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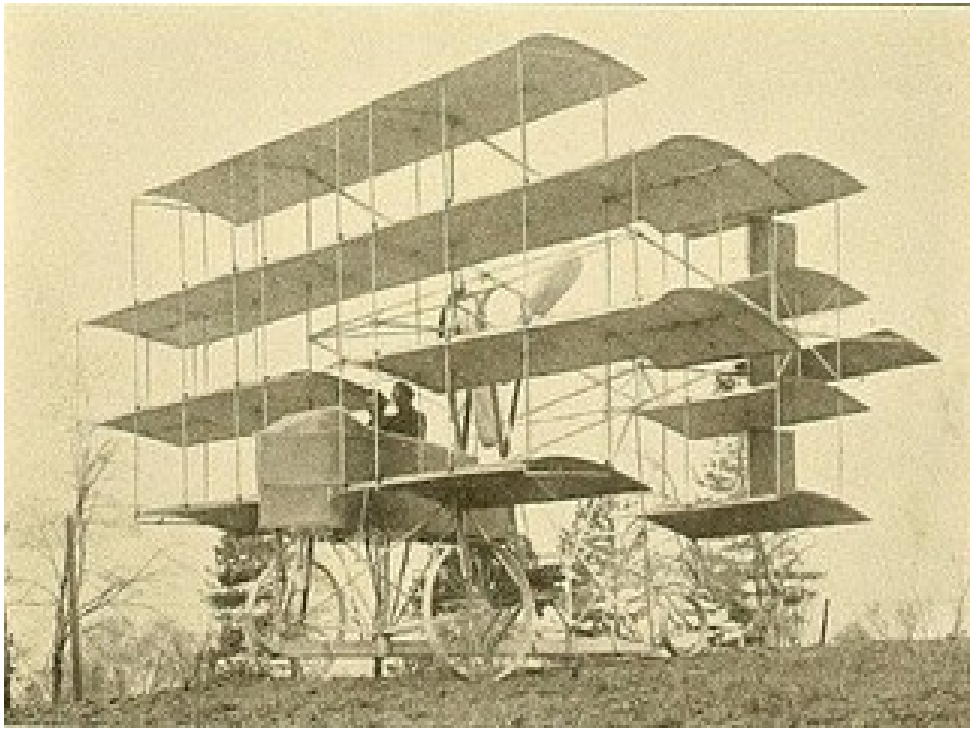

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Part 1

Practical Stuff

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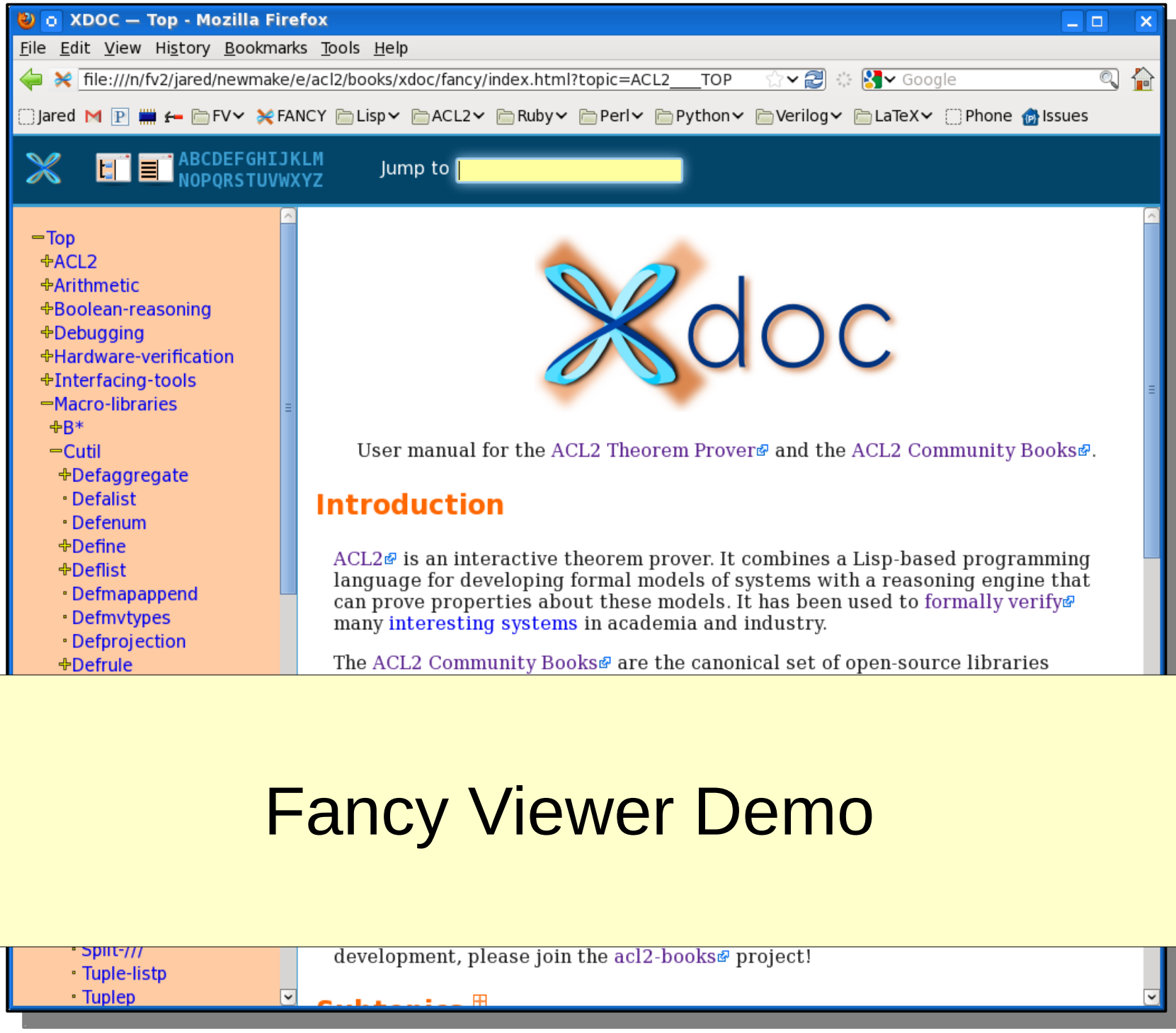

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How to document your books

(the tedious, manual way, for starters)

