# Scribble as Preprocessor

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The scribble/text and scribble/html languages act as "preprocessor" languages for generating text or HTML. These preprocessor languages use the same @ syntax as the main Scribble tool (see *Scribble: The Racket Documentation Tool*), but instead of working in terms of a document abstraction that can be rendered to text and HTML (and other formats), the preprocessor languages work in a way that is more specific to the target formats.

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# **1** Text Generation

#lang scribble/text package: scribble-text-lib

The scribble/text language provides everything from racket/base, racket/promise, racket/list, and racket/string, but with additions and a changed treatment of the module top level to make it suitable as for text generation or a preprocessor language:

- The language uses read-syntax-inside to read the body of the module, similar to §6.7 "Document Reader". This means that by default, all text is read in as Racket strings; and @-forms can be used to use Racket functions and expression escapes.
- Values of expressions are printed with a custom output function. This function displays most values in a similar way to display, except that it is more convenient for a textual output.

When scribble/text is used via require instead of #lang, then it does not change the printing of values, it does not include the bindings of racket/base, include is provided as include/text, and begin is provided as begin/text.

## 1.1 Writing Text Files

The combination of the two features makes text in files in the scribble/text language be read as strings, which get printed out when the module is required, for example, when a file is given as an argument to racket. (In these example the left part shows the source input, and the right part the printed result.)

#lang scribble/text
Programming languages should
be designed not by piling
feature on top of feature, but
blah blah.
Programming languages should
be designed not by piling
feature on top of feature, but
blah blah.

Using @-forms, we can define and use Racket functions.

As demonstrated in this case, the **output** function simply scans nested list structures recursively, which makes them convenient for function results. In addition, **output** prints most values similarly to **display** — notable exceptions are void and false values which cause no output to appear. This can be used for convenient conditional output.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define (errors n)
    (list n
        " error"
        (and (not (= n 1)) "s")))
You have @errors[3] in your code,
I fixed @errors[1].
You have 3 errors in your code,
I fixed 1 error.
```

Using the scribble @-forms syntax, you can write functions more conveniently too.

Following the details of the scribble reader, you may notice that in these examples there are newline strings after each definition, yet they do not show in the output. To make it easier to write definitions, newlines after definitions and indentation spaces before them are ignored.

These end-of-line newline strings are not ignored when they follow other kinds of expressions, which may lead to redundant empty lines in the output.

	<b>G</b> +	
$\rightarrow$	Start	
	1 Mississippi,	
	2 Mississippi,	
	3 Mississippi,	
	and I'm done.	
	$\rightarrow$	

There are several ways to avoid having such empty lines in your output. The simplest way is to arrange for the function call's form to end right before the next line begins, but this is often not too convenient. An alternative is to use a @; comment, which makes the scribble reader ignore everything that follows it up to and including the newline. (These methods can be applied to the line that precedes the function call too, but the results are likely to have what looks like erroneous indentation. More about this below.)

<pre>#lang scribble/text</pre>		Start
<pre>@(define (count n str)</pre>		1 Mississippi,
(for/list ([i (in-range 1 (+ n 1))])		2 Mississippi,
<pre>@list{@i @str,@"\n"}))</pre>		3 Mississippi,
Start		done once.
<pre>@count[3]{Mississippi</pre>	$\rightarrow$	
<pre>} done once.</pre>		Start again
		1 Massachusetts,
Start again		2 Massachusetts,
<pre>@count[3]{Massachusetts}@;</pre>		3 Massachusetts,
and I'm done again.		and I'm done again.

A better approach is to generate newlines only when needed.

In fact, this is common enough that the scribble/text language provides a convenient facility: add-newlines is a function that is similar to add-between using a newline string as the default separator, except that false and void values are filtered out before doing so.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define (count n str)
                                                Start...
   (add-newlines
                                                1 Mississippi,
    (for/list ([i (in-range 1 (+ n 1))])
                                            →
                                              2 Mississippi,
      @list{@i @str,})))
                                                3 Mississippi,
Start...
                                                ... and I'm done.
@count[3]{Mississippi}
... and I'm done.
#lang scribble/text
@(define (count n str)
                                                 Start...
```

```
(add-newlines
(for/list ([i (in-range 1 (+ n 1))])
@(and (even? i) @list{@i @str,})))) → 4 Mississippi,
6 Mississippi,
ccount[6]{Mississippi}... and I'm done.
```

The separator can be set to any value.

