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Introduction

This manual, as its name implies, is meant to be a source of reference information about Tektronix Smalltalk. Use this manual when you seek information about a class, such as its protocol, background to relate the class to other Smalltalk classes and the world outside Smalltalk, and examples of how to use the class. If you are new to Smalltalk or need a topical approach to a problem, you should read the *Tektronix Smalltalk Users* manual before, or in addition to, looking here. Since this manual does not cover all Smalltalk classes, you might want to refer to other Smalltalk texts.

The first edition of the *Tektronix Smalltalk Reference* manual contains Smalltalk classes added to the system by Tektronix and classes which appeared in Smalltalk-80 but have been substantially revised or enlarged by Tektronix. This edition includes 47 classes that fit those criteria for inclusion. Future editions of the manual will document classes meeting the same criteria as this edition, plus classes which have not been previously documented in print. Other information which has been proposed for inclusion in future editions includes

- Pool Dictionaries,
- Global Variables,
- Error Messages, and
- File Formats.

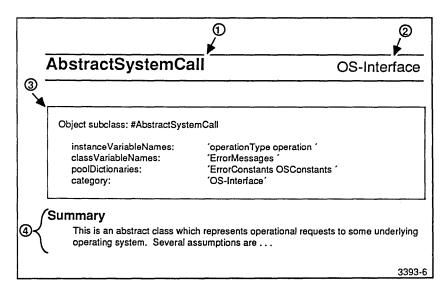
Arrangement of this Book

Following this introduction you will find the classes arranged alphabetically. The alphabetic arrangement of classes will continue in future editions, and additional sections for the information outlined above will follow the classes.

There are some classes in Tektronix Smalltalk images which are operating system specific. They only appear in an image released for a particular operating system. For example, **UniflexSystemCall** does not appear in the TB2.2.1 image released with the UTek operating system. The system dependency (e.g., (*UniFLEX only*)) is noted in the upper right corner of the class' documentation in the manual. Classes in this release which are UTek-dependent are *not* indicated in that manner, because all users of this manual have the image for the UTek operating system.

Contents of Class Entries

The figure below is an example of the standard format which begins each class entry.



Partial Class Entry (Sample)

Explanation

1 — class name

2)— class category

(3)— class definition

(4)— class comment

Parts 1 through 4 of every entry contain information extracted directly from the image. If a class is operating system-dependent (or otherwise release-specific), that restriction is included in Part 2.

Additional Parts of Class Entries

After the Summary, class entries vary. The following is a complete list of sections which appear in various classes, in the order of their appearance.

Instance Variables

An alphabetic list of instance variables, their default class, and a brief description of each variable.

Inherited Instance Variables

Sometimes this is included to explain class-specific usage of inherited variables. It follows the format of the Instance Variables.

Class Variables

An alphabetic list of class variables, their default class, and a brief description of each variable. An exception to the usual format was made for concrete classes in the **ExternalData** hierarchy. The conventions established for defining their class variables are discussed under the appropriate superclass, **ExternalBinaryData** or **ExternalPointerData**.

Inherited Class Variables

Sometimes this is included to explain class-specific usage of inherited variables. It follows the format of the Class Variables.

Pool Dictionaries

An alphabetic list of shared pools and a brief description of each dictionary.

Inherited Pool Dictionaries

Sometimes this is included to explain class-specific usage of inherited shared pools. It follows the format of the Pool Dictionaries.

Instance Methods -----

message category

messageSelector method comment

NameOfClass class

instanceVariableNames:

'name1 name2 etc.'

The box above only appears if a class has class instance variables.

NameOfClass class — Instance Variables

An alphabetic list of class instance variables, their default class, and a brief description of each variable.

Class Methods -

message category

messageSelector

method comment

Rationale

The purpose of this class — why it's in the image.

Background

Information relating this class to other classes and, sometimes, to the operating system.

Discussion

Implementation information, a description of the class' protocol, practical advice.

Examples

"How to" information, sample code using the class and an explanation of the sample code. When the example is taken from the image, its class location is given.

Related Classes

Classes are listed if they would be helpful in the understanding of this class. The list might include subclasses (if any), other classes often used with this class, and the superclass. Classes are listed here even if they are not currently included in this manual.

Typeface and Font Conventions

Some conventions were established for the use of fonts and typefaces in the Summary, Rationale, Background, Discussion, Examples, and Related Classes sections of each entry. Different fonts and typefaces were usually *not* used in method comments, nor in the descriptions of instance variables, class variables, pool dictionaries, and class instance variables. Those parts are derived from the released image. Occasionally, an engineer has used the '#' symbol to denote a global variable in method or variable comments (e.g., ... global variable #OS ...).

Code fragments and example code appear in a serif font, for example:

Transcript show: ...

 Information that you would type at the keyboard appears in a monospaced (typewriter-style) font, for example:

... bring up the standard image by typing smalltalk, you ...

• A bold face is used for the names of classes, instance and class variables, pool dictionaries, global variables, and message selectors.

global variables:

- ... install the appropriate subclass as OS ...
- ... path relative to Disk ...

class name and message selector:

... using the PositionableStream method nextCNumber ...

instance variables and shared variables:

- ... the value at **DefaultTextStyle** in the **TextConstants** dictionary ... (TextConstants is a shared pool.)
- ... deal with the Forms in the glyphs instance variable ...
- ... the class variable BrkcDataIndex holds the offset ...
- ... the sizeInBytes class instance variable
- Italic is used for the names of UTek system calls and utilities, for file and path names, the names of protocols (also called "message categories"), and temporary variables in example code.

UTek system calls and utilities:

- ... access the UTek program wc.
- ... some filters such as *cat*, which ...
- ... the accept(2) system call ...

book titles and sections of UTek Command Reference:

... documented under *inet*(4) in the manual UTek Command Reference, Volume 2.

temporary variables:

... the three temporary variables in, out, and err

file names and path names:

- ... Examples are BertrandVariable12.font ...
- ... structure is found in sys/un.h.

protocols (message categories):

... the initialize-release method initializeFrom:.

About Preliminary Manuals

The first time a manual is published it may contain some inaccuracies or be incomplete — this manual is considered a preliminary manual. Your comments and corrections are encouraged, so that the next edition of this manual will be an improvement and no longer be preliminary. In the case of this particular manual, the term "preliminary" is appropriate because important information that is expected in a reference manual has not been included. As explained above, new sections providing information in addition to the classes will appear in future editions.

What Do You Think?

Eventually, it would be great if this manual documented every class in Tektronix Smalltalk. That's a long-range plan. Until that time, you might want to make known your nominations for the classes or class categories that you want documented. Aside from that, write about your gripes (or even what you like!) and someone responsible for this documentation will respond — that's a promise.

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AbstractFileStatus

İ	Object subclass: #AbstractFileS	Status	
	instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries:	 	
l	category:	'OS-Interface'	

Summary

AbstractFileStatus is an abstract class which represents the status of an operating system file. Instances of concrete subclasses of this class encapsulate information about a file status.

A file status is returned by the portable operations named

status:

and

statusName:

which are defined by the system call class for your operating system, referred to by the global variable **OS**.

Instance Methods

accessing

buffer

Answer the buffer which holds the file status information. *Subclass responsibility*.

description

Answer a String that contains a short description (file size and last modification time) of the receiver.

fileSize

Answer the file size in bytes. Subclass responsibility.

isDirectory

Answer whether the receiver describes a directory. Subclass responsibility.

isReadable

Answer true if the file represented by the receiver is readable. *Subclass responsibility*.

isWritable

Answer true if the file represented by the receiver is writable. *Subclass responsibility*.

lastModified

Answer the time of the last modification to the file. Subclass responsibility.

comparing

= aFileStatus

Answer true if the receiver and aFileStatus describe the same file. *Subclass responsibility*.

hash

Hash is reimplemented because = is implemented. *Subclass responsibility*.

copying

copy

Answer another instance just like the receiver.

Rationale

The operating system maintains many pieces of information about a file, such as read and write permissions. File status information is available directly through the file status class for your operating system, or indirectly through **FileStream**.

AbstractFileStatus establishes the pattern of protocol to be included in concrete subclasses for different operating systems. As an abstract class it provides a portable view of file status.

To obtain information about a file, the message selectors defined by this class are preferred. Methods are implemented in the appropriate subclass for your operating system. The subclass for your operating system may have additional methods to provide pieces of file status information unique to your operating system.

Related Classes

Subclasses: UTekFileStatus UniflexFileStatus

You might want to review the protocol for accessing file status information provided by FileStream.

AbstractSystemCall

Object subclass: #AbstractSystemCall

instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries: category: 'operationType operation ' 'ErrorMessages ' 'ErrorConstants OSConstants ' 'OS-Interface'

Summary

This is an abstract class which represents operational requests to some underlying operating system. Several assumptions are made about this operating system:

- It has multiple directories that contain files and/or other directories.
- It has files that have some form of status information and can be randomly read, written, and truncated.
- It has some means of running other programs. Multi-tasking is not assumed.
- It has some facility, such as pipes, for communicating with other running programs.
- It has file descriptors, which are used for uniquely identifying files and pipes.
- It has some means of receiving and sending interrupts.

Instances of concrete subclasses of this class encapsulate all information involved in making a single request to the operating system. This typically includes arguments, results, and control information.

System calls are performed by creating an instance containing the arguments for the call and then sending an "execution" message to the instance. Subclasses will typically define instance creation messages for all possible system calls supported by the host operating system.

The class protocol also defines a set of "portable" or generic operations. These high level functions are expected to be supported by any modern operating system. These operations are performed by sending a message directly to the class, which will cause the operations to be performed and the result returned. It is the responsibility of the subclasses to provide the system dependent implementation of these operations.

Wherever possible, the "portable" operations should be used to ensure operating system independence. The global variable **OS** is set to a subclass of **AbstractSystemCall**, as appropriate for the system. **OS** should be used in code (instead of the name of your system call class) to insure the portability of the code.

Instance Variables

operation <SmallInteger>

Operation code passed to the operating system.

operationType <Symbol>

Identifies which type of operating system interface (which primitive) this call uses.

Class Variables

ErrorMessages <Array>

An Array of error messages Strings indexed by the integer returned by the message errorCode.

Pool Dictionaries

ErrorConstants

Symbolic names are associated with error codes.

OSConstants

Symbolic names are associated with constants used by the various operating systems.

Instance Methods

constants

constant: aString

Return a value from the OSConstants or ErrorConstants pool that corresponds to aString. If aString is not found, notify the user that it is a bad key. This method need only be used for keys that are illegal Smalltalk identifiers (i.e., contain the underscore character), otherwise, the pool key name can be used directly by classes that declare the appropriate pool dictionaries. errors

errorCode

Return an integer which identifies an error condition. This may not be valid if no error has occurred. *Subclass responsibility*.

errorCodeFor: errorString

Answer a value from the ErrorConstants pool that corresponds to aString. If aString is not found, notify the user that it is a bad key.

errorKeyword

Return a keyword associated with the present error condition.

errorKeywordFor: errorIndex

Answer a keyword from the ErrorConstants pool that corresponds to errorIndex. If none is found, return a String representation of the errorIndex.

errorString

Return a long, descriptive string describing the present error condition. If there is no string available, return aString representation of the error code.

issueError

Issue a notifier with a string that is associated with the present error code. If there is no string available, issue a notifier with the error code.

execution

environmentInvoke

Return various system information depending on the value of the operation instance variable. Possible values of operation are:

operation	ion system information	
1	command line arguments' address	
2	environment variables' address	
3	hardware configuration block address (UTek only)	
4	interpreter version string address	
5	copyright string address	
6	OS and machine identification	
7	SmallInteger time correction	

invoke

Perform the system call, return true if it executed without error, return false otherwise. Users of #invoke must check the return value if they expect valid results! *Subclass responsibility*.

value

Evaluate the system call represented by the receiver. Create an error notifier if the system call results in an error.

valuelfError: aBlock

Evaluate the system call represented by the receiver. Evaluate aBlock if the system call resulted in an error.

operation type

environmentOperation

The desired operation involves an environment request.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Initialize the pool dictionaries and class variables used by AbstractSystemCall and its subclasses. This should be overridden by a concrete subclass.

install

This message is normally executed by a concrete subclass of AbstractSystemCall, causing that subclass to become known by the global variable #OS.

whoAml

This message attempts to determine which concrete subclass is a valid value for the global variable #OS.

constants

constant: aString

Return a value from the OSConstants or ErrorConstants pool that corresponds to aString. If aString is not found, notify the user that it is a bad key. This method need only be used for keys that are illegal Smalltalk identifiers (i.e., contain the underscore character), otherwise, the pool key name can be used directly.

errorKeywordFor: errorIndex

Return a String from the ErrorConstants pool that corresponds to errorIndex. If none is found, return a String representation of the errorIndex.

errorValueFor: errorString

Return a value from the ErrorConstants pool that corresponds to aString. If aString is not found, notify the user that it is a bad key. This method need only be used for keys that are illegal Smalltalk identifiers (i.e., contain the underscore character, for example, 'EDFS_CD'), otherwise, the variable names can be used directly.

keysAtValue: val

Return a SortedCollection of all OSConstants keywords that are associated with the value val.

keywordsForConstant: val

Return a SortedCollection of all OSConstants keywords that are associated with the value val.

file names

backupFileName: aFileName

Answer a string which is a backup file name for the file named, aFileName. *Subclass responsibility*.

checkFileName: aFileName fixErrors: fixErrors

Check aFileName for validity as a file name. If there are problems (e.g., illegal length or characters) and fixErrors is false, notify an error. If there are problems and fixErrors is true, make the name legal (by omitting illegal characters) and answer the new name. Otherwise, answer the name. *Subclass responsibility*.

completePathname: aDirectoryName

Answer the complete path name of the string, aDirectoryName, starting at the root of the file system. A trailing path name separator is considered part of a directory name even if not explicitly stored. *Subclass responsibility*.

currentDirectoryPseudonym

Answer the string which represents the name for the current directory. *Subclass responsibility*.

fileDirectory: aFileDirectory directoryName: aFileName

Answer a file directory name derived from the string, aFileName, and the file directory, aFileDirectory. *Subclass responsibility*.

fullDirectoryName: aDirectoryName

Answer the full path name of the string, aDirectoryName, starting at the directory Disk. A trailing path name separator is considered part of a directory name even if not explicitly stored. *Subclass responsibility*.

isBackupFileName: aFileName

Does a FileName correspond to a name that is usually a backup file name? *Subclass responsibility*.

isFileDirectoryName: aFileName

Is aFileName the name of a directory? Subclass responsibility.

isInvisibleFileName: aFileName

Is aFileName such that it would normally not be displayed in a file listing? *Subclass responsibility*.

separateDirectoryNameAndFileName: aFileName

Split the string, aFileName, into a directory name and a file name within the directory. Return an Array of two elements. Array at: 1 is the directory name, Array at: 2 is the file name. *Subclass responsibility*.

general inquiries

asTime: osSeconds

Convert the operating system's notion of time to a Time. *Subclass responsibility*.

defaultInterruptCode

Answer an operating system representation of the default interrupt action. *Subclass responsibility*.

fileStatusClass

Return the class used to store file status returned by system calls that return information about files. *Subclass responsibility*.

fontDirectory

Return the FileDirectory which contains font files. Each file contains a font in external font format. *Subclass responsibility*.

ignoreInterruptCode

Answer an operating system representation of the ignore interrupt action. *Subclass responsibility.*

isValid

Does this class represent the operating system running on this machine? (This method must return true in only one subclass.)

maxFileNameSize

Answer the maximum number of characters permissible in file names. *Subclass responsibility*.

maxOpenFiles

Answer the maximum number of files that may be open at one time. *Subclass responsibility*.

smalltalkInitializationDirectory

Return the FileDirectory which contains initialization files. Each file contains Smalltalk readable data used during class initialization. *Subclass responsibility*.

smalltalk InterpreterVersionString

Return a String identifying the Smalltalk interpreter that is currently running. *Subclass responsibility*.

textLineDelimiter

Answer a String containing the characters which delimit a 'line' in a file. *Subclass responsibility*.

portable directory operations

changeDirectory: directoryName

Change the current directory to the specified directory. *Subclass responsibility*.

createDirectory: directoryName

Create a new directory with the name directoryName. *Subclass responsibility*.

currentDirectoryName

Return a String with the name of the current working directory. *Subclass responsibility*.

nextFileName: directoryStream

Answer the next file name in directoryStream. Advance the directory stream beyond that name. Answer nil if none. Avoid recursion; do not return the current directory, even if it is next. *Subclass responsibility*.

removeDirectory: directoryName

Remove the directory named aDirectoryName. Subclass responsibility.

portable file operations

closeFile: aFileDescriptor

Close the file referred to by aFileDescriptor. Subclass responsibility.

create: aString

Create a new file named aString. Answer a writeOnly fileDescriptor for the file. *Subclass responsibility*.

existingName: fileName

Answer true if a file or directory named fileName exists. *Subclass responsibility*.

freeFileDescriptors

Answer the number of available file descriptors. For some operating systems this might be a very large number! *Subclass responsibility*.

open: fileName

Open the file named fileName. Answer a readWrite fileDescriptor for the file. *Subclass responsibility*.

openForRead: fileName

Open the file named fileName. Answer a readOnly fileDescriptor for the file. *Subclass responsibility*.

openForWrite: fileName

Open the file named fileName. Answer a writeOnly fileDescriptor for the file. *Subclass responsibility*.

read: fileDescriptor Into: aStringOrByteArray

Fill aStringOrByteArray with data from the file referred to by fileDescriptor. Return the number of bytes read, or zero if at end. *Subclass responsibility*. read: fileDescriptor into: aStringOrByteArray size: count

Fill aStringOrByteArray with, at most, count data elements from the file referred to by fileDescriptor. Return the number of bytes read, or zero if at end. *Subclass responsibility*.

remove: fileName

Remove the file named fileName. Subclass responsibility.

rename: fileName as: newFileName

Rename the file named fileName to have the name newFileName. Notify an error if fileName does not exist; but not if newFileName exists. *Subclass responsibility*.

seek: aFileDescriptor to: aFilePosition

Position the file known by aFileDescriptor to aFilePosition bytes from its beginning. *Subclass responsibility*.

shorten: fileDescriptor

Shorten a file to its current position. Subclass responsibility.

size: fd

Return the count of available bytes from the file or pipe known by the file descriptor fd. *Subclass responsibility*.

status: fileDescriptor

Answer a FileStatus for the file referred to by its fileDescriptor. *Subclass responsibility.*

statusName: fileName

Answer a FileStatus for the file named fileName. Subclass responsibility.

validFileDescriptor: fileDescriptor

Answer true if an open file with the specified file descriptor exists. *Subclass responsibility.*

write: fileDescriptor from: aStringOrByteArray size: byteCount

Write byteCount bytes of data from aStringOrByteArray to the file known by fileDescriptor. *Subclass responsibility*.

portable subtask operations

defaultInterrupt: anInterruptID

Set the specified interrupt to its default action.

executeUtility: aCommand withArguments: anOrderedCollection Execute a binary program and return the entire results generated by the program as a string. No mechanism for input to the executable program is provided. Notify an error if the program cannot be executed or if the program terminates abnormally. *Subclass responsibility*.

executeUtilityWithErrorMapping: aCommand

withArguments: anOrderedCollection

Execute a binary program and return an array of two strings. The first string contains the entire normal output generated by the program. The second string contains any error message output from the program. No mechanism for input to the executable program is provided. Notify an error if the program cannot be executed or if the program terminates abnormally. *Subclass responsibility*.

ignoreInterrupt: anInterruptID

Set the specified interrupt to be ignored.

setInterrupt: interruptID to: aSemaphoreOrParameter

Override the default action for the interrupt known by interruptID by connecting it to a semaphore or some system specific parameter. If specified, the semaphore is posted on interrupt. The state of the interrupt once it has been received is system dependent. *Subclass responsibility*.

shell

Cause control to be passed to the operating system command interpreter. Return to Smalltalk is system dependent. *Subclass responsibility*.

Rationale

There was a desire to move system call dependencies from individual classes like FileStream, Pipe, and Subtask to one hierarchy and implement them there so that they are more easily maintained for different operating systems. A hierarchy was established to deal with multiple operating systems. AbstractSystemCall was created to define a minimum set of services to be provided to Smalltalk by any operating system. AbstractSystemCall defines those services with selector names that an application program can use and guarantee portability to any Tektronix Smalltalk operating system.

AbstractSystemCall establishes the pattern of protocol to be included in concrete subclasses. Some protocol for generic services is implemented in this class (instead of being a subclass responsibility), but much of it is reimplemented in subclasses. A concrete subclass of this class is assigned as the value of the global variable OS. In code, OS is used for portability, instead of the name of a system call class, unless the application is meant to be used only with a specific operating system.

The class variables are declared in **AbstractSystemCall** so that they are named in one place, and are initialized by separate system call classes.

Discussion

Since it is an abstract class, there is no instance creation protocol for this class. The protocol here is a template for subclasses. To make a system call, create an instance of a subclass. Read about the system call class for your operating system in this manual. It will implement the protocol found here, plus additional protocol which is operating system dependent.

Class Protocol

Class initialization methods initialize the class variables and pool dictionaries, install the appropriate subclass as **OS**, and determine which subclass should be **OS**. The **initialize** method returns self, because that method should be overridden by a subclass. You might have use for the **whoAml** message in operating system dependent code. If you want to specify a certain operating system in the code, you could include something like

AbstractSystemCall whoAmI name = #ParticularSystemCall ifTrue:[...

Use of the message **name** and the symbol are needed so that a correct boolean will be returned instead of a notifier that **ParticularSystemCall** is not recognized.

Constants methods access the pool dictionaries, **ErrorConstants** and **OSConstants**. Two methods, **constant:** and **errorValueFor:**, access a pool for an argument String which contains an underscore or other illegal identifier character. Another use for the **constant:** message is in a workspace, for example, where the pool dictionary is not directly accessible.

File names methods are implemented by a subclass.

General inquiries methods are implemented by a subclass.

Portable directory operations methods are implemented by a subclass.

Portable file operations methods are implemented by a subclass.

Portable subtask operations methods are implemented by a subclass, except for **defaultInterrupt:** and **ignoreInterrupt:**, which may be overridden by a subclass.

Instance Protocol

Constants has one method, **constant:**, which calls the class method of the same name.

Errors has several methods for accessing **ErrorConstants** and specifies one method, **errorCode**, to be implemented by a subclass. Some of the methods implemented here are overridden in a subclass.

Execution has several methods to execute a system call and one method, environmentInvoke, that executes the system call primitive for environment operations. Some of the methods implemented here are overridden in a subclass.

Operation type has one method to set the **operationType** instance variable for an environment operation.

Examples

The following code can be executed in a workspace. It will cause the name of your system call class to display in the System Transcript. There are no other messages that you are likely to send to this class.

Transcript cr; show: AbstractSystemCall whoAmI printString.

Related Classes

Subclass: AimSystemCall

AimSystemCall

AbstractSystemCall subclass: #	AbstractSystemCall subclass: #AimSystemCall		
instanceVariableNames:	D0In D0Out D1In D1Out D2In A0In A0Out errno		
classVariableNames: poolDictionaries: category:	´StringTerminator ´ ´´ ´OS-Interface´		

Summary

This is an abstract class which defines the basic mechanism used to perform operating system calls on the various Tektronix 4000 series bitmapped workstations. It also provides interfaces for accessing the display subsystem, operating system environment variables, and the command line arguments used when Smalltalk was invoked.

These system call objects contain all of the information normally used to perform a system call by an assembly language programmer. This includes the values of machine registers passed to or returned from the system call, any parameters lists, the operation ID of the function to be performed, and any error information. Since there may be several different interfaces to the underlying operating system, instances also contain a field which identifies which particular type of interface needs to be used. Input and output parameter descriptors are defined in subclasses.

Instance Variables

A0In <Object>

An input parameter descriptor for the value to be passed in A0.

A0Out <Object>

An output parameter descriptor for the value to be returned in A0.

D0In <Object>

An input parameter descriptor for the value to be passed in D0.

D0Out <Object>

An output parameter descriptor for the value to be returned in D0.

D1In <Object>

An input parameter descriptor for the value to be passed in D1.

D1Out <Object>

An output parameter descriptor for the value to be returned in D1.

D2In <Object>

An input parameter descriptor for the value to be passed in D2.

errno <SmallInteger or nil>

Error code return by the operating system, nil if no error.

Class Variables

StringTerminator <String>

This must be appended to strings before sending them to the operating system.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

D0In: din D0Out: dout A0In: ain A0Out: aout Set D and A registers. Set unspecified input registers to nil and unspecified output registers to false.

D0In: d0in D0Out: d0out D1In: d1in D1Out: d1out D2In: d2in Set D registers.

D1In: d1in D1Out: d1out Set D1 registers.

operation: opcode with: arg0 operation: opcode with: arg0 with: arg1 operation: opcode with: arg0 with: arg1 with: arg2 operation: opcode with: arg0 with: arg1 with: arg2 with: arg3 operation: opcode with: arg0 with: arg1 with: arg2 with: arg3 with: arg4 operation: opcode with: arg0 with: arg1 with: arg2 with: arg3 with: arg4 with: arg5 Set up the arguments for a system call. Set the operation to the proper code.

accessing

A0Out

Return the value of the instance variable A0Out.

D0Out

Return the value of the instance variable D0Out.

D1Out

Return the value of the instance variable D1Out.

errors

errorCode

Return an integer which identifies an error condition. This may not be valid if no error has occurred.

execution

displayInvoke

Perform a display system call.

invoke

Perform the system call, return true if it executed without error, return false otherwise. Users of #invoke must check the return value if they expect valid results!

systemInvoke

Make a system call. Return success or failure of that system call. Notify if the primitive failed.

operation type

displayOperation

The desired operation involves the display.

operation

Return the current operation.

operation: opcode

Set the code of the operation.

systemOperation

The desired operation involves the operating system.

portable subtask operations

terminatedSubtaskExitCode

Return a portion of the status returned from the wait system call. This portion represents the value of the argument supplied by the exit system call causing termination. The high order bit of the portion indicates whether the terminated task has made a core dump. The receiver must be an instance representing a wait system call that has been executed. *Subclass responsibility*.

terminatedSubtaskExitInterrupt

Return a portion of the status returned from the wait system call. This portion represents the value of the signal causing termination. The receiver must be an instance representing a wait system call that has been executed. *Subclass responsibility*.

terminatedSubtaskID

Return the ID returned from the wait system call. The receiver must be an instance representing a wait system call that has been executed.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Initialize the class variables used by AimSystemCall subclasses.

environment variables

argCount

Return the number of arguments on the command line used to invoke Smalltalk. *Subclass responsibility*.

originalEnvironment

Return the operating system environment variables in use when Smalltalk was invoked. *Subclass responsibility*.

file names

checkFileName: aFileName fixErrors: fixErrors

Check aFileName for validity as a file name. If there are problems (e.g., illegal length or characters) and fixErrors is false, notify an error. If there are problems and fixErrors is true, make the name legal (by omitting illegal characters) and answer the new name. Otherwise, answer the name. Control characters, spaces, rubouts, and all characters with an ASCII value greater than 127 will be considered illegal.

completePathname: aDirectoryName

Answer the complete path name of the string, aDirectoryName. A trailing path name separator is considered part of a directory name even if not explicitly stored.

currentDirectoryPseudonym

Answer the string which represents the name for the current directory.

fileDirectory: aFileDirectory directoryName: aFileName

Answer a file directory name derived from the string, aFileName, and the file directory, aFileDirectory.

fullDirectoryName: aDirectoryName

Answer the full path name of the string, aDirectoryName, starting at the directory Disk. A trailing path name separator is considered part of a directory name even if not explicitly stored.

isFileDirectoryName: aFileName

Is aFileName the name of a directory?

isInvisibleFileName: aFileName

Return true if the string, aFileName, is the name of a file which is normally not displayed in a directory listing.

pathNameLevelSeparator

Answer the character which delimits directory names in a file name path.

pathNameLevelSeparatorString

Answer a string containing the character which delimits directory names in a file name path.

separateDirectoryNameAndFileName: aFileName

Split the string, aFileName, into a directory name and a file name within the directory. Return an Array of two elements. Array at: 1 is the directory name, Array at: 2 is the file name.

general inquiries

abnormalTerminationCode

Return the code for abnormal task termination. *Subclass responsibility*.

brokenPipeInterrupt

Return the interrupt number for the broken pipes interrupt. *Subclass responsibility*.

deadChildInterrupt

Return the interrupt number for the terminated child process interrupt. *Subclass responsibility*.

getMachineName

Return the type of machine Smalltalk is running on. Subclass responsibility.

nonBlockingWait

Does this class' #wait method return immediately rather than blocking? *Subclass responsibility*.

pack: upperInteger intoRegisterWith: lowerInteger

Answer a 32 bit value created by packing the upper and lower Integers together.

priorityInterval

Return the interval of valid priorities in order of descending priority for this task and effective user. *Subclass responsibility*.

returnKeyCode

Answer Smalltalk character value which should be assigned when the return key is pressed. *Subclass responsibility*.

smalltalkInterpreterVersionString

Return a String identifying the Smalltalk interpreter that is currently running.

stringTerminator

Return the Character that must be appended to strings before sending them off to the operating system.

terminateInterrupt

Return the interrupt number for the terminate interrupt. This interrupt can be caught. *Subclass responsibility*.

terminateUnconditionallyInterrupt

Return the interrupt number for an unconditional termination interrupt. This interrupt cannot be caught. *Subclass responsibility*.

textLineDelimiter

Return a String containing the characters that delimit a 'line' in a file.

validPriority: aPriority

Is aPriority a valid priority for this task and user? Subclass responsibility.

portable file operations

close File: a File Descriptor Close the file referred to by a File Descriptor.

duplicateFd: fileDescriptor

Return a new file descriptor that references the same open file as fileDescriptor. *Subclass responsibility*.

duplicateFd: oldFileDescriptor with: newFileDescriptor

Cause newFileDescriptor to reference the same open file as oldFileDescriptor. If newFileDescriptor currently references an open file, that file is first closed. *Subclass responsibility*.

newPipe

Return an instance of Pipe. Subclass responsibility.

remove: fileName

Remove the file named fileName.

portable subtask operations

brokenPipesProcessWith: aBlock

Return a process that monitors broken pipes. ABlock is executed after the receipt of each broken pipe signal. *Subclass responsibility*.

- execute: program withArguments: args withEnvironment: environment Answer an instance of the exec system call. It has not been invoked yet. Subclass responsibility.
- executeUtility: aCommand withArguments: anOrderedCollection Execute a binary program and return the entire results generated by the program as a string. No mechanism for input to the program is provided. Notify an error if the program cannot be executed or if the program terminates abnormally.
- executeUtilityNoCheck: aCommand withArguments: anOrderedCollection Execute a binary program and return the entire results generated by the program as a string. No mechanism for input to the program is provided. Some utilities (rsh, grep) return abnormal termination status after executing successfully — use this method for such programs.

executeUtilityWithErrorMapping: aCommand

withArguments: anOrderedCollection

Execute a binary program and return an array of two strings. The first string contains the entire normal output generated by the program. The second string contains any error message output from the program. No mechanism for input to the executable program is provided. Notify an error if the program cannot be executed or if the program terminates abnormally.

exit: exitParam

Answer an instance of the exit system call. It has not been invoked yet. *Subclass responsibility*.

fork

Answer an instance of the fork system call. It has not been invoked yet. *Subclass responsibility*.

forkShell

Fork an operating system shell. Exit the shell to return to Smalltalk. *Subclass responsibility*.

sendInterrupt: interruptID to: taskID

Send the interrupt known by interruptID to the task known by taskID. Return true if the operation was successful, false otherwise. *Subclass responsibility*.

setTaskPriority: priority

Set the priority of Smalltalk to the value priority. Subclass responsibility.

startSubtask: executeCall withBlock: childBlock

Fork a copy of Smalltalk. In the child copy, execute childBlock and invoke executeCall, which must be an instantiated 'exec' system call. *Subclass responsibility*.

terminate: taskID

Using an interrupt, attempt to terminate the task known by taskID. This termination is requested in a manner which can be intercepted. *Subclass responsibility*.

terminatedSubtasksProcessWith: aBlock

Return a Process that monitors spawned child tasks. ABlock is executed after the termination of each child task. The dead child signal is automatically reset by the operating system. *Subclass responsibility*.

terminateUnconditionally: taskID

Terminate this task unconditionally. Subclass responsibility.

wait

Answer an instance of the wait system call. It has not been invoked yet. *Subclass responsibility*.

system-display operations

blackOnWhite Normal video.

cursorOff

Turn off the cursor.

cursorOn

Turn on the cursor.

disableCursorPanning

Disables panning when the cursor reaches any viewport boundary.

disableJoydiskPanning

Disables panning with the joydisk.

enableCursorPanning

Enables panning when the cursor reaches any viewport boundary.

enableJoydiskPanning

Enables panning with the joydisk.

getDisplayState: buff

Return the 36 word status report of the display system.

getMouseBounds

Get the limits of mouse movement as a rectangle — upper left in D0, lower right in D1.

getViewport

Return the upper left position of the viewport within the display bitmap.

setMouseBounds: upperXY lowerRight: lowerXY

Set the limits of mouse movement to a rectangle — upper left in D1, lower right in D2.

setViewport: xyCoord

Set the upper left position of the viewport in the display bitmap.

timeOutOff

Disables automatic screen saver.

timeOutOn

Enables automatic screen saver.

turnDisplayOff

Sets the display to be blanked.

turnDisplayOn

Sets the display to be visible.

whiteOnBlack

Inverse video.

system-environment

configurationAddress

Get the address of the configuration block of the machine running this Smalltalk.

copyrightAddress

Get the address of the copyright string for this Smalltalk interpreter.

interpreterVersionAddress

Get the address of the string identifying the version of this Smalltalk interpreter.

invocationArgumentsAddress

Get the address of the argument array for this invocation of Smalltalk.

invocationEnvironmentAddress

Get the address of the environment array for this invocation of Smalltalk.

machinelDAddress

Get the address of a string that identifies the operating system and machine upon which Smalltalk is running.

timeCorrectionDifference

Get a SmallInteger representing the number of seconds difference between UTek time (GMT) and local time.

system-event operations

clearAlarm

Clear the alarm used by the graphics.

eventsDisable

Turn off events.

eventsEnable

Turn on events. A side effect of this call is to set keyboard code to zero.

eventSignalOn

Produce event signals.

getAlarmTime

Get the millisecond timer.

setAlarmTime: time

Set the millisecond timer to the desired time.

setKeyboardCode: aCode

Set the keyboard code — 0 sets keyboard to output event codes and 1 sets the keyboard to output ANSI terminal code. Event codes are what Smalltalk expects.

terminalOff

Turn off the terminal emulator.

terminalOn

Turn on the terminal emulator.

