Forth 200x Standards Committee #8  
Exeter College, Oxford, UK  
12–14 September 2012

Agenda

1. Attendance
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Review of Forth 2011.1 basis document
   a) ed11
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   d) x:is
   e) x:buffer
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   h) x:substitute
4. Consideration of proposals (CfVs)
   a) x:S-to-F
5. Consideration of draft proposals (RfDs)
   a) Substitute
   b) Compatibility
6. Consideration of Wording Changes (RfCs)
   a) parse
7. Consideration of Candidate Release
   a) rc0
   b) Revision of Chapter 5 (Compliance and labeling)
   c) Revision/Removal of Annex B (Bibliography)
   d) Revision/Removal of Annex C (Perspective)
   e) Revision of Annex D (Compatibility with ANS Forth)
   f) Revision/Removal of Annex E (ANS Forth portability guide)
8. Progress Reports:
   a) Internationalisation (i18n)
   b) Cross Compiler (xc)
   c) IEEE FP (ieee-fp)
   d) Found
   e) File Names and Directories
   f) Directories (directories)
   g) Memory-Access (memory)
9. Matters arising
10. Date of Next Meeting
11. Any Other Business
1 Participants

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Andrew Haley Red Hat, Cambridge, England
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Bernd Paysan Munich, Germany
Stephen Pelc MPE, England
Carsten Strotmann Neuenkirchen, Germany (Observer)
Bill Stoddart Teesside University, England
Leon Wagner FORTH, Inc., USA
Gerald Wodni Technische Universität Wien, Austria

- Willem Botha submitted apologies and was granted a request for a proxy vote via Stephen Pelc. (6/0/0)

2 Minutes of last meeting

The draft minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. (7/0/0)

3 Review of Forth2010.2 basis document

a) ed10 — Changes agreed at Rostock meeting
b) ed10b — Changed agreed at Hamburg meeting
c) x:rfc — Rules for non-substantive changes
d) x:legacy — Remove obsolescent words
   i) Remove example from rationale for forgetting.
   ii) Add a reference to the rationale for marker. (8/0/0)
e) x:wordset-query — Make wordset queries obsolescent
   i) Add reference to rationale in 3.2.7. (8/0/0)
   ii) Rename all references to ANS Forth or Forth-94 as Forth 94. (8/0/0)
   iii) Adjust section numbering in rationale. (8/0/0)
f) x:escaped-strings — Add \n
   i) Revise description of \n. (8/0/0)
g) x:n-to-r — Add N>R and NR>
h) x:synonym — Add synonym
   i) Add clarification for the clause “Newname may be the same as oldname.” (9/0/0)
   ii) Change alignment requirements for CFIELD:, DFIELD:, FFIELD: and SFFIELD:. (9/0/0)
j) x:ekey — Remove reference to an event records from EKEY
k) x:structures2 — Replace invalid descriptions
   i) Change alignment requirements for CFIELD:, DFIELD:, FFIELD: and SFFIELD:. (9/0/0)
   ii) Replace comments with stack descriptions in rationale. (9/0/0)
4 Consideration of proposals (CfVs)

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5 Discussion of draft proposals (RfDs)

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<td>Accepted after significant rewording to replace “as-signed” with “set” in ACTION-OF, DEFER and DEFER@</td>
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<td>Found</td>
<td>Refers to an active area of investigation and is not common practise, and therefore not suitable for standardisation at this time. See Matters Arising.</td>
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<td>Multi-tasking</td>
<td>Add rational for Parsing in Block word set relating to multi-tasking considerations.</td>
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<td>Source-id</td>
<td>Add clarification of entitlements when including a file, by extending 11.3.4.</td>
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6 Consideration of Snapshot

- Numbers for new words (9/0/0)
- Removal of Extensions designations, section 3.2.8 Extension queries, Table 3.7 and the designation from the glossary entry of new words (9/0/0)
- Replace reference to the x:number-prefix extension with a documentation requirement. (9/0/0)
- Remove Annex F (Reference Implementation) to a separate document under the committee’s control and available from the Forth 200x web site. (9/0/0)
- Remove Annex G (Test Suite) to a separate document under the committee’s control and available from the Forth 200x web site. (9/0/0)
- Remove Annex H (Change Log). (9/0/0)
- Remove Annex C (Perspective). (9/0/0)
- Replace Annex D (Compatibility with ANS Forth) with a description of the Forth 200x process and the differences between Forth 200x and ANS Forth. (9/0/0)
  Action: All
- Remove Annex E (ANS Forth portability guide) (9/0/0)
- Draft an RfC revising chapter 5 (Compliance and labeling) to centralise labelling requirements. Thus removing the additional requirements for each word set. (9/0/0)

7 Progress Reports

- Internationalisation (i18n)
  Now that text substitution has been accepted work can begin. Action: SP/PK
- Cross Compiler
  Ongoing Action: SP/LW/BP
- IEEE FP (ieee-fp)
  Ongoing Action: AH
- File Names and Directories
  Ongoing Action: AE
8 Matters Arising

a) The xchar proposal does not indicate what should occur when only part of a multi-byte character is output via EMIT or left at the end of a buffer output by TYPE. It was agreed that it is the task of the receiving device to handle such occurrences, the author of the proposal was asked to provide suitable wording.

Action: BP

b) The Found proposal continued the discussion prompted by the :NAME and HEADER proposals. This is an active area of investigation and that further discussion is beyond the scope of a standards meeting. A discussion paper may be forthcoming on this topic at a future conference.

Action: SP

c) Annex D is to be rewritten. The revised version to be circulated and voted on via the email list only prior to the snapshot release.

Action: ALL

The following items were raised and discussion curtailed due to lack of time.

d) Consideration of x:structures2 prompted a desire to discuss the alignment requirements of CREATE.

e) The desire to make ENVIRONMENT? obsolete.

f) The desire to remove chapter 4 Documentation requirements was discussed.

9 Any Other Business

Commitment to Snapshot document

SP requested that the committee commit to using the outcome of the meeting, the 2011.1 document, as the first draft of the snapshot document and that the document be closed to further proposals excepting for a public review process.

(7/0/0)

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next voting meeting will be held immediately after the next euroForth conference, to be held 12–14 September 2012 at Exeter College, Oxford, England.