### **1.2 Defining Functions and More**

(Note: most of the tips in this section are applicable to any code that uses the Scribble @-forms syntax.)

Because the Scribble reader is uniform, you can use it in place of any expression where it is more convenient. (By convention, we use a plain S-expression syntax when we want a Racket expression escape, and an @-forms for expressions that render as text, which, in the scribble/text language, is any value-producing expression.) For example, you can use an @-forms for a function that you define.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define @bold[text] @list{*@|text|*}) \rightarrow An *important* note.
An @bold{important} note.
```

This is not commonly done, since most functions that operate with text will need to accept a variable number of arguments. In fact, this leads to a common problem: what if we want to write a function that consumes a number of "text arguments" rathen than a single "rest-like" body? The common solution for this is to provide the separate text arguments in the S-expression part of an @-forms.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define (choose 1st 2nd)
    @list{Either @1st, or @|2nd|@"."})
@(define who "us") → Either you're with us, or against us.
@choose[@list{you're with @who}
    @list{against @who}]
```

You can even use @-formss with a Racket quote or quasiquote as the "head" part to make it shorter, or use a macro to get grouping of sub-parts without dealing with quotes.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define (choose 1st 2nd)
   @list{Either @1st, or @|2nd|@"."})
@(define who "us")
@choose[@list{you're with @who}
                                                      Either you're with us, or against us.
        @list{against @who}]
                                                      Shopping list:
\mathbb{Q}(\text{define-syntax-rule (compare } (x \dots) \dots) \rightarrow * \text{apples}
   (add-newlines
                                                      * oranges
    (list (list "* " x ...) ...)))
                                                      * 6 bananas
Shopping list:
@compare[@{apples}
         @{oranges}
         @{@(* 2 3) bananas}]
```

Yet another solution is to look at the text values and split the input arguments based on a specific token. Using match can make it convenient — you can even specify the patterns with @-formss.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(require racket/match)
@(define (features . text)
   (match text
     [@list{@|1st|@...
           ---
                                 >> Pros <<
           @|2nd|@...}
                               fast,
                           \rightarrow reliable;
      @list{>> Pros <<</pre>
                               >> Cons <<
           @1st;
           >> Cons <<
                                 expensive,
           @|2nd|.}]))
                               ugly.
@features{fast,
         reliable
          ---
         expensive,
         ugly}
```

In particular, it is often convenient to split the input by lines, identified by delimiting "\n" strings. Since this can be useful, a split-lines function is provided.

Finally, the Scribble reader accepts *any* expression as the head part of an @-form — even an @ form. This makes it possible to get a number of text bodies by defining a curried function, where each step accepts any number of arguments. This, however, means that the number of body expressions must be fixed.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define ((choose . 1st) . 2nd)
    @list{Either you're @1st, or @|2nd|.}) → Either you're with me, or against me.
@(define who "me")
@@choose{with @who}{against @who}
```

# **1.3 Using Printouts**

Because the text language simply displays each toplevel value as the file is run, it is possible to print text directly as part of the output.

<pre>#lang scribble/text</pre>		
#Iang Scribble/text	$\rightarrow$	First
First		C
<pre>@display{Second}</pre>		Second
1 0		Third
Third		

Taking this further, it is possible to write functions that output some text *instead* of returning values that represent the text.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define (count n) Start...
 (for ([i (in-range 1 (+ n 1))]) 1 Mississippi,
 (printf "~a Mississippi,\n" i))) → 2 Mississippi,
Start... 3 Mississippi,
@count[3]@; avoid an empty line ... and I'm done.
... and I'm done.
```

This can be used to produce a lot of output text, even infinite.

<pre>#lang scribble/text</pre>		Start
@(define (count n)		1 Mississippi,
(printf "~a Mississippi,\n" n)		2 Mississippi,
(count (add1 n)))	$\rightarrow$	3 Mississippi,
Start		4 Mississippi,
@count[1]		5 Mississippi,
this line is never printed!		

However, you should be careful not to mix returning values with printouts, as the results are rarely desirable.

#lang scribble/text  $\rightarrow$  two1 3
@list{1 @display{two} 3}

Note that you don't need side-effects if you want infinite output. The **output** function iterates thunks and (composable) promises, so you can create a loop that is delayed in either form.