Rationale

AimSystemCall is an abstract class that implements protocol related to the display subsystem of Tektronix 4000 series bitmapped workstations. These display operations are implemented at this level to be inherited by concrete subclasses for various operating systems. Other system call protocol that concrete subclasses have in common has been implemented at this level. Instance variables are defined for data passed in registers when making a system call. A class variable is defined for the string terminator that subclass operating systems have in common.

Discussion

The protocol here is a template for subclasses. There is no occasion upon which you should send a message to this class. To make a system call, create an instance of a subclass. Read about the system call class for your operating system in this manual. It will implement the protocol found here, plus additional protocol which is operating system dependent.

Class Protocol

Class initialization contains one method which sets the value of the class variable. It calls the abstract superclass method of the same name, which returns self. The major work of initializing is done in a subclass method.

Environment variables methods are implemented by a subclass.

File names methods answer information about file and directory names, including the complete path from root, the path relative to **Disk**, the character which separates levels of the path, the backup file suffix, and concatenates or separates file and directory names. These methods are generally used for parsing.

General inquiries methods are implemented by a subclass, except for stringTerminator, which returns the character the operating systems expect at the end of strings, pack:intoRegisterWith:, which packs two integers into a 32 bit word, and smalltalkInterpreterVersionString, which returns the version number of the interpreter in a String.

Portable file operations methods are implemented by a subclass, except for **closeFile:**, which closes a file, and **remove:**, which removes a file from its directory. Those two operations are implemented here because subclasses use the same selector to achieve the result of each portable message.

Portable subtask operations are operations that Smalltalk requires from the operating system in order to run a Subtask, a spawned child process from the operating system's point of view. AimSystemCall implements the "executeUtility" methods which start a subtask. The other methods in this message category are implemented by a subclass.

System-display operations are methods which enable or disable display attributes. They are implemented here because they are applicable for all immediate subclasses.

System-environment methods return the address of environment variables at the time Smalltalk was invoked, the address of command line arguments, and information about the software, including the copyright address, the address of the interpreter version, and the adjustment amount between UTek and Smalltalk time. An address returned by one of these methods can be converted to a **String** by sending the address as the argument to the **String** *instance creation* message **fromCString:**.

System-event operations are methods which enable or disable event attributes. Events are user-interface occurrences, such as a key-press, mouse movement, and joydisk movement. The built-in alarm (timer) and terminal emulator are also included in the category of events. Events are implemented here because they are applicable for all immediate subclasses.

Instance Protocol

Initialize-release has three methods which set the values of the register instance variables plus several methods, overridden by subclasses, which set up the operation and arguments to a system call.

Accessing methods return the values of the "out" instance variables.

Errors has one method that returns the value of errno.

Execution has two methods, **displayInvoke** and **invoke**, which call the proper primitive to communicate with the operating system, and **systemInvoke** which calls a subclass method to make a primitive call.

Operation type has methods to set the **operationType** instance variable and a method that sets and one that returns the value of **operation**.

Portable subtask operations are operations which an instance of a subclass would perform for a **Subtask**, such as answer the exit code, the interrupt ID, or the task ID of the **Subtask**. The methods are implemented by a subclass, except terminatedSubtaskID, which returns the value of **D0Out**.

Related Classes

Subclasses:

UniflexSystemCall (UniFLEX only) UTekSystemCall (UTek only)

You might also want to look at the superclass, AbstractSystemCall.

DisplayState

instanceVariableNames:	··
classVariableNames:	'BlackOnWhiteBitPosition CursorDataIndex
	CursorLinkedBitPosition CursorOffsetXDataInde
	CursorOffsetXYDataIndex
	CursorOffsetYDataIndex CursorOnBitPosition
	CursorPanningBitPosition DisplayOnBitPosition
	EventsBitPosition HeightDataIndex
	JoyPanningBitPosition KeyboardCodeDataIndex
	KeyCapsLockLEDBitPosition
	LineIncrementDataIndex
	MouseBoundLrDataIndex
	MouseBoundUIDataIndex
	ScreenSaverBitPosition StateBitsDataIndex
	TerminalEmulatorBitPosition TotalSizeDataIndex
	ViewportDataIndex ViewPortHeightDataIndex
	ViewPortWidthDataIndex WidthDataIndex 2
poolDictionaries:	<i>"</i>
category:	OS-Parameters

Summary

DisplayState captures all of the information about the state of the display in a single class. This class is represented in the operating system as the C structure below. **DisplayState** provides creation and accessing protocol for the structure.

struct disp	playstate {	
int	disp_stateBits;	/* bit definitions as below */
int	disp_viewport;	/* upper left corner point of viewport */
int	disp_mouseBound_ul;	<pre>/* upper left corner point of mouse bounds */</pre>
int	disp_mouseBound_lr;	/* lower right corner point of mouse bounds */
short	disp_cursor[16];	/* the cursor image */
char	disp_keyboardCode;	/* current keyboard encoding: 0=events, 1=ansi */
char short short	disp_reserved1; disp_lineIncrement; disp_width;	/* reserved for future use */ /* number of bytes between scan lines */ /* width of virtual display bitmap */

short short	disp_height; disp_viewPortWidth;	/* height of virtual display bitmap */ /* width of viewport */
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short	disp_viewPortHeight;	/* height of viewport */
short	disp_cursorOffsetX;	/* X graphic cursor offset */
short	disp_cursorOffsetY;	/* Y graphic cursor offset */
int	disp_reserved[2];	/* reserved for future use */
}	•••	

stateBits Definition		
name	name bit position * comment	
displayOn	1	1 means on / 0 means off
screenSaver	2	1 means screen saver on / 0 means off
blackOnWhite	3	1 means black on white / 0 means white on black
terminalEmulator	4	1 means emulator output enabled / 0 disabled
keyCapsLockLED	5	1 means the Caps Lock LED is illuminated
cursorOn	9	1 means graphics cursor is enabled
cursorLinked	10	1 means mouse is linked to cursor
cursorPanning	11	1 means cursor movement can cause panning
joyPanning	12	1 means joydisk causes viewport panning
events	17	1 means events mechanism is turned on

* Smalltalk bit positions are counted from position 1, not 0 as in the C structure statebits field.

The structure is documented under *getDisplayState* in the system call section of the manual that documents platform-specific extensions for your operating system.

Class Variables

BlackOnWhiteBitPosition

CursorDataIndex

CursorLinkedBitPosition

CursorOffsetXDataIndex

CursorOffsetXYDataIndex

CursorOffsetYDataIndex

CursorOnBitPosition

CursorPanningBitPosition

DisplayOnBitPosition

EventsBitPosition

HeightDataIndex

JoyPanningBitPosition

KeyboardCodeDataIndex

KeyCapsLockLEDBitPosition

LineIncrementDataIndex

MouseBoundLrDataIndex

MouseBoundUIDataIndex

ScreenSaverBitPosition

StateBitsDataIndex

TerminalEmulatorBitPosition

TotalSizeDataIndex

ViewportDataIndex

ViewPortHeightDataIndex

ViewPortWidthDataIndex

WidthDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **StateBitsDataIndex** holds the offset of the "disp_stateBits" field. For this structure, each bit position in the "disp_stateBits" field has its own class variable.

Instance Methods -

accessing

cursorOffsetX

Return the value of the structure field named cursorOffsetX.

cursorOffsetY

Return the value of the structure field named cursorOffsetY.

height

Return the value of the structure field named height.

keyboardCode

Return the value of the structure field named keyboardCode.

lineIncrement

Return the value of the structure field named lineIncrement.

mouseBoundLr

Return the value of the structure field named mouseBoundLr.

mouseBoundLrX

Return the X coordinate of the value of the structure field named mouseBoundLr.

mouseBoundLrY

Return the Y coordinate of the value of the structure field named mouseBoundLr.

mouseBoundUl

Return the value of the structure field named mouseBoundUl.

mouseBoundUIX

Return the X coordinate of the value of the structure field named mouseBoundUI.

mouseBoundUIY

Return the Y coordinate of the value of the structure field named mouseBoundUl.

stateBits

Return the value of the structure field named stateBits.

viewport

Return the value of the structure field named viewport.

viewPortHeight

Return the value of the structure field named viewPortHeight.

viewPortWidth

Return the value of the structure field named viewPortWidth.

viewportX

Return the X coordinate value of the structure field named viewport.

viewportY

Return the Y coordinate value of the structure field named viewport.

width

Return the value of the structure field named width.

accessing-status

blackOnWhite

Answer true if the blackOnWhite state bit is set.

cursorLinked

Answer true if the cursorLinked state bit is set.

cursorOn

Answer true if the cursorOn state bit is set.

cursorPanning

Answer true if the cursorPanning state bit is set.

displayOn

Answer true if the displayOn state bit is set.

events

Answer true if the events state bit is set.

joyPanning

Answer true if the joyPanning state bit is set.

keyCapsLockLED

Answer true if the keyCapsLockLED state bit is set.

screenSaver

Answer true if the screenSaver state bit is set.

terminalEmulator

Answer true if the terminalEmulator state bit is set.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

Rationale

The display state structure stores in one place all important attributes that affect the current environment of the display. The structure is used in support of the following system call:

getDisplayState

Discussion

DisplayState does not provide protocol to modify the C structure in the operating system. Its purpose is to provide access to the information in the structure.

AimSystemCall provides protocol for changing the state of the display. Under *system-display operations* you will find methods to enable and disable display attributes, for example, inverse/normal video, cursor panning, and joydisk panning.

See the manual that documents platform-specific extensions for your operating system for more information about display attributes and the fields in the displaystate structure.

Related Classes

AimSystemCall implements the system call *getDisplayState* which uses the displaystate structure.

ExternalBinaryData

ExternalData variableByteSubclass: #ExternalBinaryData instanceVariableNames: '' classVariableNames: '' poolDictionaries: '' category: 'OS-Parameters'

Summary

ExternalBinaryData is an abstract class for non-Smalltalk data structures that do not have imbedded pointers. The concrete classes representing non-Smalltalk data structures are used to pass information between Smalltalk and the operating system, for example, when making system calls. The indexable fields of instances of subclasses represent the same bytes as the named fields of the external language's data structure. This is explained in the "Discussion" section.

Subclasses implement creation and accessing methods for specific non-Smalltalk data types such as displaystate, a C structure, and wait, a C union.

Instance Methods

accessing

dataArea

Answer the data portion of the receiver.

replaceFrom: start to: stop with: replacement startingAt: repStart This destructively replaces elements from start to stop in the receiver, starting at index repStart in the Collection replacement. Answer the receiver.

conversion

asStringFrom: start to: stop Create a string from the receiver's bytes between start and stop, inclusive.

ExternalBinaryData class

instanceVariableNames:

'sizeInBytes '

ExternalBinaryData class — Instance Variables

sizeInBytes <Integer>

Number of bytes required to represent the data area of an instance.

Class Methods -

accessing

numberOfPointers

Return the number of pointers imbedded in the structure represented by an instance of the receiver.

pointersSize

Answer the pointers size of any instance.

sizeof

Answer the number of bytes in the data section of any instance.

instance creation

new

Return a new instance of the receiver.

Rationale

Since all external data classes either do or do not contain pointers, the **ExternalData** hierarchy splits at this level into **ExternalBinaryData** and **ExternalPointerData**. **ExternalBinaryData** is an abstract class which implements protocol common to all of its concrete subclasses which, by definition, do *not* contain pointers. Inherited protocol designated as subclass responsibility is implemented in this class. All subclasses of the **ExternalBinaryData** branch of the external data hierarchy have a class instance variable, **sizeInBytes**, defined here as the number of bytes in the data area of all instances of a subclass.

Discussion

Naming Conventions for Subclasses' Class Variables

Most of the time (exceptions are explained below), there is one class variable for each named field in the external data structure represented by a Smalltalk class. Each external data structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. The bytes of a named field in an external structure reside in the byte array starting at the offset indicated by the class variable for the field. For example, in the following figure, the bytes of a field called "foo" would begin at position FooDataIndex in the data area (byte array) of the Phoney object representing the structure with "foo" in it. See Figure 1 for a simple example.

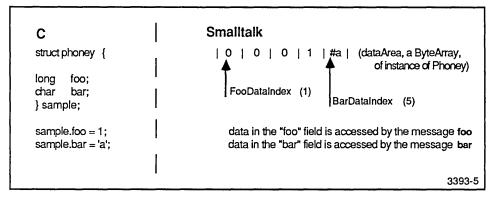


Figure 1

An example will help to illustrate the class variables naming convention. The following is the definition of the C structure which the **Rusage** class represents.

struct rusage {		
struct timeval	ru_utime;	/* user time used */
struct timeval	ru_stime;	/* system time used */
long	ru_maxrss;	
long	ru_ixrss;	/* integral shared memory size */
long	ru_idrss;	/* integral unshared data size */
long	ru_isrss;	/* integral unshared stack size */
long	ru_minflt;	/* page reclaims */
long	ru_majflt;	/* page faults */
long	ru_nswap;	/* swaps */
long	ru_inblock;	<pre>/* block input operations */</pre>
long	ru_oublock;	/* block output operations */
long	ru_msgsnd;	/* messages sent */
long	ru_msgrcv;	<pre>/* messages received */</pre>
long	ru_nsignals;	<pre>/* signals received */</pre>
long	ru_nvcsw;	<pre>/* voluntary context switches */</pre>
long	ru_nivcsw;	/* involuntary */
}		

The first two fields of struct rusage are of type struct timeval, defined as follows.

```
struct timeval {
    long tv_sec; /* seconds */
    long tv_usec; /* microseconds */
}
```

There are fourteen class variables for the **Rusage** fields with simple data types (all the fields of type long). In addition to the fourteen class variables for the simple fields of struct rusage, **Rusage** has class variables for the fields whose data type is a structure — rusage fields ru_utime and ru_stime are of type struct timeval. The additional variables are named **StimeSecDataIndex**, **StimeUsecDataIndex**, **UtimeSecDataIndex**, and **UtimeUsecDataIndex**. These names are derived from the field name in struct rusage and the name of the field in struct timeval. Field names are stripped of their prefix, as usual, to arrive at the "structure within a structure" class variable names.

If an external data structure has fields which are not presently used, usually indicated by "reserved" in the field comment, the Smalltalk class for the structure does *not* have class variables for the "reserved" fields.

Naming Conventions for Subclasses' Protocol

Each concrete subclass of ExternalBinaryData has protocol for accessing the data of the structure. Message selectors are the field name, stripped of its prefix. For example, sending the message Inblock to an instance of Rusage will return the value of the ru_inblock field. The message sec:, sent to an instance of Timeval, will set the value of the tv_sec field to the specified argument. Depending upon whether the structure is exclusively filled in by the operating system, or whether Smalltalk will send data to the operating system in the structure, accessing methods are provided to access or to access and set the values of fields. In the case of Rusage, protocol is provided to only access the field data, not to set the fields, since the purpose of the structure is to obtain data from the operating system. Since a Timeval is used to send and receive data, protocol is provided to access and set the values of fields.

When the value of a field is dependent upon the value of another field, no separate method is provided to set the value of the dependent field. The method which sets the value of the field it depends upon sets the value of the dependent also. This pattern of accessing protocol for field values which are dependent upon other fields has been followed in the concrete subclasses of FixedSizeExternalPointerData and ExternalBinaryData.

When a structure field is another structure, separate accessing messages are provided for the fields in the imbedded structure. For example, the **Rusage** method **stimeSec** returns the value of the tv_sec field of the timeval structure addressed by the struct rusage ru_stime field.

Protocol to set the value of a field which is an imbedded structure takes an instance of the class representing the imbedded structure as an argument. For example, the **Itimerval** method **Interval**: takes an instance of **Timeval** as an argument and sets the value of the it_interval field, which is of type struct timeval.

ExternalBinaryData Class Protocol

Accessing methods implement inherited protocol to return the **numberOfPointers** (0 for all subclasses) and the **sizeOf** all instances of a subclass, the **sizeInBytes** class instance variable. The **pointersSize** method exists to parallel the **ExternalPointerData** method of that name; it returns 0 since no subclasses contain pointers.

Instance creation defines the method **new** to return an instance with the correct number of indexable variables. As an abstract class, you would not send the message **new** to **ExternalBinaryData** to create an instance of this class. The method is implemented here for use in subclasses. Instance creation methods in concrete subclasses return an instance of the class with the fields filled, either with data obtained via a system call or data supplied as arguments to the instance creation message. There is no pattern for subclasses' instance creation protocol — it varies according to the common uses of individual structures.

ExternalBinaryData Instance Protocol

Accessing has one method, dataArea, which returns the receiver, since all instances of subclasses are strictly data (no pointers). Subclasses of the other branch of external data, ExternalPointerData, have an instance variable, dataArea, which is returned when the message dataArea is sent to an instance of a subclass. The inherited method replaceFrom:to:with:startingAt: is reimplemented; it invokes a primitive to perform a memory to memory data copy.

Conversion has one method which converts a specified range of the receiver from bytes to a **String** and returns the **String**. The purpose of this method is to convert a string as represented in an external language (for example, an array of chars in C) to a Smalltalk **String**.

Adding Classes to this Hierarchy

If you are adding a subclass of ExternalBinaryData and the conventions just described are unclear to you, the best idea is to find a structure class similar to the structure you are adding and model your class on the similar one. Your new class' protocol must include a class initialization method which initializes the class variables and sizeInBytes. Remember to execute the initialize method for the new class.

Related Classes

Subclasses: **DisplayState** Inaddr IntegerPointer Itimerval Ltchars Rlimit Rusage Sgttyb Sockaddrin SockaddrUn Stat Tchars Timeval Timezone Utsname Wait

You might also want to look at ExternalData, the superclass. If you are adding a class for a structure with imbedded pointers, read about ExternalPointerData — your new class should be a subclass of that class or its subclass, FixedSizeExternalPointerData.

Object subclass: #ExternalData	
instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries:	'Char Int Long Pointer Short '
category:	'OS-Parameters'

Summary

ExternalData is an abstract class for defining data structures suitable for communicating with non-Smalltalk languages. Translation must occur to change Smalltalk objects to the data structure of another language, and vice versa. This class reimplements some **ByteArray** protocol.

Naming Conventions for Subclasses and Subclass Protocol

A class is created for each external language structure. A structure with imbedded machine pointers is made a subclass of ExternalPointerData. A structure without imbedded machine pointers is made a subclass of ExternalBinaryData. The class name is the same as the structure name. For example, the class SockaddrIn provides creation and accessing protocol for a C structure of that name. Fields are accessed by the names given in the structure, stripped of the prefix. For example, in SockaddrIn, the "sin_family" field is accessed with the message family. Offsets into the structure are provided as class variables.

Class Variables

Char <Integer>

Number of bytes for a C char type.

Int <Integer>

Number of bytes for a C int type.

Long <Integer>

Number of bytes for a C long type.

Pointer <Integer>

Number of bytes for a C pointer type.

Short <Integer>

Number of bytes for a C short type.

Instance Methods

accessing

at: index

Answer the value of the indexable field, index, of the receiver's dataArea.

at: index put: anObject

Store the value, anObject, in the indexable field, index, of the receiver's dataArea.

dataArea

Answer the data portion of the receiver. Subclass responsibility.

doubleWordAt: index put: value

Set the value of the double word (4 bytes) starting at byte index.

numberOfPointers

Return the number of pointers imbedded in the structure represented by the receiver.

replaceFrom: start to: stop with: replacement startingAt: repStart

This destructively replaces elements from start to stop in the receiver, starting at index repStart in the Collection replacement. Answer the receiver. No range checks are performed.

signedIntegerDoubleWordAt: index

Answer the value of the double word (4 bytes) starting at byte index. Treat the value as a 2's complement signed integer.

signedIntegerWordAt: index

Answer the value of the word (2 bytes) starting at byte index. Treat the value as a 2's complement signed integer.

sizeof

Answer the number of bytes in the data section of the receiver.

unsignedIntegerDoubleWordAt: index

Answer the value of the double word (4 bytes) starting at byte index. Treat the value as an unsigned integer.

unsignedIntegerWordAt: index

Answer the value of the word (2 bytes) starting at byte index. Treat the value as an unsigned integer.

wordAt: index put: value

Set the value of the word (2 bytes) starting at byte index.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Initialize the class variables.

accessing

numberOfPointers

Return the number of pointers imbedded in the structure represented by the receiver. *Subclass responsibility*.

sizeof

Answer the number of bytes in the data section of any instance. *Subclass responsibility*.

Rationale

ExternalData is an abstract class which implements protocol common to all of its subclasses. This class and its subclasses were created to provide a mechanism for Smalltalk to exchange data with the operating system when making system calls.

Discussion

As an abstract class, there is no instance creation protocol in **ExternalData**. The instance and class protocol includes message selectors that will be sent to subclasses, not to this class. If you are adding a class that represents an external language structure, you should look at the abstract subclasses of **ExternalData** and make your new class a subclass of one of them, not a subclass of this class.

Class Protocol

Class initialization has one method which sets the values of the class variables.

Accessing methods return the number of pointers in the structure, and the number of bytes in the **dataArea** of the structure — implementation of these functions is left to a subclass.

Instance Protocol

Since the data of an external structure are represented in a Smalltalk object as a **ByteArray**, this class reimplements some **ByteArray** accessing protocol.

Accessing methods return or set the values of indexable fields in the dataArea of the receiver. There are different accessing methods for the different sizes of data — one byte, two bytes, or four bytes — and for signed or unsigned integers. One method, replaceFrom:to:With:startingAt:, replaces a chunk of data in the receiver. The work of two methods, dataArea and sizeof, is ultimately done by a subclass.

Related Classes

Subclasses: ExternalBinaryData ExternalPointerData

ExternalPointerData

ExternalData subclass: #ExternalPointerData instanceVariableNames: 'dataArea pointers' classVariableNames: '' poolDictionaries: '' category: 'OS-Parameters'

Summary

ExternalPointerData is an abstract class for a non-Smalltalk data structure containing machine pointers. It holds the binary data for the non-Smalltalk data structure and an array of Smalltalk objects whose machine addresses will be inserted into the binary data. The addresses are inserted by the interpreter when certain primitives are invoked.

Instance Variables

dataArea <ByteArray>

Binary data of a non-Smalltalk data structure.

pointers <Array>

Pairs offsets into the binary data portion (dataArea) with objects.

Instance Methods

accessing

dataArea

Return the dataArea of the receiver.

dataArea: aByteArray

Update the dataArea of the receiver with aByteArray.

dataArea: aByteArray pointers: anArray

Update the dataArea of the receiver with aByteArray and the pointers with anArray.

numberOfPointers

Return the number of pointers imbedded in the structure represented by

the receiver.

pointers

Return the pointers of the receiver.

pointers: anArray

Update the pointers of the receiver.

sizeof

Return the size of the data area in bytes.

copying

copy

Return a copy of the receiver. Insure that pointers of the copy reference the same objects as the pointers of the receiver.

Rationale

Since all external data classes either do or do not contain pointers, the **ExternalData** hierarchy splits at this level into **ExternalBinaryData** and **ExternalPointerData**. **ExternalPointerData** is an abstract class which implements protocol common to all of its concrete subclasses which, by definition, contain one or more pointers. Inherited protocol designated as subclass responsibility is implemented in this class.

Discussion

Naming Conventions for Subclasses' Class Variables

The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with one of the following strings appended, as appropriate: 'DataIndex' or 'PointerIndex'. Fields without pointers have one class variable, <field-name>DataIndex. For fields with a data type having imbedded machine pointers, two class variables are created:

- one for the offset of the binary data, and
- one for the index of the pointer to that field, with respect to other pointers in the structure.

The <field-name>DataIndex indicates the index of the first byte of the data in the dataArea. The <field-name>PointerIndex is used in accessing protocol to access or set the value of a pointer field in **pointers**.

An example will help to illustrate the naming convention for class variables. The following is the definition of the C structure which the **Msghdr** class represents.

struct msgh caddr_t	dr { msg_name;	/* optional address */
int	<u> </u>	/* size of address */
	msg_namelen;	
struct iov	<u> </u>	/* scatter/gather array */
int	msg_iovlen;	<pre>/* # elements in msg_iov */</pre>
caddr_t	msg_accrights;	/* access rights sent/received */
int	msg_accrightslen;	
}		

The third field, *msg_iov, is a pointer to a struct iovec, which is defined as follows.

```
struct iovec {
    caddr_t iov_base;
    int iov_len;
}
```

There are six fields in struct msghdr. The first, third and fifth fields are pointer types (caddr_t is defined as a pointer to a char). The class variables for the pointer fields are shown in the following table.

Pointer Fields' Class Variables		
field name	class variables	contents
msg_name	NameDataIndex	offset (1) of the first byte of <i>msg_name</i> data in dataArea
	NamePointerIndex	index (1) of this pointer with respect to other pointers in the structure
∗msg_iov	lovDataIndex	offset (9) of the first byte of * <i>msg_iov</i> data in data Area
	lovPointerIndex	index (2) of this pointer with respect to other pointers in the structure
msg_accrights	AccrightsDataIndex	offset (17) of the first byte of <i>msg_accrights</i> data in dataArea

AccrightsPointerIndex	index (3) of this pointer with respect to other pointers in the structure

Msghdr has three other class variables for the three fields which are not pointers.

Other Fields' Class Variables		
field name	class variable	contents (offset)
msg_namelen	NamelenDataIndex	5
msg_iovlen	lovienDataIndex	13
msg_accrightslen	AccrightslenDataIndex	21

If an external data structure has fields which are not presently used, usually indicated by "reserved" in the field comment, the Smalltalk class for the structure does *not* have class variables for the "reserved" fields.

dataArea and pointers Instance Variables

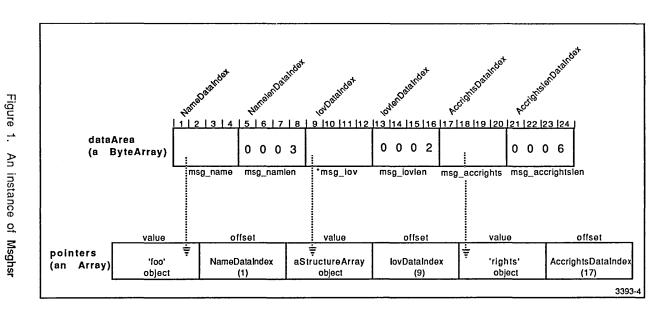
This section describes the two instance variables, dataArea and pointers, provides an illustration of their relationship, and gives details of the elements of the value-offset pairs in pointers.

The dataArea instance variable is a ByteArray of the data in the structure. The index of the first byte of each structure field in the dataArea is indicated by the <field-name>DataIndex class variable for the field. A pointer field's "DataIndex" class variable is also the second element of the field's value-offset pair in the pointers array.

The pointer array, **pointers**, is an instance of **Array** which stores pairs of elements (i.e., "anArray at: 1:" together with "anArray at: 2" make up a "pair"). For each pointer in a structure, there is one pair (two elements) in **pointers**. For example, since a **Msghdr** contains three pointers, its **pointers** array has three pairs — six elements.

The figure below depicts an instance of **Msghdr** to show the value of its instance variables. The code preceding the figure is an example that creates the objects needed for the figure.

anIovecArray ← StructureArray new: 2 class: Iovec. anIovecArray at: 1 put: (Iovec base: 'first'). anIovecArray at: 2 put: (Iovec base: 'second').



The spaces reserved for addresses in the dataArea are filled by the system/display call primitive. The dotted lines point to the Smalltalk objects whose addresses are in the dataArea.

msghdr ← Msghdr name: 'foo' iov: anIovecArray accrights: 'rights'.

In the figure, the **dataArea** has space for three machine addresses which will be filled by a system call or display primitive. The dotted lines indicate that the addresses filled in by the primitive will refer to objects in the **pointers** array.

Value

The first element of a pair (the odd indexed element) contains a Smalltalk object which is conceptually referenced by the field of the non-Smalltalk structure. This element is called the *value*. If the function of the system call is to return data from the external language structure to Smalltalk, then the appropriate *value* locations in **pointers** will be changed after the system call.

Offset

The second element of a pair (the even indexed element) is called the *offset*. It contains the index into the **dataArea**, a **ByteArray**, where the first byte of the pointer (i.e., an address) is stored. Indices in the **dataArea** are counted from 1. The offset identifies the position where a reference to a Smalltalk object is considered to *virtually* exist. The space reserved for addresses in **dataArea** is filled in by a display or system call primitive; however, after the call is completed the addresses may no longer be valid for the Smalltalk objects they referenced when the call was invoked.

Primitive Action on dataArea

If the offset is nil, indicating an unused map pair, the associated value is ignored. This might be useful for representing 'union' types in which some fields must be empty. If the value is the object nil, the primitive will replace the associated field in the dataArea with the binary value 0. If the value is a SmallInteger or a 4-byte LargePositiveInteger or LargeNegativeInteger, the primitive will replace the associated field in the dataArea with the machine representation of the integer value. If the value is an ExternalBinaryData object (or a variableByte or variableWord class without instance variables), then the field is replaced with the machine address of the data part of the object. Otherwise, the value is assumed to be an ExternalPointerData object; the associated field in the dataArea is replaced with the address of the data part of the ExternalPointerData object and above rules are recursively applied. When the recursion is completed, all pointers in the dataArea will contain valid addresses and the pointers in the dataArea of each *referenced object* will also contain valid addresses. This allows a structure to contain pointers to other structures.

The following table summarizes the possible meanings of the **pointers** array.

Offset	Value	Primitive Action on dataArea	
nil	anything	value is ignored	
×	nil	at x store the machine integer whose value is 0	
x	SmallInteger	at x store machine integer	
x	4-byte LargePositiveInteger	at x store machine integer	
x	4-byte LargeNegativeInteger	at x store machine integer	
x	ExternalBinaryData	at x store machine address of data portion	
x	ExternalPointerData	at x store machine address of data portion and recurse	

(x is an integer)

Naming Conventions for Subclasses' Protocol

Each concrete subclass of ExternalPointerData has protocol for accessing the data of the structure. Message selectors are the field name, stripped of its prefix. For example, sending the message accrights to an instance of Msghdr will return the value of the msg_accrights field. The message accrights; sent to an instance of Msghdr, will set the value of the msg_accrights field to the specified argument. Since the value of the msg_accrightslen field is dependent upon the length of the string in msg_accrights, there is no method provided to set the value of msg_accrightslen. The accrights: method sets the value of both fields. This pattern of accessing protocol for field values which are dependent upon other fields has been followed in the concrete subclasses of FixedSizeExternalPointerData and ExternalBinaryData.

Depending upon whether the structure is exclusively filled in by the operating system, or whether Smalltalk will send data to the operating system in the structure, accessing methods are provided to access or to access *and set* the values of fields.

Protocol to set the value of a field which is an imbedded structure takes an instance of the class representing the imbedded structure as an argument. At present there are no subclasses of **FixedSizeExternalPointerData** which represent a structure with an imbedded structure.

ExternalPointerData Instance Protocol

This protocol is present to be inherited by concrete subclasses. Since this is an abstract class, there is no instance creation protocol and no messages should be sent to this class.

Accessing has one method, dataArea, which returns the dataArea instance variable, and another method to set the dataArea. There are two methods to access and set the value of the pointers instance variable. Another method, dataArea:pointers:,

sets the value of both instance variables. The **numberOfPointers** method returns the number of pointers in the structure, and the **sizeOf** method answers the size of the **dataArea** in bytes.

Copying has one method which returns a copy of the receiver.

Related Classes

Subclasses:

FixedSizeExternalPointerData PointerArray StructureArray

You might also want to look at the superclass, **ExternalData**, and the parallel abstract class for structures which do not contain pointers, **ExternalBinaryData**.

FileStream subclass: #FileDirec	ctory	•
instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries:	 	
category:	'OS-Streams'	treams'

Summary

Instances of **FileDirectory** are a special kind of **FileStream** that represent directories. The instance variable **name** identifies the directory instances refer to. Directories can be viewed as a collection of files — enumerating protocol is provided. Instances of **FileDirectory** can be found in dictionaries, or another **FileDirectory**, though often this is implicit.

Inherited Instance Variables

name <String>

This inherited instance variable contains a relative or absolute path specifying this directory. Relative paths are relative to Disk.

directory <nil>

This inherited instance variable is not used.

Instance Methods

accessing

completePathname

Answer the complete path name of the receiver, starting with the root directory. A trailing path name separator is considered part of a directory name even if not explicitly stored.

contents

Answer the names of all files in this directory.

directoryName

Answer the name of the receiver.

fullName

Answer the full path name of the receiver, relative to Disk if appropriate. A trailing path name separator is considered part of a directory name even if

not explicitly stored.

versionNumbers

Answer true if version numbers are supported.

adding

addKey: aFileName

Create a new file whose name is aFileName. The method newFile: produces an error if the file already exists.

enumerating

do: aBlock

Sequence over all possible files (or directories) in the receiver, evaluating aBlock for each one.

filesMatching: patternString

Answer an Array of the names of files (or directories) that match patternString.

namesDo: aBlock

Sequence over all possible file (or directory) names in the receiver, evaluating aBlock for each one. A collection of file names is created so that the operating system will not dynamically increase the directory size when backup files are created.

file accessing

checkName: aFileName fixErrors: fixErrorsBoolean Check aFileName for validity as a file in this directory.

directoryNamed: aString

Answer an instance of myself whose name is a String. Answer Disk if a String matches Disk.

file: aFileName

Answer a FileStream on an old or new file whose name is aFileName.

fileClass

Answer the proper class whose instances represent files in the receiver.

isLegalFileName: aString

Answer whether aString is a legal file name.

isLegalOldFileName: aString

Answer whether aString is a legal file name and if the file exists in the receiver.

newDirectory: aDirectoryName

Answer a FileDirectory on a new directory whose name is aDirectoryName; notify if the argument is not a new file name.

newFile: aFileName

Answer a FileStream on a new file whose name is aFileName; notify if the argument is not a new file name.

oldFile: aFileName

Answer a FileStream on an old file whose name is aFileName; notify if the argument is not an old name.

oldWriteOnlyFile: aFileName

Answer a FileStream on an old file (write only) whose name is aFileName; notify if the argument is not an old name.

rename: aFile newName: newName

Rename the file, aFile, to have the name newName; notify if a file by the name, newName, already exists.

file copying

append: aFileName1 to: aFileName2

Append the contents of a file whose name is aFileName1 to the end of a file whose name is aFileName2.

copy: aFileName1 to: aFileName2

Copy the contents of a file whose name is aFileName1 to a file whose name is aFileName2.

removing

removeKey: aFileName

Remove the file whose name is aFileName; notify if not found.

removeKey: aFileName ifAbsent: absentBlock

Remove the file whose name is aFileName; answer the result of evaluating absentBlock if not found.

testing

includesKey: aFileName

Answer whether a file or directory whose name is aFileName is included in the receiver.

isEmpty

Answer whether there are any files in the receiver.

statusOf: aFileName

Answer the status of aFileName without opening it.

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findKey: aFileName

Answer an instance of the file class which represents a file with the name aFileName.