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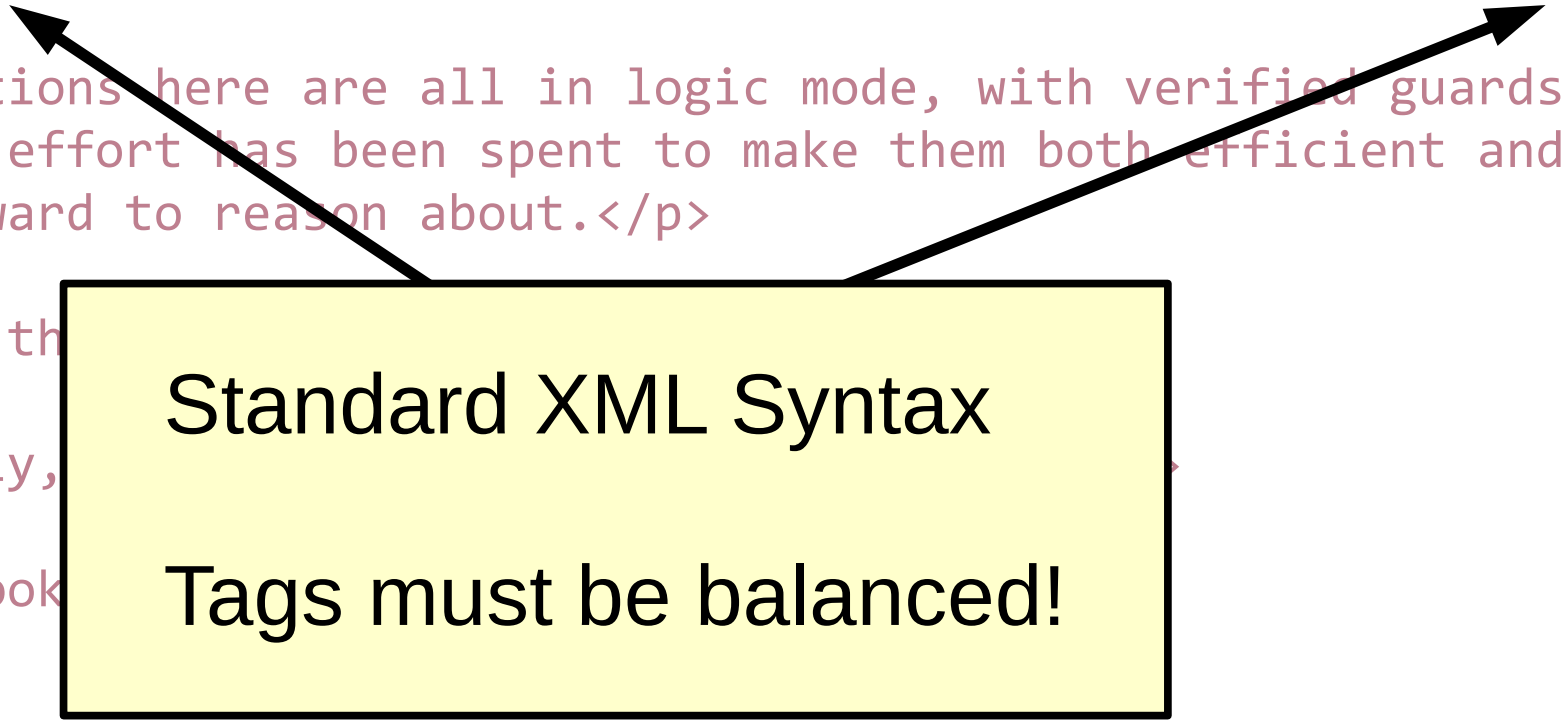

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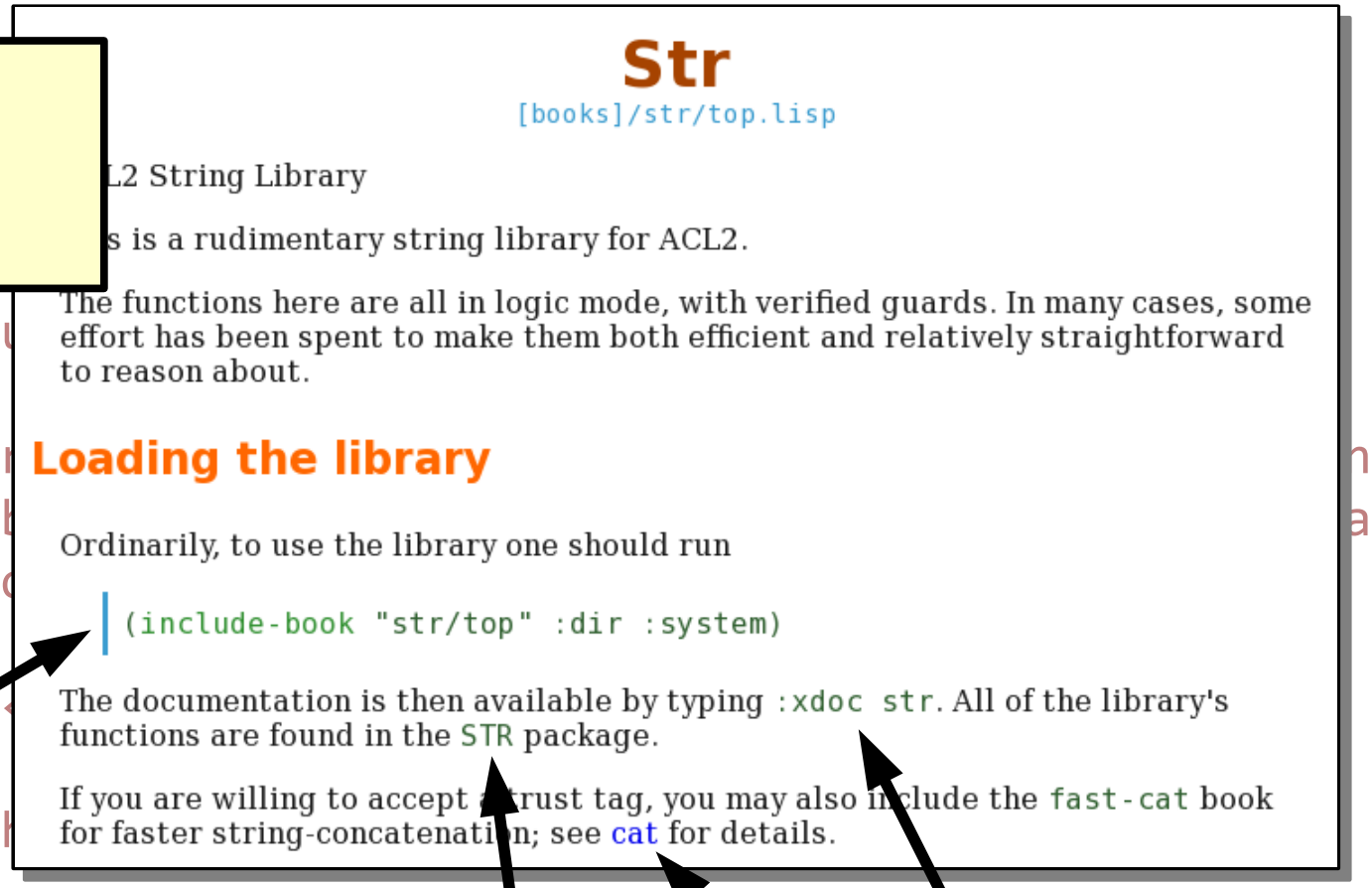


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Support Define

Raise

[books]/cutil/support.lisp

Shorthand for causing hard errors.

`(raise &rest args)` is equivalent to `(er hard? ...)`, but it automatically fills the function name using `__function__`. This only works in contexts where `__function__` is bound, e.g., the body of a define or within a defconsts form. In these contexts, rather than write something like:

```
(er hard? __function__ "bad input value ~x0~%" x)
```

You can just write:

```
(raise "bad input value ~x0~%" x)
```

Logically `raise` just returns `nil`.

