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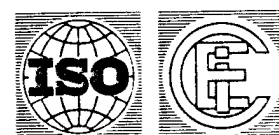
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1 INTRODUCTION

This recommendation defines the CCITT high level programming language CHILL. CHILL stands for CCITT High Level Language.

The following sub-sections in this chapter introduce some of the motivations behind the language design and provide an overview of the language features.

For information concerning the variety of introductory and training material on this subject, the reader is referred to the CCITT Manuals, "Introduction to CHILL" and "CHILL user's manual".

An alternative definition of CHILL, in a strict mathematical form (based on the VDM notation), is available in the CCITT Manual entitled "Formal definition of CHILL".

1.1 GENERAL

CHILL is a strongly typed, block structured language designed primarily for the implementation of large and complex embedded systems.

CHILL was designed to:

- enhance reliability and run time efficiency by means of extensive compile-time checking;
- be sufficiently flexible and powerful to encompass the required range of applications and to exploit a variety of hardware;
- provide facilities that encourage piecewise and modular development of large systems;
- cater for real-time implementations by providing built-in concurrency and time supervision primitives;
- permit the generation of highly efficient object code;
- be easy to learn and use.

The expressive power inherent in the language design allow engineers to select the appropriate constructs from a rich set of facilities such that the resulting implementation can match the original specification more precisely.

Because CHILL is careful to distinguish between static and dynamic objects, nearly all the semantic checking can be achieved at compile time. This has obvious run time benefits. Violation of CHILL dynamic rules results in run-time exceptions which can be intercepted by an appropriate exception handler (however, generation of such implicit checks is optional, unless a user defined handler is explicitly specified).

CHILL permits programs to be written in a machine independent manner. The language itself is machine independent; however, particular compilation systems may require the provision of specific implementation defined objects. It should be noted that programs containing such objects will not, in general, be portable.

1.2 LANGUAGE SURVEY

A CHILL program consists essentially of three parts:

- a description of data objects;
- a description of actions which are to be performed upon the data objects;
- a description of the program structure.

Data objects are described by data statements (declaration and definition statements), actions are described by action statements and the program structure is determined by program structuring statements.

The manipulatable data objects of CHILL are values and locations where values can be stored. The actions define the operations to be performed upon the data objects and the order in which values are stored into and retrieved from locations. The program structure determines the lifetime and visibility of data objects.

CHILL provides for extensive static checking of the use of data objects in a given context.

In the following sections, a summary of the various CHILL concepts is given. Each section is an introduction to a chapter with the same title, describing the concept in detail.

1.3 MODES AND CLASSES

A location has a mode attached to it. The mode of a location defines the set of values which may reside in that location and other properties associated with it (note that not all properties of a location are determinable by its mode alone). Properties of locations are: size, internal structure, read-onliness, referability, etc. Properties of values are: internal representation, ordering, applicable operations, etc.

A value has a class attached to it. The class of a value determines the modes of the locations that may contain the value.

CHILL provides the following categories of modes:

discrete modes	integer, character, boolean, set (symbolic) modes and ranges thereof;
powerset modes	sets of elements of some discrete mode;
reference modes	bound references, free references and rows used as references to locations;
composite modes	string, array and structure modes;
procedure modes	procedures considered as manipulatable data objects;
instance modes	identifications for processes;
synchronisation modes	event and buffer modes for process synchronisation and communication;
input-output modes	association, access and text modes for input-output operations;
timing modes	duration and absolute time modes for time supervision.

CHILL provides denotations for a set of standard modes. Program defined modes can be introduced by means of mode definitions. Some language constructs have a so-called dynamic mode attached. A dynamic mode is a mode of which some properties can be determined only dynamically. Dynamic modes are always parameterised modes with run-time parameters. A mode that is not dynamic is called a static mode.

Classes have no denotation in CHILL. They are introduced in the metalanguage only to describe static and dynamic context conditions.

1.4 LOCATIONS AND THEIR ACCESSES

Locations are (abstract) places where values can be stored or from which values can be obtained. In order to store or obtain a value, a location has to be accessed.

Declaration statements define names to be used for accessing a location. There are:

1. location declarations;
2. loc-identity declarations.

The first one creates locations and establishes access names to the newly created locations. The latter one establishes new access names for locations created elsewhere.

Apart from location declarations, new locations can be created by means of a *GETSTACK* or *ALLOCATE* built-in routine calls yielding reference values (see below) to the newly created location.

A location may be **referable**. This means that a corresponding reference value exists for the location. This reference value is obtained as the result of the referencing operation, applied to the **referable** location. By dereferencing a reference value, the referred location is obtained. CHILL requires certain locations to be **referable** and others to be not **referable**, but for other locations it is left to the implementation to decide whether or not they are **referable**. Referability must be a statically determinable property of locations.

A location may have a **read-only** mode, which means that it can only be accessed to obtain a value and not to store a new value into it (except when initialising).

A location may be composite, which means that it has sub-locations which can be accessed separately. A sub-location is not necessarily **referable**. A location containing at least one **read-only** sub-location is said to have the **read-only** property. The accessing methods delivering sub-locations (or sub-values) are indexing and slicing for strings and for arrays, and selection for structures.

A location has a mode attached. If this mode is dynamic, the location is called a dynamic mode location. The following properties of a location, although statically determinable, are not part of the mode:

- referability:** whether or not a reference value exists for the location;
- storage class:** whether or not it is statically allocated;
- regionality:** whether or not the location is declared within a region.

1.5 VALUES AND THEIR OPERATIONS

Values are basic objects on which specific operations are defined. A value is either a (CHILL) defined value or an **undefined** value (in the CHILL sense). The usage of an undefined value in specified contexts results in an undefined situation (in the CHILL sense) and the program is considered to be incorrect.

CHILL allows locations to be used in contexts where values are required. In this case, the location is accessed to obtain the value contained in it.

A value has a class attached. **Strong** values are values that besides their class also have a mode attached. In that case the value is always one of the values defined by the mode. The class is used for compatibility checking and the mode for describing properties of the value. Some contexts require those properties to be known and a **strong** value will then be required.

A value may be **literal**, in which case it denotes an implementation independent discrete value, known at compile time. A value may be **constant**, in which case it always delivers the same value, i.e. it need only be evaluated once. When the context requires a **literal** or **constant** value, the value is assumed to be evaluated before run-time and therefore cannot generate a run-time exception. A value may be **intra-regional**, in which case it can refer somehow to locations declared within a region. A value may be composite, i.e. contain sub-values.

Synonym definition statements establish new names to denote **constant** values.

1.6 ACTIONS

Actions constitute the algorithmic part of a CHILL program.

The assignment action stores a (computed) value into one or more locations. The procedure call invokes a procedure, a built-in routine call invokes a built-in routine (a built-in routine is a procedure whose definition need not be written in CHILL and whose parameter and result mechanism may be more general). To return from and/or establish the result of a procedure call, the return and result actions are used.

To control the sequential action flow, CHILL provides the following flow of control actions:

if action	for a two-way branch;
case action	for a multiple branch. The selection of the branch may be based upon several values, similarly to a decision table;
do action	for iteration or bracketing;
exit action	for leaving a bracketed action or a module in a structured manner;
cause action	to cause a specific exception;
goto action	for unconditional transfer to a labelled program point.

Action and data statements can be grouped together to form a module or begin-end block, which form a (compound) action.

To control the concurrent action flow, CHILL provides the start, stop, delay, continue, send, delay case, and receive case actions, and receive and start expressions.

1.7 INPUT AND OUTPUT

The input and output facilities of CHILL provide the means to communicate with a variety of devices in the outside world.

The input-output reference model knows three states. In the free state there is no interaction with the outside world.

Through an *ASSOCIATE* operation the file handling state is entered. In the file handling state there are locations of association mode, which denote outside world objects. It is possible via built-in routines to read and modify the language defined attributes of associations, i.e. **existing**, **readable**, **writable**, **indexable**, **sequencible** and **variable**. File creation and deletion are also done in the file handling state.

Through the *CONNECT* operation, a location of access mode is connected to a location of an association mode, and the data transfer state is entered. The *CONNECT* operation allows positioning of a base index in a file. In the data transfer state various attributes of locations of access mode can be inspected and the data transfer operations *READRECORD* and *WRITERECORD* can be applied.

Through the text transfer operations, *CHILL* values can be represented in a human-readable form which can be transferred to or from a file or a *CHILL* location.

1.8 EXCEPTION HANDLING

The dynamic semantic conditions of *CHILL* are those (non context-free) conditions that, in general, cannot be statically determined. (It is left to the implementation to decide whether or not to generate code to test the dynamic conditions at run time, unless an appropriate handler is explicitly specified.) The violation of a dynamic semantic rule causes a run-time exception; however, if an implementation can determine statically that a dynamic condition will be violated, it may reject the program.

Exceptions can also be caused by the execution of a cause action or, conditionally, by the execution of an assert action. When, at a given program point, an exception occurs, control is transferred to the associated handler for that exception, if it is specifiable (i.e. it has a name) and is specified. Whether or not a handler is specified for an exception at a given point can be statically determined. If no explicit handler is specified, control may be transferred to an implementation defined exception handler.

Exceptions have a name, which is either a *CHILL* defined exception name, an implementation defined exception name, or a program defined exception name. Note that when a handler is specified for an exception name, the associated dynamic condition must be checked.

1.9 TIME SUPERVISION

Time supervision facilities of *CHILL* provide the means to react to the elapse of time in the external world. *CHILL* processes may be interrupted only at precise **timeoutable** points during execution. When this happens, control is transferred to an appropriate handler.

Programs may detect the elapsing of a period of time or may synchronise to an absolute point of time or at precise intervals without cumulated drifts. Built-in routines for time are provided to convert time and duration values into integer values, to put a process in a waiting state and to detect the expiration of a time supervision.

1.10 PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The program structuring statements are the begin-end block, module, procedure, process and region. The program structuring statements provide the means of controlling the lifetime of locations and the visibility of names.

The lifetime of a location is the time during which a location exists within the program. Locations can be explicitly declared (in a location declaration) or generated (*GETSTACK* or *ALLOCATE* built-in routine call), or they can be implicitly declared or generated as the result of the use of language constructs.

