# MzScheme: Legacy Language

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(require mzscheme) package: compatibility-lib

The mzscheme language provides nearly the same bindings as the mzscheme module of PLT Scheme version 372 and earlier.

Unlike version 372, the mzscheme language does not include set-car! or set-cdr!, and cons makes immutable pairs, as in scheme/base; those changes make modules built on mzscheme reasonably compatible with modules built on scheme/base.

Otherwise, the mzscheme language shares many bindings with scheme/base. It renames a few bindings, such as syntax-object->datum instead of syntax->datum, and it provides old versions of some syntactic forms, such as lambda without support for keyword and optional arguments. In addition, mzscheme includes all of the exports of racket/tcp and racket/udp.

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## 1 Old Syntactic Forms

```
(#%module-begin form ...)
```

Like #%plain-module-begin from scheme/base, but (require-for-syntax mzscheme) is added to the beginning of the form sequence, thus importing mzscheme into the transformer environment for the module body. (In contrast, scheme/base exports for-syntax minimal transformer support, while scheme exports all of scheme/base for-syntax.)

```
(#%plain-module-begin form ...)
```

The same binding as #%plain-module-begin from scheme/base.

```
(#%plain-lambda formals body ...+)
```

The same binding as #%plain-lambda in scheme/base. (This binding was not present in version 372 and earlier.)

```
(lambda formals body ...+) (\lambda formals body ...+)
```

The same bindings as #%plain-lambda.

```
(#%app proc-expr arg-expr ...)
(#%app)
```

The same binding as #%plain-app from scheme/base.

```
(#%plain-app proc-expr arg-expr ...)
(#%plain-app)
```

The same binding as #%app. (This binding was not present in version 372 and earlier.)

Like define in scheme/base, but without support for keyword arguments or optional arguments.

```
(define-syntax id expr)
(define-syntax (head args) body ...+)
(define-for-syntax id expr)
(define-for-syntax (head args) body ...+)
```

Like define-syntax and define-for-syntax in scheme/base, but without support for keyword arguments or optional arguments (i.e., head is as for define).

```
(if test-expr then-expr else-expr)
(if test-expr then-expr)
```

Like if in scheme/base, but else-expr defaults to (void).

```
(cond cond-clause ...)
(case val-expr case-clause ...)
```

Like cond and case in scheme/base, but else and => are recognized as unbound identifiers, instead of as the scheme/base bindings.

```
(fluid-let ([id expr] ...) body ...+)
```

Provides a kind of dynamic binding via mutation of the ids.

The fluid-let form first evaluates each expr to obtain an entry value for each id. As evaluation moves into body, either though normal evaluation or a continuation jump, the current value of each id is swapped with the entry value. On exit from body, then the current value and entry value are swapped again.

Like define-struct from scheme/base, but with fewer options. Each field is implicitly mutable, and the optional expr is analogous to supplying an #:inspector expression.

```
(let-struct id-maybe-super (field-id ...) body ...+)
```

Expands to

```
(let ()
  (define-struct id-maybe-super (field-id ...))
  body ...+)
```

```
(require raw-require-spec)
(require-for-syntax raw-require-spec)
(require-for-template raw-require-spec)
(require-for-label raw-require-spec)
(provide raw-provide-spec)
(provide-for-syntax raw-provide-spec)
(provide-for-label raw-provide-spec)
```

Like #%require and #%provide. The -for-syntax, -for-template, and -for-label forms are translated to #%require and #%provide using for-syntax, for-template, and for-label sub-forms, respectively.

```
(#%datum . datum)
```

Expands to 'datum, even if datum is a keyword.

```
(#%top-interaction . form)
```

The same as #%top-interaction in scheme/base.

#### 2 Old Functions

```
(apply proc v ... lst) → any
  proc : procedure?
  v : any/c
  lst : list?
```

Like apply from scheme/base, but without support for keyword arguments.

```
prop:procedure : struct-type-property?
```

Like prop:procedure from scheme/base, but even if the property's value for a structure type is a procedure that accepts keyword arguments, then instances of the structure type still do not accept keyword arguments. (In contrast, if the property's value is an integer for a field index, then a keyword-accepting procedure in the field for an instance causes the instance to accept keyword arguments.)

```
(open-input-file file [mode module-mode]) → input-port?
 file: path-string?
 mode : (one-of/c 'text 'binary) = 'binary
 module-mode : (or-of/c 'module 'none) = 'none
(open-output-file file [mode exists]) → input-port?
 file: path-string?
 mode : (one-of/c 'text 'binary) = 'binary
 exists : (one-of/c 'error 'append 'update
                     'replace 'truncate 'truncate/replace)
         = 'error
(open-input-output-file file [mode exists])
→ input-port? output-port?
 file : path-string?
 mode : (one-of/c 'text 'binary) = 'binary
 exists : (one-of/c 'error 'append 'update
                     'replace 'truncate 'truncate/replace)
         = 'error
(with-input-from-file file thunk [mode]) → any
 file : path-string?
 thunk : (-> any)
 mode : (one-of/c 'text 'binary) = 'binary
(with-output-to-file file thunk [mode exists]) → any
 file : path-string?
 thunk : (-> any)
 mode : (one-of/c 'text 'binary) = 'binary
 exists : (one-of/c 'error 'append 'update
                     'replace 'truncate 'truncate/replace)
         = 'error
```

Like open-input-file, etc. from scheme/base, but the mode, exists, and module-mode (corresponds to #:for-module?) arguments are not keyword arguments. When both mode and exists or module-mode are accepted, they are accepted in either order.