Definition: `raise`

```
(defmacro raise (&rest args)
          (cons 'er
                (cons 'hard?
                      (cons '__function__ args))))
```

How to document your books

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(the fancy, less tedious way)

```
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(defund flatten (x)
  (declare (xargs :guard t))
  (if (consp x)
      (append-without-guard (car x) (flatten (cdr x)))
    nil))

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Std/lists

Flatten

[books]/std/lists/flatten.lisp

`(flatten x)` appends together the elements of `x`.

Typically `x` is a list of lists that you want to merge together. For example:

```
(flatten '((a b c) (1 2 3) (x y z)))
  -->
(a b c 1 2 3 x y z)
```

This is a "one-level" flatten that does not necessarily produce an atom-listp. For instance,

```
(flatten '(((a . 1) (b . 2))
           ((x . 3) (y . 4)))
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```

Definitions and Theorems

Definition: `flatten`

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(defun flatten (x)
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           nil))
```

Definition: `true-listp-of-flatten`

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(defthm true-listp-of-flatten
        (true-listp (flatten x))
```

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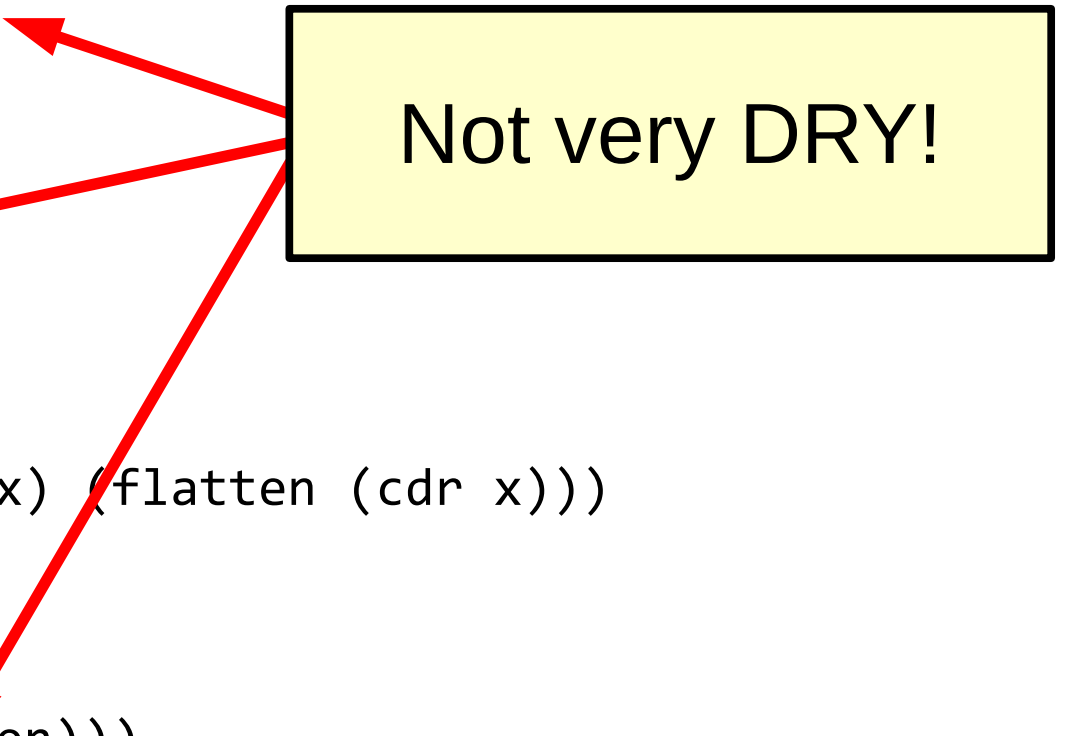

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even better

(with less typing and stuff)

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    :rule-classes :type-prescription)

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```

```
(define vl-annotate-plainargs
  ((args      "plainargs that typically have no @(':dir') or @(':
               information; we want to annotate them."
              vl-plainarglist-p)
   (ports     "corresponding ports for the submodule"
              (and (vl-portlist-p ports)
                   (same-lengthp args ports)))
   (portdecls "port declarations for the submodule"
              vl-portdecllist-p)
   (palist    "precomputed for fast lookups"
              (equal palist (vl-portdecl-alist portdecls))))
  :returns
  (annotated-args "annotated version of @('args'), semantically e
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                  vl-plainarglist-p :hyp :fguard)
  :parents (argresolve)
  :short "Annotates a plain argument list with port names and dir
  :long "<p>This is a \"best-effort\" process ...”

  (b* (((when (atom args))
        nil)
       (name (vl-port->name (car ports)))
       (expr (vl-port->expr (car ports)))
    ...)
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Argresolve

Vl-annotate-plainargs

[books]/centaur/vl/transforms/xf-argresolve.lisp

Annotates a plain argument list with port names and directions.

Signature

```
(vl-annotate-plainargs args ports portdecls palist)
  →
annotated-args
```

Arguments

- `args` — plainargs that typically have no `:dir` or `:portname` information; we want to annotate them.
  Guard `(vl-plainarglist-p args)`.
- `ports` — corresponding ports for the submodule.
  Guard `(and (vl-portlist-p ports) (same-lengthp args ports))`.
- `portdecls` — port declarations for the submodule.
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- `palist` — precomputed for fast lookups.
  Guard `(equal palist (vl-portdecl-alist portdecls))`.

Returns

- `annotated-args` — annotated version of `args`, semantically equivalent but typically has `:dir` and `:portname` information.
  Type `(vl-plainarglist-p annotated-args)`, given the guard.

This is a "best-effort" process which may fail to add annotations to any or all arguments. Such failures are expected, so we do not generate any warnings or errors in response to them.

What causes these failures?

- Not all ports necessarily have a name, so we cannot add a `:portname` for every port.
- The direction of a port may also not be apparent in some cases; see vl-port-direction for details.

Definitions and Theorems

Definition: `vl-annotate-plainargs`

```
(defaggregate vl-loadconfig
  :parents (loader)
  :short "Options for how to load Verilog modules."

  ((start-files    string-listp
                   "A list of file names (not module names) that
                    load; @(see vl-load) begins by trying to read
                    lex, and parse the contents of these files."

   (start-modnames string-listp
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                    @('start-files'), you can also provide a list
                    names that you want to load.  @(see vl-load)
                    these modules in the search path, unless they
                    loaded while processing the @('start-files').

   (search-path    string-listp
                   "A list of directories to search (in order) fo
                    @('start-modnames') that were in the @('start
                    for <see topic='@(url vl-modulelist-missing)'
                    modules</see>.  This is similar to \"library
                    in tools like Verilog-XL and NCVerilog.")
   ...)
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   ...)
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Loader

vl-loadconfig-p

[books]/centaur/vl/loader/loader.lisp

Options for how to load Verilog modules.

`(vl-loadconfig-p x)` is a defaggregate of the following fields.

- `start-files` — A list of file names (not module names) that you want to load; vl-load begins by trying to read, preprocess, lex, and parse the contents of these files.
  Invariant `(string-listp start-files)`.
- `start-modnames` — Instead of (or in addition to) explicitly providing the `start-files`, you can also provide a list of module names that you want to load. vl-load will look for these modules in the search path, unless they happen to get loaded while processing the `start-files`.
  Invariant `(string-listp start-modnames)`.
- `search-path` — A list of directories to search (in order) for modules in `start-modnames` that were in the `start-files`, and for missing modules. This is similar to "library directories" in tools like Verilog-XL and NCVerilog.
  Invariant `(string-listp search-path)`.
- `search-exts` — List of file extensions to search (in order) to find files in the `search-path`. The default is `("v")`, meaning that only files like `foo.v` are considered.
  Invariant `(string-listp search-exts)`.
- `include-dirs` — A list of directories that will be searched (in order) when

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Macros like these aren't hard.

Documentation as Data

The full docs are just a table with a list of topics.

