CS536

Syntax Directed Translation

CFGs so Far

- CFGs for Language *Definition*
  - The CFGs we’ve discussed can generate/define languages of valid strings
  - So far, we **start** by building a parse tree and **end** with some valid string
- CFGs for Language *Recognition*
  - Start with a string and end with a parse tree for it

CFGs for Parsing

- Language Recognition isn’t enough for a parser
  - We also want to *translate* the sequence
- Parsing is a special case of *Syntax-Directed Translation*
  - Translate a sequence of tokens into a sequence of actions

Syntax Directed Translation

- Augment CFG rules with translation rules (at least 1 per production)
  - Define translation of LHS nonterminal as a function of
    - Constants
    - RHS nonterminal translations
    - RHS terminal value
- Assign rules bottom up

SDT Example

CFG	Rules
B -> **0**	B.trans = 0
| **1**	B.trans = 1
| B **0**	B.trans = B_2.trans * 2
| B **1**	B.trans = B_2.trans * 2 + 1

Input string

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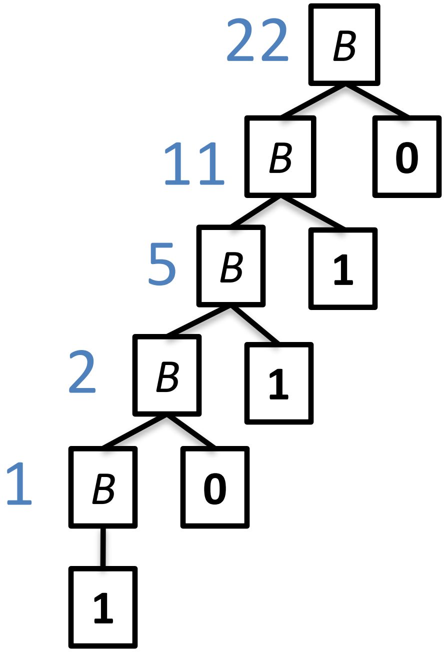


