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Type System for mySIMPL

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Project Scope

Implement a type system for mySIMPL:

- Type inferencing for variables and primitive types
- Dynamic function parameter types
- Coercion, operator, and expression rules
- Type checking
- Informative syntax errors

https://github.com/lyeechong/my-simple

Project Plan

1. Implement mySIMPL in Scala
   - Start with BAYSICK code
2. Add explicit type declarations/primitive types

   ```
   declare string ‘temp := “Hello World”
   ```
3. Incorporate type inferencing with primitive types

   ```
   DECLARE NEWVAR ‘rellermeyer := “awesome”
   ```
4. Enforce typing rules

   ```
   ERROR on line 2: Conditional expected type BOOL got type INT
   ```
5. Test the system (JUnit)

```
/**
   #######      ##     ##   ##   ######    ####    ######    ##  ##
   ##   ##     ####     ## ##   ##         ##  ##   ##   ##   ## ##
   #######     ##  ##     ##     ######    ##  ##   ##        ####
   ##   ##    ########    ##         ##    ##  ##   ##   ##   ## ##
   #######   ##     ##    ##     ######    ####    ######    ##  ##
 */
```

Type System Overview

Primitive Types

- Integer, Boolean, String, and Float

Our language is:

- ***Strongly-Typed***: you can't intermix values with differing data types
- ***Dynamically Typed***: variable types are not known until runtime
- Similar to Python

Binary Operators & Expressions

- *Arithmetic:* +, -, /, *, ** (exponent)
- *Comparison:* >, >=, <, <=, ===, =/=,
- *Logical*: &&, ||
- *Bitshift*: <<, >>, >>>
- Strings are a black hole

Input:

```
DECLARE NEWVAR 'happy := (1.0 + 4) + 2 + 3**2
```

Input:

```
DECLARE NEWVAR ‘tax := 128 << 4
```

Input:

```
DECLARE NEWVAR ‘sunny := true
DECLARE NEWVAR ‘cold := true
DECLARE NEWVAR ‘whatToWear := “”
IF (‘cold === true && ‘sunny =/= true)
    ‘whatToWear := “Sweatshirt, Sunglasses”
ENDIF
```

Error Handling

- Goal: Assist user with debugging and syntax errors

1. Identify the line number and error (assignment, declaration, loop, etc.)
2. Show the type mismatch and intended operation

Example:

```
DECLARE NEWVAR 'foo := 2.1
'foo := 'foo + 3 + true
ENDALL
```

Output:

```
'foo:INT
Error on line 2: Cannot perform INT + BOOL
Error on line 2: Attempted to assign type INCOMPATIBLE to 'foo:INT
```

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Example:

```
WHILE (1)
    'foo := 'foo + 1
ENDWHILE
```



```
WHILE (true)
    'foo := 'foo + 1
ENDWHILE
```

