

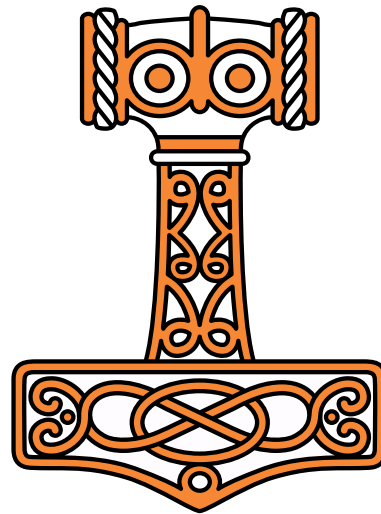


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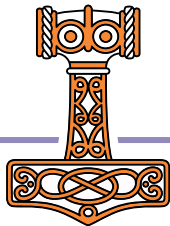
Projects and Packages

Morten Kromberg



Agenda

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(July 2003)

Why APL Programmers Don't Use Libraries

by Morten Kromberg (email: mkromberg@insight.dk)

*The next best thing
to knowing something is
knowing where to find it.*

Samuel Johnson

As Stefano Lanzavecchia announced in Vol.19 No.4 (aka "April 2003"), the BAA is starting a Library Project, and I have volunteered to be the Librarian. The goal is to create a repository for freely available code, decently documented – supporting as many APL (and A+, J, K) interpreters as possible.

Here We Go Again

"Here we go again", I hear the old APL dogs groan to themselves. I was tempted to join in the chorus myself. We've been there, done that and – as everyone knows – you can't get APL programmers to use libraries (or, according to popular myth, adhere to standards of any kind). There is no doubt that – if you compare APL developers to most other programming communities – one of the ways in which we are different is in our use of libraries. For the most part, we don't – and in many situations, there are good reasons for this. My task as the librarian – as I see it – is to identify the most important reasons why we make less use of libraries, and – to the extent that it is profitable to us – help develop an APL library culture. I have



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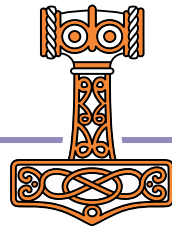


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Most Importantly

- ✧ In addition to be valuable educational resources...
- ✧ Packages are critical to keeping APL competitive as a tool for building modern applications
- ✧ Support web protocols and components, data formats, operating system APIs, security requirements





Tatin Registry

List of all packages (aggregated)

Package name	Description
<u>aplteam-APLGit</u>	Git interface from Dyalog APL via Git Bash
<u>aplteam-APLProcess</u>	Start an APL process from within Dyalog APL
<u>aplteam-APLTreeUtils2</u>	General utilities required by most members of the APLTree library
<u>aplteam-CodeCoverage</u>	Monitors which parts of an application got actually executed
<u>aplteam-Compare</u>	Allows comparing and merging objects in the workspace with a file or a file with another file
<u>aplteam-CompareSimple</u>	Allows comparing objects in the workspace with a file or a file with another file
<u>aplteam-DateAndTime</u>	Utilities related to Date and Time, including doing math
<u>aplteam-DotNetZip</u>	Zippping and unzipping with .NET Core on all major platforms
<u>aplteam-EventCodes</u>	Constants with meaningful names for Dyalog error codes
<u>aplteam-Execute</u>	Start a process from within APL
<u>aplteam-FilesAndDirs</u>	Utilities for doing gymnastics with files and directories
<u>aplteam-GitHubAPIv3</u>	Utilities for dealing with GitHub repositories
<u>aplteam-HandleError</u>	Allows to catch errors on an application level; saves information that allow analyzing the error
<u>aplteam-IniFiles</u>	Allows instantiating good old INI files in APL; comes with extended syntax supporting APL-like data structures
<u>aplteam-Inno</u>	Run the Inno Setup compiler on a particular script in order to create a setup.exe
<u>aplteam-Laguntza</u>	Managing and displaying help pages based on markdown files
<u>aplteam-Logger</u>	Allows writing to LOG files; (almost) guaranteed to never break the application
<u>aplteam-MakeHelpers</u>	Collections of helpers for creating a package or an application, or something in between
<u>aplteam-MarkAPL</u>	Converts Markdown to HTML5

aplteam-OS	OS-related tools for all major platforms
aplteam-SMTP	SMTP client for sending emails from within Dyalog APL
aplteam-ServiceState	Interface between the Windows SCM (Service Control Manager) and applications running as a service
aplteam-SevenZip	Zip files with the Open Source tool 7Zip
aplteam-ShowChmHelp	Display CHM files under program control (Window
aplteam-Tester2	Dyalog APL test framework
aplteam-WinReg	Tools for dealing with the Windows Registry
aplteam-WinRegSimple	Limited set of tools for dealing with the Windows
aplteam-WinSys	Windows-only OS calls and system infos
aplteam-WindowsEventLog	Tools to read from and write to the Windows Even
aplteam-ZipArchive	Zippping and unzipping with .NET on Windows and
davin-DateTime	Easy calculations with dates
davin-FilePlus	Extend component files to use named component
davin-SQLFns	Easily create text SQL commands for use with any
davin-Tester	Simplified function-level testing of programs
dyalog-HttpCommand	Utility to execute HTTP requests
dyalog-Jarvis	JSON and REST Web Service Framework

Tatin

tatin.dev/v1/groups

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Tatin Registry

List of all groups

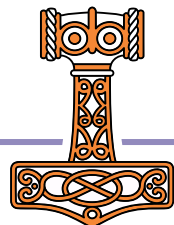
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aplteam	36
davin	4
dyalog	2
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bluedolphin	0

1. Number of published packages of that group

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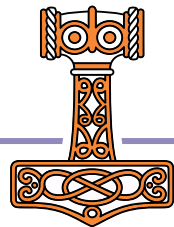


Finally, the first Dyalog Packages are published!

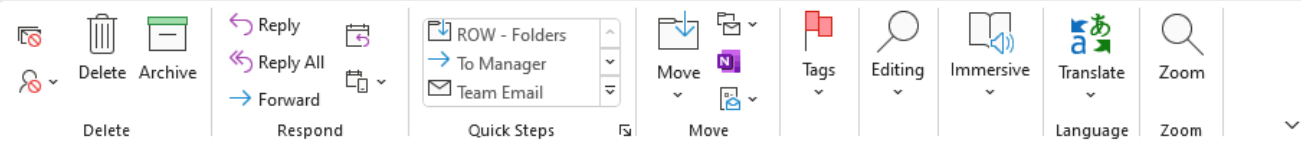


Introducing Tatin

- Developed by Kai Jäger (first lines of code written in 2020)
- Funded by Dyalog
- Designed by Kai and Gilgamesh Athoraya
- Input from various people at Dyalog
- Logo by Adam Brudzewsky
- Many thanks to Davin Church, the first real user of the system other than Kai himself
- Paul Mansour is not to blame for the current design of Tatin, but has been an important inspiration




File Message Help



RE: pakkman - the name

 Morten Kromberg <mkrom@dyalog.com>
To 'Kai Jaeger' on 15-07-2020 13:12

 You replied to this message on 15-07-2020 14:32.

Andy points out that "tart" has unfortunate connotations in English.

How about "Tatin", which is a nice kind of tart. In the readme, we explain the origins of the name. We can use "aplt.get", similar to "apt-get" for the names of things that get stuff from it?

It is nice to use names that are not acronyms.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kai Jaeger <kai@aplteam.com>
Sent: 15. juli 2020 11:00
To: Morten Kromberg <mkrom@dyalog.com>
Subject: Re: pakkman - the name

And it can be pronounced apple-tart, right?

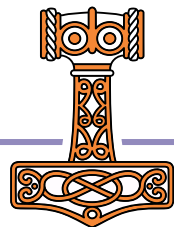
Much better than FDAPM!

On Wed, 15 Jul 2020 at 08:19, Morten Kromberg <mkrom@dyalog.com> wrote:

>

> So, while shaving, the name "apltart" popped into my head. An APL tart is (obviously) an attractive way to package APLs.

>





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The **tarte Tatin** (French pronunciation: [\[tɑʁt taʔiːn\]](#)), named after the Tatin sisters who invented it and served it in their hotel as its signature dish, is a **pastry** in which the fruit (usually apples) is **caramelized** in butter and sugar before the tart is baked. It originated in **France** but has spread to other countries over the years.

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History [edit]

The tarte Tatin was created accidentally at the Hôtel Tatin in [Lamotte-Beuvron, Loir-et-Cher](#), 169 km (105 mi) south of [Paris](#), in the 1880s.^[1] The hotel was run by two sisters, Stéphanie and Caroline Tatin.^[2] There are conflicting stories concerning the tart's origin, but the most common is that Stéphanie Tatin, who did most of the

Tarte Tatin



Type	Tart
Place of origin	France
Region or state	Centre-Val de Loire
Created by	Tatin sisters
Main ingredients	Apples or other fruits

Cookbook: Tarte Tatin

 Media: Tarte Tatin

1. Introduction

You don't need to worry about installing Tatin if you use version 19.0 or later of Dyalog: Tatin will be available in **DSE** after a standard installation anyway.

However, installing and updating is, as far as the Tatin client is concerned, *the same thing*, because updating the Tatin client basically means removing the old version and installing a new one.

2. Requirements

- Tatin needs a Unicode version of Dyalog
- Dyalog version 18.0 or better
- Link version 3.0.8 or better

Note that when you call **JTatin.Init** Tatin will check whether those requirements are met.