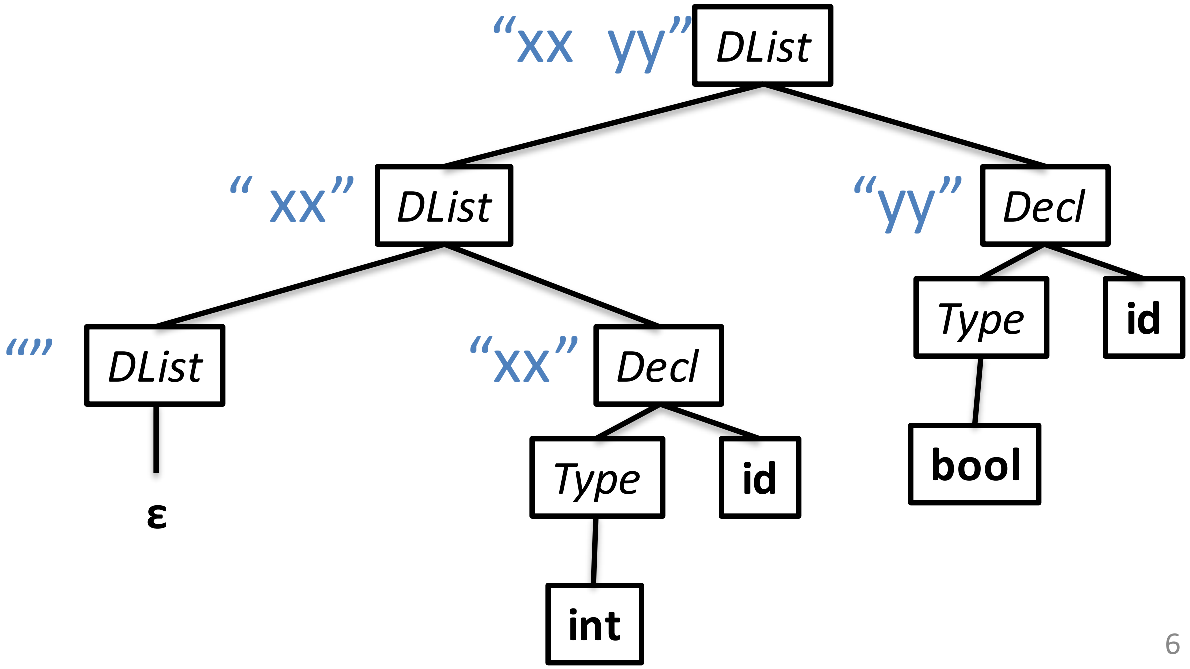
Translation is the value of the input

SDT Example 2: Declarations

Translation is a String of ids

CFG			Rules
DList	→	**ε**	*DList*.trans = “”
	|	*DList Decl*	*DList.trans* = *Decl.trans* + “ “ + DList$_2$.trans
Decl	→	*Type* **id ;**	*Decl*.trans = **id**.value
Type	→	**int**	
	|	**bool**	

Input string
int xx;
bool yy;



Exercise Time

Only add declarations of type int to the output String.

Augment the previous grammar:

CFG			Rules
DList	→	**ε**	*DList*.trans = “”
	|	*Decl DList*	*DList.trans* = *Decl.trans* + “ “ + DList$_2$.trans
Decl	→	*Type* **id ;**	*Decl*.trans = **id**.value
Type	→	**int**	
	|	**bool**	

