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



Introduction to Ada

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)



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
```



Imperative language



Imperative language - for loops

```
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++.



Imperative language - while loops

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   -- Variable declaration. Only legal in declarative
   I : Integer := 1;
begin
   -- Condition. *Must* be of type boolean
  while I < 10 loop
      Put_Line("Hello, World!");
      I := I + 1:
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Imperative language - General loops

```
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;
```



Imperative language - If/Elsif/Else

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      if I = 5 then
         exit:
      elsif I = 0 then
         Put_Line ("Starting...");
      else
         Put Line ("Hello, World!");
      end if:
      I := I + 1;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Imperative language - If/Else

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



Imperative language - Case statement

```
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      -- Expression must be of a discrete type. All the
      -- values must be covered.
      case I is
         when 0 => Put Line ("Starting...");
         when 3 .. 4 => Put Line ("Hello");
         when 7 \mid 9 \Rightarrow exit;
         -- 'when others' must be the last one and alone (if
         when others => Put Line ("Hello, World!");
      end case:
      I := I + 1;
   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;
```



Quizz 7: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      if I = 5 then
         exit;
      else
         if I = 0 then
            Put_Line ("Starting...");
         else
            Put Line ("Hello, World!");
         end if:
      end if:
      I := I + 1;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Quizz 8: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      case I is
         when 0 =>
            Put Line ("Starting...");
         when 1 \dots 4 \Rightarrow
            Put_Line ("Hello");
         when 5 =>
            exit:
      end case:
      I := I + 1;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Quizz 9: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
begin
   loop
      case I is
         when 0 =>
             Put Line ("Starting...");
         when 1 \dots 4 \Rightarrow
             Put_Line ("Hello");
         when others =>
             exit:
      end case:
      I := I + 1;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Quizz 10: Is there a compilation error?

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   I : Integer := 0;
begin
   loop
      case I is
         when Integer'First .. 1 =>
            Put Line ("Starting...");
         when 1 \dots 4 \Rightarrow
            Put Line ("Hello");
         when others =>
            exit:
      end case:
      I := I + 1;
   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;
```



Strongly typed language

Question

What is a type?



Integers

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;
```



Integers

```
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");
      else
         Put Line("Hello, World!");
      end if;
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Integers

```
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;
```



Integer

```
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;
```



Enumerations

```
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!");
             Completeness checking on enums
         when others =>
            Put Line ("Hello on " & Days'Image (I));
            -- 'Image attribute, converts a value to a
      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;
```



```
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;
```





```
with Ada.Text_I0; use Ada.Text_I0;
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
  C : Character;
begin
  Put Line ("""Ascii"" code of '" & C & "' is"
            & Integer'Image (Character'Pos (C)));
  C := Character'Val (64):
                ^ 'Val converts a position to its value
end Greet;
```



Subtypes

```
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;
beain
   for I in Days loop
      case T is
         -- Just like a type, a subtype can be used as a
         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;
  Day : Days := Saturday;
   Weekend: Weekend Days;
begin
   Weekend := Dav:
  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;
                               Can be a type/subtype/anonymous range
  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;
```



Array index

```
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)));
                              ^ Will raise an exception when
   end loop;
  New Line;
end Greet;
```



Array index

```
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;
                               ^ Can use an enum as the
   Tab : constant My Int Array :=
   -- ^ constant is like a variable but cannot be
     (31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31);
   -- Maps months to number of days
   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;
                                   ^ Bounds are of type Natural,
   Numbers : constant Int Array (1 .. 100) :=
                                    ^ Specify the bounds
                                      when declaring
      (0 \Rightarrow 0, others \Rightarrow 100):
   Numbers 2 : constant Workload Type :=
      (1 ... 15 \Rightarrow 8, others \Rightarrow 7);
   -- ^ Range association
begin
   for I in Numbers'Range loop
      Put Line (Integer'Image (Numbers (I)));
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Predefined array type: String



Predefined array type: String

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Greet is
   Message : constant String := "Hello World";
                      ^ Bounds are automatically computed
begin
   for I in reverse Message'First .. Message'Last loop
                           ^ 'First and 'Last return the low and
                           high bound
   -- (But you should use 'Range most of the time)
      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");
   -- Initial value given by aggregate
beain
  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 0 .. 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;
```



Quizz 5: Is there a compilation error?

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



Quizz 6: Is there a compilation error?



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



Packages

```
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
begin
   for I in Week.Workload'Range loop
              by package name
      Put Line (Integer'Image (Workload (I)));
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Using a package

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Week:
use Week:
-- Brings the content of the package in the current
procedure Greet is
begin
   for I in Workload'Range loop
           ^ We can reference items of the package directly
      Put Line (Integer'Image (Workload (I)));
   end loop;
end Greet;
```



Package body

```
package body Week is
   -- The body contains additional declarations, not
   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
   beain
      return Workload (Day);
   end:
end Week:
```

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



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



Parameters modes



Parameters modes

```
You can declare several params at the same
procedure Swap (A, B : in out Integer)
                       ^ In out is initialized at the
                         beginning with value passed by
                         pass by reference
is
  Tmp : Integer;
begin
  Tmp := A;
  A := B:
  B := Tmp:
   return;
end Swap;
```



Subprogram call



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);
   -- ^ Call to Compute B
   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 Pkg;
```



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
    procedure Proc;
end Pkg1;
with Pkg1;
package Pkg2 is
end Pkg2;
with Pkg2;
procedure Main is
begin
   Pkg1.Proc
end Main;
```



Quizz 12: Is there a compilation error?

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



Quizz 13: Is there a compilation error?

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



Quizz 14: Is there a compilation error?

```
package Pkgl is
   procedure Proc;
end Pkg1;
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;
```



Abstract data types: Declaration

```
package Stacks is
   type Stack is private;
   -- Declare a private type: You cannot depend on its
   -- implementation. You can only assign and test for
   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: vocabulary

```
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);
   private
   type Stack is range 1 .. 100;
end Stacks:
with Stacks; use Stacks;
procedure Test is
begin
   T := 3:
end Test;
```

Quizz 5: 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;
with Stacks; use Stacks;
package Stacks2 is
   type Stack2 is record
     S1 : Stack:
     S2 : Stack;
   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

```
procedure Test_Accesses is
   type Integer_Access is access Integer;
   I : Integer := 12;
   IA : Integer_Access := new Integer;
begin
   I.all := 12;
   IA := I'Access;
      ^ ILLEGAL: You can't take an access on the stack
           by default
   -- NO DEALLOCATION BY DEFAULT
end;
```



Access to stack



Accessibility level

```
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
        null:
    end:
begin
    null;
end:
```



Free

```
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.
- No built-in pointer arithmetic: vastly not necessary. Special packages when necessary.
- Special conveniences for unchecked conversions and stuff like that.



More about records

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Records with discriminant



Records with variant

```
type Node Acc is access Node;
type Op_Kind is (Bin_Op, Un_Op);
type Node (Op : Op_Kind) is record
          ^ The discriminant is an enum
   Id : Natural:
   case Op is
      when Un Op =>
        Operand : Node_Acc;
      when Bin_Op =>
         Left, Right: Node Acc;
      -- Those fields only exist when Op is Bin Op
   end case;
   -- Variant part. Only one, at the end of the record
end record;
```



Safety in Ada

Safety in Ada

- 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.