3. How to install the Tatin Client

Instructions:

1. Download the latest release of the Tatin client from <https://github.com/aplteam/Tatin/releases>
2. Unzip it into the **MyUCMDs/** folder.

Where to find the **MyUCMDs/** folder depends on your operating system:

- Under Windows call **DSE.Tatin.GetMyUCMDsFolder''**
- On non-Windows platforms it is **\$HOME/MyUCMDs/**

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aplteam
v0.76.2
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Bug fix in CompileBuidList Latest

CompileBuidList (called by LoadDependencies etc) might crash when the build list had aliases

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MyUcmds

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Language Bar

Dyalog APL/W-64 Version 18.2.45405
Serial number: 000013
Mon Oct 3 16:55:04 2022

```
]tatin.version  
Tatin 0.76.2+1133 2022-09-23  
]Tatin.ListPackages [tatin] -group=dyalog  
Registry: [tatin]  
Group & Name          ≠ major versions  
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dyalog-HttpCommand      1  
dyalog-Jarvis            1
```

Debugger

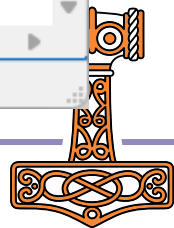
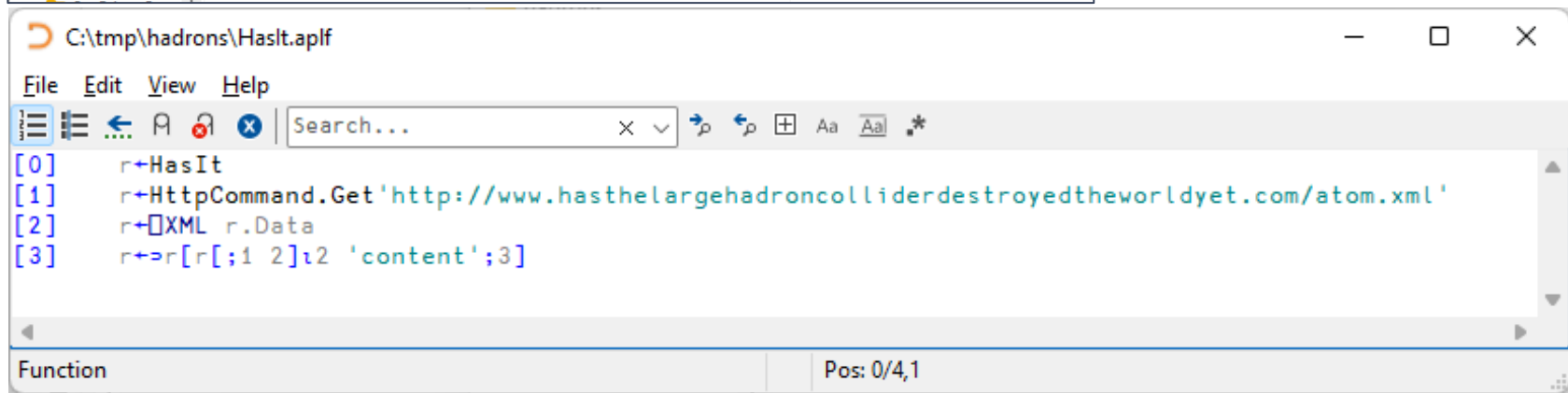
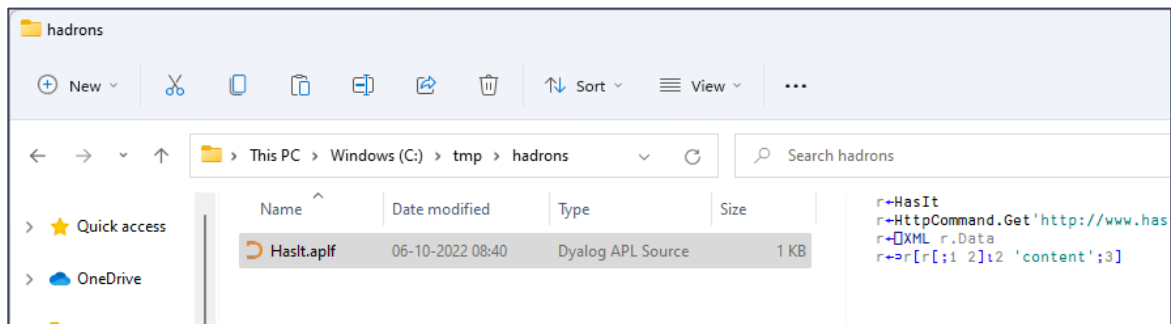
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CurObj: dyalog (Undefined)

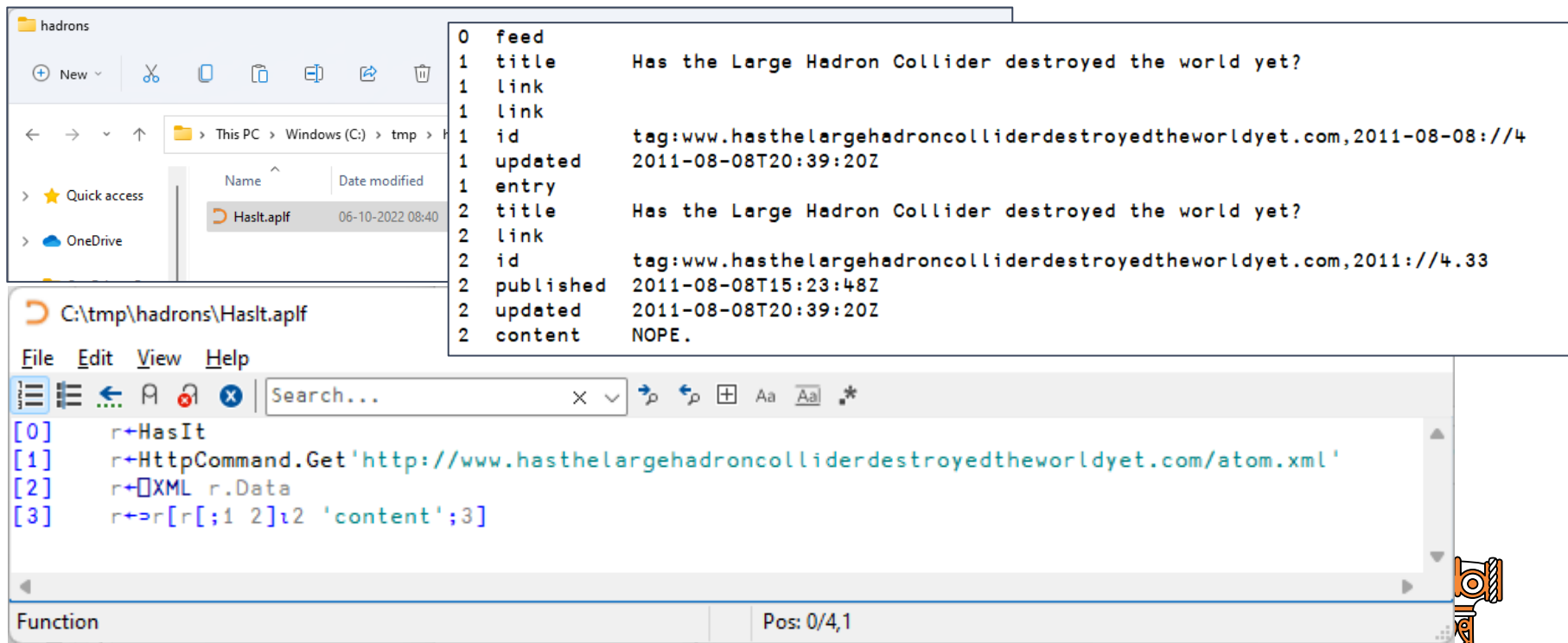
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Inspector