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(so you can show your friends)

How to get a fancy manual with your stuff in it

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(include-book “your-books”)
(xdoc::save “./my-manual”)
```

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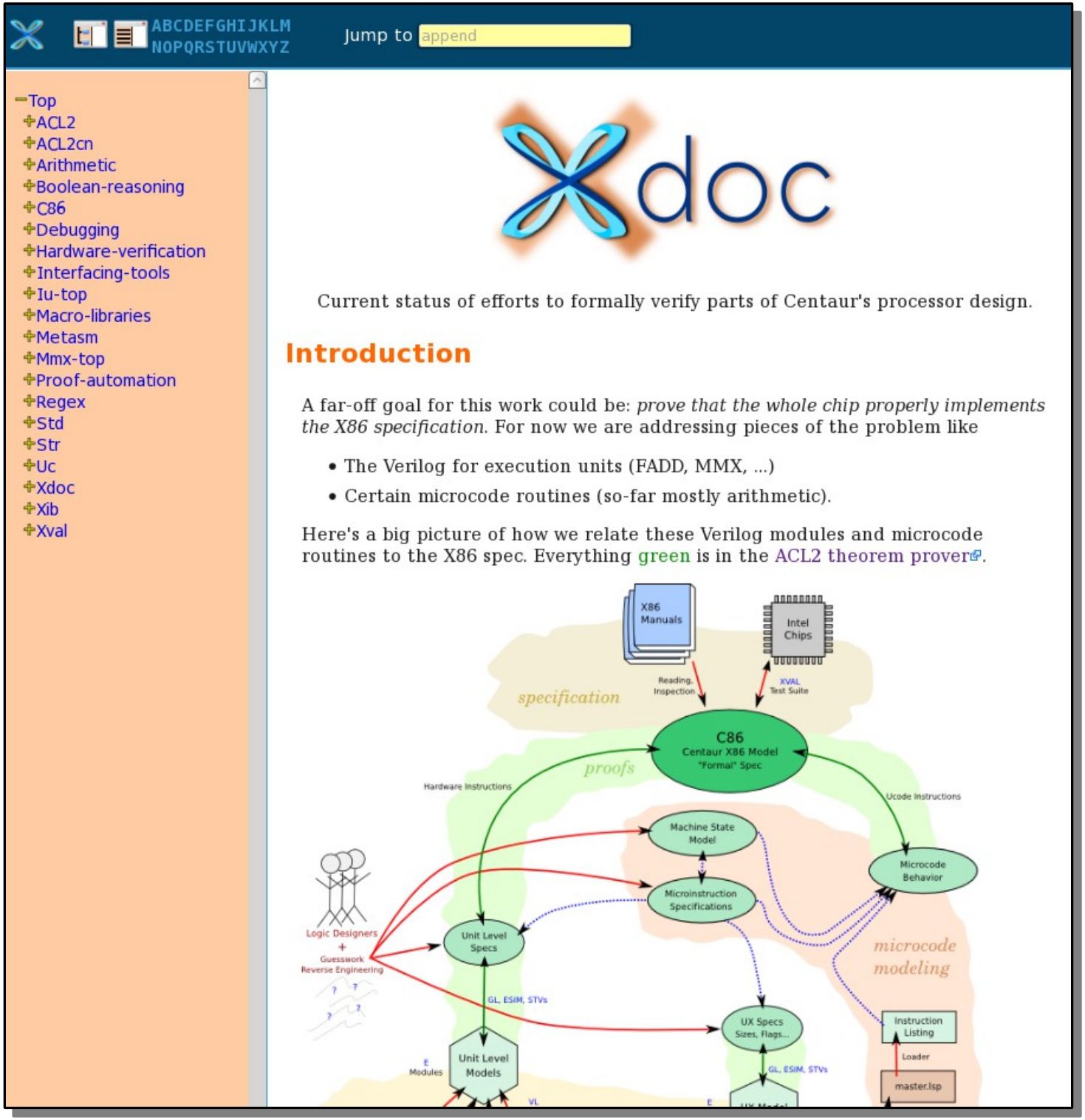

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```
/// <reference path="ASPxScriptIntelliSense.js" />

function OnGridRowClick(s, e) {
    var gridInstance = ASPxClientGridView.Cast(s);
    gridInstance.DeleteRowByKey(
}
```

Void DeleteRowByKey(**key**)
Deletes a row with the specified key value.
key: *An object that uniquely identifies the row.*

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Impractical Stuff

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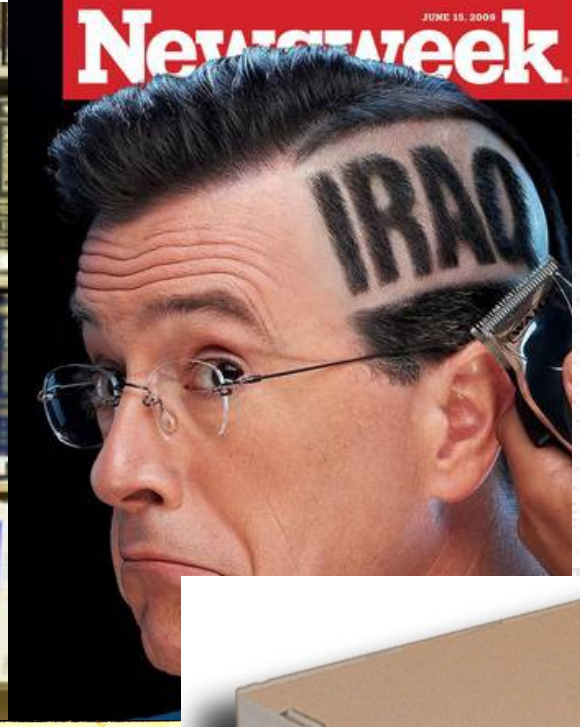

