

JSE Reference Manual v5

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1 Introduction

In this manual we describe a macro facility, called the Java Syntactic Extender (JSE) [1], with the superior power and ease of use of Lisp macro systems, but for Java, a language with a more conventional algebraic syntax. We have written a Java implementation which is a preprocessor taking as input files with Java macro definitions and uses and producing pure Java. It uses a parser generator called ANTLR [2] and an associated extended ANTLR Java grammar to produce a Java text to code quote translator. JSE is made available under the GNU Public License (GPL).

2 Notation

Throughout this document JSE objects are described with definitions of the following form:

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where the rightmost kind field has a one letter code as follows:

N	Notation	\mathcal{N}
F	Flag	\mathcal{N}
S	Static Method	\mathcal{N}
C	Constant	\mathcal{N}
M	Method	\mathcal{N}
W	Work Around	\mathcal{N}

3 Installation

JSE is currently distributed as a gzipped tar file. Unpack the file as follows:

```
zcat jse-0-12.tar.gz | tar xpf -
```

This will create the following directory hierarchy:

```
jse
  antlr-2.6.0
```

```
antlr -> antlr-2.6.0
DOC
SRC
  EXAMPLES
  TESTS
```

In order to successfully install JSE, you need to make sure your `CLASSPATH` includes directories with ANTLR, JSE, and any macros you might be needing. For `tcsh` for example, I put the following:

```
setenv JSE_ROOT ${HOME}/jse
setenv ANTLR_ROOT ${JSE_ROOT}/antlr
setenv JSE_SRC ${JSE_ROOT}/SRC
setenv CLASSPATH \
  ${ANTLR_ROOT}/antlr.jar: \
  ${JSE_SRC}/EXAMPLES: \
  ${JSE_SRC}/TESTS: \
  /usr/local/java: \
  .
```

in my `.tcshrc` file. The `JSE_ROOT` and the Java system directory included in the above `CLASSPATH` will depend on your actual Java installation.

A 2.6.0 version of ANTLR is provided in `ANTLR_ROOT`. JSE will be upgraded to work with the latest version of ANTLR in the near future.

3.1 Building JSE

There is a `Makefile` in the `JSE_SRC` directory for rebuilding the system. Type `make` in that directory to build JSE. This will build the JSE system and all of its examples.

4 Usage

From the command line you can preprocess a JSE file with the following command:

```
java JSE file.jse ...
```

which will translate `file.jse` to `file.java`. Then you just run your Java compiler on the output as follows:

```
javac file.java ...
```

which will produce `file.class`. Remember that macros must be compiled before you use them.

4.1 Flags

JSE takes a few flags:

<input type="checkbox"/> -pretty	<input type="checkbox"/> off	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{F}
<i>pretty print output</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> -lineup	<input type="checkbox"/> on	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{F}
<i>maintain source line positions</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> -compile	<input type="checkbox"/> off	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{F}
<i>runs javac on resulting java files</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> -stdio	<input type="checkbox"/> off	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{F}
<i>take input from stdin and output to stdout</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> -deep	<input type="checkbox"/> on	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{F}
<i>macro expands recursively</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> -one	<input type="checkbox"/> off	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{F}
<i>macro expands only one level</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> -trace	<input type="checkbox"/> off	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{F}
<i>turn on very verbose tracing</i>		

4.2 Example

One simple example is to compile and test the `unless` macro:

```
> java JSE -compile \
    EXAMPLES/unlessSExpander.jse
> java JSE -stdio
unless (true) doit();
eof
if (! true) doit () ;
>
```

4.3 Makefiles

You can write Makefiles to do the JSE preprocessing and Java compilation automatically by including implicit rules for JSE and java suffixed files. For example, in GNU's `Make` you include the following at the top of a Makefile:

```
.SUFFIXES: .java .class .jse
```

to teach it about your new implicit rules and your actual implicit rules at the bottom of your Makefile:

```
.java.class:
$(COMPILER) $(COPTIONS) $?
.jse.java:
java JSE $?
```

5 Status

Information and updates will be made available on <http://www.jbot.org/jse>. A paper on JSE can be found in <http://www.jbot.org/jse/jse.pdf>.

JSE is much slower than it can be made to be. Future releases will include efficiency enhancements.