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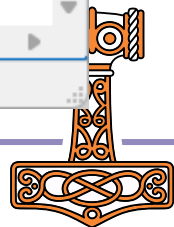
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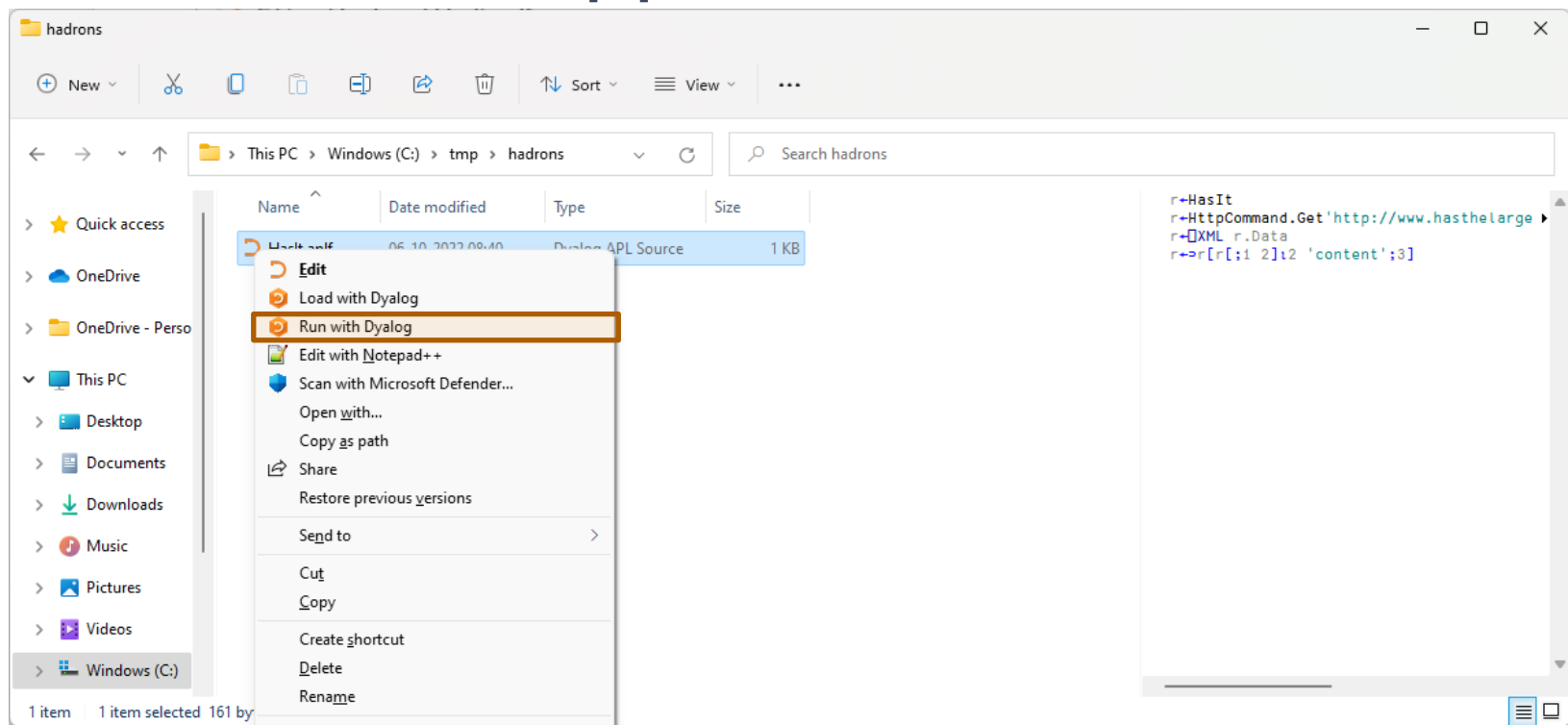
The screenshot displays a Windows File Explorer window showing a folder named 'hadrons' containing a file 'HasIt.aplf'. Below it, a Notepad++ window is open, showing the APL code for the 'HasIt' function. The code is as follows:

```
[0] r←HasIt
[1] r←HttpCommand.Get 'http://www.hasthelargehadroncolliderdestroyedtheworldyet.com/atom.xml'
[2] r←⍴XML r.Data
[3] r←r[r[;1 2]⍳2 'content';3]
```

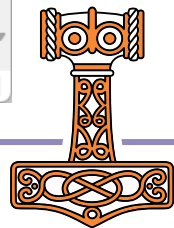
The Notepad++ window also shows a preview of the XML data returned by the APL code, which is a feed from the Large Hadron Collider website. The preview shows two entries, each with a title, link, id, updated date, and content. The content of the second entry is 'NOPE.'.

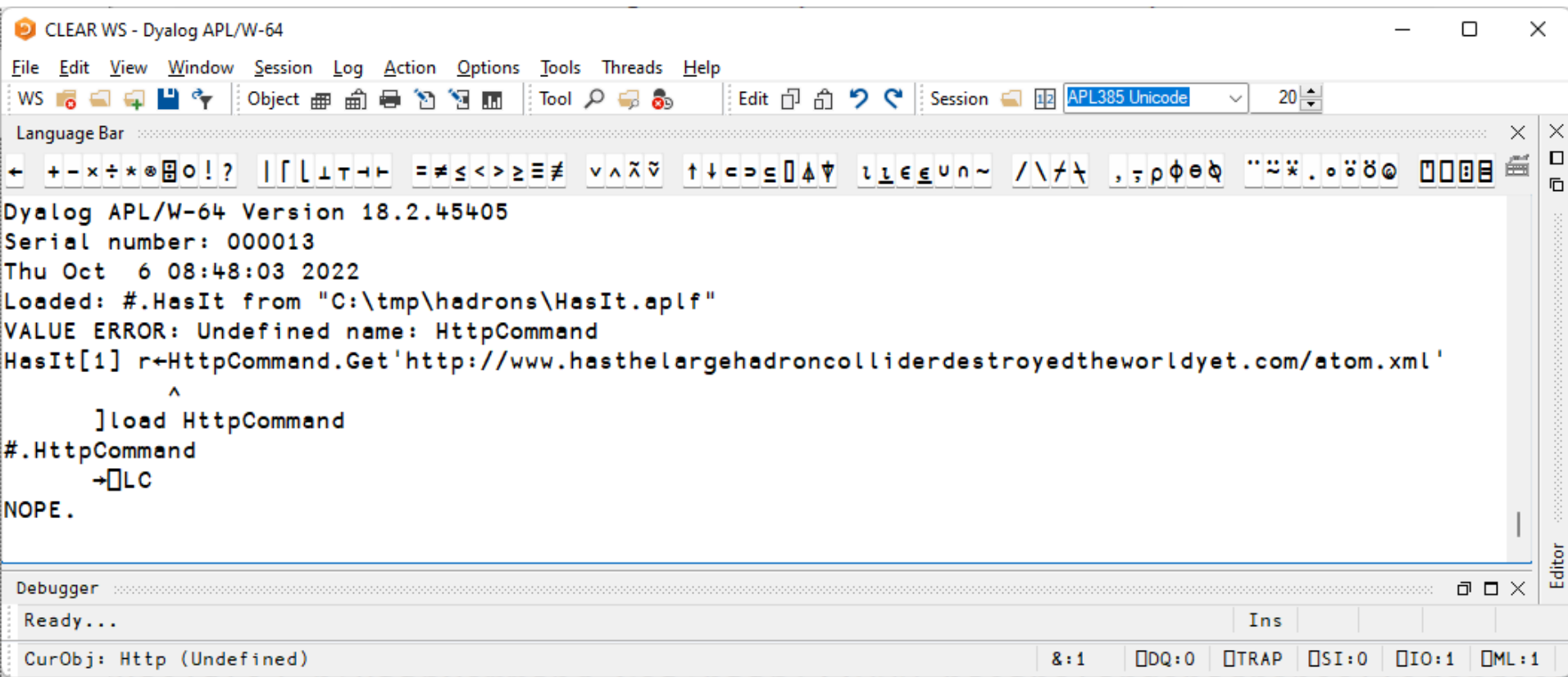


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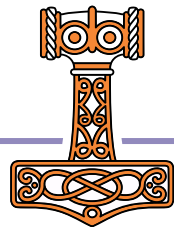