A name is said to be **visible** at a certain point in the program if it may be used at that point. The scope of a name encompasses all the points where it is **visible**, i.e. where the denoted object is identified by that name.

Begin-end blocks determine both visibility of names and lifetime of locations.

Modules are provided to restrict the visibility of names to protect against unauthorised usage. By means of visibility statements, it is possible to exercise control over the visibility of names in various program parts.

A procedure is a (possibly parameterised) sub-program that may be invoked (called) at different places within a program. It may return a value (value procedure) or a location (location procedure), or deliver no result. In the latter case the procedure can only be called in a procedure call action.

Processes and regions provide the means by which a structure of concurrent executions can be achieved.

A complete CHILL program is a list of modules or regions that is considered to be surrounded by an (imaginary) process definition. This outermost process is started by the system under whose control the program is executed.

Constructs are provided to facilitate various ways of piecewise development of programs. A spec module and spec region are used to define the static properties of a program piece, a context is used to define the static properties of seized names. In addition it is possible to specify that the text of a program piece is to be found somewhere else through the remote facility.

1.11 CONCURRENT EXECUTION

CHILL allows for the concurrent execution of program units. A process is the unit of concurrent execution. The evaluation of a start expression causes the creation of a new process of the indicated process definition. The process is then considered to be executed concurrently with the starting process. CHILL allows for one or more processes with the same or different definition to be active at one time. The stop action, executed by a process, causes its termination.

A process is always in one of two states; it can be active or delayed. The transition from active to delayed is called the delaying of the process; the transition from delayed to active is called the re-activation of the process. The execution of delaying actions on events, or receiving actions on buffers or signals, or sending actions on buffers, can cause the executing process to become delayed. The execution of a continue action on events, or sending actions on buffers or signals, or receiving actions on buffers can cause a delayed process to become active again.

Buffers and events are locations with restricted use. The operations send, receive and receive case are defined on buffers; the operations delay, delay case and continue are defined on events. Buffers are a means of synchronising and transmitting information between processes. Events are used only for synchronisation. Signals are defined in signal definition statements. They denote functions for composing and decomposing lists of values transmitted between processes. Send actions and receive case actions provide for communication of a list of values and for synchronisation.

A region is a special kind of module. Its use is to provide for mutually exclusive access to data structures that are shared by several processes.

1.12 GENERAL SEMANTIC PROPERTIES

The semantic (non context-free) conditions of CHILL are the mode and class compatibility conditions (mode checking) and the visibility conditions (scope checking). The mode rules determine how names may be used; the scope rules determine where names may be used.

The mode rules are formulated in terms of compatibility requirements between modes, between classes and between modes and classes. The compatibility requirements between modes and classes and between classes themselves are defined in terms of equivalence relations between modes. If dynamic modes are involved, mode checking is partly dynamic.

The scope rules determine the visibility of names through the program structure and explicit visibility statements. The explicit visibility statements influence the scope of the mentioned names and also of possibly implied names of the mentioned names. Names introduced in a program have a place where they are defined or declared. This place is called the defining occurrence of the name. The places where the name is used are called applied occurrences of the name. The name binding rules associate a unique defining occurrence with each applied occurrence of the name.

1.13 IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS

CHILL allows for implementation defined integer modes, implementation defined built-in routines, implementation defined process names, implementation defined exception handlers and implementation defined exception names.

An implementation defined integer mode must be denoted by an implementation defined **mode** name. This name is considered to be defined in a newmode definition statement that is not specified in CHILL. Extending the existing CHILL-defined arithmetic operations to the implementation defined integer modes is allowed within the framework of the CHILL syntactic and semantic rules. Examples of implementation defined integer modes are long integers, and short integers.

A built-in routine is a procedure whose definition need not be written in CHILL and that may have a more general parameter passing and result transmission scheme than CHILL procedures.

A built-in **process** name is a **process** name whose definition need not be written in CHILL and that may have a more general parameter passing scheme than CHILL processes. A CHILL process may cooperate with built-in processes or start such processes.

An implementation defined exception handler is a handler appended to a process definition. If this handler receives control after the occurrence of an exception, the implementation decides which actions are to be taken. An implementation defined exception is caused if an implementation defined dynamic condition is violated.

2 PRELIMINARIES

2.1 THE METALANGUAGE

The CHILL description consists of two parts:

- the description of the context-free syntax;
- the description of the semantic conditions.

2.1.1 The context-free syntax description

The context-free syntax is described using an extension of the Backus-Naur Form. Syntactic categories are indicated by one or more English words, written in slanted characters, enclosed between angular brackets (< and >). This indicator is called a non-terminal symbol. For each non-terminal symbol, a production rule is given in an appropriate syntax section. A production rule for a non-terminal symbol consists of the non-terminal symbol at the lefthand side of the symbol $::=$, and one or more constructs, consisting of non-terminal and/or terminal symbols at the righthand side. These constructs are separated by a vertical bar (|) to denote alternative productions for the non-terminal symbol.

Sometimes the non-terminal symbol includes an underlined part. This underlined part does not form part of the context-free description but defines a semantic category (see section 2.1.2).

Syntactic elements may be grouped together by using curly brackets ({ and }). Repetition of curly bracketed groups is indicated by an asterisk (*) or plus (+). An asterisk indicates that the group is optional and can be further repeated any number of times; a plus indicates that the group must be present and can be further repeated any number of times. For example, { A }^{*} stands for any sequence of A's, including zero, while { A }⁺ stands for any sequence of at least one A. If syntactic elements are grouped using square brackets ([and]), then the group is optional. A curly or square bracketed group may contain one or more vertical bars, indicating alternative syntactic elements.

A distinction is made between strict syntax, for which the semantic conditions are given directly, and derived syntax. The derived syntax is considered to be an extension of the strict syntax and the semantics for the derived syntax is indirectly explained in terms of the associated strict syntax.

It is to be noted that the context-free syntax description is chosen to suit the semantic description in this document and is not made to suit any particular parsing algorithm (e.g. there are some context-free ambiguities introduced in the interest of clarity). The ambiguities are resolved using the semantic category of the syntactic elements.

2.1.2 The semantic description

Each syntactic category (non-terminal symbol) is described in sub-sections **semantics**, **static properties**, **dynamic properties**, **static conditions** and **dynamic conditions**.

The section **semantics** describes the concepts denoted by the syntactic categories (i.e. their meaning and behaviour).

The section **static properties** defines statically determinable semantic properties of the syntactic category. These properties are used in the formulation of static and/or dynamic conditions in the sections where the syntactic category is used.

The section **dynamic properties** defines the properties of the syntactic category, which are known only dynamically.

The section **static conditions** describes the context-dependent, statically checkable conditions which must be fulfilled when the syntactic category is used. Some static conditions are expressed in the syntax by means of an underlined part in the non-terminal symbol (see section 2.1.1). This use requires the non-terminal to be of a specific semantic category. E.g. <boolean expression> is identical to <expression> in the context free sense, but semantically it requires the expression to be of a boolean class.

The section **dynamic conditions** describes the context-dependent conditions that must be fulfilled during execution. In some cases, conditions are static if no dynamic modes are involved. In those cases, the condition is mentioned under **static conditions** and referred to under **dynamic conditions**. In other cases, dynamic conditions can be checked statically; an implementation may treat this as a violation of a static condition.

In the semantic description, different fonts are used in the following ways: slanted font (without < and >) is used to indicate syntactic objects; corresponding terms in roman font indicate corresponding semantic objects (e.g. a *location* denotes a location). Bolding is used to name semantic properties; sometimes a property can be expressed syntactically as well as semantically (e.g. the sentence “the expression is **constant**” means the same as “the expression is a constant expression”).

Unless otherwise specified, the semantics, properties and conditions described in the sub-section of a syntactic category hold regardless of the context in which in other sections that syntactic category may appear.

The properties of a syntactic category *A* that has a production rule of the form $A ::= B$, where *B* is a syntactic category, are the same as *B* unless otherwise specified.

2.1.3 The examples

For most syntax sections, there is a section **examples** giving one or more examples of the defined syntactic categories. These examples are extracted from a set of program examples contained in Appendix D. References indicate via which syntax rule each example is produced and from which example it is taken.

E.g. 6.20 $(d+5)/5$ (1.2) indicates an example of the terminal string $(d+5)/5$, produced via rule (1.2) of the appropriate syntax section, taken from program example no. 6 line 20.

2.1.4 The binding rules in the metalanguage

Sometimes the semantic description mentions CHILL **special** simple name strings (see Appendix C). These **special** simple name strings are always used with their CHILL meaning and are therefore not influenced by the binding rules of an actual CHILL program.

2.2 VOCABULARY

Programs are represented using the CHILL character set (see Appendix A). The alphabet is represented by the syntactic category *<character>*, from which any character that is in the CHILL character set can be derived as terminal production.

The lexical elements of CHILL are:

- special symbols
- simple name strings
- literals.

Apart from the lexical elements there are also special character combinations. The special symbols and special character combinations are listed in Appendix B.

Simple name strings are formed according to the following syntax:

syntax:

<simple name string> ::= (1)
<letter> { *<letter>* | *<digit>* | *_* }* (1.1)

<letter> ::= (2)

A | *B* | *C* | *D* | *E* | *F* | *G* | *H* | *I* | *J* | *K* | *L* | *M* (2.1)

| *N* | *O* | *P* | *Q* | *R* | *S* | *T* | *U* | *V* | *W* | *X* | *Y* | *Z* (2.2)

| *a* | *b* | *c* | *d* | *e* | *f* | *g* | *h* | *i* | *j* | *k* | *l* | *m* (2.3)

| *n* | *o* | *p* | *q* | *r* | *s* | *t* | *u* | *v* | *w* | *x* | *y* | *z* (2.4)

<digit> ::= (3)

0 | *1* | *2* | *3* | *4* | *5* | *6* | *7* | *8* | *9* (3.1)

semantics: The underline character (*_*) forms part of the simple name string; e.g. the simple name string *life_time* is different from the simple name string *lifetime*. Lower case and upper case letters are different, e.g. *Status* and *status* are two different simple name strings.