Output:

```
'foo:INT
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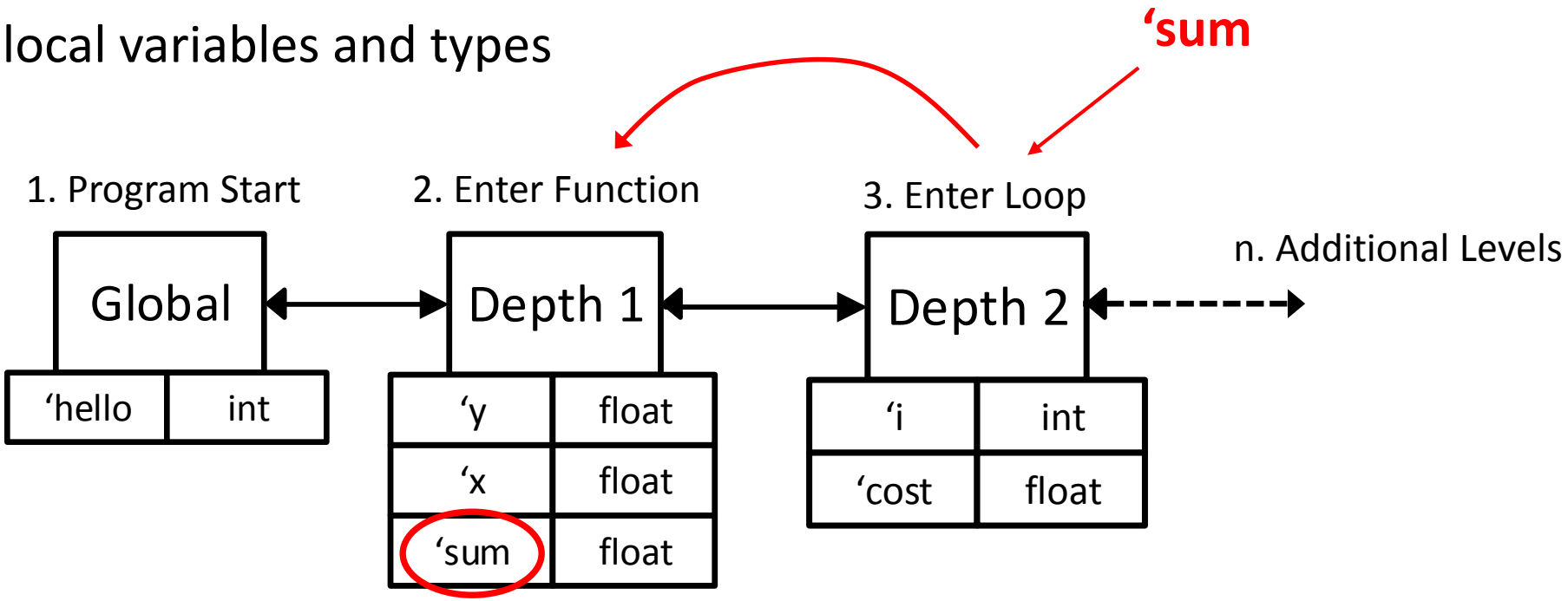
```

Variable Scoping

- Conditionals and loops
- Must end all if statements and while loops inside the function
  1. Checks you're exiting at the correct scope
  2. Destroys local variables and types



Parameter Type Inference

```
DECLARE FUNCTION ('sqrt, 'x)
    DECLARE NEWVAR ‘result := 'x ** 0.5
    RETURN (‘result)
ENDFUNCTION
DECLARE NEWVAR 'y := CALLFUNCTION(‘sqrt, -4)
```

→

```
ERROR on line 5:
function 'sqrt expected type FLOAT, got INT
```

```
DECLARE FUNCTION ('sqrt, 'x)
    DECLARE NEWVAR ‘result := 'x ** 0.5
    RETURN (‘result)
ENDFUNCTION
DECLARE NEWVAR 'y := CALLFUNCTION(‘sqrt, 9.0)
```

→

```
'result:FLOAT
'y:FLOAT
```

Functions

- Scoping
- Infer the function return type
- Infer parameter type
  - Look at function body

Example:

```
DECLARE FUNCTION('hello, 'hi)
      DECLARE NEWVAR 'foo := 'hi + 2.0
      RETURN ('foo)
ENDFUNCTION
DECLARE NEWVAR 'x := CALLFUNCTION('hello, 3.2)
```

```
'foo:FLOAT
'x:FLOAT
```

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```
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    DECLARE NEWVAR ‘foo := ‘hi + 2.0
    RETURN (‘foo)
ENDFUNCTION
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DECLARE NEWVAR ‘y := CALLFUNCTION(‘hello, “text”)
```

```
ERROR on line 6: function 'hello expected type FLOAT, got STRING
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Live Demo

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Conclusion

Difficulties

- No experience with Scala
- Function Parameter Types
  - Hard to infer unknown types
  - Need to "guess" type

Possible Future Extensions

- Incorporate PEMDAS order of operations
- Add full support for nested functions
- Include common math functions:
  - MAX, MIN, ABS, etc.
- Add error corrections/suggestions
  - Can borrow from parameter type inference

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Thank You

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