

Natural script writing with Guile

The newest step on my path towards the perfect script writing
syntax

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Hello

```
Enter : The Audience
        The Presenter
        Arne Babenhauserheide
```

```
Arne Babenhauserheide :imaginary:
    Sorry for not being here in person.
    My deepest gratitude to the presenter!
```

```
The Presenter
    Hello ,(read-line) ..
```

```
The Audience
    (Applause!) ; :)
```

Hello (output)

```
Arne Babenhauserheide :imaginary:  
  Sorry for not being here in person.  
  My deepest gratitude to the presenter!
```

```
The Presenter  
  Hello Schemers  
  Schemers.
```

```
The Audience  
  (Applause!)
```

Scheme-Warning

This is actual Guile code, parsed to Scheme at read time.

```
(import (language wisp spec))
```

For more information, see draketo.de/english/wisp

Prior Art

Where we start from.

@Presenter: Just for impression. Best give these slides 15s each.

WML: from Battle for Wesnoth

```
name=start
[message]
    speaker=MyLeader
    message= _ "I see the orcs!"
[/message]
[message]
    speaker=EnemyLeader
    message= _ "Grrrrr!"
[/message]
```

- wiki.wesnoth.org/WML_for_Complete_Beginners



Verbose, but dialogs are not its main purpose.

SCUMM: from Monkey Island

```
cut-scene {  
    ...  
    actor nurse-edna in-room edna-bedroom at 60,20  
    camera-follow nurse-edna  
    actor nurse-edna walk-to 30,20  
    wait-for-actor nurse-edna  
    say-line nurse-edna "WHATS'S YOUR POINT ED!!!"  
    wait-for-talking nurse-edna  
    ...  
}
```

- en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SCUMM



Not bad, but something is odd (personal impression).

Python: My last try

```
from rpg_lib.texttrpg import *
name = ask("What's your name?")
char2 = Char(source="tag:1w6.org,2008:Nasfar")
char1 = Char(source="tag:1w6.org,2008:" + name)

story("""A hero is born to save us.
""")

char2.say("""I only know I want to live.
""")

char1.say("""You're a wimp!
""")
```



All these quotes, no action between words.



Spels with Lisp: from Casting Spels with Emacs

```
(setq map '((living-room
             (you are in the living room of a wizards house -
              there is a wizard snoring loudly on the couch -)
             (west door garden))))
```

```
(defun describe-location (location map)
  (second (assoc location map)))
```

```
(describe-location 'living-room map)
```

- lisperati.com/casting-spels-emacs/html/casting-spels-emacs-1.html



Close, so close.

Examples

Where I am.

Enter three witches (with inline-code)

```
Enter : First Witch  
      Second Witch
```

First Witch

```
When shall we three meet again  
In ,(color 'cyan) thunder, ,(color 'white)  
 . lightning, ,(color #f) or in ,(color 'blue)  
 . rain? ,(color #f)
```

Second Witch :resolute

```
When the hurlyburly's done, (we ,(+ 1 2))  
 ; ... inline-code is executed when it is displayed
```

Enter three witches (with inline-code, output)

```
First Witch
  When shall we three meet again
  In thunder, lightning, or in rain?

Second Witch :resolute
  When the hurlyburly's done, (we 3)
```

Duel

```
Enter : Galtag Nimbleday
        Lowlife Pirate
        choose your answer
```

```
define answers
  (
    : You fight like a Dairy Farmer!
    How appropriate! You fight like a cow!
    And I've got a little TIP for you, get the POINT?
  ; ... (define (Duel ...) ...) for interaction
```

```
Duel
```

```
  Galtag Nimbleday
  Lowlife Pirate
```

Duel (output)

```
Lowlife Pirate
  You fight like a Dairy Farmer!

choose your answer
  1  How appropriate! You fight like a cow!
  2  And I've got a little TIP for you, get the POINT?

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Galtag Nimbleday
  How appropriate! You fight like a cow!
```

Summary

It works. I'm happy 😊

Next step: Making Games.

Main complication: Shipping Games made with Guile.

Find the code in the org-mode source and in the wisp-repo:

<http://bitbucket.org/ArneBab/wisp/>

Thank you!



Three Witches (basic)

Enter : First Witch
 Second Witch
 Third Witch

First Witch

When shall we three meet again
In thunder, lightning, or in rain?

Second Witch :resolute

When the hurlyburly's done,
When the battle's lost and won.

Third Witch

That will be ere the set of sun.

Three witches (basic, output)

First Witch

When shall we three meet again
In thunder, lightning, or in rain?

Second Witch :resolute

When the hurlyburly's done,
When the battle's lost and won.

Third Witch

That will be ere the set of sun.

Prep

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
# guile-2.0 ~/wisp/wisp.scm ~/wisp/examples/enter-three-wit
guile-2.0 ~/wisp/examples/enter-three-witches.scm
exec guile-2.0 -L ~/wisp --language=wisp -s "$0" "$@"
; !#
import : examples enter-three-witches
        ice-9 rdelim
```