# **Handout Progress**

Interpretation and Compilation 2022

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Implement a complete interpreter and compiler for a tiny arithmetic expression language

Use the approach we are developing in the course

- LL(1) parser using JAVACC
- AST Model
- Interpreter
- Compiler

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Abstract Syntax (Abstract Constructors)

ADD: Exp x Exp -> Exp

**SUB**: Exp x Exp -> Exp

**MUL**: Exp x Exp -> Exp

**DIV**: Exp x Exp -> Exp

**UMINUS**: Exp -> Exp

**NUM**: int -> Exp

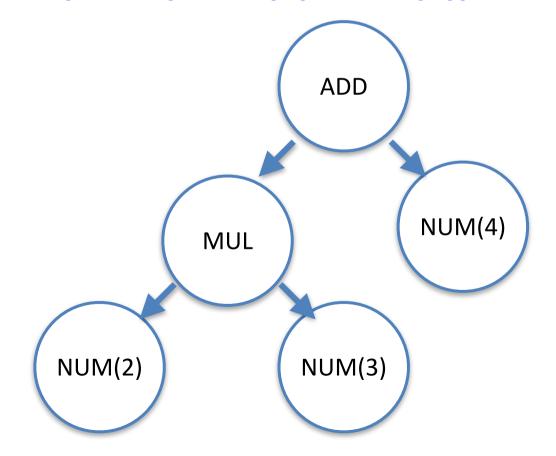
Concrete Syntax (Examples)

```
2*3+4
2*(3+4)
4-2/5*2
-(2+2-4)
-2
```

**Abstract Syntax (Abstract Constructors)** 

2\*3+4

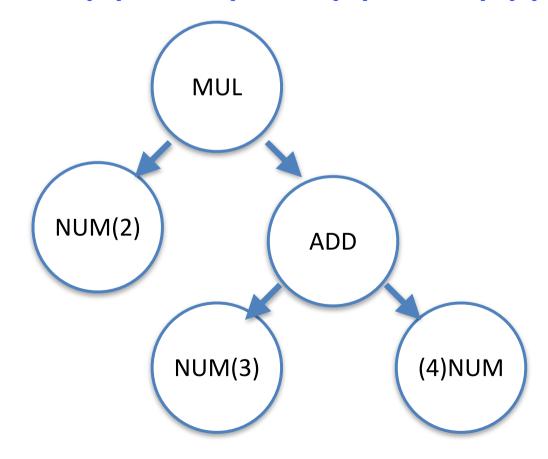
### **ADD( MUL(NUM(2), NUM(3)), NUM(4))**



Abstract Syntax (Abstract Constructors)

2\*(3+4)

### MUL( NUM(2), ADD(NUM(3), NUM(4) )



### Grammar

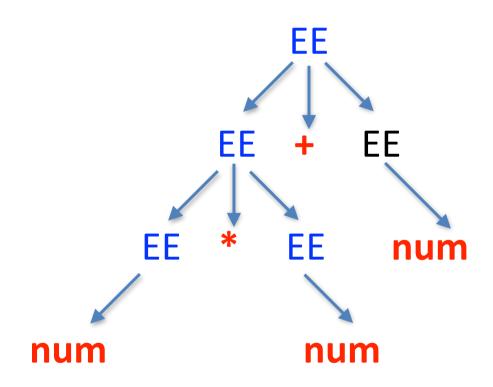
```
Alphabet = \{ num, +, -, *, /, (, ) \}
E -> num
E \rightarrow E + E
E -> E - E
E -> E * E
E -> E / E
E -> - E
E \rightarrow (E)
```

Grammar (ambiguous)

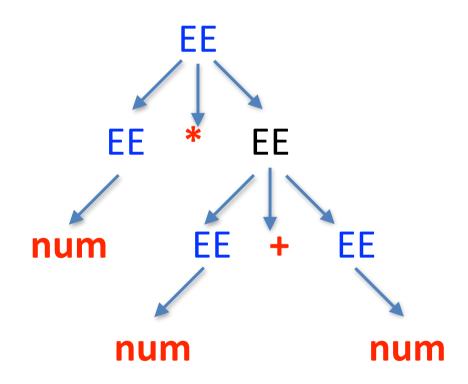
num \* num + num has two derivations

```
EE -> EE + EE -> EE * EE + EE -> num * num + num
EE -> EE * EE -> EE * EE + EE -> num * num + num
```

EE -> EE + EE -> EE \* EE + EE -> num \* num + num



EE -> EE \* EE -> EE \* EE + EE -> num \* num + num



Grammar (non-ambiguous LL(1))

```
E -> T
E -> T + E
T -> F
T -> F * T
F -> num
F -> (E)
F -> - F
```

