

Statements

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STMT : ";"  
      | ASSIGN_STMT  
      | ITEM_STMT  
      | LET_STMT  
      | EXPR_STMT
```

Cairo is an expression-oriented language, where most syntax productions producing values or causing effects when evaluated are *expressions*. Many expressions can nest within each other, and sequence of evaluation is driven by precedence and associativity rules.

There are not a lot of statements kinds, which role is limited to containing explicitly sequential [expression evaluation](#) and declaring [items](#) and [variables](#) in [code blocks].

Semicolons

Statements are *usually* separated with a semicolon (;). Extraneous semicolons are ignored. Semicolons *after* last statement in code block *may* be omitted and have a separate semantic meaning as it makes the statement define returned value of enclosing code block (see [code blocks] for more details).

[code blocks]: block-expression.adoc