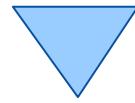


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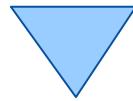
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# Agenda

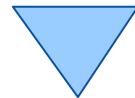
- Overview
- String-related BIF-Extensions
- Routine "dump2()"
- Parsing of words
- Routines "sort2()" and "stableSort2()"
- New comparators
- Roundup



# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 1

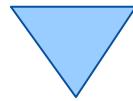
- Default to caseless comparison modes
- Allow negative numbers
  - Define negative positions
  - Define negative lengths
- Implemented as public routines
  - Named after their BIFs
  - Supplement digit "2" to BIF-name
- Works on 3.x and 4.x versions of ooRexx
  - On 4.x .context~package is used to add them



## String-related BIF-Extensions

### Caseless & Negative Numbers, 2

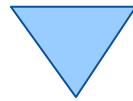
- Semantics, if negative numbers
  - Negative start position
    - Start from the other side and position in the opposite direction
  - Negative length number
    - Position in the opposite direction



# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 3

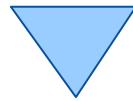
- abbrev2(info, string [,length] [,C|I])
- changeStr2(needle, haystack, newNeedle [,count] [,C|I])
- delStr2(string, start [,length])
- delWord2(string, start [,count])
- lastPos2(needle, haystack [,start] [,C|I])
- left2(string, length [,pad])
- lower2(string [,start] [,length])
- overlay2(new, target [,start] [,length])
- pos2(needle, haystack, [,start] [,C|I])



# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 4

- right2(string, length [,pad])
- subChar2(string, pos)
- subStr2(string, pos [,length])
- subWord2(string, pos [,count])
- upper2(string [,start] [,length])
- word2(string, pos)
- wordIndex2(string, pos)
- wordLength2(string, pos)
- wordPos2(phrase, string [,start] [,C|I])



# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 5

- Examples

```
ABBREV2("Print", "Pri") ..... -> [1]
```

```
ABBREV2("PRINT", "Pri", 1) ..... -> [1]
```

```
ABBREV2("int", "Pri", -1) ..... -> [1]
```

```
ABBREV2("Print", "PRI", "I") ..... -> [1]
```

```
ABBREV2("PRINT", "Pri", "C") ..... -> [0]
```

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```
CHANGESTR2("I","I0III00","X") ..... -> [X0XX00]
```

```
CHANGESTR2("I","I0III00","X", 1) ..... -> [X0III00]
```

```
CHANGESTR2("I","I0III00","X", -1) ..... -> [I0IX00]
```

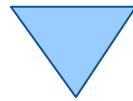
```
CHANGESTR2("I","I0III00","X", -2) ..... -> [I0XX00]
```

```
CHANGESTR2("AB","AB0ABBAAB0AB", "--", 2) ..... -> [ --0--BAAB0AB]
```

```
CHANGESTR2("AB","AB0ABBAAB0AB", "--", -2) ..... -> [AB0ABBA--0--]
```

```
CHANGESTR2("i","I0III00","X", , "C") ..... -> [I0III00]
```

```
CHANGESTR2("i","I0III00","X", 1,"I") ..... -> [X0III00]
```



# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 6

- Examples

```
COMPARE2("abc", "abc") ..... -> [0]
```

```
COMPARE2("abc", "ABC") ..... -> [0]
```

```
COMPARE2("abc", "ak") ..... -> [2]
```

```
COMPARE2("Ab-- ", "aB", "- ", "I") ..... -> [5]
```

```
COMPARE2("Ab-- ", "aB", "- ", "C") ..... -> [1]
```

```
COMPARE2("Ab-- ", "Ab", "- ", "C") ..... -> [5]
```

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```
COUNTSTR2("1", "101101") ..... -> [4]
```

```
COUNTSTR2("KK", "J0KKK0") ..... -> [1]
```

```
COUNTSTR2("KK", "J0KKKK0") ..... -> [2]
```