Grammar (non-ambiguous)

```
E -> T
E -> T + E
T -> F
T -> F * T
F -> num
F -> (E)
F -> - F
```

Grammar (non-ambiguous and LL(1))

```
E -> TE'
E' -> ε | + Ε
T -> FT'
T' -> ε | * T
F -> num
F -> ( E )
F -> - F
```

Grammar (non-ambiguous and LL(1))

```
num * num + num
E -> TE'
E' \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid + E
                    F -> TE' -> FT'E' -> num T'E' ->
T -> FT'
                    num * T E' -> num * FT' E' ->
T' \rightarrow \epsilon \mid T
                    num * num T' E' ->
F-> num
                    num * num + E ->
F->(E)
                    num * num + E ->
F -> - F
                    num * num + F ->
                    num * num + TE' -> num * num + num
```

E -> TE' -> T+E -> T+TE' -> T +T+E -> ... -> T + T + ... + T

Grammar (non-ambiguous and LL(1))

EBNF (Extended BNF)

```
E -> T [ ( + | - ) T ] *
T -> F [ ( * | / ) F ] *
F -> num | ( E ) | - F
```

```
interface ASTNode {
int eval() ...
class AST??? implements ASTNode {
```

```
class ASTAdd implements ASTNode {
ASTNode lhs;
ASTNode rhs;
public ASTAdd (ASTNode I, ASTNode r) {
     lhs = l;
     rhs = r;
```

```
class ASTAdd implements ASTNode {
public eval() {
     int vl = lhs.eval();
     int rv = rhs.eval();
     return vl + rv;
```

## interpreter main (schematic) (schematic)

```
PARSER BEGIN(Parser0)
public class Parser0 {
 /** Main entry point. */
 public static void main(String args[]) {
  Parser0 parser = new Parser0(System.in);
 while (true) {
 try {
 System.out.print(">");
 ASTNode ast = parser.Start();
  System.out.println( ast.eval() );
 } catch (Exception e) {
   System.out.println ("Syntax Error!");
   parser.ReInit(System.in);
PARSER END(Parser0)
```

# (Note) JavaCC installation

### Installation

To install JavaCC, navigate to the download directory and type:

```
$ unzip javacc-7.0.10.zip
or
$ tar xvf javacc-7.0.10.tar.gz
```

Then place the binary javacc-7.0.10.jar in a new target/ folder, and rename to javacc.jar.

Get the javacc-7.0.10.jar from the Binaries link-Put in target/ folder under name javacc.jar Execute using script/javacc

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```
interface ASTNode {
int eval();
void compile(CodeBlock c);
class CodeBlock {
String code[];
int pc;
void emit(String opcode){
      code[pc++] = opcode;
void dump(PrintStream f) { ... // dumps code to f }
```

```
class ASTAdd implements ASTNode {
public void compile(CodeBlock c) {
     lhs.compile(c);
     rhs.compile(c);
     c.emit("iadd");
```

# JVM bytecodes

- sipush *n*
- iadd
- imul
- isub
- idiv
- ineg
- •

```
    .class public Main

    .super java/lang/Object

• ; standard initializer
.method public <init>()V
    aload 0
    invokenonvirtual java/lang/Object/<init>()V
    return
  .end method
  .method public static main([Ljava/lang/String;)V
     .limit locals 10
      .limit stack 256
     ; 1 - the PrintStream object held in java.lang.System.out
     getstatic java/lang/System/out Ljava/io/PrintStream;
      ; place your bytecodes here between START and END
     ; START
      sipush 20
     sipush 20
     iadd
      sipush 2
      imul
     ; END
     ; convert to String;
     invokestatic java/lang/String/valueOf(I)Ljava/lang/String;
     ; call println
     invokevirtual java/io/PrintStream/println(Ljava/lang/String;)V
      return
```

· .end method

# JVM bytecodes

sipush

### **Operation**

Push short

#### **Format**

sipush byte1 byte2

#### **Forms**

sipush = 17 (0x11)

### **Operand Stack**

... →

..., value

### **Description**

The immediate unsigned byte1 and byte2 values are assembled into an intermediate short, where the value of the short is (byte1 << 8) | byte2. The intermediate value is then sign-extended to an int value. That value is pushed onto the operand stack.

# JVM bytecodes

iadd

#### Operation

Add int

#### **Format**

iadd

#### Forms

iadd = 96 (0x60)

### **Operand Stack**