	<b>a</b>	
	Start	
	1 Mississippi,	
$\rightarrow$	2 Mississippi,	
	3 Mississippi,	
	4 Mississippi,	
	5 Mississippi,	
	•• •	
	$\rightarrow$	

### 1.4 Indentation in Preprocessed output

An issue that can be very important in many text generation applications is the indentation of the output. This can be crucial in some cases, if you're generating code for an indentationsensitive language (e.g., Haskell, Python, or C preprocessor directives). To get a better understanding of how the pieces interact, you may want to review how the Scribble reader section, but also remember that you can use quoted forms to see how some form is read.

The Scribble reader ignores indentation spaces in its body. This is an intentional feature, since you usually do not want an expression to depend on its position in the source. But the question is whether we *can* render some output text with proper indentation. The output function achieves that by introducing blocks. Just like a list, a block contains a list of elements, and when one is rendered, it is done in its own indentation level. When a newline is part of a block's contents, it causes the following text to appear with indentation that corresponds to the column position at the beginning of the block.

In addition, lists are also rendered as blocks by default, so they can be used for the same purpose. In most cases, this makes the output appear "as intended" where lists are used for nested pieces of text — either from a literal list expression, or an expression that evaluates to a list, or when a list is passed on as a value; either as a toplevel expression, or as a nested value; either appearing after spaces, or after other output.

<pre>#lang scribble/text</pre>			
foo @block{1		foo	1
-			2
2 3} foo @list{4			3
	$\rightarrow$	foo	٨
		100	4
5			5
5			6
6}			

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define (code . text)
                              begin
   @list{begin
                                first
           @text
                                second
                                begin
         end})
@code{first
                                  third
      second
                                  fourth
      @code{
                                end
        third
                                last
        fourth}
                              end
      last}
#lang scribble/text
@(define (enumerate . items)
   (add-newlines #:sep ";\n"
    (for/list ([i (in-naturals 1)]
                                                 Todo: 1. Install Racket;
               [item (in-list items)])
                                                      2. Hack, hack, hack;
      @list{@|i|. @item})))
                                                       3. Profit.
Todo: @enumerate[@list{Install Racket}
                 @list{Hack, hack, hack}
                 @list{Profit}].
```

There are, however, cases when you need more refined control over the output. The scribble/text language provides a few functions for such cases in addition to block. The splice function groups together a number of values but avoids introducing a new indentation context. Furthermore, lists are not always rendered as blocks — instead, they are rendered as splices when they are used inside one, so you essentially use splice to avoid the "indentation group" behavior, and block to restore it.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define (blah . text)
                                           start
   @splice{{
                                             foo();
     blah(@block{@text});
                                           loop:
  }})
                                             if (something) {
start
                                               blah(one,
  @splice{foo();
                                                     two);
          loop:}
                                             }
  @list{if (something) @blah{one,
                                           end
                              two}}
end
```

The disable-prefix function disables all indentation printouts in its contents, including

the indentation before the body of the disable-prefix value itself. It is useful, for example, to print out CPP directives.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define (((IFF00 . var) . expr1) . expr2)
   (define (array e1 e2)
                                                   function blah(something, something_else) {
     @list{[@e1,
                                                   #include "stuff.inc"
            @e2]})
                                                     var i;
   @list{var @var;
                                                   #ifdef FOO
         @disable-prefix{#ifdef F00}
                                                     i = [something,
         @var = @array[expr1 expr2];
                                              \rightarrow
                                                          something_else];
         @disable-prefix{#else}
                                                   #else
         @var = @array[expr2 expr1];
                                                     i = [something_else,
         @disable-prefix{#endif}})
                                                          something];
                                                   #endif
function blah(something, something_else) {
                                                   }
  @disable-prefix{#include "stuff.inc"}
  @@@IFFOO{i}{something}{something_else}
}
```

If there are values after a **disable-prefix** value on the same line, they *will* get indented to the goal column (unless the output is already beyond it).

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define (thunk name . body)
   @list{function @name() {
           @body
         }})
                                               function do_stuff() {
@(define (ifdef cond then else)
                                                  init();
   @list{@disable-prefix{#}ifdef @cond
                                               # ifdef HAS_BLAH
           @then
                                                   var x = blah();
         @disable-prefix{#}else
                                               # else
           @else
                                                   function blah() {
         @disable-prefix{#}endif})
                                                     ifdef BLEHOS
                                               #
                                                        include <bleh.h>
                                               #
@thunk['do_stuff]{
                                          \rightarrow
                                                        bleh();
  init();
                                                      else
                                               #
  @ifdef["HAS_BLAH"
                                                        error("no bleh");
    @list{var x = blah();}
                                                      endif
                                                #
    @thunk['blah]{
                                                    }
      @ifdef["BLEHOS"
                                               # endif
        @list{@disable-prefix{#}@;
                                                 more_stuff();
                include <bleh.h>
                                               }
              bleh();}
        @list{error("no bleh");}]
    }]
  more_stuff();
}
```

