allowed in between. Space characters and newlines may however occur following this first parameter list.

  This behavior of the `yodl` program is similar to the usage of the defined macro: the author information must, enclosed in parentheses, follow right after the `bookref` identifier. I implemented this feature to improve the distinguishing between macros and real text. E.g., a macro `me` might be defined, but the text

  ```
  I like me (but so do you)
  ```

  still is simple text; the macro `me` only is activated when a parenthesis immediately follows it.

- Be careful when placing newlines or spaces in the definition of a new macro. E.g., the definition, as given:

  ```
  DEFINEMACRO(bookref)(3)(
      Author(s):          ARG1
      Book title:         ARG2
      Published by:       ARG3
  )
  ```

  introduces extra newlines at the beginning and ending of the macro, which will be copied to the output each time the macro is used. The extra newline occurs, of course, right before the sequence `Author(s):` and following the evaluation of `ARG3`. A simple backslash character at the end of the `DEFINEMACRO` line would prevent the insertion of extra newline characters:

  ```
  DEFINEMACRO(bookref)(3)(\
      Author(s):          ARG1
  ```

```
    Book title:          ARG2
    Published by:        ARG3
)
```

- Note that when a macro is used which requires no arguments at all, one empty parameter list still must be specified. E.g., my macro package (see chapter 4) defines a macro `it` that starts a bullet item in a list. The macro takes no arguments, but still must be typed as `it()`.

  This behavior is consistent: it helps distinguish which identifiers are macros and which are simple text.

- Macro arguments may evaluate to text. When a \is appended to the macro-argument, or in the default input handling within a non-zero white-space level (see section 3.1.38) this may invalidate a subsequent macro call. E.g., the macro

```
DEFINEMACRO(oops)(1)(
    ARG1
    XXnl()
)
```

  will, when called as `oops(hello world)`, produce the output:

```
hello worldXXnl()
```

  To prevent this gluing to arguments to subsequent macros, a single + should be prepended to the macro call:

```
DEFINEMACRO(oops)(1)(
    ARG1
    +XXnl()
)
```

  See also section 2.2.3 obout the '+identifier'-sequence.

- Note the preferred layout of macro definitions and macro calls. Adhere to this form, to prevent drowning in too many parentheses. In particular:
  - Put all elements of the macro definition on one line, except for the macro-expansion itself. Each expansion element should be on a line by itself.
  - When calling macros put the macro parameter lists underneath each other. If the macrolists themselves contain macro-calls, put each call again on a line of its own, indenting one tab-position beyond the location of the opening parenthesis of the argument.
  - No continnuation backslashes are required between parameter lists. So, do not use them there to prevent unnecessary clutter.

  - With complex calls, indent just the arguments, and put the parentheses in their required of logical locations.

  Example of a complex call:

```
complex(
    first(
        ARG1
    )(
        ARG2
        +XXnl()
    )
    ARG3
    +nop()
    ARG4
    +XXnl()
)
```

- Macro expansion proceeds as follows:
  - The parameter lists are read from the input
  - The contents of the parameters then replace their `ARGx` references in the macro's definition (in some exceptional cases, clearly indicated as such when applicable, the arguments will themselves be evaluated first, and then these evaluated arguments are used as replacements for their corresponding `ARGx` references).
  - The now modified macro is read by Yodl's lexical scanner. This may result in yet another macro expansion, which will then be evaluated recursively.
  - Eventually, all expansion is completed (well, should complete, since Yodl doesn't test for eternal recursion) and scanning of the input continues beyond the original macro call.

  For example, assume we have the following two macros:

```
DEFINEMACRO(First)(1)(
    Hello ARG1
    +XXnl()
)
DEFINEMACRO(Second)(1)(
    First(ARG1)
    First(ARG1)
)
```

  and the following call is issued:

```
Second(Yodl)
```

then the following will happen:

- `Second(Yodl)` is read as encountered.
- `ARG1` in `Second` is replaced by `Yodl`, and the resulting macro body is sent to the lexical scanner for evaluation: It will see:

```
First(Yodl)First(Yodl)
```

- The first call to `First()` is now evaluated. This will put (after replacing `ARG1` by `Yodl`) the following on the scanner's input:

```
Hello Yodl+XXnl()First(Yodl)
```

- `Hello Yodl` contains no macro call, so it is written to the output stream. Remains:

```
+XXnl()First(Yodl)
```

- Assume `XXnl()` merely contains a newline (represented by `\n`, here), so `+XXnl()` is now replaced by `\n`. This results in the following input for the lexical scanner:

```
\nFirst(Yodl)
```

- The `\n` is now written to the output stream, and the scanner sees:

```
First(Yodl)
```

- The second call to `First()` is now evaluated. This will put the following on the scanner's input:

```
Hello Yodl+XXnl()
```

- `Hello Yodl` is written to the output stream. Remains:

```
+XXnl()
```

- `+XXnl()` is now replaced by `\n`. The lexical scanner sees:

```
\n
```

- The newline is printed and we're done.

3.1.12 DEFINESYMBOL

NOTE: this function has changed at the release of Yodl 2.00. It now expects two parameter lists, rather than one

DEFINESYMBOL expects two arguments. An identifier, which is the name of the symbol to define, and the textual value of the symbol. If the second argument is empty, the symbol is defined, but has an empty value.

The earlier interpretation of a Yodl symbol as a logical flag can still be used, but allowing it to obtain textual values greatly simplifies various Yodl macros.

Example:

```
DEFINESYMBOL(Yodl)(Your own document language)
DEFINESYMBOL(Options)()
```

3.1.13 DELETECHARTABLE

DELETECHARTABLE removes a definition of a character table that was defined by DEFINECHARTABLE. This function expects one argument: the name of the character table remove.

It's an error to attempt to delete a character table that is currently in use or to attempt to delete a non-existing character table.

Example:

```
DELETECHARTABLE(mytable)
```

3.1.14 DELETECOUNTER

DELETECOUNTER removes a definition of a counter that was defined by DEFINECOUNTER. This function expects one argument: the name of the counter to remove.

If the counter does not exist, a warning is issued. It is not considered an error to try to delete a counter that has not been defined earlier.

Example:

```
DELETECOUNTER(mycounter)
```

3.1.15 DELETEMACRO

`DELETEMACRO` removes a definition of a macro that was defined by `DEFINEMACRO`. This function takes one argument: the macro name to remove.

There is no error condition (except for syntax errors): when no macro with a matching name was previously defined, no action is taken.

For example, the safe way to define a macro is by first undefining it. This ensures that possible previous definitions are removed first:

Example:

```
DELETEMACRO(mymacro)
```

3.1.16 DELETENOUSERMACRO

`DELETENOUSERMACRO` removes a 'nousermacro' definition. The function expects one argument: the name of the 'nousermacro' identifier to be removed from the nousermacro-set.

There is no error condition (except for syntax errors): when the identifier wasn't stored as a 'nousermacro' no action is taken.

Example:

```
DELETENOUSERMACRO(mymacro)
```

3.1.17 DELETESYMBOL

`DELETESYMBOL` removes the definition of a symbol variable. It expects one parameter list, holding the name of the variable to deleted.

This macro has no error condition (except for syntax errors): the symbol in question may be previously defined, but that is not necessary.

Example:

```
    DELETESYMBOL(Options)
```

3.1.18 DUMMY

This function is obsolete. It does nothing, and may be removed in future versions of Yodl.

3.1.19 ENDDEF

`ENDDEF` is obsolete, and should be replaced by `DECWSLEVEL`. It may be removed in future versions of Yodl.

3.1.20 ERROR

The `ERROR` function takes one argument: text to display to the standard error stream. The current input file and line number are also displayed. After displaying the text, the `yodl` program aborts with an exit status of 1.

The text passed to the function is expanded first. See the example.

The `ERROR` function is an example of a function that evaluates its parameter list itself.

This command can be used, e.g., in a macro package when an incorrect macro is expanded. In my macro package (see chapter 4) the `ERROR` function is used when the sectioning command `chapter()` is used in an `article` document (in the package, `chapter`'s are only available in `book`s or `report`s).

An analogous builtin function is `WARNING`, which also prints a message but does not exit (see section 3.1.74).

Example: In the following call, `COUNTERVALUE(NTRIES)` is replaced by its actual value:

```
ERROR(Stopping after COUNTERVALUE(NTRIES) attempts)
```

3.1.21 EVAL

The `EVAL` function takes one argument: the text to be evaluated. This function allows you to perform an indirect evaluation of Yodl commands. Assume that there is a symbol `varnam` containing the name of a counter variable, then the following will display the value of the counter, incrementing it first:

```
EVAL(NOTRANS(USECOUNTER)(SYMBOLVALUE(varnam)))
```

The actions of the `EVAL` function can be described as follows:

- First, the `NOTRANS(USECOUNTER)` is evaluated, producing `USECOUNTER`.
- Next, the open parentheses is processed, producing the open parenthesis itself
- Then, `SYMBOLVALUE(varnam)` is evaluated, producing the name of a counter, e.g. '`counter`'.
- Eventually the closing parentheis is processed, producing the closing parenthesis itself.

- All this results in the *text*

```
USECOUNTER(counter)
```

- This text is now presented to Yodl's lexical scanner, resulting in incrementing the counter, and displaying its incremented value.

It should be realized that macro arguments themselves are usually not evaluated. So, a construction like

```
USECOUNTER(EVAL(SYMBOLVALUE(varnam)))
```

will fail, since `EVAL(SYMBOLVALUE(varnam))` is not a legal name for a counter: the `EVAL()` call is used here as an argument, which is not expanded. The distinction is subtle, and is caused by the fact that builtin functions receive unprocessed arguments, and may impose certain requirements on them (like `USECOUNTER` requiring the name of a counter).

Summarizing: `EVAL` acts as follows:

- Its argument is presented to Yodl's lexical scanner
- The output produced by the processing of the argument is then inserted into the input stream *in lieu of* the original `EVAL` call.

Mosy built-in functions will *not* evaluate their arguments. In fact, only `ERROR, EVAL, FPUTS, INTERNALINDEX, TYPEOUT, UPPERCASE` and `WARNING()` will evaluate their arguments.

Postponing evaluations allows you to write:

```
DEFINESYMBOL(later)(SYMBOLVALUE(earlier))
```

Eventually, and not when `later` is defined, a statement like

```
SYMBOLVALUE(later)
```

will produce the value of `earlier` at the moment `SYMBOLVALUE(later)` is processed. This is, in all its complex consequences, what would be expected in most cases. It allows us to write general macros producing output that is only evaluated when the text of symbols and values of arguments become eventually, rather than when the macro is defined, available.

Decisions like these invariably result in questions like 'what if I have to keep original values in some situation?' In those situations `EVAL()` must be used. The following

example shows the definition of three symbols: `one` receives an initial value, `two` will return `one`'s actual value when `two`'s value is displayed, `three` will, using `EVAL()`, store `one`'s initial value. The example also shows yet another way to suppress macro calls. It uses the macro `nop()` which is defined in the all standard conversion types.

```
DEFINESYMBOL(one)(This is one, before)
DEFINESYMBOL(two)(SYMBOLVALUE(one))
EVAL(DEFINESYMBOL+nop()(three)(SYMBOLVALUE(one)))
SETSYMBOL(one)(this is one, after)
SYMBOLVALUE(two)
SYMBOLVALUE(three)
```

3.1.22 FILENAME

The function `FILENAME()` produces an absolute path to the currently processed Yodl file. This is not necessarily the *canonical* path name, as it may contain current- and parent-path directories.

3.1.23 FPUTS

The function `FPUTS` expects two arguments: the first argment is information to be appended to a file, whose name is given as the second argument. The first argument is processed by Yodl before it is appended to the requested filename, so it may contain macro calls.

For example, the following statement will append a countervalue to the mentioned file:

```
FPUTS(There have been COUNTERVALUE(attempts) attempts)(/tmp/logfile)
```

The second argument (name of the file) is not evaluated, but is used as received.

3.1.24 IFBUILTIN

The `IFBUILTIN` function tests whether its first argument is the name of a builtin function. If so, the second parameter list is evaluated, else, the third parameter list is evaluated. All three parameter lists (the variable, the true-list and the false-list) must be present; though the true-list and/or the false-list may be empty parameter lists.

Example:

```
IFBUILTIN(IFBUILTIN)(\
    'BUILTIN' is a builtin - function
```

```
)(\
    'BUILTIN' is NOT a builtin - function
)
```

Please note the preferred layout: The first argument immediately follows the function name, then the second argument (the *true list*) is indented, as is the *false list*. The layout closely follows the preferred layout of `if-else` statements of many programming languages.

3.1.25 IFCHARTABLE

The `IFCHARTABLE` function tests whether its first argument is the name of a character table. The character table needs not be active. If the name is the name of a character table, the second parameter list is evaluated, else, the third parameter list is evaluated. All three parameter lists (the name, the true list and the false list) must be present; though the true list and/or the false list may be empty parameter lists.

Example:

```
IFCHARTABLE(standard)(\
    'standard' is a character tablebuiltin - function
)(\
    'standard' is NOT a character tablebuiltin - function
)
```

Please note the preferred layout: The first argument immediately follows the function name, then the second argument (the *true list*) is indented, as is the *false list*. The layout closely follows the preferred layout of `if-else` statements of many programming languages.

3.1.26 IFDEF

The `IFDEF` function tests for the definition status of the argument in its first parameter list. If it is a defined entity, the second parameter list is evaluated, else, the third parameter list is evaluated. All three parameter lists (the entity, the true list and the false list) must be present; though the true list and/or the false list may be empty parameter lists.

The true list is evaluated if the first argument is the name of:

- a built-in function, or
- a character table, or
- a counter, or
- a no-user-macro symbol, or

- a symbol, or
- a user-defined macro, or

Example:

```
IFDEF(someName)(\
    ‘someName’ is a defined entity
)(\
    ‘someName is not defined.
)
```

Please note the preferred layout: The first argument immediately follows the function name, then the second argument (the *true list*) is indented, as is the *false list*. The layout closely follows the preferred layout of `if-else` statements of many programming languages.

3.1.27 IFEMPTY

`IFEMPTY` expects three arguments: a symbol, a true-list and a false-list. `IFEMPTY` evaluates to the true-list if the symbol is an empty string; otherwise, it evaluates to the false-list.

The function does not further evaluate its argument. Its use is primarily to test whether a macro has received an argument or not. If the intent is to check whether a symbol's value is empty or not, IFSTREQUAL 3.1.32 should be used, where the first argument is the name of a symbol, and the second argument is empty.

Example:

```
IFEMPTY(something)(\
    ‘something’ is empty...
)(\
    ‘something’ is not an empty string
)
```

In the same way, `IFEMPTY` can be used to test whether an argument expands to a non-empty string. A more elaborate example follows below. Say you want to define a `bookref` macro to typeset information about an author, a book title and about the publisher. The publisher information may be absent, the macro then typesets `unknown`:

```
\
    DEFINEMACRO(bookref)(3)(\
        Author(s):      ARG1
        Title:          ARG2
        Published by:   \
```

```
    IFEMPTY(ARG3)
    (\
        Unknown\
    )(\
        ARG3\
    )
)
```

Using the macro, as in:

```
\
    bookref(Helmut Leonhardt)
           (Histologie, Zytologie und Microanatomie des Menschen)
           ()
```

would now result in the text `Unknown` behind the `Published by:` line.

Please note the preferred layout: The first argument immediately follows the function name, then the second argument (the *true list*) is indented, as is the *false list*. The layout closely follows the preferred layout of `if-else` statements of many programming languages.

3.1.28 IFEQUAL

`IFEQUAL` expects four argument lists. It tests whether its first argument is equal to its second argument. If so, the third parameter list is evaluated, else, the fourth parameter list is evaluated. All four argument lists must be present, though all can be empty lists.

The first two arguments of `IFEQUAL` should be integral numerical arguments. In order to determine whether the first two arguments are equal, their values are determined:

- If the argument starts with an integral numerical value, that value is the value of the argument.
- If the argument is the name of a counter, the counter's value is the value of the argument
- If the values of the first two arguments van be determined accordingly, their equality will determine whether the true list (when the values are equal) or the false list (when the values are unequal) will be evaluated.
- Otherwise, `IFEQUAL` will evaluate the false list.

Example:

```
IFEQUAL(0)()(\
    0 and an empty string are equal
```

```
)(\
    0 and an empty string are not equal
)
```

Please note the preferred layout: The first argument immediately follows the function name, then the second argument (the *true list*) is indented, as is the *false list*. The layout closely follows the preferred layout of `if-else` statements of many programming languages.

3.1.29 IFGREATER

`IFGREATER` expects four argument lists. It tests whether its first argument is greater to its second argument. If so, the third parameter list is evaluated, else, the fourth parameter list is evaluated. All four argument lists must be present, though all can be empty lists.

The first two arguments of `IFGREATER` should be integral numerical arguments. In order to determine whether the first two arguments are equal, their values are determined:

- If the argument starts with an integral numerical value, that value is the value of the argument.
- If the argument is the name of a counter, the counter's value is the value of the argument
- If the values of the first two arguments van be determined accordingly, their order relation will determine whether the true list (when the first value is greater than the second value) or the false list (when the first value is smaller or equal than the second value) will be evaluated.
- Otherwise, `IFGREATER` will evaluate the false list.

Example:

```
IFGREATER(counter)(5)(\
    counter exceeds the value 5
)(\
    counter does not exceeds the value 5, or counter is no Yodl-counter.
)
```

Please note the preferred layout: The first argument immediately follows the function name, then the second argument (the *true list*) is indented, as is the *false list*. The layout closely follows the preferred layout of `if-else` statements of many programming languages.

3.1.30 IFMACRO

The `IFMACRO` function tests whether its first argument is the name of a macro. If the name is the name of a macro, the second parameter list is evaluated, else, the

third parameter list is evaluated. All three parameter lists (the name, the true list and the false list) must be present; though the true list and/or the false list may be empty parameter lists.

Example:

```
IFMACRO(nested)(\
    'nested' is the name of a macro
)(\
    There is no macro named 'nested'
)
```

Please note the preferred layout: The first argument immediately follows the function name, then the second argument (the *true list*) is indented, as is the *false list*. The layout closely follows the preferred layout of `if-else` statements of many programming languages.

3.1.31 IFSMALLER

`IFSMALLER` expects four argument lists. It tests whether its first argument is smaller to its second argument. If so, the third parameter list is evaluated, else, the fourth parameter list is evaluated. All four argument lists must be present, though all can be empty lists.

The first two arguments of `IFSMALLER` should be integral numerical arguments. In order to determine whether the first two arguments are equal, their values are determined:

- If the argument starts with an integral numerical value, that value is the value of the argument.
- If the argument is the name of a counter, the counter's value is the value of the argument
- If the values of the first two arguments van be determined accordingly, their order relation will determine whether the true list (when the first value is smaller than the second value) or the false list (when the first value is greater than or equal to the second value) will be evaluated.
- Otherwise, `IFSMALLER` will evaluate the false list.

Example:

```
IFSMALLER(counter)(5)(\
    counter is smaller than the value 5, or counter is no Yodl-counter
)(\
    counter exceeds the value 5
)
```

Please note the preferred layout: The first argument immediately follows the function name, then the second argument (the *true list*) is indented, as is the *false list*. The layout closely follows the preferred layout of `if-else` statements of many programming languages.

3.1.32 IFSTREQUAL

`IFSTREQUAL` tests for the equality of two strings. It expects four arguments: two strings to match, a true list and a false list. The true list is only evaluated when the contents of the two string arguments exactly match.

The first two arguments of `IFSTREQUAL` are partially evaluated:

- If the argument is the name of a symbol, the symbol's value is the value of the argument
- Otherwise, the argument itself is used.

In the degenerate case where the string to be compared is actually the name of a `SYMBOL`, use a temporary `SYMBOL` variable containing the name of that symbol, and compare it to whatever you want to compare it with. Alternatively, write a blank space behind the arguments, since the arguments are then interpreted 'as is'. In practice, the need for these constructions seem to arise seldomly, however.

Example:

```
IFSTREQUAL(MYSYMBOL)(Hello world)(
    The symbol 'MYSYMBOL' holds the value 'Hello world'
)(
    The symbol 'MYSYMBOL' doesn't hold the value 'Hello world'
)
```

3.1.33 IFSTRSUB

`IFSTRSUB` tests whether a string is a sub-string of another string. It acts similar to IFSTREQUAL, but it tests whether the second string is part of the first one.

The first two arguments of `IFSTREQULA` are partially evaluated:

- If the argument is the name of a symbol, the symbol's value is the value of the argument
- Otherwise, the argument itself is used.

In the degenerate case where the string to be compared is actually the name of a `SYMBOL`, use a temporary `SYMBOL` variable containing the name of that symbol, and compare it to whatever you want to compare it with. Alternatively, write a blank space behind the arguments, since the arguments are then interpreted 'as is'. In practice, the need for these constructions seem to arise seldomly, however.

Example:

```
IFSTRSUB(haystack)(needle)(
    'needle' was found in 'haystack'
)(
    'needle' was not found in 'haystack'
)
```

Note that both 'haystack' and 'needle' may be the names of symbols. If they are, their contents are is compared, rather than the literal names 'haystack' and 'needle'

3.1.34 IFSYMBOL

The `IFSYMBOL` function tests whether its first argument is the name of a symbol. If it is the name of a symbol, the second parameter list is evaluated, else, the third parameter list is evaluated. All three parameter lists (the name, the true list and the false list) must be present; though the true list and/or the false list may be empty parameter lists.

Example:

```
IFSYMBOL(nested)(\
    'nested' is the name of a symbol
)(\
    There is no symbol named 'nested'
)
```

Please note the preferred layout: The first argument immediately follows the function name, then the second argument (the *true list*) is indented, as is the *false list*. The layout closely follows the preferred layout of `if-else` statements of many programming languages.

