# Langages systèmes 1 - Introduction to Ada

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#### This class

#### Purpose

- · Understand what's at stake when chosing a language for a systems project
- Compare two examples of languages designed mainly for systems programming, with a focus on safety/security: Rust & Ada

#### **Evaluation**

- · 100% TP exercises. No exam, no project.
- · However, plan sometime beyond the classes to finish the TPs



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## History

- In the seventies, the DOD suffers from an explosion of the number of programming languages used.
- They launch an international competition to design a language that fullfils all the requirements (1974)



## History

- · Several propositions
- · Winner: Jean Ichbiah's team, CII Honeywell Bull
- First standard of the language langage (ANSI, ISO): 1983
- · Major revisions in 1995, 2005, 2012.



#### Requirements

- · General purpose
  - · Efficient, simple, implementable
- · Safety critical
  - · Results in maintainable code
  - · Portable
  - · Resilient/safe
- · Standard should be clear and non ambiguous
- · Should work on embedded platforms
- · Should handle concurrency/parallelism
- · Should allow low-level data handling/hardward interface



#### Result: Ada

- · Syntax: Algol/Pascal derivative
- · Imperative (like Fortran, Cobol, C/C++, Java, Python...)
- · Tasking/parallelism integrated into the language
- · Modular (packages, modules, libraries)
- · A lot of static AND dynamic checking



### Ada today

## Priviledged markets

- · Real time systems
- · Safety critical/mission critical systems
- Security critical systems

#### Exemples

- · NVIDIA firmware (SPARK)
- · Arianne 6
- · 787 Dreamliner (Common Core System)
- · Airbus A350 XWB (Air Data Inertial Reference Unit)
- · Sentinel 1 (Environmental Satellite System)
- · Canadian Space Arm
- · Meteor (metro line 14)



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## Example: Hello, World

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
-- Display a welcome message
procedure Greet is
begin
   Put_Line ("Hello, world!");
end Greet;
```

```
$ gnatmake greet.adb
$ ./greet
```

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Imperative language



```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
begin
  for I in 1 .. 10 loop
    Put_Line("Hello, World!");
  end loop;
end Greet;
```

- I here denotes a constant that is only accessible in the loop.
- "1 .. 10" is a range.
- Put\_Line is a procedure call. procedure is like a fn returning void in C/C++.



```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 1;
begin
   while I < 10 loop
      Put_Line("Hello, World!");
   end loop;
end Greet;
```

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
    I : Integer := 1;
begin
    loop
    Put_Line("Hello, World!");
    exit when I = 5;
    -- Exit statement - takes a boolean condition
    I := I + 1;
end loop;
end Greet;
```

```
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      if I = 5 then
      elsif I = 0 then
        Put_Line ("Hello, World!");
      end if;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 1;
begin
   loop
      if I = 5 or else I = 12 then
      elsif I < 5 and then I > 2 then
        Put Line ("I = 3 | 4");
      else
        Put_Line("Hello, World!");
      end if;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



```
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      case T is
         when 0 => Put_Line ("Starting...");
         when 3 .. 4 => Put Line ("Hello");
         when 7 | 9 => exit;
         when others => Put Line ("Hello, World!");
      end case;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Quizz: Imperative language

## Quizz 1: Is there a compilation error?

```
for I in 10 .. 1 loop
   Put_Line("Hello, World!");
end loop;
```

## Quizz 2: Is there a compilation error?

```
for I in reverse 1 .. 10 loop
    Put_Line("Hello, World!");
end loop;
```



## Quizz 3: Is there a compilation error?

```
procedure Hello is
    I : Integer;
begin
    for I in 1 .. 10 loop
    Put_Line ("Hello, World!");
    end loop;
end Hello;
```

## Quizz 4: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

procedure Greet is
    I : Integer;
begin
    while I < 10 loop
        Put_Line("Hello, World!");
        I := I + 1;
    end loop;
end Greet;</pre>
```

## Quizz 5: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

procedure Greet is
    I : Integer := 2;
begin
    while i < 10 loop
        Put_Line ("Hello, World!");
        i := i + 1;
    end loop;
end Greet;</pre>
```

## Quizz 6: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Tools;

procedure Greet is
begin
    loop
    Put_Line("Hello, World!");
    Tools.My_Proc;
end loop;
end Greet;
```

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      if I = 5 then
        if I = 0 then
         end if;
      end if;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
   loop
      case I is
         when 0 =>
         when 1 .. 4 =>
           Put_Line ("Hello");
         when 5 =>
      end case;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```

```
procedure Greet is
begin
   loop
      case I is
         when 0 =>
            Put_Line ("Starting...");
         when 1 .. 4 =>
         when others =>
      end case;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      case I is
         when Integer'First .. 1 =>
         when 1 .. 4 =>
            Put_Line ("Hello");
         when others =>
      end case;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```

## Quizz 11: Which one is an error?

```
V : Integer;

1V : Integer;

V_ : Integer;

_V : Integer;

V__1 : Integer;

V__1 : Integer;

V_1 : Integer;
```

Strongly typed language



## Question

What is a type?