Different nonterms can
have different types

Rules can have conditionals

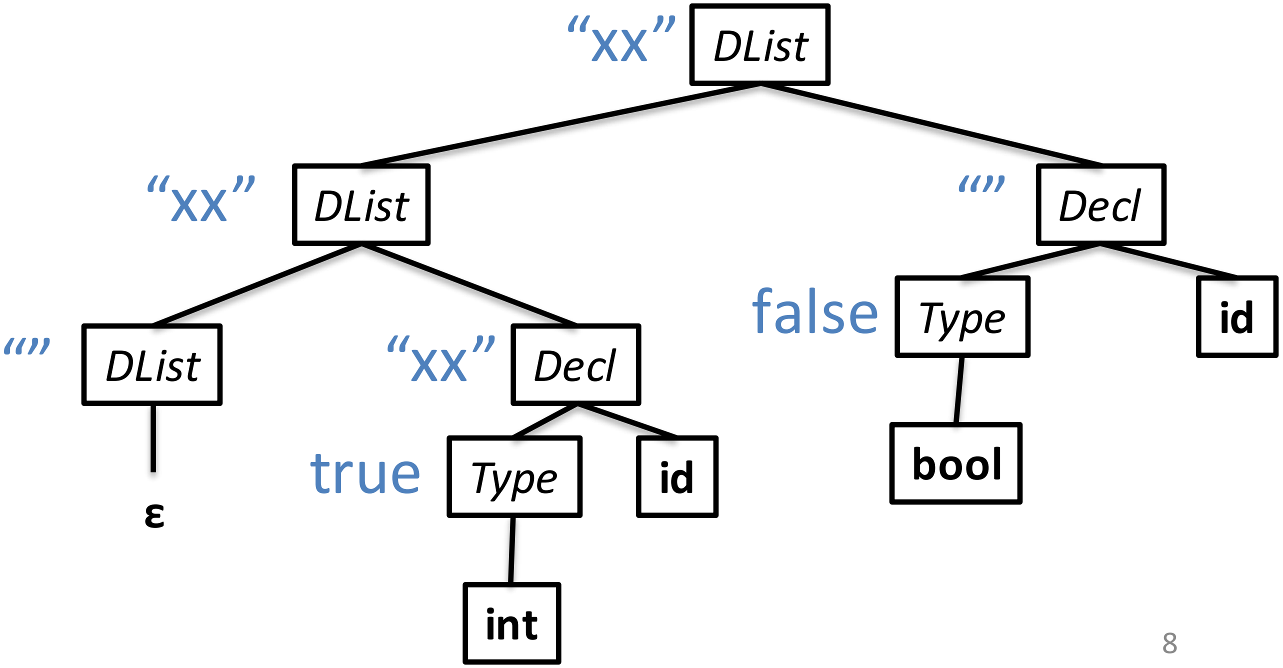
SDT Example 2b: ints only

Translation is a String of **int** ids only

CFG			Rules
DList	→	**ε**	*DList*.trans = “”
	|	*Decl DList*	*DList.trans* = *Decl.trans* + “ “ + DList$_2$.trans
Decl	→	*Type* **id ;**	if (type.trans) {*Decl*.trans = **id**.value} else {*Decl*.trans = “”}
Type	→	**int**	*Type*.trans = true
	|	**bool**	*Type*.trans = false

Input string

int xx;
bool yy;



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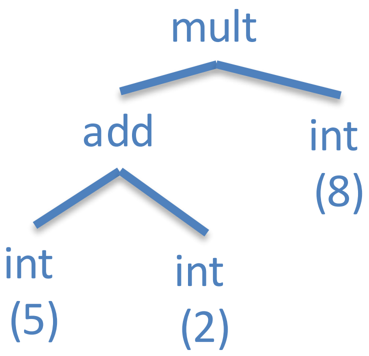
SDT for Parsing

- In the previous examples, the SDT process assigned different types to the translation:
  - Example 1: tokenized stream to an **integer value**
  - Example 2: tokenized stream to a (java) **String**
- For parsing, we'll go from tokens to an Abstract-Syntax Tree (AST)