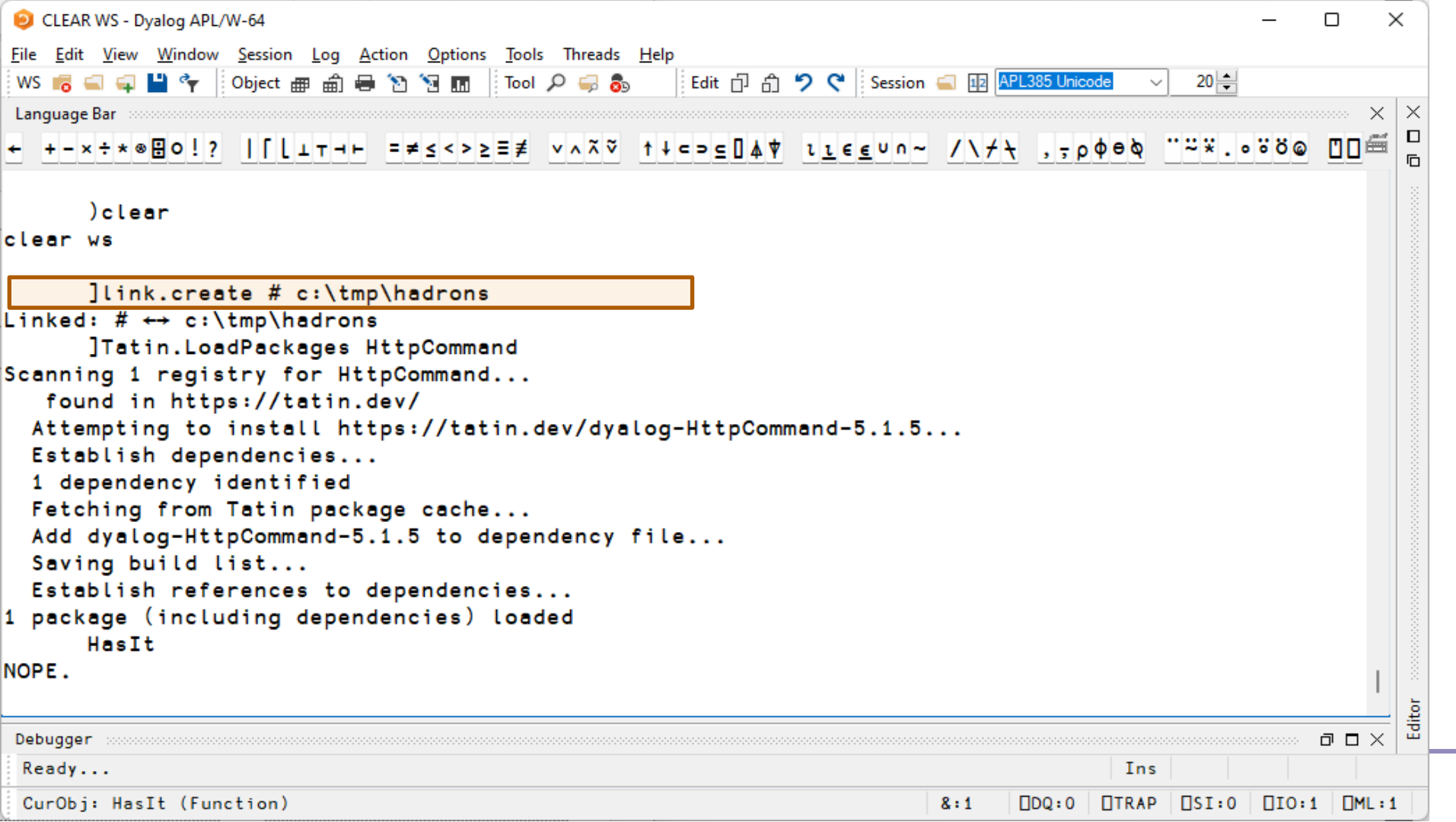
A bit more structure

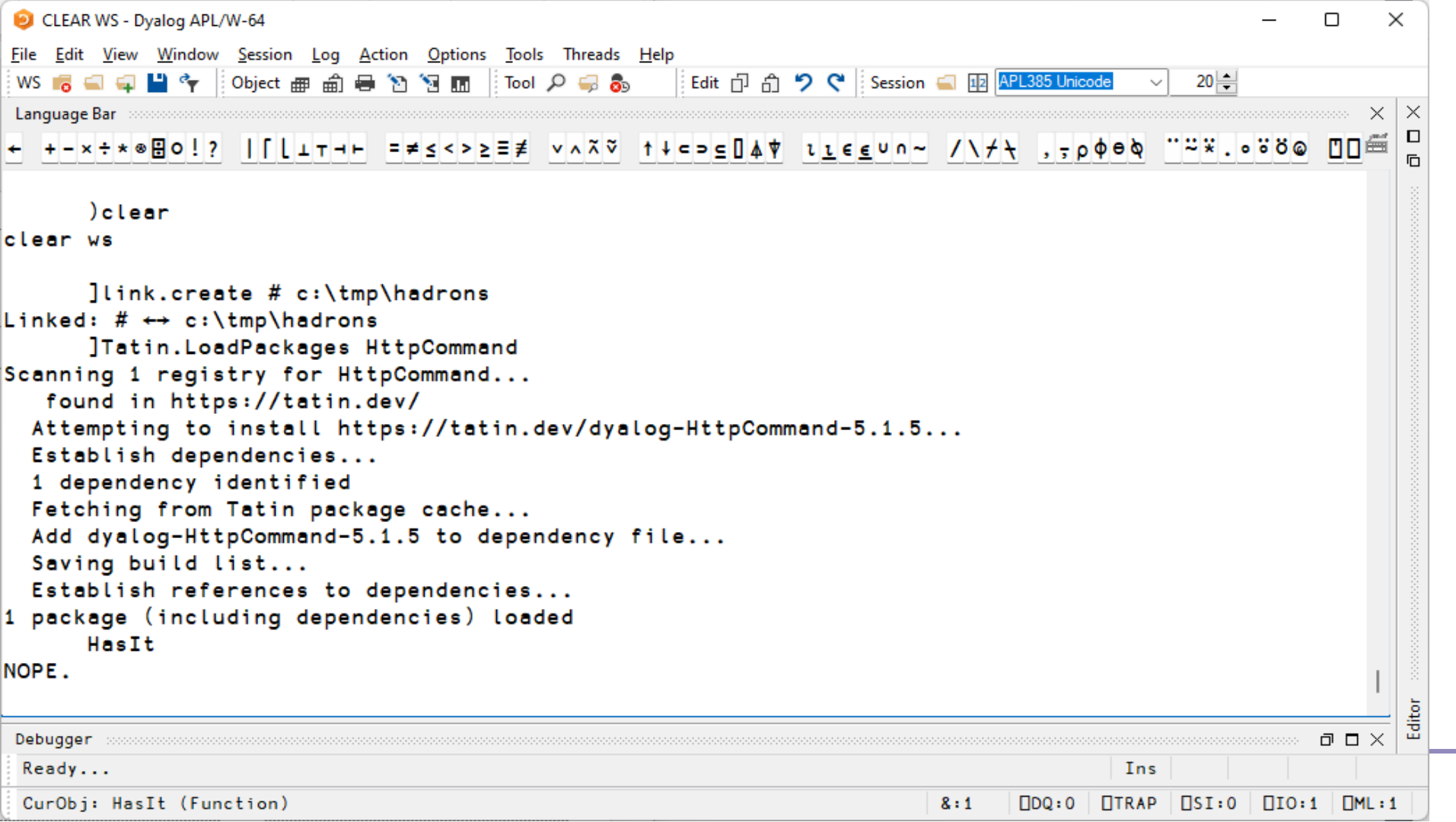
- Load our source with `]Link.Create`
- Load `HttpCommand` with `]Tatin.LoadPackages`

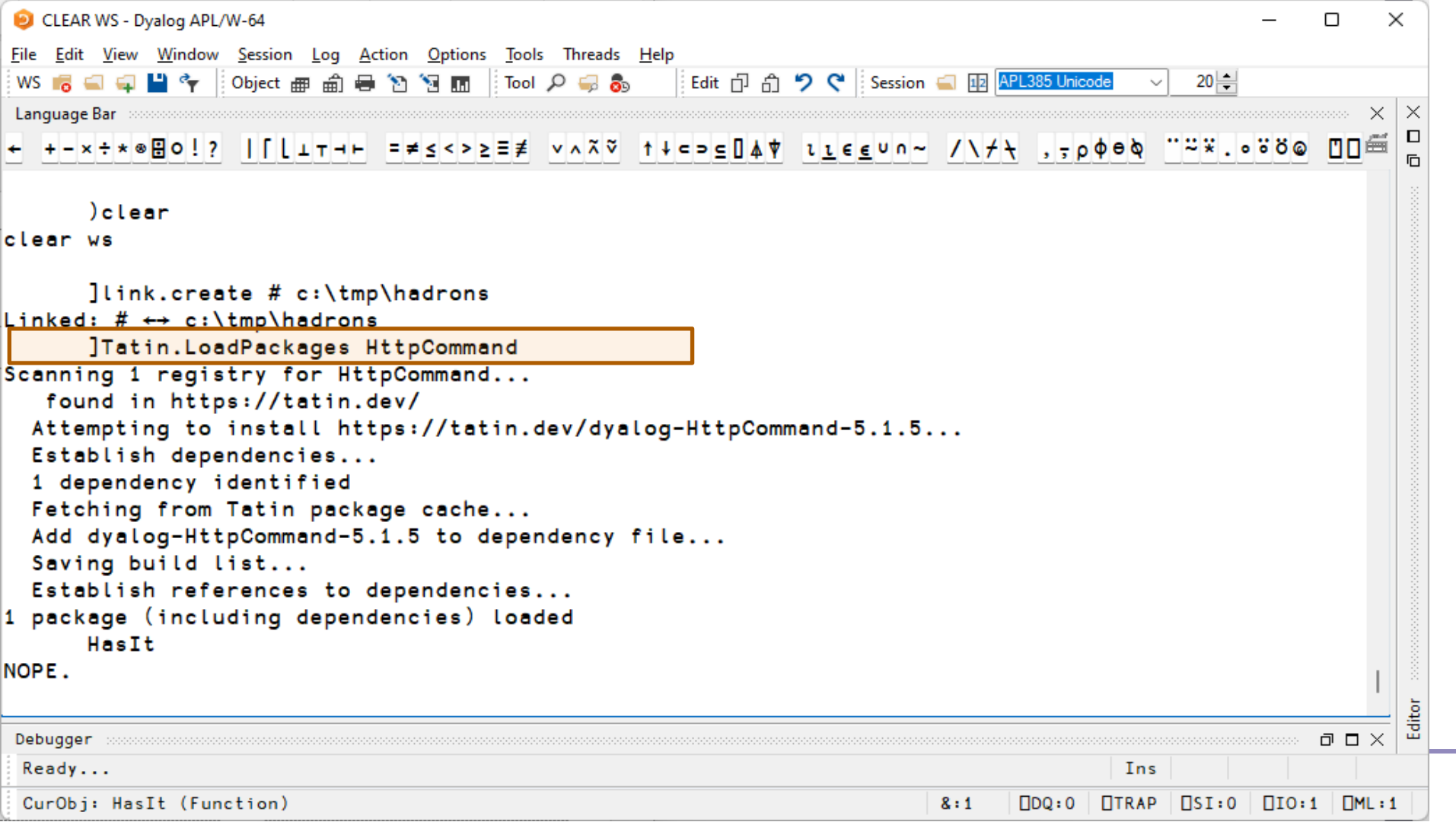


Proposed Link Logo









```
)clear
clear ws

]link.create # c:\tmp\hadrons
Linked: # ↔ c:\tmp\hadrons
]Tatin.LoadPackages HttpCommand
Scanning 1 registry for HttpCommand...
  found in https://tatin.dev/
Attempting to install https://tatin.dev/dyalog-HttpCommand-5.1.5...
Establish dependencies...
1 dependency identified
Fetching from Tatin package cache...
Add dyalog-HttpCommand-5.1.5 to dependency file...
Saving build list...
Establish references to dependencies...
1 package (including dependencies) loaded
  HasIt
NOPE.
```