Integer types are just regular types (not built-ins)

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

procedure Greet is
   type My_Int is range 1 .. 20;
   -- Declare a signed integer type, and give the bounds

-- Like variables, declarations can only happen in
   -- declarative region

begin
   for I in My_Int loop
      Put_Line("Hello, World!");
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type My_Int is range 1 .. 20;
begin
   for I in My_Int loop
      if I = My_Int'Last then
        Put_Line ("Bye");
        Put_Line("Hello, World!");
      end if;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



```
procedure Greet is
    A: Integer := Integer'Last;
    B: Integer;
begin
    B:= A + 5;
    -- This operation will overflow, eg. it will
    -- raise an exception at runtime.
end Greet;
```



```
with Ada. Text_IO; use Ada. Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type My_Int is range 1 .. 20;
  A : My_Int := 12;
   B : My_Int := 15;
  M : My_Int := (A + B) / 2;
begin
   for I in 1 .. M loop
      Put_Line("Hello, World!");
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



```
with Ada. Text IO; use Ada. Text IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
                 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
begin
   for I in Days loop
      case T is
         when Saturday .. Sunday =>
            Put Line ("Week end!");
         when others =>
            Put_Line ("Hello on " & Days'Image (I));
      end case;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



#### Records

```
type Date is record
-- The following declarations are components of the record
Day : Integer;
Month : Month_Name;
Year : Integer;
end record;
```



### Strong typing

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Meters is range 0 .. 10_000;
   type Miles is range 0 .. 5_000;
   Dist Us : Miles;
   Dist_Eu : constant Meters := 100;
begin
  Dist_Us := Dist_Eu * 1609 / 1000;
   Put_Line (Miles'Image (Dist_Us));
end Greet;
```

#### Strong typing

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

procedure Greet is
    C : Character;
    -- ^ Built-in character type (it's an enum)

begin
    C := '?';
    -- ^ Character literal (enumeration literal)

    C := 64;
    -- ^ Invalid: 64 is not an enumeration literal
end Greet;
```



```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
begin
   Put_Line ("""Ascii"" code of '" & C & "' is"
            & Integer'Image (Character'Pos (C)));
  C := Character'Val (64);
end Greet;
```



```
with Ada. Text IO; use Ada. Text IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
                 Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
   subtype Weekend_Days is Days range Saturday .. Sunday;
begin
   for I in Days loop
      case T is
         when Weekend_Days =>
            Put Line ("Week end!");
         when others =>
            Put_Line ("Hello on " & Days'Image (I));
      end case:
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



#### A subtype doesn't define a type

· All subtypes are of the same type.

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
                 Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
   subtype Weekend Days is Days range Saturday .. Sunday;
   Weekend : Weekend_Days;
begin
   Weekend := Day;
   Weekend := Monday;
end Greet;
```



Quizz: Types



Quizz 1: Is there a compilation error?

type My\_Int is range 1 .. 20.5;



Quizz 2: Is there a compilation error?

type My\_Int is range 1 .. 20.0;



# Quizz 3: Is there a compilation error?

```
A : Integer := 5;
type My_Int is range A .. 20;
```



Quizz 4: Is there a compilation error?

type My\_Int is range 1 .. Integer'Last;



### Quizz 5: Is there a compilation error?

```
type My_Int_1 is range 1 .. Integer'Last;
type My_Int_2 is range Integer'First .. 0;
type My_Int_3 is range My_Int_2'First .. My_Int_2'Last;
```



## Quizz 6: Is there a compilation error?

```
type My_Int_1 is range 1 .. Integer'Last;
subtype My_Int_2 is My_Int_1 range 1 .. 100;

V1 : My_Int_1 := 5;
V2 : My_Int_2;
V2 := V1;
```

# Quizz 7: Is there a compilation error?

```
type My_Int_1 is range 1 .. Integer'Last;
type My_Int_2 is range 1 .. 100;

V1 : My_Int_1 := 5;
V2 : My_Int_2;
V2 := V1;
```

