# node API for Tree version 0.4.0

These methods are implemented by Tree version 0.4.0 for its nodes

### cd

```
change value of the Tree's currentPath
syntax:
    cd [ path ]
```

#### fastWalk

work way through this node's directory structure. sending a particular message to each child node in turn syntax:

```
fastWalk [ depthFirst ] message
```

if depthFirst is given as a keyword for the first argument, then the message is applied to the leaves before being applied to this node.

otherwise, apply message to this node before descending down to the leaves.

**NOTE** THIS IS A NON-OBJECT-ORIENTED METHOD, optimised for speed.

#### isNode

determine if a path represents a valid node from this node.

syntax:

```
isNode path
```

path is either relative or absolute

if relative, is relative to this node. **NOTE** how this is different from the Tree's concept of a relative path.

returns:

the absolute path if it exists, null string otherwise.

#### ls

list all nodes that are children of this one

syntax:

ls

# myPath

```
return the path for this directory syntax:

myPath
```

#### node

```
reference a node in a Tree from another node syntax:
```

```
node path messsage
path is either relative or absolute
```

if relative, is relative to this node. **NOTE** how this differs from the Tree's concept of relative path.

## parseMessage

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

```
key --> getKey key
key: value --> setKey key value
path message --> 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.

#### removeAll

```
remove this node, and all children syntax:
removeAll
```

#### tree

```
reference the tree directory that this node is contained within syntax:

tree [ message ]
```

# walk

work way through this node's directory structure. sending a particular message to each child node in turn syntax:

```
walk [ depthFirst ] message
```

is depthFirst is given as a keyword for the first argument, then the message is applied to the leaves before being applied to this node.

otherwise, apply message to this node before descending down to the leaves.