```
..., value1, value2 → ..., result
```

### **Description**

Both *value1* and *value2* must be of type int. The values are popped from the operand stack. The int *result* is *value1* + *value2*. The *result* is pushed onto the operand stack.

The result is the 32 low-order bits of the true mathematical result in a sufficiently wide two's-complement format, represented as a value of type int. If overflow occurs, then the sign of the result may not be the same as the sign of the mathematical sum of the two values.

Despite the fact that overflow may occur, execution of an *iadd* instruction never throws a run-time exception.

# compiler main (schematic)

```
PARSER BEGIN(ParserOC)
 public static void main(String args[]) {
  ParserOC parser = new ParserOC(System.in);
  CodeBlock code = new CodeBlock();
  while (true) {
 try {
  ASTNode ast = parser.Start();
  ast.compile(code);
  code.dump(outfile);
  } catch (Exception e) {
   System.out.println ("Syntax Error!");
   parser.ReInit(System.in);
```

PARSER END(Parser0C)

## Summary of what to know / do

- Install and run javacc
- Write javacc grammars for expression languages
- Define in Java the AST for expression language
- Implement an interpreter method (eval) in the AST for evaluating expressions in read-eval-print loop
- Understand the basic internals of Java Virtual Machine, and the instructions needed to compile expressions
- Install and run jasmin (JVM Assembler)
- Implement the compiler method (compile) in the AST for translating expressions to JVM code and generates JVM code using jasmin (use Main.j as stub).

# Summary of what to know / do

- Remove the main() method from Parser0.jj and place it in two different "main" classes
  - ICLInterpreter
  - ICLCompiler
- The interpreter runs a read-eval-print loop as before

```
> ICLInterpreter
```

```
> 2+3
```

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> 4/2

2

## Summary of what to know / do

- Remove the main() method from Parser0.jj and place it in two different "main" classes
  - ICLInterpreter
  - ICLCompiler
- Make your compiler accept a source file name in the command line and execute jasmin on the generated assembler file, so that it actually generates the output class file directly.
- So, If text file source.icl contains just the line 2+3, then
  - > ICLCompiler source.icl
  - > java source

# compiler main (schematic)

```
public class ICLCompiler {
 public static void main(String args[]) {
  Parser parser = new Parser(System.in);
  CodeBlock code = new CodeBlock();
  while (true) {
  try {
  ASTNode ast = parser.Start();
  ast.compile(code);
  code.dump(outfile);
  } catch (Exception e) {
   System.out.println ("Syntax Error!");
   parser.ReInit(System.in);
```

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## Language with definition blocks

**Abstract Syntax** 

```
AST ->
| num | id
| add( AST, AST) | sub( AST, AST)
| mul( AST, AST) | div( AST, AST) | neg( AST)
| def( ( id , AST )+, AST) )
```

## Language with definition blocks

Concrete syntax Syntax

#### Parsing Scheme

```
E -> T (+T)*
T -> F (*F)*
                                  You may also use a HashMap
F -> < num>
   | <id> | .... |
   | <{> { | = new List() }
            ( < let > xi = < id > < = > ti = Ei <; > { l.add (xi, ti) } ) +
             E <}>
   { return new ASTDef( I, b ) }
                                         add a binding x = Ei
```

```
{ let x = 1;
 let y = x+x;
 x + y
};;
{ let x = 2; }
 let y = x+2;
 { let z = 3;
   let y = x+1;
   x+y+z
];;
{ let x = 2; }
 let y = \{ let x = x+1; x+x \};
  x * y
};;
```

#### What to do

#### Implement an interpreter for expression language with definitions

Use the approach developed in the lectures

- Extend your JAVACC LL(1) parser
  - Extend your parser with ids and definitions
- Extend your AST Model
  - ASTId, ASTDef
  - Add actions to the parser so that it will build an AST for correct input expressions
- Define the interpreter (eval method)
- You will need to define an environment based semantics

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#### CALC Interpreter (environment based)

 Algorithm eval() that computes the denotation (integer value) of any open CALCI expression:

#### eval: CALCI × ENV → Integer

 Note: Case of id(s) implemented by lookup of the value of s in the current environment

```
interface ASTNode {
int eval(Environment e);
}

class AST??? implements ASTNode {
}
```

```
public class ASTId implements ASTNode {
String id;
ASTId(...) {...}
int eval(Environment e) {
  return e.find(id);
class AST??? implements ASTNode {
```

```
public class ASTMul implements ASTNode {
ASTNode lhs, rhs;
ASTMul(...) {...}
int eval(Environment e) {
  return lhs.eval(e) * rhs.eval(e);
class AST??? implements ASTNode {
```