Class Methods —

instance creation

currentDirectory

Answer an instance of me representing the current directory.

directoryFromName: fileName setFileName: aBlock

Answer the file directory implied from the designator fileName. This directory contains the designated file. Evaluate the block with only the file name portion of the designator.

directoryNamed: aString

Answer an instance of me whose name is aString. Answer Disk if aString matches Disk.

fileNamed: aFileName

Not appropriate for a FileDirectory.

Rationale

FileDirectory is a representation of a directory on the disk. It provides protocol for looking at the files in a directory.

Discussion

Disk is a global variable, an instance of **FileDirectory**. In the standard image **Disk** is set to ".", the current directory. This means that **Disk** "floats" to whatever directory you are in when you invoke Smalltalk. The Smalltalk home directory concept is used throughout file creation and referencing methods. There is example

code in the System Workspace for changing the value of Disk.

Class Protocol

Instance creation provides several ways to create an instance of **FileDirectory**. Instances can be created from the current directory, from the directory implied in a full path name, or by naming a directory. The inherited **fileNamed**: method is intercepted.

Instance Protocol

Accessing methods answer the directory name, answer a collection of the file names in the receiver, answer the **name** instance variable, and answer false to indicate that version numbers are not supported. Complete path means begin at root and fully specify the path. Full name means the name relative to **Disk** if **Disk** is part of the path, or the complete path relative to root (/) if **Disk** is not in the file's path.

Adding has one method which creates a new file with the specified name.

Enumerating has two methods which evaluate a block for all entries in the directory and a method, **filesMatching:**, that returns an array of file names matching an ambiguous file name — the ambiguous name provides the ability to use wildcard characters such as # or *.

File accessing methods perform many types of functions. You can check for invalid characters (less than ASCII 33 or greater than ASCII 126) in a file name and, optionally, remove the illegal characters. Two methods return true if a specified file name does not contain illegal characters; in addition, one of them checks that the file exists before answering true. One method answers the appropriate class of Smalltalk objects representing files in these directory objects — this allows some independence for **FileDirectory**.

Several *file accessing* methods return instances of this class and **FileStream**. You can choose among methods that check whether a file exists before creating a stream on it, that further specifies that the stream be write-only, or one that creates the stream without testing for the file's existence. This message category also has methods to create a new file or directory and rename an existing file.

If you don't want to always fully qualify the path of a file (or files) that you access frequently, you can use the following method.

• Create an instance of **FileDirectory** on the directory which contains the file(s). Keep the instance of **FileDirectory** in your image.

 Send a message to the FileDirectory to create a FileStream on the file when you want to access it (e.g., aFileDirectory oldFile: nameOfFile). The FileStream will be created relative to the path of the FileDirectory.

The above approach can be used for any directories you access often — just keep the instances of **FileDirectory** in your image.

File copying contains one method which appends the contents of a specified file to another file and one method which copies the contents of one file to another file.

Removing methods let you remove a disk file from the directory and, optionally, specify a block to be evaluated if the disk file does not exist.

Testing methods check whether a disk file exists, whether the directory is empty, and answer an instance of the file status class for your operating system.

The single *xerox file compatibility* method, **findKey:** calls **fileClass** and returns an instance of the class that method specifies. This method is retained for backward compatibility.

Examples

The following example can be executed in a workspace. If you do so, you might want to change the ambiguous file name to yield files you actually want to file in. For ease of use, a file list is better for filing in one file at a time. If you want a group of files to file in, the example code is a fast way to do it.

dir ← Disk directoryNamed: '/usr/lib/smalltalk/fileIn'. (dir filesMatching: 'a*.st') do: [:eachFile | (dir file: eachFile) fileIn]

The global **FileDirectory**, **Disk**, is sent an *instance creation* message with the full path name as an argument. The instance is assigned to *dir*. An *enumerating* message, **filesMatching:**, is sent to *dir* with an ambiguous file name as the argument. For each file whose name begins with *a* and has the extension *.st*, an instance of **FileStream** is created. A **FileDirectory** *file accessing* message, **file:**, creates the instances. Each instance is sent the message **fileIn**, which incorporates the contents of the file into the image.

Related Classes

You are probably familiar with the results of some of this class' protocol, because **FileDirectory** is used in **FileLists**. Look in your System Workspace under "Create File System" for example code using **FileDirectory** and **FileStream**.

FileStream

ExternalStream subclass: #FileStream

instanceVariableNames:

classVariableNames: poolDictionaries: category: 'name directory mode fileDescriptor filePosition fileMode ' 'OpenFileStreams '

'OS-Streams'

Summary

Instances of **FileStream** represent stream interfaces to mass storage files. Read and write data are buffered to minimize operating system calls. The buffer size is arbitrary; it need not reflect the physical disk block size. The buffer is either a **ByteArray** or a **String** depending on Smalltalk's view of the data. Characters and bytes are stored identically in mass storage.

Instance Variables

directory <FileDirectory>

This instance variable represents the directory containing the file, nil if unknown.

fileDescriptor <SmallInteger>

This instance variable represents the file identifier assigned by the operating system, or nil if the file is not open.

fileMode <Symbol>

This instance variable indicates the current permissions (#ReadOnly, #ReadWrite, or #WriteOnly) of this fileDescriptor. The value of fileMode reflects the last file activity in the file (e.g., #ReadWrite if the file was written to and then read). It can be #WriteOnly if FileStream opens the file write only or if the file is created by methods in this class.

filePosition <Integer>

This instance variable indicates the position of the operating system file pointer in the file.

mode <Symbol>

This instance variable indicates the intended reading/writing mode (#ReadOnly or #ReadWrite), nil if unknown.

name <String>

This instance variable identifies the file within a directory.

Inherited Instance Variables

collection <ByteArray> or <String>

This inherited instance variable is the buffer for either reading or writing data.

position <SmallInteger>

This inherited instance variable represents the current position in the buffer.

readLimit <SmallInteger>

This inherited instance variable represents the maximum position before the buffer is filled. When the buffer is empty, both position and readLimit are 0.

writeLimit <SmallInteger>

This inherited instance variable represents the maximum position before buffer is flushed.

Class Variables

OpenFileStreams <OrderedCollection> All open FileStreams are listed here.

Instance Methods

accessing

contentsOfEntireFile

Read all of the contents of the receiver.

next

Answer the next character (or byte) from the receiver. Answer nil if at the end of the receiver's file.

next: anInteger

Answer the next anInteger bytes from the receiver.

next: anInteger Into: aCollection

Copy the next anInteger bytes from the receiver into aCollection. If aCollection has word-sized elements, each element is filled with byte-sized numbers. Answer aCollection.

nextPut: aCharacterOrByte

Place the character or byte in the buffer and return that character. If the buffer is full, flush the buffer. If the file is not writable, make it writable. Call nextPut: again.

nextPutAll: aCollection

Write the elements of aCollection onto the receiver. If aCollection will fit in the receiver's buffer then buffer it, otherwise, write it directly to the receiver's file. If aCollection is not a String or ByteArray (a Set of Characters, for example) write each of its elements individually.

nextPutAll: aCollection startingAt: startIndex

Append the elements of aCollection, if it is of an appropriate type, onto the receiver starting at startIndex. Answer aCollection.

nextPutAll: aCollection startingAt: startIndex to: stopIndex

Append the elements of aCollection, if it is of an appropriate type, onto the receiver starting at startIndex and stopping at stopIndex. Answer aCollection.

size

Answer the size of the receiver's file in characters (or bytes).

converting

asFileDirectory

Return the file directory representing the receiver.

copying

сору

Answer a copy of the file with a nil file descriptor.

editing

edit

Create and schedule a FileModel on the contents of the receiver. The label of the view is the name of the receiver.

file accessing

description

Answer a String describing the receiver's file.

directory

Answer the directory that contains the receiver.

fileName

Answer the name of the receiver's file.

fullName

Answer the full path name of the file represented by the receiver.

name

Answer the name of the receiver's file.

remove

Remove the receiver from its parent directory. Discard the mass storage associated with the receiver.

rename: newFileName

Change the name of the receiver to newFileName.

file modes

binary

Set the receiver's file to be buffered in binary mode. Copy any already buffered data to the new buffer, a ByteArray.

readOnly

The receiver will be used for reading only.

readWrite

The receiver will be used for reading and writing. Do not backup on first write.

readWriteShorten

Same as readWrite. We don't support the shorten operation, so senders must explicitly close to truncate the file at the current position.

text

Set the receiver's file to be buffered in text mode. Copy any already buffered data to the new buffer, a String.

writeShorten

Same as readWrite. We don't support writeOnly, or the shorten operation. Senders must explicitly close to truncate the file at the current position.

file status

close

Disassociate the receiver with its file in mass storage. If write data are buffered, flush the buffer. If read data are buffered, discard the data and adjust filePosition to reflect the loss.

fill Fill the read buffer, collection, with data from mass storage. Flush the write buffer if required.

flush

Flush the output buffer, collection, to mass storage. Do nothing if the buffer is empty or is not an output buffer.

shorten

This operation is preserved for historical reasons. The structure of the existing file system does not encourage use of this file truncating method. The native use of backup files is suggested instead.

file testing

exists

Answer whether the file represented by the receiver exists in mass storage.

isBackup

Return true if the name of the file associated with this FileStream follows the convention for naming backup files.

isBinary

Answer whether the receiver is reading binary bytes (as opposed to characters).

isDirectory

Answer true if the receiver is a directory.

isOpen

Answer whether the receiver is open, that is, if the file represented by the receiver has been located and a file descriptor assigned.

isReadable

Answer whether it is possible to read from the receiver.

isStandard

Answer true if the receiver represents one of the standard descriptors — in, out, or error.

isText

Answer whether the receiver is reading characters (as opposed to binary bytes).

isWritable

Answer whether it is possible to write on the receiver.

fileIn-Out

fileIn

Guarantee fileStream is readOnly before fileIn for efficiency and to eliminate remote sharing conflicts.

fileOutChanges

Append to the receiver a description of all system changes.

printOutChanges

Print to the receiver a human-readable description of all system changes.

nonhomogeneous positioning

padTo: bsize

Skip to next boundary of bsize characters, and answer how many characters were skipped.

padTo: bsize put: aCharacterOrByte

Pad using the argument, aCharacterOrByte, to the next boundary of bsize characters, and answer how many characters were written.

positioning

position

Answer the position of the receiver in characters (or bytes) from its beginning. Compute this from the file's physical position considering any read ahead (reflected in readLimit) and the current position in the buffer.

position: anInteger

Position the receiver to start reading (or writing) at an offset of anInteger characters (or bytes) from the beginning of the file. Flush buffered output; discard (wastefully) buffered input. Position the receiver's file, if open.

reset

Set position to beginning of file.

setToEnd

Set position to end of file.

skip: byteCount

Advance position by byteCount. A negative byteCount will backspace. Preserve buffered read data if possible; always flush buffered write data.

printing

printOn: aStream

If the receiver is a file in the Disk directory, print with its path name relative to Disk. Otherwise, print its full path name.

testing

atEnd

Answer true if current position is >= end of file position. Fill the input buffer if necessary to access the next character.

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asFileStream

Answer the file stream representing the receiver.

file Answer the file representing the receiver.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Make a new collection for holding open files.

external references

closeExternalReferences

Close all open instances of the receiver and its subclasses. Use the bypassClose message to bypass the Smalltalk file tracking system. Only subtasks (child tasks) should execute this method.

releaseExternalReferences

Close all open instances of the receiver and its subclasses.

instance creation

fileNamed: aString

Answer a FileStream on an old or new file designated by aString. Do not (yet) try to open.

fileNamed: aString in: aDirectory

Answer a FileStream on an old or new file designated by aString and located in aDirectory.

newFileNamed: aString

Answer a FileStream on the new file designated by aString. Go ahead and create the file to be sure we can.

newFileNamed: aString in: aDirectory

Answer a FileStream on the new file designated by aString and located in aDirectory. Go ahead and create the file to be sure we can.

oldFileNamed: aString

Answer a FileStream on the old file designated by aString. Go ahead and open the file to be sure we can.

oldFileNamed: aString in: aDirectory

Answer a FileStream on the old file designated by aString and located in aDirectory. Go ahead and open the file to be sure we can.

oldWriteOnlyFileNamed: aString

Answer a FileStream on the old file designated by aString. Go ahead and open the file for writing to be sure we can.

oldWriteOnlyFileNamed: aString in: aDirectory

Answer a FileStream on the old file designated by aString and located in aDirectory. Go ahead and open the file for writing to be sure we can.

Rationale

FileStream provides a buffered streaming interface to mass storage files. The interface keeps the number of system calls to access files in the operating system to a minimum. It reopens files automatically (sources and changes files after a snapshot, for example). **FileStreams** are positionable, unlike pipe streams.

Discussion

Class Protocol

Class initialization contains the **initialize** method to assign values to the class variables. It would be used when you are working with a different operating system, for example, or want to change the size of the buffer.

External references methods enable you to close all open file streams or the streams with the file descriptors of stdin, stdout, and stderr. The method **closeExternalReferences** should only be sent by instances of **Subtask** to bypass the file tracking system and close all open file streams. It is important to remember that file descriptors are a limited resource, so file streams should be closed when they are no longer needed. Closing them releases their file descriptor for use in a new instance of **FileStream** or another object that requires an operating system file descriptor. The instance of **FileStream** will still exist after it is closed, and it can be reopened to the same state it was in when it was closed (i.e., at the same filePosition with the same mode and fileMode).

Instance creation methods return an instance of a stream interface to existing files and new files. You have the option of using a message beginning 'file' which creates the stream without opening its associated file; 'file' methods automatically create backup copies of existing files. 'New file' methods determine whether the specified file exists; if it does, a notifier displays to give you the option to "proceed" to rename the existing file as a backup. 'Old file' methods determine whether the specified file exists; if it does, a notifier displays to give you the option to "proceed" to create the file. Two methods will open an old file for writing only. They determine whether the specified file exists; if it does, a notifier displays to give you the option to "proceed" to create the file.

Instance Protocol

Some of the contents of the *accessing* message category is determined by what **FileStream** inherits from the **Stream** hierarchy. These methods are necessary to appropriately reimplement certain methods for this class. *Accessing* methods read and return the entire contents of a file, return the next one or more characters or bytes in a file, write one or more characters or bytes to the file, and return the effective size of the file in mass storage, were you to close the file at that point. The

method **size** includes data in the buffer which would be written to the file via **flush** if you sent the **close** message when the file was open for writing.

The *converting* method returns an instance of **FileDirectory** with the complete path name of the receiver.

The *editing* method creates a view containing the file contents for editing.

File accessing methods return information about the file obtained from instance variables or from a system call. **FullName** returns the full path of the receiver's directory concatenated with the receiver's name or a name relative to **Disk**. You can also remove or rename a file.

File modes methods allow you to set the **mode** instance variable to #ReadWrite or #ReadOnly. The method **binary** replaces the **collection String** with a **ByteArray**. The method **text** does the inverse of **binary**. Two 'shorten' methods call **readWrite** because the shorten operation is not supported. To shorten a file you must close it when the file is at the desired position.

File status methods close a file after flushing the buffer, fill the buffer for reading, flush the write data in the buffer to the file, and shorten the file. The **shorten** method is retained for backward compatibility — its use is not recommended.

File testing methods answer whether a file exists in mass storage, and returns true or false for the following file attributes: is a backup file, is binary, is text, is open, is readable, is writable, is a directory, and is a standard stream (in, out, or error known by file descriptors 0, 1, and 2).

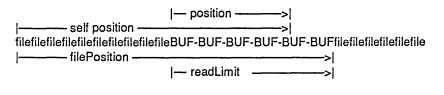
FileIn-Out methods incorporate the contents of an external file into the image, and enable you to file out or print out changes from the current project.

Nonhomogeneous positioning methods implement the inherited methods of the same name. The methods pad the file to a specified boundary with a specified character/byte or skip over characters or bytes in the file to the next specified boundary. This message category name is used for compatibility with protocol inherited from **ExternalStream**, although *nonhomogeneous* does not apply here.

Positioning methods answer the current location of the last character/byte conceptually read or written (buffered data are counted) or set the file pointer. The file pointer can also be set to the beginning or end of the file. The method **sklp:** moves the **FileStream** pointer forward or backward and, if necessary, moves the operating system file pointer also. The **position:** method sets the file pointer to the specified location relative to the beginning of the file.

The following diagram describes the relationship of positions and the **FileStream** buffer. The instance variable **position** denotes the position within the buffer. The instance variable **filePosition** denotes the operating system file pointer associated with the file descriptor. Sending the message **position** returns the position the application thinks it should be at, taking into account unread data in the buffer. The instance variable **readLimit** describes the size of the buffer.

Relation of Position to the Buffer and the File in Mass Storage



Printing has one method that prints a representation of the instance on a stream. The output would resemble 'a FileStream on 'testFile''. The menu selection "printlt" calls **printOn**:.

Testing has one method that answers whether the end-of-file has been reached.

Xerox file compatibility methods return the receiver. They are present for compatibility with earlier implementations which distinguished between files and file streams.

Examples

The following code can be executed in a workspace.

f ← Disk file: 'testFile'. f nextPut: \$A. f space. f nextPutAll: 'file for reading '. f cr. f tab; nextPutAll: 'and writing'; cr.

f reset. first ← f next. all ← f contentsOfEntireFile. Transcript cr; show: all. Disk removeKey: 'testFile'.

First, the *file accessing* message file: is sent to the global FileDirectory, Disk. An instance of FileStream on 'testFile' is created and assigned to *f. Accessing* message nextPut: writes the character \$A and nextPutAll: writes the string to 'testFile' via *f* (actually, the data are buffered and written to the file before it is closed). WriteStream character writing messages are used to put a space, a tab, and a carriage return in the file. The message reset sets the file pointer to the beginning of the file. Accessing messages next and contentsOfEntireFile return a character and the contents of the entire file, respectively. The entire file contents, *all*, are displayed in the System Transcript. Finally, 'testFile', is removed from the global FileDirectory, Disk. The output in the System Transcript looks like this:

A file for reading and writing

In the System Workspace under "Create File System" are several examples of FileStream and FileDirectory being used by the system. In a workspace you can execute SourceFiles inspect and see the array of two FileStreams on the sources file and changes file. You can further inspect the elements of the array to see the values of their instance variables.

Related Classes

Subclasses: FileDirectory

Other classes of interest are

- the **PipeStream** hierarchy, and
- ExternalStream, the superclass, has useful methods for accessing different data types in *nonhomogeneous accessing*.

FixedSizeExternalPointerData

OS-Parameters

ExternalPointerData subclass: #FixedSizeExternalPointerData instanceVariableNames: '' classVariableNames: '' poolDictionaries: '' category: 'OS-Parameters'

Summary

FixedSizeExternalPointerData is an abstract class for a non-Smalltalk data structure containing machine pointers. Each subclass defines a particular data structure whose size is fixed. The concrete classes representing non-Smalltalk data structures are used to pass information between Smalltalk and the operating system, for example, when making system calls.

Instance Methods

accessing

numberOfPointers

Return the number of pointers imbedded in the structure represented by the receiver.

pointersSize

Answer the size of the pointers array of the receiver.

FixedSizeExternalPointerData class

instanceVariableNames:

'sizeInBytes prototype '

FixedSizeExternalPointerData class — Instance Variables

sizeInBytes <Integer>

The size of the structure in bytes.

prototype <aSubclass>

An instance of the concrete subclass which has the pointers array initialized.

Class Methods –

accessing

numberOfPointers

Return the number of pointers imbedded in the structure represented by the receiver.

pointersSize

Answer the size of the pointers array.

sizeof

Answer the number of bytes in the data section of any instance.

instance creation

new

Return a new instance of the receiver.

Rationale

Since all external data classes either do or do not contain pointers, the **ExternalData** hierarchy splits into **ExternalBinaryData** and **ExternalPointerData**. **FixedSizeExternalPointerData**, a subclass of **ExternalPointerData**, is an abstract class which implements protocol common to all of its concrete subclasses which, by definition, contain pointers and are a fixed size. Objects which are *not* a fixed size but contain pointers, such as an array of pointers or an array of structures which *may* contain pointers, are direct subclasses of **ExternalPointerData**.

Inherited protocol designated as subclass responsibility by **ExternalData** is implemented. All subclasses of this branch of the external data hierarchy have two class instance variables. **SizeInBytes** is defined here as the number of bytes in the data area of all instances of a subclass. **Prototype** is defined here as an instance of a subclass with its **pointers** array initialized.

Discussion

You will find it helpful to read the "Discussion" under ExternalPointerData for an explanation of the instance and class variables of concrete subclasses of this class.

Class Protocol

This protocol is present to be inherited by concrete subclasses. Since this is an abstract class, there is no instance creation protocol and no messages should be sent to this class.

Accessing methods answer the number of pointers in the structure, the number of bytes of data in the structure, and the number of elements in **pointers**.

Instance creation defines new to return a copy of the prototype.

Instance Protocol

Accessing has one method which calls the class method **pointersSize** to answer the number of elements in **pointers** and another method which calls the class method to return the number of pointers.

Adding Classes to this Hierarchy

If you are adding a subclass of FixedSizeExternalPointerData and the conventions described in this manual under ExternalPointerData are unclear to you, the best idea is to find a structure class similar to the structure you are adding and model your class on the similar one. Your new class' protocol must include a class initialization method which initializes the class variables, sizeInBytes, and prototype. Remember to execute the initialize method for the new class.

Related Classes

Subclasses: lovec Msghdr

You might also want to look at ExternalPointerData and ExternalData.

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Inaddr

ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #Inaddr		
instanceVariableNames:	"	
classVariableNames:	´AddrDataIndex B1DataIndex B2DataIndex B3DataIndex B4DataIndex W1DataIndex W2DataIndex ´	
poolDictionaries:	··	
category:	'OS-Parameters'	

Summary

Inaddr provides accessing protocol for the following C structure.

struct in_a union {	ddr {	struct { u_char s_b1, s struct { u_short s_w1, u_long S_addr:	s_b2, s_b3, s_b4;
} S_un;		- <u>_</u>	
#define	s_addr	S_un.S_addr	/* can be used for most tcp and ip code */
#define	s_host	S_un.S_un_b.s_b2	/* host on imp */
#define	s_net	S_un.S_un_b.s_b1	/* network */
#define	s_imp	S_un.S_un_w.s_w2	/* imp */
#define	s_impno	S_un.S_un_b.s_b4	/* imp # */
#define	s_lh	S_un.S_un_b.s_b3	/* logical host */
}			

The structure is referred to under *inet*(4N) in the manual UTek Command Reference, Volume 2. The structure is found in *netinet/in.h.* Protocol is provided to set the values from an integer and from a string.

Class Variables

AddrDataIndex

B1DataIndex

B2DataIndex

B3DataIndex

B4DataIndex

W1DataIndex

W2DataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable B3DataIndex holds the offset of the "s_b3" field.

Instance Methods

accessing

addr

Return the value of the internet address as an integer.

addr: aninteger

Assign the argument, anInteger, as the internet address.

converting

asString

Return the value of the internet address as a string.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver in internet format on aStream.

private

fromString: anInternetAddress Assign anInternetAddress string (in dot notation) to the receiver.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

addr: anInteger

Return an instance constructed from the internet address, anInteger.

fromString: anInternetAddressString

Return an instance constructed from the internet address, anInternetAddressString.

Rationale

This class is the C structure which holds an internet address. It holds a network address, and is used by the class **Sockaddrin**. The structure is used in support of the following UTek system calls:

accept(2) bind(2) connect(2) getpeername(2) getsockname(2) recvfrom(2) sendto(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system calls listed above.

IntegerPointer

ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #IntegerPointer instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries: category: OS-Parameters'

Summary

IntegerPointer provides creation and accessing protocol for integer pointers. Integer pointers are defined in C with the type-specifier 'int *'. A four-byte buffer stores integer values.

Instance Methods -

accessing

integer

Return the signed integer that the receiver represents.

integer: anInt

Assign the value, anInt, to the receiver.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods ------

class initialization

initialize

Define the size of the structure.

instance creation

integer: anInt Return an instance whose value is the machine integer for anInt.

Rationale

An argument to a system call that needs an integer pointer uses an instance of class **IntegerPointer**. An example use is in *getpeername*(2), where the size of the remote machine name returned is an instance of this class.

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ExternalPointerData subclass: #lovec		
instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames:	BaseDataIndex BasePointerIndex LenDataIndex	
poolDictionaries: category:	<pre>'OS-Parameters'</pre>	

Summary

lovec provides creation and accessing protocol for the following C structure.

struct iovec {
 caddr_t iov_base;
 int iov_len;
}

Each iovec entry specifies the base address and length of an area in memory. The structure is documented under *read*, *readv*(2) in the manual *UTek Command Reference*, *Volume* 2.

Class Variables

BaseDataIndex

BasePointerIndex

LenDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **BaseDataIndex** holds the offset of the "iov_base" field.

For fields with a pointer data type, a class variable is created for the index of that pointer in the structure; the name is constructed from the field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'PointerIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **BasePointerIndex** holds the index "1" because it is the first pointer in the iovec structure.

Instance Methods

accessing

base

Return the value of the structure field named base.

base: aString

Assign the argument aString to the structure field named base, and assign aString's size to the structure field named len.

len Return the value of the structure field named len.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods —

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables, define the size of the structure, and initialize the prototype.

instance creation

base: aString Return an instance with the values of the fields assigned.

Rationale

The iovec C structure is used in support of the following UTek system calls:

readv(2) writev(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system calls listed above.

ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #Itimerval		
instanceVariableNames:	"	
classVariableNames:	IntervalDataIndex IntervalSecDataIndex	
	IntervalUsecDataIndex ValueDataIndex	
	ValueSecDataIndex ValueUsecDataIndex 1	
poolDictionaries:	··	
category:	'OS-Parameters'	

Summary

Itimerval provides creation and accessing protocol for the following C structure.

struct itimerval {		
struct timeval	it_interval;	/* timer interval */
struct timeval	it_value;	/* current value */
}		

The structure is documented under *getitimer(2)* in the manual *UTek Command Reference, Volume 2.*

Class Variables

IntervalDataIndex

IntervalSecDataIndex

IntervalUsecDataIndex

ValueDataIndex

ValueSecDataIndex

ValueUsecDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **IntervalDataIndex** holds the offset of the "it_interval" field.

When a field in a structure is another C structure, separate class variables are created for each field in the other structure. For example, the class variable **IntervalSecDataIndex** holds the offset of the "sec" field of the "it_interval" structure.

Instance Methods

accessing

interval

Return the value of the structure field named interval.

interval: aTimeval

Assign the argument, aTimeval, to the structure field named interval.

interval: aTimeval value: anotherTimeval

Assign values to all the fields of the structure.

intervalSec

Return the sec field of the structure at the field named interval.

intervalUsec

Return the usec field of the structure at the field named interval.

value

Return the value of the structure field named value.

value: aTimeval

Assign the argument, aTimeval, to the structure field named value.

valueSec

Return the sec field of the structure at the field named value.

valueUsec

Return the usec field of the structure at the field named value.

printing

printOn: aStream

Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods ------

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

interval: aTimeval value: anotherTimeval Return an instance with the values of the fields assigned.

Rationale

The structure is used in support of the following UTek system calls:

getitimer(2) setitimer(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system calls listed above.

ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #Ltchars		
instanceVariableNames:	"	
classVariableNames:	DsuspcDataIndex FlushcDataIndex	
	LnextcDataIndex RprntcDataIndex	
	SuspcDataIndex WerascDataIndex '	
poolDictionaries:	·· ·	
category:	'OS-Parameters'	

Summary

Ltchars provides accessing protocol for the following C structure.

st	ruct Itch	nars {	
	char	t_suspc;	/* stop process signal */
	char	t_dsuspc;	<pre>/* delayed stop process signal */</pre>
	char	t_rprntc;	/* reprint line */
	char	t_flushc;	/* flush output (toggles) */
	char	t_werasc;	/* word erase */
	char	t_Inextc;	<pre>/* literal next character */</pre>
}			

The structure is documented under tty(4) in the manual UTek Command Reference, Volume 2.

Class Variables

- DsuspcDataIndex
- FlushcDataIndex
- LnextcDataIndex
- **RprntcDataIndex**
- SuspcDataIndex

WerascDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **DsuspcDataIndex** holds the offset of the "t_dsuspc" field.

Instance Methods

accessing

dsuspc

Return the value of the structure field named dsuspc.

dsuspc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named dsuspc.

flushc

Return the value of the structure field named flushc.

flushc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named flushc.

Inextc

Return the value of the structure field named Inextc.

Inextc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named Inextc.

rprntc

Return the value of the structure field named rprntc.

rprntc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named rprntc.

suspc

Return the value of the structure field named suspc.

suspc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named suspc.

suspc: sCharacter dsuspc: dCharacter rprntc: rCharacter flushc: fCharacter werasc: wCharacter Inextc: ICharacter

Assign values to all the fields of the structure.

werasc

Return the value of the structure field named werasc.

werasc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named werasc.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods -----

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

default

Return an instance containing the default characters.

Rationale

The structure is used in support of the following UTek system call:

ioctl(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system call listed above.

ExternalPointerData subclass: #	fMsghdr	
instanceVariableNames:	"	
classVariableNames:	AccrightsDataIndex AccrightsIenDataIndex AccrightsPointerIndex IovDataIndex IovIenDataIndex IovPointerIndex NameDataIndex	
poolDictionaries: category:	OS-Parameters	
	instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries:	classVariableNames: classVariableNames: AccrightsDataIndex AccrightslenDataIndex AccrightsPointerIndex lovDataIndex IovlenDataIndex IovPointerIndex NameDataIndex NamelenDataIndex NamePointerIndex '

Summary

Msghdr provides creation and accessing protocol for the following C structure.

struct msghdr { caddr_t int	msg_name; msg_namelen;	/* optional address */ /* size of address */
struct iovec int	*msg_iov; msg_iovlen;	/* scatter/gather array */ /* # elements in msg_iov */
caddr_t int }	msg_accrights; msg_accrightslen;	/* access rights sent/received */

The structure is documented under *recvmsg*(2) in the manual *UTek Command Reference*, *Volume* 2.

Class Variables

AccrightsDataIndex

AccrightslenDataIndex

AccrightsPointerIndex

iovDataIndex

IovlenDataIndex

IovPointerIndex

NameDataIndex

NamelenDataIndex

NamePointerIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from the field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **AccrightsDataIndex** holds the offset of the "msg_accrights" field.

For fields with a pointer data type, a class variable is created for the index of that pointer in the structure; the name is constructed from the field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'PointerIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **AccrightsPointerIndex** holds the index "3" because it is the third pointer in the msghdr structure.

Instance Methods

accessing

accrights

Return the value of the structure field named accrights.

accrights: aString

Assign the argument, aString, to the structure field named accrights, and assign aString's size to the structure field named accrightslen.

accrightslen

Return the value of the structure field named accrightslen.

iov Return the value of the structure field named iov.

iov: anlovecArray

Assign the argument, anlovecArray, to the structure field named iov, and assign anlovecArray's size to the structure field named iovlen.

iovlen

Return the value of the structure field named iovlen.

name

Return the value of the structure field named name.

name: aString

Assign the argument, aString, to the structure field named name, and assign aString's size to the structure field named namelen.

name: aString iov: anlovecArray accrights: anotherString Assign values to all the fields of the structure.

namelen

Return the value of the structure field named namelen.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables, define the size of the structure, and initialize the prototype.

instance creation

name: aString lov: anlovecArray accrights: accString Return an instance with the values of the fields assigned.

Rationale

The msghdr C structure is used in support of the following UTek system calls:

recvmsg(2) sendmsg(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system calls listed above.

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PipeReadStream variableSubclass: #OSFilter instanceVariableNames: 'task stdin stderr ' classVariableNames: '' poolDictionaries: '' category: 'OS-Streams'

Summary

An OSFIIter provides bi-directional communication with a utility program, which may be either an operating system utility or a user supplied program. It understands accessing protocol for both PipeReadStream and PipeWriteStream. Writing to an OSFIIter causes its task to receive standard input. Reading an OSFIIter causes the task to supply its standard output. The utility is not required to read standard input (in which case writing protocol has no effect), nor to write standard output or standard error (in which case reading protocol never shows data available). Note that the utility may not produce output immediately, depending on how it buffers its output.

Instance Variables

stderr <PipeReadStream>

The stream that collects the utility's standard error output.

stdin <PipeWriteStream>

The stream that supplies the utility with standard input.

task <Subtask>

The system utility being used as a filter.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

InitializeErrorOn: aPipe

Initialize the error output side of the filter stream with the supplied pipe which contains an open read file descriptor.

initializeErrorOnFd: fd

Initialize the error output of the filter stream with the supplied file descriptor, which is assumed to be the reading end of a Pipe.

initializeInputOn: aPipe

Initialize the input side of the filter stream with the supplied pipe which contains an open write file descriptor.

initializeInputOnFd: fd

Initialize the input side of the filter stream with the supplied file descriptor, which is assumed to be the writing end of a Pipe.

accessing

inputBinary

Set the mode of this OSFilter to binary.

inputText

Set the mode of this OSFilter to text.

nextError

Answer a String containing the next line from the error stream.

nextPut: aCharacter

Place aCharacter in the task's input stream.

nextPutAII: aCollection

Place all the data in aCollection in the task's input stream.

outputBinary

Set the OSFilter's output to be buffered in binary mode.

outputText

Set the OSFilter's output to be buffered in text mode.

opening-closing

abort

Clean up. Close all PipeStreams and terminate the task.

close

Close the standard input to the task. Return whatever might be produced in standard output. Close standard output and standard error and terminate the task.

closeError

Close the error output from the task. Return whatever might have been there.

closeInput

Close the standard input to the task. Normally this causes the task to terminate.

openOn: aCommand withArguments: aCollection

Initialize the filter by opening input and output streams and starting the task.

positioning

flush

Chase something through the filter with multiple line terminators.

flushWith: aCharacter blockSize: count

Chase something through the filter with count occurrences of the given character.

printing

printOn: aStream

Place in aStream a String that describes the program and arguments of an OSFilter. If the task is inactive, so state.

testing

isActive

Is this filter's task active?

Class Methods -

examples

example

Use sed and cpp to extract key-value pairs from the C header file, 'errno.h'.

valuesFromHeader: aHeaderFile

Use sed and cpp to extract a Dictionary of key-value pairs from a C header file. This may take a few minutes.

instance creation

openOn: aCommand

Create a new OSFilter, with its input and output streams directed to/from aCommand.

openOn: aCommand withArguments: aCollection

Create a new OSFilter, with its input and output streams directed to/from aCommand. Pass aCollection of arguments to aCommand upon execution.

Rationale

OSFilter was designed as a general purpose tool for programmers to be able to use operating system utilities or user supplied programs from within Smalltalk.

Background

Filters

Filters are programs which process a character stream — usually, they modify the stream. There are some filters, such as *cat*, which do not modify their input, but they are not used as examples here. The filter has an input side and an output side — in UTek the reading is usually done from standard input.