There are cases where each line should be prefixed with some string other than a plain indentation. The add-prefix function causes its contents to be printed using some given string prefix for every line. The prefix gets accumulated to an existing indentation, and indentation in the contents gets added to the prefix.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define (comment . body)
   @add-prefix["// "]{@body})
                                                   // add : int int -> string
@comment{add : int int -> string}
                                                   char *foo(int x, int y) {
char *foo(int x, int y) {
                                                     // skeleton:
  @comment{
                                                     // allocate a string
    skeleton:
                                                     // print the expression into it
      allocate a string
                                              \rightarrow
                                                     // // ...more work...
      print the expression into it
                                                     char *buf = malloc(// FIXME!
      @comment{...more work...}
                                                                        // This is bad
  }
                                                                        100);
  char *buf = malloc(@comment{FIXME!
                                                   }
                              This is bad}
                     100);
}
```

When combining add-prefix and disable-prefix there is an additional value that can be useful: flush. This is a value that causes output to print the current indentation and prefix. This makes it possible to get the "ignored as a prefix" property of disable-prefix but only for a nested prefix.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(define (comment . text)
   (list flush
                                                  function foo(x) {
         @add-prefix[" *"]{
                                                    /* blah
           @disable-prefix{/*} @text */}))
                                                      * more blah
function foo(x) {
                                                     * yet more blah */
  @comment{blah
                                                    if (x < 0) {
           more blah
                                                      /* even more
           yet more blah}
                                                       * blah here
  if (x < 0) {
                                                        * /* even
    @comment{even more
                                                        * * nested */ */
             blah here
                                                      do_stuff();
             @comment{even
                                                    }
                      nested}}
                                                  }
   do_stuff();
 }
}
```

# 1.5 Using External Files

Using additional files that contain code for your preprocessing is trivial: the source text is still source code in a module, so you can require additional files with utility functions.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(require "itemize.rkt")
Todo:
@itemize[@list{Hack some}
         @list{Sleep some}
         @list{Hack some
                                                Todo:
               more}]
                                                * Hack some
                                                * Sleep some
                      "itemize.rkt"
                                                * Hack some
#lang racket
                                                  more
(provide itemize)
(define (itemize . items)
  (add-between (map (lambda (item)
                      (list "* " item))
                    items)
               "\n"))
```

Note that the at-exp language can often be useful here, since such files need to deal with texts. Using it, it is easy to include a lot of textual content.

```
#lang scribble/text
@(require "stuff.rkt")
Todo:
@itemize[@list{Hack some}
         @list{Sleep some}
         @list{Hack some
               more}]
@summary
                                              Todo:
                                              * Hack some
                                              * Sleep some
                       "stuff.rkt"
                                              * Hack some
#lang at-exp racket/base
                                                more
(require racket/list)
                                              If that's not enough,
(provide (all-defined-out))
                                              I don't know what is.
(define (itemize . items)
  (add-between (map (lambda (item)
                      @list{* @item})
                    items)
               "\n"))
(define summary
  @list{If that's not enough,
        I don't know what is.})
```

Of course, the extreme side of this will be to put all of your content in a plain Racket module, using @-formss for convenience. However, there is no need to use the text language in this case; instead, you can (require scribble/text), which will get all of the bindings that are available in the scribble/text language. Using output, switching from a preprocessed files to a Racket file is very easy —- choosing one or the other depends on whether it is more convenient to write a text file with occasional Racket expressions or the other way.

```
#lang at-exp racket/base
(require scribble/text racket/list)
(define (itemize . items)
  (add-between (map (lambda (item)
                      @list{* @item})
                    items)
               "\n"))
                                             Todo:
(define summary
                                              * Hack some
  @list{If that's not enough,
                                              * Sleep some
        I don't know what is.})
                                              * Hack some
(output
                                               more
 @list{
                                              If that's not enough,
  Todo:
                                             I don't know what is.
   @itemize[@list{Hack some}
            @list{Sleep some}
            @list{Hack some
                  more}]
   @summary
})
```

However, you might run into a case where it is desirable to include a mostly-text file from a scribble/text source file. It might be because you prefer to split the source text to several files, or because you need to use a template file that cannot have a #lang header (for example, an HTML template file that is the result of an external editor). In these cases, the scribble/text language provides an include form that includes a file in the preprocessor syntax (where the default parsing mode is text).

