

Pan Compiler—Status and New Features

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- **V7 series (not supported)**
- **V8.2 series (production)**
 - No active development of this branch.
 - Serious bugs will be fixed.
- **V8.3 series (development)**
 - Currently 8.3.1 is a release candidate.
 - Feedback requested before it becomes production.
 - Major changes: dependency file, annotation syntax
- **V8.4.0 (next production)**
 - Expected just after Quattor Workshop.
- **V9**
 - Expected for next Quattor Workshop (October 2010).
- **See READMEs in releases for detailed changelog.**

- **Bare word includes**
 - Deprecated: include mysource
 - Replacement include { 'mysource' }
- **Lowercase automatic variables**
 - Deprecated: self, object, argv, argc, ...
 - Replacement: SELF, OBJECT, ARGV, ARGC, ...
- **Old external path syntax (NEW!, no warnings yet(?))**
 - Deprecated: //machine/path
 - Replacement: machine:/path
- **File suffix (NEW!, no warnings yet (?))**
 - Deprecated: *.tpl
 - Replacement: *.pan

- **Release management:**
 - Build now running with maven
 - Need to cleanup outputs, verify packages before 8.4.0
- **Features:**
 - Allow sources from non-file locations, e.g. http(s).
 - Enable an XML-based syntax.
- **Code refactoring:**
 - Clean up and internationalize code.
 - Make AST more accessible (e.g. editors, code formatters)
 - Allow execution to be more tightly controlled (e.g. debugger)

```
@info{
  Example template to describe the
  pan language annotation features
}
@maintainer{
  name = Charles Loomis
  email = loomis@example.org
}
object template anno-demo;

@{
  arg = number (double or long) to square
  returns = square of the given number
}
function square = ARGV[0]*ARGV[0];

@{
  definition of a valid port
}
type port = long with (SELF>0 && SELF<65536);

@{
  access = private
}
variable INTERNAL_VARIABLE ?= 1;

@{
  access = public
  desc = controls inclusion of mytemplate
  type = boolean
}
variable USE_MYTEMPLATE ?= false;
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<template xmlns="http://quattor.org/pan/annotations"
  name="anno-demo" source-range="10.1-10.26"
  type="OBJECT">
  <maintainer>
    <name>Charles Loomis</name>
    <email>loomis@example.org</email>
  </maintainer>
  <info>
    <desc>
      Example template to describe the
      pan language annotation features
    </desc>
  </info>
  <function name="square" source-range="16.1-16.34">
    <arg>number (double or long) to square</arg>
    <returns>square of the given number</returns>
  </function>
  <type name="port" source-range="21.1-21.45">
    <desc>
      definition of a valid port
    </desc>
    <basetype name="long" source-range="21.13-21.16"
      extensible="false"/>
  </type>
  <variable name="INTERNAL_VARIABLE" source-range="26.1-26.32">
    <access>private</access>
  </variable>
  <variable name="USE_MYTEMPLATE" source-range="33.1-33.33">
    <access>public</access>
    <desc>controls inclusion of mytemplate</desc>
    <type>boolean</type>
  </variable>
</template>
```

- **Roadmap**
- **Best practice for annotations**
- **Problems, feedback, etc.**