The Whiley Language Specification

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Types

4.1 Overview

Discuss syntactic versus semantic types.

4.2 Primitives

```
PrimitiveType ::=

AnyType
VoidType
NullType
BoolType
CharType
IntType
RealType
```

4.2.1 Any Type

```
AnyType ::= any
```

Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.2.2 Void Type

```
VoidType ::= void
```

Description. The **void** type represents the type whose variables cannot exist! That is, they cannot hold any possible value. Void is used to represent the return type of a function which does not return anything. However, it is also used to represent the element type of an empty list of set.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes. The void type is a subtype of everything; that is, it is bottom in the type lattice.

4.2.3 Null Type

```
NullType ::= null
```

Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.2.4 Bool Type

```
BoolType ::= bool
```

Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.2.5 Char Type

CharType ::= char

Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.2.6 Int Type

```
IntType ::= int
```

Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.2.7 Real Type

```
RealType ::= real
```

Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.3 Tuple Types

```
TupleType ::= ( Type ( , Type )* )
```

Description.

Examples. Semantics. Notes. **Record Types** 4.4 ${ \{ | \text{Type Identifier}(|, | \text{Type Identifier})^* | \} }$ RecordType Description. Examples. Semantics. Notes. 4.5 **Reference Types** & Type ReferenceType ::= Description. Examples. Semantics. Notes. 4.6 **Nominal Types** NominalType ::= Identifier Description. Examples. Semantics. Notes.

4.7 Collection Types

4.7.1 Set Type

SetType :	::= { Type }
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Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.7.2 Map Type

```
MapType ::= { Type => Type }
```

Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.7.3 List Type

```
ListType ::= [ Type ]
```

Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.8 Union Types

Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.9 Intersection Types

Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.10 Negation Types

NegationType ::= ! Ty

Description.

Examples.

Semantics.

Notes.

4.11 Subtyping

Discussion or present subtyping algorithm?

```
Cond [( | \&\& | | | + | |) Expr ]
   Expr
                                                   // Expressions
  Cond
                Append [ Cop Expr ]
                                                   // Condition Expressions
                Range\ [
                          ++ |Expr|
Append
                                                   // Append Expressions
                AddSub [ | ... | 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

```
// Terms
Term
        ::=
               Constant
                                                                                // Constant expressions
               Identifier \\
                                                                                // Identifier expressions
                             Expr_i)+
                                                                                // Tuple expressions
                   Expr
                                                                                // Bracketed expressions
                                                                                // Size expressions
                   Expr
                                [Expr_1(|,|Expr_i)^+]|)
               Identifier
                                                                                // Invocation expressions
                                                                                // Unary expressions
                new \mid Expr
                                                                                // Allocation expressions
                  |[Expr_1(|,|Expr_i)^*]|
                                                                                // Set expressions
                    |Expr_1| \Rightarrow |Expr_1'| \left( \mid, \mid Expr_i \mid \Rightarrow |Expr_i'|^* \right) | 
                                                                                // Map expressions
                                  Expr_i)*]|]
                                                                                // List expressions
                                     | , | n_i | : | Expr_i )^* ] | 
                                                                                // Record expressions
```

Figure 5.2: Syntax for Term Expressions

Figure 5.3: Syntax for Constant Expressions

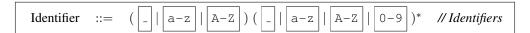


Figure 5.4: Syntax for Identifiers

Statements

- **6.1 Variable Declarations**
- 6.2 Assign Statements
- **6.3** Return Statements
- **6.4** If/Else Statements
- **6.5** While Statements
- 6.6 Do/While Statements
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