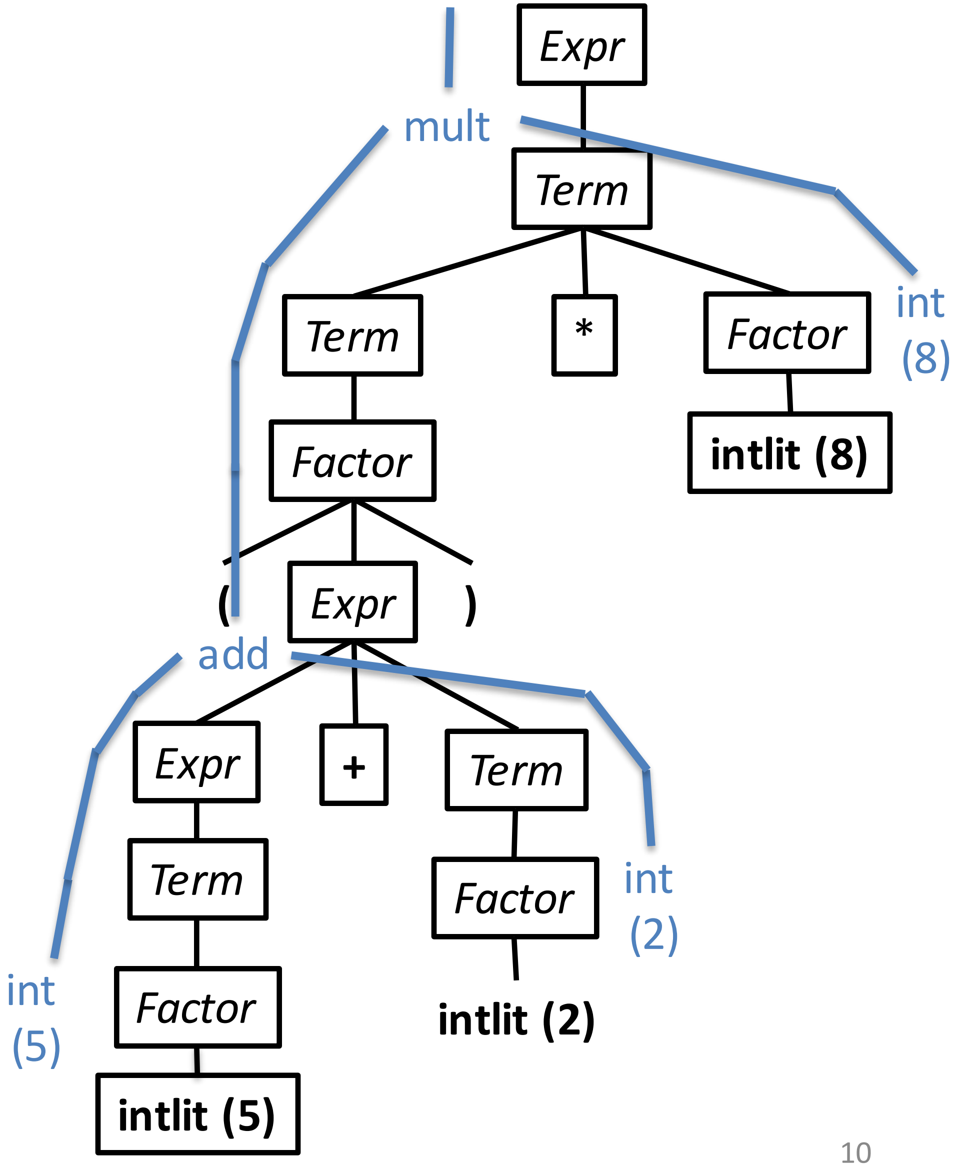
Abstract Syntax Trees

- A condensed form of the parse tree
- Operators at internal nodes (not leaves)
- Chains of productions are collapsed
- Syntactic details omitted

Example: (5+2)*8



Parse Tree



Exercise #2

- Show the AST for:

  (1 + 2) * (3 + 4) * 5 + 6

```
Expr    -> Expr + Term
         |  Term
Term    -> Term * Factor
         |  Factor
Factor  -> intlit
         |  ( Expr )
```

AST for Parsing

- In previous slides we did our translation in two steps
  - Structure the stream of tokens into a parse tree
  - Use the parse tree to build an abstract syntax tree, throw away the parse tree
- In practice, we will combine these into 1 step
- Question: Why do we even need an AST?
  - More of a "logical" view of the program
  - Generally easier to work with

AST Implementation

- How do we actually represent an AST in code?
- We’ll take inspiration from how we represented tokens in JLex

ASTs in Code

- Note that we’ve assumed a field-like structure in our SDT actions:

  DList.trans = *Decl*.trans + “ “ + DList$_2$.trans

- In our parser, we’ll define classes for each type of nonterminal, and create a new nonterminal in each rule.
  - In the above rule we might define DList to be represented as

```
public class DList{
   public String trans;
}
```

  - For ASTs: when we execute an SDT rule, we construct a new node object for the RHS, and propagate its fields with the fields of the LHS nodes

