
Scopes Declarative Language

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1 Introduction

The goal of this document is to explain and exemplify the declarative language used to operate the Scopes framework.

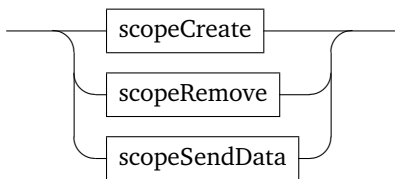
2 The Language

We proceed with a top down approach to the Scopes language.

2.1 Scope Operations

There are three operations, namely, to create a scope, to remove a scope, and to send data to all of a scope's members.

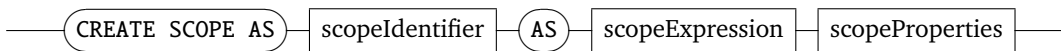
operation



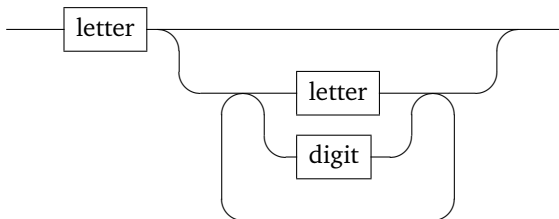
2.2 Scope Creation

This is the most complex statement, as it is very expressive and has many keywords. The general structure of the CREATE statement is:

scopeCreate



scopeIdentifier



A scope can be specified as nested within another, parent scope. Both scope and parent scope are specified by a scope identifier, however, scope identifiers are hashed to 16-bit ids, which are used within the sensor network.

scopeProperties

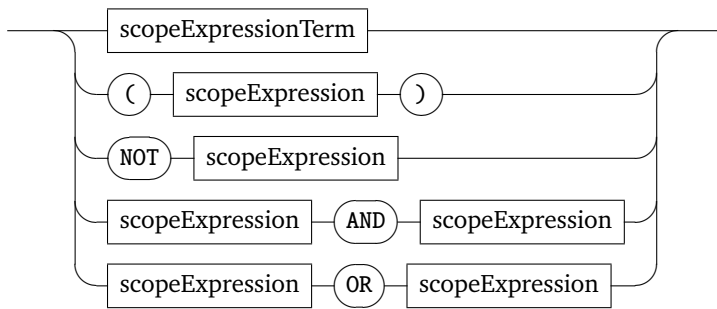


An (incomplete) example can thus be:

```
CREATE SCOPE ChildScope AS (  
  ... ) SUBSCOPE OF ParentScope;
```

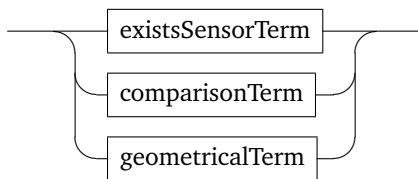
Scopes are defined by means of logical expressions. These can be connected by logical operators AND, OR and NOT, or be recursively defined between parenthesis.

scopeExpression

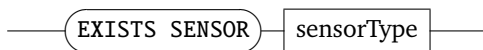


At some point, logical expressions contain terms, e.g., subparts of the expression that evaluate to true or false. In Scopes there are three types of terms. To check whether a node has a populated sensor or not, the `EXISTS SENSOR` term is used (see below the array of predefined sensors). A typical term is that for comparison, which is binary. There are four types of operands that can be used for comparison, Finally, geometrical terms check for a three-dimensional aspect, typically using the position of the node.

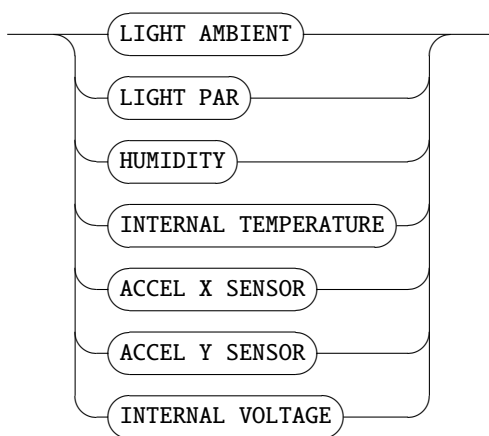
scopeExpressionTerm



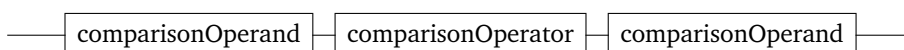
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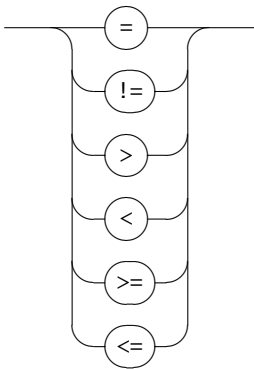
sensorType



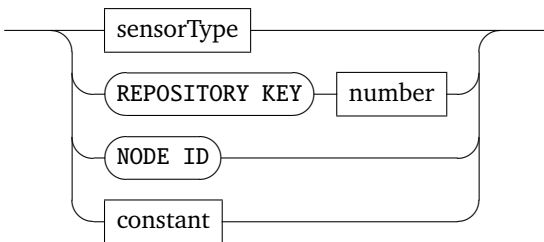
comparisonTerm



comparisonOperator



comparisonOperand



A compact example illustrating the first two clause types is presented next:

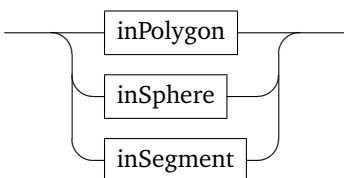
```
CREATE SCOPE ScopeExample AS (  
  ( EXISTS SENSOR HUMIDITY AND NOT HUMIDITY <= 70) OR  
  NODE ID > 20 OR  
  REPOSITORY KEY 7 == 273);
```

This expression is evaluated to true by a node if:

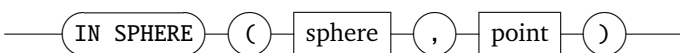
- both the humidity sensor is populated and the humidity is greater than 70, or
- the node's id is greater than 20, or
- the repository entry with key value 7 equals the constant value 273.

There are three geometrical operators supported currently by Scopes. The `IN SPHERE` clause is quite straightforward: it takes a sphere and a point as arguments, and returns true if the point is within or at the borders of the sphere, and false otherwise. Spheres are defined by their center and radius. The `IN SEGMENT` clause takes a segment and a point as argument, and returns true if the point is within the segment, false otherwise. Segments are defined as a sequence of points and a segment width. The `IN POLYGON` clause takes a polygon and a point as an argument, and returns true if the point is inside or at the borders of the polygon. Polygons are defined as a sequence of consecutive points, the last of which is implicitly connected to the first.

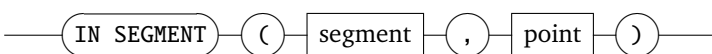
geometricalTerm



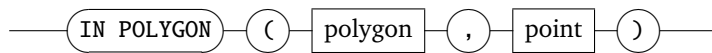
inSphere



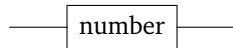
inSegment



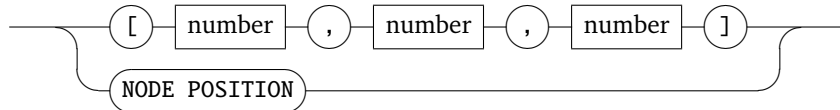
inPolygon



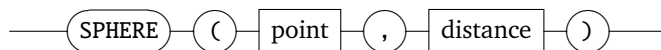
distance



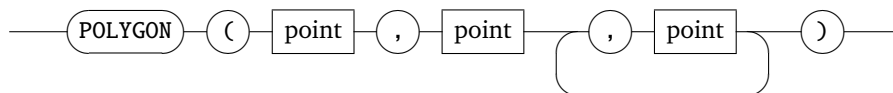
point



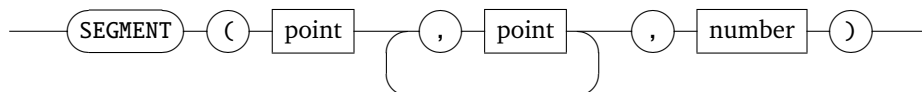
sphere



polygon



segment



As example of these constructs we present the following statement:

```
CREATE SCOPE GeomScopeExample AS (  
  IN SPHERE ( SPHERE ( [100,50,50], 30), [101,51,49] ) OR  
  IN POLYGON ( POLYGON ([0,0,0], [0,100,0], [50,50,0] ), NODE POSITION) OR  
  IN SEGMENT ( SEGMENT ([0,0,0], [50,50,0], [50,100,0], 5)  
);
```

This scope creation evaluates to true if:

- the point [101,51,49] is located within the sphere centered at [100,50,50] and 30 meter radius (true for these constants), or
- the node's position is located within the specified triangle (polygon), or
- the node's position is located up to 5 meters from the specified line segments.

3 Scope Removal

The removal of a scope is quite straightforward:

scopeRemove



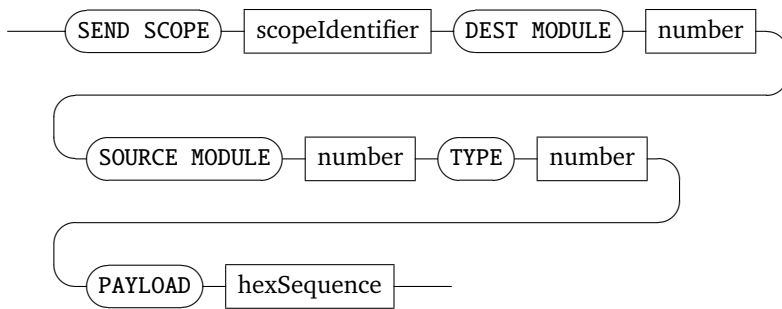
4 Sending Data to a Scope

Data can be declaratively sent from a scope's root node to its members. For a connection to an SOS node, the following parameters must be specified:

- **DEST MODULE:** the id of the module that should receive the message

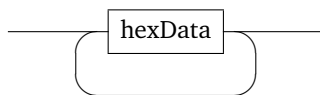
- SOURCE MODULE: the module id that should be used as sender module
- TYPE: the message type, i.e., the function that should handle the message.

scopeSendData



The payload is specified as a sequence of hexadecimal characters with the following format.

hexSequence



hexData