```
class ASTDef implements ASTNode {
List<Pair<String,ASTNode>> init;
ASTNode body;
int eval(Environment e) {
    ....
}
}
```

```
class ASTDef implements ASTNode {
   Map<String,ASTNode> init;
   ASTNode body;
   int eval(Environment e) {
     ....
}
}
```

```
class Environment {
  Environment beginScope(); //— push level
  Environment endScope(); // - pop top level
  void assoc(String id, int val);
  int find(String id);
}
```

```
class Environment {
Environment beginScope();
Environment endScope();
void assoc(String id, int val);
int find(String id);
```

```
null
```

e = new Environment()

```
class Environment {
Environment beginScope();
Environment endScope();
void assoc(String id, int val);
int find(String id);
e.assoc("x",2)
```

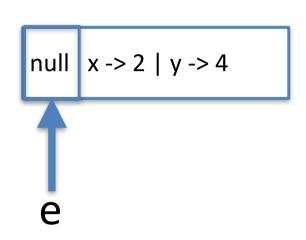
```
null x -> 2
```

```
class Environment {
Environment beginScope();
Environment endScope();
void assoc(String id, int val);
int find(String id);
```

e.assoc("y",4)

```
null x -> 2 | y -> 4
```

```
class Environment {
  Environment beginScope();
  Environment endScope();
  void assoc(String id, int val);
  int find(String id);
}
```



e.assoc("y",5) raise exception IDDeclaredTwice

```
class Environment {
                                   null x -> 2 | y -> 4
Environment beginScope();
Environment endScope();
void assoc(String id, int val);
int find(String id);
```

e = e.beginScope();

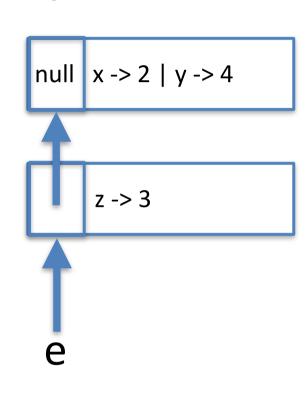
```
class Environment {
  Environment beginScope();
  Environment endScope();
  void assoc(String id, int val);
  int find(String id);
}
```

```
null x -> 2 | y -> 4

z -> 3
```

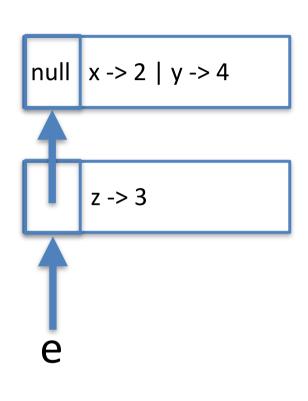
e.assoc("z",3)

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class Environment {
  Environment beginScope();
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  void assoc(String id, int val);
  int find(String id);
}
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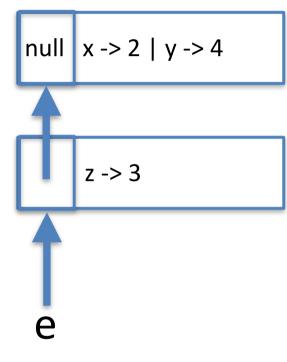
e.find("z") returns 3

```
class Environment {
  Environment beginScope();
  Environment endScope();
  void assoc(String id, int val);
  int find(String id);
}
```



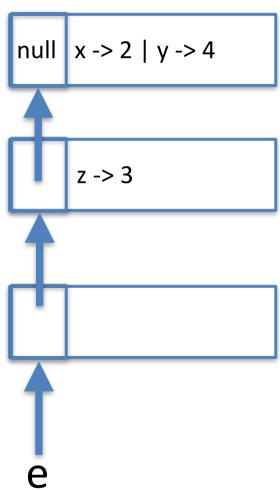
e.find("x") returns 2

```
class Environment {
    Environment beginScope();
    Environment endScope();
    void assoc(String id, int val);
    int find(String id);
}
```

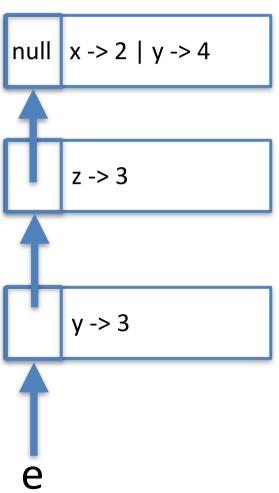


e.find("a") raises "Undeclared Identifier"

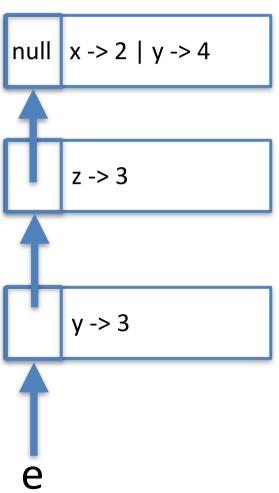
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class Environment {
Environment beginScope();
Environment endScope();
void assoc(String id, int val);
int find(String id);
e = e.beginScope();
```



