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Array Notation

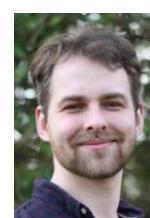
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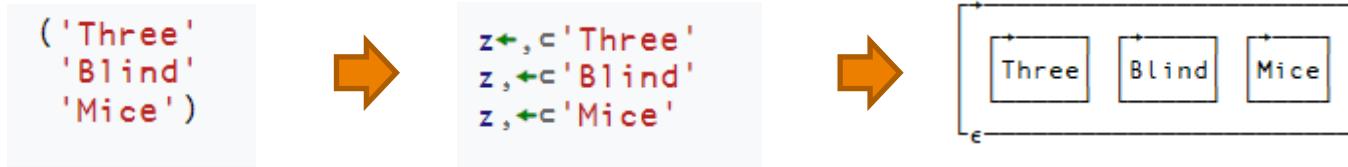
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A Way to Write Most Arrays *Literally*

- ◆ *Literally* means: Statically parseable, without executing APL primitives
- ◆ Nested vectors using (...)
- ◆ High rank arrays using [...]
- ◆ Namespaces using (**name:value** pairs)

Hopefully "Intuitive" ... let's test it!



- Multiple statements within parentheses define a nested vector

Matrices

```
[0 6 1 8  
1 4 1 4  
2 7 1 8  
3 1 4 2]
```



```
[10  
20  
30  
40]
```

```
z←⍪,0 6 1 8  
z←⍪ 1 4 1 4  
z←⍪ 2 7 1 8  
z←⍪ 3 1 4 2
```



```
z←;10  
z←;20  
z←;30  
z←;40
```

- Statements within brackets define a high rank array
- The results of the statements are "mixed" to produce the final array
- NB: The minimum rank of each individual result is 1 (vector)
 - The result will have 2 or more dimensions.

The last example gives us a one-column matrix, not a vector

"Multiple Statements"

```
[1 0 1  
0 1 0  
1 0 1]
```

... is equivalent to ...

```
[1 0 1 ◇ 0 1 0 ◇ 1 0 1]
```

Array Notation uses
brackets and parentheses...

... that span Multiple
Statements.

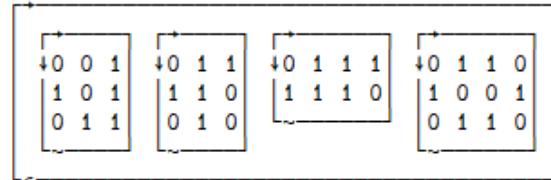
Statements can be
separated by new lines
OR by diamonds

Vector of Matrices

```
([0 0 1  
1 0 1  
0 1 1]  
  
[0 1 1  
1 1 0  
0 1 0]  
  
[0 1 1 1  
1 1 1 0]  
  
[0 1 1 0  
1 0 0 1  
0 1 1 0])
```



```
a←b;0 0 1  
a;← 1 0 1  
a;← 0 1 1  
z,←ca  
a←b;0 1 1  
a;← 1 1 0  
a;← 0 1 0  
z,←ca  
a←b;0 1 1 1  
a;← 1 1 1 0  
z,←ca  
a←b;0 1 1 0  
a;← 1 0 0 1  
a;← 0 1 1 0  
z,←ca
```



- ◆ A vector (...) of four matrices [...]

Error Message Table

```
[0 'OK'  
 1 'WS FULL'  
 2 'SYNTAX ERROR'  
 3 'INDEX ERROR'  
 4 'RANK ERROR']
```



```
z←0;0 'OK'  
z← 1 'WS FULL'  
z← 2 'SYNTAX ERROR'  
z← 3 'INDEX ERROR'  
z← 4 'RANK ERROR'
```

- ◆ A two-column nested matrix

Literal Namespace Notation

```
person+(first: 'Max' ⋈ last:'Mustermann')  
  
person.last, ', ', person.first  
Mustermann, Max
```

```
person+  
  first: 'Max'  
  last:  'Mustermann'  
)
```

- ◆ "JSON for APL"

Namespace With a Matrix

```
(y:(x:['hello'  
      'world']))
```



```
z←NSθ  
z.y←NSθ  
z.y.x←, 'hello'  
z.y.x,← 'world'
```

- Vector notation, Matrix notation, and Namespace notation can be contained within each other.

Empty Namespace(s)

```
(  
#.Namespace  
() () ()  
#.Namespace  #.Namespace  #.Namespace
```

The screenshot shows a software environment with a dark theme. On the left is a vertical toolbar with various icons: a folder, a magnifying glass, a circular progress bar with the number 9, a ribbon icon, a window icon with a blue circle containing the number 1, a person icon, and a gear icon.

The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Selection, View, and other standard options. A search bar in the center contains the text "jswc". The top right corner features window control buttons (minimize, maximize, close) and a tab bar with three tabs: "PropList.apla", "Supported.apla", and "Defaults.apla".