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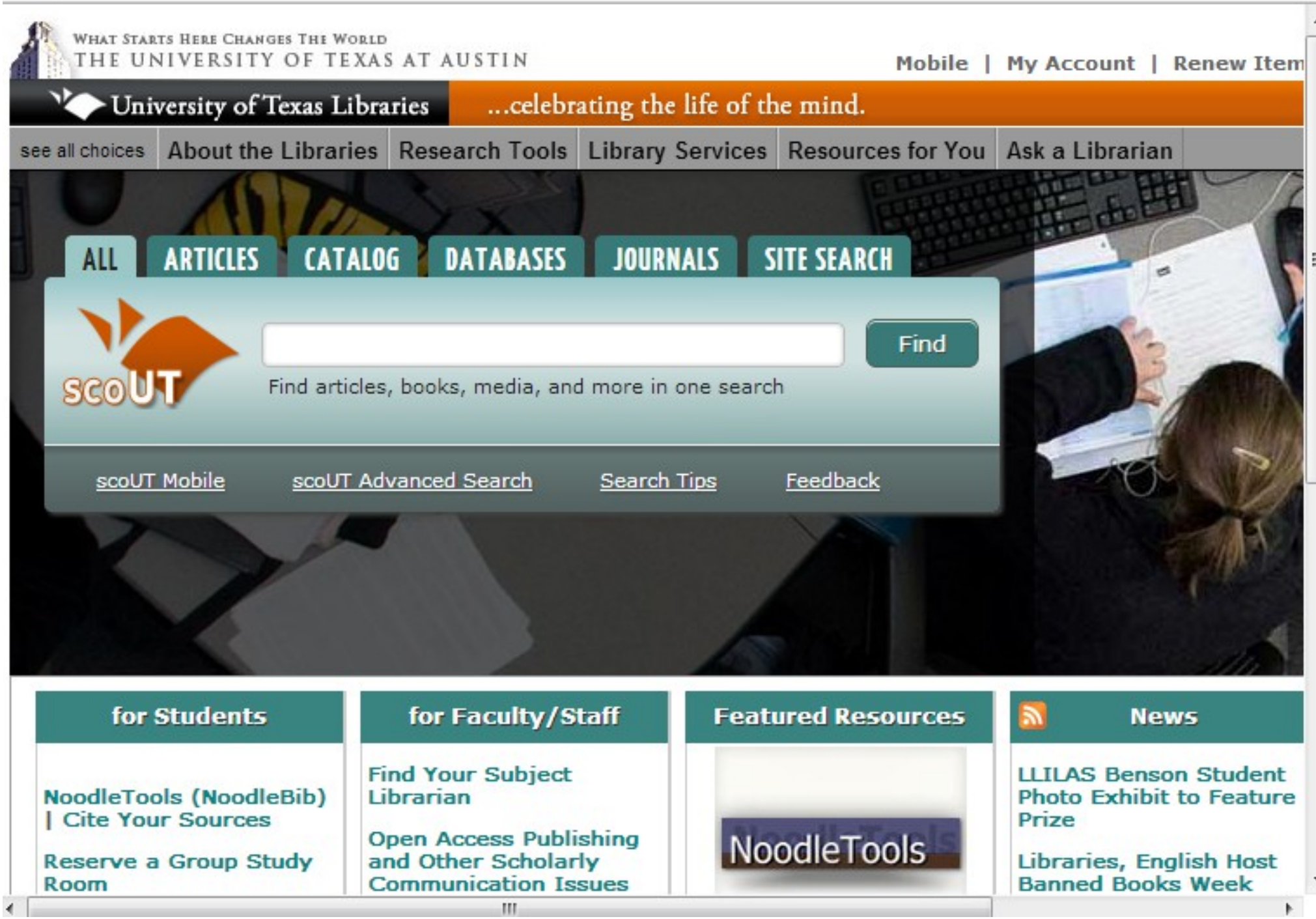
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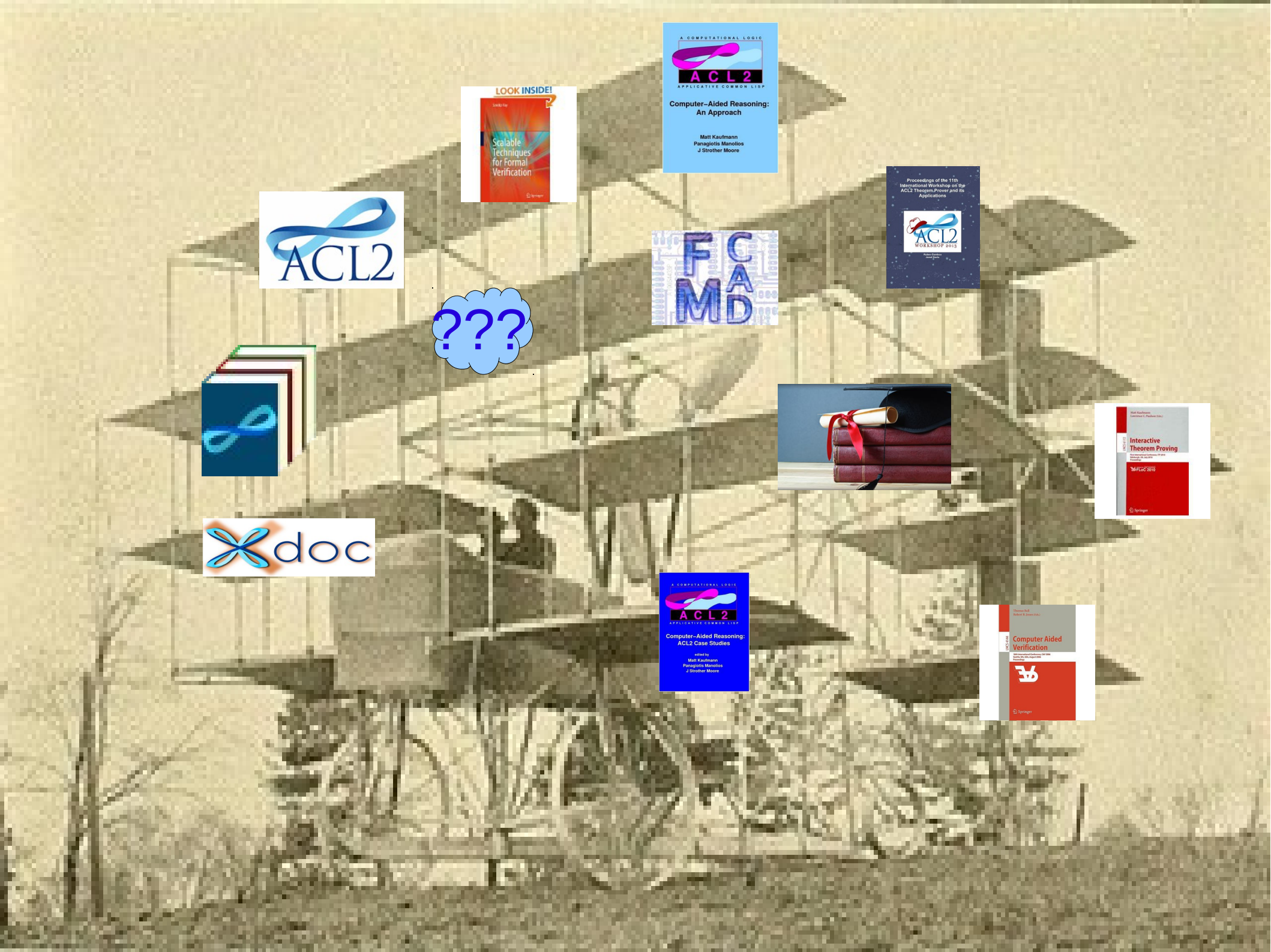
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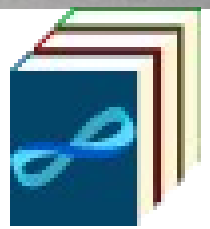

ACL2


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1. We should really integrate the book and system docs.

Defconst

ACL2 Sources

Define a constant

```
Examples:
(defconst *digits* '(0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9))
(defconst *n-digits* (the unsigned-byte (length *digits*)))
General Form:
(defconst name term doc-string)
```

where name is a symbol beginning and ending with the character *, term is a variable-free term that is evaluated to determine the value of the constant, and doc-string is an optional documentation string (see doc-string).

When a constant symbol is used as a term, ACL2 replaces it by its value; see term.

Note that defconst uses a ``safe mode'' to evaluate its form, in order to avoids soundness issues but with an efficiency penalty (perhaps increasing the evaluation time by several hundred percent). If efficiency is a concern, or if for some reason you need the form to be evaluated without safe mode (e.g., you are an advanced system hacker using trust tags to traffic in raw Lisp code), consider using the macro defconst-fast instead, defined in community book books/make-event/defconst-fast.lisp, for example:

```
(defconst-fast *x* (expensive-fn ...))
```

A more general utility may be found in community book books/tools/defconsts.lisp. Also using-tables-efficiently for an analogous issue with table events.

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Defconst

Defconsts

Define multiple constants

Examples:

```
(include-book "tools/defconsts" :dir :system)

(defconsts *foo* 1)
(defconsts (*foo*) 1)
(defconsts (*foo* *bar*) (mv 1 2))
(defconsts (*foo* *bar* &) (mv 1 2 3))

(defconsts (*hundred* state)
  (mv-let (col state)
          (fmt "Hello, world!" nil *standard-co* state nil)
          (declare (ignore col))
          (mv 100 state)))
```

General form:

```
(defconsts consts body)
```

where consts is a single symbol or a list of N symbols, and body is a form that returns N values.

Each symbol in consts should either be: - A "starred" name like *foo*, - A non-starred name which names a stobj (e.g., state), or - &, which means "skip this return value."

Defstobj

ACL2 Sources

Define a new single-threaded object

Note: Novices are advised to avoid defstobj, perhaps instead using community books books/cutil/defaggregate.lisp or books/data-structures/structures.lisp. At the least, consider using (set-verify-guards-eagerness 0) to avoid guard verification. On the other hand, after you learn to use defstobj, see defabsstobj for another way to introduce single-threaded objects.

```
Example:
(defconst *mem-size* 10) ; for use of *mem-size* just below
(defstobj st
          (reg :type (array (unsigned-byte 31) (8))
               :initially 0)
          (p-c :type (unsigned-byte 31)
               :initially 555)
          halt                    ; = (halt :type t :initially nil)
          (mem :type (array (unsigned-byte 31) (*mem-size*))
               :initially 0 :resizable t))

General Form:
(defstobj name
          (field1 :type type1 :initially val1 :resizable b1)
          ...
          (fieldk :type typek :initially valk :resizable bk)
```

Defstobj

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Defaggregate

[books]/cutil/defaggregate.lisp

Introduce a record structure, like a `struct` in C.