Currently the following are not implemented:

<input type="checkbox"/> tracing	<input type="checkbox"/> -trace	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{W}
<input type="checkbox"/> error trailing	<input type="checkbox"/> none	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{W}
<input type="checkbox"/> hygiene	<input type="checkbox"/> genSym	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{W}
<input type="checkbox"/> default in syntaxSwitch	<input type="checkbox"/> # ...	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{W}
<input type="checkbox"/> use of ... outside of codeQuotes	<input type="checkbox"/> * pattern variable	<input type="checkbox"/> \mathcal{W}

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6 API

The following is a beginning of an API to JSE.

6.1 Hierarchy

```
Fragment
  CompoundFragment
    NestedFragment
      BracesFragment
      BracketsFragment
      ParensFragment
      PatternVariableFragment
      DotDotDotFragment
      SequenceFragment
      Expansion
      Template
  LeafFragment
    IdentifierFragment
    LiteralFragment
      CharacterFragment
      StringFragment
      IntegerFragment
      FloatFragment
      PunctuationFragment
      QuestionFragment
      DotFragment
      SeparatorFragment
        CommaFragment
        SemicolonFragment
    SyntaxException
    SyntaxMatchFailure
    SyntaxConstraint
      GrammarSyntaxConstraint
    List
      FragmentList
    LooseFragmentParser
    MacroExpander
    PrettyStream
```

6.2 Methods

Here is a partial list of methods. Consult the source code for the rest.

6.2.1 Fragment Methods

out	PrettyStream ()	<i>S</i>
<i>pretty printer</i>		
getInt	int ()	<i>M</i>
<i>converts to an integer if possible</i>		
getString	String ()	<i>M</i>
<i>converts to a string if possible</i>		
getFloat	float ()	<i>M</i>
<i>converts to a float if possible</i>		
getValue	Object ()	<i>M</i>
<i>converts to a value if possible</i>		
tokens	List ()	<i>M</i>
<i>returns token representation</i>		
collectBoundVariables	FragmentList ()	<i>M</i>
<i>finds all pattern variables</i>		

6.2.2 CompoundFragment Methods

getInsideFragments	FragmentList ()	<i>M</i>
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6.2.3 SequenceFragment Methods

FragmentList	SequenceFragment ()	<i>S</i>
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6.2.4 IdentifierFragment Methods

IdentifierFragment	IdentifierFragment(String)	<i>S</i>
genSym	IdentifierFragment (String name)	<i>S</i>
capitalize	String ()	<i>M</i>
equals	boolean (IdentifierFragment)	<i>M</i>
equals	boolean (String)	<i>M</i>

6.2.5 FragmentList Methods

fnil	FragmentList	<i>C</i>
<i>empty list</i>		
flist	FragmentList (Fragment)	<i>S</i>
<i>creates a one fragment list</i>		
felt	Fragment (int)	<i>M</i>
<i>gets nth element</i>		
fpush	FragmentList (Fragment)	<i>M</i>
<i>pushes arg onto front of list</i>		
fpush	FragmentList (int)	<i>M</i>
\equiv fpush(new IntegerFragment(x))		

fpush	FragmentList (float)	<i>M</i>
\equiv fpush(new FloatFragment(x))		
fpush	FragmentList (String)	<i>M</i>
\equiv fpush(new StringFragment(x))		
fpush	FragmentList (char)	<i>M</i>
\equiv fpush(new CharacterFragment(x))		
fhead	Fragment ()	<i>M</i>
<i>gets head of list</i>		
ftail	FragmentList ()	<i>M</i>
<i>gets tail of list</i>		
fappend	FragmentList (FragmentList)	<i>M</i>
<i>concatenation of two lists</i>		
freverse	FragmentList ()	<i>M</i>
<i>reverses list</i>		
tokens	List ()	<i>M</i>
<i>returns token representation</i>		
expandMacros	void (MacroExpander, boolean isRecursive)	<i>M</i>
expandTemplates	void ()	<i>M</i>
pprint	void (PrettyStream)	<i>M</i>
lprint	void (PrettyStream)	<i>M</i>

6.2.6 LooseFragmentParser Methods

LooseFragmentParser	LooseFragmentParser (String filename, boolean isTraced)	<i>S</i>
parse	FragmentList ()	<i>M</i>

6.2.7 PrettyStream Methods

PrettyStream	PrettyStream (PrintStream)	<i>S</i>
getLine	int ()	<i>M</i>
println	void ()	<i>M</i>
println	void (String)	<i>M</i>
print	void (Object)	<i>M</i>
close	void ()	<i>M</i>
println	void (Object)	<i>M</i>

References

- [1] Jonathan Bachrach and Keith Playford. The java syntactic extender. In *Proceedings of OOPSLA '01*, October 2001.
- [2] Terence Parr. Antlr. <http://www.antlr.org/>, 1999.