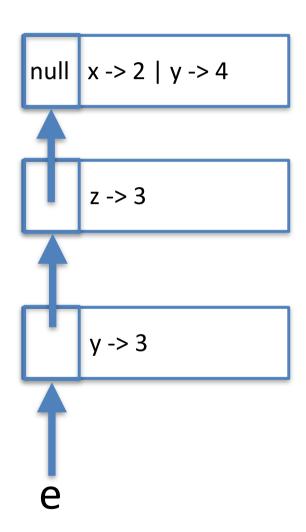
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class Environment {
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Environment endScope();
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int find(String id);
e.assoc("y",3);
```



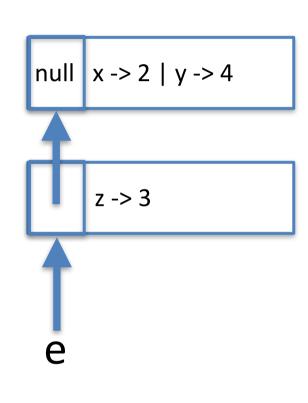
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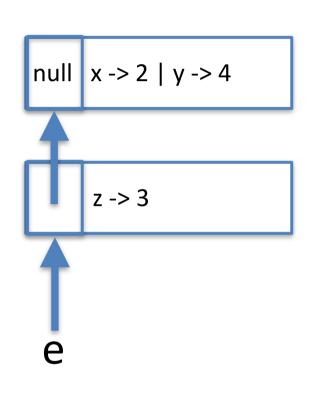


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  Environment endScope();
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  int find(String id);
}
```



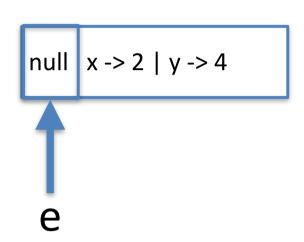
e.endScope()

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class Environment {
  Environment beginScope();
  Environment endScope();
  void assoc(String id, int val);
  int find(String id);
}
```



e.find("y") returns 4

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  Environment beginScope();
  Environment endScope();
  void assoc(String id, int val);
  int find(String id);
}
```



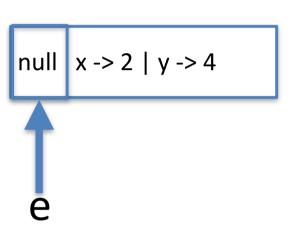
e.endScope()

```
class Environment {
Environment ancestor;
Environment beginScope();
                                    e == null
Environment endScope();
void assoc(String id, int val);
int find(String id);
```

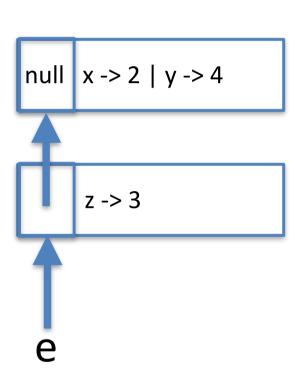
e = e.endScope()

```
{ let x = 1;
 let y = x+x;
 x + y
};;
{ let x = 2; }
 let y = x+2;
 { let z = 3;
   let y = x+1;
   x+y+z
];;
{ let x = 2; }
 let y = \{ let x = x+1; x+x \};
  x * y
};;
```

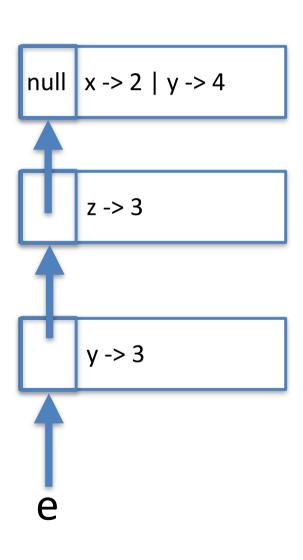
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```



