

L₂ Language Concrete Syntax

1 L₂ Syntax

We're adding the following language features:

- Structs.
- Dynamic memory allocation.
- Pointers.

$$\begin{aligned} n \in Integer &::= -^?[0-9]^+ \\ id \in Identifier &::= [a-zA-Z]^+[0-9a-zA-Z]^* \\ comment \in Comment &::= //.*\n \\ typename \in Typename &::= \%[0-9a-zA-Z]^+ \end{aligned}$$

A *typename* is the name of a user-defined struct. Note that the set of valid typenames is disjoint from the set of valid identifiers, so they are easy to keep separate.

$$\begin{aligned} access \in AccessPath &::= id \mid access.id \\ aexp \in ArithmeticExp &::= n \mid access \mid nil \mid aexp + aexp \mid aexp - aexp \mid aexp * aexp \mid (aexp) \\ rexp \in RelationalExp &::= aexp < aexp \mid aexp = aexp \mid aexp <= aexp \mid rexp \&\& rexp \\ &\mid rexp || rexp \mid !rexp \mid [rexp] \end{aligned}$$

We extend the notion of variable identifiers to *access paths*. An access path is an identifier optionally followed by a series of field dereferences. For example, `foo.bar.baz` is an access path starting from the identifier `foo` referencing a struct, dereferencing that struct's field `bar` to get a reference to another struct, and finally dereferencing that struct's field `baz` to get its value. We also add the expression `nil`, which is a reference to nothing (like a NULL pointer).

$$\begin{aligned} stmt \in Statement &::= assign \mid loop \mid cond \\ assign \in Assignment &::= access := aexp; \mid access := call; \mid access := new typename; \\ loop \in WhileLoop &::= while (rexp) { block } \\ cond \in Conditional &::= if (rexp) { block } \mid if (rexp) { block } else { block } \end{aligned}$$

Assignments can now modify an access path on the left-hand side. The right-hand side of an assignment can now be the dynamic memory allocation of a struct.

$$\begin{aligned} type \in Type &::= int \mid typename \\ decl \in Declaration &::= type id; \\ decls \in Declarations &::= \epsilon \mid decl decls \\ stmts \in Statements &::= \epsilon \mid stmt stmts \\ block \in Block &::= decls stmts \end{aligned}$$

User-defined structs are now valid types.

$$\begin{aligned} call \in FunctionCall &::= id(args) \mid id() \\ args \in Arguments &::= aexp \mid aexp, args \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
fundef &\in FunctionDef ::= \text{def } id(optparams) : type \{ block \text{ return } aexp; \} \\
params &\in Parameters ::= type \text{ id } \mid type \text{ id }, params \\
optparams &\in OptionalParameters ::= \epsilon \mid params \\
fundefs &\in FunctionDefs ::= \epsilon \mid fundef \text{ fundefs}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
typedef &\in TypeDef ::= \text{struct } typename \{ decls \}; \\
typedefs &\in TypeDefs ::= \epsilon \mid typedef \text{ typedefs}
\end{aligned}$$

A typedef is a struct declaration that provides the name of the struct along with the names and types of its fields.

$$program \in Program ::= typedefs \text{ fundefs } block \text{ output } aexp;$$

A program consists of a (possibly empty) sequence of typedefs followed by a (possibly empty) sequence of function definitions followed by a block of statements followed by an output that will be printed by the program.

2 Example Program

```

struct %tree {
    int value;
    %tree left;
    %tree right;
};

def insert(%tree node, int value) : int {
    if (value <= node.value) {
        if (node.left = nil) {
            node.left := new %tree;
            node.left.value := value;
        } else { insert(node.left, value); }
    } else {
        if (node.right = nil) {
            node.right := new %tree;
            node.right.value := value;
        } else { insert(node.right, value); }
    }
    return 0;
}

def find(%tree node, int value) : %tree {
    %tree retval;
    if (node.value = value) { retval := node; }
    else {
        if (value < node.value) {
            if (node.left = nil) { retval := nil; }
            else { retval := find(node.left, value); }
        }
        else {

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        if (node.right = nil) { retval := nil; }
        else { retval := find(node.right, value); }
    }
}
return retval;
}
```

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%tree root;
%tree node;
int dummy;
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root := new %tree;
root.value := 0;
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dummy := insert(root, -42);
dummy := insert(root, 42);
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```
node := find(root, 42);
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output node.value;
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