3.1.35 IFZERO

`IFZERO` expects three parameter lists. The first argument defines whether the whole function expands to the true list or to the false list.

The first argument of `IFZERO` should be an integral numerical value. Its value is determined as follows:

- If the argument starts with an integral numerical value, that value is the value of the argument.
- If the argument is the name of a counter, the counter's value is the value of the argument
- Otherwise, `IFZERO` will evaluate the false list.

Note that, starting with Yodl version 2.00 the first argument is not evaluated any further. So, `COUNTERVALUE(somecounter)` will always be evaluated as 0. If the value of a counter is required, simply provide its name as the first argument of the `IFZERO` function.

Example:

```
DEFINEMACRO(environment)(2)(\
    IFZERO(ARG2)(\
        NOEXPAND(\end{ARG1})\
    )(\
        NOEXPAND(\begin{ARG1})\
    )\
)
```

Such a macro may be used as follows:

```
environment(center)(1)
    Now comes centered text.
environment(center)(0)
```

which would of course lead to `\begin` and `\end{center}`. The numeric second argument is used here as a on/off switch.

3.1.36 INCLUDEFILE

`INCLUDEFILE` takes one argument, a filename. The file is processed by Yodl. If a file should be inserted without processing the builtin function NOEXPANDINCLUDE 3.1.42 or NOEXPANDPATHINCLUDE 3.1.43 should be used.

The `yodl` program supplies, when necessary, an extension to the filename. The supplied extension is `.yo`, unless defined otherwise during the compilation of the program.

Furthermore, Yodl tries to locate the file in the Yodl's include path (which may be set using the `-include` option). The actual value of the include path is shown in the usage information, displayed when Yodl is started without arguments.

Example:

```
INCLUDEFILE(latex)
```

will try to include the file `latex` or `latex.yo` from the current include parth. When the file is not found, Yodl aborts.

3.1.37 INCLUDELIT, INCLUDELITERAL

INCLUDELIT and INCLUDELITERAL are obsolete. NOEXPANDINCLUDE 3.1.42 or NOEXPANDPATHINCLUDE 3.1.43 should be used instead.

3.1.38 INCWSLEVEL

INCWSLEVEL requires one (empty) parameter list. It increases the current white-space level. The white-space level typically is used in files that only define Yodl macros. When no output should be generated while processing these files, the white-space level can be used to check for this. If the white-space level exceeds zero, a warning will be generated if the file produces non-whitespace output. The builtin function DECWSLEVEL is used to reduce the whitespace level following a previous call of INCWSLEVEL.

Once the white space level exceeds zero, no output will be generated. White space, therefore will effectively be ignored. The white space level cannot be reduced to negative values. A warning is issued if that would have happened if it were allowed.

Example:

```
INCWSLEVEL()
DEFINESYMBOL(....)
DEFINEMACRO(...)(...)(...)
DECWSLEVEL()
```

Without the INCWSLEVEL and DECWSLEVEL, calls, the above definition would generate four empty lines to the output stream.

The INCWSLEVEL and DECWSLEVEL calls may be nested. The best approach is to put an INCWSLEVEL at the first line of a macro-defining Yodl-file, and a matching DECWSLEVEL call at the very last line.

3.1.39 INTERNALINDEX

INTERNALINDEX expects one argument list. The argument list is evaluated and written to the index file.

The index file is defined since Yodl version 2.00, and contains the fixup information which was previously written to Yodl's output as the `.tt(Yodl)TAGSTART. ... .tt(Yodl)TAGEND.` sequence.

The index file allows for greated processing speed, at the expense of an additional file. The associated `yodlpost` postprocessing program will read and process the index file, and will fixup the corresponding yodl-output accordingly.

The index file is not created when output is written to the standard output name, since Yodl is unable to request the system for the current file offset.

The entries of the index file always fit on one line. INTERNALINDEX will alter newline characters in its argument into single blank spaces. Each line starts with the current

offset of Yodl's output file, thus indicating the exact location where a fixup is requested. An example of a produced fixup line could be

```
3004 ref MACROPACKAGE
```

indicating that at offset 3004 in the produced output file a reference to the label `MACROPACKAGE` is requested. Assuming a html conversion, The postprocessor will thereupon write something like

```
<a href="outfile04.html#MACROPACKAGE">4.3.2.</a>
```

into the actual output file while processing Yodl's output up to offset location 3004.

Consequently, producing Yodl-output normally consists of two steps:

- First, Yodl itself is started, producing, e.g., `out.idx` (the index file) and `out.yodl` (Yodl's raw output).
- Then, Yodl's post-processor processes `out.idx` and `out.yodl`, producing one or more final output files, in which the elements of the index file have been properly handled. This may result in multiple output file, like `report.html, report01.html, report02.html` etc.

3.1.40 NEWCOUNTER

`NEWCOUNTER` is obsolete. DEFINECOUNTER 3.1.10 should be used instead.

3.1.41 NOEXPAND

`NOEXPAND` is used to send text to the final output file without being expanded by Yodl (the other methods are the `CHAR` macro, see section 3.1.4, and the `NOTRANS` macro, see section 3.1.44). `NOEXPAND` takes one parameter list, the text in question. Whatever occurs in the argument is not subject to parsing or expansion by Yodl, but is simply copied to the output file (except for `CHAR` functions in the argument, which *are* expanded. If `CHAR`-expansion is not required either NOTRANS 3.1.44 can be used).

Furthermore, the contents of the parameter list are also subject to character table translations, using the currently active table. This should come as no surprise. Ignoring character tables would make both the processing of `CHAR` calls and the `NOTRANS` function superfluous.

So, the following situations are recognized:

	support chartables and CHAR	
Macro expansion	yes	no
Yes	(standard)	Push chartable (standard) Pop chartable
No	NOEXPAND	NOTRANS

E.g., let's assume that you need to write in your document the following text:

```
INCLUDEFILE(something or the other)
IFDEF(onething)(
    ...
)(
    ....
)
NOEXPAND(whatever)
```

The way to accomplish this is by prefixing the text by `NOEXPAND` followed by an open parenthesis, and by postfixing it by a closing parenthesis. Otherwise, the text would be expanded by Yodl while processing it (and would lead to syntax errors, since the text isn't correct in the sence of the Yodl language).

For this function, keep the following caveats in mind:

- There is only one thing that a `NOEXPAND` cannot protect from expansion: an `ARG`x in a macro definition. The argument specifier is always processed. E.g., after

  ```
  DEFINEMACRO(thatsit)(1)(
      That is --> NOEXPAND(ARG1) <-- it!
  )
  thatsit(after all)
  ```

  the `ARG1` inside the `NOEXPAND` statement is replaced with `after all`.

- The `NOEXPAND` function must, as all functions, be followed by a parameter list. The parentheses of the list must therefore be 'balanced'. For unbalanced lists, use `CHAR(40)` to set an open parenthesis, or `CHAR(41)` to typeset a closing parenthesis.

3.1.42 NOEXPANDINCLUDE

`NOEXPANDINCLUDE` takes one argument, a filename. The file is included.

The filename is uses 'as is'. The include path is not used when locating this file.

The argument to `NOEXPANDINCLUDE` is partially evaluated:

- If the argument is the name of a symbol, the symbol's value is the value of the argument
- Otherwise, the argument itself is used.

The thus obtained file name is not further evaluated: in particular, it will not be subject to character translations.

The contents of the file are included literally, not subject to macro expansion. Character translations are performed, though. If character translations are not appropriate, PUSHCHARTABLE can be used to suppress character table translations temporarily.

The purpose of NOEXPANDINCLUDE is to include source code literally in the document, as in:

```
NOEXPANDINCLUDE(literal.c)
```

The function NOEXPANDPATHINCLUDE can be used to insert a file which *is* located in one of the directories specified in Yodl's include path.

3.1.43 NOEXPANDPATHINCLUDE

`NOEXPANDPATHINCLUDE` takes one argument, a filename. The file is included. The file is searched for in the directories specified in Yodl's includepath.

The argument to `NOEXPANDPATHINCLUDE` is partially evaluated:

- If the argument is the name of a symbol, the symbol's value is the value of the argument
- Otherwise, the argument itself is used.

The thus obtained file name is not further evaluated: in particular, it will not be subject to character translations.

Like the `NOEXPANDINCLUDE` function, the contents of the file are included literally, not subject to macro expansion. Character translations are performed, though. If character translations are not appropriate, PUSHCHARTABLE 3.1.56 can be used to suppress character table translations temporarily.

The purpose of NOEXPANDPATHINCLUDE is to include source code as defined in a macro package literally into the document, as in:

```
NOEXPANDPATHINCLUDE(rug-menubegin.xml)
```

3.1.44 NOTRANS

NOTRANS copies its one argument literally to the output file, without expanding macros in it and without translating the characters with the current translation table. The NOTRANS function is typically used to send commands for the output format to the output file.

For example, consider the following code fragment:

```
COMMENT(--- Define character translations for \, { and } in LaTeX. ---)
DEFINECHARTABLE(standard)(
    '\\'    =    "$\\backslash$"
    '{'     =    "\\verb+{+"
    '}'     =    "\\verb+}+"
)

COMMENT(--- Activate the translation table. ---)
USECHARTABLE(standard)

COMMENT(--- Now two tests: ---)

NOEXPAND(\input{epsf.tex})
NOTRANS(\input{epsf.tex})
```

NOEXPAND will send

```
$\backslash$input\verb+{+epsf.tex\verb+}+
```

since the characters in its argument are translated with the standard translation table. In contrast, NOTRANS will send \input{epsf.tex}.

The parameter list of NOTRANS *must* be balanced with respect to its parentheses. When using an unbalanced set of parentheses, use CHAR(40) to send a literal (, or CHAR(41) to send a).

The NOEXPAND description summarizes all combinations of character translations and/or macro expansion, and how they are handled and realized by Yodl.

3.1.45 NOUSERMACRO

NOUSERMACRO controls yodl's warnings in the following way: When Yodl is started with the -w flag on the command line, then warnings are generated when Yodl encounters a possible macro name, followed by a parameter list, without finding a macro by that name. Yodl then prints something like cannot expand possible user macro.

Examples of such sequences are, The necessary file(s) are in /usr/local/lib/yodl, or see the manual page for sed(1). The candidate macros are file and sed;

these names could just as well be 'valid' user macros followed by their parameter list.

When a corresponding `NOUSERMACRO` statement appears *before* `yodl` encounters the candidate macros, no warning is generated. A fragment might therefore be:

```
NOUSERMACRO(file sed)
The necessary file(s) are in ...
See the manual page for sed(1).
```

The `NOUSERMACRO` accepts one or more names in its argument, separated by white space, commas, colons, or semi-colons.

3.1.46 OUTBASE

`OUTBASE` inserts the current basename of the output file into the output file. The basename is the name of the file of which the directory components and extension were stripped.

If the output file is the standard output file, `-` is inserted.

3.1.47 OUTDIR

`OUTDIR` inserts the current path name of the output file into the output file. The path name is a, not necessarily absolute, designator of the directory in which the output file is located. If the output file is indicated as, e.g., `-o out`, then `OUTDIR` simply inserts a dot.

If the output file is the standard output file, a dot is inserted too.

3.1.48 OUTFILENAME

`OUTFILENAME` inserts the current filename of the output file into the output file. The filename is the name of the file of which the directory components were stripped.

If the output file is the standard output file, `-` is inserted.

3.1.49 PARAGRAPH

`PARAGRAPH` isn't really a builtin function, but as it is handled especially by Yodl, it is described here nonetheless. Starting with Yodl 2.00 `PARAGRAPH` operates as follows:

If the macro is not defined, new paragraphs, defined as series of consecutive empty lines written to the output stream, are not handled different from any other series of characters sent to the output stream. I.e., they are inserted into that stream.

However, if the macro has been defined, Yodl will call it whenever a new paragraph (defined as a series of at least two blank lines) was recognized.

The empty lines that were actually recognized may be obtained inside the `PARAGRAPH` macro from the `XXparagraph` symbol, *if* this symbol has been be defined by that time. If defined, it will contain the white space that caused Yodl to call the `PARAGRAPH` macro.

Note that, in order to inspect `XXparagraph` it must have been defined first. Yodl itself will *not* define this symbol itself.

The `PARAGRAPH` macro should be defined as a macro not expecting arguments. The macro is thus given a chance to process the paragraph in a way that's fitting for the particular conversion type. If the `PARAGRAPH` macro produces series of empty lines itself, then those empty lines will *not* cause Yodl to activate `PARAGRAPH`. So, Yodl itself will not recursively call `PARAGRAPH`, although the macro could call itself recursively. Of course, such recursive activcation of `PARAGRAPH` is then the sole responsibility of the macro's author, and not Yodl's.

Some document languages do not need paragraph starts; e.g., LaTeX handles its own paragraphs. Other document languages do need it: typically, `PARAGRAPH` is then defined in a macro file to trigger some special action. E.g., a HTML converter might define a paragraph as:

```
DEFINEMACRO(PARAGRAPH)(0)(
    XXnl()
    NOTRANS(<p>)
)
```

A sytem like `xml` has more strict requirements. Paragraphs here must be opened and closed using pairs of `<p>` and `</p>` tags. In those cases an auxiliary counter can be used to indicate whether there is an open paragraph or not. The `PARAGRAPH` macro could check for this as follows, assuming the availability of a counter `XXp`:

```
DEFINEMACRO(PARAGRAPH)(0)(
    XXnl()
    IFZERO(XXp)(
    )(
        NOTRANS(</p>)
    )
    NOTRANS(<p>)
    SETCOUNTER(XXp)(1)
)
```

Note that the above fragment exemplifies an approach, not necessarily *the* implementation of the `PARAGRAPH` macro for an xml-convertor.

3.1.50 PIPETHROUGH

The builtin function `PIPETHROUGH` is, besides `SYSTEM`, the second function with which a Yodl document can affect its environment. Therefore, the danger of 'live data' exists which is also described in the section about `SYSTEM` (see section 3.1.67). Nevertheless, `PIPETHROUGH` can be very useful. It is intended to use external programs to accomplish special features. The idea is that an external command is started, to which a block of text from within a Yodl document is 'piped'. The output of that child program is piped back into the Yodl document; hence, a block of text is 'piped through' an external program. Whatever is received again in the Yodl run, is further processed.

The `PIPETHROUGH` function takes two arguments:

- the command to run, and
- the text to send to that command.

Functionally, the occurrence of the `PIPETHROUGH` function and of its two arguments is replaced by whatever the child program produces on its standard output.

An example might be the inclusion of the current date, as in:

```
The current date is:
PIPETHROUGH(date)()
```

In this example the command is `date` and the text to send to that program is empty.

The main purpose of this function is to provide a way by which external programs can be used to create, e.g., tables or figures for a given output format. Further releases of Yodl may contain such dedicated programs for the output formats.

3.1.51 POPCHARTABLE

Character tables which are pushed onto the table stack using `PUSHCHARTABLE()` are restored (popped) using `POPCHARTABLE()`. For a description of this mechanism please refer to section 2.3.3.

3.1.52 POPCOUNTER

`POPCOUNTER` is used to remove the topmost counter from the counter stack. The values of counters may be pushed on a stack using PUSHCOUNTER 3.1.57. To remove the topmost element of a counter's stack `POPCOUNTER` is available. `POPCOUNTER` expects one argument: the name of the counter to pop. The previously pushed value then becomes the new value of the counter. A counter's value may be popped after defining it, whereafter the stack will be empty, but the counter will still be defined. In that case, using the counter's value is considered an error.

Examples:

```
DEFINECOUNTER(YEAR)(1950)
POPCOUNTER(YEAR)
COMMENT(YEAR now has an undefined value)
```

See also section 2.5.

3.1.53 POPMACRO

`POPMACRO` is used to remove the actual macro definition, restoring a previously pushed definition. The values of macros may be pushed on a stack using `PUSHMACRO`. To remove the topmost element of a macro's stack `POPMACRO` is available. `POPMACRO` expects one argument: the name of the macro to pop. The previously pushed value then becomes the new value of the macro.

A macro's value may be popped after defining it, whereafter the stack will be empty, but the macro will still be defined. In that case, using the macro is considered an error.

Example:

```
DEFINEMACRO(Hello)(1)(Hello, ARG1, this is a macro definition)
Hello(Karel)
PUSHMACRO(Hello)(1)(Hello, ARG1, this is the new definition)
Hello(Karel)
POPMACRO(Hello)
Hello(Karel)
COMMENT(The third activation of Hello() produces the same output
        as the first activation)
```

3.1.54 POPSYMBOL

`POPSYMBOL` is used to remove the topmost symbol from the symbol stack. The values of symbols may be pushed on a stack using PUSHSYMBOL 3.1.59. To remove the topmost element of a symbol's stack `POPSYMBOL` is available.

`POPSYMBOL` expects one argument: the name of the symbol to pop. The previously pushed value then becomes the new value of the symbol. A symbol's value may be popped after defining it, whereafter the stack will be empty, but the symbol will still be defined. In that case, using the symbol's value is considered an error.

Example:

```
DEFINESYMBOL(YEAR)(This happened in 1950)
POPSYMBOL(YEAR)
COMMENT(YEAR now has an undefined value)
```

3.1.55 POPWSLEVEL

`POPWSLEVEL` is used to remove the topmost wslevel from the wslevel stack. The values of wslevels may be pushed on a stack using PUSHWSLEVEL 3.1.60. See also section DECWSLEVEL 3.1.8

To remove the topmost element of a wslevel's stack `POPWSLEVEL` is available. `POPWSLEVEL` expects one argument: the name of the wslevel to pop. The previously pushed value then becomes the new value of the wslevel. A wslevel's value may be popped after defining it, whereafter the stack will be empty, but the wslevel will still be defined. In that case, using the wslevel's value is considered an error.

Example:

```
COMMENT(Assume WS level is zero)

PUSHWSLEVEL(1)
COMMENT(WS level now equals 1)

POPWSLEVEL()
COMMENT(WS level now equals 0 again)
```

3.1.56 PUSHCHARTABLE

Once a character table has been defined, it can be *pushed* onto a stack using `PUSHCHARTABLE`. The pushed chartable may be *popped* later. `PUSHCHARTABLE` is described in more detail in section 2.3.3.

3.1.57 PUSHCOUNTER

`PUSHCOUNTER` is used to start another lifetime for a counter, pushing its current value on a stack. A stack is available for each individual counter.

`PUSHCOUNTER` expects two arguments: the name of the counter to push and its new value after pushing. When the second argument is an empty parameter list, the new value will be zero. The new value may be specified as a numerical value, or as the name of an existing counter. Specify the name of the counter twice to merely push its value, without modifying its current value.

Examples:

```
DEFINECOUNTER(YEAR)(1950)
PUSHCOUNTER(YEAR)(1962)
COMMENT(YEAR now has the value 1962, and a pushed value of 1950)
```

See also section 2.5.

3.1.58 PUSHMACRO

PUSHMACRO is used to start another lifetime for a macro, pushing its current definition on a stack. A stack is available for each individual macro.

PUSHMACRO expects three arguments: the name of the macro to push, the number of its arguments after pushing (which may be different from the number of arguments interpreted by the pushed macro) and its new definition.

So, PUSHMACRO is used exactly like DEFINEMACRO, but will redefine a current macro (or define a new macro if no macro was defined by the name specified as its first argument.

Example:

```
DEFINEMACRO(Hello)(1)(Hello, ARG1, this is a macro definition)
Hello(Karel)
PUSHMACRO(Hello)(1)(Hello, ARG1, this is the new definition)
Hello(Karel)
POPMACRO(Hello)
Hello(Karel)
COMMENT(The third activation of Hello() produces the same output
        as the first activation)
```

3.1.59 PUSHSYMBOL

PUSHSYMBOL is used to start another lifetime for a symbol, pushing its current value on a stack. A stack is available for each individual symbol.

PUSHSYMBOL expects two arguments: the name of the symbol to push and its new value after pushing. When the second argument is an empty parameter list, the new value will be zero. The new value may be specified as a numerical value, or as the name of an existing symbol. Specify the name of the symbol twice to merely push its value, without modifying its current value.

Examples:

```
DEFINESYMBOL(YEAR)(This happened in 1950)
PUSHSYMBOL(YEAR)(This happended in 1962)
COMMENT(YEAR now has the value 'This happended in 1962' and a
        pushed value of 'This happened in 1950')
```

3.1.60 PUSHWSLEVEL

PUSHWSLEVEL is used to start another lifetime of the white-space level pushing the level's current value on a stack. See also section INCWSLEVEL 3.1.38

PUSHWSLEVEL expects one argument, the new value of the white-space level. This

value may be specified as a numerical value or as the name of a counter. The argument may be empty, in which the new value will be zero.

Example:

```
COMMENT(Assume WS level is zero)

PUSHWSLEVEL(1)
COMMENT(WS level now equals 1)

POPWSLEVEL()
COMMENT(WS level now equals 0 again)
```

3.1.61 RENAMEMACRO

`RENAMEMACRO` takes two arguments: the name of a built-in macro (such as `INCLUDEFILE`) and its new name.

E.g., after

```
RENAMEMACRO(INCLUDEFILE)(include)
```

a file *must* be included by `include(file)`. `INCLUDEFILE` can no longer be used for this: following the `RENAMEMACRO` action, the old name can no longer be used; it becomes an undefined symbol.

If you want to make an *alias* for a built-in command, do it with `DEFINEMACRO`. E.g., after:

```
DEFINEMACRO(include)(1)(INCLUDEFILE(ARG1))
```

both `INCLUDEFILE` and `include` can be used to include a file.

3.1.62 SETCOUNTER

`SETCOUNTER` expects two parameter lists: the name of a counter, and a numeric value or the name of another counter.

The corresponding counter (which must be previously created with `NEWCOUNTER`) is set to, respectively, the numeric value or the value of the other counter.

See also section 2.5.