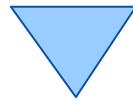
```
COUNTSTR2("KK", "J0kkk0") ..... -> [1]
```

```
COUNTSTR2("KK", "J0KKK0", "I") ..... -> [1]
```

```
COUNTSTR2("kk", "J0KKKK0", "I") ..... -> [2]
```

```
COUNTSTR2("KK", "J0kkk0", "I") ..... -> [1]
```

```
COUNTSTR2("KK", "J0kkk0", "C") ..... -> [0]
```



# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 7

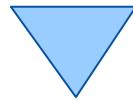
- Examples

```
DELSTR2("abcd", 3      ) ..... -> [ab]
DELSTR2("abcde", 3, 2) ..... -> [abe]
DELSTR2("abcde", 6      ) ..... -> [abcde]

DELSTR2("abcd", -3     ) ..... -> [a]
DELSTR2("abcde", -3, -2) ..... -> [ade]

DELSTR2("abc", 1      ) ..... -> []
DELSTR2("abc", -1     ) ..... -> [ab]

DELSTR2("abc", 3      ) ..... -> [ab]
DELSTR2("abc", -3     ) ..... -> []
```

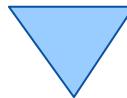


# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 8

- Examples

DELWORD2("eins zwei drei ", 2)	..... -> [ eins ]
DELWORD2("eins zwei drei ", 2, 1)	..... -> [ eins drei ]
DELWORD2("eins zwei drei ", -1)	..... -> [ eins zwei ]
DELWORD2("eins zwei drei ", -2)	..... -> [ eins ]
DELWORD2("eins zwei drei ", -2, 1)	..... -> [ eins drei ]
DELWORD2("eins zwei drei ", -2, -1)	..... -> [ eins drei ]
DELWORD2("eins zwei drei ", -2, -2)	..... -> [ drei ]
DELWORD2("eins zwei drei ", 2, -2)	..... -> [ drei ]
DELWORD2("eins zwei drei ", -2, 2)	..... -> [ eins ]



# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 9

- Examples

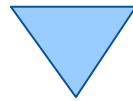
```
LASTPOS2(" ", "abc def ghi" ) ..... -> [8]
LASTPOS2(" ", "abc def ghi", 8) ..... -> [8]
LASTPOS2(" ", "abc def ghi", -1) ..... -> [8]
LASTPOS2(" ", "abc def ghi", -8) ..... -> [4]
LASTPOS2("xY", "efGXYZXYZY", 9) ..... -> [7]
LASTPOS2("xY", "efGXYZXYZY", 9, "I") ..... -> [7]
LASTPOS2("xY", "efGXYZXYZY", 9, "C") ..... -> [0]
```

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```
LEFT2("abc d" , 8 ) ..... -> [abc d ]
LEFT2("abc d" , 8, ".") ..... -> [abc d...]
LEFT2("abc d" , -8 ) ..... -> [ abc d]
LEFT2("abc d" , -8, ".") ..... -> [...abc d]
```

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```
lower2("ABCDEF" , 4) ..... -> [ABCdef]
lower2("ABCDEF" , 3, 2) ..... -> [ABcdEF]
lower2("ABCDEF" , -4) ..... -> [ABcdef]
lower2("ABCDEF" , -3, -2) ..... -> [ABcdEF]
```

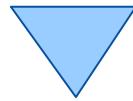


# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 10

- Examples

```
overlay2("12", "abc", 2      ) ..... -> [a12]
overlay2("12", "abc", 2, 1   ) ..... -> [a1c]
overlay2("12", "abc", 2, 2   ) ..... -> [a12]
overlay2("12", "abc", 2, 3   ) ..... -> [a12 ]
overlay2("12", "abc", 2, 4   ) ..... -> [a12  ]
overlay2("12", "abc", 2,-1  ) ..... -> [a2c]
overlay2("12", "abc", 2,-2  ) ..... -> [a12]
overlay2("12", "abc", 2,-3  ) ..... -> [a 12]
overlay2("12", "abc", 2,-4  ) ..... -> [a 12]
overlay2("12", "abc", 2,-3, ".") ..... -> [a.12]
overlay2("12", "abc", 2,-4, ".") ..... -> [a..12]
overlay2("12", "abc", -4,-1 ) ..... -> [2abc]
overlay2("12", "abc", -4,-2 ) ..... -> [12bc]
overlay2("12", "abc", -4,-3 ) ..... -> [ 12c]
overlay2("12", "abc", -4,-4 ) ..... -> [ 12]
overlay2("12", "abc", -4,-5 ) ..... -> [ 12]
```



# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 11

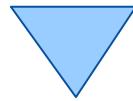
- Examples

```
POS2("day", "Saturday") ..... -> [6]
POS2("Day", "Saturday") ..... -> [6]
```

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```
RIGHT2("abc d" , 8 ) ..... -> [ abc d]
RIGHT2("abc d" , 8, ".") ..... -> [...abc d]
RIGHT2("abc def", 7 ) ..... -> [abc def]
RIGHT2("12",5,"0") ..... -> [00012]
```

```
RIGHT2("abc d" , -8 ) ..... -> [abc d ]
RIGHT2("abc d" , -8, ".") ..... -> [abc d...]
RIGHT2("12",-5,"0") ..... -> [12000]
```



# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 12

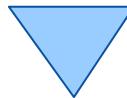
- Examples

```
SUBCHAR2( "abc" , 3 ) ..... -> [c]  
SUBCHAR2( "abc" , 4 ) ..... -> []
```

```
SUBCHAR2( "abc" , -3 ) ..... -> [a]  
SUBCHAR2( "abc" , -4 ) ..... -> []
```

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```
SUBSTR2( "abc" , -2 ) ..... -> [bc]  
SUBSTR2( "abc" , -2 , -4 ) ..... -> [ ab]  
SUBSTR2( "abc" , -2 , -6 , ".") ..... -> [ ....ab]  
SUBSTR2( 'ab' , -1 , -3 , .) ..... -> [ .ab]  
substr2("abc" , -4 ) ..... -> [ abc]  
substr2("abc" , -4 , , ".") ..... -> [ .abc]  
substr2("abc" , -4 , 1 , ".") ..... -> [ .]  
substr2("abc" , -4,-1 , ".") ..... -> [ .]
```

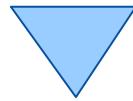


# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 13

- Examples

SUBWORD2("eins zwei drei ", 2)	..... ->	[zwei drei]
SUBWORD2("eins zwei drei ", 3)	..... ->	[drei]
SUBWORD2("eins zwei drei ", 2, 1)	..... ->	[zwei]
SUBWORD2("eins zwei drei ", 2, 2)	..... ->	[zwei drei]
-----		
SUBWORD2("eins zwei drei ", -2)	..... ->	[zwei drei]
SUBWORD2("eins zwei drei ", -3)	..... ->	[eins zwei drei]
SUBWORD2("eins zwei drei ", 2, -1)	..... ->	[zwei]
SUBWORD2("eins zwei drei ", -2, 1)	..... ->	[zwei]
SUBWORD2("eins zwei drei ", -2, -2)	..... ->	[eins zwei]
SUBWORD2("eins zwei drei ", 2, -2)	..... ->	[eins zwei]
SUBWORD2("eins zwei drei ", -2, 2)	..... ->	[zwei drei]
-----		
UPPER2("abcdef" , 4)	..... ->	[abcDEF]
UPPER2("abcdef" , 3, 2)	..... ->	[abCDef]
UPPER2("abcdef" , -4)	..... ->	[abCDEF]
UPPER2("abcdef" , -3, -2)	..... ->	[abCDef]



# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 14

- Examples

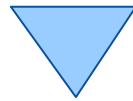
```
WORD2("eins zwei drei ", 2) ..... -> [zwei]  
WORD2("eins zwei drei ", 3) ..... -> [drei]
```

```
WORD2("eins zwei drei ", -2) ..... -> [zwei]  
WORD2("eins zwei drei ", -3) ..... -> [eins]
```

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```
WORDINDEX2("eins zwei drei ", 2) ... -> [9]  
WORDINDEX2("eins zwei drei ", 3) ... -> [14]
```

