

Operators, literals and structures

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Values

Decimal

`double`

A decimal number. Written with a point, never a comma, whatever the display locale.

Returns `double` : The number as written.

Examples

```
2.5 # 2.5
1.5e3 # 1500.0
```

False

`false`

The boolean a comparison yields when it does not hold. Written bare and lower case, never quoted.

Returns `boolean` : False.

Examples

```
false # false
PUMP_ON == false # false
```

Null

`null`

The absence of a value. Use it as the fallback of a lookup, and read it back with `nvl`.

Returns `any` : Nothing - null itself.

Examples

```
null # null
nvl(null, 0) # 0
```

Number

integer

A whole number written straight into the script. It is a 32-bit integer: one above 2147483647 does not compile, so write a larger value with a decimal point.

Returns `int`: The number as written.

Examples

```
42 # 42
COUNT + 1 # 4.0
2147483647 # 2147483647
```

Text

string

A fixed piece of text, in double quotes. Quotes and backslashes inside it are escaped with a backslash.

Returns `string`: The text as written.

Examples

```
"P-101" # "P-101"
"Pump \"A\" stopped" # "Pump \"A\" stopped"
"Tank " + TAG # "Tank P-101"
```

True

true

The boolean a comparison yields when it holds. Written bare and lower case, never quoted.

Returns `boolean`: True.

Examples

```
true # true
not(true) # false
```

Operators

Add

`+` · `left: any + right: any...`

Adds numbers. When the left value is text it joins the others on as text instead: "a" + 1 gives "a1", while 1 + "a" fails.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
left	any	The value on the left of the operator.
right	any (1 or more)	A further value to add. The operator chains, so <code>a + b + c</code> is one expression.

Returns `any`: The sum, or the joined text.

Examples

```
LEVEL + 7.5 # 50.0
COUNT + 1 # 4.0
"Tank " + TAG # "Tank P-101"
TAG + 1 # "P-1011"
1 + "a" # error
```

And (short-circuit)

`&&` · left: boolean && right: boolean...

True only when both sides are true. The right side is only evaluated if the left one holds, so it can guard a condition that is only valid once the left one holds.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
left	boolean	The condition on the left of the operator.
right	boolean (1 or more)	A further condition. The operator chains, so <code>a && b && c</code> is one expression.

Returns `boolean`: True when both sides are true.

Examples

```
PUMP_ON && LEVEL > 40 # true
false && NEVER_WRITTEN > 0 # false
```

Divide

`/` · left: double / right: double...

Divides the left value by the right one. Dividing by zero yields an infinite value rather than failing - guard it with `ivl`. When the left value is text it joins the others on as text instead, as `+` does.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
left	double	The value to divide.
right	double (1 or more)	A further value to divide by. Chains left to right, so <code>a / b / c</code> divides twice.

Returns `double`: The quotient.

Examples

```
LEVEL / 2 # 21.25
1 / 0 # Infinity
```

Multiply

`*` · `left: double * right: double...`

Multiplies numbers. When the left value is text it joins the others on as text instead, as + does: "ab" * 3 gives "ab3".

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
<code>left</code>	<code>double</code>	The value on the left of the operator.
<code>right</code>	<code>double</code> (1 or more)	A further factor. The operator chains, so a * b * c is one expression.

Returns `double` : The product.

Examples

```
COUNT * 2 # 6.0
LEVEL * 1.8 + 32 # 108.5
```

Negate

`-` · `-value: double`

Flips the sign of a number and keeps its kind: a whole number stays whole and a decimal stays decimal. Anything that is not a number gives null. This is the unary minus, distinct from the subtraction operator that takes two values.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
<code>value</code>	<code>double</code>	The number whose sign is flipped.

Returns `double` : The value with the opposite sign, of the same kind.

Examples

```
-LEVEL # -42.5
-COUNT # -3
-(LEVEL - 50) # 7.5
```

Or (short-circuit)

`||` · `left: boolean || right: boolean...`

True when either side is true. The right side is only evaluated if the left one is false.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
left	boolean	The condition on the left of the operator.
right	boolean (1 or more)	A further condition. The operator chains, so a b c is one expression.

Returns `boolean` : True when either side is true.

Examples

```
PUMP_ON || LEVEL > 90 # true
true || NEVER_WRITTEN > 0 # true
```

Power

`^` · left: double ^ right: double...

Raises the left value to the power of the right one.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
left	double	The base.
right	double (1 or more)	A further exponent. Chains in the order written, so a ^ b ^ c raises twice.

Returns `double` : The power.

Examples

```
2 ^ 3 # 8.0
2 ^ 3 ^ 2 # 64.0
COUNT ^ 2 # 9.0
```

Subtract

`-` · left: double - right: double...