The language has a number of **special** simple name strings with predetermined meanings (see Appendix C). Some of them are **reserved**, i.e. they cannot be used for other purposes.

The **special** simple name strings in a piece must either all be in upper case representation or all be in lower case representation. The **reserved** simple name strings are only reserved in the chosen representation (e.g. if the lower case fashion is chosen, **row** is reserved, **ROW** is not).

static conditions: A *simple name string* can not be one of the **reserved** simple name strings (see Appendix C.1).

2.3 THE USE OF SPACES

A space terminates any lexical element or special character combination. Lexical elements are also terminated by the first character that cannot be part of the lexical element. For instance, *IFBTHEN* will be considered a *simple name string* and not as the beginning of an action **IF B THEN**, */*** will be considered as the concatenation symbol (//) followed by an asterisk (*) and not as a divide symbol (/) followed by a comment opening bracket (/*).

2.4 COMMENTS

syntax:

<i><comment></i> ::=	(1)
<i><bracketed comment></i>	(1.1)
<i><line-end comment></i>	(1.2)
 <i><bracketed comment></i> ::=	(2)
/* <i><character string></i> */	(2.1)
 <i><line-end comment></i> ::=	(3)
-- <i><character string></i> <i><end-of-line></i>	(3.1)
 <i><character string></i> ::=	(4)
{ <i><character></i> }*	(4.1)

N.B. *end-of-line* denotes the end of the line in which the comment occurs.

semantics: A *comment* conveys information to the reader of a program. It has no influence on the program semantics.

A *comment* may be inserted at all places where spaces are allowed as delimiters.

A *bracketed comment* is terminated by the first occurrence of the special sequence: **/*. A *line-end comment* is terminated by the first occurrence of the end of the line.

examples:

4.1 /* from collected algorithms from CACM no. 93 */ (2.1)

2.5 FORMAT EFFECTORS

The format effectors BS (Backspace), CR (Carriage return), FF (Form feed), HT (Horizontal tabulation), LF (Line feed), and VT (Vertical tabulation) of the CHILL character set (see Appendix A, positions FE₀ to FE₅) are not mentioned in the CHILL context-free syntax description. When used, they have the same delimiting effect as a space. Spaces and format effectors may not occur within lexical elements (except character string literals).

2.6 COMPILER DIRECTIVES

syntax:

$\langle \text{directive clause} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \rangle \langle \text{directive} \rangle \{ , \langle \text{directive} \rangle \}^* \langle \rangle$ (1)
(1.1)

$\langle \text{directive} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{implementation directive} \rangle$ (2)
(2.1)

semantics: A directive clause conveys information to the compiler. This information is specified in an implementation defined format.

An implementation directive must not influence the program semantics, i.e. a program with implementation directives is correct, in the CHILL sense, if and only if it is correct without these directives.

A directive clause is terminated by the first occurrence of the directive ending symbol ($\langle \rangle$). A directive may contain any character of the character set (see Appendix A).

static properties: A directive clause may be inserted at any place where spaces are allowed. It has the same delimiting effect as a space. The names used in a directive clause follow an implementation defined name binding scheme which does not influence the CHILL name binding rules (see section 12.2).

2.7 NAMES AND THEIR DEFINING OCCURRENCES

syntax:

$\langle \text{name} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{name string} \rangle$ (1)
(1.1)

$\langle \text{name string} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{simple name string} \rangle$ (2)
 $| \langle \text{prefixed name string} \rangle$ (2.1)
(2.2)

$\langle \text{prefixed name string} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{prefix} \rangle ! \langle \text{simple name string} \rangle$ (3)
(3.1)

$\langle \text{prefix} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{simple prefix} \rangle \{ ! \langle \text{simple prefix} \rangle \}^*$ (4)
(4.1)

$\langle \text{simple prefix} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{simple name string} \rangle$ (5)
(5.1)

$\langle \text{defining occurrence} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{simple name string} \rangle$ (6)
(6.1)

$\langle \text{defining occurrence list} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{defining occurrence} \rangle \{ , \langle \text{defining occurrence} \rangle \}^*$ (7)
(7.1)

$\langle \text{field name} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{simple name string} \rangle$ (8)
(8.1)

$\langle \text{field name defining occurrence} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{simple name string} \rangle$ (9)
(9.1)

$\langle \text{field name defining occurrence list} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{field name defining occurrence} \rangle \{ , \langle \text{field name defining occurrence} \rangle \}^*$ (10)
(10.1)

$\langle \text{exception name} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{simple name string} \rangle$ (11)
 $| \langle \text{prefixed name string} \rangle$ (11.1)
(11.2)

$\langle \text{text reference name} \rangle ::=$
 $\langle \text{simple name string} \rangle$ (12)
 $| \langle \text{prefixed name string} \rangle$ (12.1)
(12.2)

semantics: Names in a program denote objects. Given an occurrence of a name (formally: an occurrence of a terminal production of *name*) in a program, the binding rules of section 12.2 provide *defining occurrences* (formally: occurrences of terminal productions of *defining occurrence*) to which that (occurrence of) *name* is **bound**. The *name* then denotes the object defined or declared by the *defining occurrences*. (There can be more than one *defining occurrence* for a *name* only in the case of *set element* names or of names with *quasi* *defining occurrences*.) *Defining occurrences* are said to *define* the *name*. A *name* is said to be an applied occurrence of the *name* created by the *defining occurrence* to which it is **bound**. The *name* has its rightmost *simple name string* equal to that of the *name*.

Similarly, *field names* are **bound** to *field name defining occurrences* and denote the fields (of a structure mode) defined by those *field name defining occurrences*.

Exception names are used to identify exception handlers according to the rules stated in Chapter 8.

Text reference names are used to identify descriptions of pieces of source text in an implementation defined way, subject to the rules in section 10.10.1.

When a *name* is **bound** to more than one *defining occurrence*, each of the *defining occurrences* to which the *name* is **bound** defines or declares the same object (see 10.10 and 12.2.2 for precise rules).

definition of notation: Given a *name string* NS, and a string of characters P, which is either a *prefix* or is empty, the result of prefixing NS with P, written $P ! NS$, is defined as follows:

- if P is empty, then $P ! NS$ is NS;
- otherwise $P ! NS$ is the *name string* obtained by concatenating all the characters in P, a prefixing operator and all the characters in NS.

For example, if P is " $q ! r$ " and NS is " $s ! n$ " then $P ! NS$ is " $q ! r ! s ! n$ ".

static properties: Each *simple name string* has a **canonical** *name string* attached which is the *simple name string* itself. A *name string* has a **canonical** *name string* attached which is:

- if the *name string* is a *simple name string*, then the **canonical** *name string* of that *simple name string*;
- if the *name string* is a *prefixed name string*, then the concatenation in left to right order of all *simple name strings* in the *name string*, separated by prefixing operators, i.e. interspersed spaces, comments and format effectors (if any) are left out.

In the rest of this document:

- the *name string* of a *name*, *exception name* or *text reference name* is used to denote the **canonical** *name string* of the *name string* in that *name*, *exception name* or *text reference name*, respectively;
- the *name string* of a *defining occurrence*, *field name* or *field name defining occurrence* is used to denote the **canonical** *name string* of the *simple name string* in that *defining occurrence*, *field name* or *field name defining occurrence*, respectively.

The binding rules are such that:

- *names* with a *simple name string* are **bound** to *defining occurrences* with the same *name string*;
- *names* with a *prefixed name string* are **bound** to *defining occurrences* with the same *name string* as the rightmost *simple name string* in the *prefixed name string* of the *name*;
- *field names* are **bound** to *field name defining occurrences* with the same *name string* as the *field names*.

A *name* inherits all the static properties attached to the *name* defined by the *defining occurrence* to which it is **bound**. A *field name* inherits all static properties attached to the *field name* defined by the *field name defining occurrence* to which it is **bound**.

3 MODES AND CLASSES

3.1 GENERAL

A location has a mode attached to it; a value has a class attached to it. The mode attached to a location defines the set of values that may be contained in the location, the access methods of the location and the allowed operations on the values. The class attached to a value is a means of determining the modes of the locations that may contain the value. Some values are **strong**. A **strong** value has a class and a mode attached. **Strong** values are required in those value contexts where mode information is needed.

3.1.1 Modes

CHILL has static modes (i.e. modes for which all properties are statically determinable) and dynamic modes (i.e. modes for which some properties are only known at run time). Dynamic modes are always parameterised modes with run-time parameters.

Static modes are terminal productions of the syntactic category *mode*.

In this document, virtual **mode** names are introduced to describe modes which are not denoted explicitly in the program text. In such cases the **mode** name is preceded by an ampersand symbol (&).

Modes are also parameterised by values not explicitly denoted in the program text.

3.1.2 Classes

Classes have no denotation in CHILL.

The following kinds of classes exist and any value in a CHILL program has a class of one of these kinds:

- For a mode **M** there exists the **M-value** class. All values with such a class and only those values are **strong** and the mode attached to the value is **M**.
- For a mode **M** there exists the **M-derived** class.
- For any mode **M** there exists the **M-reference** class.
- The **null** class.
- The **all** class.

The last two classes are constant classes, i.e. they do not depend on a mode **M**. A class is said to be dynamic if and only if it is an **M-value** class, an **M-derived** class, or an **M-reference** class, where **M** is a dynamic mode.

3.1.3 Properties of, and relations between, modes and classes

Modes in CHILL have properties. These may be hereditary or non-hereditary properties. A hereditary property is inherited from a defining mode to a **mode** name defined by it. Below a summary is given of the properties that apply to all modes (except for the first, they are all defined in section 12.1):

- A mode has a **novelty** (defined in sections 3.2.2, 3.2.3 and 3.3).
- A mode can have the **read-only** property.
- A mode can be **parameterisable**.
- A mode can have the **referencing** property.
- A mode can have the **tagged parameterised** property.
- A mode can have the **non-value** property.

Classes in CHILL may have the following properties (defined in section 12.1):

- A class can have a **root** mode.
- One or more classes may have a **resulting** class.

