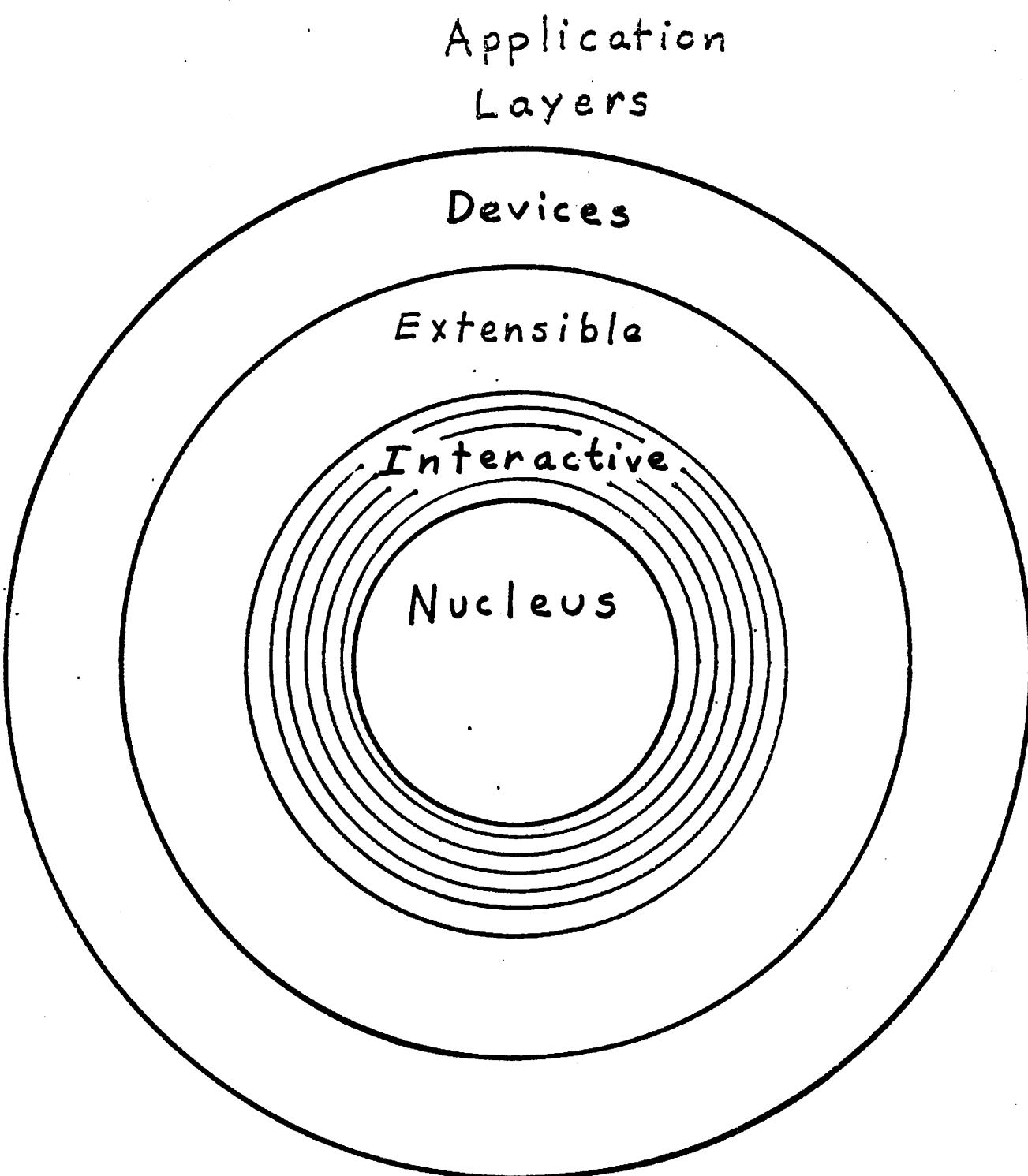


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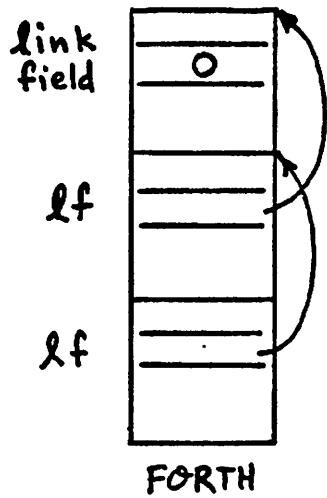