```
WORDINDEX2("eins zwei drei ", -2) ... -> [9]  
WORDINDEX2("eins zwei drei ", -3) ... -> [4]
```



# String-related BIF-Extensions

## Caseless & Negative Numbers, 15

- Examples

```
WORDPOS2("EINS", " eins zwei drei " )      -> [1]
WORDPOS2("eins", " EINS zwei drei " )       -> [1]
WORDPOS2("EINS", " eins zwei drei ", "C")   -> [0]
WORDPOS2("eins", " EINS zwei drei ", "C")   -> [0]
WORDPOS2("EINS", " eins zwei drei ", "I")   -> [1]
WORDPOS2("eins", " EINS zwei drei ", "I")   -> [1]

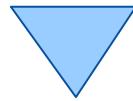
WORDPOS2(" eins ", " eins zwei drei ", -1)  -> [0]
WORDPOS2(" eins ", " eins zwei drei ", -4)  -> [1]

WORDPOS2(" eins ", " eins zwei drei ", -1, "C") -> [0]
WORDPOS2(" eins ", " eins zwei drei ", -1, "I") -> [0]
WORDPOS2(" eins ", " eins zwei drei ", -4, "C") -> [1]
```



## Public Routine "dump2()"

- What is the "content" of a collection?
- Collection classes
  - List content in a legible ("human-centric") way
  - Allow any collection to be processed
  - Allow optional heading
  - Allow optional comparator (for sorting)
- `dump2(collection [,heading] [,comparator])`



# Public Routine "dump2()"

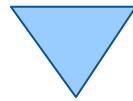
## Example, 1

```
a2=.array~new  
a2[1,2] = "x"  
a2[3,4] = "a"  
a2[3,5] = "z"  
a2[4,1] = "A"  
a2[7,5] = "m"  
call dump2 a2
```

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type: The Array class: (5 items)

```
# 1: index=[1,2] -> item=[x]  
# 2: index=[3,4] -> item=[a]  
# 3: index=[3,5] -> item=[z]  
# 4: index=[4,1] -> item=[A]  
# 5: index=[7,5] -> item=[m]
```



# Public Routine "dump2()"

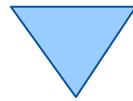
## Example, 2

```
d1=.directory~new  
d1["x"]="x-value"  
d1["a"]="a-value"  
d1["z"]="z-value"  
d1["A"]="A-value"  
d1["m-index"]="m-index-value"  
call dump2 d1
```

-----

type: The Directory class: (5 items)

```
# 1: index=[A]      -> item=[A-value]  
# 2: index=[a]      -> item=[a-value]  
# 3: index=[m-index] -> item=[m-index-value]  
# 4: index=[x]      -> item=[x-value]  
# 5: index=[z]      -> item=[z-value]
```



# Public Routine "dump2()"

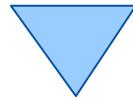
## Example, 3

```
r=.relation~new  
r["x"]="x-value"  
r["x"]="xyz-value"  
r["x"]="x-value"  
r["a"]="a-value"  
r["z"]="z-value"  
r["m-index"]="m-index-value"  
r["A"]="A-value"  
call dump2 r
```

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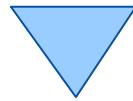
type: The Relation class: (7 items)

```
# 1: index=[A]      -> item=[A-value]  
# 2: index=[a]      -> item=[a-value]  
# 3: index=[m-index] -> item=[m-index-value]  
# 4: index=[x]      -> item=[an Array (3 items) id#_266390774]  
# 5: index=[z]      -> item=[z-value]
```



## Routine "parseWords2"

- Definition of words differs from language to language
- Sometimes defining delimiters is easier
- Returns an array of parsed words
  - Either a single dimensioned array with words, or
  - A two-dimensional array containing the starting position, the length of the word and the next starting position



# Routine "parseWords2"

## Example

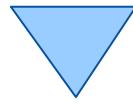
```
str="Über den Wölkchen - oder Woelkchen - muss. die Freiheit wohl grenzenlos sein?"
```

