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### Lekta framework practical tutorial

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         <...>
5
6
     projectSetup
         <...>
8
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         <...>
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         <...>
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         <...>
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```

```
projectSetup
     // Possible output parser types.
     setupParserRoots = S
4
 classModel
     // Definition of all the types needed.
6
     // Type Void acts as a label.
7
     classDef:Void ( S, A, B, a, b )
9
 // Lexical model is language dependant
  lexicalModel forLanguage anbm
     // Lexicon elements that we must detect.
12
     // Here a and b act as grammar terminal
13
        symbols.
     ("a", a)
14
     ("b", b)
15
```

```
1 // Grammatical model is language dependant
2 grammaticalModel forLanguage anbm
    // List of grammar rules
3
    /* Always context free grammar. Among
       other things, this means that left
       part of the rule must be composed by
       one and only one non-terminal symbol
       */
    (R1: [S -> aAbB])
5
    (R2: [A ->])
6
    (R3: [A \rightarrow A])
    (R4: [B -> ])
8
    (R5: [B -> b B])
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```
2 //
3 // Exercise 01: Generator/Recognizer for language AnBm. Where n,m >= 1
4 //
6
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# Session 01: Exercise 01

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### Complex structures

```
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                             (Counter)
classDef:ElementBool
                             (Flag)
3 classDef:ElementLiteral
                             (Expression)
  classDef:StructureComplex
5
     ExampleStructure:
6
7
         Counter,
8
         Flag,
9
         Expression
  ExampleStructure a;
  a.Counter <- 5;
16 a.Flag <- True;</pre>
  a. Expression <- 'this is a string';
18
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          ^.counterM <- #2.counterM; } )</pre>
4
   (R2: [A \rightarrow aA] {
          ^.counterN <- 1 + #2.counterN: } )</pre>
6
7
   (R3: \lceil A \rightarrow a \rceil {
         ^.counterN <- 1; } )
9
10
   (R4: [B \rightarrow bB] {
          ^.counterM <- 1 + #2.counterM: } )
12
   (R5: [B \rightarrow b] {
          ^.counterM <- 1: } )
```

#### Note special syntax:

- stands for left side term generated by the rule (upper node in parsing tree).
- #1 stands for the first term in the right side of the rule.
- #2 stands for the second term in the right side of the rule.
- #N stands for the nth term in the right side of the rule.

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# Session 01: Exercise 04

# Session 02: Exercise 01

### Files inclusion

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4
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5
6
     projectSetup
        setupParserRoots = Number
8
9
     classModel
        #Include "NumberTypes.lkt"
     lexicalModel forLanguage en
        #Include "NumberEnglishLexicon.lkt"
14
     grammaticalModel forLanguage en
16
        #Include "NumberEnglishGrammar.lkt"
```

### Function and procedure declaration

```
1 classDef:ElementInt ( integer )
classDef:ElementBool ( bool )
3 // Templates
4 <ouput_type> function_name(<parameter_list>) {
  }
6
7 procedure function_name(<parameter_list>) {
8
  }
9
11 // Examples
12 bool f1(integer i) {
13
14 }
procedure f2(integer i) {
16
      . . .
17 }
18 procedure f3() { // Not "void" keyword
      . . .
 }
20
```

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a <- b / c; // Division
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### Comparation operators

```
1 a > b // Greater
2 a >= b // Greater or equal
3 a < b // Less
4 a <= b // Less or equal
5 a == b // Equal
6 a != b // Not equal</pre>
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# Lazy evaluation

```
boolean f1()
3
     // Writes a message to standard output
     SpyMessage("Message from f1");
4
5
     return False;
6
  boolean f2()
g
     SpyMessage("Message from f2");
10
     return True;
12 }
  procedure testingLazyEvaluation()
15 {
     boolean b;
16
17
     b <- f1() && f2(); // "Message from f1"</pre>
18
19
     b <- f2() || f1(); // "Message from f2"
20
```

### Programming structures: if...else if...else

```
1 if (month == 1)
                        { ret <- 'January';
2 else if(month == 2) { ret <- 'February';</pre>
3 else if(month == 3) { ret <- 'March';</pre>
4 else if(month == 4) { ret <- 'April';</pre>
5 else if(month == 5) { ret <- 'May';</pre>
6 else if(month == 6) { ret <- 'June';</pre>
7 else if(month == 7) { ret <- 'July';</pre>
8 else if(month == 8) { ret <- 'August';</pre>
9 else if(month ==
                      9) { ret <- 'September';</pre>
10 else if(month == 10) { ret <- 'October':</pre>
  else if(month == 11)
                          { ret <- 'November':</pre>
12 else
                          { ret <- 'December':</pre>
```

# Programming structures: switch