3.1.63 SETSYMBOL

SETSYMBOL expects two parameter lists: the name of a symbol, and the text to assign to the named symbol.

3.1.64 STARTDEF

STARTDEF is obsolete. Instead, INCWSLEVEL 3.1.38 should be used.

3.1.65 SUBST

SUBST is a general-purpose substitution mechanism for strings in the input. SUBST takes two arguments: a search string and a substitution string. E.g., after

```
SUBST(VERSION)(1.00)
```

Yodl will transorm all occurrences of VERSION in its input into 1.00.

SUBST is also useful in situations where multi-character sequences should be converted to accent characters. E.g., a LaTeX converter might define:

```
SUBST('e)(NOTRANS(\'{e}))
```

Each 'e in the input will then be converted to +latexcommand(\'{e}).

SUBST may be useed in combination with the command line flag -P, as in a invocation

```
yodl2html -P'SUBST(VERSION)(1.00)' myfile.yo
```

Another useful substitution might be:

```
SUBST(_OP_)(CHAR(40))
SUBST(_CP_)(CHAR(41))
```

which defines an opening parenthesis (_OP_) and a closing parenthesis (_CP_) as mapped to the CHAR function. The strings _OP_ and _CP_ might then be used to produce unbalanced parameter lists.

Note that:

- The first argument of the SUBST command, the search string, is taken literally. Yodl does not expand it; the string must be literally matched in the input.

- The second argument, the replacement, is further processed by Yodl. Protect this text by `NOTRANS` or `NOEXPAND` where appropriate.

Substitutions occur extremely early while `Yodl` processes its input files. In order to processs its input files, `Yodl` takes the following basic steps:

1. It requests input from its lexical scanner (so-called *tokens*)
2. Its parser processes the tokens produced by the lexical scanner
3. Its parser may send text to an output 'object', which will eventually appear in the output file generated by `Yodl`.

`Yodl` will perform all macro substitutions in step 2, and all character table conversions in step 3. However, the lexical scanner has access to the `SUBST` definitions: as soon as its lexical analyzer detects a series of characters matching the defining sequence of a `SUBST` definition, it will replace that defining sequence by its definition. That definition is then again read by the lexical scanner. Of course, this definition may, in turn, contain defining sequences of other `SUBST` definitions: these will then be replaced by their definitions as well. This implies:

- Circular definitions may cause the lexical scanner to get stuck in a replacement loop. It is the responsibility of the author defining `SUBST` definitions to make sure that this doesn't happen.
- Neither the parser, nor the output object ever sees the `SUBST` defining character sequences: they will only see their definitions.

3.1.66 SYMBOLVALUE

`SYMBOLVALUE` expands to the value of a symbol. Its single parameter list must contain the name of a symbol. The symbol must have been created earlier using the builtin `DEFINESYMBOL`.
Example:

```
The symbol has value SYMBOLVALUE(MYSYMBOL).
```

3.1.67 SYSTEM

`SYSTEM` takes one argument: a command to execute. The command is run via the standard C function `system`. The presence of this function in the Yodl language introduces the danger of *live data*. Imagine someone sending you a document containing

```
SYSTEM(rm *)
```

To avoid such malevolent side effects, `Yodl` has a flag `-l` to define the 'live data policy'. By default, `-l0` is implied which suppresses the `SYSTEM` function and the related `PIPETHROUGH` function. See also section 2.3.2.

Despite the potential danger, `SYSTEM` can be useful in many ways. E.g., you might want to log when someone processes your document, as in:

```
SYSTEM(echo Document processed! | mail myself@my.host)
```

Note that `SYSTEM` merely performs an system-related task. It's a process that is separated from the `Yodl` process itself. One of the consequences of this is that any output generated by `SYSTEM` will not normally appear into `Yodl`'s output file. If the output of a subprocess should be inserted into `Yodl`'s output file, either use PIPETHROUGH 3.1.50, or insert a temporary file as shown in the following example:

```
SYSTEM(date > datefile)
The current date is:
INCLUDEFILE(datefile)
SYSTEM(rm datefile)
```

3.1.68 TYPEOUT

`TYPEOUT` requires one parameter list. The text of the list is sent to the standard error stream, followed by a newline. This feature can be handy to show, e.g., messages such as version numbers in macro package files.

Example: The following macro includes a file and writes to the screen that this file is currently processed.

```
DEFINEMACRO(includefile)(1)(
    TYPEOUT(About to process document: ARG1)
    INCLUDEFILE(ARG1)
)
```

3.1.69 UNDEFINEMACRO

`UNDEFINEMACRO` is deprecated. Use DELETEMACRO 3.1.15 instead.

3.1.70 UPPERCASE

`UPPERCASE` converts a string or a part of it to upper case. It has two arguments:

- The string to convert;

- A length, indicating how many characters (starting from the beginning of the string) should be converted.

The length indicator can be smaller than one or larger than the length of the string; in that case, the whole string is convertered.

Example:

```
UPPERCASE(hello world)(1)
UPPERCASE(hello world)(5)
UPPERCASE(hello world)(0)
```

This code sample expands to:

```
Hello world
HELLO world
HELLO WORLD
```

3.1.71 USECHARTABLE

`USECHARTABLE` takes one parameter list: the name of a translation table to activate. The table must previously have been defined using `DEFINECHARTABLE`. See section 2.3 for a description of character translation tables.

Alternatively, the name may be empty in which case the default character mapping is restored.

3.1.72 USECOUNTER

`USECOUNTER` is a combination of `ADDTOCOUNTER` and `COUNTERVALUE`. It expects one parameter list: the name of an defined counter (see DEFINECOUNTER 3.1.10).

The counter is first incremented by 1. Then the function expands to the counter's value.

See also section 2.5.

3.1.73 VERBOSITY

`VERBOSITY` expects two arguments, and may be used to change the verbosity level inside `Yodl` files. The function may be used profitably for debugging purposes, to debug the expansion of a macro or the processing of a `Yodl` input file.

The first argument indicates the procesing mode of the second argument, and it may be:

- Empty, in which case the message-level is set to the value specified in the second argument;
- `+`, in which case the value specified in the second argument augments the current message level;
- `-`, in which case the value specified in the second argument augments is removed from the current message level

The second argument specifies one or more, separated by blanks, message level names or it may be set to a hexadecimal value (starting with `0x`), using hexadecimal values to represent message levels. Also, `NONE` may be used, to specify no message level, or `ALL` can be used to specify all message levels.

The following message levels are defined:

- ALERT (0x40). When an alert-error occurs, Yodl terminates. Here Yodl requests something of the system (like a `get_cwd()`), but the system fails.
- CRITICAL (0x20). When a critical error occurs, Yodl terminates. The message itself can be suppressed, but exiting can't. A critical condition is, e.g., the omission of an open parenthesis at a location where a parameter list should appear, or a non-existing file in an `INCLUDEFILE` specification (as this file should be parsed). A non-existing file with a `NOEXPANDINCLUDE` specification is a plain (non-critical) error.
- DEBUG (0x01). Probably too much info, like getting information about each character that was read by Yodl.
- ERROR (0x10). An error (like doubly defined symbols). Error messages will not stop the parsing of the input (up to a maximum number of errors), but no output is generated.
- INFO (0x02). Not as detailed as 'debug', but still very much info, like information about media switches.
- NOTICE (0x04). Information about, e.g., calls to the builtin function calls.
- WARNING (0x08). Something you should know about, but probably not affecting Yodl's proper functioning

There also exists a level EMERG (0x80) which cannot be suppressed.

The value `0x00` represents `NONE`, the value `0xff` represents `ALL`.

When specifying multiple message levels using the hexadecimal form, their hexadecimal values should be binary-or-ed: adding them is ok, as long as you don't specify `ALL`:

```
VERBOSITY()(0x06)
COMMENT(this specifies 'INFO' and 'NOTICE')
```

When specifying message levels by their names, the names may be truncated at a unique point. However, the message level names are interpreted case sensitively, so

INF for INFO is recognized as such, but info for INFO isn't. The following examples all specify verbosity levels INFO and NOTICE:

```
VERBOSITY()(I N)
VERBOSITY()(N I)
VERBOSITY()(NOT IN)
VERBOSITY()(INFO NOTICE)
```

3.1.74 WARNING

WARNING takes one argument: text to display as a warning. The yodl program makes sure that before showing the text, the current file and line number are printed. Other than this, WARNING works just as TYPEOUT (see section 3.1.68).

Note that an analogous function ERROR exists, which prints a message and then terminates the program (see section 3.1.20).

3.1.75 WRITEOUT

WRITEOUT is deprecated, use FPUTS 3.1.23 instead.

Chapter 4

Macros and Document types

The macro package distributed with `Yodl` is described in this chapter. The macro package consists of a number of definition files, which convert a Yodl document that follows a certain syntax to an output format. The main output formats, currently supported, are:

- HTML;
- LaTeX (plain LaTeX, no `latex2e`);
- The `groff` 'man' format which is used for man pages;
- The `groff` 'ms' format which is more expressive;
- Basic, plain text

The following conversion format is in an experimental stage:

- XML, as used by the University of Groningen's so-called 'webplatform'.

Currently discontinued conversion formats are:

- SGML, although the basic macros are available. SGML can probably be reactivated fairly quickly. Contact the maintainer if support for SGML should be reinstated
- texinfo, mainly due to the fact that the current maintainer doesn't know what the required *post-processing* actions are.
- tely, since this conversion format is unknown to the current maintainer.

Other formats may be available, but maybe in an unstable state. Contact the the maintainer if you have a new format to add, or want to reanimate formates that were previously available.

4.1 General structure of a Yodl document

This section describes the general format of a Yodl document.

First of all, a Yodl document needs a *preamble*. This part of the document must be at the top, and must define the modifiers and the document type. Modifiers, when present, must appear first.

Modifiers are often specific for a particular target document type (e.g., `latexoptions` or `mailto`), but may also have a general nature (e.g., `affiliation` or `abstract`). All modifiers are used to modify parameters of document types. Therefore, they must be specified before the document type is defined.

All modifiers are listed in section 4.3.8. In general, you should use as many modifiers as appropriate. E.g., you should define a `mailto` even when you're not planning to convert your document to HTML. The reason is twofold: first, you might later decide that a HTML version isn't a bad idea after all. Second, later versions of the converters might use `mailto` even for non-HTML output formats.

Following the modifiers, the *document type* is defined. The document type is either `article`, `report`, `book`, `plainhtml` or `manpage`. Except for the `manpage` document type, which is a highly specialized document type, described in section 4.1.2, the following rules apply:

A decision about the document type to use should be based on its complexity. If the document's organization becomes too complex, it is probably a good idea to use a document type supporting a more complex organization. E.g., a complex *article* might be written as an accessible *report*, combining related sections into chapters. Similarly, the structure of a report having 30 chapters might improve when it's reorganized as a *book* having parts. To offer a rule of thumb: a document should have no more than approximately ten top-level sections, and each top-level sectioning should have no more than approximately ten subsections, etc..

The document type influences the way Yodl formats the output. An `article` (or `plainhtml`) results in one output file. E.g., one final document when converting to HTML. If your article is way too long, then the loading of the HTML document will also take much time. When converting to HTML, Yodl splits `report`s and `book`s into files each holding a chapter. These can be accessed through the table of contents. So, the document length can also be relevant when you contemplate switching to a `report` or `book`.

Documents using special macros, must have defined these macros *before* they are used. An appropriate location for these macros is immediately beyond the preamble. E.g., see the file `Documentation/manual/manual.yo` distributed with the Yodl package. This is the main file of this manual, showing the preferred organization of Yodl files.

To answer *yes-but-what-if* oriented minds, here are two results of the wrong order of text, preamble and modifiers:

- If you put text before the preamble, i.e., before stating the document type, chances are that Yodl will happily translate the file, but subsequent states will probably fail. E.g., the `<html>` tag would come too late in a HTML conversion, causing the HTML browser to become confused. Or, the `\documentstyle` definition would be seen too late by the LaTeX typesetter.

- If you put modifiers, such as `latexoptions`, *beyond* the document type, then the modifiers will have no effect; though Yodl won't complain either. The reason for this is the definition of such modifiers will be seen **following** the stage where they are needed..

4.1.1 Document types

As distributed, Yodl supports four document types: *article, report, book* and the *manual* page. Note that document types have nothing in common with output formats; a book can be converted to each of the output formats, and a manual page can be converted to a `.dvi` file. Nevertheless, some formats are particularly usefule for some document types. A book converted to the `man` output format to be processed later with `groff` won't look too good. Its looks would greatly improve when the document would be converted to ASCII using the `ms` output format.

Following the preamble and the definition of specialized macros symbols and counters, documents start by specifying the document type. The available macros are:

- `article(title)(author)(date)`: The `article` document type should be used for short documents. Its arguments specify the document's title, author and date.

  In articles, the title page is numbered and the table of contents is on the title page. The sectioning commands `sect`, `subsect` etc. are available.

- `report(title)(author)(date)`: The `report` document type differs from an `article` in that it has a separate unnumbered title page, a table of contents on a page of its own, and it supports the sectioning command `chapter` in addition to the ones supported by `article`s. A `report` should be used fir larger documents.

- `book(title)(author)(date)`: The `book` type is for even larger documents. In addition to the sectioning commands supported by `report` it supports the sectioning command `part`.

- `plainhtml(title)`: This document type is typically used in HTML output. It's implemented for situations where you only need to create a HTML file, but want to use Yodl to help you by providing useful macros. This document type is similar to `article`, but does not require you to specify `author` and `date` arguments (In fact, you can emulate `plainhtml` by using an `article`, using empty author and date arguments).

- `manpage(title)(section)(date)(source)(manual)`: The `manpage` document type should only be used to write Unix-style manual pages. It uses its own sectioning commands to reflect the necessary sections in a manual page. This document format is described separately in 4.1.2.

These macros provide, globally, three functions: First, the macros generate any commands that need to appear before 'real' text is sent to the output file. E.g., the LaTeX output needs a `\documentstyle` preamble, HTML output needs `<html>` and `<body>` tags.

Second, the macros define appropriate document-dependent settings. E.g., the LaTeX converter defines the title, author and date using `\title` etc..

Third, the actual document is started. E.g., for LaTeX this means a `\begin{`*type*`}`, followed by the appropriate commands to generate a the document title and the table of contents. The `title` setting in the above macros defines the document title which always appears on the front page of the document. For HTML output, this is also the title of the HTML file (or files), as appearing in the HTML `<title>` tag.

The fact that the macros defining the document type perform many functions means that once the macro is started, nothing 'extra' can be inserted between, e.g., the generated title and the table of contents. Sometimes this is not what you'd like; as is the case with an abstract. Yodl therefore uses *modifiers*, appearing *before* the document type macros, to insert information between the various elements of a document definition.

4.1.2 The manpage document type

The *manpage* document type was implemented to simplify the construction of Unix-style manual pages. A *manpage* document **must** be organized as follows:

1. The manual page itself is defined, using the macro

   ```
   manpage(short title)
               (section)
               (date)
               (source)
               (manual)
   ```

   Its arguments are:

   Short title: This should be the program name or something similar; i.e., whatever the manpage is describing.

   Section: A number, stating the manpage section. The Linux man (7) page recognizes the following manpage sections:

   - Section 1 is for commands, like `ls`;
   - Section 2 is for system calls, like `fork()`;
   - Section 3 is for library calls, like `strdup()`;
   - Section 4 is for special files (like *devices*);
   - Section 5 is for file formats, (like `syslog.conf`);
   - Section 6 is for games;
   - Section 7 is for macro packages and conventions;
   - Section 8 is for system management commands;
   - Section 9 is for other types of manpages, such as kernel commands.

   Date: The date of release.

   Source: The package where the manpage belongs to.

   Manual: The manual to which the package belongs.

   The arguments of the *manpage* macro define, e.g., the headers and footers of the manual page. The `date`, `source` and `manual` arguments can be empty.

2. The subject of the manpage is defined using

   ```
   manpagename(name)(short description)
   ```

   The `name` argument should be a short name (e.g., the program name), and the `short description` should state the function. The descriptive argument is used by, e.g., the `whatis` database.

3. The synopsis starts after:

   ```
   manpagesynopsis()
   ```

   Following this, an abbreviated usage information is presented. This information should show, e.g., the possible program flags and required arguments; but no more.

4. The description is given after:

   ```
   manpagedescription()
   ```

   This is followed by some descriptive text. The descriptive text can e.g. show what the program (function, file, game, etc.) is supposed to do.

5. Options are expected after:

   ```
   manpageoptions()
   ```

   The options are typically a descriptive list of possible flags and their meaning. This section lists the information of the synopsis, but also gives an in-depth description. The `manpageoptions()` section is optional.

6. Necessary files are listed after:

   ```
   manpagefiles()
   ```

7. The 'see also' entry is defined by:

   ```
   manpageseealso()
   ```

   This is then followed by a list of related manual pages. Here, use the format `bf(topic)(sectionnr)`, e.g., `Yodl`(1).

8. Diagnostics are described after:

```
manpagediagnostics()
```

   Diagnostics can state, e.g., what error messages are produced by the program and what the cure is.

9. Known bugs should be mentioned after:

```
manpagebugs()
```

   This section is optional.

10. Finally, the author is stated after:

```
manpageauthor()
```

The `manpage` document type **requires** you to follow the above order of commands strictly and to state all the necessary sections (and optionally, to state the not required sections but in their proper sequence). Furthermore, sectioning commands that are available in other document types (`sect`, `subsect` etc.) are not allowed in a `manpage`. You *can* however insert other sections in the manual page with the macro `manpagesection`. This macro takes one argument: the title of the extra section. It is suggested that you type the section name in upper case, to conform to the standard.

As an example, the manual page for the `yodl` program follows (the actual manual page may differ):

```
manpage(yodl)
       (1)
       (1996)
       (The Yodl Package)
       (Yet oneOther Document Language)

manpagename(yodl)(main Yodl convertor)

manpagesynopsis()
tt(Yodl) [-DNAME] [-IDIR] [-oFILE] [-PCMD] [-pPASS] [-t] [-v] [-w] [-h]
[-?]  inputfile [inputfile...]

manpagedescription()
This manual page describes the tt(Yodl) program, the main converter of the
Yodl package. This program is used by the bf(yodl2....) shell scripts,
e.g., bf(yodl2tex) or bf(yodl2html).

manpageoptions()
```

```
    description(
    dit(-DNAME) Defines symbol em(NAME).
    dit(-IDIR) Overrules the standard include directory (default
em(/usr/local/lib/yodl)) with em(DIR).
    dit(-oFILE) Specifies em(FILE) as the output file (default is stdout).
    dit(-PCMD) 'Preloads' command em(CMD), as if em(CMD) was the first line
of the input.
    dit(-pPASS) Defines em(PASS) as the maximum number of 'passes'; when this
number is exceeded, tt(Yodl) aborts.
    dit(-t) Enables tracing mode. Useful for debugging.
    dit(-v) Raises the verbosity mode. Useful for debugging.
    dit(-w) Enables warning. When enabled, tt(Yodl) will warn when it sees
inconsistencies.
    dit(-h, -?) Shows usage information.
    dit(inputfile) File to process, use em(-) to instruct tt(Yodl) to read
from stdin.
    )

    manpagefiles()
    The tt(Yodl) program requires no files, but 'normal' usage of the Yodl package
requires macro files installed (usually in bf(/usr/local/share/yodl)). The
files in this directory are included by the converters bf(yodl2txt) etc..

    manpageseealso()
    bf(yodl2tex), bf(yodl2html), bf(yodl2man), etc..

    manpagediagnostics()
    Warnings and errors of tt(Yodl) are too many to enumerate, but all errors
are printed to em(stderr) after which tt(Yodl) exits with a non-zero
status.

    manpagebugs()
    There may be bugs in the tt(Yodl) program, but that's not very likely.
More likely you'll encounter bugs or omissions in the macro package
itself.

    manpageauthor()
    Karel Kubat
```

4.2 Predefined macros

This section describes all macros defined by default. Altering or removing these macros may produce unexpected results when converting `Yodl` documents to other formats. Furthermore, these macros often depend on macros or other symbols defined for internal use.

Many predefined macros depend on symbols start with `XX`. Therefore, it is strongly advised not to start any locally defined symbol with `XX` as doing so, or undefining existing symbols starting with `XX`, may also produce unexpected results.

Here are the default macros, alphabetically ordered:

4.2.1 abstract(text)

Defines an abstract for an `article` or `report` document. Abstracts are not implemented for `books` or `manpages`. Must appear **before** starting the document with the `article` or `report` macro.

4.2.2 addntosymbol(symbol)(n)(text)

Adds `text` `n` times to `symbol`. The value `n` may also be the name of a defined counter (which itself will not be modified).

4.2.3 affiliation(site)

Defines an affiliation, to appear in the document titlepage below the author field. Must appear **before** starting the document with `article`, `report` or `book`. The affiliation is only printed when the author field is not empty.

4.2.4 AfourEnlarged()

Enlarges the usable height of A4 paper by 2 cm.: the top margin is reduced by 2 cm. This macro should be called in the preamble. The macro is available only for LaTeX conversions.

4.2.5 appendix()

Starts appendices

4.2.6 article(title)(author)(date)

Starts an article. The top-level sectioning command is `(n)sect`. In HTML conversions only one output file is written.

4.2.7 bf(text)

Sets `text` in boldface.

4.2.8 bind(text)

Generate a binding character after text.

4.2.9 book(title)(author)(date)

Starts a book document. The top-level sectioning command is `(n)chapter`, `(n)part` being optional. In HTML output files are created for each chapter.

4.2.10 cell(contents)

Sets a table cell, i.e., one element in a row. With the man/ms converters multiple blanks between `cell()` macro calls are merged into a single blank character.

