# 42 Programming Language Iterative compilation

# Flattening

```
A:{ 'a class with "m" returning a class with "foo" type method Library m() { N foo() 42N }
'in Java this would look like
'static Library m() {return { int foo() {return 42;}};}
}
B: A.m() 'a class generated using library A
```

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}
B:{ N foo() 42N }'a class
```

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```
■N: {..}'number
                      N: { . . } ' number
                                            N: { . . } ' number
                                                                  N: {..}' number
■S:{..}'string
                      S: {..}'string
                                            S: { . . } ' string
                                                                  S: { . . } ' string
■A: {.. }'uses N,S
                      A: { . . }'uses N,S
                                            A: { . . }'uses N, S
                                                                  A: { . . }'uses N, S
B: A.m()'uses A
                      B: A.m()' A,N,S
                                            B: A.m()' ok
                                                                  B: { . . } ' uses A, N, S
■D:{..E..}
                      D:{..E..}
                                            ■D:{..E..}
                                                                  D:{..E..}
■C: B.m({..D..})
                      ■C: B.m({..D..})
                                            ■C: B.m({..D..})
                                                                  ■C: B.m({..D..})
■E: ..
                      ■E: ..
                                            ■E: ..
                                                                  ■E: ..
```

- find the first class that requires meta execution.
- type-check all the (transitively) used classes, starting from the expression.
- type-check the yellow expression. We have enough type information now.
- execute the well typed expression. Now we get a class. By construction, this class can only refer to the types collected before. Does it means it is already guaranteed to be well-typed?

Type-check steps can end the execution with a type error, while the execution step can end the execution with an exception.

```
N: {..}' number
                     N: { . . } ' number
                                          N: { . . } ' number
                                                                N: {..}' number
S: { . . }' string
                     S:{..}'string
                                          S:{..}'string
                                                                S: { . . }' string
A: { . . } 'uses N, S
                     A: {... }'uses N, S
                                          A: {... }'uses N, S
                                                                A: { . . }'uses N, S
■B:{..}'uses A,N,S ■B:{..}'uses A,N,S
                                          B:{..}'uses A,N,S
                                                                B: { . . } ' uses A, N, S
■D:{..E..}
                     ■D:{..E..}'uses E
                                          ■D:{..E..}'uses E
                                                                D:{..E..}
 C: B.m({..D..})
                     C: B.m({..D..})
                                          C: B.m({..D..})
                                                                ■C:{..}'uses?
                                          ■E: ..'hello?
E: ..
                     ■E: ..'hello?
                                                                ■E: ..
```

- find the first class that requires meta execution.
- type-check the used classes. This time, we have a class literal that uses D (that uses E). What happens here?
- type-check the yellow expression. We have enough type information now.

Can we proceed without verifying { . . D . . }? How the decorators/composition operators are going to work over a non verified { . . D . . }?

```
N: {..}' number
                                          N: { . . } ' number
                                                               N: {..}' number
                       ====>
S: { . . }' string
                                          S:{..}'string
                                                               S:{..}'string
A: { . . } 'uses N, S
                                          A:{..}'uses N,S
                                                               A: {.. }'uses N,S
                       ====>
B: { . . } ' uses A, N, S
                                          B:{..}'uses A,N,S
                                                               B:{..}'uses A,N,S
■D:{..E..}
                                          ■D:{..E..}
                       ====>
                                                               D: { . . E . . }
■C:{..}'uses E
                                          ■C:{..}'uses E
                                                               C:{..}'uses E
■E: ..
                                          ■E:{..}
                                                               ■E: . .
                       ====>
```

- Eventually, we resolve also E.
- Finally, some class may still be not type-checked
- As a last step, we verify all those classes.

# Flattening

```
I: {interface
  method N m() }
C:{
  type method Library myReusableCode() {<: I
    method m() 42N
  }
}
D:C.myReusableCode()</pre>
```

```
I: {interface
  method N m() }
C: ...
D:{<: I 'note, there is no relation between D and C
  method m() 42N
}</pre>
```

```
C:{
    type method Library a() {
        method N ml(N that) that+lN
    }
}
D:{
    method N ml(N that) that+lN
    method N m2(N that) this.ml(that)+lN
    }
    ' "this" is of type Outer0 *and* Outer1::D
```

# Sometimes, we need to delay type checking for code in class literals.

# By using D I can refer to the type "after" the composition

```
C:{    'this code is required to be completely well typed
        'before D can be generated

type method Library a() {
    method N m1(N that) that+1N
    }
}
D:Use[ C.a() ] < {'code not required to be checked at this stage.
    method N m2(N that, D other) other.m1(that)+1N
} 'note, no declaration for m1!</pre>
```

```
C:{
    type method Library a() {
        method N m1 (N that) that+1N
    }
}
D:{'the code will be checked to be well typed now!
    method N m1 (N that) that+1N
    method N m2 (N that, D other) other.m1 (that)+1N
}
```

### Is this code still ok? why or why not?

```
C:{    'this code is required to be completely well typed
        'before D can be generated

type method Library a() {
    method N ml(N that) that+1N
    }
}
D:Use[ C.a() ] < {'code not required to be checked at this stage.
    method N m2(N that, D other) this.ml(that)+1N
} 'note, no declaration for ml!</pre>
```

```
C:{
   type method Library a() {
     method N ml (N that) that+lN
   }
}
D:{'this code is now available to type-check
   method N ml (N that) that+lN
   method N m2 (N that, D other) this.ml (that)+lN
}
```

## What happens here?

```
D:Use[{ method T foo()...}]<<Adapt[ Name"foo()" into: Name"bar()" ] < {
    method D foo() this
    method Any m1() this.foo().foo()
    }</pre>
```

#### rewrites to

```
D:Use[{ method T foo()...}] < {
  method D bar() this
  method Any ml() this.bar().foo()
}</pre>
```

#### rewrites to

```
D: {
  method T foo() ...
  method D bar() this
  method Any ml() this.bar().foo()
}
```

Here this.foo () returns D, and we do not know what methods D will have.

# Sometimes "typish" information is needed for the operators to work

## What happens here?

```
D:Adapt[ Name"m() " into Name"k() " ] < {
  method Outer0 m1() this.m().m()
}</pre>
```

If this.m() returns outer0 I have to rename both calls, otherwise only the first one. But there is no method outer0 m() in the code. Should be an error/exception trying to rename a method that is not declared?