```
switch (month)
 {
2
      case 1 { ret <- 'January';}</pre>
3
             2 { ret <- 'February';}</pre>
      case
4
      case 3 { ret <- 'March':}</pre>
5
      case 4 { ret <- 'April';}</pre>
6
      case 5 { ret <- 'May';}</pre>
      case 6 { ret <- 'June';}</pre>
8
      case 7 { ret <- 'July';}</pre>
9
      case 8
              { ret <- 'August';}
      case 9
              { ret <- 'September';}
11
            10 { ret <- 'October':}
      case
12
      case 11 { ret <- 'November';}</pre>
13
     default { ret <- 'December';}</pre>
14
15
```

## Programming structures: cond

```
cond
 {
2
     (month ==
               1) { ret <- 'January';</pre>
3
     (month
                    { ret <- 'February';
4
     (month ==
                3)
                    { ret
                           <- 'March':
5
     (month ==
                4)
                    { ret <- 'April';
6
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                5)
                      ret
                           <-
                              'May';
     (month
                      ret
                           <- 'June':
8
     (month
                7)
                    { ret <- 'July';
            ==
9
     (month ==
                8)
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     (month
                9)
                      ret
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            ==
12
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14
15
```

# Programming structures: loops

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integer position, size;

...

position <- 1;

while (position <= size) {
    <...>
    position++;

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Date & time

1 integer ClockAskYear();
2 integer ClockAskMonth();
3 integer ClockAskDayOfTheMonth();
4 integer ClockAskDayOfTheWeek();
5 integer ClockAskHour();
6 integer ClockAskMinute();
7 integer ClockAskSecond();
```

#### Atomic types transformations

```
1 bool ShapeToBool();
2 integer ShapeToInt();
3 real ShapeToReal();
4 string ShapeToLiteral(); // Same as ShapeToString();
5 message ShapeToMessage();
6 range ShapeToRange();
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#### Literal functions

```
string LiteralConvertLower(string in);
2 string LiteralConvertUpper(string in);
string LiteralConcat(string in1, string in2);
4 string LiteralSubstitution
         (string in, string from, string to);
5
6 string LiteralGlobalSubstitution
         (string in, string from, string to);
8 integer LiteralSize(string in);
9 string LiteralPositionValue(string in, integer pos);
string LiteralSearch(string in, string toLookFor);
bool LiteralIncluded(string toLookFor, string in);
12 string SubLiteral
13
         (string in, integer from, integer to);
```

```
"Filled" and "Devoid"
1 classDef:ElementInt( f1, f2 )
2 classDef:StructureComplex(F: (f1, f2))
3 . . .
4
5 F f;
6 Filled(f); // False
7 Devoid(f); // True
9 f.f1 <- 5;
10 Filled(f); // True
11 Devoid(f); // False
12 Filled(f.f1); // True
13 Devoid(f.f1); // False
14 Filled(f.f2); // False
15 Devoid(f.f2); // True
16
if (f) { \langle ... \rangle } // Same as Filled(f)
18 if(!! f) { <...> } // Same as Devoid(f)
```

### Lexicon

```
classDef:Void( one, two )
2 classDef:ElementInt( NumberValue )
3 classDef:StructureComplex( Number: (NumberValue) )
4
6
7 ("one", one)
8 ("two", two)
9
10 ("one", Number Value, 1)
 ("two", NumberValue, 2)
("one", Number, (NumberValue: 1))
14 ("two", Number, (NumberValue: 2))
```

# Session 02: Exercise 02

# Assignment operator

```
1 classDef:ElementInt( f1, f2, f3, f4 )
2 classDef:StructureComplex(S: (f1, f2, f3, f4))
 3
6 S a;
7 a.f2 <- 2;
8 a.f4 <- 4;
10 S b;
11 b.f3 <- 3;
12 b.f4 <- 4;
             a: \begin{bmatrix} f2 \colon 2 \\ f4 \colon 4 \end{bmatrix}
                                      a <- b;
```

### Overwrite operator

```
1 classDef:ElementInt( f1, f2, f3, f4 )
 2 classDef:StructureComplex(S: (f1, f2, f3, f4))
 3
 4 . . .
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 7 a.f2 <- 2;
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10 S b;
11 b.f3 <- 3;
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                                                                              b: \begin{bmatrix} f3: & 3 \\ f4: & 4 \end{bmatrix}
                                                  a < | b;
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```