Lecture 4 – Identifiers (1)

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• In this lecture, we will learn identifiers.

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An identifier is a name for a certain element in a program.

In Scala, there are diverse kinds of identifiers:

```
// variable names
val x: Int = 42

// function and parameter names
def f(a: Int, b: Int): Int = a + b

// class and field names
case class Person(name: String, age: Int)
...
```



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A **free identifier** is an identifier that is **not defined** in the current scope of the program.

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Note that this is **NOT** a mutation because the value stored in the shadowed identifier is unchanged.

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For example, the following are valid identifiers:

x y get_name getName add42

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Expr("val x = 1; x + 2")  // Val("x", Num(1), Add(Id("x"), Num(2)))
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For each VAE program, please draw:

- an arrow from each bound occurrence to its binding occurrence.
- a dotted arrow from each shadowing variable to its shadowed one.
- an X mark on each free variable.

```
/* VAE */
val x = 1; x
```

```
/* VAE */
val x = x + 1;
val y = x * 2;
val x = y + x;
x * z
```

```
/* VAE */
val x = 1;
val y = {
  val x = 2 * x;
  { val y = x; y } + { val y = 3; y }
};
x + y
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