Operations in CHILL are determined by the modes and classes of locations and values. This is expressed by the mode checking rules which are defined in section 12.1 as a number of relations between modes and classes. There exists the following relations:

- Two modes can be **similar**.
- Two modes can be **v-equivalent**.
- Two modes can be **equivalent**.
- Two modes can be **l-equivalent**.
- Two modes can be **alike**.
- Two modes can be **novelty bound**.
- Two modes can be **read-compatible**.
- Two modes can be **dynamic read-compatible**.
- Two modes can be **dynamic equivalent**.
- A mode can be **restrictable** to a mode.
- A mode can be **compatible** with a class.
- A class can be **compatible** with a class.

3.2 MODE DEFINITIONS

3.2.1 General

syntax:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{mode definition} \rangle &::= & (1) \\ &\quad \langle \text{defining occurrence list} \rangle = \langle \text{defining mode} \rangle & (1.1) \\ \langle \text{defining mode} \rangle &::= & (2) \\ &\quad \langle \text{mode} \rangle & (2.1) \end{aligned}$$

derived syntax: A *mode definition* where the *defining occurrence list* consists of more than one *defining occurrence* is derived from several mode definitions, one for each *defining occurrence*, separated by commas, with the same *defining mode*. For example:

NEWMODE *dollar, pound* = *INT*;

is derived from:

NEWMODE *dollar* = *INT* , *pound* = *INT*;

semantics: A mode definition defines a name that denotes the specified mode. Mode definitions occur in synmode and newmode definition statements. A synmode is **synonymous** with its defining mode. A newmode is not **synonymous** with its defining mode. The difference is defined in terms of the property **novelty**, that is used in the mode checking (see section 12.1).

static properties: A *defining occurrence* in a *mode definition* defines a **mode name**.

Predefined **mode names** and implementation defined integer **mode names** (if any, see section 3.4.2) are also **mode names**.

A **mode name** has a **defining mode** which is the *defining mode* in the *mode definition* which defines it. (For predefined and implementation defined **mode names** this **defining mode** is a virtual mode). The hereditary properties of a **mode name** are those of its **defining mode**.

A set of recursive definitions is a set of mode definitions or synonym definitions (see section 5.1) such that the *defining mode* in each *mode definition* or constant value or *mode* in each *synonym definition* is, or directly contains, a **mode name** or a **synonym name** defined by a definition in the set.

A set of recursive mode definitions is a set of recursive definitions having only mode definitions. (Any set of recursive definitions must be a set of recursive mode definitions; see section 5.1).

- all names in the path have a different definition;
- for each name, its successor is or directly occurs in its defining mode (the successor of the last name is the first name);
- the marker indicates uniquely the position of the name in the defining mode of its predecessor (the predecessor of the first name is the last name).

A path is **safe** if and only if at least one of its names is contained in a *reference mode*, a *row mode*, or a *procedure mode* at the marked place.

examples:

3.2.2 Synmode definitions

semantics: A synmode definition statement defines **mode** names which are **synonymous** with their defining mode.

The novelty of a synmode name is that of its defining mode.

3.2.3 Newmode definitions

semantics: A newmode definition statement defines **mode** names which are not **synonymous** with their defining mode.

static properties: A *defining occurrence* in a *mode definition* in a *newmode definition statement* defines a **newmode** name (which is also a **mode** name).

The **novelty** of the **newmode** name is the *defining occurrence* which defines it. If the **defining** mode of the **newmode** name is a **range** mode, then the virtual mode *&name* is introduced as the **parent** mode of the **newmode** name. The **defining** mode of *&name* is the **parent** mode of the **range** mode, and the **novelty** of *&name* is that of the **newmode** name.

If the **defining** mode is a **varying** string mode, then the virtual mode *&name* is introduced as the **component** mode of the **newmode** name. The **defining** mode of *&name* is the **component** mode of the **varying** string mode, and the **novelty** of *&name* is that of the **newmode** name.

If the *defining occurrence* of the mode definition is a **quasi defining occurrence**, then the **novelty** is a **quasi novelty**, otherwise it is a **real novelty**.

static conditions: If the **novelty** is a **quasi novelty**, then at most one **real novelty** must be **novelty** bound to it.

examples:

```
11.6      NEWMODE line = INT (1:8);                                (1.1)
11.12     NEWMODE board = ARRAY (line) ARRAY (column) square;      (1.1)
```

3.3 MODE CLASSIFICATION

syntax:

```
<mode> ::=                                                    (1)
    [ READ ] <non-composite mode>                               (1.1)
    | [ READ ] <composite mode>                                 (1.2)

<non-composite mode> ::=                                       (2)
    <discrete mode>                                           (2.1)
    | <powerset mode>                                          (2.2)
    | <reference mode>                                         (2.3)
    | <procedure mode>                                         (2.4)
    | <instance mode>                                          (2.5)
    | <synchronisation mode>                                   (2.6)
    | <input-output mode>                                      (2.7)
    | <timing mode>                                             (2.8)
```

semantics: A mode defines a set of values and the operations which are allowed on the values. A mode may be a **read-only** mode, indicating that a location of that mode may not be accessed to store a value. A mode has a **novelty**, indicating whether it was introduced via a newmode definition statement or not.

static properties: A mode has the following hereditary properties:

- It is a **read-only** mode if it is an explicit or an implicit **read-only** mode.
- It is an explicit **read-only** mode if **READ** is specified or it is a **parameterised** array mode, a **parameterised** string mode or a **parameterised** structure mode, where the **origin** array mode name, **origin** string mode name or **origin variant** structure mode name, respectively, in it is a **read-only** mode.

- It is an implicit **read-only** mode if it is not an explicit **read-only** mode and if:
 - it is the **element** mode of a **read-only** array mode (see section 3.12.3);
 - it is a **field** mode of a **read-only** structure mode or it is the mode of a **tag** field of a **parameterised** structure mode (see section 3.12.4).

A *mode* has the same properties as the *non-composite mode* or *composite mode* in it. In the following sections, the properties are defined for predefined **mode** names and for *modes* that are not *mode* names; the properties of *mode* names are defined in section 3.2. **Read-only** modes have the same properties as their corresponding non-read-only modes except for the **read-only** property (see section 12.1.1.1).

A mode has the following non-hereditary properties:

- A **novelty** that is either **nil** or the *defining occurrence* in a *mode definition* in a *newmode definition statement*. The **novelty** of a mode which is not a *mode* name (nor **READ** *mode* name) is defined as follows:
 - if it is a **parameterised** string mode, a **parameterised** array mode or a **parameterised** structure mode, its **novelty** is that of its **origin** string mode, **origin** array mode or **origin variant** structure mode, respectively;
 - if it is a range mode, its **novelty** is that of its **parent** mode;
 - otherwise its **novelty** is **nil**.

The **novelty** of a mode that is a *mode* name (**READ** *mode* name) is defined in sections 3.2.2 and 3.2.3.

- A **size** that is the value delivered by *SIZE* (&*M*), where &*M* is a virtual **synmode** name **synonymous** with the *mode*.

3.4 DISCRETE MODES

3.4.1 General

syntax:

```

<discrete mode> ::=
    <integer mode>                                (1)
    | <boolean mode>                               (1.1)
    | <character mode>                             (1.2)
    | <set mode>                                    (1.3)
    | <range mode>                                 (1.4)
    | <range mode>                                 (1.5)

```

semantics: A discrete modes defines sets and subsets of well-ordered values.

3.4.2 Integer modes

syntax:

```

<integer mode> ::=
    <integer mode name>                            (1)
                                                    (1.1)

```

predefined names: The name *INT* is predefined as an integer mode name.

semantics: An integer mode defines a set of signed integer values between implementation defined bounds over which the usual ordering and arithmetic operations are defined (see section 5.3). An implementation may define other integer modes with different bounds (e.g. *LONG_INT*, *SHORT_INT*, ...) that may also be used as **parent** modes for ranges (see section 13.2). The internal representation of an integer value is the integer value itself.

static properties: An integer mode has the following hereditary properties:

- An **upper bound** and a **lower bound** which are the literals denoting respectively the highest and lowest value defined by the integer mode. They are implementation defined.
- A **number of values** which is $\text{upper bound} - \text{lower bound} + 1$.

examples:

1.5 *INT* (1.1)

3.4.3 Boolean modes

syntax:

<boolean mode> ::= (1)
<boolean mode name> (1.1)

predefined names: The name *BOOL* is predefined as a boolean mode name.

semantics: A boolean mode defines the logical truth values (*TRUE* and *FALSE*), with the usual boolean operations (see section 5.3). The internal representations of *FALSE* and *TRUE* are the integer values 0 and 1, respectively. This representation defines the ordering of the values.

static properties: A boolean mode has the following hereditary properties:

- An **upper bound** which is *TRUE*, and a **lower bound** which is *FALSE*.
- A **number of values** which is 2.

examples:

5.4 *BOOL* (1.1)

3.4.4 Character modes

syntax:

<character mode> ::= (1)
<character mode name> (1.1)

predefined names: The name *CHAR* is predefined as a character mode name.

semantics: A character mode defines the character values as described by the CHILL character set (see Appendix A). This alphabet defines the ordering of the characters and the integer values which are their internal representations.

static properties: A character mode has the following hereditary properties:

- An **upper bound** and a **lower bound** which are the character literals denoting respectively the highest and lowest value defined by *CHAR*.
- A **number of values** which is 256.

examples:

8.4 *CHAR* (1.1)

3.4.5 Set modes

syntax:

```

<set mode> ::=
    SET ( <set list> ) (1)
    | <set mode name> (1.1)
(1.2)

<set list> ::=
    <numbered set list> (2)
    | <unnumbered set list> (2.1)
(2.2)

<numbered set list> ::=
    <numbered set element> { , <numbered set element> }* (3)
(3.1)

<numbered set element> ::=
    <defining occurrence> = <integer literal expression> (4)
(4.1)

<unnumbered set list> ::=
    <set element> { , <set element> }* (5)
(5.1)

<set element> ::=
    <defining occurrence> (6)
(6.1)

```

semantics: A set mode defines a set of named and unnamed values. The named values are denoted by the names defined by *defining occurrences* in the *set list*; the unnamed values are the other values. The internal representation of the named values is the integer value associated with them. This representation defines the ordering of the values.

static properties: A *defining occurrence* in a *set list* defines a *set element* name. A *set element* name has a set mode attached, which is the set mode.

