

Introduction to Logiweb

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1 Introduction

Logiweb [?] is a system for distribution of mathematical definitions, lemmas, and proofs. More precisely, the Logiweb standard comprises a format, a semantics, and a protocol for storage, interpretation, and transmission of formal mathematics.

A “clean” implementation of Logiweb comprises a Logiweb server, a Logiweb client, and an authoring tool. The Logiweb standard governs the server, the client, and the backend of the authoring tool.

Logiweb allows a user to submit Logiweb pages that contain formal formal mathematics. To submit a page, the user must first produce the page using the authoring tool and then make the page available on the ordinary World Wide Web (WWW) under some Hyper Text Transport Protocol Uniform Resource Locator (http URL). Then the authoring tool must notify the nearest Logiweb server about the submission.

Each Logiweb page has a Logiweb reference which essentially is a global hash key computed on the basis of the contents of the page. Logiweb pages are addressed using Logiweb references but retrieved from WWW using their http URL. The main task of the mesh of Logiweb servers is to translate Logiweb references to http URLs.

A single Logiweb server cannot do the translation from Logiweb reference to http URL alone. Rather, the Logiweb servers form a mesh that cooperate on indexing all Logiweb pages in the world.

1.1 References

The reference of the present page is

01

53 DA 8F 72 F5 AE 93 67 4B 8C
6C 75 F2 D4 EA 19 36 BD D1 B7
82 9F 8F D7 93 A0 A1 08 06

when expressed in *mixed endian hexadecimal*. “Mixed endian” indicates that the reference is written in network byte order but each byte is written with the most significant digit first as in dot-notation for ip-addresses. When written in mixed endian Kana, the reference of the present page reads

nani

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tine kisu sake tenu keti   suku sine tute tase saka
tuka teti kenu kita kusu   nisi netu seki kini sete
sanu sike sake kite sine   suna suni nasa natu
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In the Kana notation, “n”, “t”, “s”, “k” represent 00, 01, 10, and 11, respectively. Also, “a”, “i”, “u”, “e” represent 00, 01, 10, and 11, respectively. So “11000100 11000000” translates to “kata kana” and “00 01 10 11 11 10 01 00” translates to “nise kuta”. The Kana format is useful if one has to pronounce a reference.

1.2 Bibliographies

Each Logiweb page contains a bibliography which is a list of references to other Logiweb pages. As an example the present page references a page named [base](#).

As mentioned, the reference of a page depends on the contents of the page and one cannot change a page without affecting its reference. For that reason, an author of a Logiweb page can safely refer to another Logiweb page without fearing that that other page will change. Furthermore, if an author references a Logiweb page, then the author may copy and resubmit that page and in that way ensure that the referenced Logiweb page will not disappear from Logiweb.

The [base](#) page referenced by the present page contains loads of definitions of computing machinery, macro expansion machinery, proof checking machinery, and many other things. The present page states a proof that has been machine checked by Logiweb plus a some other examples of the merits of Logiweb.

1.3 Programming

Logiweb supports programming. As an example,

$$[n! \xrightarrow{\text{val}} \text{If}(n \approx 0, 1, n \cdot n - 1!)] [n! \xrightarrow{\text{pyk}} \text{“* factorial”}] [n! \xrightarrow{\text{tex}} \text{“\#1.} \\ \backslash \text{char33”}]$$

The footnote of the definition above states what one should type on a keyboard or say in a microphone to enter the factorial function. Appendix ?? states how Logiweb should render the factorial function using \TeX .

Enclosing formulas in brackets is a stylistic choice of the author, not something enforced by Logiweb.

1.4 Evaluation

Logiweb supports evaluation, compilation, and test of programs. As an example,

$$[3! \approx 6].$$

tests that $[3!]$ evaluates to $[6]$.

Logiweb has checked the test case above as can be seen from the “After verifying: The page is correct” in the Logiweb main menu of the present page (The name of the present page is “check” for historical reasons).

For further test cases see Section ??.

1.5 Theories

Logiweb supports formal mathematics. As an example, propositional calculus [L] as defined in [?] reads:

$[L \xrightarrow{\text{stmt}} \forall \underline{a}: \forall \underline{b}: \forall \underline{c}: \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{b} \Rightarrow \underline{c} \Rightarrow \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{b} \Rightarrow \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{c} \oplus \forall \underline{a}: \forall \underline{b}: \underline{a} \vdash \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{b} \vdash \underline{b} \oplus \forall \underline{a}: \forall \underline{b}: \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{b} \Rightarrow \underline{a} \oplus \forall \underline{a}: \forall \underline{b}: \neg \underline{b} \Rightarrow \neg \underline{a} \Rightarrow \neg \underline{b} \Rightarrow \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{b}] [L \xrightarrow{\text{pyk}} \text{“propositional calculus”}] [L \xrightarrow{\text{tex}} \text{“L”}]$

$[A1 \xrightarrow{\text{stmt}} L \vdash \forall \underline{a}: \forall \underline{b}: \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{b} \Rightarrow \underline{a}] [A1 \xrightarrow{\text{proof}} \text{Rule tactic}] [A1 \xrightarrow{\text{pyk}} \text{“propositional a one”}] [A1 \xrightarrow{\text{tex}} \text{“A1”}]$

$[A2 \xrightarrow{\text{stmt}} L \vdash \forall \underline{a}: \forall \underline{b}: \forall \underline{c}: \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{b} \Rightarrow \underline{c} \Rightarrow \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{b} \Rightarrow \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{c}] [A2 \xrightarrow{\text{proof}} \text{Rule tactic}] [A2 \xrightarrow{\text{pyk}} \text{“propositional a two”}] [A2 \xrightarrow{\text{tex}} \text{“A2”}]$

$[A3 \xrightarrow{\text{stmt}} L \vdash \forall \underline{a}: \forall \underline{b}: \neg \underline{b} \Rightarrow \neg \underline{a} \Rightarrow \neg \underline{b} \Rightarrow \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{b}] [A3 \xrightarrow{\text{proof}} \text{Rule tactic}] [A3 \xrightarrow{\text{pyk}} \text{“propositional a three”}] [A3 \xrightarrow{\text{tex}} \text{“A3”}]$

$[MP \xrightarrow{\text{stmt}} L \vdash \forall \underline{a}: \forall \underline{b}: \underline{a} \vdash \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{b} \vdash \underline{b}] [MP \xrightarrow{\text{proof}} \text{Rule tactic}] [MP \xrightarrow{\text{pyk}} \text{“propositional modus ponens”}] [MP \xrightarrow{\text{tex}} \text{“MP”}]$

The construct $[x \Rightarrow y]$ $[x \Rightarrow y \xrightarrow{\text{pyk}} \text{“* imply *”}] [x \Rightarrow y \xrightarrow{\text{tex}} \text{“\#1. \Rightarrow \#2.”}]$ is post-associative (i.e. right associative in text that runs left to right, c.f. Appendix ??).

The construct $[\neg x]$ is introduced on the [base](#) page and has higher associativity than $[x \Rightarrow y]$.

Parentheses $[x]$ are macro defined on the [base](#) page. Parentheses affect the structure of parse trees but are macro expanded away before e.g. the proof checker sees the terms they occur in.