In building the operating system interface to Tektronix Smalltalk, it quickly became apparent that many of the utility programs available could find use within Smalltalk. Without OSFilter, Smalltalk could receive output from an operating system program using the UTekSystemCall method executeUtility:withArguments:, but it couldn't provide input to the operating system program. The background menu item "OS Shell" would allow user interaction with various programs, but there was no simple means for a Smalltalk method to interact with a program.

Two-Way Communication

What was needed was a facility for bi-directional communication with a utility program. **OSFIIter** accomplishes this by running a utility program with individual PipeStreams for the program's standard input and standard output. **OSFIIter** is designed for portability across operating systems.

Examples

The following example illustrates the use of an instance of **OSFilter** to access the UTek program wc. This code can be executed in a workspace.

wc ← OSFilter openOn: '/bin/wc'. "path for UTek only" wc nextPutAll: 'How many lines, words and characters are there in this string?'. wc closeInput. lines ← wc nextCNumber. words ← wc nextCNumber. characters ← wc nextCNumber. wc close. Transcript cr; show: lines printString, ' lines, ', words printString, ' words, and ', characters printString, ' characters are in the string.' When the preceding code is executed in a workspace, this output appears in the System Transcript:

2 lines, 11 words, and 62 characters are in the string.

An Example from the Image

A more complex example of an OSFIIter application is found in the OSFIIter class method valuesFromHeader: under the *examples* protocol.

valuesFromHeader: aHeaderFile

"Use sed and cpp to extract a Dictionary of key-value pairs from a C header file. This may take a few minutes." "(OSFilter valuesFromHeader: 'lusr/include/sys/max.h') inspect." | sed cpp key symbolTable | symbolTable \leftarrow Dictionary new: 128. "Open a sed filter that will extract just C preprocessor symbols from a given file." sed
OSFilter openOn: '/bin/sed' withArguments: (OrderedCollection with: '-n' "A space and a tab are inside the square brackets below that appear empty." with: ^s/#[]*define[][]*\([A-Za-z][0-9A-Za-z]*\)[].*\1/p with: aHeaderFile). sed closeInput. "Open a C preprocessor filter, feed it the given file, and discard whatever that might produce." cpp ← OSFilter openOn: '/lib/cpp'. cpp nextPutAll: '#include "', aHeaderFile, "''. "Discard uninteresting output." cpp flush; nextAvailable. "Feed each symbol from sed into cpp, collect its output in a Dictionary." [sed atEnd] whileFalse: [key \leftarrow sed nextLine. key ~= " ifTrue: [cpp nextPutAll: key. cpp flush. symbolTable at: (key copyUpTo: Character cr) asSymbol put: cpp nextCNumber. "Discard the flush characters." cpp nextAvailable]]. sed close.

cpp close. îsymbolTable

Here is a description of what the code is doing. The method valuesFromHeader: takes a ".h" file (a C header file) and finds all the non-argument defines in the form

#define identifier token-string

and creates dictionary entries with the defined identifier and its associated tokenstring, a CNumber. This method only creates dictionary entries for defined identifiers whose associated token-string is a valid C number, using the **PositionableStream** method **nextCNumber**.

The *sed* filter only extracts simple identifiers, not parameterized ones (with arguments). For example,

#define sqr(x) (x * x),

will not cause sqr to be entered in the dictionary.

First the dictionary called *symbolTable* is created. Then a *sed* OSFIIter is run on the header file with the operating system *sed* command that causes only the defined identifiers to appear in the output stream, one per line. Input to *sed* is closed, causing all of the data from *sed* to become available. A *cpp* OSFIIter is opened and given the header file as input. *Cpp* is flushed and a loop begins in which *sed* output is sent to *cpp*, one line at a time, and the identifier from *sed* is placed into the dictionary *symbolTable* with its associated CNumber from *cpp*. After each line from *sed* goes into *key* and then to *cpp*, *cpp* is flushed. *Cpp* buffers its output and we want it to deal with one identifier at a time. (Flush outputs multiple line terminators, so they must be discarded by sending *cpp* the message nextAvailable.) When the data from *sed* are exhausted the loop terminates, both filters are closed, and *symbolTable* is returned.

Related Classes

An instance of **Subtask** is the program, residing in the operating system, that is serving as the filter in the **OSFilter**. In addition to reading about **Subtask**, it will also be useful to look at the **Stream** hierarchy, in particular, **OSFilter**'s superclass, **PipeReadStream**.

Object subclass: #Pipe		
instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries:	<pre>'readFd writeFd fileDescriptor ' ''</pre>	
category:	'OS-Interface'	

Summary

An instance of **Pipe** represents an operating system pipe in Smalltalk. Operating system pipes are unidirectional communication links, usually between Smalltalk and a child task in our context. A pipe has two file descriptors, one for each end of the pipe. One end of the pipe is for reading, the other for writing. A system buffer holds the contents of the pipe.

Communication between tasks is accomplished via a **PipeStream** which is opened using one of the two descriptors, depending on the direction. Two way communication between two tasks requires two pipes.

Instance Variables

fileDescriptor <Integer>

The read or write file descriptor used to access the parent's end of the pipe.

readFd <Integer>

The file descriptor used to access the reading end of the pipe.

writeFd <Integer>

The file descriptor used to access the writing end of the pipe.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

readFd: readingEnd writeFd: writingEnd Initialize a new Pipe with the given reading and writing file descriptors.

release

Close both ends of the pipe.

accessing

fileDescriptor

Return the file descriptor to be used for streaming over data, either the readFd or the writeFd.

readFd

Return the file descriptor representing the read end of the pipe.

writeFd

Return the file descriptor representing the write end of the pipe.

copying

copy

Inappropriate for a Pipe.

opening-closing

closeRead

Close the read side of the pipe.

closeWrite

Close the write side of the pipe.

fileDescriptor: fd

Fd, which is either this Pipe's readFd or its writeFd, becomes the descriptor to be accessed for streaming over data.

mapReadTo: fd

Map the read side of the pipe to the specified descriptor fd.

mapWriteTo: fd

Map the write side of the receiver's pipe to the specified descriptor fd.

Class Methods -

instance creation

new

Return an instance of Pipe.

readFd: readingEnd writeFd: writingEnd

Create a new Pipe, with the given reading and writing file descriptors.

Rationale

An instance of **Pipe** is a temporary holding place for file descriptors. Once a **Pipe**'s file descriptor is passed to a **PipeStream**, the **Pipe** is no longer needed, and should not be referenced.

Discussion

Instances of **Pipe** are created using either of two *instance creation* messages. The message **new** causes the operating system to return the pipe's file descriptors. The message **readFd:writeFd:** creates a new **Pipe** using file descriptors obtained by some other means (e.g., OS duplicateFd:).

To insure portability, instead of sending the message **new** to the class **Pipe**, instances should be created this way:

OS newPipe.

The *initialize-release* message **release** closes the reading and writing ends of the pipe. Closing pipes is often accomplished using the separate *opening-closing* messages **closeRead** and **closeWrite**.

Accessing messages return the values of a **Pipe**'s three instance variables.

Protocol exists for mapping ends of the pipe to arbitrary file descriptors. The methods **mapReadTo:** and **mapWriteTo:** make operating system calls to duplicate the argument, a file descriptor. Mapping allows communication between parent and child tasks.

Examples

The **OSFIlter** method **openOn:withArguments:** contains several examples of typical pipe usage:

openOn: aCommand withArguments: aCollection

"Initialize the filter by opening input and output streams and starting the task."

| in out err | in ← OS newPipe. out ← OS newPipe. err ← OS newPipe. self initializeOn: out. self initializeInputOn: in. self initializeErrorOn: err.

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```
self task: (Subtask
fork: aCommand
withArguments: aCollection
standardIn: in
standardOut: out
standardError: err).
self task start isNil
ifTrue:
[self stdin close.
self close.
Transcript show: self closeError.
self error: 'Cannot execute ', aCommand].
in closeRead.
out closeWrite.
err closeWrite
```

The three temporary variables *in*, *out*, and *err* each receive new instances of **Pipe** via the message **newPipe**. Newpipe is always sent to the current operating system call class (referred to by the global variable OS). The following initialization messages cause the OSFilter to get the proper file descriptors of the three Pipes — the OSFilter doesn't get the Pipes themselves. In the Subtask creation message, the new Subtask gets the file descriptors for the opposite ends of the three Pipes. Finally, the ends of the Pipes not needed by the OSFilter (i.e., those given to the Subtask) are closed. When this method completes, the three Pipes are no longer referenced and are garbage collected.

The method above is a succinct example of a portable system call, subtasking, and the use of pipes in the class **OSFilter**.

Related Classes

These classes are related to Pipe:

OSFIlter PipeStream PipeReadStream PipeWriteStream Subtask

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PipeStream subclass: #PipeRea	adStream
instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames:	foundEnd f
poolDictionaries:	··
category:	'OS-Streams'

Summary

PipeReadStreams are used for reading from an operating system pipe. Data are buffered from the pipe to avoid excessive reads. Protocol for reading all the data available from the pipe is provided by using the size of the pipe as an indicator of how much to read — reading more data than are available can result in blocking.

Instance Variables

foundEnd <Boolean>

True if the end of the pipe has been encountered.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

initializeOn: aPipe

Initialize this PipeStream with aPipe, which must contain an open read file descriptor.

initializeOnFd: fd

Initialize this PipeStream with the supplied open file descriptor, which must refer to a Pipe.

accessing

binary

Set the receiver's file to be buffered in binary mode. Copy any already buffered data to the new buffer, a ByteArray.

contentsOfEntireFile

Read all of the contents of the receiver. If the PipeReadStream buffer contains something, prepend it to the results.

next

Return the next character or byte from the PipeReadStream. Answer nil if at the end of the stream.

next: anInteger

Return the next anInteger bytes from the PipeReadStream. Return a ByteArray if the stream is binary, return a String if the stream is text.

next: anInteger into: aCollection

Copy the next anInteger bytes from the receiver into aCollection. Answer aCollection.

nextAvailable

Answer a collection containing all available data from the pipe. Answer an empty collection if no data are available. Answer nil if something is wrong with the pipe.

nextPut: anObject

Not apropriate for a PipeReadStream.

text

Set the receiver's file to be buffered in text mode. Copy any already buffered data to the new buffer, a String.

enumerating

doAvailable: aBlock

Evaluate aBlock for each object in the pipe.

doByLine: aBlock

Evaluate aBlock for each string ending with a line terminator in the pipe. Do not include the line terminator in the string.

positioning

skip: count

Discard the next count items in the stream.

testing

atEnd

Return true if the end was previously found or answer a guess based on the size of the contents of the pipe.

dataAvailable

Return true if there are any data ready to be read from the pipe.

isEmpty

Return true if the pipe contains no data.

Rationale

This class allows the reading of data from an operating system pipe. Using a **PipeReadStream**, a Smalltalk process can obtain data from a related process.

Discussion

The abstraction of a pipe stream is used outside of Smalltalk, for example, several C functions use a stream for reading, including fscanf, gets, and getc. Most users are familiar with the standard input stream, stdin.

Streams make accessing data easier, because they "know" the position where reading or writing can occur. It isn't necessary for you to keep track of how many characters have been read so that you can specify which character to read next. A stream knows when it has reached the end of its data and when it is empty.

Protocol

To create an instance of **PipeReadStream**, you should use an *instance creation* message inherited from the superclass, **PipeStream** — for example, send the message **openOn**: to **PipeReadStream**.

Initialize-release methods initialize appropriate instance variables and add this **PipeReadStream** to the class variable **OpenPipeStreams**.

Accessing methods set the **mode** instance variable and, if the mode was incorrect, copy the data into the correct type of buffer (ByteArray or String). Data in the stream can be read — the entire file, only the contents of the buffer, a single byte, or a specified number of bytes. Data from the stream can be read and returned in a **Collection**. The inherited message **nextPut**: is intercepted because this is a stream for reading.

Enumerating methods evaluate a block for each byte/character or each line in the stream.

Positioning allows you to skip over (discard) a specified number of bytes/characters in the stream.

Testing methods answer whether the end of the stream's data has been reached, whether there are data available for reading, and whether the pipe is empty.

Examples

The following method is found under SystemDictionary initialize-release.

startUp

"Do all that is necessary to begin execution of a Smalltalk image."

```
| stdin |
ScheduledControllers restore.
OS notNil ifTrue:
[(OS status: 0) fileSize = 0
    ifFalse:
        [stdin ← PipeReadStream openOnFd: (OS duplicateFd: 0 with: 5).
        Transcript refresh; cr; cr; show: 'Filing in from: standard input'; cr.
        stdin fileIn; close].
Subtask markAndSignalAll; install].
Sensor cursorPoint: Display viewport topLeft
```

In addition to starting Smalltalk, the method above provides the ability for you to pass a file or "dolt" to Smalltalk from the command line when you invoke an image. It makes a system call to determine if the pipe for standard input (file descriptor = 0) has size 0. If there is anything in that pipe, an instance of **PipeReadStream** is created on standard input, but using a different file descriptor — the **duplicateFd**: message links the new stream with standard input. Next the "filing in" message is displayed in the System Transcript. Smalltalk then attempts to "file in" whatever is present in standard input. If the standard input is not in "file in" format, a syntax error will result. Typical fileIn files have names ending in *.st* or *.ws*. Here are two examples of command lines which pass arguments to Smalltalk:

echo "Transcript show: 'Your message here.'.!" | <smalltalk or imageName>

cd <smalltalk fileIn directory> smalltalk < Clock.st

In the first example you would type smalltalk or the name of your image in the position indicated by the angle brackets (<>). The string you type as the argument to **show:** will be displayed in the System Transcript when the image comes up. In the second example, you first *cd* to the directory which contains the fileIn files. Without moving to that directory, you could accomplish the same thing by giving the full path of *Clock.st* on line two. The clock code will be filed in when the image comes up. The first example uses a shell pipe operator (|); the second example uses a shell I/O redirection operator ("<" for input).

Related Classes

Subclasses: OSFilter

You will find it helpful to look at the following classes for a further understanding of this class:

- the PipeStream hierarchy,
- Pipe, and
- methods nextLine and nextCNumber in PositionableStream.

ExternalStream subclass: #PipeStream

instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries: category: 'fileDescriptor mode ' 'OpenPipeStreams '

'OS-Streams'

Summary

PipeStreams are stream-based interfaces to operating system pipes. **PipeStream** is an abstract class implementing protocol common to **PipeReadStream** and **PipeWriteStream**, such as opening, closing, and accessing methods.

Instance Variables

fileDescriptor <Integer>

The file descriptor by which the underlying pipe is accessed.

mode <Symbol>

Either #binary or #text, depending on what type of data is expected to be used on the underlying pipe.

Class Variables

OpenPipeStreams <OrderedCollection> All open PipeStreams are listed here.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

initializeOnFd: anFd

Initialize the pipe stream with the supplied open file descriptor, which must refer to a Pipe.

accessing

binary

Set the mode of this PipeStream to binary.

bufferClass

Return the class that is used as a buffer for this PipeStream, depending on the data type which has been selected.

contents

Not appropriate for a PipeStream.

fileDescriptor

Answer the descriptor to be accessed for streaming over data.

fileDescriptor: fd

Store the argument as the descriptor to be accessed for streaming over data.

size

Return the size of the PipeStream contents as reported by the operating system.

text

Set the mode of this PipeStream to text.

copying

сору

Not appropriate for a PipeStream.

opening-closing

close

Disassociate this PipeStream with its underlying pipe. Make sure that the pipe exists, then make sure it is closed.

positioning

padTo: anInteger Not appropriate for a PipeStream.

padTo: bsize put: aCharacter Not appropriate for a PipeStream.

position: anInteger

Not appropriate for a PipeStream.

reset

Not appropriate for a PipeStream.

resetContents

Not appropriate for a PipeStream.

setToEnd

Not appropriate for a PipeStream.

skip: anInteger Not appropriate for a PipeStream.

wordPosition: wp Not appropriate for a PipeStream.

testing

atEnd

Is this PipeStream at the end of its data?

isBinary

Does this PipeStream contain binary data?

isText

Does this PipeStream contain textual data?

isValid

Does this PipeStream reference an open pipe?

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Initialize the class variable used for tracking open PipeStreams.

external references

numberOfExternalReferences Return the number of references to open PipeStreams.

releaseExternalReferences

Close all the open PipeStreams known to Smalltalk.

instance creation

openOn: aPipe Create a new PipeStream, streaming over aPipe.

openOnFd: fd

Create a new PipeStream, streaming over a Pipe, which is known by the open file descriptor fd.

Rationale

PipeStream is an abstract class whose subclasses are the primary means of communication with child tasks. Operating system pipes are usually implemented in

Smalltalk using **PipeStream**. An important function of this class is to intercept inherited methods which are inappropriate for a **PipeStream**. Pipes are not positionable, so **PipeStream** removes much of the *positioning* protocol from the inheritance chain via "self shouldNotImplement".

Background

Terminology

Here is a clarification of some of the terms used in the description of the classes in the **Stream** hierarchy, and in particular, the **PipeStream** and **FileStream** hierarchies.

File has a variety of meanings, depending upon your operating system. In the context of these classes, a file is a collection of data in external storage, referred to by a name. In this respect, files differ from operating system pipes, which are not named by the user. In Unix-like operating systems, the distinction between files and directories (and other non-file objects, as well) is blurred. The implementations of **FileStream** and **FileDirectory** maintain that ambiguity, to some extent. See those classes for additional information.

Pipes share a similarity with files in that both are holding places for data. The primary differences between the two are that pipes are transient (they do not reside in mass storage), they cannot be reopened once they are closed, and they are not positionable. Like files, the operating system identifies pipes by a file descriptor. Pipes are conduits through which data "flow" in one direction. For two-way communication between two tasks, two pipes are needed.

Streams are an abstraction for accessing data. Two types of streams are character streams and binary (integer) streams. Smalltalk has classes which represent internal streams and external streams. Stream classes assume that they are accessing an indexable **Collection**, such as a **String**. The external streams serve as interfaces to data in the operating system. **ExternalStream** establishes protocol for accessing nonhomogeneous collections of data.

Discussion

There is a fixed number of open file descriptors allowed by the operating system. To avoid running out of file descriptors, pipes should always be closed when they are no longer needed. The class variable **OpenPipeStreams** manages the file descriptors held by **PipeStreams**. All open **PipeStreams** can be closed with the message **releaseExternalReferences**.

Snapshots

If you make a snapshot and continue execution, any open PipeStreams will still be open. Reloading a snapshot causes all the PipeStreams in the class variable OpenPipeStreams to be closed. Any subtasks that were running when a snapshot was made will no longer be running when the snapshot image is reloaded. In fact, any communication between an application and the operating system via a PipeStream will be terminated when a saved image is reloaded. The operating system closes file descriptors and terminates child tasks when the Smalltalk task terminates.

Class Protocol

Class initialization creates a new collection to record OpenPipeStreams.

External References answers the count of open **PipeStreams** and provides a message to close all **PipeStreams**.

There are two *instance creation* methods — one takes an instance of **Pipe** as an argument, the other takes as an argument a file descriptor which is assumed to refer to an operating system pipe.

Instance Protocol

The *initialize-release* method is called by the *instance creation* methods. It sets two instance variables and adds the new **PipeStream** to the class variable **OpenPipeStreams**.

Methods under *accessing* set the instance variable **mode** to either #binary or #text; set or return the instance variable **fileDescriptor**; return the class, **String** or **ByteArray**, used as the buffer for this **PipeStream**; and return the size of the buffer. The message **contents**, inherited from **ReadWriteStream**, is intercepted with "self shouldNotImplement" in **PipeStream** — **PipeReadStream** provides the method **contentsOfEntireFile**, which is appropriate for that class.

Copying and positioning methods are intercepted.

The message close disassociates the PipeStream from the operating system pipe and removes it from the OpenPipeStreams collection. Note that the PipeStream may still be referenced by other objects, but typical accessing protocol for it will fail.

Testing protocol answers whether the mode is binary or text, whether **fileDescriptor** references an open operating system pipe, and whether the **PipeStream** is at the end of its data.

Related Classes

Subclasses: PipeReadStream PipeWriteStream

You may also want to look at Pipe.

PipeWriteStream

PipeStream subclass: #PipeWriteStream

instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries: category: OS-Streams

Summary

PipeWriteStreams are used for writing to an operating system pipe. Data are not buffered to the pipe.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

initializeOn: aPipe

Initialize this PipeStream with aPipe, which must contain an open write file descriptor.

accessing

next

Not appropriate for a PipeWriteStream.

next: anInteger

Not appropriate for a PipeWriteStream.

next: anInteger into: aCollection

Not appropriate for a PipeWriteStream.

nextPut: aCharacterOrByte

Place aCharacterOrByte into the pipe. Do not buffer the data. Answer the data written.

nextPutAll: aCollection

Write the contents of the collection to the pipe. Don't buffer data into the pipe.

peek

Not appropriate for a PipeWriteStream.

peekFor: anObject Not appropriate for a PipeWriteStream.

Rationale

PipeWriteStream allows data to be passed to another operating system task.

Discussion

The abstraction of a pipe stream is used outside of Smalltalk, for example, several C functions use a stream for writing, including fprintf and putc. Most users are familiar with the standard output stream, stdout.

Instance creation messages from the superclass should be sent to **PipeWriteStream** to create an instance. Most of the inherited class protocol is not very practical for this class.

The *initialize-release* method initializes appropriate instance variables and adds this **PipeWriteStream** to the class variable **OpenPipeStreams**.

Accessing methods intercept inappropriate inherited messages and implement **nextPut:** and **nextPutAll:** to write a single byte/character or a collection to the stream.

Examples

The following code can be executed in a workspace.

stderr \leftarrow PipeWriteStream openOnFd: 2. stderr nextPutAll: 'This gets printed on the screen.'

The example opens a **PipeWriteStream** on the file descriptor (2) associated with standard error output, then writes a message on the standard error stream. This might be useful for debug messages while modifying the **Transcript**.

Related Classes

- OSFIIter uses this class.
- The PipeStream hierarchy contains protocol available to PipeWriteStreams.
- Pipe may also be of interest to you.

ExternalPointerData subclass:	#PointerArray	•
instanceVariableNames:	<i></i>	
classVariableNames:	· ·	
poolDictionaries:	••	
category:	'OS-Parameters'	

Summary

Instances of **PointerArray** represent an array of integers or pointers to objects. Elements of the array may be instances of concrete subclasses of **ExternalData** (or other variableByte or variableWord classes with no instance variables) or **Integer**. Every **ExternalData** object is given a pointer to it by the interpreter when certain primitives are invoked. Integers (**SmallIntegers** or **LargeIntegers** up to four bytes long) are given the value of the integer in question, not a pointer to the integer. Since **Integers** are thus treated differently than other objects, the **ExternalData** concrete subclass **IntegerPointer** is used to create a pointer to an integer.

Protocol exists for instance creation, accessing array elements, initializing the inherited **pointers** instance variable, and printing the array.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

initialize

Store the proper offsets into the pointers array.

accessing

at: anIndex

Return the object at anIndex in the pointers area.

at: anIndex put: anObject

Place anObject at anIndex in the pointers area.

printing

printOn: outStream

Print a representation of the objects on the receiver.

Class Methods -

instance creation

new

Return an empty instance.

new: count

Create an instance with enough space for count data objects.

Rationale

PointerArray is used by the system call class for your operating system to pass arguments to system calls.

Discussion

In the current release (TB2.2.1), **PointerArrays** are only used for arrays of pointers to strings. The **pointers** instance variable of a **PointerArray** has a null-terminated **String** as the object half of each object-offset pair. The interpreter uses **pointers** to fill in the addresses in the space reserved for them in **dataArea**.

Examples

The following code spawns a child task to run the UTek *ls* utility with two arguments, -l and /usr/lib/smalltalk. You could execute the code in a workspace with "printlt" to see the long listing of the contents of the directory /usr/lib/smalltalk.

OS executeUtility: '/bin/ls' withArguments: (OrderedCollection with: '-l' with: '/usr/lib/smalltalk').

From the shell, the command line would be 1s -1 /usr/lib/smalltalk. The example accomplishes its work by making an *execve(2)* system call. The *execve(2)* system call is one that expects an array of pointers to strings (actually, pointers to chars) as an argument. The following code (extracted from non-portable code found in the UTekSystemCall execute:withArguments:withEnvironment: method) constructs the PointerArray needed by the spawned task given in the example above. ArgCollection is an OrderedCollection specified in executeUtility:withArguments:. ArgCollection has two elements: '-l' and '/usr/lib/smalltalk'.

args ← PointerArray new: argCollection size + 1. "nil at end" i ← 1. argCollection do: [:arg] args at: i put: arg, StringTerminator.

$i \leftarrow i + 1].$

An instance of **PointerArray** is created, one element larger than the number of arguments — the extra element (nil) is required by the operating system to mark the end of the array. The temporary variable, *i*, is the index into the **PointerArray**. The **PointerArray** is filled by copying the elements from argCollection with a **StringTerminator** appended to each element.

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall uses this class.

Rlimit

ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #Rlimit instanceVariableNames: '` classVariableNames: 'CurDataIndex MaxDataIndex ' poolDictionaries: '` category: 'OS-Parameters'

Summary

Rlimit provides creation and accessing protocol for the following C structure.

struct rlimit {
 long rlim_cur; /* current (soft) limit */
 long rlim_max; /* maximum value for rlim_cur */
}

The structure is documented under *getrlimit(2)* in the manual *UTek Command Reference*, *Volume* 2.

Class Variables

CurDataIndex

MaxDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **CurDataIndex** holds the offset of the "rlim_cur" field.

Instance Methods

accessing

cur Return the value of the structure field named cur.

```
cur: anInt
```

Assign the argument, anInt, to the structure field named cur.

cur: anInt max: anotherInt

Assign values to all the fields of the structure.

max

Return the value of the structure field named max.

max: anInt

Assign the argument, anInt, to the structure field named max.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods ------

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

cur: anInt max: anotherInt Return an instance with the values of the fields assigned.

Rationale

The structure is used in support of the following UTek system calls:

getrlimit(2)
setrlimit(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system calls listed above.

ExternalBinaryData variableByt	eSubclass: #Rusage
instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames:	 'IdrssDataIndex InblockDataIndex IsrssDataIndex IxrssDataIndex MajfItDataIndex MaxrssDataIndex MinfItDataIndex MsgrcvDataIndex MsgsndDataIndex NivcswDataIndex NsignalsDataIndex NswapDataIndex NvcswDataIndex OublockDataIndex StimeSecDataIndex StimeUsecDataIndex UtimeSecDataIndex UtimeUsecDataIndex
poolDictionaries:	··
category:	'OS-Parameters'

Summary

Rusage provides creation and accessing protocol for the following C structure.

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struct timeval ru_utime; /* user time used */ struct timeval ru_stime; /* system time used */ long ru_maxrss; long ru_ixrss; /* integral shared memory size */ long ru_idrss; /* integral unshared data size */	st	ruct rusage {		
long ru_maxrss; long ru_ixrss; /* integral shared memory size */ long ru_idrss; /* integral unshared data size */		struct timeval	ru_utime;	/* user time used */
long ru_ixrss; /+ integral shared memory size */ long ru_idrss; /+ integral unshared data size */		struct timeval	ru_stime;	/* system time used */
long ru_idrss; /* integral unshared data size */		long	ru_maxrss;	
		long	ru_ixrss;	/* integral shared memory size */
In the second		long	ru_idrss;	/* integral unshared data size */
iong ru_isrss; /* integral unshared stack size */		long	ru_isrss;	/* integral unshared stack size */
long ru_minflt; /* page reclaims */		long	ru_minflt;	/* page reclaims */
long ru_majflt; /* page faults */		long	ru_majflt;	/* page faults */
long ru_nswap; /* swaps */		long	ru_nswap;	/* swaps */
long ru_inblock; /* block input operations */		long	ru_inblock;	<pre>/* block input operations */</pre>
long ru_oublock; /* block output operations */		long	ru_oublock;	<pre>/* block output operations */</pre>
long ru_msgsnd; /* messages sent */		long	ru_msgsnd;	/* messages sent */
long ru_msgrcv; /* messages received */		long	ru_msgrcv;	/* messages received */
long ru_nsignals; /* signals received */		long	ru_nsignals;	<pre>/* signals received */</pre>
long ru_nvcsw; /* voluntary context switches */		long	ru_nvcsw;	/* voluntary context switches */
long ru_nivcsw; /* involuntary context switches */		long	ru_nivcsw;	/* involuntary context switches */
}	}			

The structure is documented under *getrusage*(2) in the manual *UTek Command Reference*, *Volume* 2.

Class Variables

IdrssDataIndex

InblockDataIndex

IsrssDataIndex

IxrssDataIndex

MajfltDataIndex

MaxrssDataIndex

MinfltDataIndex

MsgrcvDataIndex

MsgsndDataIndex

NivcswDataIndex

NsignalsDataIndex

NswapDataIndex

NvcswDataIndex

OublockDataIndex

StimeSecDataIndex

StimeUsecDataIndex

UtimeSecDataIndex

UtimeUsecDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **IdrssDataIndex** holds the offset of the "ru_idrss" field.

When a field in a structure is another C structure, separate class variables are created for each field in the other structure. For example, the class variable UtimeSecDataIndex holds the offset of the "sec" field of the "ru_utime" structure, timeval.

Instance Methods

accessing

idrss

Return the value of the structure field named idrss.

inblock

Return the value of the structure field named inblock.

isrss

Return the value of the structure field named isrss.

ixrss

Return the value of the structure field named ixrss.

majflt

Return the value of the structure field named majflt.

maxrss

Return the value of the structure field named maxrss.

minfit

Return the value of the structure field named minflt.

msgrcv

Return the value of the structure field named msgrcv.

msgsnd

Return the value of the structure field named msgsnd.

nivcsw

Return the value of the structure field named nivcsw.

nsignals

Return the value of the structure field named nsignals.

nswap

Return the value of the structure field named nswap.

nvcsw

Return the value of the structure field named nvcsw.

oublock

Return the value of the structure field named oublock.

stime

Return the value of the structure field named stime.

stimeSec

Return the sec field of the structure at the field named stime.

stimeUsec

Return the usec field of the structure at the field named stime.

utime

Return the value of the structure field named utime.

utimeSec

Return the sec field of the structure at the field named utime.

utimeUsec

Return the usec field of the structure at the field named utime.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods —

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

callingProcess Return the rusage structure for the calling process.

terminatedChildProcesses

Return the rusage structure for all terminated child processes of the current process.

Rationale

The rusage C structure is used in support of the following UTek system calls:

getrusage(2) wait3(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system calls listed above.

/iew subclass: #ScreenView		
instanceVariableNames:	··	
classVariableNames:	DefaultModel	
poolDictionaries:	"	
category:	Interface-Support	

Summary

ScreenView is the view for the parts of the display screen that have no window on them. It responds to **restore:**, so that when views erase themselves, the background gets restored. Its model must respond to **displayOn:fill:**. An **InfiniteForm** whose **patternForm** is 16x16 (a halftone) makes a good model, because such a form quickly refreshes the screen. The default color is gray.

The following message can be used as a sample to change the model of the current screenController. It will require you to provide a form by framing a section of the screen.

ScreenController backgroundFromUser.

Class Variables

DefaultModel <InfiniteForm>

The default model for new screen views. New screen views are created upon opening a project.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

initialize

Specifies the default model for this view. Its controller is ScreenController.

controller access

defaultControllerClass

Answer the class of ScreenView's controller.

displaying

displayView

Paint the Display using the ScreenView's model.

restore: rectangleCollection

Redisplay those portions of the receiver that intersect rectangles within rectangleCollection. Answer an empty collection of rectangles, since the screen is everywhere.

Class Methods -

examples

backgroundFromUser

Frame a small portion of the display and it will become the model for the background.

darkGrayBackground

Change the background to dark gray.

grayBackground

Change the background form to gray.

whiteBackground

Change the background form to white.

model accessing

defaultModel

Answer the default background model. If it is nil, set it to a grayMask (a 16x16 form).

defaultModel: aForm

Change the background form to aForm.

Rationale

This class allows you to change the background on the screen to any pattern or mask that you prefer. Individual projects can have their own unique background.

Discussion

Initialize-release protocol initializes the default model and the controller for a **ScreenView**.

Controller access protocol answers the controller for this class.

Displaying protocol paints and restores the display.

Examples contains several methods to change the background color (to white, gray, or dark gray) and one method that requires you to frame a small section of the display to become the model for the background.

Model accessing protocol allows you to set the default model for the background to any form you choose. It also answers the default background or sets it to gray if it isn't already set.

Examples

See the methods in the metaclass *examples* message category for ideas on how to use this class.

Related Classes

Form InfiniteForm ScreenController

ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #Sgttyb instanceVariableNames: '' classVariableNames: 'EraseDataIndex FlagsDataIndex IspeedDataIndex KillDataIndex OspeedDataIndex ' poolDictionaries: '' category: 'OS-Parameters'

Summary

Sgttyb provides creation and accessing protocol for the following C structure.

