CC Lecture 18

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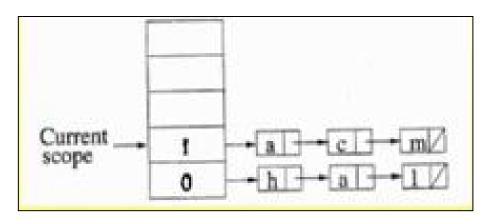
Nested Lexical Scoping

- So, hierarchically from one nesting level to the previous nesting level till it comes to the outermost level, the definition of a variable is checked/searched.
- Visibility rules are used to resolve conflicts arising due to the same variable being defined more than once.
- In this case, the innermost declaration closest to the reference is used.
- To implement the symbol tables with nested scope:
 - 1. One table for each scope
 - 2. A single global table

One Table per scope

- Maintain a different table for each scope
- A stack is used to remember the scopes of the symbol tables
- Here, Lists, Trees, Hash tables can be used.

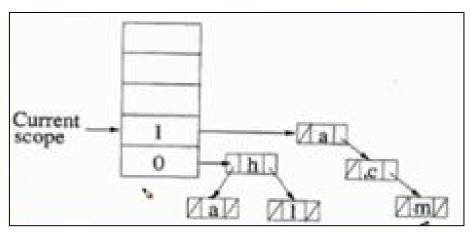
Scoped Symbol Table: List



Current scope pointer points to current scope

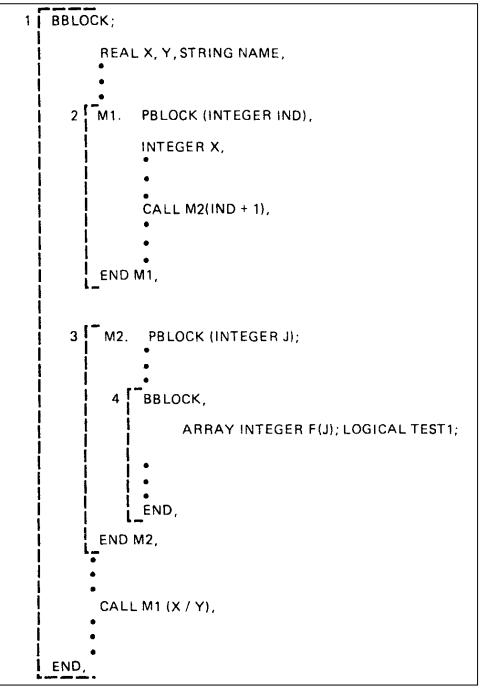
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Nesting levels
int h, a, l;
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Scoped Symbol Table: Tree