```
deli=" -/\,,:!?.+" || "09"x      -- delimiters
arr=parseWords2(str, deli)
do w over arr
    say "["w"]"
end
```

```
::requires "rgf_util2.rex"
```

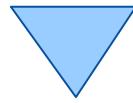
```
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```

```
[Über]
[den]
[Wölkchen]
[oder]
[Woelkchen]
[muss]
[die]
[Freiheit]
[wohl]
[grenzenlos]
[sein]
```



## Class "StringOfWords"

- Definition of words differs from language to language
- Sometimes defining delimiters is easier
- Submit a
  - String to be parsed
  - Optionally a string of reference characters
    - Defaults to the delimiter characters blank and tab
  - Optionally a character indicating how to use the reference characters
    - Defaults to "D"elimiter



# Class "StringOfWords"

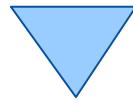
## Example

```
str="Über den Wölkchen - oder Woelkchen - muss. die Freiheit wohl grenzenlos sein?"
```

```
deli=" -/\,,:!?.+" || "09"x    -- delimiters
sow=.StringOfWords~new(str, deli)
do w over sow  -- makeArray=wordArray, positionArray
  say "["w"]"
end
```

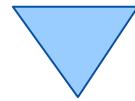
```
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```

```
[Über]
[den]
[Wölkchen]
[oder]
[Woelkchen]
[muss]
[die]
[Freiheit]
[wohl]
[grenzenlos]
[sein]
```



## "sort2()" and "stableSort2()"

- Makes sorting available as a routine
- Makes it easy to indicate the sorting options
  - Allows the implicit usage of comparators defined in "rgf\_util2.rex"
- Should be easier to use, than the array methods
  - sort(),
  - sortWith(),
  - stableSort() and
  - stableSortWith()



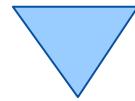
## "sort2()" and "stableSort2()"

### Example, 1

```
mmyArray=.array~of(0, -1, " -1", "aNton", "AntoN", "BERta", "Anton", "bertha", 99, 1E1)
tmpArray=sort2(myArray~copy)
call dump2 tmpArray, "sort"
---

sort: (10 items)

# 1: index=[1]  -> item=[ -1]
# 2: index=[2]  -> item=[-1]
# 3: index=[3]  -> item=[0]
# 4: index=[4]  -> item=[1E1]
# 5: index=[5]  -> item=[99]
# 6: index=[6]  -> item=[AntoN]
# 7: index=[7]  -> item=[Anton]
# 8: index=[8]  -> item=[aNton]
# 9: index=[9]  -> item=[bertha]
# 10: index=[10] -> item=[BERta]
```



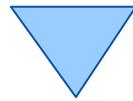
## "sort2()" and "stableSort2()"

### Example, 2

```
mmyArray=.array~of(0, -1, " -1", "aNton", "AntoN", "BERta", "Anton", "bertha", 99, 1E1)
tmpArray=stableSort2(myArray~copy)
call dump2 tmpArray, "stableSort"
---

stableSort: (10 items)

# 1: index=[1]  -> item=[-1]
# 2: index=[2]  -> item=[ -1]
# 3: index=[3]  -> item=[0]
# 4: index=[4]  -> item=[1E1]
# 5: index=[5]  -> item=[99]
# 6: index=[6]  -> item=[aNton]
# 7: index=[7]  -> item=[AntoN]
# 8: index=[8]  -> item=[Anton]
# 9: index=[9]  -> item=[BERta]
# 10: index=[10] -> item=[bertha]
```



## "sort2()" and "stableSort2()"

### Example, 3

```
myArray = .array~of("Zoe    24", "Fred    41", "Xavier 52", "Andy    40")
myArray~sortWith(.ColumnComparator~new(8, 2))
call dump2 myArray
```

---

```
type: The Array class: (4 items)
```

```
# 1: index=[1] -> item=[Zoe    24]
# 2: index=[2] -> item=[Andy    40]
# 3: index=[3] -> item=[Fred    41]
# 4: index=[4] -> item=[Xavier 52]
```

