

# Syntax Checking

- Every block has a unique syntax
- e.g. every block has a unique “end” form
- e.g. if ... then ... else ... end if
- we *know* how to check syntax automatically
  - use this knowledge - always

# Reading Syntax

- Skip syntax check, once done (“compiled”)
- Emphasize design to the (human) reader
  - e.g. implementor
  - e.g. maintenance engineers
- Too much syntax “gets in the way” of understandability