```
struct sgttyb {
   char
          sg_ispeed;
                         /* input speed */
   char
           sg_ospeed;
                         /* output speed */
   char
                         /* erase character */
          sg erase;
          sg_kill;
                         /* kill character */
   char
          sg_flags;
   short
                         /* mode flags */
}
```

The structure is documented under tty(4) in the manual UTek Command Reference, Volume 2.

Class Variables

EraseDataIndex

- FlagsDataIndex
- IspeedDataIndex
- KillDataIndex

OspeedDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **EraseDataIndex** holds the offset of the "sg_erase" field.

Instance Methods

accessing

erase

Return the value of the structure field named erase.

erase: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named erase.

flags

Return the value of the structure field named flags.

flags: anInt

Assign the argument, anInt, to the structure field named flags.

ispeed

Return the value of the structure field named ispeed.

ispeed: anInt

Assign the argument, anInt, to the structure field named ispeed.

ispeed: anInt ospeed: anotherInt erase: eCharacter kill: kCharacter flags: lastInt Assign values to all the fields of the structure.

kill Return the value of the structure field named kill.

kill: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named kill.

ospeed

Return the value of the structure field named ospeed.

ospeed: anInt

Assign the argument, anInt, to the structure field named ospeed.

printing

printOn: aStream

Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods -----

· class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

default

Return an instance containing the default characters.

Rationale

The structure is used in support of the following UTek system call:

ioctl(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system call listed above.

SockaddrIn

ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #SockaddrIn instanceVariableNames: '` classVariableNames: 'AddrDataIndex FamilyDataIndex PortDataIndex poolDictionaries: '` category: 'OS-Parameters'

Summary

Sockaddrin provides creation and accessing protocol for the following C structure.

struct sockaddr_in {
 short sin_family;
 u_short sin_port;
 struct in_addr sin_addr;
 char sin_zero[8];
}

The structure is documented under inet(4N) in the manual UTek Command Reference, Volume 2. It is used as an internet domain socket address.

Class Variables

AddrDataIndex

FamilyDataIndex

PortDataIndex

ZeroDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **PortDataIndex** holds the offset of the "sin_port" field.

ZeroLength <Integer>

This variable holds the constant, 8, of the sin_zero field.

Instance Methods

accessing

addr

Return the value of the structure field named addr.

addr: anInternetAddress

Assign the argument, anInternetAddress, to the structure field named addr.

port

Return the value of the structure field named port.

port: anInt

Assign the argument, anInt, to the structure field named port.

port: anInt addr: anInternetAddress Assign values to all the fields of the structure.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods ------

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

port: anInt addr: anInternetAddress Return an instance with the values of the fields assigned.

Rationale

This class is the C structure which holds an internet domain socket address. It holds the network address and the port number, for accessing processes such as *fip, telnet,* and *finger*. The structure is used in support of the following UTek system calls:

accept(2) bind(2) connect(2) getpeername(2) getsockname(2) recvfrom(2) sendto(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system calls listed above.

SockaddrUn

ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #SockaddrUn instanceVariableNames: '' classVariableNames: 'FamilyDataIndex PathDataIndex PathLength ' poolDictionaries: '' category: 'OS-Parameters'

Summary

SockaddrUn provides creation and accessing protocol for the following C structure.

struct sockaddr_un {
 short sun_family; /* AF_UNIX */
 char sun_path[108]; /* path name */
}

The structure is found in sys/un.h. It is used as a UNIX domain socket address.

Class Variables

FamilyDataIndex

PathDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **PathDataIndex** holds the offset of the "sun_path" field.

PathLength <integer>

This variable holds the constant, 108, of the sun_path field.

Instance Methods

accessing

family: anInt path: aByteArray Assign values to all the fields of the structure.

path

Return the value of the structure field named path.

path: aString

Assign values to all the fields of the structure.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

family: anInt path: aByteArray Return an instance with the values of the fields assigned.

path: aString

Return an instance with the values of the fields assigned.

Rationale

This class represents the C structure which holds a UNIX domain socket address. It allows access to unrelated processes running on the local machine. The structure is used in support of the following UTek system calls:

```
accept(2)
bind(2)
connect(2)
getpeername(2)
getsockname(2)
recvfrom(2)
sendto(2)
```

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system calls listed above.

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ExternalBinaryData variableByt	eSubclass: #Stat
instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames:	 ÁtimeDataIndex BlksizeDataIndex SlocksDataIndex CtimeDataIndex DevDataIndex GidDataIndex HostidDataIndex InoDataIndex ModeDataIndex MtimeDataIndex NlinkDataIndex RdevDataIndex SizeDataIndex Spare1DataIndex Spare2DataIndex UidDataIndex
poolDictionaries:	
category:	'OS-Parameters'

Summary

Stat provides accessing protocol for the following C structure.

str	ruct stat {		
•••	dev_t	st_dev;	/* ID of device containing a directory entry
			for this file */
	ino_t	st_ino;	/* this inode's number */
	unsigned short	st_mode;	/* file mode */
	short	st_nlink;	/* number of hard links to the file */
	short	st_uid;	/* user ID of the file's owner */
	short	st_gid;	/* group ID of the file's group */
	dev_t	st_rdev;	/* ID of device — this entry is defined only
			for character special or block special files */
	off_t	st_size;	/* total size of file */
	time_t	st_atime;	/* time of last access */
	int	st_spare1;	
	time_t	st_mtime;	<pre>/* time of last data modification */</pre>
	int	st_spare2;	
	time_t	st_ctime;	/* time of last file status change */
	int	st_spare3;	
	long	st_blksize;	/* optimal blocksize for file system I/O ops */
	long		/* actual number of blocks allocated */
	long	_ /	/* hostid of machine where file is located */
,	long	st_spare4;	
3			

}

The structure is documented under *stat*(2) in the manual *UTek Command Reference*, *Volume* 2.

Class Variables

AtimeDataIndex

BlksizeDataIndex

BlocksDataIndex

CtimeDataIndex

DevDataIndex

GidDataIndex

HostidDataIndex

InoDataIndex

ModeDataIndex

MtimeDataIndex

NlinkDataIndex

RdevDataIndex

SizeDataIndex

Spare1DataIndex

Spare2DataIndex

Spare3DataIndex

Spare4DataIndex

UidDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **AtimeDataIndex** holds the offset of the "st_atime" field.

Instance Methods

accessing

atime

Return the value of the structure field named atime.

blksize

Return the value of the structure field named blksize.

blocks

Return the value of the structure field named blocks.

ctime

Return the value of the structure field named ctime.

dev

Return the value of the structure field named dev.

gid Return the value of the structure field named gid.

hostid

Return the value of the structure field named hostid.

ino Return the value of the structure field named ino.

mode

Return the value of the structure field named mode.

mtime

Return the value of the structure field named mtime.

nlink

Return the value of the structure field named nlink.

rdev

Return the value of the structure field named rdev.

size

Return the value of the structure field named size.

spare1

Return the value of the structure field named spare1.

spare2

Return the value of the structure field named spare2.

spare3

Return the value of the structure field named spare3.

spare4

Return the value of the structure field named spare4.

uid Return the value of the structure field named uid.

accessing-status

ifdir

If the receiver is a status for a directory, return true.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods ----

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

Rationale

The structure is used in support of the following UTek system calls:

fstat(2) lstat(2) stat(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system calls listed above.

Object subclass: #StrikeFont	
instanceVariableNames:	'xTable glyphs name stopConditions type minAscii maxAscii maxWidth strikeLength ascent descent raster subscript superscript emphasis ascentForStdAsciiChars descentForStdAsciiChars '
classVariableNames:	ASCIICompatible DefaultStopConditions DefaultStopConditionsForMonospaceFonts FaceNames 4
poolDictionaries:	TextConstants '
category:	'Graphics-Support'

Summary

StrikeFonts are a compact encoding of a set of Forms corresponding to characters in the ASCII character set. Additional characters, other than standard ASCII, may be present depending upon the type of font. All the forms are placed side by side in a large form whose height is the font height, and whose width is the sum of all the character widths. The xTable gives the left x-coordinates of the sub-forms corresponding to the characters.

Instance Variables

ascent <Integer>

Maximum extent of characters above the baseline.

ascentForStdAsciiChars <Integer>

Maximum extent of characters above the baseline for ASCII decimal equivalent 32 through 126.

descent <Integer>

Maximum extent of characters below the baseline.

descentForStdAsciiChars <Integer>

Maximum extent of characters below the baseline for ASCII decimal equivalent 32 through 126.

emphasis <Integer>

This code indicates that the face is achieved synthetically by altering another face: 0=none, 1=bold, 2=italic, 4=underline, 8=strike-out, 16=subscript, and 32=superscript.

glyphs <Form>

An instance of Form containing bits representing the entire set of characters in this font.

maxAscii <Integer>

Highest ASCII value supported by this font.

maxWidth <Integer>

Width of widest character. Not presently used, but may be for font modification.

minAscii <Integer>

Lowest ASCII value supported by this font.

name <String>

Name of this font.

raster <Integer>

Actual width of glyphs (strikeLength + 15 16), given Forms are padded to multiples of 16 bits.

stopConditions <Array>

Array at least as large as xTable with an entry for each character in the font. Nil indicates no special processing; any other entry causes special processing to be executed for the character (e.g., tab, linefeed) by the CompositionScanner.

strikeLength <Integer>

Width of glyphs.

subscript <Integer>

Additional vertical offset relative to the baseline.

superscript <Integer>

Additional vertical offset relative to the baseline.

type <Integer>

Code indicating font type:

Code	Font
1	Tektronix monospaced
2	Tektronix proportional
3	Xerox
n	A font from other sources

xTable <Array>

Left x-coordinate of character sub-forms in glyphs. The xTable entry of a character is the answer from aCharacter asciiValue plus one. For example,

the left x-coordinate of \$A is the 66th entry in the xTable of the default font in the default text style (in the standard image).

Class Variables

ASCIICompatible <integer>

Constant used when the font is loaded to determine whether it is ASCII compatible (0 = unknown type, 1 = ASCII).

DefaultStopConditions <Array>

DefaultStopConditions is a class variable containing a stop condition entry for each character in a standard ASCII proportional font (type 2 or 3). Unless another stopCondition array is initialized when the StrikeFont is loaded, a newly created standard proportional StrikeFont's stopCondition array will refer to DefaultStopConditions.

DefaultStopConditionsForMonospaceFonts <Array>

DefaultStopConditionsForMonospaceFonts is a class variable containing a stop condition entry for each character in a monospace font (type = 1). Unless another stopCondition array is initialized when the StrikeFont is loaded, a newly created standard monospace StrikeFont's stopCondition array will refer to DefaultStopConditionsForMonospaceFonts.

FaceNames <Dictionary>

Dictionary of valid face names (e.g., 'Bold', 'Bold Italic') and associated font name sub-strings (e.g., 'B', 'X').

Pool Dictionaries

TextConstants

A dictionary of symbols for non-printing characters, symbols related to text composition and text emphasis, and default values for text composition and text emphasis.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

InitializeFrom: aFontFile

Read a font from aFontFile which must be in Tektronix format. Return a StrikeFont or, in case of error, nil.

accessing

ascent

Answer the font's maximum extent of characters above the baseline.

ascentForStdAsciiChars

Answer the font's maximum extent of characters above the baseline for ASCII decimal equivalent 32 through 126.

bottomLead: character

Answer the amount of white space or leading imbedded in the character form at the bottom.

characterForm: character

Answer a Form copied out of the glyphs for this character.

descent

Answer the font's maximum extent of characters below the baseline.

descentForStdAsciiChars

Answer the font's maximum extent of characters below the baseline for ASCII decimal equivalent 32 through 126.

glyphs

Answer a Form containing the bits representing the characters of the receiver.

height

Answer the height of the font — the total of maximum extents of characters above and below the baseline.

leadinfo

If this is a fixed pitch font, compute the leading by adding the font's imbedded top and bottom leading. If this is a proportional font, return a recommended leading adjusted according to the height of the font. If the font size is not standard, return a nominal leading.

maxAscii

Answer the integer that is the last ASCII character value of the receiver.

maxWidth

Answer the integer that is the width of the receiver's widest character.

minAscii

سل

Answer the integer that is the first ASCII character value of the receiver.

name

Answer the receiver's name.

name: aString

Set the receiver's name.

raster

Answer an integer that specifies the layout of the glyphs' form.

stopConditions

Answer the array of selectors to be performed in scanning text made up of the receiver's characters.

subscript

Answer an integer that is the additional vertical offset relative to the baseline for positioning characters as subscripts.

subscript: anInteger

Set the subscript instance variable that is the additional vertical offset relative to the baseline for positioning characters as subscripts.

superscript

Answer an integer that is the additional vertical offset relative to the baseline for positioning characters as superscripts.

superscript: anInteger

Set the superscript instance variable that is the additional vertical offset relative to the baseline for positioning characters as superscripts.

tightLeadinfo

If this is a fixed pitch font, compute the leading by adding the font's imbedded top and bottom leading. If this is a proportional font, return a minimum recommended leading of 4.

topLead: character

Answer the amount of white space or leading imbedded at the top of the character form.

type

Answer the receiver's compatibility mode.

type: anInteger

Set the receiver's compatibility mode.

unprintableCharacter

Return a character that represents all unprintable characters in the font.

widthOf: aCharacter

Answer the width of the argument aCharacter.

xTable

Answer an array of the left x-coordinates of characters in glyphs.

converting

asTextStyle

Return a TextStyle composed of the StrikeFont which received this message.

displaying

characters: anInterval in: sourceString displayAt: aPoint

clippedBy: clippingRectangle **rule:** ruleInteger **mask:** aForm Simple, slow method for displaying a line of characters. No wrap-around is handled.

composeWord: aTextLineInterval in: sourceString beginningAt: xInteger Return the sum of the widths of characters in sourceString starting at xInteger for aTextLineInterval count. This method is similar to performance of the scanning primitive, but ignores stop conditions.

displayLine: aString at: aPoint

Display the characters in aString, starting at position aPoint.

emphasis

emphasis

Answer the integer code for one of the following: synthetic bold, italic, underline, or strike-out. If the font has no synthetic emphasis, a zero value will be returned.

emphasis: code

Set the emphasis code to synthesize one of these: bold=1, italic=2, underlined=4, struck out=8, subscript=16, superscript=32. Zero means no synthetic emphasis.

emphasized: code

Answer a copy of the receiver, and set the returned StrikeFont's emphasis to code.

emphasized: code named: aString

Answer a copy of the receiver, with emphasis set to code and name set to aString.

printing

printOn: aStream

Print the name and emphasis of this font on aStream.

writeOn: aStream

Write out the representation of this font on aStream using the Tektronix font file format.

writeOnFile: aString

Create a Tektronix font format file named aString. Types 1 (monospace), 2 (proportional) and 3 (Xerox) can be reread with an instance creation message without a warning notice in the System Transcript.

testing

checkCharacter: character

Return a character if it is a valid printable character in the receiver; otherwise return the default character for unprintable characters.

isFixedPitch

Answer true if all legal characters of the font are the same width.

isVirtual

Since the receiver is not a VirtualStrikeFont, return false.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Set up FaceNames dictionary and the default stop conditions.

fileIn-Out

readAll: aFontDirectoryName

Read in all the fonts in aFontDirectoryName. These fonts are assumed to be in Tektronix format. Skip over files with illegal names, and files that return 'nil' when read.

readFrom: aFontFileStream

Read in a font from aFontFileStream. This font is assumed to be in Tektronix format.

Rationale

StrikeFont enables characters to display, so that when you type on the keyboard, graphic representations of the ASCII codes will echo to the display. Since Smalltalk is graphically oriented, instances of StrikeFont allow you to choose among collections of characters with different physical appearances.

Background

Terminology

Before the Smalltalk implementation of fonts is discussed, you might find it helpful to understand some of the terms used in the descriptions of the *Graphics* — *Support* classes in this manual.

- Face is the emphatic property of a font. For Tektronix and Xerox fonts, the last one or two characters in the StrikeFont name will signify the face, as discussed later under "StrikeFont Names". Face is represented in StrikeFont by the emphasis instance variable when it is necessary to synthesize a particular face. Basal is the "base" or standard face from which other fonts are synthesized. Synthesizing is discussed below under "Available Fonts".
- *Family* refers to the basic look of a set of characters that makes it distinguishable from another set. Family is the intrinsic property of a font. Families are named and frequently protected by copyright. Examples include "Helvetica" and "Pellucida". The array of fonts which are returned by the message to the global **TextStyleManager**

StyleManager styleName: 'Pellucida Serif 10-12' baseNames: #('PellucidaSerif10' 'PellucidaSerif12')

will all belong to the "Pellucida" family. Usually, the fonts in a TextStyle will all be in one family, although you may mix families in a TextStyle. This manual was produced using fonts in three families, "Helvetica", "TimesRoman", and "Courier".

- A font, in the days before computer typesetting, was a set of letters and symbols, such as punctuation, that a printer would assemble in lines, coat with ink, and press — to put impressions on paper. In Smalltalk, a font is an instance of StrikeFont, a collection of Forms with the bitmaps for each character and symbol available in the font.
- The *size* of a font is measured vertically in *points* in the world of printing. A point is 1/72 of an inch. For historical reasons, the point size has been retained in the font names in Smalltalk, although the size on the display will be an approximation of point size. To draw a parallel to a Smalltalk instance variable, the **ascent** of a **StrikeFont** is close to the "size" in the corresponding font file's name.
- Leading is the sum, in points, of the font size and the white space below a line of printed text. The scale of leading in Smalltalk is pixels, not points. In printing the spoken phrase "10 on 12" would indicate 10 point type on 12 point leading. Smalltalk's parallel to leading is the lineGrid in a TextStyle. Several StrikeFont accessing methods answer the amount of white space imbedded at the top or bottom of a character, answer the recommended leading for a font, or the minimum leading for a font. Fixed pitch fonts in this product have "leading" imbedded at the top and bottom of the forms in glyphs, so no extra leading is recommended when you create a TextStyle with the "Pellucida Typewriter" family.

Font Files

The Smalltalk fonts are derived from font files in the Utek operating system residing in the directory name returned by

OS fontDirectory fullName.

This directory contains quite a number of font files. The files having Pellucida and Xerox as part of their names are completely compatible with Tektronix Smalltalk. By compatible is meant that the files are in Tektronix font file format, and the methods for installing fonts will work properly. Other fonts in this directory may be loaded in the **FontManager**, but they may have a character set that differs from familar ones.

The font files are grouped into font families: Pellucida Sans-Serif, Pellucida Serif, Pellucida Typewriter, Xerox Sans-Serif, and Xerox Serif. The Pellucida Sans-Serif, Pellucida Serif, and Xerox families are proportionally spaced (individual characters within the same font have varying widths); the Pellucida Typewriter family is monospaced (individual characters within the same font have the same width). The Pellucida families have been specially designed for Tektronix Smalltalk; the Xerox families are the standard Smalltalk-80 Version 2 fonts.

Reading and Writing Font Files

StrikeFont has methods for reading and writing Tektronix font files. Note that whenever Smalltalk reads a Tektronix font file, it switches the character position of the up arrow character (\uparrow) and left arrow (\leftarrow) with the caret (\uparrow) and underscore (_) characters. If you ask the character \uparrow , for instance, what its **asciiValue** is you get 94.

The method to write a **StrikeFont** takes care to switch the positions of the $\uparrow, \leftarrow, \uparrow$, and _characters if the type of the **StrikeFont** is either 1 (Tektronix monospaced) or 2 (Tektronix proportionally spaced). This ensures that the proportional or monospaced fonts written by Smalltalk have consistent ordering for standard ASCII characters.

Available Fonts

In some cases a face other than Basal is created for an instance of **StrikeFont** by synthesizing it from another face. Synthesizing involves bitmap manipulation, for example, shearing Basal to create Italic, copying and offsetting Basal to create Bold. The underlined fonts are synthesized from their corresponding font, for example, Bold Underlined is synthesized from Bold. Non-synthetic faces usually have a better appearance than synthetic faces.

There are 64 non-synthetic Pellucida fonts. The Pellucida sans-serif and serif fonts are available in four non-synthetic faces (Basal, Bold, Italic, and BoldItalic) and seven sizes (8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 24, and 36 point). The Pellucida Typewriter fonts are available in two non-synthetic faces (Basal and Bold) and four sizes (10, 12, 16, and 18 point).

There are 11 non-synthetic Xerox fonts. The serif and sans-serif fonts are available in 10 and 12 point size and Basal, Bold, and Italic. The sans-serif 10 point Italic, however, is synthesized.

Font File Names

Font file names are made up of four parts:

- A name descriptive of the family the font belongs to. Examples are *PellucidaSans-Serif, PellucidaSerif, PellucidaTypewriter*, and *XeroxSans-Serif.*
- The point size of the font. This is usually an even number from 8 to 36.
- Optionally, one of the following emphasis characters: *B* standing for bold, *I* for italic, and *X* for bold italic. Absence of one of those three characters denotes basal.

• The required suffix *font*, denoting a font file.

Note that some font files are not entirely compatible (a clue is that they do not have Pellucida or Xerox in their name). Examples are *BertrandVariable12.font*, *MagnoliaFixed12.font*, and *Micro5.font*. The primary incompatibility of these files is that underscore is not mapped to the Smalltalk assignment (left) arrow and the caret (shift-6) is not mapped to the Smalltalk return (up) arrow. In general, even fonts with compatibility code other than 1, 2, or 3 can be loaded as StrikeFonts.

StrikeFont Names

The names of **StrikeFonts** are closely related to font file names, however, **StrikeFont** names are not constructed from font file names themselves, but from information *in* a font file.

The name of a StrikeFont is a String with three components (family, size, and face) and no imbedded spaces. The family component is the family name with spaces removed; the size component is the printString of the numeric size; and the face component is a String of length zero, one, or two signifying the face. The supported face codes are "" (Basal), B (Bold), I (Italic), X (BoldItalic), U (Basal Underlined), BU (Bold Underlined), IU (Italic Underlined), and XU (BoldItalic Underlined). The face codes for synthetic fonts are not taken from the font file; for example, the U for "underlined" does not appear in the font file. Examples of names include 'PellucidaSans-Serif8', 'XeroxSerif12I', and 'PellucidaTypewriter18BI'. The underlined face codes are assigned when a styleName:baseNames: message is sent to the global StyleManager to create an instance of TextStyle.

Discussion

Class Protocol

Class initialization contains one method to initialize the class; it is not a message a user would typically send.

FileIn-Out methods file in **StrikeFonts** from the fonts directory on the disk — either one font or all the fonts in a specified directory. The recommended way to install fonts is to use a **TextStyleManager** accessing message.

Instance Protocol

You are not likely to use the *initialize-release* method **initializeFrom:** It is called by the class method **readFrom:**.

Accessing methods return the values of instance variables. One method, characterForm:, returns a form with a sub-form from glyphs; you could use the bit editor to modify the form or simply display the single character. You can set the name and type of a StrikeFont, and the amount to subscript and superscript the characters. You shouldn't change the type of a StrikeFont unless you have modified it, for example, by adding or removing characters.

A *converting* method converts a **StrikeFont** to a **TextStyle** and returns the **TextStyle**.

Displaying methods enable you to compose and display characters without including them in typical displayable objects such as a **Paragraph**. You can determine the width of part of a string, display part or all of a string in a form, or display a string at a point you specify. The two methods for displaying do not wrap the characters at the right boundary of the form or display.

Emphasis methods answer or set the emphasis of the **StrikeFont**, return a copy of the **StrikeFont** with emphasis set to the previous value plus the specified additional amount, and return a copy with the specified additional emphasis and a specified name.

Printing method printOn: prints the class name, name instance variable, and emphasis instance variable of a StrikeFont on a stream. Two methods, writeOn: and writeOnFile:, write the StrikeFont on a stream or a disk file, respectively. The font is written in a form which is readable by the method which loads fonts.

Testing methods check whether a character is within the ASCII range of the **StrikeFont** and answer whether all the characters in the **StrikeFont** are the same width (fixed pitch).

Examples

The code below shows one way to insert in a string a character for which there is no key on your keyboard. To see what Character value: 2 is, try executing the code in a workspace.

s ← 'This is a test.'. s at: 15 put: (Character value:2). s asDisplayText displayAt: Sensor waitClickButton.

The tables of characters available in the Pellucida fonts show you the argument to **value:** to create an instance of the character. The argument should be the number in the box with the character you want. (See tables at the end of this class.)

Related Classes

StrikeFontManager TextStyle TextStyleManager VirtualStrikeFont

0	16~	space 32	0 48	@ 64	P 80	96	p 112
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4	₂₀ fi	36 \$	_4	₆₈ D	T	d	t 116
5	fl 21	% 37	5 3	Е 69	U 85	e 101	U 117
ff	en dash 22	& 38	6	₇₀ F	V 86	f 102	V 118
ب 7	. 23	, 39	₅₅ 7	_G	W 87	g 103	W 119
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9	n space 25	₄₁)	9 57	73	Y 89	i 105	y 121
10	∞ 26	* 42	58	J 74	2	j 106	Z 122
11	27	+ 43	; 59	K 75	91	k 107	{ 123
12	28	44 ⁵	60 ~	L 76	\ 92	 108	124
13	29	- 45	= 61	M] 93	m 109	} 125
14	~ 30	46 •	₆₂ >	N 78	∧ 94	n 110	~ 126
m space 15	0 31	47	63 ?	0	95	O 112	127

Tektronix Proportional Fonts Pellucida Serif and Sans-Serif (Compatibility Code = 2) Characters 0 - 127

The number in the lower left corner of each cell is the ASCII decimal value (returned by sending the message **asciiValue** to the Character).

Tektronix Monospace Font

Pellucida Typewriter (Compatibility Code =1) Characters 0-127

0	16	space 32	0 48	_@	P	, 96	p 112
1	17	! 33	1 49	A 65	Q 81	а ⁹⁷	q 113
2	18	,, 34	2	B	R 82	b 98	r 114
3	19	# 35	3 ₅1	<mark>С</mark> 67	S B3	C 99	S 115
4	20	\$ 36	4 52	D 68	T 84	d 100	t 116
5	21	% 37	5 3	Е 69	U 85	e 101	U 117
6	22	& 38	6 54	F	V 86	f 102	V 118
7	23	, 39	7 55	G	W 87	g 103	W 119
8	24	40 (8	H 72	88 X	h 104	X 120
9	n space 25	₄₁)	₅₇ 9	73	Y	i 105	y 121
10	26	* 42	58	J 74	Z 90	j 106	Z 122
11	4 27	43 +	; 59	K 75	[91	k 107	{ 123
12	28	, 44	۷ 60	L 76	₉₂ \	108	 124
13	29	- 45	61 61	M 77] ⁹³	m 109	} 125
14	30	4 6	> 62	N 78	^ 94	n 110	~ 126
m space 15	31	/ 47	? 63	0 79	95	O 111	127

The number in the lower left corner of each cell is the ASCII decimal value (returned by sending the message **asciiValue** to the Character).

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Tektronix Monospace Font

Pellucida Typewriter (Compatibility Code = 1) Characters 128-255

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NU		Sp	0		N		
128	144	160	176	192	208	224	240
SH	D ₁	Ä	1	¢	ñ		
	145		177	193	209	225	241
Sχ	D2	ä	2		5	HT	
	146	162	178	194	210	226	242
EX	D3	Å	3	†	i	FF	Ш
131	147	163	179	195	211	227	243
ET	DA	å	4		a	CR	
132	148	164	180	196	212	228	244
EQ	NK	Æ	5		s	LF	日日
		165	181	197	213	229	245
AK	Sγ	æ	6		t	0	日日
134	150	166	182	198	214	230	246
BL	EB	à	7	Δ	l r	±	
		167	183	199	215	231	247
BS	CN	Ç	8	b	μ	NL	
136	152	168	184	200	216	232	248
HT	EM	é	9		Σ	VT	_ ≤
137		169	185	201	217	233	249
LF	SB	è	ù		Ω	р	≥
1		170	186	202	218	234	250
VT	EC	Ö	Ь				π
139	-	171	187	203	219	235	251
FF	FS	ö	0		J	L L	≠
	156	172	188	204	220	236	252
CR	GS	ø	¤		+	П	3
141	-	173	189	205	221	237	253
So	Rs	Ū	§	_	~	H	
		174	3 190	206	222	238	254
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143		175	191	207	223	239	255

The number in the lower left corner of each cell is the ASCII decimal value (returned by sending the message asciiValue to the Character).

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StrikeFontManager

Dictionary variableSubclass: #StrikeFontManager

instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries: category: 'Emphases '
 'TextConstants '
 'Graphics-Support'

Summary

StrikeFontManager is a Dictionary which maps instances of StrikeFont and VirtualStrikeFont to String names.

Class Variables

Emphases < Dictionary>

Contains associations between a valid emphasis string and its corresponding emphasis code.

Pool Dictionaries

TextConstants

A dictionary of symbols for non-printing characters, symbols related to text composition and text emphasis, and default values for text composition and text emphasis.

Instance Methods

accessing

at: aString put: aStrikeFont Install aStrikeFont named aString.

familySizeFace: name

Return an array with name <String>, pointSize <Integer>, and emphasis <Integer>.

fontDirectoryIncludesFontFileNamed: aString Beturn true if the file named aString is in the font direct

Return true if the file named aString is in the font directory.

fontFileStream: aString

Return a file stream for the font named aString.

fontNames: anArray

Answer an Array of StrikeFonts corresponding to anArray of String names. Load or synthesize the fonts, if necessary, and register the elements of the array in the FontManager.

install: aString

Install the font named aString if necessary. Load or synthesize the font if necessary. Complain if the font is missing.

install: aString ifAbsent: aBlock

Install the font named aString if necessary. Load or synthesize the font if necessary. Answer the result of evaluating aBlock if the font is missing.

virtualFontNames: anArray

Answer an Array of StrikeFonts or VirtualStrikeFonts corresponding to anArray of font names, and register the elements of the array in the FontManager.

virtuallyInstall: aFontName

Virtually install the font named aFontName if necessary. Create virtual fonts to load or to synthesize the font if necessary. Complain if the font cannot be constructed.

Class Methods –

class initialization

initialize

Install the global FontManager, if none exists. Create an Emphases dictionary of associations between the emphasis string in a font name and the corresponding emphasis code.

Rationale

StrikeFontManager insures that all the StrikeFonts you reference are recorded in one place. Once a TextStyle is installed and used, its StrikeFonts are recorded in the StrikeFontManager. The StrikeFontManager keeps track of whether a StrikeFont has been loaded in the image or whether it is a VirtualStrikeFont and needs to be loaded when it is used the first time. When a StrikeFont is registered with the manager, it is accessible throughout the system. There are 64 fonts of compatibility types 1, 2, and 3 plus several other fonts in the directory returned by OS fontDirectory. When you bring up the standard image the first time by typing smalltalk, the FontManager has the StrikeFonts needed by the default text style.

Discussion

The global FontManager is used in Smalltalk code to refer to the one instance of StrikeFontManager that will exist at all times. It is possible to create a new instance of this class, but you are not likely to do so.

Instance Protocol

Accessing

Various methods are provided to access a **StrikeFont** in the dictionary, put a **StrikeFont** into the dictionary, and return an array of **StrikeFonts** after loading or synthesizing them (if necessary). You can register a **StrikeFont** without actually loading it into the image by sending the message **virtuallyInstall:**.

You are more likely to use a **TextStyleManager** instance creation message to load a **StrikeFont** than to use one of these accessing messages. It is reasonable, however, to add a font to the dictionary under these cases:

- You have modified a font, for example, by changing characters.
- You have modified a font by changing its emphasis (extra bold underlined, for example).
- You rename the font.

You might have occasion to use the messages virtualFontNames:, fontNames:, and install:. FontNames: guarantees that the fonts are installed in the image — this makes your image bigger. Install: is easier to use than the other two since it takes a string, not an array, as an argument.

Related Classes

StrikeFont TextStyle TextStyleManager VirtualStrikeFont

Dbject subclass: #StructOutput	Table
instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames:	´globalDict mapArray idCount ´
poolDictionaries:	··
category:	'System-Support'

Summary

StructOutputTable is a table used to store mappings for an object. This mapping detects and preserves the cycles of circular objects. This table is used in the process of storing objects in an external format (called a structure), usually invoked by the message storeStructureOn: or storeStructureOnFile:.

Instance Variables

globalDict <Dictionary>

A dictionary containing all unique values in the Smalltalk dictionary. Because these values are unique for each Smalltalk image, they are not written out.

idCount <Integer>

This instance variable is used to assign identification numbers to objects as they are written out. It is incremented as each new object gets an identification number assigned.

mapArray <Array>

An array of subcollections pairing the identification number derived from idCount with the object to which it is assigned. This pairing allows StructOutputTable to reference previously written objects instead of rewriting them, thus allowing the methods that write structures to deal with circularity.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

new: arraySize globalDict: dict Initialize the receiver. accessing

idOfElement: anObject ifNew: aBlock

Answer the integer ID of anObject in the receiver's structure, evaluating aBlock if the object has not been previously encountered.

if: anObject isGlobal: aBlock

Evaluate aBlock if anObject is in the receiver's global dictionary.

Class Methods -

instance creation

new

Answer a new instance of the receiver.

Rationale

The Smalltalk compiler has a limit on the size of objects it can reconstruct. Also, methods which rely on the compiler cannot recognize the circularity of objects. **StructOutputTable** provides a means for objects exceeding the size limit, or circular objects, to be stored externally and transferred between images.

Background

The messages **fileOut:** and **fileIn:** can only be used with objects in a specific format. This format is one the compiler can read.

Other methods which use the compiler format, such as **storeOn**; cannot correctly file circular objects into or out of an image, because they do not keep track of which objects they have already handled. Objects can contain references (direct or indirect) to themselves. This circularity can send these methods into an infinite loop.

Unlike compiler-based methods, the messages storeStructureOn: and readStructureFrom: make use of StructOutputTable to keep track of each structure as it is processed. Using this class, it is possible to move large circular objects into and out of an image.

Discussion

Discussion of the methods for copying Smalltalk structures may be found in Section 5, Programming in Smalltalk, of the manual *Tektronix Smalltalk Users*.

The class protocol *instance creation* includes one method which returns a new instance of the receiver, ready for use by the structure-storing methods.

The instance protocol *initialize-release* includes one method which creates a new array and reads the Smalltalk global variables into the instance variable **globalDict**. It is called by the instance creation method.

The instance protocol *accessing* includes the method idOfElement:ifNew: which evaluates whether an object has been encountered previously. If it has, it returns the identification number of the object. If it has not, it creates a unique identification number for the object passed in and stores the object-ID pair in the mapArray. This is how StructOutputTable keeps track of circularities. *Accessing* also includes the method If:isGlobal: which determines if the object is in the global dictionary. If it is, the method evaluates the block passed in. These methods are called every time an object that is part of the structure is written.

Examples

Forms can be written in a format readable by the compiler, using the message storeOn:, however, they can also be written in structure format. The following example code uses the method storeStructureOn: to write a Form out to the disk, and the method readStructureFrom: to read the Form back into the image. It can be executed in a workspace. In doing so, the class StructOutputTable is used.

aFileStream ← Disk file: 'example.struct'.

Form fromUser storeStructureOn: aFileStream. "write it out" aFileStream reset. "move the file pointer back to the start" newForm \leftarrow Object readStructureFrom: aFileStream. "read in" aFileStream close. "clean up" newForm display "prove that it worked"

Related Classes

Methods which write structures using StructOutputTable are implemented in class Object. Object is also the class which contains methods to read the structures. Classes with unusual format, such as ContextPart, override certain internal methods.

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StructureArray

ExternalPointerData subclass: #StructureArray

instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries: category: 'numberOfElements elementClass '

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'OS-Parameters'

Summary

StructureArray represents an array of ExternalData structures which may contain embedded pointers. Each element must be an instance of the same structure. StructureArray provides protocol for accessing and updating elements and protocol for creating instances.

Subclasses can be made to provide protocol for accessing, by name, fields from an element of an instance.

Instance Variables

elementClass <Class>

The class of each element of the array.

numberOfElements <Integer>

The number of elements in the array.

Instance Methods

accessing

at: anIndex

Return the instance of elementClass at anIndex.

at: anindex put: anElem

Update the receiver's element at anIndex with anElem.

elementClass

Return the class of elements of the receiver.

elementNumberOfPointers

Answer the number of pointers in each element.

elementPointersSize

Answer the pointersSize of each element.

elementSize

Answer the size of each element.

numberOfElements

Answer the number of elements in the receiver.

size

Return the size of the receiver.

Class Methods ———

instance creation

new: numberOfElems class: aClass Return an instance capable of holding numberOfElems elements of class, aClass.

Rationale

StructureArray is used by the system call class for your operating system to pass arguments to system calls which use arrays of structures. Examples of such system calls include readv(2) and writev(2).

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall uses this class.

Object subclass: #Subtask	
instanceVariableNames:	'accessProtect arguments environment exceptionValue initBlock priority program status taskID terminateBlock terminationValue waitSemaphore '
classVariableNames: poolDictionaries:	··· ·
category:	'OS-Interface'

Summary

An instance of **Subtask** represents a spawned operating system task. Its parent task is the Smalltalk task. For clarity, threads of control in the operating system are referred to as "tasks", and threads of control in Smalltalk are referred to as "processes". **Subtask** contains protocol for testing and controlling the spawned task. A subtask can be waited for in a manner which suspends the entire Smalltalk parent task, or in a manner which suspends only the controlling Smalltalk process. The **Subtask** metaclass contains protocol for the management of spawned subtasks.

Instance Variables

accessProtect <Semaphore>

A semaphore used to protect accessing and setting of the status instance variable.

arguments < Ordered Collection>

A collection of strings, each of which is an argument to the program.

environment <Dictionary>

A dictionary of operating system environment variables, keyed by environment variable. Dictionary values are the values of the environment variables.

exceptionValue <Integer>

This instance variable contains the interrupt number of the signal causing termination. Non-zero values represent error conditions.

initBlock <Block>

A block to be executed between the fork call and the exec call. Usually this block involves signals and communication.

priority <Integer>

An integer representing the operating system priority of the subtask.

program <String>

A string containing the path of the program to be executed.

status <Symbol>

A symbol indicating the status of the task. Possible values: nil

#running #terminatedNormally #waitedOn #terminationSignaled #terminatedWithCode #terminatedWithSignal #nonexistent.

Transition State Changes		
Old State	Cause of Change	New State
nil	start	#running
#running	wait #waitedOn	
#running #waitedOn	successful interrupts	#terminationSignaled
exit status > 0 #waitedOn signal status > 0 exit and signal status =0		#terminatedWithCode #terminatedWithSignal #terminatedNormally
any	snapshot	#nonexistent

taskID <Integer>

A unique identifying number assigned by the operating system.

terminateBlock <BlockContext>

A block containing code to terminate the spawned subtask. A value of nil means terminate using the default action, sending a terminate interrupt.

terminationValue <Integer>

This instance variable represents the code assigned by the exit system call. Non-zero values represent error conditions.

waitSemaphore <Semaphore>

A semaphore used to block the initiating process until the child task has terminated.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

Initialize

Set the subtask data to reflect the parent's environment.

release

Remove the receiver from the list of scheduled subtasks.

accessing

arguments

Answer an OrderedCollection of arguments used in invoking this subtask.

enhancedPriority

Set the priority of the subtask to the highest possible priority.

environment

Answer the environment for this subtask in a dictionary format.

environment: envDictionary

Store the environment variables for this subtask. See 'environment variables' protocol in the metaclass.

priority

Answer the absolute priority of the subtask.

priority: aPriority

Set the priority of the subtask.

program

Answer the name of the executable program.

status

Answer the status of the receiver. Access with the protocol critical: to prevent inconsistencies in the status instance variable.

taskID

Answer an identifying unique integer assigned by the operating sytem.

terminateBlock

Answer the block that specifies the receiver's termination.

terminateBlock: aBlock

Record a block that allows the receiver to terminate in its own manner.

controlling

interrupt: anInterruptID

Send an interrupt to my task. AnInterruptID is a system dependent integer indicating which interrupt to send. The usual result of an interrupt is task termination.

start

Start the receiver by spawning a child, executing code to set up the child task (mainly communication and signal processing), and executing the program. If the execute fails terminate the child task. The child task will inherit the priority of the Smalltalk process.

terminate

Attempt to terminate the receiver's task in a manner which can be intercepted.

terminateUnconditionally

Terminate this task unconditionally.

wait

Wait for the receiver to terminate.

waitWithSmalltalkSuspended

Bypassing the dead child signal management, a wait system call is made. This call suspends the execution of the Smalltalk task. The list of scheduled subtasks is updated accordingly and the status of the termination is recorded for each child process until the receiver's subtask is found. This method replaces the use of the wait message, and is designed for use with non-interactive tasks that require the shutting down of the Smalltalk process for efficiency.

copying

copy

Inappropriate for a Subtask.

testing

abnormalTermination

Answer true if the status indicates abnormal termination, otherwise false.

isActive

Answer a boolean indicating if the receiver is running.

isNonExistent

Answer a boolean indicating if the receiver's task is not present.

isTerminated

Answer a boolean indicating if the receiver has been terminated.

notTerminated

Answer a boolean indicating if the receiver has not been terminated.

Subtask class	
instanceVariableNames:	'brokenPipesProcess scheduledSubtasks scheduledSubtasksAccessProtect unscheduledSubtasks waitProcess '

Subtask class — Instance Variables

brokenPipesProcess <Process>

This process runs forever, forking error notifiers upon signal receipt.

scheduledSubtasks <Dictionary>

Contains all the current subtasks keyed by taskID. Subtasks are added to the list when started. Management of these tasks is done by the metaclass.

scheduledSubtasksAccessProtect <Semaphore>

Semaphore for mutual exclusion to protect accessing of list of currently scheduledSubtasks.

unscheduledSubtasks <Dictionary>

Contains unscheduled subtask termination information keyed by taskID. This information, in the form of an executed wait system call, is collected and saved by the subtask management system. It is produced when a task dies, and it is not in the scheduled task list.

waitProcess <Process>

This process runs forever. Each time a "dead child" signal is received, a wait system call is made and the subtask management information updated.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Create the accessing semaphore. Using the accessing semaphore, create a new dictionary of scheduled subtasks.

install

This method is invoked when resuming after a snapshot. When resuming, connections to the task controlling and signaling mechanisms in the operating system must be re-established. Create these connections by forking processes to catch the dead child signal and the broken pipe signal. Also, create and initialize a new list of scheduled subtasks.

installBrokenPipeProcess

Install a process to catch broken pipe signals. Each time the signal is received, fork an error notifier.

installSubtaskTerminationProcess