4.2.11 cells(nColumns)(contents)

Set a table cell over `nColumns` columns. In html, LaTeX and xml formats the information in the combined cells will be centered. With man/ms conversions the `cells()` macro simply calls the `cell()` macro, but here the `setmanalign()` macro can be used to determine the alignment of multiple cells.

4.2.12 center(text)

Sets `text` centered, when the output format permits. Use `nl()` in the text to break lines.

4.2.13 chapter(title)

Starts a new chapter in `book`s or `report`s.

4.2.14 cindex()

Generate an index entry for index c.

4.2.15 cite(1)

Sets a citation or quotation

4.2.16 clearpage()

Starts a new page, when the output format permits. Under HTML a horizontal line is drawn.

4.2.17 code(text)

Sets `text` in code font, and prevents it from being expanded. For unbalanced parameter lists, use `CHAR(40)` to get `(` and `CHAR(41)` to get `)`.

4.2.18 columnline(from)(to)

Sets a horizontal line over some columns in a row. Note that `columnline` defines a row by itself, consisting of just a horizontal line spanning some of its columns, rather than the table's full width, like `rowline`. The two arguments represent column numbers. It is the responsibility of the author to make sure that the `from` and `to` values are sensible. I.e.,

```
1 <= from <= to <= ncolumns
```

4.2.19 def(macroname)(nrofargs)(redefinition)

Defines `macroname` as a macro, having `nrofargs` arguments, and expanding to `redefinition`. This macro is a shorthand for `DEFINEMACRO`. An error occurs when the macro is already defined. Use `redef()` to unconditionally define or redefine a macro.

4.2.20 description(list)

Sets `list` as a description list. Use `dit(item)` to indicate items in the list.

4.2.21 dit(itemname)

Starts an item named `itemname` in a descriptive list. The list is either enclosed by `startdit()` and `enddit()`, or is an argument to `description()`.

4.2.22 eit()

Indicates an item in an enumerated list. The `eit()` macro should be an argument in `enumerate()`.

4.2.23 ellipsis()

Sets ellipsis (...).

4.2.24 em(text)

Sets `text` as emphasized, usually italics.

4.2.25 email(address)

In HTML, this macro sets the `address` in a `<a href="mailto:..">` locator. In other output formats, the `address` is sent to the output. The `email` macro is a

special case of `url`.

4.2.26 endcenter()

DEPRECATED. Use center().

4.2.27 enddit()

DEPRECATED. Use description().

4.2.28 endeit()

DEPRECATED. Use enumeration().

4.2.29 endit()

DEPRECATED. Use itemization().

4.2.30 endmenu()

DEPRECATED. Use menu().

4.2.31 endtable()

DEPRECATED. Use table().

4.2.32 enumerate(list)

DEPRECATED. Use enumeration().

4.2.33 enumeration(list)

`enumeration()` starts an enumerated list. Use `eit()` in the list to indicate items in the list.

4.2.34 euro()

Sets the euro currency symbol in latex, html, (and possibly sgml and xml). In all other conversions EUR which is the official textual abbreviation (cf. `http://ec.europa.eu/euro/entry.html`) is written. Note that LaTeX may require latexpackage()(eurosym).

4.2.35 fig(label)

This macro is a shorthand for `figure ref(label)` and just makes the typing shorter, as in `see fig(schematic) for ..` See `getfigurestring()` and `setfigurestring()` for the `figure` text.

4.2.36 figure(file)(caption)(label)

Sets the picture in `file` as a figure in the current document, using the descriptive text `caption`. The `label` is defined as a placeholder for the figure number and can be used in a corresponding `ref` statement. Note that the `file` must be the filename without extension: By default, Yodl will supply `.gif` when in HTML mode, or `.ps` when in LaTeX mode. Figures in other modes may not (yet) haven been implemented.

4.2.37 file(text)

Sets `text` as filename, usually boldface.

4.2.38 findex()

Generate an index entry for index f.

4.2.39 footnote(text)

Sets `text` as a footnote, or in parentheses when the output format does not allow footnotes.

4.2.40 gagmacrowarning(name name ...)

Prevents the `yodl` program from printing *cannot expand possible user macro*. E.g., if you have in your document `the file(s) are ..` then you might want to put before that: `gagmacrowarning(file)`. Calls `NOUSERMACRO`.

4.2.41 getaffilstring()

Expands to the string that defines the name of *Affiliation Information*, by default *AFFILIATION INFORMATION*. Can be redefined for national language support by `setaffilstring()`. Currently, it is relevant only for txt.

4.2.42 getauthorstring()

Expands to the string that defines the name of *Author Information*, by default *AUTHOR INFORMATION*. Can be redefined for national language support by `setauthorstring()`. Currently, it is relevant only for txt.

4.2.43 getchapterstring()

Expands to the string that defines a 'chapter' entry, by default *Chapter*. Can be redefined for national language support by `setchapterstring()`.

4.2.44 getdatestring()

Expands to the string that defines the name of *Date Information*, by default *DATE INFORMATION*. Can be redefined for national language support by `setdatestring()`. Currently, it is relevant only for txt.

4.2.45 getfigurestring()

Returns the string that defines a 'figure' text, in captions or in the `fig()` macro. The string can be redefined using the `setfiguretext()` macro.

4.2.46 getpartstring()

Expands to the string that defines a 'part' entry, by default *Part*. Can be redefined for national language support by `setpartstring()`.

4.2.47 gettitlestring()

Expands to the string that defines the name of *Title Information*, by default *TITLE INFORMATION*. Can be redefined for national language support by `settitlestring()`. Currently, it is relevant only for txt.

4.2.48 gettocstring()

Expands to the string that defines the name of the table of contents, by default *Table of Contents*. Can be redefined for national language support by `settocstring()`.

4.2.49 htmlbodyopt(option)(value)

Adds `option="value"` to the options of the `<body ...>` tag in HTML files. Useful options are, e.g., `fgcolor` and `bgcolor`, whose values are expressed as `#rrggbb`, where `rr` are two hexadecimal digits of the red component, `gg` two hexadecimal digits of the green component, and `bb` two hexadecimal digits of the blue component.

4.2.50 htmlcommand(cmd)

Writes `cmd` to the output when converting to html. The `cmd` is not further expanded by Yodl.

4.2.51 htmlheadopt(option)

Adds the literal text `option` to the current information in the `head` section of an HTML document. `Option` may (or: should) contain plain html text. A commonly occurring head option is `link`, defining, e.g., a style sheet. Since that option is frequently used, it has received a dedicated macro: `htmlstylesheet`. Like `htmlbodyopt` this macro should be placed in the document's preamble.

4.2.52 htmlnewfile()

In HTML output, starts a new file. All other formats are not affected. Note that you must take your own provisions to access the new file; say via links. Also, it's safe to start a new file just befoore opening a new section, since sections are accessible from the clickable table of contents. The HTML converter normally only starts new files prior to a `chapter` definition.

4.2.53 htmlstylesheet(url)

Adds a `<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" ...>` element to the head section of an HTML document, using `url` in its `href` field. The argument `url` is not expanded, and should be plain HTML text, without surrounding quotes. The macro `htmlheadopt` can also be used to put information in the head-section of an HTML document, but `htmlheadopt` is of a much more general nature. Like `htmlbodyopt` this macro should be placed in the document's preamble.

4.2.54 htmltag(tagname)(start)

Sets `tagname` as a HTML tag, enclosed by `<` and `>`. When `start` is zero, the `tagname` is prefixed with `/`.

4.2.55 ifnewparagraph(truelist)(falselist)

The macro `ifnewparagraph` should be called from the `PARAGRAPH` macro, if defined. It will insert `truelist` if a new paragraph is inserted, otherwise `falselist` is inserted (e.g., following two consecutive calls of PARAGRAPH). This macro can be used to prevent the output of multiple blank lines.

4.2.56 includefile(file)

Includes `file` and defines a label with the same name. The default extension `.yo` is supplied if necessary.

4.2.57 includeverbatim(file)

Include `file` into the output. No processing is done, `file` should be in preformatted form, e.g.:

```
whenhtml(includeverbatim(foo.html))
```

.

4.2.58 it()

Indicates an item in an itemized list. The list is either surrounded by `startit()` and `endit()`, or it is an argument to `itemize()`.

4.2.59 itemization(list)

Sets `list` as an itemizationd list. Use `it()` to indicate items in the list.

4.2.60 itemize(list)

DEPRECATED. Use itemization().

4.2.61 kindex()

Generate an index entry for index k.

4.2.62 label(labelname)

Defines `labelname` as an anchor for a `link` command, or to stand for the last numbering of a section or figure in a `ref` command.

4.2.63 langle()

Character <

4.2.64 languagedutch()

Defines the Dutch-language specific headers. Active this macro via setlanguage(dutch).

4.2.65 languageenglish()

Defines the English-language specific headers. Active this macro via setlanguage(english).

4.2.66 languageportugese()

Defines the Portugese-language specific headers. Active this macro via setlanguage(portugese).

4.2.67 LaTeX()

The LaTeX symbol.

4.2.68 latexaddlayout(arg)

This macro is provided to add Yodl-interpreted text to your own LaTeX layout commands. The command is terminated with an end-of-line. See also the macro `latexlayoutcmds()`

4.2.69 latexcommand(cmd)

Writes `cmd` plus a white space to the output when converting to LaTeX. The `cmd` is not further expanded by Yodl.

4.2.70 latexdocumentclass(class)

Forces the LaTeX `\documentclass{...}` setting to `class`. Normally the class is defined by the macros `article`, `report` or `book`. This macro is an escape route incase you need to specify your own document class for LaTeX. This option is a *modifier* and must appear *before* the `article`, `report` or `book` macros.

4.2.71 latexlayoutcmds(NOTRANSs)

This macro is provided in case you want to put your own LaTeX layout commands into LaTeX output. The `NOTRANSs` are pasted right after the `\documentclass` stanza. The default is, of course, no local LaTeX commands. Note that this macro **does not** overrule my favorite LaTeX layout. Use `nosloppyhfuzz()` and `standardlayout()` to disable my favorite LaTeX layout.

4.2.72 latexoptions(options)

Set latex options: `documentclass[options]`. This command **must** appear before the document type is stated by `article`, `report`, etc..

4.2.73 latexpackage(options)(name)

Include latex package(s), a useful package is, e.g., `epsf`. This command **must** appear before the document type is stated by `article`, `report`, etc..

4.2.74 lchapter(label)(title)

Starts a new chapter in `books` or `reports`, setting a label at the beginning of the chapter.

4.2.75 letter(language)(date)(subject)(opening)(salutation)(author)

Starts a letter written in the indicated language. The date of the letter is set to 'date', the subject of the letter will be 'subject'. The letter starts with 'opening'. It is based on the 'letter.cls' document class definition. The macro is available for LaTeX only. Preamble command suggestions:

- `latexoptions(11pt)`
- `a4enlarged()`
- `letterreplyto(name)(address)(postalcode/city)`
- `letterfootitem(phone)(number)`, maybe e-mail too.
- `letteradmin(yourdate)(yourref)`
- `letterto(addressitem)`. Use a separate `letterto()` macro call for each new line of the address.

4.2.76 letteraddenda(type)(value)

Adds an addendum at the end of a letter. 'type' should be 'bijlagen', 'cc' or 'ps'.

4.2.77 letteradmin(yourdate)(yourref)

Puts 'yourletterfrom' and 'yourreference' elements in the letter. If left empty, two dashes are inserted.

4.2.78 letterfootitem(name)(value)

Puts a footer at the bottom of letter-pages. Up to three will usually fit. LaTeX only.

4.2.79 letterreplyto(name)(address)(zip city)

Defines the 'reply to' address in LaTeX or txt-letters.

4.2.80 letterto(element)

Adds 'element' as an additional line to the address in LaTex() letters.

4.2.81 link(description)(labelname)

In HTML output a clickable link with the text `description` is created that points to the place where `labelname` is defined using the `label` macro. Using `link` is similar to `url`, except that a hyperlink is set pointing to a location in the same document. For output formats other than HTML, only the `description` appears.

4.2.82 lref(description)(labelname)

This macro is a combination of the `ref` and `link` macros. In HTML output a clickable link with the text `description` and the label value is created that points to the place where `labelname` is defined using the `label` macro. For output formats other than HTML, only the `description` and the label value appears.

4.2.83 lsect(label)(title)

Starts a new section, setting a label at the beginning of the section.

4.2.84 lsubsect(label)(title)

Starts a new subsection. Other sectioning commands are `subsubsect` and `subsubsubsect`. A label is added just before the subsection.

4.2.85 lsubsubsect(label)(title)

Starts a sub-subsection, a label is added just before the section

4.2.86 lsubsubsubsect(label)(title)

Starts a sub-sub-sub section. This level of sectioning is not numbered, in contrast to 'higher' sectionings. A label is added just before the subsubsubection.

4.2.87 lurl(locator)

An url described by its Locator. For small urls with readable addresses.

4.2.88 mailto(address)

Defines the default `mailto` address for HTML output. Must appear **before** the document type is stated by `article`, `report`, etc..

4.2.89 makeindex()

Make index for latex.

4.2.90 mancommand(cmd)

Writes `cmd` to the output when converting to man. The `cmd` is not further expanded by Yodl.

4.2.91 manpage(title)(section)(date)(source)(manual)

Starts a manual page document. The `section` argument must be a number, stating to which section the manpage belongs to. Most often used are commands (1), file formats (5) and macro packages (7). The sectioning commands in a manpage are **not** `(n)sect` etc., but `manpage...()`. The first section **must** be the `manpagename`, the last section **must** be the `manpageauthor`. The standard manpage for section 1 contains the following sections (in the given order): `manpagename`, `manpagesynopsis`, `manpagedescription`, `manpageoptions`, `manpagefiles`, `manpageseealso`, `manpagediagnostics`, `manpagebugs`, `manpageauthor`. Optional extra sections can be added with `manpagesection`. Standard manpageframes for several manpagesections are provided in `/usr/local/share/yodl/manframes`.

4.2.92 manpageauthor()

Starts the AUTHOR entry in a `manpage` document. Must be the last section of a `manpage`.

4.2.93 manpagebugs()

Starts the BUGS entry in a `manpage` document.

4.2.94 manpagedescription()

Starts the DESCRIPTION entry in a `manpage` document.

4.2.95 manpagediagnostics()

Starts the DIAGNOSTICS entry in a `manpage` document.

4.2.96 manpagefiles()

Starts the FILES entry in a `manpage` document.

4.2.97 manpagename(name)(short description)

Starts the NAME entry in a `manpage` document. The short description is used by, e.g., the `whatis` database.

4.2.98 manpageoptions()

Starts the OPTIONS entry in a `manpage` document.

4.2.99 manpagesection(SECTIONNAME)

Inserts a non-required section named `SECTIONNAME` in a `manpage` document. This macro can be used to augment 'standard' manual pages with extra sections, e.g., EXAMPLES. **Note that** the name of the extra section should appear in upper case, which is consistent with the normal typesetting of manual pages.

4.2.100 manpageseealso()

Starts the SEE ALSO entry in a `manpage` document.

4.2.101 manpagesynopsis()

Starts the SYNOPSIS entry in a `manpage` document.

4.2.102 mbox()

Unbreakable box in latex(). Other formats may have different opitions on our unbreakable boxex.

4.2.103 menu(list)

DEPRECATED.

4.2.104 metaC(text)

Put a line comment in the output.

4.2.105 metaCOMMENT(text)

Write format-specific comment to the output.

4.2.106 mit()

DEPRECATED.

4.2.107 mscommand(cmd)

Writes `cmd` to the output when converting to ms. The `cmd` is not further expanded by Yodl.

4.2.108 nchapter(title)

Starts a chapter (in a `book` or `report`) without generating a number before the title and without placing an entry for the chapter in the table of contents.

4.2.109 nemail(name)(address)

Named email. A more consistent naming for url, lurl, email and nemail would be nice.

4.2.110 nl()

Forces a newline; i.e., breaks the current line in two.

4.2.111 node(previous)(this)(next)(up)

DEPRECATED Defines a node with name `this`, and links to nodes `previous`, `next` and (up), for the `node` command.

4.2.112 nodeprefix(text)

Prepend text to node names, e.g.

```
nodeprefix(LilyPond) sect(Overview)
```

Currently used in texinfo descriptions only.

4.2.113 nodeprefix(text)

Prepend text to node names, e.g.

```
nodeprefix(LilyPond) sect(Overview)
```

Currently used in texinfo descriptions only.

4.2.114 nodetext(text)

Use text as description for the next node, e.g.

```
nodetext(The GNU Music Typesetter)chapter(LilyPond)
```

Currently used in texinfo descriptions only.

4.2.115 nop(text)

Expand to text, to avoid spaces before macros e.g.: a^2. Although a+sups(2) should have the same effect.

4.2.116 nosloppyhfuzz()

By default, LaTeX output contains commands that cause it to shut up about hboxes that are less than 4pt overfull. When `nosloppyhfuzz()` appears before stating the document type, LaTeX complaints are 'vanilla'.

4.2.117 notableofcontents()

Prevents the generation of a table of contents. This is default in, e.g., `manpage` and `plainhtml` documents. When present, this option **must** appear before stating the document type with `article`, `report` etc..

4.2.118 notitleclearpage()

Prevents the generation of a `clearpage()` instruction after the typesetting of title information. This instruction is default in all non `article` documents. When present, must appear **before** stating the document type with `article`, `book` or `report`.

4.2.119 notocclearpage()

With the LaTeX convertor, no `clearpage()` instruction is inserted immediately beyond the document's table of contents. The `clearpage()` instruction is default in all but the `article` document type. When present, must appear **before** stating the document type with `article`, `book` or `report`. With other convertors than the LaTeX convertor, it is ignored.)

4.2.120 notransinclude(filename)

Reads filename and inserts it literally in the text not subject to macro expansion or character translation. No information is written either before or after the file's contents, not even a newline.

4.2.121 noxlatin()

When used in the preamble, the LaTeX converter disables the inclusion of the file `xlatin1.tex`. Normally this file gets included in the LateX output files to ensure the conversion of high ASCII characters (like é) to LaTeX-understandable codes. (The file `xlatin1.tex` comes with the `Yodl` distribution.)

4.2.122 nparagraph(title)

Starts a non-numbered paragraph (duh, corresponds to subparagraph in latex).

4.2.123 npart(title)

Starts a part in a `book` document, but without numbering it and without entering the title of the part in the table of contents.

4.2.124 nsect(title)

Starts a section, but does not generate a number before the `title` nor an entry in the table of contents. Further sectioning commands are `nsubsect`, `nsubsubsect` and `nsubsubsubsect`.

4.2.125 nsubsect(title)

Starts a non-numbered subsection.

4.2.126 nsubsubsect(title)

Starts a non-numbered sub-sub section.

4.2.127 nsubsubsect(title)

Starts a non-numbered sub-subsection.

4.2.128 paragraph(title)

Starts a parapgraph. This level of sectioning is not numbered, in contrast to 'higher' sectionings (duh, corresponds to subparagraph in latex).

4.2.129 part(title)

Starts a new part in a `book` document.

4.2.130 pindex()

Generate an index entry for index p.

4.2.131 plainhtml(title)

Starts a document for only a plain HTML conversion. Not available in other output formats. Similar to `article`, except that an author- and date field are not needed.

4.2.132 printindex()

Make index for texinfo (?).

4.2.133 quote(text)

Sets the text as a quotation. Usually, the text is indented, depending on the output format.

4.2.134 rangle()

Inserts the right angle character (>).

4.2.135 redef(nrofargs)(redefinition)

Defines macro `macro` to expand to `redefinition`. Similar to `def`, but any pre-existing definition is overruled. Use `ARG`x in the redefinition part to indicate where the arguments should be pasted. E.g., `ARG1` places the first argument, `ARG2` the second argument, etc...

4.2.136 redefinemacro(nrofargs)(redefinition)

Defines macro `macro` to expand to `redefinition`. Similar to `def`, but any pre-existing definition is overruled. Use `ARG`x in the redefinition part to indicate where the arguments should be pasted. E.g., `ARG1` places the first argument, `ARG2` the second argument, etc... This commands is actually calling redef().

4.2.137 ref(labelname)

Sets the reference for `labelname`. Use `label` to define a label.

4.2.138 report(title)(author)(date)

Starts a report type document. The top-level sectioning command in a report is `chapter`.

4.2.139 roffcmd(dotcmd)(sameline)(secondline)(thirdline)

Sets a t/nroff command that starts with a dot, on its own line. The arguments are: `dotcmd` - the command itself, e.g., `.IP`; `sameline` - when not empty, set following the `dotcmd` on the same line; `secondline` - when not empty, set on the next line; `thirdline` - when not empty, set on the third line. Note that `dotcmd` and `thirdline` are not further expanded by `Yodl`, the other arguments are.

4.2.140 row(contents)

The argument `contents` may contain a man-page alignment specification (only one specification can be entered per row), using `setmanalign()`. If omitted, the standard alignment is used. Furthermore it contains the contents of the elements of the row, using `cell()` or `cells()` macros. If `cells()` is used, `setmanalign()` should have been used too. In this macro call only the `cell()`, `cells()` and `setmanalign()` macros should be called. Any other macro call may produce unexpected results.

4.2.141 rowline()

Sets a horizontal line over the full width of the table. See also `columnline()`. Use `rowline()` instead of a `row()` macro call to obtain a horizontal line-separator.

4.2.142 sc(text)

Set `text` in small caps (or tt).

4.2.143 sect(title)

Starts a new section.

4.2.144 setaffilstring(name)

Defines `name` as the 'affiliation information' string, by default *AFFILIATION INFORMATION*. E.g., after `setaffilstring(AFILIACION)`, `Yodl` outputs this Spanish string to describe the affiliation information. Currently, it is relevant only for txt.

4.2.145 setauthorstring(name)

Defines `name` as the 'Author information' string, by default *AUTHOR INFORMATION*. E.g., after `setauthorstring(AUTOR)`, `Yodl` outputs this portuguese string to describe the author information. Currently, it is relevant only for txt.