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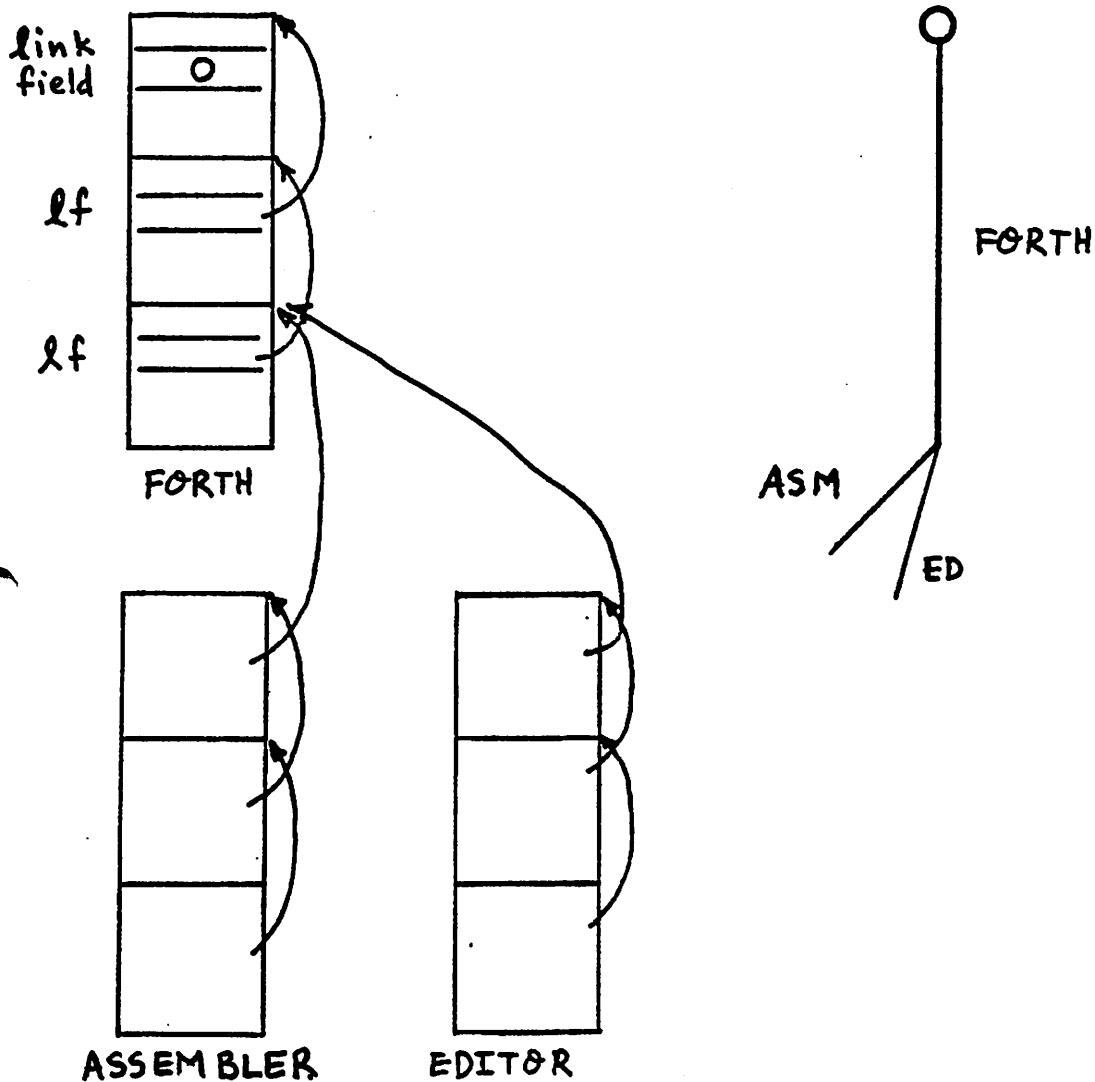