Install a process to monitor spawned subtasks. If a signal indicating a child task termination is received, update the current data about spawned subtasks. If possible (wait call is non-blocking), continue updating until there are no more terminated subtasks.

environment variables

currentEnvironment

Answer the current environment. For modification on a per subtask basis, senders should copy.

initializeEnvironment

Initialize the internal record of the environment with which this image was invoked.

instance creation

fork: commandName then: aBlock

Return a new instance of Subtask containing all the necessary information to execute the subtask. There are no arguments and the initialization block is empty.

fork: commandName withArguments: arguments

Return a new instance of Subtask containing all the necessary information to execute the subtask. Arguments is an OrderedCollection of arguments to the executable program specified by commandName. The initialization block is empty.

fork: commandName withArguments: arguments standardIn: in standardOut: out standardError: err

Return a new instance of Subtask containing all the necessary information to execute the subtask. Arguments is an OrderedCollection of arguments to the executable program specified by commandName. Three pipes are specified by the arguments in, out and err. Unused ends of the pipes are closed in the child process only. Senders must close the pipes for the parent task.

fork: commandName withArguments: arguments standardIn: in standardOutAndError: out

Return a new instance of Subtask containing all the necessary information to execute the subtask. Arguments is an OrderedCollection of arguments to the executable program specified by commandName. Two pipes are specified by the arguments in and out. Unused ends of the pipes are closed in the child process only. Senders must close the pipes for the parent task.

fork: commandName withArguments: arguments then: aBlock Return a new instance of Subtask containing all the necessary information to execute the subtask. Arguments is an OrderedCollection of arguments to the executable program specified by commandName. ABlock is an initialization block executed by the spawned task upon startup.

fork: commandName withArguments: arguments withEnv: anEnvironment then: aBlock

Return a new instance of Subtask containing all the necessary information to execute the subtask plus specification of a list of environment variables. Arguments is an OrderedCollection of arguments to the executable program specified by commandName. ABlock is an initialization block executed by the spawned task upon startup.

scheduled subtasks

addSubtask: aSubtask

Add a subtask to the dictionary of scheduled subtasks. Check the unscheduled subtask list to see if the task terminated before this method was called. If it terminated, update the task accordingly.

addUnscheduledSubtask: aSubtaskID with: syscall Add a subtask to the list of unscheduled subtasks.

locateSubtask: aSubtaskID

Given a subtask's ID, answer the subtask object stored in the dictionary of subtasks.

removeSubtask: aSubtask

Remove a subtask from the dictionary of subtasks.

scheduledSubtasks

Answer a dictionary of subtasks, keyed by subtask ID.

task management

markAndSignalAll

Mark the status #nonexistent and signal the wait semaphore of each previously scheduled subtask. This method is used when restoring after a snapshot.

terminate: aTask

Terminate aTask and remove it from the task list.

terminateAll

Terminate all the scheduled tasks and remove them from the task list.

terminateUnconditionally: aTask

Terminate the spawned task and remove it from the task list.

Rationale

Tektronix Smalltalk adds support for subtasks to make the job of creating, running, and communicating with the subtasks straightforward. Interfaces to operating system signals, program parameters, environment variables, and subtask priorities are also supported.

Background

Multi-tasking

Most operating systems support multi-tasking. To the operating system, your running Smalltalk program is another task. Although Smalltalk has its own processes, Smalltalk can also create and communicate with operating system tasks.

Operating system subtasks provide access to other executable programs. By using the class **Subtask**, you can create a child task so that you can use some resource — an operating system command, or a program you have written in the C language, etc. — outside of the Smalltalk process.

By spawning new tasks, multi-tasking is accessible without leaving the Smalltalk environment. A newly spawned task is called a child task or a subtask. The original task is referred to as the parent task. The child task is a "copy" of the parent task it shares resources with the parent task. Since only one task can execute at a time, CPU time is also shared, initially in a predetermined fashion. Common practice is for the spawned child task to perform some chore, and then report back to the parent task. After reporting, the child task terminates. A parent may choose to relinquish use of the CPU until a subtask terminates. It does this by an operation called waiting. While waiting, the parent task is blocked and cannot do anything else until the child task terminates. The child task's chore is often accomplished by finding some other program to do the work. The use of this other program is known as an exec operation (for execute). In an exec operation, the spawned task "turns itself into" the other program.

Pipes

A pipe is used to convey data from one process (task) to another. Pipes are data structures set up in computer memory to be transient, even though they share other characteristics with files.

Frequently, a parent task may want to communicate with a child task. Information can be sent to and from the child task by using pipes; however, each pipe can send information in only one direction. If communication in two directions is desired, two pipes must be used. Pipes are similar to files with two critical differences.

- Files can be reopened many times. Pipes can only be opened once. Once a pipe is closed it is gone.
- Files can be reset and repositioned. It is not possible to reposition a pipe.

Usually the parent task creates a pipe. Each end of the pipe is assigned a file descriptor, one for reading and one for writing. When a subtask is created it inherits these open file descriptors. The parent task saves one file descriptor, the one which is appropriate for its direction of communication. For example, if the parent task wants to send information to the child, the parent saves the file descriptor for writing. Since the parent will not be using the reading end of the pipe, it should close this unused end. The child task must also save the appropriate file descriptor and close the file descriptor corresponding to the unused end of the pipe. Neglecting to close these unused pipe file descriptors might mean the task could run out of file descriptors, since there is a limit on the number of open file descriptors per task.

Sometimes it is not possible for the child task to know that it should use the pipe's file descriptors for reading and writing. For instance, the child task might execute a program that writes on standard output. It is possible for the child task to redirect its I/O by mapping its pipe descriptors to known file descriptors. Redirection allows a file descriptor to capture all the data intended for another descriptor. Tektronix Smalltalk **Pipe** protocol supports this functionality. Once a pipe's file descriptor is mapped, it becomes obsolete and should be closed. For example, the child task may want to write to the pipe, but the program is designed so write operations go to standard output. The write file descriptor of the pipe must be mapped to standard output's file descriptor (1), and the pipe's original write file descriptor should be closed. The effect of the mapping in this example is for the child task's write operations going to standard output to be performed on the write end of the pipe

instead.

Operating System Multi-tasking — Implementation

In a multi-tasking operating system, programs generally execute by duplicating the parent program (task), transforming the duplicate (child) task into the new program. Upon termination of the new program, the parent task is signaled; if it suspended execution, the parent task resumes. Specific system calls are used to accomplish these tasks. A *fork* call causes the duplication of the parent task. An *exec* call causes the duplicate task (i.e., the child task) to "transform" into a desired executable program. An *exit* call terminates the sending task and causes the operating system to send a "dead child signal" to the parent task — this indicates that a spawned task has terminated. A *wait* call executed by the parent task, besides suspending the parent task until termination of the child task, returns the termination status of the child task. Termination status includes information such as which signal caused the termination and whether the termination was abnormal.

For example, suppose you type the command *ls* at the keyboard. As you know, the shell program is waiting to interpret your keystrokes. Here the shell is a parent task. If the shell determines that you have typed *ls* correctly, it forks another shell task — a child task. This task then executes an *exec* call which overlays the child task with the *ls* program. *ls* executes, outputs directory information to the screen, and exits normally. The shell task receives the termination status via a *wait* call and resumes its I/O wait for more input from you.

Discussion

A subtask is spawned in a Unix-like operating system in three phases:

- a fork system call,
- a set-up phase, and
- the exec system call.

Most of the code for what takes place in the set-up phase is encapsulated in the subtask at the point of instance creation. Between fork and exec the subtask is running Smalltalk, but it is limited. The keyboard and the mouse cannot be used to communicate with Smalltalk, so no debugging can take place if the set-up code doesn't execute as anticipated.

In the set-up phase, depending upon which instance creation message selector is used and the values of instance variables, several things can take place, such as:

- a block of code executes concerning signals and communication;
- priority of the subtask is set;
- the environment is changed from the environment that the subtask inherited from its parent task.

Subtask Instance Protocol

Accessing methods enable the user to set and access the values of instance variables. Some instance variables control what happens in the set-up phase, others contain information about the termination of the subtask.

Controlling methods start the subtask, wait for the subtask, and allow the task to be interrupted or terminated.

Testing methods provide information about the subtask, such as whether it is active, terminated abnormally, is or is not terminated, and whether the subtask exists.

Subtask Class Protocol

Environment variables methods provide information about the current environment and allow the environment of the subtask to be modified. The default environment for a subtask is the environment of the parent task.

Instance creation methods provide the encapsulation of data to be used in the set-up phase of the subtask.

Scheduled subtasks and *task management* methods deal with the subtask management system and you will probably not use them directly.

Relation to the System Call and Pipe Classes

The system call class is used for the implementation of fork, exec, and wait. It also contains protocol for various other operations used by a subtask, including setting up signals and priorities. Communication between tasks is currently provided by the pipe classes. Access to other communication implementations, such as sockets, is available through system calls.

Management of Subtasks

A subtask management process is part of Tektronix Smalltalk — it is implemented in the metaclass of **Subtask**. Unlike the C programming environment where the only type of waiting available is complete suspension until the child task terminates, the task management system allows two types of waiting, described below. The subtask manager runs continuously, monitoring child tasks. When a task is started, it is registered with the task management system. Two lists are used to keep track of subtasks — class instance variables scheduledSubtasks and unscheduledSubtasks.

When a subtask terminates, the manager receives a dead child signal. The manager releases a terminated task from its list; if the parent process has been suspended, the manager sends a signal for it to resume.

Waiting

There are two methods that deal with waiting by the parent task — wait and waitWithSmalltalkSuspended. The message wait causes the suspension of only the parent process of the subtask. When the subtask ends, the parent is signaled to resume.

The message **waitWithSmalltalkSuspended** causes the entire Smalltalk task to suspend. While Smalltalk is suspended there is no way to interact with the Smalltalk task using the keyboard or the mouse. This version of waiting is used for efficiency, for example, while a Fortran program doing a lot of calculations is running — like a fast Fourier transform.

Concurrent subtasks may use either form of waiting — their terminations are handled appropriately by the subtask manager.

Snapshots

If a subtask is running when a snapshot is made, certain things occur. In the Smalltalk image that continues to run after the snapshot, the subtask is not affected.

When you quit, any running subtasks are terminated by the operating system. When a Smalltalk image is "brought up" (loaded by the Smalltalk interpreter), the subtask management system is installed with empty task lists. If subtasks were running when the snapshot was made, they will be marked as #nonexistent. Their status can be checked and they can be restarted by application programs.

Examples

See the file */usr/lib/smalltalk/fileIn/Examples-Subtasking.st* (this path correct for UTek only) for some examples illustrating how to use **Subtask** in an application example. Read further for an introduction to using **Subtask**.

The Simplest Example

Here is a very simple example that uses Subtask.

"Execute a simple binary program with no arguments."

| task |
task ← Subtask
fork: '/usr/bin/pretend'
then: [].
task start.
task wait

The code above can be executed in a workspace, assuming that the "/usr/bin/pretend" file exists. It contains the simplest form of subtask instance creation, since it has no arguments and does not include a block of code to be executed between fork and exec. The default set-up takes place, not a user-specified set-up. The task then starts and the parent waits for the subtask to terminate.

Add Some Interest

Here is a method which executes a program requiring two arguments. It illustrates some variations of **Subtask** protocol and adds error checking code.

executeUtility: aCommand withArgument1: argumentString1 withArgument2: argumentString2

"Execute a binary program with two arguments. Set the priority of the subtask to the highest possible, and ignore dead child signals in the child task. Create an error if the program cannot be executed or if the program terminates abnormally."

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task enhancedPriority. task start isNil ifTrue: [self error: 'Cannot execute ', aCommand]. Cursor execute showWhile: [task wait]. task abnormalTermination ifTrue: [self error: 'Abnormal termination from ', aCommand]

In the code above, we begin by placing the arguments in an OrderedCollection, since the instance creation method expects arguments in that form. This example uses an instance creation message different from the first example — this one allows us to pass arguments to the executable program.

Set-up Phase

The block of code after then: is executed only by the child task; it is done in the setup phase. Here the set-up changes the action of an interrupt — the dead child interrupt is ignored. The current environment is stored in a temporary variable, *envDictionary*, and the association of **#Parent->**'smalltalk' is added to it. Then the subtask's environment instance variable is set to the value of the temporary variable, *envDictionary*. The subtask is given the highest possible priority. The start message causes the execution of the set-up code.

Start and Finish

If start returns an error, a notifier is displayed. While the subtask is executing and the parent process waits for the subtask to terminate, the cursor is in the form of a star (Cursor execute showWhile:). If the subtask terminates abnormally, an error notifier is displayed.

Related Classes

In Smalltalk code, the typical reference to the system call class is **OS**, a global variable which is the appropriate system call class for your operating system. You might want to refer to these classes in this manual for further information:

- the system call class for your operating system and its superclasses,
- the PipeStream hierarchy of classes, and
- Pipe.

Pipe is not directly used in the implementation of Subtask, but it is essential to complete usage of subtasks.

ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #Tchars	
instanceVariableNames:	
classVariableNames:	'BrkcDataIndex EofcDataIndex IntrcDataIndex QuitcDataIndex StartcDataIndex StopcDataIndex
poolDictionaries:	
category:	'OS-Parameters'

Summary

Tchars provides accessing protocol for the following C structure.

st	ruct tcha	ars {	
	char	t_intrc;	/* interrupt */
	char	t_quitc;	/* quit */
	char	t_startc;	/* start output */
	char	t_stopc;	/* stop output */
	char	t_eofc;	/* end-of-file */
	char	t_brkc;	/* input delimiter (like nl) */
}			

The structure is documented under tty(4) in the manual UTek Command Reference, Volume 2.

Class Variables

BrkcDataIndex

- EofcDataIndex
- IntrcDataIndex
- QuitcDataIndex
- StartcDataIndex
- StopcDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **BrkcDataIndex** holds the offset of the "t_brkc" field.

Instance Methods

accessing

brkc

Return the value of the structure field named brkc.

brkc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named brkc.

eofc

Return the value of the structure field named eofc.

eofc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named eofc.

intrc

Return the value of the structure field named intrc.

intrc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named intrc.

intrc: iCharacter quitc: qCharacter startc: startCharacter stopc: stopCharacter eofc: eCharacter brkc: bCharacter Assign values to all the fields of the structure.

quitc

Return the value of the structure field named quitc.

quitc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named quitc.

startc

Return the value of the structure field named startc.

startc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named startc.

stopc

Return the value of the structure field named stopc.

stopc: aCharacter

Assign the argument, aCharacter, to the structure field named stopc.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods -----

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

default

Return an instance containing the default characters.

Rationale

The structure is used in support of the following UTek system call:

ioctl(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system call listed above.

Object subclass: #TextStyle	
instanceVariableNames:	'fontArray lineGrid baseline alignment firstIndent restIndent rightIndent tabsArray marginTabsArray outputMedium lineGridForLists baselineForLists lineGridForMenus baselineForMenus '
classVariableNames:	··
poolDictionaries:	TextConstants
category:	'Graphics-Support'

Summary

An instance of **TextStyle** is a grouping of fonts that "look nice together" and display characteristics used in composing text in these fonts.

Instance Variables

alignment <Integer>

Indicates the mode for placement from the margins: 0 =flush left, 1 =flush right, 2 =centered, 3 =justified.

baseline <Integer>

The amount to be added to the top of a line to find the baseline of the line. The baseline is the point from which the ascent of a font should rise.

baselineForLists <Integer>

Copied into baseline while constructing a TextStyle for a list.

baselineForMenus <Integer>

Copied into baseline while constructing a TextStyle for a menu.

firstIndent <Integer>

Amount to inset from the left margin for the first line of a paragraph. Initial value for paragraph associated with this TextStyle.

fontArray <Array>

A collection of fonts available in this TextStyle. These may be either StrikeFonts or VirtualStrikeFonts. The emphasis portion of a Text (the runs instance variable) returns a value for indexing into the fontArray.

lineGrid <Integer>

The amount to be added to the top of a line to find the top of the next line.

lineGridForLists <Integer>

Copied into lineGrid while constructing a TextStyle for a list.

lineGridForMenus <Integer>

Copied into lineGrid while constructing a TextStyle for a menu.

marginTabsArray <Array>

Each value in the array is a tuple indicating inset values to tab to relative to the left and right margin of this paragraph. Allows for inset paragraphs.

outputMedium <Symbol>

Currently only #Display is supported.

restIndent <Integer>

Amount to inset from the left margin for all but the first line of a paragraph. Initial value for paragraph associated with this TextStyle.

rightIndent <Integer>

Amount to inset from the right margin for all the lines of the paragraph. Initial value for paragraph associated with this TextStyle.

tabsArray <Array>

Tab stops. Values are relative to the left margin of the paragraph.

Pool Dictionaries

TextConstants

A dictionary of symbols for non-printing characters, symbols related to text composition and text emphasis, and default values for text composition and text emphasis.

Instance Methods

accessing

alignment

Answer the code for the current setting of the alignment.

alignment: anInteger

Set the current setting of the alignment to anInteger — 0=flush left, 1=flush right, 2=centered, 3=justified.

baseline

Answer the distance from the top of the line to the bottom of most of the characters (by convention, bottom of A).

baseline: anInteger

Set the distance from the top of the line to the bottom of most of the characters.

baselineForLists

Answer the baseline for a list composed from this TextStyle.

baselineForLists: anInteger

Set the instance variable baselineForLists.

baselineForMenus

Answer the baseline for a menu composed from this TextStyle.

baselineForMenus: anInteger

Set the instance variable baselineForMenus.

defaultFont

Answer the first font in fontArray.

descent

Answer the distance from the bottom of most of the characters (by convention, bottom of A) to the top of the next line.

firstIndent

Answer the horizontal indent of the first line of a paragraph in the style of the receiver.

firstIndent: anInteger

Set the horizontal indent of the first line of a paragraph in the style of the receiver.

fontArray

Answer the fontArray of this TextStyle.

fontArray: aFontArray

Install aFontArray of fonts; recompute lineGrids and baselines.

fontAt: index

Return the StrikeFont at index. Make sure whenever a font is accessed, it is coerced into a StrikeFont and registered in the global FontManager. Recompute the listStyle and menuStyle based on the font returned.

fontAt: index put: font

Set the fontArray element at index to font.

fontFor: fontIndex emphasis: emphasisBlock

Select and return the index of the first font in fontArray which has the same size and family as the font at fontIndex, and where emphasisBlock evaluates true.

fontFor: fontIndex face: face

Select and return the index of the first font in fontArray which has the same size and face as the font at fontIndex.

fontNamed: aString

Return the font named aString. If it is not found in fontArray, return the basal font for the TextStyle.

lineGrid

Answer the relative space between lines of a paragraph in the style of the receiver.

lineGrid: anInteger

Set the relative space between lines of a paragraph in the style of the receiver.

lineGridForLists

Answer the relative space between lines of a list in the style of the receiver.

lineGridForLists: anInteger

Set the relative space between lines of a list in the style of the receiver.

lineGridForMenus

Answer the relative space between lines of a menu in the style of the receiver.

lineGridForMenus: anInteger

Set the relative space between lines of a menu in the style of the receiver.

nestingDepth

Return the number of entries in the marginTabsArray.

outputMedium

Answer the outputMedium for this style.

outputMedium: aSymbol

Set the outputMedium for this style (currently only #Display is recognized).

restIndent

Answer the indent for all but the first line of a paragraph in the style of the receiver.

restIndent: anInteger

Set the indent for all but the first line of a paragraph in the style of the receiver.

rightIndent

Answer the right margin indent for the lines of a paragraph in the style of the receiver.

rightIndent: anInteger

Set the right margin indent for the lines of a paragraph in the style of the receiver.

upperLead: upperLeadInteger lowerLead: lowerLeadInteger

Collect all fonts that are in the largest point size in this TextStyle. Use this subset of the fonts to compute the appropriate baseline and line gridding including the additional leading amounts specified.

converting

asListStyle

Answer a copy of the receiver with lineGrid and baseline set for lists.

asMenuStyle

Answer a copy of the receiver with lineGrid and baseline set for menus.

tabs and margins

clearIndents

Reset all the margin (index) settings to 0.

leftMarginTabAt: marginIndex

Set the 'nesting' level of left margin indents of the paragraph in the style of the receiver to marginIndex.

nextTabXFrom: anX leftMargin: leftMargin rightMargin: rightMargin

Tab stops are distances from the leftMargin. Answer either the first tab stop after anX (normalized relative to leftMargin) or rightMargin, whichever is greater.

rightMarginTabAt: marginIndex

Set the 'nesting' level of right margin indents of the paragraph in the style of the receiver to marginIndex.

tabWidth

Answer the width of standard tab.

Class Methods -

constants

default

Answer the system default text style.

default: aTextStyle

Change the system default text style to aTextStyle.

examples

allDefaultFontNames

When you see the star and arrow cursor, select a point (by clicking a mouse button) for each font in the DefaultTextStyle. Each font in the default text style will be displayed.

defaultStyleHi

When you see the star and arrow cursor, select a point by pressing a mouse button. The greeting will be displayed there in the system default text style.

instance creation

fontArray: anArray

Return a TextStyle constructed from the fonts given in anArray.

Rationale

A TextStyle is used for text composition. It includes a grouping of fonts that "go together", often from the same family, and look attractive together interspersed in text. In addition to one or more fonts contained in the instance variable fontArray, a TextStyle contains information (lineGrid, baseline, and more) computed from the largest font in the array. The information aids in the physical layout of multiple lines of text. Additionally, you can specify things such as indentation, tabs, and alignment.

Discussion

If you are not familiar with some of the terminology in this class, refer to StrikeFont in this manual for an explanation of some of the terms.

Class Protocol

Ordinarily, you would not use the *instance creation* message, fontArray:, to create an instance of TextStyle. Instead, use a TextStyleManager *text style instance creation* message or send the message asTextStyle to a StrikeFont. If you want to create a text style for lists or menus in your application, you could use the fontArray: message, or use a TextStyleManager message if you want it to be generally available. The protocol in the TextStyleManager registers the text style when it is created, so that it is accessible to others. Read about the advantages of using the TextStyleManager under that class in this manual.

Constants methods allow you to set the default text style or get a copy of the current default text style.

Instance Protocol

Accessing methods allow you to set or access the values of the instance variables. Additionally, methods install a font or array of fonts, set an element in **fontArray** to the supplied font, or return the index of a font matching a supplied fontIndex' size, family, face, or emphasis. One method adjusts the **lineGrid** and **baseLine** to include supplied "leading" at the top and bottom of the characters.

Converting methods return a copy of the **TextStyle** with **lineGrid** and **baseLine** adjusted for lists or menus.

Tabs and margins methods clear all the indents, set the left and right "nesting" level of indents, and answer the DefaultTabWidth (from the TextConstants pool dictionary). The method nextTabXFrom:leftMargin:rightMargin: answers either the first tab stop after a place on the line specified by the user or the right margin, whichever is greater.

Examples

The following method is in the TextStyle class examples message category.

dcfaultStyleHi

"When you see the star and arrow cursor, select a point by pressing a mouse button. The greeting will be displayed there in the system default text style."

(DisplayText text: 'Hi there!\How are you?' withCRs asText textStyle: (TextStyle default)) displayAt: Sensor waitClickButton

First, the *instance creation* message text:textStyle: is sent to DisplayText. The first argument must be a Text, so the string is converted to a Text. The message withCRs was sent to the string to replace the backslash (\) with a carriage return in the string. The second argument is a TextStyle — the one returned by the default message is the value at DefaultTextStyle in the TextConstants dictionary. The DisplayObject message displayAt: is sent to the instance of DisplayText with the argument of the Point created by Scnsor waitClickButton. Sensor is a global variable, an instance of InputSensor.

The following method is in the **TextStyle class** *examples* message category.

allDefaultFontNames

"When you see the star and arrow cursor, select a point (by clicking a mouse button) for each font in the DefaultTextStyle. Each font in the default text style will be displayed."

(TextConstants at: #DefaultTextStyle) fontArray do: [: strikeFont | (DisplayText text: strikeFont name asText textStyle: strikeFont asTextStyle) displayAt: Sensor waitClickButton]

This method takes defaultStyleHi one step farther, and makes use of additional **TextStyle** methods. TextConstants at: #DefaultTextStyle returns the same result as TextStyle default, used in the preceding example. The instance of **TextStyle** is sent the message fontArray, and the returned array of StrikeFonts is enumerated with a block similar to the code in the first example. Instead of the greeting, the argument to text: is the string returned by sending the message name to the StrikeFont. The argument to textStyle: is the **TextStyle** returned when the message asTextStyle is sent to the StrikeFont. When this example is executed in the standard image (assuming that you have not changed the default text style), 16 font names are displayed using a separate TextStyle for each one. One point of this example is that text must be converted to a displayable object, in this case a DisplayText, in

order to display it. In fact, all text that you see in Smalltalk is converted to a displayable object, but that is handled for you and you aren't required to do the converting in everyday use. Unless you want to deal with the Forms in the glyphs instance variable of a StrikeFont, the only way to see a StrikeFont is to make it a TextStyle and display some text using the TextStyle.

Related Classes

DisplayText Paragraph StrikeFont StrikeFontManager String Text TextStyleManager VirtualStrikeFont

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Dictionary variableSubclass: #TextStyleManager	
instanceVariableNames:	"
classVariableNames:	MenuDependents TextStyleMenu
	TextStyleNames '
poolDictionaries:	·· ·
category:	'Graphics-Support'

Summary

This class is the central repository of all TextStyles. TextStyleManager maps TextStyle names (Strings) to TextStyles.

Class Variables

MenuDependents <OrderedCollection>

The list of MenuDependents is kept so that whenever the default text style changes, all cached menus are flushed. To add a menu to the list, send the message addMenuDependents: to the global StyleManager. Each element of MenuDependents is itself a collection of three elements:

- The symbol name of a Smalltalk class or other entry in the system dictionary.
- The symbol #class or #instance.
- The symbol name of a unary message selector.

TextStyleMenu <PopUpMenu>

A menu of available TextStyle selections.

TextStyleNames <Dictionary>

A dictionary of TextStyle names and associated TextStyles.

Instance Methods

accessing

at: aString put: aTextStyle Install aTextStyle named aString. removeAssociation: anAssociation ifAbsent: aBlock

Remove the key and value association, anAssociation, from the receiver. Cause all MenuDependents to be flushed. Answer anAssociation.

removeKey: aString ifAbsent: aBlock

Remove the TextStyle named aString else answer aBlock value.

default text style

changeDefaultTextStyle

Present a menu of TextStyles. If one is selected, change the default TextStyle.

changeDefaultTextStyle: aTextStyle

Change the default TextStyle to aTextStyle.

menu initialization

initializeMenus

Initialize all of the system menus. New classes cacheing menus or other dependencies upon TextStyle should be added to the list of MenuDependents by sending the message addMenuDependents: to TextStyleManager.

selecting

fromUser

Present a menu of TextStyles. Answer with the selected TextStyle. If no TextStyle is available or selected, return nil.

fromUser: aBlock

Present a menu of TextStyles. If one is selected, evaluate aBlock with the selected TextStyle and return the selected TextStyle. Return nil if no TextStyle is selected.

text style instance creation

styleName: aString baseNames: anArray

Create and install a TextStyle named aString with fonts specified by anArray of base String names. Load or synthesize the fonts if necessary. Set the leading to zero. Answer the TextStyle.

Each base name in anArray represents a set of eight fonts (Basal, Bold, Italic, BoldItalic, Basal Underlined, Bold Underlined, Italic Underlined, and BoldItalic Underlined). The font order within the new TextStyle is best explained by the following example: StyleManager styleName: 'Pellucida Sans-Serif 10/12' baseNames: #('PellucidaSans-Serif10' 'PellucidaSans-Serif12')

The code above generates a TextStyle with font order:

'PellucidaSans-Serif10'	(Basal)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif10B'	(Bold)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif10I'	(Italic)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif10X'	(Bold Italic)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif12'	(Basal)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif12B'	(Bold)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif12I'	(Italic)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif12X'	(Bold Italic)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif10U'	(Underlined)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif10BU'	(Bold Underlined)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif10IU'	(Italic Underlined)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif10XU'	(Bold Italic Underlined)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif12U'	(Underlined)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif12BU'	(Bold Underlined)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif12IU'	(Italic Underlined)	
'PellucidaSans-Serif12XU'	(Bold Italic Underlined)	
styleName: aString baseNames: anArray lead: leadInteger Similar to styleName:baseNames:, but divide the leading equally between upper and lower leading (odd pixel on top).		
styleName: aString baseNames: anArray upperLead: upperLeadInteger lowerLead: lowerLeadInteger Similar to styleName:baseNames:, but set the upper and lower leading.		
styleName: aString fontNames: anArray Create and install a TextStyle named aString with fonts specified by anArray of explicit String names. Set the leading to zero. Answer the TextStyle.		

styleName: aString fontNames: anArray lead: leadInteger Similar to styleName:fontNames:, but divide the leading equally between upper and lower leading (odd pixel on top).

styleName: aString fontNames: anArray upperLead: upperLeadInteger lowerLead: lowerLeadInteger

Similar to styleName:fontNames:, but set the upper and lower leading.

Class Methods -

class initialization

flushMenus

Set the TextStyleMenu to nil.

initialize

Install a new style manager if necessary. Build a new MenuDependents list.

initializeStyleManager

Install standard text styles into the StyleManager.

examples

bigHi

When you see the star and arrow cursor, move the cursor where you want it and press a mouse button. The greeting will be displayed in large Italic letters.

instance creation

new: anInteger

Flush the style menu because the new instance will probably be installed as StyleManager.

menu initialization

addMenuDependents: aCollection

Extend the list of MenuDependents by the list contained within aCollection. Each element of aCollection should itself be a collection of three elements:

- The symbol name of a Smalltalk class or other entry in the system dictionary.
- The symbol #class or #instance.
- The symbol name of a unary message selector.

When an instance of the receiver (typically the Smalltalk global StyleManager) receives the message initializeMenus, for each menu dependent the unary message is sent either to the class (#class) or to all instances of the class (#instance).

menuDependents

Answer the list of MenuDependents.

Rationale

This class maps names to **TextStyles** and provides a user-friendly interface to **TextStyles**, enabling the user to change the default text style, select from a menu of **TextStyles**, and add **TextStyles** to the menu. It keeps a list of **TextStyles** — once it is registered with the **TextStyleManager**, a **TextStyle** can be used anywhere in Smalltalk. When a **TextStyle** is removed from the menu, it will still be available to anything in Smalltalk that uses that **TextStyle**.

The **TextStyleManager** insures that when the default text style is changed all menu dependents are updated to the new default.

Discussion

Class Protocol

Ordinarily there is only one **TextStyleManager**, referred to by the global variable StyleManager. You are not prevented from creating an instance of **TextStyleManager** which is not the global manager. This implementation assumes, however, that a new **TextStyleManager** will be installed as **StyleManager**, so when the message **new**: is sent to the class, the **TextStyleMenu** is set to nil. Besides setting the **TextStyleMenu** to nil, *class initialization* includes a method to **Initialize** this class.

Menu initialization methods allow you to add menu dependents or access **MenuDependents**. The message **addMenuDependents**: should be sent to the global **StyleManager** whenever you add a menu to the system, so that if the default text style is changed the menu(s) you added will be updated.

Instance Protocol

Accessing methods enable you to add a **TextStyle** to the manager, or remove a style from the manager by specifying either the String name of the **TextStyle** or the Association of a String name and a **TextStyle**. Either adding or removing a **TextStyle** causes the **TextStyleMenu** to be set to nil. *Default text style* methods enable you to set the default text style by selecting one from the menu or specifying one.

Menu initialization contains one method to initialize all of the menus listed in **MenuDependents**. This message is sent by another method and is one you probably won't use.

Selecting contains two methods, **fromUser** and **fromUser:**, which return a **TextStyle** you select from a menu and evaluate a block with the selected **TextStyle**, respectively.

Text style instance creation includes a number of methods to create a **TextStyle** by providing a **String** name for the style (any name you prefer) and an **Array** of base **String** names (actual names of font families — found in the directory answered by OS fontDirectory fullName.). An alternative to base names is to provide an **Array** of fonts (either **StrikeFonts** or **VirtualStrikeFonts**). You also have the option of specifying "leading" to be divided equally at the top and bottom or separate "leading" at the top and bottom of a "line" of characters. Using the messages in this message category, **TextStyles** can be arbitrarily named, however, the convention is to use a name that reflects the grouping of fonts. The difference between the "baseName" and "fontName" methods is that the former load a group of eight fonts in a default order for each base name, the latter only load the fonts explicitly named in the array and in the order they are listed in the array.

The messages in *text style instance creation* are the preferred way to create text styles, instead of the **TextStyle class** instance creation message **fontArray:**. The messages here will register the new style with the manager.

Examples

The following method is in the **TextStyleManager class** *examples* message category.

bigHi

"When you see the star and arrow cursor, move the cursor where you want it and press a mouse button. The greeting will be displayed in large Italic letters."

| lines styleName |

styleName \leftarrow 'BigStyle'.

StyleManager styleName: styleName fontNames: #('PellucidaSans-Serif361'). lines \leftarrow 'Hi there!\How are you?' withCRs.

(DisplayText text: (lines asText) textStyle: (StyleManager at: styleName)) displayAt: Sensor waitClickButton.

StyleManager removeKey: styleName ifAbsent: [].

First, a *text style instance creation* message is sent to the global **StyleManager** to create a **TextStyle**. On style menus its name is 'BigStyle'. 'BigStyle' has one font, Pellucida Sans-Serif 36I, in its **fontArray**. If a **TextStyle** is not registered with the manager, it cannot be referred to by name and cannot be accessed throughout Smalltalk.

Next, a String is created with two lines of characters — note the use of a backslash to indicate the carriage return and the message withCRs. The simplest way to display the string using a TextStyle is to make it a DisplayText. The instance creation message takes a Text and a TextStyle as arguments, then the DisplayText is displayed where you press a mouse button. Finally, 'BigStyle' is removed from the global StyleManager.

Related Classes

StrikeFont StrikeFontManager TextStyle VirtualStrikeFont ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #Timeval instanceVariableNames: '' classVariableNames: 'SecDataIndex UsecDataIndex ' poolDictionaries: '' category: 'OS-Parameters'

Summary

Timeval provides creation and accessing protocol for the following C structure.

struct timeval {
 long tv_sec; /* seconds */
 long tv_usec; /* microseconds */
}

The structure is documented under *gettimeofday*(2) in the manual *UTek Command Reference*, *Volume* 2.

Class Variables

SecDataIndex

UsecDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **SecDataIndex** holds the offset of the "tv_sec" field.

Instance Methods

accessing

sec

Return the value of the structure field named sec.

sec: anInt

Assign the argument, anInt, to the structure field named sec.

sec: anInt usec: anotherInt

Assign values to all the fields of the structure.

usec

Return the value of the structure field named usec.

usec: anInt

Assign the argument, anInt, to the structure field named usec.

converting

asTime

Return an instance of Time equivalent to the receiver.

printing

printOn: aStream

Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods ----

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

sec: anInt usec: anotherInt Return an instance with the values of the fields assigned.

Rationale

The timeval C structure is used in support of these UTek system calls:

adjtime(2) cfsettimeofday(2) gettimeofday(2) select(2) settimeofday(2) utimes(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the following system calls which use the timeval structure:

gettimeofday(2) select(2) utimes(2).

The other system calls which use this structure have not been implemented because they are only available to the superuser (root).

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Timezone

ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #Timezone instanceVariableNames: ' classVariableNames: 'DsttimeDataIndex MinuteswestDataIndex ' poolDictionaries: ' category: 'OS-Parameters'

Summary

Timezone provides creation and accessing protocol for the following C structure.