```
#lang scribble/text
@(require racket/list)
@(define (itemize . items)
   (list
    ""
    (add-between
     (map (lambda (item)
           @list{0|item|})
         items)
    "\n")
                                          <html>
    ""))
                                          <head><title>Todo</title></head>
@(define title "Todo")
                                         <body>
@(define summary
                                           <h1>Todo</h1>
   @list{If that's not enough,
                                           Hack some
        I don't know what is.})
                                               Sleep some
                                     \rightarrow
                                               Hack some
@include["template.html"]
                                                   more
                                           <i>If that's not enough,
                                                 I don't know what is.</i>
                "template.html"
                                         </body>
<html>
                                          </html>
<head><title>@|title|</title></head>
<body>
  <h1>0|title|</h1>
  @itemize[@list{Hack some}
          @list{Sleep some}
          @list{Hack some
               more}]
  <i>@|summary|</i>
</body>
</html>
```

(Using require with a text file in the scribble/text language will not work as intended: the language will display the text is when the module is invoked, so the required file's contents will be printed before any of the requiring module's text does. If you find yourself in such a situation, it is better to switch to a Racket-with-@-expressions file as shown above.)

### 1.6 Text Generation Functions

#### outputable/c : contract?

A contract that (in principle) corresponds to value that can be output by **output**. Currently, however, this contract accepts all values (to avoid the cost of checking at every boundary).

Added in version 1.1 of package scribble-text-lib.

```
(output v [port]) → void?
v : outputable/c
port : output-port? = (current-output-port)
```

Outputs values to *port* as follows for each kind of *v*:

- strings, byte strings, symbols, paths, keywords, numbers, and characters: converts the value to a string along the same lines as display, and then passes the string to the *current writer*, which is initially write-string
- #<void>, #f, or null: no output
- list: output depends on the current mode, which is initially splice mode:
  - block mode: each item in order, using the starting column as the current indentation (which starts out empty)
  - splice mode: outputs each item in order
- (block v2 ...): outputs each v2 in block mode.
- (splice v2 ...): outputs each v2 in splice mode.
- (set-prefix pfx v2 ...): sets the *current prefix*, which is initially empty, to pfx while outputting each v2.
- (add-prefix *pfx* v2 ...): sets the current prefix to by adding *pfx* while outputting each v2.
- (disable-prefix v2 ...): sets the current prefix to empty while outputting each v2.
- (restore-prefix v2 ...): rewinds the current prefix by one enclosing adjustments while outputting each v2.
- flush: outputs the current indentation and current prefix.
- (with-writer writer v2 ...): sets the current writer to writer with outputting each v2.
- promise: outputs the result of (force v)
- box: outputs the result of (unbox v)
- procedure of 0 arguments: outputs the result of (v)

Any other kind of v triggers an exception.

```
(block v ...) \rightarrow outputable/c
v : outputable/c
```

Produces a value that outputs each v in block mode.

```
(splice v \dots) \rightarrow outputable/c
v: outputable/c
```

Produces a value that outputs each v in splice mode.

```
(disable-prefix v ...) → outputable/c
v : outputable/c
(restore-prefix v ...) → outputable/c
v : outputable/c
(add-prefix pfx v ...) → outputable/c
pfx : (or/c string? exact-nonnegative-integer?)
v : outputable/c
(set-prefix pfx v ...) → outputable/c
pfx : (or/c string? exact-nonnegative-integer?)
v : outputable/c
```

Produces a value that outputs with an adjusted current prefix. An integer as a prefix is equivalent to a string with as many space characters.

flush : void?

A value that outputs as the current indentation plus current prefix.

Produces a value that outputs with an adjusted current writer, where #f indicates writestring.

```
(add-newlines items [#:sep sep]) → list?
items : list?
sep : an/y = "\n"
```

Like add-between, but first removes #f and #<void> elements of items.

```
(split-lines items) → (listof list?)
  items : list?
```

Converts *items* to a list of lists, where consecutive non-"n" values are kept together in a nested list, and "n" values are dropped.

Like include from racket/include, but reads the file at *path-spec* in the same way as for scribble/text. If *command-char* is supplied, then it replaces @ as the escape character.

The scribble/text language via #lang provides include/text as include.