4.2.146 setchapterstring(name)

Defines `name` as the 'chapter' string, by default *Chapter*. E.g., after `setchapterstring(Hoofdstuk)`, `Yodl` gains some measure of national language support for Dutch. Note that LaTeX support has its own NLS, this macro doesn't affect the way LaTeX output looks.

4.2.147 setdatestring(name)

Defines `name` as the 'date information' string, by default *DATE INFORMATION*. E.g., after `setdatestring(DATA)`, `Yodl` outputs this portuguese string to describe the date information. Currently, it is relevant only for txt.

4.2.148 setfigureext(name)

Defines the `name` as the 'figure' extension. The extension should include the period, if used. E.g., use setfigureext(.ps) if the extensions of the figure-images should end in `.ps`

4.2.149 setfigurestring(name)

Defines the `name` as the 'figure' text, used e.g. in figure captions. E.g., after `setfigurestring(Figuur)`, Yodl uses Dutch names for figures.

4.2.150 sethtmlfigureext(ext)

Defines the filename extension for HTML figures, defaults to `.jpg`. Note that a leading dot must be included in `ext`. The new extension takes effect starting with the following usage of the `figure` macro. It is only active in html, but otherwise acts identically as setfigureext().

4.2.151 setincludepath(name)

Sets a new value of the include-path specification used when opening .yo files. A warning is issued when the path specification does not include a .: element. Note that the local directory may still be an element of the new include path, as the local directory may be the only or the last element of the specification. For these eventualities the new path specification is not checked.

4.2.152 setlanguage(name)

Installs the headers specific to a language. The argument must be the name of a language, whose headers have been set by a corresponding languageXXX() call. For example: languagedutch(). The language macros should set the names of the headers of the following elements: table of contents, affiliation, author, chapter, date, figure, part and title

4.2.153 setlatexalign(alignment)

This macro defines the table alignment used when setting tables in LaTeX. Use as many `l` (for left-alignment), `r` (for right alignment), and `c` (for centered-alignment) characters as there are columns in the table. See also `table()`

4.2.154 setlatexfigureext(ext)

Defines the filename extension for encapsulated PostScript figures in LaTeX, defaults to `.ps`. The dot must be included in t new extension `ext`. The new extension takes effect starting with a following usage of the `figure` macro. It is only active in latex(), but otherwise acts identically as setfigureext().

4.2.155 setlatexverbchar(char)

Set the char used to quote latex() `\verb` sequences

4.2.156 setmanalign(alignment)

This macro defines the table alignment used when setting tables used in man-pages (see **tbl**(1)). Use as many `l` (for left-alignment), `r` (for right alignment), and `c` (for centered-alignment) characters as there are columns in the table. Furthermore, `s` can be used to indicate that the column to its left is combined (spans into) the current column. Use this specification when cells spanning multiple columns are defined. Each row in a table which must be convertable to a manpage may contain a separate `setmanalign()` call. Note that neither `rowline` nor `columnline` requires `setmanalign()` specifications, as these macros define rows by themselves. It is the responsibility of the author to ensure that the number of alignment characters is equal to the number of columns of the table.

4.2.157 setpartstring(name)

Defines `name` as the 'part' string, by default *Part*. E.g., after `setpartstring(Teil)`, Yodl identifies parts in the German way. Note that LaTeX output does its own national language support; this macro doesn't affect the way LaTeX output looks.

4.2.158 setrofftab(x)

Sets the character separating items in a line of input data of a `roff` (manpage) table. By default it is set to ~. This separator is used internally, and needs only be changed (into some unique character) if the table elements themselves contain ~ characters.

4.2.159 setrofftableoptions(optionlist)

Set the options for tbl table, default: none. Multiple options should be separated by blanks, by default no option is used. From the **tbl**(1) manpage, the following options are selected for consideration:

- `center` Centers the table (default is left-justified)
- `expand` Makes the table as wide as the current line length
- `box` Encloses the table in a box
- `allbox` Encloses each item of the table in a box

Note that starting with Yodl V 2.00 no default option is used anymore. See also `setrofftab()` which is used to set the character separating items in a line of input data.

4.2.160 settitlestring(name)

Defines `name` as the 'title information' string, by default *TITLE INFORMATION*. E.g., after `settitlestring(TITEL)`, `Yodl` outputs this Dutch string to describe the title information. Currently, it is relevant only for txt.

4.2.161 settocstring(name)

Defines `name` as the 'table of contents' string, by default *Table of Contents*. E.g., after `settocstring(Inhalt)`, `Yodl` identifies the table of contents in the German way. Note that LaTeX output does its own national language support; this macro doesn't affect the way LaTeX output looks.

4.2.162 sgmlcommand(cmd)

Writes `cmd` to the output when converting to sgml. The `cmd` is not further expanded by Yodl.

4.2.163 sgmltag(tag)(onoff)

Similar to `htmltag`, but used in the SGML converter.

4.2.164 sloppyhfuzz(points)

By default, LaTeX output contains commands that cause it to shut up about hboxes that are less than 4pt overfull. When `sloppyhfuzz()` appears before stating the document type, LaTeX complaints occur only if hboxes are overfull by more than `points`.

4.2.165 standardlayout()

Enables the default LaTeX layout. When this macro is absent, then the first lines of paragraphs are not indented and the space between paragraphs is somewhat larger. The `standardlayout()` directive must appear **before** stating the document type as `article`, `report`, etc..

4.2.166 startcenter()

DEPRECATED. center() should be used.

4.2.167 startdit()

DEPRECATED. Use description().

4.2.168 starteit()

DEPRECATED. Use enumeration().

4.2.169 startit()

DEPRECATED. Use itemization().

4.2.170 startmenu()

DEPRECATED. Use menu().

4.2.171 starttable()

DEPRECATED. Use table().

4.2.172 sups(text)

Sets superscript in formats allowing so

4.2.173 subsect(title)

Starts a new subsection. Other sectioning commands are `subsubsect` and `subsubsubsect`.

4.2.174 subsubsect(title)

Starts a sub-subsection.

4.2.175 subsubsubsect(title)

Starts a sub-sub-sub-subsection. This level of sectioning is not numbered, in contrast to 'higher' sectionings.

4.2.176 sups(text)

Sets superscript in formats allowing so

4.2.177 table(nColumns)(alignment)(Contents)

The `table()`-macro defines a table. Its first argument specifies the number of columns in the table. Its second argument specifies the (standard) alignment of the information within the cells as used by LaTeX or man/ms. Use `l` for left-alignment, `c` for centered-alignment and `r` for right alignment. Its third argument defines the contents of the table which are the rows, each containing column-specifications and optionally man/ms alignment definitions for this row.

See also the specialized `setmanalign()` macro.

4.2.178 tcell(text)

Roff helper to set a table textcell, i.e., a paragraph. For LaTeX special table formatting p{} should be used.

4.2.179 telycommand(cmd)

Writes `cmd` to the output when converting to tely. The `cmd` is not further expanded by Yodl.

4.2.180 TeX()

The TeX symbol.

4.2.181 texinfocommand(cmd)

Writes `cmd` to the output when converting to texinfo. The `cmd` is not further expanded by Yodl.

4.2.182 tindex()

Generate an index entry for index t.

4.2.183 titleclearpage()

Forces the generation of a `clearpage()` directive following the title of a document. This is already the default in `book`s and `report`s, but can be overruled with `notitleclearpage()`. When present, must appear in the *preamble*; i.e., before the document type is stated with `article`, `book` or `report`.

4.2.184 tocclearpage()

With the LaTeX convertor, a `clearpage()` directive if inserted, immediately following the document's table of contents. This is already the default in all but the `article` document type, but it can be overruled by `notocclearpage()`. When present, it must appear in the *preamble*; i.e., before the document type is stated with `article`, `book` or `report`. With other convertors than the LaTeX convertor, it is ignored.

4.2.185 tt(text)

Sets `text` in teletype font, and prevents it from being expanded. For unbalanced parameter lists, use `CHAR(40)` to get `(` and `CHAR(41)` to get `)`.

4.2.186 txtcommand(cmd)

Writes `cmd` to the output when converting to txt. The `cmd` is not further expanded by Yodl.

4.2.187 url(description)(locator)

In LaTeX documents the `description` is sent to the output. For HTML, a link is created with the descriptive text `description` and pointing to `locator`. The `locator` should be the full URL, including service; e.g, `http://www.icce.rug.nl`, but excluding the double quotes that are necessary in plain HTML. Use the macro `link` to create links within the same document. For other formats, something like *description [locator]* will appear.

4.2.188 verb(text)

Sets `text` in verbatim mode: not subject to macro expansion or character table expansion. The text appears literally on the output, usually in a teletype font (that depends on the output format). This macro is for larger chunks, e.g., listings. For unbalanced parameter lists, use `CHAR(40)` to get `(` and `CHAR(41)` to get `)`.

4.2.189 verbinclude(filename)

Reads filename and inserts it literally in the text, set in verbatim mode. not subject to macro expansion.The text appears literally on the output, usually in a tele-

type font (that depends on the output format). This macro is an alternative to `verb(...)`, when the text to set in verbatim mode is better kept in a separate file.

4.2.190 verbpipe(command)(text)

Pipe text through command, but don't expand the output.

4.2.191 vindex()

Generate an index entry for index v.

4.2.192 whenhtml(text)

Sends `text` to the output when in HTML conversion mode. The text is further expanded if necessary.

4.2.193 whenlatex(text)

Sends `text` to the output when in LATEX conversion mode. The text is further expanded if necessary.

4.2.194 whenman(text)

Sends `text` to the output when in MAN conversion mode. The text is further expanded if necessary.

4.2.195 whenms(text)

Sends `text` to the output when in MS conversion mode. The text is further expanded if necessary.

4.2.196 whensgml(text)

Sends `text` to the output when in SGML conversion mode. The text is further expanded if necessary.

4.2.197 whentely(text)

Sends `text` to the output when in TELY conversion mode. The text is further expanded if necessary.

4.2.198 whentexinfo(text)

Sends `text` to the output when in TEXINFO conversion mode. The text is further expanded if necessary.

4.2.199 whentxt(text)

Sends `text` to the output when in TXT conversion mode. The text is further expanded if necessary.

4.2.200 whenxml(text)

Sends `text` to the output when in XML conversion mode. The text is further expanded if necessary.

4.2.201 xit(itemname)

Starts an xml menu item where the file to which the menu refers to is the argument of the xit() macro. It should be used as argument to xmlmenu(), which has a 3rd argument: the default path prefixed to the xit() elements.

This macro is only available within the xml-conversion mode. The argument must be a full filename, including .xml extension, if applicable.

No .xml extension indicates a subdirectory, containing another sub-menu.

4.2.202 xmlcommand(cmd)

Writes `cmd` to the output when converting to xml. The `cmd` is not further expanded by Yodl.

4.2.203 xmlmenu(order)(title)(menulist)

Starts an xmlmenu. Use itemization() to define the items. Only available in xml conversion. The menutitle appears in the menu as the heading of the menu. The menulist is a series of xit() elements, containing the name of the file to which the menu refers as their argument (including a final /). Prefixed to evert every xit()-element is the value of XXdocumentbase.

Order is the the 'order' of the menu. If omitted, no order is defined.

4.2.204 xmlnewfile()

In XML output, starts a new file. All other formats are not affected. Note that you must take your own provisions to access the new file; say via links. Also, it's safe to start a new file just befoore opening a new section, since sections are accessible

from the clickable table of contents. The XML converter normally only starts new files prior to a `chapter` definition.

4.2.205 xmlsetdocumentbase(name)

Defines `name` as the XML document base. No default. Only interpreted with xml conversions. It is used with the figure and xmlmenu macros.

4.2.206 xmltag(tag)(onoff)

Similar to `htmltag`, but used in the XML converter.

4.3 Conversion-related topics

4.3.1 Accents

4.3.2 Conversion-type specific literal commands

According to the format of the output file, the macro package defines a given symbol:

- `latex` when the output format is LaTeX,
- `html` when the output format is HTML,
- `man` when the output format is groff in conjunction with the man macro package,
- `ms` when the output format is groff with the ms package,
- `sgml` when the output format is SGML,
- `txt` when the output format is plain ASCII.
- `xml` when the output format is XML.

The defined symbol can be tested in a document to determine the conversion type.

Furthermore, the package defines the following macros to send literal text (commands in the output format) to the output file:

- `latexcommand(cmd)`: sends the LaTeX command `cmd` when in LaTeX conversion mode. The `cmd` is not further expanded.
- `htmlcommand(cmd)`: sends the HTML command `cmd` when in HTML conversion mode. The `cmd` is not further expanded.
- `htmltag(tag)(onoff)`: sends `<tag>` to the output when `onoff` is nonzero, or sends `</tag>` when `onoff` is zero. Only active in HTML conversions.
- `mancommand(cmd)`: sends `cmd` to the output when in man conversion mode. The `cmd` is not further expanded.

- `mscommand(cmd)`: sends `cmd` to the output when in ms conversion mode. The `cmd` is not further expanded.
- `roffcmd(dotcmd)(trailer)(secondline)(thirdline)`: sends a command to the output when in `man` or `ms` conversion mode. The `dotcmd` is the typical `groff` command that starts with a dot. All other arguments may be empty, but when given are interpreted as follows. The `trailer` follows the `dotcmd` on the same line. The `secondline` is sent on a separate line following the `dotcmd` and `trailer`. The `thirdline` is sent after that. Of the four arguments, `dotcmd` and `thirdline` are **not** subject to further expansion. All other arguments are further expanded if necessary.

  The `roffcmd` macro illustrates the complexity of dot-commands for the divers `groff` macro packages. E.g., a section title for the `man` package should look as

  ```
  .SH "Section Title"
  ```

  while the same command for the `ms` macro package must be sent as

  ```
  .SH
  Section Title
  .PP
  ```

  The `roffcmd` macro can be used to send these commands to the output file as follows:

  ```
  COMMENT(For the man output format:)
  roffcmd(.SH)("Section Title")()()

  COMMENT(For the ms output format:)
  roffcmd(.SH)()(Section Title)(.PP)()
  ```

- `sgmlcommand(cmd)`: sends the SGML command `cmd` when in SGML conversion mode. The `cmd` is not further expanded.
- `sgmltag(tag)(onoff)`: sends `<tag>` when `onoff` is nonzero, or sends `</tag>` when `onoff` is zero. Only active in SGML conversions.
- `txtcommand(cmd)`: implemented for compatibility reasons, though a 'command' in plain ASCII output doesn't make much sense. The usefulness of this macro is rather in the fact that it only produces output when in ASCII conversion mode.

The above commands can be used to quickly implement a macro. E.g., the macro package implements the `it` macro (which starts an item in a list) as:

```
DEFINEMACRO(it)(0)(
```

```
    latexcommand(\item )
    htmlcommand(<li> )
    ....
)
```

Depending on the output format, `it()` will lead to one of the above expansions.

The above described *format*`command()` macros are implemented to send not further expanded strings (i.e., commands) to the output. The macro package also implements `when`*format*`()` macros to send any text, which is then subject to further expansion. These `when...()` macros are:

- `whenlatex(text)`: sends `text` when in LaTeX conversion mode,
- `whenhtml(text)`: sends `text` when in HTML conversion mode,
- `whenman(text)`: sends `text` when in man conversion mode,
- `whenms(text)`: sends `text` when in ms conversion mode,
- `whentxt(text)`: sends `text` when in ASCII conversion mode,
- `whensgml(text)`: sends `text` when in SGML conversion mode.

Once again, **note** that the difference between the `when`*format*`()` macros and the *format*`command()` macros is, that the former will expand their argument while the latter will not. As an example, consider the following code fragment:

```
You are now reading
    whenlatex(a LaTeX-generated
              footnote(LaTeX is a great
               document language!)
              document)
    whenhtml(a HTML document via your
             favorite browser)
```

The `when`*format*`()` macros are used here to make sure that the arguments to the macros are further expanded; this makes sure that the `footnote` macro in the `whenlatex` block gets treated as a footnote.

4.3.3 Figures

Figures in format-independent documents are a problem. You *cannot* avoid contact with the final format (HTML, LaTeX or whatever) if you want to include figures in a text.

Yodl approaches figures as follows:

- Figures can only be included in LaTeX, HTML and XML documents.

- For LaTeX, you must prepare a picture in an external file that is included in the document as en *encapsulated PostScript* file. Incidentally, that means that `epsf` must be stated as one of the LaTeX styles using the `latexoptions` macro. The default, however, can be modified using the `setlatexfigureext()` macro.
  The file in question is stated in Yodl without an extension. Yodl provides a default extension, `.ps`.
- For HTML and XML, you must prepare a picture in an external file that is placed in the document using the `<img src=...>` tag. The file must have the default extension (`.jpg`) or the extension specified with the `sethtmlfigureext()` macro.
- All other output formats do not include pictures in the document, but typeset something like *insert figure .. here*.

The macro to include a figure is called, appropriately, `figure`. It takes three arguments:

- The first argument is the filename. This name may include directories, but may not include the filename extension. The reason for this is, that Yodl supplies the correct extension once the output format is known.
- The second argument is the figure title, or the caption. Yodl prefixes this caption with the text *Figure xx:*, where *xx* is a number.
- The last argument is a label, which Yodl defines as a placeholder for the figure number.

For example, you might draw a picture or scan a photo and put it in a `.jpg` file, for usage with HTML documents. The conversion to PostScript could be automated, e.g., using a Yodl macro:

```
SYSTEM(xpmtoppm picture.xpm | pnmtops > picture.ps)
```

See section 3.1.67 for details about using the `SYSTEM` macro.

After this, you would be reasonably safe that the picture is available for both HTML and LaTeX output. The picture would be typeset in a figure using:

```
figure(picture)
(A photo of me.)
(photo)
```

Note how the first argument, the filename, does not contain an extension. The third argument, which is a label, can be used in, e.g.,

```
See figure ref(photo) for a photograph showing me.
```

Yodl has a several auxiliary macros, which are:

- `fig(label)`: This macro is a shorthand for `getfigurestring() ref(label)`. It just makes typing shorter, and is used as e.g.: `See fig(photo) for a photograph.` Note that the string `figure` that is generated by this macro can be (re)defined, see below.
- `setfigurestring(name)`: This macro is similar to `setchapterstring` etc.. It defines the string that is used to identify a figure, and is (appropriately) `figure` by default. The macro `getfigurestring()` expands to the string in question. See also section 4.3.6 for a discussion of national language support.
- `sethtmlfigureext(.new)`: This macro redefines the filename extension for HTML conversions from `.gif` to `.new`. Note that you must include a leading dot in the redefinition.
  The new extension is used in the first following `figure` statement.
- `sethtmlfigurealign(align)`: This redefines the alignment of figures in HTML, which is default `bottom`. Check your HTML handbook for possible options; `top` and `center` should be fairly standard.
- `setlatexfigureext(.new)`: Redefines the extension from `.ps` to `.new`.

4.3.4 Fonts and sizes

Yodl's standard macro package supports the following macros to change fonts:

- `bf(text)`: sets `text` in boldface.
- `em(text)`: sets `text` emphasized, usually in italics.
- `tt(text)`: sets `text` in teletype.

Furthermore, the `tt()` macro will *not* expand macros occurring inside its argument. That means that you can safely write:

```
In Yodl, you can use tt(includefile(somefile)) to include a file
in your document.
```

The `tt()` macro should not be used for long listings of verbatim text; use `verb()` to set code samples etc..

Yodl's standard macro package has no commands to change font sizes, as the size is changed internally when appropriate (e.g., in section titles), nor is there a default macro to define other font-families.

4.3.5 Labels, links, references and URLs

References such as *see ... for more information* are very common in documents. Yodl supports three mechanisms to accomplish such references:

Labels and references: Labels can be defined in a document as a placeholder for the last number used in a sectioning command. At other points in the document, references to those labels are used. The reference expands to the number, as in *see section 1.3*.

This mechanism is available in all output formats. Furthermore, the numeric reference (1.3 in the example of the previous paragraph) is in HTML a clickable reference that leads to the mentioned section.

Labels and links: This mechanism can be used to set links in a document without using the number of a sectioning command, as in *see the introduction for more information*, with the *introduction* being a clickable link to some label.

This mechanism of course only leads to a clickable link in HTML: in other formats the text *see the* etc. is just typeset as is.

URLs: Universal Resource Locators (URLs) are used to create links to other HTML documents or services, like HTML's `<a href=..>` method. The URLs of course only result in clickable links in HTML output; in other output formats only some descriptive text appears.

The above mechanism is implemented by the following macros:

- The macro `label(name)` defines a label named `name`. The name of the label can be used in a `ref` or `link` macro.
- The macro `ref(name)` sets a reference to the label named `name`. The text of the reference is the number of the last sectioning command that was active during the creation of the label. When using references it is therefore important to define the corresponding labels right after a sectioning command, as in

```
section(How to install my program) label(howtoinstall)
This section describes...
...
See section ref(howtoinstall) for installation instructions.
```

  The macro `ref(howtoinstall)` expands to the number of the section named *How to install my program*.

- The macro `link(description)(name)` always expands to the `description`. In HTML output, a clickable link is created pointing to a label called `name`. For example:

```
label(megahard)
COMMENT(sigh...)
The Jodel package isn't shareware, it isn't
beggarware, it isn't freeware, it's
bf(megahard-ware).
...
Who wants a link(picosoft)(megahard)?
```

This code fragment would always set the text *picosoft*, but under HTML a clickable link would appear pointing to `link(the text)(megahard)`.