Changed in version 6.0.1.6 of package compatibility-lib: Added the module-mode argument to open-input-file.

```
(syntax-object->datum stx) \rightarrow any
 stx : syntax?
(datum->syntax-object ctxt v srcloc [prop cert]) → syntax?
 ctxt : (or/c syntax? false/c)
 v : any/c
 srcloc : (or/c syntax? false/c
                 (list/c any/c
                         (or/c exact-positive-integer? false/c)
                         (or/c exact-nonnegative-integer? false/c)
                         (or/c exact-nonnegative-integer? false/c)
                         (or/c exact-positive-integer? false/c))
                 (vector/c any/c
                           (or/c exact-positive-integer? false/c)
                           (or/c exact-nonnegative-integer? false/c)
                           (or/c exact-nonnegative-integer? false/c)
                           (or/c exact-positive-integer? false/c)))
 prop : (or/c syntax? false/c) = #f
 cert : (or/c syntax? false/c) = #f
```

The same as syntax->datum and datum->syntax.

```
(module-identifier=? a-id b-id) → boolean?
  a-id : syntax?
  b-id : syntax?
(module-transformer-identifier=? a-id b-id) → boolean?
  a-id : syntax?
  b-id : syntax?
```

```
(module-template-identifier=? a-id b-id) → boolean?
  a-id : syntax?
  b-id : syntax?
(module-label-identifier=? a-id b-id) → boolean?
  a-id : syntax?
  b-id : syntax?
(free-identifier=? a-id b-id) → boolean?
  a-id : syntax?
  b-id : syntax?
  b-id : syntax?
```

The module-identifier=?, etc. functions are the same as free-identifier=?, etc. in scheme/base.

The free-identifier=? procedure returns

Creates a namespace with mzscheme attached. If the mode is empty, the namespace's top-level environment is left empty. If mode is 'initial, then the namespace's top-level environment is initialized with (namespace-require/copy 'mzscheme). See also make-base-empty-namespace.

```
(namespace-transformer-require req) \rightarrow void?
req : any/c
```

Equivalent to (namespace-require `(for-syntax ,req)).

```
(transcript-on filename) → any
  filename : any/c
(transcript-off) → any
```

Raises exn:fail, because the operations are not supported.

```
(hash-table? v) → hash-table?
 v : any/c
(hash-table? v flag) → hash-table?
 v : any/c
 flag : (one-of/c 'weak 'equal 'eqv)
(hash-table? v flag flag2) → hash-table?
 v : any/c
 flag : (one-of/c 'weak 'equal 'eqv)
 flag2 : (one-of/c 'weak 'equal 'eqv)
```

Returns #t if v is a hash table created by make-hash-table or make-immutable-hash-table with the given flags (or more), #f otherwise. If flag2 is provided, it must be distinct from flag and 'equal cannot be used with 'eqv, otherwise the exn:fail:contract exception is raised.

```
(make-hash-table) → hash-table?
(make-hash-table flag) → hash-table?
  flag : (one-of/c 'weak 'equal 'eqv)
(make-hash-table flag flag2) → hash-table?
  flag : (one-of/c 'weak 'equal 'eqv)
  flag2 : (one-of/c 'weak 'equal 'eqv)
```

Creates and returns a new hash table. If provided, each flag must one of the following:

- 'weak creates a hash table with weakly-held keys via make-weak-hash, make-weak-hasheq, or make-weak-hasheqv.
- 'equal creates a hash table that compares keys using equal? instead of eq? using make-hash or make-weak-hash.
- 'eqv creates a hash table that compares keys using eqv? instead of eq? using make-hasheqv or make-weak-hasheqv.

By default, key comparisons use eq? (i.e., the hash table is created with make-hasheq). If flag2 is redundant or 'equal is provided with 'eqv, the exn:fail:contract exception is raised.

```
(make-immutable-hash-table assocs)
  → (and/c hash-table? immutable?)
  assocs : (listof pair?)
(make-immutable-hash-table assocs flag)
  → (and/c hash-table? immutable?)
  assocs : (listof pair?)
  flag : (one-of/c 'equal 'eqv)
```

Like make-immutable-hash, make-immutable-hasheq, or make-immutable-hasheqv, depending on whether an 'equal or 'eqv flag is provided.

```
hash-table-get : procedure?
hash-table-put! : procedure?
hash-table-remove! : procedure?
hash-table-count : procedure?
hash-table-map : procedure?
hash-table-map : procedure?
hash-table-for-each : procedure?
```

```
hash-table-iterate-first : procedure?
hash-table-iterate-next : procedure?
hash-table-iterate-value : procedure?
hash-table-iterate-key : procedure?
```

The same as hash-ref, hash-set!, hash-remove!, hash-count,hash-copy, hash-map, hash-for-each, hash-iterate-first, hash-iterate-next, hash-iterate-value, and hash-iterate-key, respectively.

```
expand-path : procedure?
```

The same as cleanse-path.

```
list-immutable : procedure?
```

The same as list.

```
(collection-file-path file collection ...+) → path?
  file : path-string?
  collection : path-string?
(collection-path collection ...+) → path?
  collection : path-string?
```

Like collection-file-path and collection-path, but without the #:fail option.

# 3 Extra Libraries

The mzscheme library re-exports racket/promise, racket/tcp, and racket/udp.

### **4** Omitted Forms and Functions

In addition to forms and functions that have replacements listed in §1 "Old Syntactic Forms" and §2 "Old Functions", the following forms and functions are exported by racket/base but not mzscheme:

```
compose filter sort foldl foldr
remv remq remove remv* remq* remove* memf assf findf
build-vector build-string build-list
hash-keys hash-values hash->list hash-set* hash-set*!
hash-update hash-update!
vector-copy!
thread-send thread-receive thread-try-receive thread-receive-evt
log-fatal log-error log-warning log-info log-debug
log-message log-level? make-logger logger?
current-logger logger-name make-log-receiver log-receiver?
```