

# The M Language

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## 1 Syntax

The syntax of M is:

<i>e</i>	::=	<i>const</i>	constant
		<i>id</i>	identifier
		<b>fn</b> <i>id</i> => <i>e</i>	function
		<i>e e</i>	application
		<b>let</b> <i>bind</i> <b>in</b> <i>e</i> <b>end</b>	local block
		<b>if</b> <i>e</i> <b>then</b> <i>e</i> <b>else</b> <i>e</i>	branch
		<i>e op e</i>	infix binary operation
		<b>read</b>	input
		<b>write</b> <i>e</i>	output
		( <i>e</i> )	
		<b>malloc</b> <i>e</i>	allocation
		<i>e</i> := <i>e</i>	assignment
		! <i>e</i>	bang, dereference
		<i>e</i> ; <i>e</i>	sequence
		( <i>e</i> , <i>e</i> )	pair
		<i>e</i> .1	first component
		<i>e</i> .2	second component
<i>bind</i>	::=	<b>val</b> <i>id</i> = <i>e</i>	value binding
		<b>rec</b> <i>id</i> = <b>fn</b> <i>id</i> => <i>e</i>	recursive function binding
<i>op</i>	::=	<b>+</b>   <b>-</b>   <b>=</b>   <b>and</b>   <b>or</b>	
<i>const</i>	::=	<b>true</b>   <b>false</b>   <i>string</i>   <i>num</i>	
<i>id</i>			alpha-numeric identifier
<i>string</i>			string
<i>num</i>			integer

## 1.1 Program

A program is an expression of non-function type:  $i$ ,  $s$ ,  $b$ ,  $\tau$  loc, or  $\tau \times \tau'$  where  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  are non-function types. For example,

```
fn x => x
```

is not a program, because its type is a function. On the other hand,

```
(fn x => x) read
```

is a program, whose type is integer.

## 1.2 Identifiers

Alpha-numeric identifiers are `[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_']*`. Identifiers are case sensitive: `z` and `Z` are different. The reserved words cannot be used as identifiers: `fn` `let` `in` `end` `if` `then` `else` `read` `write` `malloc` `val` `rec` `and` `or` `true` `false`

## 1.3 Strings/Numbers/Comments

Strings begin and end with `"`. Inside the two double quotes, any sequence of characters excepting the new-line and the `"` characters can appear: `["^"\n]*`. Null string `"` is possible.

Numbers are integers, optionally prefixed with `~` (for negative integer): `~?[0-9]+`.

A comment is any character sequence within the comment block `(* *)`. The comment block can be nested.

## 1.4 Precedence/Associativity

In parsing M program text, the precedence of the M constructs in decreasing order is as follows. Symbols in the same set have identical precedence. Symbols

with subscript  $L$  (respectively  $R$ ) are left (respectively right) associative.

$\{\text{function application}\}_L,$   
 $\{.1\}_L, \{.2\}_L,$   
 $\{!, \text{malloc}\}_R,$   
 $\{\text{and}\}_L,$   
 $\{+, -, \text{or}\}_L,$   
 $\{=\}_L,$   
 $\{\text{if}\}_R,$   
 $\{:=\}_R,$   
 $\{\text{write}\}_R,$   
 $\{\text{fn}\}_R,$   
 $\{;\}_L$

For example, M program

```
fn x => x := y := 1; !x!x
```

is parsed as

```
(fn x => x := (y := 1) ; !(x (!x))
```

not as

```
(fn x => x) := (y := 1); ((!x) (!x))
```

nor as

```
fn x => (x := (y := 1; ((!x) (!x))))
```

Rule of thumb: for your test programs, if your programs are hard to read (hence can be parsed not as you expected) then put parentheses around.

## 2 Dynamic Semantics

$x, f$	$\in$	$Id$	identifiers
$v$	$\in$	$Val = Num + String + Bool + Loc + Pair + Closure$	values
$n$	$\in$	$Num$	
$s$	$\in$	$String$	
$b$	$\in$	$Bool$	
$l$	$\in$	$Loc$	
$\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$	$\in$	$Pair = Val \times Val$	pair values
		$Closure = Fexpr \times Env$	function values
$\sigma$	$\in$	$Env = Id \xrightarrow{\text{fin}} Val$	environments
		$Fexpr = \lambda x. e$	function defs
		$\quad \mid \quad f \lambda x. e$	rec function defs
$M$	$\in$	$Memory = Loc \xrightarrow{\text{fin}} Val$	memories

Notation:

- We write  $\{x_1 \mapsto v_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto v_n\}$  for a finite function  $f$ . The domain  $Dom(f)$  is  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ .
- We write  $f(x)$  for  $v$  if  $x \mapsto v \in f$ . If  $x \mapsto v \notin f$  then  $f(x)$  is not defined.
- We write  $f[x \mapsto v]$  for

$$\begin{aligned} & f \cup \{x \mapsto v\} \quad \text{if } x \notin Dom(f) \\ (f \setminus \{x \mapsto f(x)\}) \cup \{x \mapsto v\} & \quad \text{if } x \in Dom(f). \end{aligned}$$

The semantics rules precisely defines how relations of the form

$$\sigma, M \vdash e \Rightarrow v, M'$$

to be inferred. The relation is read “expression  $e$  computes value  $v$  under environment  $\sigma$  and memory  $M$ .”

**Definition 1 (Program’s Semantics)** *A program  $e$ ’s semantics is defined to be the inference tree of relation  $\emptyset, \emptyset \vdash e \Rightarrow v, M$  for some  $v$  and  $M$ . If there is no such  $v$  and  $M$ , then the expression has no meaning.*

[Const]	$\sigma, M \vdash \text{const} \Rightarrow \text{const in Val}, M$
[Id]	$\frac{\sigma(x) = v}{\sigma, M \vdash x \Rightarrow v, M}$
[Fun]	$\sigma, M \vdash \text{fn } x \Rightarrow e \Rightarrow \langle \lambda x. e, \sigma \rangle, M$
[App]	$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow \langle \lambda x. e, \sigma' \rangle, M' \quad \sigma, M' \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v_2, M'' \quad \sigma'[x \mapsto v_2], M'' \vdash e \Rightarrow v, M'''}{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 e_2 \Rightarrow v, M'''}$
[RecApp]	$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow \langle f \lambda x. e, \sigma' \rangle, M' \quad \sigma, M' \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v_2, M'' \quad \sigma'[x \mapsto v_2][f \mapsto \langle f \lambda x. e, \sigma' \rangle], M'' \vdash e \Rightarrow v, M'''}{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 e_2 \Rightarrow v, M'''}$
[Let]	$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow v_1, M' \quad \sigma[x \mapsto v_1], M' \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v, M''}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 \text{ end} \Rightarrow v, M''}$
[RecLet]	$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow \langle \lambda x. e, \sigma' \rangle, M' \quad \sigma[f \mapsto \langle f \lambda x. e, \sigma' \rangle], M' \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v, M''}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{let rec } f = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 \text{ end} \Rightarrow v, M''}$
[IfTrue]	$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow \text{true}, M' \quad \sigma, M' \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v, M''}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{if } e_1 \text{ then } e_2 \text{ else } e_3 \Rightarrow v, M''}$
[IfFalse]	$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow \text{false}, M' \quad \sigma, M' \vdash e_3 \Rightarrow v, M''}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{if } e_1 \text{ then } e_2 \text{ else } e_3 \Rightarrow v, M''}$
[Op]	$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow v_1, M' \quad \sigma, M' \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v_2, M'' \quad \text{op}(v_1, v_2) = v}{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \text{ op } e_2 \Rightarrow v, M''}$
[Read]	$\sigma, M \vdash \text{read} \Rightarrow n, M$
[Write]	$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e \Rightarrow v, M' \quad v \in \text{Num} + \text{String} + \text{Bool}}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{write } e \Rightarrow v, M'}$
[Paren]	$\frac{\sigma, M \vdash e \Rightarrow v, M'}{\sigma, M \vdash (e) \Rightarrow v, M'}$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{[Malloc]} \quad \frac{\sigma, M \vdash e \Rightarrow v, M' \quad l \notin \text{Dom}(M')}{\sigma, M \vdash \text{malloc } e \Rightarrow l, M'[l \mapsto v]} \\
\\
\text{[Assign]} \quad \frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow l, M' \quad \sigma, M' \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v, M''}{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 := e_2 \Rightarrow v, M''[l \mapsto v]} \\
\\
\text{[Bang]} \quad \frac{\sigma, M \vdash e \Rightarrow l, M' \quad v = M'(l)}{\sigma, M \vdash !e \Rightarrow v, M'} \\
\\
\text{[Seq]} \quad \frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow v_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v_2, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 ; e_2 \Rightarrow v_2, M_2} \\
\\
\text{[Pair]} \quad \frac{\sigma, M \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow v_1, M_1 \quad \sigma, M_1 \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v_2, M_2}{\sigma, M \vdash (e_1, e_2) \Rightarrow \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle, M_2} \\
\\
\text{[Compo1]} \quad \frac{\sigma, M \vdash e \Rightarrow \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle, M'}{\sigma, M \vdash e.1 \Rightarrow v_1, M'} \\
\\
\text{[Compo2]} \quad \frac{\sigma, M \vdash e \Rightarrow \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle, M'}{\sigma, M \vdash e.2 \Rightarrow v_2, M'} \\
\\
\frac{}{\overline{+(n_1, n_2) = n_1 + n_2}} \quad \frac{}{\overline{-(n_1, n_2) = n_1 - n_2}} \\
\\
\frac{}{\overline{\text{and}(b_1, b_2) = b_1 \wedge b_2}} \quad \frac{}{\overline{\text{or}(b_1, b_2) = b_1 \vee b_2}} \\
\\
\frac{}{\overline{=(n, n) = \text{true}}} \quad \frac{}{\overline{=(s, s) = \text{true}}} \quad \frac{}{\overline{=(b, b) = \text{true}}} \quad \frac{}{\overline{=(l, l) = \text{true}}} \\
\\
\frac{n_1 \neq n_2}{\overline{=(n_1, n_2) = \text{false}}} \quad \frac{s_1 \neq s_2}{\overline{=(s_1, s_2) = \text{false}}} \quad \frac{b_1 \neq b_2}{\overline{=(b_1, b_2) = \text{false}}} \quad \frac{l_1 \neq l_2}{\overline{=(l_1, l_2) = \text{false}}}
\end{array}$$