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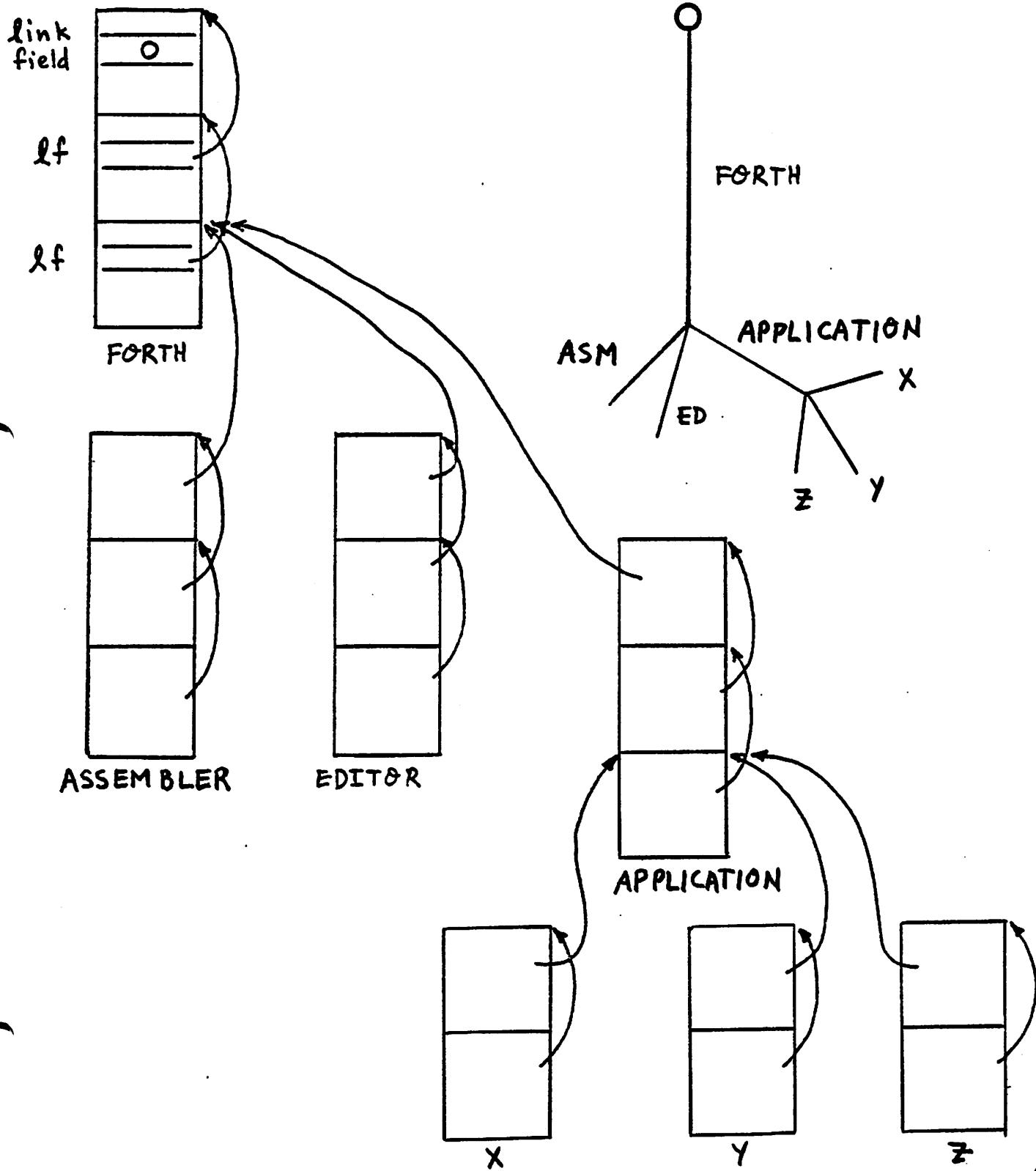