```
(begin/text form ...)
```

Like begin, but the results of expression forms are collected into a list that is returned as the result of the begin/list form.

The scribble/text language via #lang provides begin/text as begin.

# 2 HTML Generation

#lang scribble/html package: scribble-html-lib

The scribble/html language provides a way to generate HTML that is different from scribble/base. The scribble/base approach involves describing a document that can be rendered to HTML, Latex, or other formats. The scribble/html approach, in contrast, treats the document content as HTML format plus escapes.

Specifically, scribble/html is like scribble/text, but with the following changes:

- The scribble/html/html, scribble/html/xml, and scribble/html/resource are re-exported, in addition to scribble/text.
- Free identifiers that end with are implicitly quoted as symbols.

When scribble/html is used via require instead of #lang, then it does not change the printing of values, and it does not include the bindings of racket/base.

The scribble/html/resource, scribble/html/xml, and scribble/html/html libraries provide forms for generating HTML as strings to be output in the same way as scribble/text.

#### 2.1 Generating HTML Strings

```
(require scribble/html/html) package: scribble-html-lib
```

The scribble/html/html provides functions for HTML representations that render to string form via output-xml.

(doctype s) → procedure?
 s : (or/c string 'html 'xhtml)

Produces a value that XML-renders as a DOCTYPE declaration.

```
'("<?xml version=\"1.0\" encoding=\"utf-8\"?>"
  "<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC \"-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN\""
  "\"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd\">"
  "")
(xhtml content ...) → procedure?
```

```
content : outputable/c
```

Produces a value that XML-renders as the given content wrapped as XHTML.

```
> (regexp-split #rx"\n|((?<=\")) (?=\"))"</pre>
                   (xml->string (xhtml "Hello")))
'("<?xml version=\"1.0\" encoding=\"utf-8\"?>"
   "<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC \"-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN\""
   "\"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd\">"
   "<html xmlns=\"http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml\">Hello</html>"
   "")
(html v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(head v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(title v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(style v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(script v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(noscript v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(slot v \dots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(frameset v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(frame v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(iframe v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(noframes v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
```

```
v : outputable/c

(body v ...) \rightarrow procedure?

v : outputable/c

(div v ...) \rightarrow procedure?

v : outputable/c
```

```
(p v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(h1 v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
v : outputable/c
(h2 v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(h3 v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(h4 v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(h5 v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(h6 v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(hgroup v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(ul v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(ol v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(menu v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(dir v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(li v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(dl v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(dt v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(dd v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(address v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(pre v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(blockquote v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(center v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(ins v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(del v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(a v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
```

```
(\text{span } v \ldots) \rightarrow \text{procedure}?
  v : outputable/c
(bdo v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(em v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(strong v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(dfn v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(code v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(samp v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(kbd v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(var v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(cite v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(abbr v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(acronym v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(q v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(sub v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(\sup v \ldots) \rightarrow \text{procedure}?
  v : outputable/c
(tt v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(i v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(b v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(big v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(small v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(u v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(s v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(strike v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
```

```
(font v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(object v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(applet v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(form v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(label v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(select v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(optgroup v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(option v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(textarea v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(fieldset v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(legend v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(button v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(table v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(caption v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(thead v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(tfoot v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(tbody v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(colgroup v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(tr v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(th v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(td v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(details v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(dialog v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
```

```
(menuitem v ...) → procedure?
v : outputable/c
```

Like element/not-empty, but with the symbolic form of the function name added as the first argument.

Example:

```
> (output-xml (title "The Book"))
<title>The Book</title>
(base v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(meta v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(link v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(hr v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(br v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(basefont v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(param v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(img v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(area v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(input v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(isindex v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(col v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(embed v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(keygen v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(wbr v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
```

Like element, but with the symbolic form of the function name added as the first argument.

```
> (output-xml (hr))
 <hr />
nbsp : procedure?
ndash : procedure?
mdash : procedure?
bull : procedure?
middot : procedure?
sdot : procedure?
lsquo : procedure?
rsquo : procedure?
sbquo : procedure?
ldquo : procedure?
rdquo : procedure?
bdquo : procedure?
lang : procedure?
rang : procedure?
dagger : procedure?
Dagger : procedure?
plusmn : procedure?
deg : procedure?
```

The result of (entity 'id) for each id.

Example:

> (output-xml nbsp)

(script/inline v ...) → procedure?
v : outputable/c

Produces a value that renders as an inline script.