The main area consists of four code editors arranged horizontally. The first editor, "PropList.apla", has its title bar highlighted. It displays the following code:

```
You, 8 months ago | 1
1 ( 
2   'Type'
3   'SplitObj1'
4   'SplitObj2'
5   'Posn'
6   'Size'
7   'Style'
8   'Coord'
9   'Align'
10  'Active'
11  'Visible'
12  'Event'
13  'BCol'
14  'CursorObj'
15  'Data'
16  'KeepOnClose'
17  'MethodList'
18  'ChildList'
19  'EventList'
20  'PropList'
21 )
22 )
```

The second editor, "Supported.apla", shows:

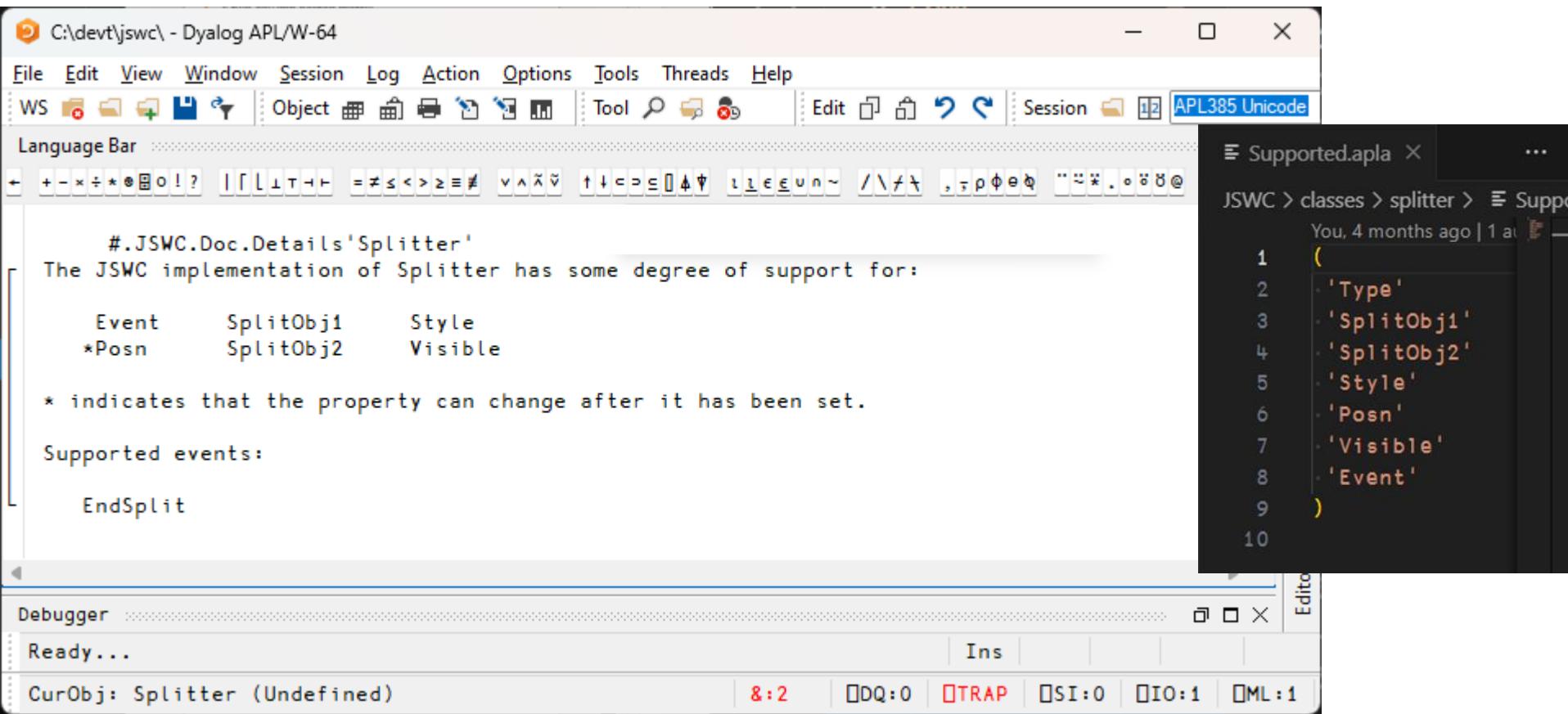
```
You, 4 months ago | 1
1 ( 
2   'Type'
3   'SplitObj1'
4   'SplitObj2'
5   'Style'
6   'Posn'
7   'Visible'
8   'Event'
9 )
10 )
```

The third editor, "Defaults.apla", shows:

```
You, 8 months ago | 1 author (You)
1 ( 
2   'Splitter'
3   ''
4   ''
5   0 . 500
6   800 . 3
7   'Vert'
8   'Inherit'
9   'None'
10  1
11  1
12  0 . 0
13  0
14  ''
15  0
16  0
17  (
18   'Detach'
19  )
20  (
21   'Timer'
22  )
```

The fourth editor, "Props.apla", is partially visible on the far right.

At the bottom, there is a status bar with the text "You, 8 months ago", "Ln 1, Col 1", "Spaces: 4", "UTF-8", "CRLF", "APL", and a small gear icon.



Array Notation - Status

- ◆ APL model used by Link to store variables for a couple of years
- ◆ `⎻SE.Dyalog.Array.Serialise`
`|Deserialise`
- ◆ Public proposal published
 - ◆ https://aplwiki.com/wiki/Array_notation
- ◆ Very little feedback from the community
- ◆ Will be integrated with interpreter in v20.0

Prototypes



V20.0 Production



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Live Demos..?