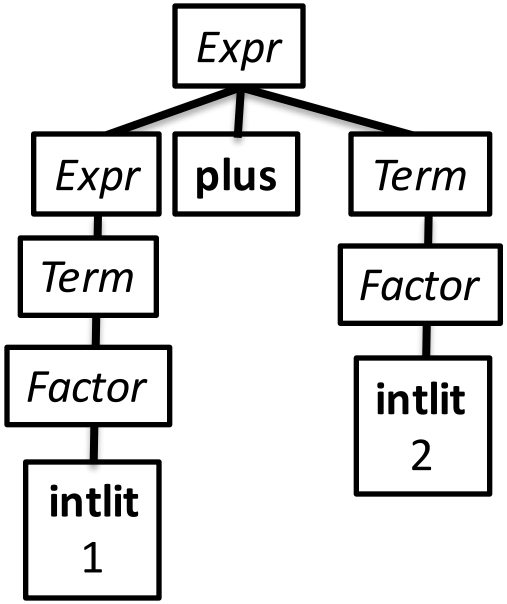
Thinking about implementing ASTs

- Consider the AST for a simple language of Expressions

Input
1 + 2

Tokenization
intlit plus intlit

Parse Tree



Expr

Expr plus Term

Term

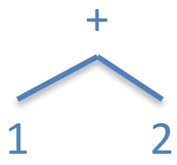
Factor

intlit 1

Factor

intlit 2

AST



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Naïve AST Implementation

```
class PlusNode
        IntNode left;
        IntNode right;
}


class IntNode{
        int value;
}
```

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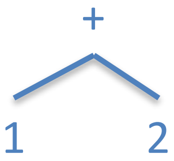
- Consider AST node classes
  - We’d like the classes to have a common inheritance tree

AST



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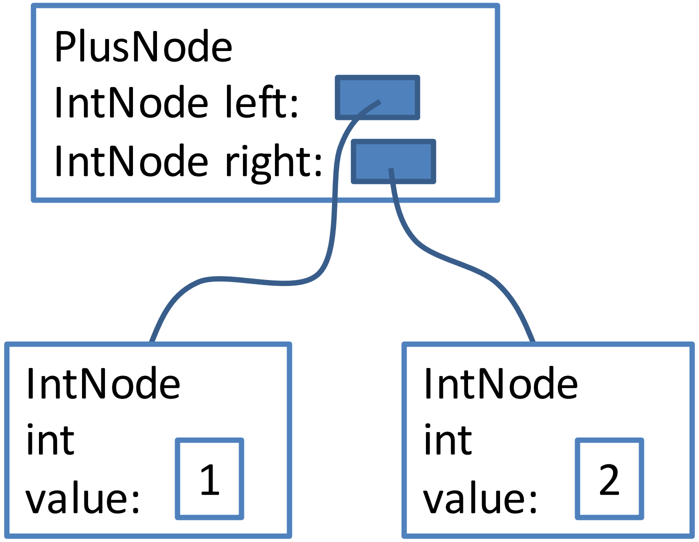
Naïve java AST


PlusNode
IntNode left:
IntNode right:

IntNode
int
value: 1

IntNode
int
value: 2

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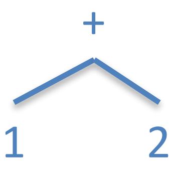
AST



Naïve AST Implementation

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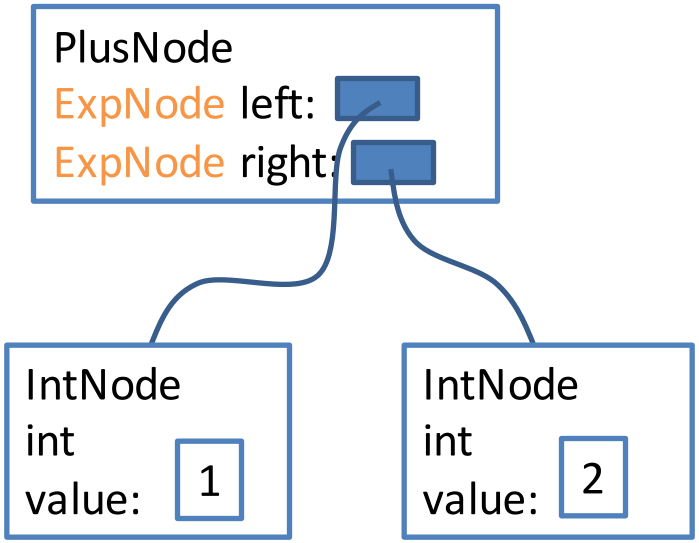
Make these extend ExpNode