```
struct timezone {
    int tz_minuteswest; /* minutes west of Greenwich */
    int tz_dsttime; /* type of dst correction */
}
```

The structure is documented under *gettimeofday*(2) in the manual UTek Command Reference, Volume 2.

Class Variables

DsttimeDataIndex

MinuteswestDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **DsttimeDataIndex** holds the offset of the "tz_dsttime" field.

Instance Methods

accessing

dsttime

Return the value of the structure field named dsttime.

dsttime: anInt

Assign the argument, anInt, to the structure field named dsttime.

minuteswest

Return the value of the structure field named minuteswest.

minuteswest: anInt

Assign the argument, anInt, to the structure field named minuteswest.

minuteswest: anint dsttime: anotherint

Assign values to all the fields of the structure.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods ----

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

minuteswest: anInt dsttime: anotherInt Return an instance with the values of the fields assigned.

Rationale

The structure is used in support of the following UTek system calls:

```
cfsettimeofday(2)
gettimeofday(2)
settimeofday(2)
```

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the following system call which uses the timezone structure:

gettimeofday(2).

The other system calls which use this structure have not been implemented because they are only available to the superuser (root).

AbstractFileStatus variableWordSubclass: #UniflexFileStatus instanceVariableNames: '' classVariableNames: '' poolDictionaries: '' category: 'OS-Interface'

Summary

An instance of this class is a buffer which contains information about a file. The following questions are answered by file status information.

- Is the file a directory?
- When was the file last modified?
- What is the file descriptor?

The file status class is usually not used in isolation, but in conjunction with the system call class or with **FileStream**. As a result of the following code, three things happen — an instance of **UniflexFileStatus** is created, the buffer is filled, and the instance is returned:

OS status: aFileDescriptor

In the code above, **UniflexSystemCall** is referred to by the global variable **OS**. See the 4400 Series Assembly Language manual, Section 4 System Calls, "status" for details about the contents of the buffer.

Instance Methods

accessing

buffer

The receiver is the buffer which holds the file status information.

fileSize

Answer the file size in bytes.

isDirectory Answer whether the file represented by the receiver is a directory. IsReadable Answer true if the file represented by the receiver is readable. isWritable Answer true if the file represented by the receiver is writable. lastModified Answer the time of the last modification to the file. longDescription Answer a String that contains a description of the receiver which looks like a line from a dir command. comparing = aFileStatus Answer true if the fdn and device number are the same. hash Hash is reimplemented because = is implemented. Class Methods -

instance creation

new

Answer a new instance of the receiver.

Rationale

This class is a concrete subclass of AbstractFileStatus and uses the protocol framework established there. UniflexFileStatus serves as an interface to the operating system structure which holds file status information.

AimSystemCall variableSubclas	ss: #UniflexSystemCall
instanceVariableNames:	
classVariableNames:	··
poolDictionaries:	<i></i>
category:	OS-Interface

Summary

This is the concrete class used to interface to the operating system on the Tek 4404, 4405 or 4406. It defines instance creation and portable operations implementation for the UniFLEX operating system used by these workstations.

Instance Methods

execution

systemInvokeQuietly

Make a system call. Return success or failure of the system call, or nil if the primitive fails.

portable subtask operations

terminatedSubtaskExitCode

Answer the low byte of the status returned from the wait system call. This portion represents the value of the argument supplied by the exit system call causing termination. The high order bit of the portion indicates whether the terminated task has made a core dump. The receiver must be an instance representing a wait system call, which has been executed.

terminatedSubtaskExitInterrupt

Answer the high byte of the status returned from the wait system call. This portion represents the value of the signal causing termination. The receiver must be an instance representing a wait system call, which has been executed.

terminatedSubtaskID

Answer the ID returned from the wait system call. The receiver must be an instance representing a wait system call, which has been executed.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Initialize the error message array used by UniflexSystemCall objects.

environment variables

argCount

Return the number of arguments used to invoke Smalltalk.

originalEnvironment

Return the environment used to invoke Smalltalk.

file names

backupFileName: aFileName

Answer a string which is a backup file name for the file aFileName.

isBackupFileName: aFileName

Does aFileName correspond to a name that is usually a backup file name?

general inquiries

abnormalTerminationCode

Answer the code for abnormal task termination.

asTime: osSeconds

Convert the operating system's notion of time to a Time. The operating system has corrected for time zone and daylight savings time. Add in the total seconds from Jan. 1, 1901 (the start of Smalltalk time) up to Jan. 1, 1980 (the start of Uniflex time).

brokenPipeInterrupt

Answer the interrupt number for the broken pipes interrupt.

deadChildInterrupt

Answer the interrupt number for the dead child interrupt.

defaultInterruptCode

Answer an operating system representation of the default interrupt action.

fileBufferSize

Return the preferred size of a buffer used for reading files.

fileStatusClass

Answer the class whose instances hold the file status returned by system calls that are instances of the receiver.

fontDirectory

Return the directory which contains font files. Each file contains a font in external font format.

getMachineName

Return the type of machine Smalltalk is running on.

ignoreInterruptCode

Answer an operating system representation of the ignore interrupt action.

isValid

Does this class represent the operating system running on this machine? (This method should return true only if the underlying operating system is Uniflex.)

maxFileNameSize

Answer the maximum number of characters permissible for file names.

maxOpenFiles

Answer the maximum number of simultaneously open files.

nonBlockingWait

Answer true if the wait instance creation method returns a non-blocking call, false otherwise. Uniflex has a blocking wait call.

priorityInterval

Answer the interval of valid priorities in ascending order for this operating system. Maximum values range from 0 to 25, zero being the highest and 25 being the lowest; however, this range is restricted for most users.

returnKeyCode

Answer the Smalltalk character value which should be assigned when the return key is pressed. The Uniflex operating system uses the CR convention.

smalltalkInitializationDirectory

Return the directory which contains initialization files. Each file contains Smalltalk readable data used during class initialization.

terminateInterrupt

Answer the interrupt number for the terminate interrupt. This interrupt can be caught.

terminateUnconditionallyInterrupt

Answer the interrupt number for the terminate unconditionally interrupt. This interrupt cannot be caught.

validPriority: aPriority

Answer the validity of this priority for this task.

portable directory operations

changeDirectory: aString Change directory to the specified directory.

createDirectory: aString

Make aString, a full path name, be a new directory.

currentDirectoryName

Answer the complete path name of the current working directory.

nextFileName: directoryStream

Answer the next file name in directoryStream. Advance the directory stream beyond that name. Answer nil if none.

Directories are formatted into 16-byte entries, the last 14 of which contain the characters of the file names. Short names use one entry with zero fill if required. Long names use multiple consecutive entries all of which are marked in the high-order bit of their first character position. A zero byte (ignoring marks) is guaranteed.

removeDirectory: aString

Remove the directory named aString. The directory must be empty (i.e., contain only . and ..).

portable file operations

create: aString

Create a new file named aString. Answer a writeOnly fileDescriptor for the file.

duplicateFd: fileDescriptor

Return a new file descriptor that references the same open file as fileDescriptor.

duplicateFd: oldFileDescriptor with: newFileDescriptor

Cause newFileDescriptor to reference the same open file as oldFileDescriptor. If newFileDescriptor currently references an open file, that file is first closed.

existingName: fileName

Answer true if a file or directory exists by the name fileName, a String.

freeFileDescriptors

Answer the number of available file descriptors.

newPipe

Return an instance of Pipe.

open: aString

Open the file named aString. Answer a readWrite fileDescriptor for the file.

openForRead: aString

Open the file named aString. Answer a readOnly fileDescriptor for the file.

openForWrite: aString

Open the file named aString. Answer a writeOnly fileDescriptor for the file.

read: fileDescriptor Into: aStringOrByteArray

Fill aStringOrByteArray with data from the file referred to by fileDescriptor. Answer the number of bytes read. Answer zero if at end.

read: fileDescriptor into: aStringOrByteArray size: count

Fill aStringOrByteArray with, at most, count data elements from the file referred to by fileDescriptor. Return the number of bytes read, or zero if at end.

rename: aFileName as: newFileName

Rename the file named aFileName to have the name newFileName. Create an error if aFileName does not exist; but not if newFileName exists.

seek: aFileDescriptor to: aFilePosition

Position the file represented by aFileDescriptor to aFilePosition bytes from its beginning.

shorten: fileDescriptor

Shorten a file to its current position.

size: fd

Return the count of available bytes from the file or pipe known by the file descriptor fd.

status: fd

Return a UniflexFileStatus for the file known by the file descriptor fd.

statusName: fileName

Answer a UniflexFileStatus for the file referred to by fileName, a String.

validFileDescriptor: fileDescriptor

Answer true if an open file with the specified file descriptor exists.

write: fileDescriptor from: aStringOrByteArray size: byteCount

Write byteCount bytes of data from aStringOrByteArray to the file referred to by fileDescriptor.

portable subtask operations

brokenPipesProcessWith: aBlock

Answer a process that monitors broken pipes. ABlock is executed after the receipt of each broken pipe signal.

executeUtility: aCommand withArguments: anOrderedCollection

Execute a binary program and return the entire results generated by the program as a string. No mechanism for input to the program is provided. Notify an error if the program cannot be executed or if the program terminates abnormally.

executeUtilityWithErrorMapping: aCommand

withArguments: anOrderedCollection

Execute a binary program and return an array of two strings. The first string contains the entire normal output generated by the program. The second string contains any error message output from the program. No mechanism for input to the executable program is provided. Notify an error if the program cannot be executed or if the program terminates abnormally.

forkShell

Fork an operating system shell with history. Type 'exit' to the shell to return to Smalltalk.

sendinterrupt: anInterruptID to: aTaskID

Send an 'interrupt' to a task by specifiying an interruptID and a taskID. Return true if the operation was successful, false otherwise. First check to see if aTaskID is a valid task ID.

setInterrupt: anInterruptID to: aSemaphoreOrParameter

Override the default action for an 'interrupt' by connecting it to a semaphore or some system specific parameter. If specified, the semaphore is posted on interrupt. After the interrupt is received, the interrupt must be reconnected or it will return to its default action. The exception to this is the DeadChildInterrupt, number 26.

setTaskPriority: priority

Set the priority of this task to a value which should be included in this class' priority interval.

shell

Fork an operating system shell with history. Type 'exit' to the shell to return to Smalltalk.

startSubtask: executeCall withBlock: childBlock

Start the subtask by spawning a child task. Then, the child task only evaluates the childBlock, and executes the executeCall to transform the child task into another program. If the executeCall fails, terminate the child task. The child task will inherit the priority of the Smalltalk task. Answer the spawned child task ID, nil if none.

terminate: aTaskID

Using an interrupt, attempt to terminate the task associated with the specified ID. This termination is requested in a manner which can be intercepted.

terminatedSubtasksProcessWith: aBlock

Answer a process that monitors spawned child tasks. ABlock is executed after the termination of each child task. The dead child signal is automatically reset by the operating system.

terminateUnconditionally: aTaskID

Terminate this task unconditionally.

system-environment variables

invocationArgCountAddress

Get the address of the argument count used in this Smalltalk.

system-files

chacc: fileName mode: permInteger Check the accessibility of the file fileName.

chdir: directoryName Change directory.

chown: fileName to: ownerID Change owner of a fileName to ownerID.

chprm: fileName to: permissions Change permissions for a file.

close: fileDescriptor Close a file.

controlPty: fileDescriptor command: cmd mode: modeByte

Control, via the master end, the slave side of a pty. The fileDescriptor is a master mode pseudo-terminal file descriptor. The state of the channel is returned in D0. The argument cmd is a subfunction and modeByte is the argument to the subfunction.

create: fileName mode: modeBits

Create a new file.

createPty

Create a pseudo terminal master/slave device pair, known as a channel. The file descriptor for slave access is returned in D0 and the file descriptor for master access is returned in A0. Once the channel has been created, additional slave accesses may be created using UniflexSystemCall open:mode:. UniflexSystemCall ofstat:buffer: may be used to get information about the status of master and slave sides.

crtsd: newName mode: mode addr: addr

To create a directory, mode should be 8r04077 and addr should be 0.

defacc: permissions

Set the default permissions.

dup: fileDescriptor

Duplicate the file descriptor; open the file again.

dups: fileDescriptor with: specifiedDescriptor

Duplicate the file descriptor, specifying the file descriptor of the duplicated open file.

fcntl: fileDescriptor function: controlFunction

Change or interrogate the behavior of a file. The state of the modifiable behaviors is returned in D0.

controlFunction	Result
0	Get the state (1 = noblock, 2 = block).
2	Answer file descriptor of last file which sent INPUT READY signal, -1 if none.
3	Subsequent reads on this descriptor do <i>not</i> block. Error ENOINPUT is returned if no data and signal INPUT READY sent when data becomes available.
4	Subsequent reads do block.

filtime: fileName to: time

Set last modified time of file.

link: fileName to: linkName Link a file to a link name.

- ofstat: fileDescriptor buffer: buff Get the status of an open file.
- open: fileName mode: modeBits Open a file.

status: fileName buffer: buf

Read the status of file fileName into the buffer buf. Buf should be aWordArray of size 11.

unlink: fileName Unlink a file.

system-information
time: tbuff Get the system time. Tbuff should be a WordArray of size 5.
ttime: tbuff Get the current task's time. Tbuff should be a WordArray of size 8.
system-input output
read: fileDescriptor buffer: buff nbytes: numberOfBytes Perform a read operation with the appropriately sized buffer.
seek: fileDescriptor offset: position whence: start Change the position in the file.
truncate: fileDescriptor Truncate the file at the current position.
ttyget: fileDescriptor buffer: ttybuff Get the tty description of the specified open file. Ttybuff should be a WordArray of size 3.
ttynumber Get the number of the calling task's terminal.
ttyset:fileDescriptor buffer: ttybuff Set the tty information as described in ttyget.
update Update the contents of system disks.
write: fileDescriptor buffer: buff nbytes: numberOfBytes Write numberOfBytes from buff to a file.
system-resources
Irec: fileDescriptor howmany: count Make an entry in system's locked record table.
rump: resourceName operation: resourceOperation Create, destroy, enqueue or dequeue a named resource. Used to provide a mechanism for controlling access to physical resources. The resourceName must be no larger than 15 characters. BecourceOperation

resourceName must be no larger than 15 characters. ResourceOperation should be a SmallInteger , 1 representing enqueue, 2 representing dequeue, 3 representing create, and 4 representing destroy.

urec: fileDescriptor Unlock a file record.

system-subtasks

alarm: seconds

Set alarm to go off in seconds. Return previous value of seconds in D0.

cpint: interrupt to: aSemaphoreOrAddress

Set an interrupt from the operating system to signal a semaphore or tell the operating system upon interrupt to branch to an address. It may be used to restore the old interrupt address also. The old address (or semaphore) is returned in D0.

crPipe

Create a pipe.

exec: fileName with: argList

Execute a binary file specified by fileName. FileName is a character string. ArgList is an OrderedCollection of character strings. The task ID is returned in D0.

execute: program withArguments: argCollection

withEnvironment: environmentDictionary

Answer an instantiated instance of the exec system call with arguments and environment variables in the proper format. The exec call has not been invoked yet.

execve: pathName withArgs: argList withEnv: envList

Execute a binary file specified by pathName. PathName is a character string. ArgList is an OrderedCollection of character strings. EnvList is an OrderedCollection of environmental strings in the following format: environment name = the corresponding environment value string (no spaces around equal). For example, 'HOME=/public'.

If the executable program is */*bin/shell or */*bin/script, it will create a default environment if it is passed a null environment. The task ID is returned in D0.

exit: exitParam

Answer an instance of the exit system call. It has not been invoked yet.

fork

Answer an instance of the appropriate fork system call. It has not been invoked yet.

forkProcess

Create a new task. The new task receives a copy of the entire address space. Return the task's ID in D0.

getId

Get the running task's ID.

getuld

Get the actual user ID and the effective user ID.

setpr: priority

Set the priority.

setuld: userID

Set the actual user ID and the effective user ID.

spint: taskNumber an: interrupt

Send a task, specified by taskNumber (ID), an interrupt.

term: terminatingStatus

Terminate a task with an error indicating status (zero = no error).

vfork

Create a new child task. The new task does not receive a copy of the entire address space, instead the parent and child processes share memory. Return the child task ID in D0.

wait

Wait for a child or a program interrupt. D0 returns taskID and A0 returns termination status.

yieldCPU

Yield the CPU to tasks of equal priority.

Rationale

UniflexSystemCall is the primary interface between Smalltalk and the operating system on Tektronix 4400 series workstations. Smalltalk requires operating system services, the very least of which is being able to interact with the UniFLEX operating system file system. Additionally, there are many other functions/programs accessible via the operating system that should be usable from within Smalltalk.

Related Classes

AbstractSystemCall AimSystemCall Subtask

UTekFileStatus

AbstractFileStatus subclass: #L	JTekFileStatus
instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames:	'buffer '
poolDictionaries:	<i></i>
category:	'OS-Interface'

Summary

An instance of this class contains a buffer holding information about a file. Information may be things like

- Is the file a directory?,
- Last time the file was modified, and
- File descriptor.

The file status class is not usually used in isolation, but in conjunction with the system call class or with FileStream. As a result of the following code, three things happen — an instance of UTekFileStatus is created, the buffer is filled, and the instance is returned:

OS status: aFileDescriptor.

In the code above, UTekSystemCall is referred to by the global variable OS.

Instance Variables

buffer <Stat>

The C structure which contains the file information.

Instance Methods

accessing

buffer

Answer the buffer which holds the file status information.

fileSize

Answer the file size in bytes.

isDirectory

Answer true if the receiver is a directory.

isReadable

Answer true if the file represented by the receiver is readable.

isWritable

Answer true if the file represented by the receiver is writable.

lastModified

Answer the time of the last modification to the file.

comparing

= aFileStatus

The combination of device name (major and minor numbers) and i-number serves to uniquely name a particular file.

hash

Hash is reimplemented because = is implemented.

Class Methods -

instance creation

new

Answer a new instance of the receiver containing an instance of the C structure class Stat.

Rationale

This class is a concrete subclass of **AbstractFileStatus** and uses the protocol framework established there. **UTekFileStatus** serves as an interface to the operating system C structure which holds file status information.

AimSystemCall variableSubclass: #UTekSystemCall instanceVariableNames: '` classVariableNames: 'SystemCallKeywords ' poolDictionaries: '` category: 'OS-Interface'

Summary

UTekSystemCall is the class used to interface to the operating system on Tektronix UTek workstations. It is normally accessed through the global variable **OS**. In practice, a specific instance creation message is sent to the **UTekSystemCall** in order to create a data object with the proper format, then the message **invoke** is sent to the new system call object to actually cause the execution of the system call, with success or failure being returned. A similar message, **value**, causes a notifier upon system call failure, and returns the system call return value upon success.

This class is responsible for implementing all the protocol defined in its abstract superclasses, AimSystemCall and AbstractSystemCall.

Instance Variables Inherited Instance Variables

A0In <PointerArray>

This inherited variable contains the argument(s), if any, to the system call.

D0In <Integer>

This inherited variable contains the value of the opcode symbol in the SystemCallKeywords dictionary.

D0Out <Integer>

This inherited variable contains the value returned from the system call.

D1Out <Integer>

This inherited variable sometimes contains supplementary return value information.

errno <Integer>

This inherited variable contains an error number upon system call failure.

operation <Symbol>

This inherited variable contains the symbolic name for the system call.

operationType <Symbol>

This inherited variable contains a message selector identifying the action to take upon receiving the #invoke or #value message.

All other inherited instance variables are ignored.

Class Variables

SystemCallKeywords <Dictionary>

Symbols corresponding to the system call names are associated with system call indices.

Inherited Class Variables

ErrorMessages <Array>

This inherited variable contains strings associated with error numbers.

Pool Dictionaries

Inherited Pool Dictionaries

ErrorConstants

This inherited pool contains symbolic names for error numbers.

OSConstants

This inherited pool contains symbolic names for commonly used numeric constants.

Instance Methods

initialize-release

operation: opcode

Set up a system call with no arguments. Set the operation to the proper code.

operation: opcode with: arg0 operation: opcode with: arg0 with: arg1 operation: opcode with: arg0 with: arg1 with: arg2 operation: opcode with: arg0 with: arg1 with: arg2 with: arg3 operation: opcode with: arg0 with: arg1 with: arg2 with: arg3 with: arg4 operation: opcode with: arg0 with: arg1 with: arg2 with: arg3 with: arg4 with: arg5 Set up the arguments for a system call. Set the operation to the proper code.

accessing

at: index put: argument

Place a system call argument in the desired stack position.

constants

systemCallKeywordFor: syscallindex

Answer a String from the SystemCallKeywords dictionary that corresponds to syscallIndex.

systemCallValueFor: aSymbol

Answer a value from the SystemCallKeywords dictionary that corresponds to aSymbol. If aSymbol is not found, notify the user that it is a bad key.

errors

error: errorLabel

Report a system call error with a verbose explanation.

errorString

Return a string that is associated with the present error code. If there is no string available, return a String representation of the error code.

issueError

Issue a notifier with a string that identifies the failed UTekSystemCall.

execution

returnD1

Cause the system call primitive to return a value in D1Out.

signallnvoke

Perform signal/semaphore mapping.

systemInvokeQuietly

Make a system call. Return success or failure of the system call, or nil if the primitive fails.

value

Evaluate the system call represented by the receiver. Answer the return value for a successful call; create an error notifier otherwise.

valuelfError: aBlock

Evaluate the system call represented by the receiver. Evaluate aBlock if the system call resulted in an error. Return the result of the system call otherwise.

waitInvoke

Make a wait call. Return success or failure of that system call. Notify if the primitive failed. This method is necessary because wait and wait3 have an assembly code interface that differs from all other system calls.

operation type

signalOperation

The desired operation involves a signal/semaphore link.

waitOperation

The desired operation involves a wait or wait3 system call.

portable subtask operations

terminatedSubtaskExitCode

Return a portion of the status returned from the wait system call. This portion represents the value of the argument supplied by the exit system call causing termination. The high order bit of the portion indicates whether the terminated task has made a core dump. The receiver must be an instance representing a wait system call, which has been executed.

terminatedSubtaskExitInterrupt

Return a portion of the status returned from the wait system call. This portion represents the value of the signal causing termination. The receiver must be an instance representing a wait system call, which has been executed.

printing

printOn: function

Print a representation of the system call similar to that used in the UTek manual.

Class Methods -

class initialization

firstTime

Initialize a brand new image under Smalltalk. This method assumes that Disk and SourceFiles are initialized.

initialize

Read in the constants and messages needed for UTek System Calls.

initializeErrorMessages

Load the ErrorConstants pool. Load the class array ErrorMessages using the UTek "msghlp" utility.

constants

constant: aString

Return the value associated with aString.

keysAtValue: val

Return a set of symbols that are associated with the value val.

systemCallKeywordFor: syscallindex

Return a Symbol from the SystemCallKeywords dictionary that corresponds to syscallIndex.

systemCallValueFor: aSymbol

Return a value from the SystemCallKeywords dictionary that corresponds to aSymbol. If aSymbol is not found, notify the user that it is a bad key.

environment variables

argCount

Return the number of arguments used to invoke Smalltalk.

originalEnvironment

Return the environment used to invoke Smalltalk.

file names

backupFileName: aFileName

Answer a string which is a backup file name for the file aFileName.

isBackupFileName: aFileName

Does aFileName correspond to a name that is usually a backup file name?

general inquiries

abnormalTerminationCode

Return the code for abnormal task termination.

asTime: osSeconds

Convert the operating system's notion of time to a Time. Add in the total seconds from Jan. 1, 1901 (the start of Smalltalk time) up to Jan. 1, 1970 (the start of UTek time). Add a correction value for time zone and daylight savings time.

brokenPipeInterrupt

Return the interrupt number for the broken pipes interrupt.

deadChildInterrupt

Return the interrupt number for the dead child interrupt.

defaultInterruptCode

Answer the code that will restore the default interrupt action.

fileBufferSize

Return the preferred size of a buffer used for reading files.

fileStatusClass

Answer the class of objects returned from system calls that return file status.

fontDirectory

Return the directory which contains font files. Each file contains a font in external font format.

getMachineName

Return the type of machine Smalltalk is running on.

ignoreInterruptCode

Answer the code that will cause interrupts to be ignored.

isValid

Does this class represent the operating system running on this machine? (This method should return true only if the underlying operating system is UTek.)

maxFileNameSize

Answer the maximum number of characters permissible for file names.

maxOpenFiles

Answer the maximum number of simultaneously open files.

nonBlockingWait

Does the UTekSystemCall #wait method return immediately rather than blocking?

priorityInterval

Return the interval of valid priorities in order of descending priority for this task and effective user.

returnKeyCode

Answer Smalltalk character value which should be assigned when the return key is pressed. UTek returns a linefeed.

smalltalkInitializationDirectory

Return the directory which contains initialization files. Each file contains Smalltalk readable data used during class initialization.

terminateInterrupt

Return the interrupt number for the terminate interrupt. This interrupt may be caught.

terminateUnconditionallyInterrupt

Return the interrupt number for an unconditional interrupt. This interrupt may not be caught.

validPriority: aPriority

Is aPriority a valid priority for this task and user?

portable directory operations

changeDirectory: aDirectoryName

Change the current directory to the specified directory.

createDirectory: directoryName

Create a new directory with the name directoryName.

currentDirectoryName

Return a String with the name of the current working directory.

nextFileName: directoryStream

Return the next existing file name in directoryStream. Advance the directory stream beyond that name. Answer nil if none. UTek directories have the following variant structure:

struct direct {
 u_long d_ino; /*inode number for the file*/
 short d_reclen; /*length of this record, dword padded*/
 short d_namlen; /*length of the file name*/
 char d_name[d_namlen+1]}; /*file name itself*/

To tell if a directory entry is unused, one must look at the previous entry to see if d_reclen is bigger than would be expected. This is not terribly easy to do with a Stream on variant records, so we take the coward's way out: get the name of the file, see if it exists, and either return the validated name, or go get the next one.

removeDirectory: directoryName

Remove the directory named directoryName.

portable file operations

create: fileName

Create a new file named fileName. Answer a writeOnly fileDescriptor for the file.

duplicateFd: fileDescriptor

Return a new file descriptor that references the same open file as fileDescriptor.

duplicateFd: oldFileID with: newFileID

Duplicate the existing file descriptor oldFileID, to the specified new file descriptor newFileID. If newFileID already existed, it is first closed. The old and new descriptors share an open file. The new file descriptor is returned.

existingName: fileName

Answer true if a file or directory exists by the name fileName.

freeFileDescriptors

Answer the number of available file descriptors.

newPipe

Return an instance of Pipe.

open: fileName

Open the file named fileName. Answer a readWrite fileDescriptor for the file.

openForRead: fileName

Open the file named fileName. Answer a readOnly fileDescriptor for the file.

openForWrite: fileName

Open the file named fileName. Answer a writeOnly fileDescriptor for the file.

read: fileDescriptor into: aStringOrByteArray

Fill aStringOrByteArray with data from the open file known by fileDescriptor. Return the number of bytes read, or zero if at end.

read: fileDescriptor into: aStringOrByteArray size: count

Fill aStringOrByteArray with, at most, count data elements from the file referred to by fileDescriptor. Return the number of bytes read, or zero if at end.

rename: fileName as: newFileName

Rename the file named fileName to have the name newFileName. Create an error if fileName does not exist, but not if newFileName exists.

seek: aFileDescriptor to: aFilePosition

Position the file known by aFileDescriptor to aFilePosition bytes from its beginning. Return the resulting position.

shorten: fileDescriptor

Shorten a file to its current position.

status: fd

Return a FileStatus for the file known by the file descriptor fd.

statusName: fileName

Return a FileStatus for the file named fileName.

validFileDescriptor: fd

Answer true if an open file with the specified file descriptor exists.

write: fileDescriptor from: aStringOrByteArray size: byteCount

Write byteCount bytes of data from aStringOrByteArray to the file known by fileDescriptor. Return the actual number of bytes written.

portable subtask operations

brokenPipesProcessWith: aBlock

Return a process that monitors broken pipes. ABlock is executed after the receipt of each broken pipe signal.

defaultInterrupt: anInterruptID

Set the specified interrupt to its default action. The previous action is returned.

execute: program withArguments: argCollection withEnvironment: envDictionary Answer an instance of the exec system call that has not yet been invoked.

forkShell

Set up the display and signal environment for terminal emulation, and turn it over to a forked shell Subtask. Block on the Subtask until it terminates, then restore the display and signal environment for Smalltalk.

ignoreInterrupt: interruptID

Set the specified interrupt to be ignored. The previous action is returned.

sendInterrupt: interruptID to: taskID

Send the interrupt known by interruptID to the task known by taskID. Return true if the operation was successful, false otherwise. First check to see if taskID is a valid task ID.

setInterrupt: interruptID to: aSemaphoreOrAddress

Override the default action for the interrupt known by interruptID by connecting it to aSemaphore or the address of a subroutine. The semaphore is posted on interrupt. The old semaphore (or address) is returned.

setTaskPriority: priority

Set the priority of Smalltalk to the value priority.

shell

Set up the display and signal environment for terminal emulation. Either suspend Smalltalk (for shells that support it) or fork a new shell. Restore the display and signal environment for Smalltalk upon resumption.

startSubtask: execCall withBlock: childBlock

Fork a copy of Smalltalk. In the child copy, execute childBlock and invoke execCall, which must be an instantiated 'exec' system call. If execCall returns, there is an error: terminate the child task. Meanwhile, the parent task returns the child task ID.

terminate: taskID

Using an interrupt, attempt to terminate the task known by taskID. This termination is requested in a manner which can be intercepted.

terminatedSubtasksProcessWith: aBlock

Return a Process that moniters spawned child tasks. ABlock is executed after the termination of each child task. The dead child signal is automatically reset by the operating system.

terminateUnconditionally: aTaskID

Terminate this task unconditionally.

wait

Answer an instance of the wait system call that has not yet been invoked.

system-files

access: pathName mode: modeBits

Access returns the value 0 in D0 if the file pathName is accessible for reading, writing, or executing according to the modeBits.

chdir: pathName

Change the current working directory to pathName.

chmod: pathName mode: modeBits

Change the file pathName to have a mode described by modeBits.

close: fileID

Delete the file referenced by the file descriptor, fileID, from the reference table. If this is the last reference to the underlying object, it will be deactivated.

dup2: oldFileID newfd: newFileID

Duplicate the existing file descriptor oldFileID, to the specified new file descriptor newFileID. If newFileID already existed, it is first closed. The old and new descriptors share an open file. The new file descriptor is returned in D0.

dup: oldFileID

Duplicate the existing file descriptor oldFileID, by creating a new file descriptor. The old and new descriptors share an open file. The new file descriptor is returned in D0.

fchmod: fileID mode: modeBits

Change the file denoted by fileID to have a mode described by modeBits.

fcntl: fileID cmd: commandID arg: commandArg

Fcntl is used to control various aspects of the open file known by the descriptor fileID, depending on the Integer arguments, commandID and commandArg. An Integer value is returned in D0. The following table describes the various actions of fcntl (X means don't care or undefined).

commandID	commandArg	D0Out	Action
F_DUPFD	an fd	new fd	return a new fd >= commandArg
F_GETFD	Х	flag	return close-on-exec flag
F_SETFD	0 or 1	x	set close-on-exec flag to commandArg
F_GETFL	Х	status flags	return current status flags
F_SETFL	status flags	Х	set status flags
F_GETOWN	Х	pg negated	return process group
F_SETOWN	pg negated	X	set process group to pg
F_SETOWN	pid	X	set process group to that of process pid

Status flags are defined as a bitOr: of the following values:

FNDELAY	FileID is in non-blocking mode. If a read or write would
	block, the call fails with the error code EWOULDBLOCK.
FAPPEND	Writes to fileID are appended to the end of the file.
FASYNC	Send SIGIO to the process group when I/O is possible.

flock: fileID operation: operationID

Flock controls advisory locks that cooperating processes may associate with files. Locks can be applied either exclusively or shared, and may be set non-blocking. OperationID is a set of bit flags used to determine the type of lock that will be applied to the open file descriptor fileID.

fstat: fileID buf: statStructure

Fstat returns information in statStructure about the open file known by the descriptor fileID.

link: oldPathName path2: newPathName

Create a new directory entry newPathName for the file oldPathName. Both paths must be on the same file system.

Istat: pathName buf: statStructure

Lstat returns information in statStructure about the file or symbolic link pathName.

mkdir: directoryName mode: modeBits

Mkdir creates a new directory directoryName with the mode being modeBits combined with the current mode mask.

open: pathName flags: options mode: modeBits

Open the file pathName under the control of options. If the file does not exist and options specify creation, set the new file's mode to modeBits, in combination with the current mode mask. A file descriptor by which the open file is known is returned in D0.

readlink: symbolicLinkPathName buf: linkByteData bufsiz: linkSize Readlink returns in linkByteData the contents of the symbolic link symbolicLinkPathName. LinkByteData must be at least linkSize. The number of characters read is returned in D0.

rename: oldFileName to: newFileName Rename causes the file oldFileName to be known as newFileName.

rmdir: directoryPathName Rmdir removes the directory known as directoryPathName.

stat: pathName buf: statStructure Stat returns information in statStructure about the file pathName.

symlink: oldPathName path2: newPathName

Symlink creates a symbolic link to oldPathName in a file named newPathName.

umask: newUmask

Umask sets the file creation mode mask for Smalltalk to newUmask. The previous mode mask is returned in D0.

unlink: pathName

Unlink removes the reference to pathName from its directory. The file will not go away if there are other links to it or it is open in any process.

utimes: pathName tvp: timevalStructurePair

The last access and last modified times, respectively, for the file pathName are returned in timevalStructurePair.

system-information

getdtablesize

Getdtablesize returns the number of files that may be open at any given time in D0, which is the size of the descriptor table. This value exists in a constant and is obtained quickly via the expression:

UTekSystemCall constant: 'NOFILE'.

getegid

Getegid returns the actual group ID of the user running Smalltalk in D0 and the effective group ID of the user running Smalltalk in D1. This may be different than the actual group ID of the user running Smalltalk if Smalltalk has the set-group-ID bit set.

geteuid

Geteuid returns the actual user ID of the user running Smalltalk in D0 and the effective user ID of the user running Smalltalk in D1. This may be different than the actual user ID of the user running Smalltalk if Smalltalk has the set-user-ID bit set.

getgid

Getgid returns the actual group ID of the user running Smalltalk in D0 and the effective group ID of the user running Smalltalk in D1. This may be different than the actual group ID of the user running Smalltalk if Smalltalk has the set-group-ID bit set.

gethostname: hostName namelen: hostNameSize

Gethostname places this machine's name in hostName, which must contain room for at least hostNameSize characters.

getitimer: timerType value: timerStructure

Getitimer returns in timerStructure information for one of three interval timers, determined by timerType.

getpagesize

Getpagesize returns the number of bytes in a Memory Management Unit page in D0.

getrlimit: resourceID rlp: rlimitStructure

Return in rlimitStructure the resource limits imposed on the Smalltalk process and its children.

gettimeofday: timevalStructure tzp: timezoneStructure

Return the system's notion of the current Greenwich Mean Time and the local time zone in timevalStructure and timezoneStructure.

getuid

Getuid returns the actual user ID of the user running Smalltalk in D0 and the effective user ID of the user running Smalltalk in D1. This may be different than the actual user ID of the user running Smalltalk if Smalltalk has the set-user-ID bit set.

- mstat: memoryType addr: startAddress len: length vec: processString Return in processString information describing the process clusters of a particular memoryType beginning at startAddress and continuing for length bytes.
- profil: tallyByteArray bufsiz: tallySize offset: pcStart scale: granularity Profil allows execution time profiling by examining the user program counter each clock interval. Offset is subtracted from the PC, multiplied by granularity, and tallied in tallyByteArray if the result is within tallySize.
- setitimer: timerType value: timerStructure ovalue: oldTimerStructure Setitimer sets one of three interval timers, determined by timerType, to the value specified in timerStructure. The previous value for that timer is returned in oldTimerStructure.
- setregid: realGroupID egid: effectiveGroupID Setregid sets the real and effective group IDs of Smalltalk to realGroupID and effectiveGroupID, respectively. Only root may change the real group ID, others may only set the effective group ID to the real group ID.
- setreuid: realUserID euid: effectiveUserID

Setreuid sets the real and effective user IDs of Smalltalk to realUserID and effectiveUserID, respectively. Only root may change the real user ID, others may only set the effective user ID to the real user ID.

setrlimit: resourceID rlp: rlimitStructure

Setrlimit changes the resource limits for Smalltalk and its children to the limits described in rlimitStructure.

uname: utsnameStructure

Uname returns in utsnameStructure information identifying the current operating system.

system-input output

fsync: fileID

Fsync causes an open file descriptor fileID, to have a disk representation consistent with its memory representation.

ftruncate: fileID length: truncatedSize

Ftruncate causes a file that is open for writing known by the descriptor fileID to be reduced to a given size, if it is currently larger than that size. Truncated data are lost.

ioctl: fileID request: commandID argp: argByteArray

Set or get the operating characteristics of the open device file known by the descriptor fileID according to commandID and argByteArray. CommandID is an Integer that both identifies the request and describes argByteArray:

union comma int comma struct field	and;	
short	in:1;	/*set if argByteArray gets input*/
short	,	/*set if argByteArray gets output*/
short short	unused:7; len:7:	/*length of argByteArray, max 128*/
short	request}}	/*ioctl request code*/

(The fields in commandID are built properly by the "OS constant: requestString" expression.) loctl requests are device dependent. The following table links devices, available requests, and UTek manual pages from Command Reference, Volume 2, Section 4:

Device	Manual	Requests
ethernet	ARP, ILAN, LNA, LO, NETWORKING	Manipulate network interfaces.
parallel port	НС	Set/clear CRM/RCSM modes.
tape	MTIO	Control operation of raw cartridge tape device.
RS-232 port	RSA	Control operation of RS-232 port.
terminals	ТТҮ	Control operation of console, tty port, and pseudo-ttys.

Terminals and RS-232 ports are the devices most often sent loctl requests. The following requests are available for controlling these devices:

Request	Action	
TIOCSETD, TIOCGETD	Set/get line discipline: old, new, or network.	
TIOCSPGRP, TIOCGPGRP	Set/get process group for current process.	
TIOCMODS, TIOCMODG	Set/get RS-232 port control lines.	
TIOCSETP, TIOCGETP	Set/get parameters as in stty/gtty.	
TIOCSETC, TIOCGETC	Set/get special characters.	
TIOCFLUSH	Flush buffers.	
TIOCSTI	Simulate terminal input.	
TIOCPKT	Set/clear pseudo-tty packet.	

... and many, many more. See TTY(4) for details.

Iseek: fileID offset: bytes whence: offsetType

Lseek moves the file pointer associated with the descriptor fileID by bytes positions, and returns the new value of the file pointer in D0. OffsetType specifies absolute, incremental, or extending movement.

- read: fileID buf: byteData nbytes: byteDataSize
 - Read data from the file known by the descriptor fileID into byteData, which must be of at least byteDataSize. The number of bytes actually read is returned in D0.

readv: fileID iov: bufferArray iovcnt: bufferArraySize

Read data from the file known by the descriptor fileID into the buffers referenced in bufferArray, which must be of at least bufferArraySize. Readv may not be used on raw devices or across a network. The number of bytes actually read is returned in D0.

select: fileCount readfd: readFiles writefd: writeFiles exceptfd: pendingFiles timeout: timevalStructure

Select examines the open files corresponding to the bit masks readFiles, writeFiles, and pendingFiles to see if they are ready for reading, writing, or have exceptional conditions pending, respectively. At most, fileCount descriptors are examined. ReadFiles, writeFiles, and pendingFiles then return a bit mask corresponding to those descriptors that were found ready, with the total number of ready descriptors returned in D0. If timevalStructure is zero, select blocks until all descriptors are ready, otherwise timevalStructure indicates how long to wait for ready descriptors.

sync

Sync causes all in-core information that should be on disk to be written out.

truncate: pathName length: truncatedSize

Truncate causes the file pathName to be reduced to a given size, if it is currently larger than that size. Truncated data are lost.

write: fileID buf: byteData nbytes: byteDataSize

Write writes byteDataSize bytes from the buffer byteData into the open file known by descriptor fileID. The number of bytes actually written is returned in D0.

writev: fileID lov: bufferArray lovcnt: bufferArraySize

Writev writes the number of buffers specified by bufferArraySize into the open file known by descriptor fileID These buffers are described iovecStructures contained in bufferArray. The number of bytes actually written is returned in D0.

system-sockets

- accept: socketID addr: sockaddrStructure addrlen: sockaddrSize
 Accept a connection on a socket by creating a new socket. The new socket has the same properties as the socket denoted by socketID. This operation follows blocking/nonblocking protocol. The length argument (a 4-byte quantity) initially contains a pointer to the size of the socket address buffer, and returns the new size of the buffer. The descriptor of the new socket is returned in D0.
- **bind:** socketID name: sockaddrStructure namelen: sockaddrSize Bind a name to a socket. After use, this socket must be deleted by the user with the unlink call. The socket, denoted by socketID, is bound to a name described by sockaddrStructure of length sockaddrSize.
- **connect:** socketID **name:** sockaddrStructure **namelen:** sockaddrSize Either specify the peer to which datagrams are sent or initiate a connection on another socket, socketID. The length of the socket name is specified by sockaddrSize.
- getpeername: socketID name: sockaddrStructure namelen: sockaddrSize Getpeername returns the name of the peer connected to socket socketID in sockaddrStructure. SockaddrSize is a pointer to the actual size of sockaddrStructure, which returns the actual size of the returned sockaddrStructure.

- getsockname: socketID name: sockaddrStructure namelen: sockaddrSize Return in sockaddrStructure the name of the socket socketID. SockaddrStructure must be of size sockaddrSize, and the size of the returned name is returned in sockaddrSize.

Return the options of optionType and optionID associated with the socket socketID in optionString. OptionSize is the length allocated for optionString, and is modified to indicate the actual size of the returned optionString.

- **listen:** socketID **backlog:** maximumQueueLength Establish a backlog queue of maximumQueueLength for the socket socketID.
- recv: socketID buf: byteData len: byteDataSize flags: options Recv returns a message from the connected socket socketID in byteData, which must be of at least byteDataSize. The number of bytes actually received is returned in D0.

recvfrom: socketID buf: byteData len: byteDataSize flags: options from: sockaddrStructure fromlen: sockaddrSize Recvfrom returns a message from the socket socketID in byteData, which must be of at least byteDataSize. If sockaddrStructure is zero, no source address is received, otherwise sockaddrStructure returns the source address. SockaddrStructure must be at least sockaddrSize bytes. The number of bytes actually received is returned in D0.

recvmsg: socketID msg: msghdrStructure flags: options Recvmsg returns a message from the socket socketID as directed by the msghdrStructure, which locates the sockaddr structure, output buffers, and access rights to be used. The number of bytes actually received is returned in D0.

send: socketID msg: byteData len: byteDataSize flags: options Send transmits the message byteData of length byteDataSize to the connected socket socketID, as controlled by options. The number of characters actually sent is returned in D0.

sendmsg: socketID msg: msghdrStructure flags: options Sendmsg transmits the message described by msghdrStructure to the socket socketID, as controlled by options. The number of characters actually sent is returned in D0. sendto: socketID msg: byteData len: byteDataSize flags: options to: sockaddrStructure tolen: sockaddrSize

Sencto transmits the message byteData of length byteDataSize to the socket socketID described by sockaddrStructure, as controlled by options. The number of characters actually sent is returned in D0.

setsockopt: socketID level: optionType optname: optionID optval: optionString
 optlen: optionSize

Set the options of optionType and optionID associated with the socket socketID to the values described in optionString, which is of size OptionSize.

shutdown: socketID how: endID

Shutdown causes all or part of a full-duplex connection with socket socketID to be closed. The part disconnected is described by endID.

- socket: addressType type: socketType protocol: protocol Socket creates a socket of socketType using the address format addressType and the given protocol. A new socket descriptor is returned in D0.
- socketpair: domain type: socketType protocol: protocol sv: socketIDs Socketpair creates a pair of connected sockets of socketType in the given domain using the given protocol. A pair of new socket descriptors is returned in socketIDs.

system-subtasks

execve: pathName argv: arguments envp: environmentVariables Transform Smalltalk into a new UTek process. The file specified by pathName is either an executable object file, or a data file for an interpreter. Arguments is an array of null-terminated strings, the first of which must be the name of the executable program, pathName. EnvironmentVariables is an array of null-terminated strings, each of which is in the form "name=value". There is no return from this system call.

exit: status

Terminate Smalltalk with the given status. All descriptors are closed, the parent process may be notified of the status throught the wait system call, and existing child processes have their parent ID changed to 1. There is no return from this system call.

fork

Fork causes a copy of the current Smalltalk process to be created. The parent finds the new task ID in D0 and the value 0 in D1. The new task finds the parent task ID in D0 and the value 1 in D1.

getgroups: maxEntries gldset: groupSet

Getgroups stores the group access list for the Smalltalk process in the groupSet array, which contains at least maxEntries.

getpgrp: processID

Getpgrp returns the process group of the process processID, which, if zero, specifies this Smalltalk. The group ID is returned in D0.

getpid

Return the process ID of Smalltalk in D0.

getppid

Return the process ID of Smalltalk in D0. Return the process ID of Smalltalk's parent in D1.

getpriority: priorityType who: identifier

Return the scheduling priority of a process, process group, or user as determined by priorityType. Identifier is either a process ID, process group ID, or user ID, as appropriate. The priority is returned in D0.

getrusage: whoFlag rusage: rusageStructure

Return in rusageStructure information about resource usage of Smalltalk or its terminated children, as indicated by whoFlag.

kill: processID sig: signalID

Send the process known by processID the signal signalID.

kill: processID sig: signalID arg: signalArgument

Send the process known by processID the signal signalID with the argument signalArgument.

killpg: processGroupID sig: signalID

Send the process group known by processGroupID the signal signalID.

pipe

Pipe creates an interprocess communication channel. The read end of the pipe is known by the descriptor in D0, while the write end of the pipe is known by the descriptor in D1.

ptrace: actionCode pid: processID addr: processAddr data: processData Ptrace allows interactive control of a child process processID. The actionCode argument controls interpretation of the processAddr and processData arguments.

setpgrp: processID pgrp: groupID

Setpgrp sets the process group of the process processID to groupID.

setpriority: priorityType who: identifier prio: newPriority

Set the scheduling priority of a process, process group or user as determined by priorityType to the value newPriority. Identifier is either a process ID, process group ID, or user ID, as appropriate.

sigblock: blockedSignalsMask

Sigblock causes signals specified in blockedSignalsMask to be added to the set of signals currently blocked. A mask representing the signals previously blocked is returned in D0.

sigpause: blockedSignalsMask

Sigpause causes signals specified in blockedSignalsMask to become the set of signals currently blocked. It then waits for a signal to arrive, finally restoring the previous blocked signal mask.

sigsetmask: blockedSignalsMask

Sigmask causes signals specified in blockedSignalsMask to become the set of signals currently blocked. A mask representing the signals previously blocked is returned in D0.

wait3: waitStructure options: blocking rusage: rusageStructure

Wait3 checks the status of child processes, optionally without suspending, as controlled by blocking. Upon return from wait, waitStructure contains both the exit code and the termination status of the child that died, unless waitStructure was set to zero before the call, in which case no status is returned. If rusageStructure is non-zero, information concerning the resource usage of terminated children is returned in rusageStructure. The process ID of the stopped or terminated child process is returned in D0.

wait: waitStructure

Wait suspends Smalltalk until it receives a signal or one of its children dies. Upon return from wait, waitStructure contains both the exit code and the termination status of the child that died, unless waitStructure was set to zero before the call, in which case no status is returned. The process ID of the stopped or terminated child process is returned in D0.

Rationale

UTekSystemCall is the primary interface between Smalltalk and the operating system. Smalltalk requires operating system services, the very least of which is being able to read operating system files. Additionally, there are many other functions/programs accessible via the operating system that should be usable from within Smalltalk.

Background

Essential operating system services are defined in protocol found in either AbstractSystemCall or AimSystemCall. Those two classes establish the pattern of protocol to be implemented or overridden by methods in the subclasses for specific operating systems. Examples of essential services are open: and closeFile: to open and close files in the operating system; read:into: and write:from:size to read and write files; changeDirectory: to move to a different directory; and caus to fork and execve needed for subtasking. In addition to implementing or overriding protocol in its two immediate superclasses, UTekSystemCali contains specific protocol needed for the UTek operating system interface and UTek-specific services such as network access.

System Calls

Often the intended outcome of a system call is the side effect of the call (e.g., writing to a file) rather than what the call returns. In the UTek operating system, system calls are generally used by C functions that directly invoke UTek system operations. In Smalltalk, however, the UTek system operations are invoked via Smalltalk primitives. There are three types of system interface operations:

- display operations (primitive method displayInvoke),
- semaphore or signal operations (primitive method signalinvoke), and
- system and wait operations (primitive method systemInvokeQuietly).

When one of the three types of calls is made, the communication between Smalltalk and the operating system is accomplished through one of the three primitives — the second and third types of system interface operations are implemented in **UTekSystemCall**. These are system calls which are found in Section 2 of the manual *UTek Command Reference*. Display operations are implemented in **AimSystemCall**.

You should read the *intro*(2) section in *Utek Command Reference* for additional information about system call error messages and terminology.

Discussion

Most system calls will be accomplished by methods found in the message categories with "portable" in their name, for example, *portable directory operations*. Under those categories are the message selectors that will fulfill the most common system call requirements.

UTekSystemCall also provides non-portable methods under "system-" categories for every system call in Section 2 of the *UTek Command Reference* except

- calls that could destroy the running Smalltalk process/task (e.g., memory management calls), and
- system calls which are only accessible to root.

Before using these non-portable calls, the documentation of the call in Section 2 of *UTek Command Reference* should be reviewed.

Naming Convention

The naming convention for the message selectors under "system-" categories is as follows. The first keyword is the name of the UTek system call. The first argument is the first argument expected by the system call. Succeeding keywords and arguments name and supply, respectively, the remaining arguments to the system call. For example, the C specification newfd = dup2(oldfd,newfd) (dup2(2) in UTek Command Reference) is implemented as this UTekSystemCall class message selector:

dup2: oldFileID newfd: newFileID

dup2 is the system call name. oldFileID is the first argument. newfd: names the second argument, newFileID.

Class Protocol — Portable and System- Methods

Wherever possible, the "portable" operations should be used to ensure operating system independence. In images released for the UTek operating system, the global variable OS is set to UTekSystemCall. OS should be used in code (instead of the name of your system call class) to insure the portability of the code.

The class message categories beginning with "portable" should be checked first when you need to make a system call. Those categories will be the ones you use most frequently. The "portable" methods often send messages found under "system-" categories, but most of the "system-" methods can be thought of as *private*.

For example, suppose you want to duplicate a file descriptor. The *portable file operations* category contains the method **duplicateFd:**. This is the message that you should use. It works by calling **dup:**, which is found under *system-files*. The message **dup:** is sent to the global variable **OS**. If the system call fails, a notifier is displayed; otherwise, **dup:** returns the new file descriptor.

There is no way to tell from looking at the **dup:** method that the preferred message for your purpose is **duplicateFd:** — just follow the rule of thumb to look under "portable" first for the message you need. If you use a non-portable message selector, it will work but may not be as "user-friendly" as the portable one — **dup:** doesn't display the notifier that **duplicateFd:** displays when appropriate. In addition, moving your code to other Tektronix Smalltalk images will be much easier if you use the "portable" operations.

Portable directory operations allow you to manipulate directories, such as changing the current directory, enumerating the files in a directory, and creating or removing a directory.

Portable file operations allow you to perform common operations on files, such as creating, checking for existence, various file descriptor operations, renaming, opening, reading, positioning, creating pipes, writing, and obtaining file status information.

Portable subtask operations allow you to create new processes, send interrupts to processes, and change the response to interrupts.

The protocol is arranged with all the direct-map system calls together under "system-". "Direct-map" methods are those described under the preceding section called "Naming Convention". If no portable message exists for what you need to do, for example, socket operations or *iocil*, the direct system call message should be used.

System-files methods are system calls that deal with testing, opening, closing, status, names, and descriptors of files.

System-information methods are system calls that return information from the system, such as user and group ID, host name, and timers. They are primarily concerned with returning information, as opposed to taking some action.

System-input output methods are system calls that read, write, seek, and deal with input and output in other ways.

System-sockets methods are system calls that are concerned with creating, connecting, receiving, and sending data on sockets.

System-subtasks methods are system calls that are concerned with UTek processes — creating, interrupting (signaling), and process ID.

Class Protocol — Other Message Categories

Class initialization methods initialize the class variables and pool dictionaries, if necessary. The **firstTime** method initializes the Smalltalk image for a specific operating system.

Certain operating system information is available (without making a system call) using class protocol for *constants, file names,* and *general inquiries.* The *environment variables* protocol supplies information about the environment at the time Smalltalk was invoked.

Instance Protocol

Note: The only instance messages the typical user would send to an instantiated UTekSysytemCall are value or invoke (inherited from AimSystemCall). Remember that invoke does not perform error handling.

Initialize-release methods set up the instance variables and operation type of a system call, and set up arguments, if any, to be passed to the call.

The *accessing* method **at:put:** places an argument to the call in the position specified.

Constants methods return symbols or corresponding values, as specified, from the **SystemCallKeywords** dictionary. Superclass *constants* methods return information from the **OSConstants** and **ErrorConstants** pools.

Errors methods provide several formats of error messages.

Execution methods set instance variable **D1Out** to true, provide methods to execute a system call with error handling, and invoke the Smalltalk primitives for signal and system operations.

The *operation type* methods set instance variable **operationType** to #signalInvoke in order to invoke a signal/semaphore primitive or to #waitInvoke to make a *wait* or *wait3* system call. The superclass implements the methods **displayOperation** and **systemOperation**.

Portable subtask operations is also found under class protocol. Class protocol named "portable" causes creation of an instance of **UTekSysytemCall**; then the system call is made and the return value causes an error notifier if the call failed. You will see that instance *portable subtask operations* do not make a system call — they supply information available after a *wait* system call has executed.

The *printing* method **printOn**: prints the system call and its arguments using a format similar to the C specification for the system call.

Examples

The following example illustrates accessing the shell environment.

OS originalEnvironment at: #HOME.

If you execute the preceding code in a workspace with "printlt", the string representing your home directory will be printed. The following code will change your current directory to the directory above your current one.

> OS changeDirectory: '..'. OS currentDirectoryName.

If you execute the preceding code in a workspace with "printlt", the string representing the directory will be printed. The string will have the trailing "/" separator.

You can return to your home directory this way:

OS changeDirectory: (OS originalEnvironment at: #HOME).

The following code can be executed in a workspace. It illustrates various system calls for file operations found in the class message category *portable file operations*.

fd \leftarrow OS open: 'foo'. OS write: fd from: 'Hi, folks!' size: 10. OS seek: fd to: 0. answer \leftarrow String new: 10. OS read: fd into: answer. OS closeFile: fd. Transcript cr; show: answer.

This is what occurs in the example above. A file named 'foo' is created on the disk and its file descriptor is assigned to *fd*. The string 'Hi, folks!', which contains 10 bytes, is written to 'foo'. The file pointer is positioned at the beginning of file 'foo' by the **seek:** method with 0 as the file position argument. Note that 'foo' is always referred to by its file descriptor, not its name, when making system calls. Next, an instance of **String** is created and assigned to *answer*. The method **read:into:** fills the string with data from 'foo'. Try changing the size of *answer* to 8 and to 12 to see the different results in your System Transcript. The file is closed using the **closeFile:** method inherited from **AimSystemCall**. Closing frees the file descriptor, but 'foo' will still exist on the disk. To remove the file from the disk, you have to make another system call, like this:

OS remove: 'foo'.

Related Classes

AbstractSystemCall AimSystemCall Subtask

Utsname

ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #Utsname instanceVariableNames: '' classVariableNames: 'MachineDataIndex NameLength NodenameDataIndex ReleaseDataIndex SysnameDataIndex VersionDataIndex ' poolDictionaries: category: 'OS-Parameters'

Summary

Utsname provides accessing protocol for the following C structure.

```
struct utsname {
    char sysname[9];
    char nodename[9];
    char release[9];
    char version[9];
    char machine[9];
}
```

The structure is documented under *uname*(2) in the manual UTek Command Reference, Volume 2.

Class Variables

MachineDataIndex

NodenameDataIndex

ReleaseDataIndex

SysnameDataIndex

VersionDataIndex

Each C structure class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **MachineDataIndex** holds the offset of the "machine" field.

NameLength <Integer>

Holds the constant, 9, of the char fields of the utsname structure.

Instance Methods -

accessing

machine

Return the value of the structure field named machine.

nodename

Return the value of the structure field named nodename.

release

Return the value of the structure field named releace.

sysname

Return the value of the structure field named sysname.

version

Return the value of the structure field named version.

printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods ———

class initialization

initiali**ze**

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the structure.

instance creation

uname

Return an initialized instance.

Rationale

The structure is used in support of the following UTek system call:

uname(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system call listed above.

Object subclass: #VirtualStrikeF	Font
instanceVariableNames: classVariableNames: poolDictionaries:	´name ascent descent ´
category:	'Graphics-Support'

Summary

A VirtualStrikeFont represents a StrikeFont that has not been constructed in the image. A VirtualStrikeFont contains the name of the font that either StrikeFont knows how to read or can be synthesized. VirtualStrikeFonts are converted to their corresponding StrikeFont whenever they are referenced in a TextStyle, via the accessing method fontAt:.

Instance Variables

ascent <integer>

The largest distance from the baseline to the top of any character in this font.

descent <Integer>

The largest distance from the baseline to the bottom of any character in this font.

name <String> The font name.

Instance Methods

accessing

ascent

Return the instance variable ascent.

ascent: anInteger Set the ascent to anInteger.

descent

Return the instance variable descent.

descent: anInteger Set the descent to anInteger.

name

Answer the VirtualStrikeFont's name.

name: aVirtualStrikeFontName Set the VirtualStrikeFont's name to aVirtualStrikeFontName, a String.

testing

isVirtual

Since the receiver is a VirtualStrikeFont, return true.

Class Methods -

instance creation

name: aString

Return an instance with the name, aString.

Rationale

An instance of VirtualStrikeFont has been registered with the FontManager, but has not been loaded in the image. This class enables you to create a TextStyle with an array of fonts, but save Smalltalk memory by not actually having the fonts in your image until they are accessed for use. When a "virtual" font is converted to a "real" StrikeFont your image uses more memory.

Discussion

When an instance of this class is created, its name is assigned. Instances are created by the **TextStyleManager** *text style instance creation* methods, and that is the recommended way to create VirtualStrikeFonts. The *instance creation* method, name:, is called by a method in StrikeFontManager.

Accessing methods return or set the values of instance variables.

The testing method isVirtual returns true.

Related Classes

StrikeFont StrikeFontManager TextStyle TextStyleManager

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ExternalBinaryData variableByteSubclass: #Wait instanceVariableNames: '' classVariableNames: 'CoredumpBitPosition CoredumpDataIndex RetcodeDataIndex StatusDataIndex StopsigDataIndex StopvalDataIndex TermsigDataIndex TermsigMask ' '' category: 'OS-Parameters'

Summary

Wait provides accessing protocol for the following C union.

```
union wait {
   int
         w status;
                     /* used in syscall */
   /*

    Terminated process status.

    */
   struct {
   unsigned short
                     :16;
                                       /* pad to make full 32 bits */
   unsigned short w Retcode:8;
                                       /* exit code if w_termsig==0 */
   unsigned short
                    w Coredump:1;
                                       /* core dump indicator */
                    w Termsig:7;
   unsigned short
                                       /+ termination signal +/
   } w T;
   /*
    * Stopped process status. Returned
    * only for traced children unless requested
    * with the WUNTRACED option bit.
    */
   struct {
   unsigned short
                    :16:
                                    /* pad to make full 32 bits */
   unsigned short
                    w Stopsig:8;
                                    /* signal that stopped us */
   unsigned short
                    w_Stopval:8;
                                    /* == W STOPPED if stopped */
   }w_S;
}
```

The wait system call is documented under wait(2) in the manual UTek Command Reference, Volume 2.

Class Variables

CoredumpDataIndex

RetcodeDataIndex

StatusDataIndex

StopsigDataindex

StopvalDataIndex

TermsigDataIndex

Each external data binary subclass class variable holds the offset of a single field in the structure or union. The name of a class variable is constructed from a field name, stripped of its prefix, with the string 'DataIndex' appended. For example, the class variable **CoredumpDataIndex** holds the offset of the "w_Coredump" field.

CoredumpBitPosition <Integer>

Holds the constant, 8, for the bit position of the core dump indicator bit in the w_Coredump field.

TermsigMask <Integer>

Holds the constant, 127, used to mask the termination signal bits in the w_Coredump field.

Instance Methods

accessing

coredump

Return the value of the union field named coredump.

retcode

Return the value of the union field named retcode.

status

Return the value of the union field named status.

stopsig

Return the value of the union field named stopsig.

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 Return the value of the union field named stopval.
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printing

printOn: aStream Print the receiver on aStream.

Class Methods ----

class initialization

initialize

Assign offset values to the class variables and define the size of the union.

Rationale

The wait union is used in support of the following UTek system calls:

wait(2) wait3(2)

Related Classes

UTekSystemCall implements the system calls listed above.

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WorkspaceController

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instanceVariableNames:	••
classVariableNames:	WorkspaceYellowButtonMenu
	WorkspaceYellowButtonMessages (
poolDictionaries:	
category:	Interface-Text

Summary

WorkspaceController provides additional control for workspaces. Results of expressions in workspaces can be inspected.

Class Variables

WorkspaceYellowButtonMenu <PopUpMenu> Yellow button menu in workspaces.

WorkspaceYellowButtonMessages <Array>

An array of symbols, each one being a selector that implements the corresponding item in WorkspaceYellowButtonMenu.

Instance Methods

menu messages

accept

Accept the workspace contents.

InspectIt

Treat the current text selection as an expression; evaluate it. Open an Inspector on the result.

Class Methods -

class initialization

initialize

Initialize the yellow button pop-up menu and corresponding messages.

Rationale

This class allows the addition of middle-button menu items for workspaces.

Discussion

Using WorkspaceController, it is possible for you to add middle-button menu choices for workspaces. This implementation adds the "inspect it" menu choice. Expressions in ordinary workspaces and in the System Workspace can be selected and an Inspector will be opened on their results. Another menu choice you might add to workspaces is "file out" — it is available as a fileIn. Read about fileIns in the *Tektronix Smalltalk Users* manual.

Menu messages protocol includes the methods for middle-button menu choices. **Accept** has been reimplemented to save the contents of a workspace as text — this allows fonts used in the workspace to be saved with the text.

Class initialization protocol initializes the two class variables — the pop-up menu and corresponding messages.

Related Classes

Workspace WorkspaceView