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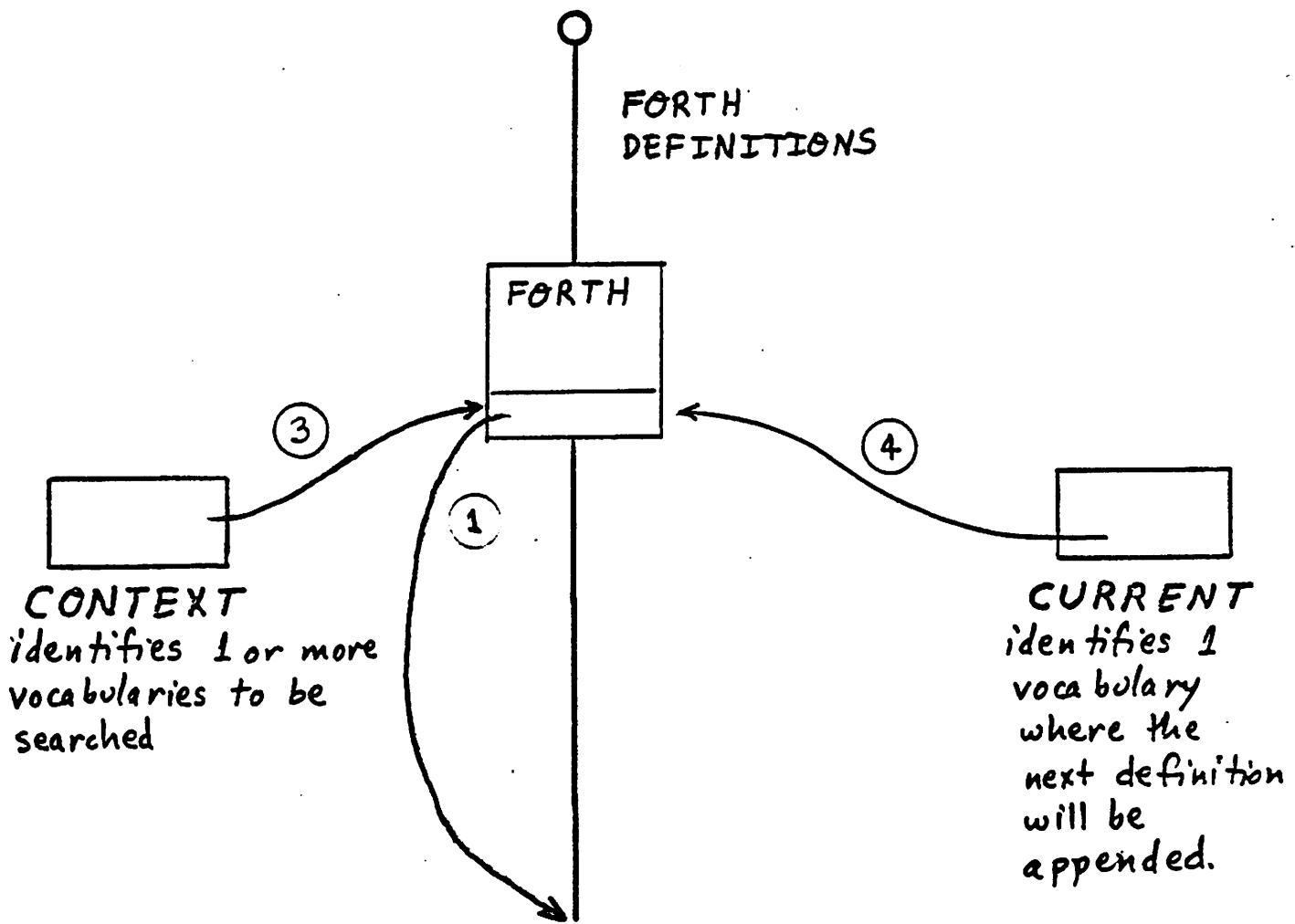
## Implementation requirements:

The dictionary is one memory area.  
Space is allocated and deallocated like  
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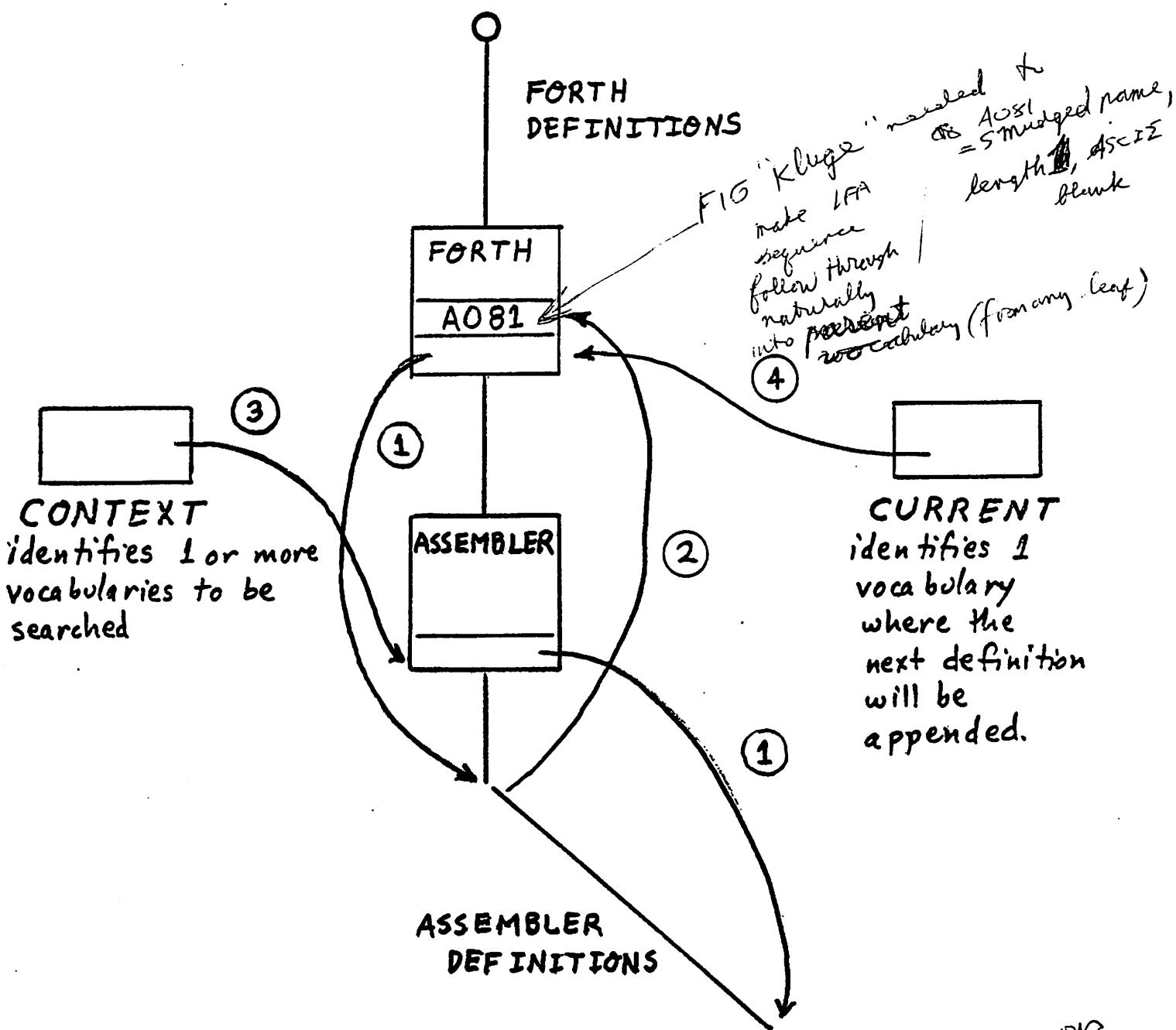
Definitions may be added to any vocabulary  
at any time.