# Quizz 8: Is there a compilation error?

```
type Enum is (E1, E2);
type Enum2 is (E2, E3)
```



Quizz 9: Is there a compilation error?

```
type Bit is ('0', '1')
```



Arrays

### Array type declaration

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type My_Int is range 0 .. 1000;
   type My_Int_Array is array (1 .. 5) of My_Int;
  Arr : My_Int_Array := (2, 3, 5, 7, 11);
begin
   for I in Index loop
      Put (My Int'Image (Arr (I)));
   end loop;
   New_Line;
end Greet;
```



```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   type My_Int is range 0 .. 1000;
   type My_Int_Array is array (11 .. 15) of My_Int;
                               ^ Low bound can be any value
   Tab : My_Int_Array := (2, 3, 5, 7, 11);
begin
   for I in Index loop
      Put (My_Int'Image (Tab (I)));
   end loop;
   New_Line;
end Greet;
```



```
procedure Greet is
   type My Int is range 1 .. 31;
   type Month is (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun,
                  Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec);
   type My_Int_Array is array (Month) of My_Int;
   Tab : constant My_Int_Array :=
    (31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31);
   Feb Days : My Int := Tab (Feb);
begin
   for I in Month loop
      Put Line (My Int'Image (Tab (I)));
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



### Range attribute

#### Unconstrained arrays

```
procedure Greet is
   type Int Array is array (Natural range <>) of Integer;
   Numbers : constant Int_Array (1 .. 100) :=
    (0 => 0, others => 100);
   Numbers_2 : constant Workload_Type :=
      (1 ... 15 => 8, others => 7);
begin
   for I in Numbers'Range loop
      Put Line (Integer'Image (Numbers (I)));
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



### Predefined array type: String



```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   Message : constant String := "Hello World";
begin
   for I in reverse Message'First .. Message'Last loop
                           high bound
      Put (Message (I));
   end loop;
   New_Line;
end Greet;
```



#### **Declaring arrays**

```
with Ada. Text IO; use Ada. Text IO;
procedure Greet is
   type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
                 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
   subtype Day_Name is String (1 .. 2);
   type Days_Name_Type is array (Days) of Day_Name;
   Names : constant Days Name Type :=
    ("Mo", "Tu", "We", "Th", "Fr", "Sa", "Su");
begin
   for I in Names'Range loop
      Put_Line (Names (I));
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



## **Declaring arrays**



Quizz: Arrays

### Quizz 1: Is there a compilation error?

```
-- Natural is a pre-defined subtype.
subtype Natural is Integer range θ .. Integer'Last

type Arr is array (Natural) of Integer;
Name : Arr;
```



Quizz 2: Is there a compilation error?

```
type Arr is array (Natural range <>) of Integer;
Name : Arr;
```



Quizz 3: Is there a compilation error?

type Str\_Array is array (1 .. 10) of String;



Quizz 4: Is there a compilation error?

```
A : constant Integer := 5
```

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Quizz 5: Is there a compilation error?

```
A : constant String (1 .. 12);
```



Modular/Structured programming



## Packages

package Week is
end Week;

#### Packages:

- · Group related declarations together
- · Define an interface (API)
- · Hide the implementation
- · Provide a name space



```
package Week is

-- This is a declarative part. You can put only
-- declarations here, no statements

type Days is (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
   Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday);
type WorkLoad_Type is array (Days range <>) of Natural;
Workload : constant Workload_Type :=
      (Monday .. Friday => 8, Friday => 7, Saturday | Sunday => 0);
end Week;
```

Different from header files in C/C++ because:

- Language level mechanism (not a preprocessor)
- · Not text based
- With'ing a package does not "copy/paste" the content of the spec into your file
- With GNAT, packages specs go in .ads files (here, it would be week.ads)



#### With-ing a package

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Week;
procedure Greet is
   for I in Week.Workload'Range loop
      Put_Line (Integer'Image (Workload (I)));
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



# Using a package

```
with Week;
use Week;
procedure Greet is
begin
   for I in Workload'Range loop
      Put_Line (Integer'Image (Workload (I)));
   end loop;
end Greet;
```

```
package body Week is
   type WorkLoad Type is array (Days range <>) of Natural;
   Workload : constant Workload Type :=
      (Monday .. Friday => 8, Friday => 7, Saturday | Sunday => 0);
   function Get Workload (Day : Days) return Natural is
   begin
      return Workload (Day);
   end:
end Week;
```

