# The Whiley Language Specification

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### Introduction

- 1.1 Overview
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#### **Lexical Structure**

- 2.1 Indentation
- 2.2 Blocks
- 2.3 Whitespace
- 2.4 Identifiers

# **Compilation Units**

- 3.1 Type Declarations
- 3.2 Constant Declarations
- 3.3 Function & Method Declarations
- 3.4 Visibility Modifiers
- 3.5 Packages
- 3.6 Imports

## **Types**

#### 4.1 Overview

Discuss syntactic versus semantic types.

#### 4.2 Primitives

#### 4.2.1 Any

AnyType ::= any // type any

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- 4.2.2 Void
- 4.2.3 Null
- 4.2.4 Bool
- 4.2.5 Char
- 4.2.6 Int
- 4.2.7 Real
- **4.3** Collection Types
- 4.4 Union Types
- 4.5 Intersection Types
- 4.6 Negation Types
- 4.7 Reference Types
- 4.8 Subtyping

Discussion or present subtyping algorithm?

```
Expr
                                              // Expressions
  Cond
              Append [ Cop Expr ]
                                              // Condition Expressions
              Range [ | ++ | Expr ]
Append
                                              // Append Expressions
              AddSub [ | \dots | Expr ]
 Range
                                              // Range Expressions
              MulDiv\ [\ (
                                              // Additive Expressions
AddSub
                                              // Multiplicative Expressions
MulDiv\\
              ???
  Index
                                              // Index Expressions
```

Figure 5.1: Syntax for Binary Expressions

## **Expressions**

#### **5.1** Binary Expressions

Term	::=	// Terms	
		Constant	// Constant expressions
		Identifier	// Identifier expressions
		$Expr_1 \left( \begin{array}{ c c } \hline & Expr_i \end{array} \right)^+$	// Tuple expressions
		lacksquare	// Bracketed expressions
		$oxed{\mid Expr \mid}$	// Size expressions
		$Identifier \ \ \ \ \ \ [\ Expr_1\ (\ \ ,\ Expr_i\ )^+\ ] \ \ \ )$	// Invocation expressions
		$(\boxed{-}  \boxed{!} \boxed{\tilde{\&}} \boxed{\star}) Expr$	// Unary expressions
		$oxed{ ext{new}} Expr$	// Allocation expressions
		$\boxed{\{\ [\ Expr_1\ (\boxed{\ ,\ }\ Expr_i\ )^*\ ]\boxed{\}}}$	// Set expressions
		$ \boxed{ \{ \hspace{0.1cm} \big  \hspace{0.1cm} [Expr_1 \hspace{0.1cm} \boxed{=>} \hspace{0.1cm} Expr_1' \hspace{0.1cm} (\hspace{0.1cm} \boxed{\hspace{0.1cm}, \hspace{0.1cm}} \hspace{0.1cm} Expr_i \hspace{0.1cm} \boxed{=>} \hspace{0.1cm} Expr_i' \hspace{0.1cm})^* \hspace{0.1cm} \big] \hspace{0.1cm} \} } $	// Map expressions
			// List expressions
		$ \boxed{ \{ \hspace{0.1cm} [ \hspace{0.1cm} n_1 \hspace{0.1cm}   \hspace{0.1cm} : \hspace{0.1cm} Expr_1 \hspace{0.1cm} ( \hspace{0.1cm} , \hspace{0.1cm} n_i \hspace{0.1cm}   \hspace{0.1cm} : \hspace{0.1cm} Expr_i \hspace{0.1cm} )^* \hspace{0.1cm} ] \hspace{0.1cm} \} } $	// Record expressions

Figure 5.2: Syntax for Term Expressions

Figure 5.3: Syntax for Constant Expressions



Figure 5.4: Syntax for Identifiers

#### **Statements**

- **6.1 Variable Declarations**
- **6.2** Assign Statements
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