### 3 Static Semantics: Type System

<i>Type</i>		
$\tau ::=$	$i$	integer type
	$  \quad b$	boolean type
	$  \quad s$	string type
	$  \quad \tau \times \tau$	pair type
	$  \quad \tau \text{ loc}$	location type
	$  \quad \tau \rightarrow \tau$	function type

타입규칙은 다음의 관계를 결정해주는 규칙들이다:

$$\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$$

위의 관계를 다음과 같이 읽자 “프로그램 식  $e$ 는  $\Gamma$ 라는 환경에서 타입  $\tau$ 를 가진다.” 타입 환경  $\Gamma$ 는 다음과 같은 테이블이다:

$$\Gamma \in \text{TypeEnv} = \text{Id} \xrightarrow{\text{fin}} \text{Type} \quad \text{type environment}$$

**Definition 2 (Program’s Type)** *A program  $e$  has type  $\tau$  iff relation  $\emptyset \vdash e : \tau$  is proved. If there is no such  $\tau$ , then the expression has no type.*

다음이 프로그램 식  $e$ 의 타입을 결정하는 규칙들이다. 완성해서 사용하라:

[Num]	$\Gamma \vdash n : i$
[Bool]	$\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{true} : b \quad \Gamma \vdash \mathbf{false} : b$
[String]	$\Gamma \vdash \mathit{string} : s$
[Fun]	$\frac{\Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_1] \vdash e : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{fn } x \Rightarrow e : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2}$
[App]	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau_1}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 e_2 : \tau_2}$
[Let]	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \quad \Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_1] \vdash e_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{let } x = e_1 \mathbf{ in } e_2 \mathbf{ end} : \tau_2}$
[RecLet]	$\frac{\vdash : \quad \vdash :}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{let rec } x = e_1 \mathbf{ in } e_2 \mathbf{ end} : \tau_2}$
[If]	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : b \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e_3 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{if } e_1 \mathbf{ then } e_2 \mathbf{ else } e_3 : \tau}$
[Read]	$\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{read} : i$
[Write]	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \tau \quad \tau = i, b, \text{ or } s}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{write } e : \tau}$
[Malloc]	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{malloc } e : \tau \text{ loc}}$
[Assign]	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau \text{ loc} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 := e_2 : \tau}$
[Bang]	$\frac{\vdash :}{\Gamma \vdash !e : \tau}$
[Seq]	$\frac{\vdash : \quad \vdash :}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 ; e_2 : \tau}$



$$\text{[Pair]} \quad \frac{\vdash : \quad \vdash :}{\Gamma \vdash (e_1, e_2) : \tau_1 \times \tau_2}$$

$$\text{[Compo1]} \quad \frac{\vdash :}{\Gamma \vdash e.1 : \tau_1}$$

$$\text{[Compo2]} \quad \frac{\vdash :}{\Gamma \vdash e.2 : \tau_2}$$

$$\text{[Op]} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : i \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : i}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 (+/-) e_2 : i}$$

$$\text{[Op]} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : b \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : b}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 (\text{and/or}) e_2 : b}$$

$$\text{[Op]} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau \quad \tau = i, b, s, \text{ or } l}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 = e_2 : b}$$