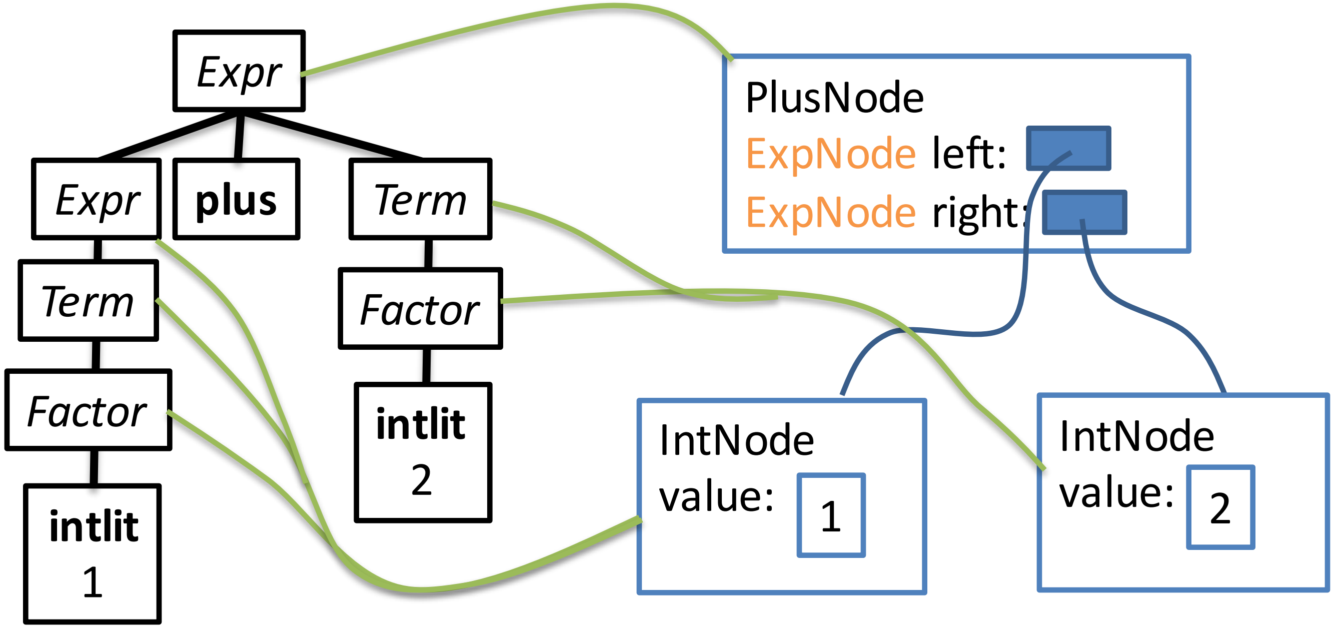
Better java AST



Implementing ASTs for Expressions

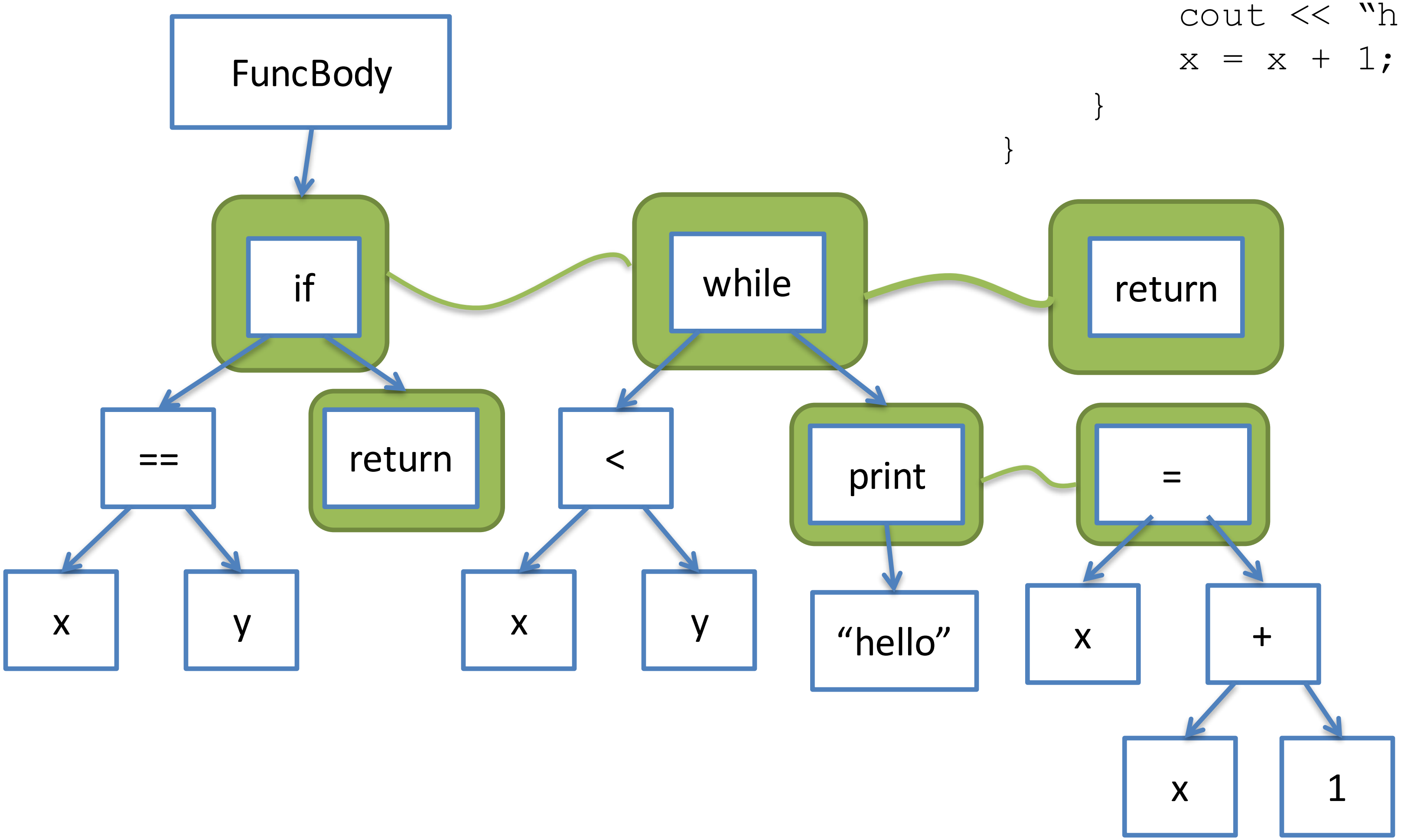
CFG	Translation Rules
Expr -> Expr + Term	*Expr1*.trans = new PlusNode(*Expr2*.trans, *Term*.trans)
| Term	*Expr*.trans = Term.trans
Term -> Term * Factor	*Term1*.trans = new TimesNode(Term2.trans, *Factor*.trans)
| Factor	*Term*.trans = *Factor*.trans
Factor -> intlit	*Factor*.trans = new IntNode(**intlit**.value)
| (Expr)	*Factor*.trans = *Expr*.trans

Example: 1 + 2



An AST for a YES Snippet

```
void foo(int x, int y){
     if (x == y){
          return;
     }
     while ( x < y){
          cout << "hello";
          x = x + 1;
     }
}
```



Summary (1 of 2)

- Today we learned about
  - Syntax-Directed Translation (SDT)
    - Consumes a parse tree with actions
    - Actions yield some result
  - Abstract Syntax Trees (ASTs)
    - The result of SDT for parsing in a compiler
    - Some practical examples of ASTs

Summary (2 of 2)

Scanner

Language abstraction: RegEx
Output: Token Stream
Tool: JLex
Implementation: DFA walking via table

Parser

Language abstraction: CFG
Output: AST by way of Parse Tree
Tool: Java CUP
Implementation: ???

Next week

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