

# Computer Language Processing

## Lab 1

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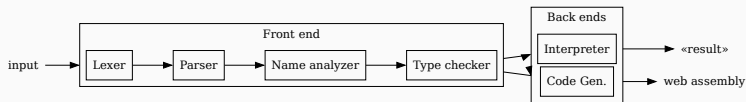
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# The big picture

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# The pipeline

You will implement a full compiler/interpreter for a programming language called Amy.



# The labs

- Lab01 – Interpreter;
- Lab02 – Lexer;
- Lab03 – Parser;
- Lab04 – Type Checker;
- Lab05 – Codegen (Code Generator);
- Lab06 – Compiler extension.

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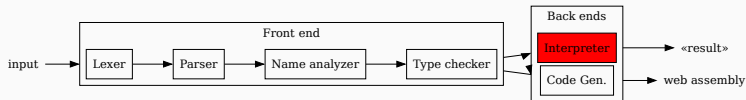
But that would be a bit difficult to do at once ...

## The interpreter *phase*

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# Lab01

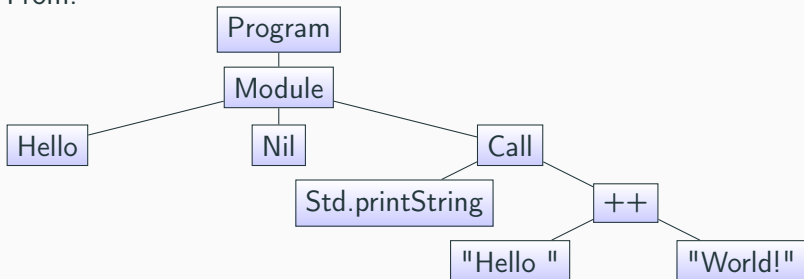


We "only" have to interpret the result of the front end.

The front end (which you will implement in labs 2,3&4) produces a data structure called an *Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)*.

# Interpreting an AST

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An approximate definition of the AST is available on gitlab<sup>1</sup>.

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## Doing the lab

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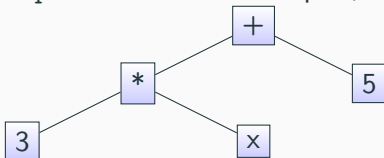
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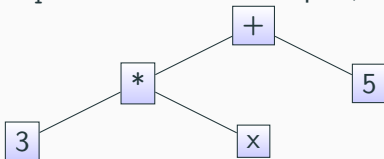


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- `locals` maps variable identifiers into their values, e.g.

```
{  
  x -> 8,  
  bestFruit -> "Tomato"  
}
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# Workflow

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- Implement the required semantic:

```
case Times(lhs, rhs) => IntValue(  
  interpret(lhs).asInt *  
  interpret(rhs).asInt  
)
```

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```
sbt:amyc> run examples/Bogus.scala
```

```
[info] running amyc.Main examples/Bogus.scala
```

```
[ Error ] examples/Bogus.scala:2:17: Type error: expected Boolean, found String
```

```
[ Error ]           "Amy <3" || 5
```

```
[ Error ]           ^
```

```
[ Error ] examples/Bogus.scala:2:29: Type error: expected Boolean, found Int
```

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```
[ Fatal ] There were errors.
```

So you can assume that the AST always represents a valid program.

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...but you should write your own.

*«If I were to take something from this course, it would be learning to write good tests»*

Rodrigo

## Tips and tricks

- Read The Fine Manual: the specification<sup>4</sup> contains every information you need:
  - ▷ Section 1 explains most features of Amy;
  - ▷ Section 3 contains crucial details for this assignment;
  - ▷ Reading section 2 might also help you understand some intricacies of Amy;
- Even though the file is not included in the skeleton, `SymbolicTreeModule.scala`<sup>5</sup> is useful to know what the fields of the different nodes of the AST are;
- The handout and the comments contain some additional hints on how to implement some of the most difficult parts;
- You can run `examples/`tests even with an incomplete interpreter.

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**Good Luck !**

## Q&A

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- Should we merge our code in main/master when done ?
  - ▷ No, but you will usually have to merge your code into the new labs, e.g. merge lab02 into lab03.