```
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```

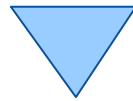
```
myArray~sortWith(.InvertingComparator~new(.ColumnComparator~new(8, 2)))
call dump2 myArray
```

---

```
type: The Array class: (4 items)
```

```
# 1: index=[1] -> item=[Xavier 52]
# 2: index=[2] -> item=[Fred    41]
# 3: index=[3] -> item=[Andy    40]
# 4: index=[4] -> item=[Zoe    24]
```

```
-----
```



## "sort2()" and "stableSort2()"

### Example, 4

```
myArray = .array~of("Zoe    24", "Fred    41", "Xavier 52", "Andy    40")  
myArray=sort2(myArray, 8, 2)  
call dump2 myArray
```

---

```
type: The Array class: (4 items)
```

```
# 1: index=[1] -> item=[Zoe    24]  
# 2: index=[2] -> item=[Andy    40]  
# 3: index=[3] -> item=[Fred    41]  
# 4: index=[4] -> item=[Xavier 52]
```

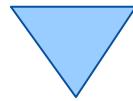
```
-----  
myArray=sort2(myArray, 8, 2, "D")
```

```
call dump2 myArray
```

---

```
type: The Array class: (4 items)
```

```
# 1: index=[1] -> item=[Xavier 52]  
# 2: index=[2] -> item=[Fred    41]  
# 3: index=[3] -> item=[Andy    40]  
# 4: index=[4] -> item=[Zoe    24]
```



## "sort2()" and "stableSort2()"

### Example, 5 (Multiple Columns!)

```
myArray = .array~of("Zoe    24", "Fred   41", "Xavier 52", "Andy   40")  
myArray=sort2(myArray, 8, 2, "N", 1, "I")  
call dump2 myArray
```

---

```
type: The Array class: (4 items)
```

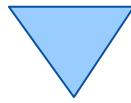
```
# 1: index=[1] -> item=[Zoe    24]  
# 2: index=[2] -> item=[Andy   40]  
# 3: index=[3] -> item=[Fred   41]  
# 4: index=[4] -> item=[Xavier 52]
```

```
-----  
  
myArray=sort2(myArray, 8, 2, "ND", 1, "ID")  
call dump2 myArray
```

---

```
type: The Array class: (4 items)
```

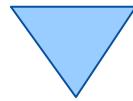
```
# 1: index=[1] -> item=[Xavier 52]  
# 2: index=[2] -> item=[Fred   41]  
# 3: index=[3] -> item=[Andy   40]  
# 4: index=[4] -> item=[Zoe    24]
```



# New Comparators

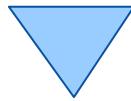
## "MessageComparator"

- Allows for determining a message name or a message object to retrieve the comparator value, e.g.
  - Attributes
  - Results of invoking methods
  - If collection, either message name, a message object or an array object with three elements:
    - name/message object, a flag [A|D], a flag [C|I|N]
- Optionally allows for caching the retrieved values



## New Comparators "NumberComparator"

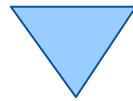
- Allows Rexx digital numbers as input
- Compares according to Rexx decimal arithmetic rules, e.g.
  - $1E2 < 123456$



# New Comparators

## "StringComparator"

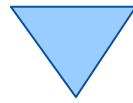
- Allows to determine sorting type and order in an encoded string
  - Sorting order
    - A[scending]
    - D[escending]
  - Sorting type
    - C[ase dependent]
    - I[ggnore case]
    - N[umeric]
  - E.g. encoded (in any order): "DN"



# New Comparators

## "StringColumnComparator"

- Allows to state
  - starting position and optionally the length
  - Flag for Ascending or Descending order
  - Flag for Case dependent, Ignore case, and Numeric
- Alternatively, may supply a collection of
  - Column sort definitions



# Roundup

- String-related BIF-Extensions
  - By default case-insensitive
  - Adding negative positioning and counts
- Routine "dump2()"
  - Allow a sorted dump of any collection
- Parsing words of any kind
  - Routine "parseWords2()", Class "StringOfWords"
- Routines "sort2()" and "stableSort2()"
  - Using new comparators