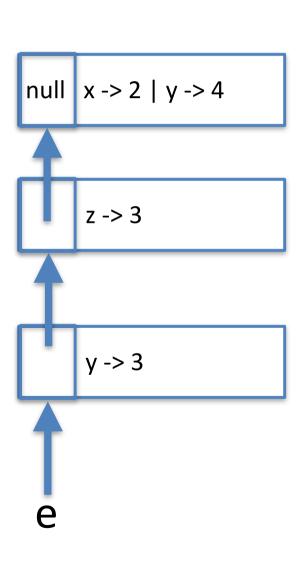
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   x+y+z
];;
{ let x = 2;
 let y = \{ let x = x+1; x+x \};
  x * y
};;
```



#### ASTDef eval (sketch)

class ASTDef implements ASTNode { void eval(Environment env) { // def x1 = E1 ... xn = En in Body end env = env.beginScope(); // for each xi = Ei { v = Ei.eval(env); env.assoc(xi,v); v = Body.eval(env); env.endScope(); return v

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#### **Handout Phase 1.1**

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#### What to do

#### Implement an compiler for expression language with definitions

Use the approach developed in the lectures

- Extend your JAVACC LL(1) parser
  - Extend your parser with ids and definitions
- Extend your AST Model
  - ASTId, ASTDef
  - Add actions to the parser so that it will build an AST for correct input expressions
- Define the compiler (compile method) see Recitation slides block 4A
- You will need to define a compiler environment, assigning coordinates to identifiers.

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# **AST**

```
interface ASTNode {
int eval(Environment e);
void compile(CodeBlock c; [Environment e]);
class AST??? implements ASTNode {
```

# CodeBlock (naive sketch)

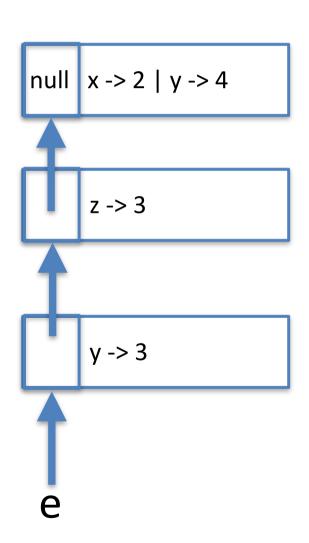
```
class CodeBlock {
String code[];
int pos;
void emit(String bytecode) {
  code[pos] = bytecode;
  pos ++;
String gensym() { ... }
void dump(PrintStream f) {
```

# **AST**

```
class ASTAdd implements ASTNode {
ASTNode lhs, rhs;
void compile(CodeBlock c, Environment env) {
     lhs.compile(c, env);
     rhs.compile(c, env);
     c.emit("iadd");
```

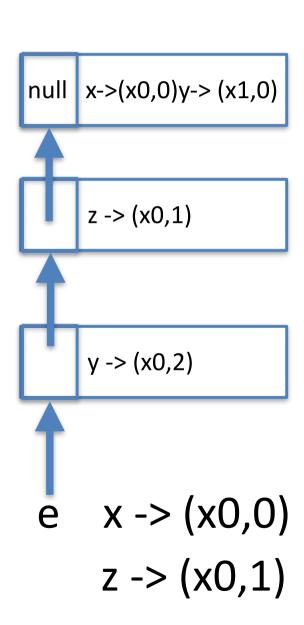
# Sample programs

```
\{ let x = 2; \}
     y = x+2;
    \{ let z = 3; \}
        { let y = x+1;
          x + y + z
```



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# **AST**

```
class ASTDef implements ASTNode {
String id;
ASTNode init;
ASTNode body;
void compile(CodeBlock c, Environment env) {
```

# **AST**

```
class ASTDef implements ASTNode {
List<Bind> bindings; // each Bind a pair (String, ASTNode)
ASTNode body;
...
void compile(CodeBlock c, Environment env) {
}
```

# Environment (compiler)

```
class Environment {
Environment beginScope(); //— push level
Environment endScope(); // - pop top level
int depth(); // - returns depth of "stack"
void assoc(String id, Coordinates c);
Coordinates find(String id);
env.find("x") -> (1,"x2")
level-shift("x") =env.depth()-1
```

# Environment (generic)

```
class Environment<X> {
Environment beginScope(); //— push level
Environment endScope(); // - pop top level
int depth(); // - returns depth of "stack"
void assoc(String id, X bind);
X find(String id);
```

# Compilation of def blocks (example)

```
def
 x = 2 \mid -> (0,"v0")
 y = 3 \mid -> (0,"v1")
in
 def
   k = x + y // for y = level shift("y") = 1
 in
   x + y + k // for y = level shift("y") = 2
 end
end;;
```

# ASTDef compile (sketch)