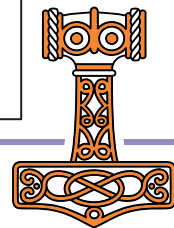
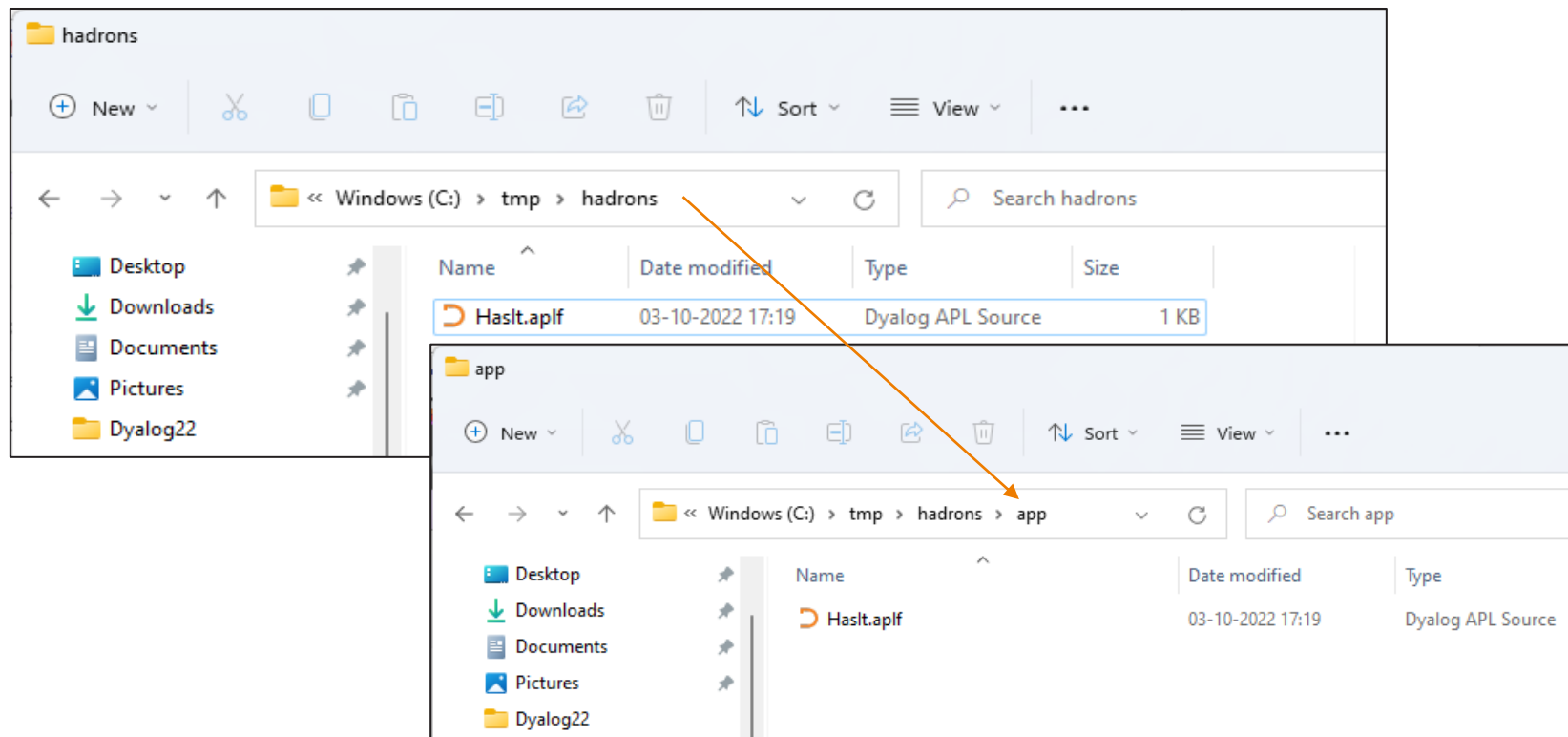
	
	
	

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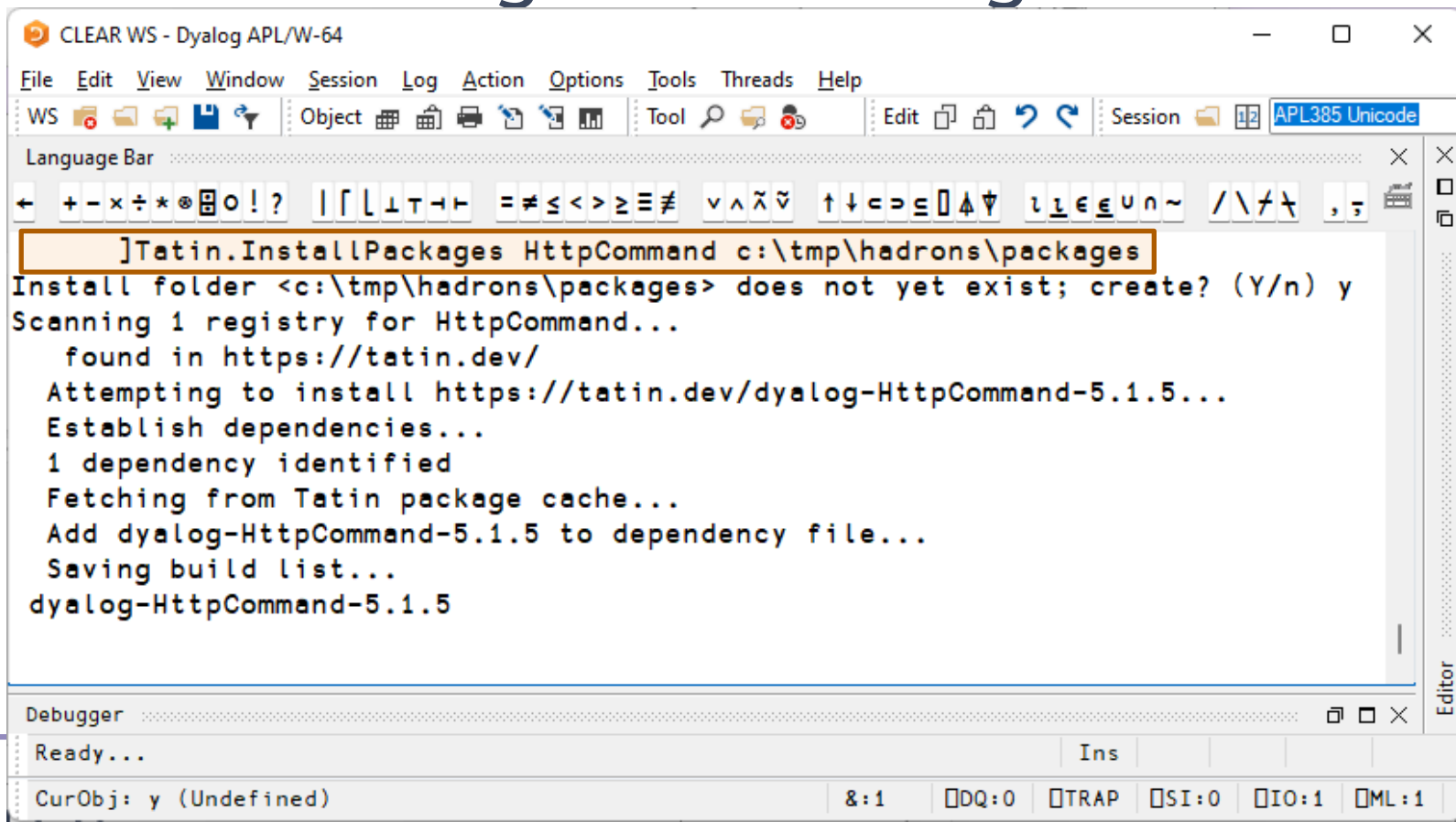
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More Structure Needed



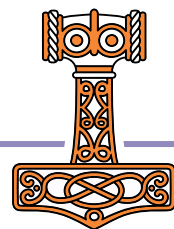
Install Package into sibling folder



The screenshot shows the CLEAR WS - Dyalog APL/W-64 application window. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Window, Session, Log, Action, Options, Tools, Threads, and Help. The toolbar contains icons for file operations, editing, and session management. The Language Bar is visible above the main text area. The main text area displays the following command and output:

```
]Tatin.InstallPackages HttpCommand c:\tmp\hadrons\packages
Install folder <c:\tmp\hadrons\packages> does not yet exist; create? (Y/n) y
Scanning 1 registry for HttpCommand...
  found in https://tatin.dev/
  Attempting to install https://tatin.dev/dyalog-HttpCommand-5.1.5...
  Establish dependencies...
  1 dependency identified
  Fetching from Tatin package cache...
  Add dyalog-HttpCommand-5.1.5 to dependency file...
  Saving build list...
dyalog-HttpCommand-5.1.5
```

The Debugger panel at the bottom shows "Ready..." and "CurObj: y (Undefined)". The status bar at the very bottom displays various system metrics: &:1, □DQ:0, □TRAP, □SI:0, □IO:1, and □ML:1.