```
> (output-xml (script/inline type: "text/javascript" "var x =
5;"))
<script type="text/javascript">
//<![CDATA[
var x = 5;
//]]>
</script>
```

```
(style/inline v ...) → procedure?
v : outputable/c
```

Produces a value that renders as an inline style sheet.

Example:

#### 2.1.1 Other HTML elements

```
(require scribble/html/extra) package: scribble-html-lib
```

Provides renderers for HTML elements that are not provided by scribble/html/html.

```
(article v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(aside v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(audio v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(bdi v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(canvas v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(data v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(datalist v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(figcaption v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(figure v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(footer v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(header v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(main v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(map v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
```

```
(mark v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(math v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(meter v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(nav v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(output v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(picture v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(progress v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(rb v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(rp v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(rt v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(rtc v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(ruby v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(section v \dots) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(summary v \ldots) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(svg v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(template v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
(time v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
 v : outputable/c
(video v ...) \rightarrow procedure?
  v : outputable/c
```

Like element/not-empty, but with the symbolic form of the function name added as the first argument.

```
> (output-xml (title "The Book"))
<title>The Book</title>
```

```
(source v ...) → procedure?
v : outputable/c
(track v ...) → procedure?
v : outputable/c
```

Like element, but with the symbolic form of the function name added as the first argument.

Example:

> (output-xml (hr))
<hr />

## 2.2 Generating XML Strings

(require scribble/html/xml) package: scribble-html-lib

The scribble/html/xml provides functions for XML representations that *XML-render* to string form via output-xml or xml->string.

```
(output-xml content [port]) → void?
content : outputable/c
port : output-port? = (current-output-port)
```

Renders *content* in the same way as **output**, but using the value of **xml-writer** as the current writer so that special characters are escaped as needed.

```
(xml->string content) → string?
  content : outputable/c
```

Renders content to a string via output-xml.

```
(xml-writer) → ((string? output-port? . -> . void))
(xml-writer writer) → void?
writer : ((string? output-port? . -> . void))
```

A parameter for a function that is used with with-writer by output-xml. The default value is a function that escapes  $\&, \leq, \geq$ , and  $\blacksquare$  to entity form.

```
(make-element tag attrs content)
→ (and/c procedure outputable/c?)
tag : symbol?
attrs : (listof (cons/c symbol? outputable/c))
content : outputable/c
```

Produces a value that XML-renders as XML for the given tag, attributes, and content.

When an attribute in *attrs* is mapped to *#f*, then it is skipped. When an attribute is mapped to *#t*, then it is rendered as present, but without a value.

Examples:

```
> (output-xml (make-element 'b '() '("Try" #\space "Racket")))
<b>Try Racket</b>
> (output-xml (make-element 'a '((href . "http://racket-
lang.org")) "Racket"))
<a href="http://racket-lang.org">Racket</a>
> (output-xml (make-element 'div '((class . "big") (overlay .
#t)) "example"))
<div class="big" overlay>example</div>
(element tag attrs-and-content ...)
→ (and procedure outputable/c?)
tag : symbol?
attrs-and-content : any/c
```

Like make-element, but the list of *attrs-and-content* is parsed via attributes+body to separate the attributes and content.

Examples:

Like element, but the result always renders with an separate closing tag.

```
> (output-xml (element 'span))
<span />
> (output-xml (element/not-empty 'span))
<span></span>
(attribute? v) → (or/c #f symbol?)
v : any/c
```

Returns a symbol without if v is a symbol that ends with u, #f otherwise. When a symbol is returned, it is the same as v, but without the trailing u.

Examples:

```
> (attribute? 'a:)
'a
> (attribute? 'a)
#f
> (require scribble/html)
> (attribute? a:)
'a
(attributes+body lst) → (listof (cons/c symbol? any/c)) list?
lst : list?
```

Parses *lst* into an association list mapping attributes to list elements plus a list of remaining elements. The first even-positioned (counting from 0) non-attribute? element of *lst* is the start of the "remaining elements" list, while each preceding even-positioned attribute is mapped in the association list to the immediately following element of *lst*. In the association list, the trailing is stripped for each attribute.

```
(split-attributes+body lst) → list? list?
lst : list?
```

Like attributes+body, but produces a flat list (of alternating attributes and value) instead of an association list as the first result.

```
(literal content ...) → procedure?
  content : any/c
```

Produces a value that XML-renders without escapes for special characters.