- The macro `url(description)(location)` always expands to the `description`, but creates a hyperlink pointing to `location` in HTML. For example,

```
Take a look at my
url(homepage)(http://www.somwhere.nl/karel/karel.html).
```

The text `homepage`[1] always appears, but only in HTML it is a link. (Note that the double quotes, which are necessary in HTML around the location, are not required by Yodl.) To use a different font in the `description` part, surrond it *inside the url parameter list*, as in:

```
The Yodl package can be obtained at the site tt(ftp.rug.nl) in the
directory url(tt(/contrib/frank/software/yodl))
             (ftp://ftp.rug.nl/contrib/frank/software/yodl).
```

- The macro `email(address)` is a special case of `url`: under HTML, the `address` appears as a clickable link in slanted font to mail `address`. For example:

```
I can be reached at
email(f.b.brokken@rug.nl).
```

I can be reached at f.b.brokken@rug.nl<f.b.brokken@rug.nl>.

Always keep in mind that the name of a label must be exactly identical in both the `label` macro and in the `ref` or `link` macro. Other than that, the name is irrelevant.

Furthermore, note that `includefile` is yet another macro defining a lable: it includes a file and automatically creates a label just before the included file's text. That means that a Yodl file like:

```
chapter(Introduction)
sect(Welcome)
includefile(welcome)

chapter(Technical information)
includefile(techinfo)
```

implicitly creates two labels: `welcome` and `techinfo`.

Here are some final thoughts about using labels and references:

- Don't put 'weird' characters in label names. Generally, don't use spaces and tabs.

[1] http://www.somwhere.nl/karel/karel.html

- The name of the label is always only an internal symbol; it does not appear in the output. Therefore, constructions such as the following are not correct:

  ```
  ref(em(labelname))
  ```

  The reason for the incorrectness is, what internal name should `em(labelname)` generate? Here probably an attempt is made to set a reference in italics. The right construction is of course to set *whatever `ref()` returns* in italics, as in:

  ```
  em(ref(labelname))
  ```

- The `label` macro should not appear nested inside another macro. There is no strict reason for this as far as Yodl is concerned; however, the processors of Yodl's output might go haywire. E.g., beware of the construction

  ```
  section(Introduction label(intro))
  ```

  The right form being

  ```
  section(Introduction)label(intro)
  ```

  (linking to `intro` will usually *not* show `Introduction`), or:

  ```
  label(intro)section(Introduction)
  ```

  (linking to `intro` *will* usually show `Introduction`), or:

4.3.6 Lists and environments

Yodl's default macros support the following lists and environments:

By default, the following lists are available:

Description lists: A description list consists of a list of elements, where each element starts with a short (usually bold faced) description. The description list is generated by the `description()` macro. The elements of the list start with `dit()`. The `dit()` macro expects a short description of the item.

Example:

```
A description list:
description(
dit(First this:) One item.
dit(Then this:) Another item.
)
```

Enumeraton lists: An enumeration list consist of sequentially numbered elements. The list is generated by the `enumeration()` macro. Its elements start with the `eit()` macro.

Example:

```
An enumerated list:
enumeration(
eit() One item.
eit() Another item.
)
```

Itemized lists: An itemized lists consists of indented items, usually preceded by a bullet.

An itemized list is produced by the `itemization()` macro, which has one argument: the items themselves. These items must start with `it()`.

Example:

```
An itemized list:
itemization(
it() One item.
it() Another item.
)
```

Specialized environments are:

Centered text: Centering text may not be available in all output formats. When unavailable, the text is typeset left-flushed.

Centered text is generated by the `center()` macro. Line brakes within centered text may be obtained using the `nl()` macro.

Example:

```
center(
Centered text. nl()
Another line of centered text.
)
```

Verbatim text: *Verbatim* text appears on the output exactly in the same layout as it is in the input file. Typesetting text in verbatim mode is useful for, e.g., source files. Depending on the output format, the font of the verbatim text is changed to a teletype font.

The text must either be inside the `verb()` macro. For example:

```
verb(
    This is totally verbatim text.
    It is not further processed by Yodl.
)
```

The verbatim text is of course not subject to macro expansion by Yodl. Note, however, that `SUBST` transformations *will* take place, as these substitutions take place during the lexical scanning phase of `Yodl`'s input, and are not part of the macro-expansion process. See also section 3.1.65.

Furthermore, if a character translation table has been defined, the argument of the `verb()` macro will also be subject to character table transformations. By temporarily suppressing the active character table (see section PUSHCHARTABLE 3.1.56) this can be prevented.

Quotations: Quotations are usually indented with respect to their surrounding text. It is for the author to decided whether the quoted text should be typeset normally, or that it should be bold-faced or emphasized. To insert a quotation use the `quote()` macro:

```
Shakespeare once wrote:
quote(
    ``To be or not to be, that's the question''
)
```

National language support

Yodl includes rudimentary national language support (NLS), in the sense that it allows you to redefine the strings identifying chapters or parts, or the strings identifying figures. E.g., a command `chapter(Introduction)` will by default result in the text *Chapter 1: Introduction*.

Using the `setchapterstring(text)` macro, the *Chapter* text can be redefined. E.g., in a Dutch text you might put

```
setchapterstring(Hoofdstuk)
```

somewhere near the beginning of your document. Similar to `setchapterstring`, a macro `getchapterstring` exists returning the text identifying chapters. (Internally, `getchapterstring` is of course used to actually set the text). To redefine the text to identify a part, use `setpartstring(text)`; to redefine the text to identify a figure, use `setfigurestring(text)`.

The `set....string` macros only influence how Yodl names chapters or parts in HTML, `man`, `ms` or `txt` output. LaTeX output is not affected, since LaTeX does its own NLS. Usually, NLS is present for LaTeX as a 'style file' named, e.g., `dutch.sty`. Therefore, if you want a Dutch document, you need to:

- put `latexpackage(dutch)(babel)`in the preamble of the document. This ensures that LaTeX uses Dutch abbreviation rules.
- redefine the chapter and part names for non-LaTeX output, using:

```
setlanguage(dutch)
```

- Finally, you should probably type your text in Dutch.

The `setlanguage()` macro expects one argument: the name of the language that is used. See section 4.2 for details about this macro. The `setlanguage()` macro redefines the language-dependent section (and other) headers, and depends on the availability of the corresponding `language<name>()` macro, where `<name>` is the name of the language (by convention `<name>` states the english name of the language). Currently, `languagedutch()`, `languageenglish()` (the default), and `languageportugese()` are available. It's easy to expand this little set with macros for other languages. The `setlanguage()` macro merely requires the specification of the language. For example:

```
setlanguage(english)
```

This macro installs the following defaults (corresponding translations should be defined for other languages):

```
settocstring(Table of Contents)
setaffilstring(Affiliation)
setauthorstring(Author)
setchapterstring(Chapter)
setdatestring(Date)
setfigurestring(Figure)
setpartstring(Part)
settitlestring(Title)
```

Pagebreaks after the title and table of contents

Yodl inserts page-breaks in a limited number of cases:

- A pagebreak is generated after the title information in `book` and `report` documents.
- A pagebreak is generated after a table of contents in all documents.

So, when a document has both title information and a table of contents then whatever follows next will normally be starting on a separate page. Furthermore, if the document is a `book` or a `report`, the title and table of contents will also be separated by a pagebreak.

This behavior can be modified using the `(no)titleclearpage()` and `(no)tocclearpage()` directives, further described in section 4.3.8.

4.3.7 Sectioning

This section describes the sectioning commands for `articles`, `reports`, `books` and for `plainhtml`. The document type `manpage` defines its own sectioning commands (cf. section 4.1.2:

- `part(title)`: Starts a new part. Only available in `book` documents.
- `chapter(title)`: Starts a new chapter. Only available in `book` or `report` documents.
- `sect(title)`: Starts a section.
- `subsect(title)`: A subsection.
- `subsubsect(title)`: A sub-subsection.
- `subsubsubsect(title)`: An even smaller sectioning command.

These macros generate entries in the table of contents and use numbering, which means that each section is prefixed with a number (1, 1.1, 1.2, and so on). The macros are also available with an `n` prefix (`npart`, `nchapter`, `nsect` etc.) which generate neither entries in the table of contents nor numbers. The `n`-versions can be used in, e.g., an article where the sectioning commands should show their captions, but not any numbers generated by default.

Sectioning should always start at the top level sections of the available document: `chapter` for reports, `sect` for articles, etc.. If you start a document with a lower sectioning command (e.g., when you start an article with a `subsect`), the numbering of sections may go haywire. The only exception to this rule is the `part` of a `book` document: parts are optional, in books, `chapter`s may be the top sectioning commands. Summarizing, books or reports should start with `chapter`. Articles should start with `sections`.

The sectioning commands have a further function: when `label` statements appear after the sectioning command, then a label name is used as a placeholder for the last generated number. This is further described in section 4.3.5.

4.3.8 Typesetting modifiers

This section lists various macros that can be used to modify the looks of your document. When used, these macros must appear *before* stating the document type with `article`, `report`, `book`, `manpage` or `plainhtml`.

- `abstract(text)`: This macro is relevant for all output formats. The `text` is added to the document after the title, author and date information, but before the table of contents. The abstract is usually set as a quote, in italics font (though this depends on the output format). Abstracts are supported in `article`s and `report`s, but not in other document types. I.e., if you need introductory text in a `book`, you should start with a non-numbered chapter that holds this text.
- `affiliation(site)`: This macro is relevant for `article`, `report` and `book` documents. It defines the affiliation of the author. The `site` information appears in the title, below the author's name.
- `htmlbodyopt(option)(value)`: This macro adds `option="value"` to the `<body>` tag that will be generated for HTML output. The HTML converter generates `<body>` tags each time that a new file is started; i.e., at the top

of the document and at each chapter-file. Different HTML browsers support different `<body>` tag options, but useful ones may be e.g.:

```
htmlbodyopt(fgcolor)(#000000)
htmlbodyopt(bgcolor)(#FFFFFF)
```

This defines the foreground color as pure white (red/green/blue all 0) and the background color as black (red/green/blue all hexadecimal FF, or 255). Another useful option may be `htmlbodyopt(background) (some.gif)`, defining `some.gif` as the page background.

See the documentation on HTML for more information.

Note that `value` is automatically surrounded by double quotes when this macro is used. They should not be used by authors using this macro.

- `latexdocumentclass(class)`: This macro forces the `\documentclass{...}` setting in LaTeX output to `class`.
- `latexlayoutcmds(commands)`: This macro can be used to specify your own LaTeX layout commands. When present, the `commands` are placed in LaTeX output following the `\documentclass` definition.
- `latexoptions(options)`: This macro is only relevant for LaTeX output formats, it is not expanded in other formats. The `options` are used in LaTeX's `\documentclass` definition; e.g., a useful option might be `dina4`. Multiple options should be separate by commas, according to the LaTeX convention.
- `latexpackage(options)(name)`: This macro is only relevant for LaTeX output formats, it is not expanded in other formats. Each *package* should have its own `latexpackage()` statement. If there are no options, the `options` argument should remain empty. Here is an example using this macro:

```
latexpackage(dutch)(babel)
```

- `mailto(email)`: The `mailto` macro is only expanded in HTML documents, it is ignored in other formats. It defines where mail about the document should be sent to.
- `nosloppyhfuzz()`: By default, the LaTeX output contains the text

```
\hfuzz=4pt
```

which is placed there by the macro package. This suppresses *overfull hbox* warnings of LaTeX when the overfull-ness is less than 4pt. Use `nosloppyhfuzz()` to get the standard LaTeX warnings about overfull hboxes.

- `notableofcontents()`: As the name suggests, this macro suppresses the generation of the table of contents. For HTML that means that no clickable index of sections appears after the document title.

  The table of contents is by default suppressed in `plainhtml` and `manpage` documents.

- `notitleclearpage()`: Normally, Yodl inserts a `clearpage()` directive after typesetting title information in `book` or `report` documents, but not in `article` documents. Use `notitleclearpage` to suppress this directive.
- `notocclearpage()` (no table-of-contents clear-page): In all document types, Yodl inserts a `clearpage()` directive following the table of contents. Use `notocclearpage()` to suppress that.
- `noxlatin()`: The LaTeX output contains by default the command to include the file `xlatin1.tex`, distributed with Yodl. This file maps Latin-1 characters to LaTeX-understandable codes and makes sure that you can type characters such as ü, and still make them processable by LaTeX. If you don't want this, put `noxlatin()` in the preamble.
- `standardlayout()`: This is another LaTeX option. Use `standardlayout()` to get 'vanilla' LaTeX layout, possibly indenting paragraphs and using fairly limited vertical spacing between paragraphs. This macro is ignored for other conversion types.
- `titleclearpage()`: Forces the insertion of a `clearpage()` directive after the title information has been typeset. This behavior is the default in `book` and `report` documents. See also `notitleclearpage()`.
- `tocclearpage()`: Forces the insertion of a `clearpage()` directive following the table of contents. This behavior is default in all document types; the macro is provided for consistency reasons with `(no)titleclearpage()`.

Note again: these modifiers must appear *before* the document type definition.

4.3.9 Miscellaneous commands

The following is a list of commands that don't fall in one of the above categories.

- `clearpage()`: This macro starts a new page in LaTeX. For HTML, a horizontal rule is shown. (Note that the macro package sometimes inserts new pages by itself; e.g., following a table of contents. See also section 4.3.8 for a discussion of `(no)titleclearpage()` and `(no)tocclearpage()`.)
- `def(macro)(nrofarguments)(definition)`: This defines a new macro `macro` having `nrofarguments` arguments, and expanding to `definition`. The markers `ARG`x, where x is 1, 2, etc., can be used in the `definition` part to indicate where arguments should be pasted in. This macro is a shorthand for `DEFINEMACRO`, see section 3.1.11.
- `footnote(text)`: This macro sets `text` as a footnote when the output format allows it. When not, the text is set in parentheses.
- `gagmacrowarning(name name ...)`: This macro suppresses `yodl`'s warnings *cannot expand possible user macro name*, where `name` is a candidate macro name. `gagmacrowarning` is a synonym for `NOUSERMACRO`, described in section 3.1.45.
  E.g., if your document contains `"as for manpages, see sed(1), tr(1) and awk(1)"`, and if you get tired of warnings about possible user macros sed, tr and awk, try the following:

```
gagmacrowarning(sed tr awk)
...
As for manpages, see sed(1), tr(1) and awk(1).
```

- `htmlnewfile()`: Starts a new subfile in HTML output. This stanza is also automatically generated when the HTML converter encounters a `chapter` directive. Using `htmlnewfile`, the output can be split at any point. However make sure that the subfile is still reachable; e.g., by creating a clickable link with `label` and `ref`, or `label` and `link`.

- `includefile(file)`: Includes `file` and defines a label (see the `label` macro) with the same name. Furthermore, a message about the inclusion is shown on the screen. The `file` is searched for relative to the directory where the `yodl` run was started and in the system-wide include directory. The default extension `.yo` is supplied if necessary.
  This macro is handy in the following situation:

```
chapter(Introduction)
includefile(intro)
```

  This fragment starts a chapter and includes a file. The label name `intro` can also be used to refer to the chapter. The `includefile` stanza should therefore appear **immediately** following the corresponding sectioning command.

- `nl()`: Forces a new line. Some output formats may produce an error upon the usage of `nl()` in 'unexpected' places; e.g., LaTeX won't allow new lines in the footnote text (as defined in the `footnote` macro). Using `nl()` in running text should however be ok. Example:

```
This line is nl()
broken in two.
```

- `redefinemacro(macro)(nrofargs)(redef)`: This command (re)defines a macro, expecting `nrofargs` arguments, to `redef`. If a previous definition of the macro existed, it is overruled. Example:

```
redefinemacro(clearpage)(0)(\
em(---New page starts here---))
```

  Use `ARG`x in the `redef` part to indicate where all arguments should occur, as in the following imaginary macro to typeset a literature reference:

```
redefinemacro(litref)(3)(
    Title: bf(ARG1) nl()
    Author(s): em(ARG2) nl()
    Published by: ARG3
)
```

```
...
litref(Java in a Nutshell)
  (David Flanagan)
  (O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.)
```

The `redefinemacro` statement also has a shorthand called `redef`.

4.4 Locations of the macros

The files defining the macros are by default installed to the directory `/usr/local/share/yodl` during Yodl's installation process (Note that this diverts from an earlier default: `/usr/local/lib/yodl`; furthermore, some systems or some distributions may use other locations).

The files in this directory are organized as follows:

- The files that should be read for a particular conversion are named after their conversion, e.g., `latex.yo` and `html.yo`. These files must be processed by Yodl before your document can be converted accordingly. The provided `yodl2...` scripts take care of that automatically.
- All support counters, symbols and macros are defined in files named `std.<conversion>.yo`, e.g., `std.html.yo, std.latex.yo`. These files may be modified without notice, and are an essential part of the Yodl macros. They should not be modified by hand, as they are created by the macro generating process.
- The predefined character tables are found in files names `chartables/<conversion>.yo`.

The (binary) Yodl package contains the following programs and support files:

- The `yodl` program itself, which generates converted document(s);
- The `yodlpost` postprocessor, which performs fixups for conversion formats. Using `yodlpost` is required for formats whose documents cannot be created in one pass by `yodl` itself;
- Auxiliary scripts such as `yodl2tex`, `yodl2html`;
- The macros and character tables for the various conversion types;
- The raw macros and the macro-generating scripts;
- The documentation (html and manual pages)

The source Yodl package contains all the sources files, installation guides, changelogs etc., that are required to compile the binary programs. Those who want to compile Yodl themselves, must have a `C` compiler (preferably the `Gnu` **C** compiler) available, and preferably the `icmake` program maintenance utility. Basic support for `make` is provided as well.

Chapter 5

Conversions and convertors

Each macro package handling a conversion from Yodl to a given output format has its pecularities. Although the various macro packages are very similar, they do show some differences, due to the unique characteristics of the output formats. Normally, these differences should not cause difficulties in performing the conversion(s). In this chapter the conversion of a Yodl document is covered. The currently supported document types are discussed. Furthermore, in this chapter the new *post processor* `yodlpost` is described as well as a little support program: `yodlverbinsert`.

5.1 Conversion script invocations

Yodl is distributed with scripts named `yodl2latex`, `yodl2html` and other `yodl2...` drivers. Invocations like

```
yodl2latex file
```

causes `Yodl` to process `file.yo` and to write output to `file.latex`. The extension of the input file, `.yo`, is the default `Yodl` extension; the extension of the output file, `.latex`, is given by the name of the shell script. Analogously, `yodl2html` writes to a file having the extension `.html`.

The conversion scripts auto-load the macro file appropriate for the conversion: `latex.yo` for LaTeX conversions, `html.yo` for HTML conversions, etc.. The macro files are in `Yodl`'s standard include directory (which is mentioned in `Yodl`'s usage information when `Yodl` is started without arguments). If the include directory is altered in such a way that it doesn't contain a path to the default directory anymore, then `Yodl` won't be able to auto-load the conversion specific macro files, producing unexpected results. This can be prevented by specifying the literal text `$STD_INCLUDE` in a user-defined path setting.

When the conversion scripts themselves are started without arguments, usage information is shown about the conversion scripts.

Depending on the conversion type, the following output is produced:

- For LaTeX conversions, one output file with the extension `.latex` is written.
- For HTML conversions, several files may be written; one file per chapter of the original document. When the document is not sectioned by chapters, only one output file is produced.

  The 'main' output file always has the name of the input file but with extension `.html`. This file holds the document title and the table of contents. When more than one output files are created, then they are named `name01.html`, `name02.html` etc., where `name` is the original name of the input file. E.g., a document `prog.yo` might lead to `prog.html`, `prog01.html` etc..
- For man conversions, one output file with the extension `.man` is written.
- For text conversions, the converter is named `yodl2txt` and one output file with the extension `.txt` is created.
- For XML conversions, the converter is named `yodl2xml` and output files are produced comparably to the way they are produced with the `html` conversion: one file per chapter if chapters are used, otherwise one single output file, having the extension(s) `.xml`.

The 'second-phase' scripts, distributed with earlier versions of `Yodl`, are no longer part of `Yodl`'s distribution, as they do not relate directly to `Yodl`'s actions. They may remain useful, though, as leftovers from earlier distributions.

5.2 The HTML converter

HTML doesn't support automatic section numbering or resolving of label/reference pairs. The converter takes care of this. Other target languages (e.g., XML, text) suffer from the same problems.

Direct commands to HTML

Similar to the LaTeX converter, you can use either `NOTRANS` or `htmlcommand` to send HTML commands to the output. Or, since the only 'difficult' characters are probably only < and >, you can also resort to `CHAR` for these two characters.

Furthermore, the HTML converter defines the macro `htmltag`, expecting two arguments: the tag to set, and an 'on/off' switch. E.g., `htmltag(b)(1)` sets `<b>` while `htmltag(b)(0)` sets `</b>`.

E.g., the following code sends a HTML command `<hr>` to the output file when in HTML mode:

```
COMMENT(-- alternative 1, using htmlcommand --)
    htmlcommand(<hr>)

    COMMENT(-- alternative 2, using NOTRANS --)
    IFDEF(html)(
        NOTRANS(<hr>)
    )()
```

```
COMMENT(-- alternative 3, using CHAR --)
IFDEF(html)(
    CHAR(<)hrCHAR(>)
)()

COMMENT(-- alternative 4, using htmltag --)
htmltag(hr)(1)
```

Section numbering

The HTML converter numbers its own sections. This is handled internally. However, the current converter only can number sections as starting at 1, and outputs the numbers in arabic numerals (you can't number with A, B, etc..).

5.3 The LaTeX converter

The LaTeX converter is, from `Yodl`'s viewpoint, an easy one: since LaTeX supports wide functionality, a Yodl document is basically just re-mapped to LaTeX commands. No post-processing by `yodlpost` is required.

Direct commands to LaTeX

To send LaTeX commands directly to the output, use the `latexcommand()` macro (see section 4.3.2), or use `NOTRANS` (see section 3.1.44). The advantage of the `latexcommand` macro is that it only outputs its argument when in LaTeX mode.