```
class ASTDef implements ASTNode {
void compile(CodeBlock c, Environment env) {
   // def x1 = E1 ... xn = En in Body end
    env = env.beginScope();
   // generate code for frame_i class def
    // generate code for frame init and link into RT env
    // for each xi = Ei
             c.emit("aload 3");
             Ei.compile(c,env);
             c.emit("putfield "+frame+ "..../xi");
             env = env.assoc(xi, (env.depth, "xi"));
    // Body.compile(c, env);
   // generate code for frame pop off
  env.endScope();
```

# ASTId Compile (sketch)

class ASTId implements ASTNode {

```
void compile(CodeBlock c, Environment env) {
    Coordinates (d, s) = env.find(id);
    level shift = env.depth()-d;
    // generate code to fetch id slot value
    aload 3
    getfield frame_id/sl Lancestor_frame_id
                                                     level shift dereferences
    getfield frame_id/sl Lancestor_frame_id
    getfield frame id/s I
```

# Compilation of def blocks (example)

```
.class public frame 0
                                                .class public frame_1
                                                                                def
.super java/lang/Object
                                                .super java/lang/Object
                                                                                  x = 2
.field public sl Ljava/lang/Object;
                                                .field public sl Lframe_0;
.field public v0 I
                                                                                  y = 3
                                                .field public v0 I
.field public v1 I
                                                                                in
                                                .end method
.method public <init>()V
                                                                                  def
aload 0
                                                                                     k = x + y
invokenonvirtual java/lang/Object/<init>()V
                                                                                  in
return
                                                                                      x + y + k
.end method
                                                                                  end
                                                                                end;;
                         default constructor (JVM requires it)
```

# Compilation of def blocks (example)

```
aload_3
new frame 0
                                           getfield frame 1/sl Lframe 0;
dup
                                           getfield frame_0/v1 I
invokespecial frame 0/<init>()'
dup
                                           iadd
                                           putfield frame_1/v0 I
aload 3
putfield frame_0/sl Ljava/lang/
                                           aload 3
                                           getfield frame_1/sl Lframe_0;
astore 3
                                           getfield frame 0/v0 I
aload 3
sipush 2
                                           aload_3
putfield frame_0/v0 I
                                           getfield frame 1/sl Lframe 0;
                                           getfield frame 0/v1 I
aload 3
sipush 3
                                           iadd
putfield frame 0/v1 I
                                           aload 3
                                           getfield frame 1/v0 I
new frame 1
                                           iadd
dup
invokespecial frame_1/<init>()'
                                           aload 3
                                           getfield frame_1/sl Lframe_0;
dup
aload_3
                                           astore 3
                                           aload 3
putfield frame_1/sl Lframe_0;
                                           getfield frame_0/sl Ljava/lang/Object;
astore_3
                                           astore 3
aload 3
getfield frame_1/sl Lframe_0;
```

getfield frame 0/v0 I

```
def
    x = 2
    y = 3
in
    def k = x + y
    in
        x + y + k
    end
end;;
```

sipush

### **Operation**

Push short

#### **Format**

sipush byte1 byte2

#### **Forms**

sipush = 17 (0x11)

## **Operand Stack**

... →

..., value

## **Description**

The immediate unsigned byte1 and byte2 values are assembled into an intermediate short, where the value of the short is (byte1 << 8) | byte2. The intermediate value is then sign-extended to an int value. That value is pushed onto the operand stack.

iadd

### Operation

Add int

#### **Format**

iadd

#### Forms

iadd = 96 (0x60)

# **Operand Stack**

```
..., value1, value2 → ..., result
```

### **Description**

Both *value1* and *value2* must be of type int. The values are popped from the operand stack. The int *result* is *value1* + *value2*. The *result* is pushed onto the operand stack.

The result is the 32 low-order bits of the true mathematical result in a sufficiently wide two's-complement format, represented as a value of type int. If overflow occurs, then the sign of the result may not be the same as the sign of the mathematical sum of the two values.

Despite the fact that overflow may occur, execution of an *iadd* instruction never throws a run-time exception.

dup

### **Operation**

Duplicate the top operand stack value

#### **Format**

dup

### **Forms**

```
dup = 89 (0x59)
```

## **Operand Stack**

```
..., value →
```

..., value, value

### **Description**

Duplicate the top value on the operand stack and push the duplicated value onto the operand stack.

The dup instruction must not be used unless value is a value of a category 1 computational type (§2.11.1).

### aload

### **Operation**

Load reference from local variable

#### **Format**

aload index

#### **Forms**

aload = 25 (0x19)

### **Operand Stack**

... →

..., objectref

### **Description**

The *index* is an unsigned byte that must be an index into the local variable array of the current frame (§2.6). The local variable at *index* must contain a reference. The *objectref* in the local variable at *index* is pushed onto the operand stack.

#### **Notes**

The *aload* instruction cannot be used to load a value of type returnAddress from a local variable onto the operand stack. This asymmetry with the *astore* instruction (§astore) is intentional.

The aload opcode can be used in conjunction with the wide instruction (§wide) to access a local variable using a two-byte unsigned index.

#### astore

#### Operation

Store reference into local variable

#### **Format**

astore index

#### **Forms**