packages

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	📁 dyalog-HttpCommand-5.1.5	03-10-2022 17:38	File folder	
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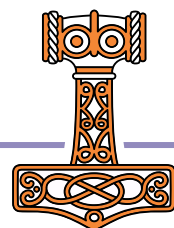
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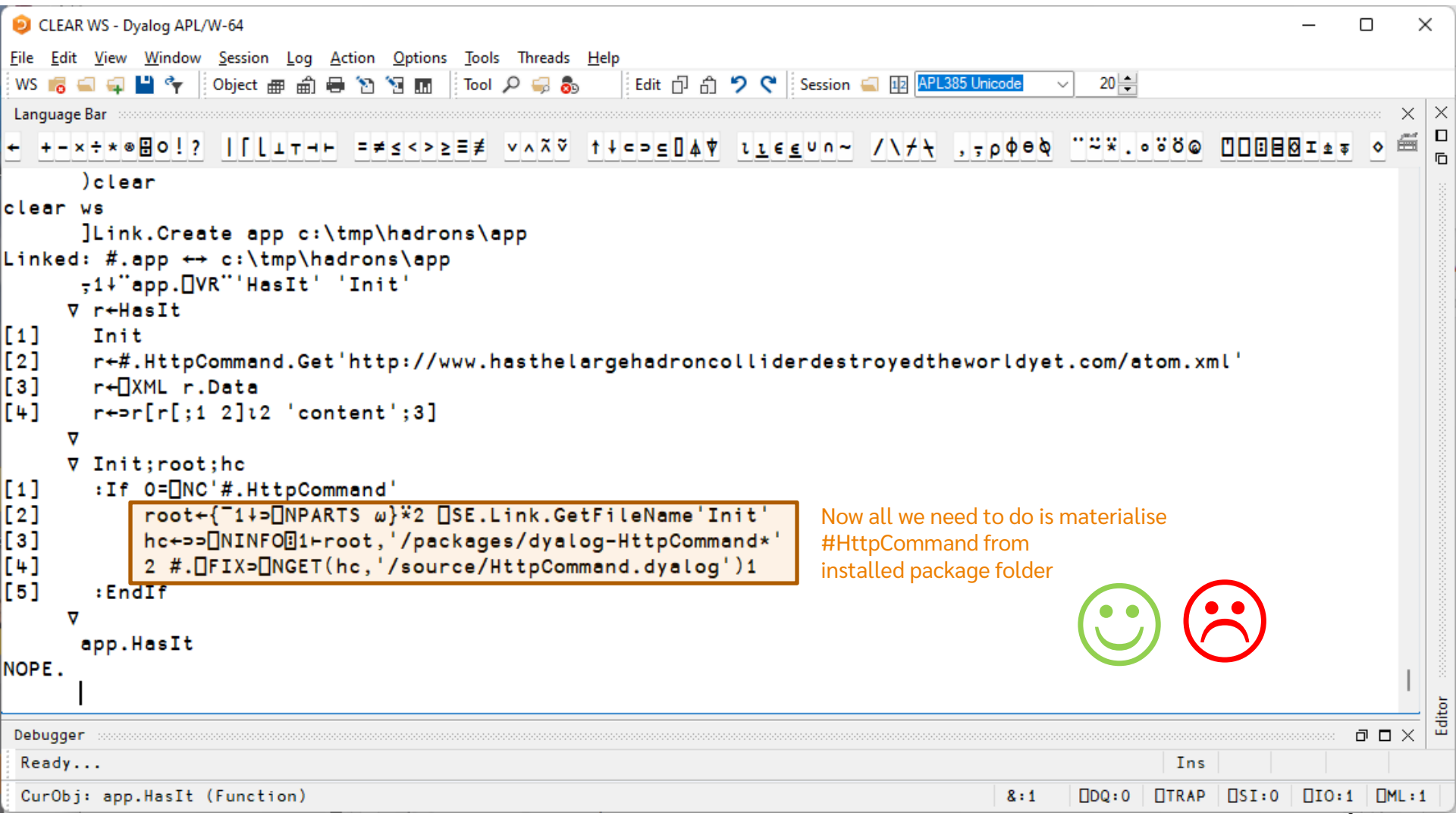
apl-buildlist.json - Notesblok

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```
{
  packageID: [
    "dyalog-HttpCommand-5.1.5",
  ],
  principal: [
    1,
  ],
  url: [
    "https://tatin.dev/",
  ],
}
```

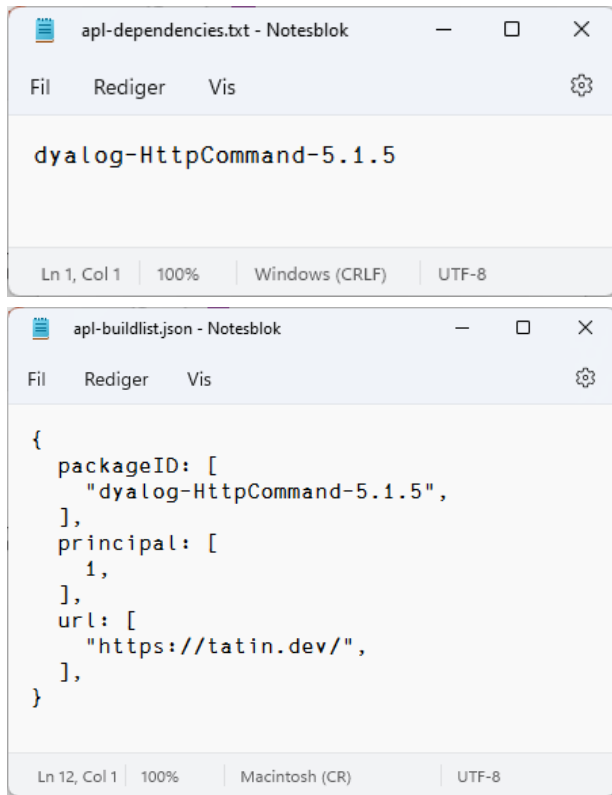
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And really...

- ... we should inspect `apl-dependencies.txt`
- And loop through `apl-buildlist`
- This is what a "Project Manager" does
- Time for some Cider with that Tart



The image shows two screenshots of a text editor window titled 'Notesblok'. The top screenshot shows the file `apl-dependencies.txt` containing the text `dyalog-HttpCommand-5.1.5`. The bottom screenshot shows the file `apl-buildlist.json` containing a JSON object with the following structure:

```
{
  packageID: [
    "dyalog-HttpCommand-5.1.5",
  ],
  principal: [
    1,
  ],
  url: [
    "https://tatin.dev/",
  ],
}
```



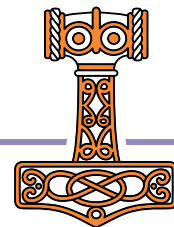
Another way to enjoy apples



Tatin



Cider



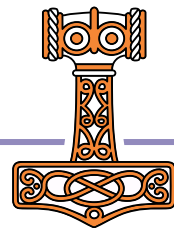
Another way to enjoy apples



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WS Object Tool Session APL385 Unicode 20

Language Bar

```
)clear
clear ws

]cider.createProject c:\tmp\hadron-project
"c:/tmp/hadron-project" does not exist yet - create? (Y/n) y
Project successfully created; open as well? (Y/n) y
Loading project from c:\tmp\hadron-project/
Checking parameters...
All fine
Bringing in the source code...
Code established, "watch" is "both"
*** Project successfully loaded and established in
Project created and opened
```

Debugger Ready...

CurObj: app.HasIt (Function)

SE.edit.cider_config

File Edit Syntax Refactor View

Search...

```
{
  CIDER: {
    info_url: "",
    init: "",
    make: "",
    parent: "#",
    projectSpace: "app",
    source: "APLSource",
    tatinFolder: "packages",
    tests: "",
  },
}
```

Modified Nested Array (coloured as JSON)

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Language Bar

```
)clear
clear ws

]cider.createProject c:\tmp\hadron-project
```

"c:\tmp\hadron-project" does not exist yet - create? (Y/n) y
Project successfully created; open as well? (Y/n) y
Loading project from c:\tmp\hadron-project/
Checking parameters...
All fine
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*** Project successfully loaded and established in
Project created and opened

Debugger
Ready...
CurObj: app.HasIt (Function)

SE.edit.cider_config

File Edit Syntax Refactor View

Search...

```
{
  CIDER: {
    info_url: "",
    init: "",
    make: "",
    parent: "#",
    projectSpace: "app",
    source: "APLSrc",
    tatinFolder: "packages",
    tests: "",
  },
}
```

Modified Nested Array (coloured as JSON)

Pos: 6/66,22

```
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clear ws
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Project successfully created; open as well? (Y/n) y
Loading project from c:\tmp\hadron-project/
Checking parameters...
All fine
Bringing in the source code...
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Project created and opened
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Debugger
Ready...