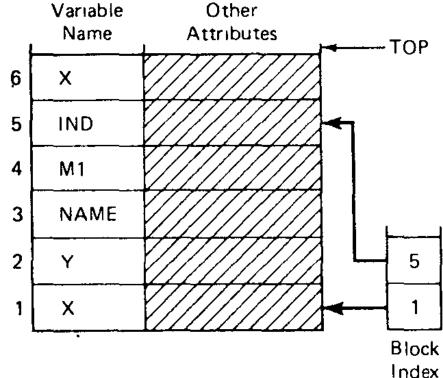


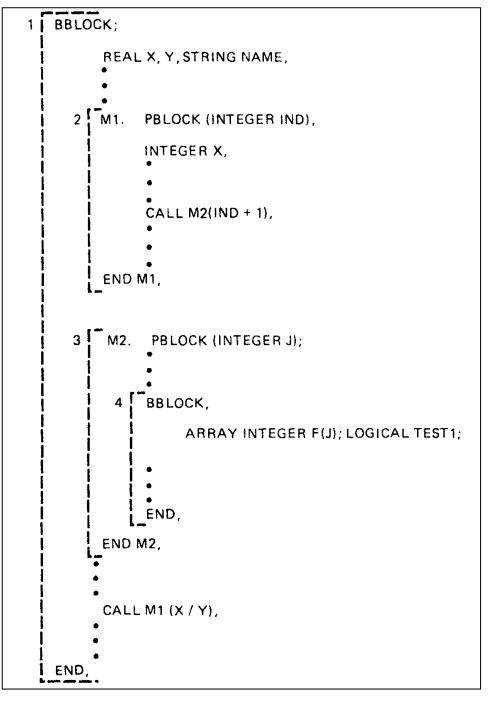
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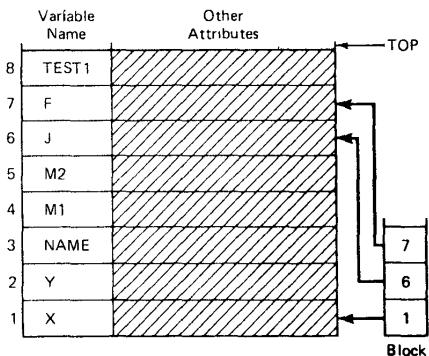


 Stack Symbol table just prior to completing the compilation of block 2

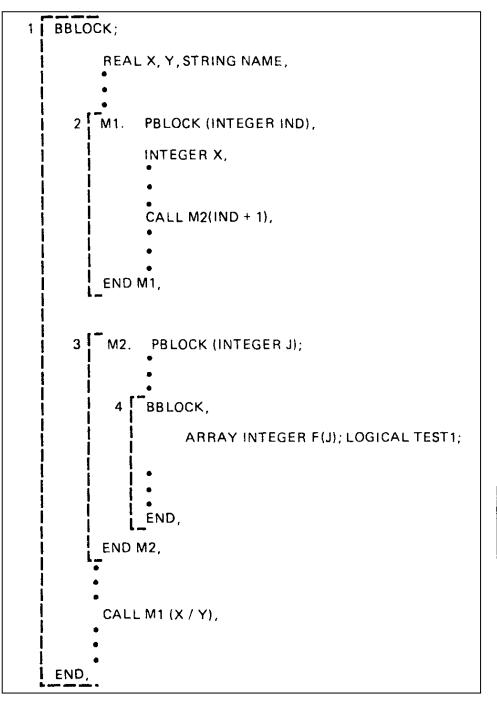




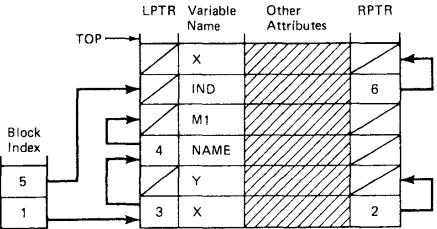
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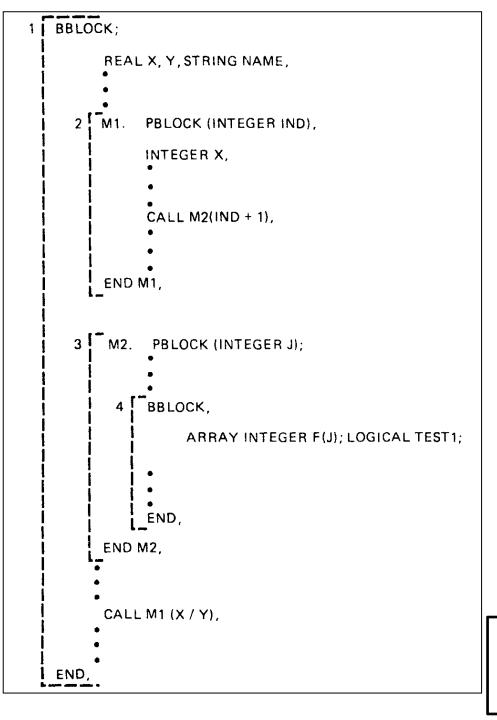