· With GNAT, packages bodies go in .adb files (here, it would be week.adb)





```
with Ada.Text_10; use Ada.Text_10;
-- Here we declare and define a procedure without
-- parameters
procedure Greet is
begin
   Put_Line("Hello, World!");
end Greet;
```







```
package body Week is
    -- Implementation of the Get_Day_Name function
    function Get_Day_Name (Day : Days := Monday) return String is
    begin
        case Day is
        when Monday => return "Monday";
        when Tuesday => return "Tuesday";
        ...
        when Sunday => return "Sunday";
        end case;
    end Get_Day_Name;
end Week;
```





```
procedure Swap (A, B : in out Integer)
   Tmp : Integer;
begin
   Tmp := A;
  A := B;
   B := Tmp;
end Swap;
```



```
procedure Test_Swap
is
    X, Y : Integer;
begin
    X := 5;
    Y := 7;
    Swap (X, Y);
    --    ^ Positional parameters
    Swap (A => X, B => Y);
    --    ^ Named parameters
    Swap (B => X, A => Y);
    --    ^ You can reverse the order
end Test_Swap;
```



#### **Function calls**



#### **Function calls**



### Mutually recursive subprograms

```
procedure Compute_A (V : Natural);
procedure Compute_B (V : Natural) is
begin
  if V > 5 then
     Compute_A (V - 1);
   end if;
end Compute_B;
procedure Compute_A (V : Natural) is
begin
  if V > 2 then
     Compute_B (V - 1);
   end if;
end Compute A;
```



## **Nested subprograms**

```
function Quadruple (I : Integer) return Integer is
  function Double (I : Integer) return Integer is
  begin
    return I * 2;
  end Double;
  -- Nested function

begin
  return Double (Double (I));
end Quadruple;
```



Quizz: Packages & subprograms



### Quizz 1: Is there a compilation error?

```
package My_Type is
    type My_Type is range 1 .. 100;
end My_Type;
```



# Quizz 2: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
  function F (A : Integer);
end Pkg;
```



### Quizz 3: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
  function F (A : Integer) return Integer;
  function F (A : Character) return Integer;
end Pkg;
```



### Quizz 4: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
  function F (A : Integer) return Integer;
  procedure F (A : Character);
end Pkg;
```



### Quizz 5: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
  subtype Int is Integer;
  function F (A : Integer) return Integer;
  function F (A : Int) return Integer;
end Pkg;
```



### Quizz 6: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
  procedure Proc (A : Integer);
  procedure Proc (A : in out Integer);
end Pkg;
```



### Quizz 7: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
  procedure Proc (A : in out Integer := 7);
end Pkg;
```



## Quizz 8: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
  procedure Proc (A : Integer := 7);
end Pkg;

package body Pkg is
  procedure Proc (A : Integer) is
    ...
  end Proc;
end Pkg;
```



## Quizz 9: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
   procedure Proc (A : in out Integer);
end Pkg;

package body Pkg is
   procedure Proc (A : in out Integer) is
    ...
   end Proc;

procedure Proc (A : in out Character) is
   ...
end Proc;
end Proc;
end Proc;
end Proc;
```

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## Quizz 10: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg is
   procedure Proc (A : in Integer);
end Pkg;

package body Pkg is
   procedure Proc (A : in Integer);
   procedure Proc (A : in Integer) is
   ...
   end Proc;
end Pkg;
```

## Quizz 11: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkg1 is
end Pkg1;
package Pkg2 is
end Pkg2;
procedure Main is
begin
end Main;
```

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```
package Pkg1 is
end Pkg1;
package Pkg2 is
end Pkg2;
package body Pkg2 is
   procedure Foo is
   begin
   end Foo;
end Pkg2;
```

```
package Pkg1 is
procedure Proc;
end Pkg1;
package Pkg2 is
end Pkg2;
with Pkg1; use Pkg1;
package body Pkg2 is
```



```
package Pkg1 is
  procedure Proc;
with Pkg1;
package Pkg2 is
end Pkg2;
use Pkg1;
package body Pkg2 is
   procedure Foo is
   begin
   end Foo;
end Pkg2;
```

Privacy



### Private part

```
package Stacks is
procedure Hello;

private

procedure Hello2;
-- Not visible from external units
end Stacks;
```



```
package Stacks is
   type Stack is private;
   procedure Push (S : in out Stack; Val : Integer);
   procedure Pop (S : in out Stack; Val : out Integer);
private
   subtype Stack_Index is Natural range 1 .. 10;
   type Content_Type is array (Stack_Index) of Natural;
   type Stack is record
      Top : Stack Index;
      Content : Content_Type;
   end record;
end Stacks;
```