```
> (output-xml (literal "a->b"))
a->b
> (output-xml "a->b")
a->b
```

```
(entity v) → procedure?
v : (or/c exact-integer? symbol?)
```

Produces a value that XML-renders as a numeric or symbolic entity.

Example:

```
> (output-xml (entity 'gt))
>
(comment content ... [#:newlines? newlines?]) → procedure?
  content : outputable/c
  newlines? : any/c = #f
```

Produces a value that XML-renders as a comment with literal content. If *newlines*? is true, then newlines are inserted before and after the content.

Example:

Produces a value that XML-renders as CDATA with literal content. If *newlines*? is true, then newlines are inserted before and after the content. The *line-pfx* value is rendered before the CDATA opening and closing markers.

Example:

```
> (output-xml (cdata "testing" 1 2 3))
<![CDATA[
testing123
]]>
```

(define/provide-elements/empty tag-id ...)

Defines and exports tag-id as a function that is like element, but with 'tag-id added as the first argument.

```
(define/provide-elements/not-empty tag-id ...)
```

Defines and exports tag-id as a function that is like element/not-empty, but with 'tag-id added as the first argument.

```
(define/provide-entities entity-id ...)
```

Defines and exports entity-id as the result of (entity 'entity-id).

#### 2.3 HTML Resources

```
(require scribble/html/resource)
package: scribble-html-lib
```

```
(resource path renderer [#:exists exists])
→ (and/c resource?
                          (->* () (outputable/c) -> string?))
path : string?
renderer : (or/c (path-string? . -> . any) #f)
exists : (or/c 'delete-file #f) = 'delete-file
```

Creates and returns a new *resource* value. Creating a resource registers *renderer* (if non-#f) to be called when rendering is initiated by **render-all**, while calling the result resource as a function generates a URL for the resource.

For example, a typical use of **resource** is to register the generation of a CSS file, where the value produced by **resource** itself renders as the URL for the generated CSS file. Another possible use of **resource** is to generate an HTML file, where the **resource** result renders as the URL of the generated HTML page.

The *path* argument specifies the path of the output file, relative to the working directory, indicating where the resource file should be placed. Though url-roots, *path* also determines the ultimate URL. The *path* string must be a <code>/-separated</code> relative path with no ..., .., or <code>//.</code> The *path* string can end in <code>/</code>, in which case "index.html" is effectively added to the string. Using resource with #f as *renderer* is useful for converting a path to a URL according to url-roots.

The *renderer* argument (when non-#f) renders the resource, receiving the path for the file to be created. The path provided to *renderer* will be different from *path*, because the function is invoked in the target directory.

The resulting resource value is a function that returns the URL for the resource. The function accepts an optional boolean; if a true value is provided, the result is an absolute URL, instead of relative. Note that the function can be used as a value for output, which uses the resource value as a thunk (that renders as the relative URL for the resource). The default relative resulting URL is, of course, a value that depends on the currently rendered resource that uses this value.

When *renderer* is called by **render-all**, more resources can be created while rendering; the newly created resources will also be rendered, in turn, until no more new resources are created.

If exists is 'delete-file and the target file exists when renderer is to be called, then the file is deleted before renderer is called.

A parameter that determines how resource paths are converted to URLs for reference. A #f value is equivalent to an empty list.

The parameter value is a mapping from path prefixes to URLs (actually, any string). When two paths have the same prefix, links from one to the other are relative (unless absolute links are requested); if they have different prefixes, the full URL is used. The paths enclosed by two root paths must be disjoint (e.g., the list must not include both "/colors" and "/colors/red", but it can include both "/colors/red" and "/colors/blue").

If an item in the parameter's list includes 'abs, then a site-local, absolute URL (i.e., a URL that starts with  $\cancel{1}$ ) is produced for references among files within the corresponding prefix.

If an item in the parameter's list includes 'index, then a reference to a directory path is converted to a reference to "index.html", otherwise a reference to "index.html" is converted to a directory path.

(resource? v)  $\rightarrow$  boolean? v : any/c

Returns #t if v is a procedure (that takes 0 or 1 arguments) produced by resource.

(render-all)  $\rightarrow$  void?

Generates all resources registered via resource.

```
(file-writer content-writer content) → (path-string? . -> . any)
  content-writer : (outputable/c output-port? . -> . any)
  content : outputable/c
```

Produces a function that is useful as a writer argument to resource. Given a path, the produced function writes *content* to the path by passing *content* and an output port for the file to *content-writer*.

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