Introduction

Defaggregate introduces a recognizer, constructor, and accessors for a new record-like structure. It is similar to `struct` in C or `defstruct` in Lisp.

Basic example:

```
(defaggregate employee      ;; structure name
  (name salary position)    ;; fields
  :tag :employee            ;; options
  )
```

This example would produce:

- A recognizer, `(employee-p x)`,
- A constructor, `(employee name salary position)`,
- An accessor for each field, e.g., `(employee->name x)`,

Io

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Input/output facilities in ACL2

```
Example:
(mv-let
  (channel state)
  (open-input-channel "foo.lisp" :object state)
  (mv-let (eofp obj state)
          (read-object channel state)
          (.
            .
             (let ((state (close-input-channel channel state)))
                  (mv final-ans state))..)))
```

Also see file-reading-example.

For advanced ways to control printing, see print-control.

For a discussion of formatted printing, see fmt.

To control ACL2 abbreviation (``evisceration'') of objects before printing them, see set-evisc-tuple, see without-evisc, and see set-iprint.

To redirect output to a file, see output-to-file.

File-reading-example

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Example of reading files in ACL2

This example illustrates the use of ACL2's IO primitives to read the forms in a file. See io.

This example provides a solution to the following problem. Let's say that you have a file that contains s-expressions. Suppose that you want to build a list by starting with `nil`, and updating it

```
(defun process-file1 (current-list channel state)
  (mv-let (eofp obj state)
          (read-object channel state)
          (cond
           (eofp (mv current-list state))
           (t (process-file1 (update-list obj current-list)
                             channel state)))))
```

As an exercise, you might want to add guards to the functions above and verify the guards (see verify-guards). See args or make a call of the form `(guard 'your-function nil (w state))` to see the guard of an existing function.

File-reading-example

Std/io

Read-file-objects

[books]/std/io/read-file-objects.lisp

Read an entire file into a list of ACL2 objects.

Signature: `(read-file-objects filename state)` returns `(mv contents state)`.

On success, `contents` is a true-listp of ACL2 objects that have were found in the file, obtained by repeatedly calling read-object.

On failure, e.g., perhaps `filename` does not exist, `contents` will be a stringp saying that we failed to open the file.

Definitions and Theorems

Definition: `read-file-objects`

```
(defun
     read-file-objects (filename state)
     "Returns (MV ERRMSG/OBJECTS STATE)"
     (declare (xargs :guard (and (state-p state)
                                 (stringp filename))))
     (b* ((filename (mbe :logic (if (stringp filename) filename "")
                         :exec filename))
          ((mv channel state)
```

2. We should really improve our topic hierarchy.

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-- The topics on the left side are descriptive but kind of a hodge-podge. For example, perhaps "osets" could be under a topic named "sets", and it doesn't seem to me that "esim" is an intuitive name unless one knows the history...

-- We could use an "introduction to the books" topic that could be the default page and have a link to it sit above "full index" in the top left frame...

David Rager, acl2-books Issue 63

```
(defmacro xdoc::fix-the-hierarchy ()
  `(progn
     (xdoc::change-parents ihs (arithmetic))

     (xdoc::change-parents b* (macro-libraries))
     (xdoc::change-parents data-definitions (macro-libraries))
     (xdoc::change-parents data-structures (macro-libraries))

     (xdoc::change-parents io (interfacing-tools))
     (xdoc::change-parents hacker (interfacing-tools))

     (xdoc::change-parents witness-cp (proof-automation))
     (xdoc::change-parents esim (hardware-verification))

     (xdoc::change-parents testing (debugging))

;; So I got started on that, and decided to move around a whole
;; bunch of ACL2 doc topics.  Much of this would probably make
;; more sense to do in ACL2 itself.

     (xdoc::change-parents copyright (about-acl2))
     (xdoc::change-parents version (about-acl2))
     (xdoc::change-parents release-notes (about-acl2))
     (xdoc::change-parents bibliography (about-acl2))
```

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Demo

Events

Add-custom-keyword-hint
Add a new custom keyword hint

Assert-event
Assert that a given form returns a non-`nil` value

Comp
Compile some ACL2 functions

Def-functional-instance
Functionally instantiate a pre-existing theorem to prove a new one.

Defabsstobj-missing-events
Obtain the events needed to admit a defabsstobj event

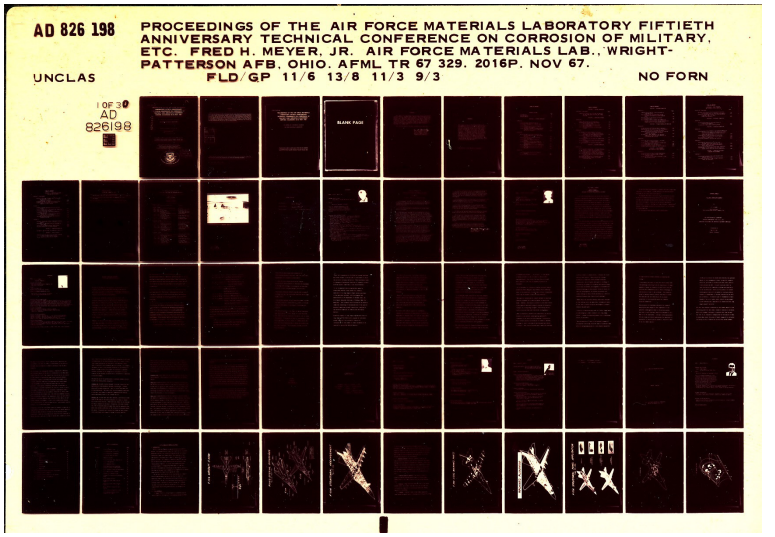
Defattach
Execute constrained functions using corresponding attached functions

Defaxiom
Add an axiom

Defchoose
Define a Skolem (witnessing) function

Defcong
Prove congruence rule

Defconst
Define a constant



Switches-Parameters-and-Modes

Add-binop
Associate a function name with a macro name

Add-default-hints
Add to the default hints

Add-default-hints!
Add to the default hints non-locally

Add-dive-into-macro
Associate proof-checker diving function with macro name

Add-include-book-dir
Link keyword for `:dir` argument of ld and include-book

Add-invisible-fns
Make some unary functions invisible to the loop-stopper algorithm

Add-ld-keyword-alias
See ld-keyword-aliases.

Add-ld-keyword-alias!
See ld-keyword-aliases.

Add-macro-alias
Associate a function name with a macro name

Add-macro-fn
Associate a function name with a macro name

Add-match-free-override
Set `:match-free` value to `:once` or `:all` in existing rules

Add-nth-alias
Associate one symbol with another for printing of nth/update-nth terms

Alistp
Recognizer for association lists

Allocate-fixnum-range
Set aside fixnums in GCL

Alpha-char-p
Recognizer for alphabetic characters

Alphorder
Total order on atoms

And
Conjunction

Append
concatenate zero or more lists

Ash
Arithmetic shift operation

Assert$
Cause a hard error if the given test is false

Assign
Assign to a global variable in state

Assoc
Look up key in association list

Assoc-eq
See assoc.

acl2-built-ins


The New York Times.

