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#
  A simple example of a Maple 'source' file. Such a file can
  be easily created and maintained using your favorite text
#
  editor and can contain arbitrary Maple commands.
#
  I find this mechanism particularly useful for developing
#
  and maintaining Maple procedures.
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  The file can most easily be read into a Maple session by
#
  first 'cd'-ing to the directory which contains this file:
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#
  % cd /Public/Members/matt/Src/maple/examples
#
#
  starting up maple or xmaple
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  % xmaple &
#
#
  then typing
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#
  > read example;
#
#
  If maple (or xmaple) isn't running in the directory
  containing this file, then you must use an absolute
#
#
  pathname and be sure to enclose the name in backquotes.
#
  (This also applies to filenames containing a '.', which
  is why I tend to use simple names (no extensions) for
  files containing Maple source.
#
  > read '/Public/Members/matt/Src/maple/examples/example';
#
#
  Recall that use of the colon (:) as terminator rather
#
  than semi-colon (;) inhibits echoing of results.
#
aa := 23 / 155;
myadd := proc(x:numeric, y:numeric)
       x + y;
end;
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Adds all elements of a numeric list.
ladd := proc(1:list(numeric))
#-----
 Define local variables.
#-----
 local lsum, i:
#-----
Check for valid argument, exit with error message
# if not valid.
#-----
 if nops(1) = 0 then
  ERROR('argument is the NULL list');
 fi;
#-----
 Initialize sum to first element of list.
#-----
 lsum := l[1];
#-----
# Loop over rest of elements accumulating the sum.
 for i from 2 to nops(1) do
  lsum := lsum + l[i];
 od;
#-----
# Return the sum.
 lsum;
end:
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newton 21> maple
             Maple V Release 3 (University of Texas - Austin)
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              Type ? for help.
> read example;
                                         23
                                  aa := ---
                                         155
myadd := proc(x:numeric,y:numeric) x+y end
> myadd(3,4);
                                      7
> myadd(a,b);
Error, myadd expects its 1st argument, x, to be of type numeric,
but received a
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> read ladd;
> op(ladd);
proc(l:list(numeric))
local lsum,i;
    if nops(1) = 0 then ERROR('argument is the NULL list') fi;
    lsum := l[1];
    for i from 2 to nops(1) do lsum := lsum+l[i] od;
end
> ladd( [1,2,3,4] );
                                        10
> ladd( [a,b,c] );
Error, ladd expects its 1st argument, 1, to be of type list(numeric),
but received [a, b, c]
> ladd([]);
Error, (in ladd) argument is the NULL list
> ladd([1]);
                                        1
> ladd(1);
Error, ladd expects its 1st argument, 1, to be of type list(numeric),
but received 1
> quit
bytes used=136888, alloc=131048, time=0.04
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