The following two code fragments both output `\pagestyle{plain}` when in LaTeX mode:

```
COMMENT(-- First alternative: --)
latexcommand(\pagestyle{plain})

COMMENT(-- Second alternative: --)
IFDEF(latex)(
    NOTRANS(\pagestyle{plain})
)()
```

Verbatim text

The Yodl macro package defines two macros that generate verbatim text (e.g., source code listings). These macros are `verb()` and `tt()`.

verb The `verb()` macro and is meant for longer listings (whole files); as in:

```
    verb(
#include <stdio.h>

int main (int argc, char **argv)
{
    printf ("Hello World!\n");
    return 0;
}
    )
```

The `verb()` macro will generate `\begin{verbatim}` and `\end{verbatim}` when used in LaTeX conversion mode. That means that (in that situation) the `verb` macro has only one caveat: you cannot put `\end{verbatim}` into it.

tt The `tt()` macro also inserts verbatim text. It is used for short in-line strings (e.g, `**argv`). The LaTeX converter doesn't actually use a verbatim mode, but sets the characters in teletype font.

5.4 The man converter

Manual pages can be constructed using the special `yodl2man` converter. This converter assumes that the manual page has been designed using the `manpage()` macro. Yodl (and thus the `yodl2man` converter, when conerting man-pages, will skip all leading white space on lines. Paragraphs are supported, though. An empty line separates paragraphs.

Direct commands to man

Either `NOTRANS` or `mancommand` can be used to send man commands to the output.

E.g., the following code sends a MAN command `<hr>` to the output file when in MAN mode:

```
COMMENT(-- alternative 1, using mancommand --)
    mancommand(<hr>)

    COMMENT(-- alternative 2, using NOTRANS --)
    IFDEF(man)(
        NOTRANS(<hr>)
    )()
```

5.5 The txt converter

Plain text documents can be constructed using the `yodl2txt` converter. This converter will resolve all references into the document itself, so postprocessing is required.

Direct commands to txt

Either `NOTRANS` or `txtcommand` can be used to send txt commands to the output.

E.g., the following code sends a TXT command `<hr>` to the output file when in TXT mode:

```
COMMENT(-- alternative 1, using txtcommand --)
    txtcommand(<hr>)

    COMMENT(-- alternative 2, using NOTRANS --)
    IFDEF(txt)(
        NOTRANS(<hr>)
    )()
```

5.6 The experimental XML converter

The XML converter is experimental. It was added to `Yodl` to allow me to write documents for the horrible 'webplatform' of the university of Groningen. The XML support files (located in the `xml` directory in the standard macro's directory) clearly reflect this target. Although experimental, they were kept because the XML macros support interesting constructions allowing `Yodl` to handle closing tags somewhat more strict than required for HTML.

5.7 The Yodl Post-processor 'yodlpost'

Following the conversion of a `Yodl` text, most target-languages require an additional operation, called 'post-processing'. Post-processing is required for various reasons: to split the output in separate files (HTML, XML); to fixup the locations of labels, that are referred to earlier than the labels are defined (virtually all target language except LaTeX); tables of contents are available only after the conversion, but will have to be inserted at the beginning of the document; etc. etc..

Starting with `Yodl` V. 2.00 there is only one post-processor, handling all the conversions for all target languages. Program maintenance of just one program is certainly easier than maintenance of as many programs as there are target-languages, at the expense of only a slightly larger program: after all, the one post-processor contains the conversion procedures for all target languages. It turns out that this is a very minimal drawback. See section 6.7 for the technical details of post-processor program maintenance.

The post-processor that is distributed since `Yodl` V. 2.00 does *not* use the `.tt(Yodl)TAGSTART.` and `.tt(Yodl)TAGEND.` tags anymore. Instead, the conversion process produces a *index file* in which comparable information is written. The advantage of using an index file is that the postprocessor doesn't have to parse the output file generated by `Yodl` twice (once to determine the tags, once to process the tags), which by itself accelerates the conversion process; and (albeit of a somewhat limited practical importance) that the tags are no longer *reserved words*: authors may put `.tt(Yodl)TAGSTART.` and `.tt(Yodl)TAGEND.` into their texts as often as they want.

Authors should be aware of some caveats with respect to some target languages:

man- and ms- conversions all dots are converted by the active character conversion table to `\&.`. Commands in these languages always start with a dot as the first character on a line. In order to insert these commands the `roffcmd()` (see section `MACROLIST`) should be used.

plain text conversions As stated before, the ASCII converter basically only strips macronames from its input. This converter is so basic, that it should only be used as a last resort, when no other target language is available for the job. With the plain text converer, the layout of the input file is very important, as the output is basically the same as the input. The only exception to this rule are multiple empty lines, which normally are consumed by the post-processor, to be replaced by one single empty line.

sgml conversions the SGML converter was implemented for historic reasons. It is by no means complete, and can at best be considered an 'initial starting point'. Currently, the SGML converter only supports the `article` document type, having `sect` as its top-level sectioning command.

xml conversions The XML converter was implemented to allow me (Frank) to produce XML text as defined by the so-called 'webplatform' of the University of Groningen. A completely pathological implementation of XML, crippling its users to the level of the 'double click brigade'. Well, so be it. The net result of this is that `Yodl` now offers some sort of XML conversion, which will surely require modifications in the near future. Much XML handling is based on frame-files which are literally inserted into the converted text. Hopefully that will be useful when constructing XML conversions for other environments than the 'webplatform'.

5.8 The support program 'yodlverbinsert'

The program `yodlverbinsert` is a simple **C** support program that can be used to generate `verb()`-sections in `Yodl` files from sections of existing files. The files from which sections are included are usually **C** or **Cpp** source files, accepting either `//` or `/*`-style comment.

`Yodlverbinsert` offers the possibility to indent both the initial `verb`-statement and the inserted file contents. Furthermore, an additional empty line may be inserted before the first line that is actually inserted. The program is invoked according to the following synopsis:

yodlverbinsert [OPTIONS] `marker file`

The arguments have the following meanings;

- `marker`
  The argument `marker` must start in `file`'s first column en must either start as a standard **C** or **C++** comment: `//` or `/*` must be used. Following that, the remainder of the argument is used as a label, e.g., `//label`, `/*LABEL*/`. The label may contain non-alpha characters as well. Except for the first two

characters and their locations no special restrictions imposed upon the label texts. A labeled section ends at the next `//=` (when the label started with `//`) or at the next `/**/` (when the label started with `/*`). Like the labels, the end-markers must also start in the file's first column.

- `file`
  The argument `file` must be an existing file. `Yodlverbinsert` was designed with **C** or **C++** sources in minde, from which labeled sections must be inserted into a `Yodl` document, but `file` could also refer to another type of (text) file.

The default values of options are listed below, with each of the options between square brackets. The defaults were chosen so that `yodlverbinsert` performs the behavior of an earlier version of this program, which was not distributed with `Yodl`.

- **-N**
  Do not write a newline immediately following `verb`-statement's open-parenthesis. By default it is written, causing an additional line to be inserted before the first line that's actually inserted from a file.
- `-s spaces` [0]
  start each line that is written into the `verb`-section with `spaces` additional blanks.
- **-S** `spaces` [8]
  prefix the `verb` of the `verb`-section by `spaces` additional blanks.
- `-t tabs` [0]
  start each line that is written into the `verb`-section with `tabs` additional tab characters. If both `-s` and `-t` are specified, the tabs are inserted first.
- **-T** `tabs` [0]
  prefix the `verb` of the `verb`-section by `tabs` additional tab characters. If both `-S` and `-T` are specified, the tabs are inserted first.

`Yodlverbinsert` writes its selected section to its standard output stream.

5.8.1 Example

Assume the file `demo` contains the following text:

```
preceding text

//one
one 1

//=

/*two*/

    two
```

```
/**/

trailing text
```

Then the following commands write the shown output to the program's standard output:

- `verbinclude //one demo`

```
        verb(
one 1

)
```

- `verbinclude -N //one demo`

```
        verb(one 1

)
```

- `verbinclude -s4 '/*two*/' demo`

```
        verb(

        two

)
```

To call `yodlverbinsert` from a `Yodl` document, use **PIPETHROUGH**. E.g.,

```
PIPETHROUGH(yodlverbinsert //one demo)
```

Alternatively, define a simple macro like the macro `verbinsert`:

```
DEFINEMACRO(verbinsert)(2)(PIPETHROUGH(yodlverbinsert //ARG1 ARG2)()\
)
```

which may be a useful macro if all or most of your labeled sections start with `//`, and if `yodlverbinsert`'s arguments don't vary much. Variants to this macro can easily be conceived of.

Note, however, that by default the `PIPETHROUGH` built-in will not be executed. Be sure to call `yodl` using the `-live-data` option, e.g., `yodl -l3 ...`.

Chapter 6

Technical information

This chapter consists of various sections. The first section describes `Yodl` from the point of view of the systems administrator. Issues such as the installation of the package are addressed here. The second section describes `Yodl`'s technical implementation in some detail. Apart from the documentation about `Yodl` given here, much can be found in the individual source files. However, section 6.2 describes 'the broad picture'. Having read section 6.2, it should be relatively easy to determine what happens where inside the `Yodl` program and the `yodl-post` post processor.

6.1 Obtaining Yodl

`Yodl` and the distributed macro package can be obtained at the ftp site `ftp.rug.nl`[1] in the directory `contrib/frank/software/linux/yodl`[2].

The package is found in various `yodl-X.Y.Z` files, where X is the highest version number. This is a gzipped archive containing all sources, documentation and macro files. In the `yodl` directory archives having the `.deb` extension can also be found: these are `Debian`[3] files, containing all information that is required to install binary versions using Debian's `dpkg -install` command.

6.1.1 Installing Yodl

The binary package, distributed in `yodl-X.Y.Z_a.b.c.deb` can be installed using `dpkg -install yodl-X.Y.Z`. It will install:

- `Yodl`'s binaries in `/usr/bin`;
- `Yodl`'s macros in `/usr/share/yodl`
- `Yodl`'s documentation in `/usr/share/doc/yodl`;
- `Yodl`'s manpages in `/usr/share/man/man{1,7}`;

[1] ftp://ftp.rug.nl/
[2] ftp://ftp.rug.nl/contrib/frank/software/linux/yodl
[3] http://www.debian.org

Local installations, not using the Debian installation process, can be obtained using the provided `icmake` build-script see below. An alternative is to use `make`.

If a local installation is preferred or required, unpack the file `yodl-X.Y.Z.tar.gz`. Next, chdir to the directory `yodl-X.Y.Z`, and optionally tweak the file `config` to your needs. Next, issue the command:

```
build package
```

Followed by

```
build install /usr
```

or

```
build install /usr/local
```

The installation process will install the binaries, manual pages, other documentation and macro files under the indicated directory. For each part of the `Yodl` package a separate `build` script is available (repsectively in the `src, macros, man` and `manual` subdirectories under the common `.../yodl`-root where the main `build` script is found). Each of these `build` scripts can be called using `build install xxx` as well, allowing you to store `Yodl`'s various parts in completely different directories.

However, by far the easiest way to install a binary distribution is to use the Debian `dpkg -install yodl*.deb` command. `Dpkg` will install the various parts according to Debian's conventions under `usr/`.

Installation from source requires you to have the following programs installed on your system:

- A **C** compiler and run-time environment. A POSIX-compliant compiler, libraries and set of header files should work without problems. The `GNU gcc` compiler 3.3.4 and higher should work flawlessly.
- `Icmake`: `Icmake` is part of the standard Debian distribution, and can also be obtained from `ftp://ftp.rug.nl/`[4].
- Standard tools, like `sed`, `grep`, `perl`, etc..
- `/bin/sh`: a POSIX-compliant shell interpreter. The GNU shell interpreter `bash` can be used instead.

[4] ftp://ftp.rug.nl/contrib/frank/software/linux/icmake

6.2 Organization of the software

This section describes the organization of the source files. Its contents are not necessarily relevant for the binary distribution. The section is probably most useful to those readers who want to be able to extend or who want to do maintenance on `Yodl`'s sources, or who want simply to understand what's happening inside the `Yodl` program.

Much of the documentation is provided in the individual source files themselves. This section, however, should offer the 'broad picture', allowing you to understand the logic behind `Yodl` relatively fast.

6.2.1 Subdirectories and their meanings

After unpacking `Yodl`'s source archive, the following directories are available:

- `yodl`: the root-directory of the `Yodl` tree. All sources and program maintenance scripts are found in or below this directory.
- `debian`: an auxiliary directory containing all files and directories required to create a new Debian distribution.
- `debian/tmp`: a temporary directory used by the Debian installation process to store the files belonging to a particular `.deb` distribution.
- `yodl/macros`: This directory contains all the macro definitions of the standard macro package. It contains the following subdirectories:
  - `yodl/macros/in`: This directory contains generic macro files. These macro files contain the words `@STD_INCLUDE@`, which will be replaced by the standard include directory used in a particular distribution.
  - `yodl/macros/rawmacros`: This directory contains the raw macro definition files themselves. One file per raw macro. A raw macro contains the implementations of that macro for *all* supported conversion types, and has the extension `.raw`. Furthermore, this directory contains some support scripts: `create, separator.pl, startdoc.pl`.
  - `yodl/macros/yodl`: this is the directory to contain `Yodl`'s standard macros. The (recursive) contents of this directory will eventual be copied by the installation procedure to the `.../share/yodl` directory, which will then become `Yodl`'s standard include directory.
  - `yodl/macros/yodl/chartables`: This directory contains character-translation tables for various target languages.
  - `yodl/macros/yodl/xml`: This directory contains the XML frame files, used to convert `Yodl` documents to XML, as implemented by the 'web-platform' of the University of Groningen. All these frame files have the extensions `.xml`.
- `yodl/man`: The raw source files of all man-pages: manpages of the `Yodl` program itself, of the yodl post-processor, of the conversion scripts, of the builtin-functions, of the standard macros and of `Yodl`'s `manpage` and `letter` document types. These raw source files have the extensions `.in`, indicating

that they may contain `@STD_INCLUDE@` words, which will be replaced by the eventually used standard include path.

  - `yodl/man/1`: The destination for `Yodl`'s manual pages in section 1 (programs).
  - `yodl/man/7`: The destination for `Yodl`'s manual pages in section 7 (macro packages and conventions).

- `yodl/manual`: The source files of the complete `Yodl` manual, as well as the directories for the various converted formats. The script `build`, found in this directory, constructs the manual in the subdirectories:
  - `yodl/manual/html`: the HTML-converted manual;
  - `yodl/manual/latex`: the LaTeX-version of the manual;
  - `yodl/manual/pdf`: the pdf-version of the manual;
  - `yodl/manual/ps`: the PostScript-version of the manual;
  - `yodl/manual/txt`: the plain text-version of the manual;
- `yodl/manual/yo`: The source files of the complete The `Yodl` document files themselves are located in subdirectories of this directory. They are:
  - `yodl/manual/yo/converters`
  - `yodl/manual/yo/intro`
  - `yodl/manual/yo/macros`
  - `yodl/manual/yo/technical`
  - `yodl/manual/userguide` (and various subdirectories)
- `yodl/scripts`: support scripts used by the building process: `configreplacements` replaces `@XXX@` words by their actual values as found in `yodl/src/config.h`; `yodl2whatever.in` is the generic yodl-converter, calling macros specific for a particular conversion type. This generic converter will be installed in `.../bin/`, together with specific converters, installed as soft-links to this generic converter.
- `yodl/src`: This directory contains the source-files of the **C** programs `Yodl` and `yodl-post`, as well as all auxiliary directories containing sources of the (logical) components of these programs. Most of these components are like **C++** classes in that they define a building block of the `Yodl` and/or `yodl-post` program. Their organization, interaction and relationship is described below. They are:
  - `yodl/src/args`: the component handling the command-line arguments;
  - `yodl/src/builtin`: the component handling `Yodl`'s builtin functions;
  - `yodl/src/chartab`: the component handling `Yodl`'s character table type;
  - `yodl/src/counter`: the component handling `Yodl`'s counter type;
  - `yodl/src/file`: the component handling all file operations (locating, opening, etc.);
  - `yodl/src/hashitem`: key/value combinations stored in `Yodl`'s hashtable;
  - `yodl/src/hashmap`: `Yodl`'s hashtable;
  - `yodl/src/lexer`: `Yodl`'s lexical scanner: this component consumes the `.yo` file, and produces a continuous stream of tokens to be handled by another component: the parser.

- `yodl/src/lines`: the component storing lines of text, used by `yodl-post`.
- `yodl/src/macro`: the component handling `Yodl`'s macro type;
- `yodl/src/message`: the component handling all messages (warnings, errors, verbosity settings, etc.).
- `yodl/src/new`: the component handling all memory allocations (except for duplicating *strings*, which is handled by the root-component).
- `yodl/src/ostream`: the component handling all `Yodl`'s output to its output-file (`Yodl` may also output to strings, which is not handled by the ostream component).
- `yodl/src/parser`: the component handling the tokens produced by the lexer-component. This component governs all actions to be taken during a conversion. Its actions all derive from its function `parser_process()`.
- `yodl/src/postqueue`: the component handling the postprocessing required by most conversions.
- `yodl/src/process`: the component handling the execution of child- or system-processes.
- `yodl/src/queue`: the component allowing the lexical scanner to queue its input, awaiting further processing.
- `yodl/src/root`: the component defining some basic typedefs and enumerations, as well as the `new_str()` function duplicating a string, and the `out_of_memory()` function handling memory allocation failures.
- `yodl/src/stack`: the component implementing a stack data structure.
- `yodl/src/string`: the component implementing a text-storage data structure and its functionality.
- `yodl/src/subst`: the component handling `Yodl`'s SUBST definitions;
- `yodl/src/symbol`: the component handling `Yodl`'s symbol type;
- `yodl/src/yodl`: the sources of the `Yodl` program itself. This directory also contains the implementations of all builtin functions, whose filenames all start with `gram_` (E.g., `gramaddtocounter.c`).
- `yodl/src/yodlpost`: the sources of the `yodl-post` program.

The script `build`, found in this directory, constructs the programs `Yodl` and `yodl-post` in the subdirectory:

- `yodl/src/bin`

6.3 Yodl's component interrelations and component setup

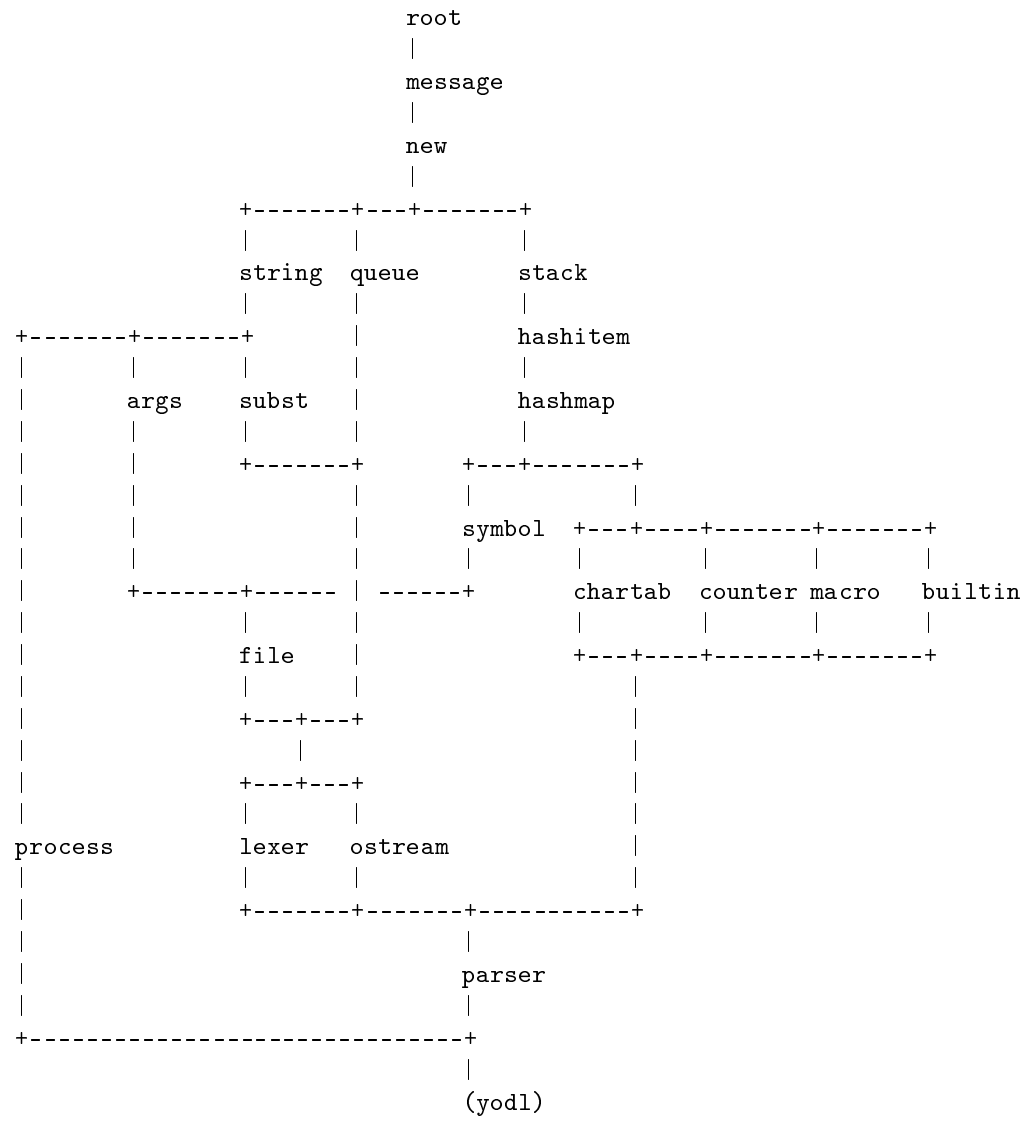
`Yodl`'s components show a strict hierarchical ordering. This allows the testing and development of components placed nearer to the component's tree without considering anything that's placed farther away.