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BERLIN SEIZED BY REVOLUTIONISTS;
NEW CHANCELLOR BEGS FOR ORDER;
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A solution:

Multiple Parents

Defmacro

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Define a macro

```
Example Defmacros:
(defmacro xor (x y)
  (list 'if x (list 'not y)

(defmacro git (sym key)
  (list 'getprop sym key ni
        '(quote current-acl
        '(w state)))

(defmacro one-of (x &rest r
  (declare (xargs :guard (s
  (cond ((null rst) nil)
        (t (list 'or
                 (list 'eq
                 (list* 'or
```


Macros

[books]/centaur/doc.lisp

Macros allow you to extend the syntax of ACL2.

Subtopics

Add-macro-alias
Associate a function name with a macro name

Add-macro-fn
Associate a function name with a macro name

Defabbrev
A convenient form of macro definition for simple expansions

Defmacro
Define a macro

Macro-aliases-table
A table used to associate function names with macro names

Macro-args
The formals list of a macro definition

Macro-libraries
Generally useful macros for writing more concise code, and frameworks for quickly introducing concepts like typed structures, typed lists, defining functions with type signatures, and automating other common tasks.

Make-event

3. We should really link to external resources.

Append

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concatenate zero or more lists

Append, which takes zero or more arguments, expects all the arguments except perhaps the last to be true (null-terminated) lists. It returns the result of concatenating all the elements of all the given lists into a single list. Actually, in ACL2 append is a macro that expands into calls of the binary function binary-append if there are at least two arguments; if there is just one argument then the expansion is that argument; and finally, (append) expands to nil.

Append is a Common Lisp function. See any Common Lisp documentation for more information.

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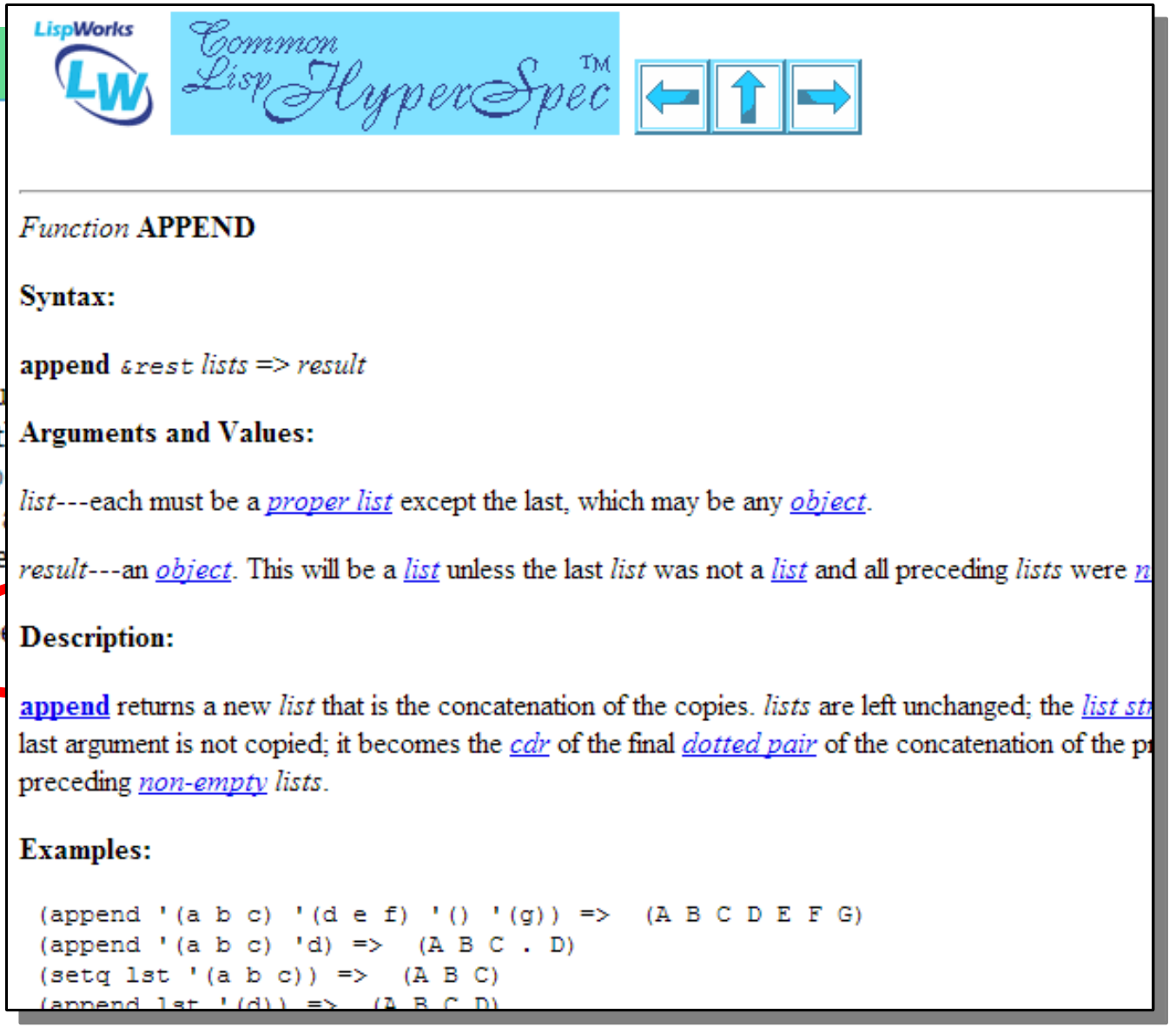

LispWorks

Common Lisp HyperSpec™

Function **APPEND**

Syntax:

append *&rest lists* => *result*

Arguments and Values:

list---each must be a *proper list* except the last, which may be any *object*.

result---an *object*. This will be a *list* unless the last *list* was not a *list* and all preceding *lists* were *n*

Description:

append returns a new *list* that is the concatenation of the copies. *lists* are left unchanged; the *list st*
last argument is not copied; it becomes the *cdr* of the final *dotted pair* of the concatenation of the p
preceding *non-empty lists*.

Examples:

```
(append '(a b c) '(d e f) '() '(g)) =>  (A B C D E F G)
(append '(a b c) 'd) =>  (A B C . D)
(setq lst '(a b c)) =>  (A B C)
(append lst '(d)) =>  (A B C D)
```

interesting-applications

executed on over fifty microcode programs written by Motorola engineers and extracted from the ROM mechanically. Hazards were found in some of these. (See, for example, Bishop Brock and Warren. A. Hunt, Jr. ``Formal analysis of the motorola CAP DSP.'' In *Industrial-Strength Formal Methods*. Springer-Verlag, 1999.)

ACL2 was used at **Advanced Micro Devices** (AMD) to verify the compliance of the **AMD Athon**'s (TM) elementary floating point operations with their IEEE 754 specifications. This followed ground-breaking work in 1995 when ACL2 was used to prove the correctness of the microcode for floating-point division on the **AMD K5**. The AMD Athlon work proved addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and square root compliant with the IEEE standard. Bugs were found in RTL designs. These bugs had survived undetected in hundreds of millions of tests but were uncovered by ACL2 proof attempts. The RTL in the fabricated Athlon FPU has been mechanically verified by ACL2. Similar ACL2 proofs have been carried out for every major AMD FPU design fabricated since the Athlon. (See for example, David Russinoff. ``A mechanically checked proof of correctness of the AMD5K86 floating-point square root microcode''. *Formal Methods in System Design* Special Issue on Arithmetic Circuits, 1997.)

ACL2 was used at **IBM** to verify the floating point divide and square root on the **IBM Power 4**. (See Jun Sawada. ``Formal verification of divide and square root algorithms using series calculation''. In *Proceedings of the ACL2 Workshop 2002*, Grenoble, April 2002.)