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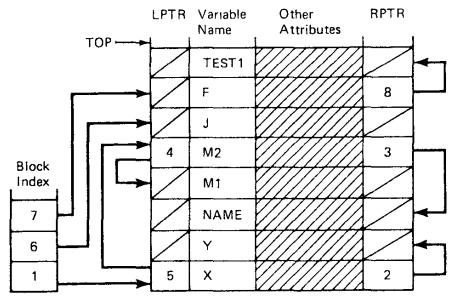


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 Tree-structured Symbol table just prior to completing the compilation of block 2

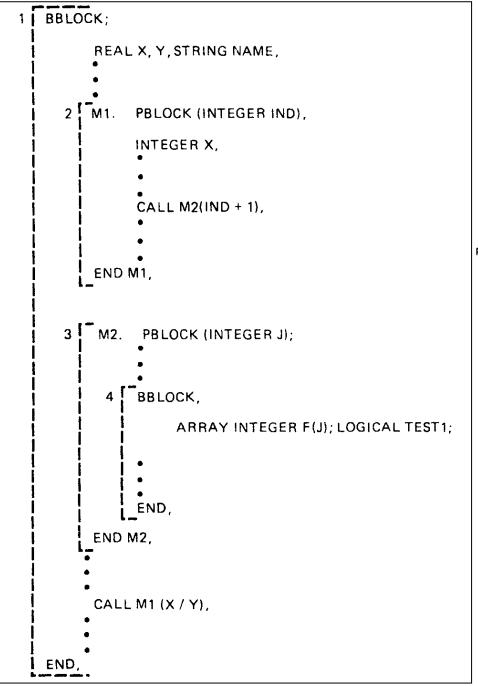




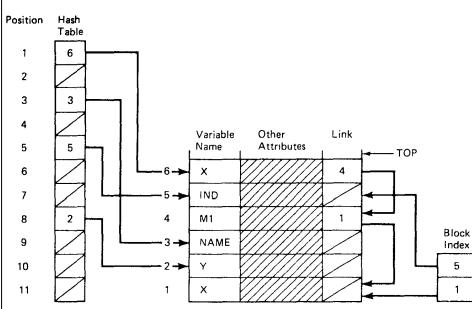
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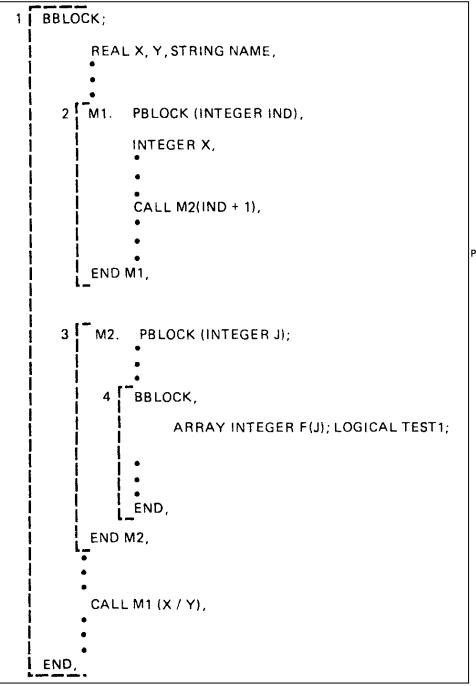


NOTE: for LPTR of X = 5: When M2 is added, tree becomes left heavy, apply double rotation to balance the tree.

