

Abstract Syntax Trees

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Syntax Definition Formalism [8]

```

module Tiger-Expressions
imports Tiger-Lexicals Tiger-Literals
exports
  sorts Exp Var
  context-free syntax
    Id          → Var          {cons("Var")}
    Var         → LValue
    LValue "." Id → LValue      {cons("FieldVar")}
    LValue "[" Exp "]" → LValue {cons("Subscript")}
    IntConst     → Exp         {cons("Int")}
    StrConst     → Exp         {cons("String")}
    "nil"        → Exp         {cons("NilExp")}
    LValue       → Exp
    Var "(" {Exp ","}* ")" → Exp {cons("Call")}
    Id "=" Exp    → InitField {cons("InitField")}
    TypeId "{" {InitField ","}* "}" → Exp {cons("Record")}
    TypeId "[" {Exp ","}* "+" "]" "of" Exp → Exp {cons("Array")}
  
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        name           OCTET STRING,
        number         INTEGER,
        street         OCTET STRING,
        apartNumber    INTEGER OPTIONAL,
        postOffice     OCTET STRING,
        state          OCTET STRING,
        zipCode        INTEGER
    }
END
```

ASN.1

Tags to avoid problems similar to matching $a*a*$.

Example DEFINITIONS ::=

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    Letter ::= SEQUENCE {
        opening      OCTET STRING,
        body         OCTET STRING,
        closing      OCTET STRING,
        receiverAddr [0] AddressType OPTIONAL,
        senderAddr   [1] AddressType OPTIONAL
    }

```

END

ATerms

Grammar of ATerms

```

t  ::= bt                -- basic term
    | bt { t }          -- annotated term
bt ::= C                 -- constant
    | C(t1,...,tn)       -- n-ary constructor
    | (t1,...,tn)        -- n-ary tuple
    | [t1,...,tn]        -- list
    | "ccc"              -- quoted string
    | int                -- integer
    | real               -- floating point number
    | blob               -- binary large object
    
```

C is a *constructor* name — an identifier or a quoted string [2].

Examples of ATerms

constants `abc`

numerals `42`

literals `"asdf"`

lists `[], [1, "abc" 2], [1, 2, [3, 4]]`

functions `f("a"), g(1, [])`

annotations `f("a") {"remark"}`

Other Frameworks

- SGML/XML
 - YAXX: YAcc eXtension to XML [11]
- CORBA
- JSON
- YAML
- S-expressions (sexps)

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Simple Grammar

$$\langle \text{exp} \rangle ::= \langle \text{exp} \rangle ('+' \mid '-' \mid '*' \mid '/') \langle \text{exp} \rangle$$
$$\mid \langle \text{num} \rangle .$$

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    {}

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private:
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Invoking and Printing

```
int
main ()
{
    Bin* bin = new Bin ('+', new Num (42), new Num (51));
    Exp* exp = bin;
    std::cout << "Exp: " << *exp << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Bin: " << *bin << std::endl;
    delete bin;
}
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    unsigned tab;
};

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void traverse (stick_t& s, const Bin& e);
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```

- Better yet: **make them objects**.

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Visitors encapsulate the traversal **data** and **algorithm**.

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        ostr_ << '('; ...
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    ostream& ostr_;
    unsigned tab_;
};
```

Class Visitor

```
#include <iostream>

// Fwd.
class Exp;
class Bin;
class Num;

class Visitor
{
public:
    virtual void visitBin (const Bin& exp) = 0;
    virtual void visitNum (const Num& exp) = 0;
};
```

Classes Exp and Num

```
class Exp {  
public:  
    virtual void accept (Visitor& v) const = 0;  
};
```

```
class Num : public Exp {  
public:  
    Num (int val)  
        : Exp (), val_ (val)  
    {}  
  
    virtual void accept (Visitor& v) const {  
        v.visitNum (*this);  
    }
```

```
private:  
    int val_;  
};
```


Class Bin

```
class Bin : public Exp
{
public:
    Bin (char op, Exp* l, Exp* r)
        : Exp (), oper_ (op), lhs_ (l), rhs_ (r)
    {}

    virtual ~Bin () {
        delete lhs_; delete rhs_;
    }

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private:
    char oper_; Exp* lhs_; Exp* rhs_;
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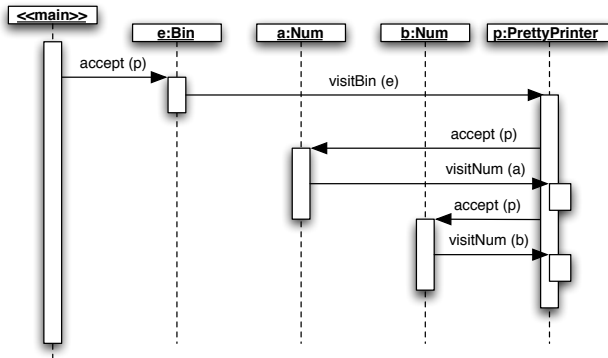
operator<< and main