A set mode has the following hereditary properties:

- A set of **set element** names which is the set of names defined by *defining occurrences* in its *set list*.
- Each **set element** name of a set mode has an internal representation value attached which is, in the case of a *numbered set element*, the value delivered by the *integer literal expression* in it; otherwise one of the values 0, 1, 2, etc., according to its position in the *unnumbered set list*. For example in: *SET (a,b)*, *a* has representation value 0, and *b* has representation value 1 attached.
- An **upper bound** and a **lower bound** which are its *set element* names with the highest and lowest representation values, respectively.
- A **number of values** which is the highest of the values attached to the *set element* names plus 1.
- It is a **numbered set mode** if the *set list* in it is a *numbered set list*; otherwise it is an *unnumbered set mode*.

static conditions: For each pair of *integer literal* expressions e_1, e_2 in the set list $NUM(e_1)$ and $NUM(e_2)$ must deliver different non-negative results.

examples:

11.7 **SET** (*occupied, free*) (1.1)

6.3 *month* (1.2)

3.4.6 Range modes

syntax:

<range mode> ::= (1)

 <*discrete mode name*> (<*literal range*>) (1.1)

 | **RANGE** (<*literal range*>) (1.2)

 | **BIN** (<*integer literal* expression>) (1.3)

 | <*range mode name*> (1.4)

<*literal range*> ::= (2)

 <*lower bound*> : <*upper bound*> (2.1)

<*lower bound*> ::= (3)

 <*discrete literal* expression> (3.1)

<*upper bound*> ::= (4)

 <*discrete literal* expression> (4.1)

derived syntax: The notation **BIN** (n) is derived from $INT(0 : 2^n - 1)$, e.g. **BIN** ($2+1$) stands for $INT(0 : 7)$.

semantics: A range mode defines the set of values ranging between the bounds specified (bounds included) by the *literal range*. The range is taken from a specific **parent** mode that determines the operations on and ordering of the range values.

static properties: A range mode has the following non-hereditary property: it has a **parent** mode, defined as follows:

- If the range mode is of the form:

<*discrete mode name*> (<*literal range*>)

then if the *discrete mode name* is not a range mode, the **parent** mode is the *discrete mode name*; otherwise it is the **parent** mode of the *discrete mode name*.

- If the range mode is of the form:

RANGE (<*literal range*>)

then the **parent** mode is the **root** mode of the **resulting class** of the classes of the *upper bound* and *lower bound* in the *literal range*.

- If the range mode is a *range mode name* which is a **synmode** name, then its **parent** mode is that of the **defining** mode of the **synmode** name; otherwise it is a **newmode** name and then its **parent** mode is the virtually introduced **parent** mode (see section 3.2.3).

A range mode has the following hereditary properties:

- An **upper bound** and a **lower bound** which are the literals denoting the values delivered by *lower bound* and *upper bound*, respectively, in the *literal range*.
- A **number of values** which is the value delivered by $NUM(U) - NUM(L) + 1$, where U and L denote respectively the **upper bound** and **lower bound** of the range mode.
- It is a **numbered** range mode if its **parent** mode is a **numbered** set mode.

static conditions: The classes of *upper bound* and *lower bound* must be **compatible** and both must be compatible with the discrete mode name, if specified.

Lower bound must deliver a value that is less than or equal to the value delivered by *upper bound*, and both values must belong to the set of values defined by discrete mode name, if specified.

The integer literal expression in case of **BIN** must deliver a non-negative value.

examples:

9.5	INT (2:max)	(1.1)
11.12	line	(1.4)

3.5 POWERSSET MODES

syntax:

<powerset mode> ::=	(1)
POWERSSET <member mode>	(1.1)
< <u>powerset mode</u> name>	(1.2)
<member mode> ::=	(2)
< <u>discrete mode</u> >	(2.1)

semantics: A powerset mode defines values that are sets of values of its member mode. Powerset values range over all subsets of the member mode. The usual set-theoretic operators are defined on powerset values (see section 5.3).

static properties: A powerset mode has the following hereditary property:

- A member mode which is the *member mode*.

examples:

8.4	POWERSSET CHAR	
9.5	POWERSSET INT (2:max)	(1.1)
9.6	number_list	(1.1)
		(1.2)

3.6 REFERENCE MODES

3.6.1 General

syntax:

<reference mode> ::=	(1)
<bound reference mode>	(1.1)
<free reference mode>	(1.2)
<row mode>	(1.3)

semantics: A reference mode defines references (addresses or descriptors) to referable locations. By definition, bound references refer to locations of a given static mode; free references may refer to locations of any static mode; rows refer to locations of a dynamic mode.

The dereferencing operation is defined on reference values (see sections 4.2.3, 4.2.4 and 4.2.5), delivering the location that is referenced.

Two reference values are equal if and only if they both refer to the same location, or both do not refer to a location (i.e. they are the value *NULL*).

3.6.2 Bound reference modes

syntax:

$\langle \text{bound reference mode} \rangle ::=$	(1)
REF $\langle \text{referenced mode} \rangle$	(1.1)
$\langle \text{bound reference mode name} \rangle$	(1.2)
$\langle \text{referenced mode} \rangle ::=$	(2)
$\langle \text{mode} \rangle$	(2.1)

semantics: A bound reference mode defines reference values to locations of the specified referenced mode.

static properties: A bound reference mode has the following hereditary property:

- A referenced mode which is the *referenced mode*.

examples:

10.42	REF <i>cell</i>	(1.1)
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3.6.3 Free reference modes

syntax:

$\langle \text{free reference mode} \rangle ::=$	(1)
$\langle \text{free reference mode name} \rangle$	(1.1)

predefined names: The name *PTR* is predefined as a free reference mode name.

semantics: A free reference mode defines reference values to locations of any static mode.

examples:

19.8	PTR	(1.1)
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3.6.4 Row modes

syntax:

$\langle \text{row mode} \rangle ::=$	(1)
ROW $\langle \text{string mode} \rangle$	(1.1)
ROW $\langle \text{array mode} \rangle$	(1.2)
ROW $\langle \text{variant structure mode} \rangle$	(1.3)
$\langle \text{row mode name} \rangle$	(1.4)

semantics: A row mode defines reference values to locations of dynamic mode (which are locations of some parameterised mode with statically unknown parameters).

A row value may refer to:

- string locations with statically unknown **string length**,
- array locations with statically unknown **upper bound**,
- parameterised structure locations with statically unknown parameters.

static properties: A row mode has the following hereditary property:

- A referenced **origin** mode which is the string mode, the array mode, or the variant structure mode, respectively.

static condition: The variant structure mode must be **parameterisable**.

examples:

8.6 **ROW CHARS** (*max*) (1.1)

3.7 PROCEDURE MODES

syntax:

<procedure mode> ::= (1)
 PROC ([<parameter list>]) [<result spec>]

 [**EXCEPTIONS** (<exception list>)] [**RECURSIVE**] (1.1)
 | <procedure mode name> (1.2)

<parameter list> ::= (2)
 <parameter spec> { , <parameter spec> }* (2.1)

<parameter spec> ::= (3)
 <mode> [<parameter attribute>] (3.1)

<parameter attribute> ::= (4)
 IN | **OUT** | **INOUT** | **LOC** [**DYNAMIC**] (4.1)

<result spec> ::= (5)
 RETURNS (<mode> [<result attribute>]) (5.1)

<result attribute> ::= (6)
 [**NONREF**] **LOC** [**DYNAMIC**] (6.1)

<exception list> ::= (7)
 <exception name> { , <exception name> }* (7.1)

semantics: A procedure mode defines (**general**) procedure values, i.e. the objects denoted by **general procedure** names that are names defined in procedure definition statements. Procedure values indicate pieces of code in a dynamic context. Procedure modes allow for manipulating a procedure dynamically, e.g. passing it as a parameter to other procedures, sending it as message value to a buffer, storing it into a location, etc.

Procedure values can be called (see section 6.7).

Two procedure values are equal if and only if they denote the same procedure in the same dynamic context, or if they both denote no procedure (i.e. they are the value **NULL**).

static properties: A procedure mode has the following hereditary properties:

- A list of **parameter specs**, each consisting of a mode and possibly a parameter attribute. The **parameter specs** are defined by the *parameter list*.
- An optional **result spec**, consisting of a mode and an optional result attribute. The **result spec** is defined by the *result spec*.
- A possibly empty list of **exception names** which are those mentioned in the *exception list*.
- A **recursivity** which is **recursive** if **RECURSIVE** is specified; otherwise an implementation defined default specifies either **recursive** or **non-recursive**.

static conditions: All names mentioned in *exception list* must be different.

Only if **LOC** is specified in the *parameter spec* or *result spec* may the *mode* in it have the **non-value** property.

If **DYNAMIC** is specified in the *parameter spec* or the *result spec*, the *mode* in it must be parameterisable.

3.8 INSTANCE MODES

syntax:

<instance mode> ::= *<instance mode name>* (1)
(1.1)

predefined names: The name *INSTANCE* is predefined as an instance mode name.

semantics: An instance mode defines values which identify processes. The creation of a new process (see sections 5.2.14, 6.13 and 11.1) yields a unique instance value as identification for the created process.

Two instance values are equal if and only if they identify the same process, or they both identify no process (i.e. they are the value *NULL*).

examples:

15.39 *INSTANCE* (1.1)

3.9 SYNCHRONISATION MODES

3.9.1 General

syntax:

<synchronisation mode> ::= *<event mode>* (1)
| *<buffer mode>* (1.1)
(1.2)

semantics: A synchronisation mode provides a means for synchronisation and communication between processes (see chapter 11). There exists no expression in CHILL denoting a value defined by a synchronisation mode. As a consequence, there are no operations defined on the values.

3.9.2 Event modes

syntax:

$\langle \text{event mode} \rangle ::=$ (1)
 EVENT [($\langle \text{event length} \rangle$)] (1.1)
 | $\langle \text{event mode name} \rangle$ (1.2)

$\langle \text{event length} \rangle ::=$ (2)
 $\langle \text{integer literal expression} \rangle$ (2.1)

semantics: An event mode location provides a means for synchronisation between processes. The operations defined on event mode locations are the continue action, the delay action and the delay case action, which are described in section 6.15, 6.16 and 6.17, respectively.

