Formalizing operational semantics in a proof assistant

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In this chapter we will go over the implementation of a simple imperative language called **Imp**, as described in [PdAC+23]. After defining its syntax, we will give rules for its semantics and show its implementation in Agda. After this introductory work, we will discuss analysis and optimization of Imp programs.

6.1 Syntax

The syntax of the Imp language is straightforward, and can be described in a handful of EBNF rules.

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