

# Scanning, Parsing and Pretty-Printing

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## Grammar / strategy

- Top-down 'Recursive Descent' parser
- Tail recursion for left-associativity

Exp = Op2 Exp  
| Op1 Exp  
| '(' Exp ')'  
| '[]'

Op2 = '||' | '&&'  
| '+' | '-'  
| '\*' | '/' | '%'  
| ':'

Op1 = '-' | '!'

Fargs = [ FArgs '.' ] Type id

Exp = ExpOr  
ExpOr = ExpAnd ('||' ExpAnd)\*

...

ExpAdd = ExpMult (('+' | '-') ExpMult)\*

ExpMult = ExpCon (('\*' | '/' | '%') ExpCon)\*

ExpCon = ExpUn ':' ExpCon

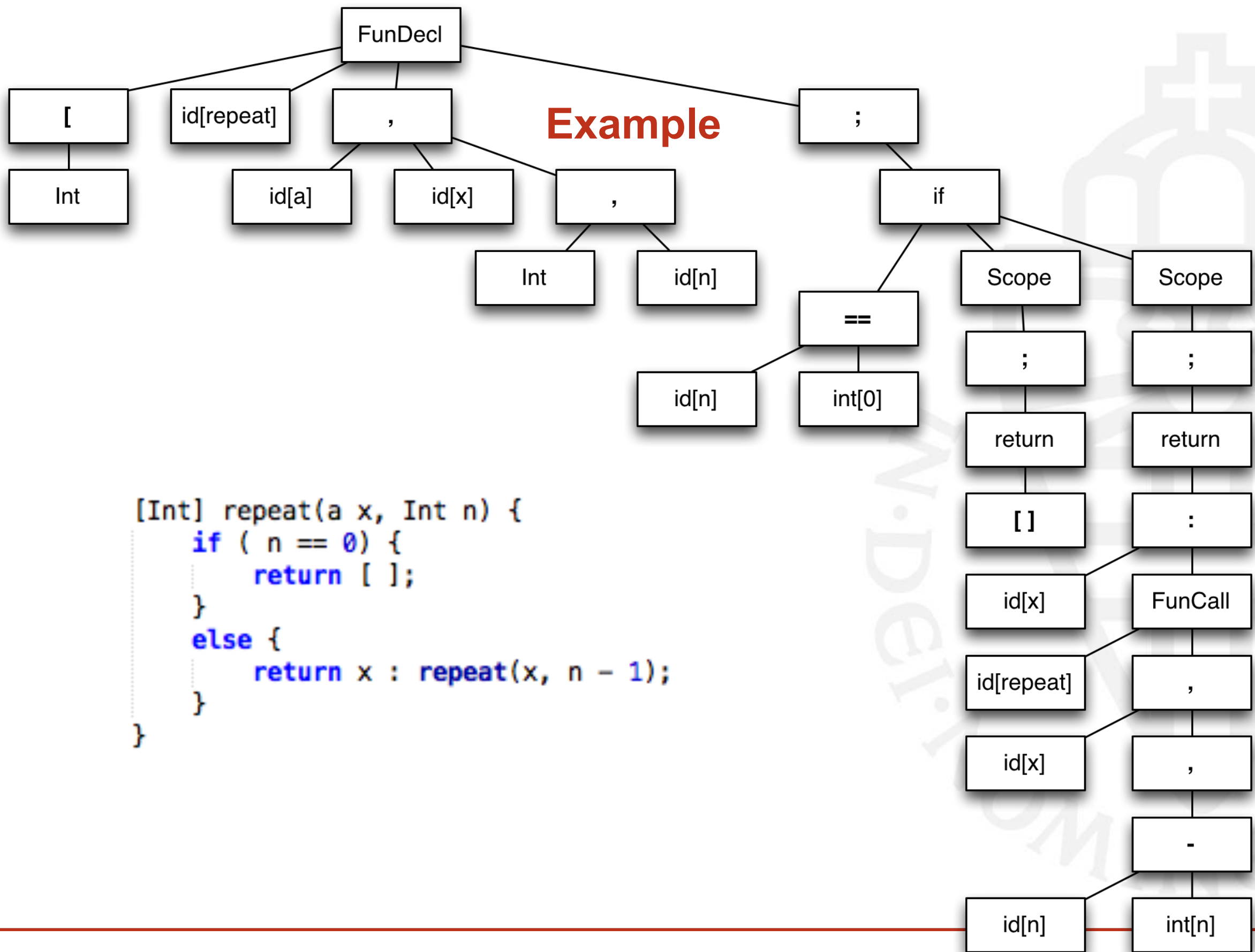
| ExpUn

ExpUn = ('-' | '!') ExpUn

| ExpBase

...

Fargs = Type id [ ',' Fargs ]



## Program details

- **Python**
- Imperative, but with functional magic
- Scanner: maintain a list of candidates until empty
- Parser: transform grammar into parsing functions

```
def tail_recursion(fn, ops, tokens):  
    # fn is the next function for the recursive descent  
    t = fn(tokens)  
    while tokens and tokens[0].type in ops:  
        tok = tokens.popleft()  
        t_right = fn(tokens)  
        t = Node(tok, t, t_right)  
    return t
```

```
parse_exp_mult = partial(tail_recursion, parse_exp_con, ['*', '/', '%'])  
parse_exp_add  = partial(tail_recursion, parse_exp_mult, ['+', '-'])  
parse_exp_cmp  = partial(tail_recursion, parse_exp_add, ['<', '<=', '>', '>='])  
parse_exp_eq   = partial(tail_recursion, parse_exp_cmp, ['==', '!='])  
parse_exp_and  = partial(tail_recursion, parse_exp_eq, ['&&'])
```

## Code example

```
def parse_stmt(tokens):
    tok = tokens.popleft()
    # ...
    elif tok.type == 'if':
        pop_token(tokens, '(')
        condition = parse_exp(tokens)
        pop_token(tokens, ')')
        if_stmt = parse_stmt(tokens)
        if tokens and tokens[0].type == 'else': # optional else
            pop_token(tokens, 'else')
            return Node(tok, condition, if_stmt, parse_stmt(tokens))
        return Node(tok, condition, if_stmt, None)
    # ...

def pop_token(tokens, literal):
    tok = tokens.popleft()
    if tok.type != literal:
        raise Exception("Line {}:{} Expected '{}', but got: {}".
                        format(tok.line, tok.col, literal, tok.type))
    return tok
```