```
package Stacks is
   type Stack is private;
   procedure Push (S : in out Stack; Val : Integer);
   procedure Pop (S : in out Stack; Val : out Integer);
private
   subtype Stack_Index is Natural range 1 .. 10;
   type Content Type is array (Stack Index) of Natural;
   type Stack is record
      Top : Stack_Index;
     Content : Content Type;
   end record;
end Stacks;
```



#### Abstract data types

```
-- No need to read the private part to use the package
package Stacks is
type Stack is private;

procedure Push (S : in out Stack; Val : Integer);
procedure Pop (S : in out Stack; Val : out Integer);
private
...
end Stacks;
```

```
-- Example of use
with Stacks; use Stacks;

procedure Test_Stack is
S: Stack;
Res: Integer;
begin

Push (S, 5);
Push (S, 7);
Pop (S, Res);
end Test_Stack;
```

Quizz: Privacy



#### Quizz 1: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Stacks is
  type Stack;
  procedure Push (S : in out Stack; Val : Integer);
  private
  subtype Stack_Index is Natural range 1 .. 10;
  type Content_Type is array (Stack_Index) of Natural;
  type Stack is record
    Top : Stack_Index;
    Content : Content_Type;
  end record;
end Stacks;
```

## Quizz 2: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Stacks is
type Stack is private;
procedure Push (S : in out Stack; Val : Integer);
private
type Stack is range 1 .. 100;
end Stacks;
```



# Quizz 3: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Stacks is
type Stack is private;
procedure Push (S : in out Stack; Val : Integer);
end Stacks;
```



## Quizz 4: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Stacks is
   type Stack is private;
   procedure Push (S : in out Stack; Val : Integer);
   type Stack is range 1 .. 100;
end Stacks;
with Stacks; use Stacks;
procedure Test is
begin
end Test;
```

# Quizz 5: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Stacks is
   type Stack is private;
  private
   type Stack is range 1 .. 100;
end Stacks;
with Stacks; use Stacks;
package Stacks2 is
   type Stack2 is record
   end record;
end Stacks2;
```



Pointers and dynamic allocation



# General philosophy

- · As much as possible, pointer usage is discouraged in Ada
- Thanks to flexible parameter passing & unconstrained types, you can go pretty far without pointers & dynamic allocation.
- · Most of safety critical/embedded apps dont use them
- · However, not all applications can avoid pointers
- · When they're unavoidable, Ada tries to make them as safe as possible (pre linear typing)



## Simple accesses

```
IA : Integer_Access := new Integer;
begin
    IA := I'Access;
    -- NO DEALLOCATION BY DEFAULT
```



```
procedure Test_Accesses is
    type Integer_Access is access all Integer;
   procedure Inner is
       I : aliased Integer := 12;
        IA : Integer_Access := I'Access;
       type Integer_Access_2 is access all Integer;
        IA2 : Integer_Access_2 := I'Access;
   begin
begin
```



```
with Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation;

procedure Test_Accesses is
    type Integer_Access is access Integer;
    IA : Integer_Access := new Integer'(12);

    procedure Free is new Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation
        (Integer, Integer_Access);

begin
    Free (IA);
    -- IA is set to null afterwards
end;
```



#### Pointers - final words

- Accessibility level is broken, but was meant to solve the same problems as linear types in Rust.
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  No built-in pointer arithmetic: vastly not necessary. Special packages when necessary.
- · Special conveniences for unchecked conversions and stuff like that.



More about records



#### More about records



#### Records with discriminant

```
type Person (Max_Len : Natural) is record

-- ^ Discriminant. Cannot be modified once initialized.

First_Name : String (1 .. Max_Len);

Last_Name : String (1 .. Max_Len);

end record;

-- Person is an indefinite type (like an array)
```



```
type Node_Acc is access Node;
type Op_Kind is (Bin_Op, Un_Op);
type Node (Op : Op_Kind) is record
  Id : Natural;
  case Op is
     when Un Op =>
     when Bin_Op =>
         Left, Right : Node_Acc;
  end case;
end record;
```



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- · The language is safe by default
- No "unsafe" subset, but rather unsafe operations (Unchecked\_Deallocation, Unchecked\_Conversion,...)
- · Safe means:
  - Very little undefined behavior. Most of Ada's behavior is defined (check the Ada reference manual if you don't believe me https://ada-lang.io/docs/arm)
  - · No memory corruption
  - · Illegal operations will result in a runtime exception
- · But it also means:
  - · Make it easy to write readable, maintainable programs
  - Make it easy to specify as much about the program as you can.
  - The behavior cannot always be verified at compile time, but it will be verified at runtime/can be verified by static-analyzers/provers.