ACL2 was used to verify floating-point addition/subtraction instructions for the **media unit** from **Centaur Technology**'s 64-bit, X86-compatible microprocessor. This unit implements over one hundred instructions, with the most complex being floating-point addition/subtraction. The media unit can add/subtract four pairs of floating-point numbers every clock cycle with an industry-leading two-cycle latency. The media unit was modeled by translating its Verilog design into an HDL deeply embedded in the ACL2 logic. The proofs used a combination of AIG- and BDD-based symbolic simulation, case splitting, and theorem proving. (See Warren A. Hunt, Jr. and Sol Swords. ``Centaur Technology Media Unit Verification''. In *CAV '09: Proceedings of the 21st International* **Conference on Computer Aided Verification**, pages 353--367, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2009. Springer-Verlag.)

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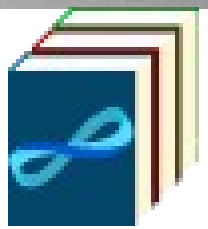

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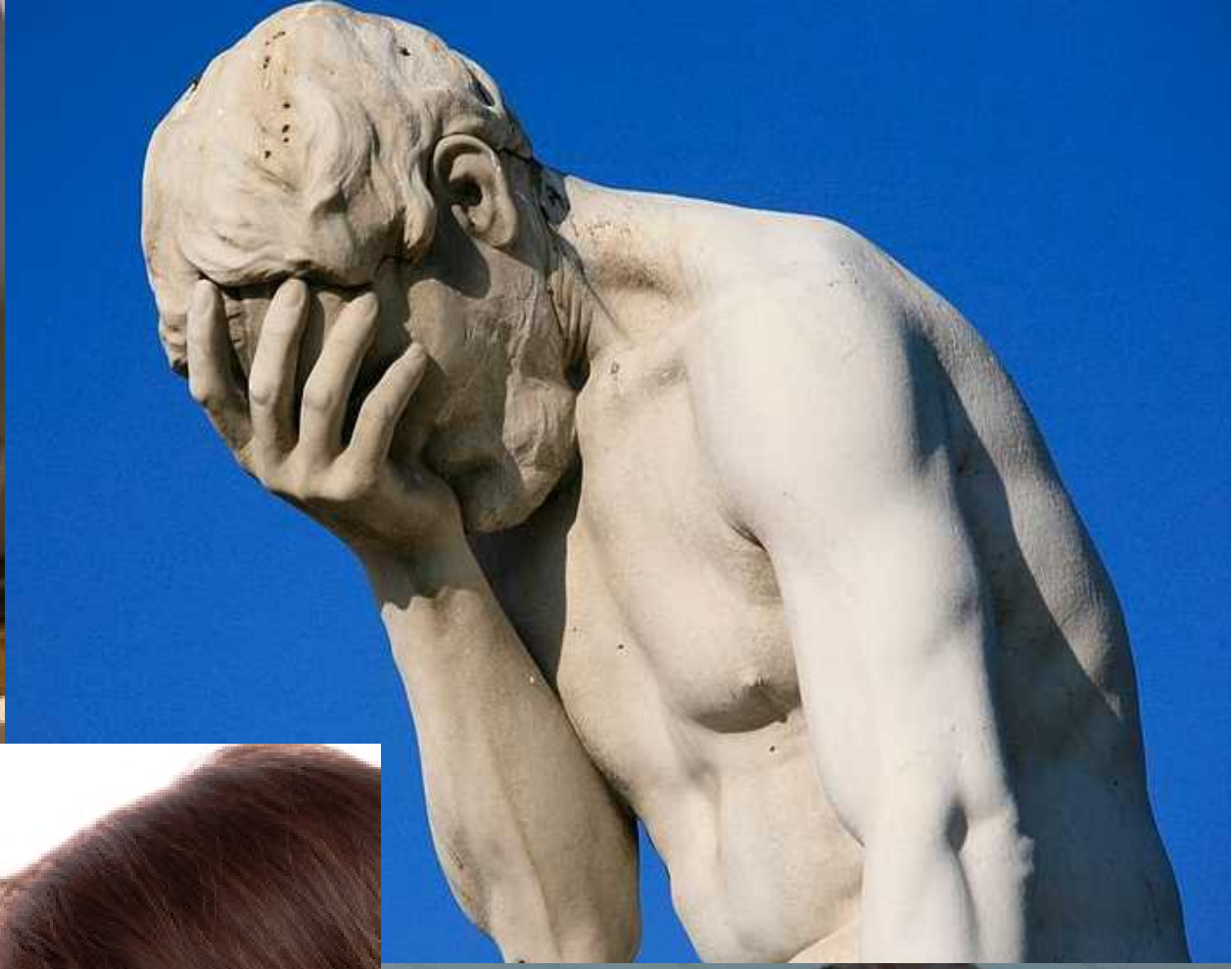

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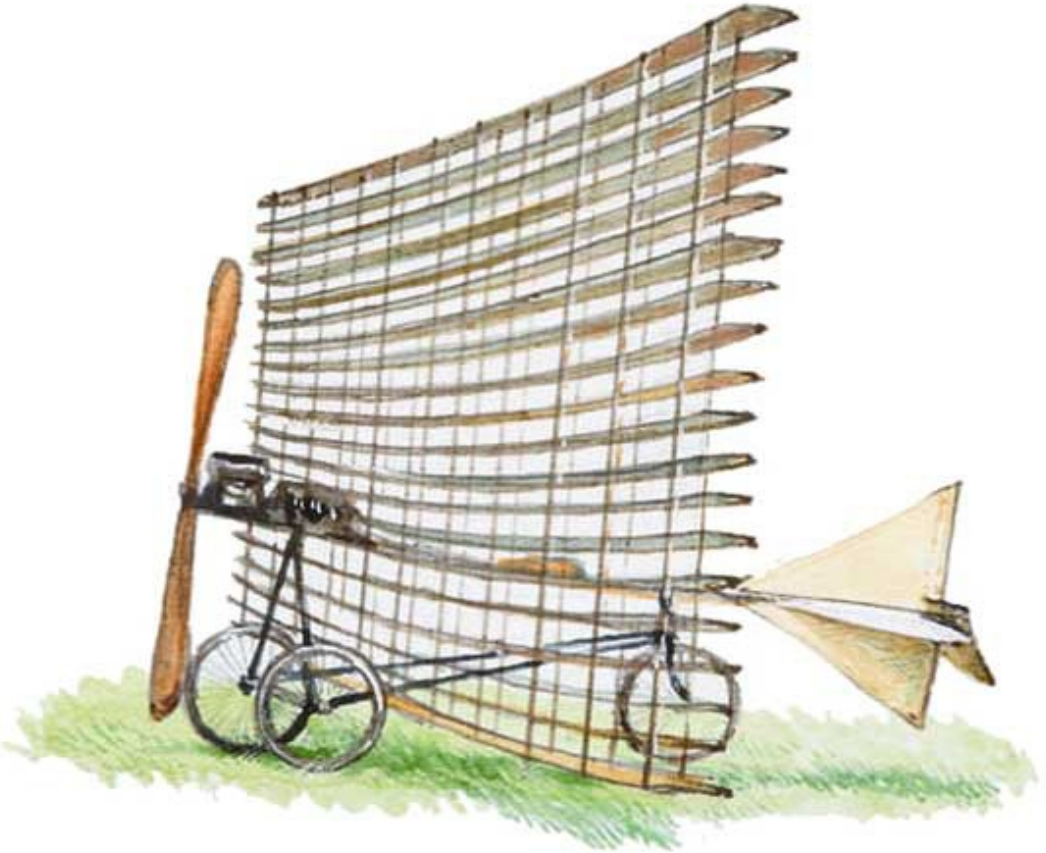

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Do what you want	yes	no
Packages work	yes	no?
Custom manuals	yes	no?