The following piece of 'ascii-art' shows the relationships for the `Yodl` program. The root of the tree starts at the top, at the `root` component. The tree can be read from the top to the bottom, where each horizontal line starts a level of components mentioned immediately below it, and each vertical route through the figure a series

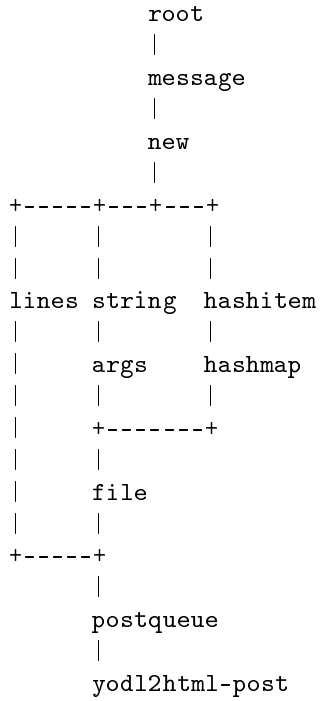
of components whose functioning depend on at least the components mentioned earlier.

However, a more natural way to look at it is to start somewhere in the tree, and see what's envountered going up. Doing so, all components that are required are visited. Once the figure shows a

construction. This means that the horizontal line is not related to the vertical dependency crossing (but not touching) it.



A similar, albeit much simpler, tree can be drawn for `yodl-pst`. Here is the organization of the components for the `yodl-post` program:



The source files of each component are organized as follows:

- All the files of a component are stored in a directory, named after the component. For example, the `counter` component is found in the directory

  ```
  yodl/src/counter
  ```

  containing all the (source) files that define that component.

- Each function is stored in a file of its own inside its component-directory. For example, the function `counter_value()` is defined in the source file `countervalue.c`.

- The file names are identical to the names of the functions, except for the fact that only lower case letters are used for the file names, and that the file names never use underscore characters.

- The `.h` header files declare the functions that can be used by other components. These functions are comparable to **C++**'s *public* members. Furthermore, these `.h` files define all structs and typedefs that are required for other components to use a particular component. For example, the `component.h` header file may contain

```
#ifndef _INCLUDED_COUNTER_H_
#define _INCLUDED_COUNTER_H_

#include "../root/root.h"
#include "../hashmap/hashmap.h"

void        counter_add(HashItem *item, int add);   /* err  if no counter   */
bool        counter_has_value(int *valuePtr, HashItem *item);
Result      counter_insert(HashMap *symtab, char const *key, int value);
void        counter_set(HashItem *item, int value); /* err  if no counter   */
char const *counter_text(HashItem *item);       /* returns static buffer    */
int         counter_value(HashItem *item);      /* err  if no stack/item    */

#endif
```

- All functions declared in `.h` file start with the name of the component, and often contain an initial pointer to some `struct` containing the essential fields that are associated with that particular component. For example, most `counter_` functions have a `HashItem *` as their first argument, as a `HashItem` is normally used to store the details about a counter.
- The modifier `const` is used with pointers to indicate that the information pointed to by the pointer is 'owned' by the provider of that information. With parameters it indicates that the caller owns the information, and the function will not modify the provided info; with return types it indicates that the function 'owns' the returned information, which therefore may not be modified (or freed) by the caller of that function (e.g., `char const *counter_text`). The absence of `const` in combination with pointers indicates that the information pointed to by the pointer could, in principle, be modified by the code receiving the pointer value.
- Most components also show a `.ih` file, a so-called *internal header* file. The internal header declares 'internal support functions', not to be used by other parts of the software, and defines internal typedefs. Since they are an essential ingredient of the component, all these internal headers start to include the component's `.h` file, followed by the declarations of the 'private' functions. All these private functions start with abbreviated component names, like `co_` in the case of counters. Here is a possible implementation of the `counter.ih` internal header file:

```
#include "counter.h"

#include <stdio.h>

#include "../stack/stack.h"
#include "../message/message.h"
#include "../new/new.h"

Stack  *co_construct(int value);
Stack  *co_sp(HashItem *item, bool errOnFailure);
```

- The combination of `.h` and `.ih` files define the dependencies of the component in the component hierarchy. As can be seen, `counter` depends on `stack`,

`message`, `new`, `hashmap` and `root`. The actual dependency listing may be a bit more complex, as some `.h` files themselves depend on other `.h` files. This is clearly visible in the `counter.h` file. The class hierarchy given earlier shows the final component dependencies.

- A `.h` file of a component `X` will *never* include a `.ih` file of component `Y`, but only the `.h` files of other components.

6.4 The token-producer 'lexer_lex()'

Tokens are produced by the lexical scanner. The function `lexer_lex()` produces the next token, which is always an element of the following set:

```
TOKEN_UNKNOWN,          /* should never be returned */

TOKEN_SYMBOL,
TOKEN_TEXT,
TOKEN_PLAINCHAR,        /* formerly: anychar */
TOKEN_OPENPAR,
TOKEN_CLOSEPAR,
TOKEN_PLUS,             /* it's semantics what we do with a +, not      */
                        /* something for the lexer to worry about       */

TOKEN_SPACE,            /* Blanks should be at the end                  */
TOKEN_NEWLINE,

TOKEN_EOR,              /* end of record: ends pushed strings           */
TOKEN_EOF,              /* at the end of nested evaluations/eof         */
```

In particular note the existence of a `TOKEN_EOR` token: this token indicates the end of a piece of text, a string, inserted into the input stream by the *parser*'s actions, when it calls `lexer_push_str()`. Such a situation occurs in particular when a macro is evaluated: having read a macro, and replacing its parameters `ARG1`, `ARG2`, ... `ARGn` by their respective argumentes, the resulting string is pushed back into the input stream by `lexer_push_str()`. This happens, e.g., inside the function `p_expand_macro()`. An excerpt from this function shows this call:

```
void p_expand_macro(register Parser *pp, register HashItem *item)
{
    ...
        if (argc)                           /* macro with arguments     */
            p_macro_args(pp, &expansion, argc);
        ...
        lexer_push_str(&pp->d_lexer, string_str(&expansion));
    ...
}
```

The parser repeatedly calls the lexer's function `lexer_lex()`. This happens most dramatically inside the function `p_parse()`, defined by a mere single statement:

```
void p_parse(register Parser *pp)
{
    while ((*pp->d_handler[lexer_lex(&pp->d_lexer)])(pp))
        ;
}
```

Here, in a loop continuing until the handler indicates that the loop should terminate, `lexer_lex()` is called to produce the next token. The finite state automaton (FSA) implemented here is described in more detail in section 6.5.

Apart from here, `lexer_lex()` is called from four other locations inside the `parser` component:

- `parser_parlist()` repeatedly calls `lexer_lex()` to obtain all the tokens associated with a parameter list;
- `p_handle_default_newline()` repeatedly calls `lexer_lex()` to obtain all the tokens until all consecutive spaces and newlines are read. This is one of the handlers of the parser FSA 6.5;
- `p_no_user_macro()` calls `lexer_lex()` to determine whether a 'no user macro' has been detected;
- `p_plus_series()` calls `lexer_lex()` to determine whether a `+symbol` has been encountered.

So, `lexer_lex()` is the parser's 'window to the outside world'. The `lexer_lex()` function, however, is a fairly complex animal:

- `lexer_lex()`: returns next token. It calls `l_lex()` to retrieve the next character from the info waiting to be read;
- `l_lex()`: calls `l_nextchar()` to obtain the next token, and appends all char-tokens to the lexer's matched text buffer. Potential compound symbols (words, numbers) are combined by `l_compound()` and are then returned as `TOKEN_PLAINCHAR` or as a compound token like `TOKEN_IDENT`;
- `l_nextchar()`: calls `l_get()` to get the next character, and handles escape chars, including \at eoln;
- `l_get()`: if there are no media left, `EOF` is returned. If there are media left, then `l_subst_get()` will retrieve the next character, handling possible `SUBST` definitions. At the end of the current input buffer (memory buffer or file) `l_pop()` attempts to reactivate the previous buffer. If this succeeds, `EOR` is returned, otherwise `EOF` is returned. So, the lexer is not able to switch between truly nested media, as in `EVAL()` calls, but is able to switch between nested buffers resulting from replacing macro calls by their definitions;
- `l_subst_get()`: calls `l_media_get()` to get the next char from the media. The next char is passed to subst_find() which is a FSA trying to match the

longest SUBST. This may be done repeatedly, and eventually subst_text() will either return a substitution text, or the next plain character. A substitution text is pushed onto the lexer's media buffer. The next character returned is then the next one to appear at the lexer's media buffer;

- l_media_get(): If the current active source of information is a file, it returns the next character from that file or EOF if no such char is available anymore. If the current active source is a memory buffer then the next char from the buffer is returned. If the buffer is empty EOF is returned. The media buffer is a circular, self-expanding Queue.

6.5 The Parser's Finite State Automaton

The parsing of the input files is performed by the function parser_process(), which is called by Yodl's main() function.

This processor will push all files that were specified on the input in reverse order on the input stack, and will then call the support function p_parse() to process each of them in turn.

p_parse() is an very short function: it contains one while statement, repeatedly calling a *handler* appropriate with the next token returned by the lexical scanner. Therefore, the parser can be considered as a table driven finite state automaton (FSA).

The table itself is initialized in parser/psetuphandlerset.c, by the function p_setup_handlerSet(). It fills the two dimensional array ps_handlerSet with the address of the function that must be called for each combination of parser-state (as defined in the HANDLER_SET_ELEMENTS enum) in parser/parser.h and token that may be produced by the lexical scanner (as defined in the LEXER_TOKEN enum in lexer/lexer.h). Depending on the situation the parser encounters, it may point its pointer d_handler to a particular *row* in this table. Since the rows represent the parser's states, states can be switched easily by reassigning this pointer. This happens all the time. For example, when in parsernameparlist.c a name must be retrieved from a parameter list, it calls parser_parlist(pp, COLLECT_SET), which function will temporarily switch the parser's state to COLLECT_SET, returning the parameter list's contents. to its caller.

The functions whose addresses are stored in the various column-elements of the array ps_handlerSet are called *handler*. Most handlers are named p_handle_<state>_<lextoken>(), where <state> is the name of the associated parser state, and <lextoken> is the name of the appropriate lexical scanner token. For example, p_handle_default_symbol() is the handler that was designed for the situation where the parser is in its initial, or default, state, and the lexical scanner returns a TOKEN_SYMBOL token. Some handlers have more generic names, like p_handle_unknown(), which is some sort of emergengy exit, called when the parser doesn't know what to do with the received lexical scanner token (a situation which should, of course, not happen).

In versin 2.00, the following handler functions are available:

- p_handle_insert(Parser *pp): insert matched text
- p_handle_default_eof(Parser *pp): return false

- `p_handle_default_newline(Parser *pp)`: series of \n's
- `p_handle_default_plus(Parser *pp)`: handle + series
- `p_handle_default_symbol(Parser *pp)`: handle all symbols
- `p_handle_ignore(Parser *pp)`: ignores token
- `p_handle_ignore_closepar(Parser *pp)`: handle openpar
- `p_handle_ignore_openpar(Parser *pp)`: handle openpar
- `p_handle_noexpand_plus(Parser *pp)`: handle + series
- `p_handle_noexpand_symbol(Parser *pp)`: handle executed symbols in NOEXPAND
- `p_handle_parlist_closepar(Parser *pp)`: handle closepar
- `p_handle_parlist_openpar(Parser *pp)`: handle openpar
- `p_handle_skipws_unget(Parser *pp)`: unget received text
- `p_handle_unexpected_eof(Parser *pp)`: EMERG exit
- `p_handle_unknown(Parser *pp)`: emergency exit

The parser has the following states:

COLLECT_SET retrieves parameter lists as they are encountered on the input. The parameter list is not processed in any way, and will omit the surrounding parentheses. So, when entering this state (e.g., in the function `parser_parlist()`), a parameter list is completely consumed, but only its contents (and not its surrounding parentheses) become available. In fact, when entering a state, `p_parse()` can be called again to process the information in this state. Eventually a state will encounter some stopping signal (e.g., a non-nested close parenthesis in the collect-state will result in `p_handle_parlist_closepar()` to return `false`, thus terminating `p_parse()`), terminating that particular state. The function `parser_parlist()` shows this process in further detail.

DEFAULT_SET In this state macros, builtins etc. are processed. For most of the tokens that can be returned by the lexical scanner `p_handle_insert()` is called.

- When receiving EOF it will try to switch to the next file on the stack (or stop),
- When receiving a symbol, it will either handle them as plain symbols or as macros,
- When receiving newlines they will be handled (maybe merging them by calling a paragraph handler (if defined)),
- Series of + characters will be handled
- All other tokens will be inserted into the current output medium (which may be a file, but it may also be a memory buffer).

IGNORE_SET In this state a parameter list is completely skipped. This state is used, for example, when processing `COMMENT()`.

NOEXPAND_SET The contents of a parameter list is not expanded, but `CHAR` builtins *are* processed. In `Yodl` version 2.00 there is only one situation wher this state (and its companion state NOTRANS_SET) is actively used: `Yodl`'s function `gram_NOEXPAND()` uses these states to retrieve the contents of a no-expanded or no-transed parameter list.

NOTRANS_SET When the parser is in this state, a parameter list will be inserted using the currently active insertion function (inserting to file or memory) It is identical to the NOEXPAND_SET state, but the character translation table is not used in the NOTRANS_STATE, whereas it is used in the NOEXPAND_STATE.

SKIPWS_SET In this state all white-space characters are consumed. The lexical scanner will only return the next non-whitespace character. This state is used, e.g., to skip the white space between multiple parameter lists when they are defined for macros.

6.6 Adding a new macro

With the advent of `Yodl` V 2.00, *raw macros files* are introduced. A raw macro file defines one macro, and *all* of its conversions. The raw macro files must be organized as follows:

```
<STARTDOC>
macro(name(arg1)(arg2)(etc))
(

    Description of the macro ‘name’, having arguments ‘arg1’, ‘arg2’,
    ‘etc’, each argument is given its own parameter list. The names of the
    arguments in this description should be chosen in such a way that they
    suggest their function or purpose. All macro descriptions starting
    with tt(<STARTDOC>) will be included in both the ‘man yodlmacros’
    manpage and the description of the macro in the user guide. If this is
    not considered appropriate (e.g., tt(XX...()) macros are not described
    in these documents) then use tt(<COMMENT>) rather than
    tt(<STARTDOC>).
)
<>
DEFINEMACRO(name)(#)(
    statements of macro ‘name’ expecting ‘#’ arguments used by all
    conversions. This section is optional
<html>
    statements that should be executed by the HTML convertor
<man ms>
    statements that should be executed by two converters. In this case,
    the ‘man’ and ‘ms’ converters
<else>
    statements that should be executed by all converters not explicitly
    mentioned above
<>
    statements of macro ‘name’ expecting ‘#’ arguments used by all
```

```
        conversions, having processed their specific statements.
        This section is also optional
    )
```

When setting up these macro definitions, the <> tags must appear with the initial documentation section. It must also appear when at least one specific convertor tag is used. For a macro which is converter independent, the macro definition doesn't contain these pointed-arrow tags.

When writing standard `Yodl` macros, each macro should be stored in a file `'name'.raw`, where `'name'` is the lower-case name of the macro. This file should then be kept in the `macros/rawmacros` directory. The `macros/build std` call will then add the macro (filtering only the required statements per conversion) to each of the standard conversion formats.

If the macro requires a counter or symbol, consider defining the counter or symbol in, respectively, `@counters` and `@symbols`. Furthermore, consider *pushing* and *popping* these 'variables', rather than plain assigning them, to allow other macros to use the variables as well. A case in point is the counter `XXone` which was added to the set of counters representing a *local counter*. Macros may *always* push `XXone` and pop `Xxone`, but should never reassign `XXone` before its value has been pushed. For `Yodl` version 2.00 only `XXone` was required, but other local counters might be considered useful in the future. In that case, `XXtwo`, `XXthree` etc. will be used. For local symbold `XXs` prefixes will be used: `XXsone`, `XXstwo`, etc.

6.7 The Yodl post-processor

With `Yodl` version 2.00 the old-style post-processor has ceased to exist. Also, the `.tt(Yodl)TAGSTART.` and `.tt(Yodl)TAGEND.` symbols no longer appear in `yodl`'s output.

Instead, a system using an *index* file was adopted. When converting information, `yodl` will produce an output file and an associated *index* file. The index file defines *offsets* in the output file up to where certain actions are to be performed. Each line in the index file contains the required information of one *directive* for `yodlpost`. For example:

```
0 set extension man
53 ignorews
2112 verb on
2166 verb off
80007 ignorews
80065 copy
80065 mandone
```

Entries can be written into the index file using the `INTERNALINDEX` builtin function. This function has one argument: the information following the offset where it is called. So, there will be a `INTERNALINDEX(set extension man)` in the macro definitions for this particular conversion (obviously it is a `man` conversion. The

particular `INTERNALINDEX` call is found in the standard `man.yo` macro definition file).

When `yodlmacros` is called, it processes the directives on the `idx` file in two steps:

- First, it reads all directives, and constructs a queue of actions to perform. During this phase it will solve all references to, e.g., labels defined in the `s` processed by `yodl`. This queue is constructed by a `PostQueue` object, during its construction phase.

  Postprocessing is realized by a template-method design pattern-like construction in C.

  The algorithm proceeds as follows:

  Each element of the index file is read, and its keyword (the word following the offfset) is determined. Then the 'construct' function associated with that keyword is called. The 'construct' functions return pointers to HashItem elements, which areprocessed by storing them either into the the symbol table or into the work-queue. The construct functions can use all `PostQueue, New, Message String Args` and `File` functions. Which function is actually called is determined in the file `yodlpost/data.c`, where the array `Task tast[]` is initialized. `Task` structs have three elements:

  - `char const *d_key` points to the name of the keyword that will trigger the corresponding `Task` struct;
  - `HashItem *(*d_constructor)(char const *key, char *rest)` points to the function that will be called when the task struct is created.
  - `void (*d_handler)(long offset, HashItem *item)` points to the function that will be called when the queue is processed.

- Then, when all commands are available, the queued commands are processed. For this, the appropriate 'handle' functions are called.

For example, when the `INTERNALINDEX(htmllabel ...)` is specified, the function `construct_label()` is called. This function receives a line line

```
432 label Overview
```

meaning that this label has been defined in offset 432 in the file generated by `yodl`. The `construct_label()` function will now:

- Store the current section number, the filecount and the sectionnumber in a HashItem.
- Store the hashitem inside its hash-table.

Then, when the queue is processed, a reference to this label may be encountered. This is signalled by an `INTERNALINDEX(ref Overview)` call. In this case the `construct_ref()` function doesn't have to do much. Here it is the handler that's doing all the work:

- First it looks up the label in the symbol table. The label should be there, as a result of the earlier construction of the symbol table during the `postqueue_construct()` call.

- Then it copies the file written by `yodl` up to the offset mentioned in the the `ref` command.
- Then (since we're talking about an html-specific reference) the appropriate `<a href=...` command is inserted into the current output file.

When references are solved in text-files, the `INTERNALINDEX(txtref ...)` command is used. Here, `construct_ref()` can still be used, but a specific `handle_txt_ref()` function is required.

New postprocessing labels can be constructed easily:

- Add an element to the array `Task task[]` in `src/yodlpost/data.c`. For example, add a line like:

```
{"verb",            construct_verb,         handle_verb},
```

- Declare the functions in `yodlpost.h`:

```
HashItem *construct_verb(char const *key, char *rest);
void handle_verb(long offset, HashItem *item);
```

- The `construct_verb()` function receives the key (e.g., `verb`) and any information that may be available beyond the key as a trimmed line (not beginning or ending in white space). The construct function should return a pointer to a hashitem, which can be constructed by `hashitem_construct()`. This function should be called with the following arguments:
  - `VOIDPTR`;
  - a pointer to some text to be stored as the hashitem's key (use an empty string if nothing needs to be stored in a hashtable);
  - A pointer to the information associated with the key (use 0 if no information is used; use `(void *)intValue` to store an `int` value. Note that this is *not* `(void *)&intValue`: it is the value of the variable that is interpreted as a pointer here).
  - The function that will handle the destruction of the value-information. Use `free` if some information was actually allocated and must be freed. E.g.,

```
hashitem_construct(VOIDPTR, "", new_str(rest), free);
```

  Use `root_nop` if no allocation took place. E.g.,

```
hashitem_construct(VOIDPTR, "", (void *)s_lastLabelNr, root_nop);
```

Often the constructor doesn't have to do anything at all. In that case, initialize the `Task` element with the existing `construct_nop` function. E.g.,

```
{"drainws",          construct_nop,          handle_drain_ws},
```

- The `handle_verb()` function is called when the file produced by `yodl` is processed by `postqueue_process()`. This happens immediately after `postqueue_construct()`. The handler is called with two arguments:
  - Its first argument is the offset where the `INTERNALINDEX` call was generated. The handler should make sure that `yodl`'s output file is processed up to this offset. Not any further. If a simple copy is required the function `file_copy2offset()` is available. E.g.,

    ```
    file_copy2offset(global.d_out, postqueue_istream(), offset);
    ```

    Note its arguments: the output and input file pointers are available through, respectively, `global.d_out` and `postqueue_istream()`.
  - Its second argument is a pointer to the hashitem struct originally created by the matching `construct...()` function. The handler should *not* free the information it receives. The function `postqueue_process()` takes care of that.

Examples of actual `construct...()` and `handle...()` functions can be found in `src/yodlpost`.