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## 1 Entries Added to the ".local" Directory

- `.rgf.alpha` defined as: `.rgf.alpha.low || .rgf.alpha.upper`
- `.rgf.alphanumeric` the ASCII characters: `.rgf.alpha || .rgf.digits`
- `.rgf.alpha.low` the lowercase ASCII English characters `"abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"`
- `.rgf.alpha.upper` the uppercase ASCII English characters: `.rgf.alpha.low~upper`
- `.rgf.digits` the ASCII characters defined as: `"0123456789"`
- `.rgf.non.printable` the non-printing ASCII characters: `xrange("00"x, "1F"x) || "FF"x`
- `.rgf.symbol.chars` the ASCII characters that may start a Rexx symbol defined as: `".!_?"`

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## 2 New Routines for String Related BIFs

### 2.1 Ignoring the Case of English Letters

- `abbrev2(information, info [, [n-length] [, "I"|"C"] ] )`
- `changeStr2(needle, haystack, newNeedle [, [n-count] [, "I"|"C"] ] )`
- `compare2(string1, string2 [, [pad] [, "I"|"C"] ] )`
- `countStr2(needle, haystack [, "I"|"C"] )`
- `lastPos2(needle, haystack [, [n-start] [, [n-length] [, "I"|"C"] ] ] )`
- `pos2(needle, haystack [, [n-start] [, [n-length] [, "I"|"C"] ] ] )`
- `wordPos2(phrase, string [, [n-start] [, "I"|"C"] ] )`

### 2.2 Introducing Negative Numeric Arguments to BIFs

- `abbrev2(information, info [, [n-length] [, "I"|"C"] ] )`
- `changeStr2(needle, haystack, newNeedle [, [n-count] [, "I"|"C"] ] )`
- `delStr2(string, n-start [, n-length] )`
- `delWord2(string, n-start [, n-length] )`
- `lastPos2(needle, haystack [, [n-start] [, [n-length] [, "I"|"C"] ] ] )`
- `left2(string, n-length [, pad] )`
- `lower2(string [, [n-start] [, [n-length]] ] )`
- `overlay2(new, target [, [n-start] [, [n-length] [, pad]] ] )`
- `pos2(needle, haystack [, [n-start] [, [n-length] [, "I"|"C"] ] ] )`
- `right2(string, n-length [, pad] )`
- `subChar2(string [, [n-position] )`
- `subStr2(string, n-start [, [n-length] [, pad]] )`
- `subWord2(string, n-start [, n-count] )`
- `upper2(string [, [n-start] [, [n-length]] ] )`
- `word(string, n-position )`
- `wordIndex(string, n-position )`
- `wordLength(string, n-position )`
- `wordPos2(phrase, string [, [n-start] [, "I"|"C"] ] )`

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### 3 Making Sorting Easier (More "Rexxish")

#### 3.1 New Public Routines (SORT2, STABLESORT2)

```
sort2(array [, [A|D] [, [I|C]] ] )  
stableSort2(array [, [A|D] [, [I|C]] ] )
```

```
sort2(array [, comparator [, A|D] ] )  
stableSort2(array [, comparator [, A|D] ] )
```

#### 3.2 Creating Additional Comparator Classes for Sorting

##### 3.2.1 The "NumberComparator" Class

The syntax for the `.NumberComparator` constructor is:

```
init( [.true|.false] [, [A|D] [, [IC][N]] ] )
```

```
sort2(array [, [A|D] [, [I|C][N]] ] )  
stableSort2(array [, [A|D] [, [I|C][N]] ] )
```

##### 3.2.2 The "StringComparator" Class

The syntax for the `.StringComparator` constructor is:

```
init([A|D] [, [IC][N]] )
```

```
sort2(array [, [A|D] [, [I|C][N]] ] )  
stableSort2(array [, [A|D] [, [I|C][N]] ] )
```

##### 3.2.3 The "StringColumnComparator" Class

The syntax for the `.StringColumnComparator` constructor is one of:

```
init( {pos [, length [, [A|D] [, [I|C][N]] ] }[, ...] )  
init( orderedCollection [, [defaultAD], [defaultICN] ] )
```

```
[stable]Sort2( array , {pos [, length [, [A|D] [, [I|C][N]] ] }[, ...] )  
[stable]Sort2( array, orderedCollection )
```

##### 3.2.4 The "MessageComparator" Class

The `.MessageComparator` is devised with the following syntax for its constructor:

```
init( messageName|messageObject [, bCached=.false] )  
init( orderedCollection )
```

A `messageName` may be appended with a slash ("/") followed by a blank delimited list of options: "a[scending]" (default) or "d[escending]", optionally followed by "n[umeric]", "i[gnoreCase]" or "c[aseDependent]", if the returned value is of type `.String`.

```
[stable]Sort2( array, "M", messageName|messageObject[, ...] )  
[stable]Sort2( array, "M", orderedCollection )
```

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### 4 Parsing a String Into Words

#### 4.1 The Public Routine "parseWords2"

```
parseWords2(string [, [ref=" "||"09"x] [, [kind="D"|"W"] [, returns="W"|"P"]])
```

#### 4.2 The "StringOfWords" Class

The following methods are defined for the `.StringOfWords` class:

- `init( string [, [ref=(" "||"09"x)] [, [kind="D"|"W"]] ] )`  
The optional argument `kind` has either the value "D[elimiter]" (default) or "W[ord]" and determines whether the `ref` characters are used to delimit words or define the characters that constitute a word.
- `delWord(position [, count] )`
- `kind([newKind])`
- `makeArray`
- `positionArray`  
Returns a two-dimensional array, where the first dimension denotes the  $i^{\text{th}}$  word position and the second dimension denotes the start position (" $[i,1]$ ") and the length (" $[i,2]$ ") of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  parsed word.

- `reference([newReference])`
  - `string([newString])`
  - `subWord(position [,count] )`
  - `word(position)`
  - `words`
  - `wordArray`
  - `wordIndex(n)`
  - `wordLength(n)`
  - `wordPos(phrase [, [start] [, C|I]] )`
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## **5 Helpful Routines for Debug Output**

### **5.1 Routines for Creating Easier Legible Strings**

- `enquote2(string [, quote='')`
- `escape2(string)`
- `pp2(object)`
- `ppIndex2(object)`
- `ppMethod2(methodObject [, indent=""])`

### **5.2 Routines to Ease the Dumping of Collections**

- `dump2(collection [, [title] [, comparator] ] )`
- `makeRelation2(collection [,messageName|messageObject] )`