The *event length* specifies the maximum number of processes that may become delayed on an event location; that number is unlimited if no *event length* is specified.

static properties: An event mode has the following hereditary property:

- An optional **event length** which is the value delivered by *event length*.

static conditions: The *event length* must deliver a positive value.

examples:

14.10 **EVENT** (1.1)

3.9.3 Buffer modes

syntax:

$\langle \text{buffer mode} \rangle ::=$ (1)
 BUFFER [($\langle \text{buffer length} \rangle$)] $\langle \text{buffer element mode} \rangle$ (1.1)
 | $\langle \text{buffer mode name} \rangle$ (1.2)

$\langle \text{buffer length} \rangle ::=$ (2)
 $\langle \text{integer literal expression} \rangle$ (2.1)

$\langle \text{buffer element mode} \rangle ::=$ (3)
 $\langle \text{mode} \rangle$ (3.1)

semantics: A buffer mode location provides a means for synchronisation and communication between processes. The operations defined on buffer locations are the send action, the receive case action and the receive expression, described in section 6.18, 6.19 and 5.3.9, respectively.

The *buffer length* specifies the maximum number of values that can be stored in an event location; that number is unlimited if no *buffer length* is specified.

static properties: A buffer mode has the following hereditary properties:

- An optional **buffer length** which is the value delivered by *buffer length*.
- A **buffer element** mode which is the *buffer element mode*.

static conditions: The *buffer length* must deliver a non-negative value.

The *buffer element mode* must not have the **non-value** property.

examples:

16.30	BUFFER (1) <i>user_messages</i>	(1.1)
16.34	<i>user_buffers</i>	(1.2)

3.10 INPUT-OUTPUT MODES

3.10.1 General

syntax:

<input-output mode> ::=	(1)
<association mode>	(1.1)
<access mode>	(1.2)
<text mode>	(1.3)

semantics: An input-output mode provides a means for input-output operations as defined in chapter 7. There exists no expression in CHILL denoting a value defined by an input-output mode. As a consequence, there are no operations defined on the values.

examples:

20.17	ASSOCIATION	(1.1)
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3.10.2 Association modes

syntax:

<association mode> ::=	(1)
< <u>association mode</u> name>	(1.1)

predefined names: The name *ASSOCIATION* is predefined as an **association mode** name.

semantics: An association mode location provides a means for representing a relation to an outside world object. Such a relation is called an association in CHILL; associations can be created by the built-in routine *ASSOCIATE* and be ended by *DISSOCIATE*.

3.10.3 Access modes

syntax:

<access mode> ::=	(1)
ACCESS [(<index mode>)] [<record mode> [DYNAMIC]]	(1.1)
< <u>access mode</u> name>	(1.2)
<record mode> ::=	(2)
<mode>	(2.1)
<index mode> ::=	(3)
< <u>discrete mode</u> >	(3.1)
<literal range>	(3.2)

derived syntax: The index mode notation *literal range* is derived from the discrete mode **RANGE** (*literal range*).

semantics: An access mode location provides a means for positioning a file and for transferring values from a CHILL program to a file in the outside world, and vice versa.

An access mode may define a *record mode*; this record mode defines the **root** mode of the class of the values that can be transferred via a location of that access mode to or from a file. The mode of the transferred value may be dynamic, i.e. the **size** of the record may vary, when the attribute **DYNAMIC** is specified in the access mode denotation or when *record mode* is a **varying** string mode. In the latter case **DYNAMIC** need not be specified.

An access mode may also define an *index mode*; such an index mode defines the size of a “window” to (a part of) the file, from which it is possible to read (or write) records randomly. Such a window can be positioned in an (indexable) file by the connect operation. If no *index mode* is specified, then it is possible to transfer records only sequentially.

static properties: An access mode has the following hereditary properties:

- An optional **record** mode which is the *record mode* if present. It is a **dynamic record** mode if **DYNAMIC** is specified or if *record mode* is a **varying** string mode, otherwise it is a **static record** mode.
- An optional **index** mode which is the *index mode*.

static conditions: The optional *record mode* must not have the **non-value** property.

If **DYNAMIC** is specified, the **record** mode must be **parameterisable** and must not be a **tagless** structure mode.

The *index mode* must neither be a **numbered** set mode nor a **numbered** range mode.

examples:

20.18	ACCESS (<i>index_set</i>) <i>record_type</i>	(1.1)
22.20	ACCESS <i>string</i> DYNAMIC	(1.1)
20.18	<i>record_type</i>	(2.1)
20.18	<i>index_set</i>	(3.1)

3.10.4 Text modes

syntax:

<i><text mode></i> ::=	
TEXT (<i><text length></i>) [<i><index mode></i>] [DYNAMIC]	(1)
	(1.1)
<i><text length></i> ::=	
<i><integer literal expression></i>	(2)
	(2.1)

semantics: A text mode location provides a means for transferring values represented in human-readable form from a CHILL program to a file in the outside world, and vice versa. A text mode location has a **text** record and an **access** sub-locations. The **text** record sub-location is initialised with an empty string.

A text mode has a **text length**, which defines the maximum length of the records that can be transferred, and possibly an **index** mode that has the same meaning as for access modes.

static properties: A text mode has the following hereditary properties:

- A **text length** which is the value delivered by *text length*.
- A **text record mode** which is **CHARS** (<text length>) **VARYING**.
- It has an **access mode** which is **ACCESS** [(<index mode>)] **CHARS** (<text length>) [**DYNAMIC**] (<index mode> and **DYNAMIC** are part of the mode only if they are specified).

examples:

26.8 **TEXT (80) DYNAMIC** (1.1)

3.11 TIMING MODES

3.11.1 General

syntax:

<timing mode> ::= (1)
 <duration mode> (1.1)
 | <absolute time mode> (1.2)

semantics: A timing mode provides a means for time supervision of processes as described in chapter 9. Timing values are created by a set of built-in routines. The relational operators are defined on timing values.

3.11.2 Duration modes

syntax:

<duration mode> ::= (1)
 <duration mode name> (1.1)

predefined names: The name *DURATION* is predefined as a **duration mode name**.

semantics: A duration mode defines values which represent periods of time. The set of values defined by the duration mode is implementation defined. An implementation may choose to represent duration values as pairs of precision and value. Duration values are ordered in the intuitive way.

3.11.3 Absolute time modes

syntax:

<absolute time mode> ::= (1)
 <absolute time mode name> (1.1)

predefined names: The name *TIME* is predefined as an **absolute time mode name**.

semantics: An absolute time mode defines values which represent points in time. The set of values defined by the absolute time mode is implementation defined. Absolute time values are ordered in the intuitive way.

3.12 COMPOSITE MODES

3.12.1 General

syntax:

<code><composite mode> ::=</code>	(1)
<code><string mode></code>	(1.1)
<code> <array mode></code>	(1.2)
<code> <structure mode></code>	(1.3)

semantics: A composite mode defines composite values, i.e. values consisting of sub-components which can be accessed or obtained (see sections 4.2.6-4.2.10 and 5.2.6-5.2.10).

3.12.2 String modes

syntax:

<code><string mode> ::=</code>	(1)
<code><string type> (<string length>) [VARYING]</code>	(1.1)
<code> <parameterised string mode></code>	(1.2)
<code> <string mode name></code>	(1.3)
 <code><parameterised string mode> ::=</code>	(2)
<code><origin string mode name> (<string length>)</code>	(2.1)
<code> <parameterised string mode name></code>	(2.2)
 <code><origin string mode name> ::=</code>	(3)
<code><string mode name></code>	(3.1)
 <code><string type> ::=</code>	(4)
<code>BOOLS</code>	(4.1)
<code> CHARS</code>	(4.2)
 <code><string length> ::=</code>	(5)
<code><integer literal expression></code>	(5.1)

semantics: A **fixed** string mode defines bit or character string values of a length indicated or implied by the string mode. A **varying** string mode defines bit or character string values whose **actual length** can vary dynamically from 0 to the **string length**. The length is known only at runtime from the value of the attribute **actual length**. For a **fixed** string mode the **actual length** is always equal to the **string length**. Character strings are sequences of character values; bit strings are sequences of boolean values.

String values are either empty or have string elements which are numbered from 0 upward.

The string values of a given string mode are well-ordered in accordance with the ordering of the component values and the following definition.

Two strings s and t are equal if and only if they are empty or have the same length l and $s(i) = t(i)$ for all $0 \leq i < l$. A string s precedes t when either:

- there exists an index j such that $s(j) < t(j)$ and $s(0 : j - 1) = t(0 : j - 1)$, or
- $LENGTH(s) < LENGTH(t)$ and $s = t(0 \text{ UP } LENGTH(s))$.

The concatenation operator is defined on string values. The usual logical operators are defined on bit string values and operate between their corresponding elements (see section 5.3).

static properties: A string mode has the following hereditary properties:

- A **string length** which is the value delivered by *string length*.
- An **upper bound** and a **lower bound** which are the values delivered by *string length* – 1 and 0, respectively.
- It is a **bit** string mode or a **character** string mode, depending on whether *string type* specifies **BOOLS** or **CHARS**, or whether *origin string mode name* is a **bit** or **character** string mode.
- It is a **varying** string mode if **VARYING** is specified or if the *origin string mode name* is a **varying** string mode; otherwise it is a **fixed** string mode.

A string mode is **parameterised** if and only if it is a *parameterised string mode*.

A **parameterised** string mode has an **origin** string mode which is the mode denoted by *origin string mode name*.

A **varying** string mode has the following non-hereditary property: it has a **component** mode, defined as follows:

- If the **varying** string mode is of the form:

<string type> (*<string length>*) **VARYING**

then it is *<string type>* (*<string length>*).

- If the **varying** string mode is of the form:

<origin string mode name> (*<string length>*)

then the **component** mode is *&name* (*string length*), where *&name* is a virtually introduced **synmode** name **synonymous** with the **component** mode of the *origin string mode name*.

