API for Tree version 0.4.0

These methods are implemented by Tree version 0.4.0

cd

change value of currentPath

syntax:

cd [path]

currentNode

send message to the node specified by currentPath

syntax:

currentNode [message]

forceRemoveNode

remove a node and all its children

syntax:

forceRemoveNode path

isMethod

determine whether this dictionary has the named method.

returns the full path to the executable that implements the method for this Dictionary

syntax: isMethod *methodName*

returns the name of the executable.

resolve in this order:

local method: methodName

common method: Dictionary.methodName

isNode

determine if a path represents a valid node syntax:

isNode path

path is either relative or absolute

if relative, is relative to currentPath

returns:

the absolute path if it exists, null string otherwise.

ls

list all nodes that are children of the specified one syntax:

ls path

makeNode

create a node in a Tree

syntax:

makeNode path [cloneOf]

path may be absolute or relative to currentPath. *cloneOf* specifies an optional dictionary to clone.

makeRootNode

create root node of a Tree

syntax:

makeRootNode [cloneOf]

cloneOf specifies an optional dictionary to clone.

node

reference a node in a Tree

syntax:

node *path* [*message*]

path is either relative or absolute

if relative, is relative to currentPath

parseMessage

For a dictionary, parses a message and converts it to a canonical form of method arguments

specifically (apart from the normal key syntactic sugar),

path message converts to node path message

syntax:

parseMessage message

returns a message in the form method arguments

NOTE This uses a deprecated methodology which is no longer consistent with other Offsiders. Should just override sugar instead.

removeNode

remove a node only if there are no children

syntax: \$ removeNode path

rootNode

reference the root node of a Tree

syntax:

rootNode message

upgradeMe

version

walk

walk through the tree structure, sending a particular message to each node in turn

syntax:

walk [depthFirst] path message

start at node path

if depthFirst is specified, descend down into each node's children before sending the message to that node.

The default is to send the message to a node before descending down into that node's children.