- ① Need a pointer to the last definition in each vocabulary. This pointer must be changed each time a definition is added to the vocabulary.
- ② Must be able to chain the first definition of a "leaf" vocabulary to the last definition of its parent vocabulary.
- ③ Must be able to identify the subtree which will be searched.
- ④ Must be able to identify the read and write vocabularies separately.

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NOTE: ~~FORGET~~ is very dangerous when you have intertwined vocabularies

## Defining a vocabulary

VOCABULARY name

VOCABULARY FORTH

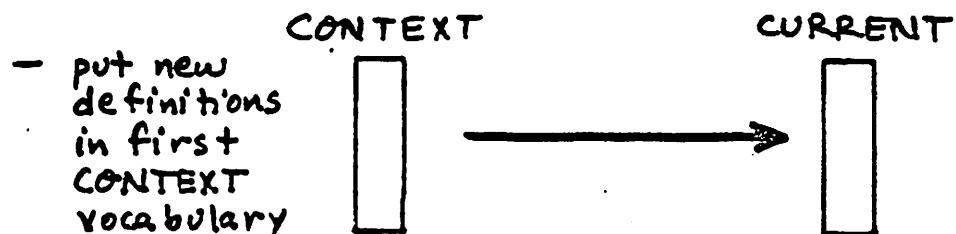
VOCABULARY ASSEMBLER

VOCABULARY EDITOR

## Using vocabularies

vocabulary-name stores pointer to named vocabulary  
in CONTEXT.  
identifies vocabulary subtree  
which may be subsequently  
searched.

DEFINITIONS sets CURRENT from CONTEXT



: (colon) sets CONTEXT from CURRENT

- search CURRENT vocabulary first



Reference definitions in the CONTEXT vocabularies.

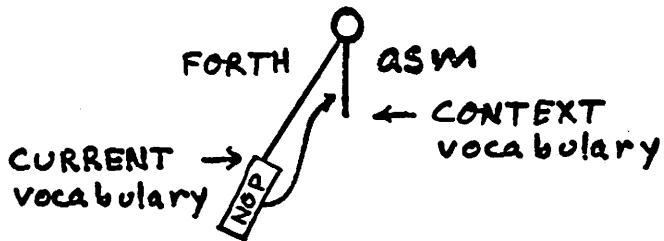
Append new definitions to the CURRENT vocabulary.

### Example:

Assume FORTH is both the CONTEXT and CURRENT vocabulary.

ASSEMBLER  
changes the  
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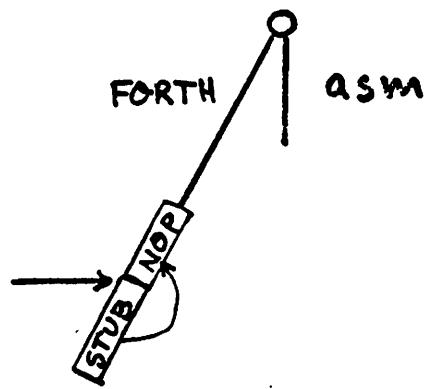
CODE NOP NEXT



- restores the CONTEXT vocabulary

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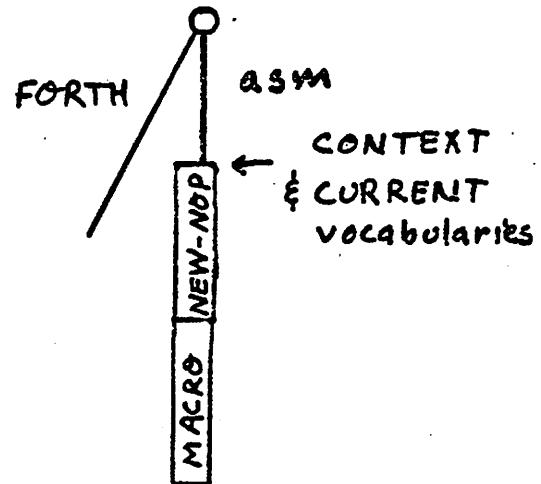


: STUB NOP ;

## ASSEMBLER DEFINITIONS

changes both CONTEXT  
& CURRENT vocabularies  
to assembler

CODE NEW-NOP NEXT



: MACRO NEW-NOP NEW-NOP ;

: ?VOC CONTEXT @ 4 -  
NFA ID. ;