Subtracts the right value from the left one. Distinct from the unary minus, which takes a single value.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
left	double	The value to subtract from.
right	double (1 or more)	A further value to subtract. Chains left to right, so a - b - c subtracts both.

Returns `double` : The difference.

Examples

```
LEVEL - 2.5 # 40.0
100 - LEVEL - 7.5 # 50.0
```

Comparisons

Equals

`==` · `left: any == right: any`

True when both values match. Always written doubled: a single `=` is not a comparison. Comparing a number with text is an error.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
<code>left</code>	<code>any</code>	The value on the left of the comparison.
<code>right</code>	<code>any</code>	The value on the right of the comparison.

Returns `boolean`: True when the comparison holds.

Examples

```
COUNT == 3 # true
TAG == "P-101" # true
1.0 == 1 # true
```

Greater than

`>` · `left: any > right: any`

True when the left value sorts after the right one. Comparing a number with text is an error.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
<code>left</code>	<code>any</code>	The value on the left of the comparison.
<code>right</code>	<code>any</code>	The value on the right of the comparison.

Returns `boolean`: True when the comparison holds.

Examples

```
LEVEL > 40 # true
TAG > "P-100" # true
```

Greater than or equal

`>=` · `left: any >= right: any`

True when the left value sorts after the right one, or matches it. Comparing a number with text is an error.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
left	any	The value on the left of the comparison.
right	any	The value on the right of the comparison.

Returns `boolean` : True when the comparison holds.

Examples

```
COUNT >= 3 # true
```

Less than

`<` · left: any < right: any

True when the left value sorts before the right one. Comparing a number with text is an error.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
left	any	The value on the left of the comparison.
right	any	The value on the right of the comparison.

Returns `boolean` : True when the comparison holds.

Examples

```
LEVEL < SETPOINTS.low # false
SETPOINTS.low < LEVEL < SETPOINTS.high # true
```

Less than or equal

`<=` · left: any <= right: any

True when the left value sorts before the right one, or matches it. Comparing a number with text is an error.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
left	any	The value on the left of the comparison.
right	any	The value on the right of the comparison.

Returns `boolean` : True when the comparison holds.

Examples

```
LEVEL <= 42.5 # true
```

Not equal

`<>` · `left: any <> right: any`

True when the two values differ. The spelling to prefer in new scripts. Comparing a number with text is an error.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
<code>left</code>	<code>any</code>	The value on the left of the comparison.
<code>right</code>	<code>any</code>	The value on the right of the comparison.

Returns `boolean` : True when the comparison holds.

Examples

```
TAG <> "P-102" # true
```

Not equal (C style)

`!=` · `left: any != right: any`

True when the two values differ. Accepted as a synonym of `<>` so scripts written in C style keep working. Comparing a number with text is an error.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
<code>left</code>	<code>any</code>	The value on the left of the comparison.
<code>right</code>	<code>any</code>	The value on the right of the comparison.

Returns `boolean` : True when the comparison holds.

Examples

```
COUNT != 3 # false
```

Structures

Field

`.` · `record: object.field: name`

Reads one named field out of a record - a control function's state, a database row, an inline object. The name is written bare, never in quotes, and a field the record does not hold is an error rather than a null.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
<code>record</code>	<code>object</code>	The record the field is read from.
<code>field</code>	<code>name</code>	The name of the field to read.

Returns `any`: Whatever that field holds.

Examples

```
SETPOINTS.high # 90
{level: LEVEL, alarm: false}.level # 42.5
```

Item at

`[]` · `list: [][position: int]`

Reads one item out of a list by its position, counting from zero. Ask length how many there are before reaching past the end.

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
<code>list</code>	<code>[]</code>	The list the item is read from.
<code>position</code>	<code>int</code>	Which item to read, counting from zero.

Returns `any`: The item at that position.

Examples

```
REGISTERS[2] # 65535
[10, 20, 30][0] # 10
REGISTERS[4] # error
```

List

`array`

An ordered list written inline, [a, b, c]. Read an item back by index, and count them with length.

Returns `[]`: The list, holding its items in order.

Examples

```
[LEVEL, COUNT, TAG] # [42.5, 3, "P-101"]
[] # []
[1, [2, 3]] # [1, [2, 3]]
```

Object

`object`

A record of named fields written inline, {key: value}. This is how a control function's settings and state are built.

Returns `object`: The record, holding its named fields.

Examples

```
{level: LEVEL, alarm: LEVEL > 90} # {alarm: false, level: 42.5}
{} # {}
{low = 10, high = 90} # {high: 90, low: 10}
```

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