Subject: Define the declared type of unlimited polymorphic entities
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1 Introduction

The declared type of an unlimited polymorphic entity is not specified. This paper proposes that the declared type doesn't exist, and therefore it cannot be considered to be the same as the declared type of any other entity. This makes the specifications for SELECT TYPE at 153:27-34 work as expected (which it can't if we don't at least define the concept of "declared type of an unlimited polymorphic entity"), makes the description of SAME_TYPE_AS easier, and makes the semantics of SAME_TYPE_AS more similar to the semantics of ASSOCIATED.

2 Edits

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An unlimited polymorphic entity is not declared to have a type. It is not considered to have the same declared type as any other entity, including another unlimited polymorphic entity. — 71:23+ New ¶

[Editor: "An ... object" ⇒ "Even though an unlimited polymorphic entity is not considered to have a declared type, it".] — 71:24

[Editor: "If ... otherwise the" ⇒ "The".] — 332:3-4