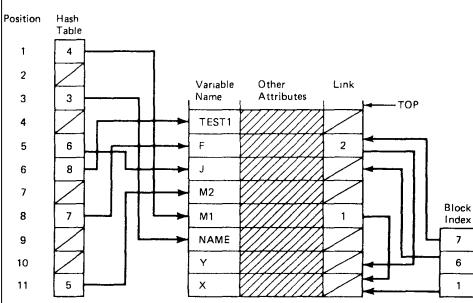


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 Hash Symbol table just
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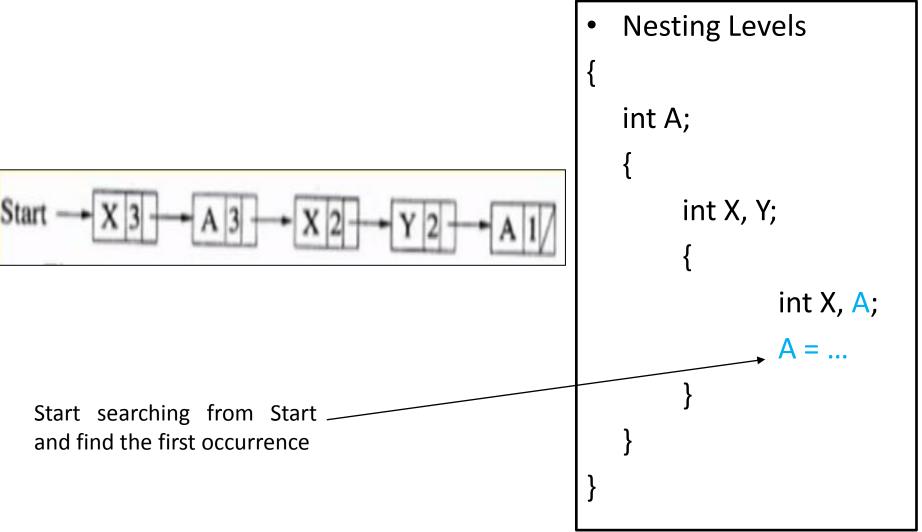
Limitations of One Table for each scope

- For a single-pass compiler, the table can be popped out and destroyed when the scope is closed but same is not true for multi-pass compiler.
 - Closing of scope means deleting all the variables declared in that scope when that scope ends.
- Search may be expensive if the variable is defined much above in the hierarchy.
- What about the table size allotted to each block??
 - Underutilized or insufficient table size if estimation is not proper.

One Table for All Scopes

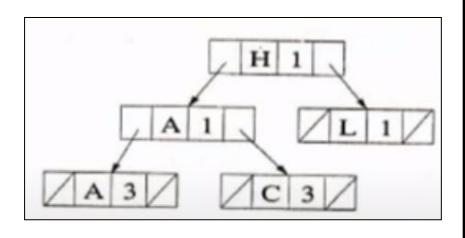
- All identifiers are stored in a single table.
- Each entry in the symbol table has an extra field for identifying the scope.
- To search for an identifier, start with the highest scope number, then try the entries with next lesser scope numbers and so on.
- When a scope gets closed, all the identifiers with that scope number are removed from the table.
- More suitable for single pass compilers.
- Here also table can be represented as list, tree or hash table.

One Table for All Scopes -List



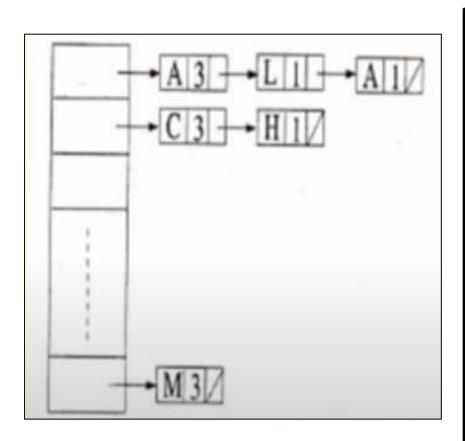
*ImageRef: NPTEL course on Compiler Design by PROF. SANTANU CHATTOPADHYAY

One Table for All Scopes -Tree



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Nesting Levels
int H, A, L;
              int A, C;
```

One Table for All Scopes – Hash



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Nesting Levels
int L, A, H;
              int A, C, M;
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Advantage of using a Single Table

- Multiple tables need not be maintained.
- All information can be found from one table.
- But it totally depends on the compiler designer to choose between one table for all scope or one table for each scope.