- If the **varying** string mode is a *string mode name* which is a **synmode** name, then its **component** mode is that of the defining mode of the **synmode** name; otherwise it is a **newmode** name and then its **component** mode is the virtually introduced **component** mode (see section 3.2.3).

static conditions: The *string length* must deliver a non-negative value.

The value delivered by the *string length* directly contained in a *parameterised string mode* must be less than or equal to the **string length** of the *origin string mode name*. This condition applies only to the **parameterised** string modes that are not introduced virtually.

examples:

7.51	CHARS (20)	(1.1)
22.22	CHARS (20) VARYING	(1.1)

3.12.3 Array modes

syntax:

<i><array mode></i> ::=	(1)
ARRAY (<i><index mode></i> { , <i><index mode></i> }*)	
<i><element mode></i> { <i><element layout></i> }*	(1.1)
<i><parameterised array mode></i>	(1.2)
<i><array mode name></i>	(1.3)
<i><parameterised array mode></i> ::=	(2)
<i><origin array mode name></i> (<i><upper index></i>)	(2.1)
<i><parameterised array mode name></i>	(2.2)
<i><origin array mode name></i> ::=	(3)
<i><array mode name></i>	(3.1)
<i><upper index></i> ::=	(4)
<i><discrete literal expression></i>	(4.1)
<i><element mode></i> ::=	(5)
<i><mode></i>	(5.1)

derived syntax: An *array mode* with more than one *index mode* (denoting a multi-dimensional array), is derived syntax for an *array mode* with an *element mode* that is an *array mode*. For example:

ARRAY (1:20,1:10) INT

is derived from:

ARRAY (RANGE (1:20)) ARRAY (RANGE (1:10)) INT

Only if this derived syntax is used, is more than one *element layout* occurrence allowed. The number of *element layout* occurrences must be less than or equal to the number of *index mode* occurrences. In that case, the leftmost *element layout* is associated with the innermost *element mode*, etc.

semantics: An *array mode* defines composite values, which are lists of values defined by its *element mode*. The physical layout of an *array location* or value can be controlled by *element layout* specification (see section 3.12.5). Two *array values* are equal if and only if all corresponding *element values* are equal.

static properties: An *array mode* has the following hereditary properties:

- An *index mode* which is the *index mode* if it is not a *parameterised array mode*, otherwise the *index mode* is the range mode constructed as:

&name (lower bound : upper bound)

where *&name* is a virtual *synmode* name *synonymous* with the *index mode* of *origin array mode name*, *lower bound* is the lower bound of the *index mode* of the *origin array mode name* and *upper bound* is the *upper index*.

- An *upper bound* and a *lower bound* which are the *upper bound* and the *lower bound* of its *index mode*, respectively.
- An *element mode* which is either *M* or **READ M**, where *M* is the *element mode*, or the *element mode* of the *origin array mode name*, respectively. The *element mode* will be **READ M** if and only if *M* is not a *read-only mode* and the *array mode* is a *read-only mode*. The *element mode* is an implicit *read-only mode* if it is **READ M**.
- An *element layout* which, if it is a *parameterised array mode*, is the *element layout* of its *origin array mode name*; otherwise it is either the specified *element layout*, or the implementation default, which is either **PACK** or **NOPACK**.
- A *number of elements* which is the value delivered by:

NUM (upper bound) – NUM (lower bound) + 1

where *upper bound* and *lower bound* are respectively the *upper bound* and the *lower bound* of its *index mode*.

- It is a *mapped mode* if *element layout* is specified and is a *step*.

An *array mode* is *parameterised* if and only if it is a *parameterised array mode*.

A *parameterised array mode* has an *origin array mode* which is the mode denoted by *origin array mode name*.

static conditions: The class of *upper index* must be *compatible* with the *index mode* of the *origin array mode name* and the value delivered by it must lie in the range defined by that *index mode*.

examples:

5.29	ARRAY (1:16) STRUCT (c4, c2, c1 BOOL)	(1.1)
11.12	ARRAY (line) ARRAY (column) square	(1.1)
11.17	board	(1.3)

3.12.4 Structure modes

syntax:

$\langle \text{structure mode} \rangle ::=$	(1)
STRUCT ($\langle \text{field} \rangle \{ , \langle \text{field} \rangle \}^*$)	(1.1)
$\langle \text{parameterised structure mode} \rangle$	(1.2)
$\langle \text{structure mode name} \rangle$	(1.3)
$\langle \text{field} \rangle ::=$	(2)
$\langle \text{fixed field} \rangle$	(2.1)
$\langle \text{alternative field} \rangle$	(2.2)
$\langle \text{fixed field} \rangle ::=$	(3)
$\langle \text{field name defining occurrence list} \rangle \langle \text{mode} \rangle [\langle \text{field layout} \rangle]$	(3.1)
$\langle \text{alternative field} \rangle ::=$	(4)
CASE [$\langle \text{tag list} \rangle$] OF	
$\langle \text{variant alternative} \rangle \{ , \langle \text{variant alternative} \rangle \}^*$	
[ELSE [$\langle \text{variant field} \rangle \{ , \langle \text{variant field} \rangle \}^*$]] ESAC	(4.1)
$\langle \text{variant alternative} \rangle ::=$	(5)
[$\langle \text{case label specification} \rangle$] : [$\langle \text{variant field} \rangle \{ , \langle \text{variant field} \rangle \}^*$]	(5.1)
$\langle \text{tag list} \rangle ::=$	(6)
$\langle \text{tag field name} \rangle \{ , \langle \text{tag field name} \rangle \}^*$	(6.1)
$\langle \text{variant field} \rangle ::=$	(7)
$\langle \text{field name defining occurrence list} \rangle \langle \text{mode} \rangle [\langle \text{field layout} \rangle]$	(7.1)
$\langle \text{parameterised structure mode} \rangle ::=$	(8)
$\langle \text{origin variant structure mode name} \rangle (\langle \text{literal expression list} \rangle)$	(8.1)
$\langle \text{parameterised structure mode name} \rangle$	(8.2)
$\langle \text{origin variant structure mode name} \rangle ::=$	(9)
$\langle \text{variant structure mode name} \rangle$	(9.1)
$\langle \text{literal expression list} \rangle ::=$	(10)
$\langle \text{discrete literal expression} \rangle \{ , \langle \text{discrete literal expression} \rangle \}^*$	(10.1)

derived syntax: A *fixed field* occurrence or *variant field* occurrence, where *field name defining occurrence list* consists of more than one *field name defining occurrence*, is derived syntax for several *fixed field* occurrences or *variant field* occurrences with one *field name defining occurrence* respectively, each with the specified *mode* and optional *field layout*. In the case of *field layout*, this *field layout* must not be *pos*. For example:

STRUCT (I,J BOOL PACK)

is derived from:

STRUCT (I BOOL PACK, J BOOL PACK)

semantics: Structure modes define composite values consisting of a list of values, selectable by a component name. Each value is defined by a mode that is attached to the component name. Structure values may reside in (composite) structure locations, where the component name serves as an access to the sub-location. The components of a structure value or location are called fields and their names **field** names.

There are **fixed** structures, **variant** structures and **parameterised** structures.

Fixed structures consist only of fixed fields, i.e. fields that are always present and that can be accessed without any dynamic check.

Variant structures have variant fields, i.e. fields that are not always present. For tagged **variant** structures, the presence of these fields is known only at run time from the value(s) of certain associated fixed field(s) called **tag** fields. **Tag-less variant** structures do not have **tag** fields. Because the composition of a **variant** structure may change during run time, the **size** of a variant structure location is based upon the largest choice (worst case) of variant alternatives.

In an *alternative field* the *variant alternative* chosen is that for which values give in the case label specification match; if no value match, the *variant alternative* following **ELSE** (which will be present) is chosen.

A **parameterised** structure is determined from a **variant** structure mode for which the choice of variant alternatives is statically specified by means of literal expressions. The composition is fixed from the point of the creation of the parameterised structure and may not change during run time. The **tag** fields, if present, are **read-only** and automatically initialised with the specified values. For a parameterised structure location, a precise amount of storage can be allocated at the point of declaration or generation. Note that dynamic **parameterised** structure modes also exist; their semantics are defined in section 3.13.4.

The layout of a structure location or value can be controlled by means of a field layout specification (see section 3.12.5).

Two structure values are equal if and only if the corresponding component values are equal. However, if the structure values are **tag-less variant** structure values, the result of comparison is implementation defined.

static properties:

general:

A structure mode has the following hereditary properties:

- It is a **fixed** structure mode if it is a *structure mode* that does not directly contain an *alternative field* occurrence.
- It is a **variant** structure mode if it is a *structure mode* and contains at least one *alternative field* occurrence.
- It is a **parameterised** structure mode if it is a *parameterised structure mode*.
- It has a set of **field** names. This set is defined below for the different cases. A name is said to be a **field** name if and only if it is defined in a *field name defining occurrence list* in *fixed fields* or *variant fields* in a *structure mode*.

Each *fixed field*, *variant field* and therefore each **field** name of a structure mode has a **field** mode attached that is either *M* or **READ M**, where *M* is the *mode* in the *fixed field* or *variant field*. The **field** mode is **READ M** if *M* is not a **read-only** mode and either the structure mode is a **read-only** mode, or the field is a **tag** field of a **parameterised** structure mode. The **field** mode is an implicit **read-only** mode if it is **READ M**.

A *fixed field*, *variant field* and therefore a **field** name of a given structure mode has a **field** layout attached to it that is the *field* layout in the *fixed field* or *variant field*, if present; otherwise it is the default field layout, which is either **PACK** or **NOPACK**.

- It is a **mapped** mode if its **field** names have a *field* layout that is *pos*.

fixed structures:

A **fixed** structure mode has the following hereditary property:

- A set of **field** names which is the set of names defined by any *field name defining occurrence list* in *fixed fields*. These **field** names are **fixed field** names.

variant structures:

A **variant** structure mode has the following hereditary properties:

- A set of **field** names which is the union of the set of names defined by any *field name defining occurrence list* in *fixed fields* and the set of names defined by any *field name defining occurrence list* in *alternative fields*. **Field** names defined by a *field name defining occurrence list* in *fixed fields* are the **fixed field** names of the **variant** structure mode; its other **field** names are the **variant field** names.