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SE.edit.cider_config

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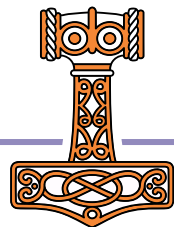
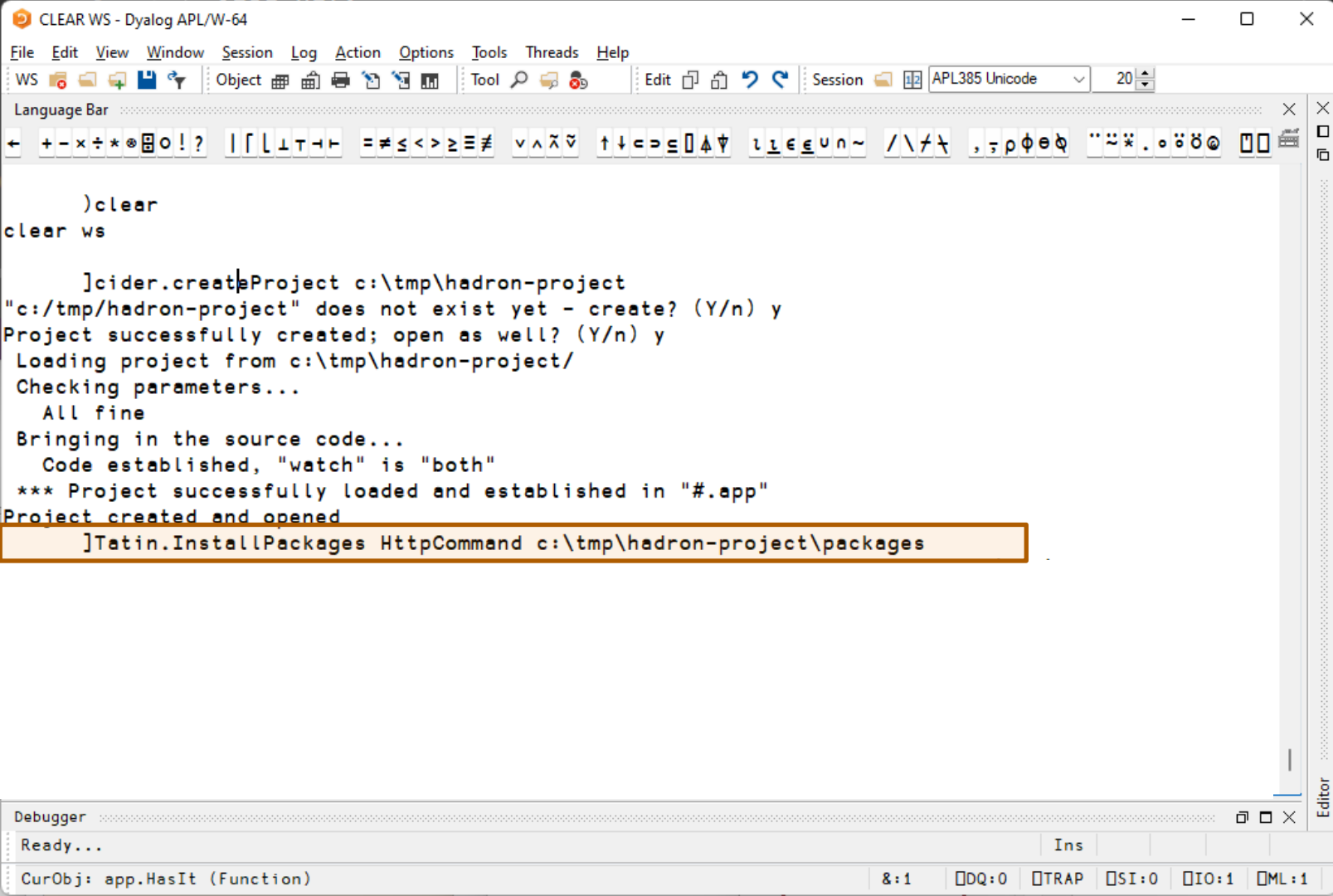
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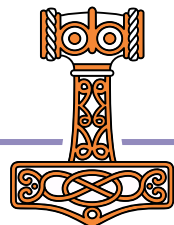
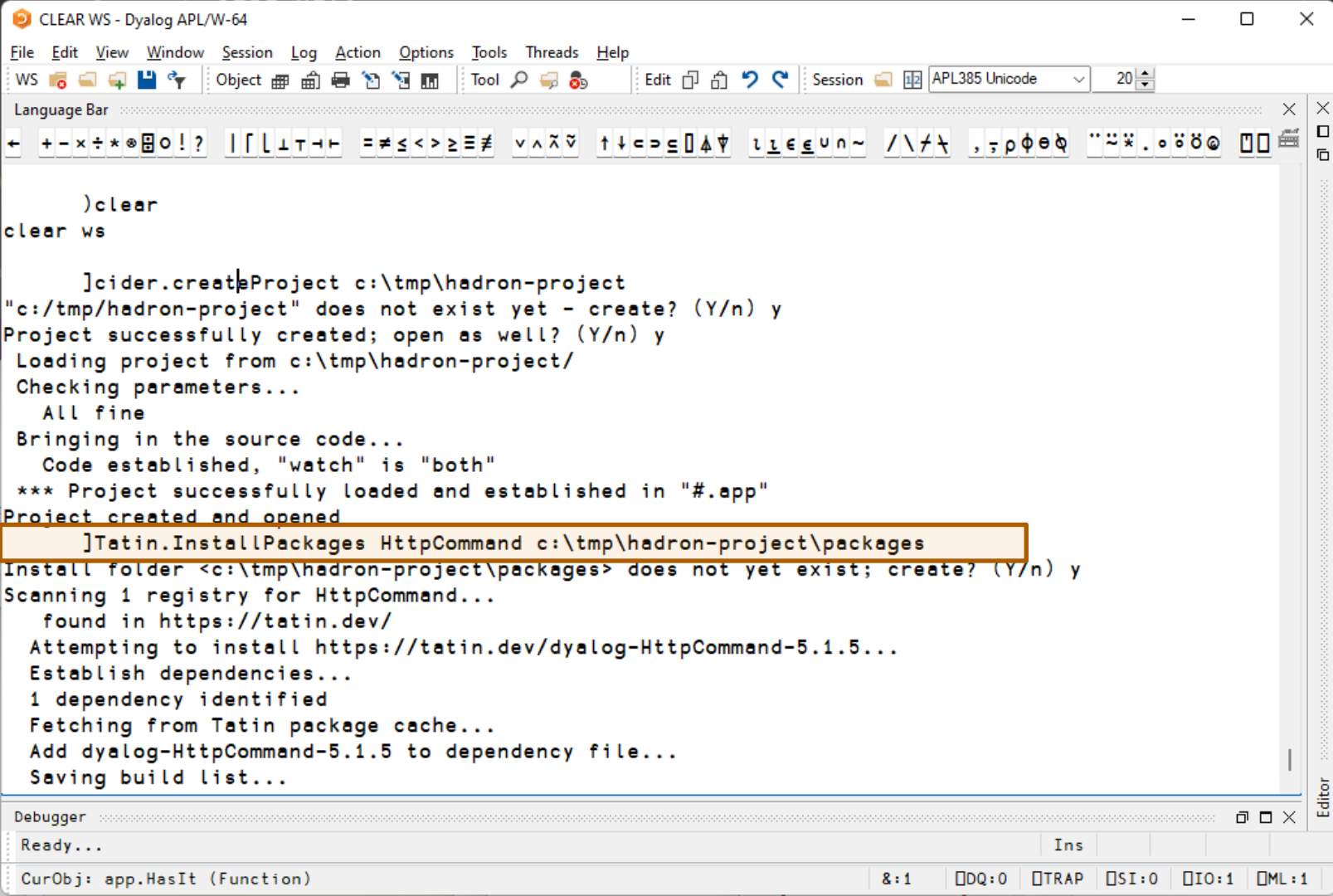
```
{
  CIDER: {
    info_url: "",
    init: "",
    make: "",
    parent: "#",
    projectSpace: "app",
    source: "APLSrc",
    tatinFolder: "packages",
    tests: "",
  },
}
```