```
astore = 58 (0x3a)
```

#### **Operand Stack**

```
..., objectref →
```

### **Description**

The *index* is an unsigned byte that must be an index into the local variable array of the current frame (§2.6). The *objectref* on the top of the operand stack must be of type returnAddress or of type reference. It is popped from the operand stack, and the value of the local variable at *index* is set to *objectref*.

#### **Notes**

The astore instruction is used with an objectref of type returnAddress when implementing the finally clause of the Java programming language (§3.13).

The *aload* instruction (§*aload*) cannot be used to load a value of type returnAddress from a local variable onto the operand stack. This asymmetry with the *astore* instruction is intentional.

The astore opcode can be used in conjunction with the wide instruction (§wide) to access a local variable using a two-byte unsigned index.

new

### **Operation**

Create new object

#### **Format**

new indexbyte1 indexbyte2

#### **Forms**

new = 187 (0xbb)

## **Operand Stack**

... –

..., objectref

### **Description**

The unsigned *indexbyte1* and *indexbyte2* are used to construct an index into the run-time constant pool of the current class (§2.6), where the value of the index is (*indexbyte1* << 8) | *indexbyte2*. The run-time constant pool item at the index must be a symbolic reference to a class or interface type. The named class or interface type is resolved (§5.4.3.1) and should result in a class type. Memory for a new instance of that class is allocated from the garbage-collected heap, and the instance variables of the new object are initialized to their default initial values (§2.3, §2.4). The *objectref*, a reference to the instance, is pushed onto the operand stack.

On successful resolution of the class, it is initialized (§5.5) if it has not already been initialized.

### putfield

#### Operation

Set field in object

#### **Format**

putfield
indexbyte1
indexbyte2

#### **Forms**

putfield = 181 (0xb5)

### **Operand Stack**

..., objectref, value →

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### **Description**

The unsigned *indexbyte1* and *indexbyte2* are used to construct an index into the run-time constant pool of the current class (§2.6), where the value of the index is (*indexbyte1* << 8) | *indexbyte2*. The run-time constant pool item at that index must be a symbolic reference to a field (§5.1), which gives the name and descriptor of the field as well as a symbolic reference to the class in which the field is to be found. The class of *objectref* must not be an array. If the field is protected, and it is a member of a superclass of the current class, and the field is not declared in the same run-time package (§5.3) as the current class, then the class of *objectref* must be either the current class or a subclass of the current class.

The referenced field is resolved (§5.4.3.2). The type of a *value* stored by a *putfield* instruction must be compatible with the descriptor of the referenced field (§4.3.2). If the field descriptor type is boolean, byte, char, short, or int, then the *value* must be an int. If the field descriptor type is float, long, or double, then the *value* must be a float, long, or double, respectively. If the field descriptor type is a reference type, then the *value* must be of a type that is assignment compatible (JLS §5.2) with the field descriptor type. If the field is final, it must be declared in the current class, and the instruction must occur in an instance initialization method (<init>) of the current class (§2.9).

The value and objectref are popped from the operand stack. The objectref must be of type reference. The value undergoes value set conversion (§2.8.3), resulting in value', and the referenced field in objectref is set to value'.

### getfield

#### Operation

Fetch field from object

#### **Format**

getfield
indexbyte1
indexbyte2

#### **Forms**

getfield = 180 (0xb4)

### **Operand Stack**

..., objectref  $\rightarrow$ 

..., value

### **Description**

The *objectref*, which must be of type reference, is popped from the operand stack. The unsigned *indexbyte1* and *indexbyte2* are used to construct an index into the run-time constant pool of the current class (§2.6), where the value of the index is (*indexbyte1* << 8) | *indexbyte2*. The run-time constant pool item at that index must be a symbolic reference to a field (§5.1), which gives the name and descriptor of the field as well as a symbolic reference to the class in which the field is to be found. The referenced field is resolved (§5.4.3.2). The *value* of the referenced field in *objectref* is fetched and pushed onto the operand stack.

The type of *objectref* must not be an array type. If the field is protected, and it is a member of a superclass of the current class, and the field is not declared in the same run-time package (§5.3) as the current class, then the class of *objectref* must be either the current class or a subclass of the current class.