Computer Language Processing

Lab 1

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The big picture

The pipeline

You will implement a full compiler/interpreter for a programming language called Amy.



The labs

- Lab01 Interpreter;
- Lab02 Lexer;
- Lab03 Parser;
- Lab04 Type Checker;
- Lab05 Codegen (Code Generator);
- Lab06 Compiler extension.

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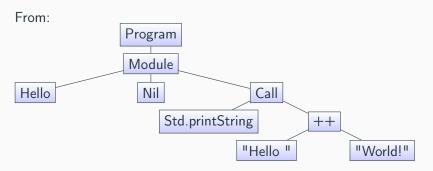


We "only" have to interpret the result of the front end.

The front end (which you will implement in labs 2,3&4) produces a data structure called an *Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)*.

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Interpreting an AST



To:

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An approximate definition of the AST is available on gitlab 1 .

 $^{{\}bf ^1} https://gitlab.epfl.ch/lara/cs320/-/blob/main/labs/lab01/material/SymbolicTreeModule.scalarsetellines.$

Doing the lab

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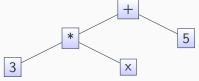
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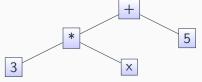


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locals maps variable identifiers into their values, e.g.

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{
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  bestFruit -> "Tomato"
}
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• Implement the required semantic:

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case Times(lhs, rhs) => IntValue(
  interpret(lhs).asInt *
  interpret(rhs).asInt
)
```

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So you can assume that the AST always represents a valid program.

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...but you should write your own.

A word from your head-TA

«If I were to take something from this course, it would be learning to write good tests»

Rodrigo

Tips and tricks

- Read The Fine Manual: the specification⁴ contains every information you need:
 - ▷ Section 1 explains most features of Amy;
 - ▷ Section 3 contains crucial details for this assignment;
 - ▶ Reading section 2 might also help you understand some intricacies of Amy;
- Even though the file is not included in the skeleton,
 SymbolicTreeModule.scala⁵ is useful to know what the fields of the different nodes of the AST are;
- The handout and the comments contain some additional hints on how to implement some of the most difficult parts;
- You can run examples/tests even with an incomplete interpreter.

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- Should we merge our code in main/master when done ?
 - No, but you will usually have to merge your code into the new labs, e.g. merge lab02 into lab03.