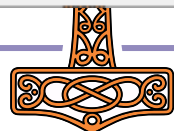
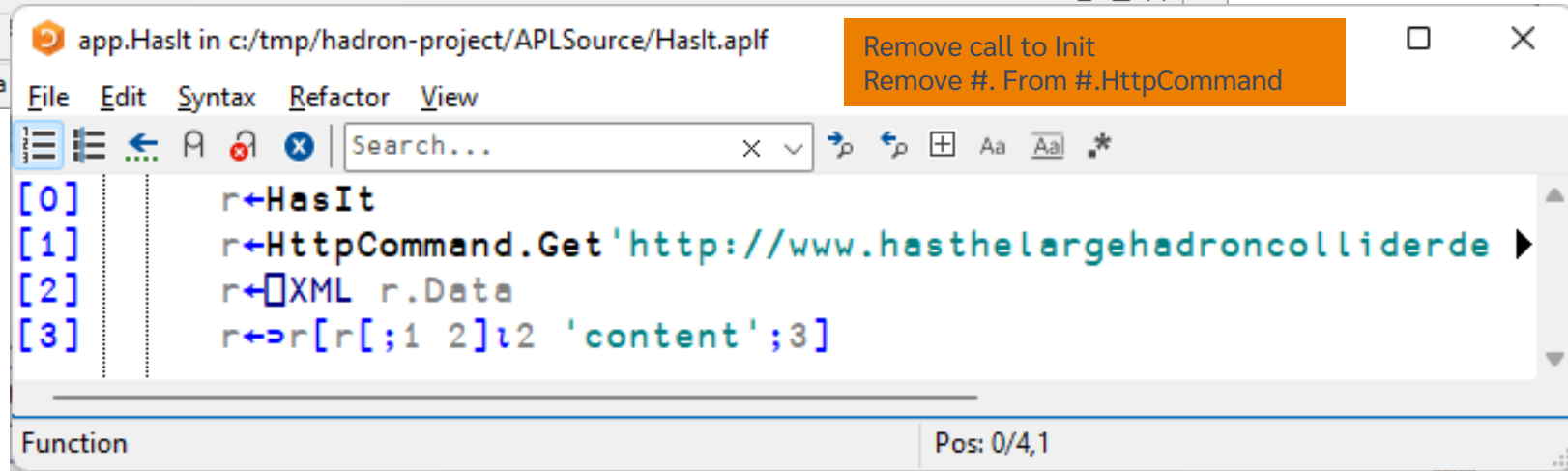
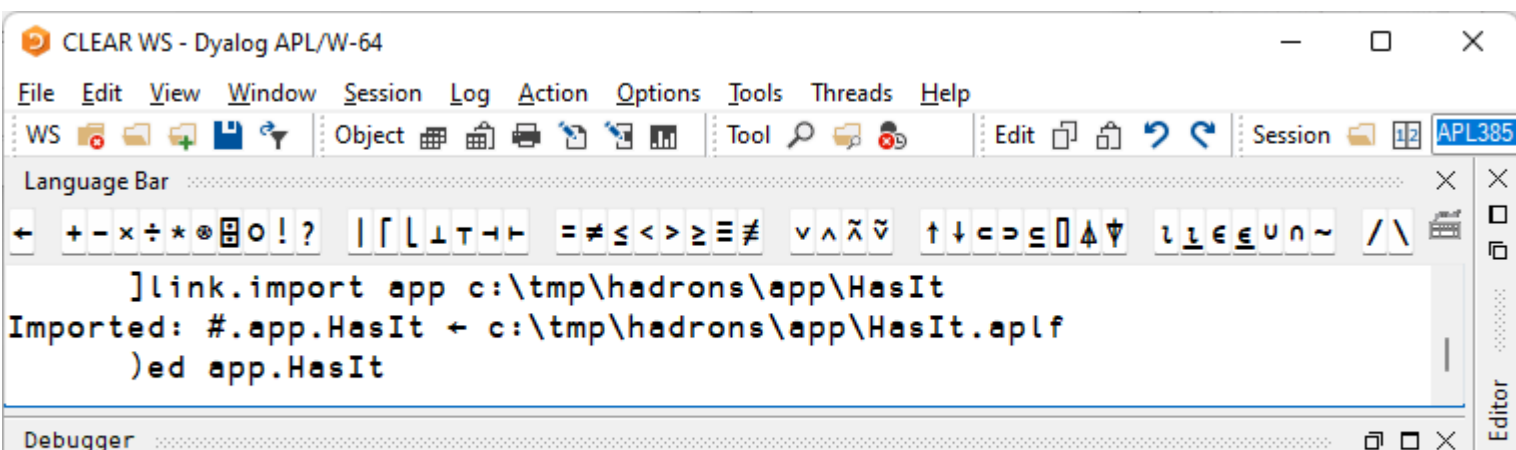
Default was "hadron_project"

Modified Nested Array (coloured as JSON)

Pos: 6/66,22



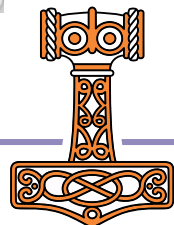





```
app.⎕nl -19
CiderConfig HasIt HttpCommand
app.CiderConfig.HOME
c:/tmp/hadron-project
app.HttpCommand
#._tatin.dyalog_HttpCommand_5_1_5.code.HttpCommand
app.HasIt
NOPE.
```

Debugger: Ready... Ins

CurObj: app.HasIt (Function) &:1 ⎕DQ:0 ⎕TRAP ⎕SI:0 ⎕IO:1 ⎕ML:1

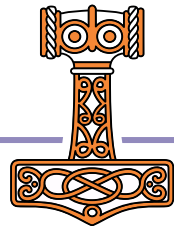


Acre and Dado

- Acre: In use for >10 years
 - Originally used component files
 - Recent versions based on text source
 - Stable foundation for Dado
- Dado: Adds Git workflow to Acre
 - Manages dependencies between Dado projects
 - Previously presented by Josh David in Dyalog'21 talk
 - Foundations of workflow presented by Paul Mansour at Dyalog'19

```
]dado.about

      APL                      Dado
  \-----/      Dyalog APL Development Operations
  |             |      ----
  |             |      https://github.com/the-carlisle-group/Dado
  |             |      ----
  /-----\      "Put your apps on a solid foundation"
  |             |
```

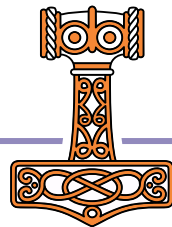


Benefits of Dado

- Direct support for Git[Hub]
 - No need to chose a Git workflow, Dado already chose one
- Dependency management
- Automatic Release generation
 - Dado will automatically create and format release notes based on commit history
- Accessible from the APL Session
 - No need to download other software to do git operations.

]Dado.DependencyReport

FlipDBDesktop Dependency Report					
Dependency	Specified Version	Loaded Version	Current Branch	New Version	Unreleased Commits
FlipDB	2.0.21	←	n/a	Yes (2.0.22)	?
Rumba	0.1.6	←	n/a		?
XL2APL	0.0.13	←	n/a		?
CashFlow	2.0.5	←	n/a		?
Current workspace state is safe for testing for release.					

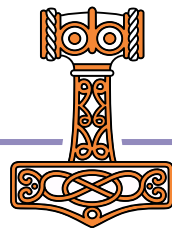


Downsides of Dado

Dado is "opinionated": Perfect if the choices are right for you, but:

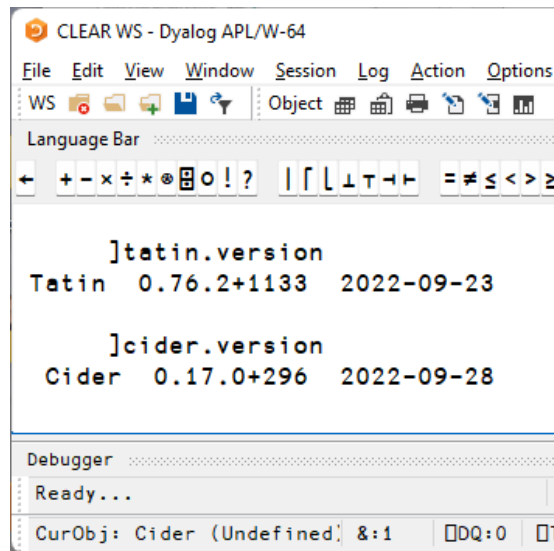
- ❖ Dado requires Git[Hub/Lab]
- ❖ Only supports one Git workflow
 - ❖ Not ideal for teams maintaining multiple versions of a project
- ❖ Only supports other Dado projects as dependencies

Dyalog recommends Dado, but is designing Cider as a more agnostic, extendable tool to complement Dado



Current Status of Tatin and Cider

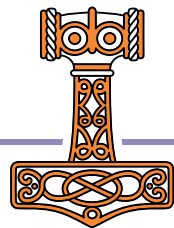
- Tatin is maturing
 - Has seen significant testing (thanks, Davin!)
 - A useful number of packages exist
 - We hope to ship Tatin v1.0 with v19.0
- Cider is in it's infancy
 - Developed by Kai for own use during Tatin project
 - Already useful, but needs a few more cycles
 - We plan to make rapid progress on Cider this winter
 - Dyalog will participate in development



The screenshot shows the CLEAR WS - Dyalog APL/W-64 interface. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Window, Session, Log, Action, and Options. Below the menu bar is a toolbar with icons for file operations and a Language Bar. The Language Bar contains symbols for mathematical and logical operations. The main display area shows the following text:

```
]tatin.version  
Tatin 0.76.2+1133 2022-09-23  
  
]cider.version  
Cider 0.17.0+296 2022-09-28
```

At the bottom, there is a Debugger section with a status bar showing "Ready..." and "CurObj: Cider (Undefined) &:1 □DQ:0 □".

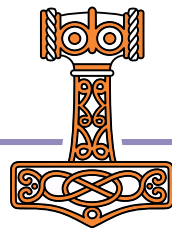


Things I'd like to see in Cider v1.0

- Support for many dependency types, for example

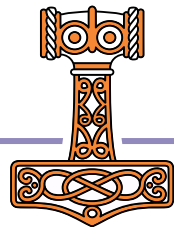
```
]cider.add-dependency tatin HttpCommand  
]cider.add-dependency dado https://github.com/user/dado-pkg  
]cider.add-dependency folder \devt\tools\some-internal-tool  
]cider.add-dependency nuget System.Drawing.Common
```

- Support for `]dbuild` and other build and/or deployment tools
 - Including very easy deployment to Tatin
- Support for `]dtest` and other test frameworks
- Support for "Assets", supporting multiple target platforms
- Management of configuration files for the interpreter and application
- An extensible architecture, so users / the community / can add new types of dependencies, build tools, new test frameworks, etc



Further ideas to support Projects

- "Open With Dyalog" should be able to identify whether a folder is
 - A Cider project
 - A Dado or Acre project
 - A collection of source files to be opened with Link (in the future, directly from the interpreter without using Link)
- An alternative definition of "Workspace" could be a configuration file which defines...
 - A collection of projects to be opened
 - Tools to be loaded for use during development
 - IDE configuration settings for the workspace (session captions, etc)



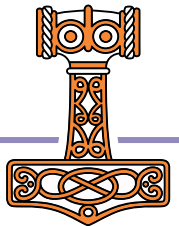
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Tatin



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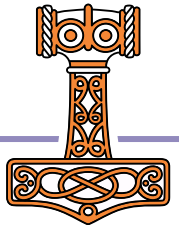
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