Name, Binding and Scope

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Name

- Name character string used to represent something else.
 - identifiers,
 - operators (+, &, *).
- Use symbol instead of address to refer an entity.
- Abstraction

Binding

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Definition

- Binding the operation of associating two things.
- Binding time the moment when the binding is performed.

Some issues

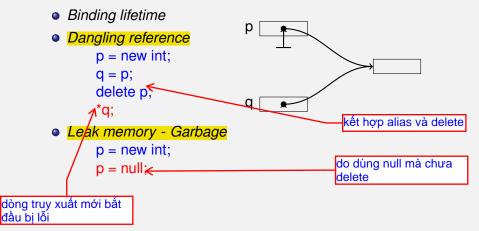
- Early binding vs. Late binding
- Static binding vs. Dynamic binding
- Polymorphism A name is bound to more than one entity.
- Alias Many names are bound to one entity.

Binding Time

- Language design time
- Language implementation time
- Programming time
- Compilation time
- Linking time
- Load time
- Runtime

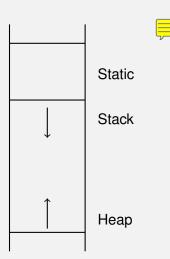
Object Lifetime

- Object any entity in the program.
- Object lifetime the period between the object creation and destruction.



Object Allocation

- Static
- Stack Dynamic
- Explicit Heap Dynamic
- Implicit Heap Dynamic



Blocks

Definition

A block is a textual region, which can contain declarations to that region

Example,

```
procedure foo()
var x:integer;
begin
    x := 1;
end;

{
    int x;
    x = 1;
}
```

Scope

Definition

Scope of a binding is the textual region of the program in which the binding is effective.

Static vs. Dynamic

- Static scope, or lexical scope, is determined during compilation
 - Current binding in the block most closely surround
 - Global scope
 - Local static scope
- Dynamic scope is determined at runtime.
 - Current binding the most recently execution but not destroyed

Staic Scope Rules for Blocks

- A reference to an identifier is always bound to its most local declaration
- A declaration is invisible outside the block in which it appears
- Declarations in enclosing blocks are visible in inner blocks, unless they have been re-declared
- Blocks may be named and its name declaration is considered as a local declaration of outer block.

Example on Static scope

```
var A, B, C: real; //1
procedure Sub1 (A: real); //2
     var D: real;
     procedure Sub2 (C: real);
          var D: real;
          begin
              ... C:= C+B; ...
          end;
     begin
          ... Sub2(B); ...
     end;
begin
    ... Sub1(A); ...
end.
```

Variable	Scope
A:real //1	Main
B:real //1	Main, Sub1,
	Sub2
C:real //1	Main, Sub1
A:real //2	Sub1, Sub2

Example on Dynamic Scope

```
procedure Big is
      🔀: Real:
      procedure Sub1 is
           XInteger;
                                          X in Sub2?
           begin - of Sub1
                                          Calling chain:
                                          \mathsf{Big} \to \mathsf{Sub1} \to \mathsf{Sub2}
           end; - of Sub1
                                          X \Rightarrow X:Integer in Sub1
      procedure Sub2 is
                                          Calling chain:
           begin – of Sub2
                                          \mathsf{Big} \to \mathsf{Sub2}
                                          X \Rightarrow X:Real in Big
           end: - of Sub2
begin - of Big
                                  trong dynamic
end: - of Big
                                   => phải chạy mới bik
```

Referencing Environment

- The referencing environment of a statement is the collection of all names that are visible to the statement
- In a static-scoped language, it is the local names plus all of the visible names in all of the enclosing scopes
- In a dynamic-scoped language, the referencing environment is the local bindings plus all visible bindings in all active subprograms

Example on Static-scoped Language

```
var A, B, C: real; //1
procedure Sub1 (A: real); //2
     var D: real:
     procedure Sub2 (C: real);
                                                Function
                                                            Referencing
          var D: real:
                                                            Environment
          begin
                                                            A, B, C, Sub1
                                               Main
               ... C:= C+B: ...
                                                Sub<sub>1</sub>
                                                            A, B, C, D,
          end:
                                                            Sub1, Sub2
     begin
                                                Sub<sub>2</sub>
                                                            A, B, C, D,
          ... Sub2(B); ...
                                                            Sub1, Sub2
     end;
begin
     ... Sub1(A); ...
                                 ngược lại với bảng
                                 scope => A,B,C,Sub1
end.
                                 có scope là Main
```

Example on Dynamic-scoped Language

```
main
                                            \rightarrow sub2
                                                             \rightarrow sub2
                                                                              \rightarrow sub1
void sub1() {
                                                  03
                                                                  05
                                                                             а
                                                                                  07
                           С
                                 01
       int a, b;
                                                                             b
                           d
                                 02
                                            С
                                                             С
                                                                  06
                                                                                  80
                                                  04
} /* end of sub1 */
void sub2() {
       int b, c;
                                                  Frame
                                                               Referencing
                                                               Environment
       sub1:
                                                  main
                                                               c \rightarrow o1, d \rightarrow o2
} /* end of sub2 */
                                                  sub2
                                                               b \rightarrow o3, c \rightarrow o4,
void main() {
                                                               d \rightarrow o2
       int c. d:
                                                  sub2
                                                               b \rightarrow o5, c \rightarrow o6,
                                                               d \rightarrow 02
       sub2();
                                                  sub1
                                                               a \rightarrow o7, b \rightarrow o8,
} /* end of main */
                                                               c \rightarrow o6, d \rightarrow o2
```

Summary [1]

- Name
- Binding
- Scope
- Referencing Environment

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