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operator<< (std::ostream& o, const Exp& e)
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    e.accept (printer);
    return o;
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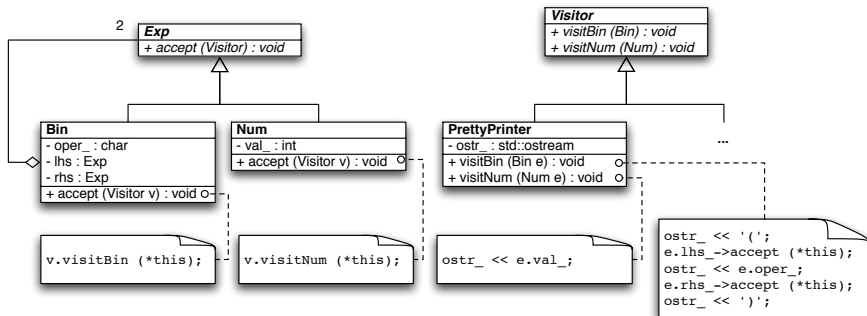
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main ()
{
    Bin* bin = new Bin ('+', new Num (42), new Num (51));
    Exp* exp = bin;
    std::cout << "Bin: " << *bin << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Exp: " << *exp << std::endl;
    delete bin;
}
```

A pretty-printing sequence diagram

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A class diagram: Visitor and Composite design patterns



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        e.rhs_->accept (*this); int rhs = value;  
        ... value = lhs + rhs; ...  
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Visitor Combinators

- Work and traversal are still too heavily interrelated
- Create visitors from basic traversal bricks: *combinators* [9].

Combinator	Description
Identity	Do nothing.
Sequence(v_1, v_2)	Sequentially run visitor v_1 then v_2 .
Fail	Raise an exception.
Choice(v_1, v_2)	Try visitor v_1 ; if v_1 fails, try v_2 .
All(v)	Apply visitor v sequentially to every immediate subtree.
One(v)	Apply visitor v sequentially to the immediate subtrees until it succeeds.

Visitor Combinators (cont.)

- Combine them to create visiting strategies.

$\text{Twice}(v) =_{\text{def}} \text{Sequence}(v, v)$

$\text{Try}(v) =_{\text{def}} \text{Choice}(v, \text{Identity})$

$\text{TopDown}(v) =_{\text{def}} \text{Sequence}(v, \text{All}(\text{TopDown}(v)))$

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Quicksort in Haskell

```
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qsort (x:xs) = qsort lt_x ++ [x] ++ qsort ge_x  
              where lt_x = [y | y <- xs, y <  x]  
                    ge_x = [y | y <- xs, x <= y]
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AST Generators

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Yacc grammar

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```

```
%%
```

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    | expr '*' expr  
    | expr '/' expr  
    | '-' expr  
    ;
```

Treecc: a simple example for expressions (cont). [4]

Treecc description file

```
%node expression %abstract %typedef
%node binary expression %abstract = {
    expression* expr1;
    expression* expr2;
}
%node unary expression %abstract = {
    expression* expr;
}
%node intnum expression = {
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}
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%node negate unary
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Yacc grammar augmented to build the parse tree

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    float        fnum;
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Tiger Abstract Syntax

```
/Ast/                (Location location)
/Exp/                ()
*   ArrayExp
*   AssignExp
*   BreakExp
*   CallExp
*   MethodCallExp
    CastExp           (Exp exp, Ty ty)
    ForExp            (VarDec vardec, Exp hi, Exp body)
*   IfExp
    IntExp            (int value)
*   LetExp
    NilExp            ()
*   ObjectExp
    OpExp             (Exp left, Oper oper, Exp right)
*   RecordExp
*   SeqExp
*   StringExp
    WhileExp          (Exp test, Exp body)
```

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/Ast/                (Location location)
  /Exp/              ()
*   /Var/
      CastVar        (Var var, Ty ty)
*   FieldVar
      SimpleVar       (Symbol name)
      SubscriptVar    (Var var, Exp index)

/Dec/                (Symbol name)
  FunctionDec        (VarDecs formals, NameTy result, Exp body)
  MethodDec          ()
  TypeDec             (Ty ty)
  VarDec             (NameTy type_name, Exp init)

/Ty/                 ()
  ArrayTy            (NameTy base_type)
  ClassTy            (NameTy super, DecsList decs)
  NameTy             (Symbol name)
*   RecordTy
    
```

Tiger Abstract Syntax

<code>DecsList</code>	<code>(decs_type decs)</code>
<code>Field</code>	<code>(Symbol name, NameTy type_name)</code>
<code>FieldInit</code>	<code>(Symbol name, Exp init)</code>

Tiger Abstract Syntax

Some of these classes also inherits from other classes.

/Escapable/

VarDec (NameTy type_name, Exp init)

/Typable/

/Dec/ (Symbol name)

/Exp/ ()

/Ty/ ()

/TypeConstructor/

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FunctionDec (VarDecs formals, NameTy result, Exp body)

TypeDec (Ty ty)

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Desugaring in Abstract Syntax

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    new OpExp (@$, $3, OpExp::ne, new IntExp (@2, 0)),
    new IntExp (@2, 0));
}
```

Desugaring in Concrete Syntax

```
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{
  $$ = parse::parse (parse::Tweast () <<
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Stubs in AST nodes

'ast/let-exp.cc'

```
void LetExp::accept (ConstVisitor& v) const
{
    v (*this);
}

void LetExp::accept (Visitor& v)
{
    v (*this);
}
```

This can be factored by inheritance [1].

Inheritance to Factor (Mixin)

'parse/metavar-map.hh'

```
template <typename Data>
struct MetavarMap
{
    /// Append a metavariable.
    void append_ (int k,
                  Data* d);
    /// Extract a metavariable.
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    /// Metavariables.
    map<int, Data*> map_;
};
```

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