A **field** name of a **variant** structure mode is a **tag** field name if and only if it occurs in any *tag list* of an *alternative field*. *Alternative fields* in which no *tag list* are specified are **tag-less alternative fields**.

- A **variant** structure mode is a **tag-less variant** structure mode if all its *alternative field* occurrences are **tag-less**. Otherwise it is a **tagged variant** structure mode.
- A **variant** structure mode is a **parameterisable variant** structure mode if it is either a **tagged variant** structure mode or a **tag-less variant** structure mode where for each of the *alternative field* occurrences a *case label specification* is given for all the *variant alternative* occurrences in it.
- A **parameterisable variant** structure mode has a list of classes attached, determined as follows:
 - if it is a **tagged variant** structure mode, the list of M_i -value classes, where M_i are the modes of the **tag field** names in the order that they are defined in *fixed fields*;
 - if it is a **tag-less variant** structure mode, the list is built up from the individual **resulting lists of classes** of each *alternative field* by concatenating them in the order as the *alternative fields* occur. The **resulting list of classes** of an *alternative field* occurrence is the **resulting list of classes** of the list of *case label specification* occurrences in it (see section 12.3).

parameterised structures:

A **parameterised** structure mode has the following hereditary properties:

- An **origin variant** structure mode which is the mode denoted by *origin variant structure mode name*.
- A set of **field names** which is the union of the set of **fixed field** names of its **origin variant** structure mode and the set of those **variant field** names of its **origin variant** structure mode that are defined in *variant alternative* occurrences that are selected by the list of values defined by *literal expression list*.

The set of **tag field** names of a *parameterised structure mode* is the set of **tag field** names of its **origin variant** structure mode.

- A list of values attached, defined by *literal expression list*.
- It is a **tagged parameterised** structure mode if its **origin variant** structure mode is a **tagged variant** structure mode; otherwise the **parameterised** structure mode is **tag-less**.

For dynamic **parameterized** structure modes see section 3.13.4.

static conditions:

general:

All **field names** of a structure mode must be different.

If any field has a field layout which is *pos*, all the fields must have a field layout which must be *pos*.

variant structures:

A **tag field** name must be a **fixed field** name and must be textually defined before all the *alternative field* occurrences in whose *tag list* it is mentioned. (As a consequence, a **tag field** precedes all the **variant** fields that depend upon it). The mode of a **tag field** name must be a discrete mode.

The *mode* of *variant field* may have neither the **non-value property** nor the **tagged parameterised property**.

In a **variant** structure mode the *alternative field* occurrences must be either all **tagged** or all **tag-less**. For **tag-less alternative fields**, *case label specification* may be omitted in all *variant alternative* occurrences together, or must be specified for each *variant alternative* occurrence.

If, for a **tag-less variant** structure mode, any of its *alternative fields* has *case label specification* given, all its *alternative fields* must have *case label specification*.

For *alternative fields*, the case selection conditions must be fulfilled (see section 12.3), and the same completeness, consistency and compatibility requirements must hold as for the case action (see section 6.4). Each of the **tag field** names of *tag list* (if present) serves as a case selector with the M -value class, where M is the mode of the **tag field** name. In the case of **tag-less alternative fields**, the checks involving the case selector are ignored.

For a **parameterisable variant** structure mode none of the classes of its attached list of classes may be the **all** class. (This condition is automatically fulfilled by a **tagged variant** structure mode.)

parameterised structures:

The *origin variant structure mode name* must be **parameterisable**.

There must be as many **literal** expressions in the *literal expression list* as there are classes in the list of classes of the *origin variant structure mode name*. The class of each **literal** expression must be **compatible** with the corresponding (by position) class of the list of classes. If the latter class is an M-value class, the value delivered by the **literal** expression must be one of the values defined by M.

examples:

```
3.3    STRUCT (re, im INT)                                     (1.1)
11.7    STRUCT (status SET (occupied, free),
        CASE status OF
            (occupied): p piece,
            (free):
        ESAC)
2.6     fraction                                             (1.1)
11.7     status SET (occupied, free)                         (1.3)
11.8     status                                              (3.1)
11.9     p piece                                             (6.1)
                                              (7.1)
```

3.12.5 Layout description for array modes and structure modes

syntax:

```
<element layout> ::=
    PACK | NOPACK | <step>                                     (1)
                                                             (1.1)

<field layout> ::=
    PACK | NOPACK | <pos>                                       (2)
                                                             (2.1)

<step> ::=
    STEP (<pos> [ , <step size> ] )                             (3)
                                                             (3.1)

<pos> ::=
    POS ( <word> , <start bit> , <length> )                     (4)
    | POS ( <word> [ , <start bit> [ : <end bit> ] ] )           (4.1)
                                                             (4.2)

<word> ::=
    <integer literal expression>                                (5)
                                                             (5.1)

<step size> ::=
    <integer literal expression>                                (6)
                                                             (6.1)

<start bit> ::=
    <integer literal expression>                                (7)
                                                             (7.1)

<end bit> ::=
    <integer literal expression>                                (8)
                                                             (8.1)

<length> ::=
    <integer literal expression>                                (9)
                                                             (9.1)
```

semantics: It is possible to control the layout of an array or a structure by giving packing or mapping information in its mode. Packing information is either **PACK** or **NOPACK**, mapping information is either *step* in the case of array modes, or *pos* in the case of structure modes. The absence of *element layout* or *field layout* in an array or structure mode will always be interpreted as packing information, i.e. either as **PACK** or as **NOPACK**.

If **PACK** is specified for elements of an array or fields of a structure, it means that the use of memory space is optimised for the array elements or structure fields, whereas **NOPACK** implies that the access time for the array elements or the structure fields is optimised. **NOPACK** also implies **referable**.

The **PACK**, **NOPACK** information is applied only for one level, i.e. it is applied to the elements of the array or fields of the structure, not for possible components of the array element or structure field. The layout information is always attached to the nearest mode to which it may apply and which does not already have layout attached. For example, if the default packing is **NOPACK**:

STRUCT (*f* **ARRAY** (0:1) *m* **PACK**)

is equivalent to:

STRUCT (*f* **ARRAY** (0:1) *m* **PACK NOPACK**)

It is also possible to control the precise layout of an array or a structure by specifying positioning information for its components in the mode. This positioning information is given in the following ways:

- For array modes, the positioning information is given for all elements together, in the form of a *step* following the array mode.
- For structure modes, the positioning information is given for each field individually, in the form of a *pos*, following the mode of the field.

Mapping information with *pos* is given in terms of word and bit-offsets. A *pos* of the form:

POS (<word> , <start bit> , <length>)

defines a bit-offset of

$NUM (word) * WIDTH + NUM (start\ bit)$

and a length of $NUM (length)$ bits, where *WIDTH* is the (implementation defined) number of bits in a word, and *word* is an integer literal expression.

When *pos* is specified in *field layout* it defines that the corresponding field starts at the given bit-offset from the start of each location of that mode, and occupies the given length.

A *step* of the form:

STEP (<*pos*> , <*step size*>)

defines a series of bit-offsets b_i for i taking values 0 to $n - 1$ where n is the **number of elements** in the array and

$b_i = i * NUM (step\ size)$.

The j -th element of the array starts at a bit-offset of $p + b_j$ from the start of each location of the array mode, where p is the bit-offset specified in *pos*. Each element occupies the length given in *pos*.

Defaults

The notation:

POS (<word number> , <start bit> : <end bit>)

is semantically equivalent to:

POS (<word number> , <start bit> , $NUM (<end\ bit>) - NUM (<start\ bit>) + 1$)

The notation:

POS (<word number> , <start bit>)

is semantically equivalent to:

POS (<word number> , <start bit> , *BSIZE*)

where *BSIZE* is the minimum number of bits which is needed to be occupied by the component for which the *pos* is specified.

The notation:

POS (<word number>)

is semantically equivalent to:

POS (<word number> , 0 , *BSIZE*)

The notation:

STEP (<pos>)

is semantically equivalent to

STEP (<pos> , *SSIZE*)

where *SSIZE* is the <length> specified in *pos* or derivable from *pos* by the above rules.

static properties: For any location of an array mode the element layout of the mode determines the referability of its sub-locations (including sub-arrays, array slices) as follows:

- either all sub-locations are **referable**, or none of them are;
- if the element layout is **NOPACK** all sub-locations are **referable**.

For any location of a structure mode, the referability of the structure field selected by a **field name** is determined by the field layout of the **field name** as follows:

- the **field name** is **referable** if the field layout is **NOPACK**.

static conditions: If the **element** mode of a given array mode or the **field** mode of a **field name** of a given structure mode, is itself an array or structure mode, then it must be a **mapped** mode if the given array or structure mode is **mapped**.

Each of *word*, *start bit*, *end bit*, *length* and *step size* must, if specified, deliver a non negative value; and the values delivered by *start bit* and *end bit* must be less than *WIDTH*, the number of bits in an implementation's word; and the value delivered by *start bit* must be less than or equal to that of *end bit*.

Each implementation defines for each mode a minimum number of bits its values need to occupy; call this the minimum bit occupancy. For discrete modes it is any number of bits not less than log to the base two of the **number of values** of the mode. For array modes it is the offset of the element of the highest index plus its occupied bits. For structure modes it is the offset of the highest bit occupied.

For each *pos* the *length* specified must not be less than the minimum bit occupancy of the mode of the associated field or array components.

For each **mapped** array mode the *step size* must not be less than the *length* given or implied in the *pos*.

Consistency and feasibility

Consistency:

No component of a structure may be specified such that it occupies any bits occupied by another component of the same object except in the case of two **variant field** names defined in the same *alternative field* occurrence; however, in the latter case the **variant field** names may not both be defined in the same *variant alternative* nor both following **ELSE**.

Feasibility:

There are no language defined feasibility requirements, except for the one that can be deduced from the rule that the referability of a sub-location of any (**referable** or non-**referable**) location is determined only by the (element or field) layout, which is a property of the mode of the location. This places some restrictions on the mapping of components that themselves have **referable** components.

examples:

17.5	PACK	(1.1)
19.14	POS (1,0:15)	(4.2)