

# Symbol Table in MINI Compiler (v1.6)

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*Symbol Table Representation* — Multi-table organization:

- `Table.java` — A top level table. Contains a table of class recs.
- `ClassRec.java` — For class decls. Contains a table of class-variable recs and a table of method recs.
- `MethodRec.java` — For method decls. Contains a table of parameter recs and a table of local-variable recs.
- `VarRec.java` — For storing variable/parameter information.

*Code Organization* — Visitor pattern over the AST hierarchy:

- `TypeVI.java` — the visitor interface to use
- `SymbolVisitor.java` — an implementation of `TypeVI`:
  - Collect info from (only) decl nodes
  - Keep track of current class and method scopes
  - Handle class hierarchy

## Table.java

```
public class Table {
    private Hashtable<String,ClassRec> classes;

    public Table() { classes = new Hashtable<String,ClassRec>(); }

    public void addClass(Id cid) throws SymbolException {
        Object old_entry = classes.put(cid.s, new ClassRec(cid));
        if (old_entry != null)
            throw new SymbolException("Class " + cid.s + " already defined");
    }

    public ClassRec getClass(Id cid) throws SymbolException {
        ClassRec c = (ClassRec) classes.get(cid.s);
        if (c == null) throw new SymbolException("Class not defined");
        return c;
    }

    public Method getMethod(ClassRec c, Id mid) ...
    public Var getVar(ClassRec c, Method m, Id vid) ...
    public void show() ...
}
```

## ClassRec.java

```
public class ClassRec {
    private Id id;
    private ClassRec parent;
    private Vector<VarRec> class_vars;
    private Hashtable<String,MethodRec> methods;

    public ClassRec(Id cid) { ... }
    public VarRec getClassVar(Id vid) { ... }
    public VarRec getClassVarAt(int i) { ... }
    public void addClassVar(Id vid, Type type, Exp e) ...
    public MethodRec getMethod(Id mid) { ... }
    public void addMethod(Id cid, Id mid, Type rtype) ...
    public int varCnt() { return class_vars.size(); }
    public void linkParent(ClassRec p) {
        parent = p;
        int start = getVarStartIdx();
        for (int i = 0; i < class_vars.size(); i++)
            ((VarRec)class_vars.elementAt(i)).setIdx(start + i + 1);
    }
}
```

# MethodRec.java

```
public class MethodRec {
    private Id id;
    private Type rtype;
    private Vector<VarRec> params;
    private Vector<VarRec> locals;

    public MethodRec(Id id, Type type) { ... }
    public int paramCnt()    { return params.size(); }
    public int localCnt()    { return locals.size(); }
    public VarRec getParam(Id vid) { ... }
    public VarRec getParamAt(int i) { ... }
    public VarRec getLocal(Id vid) { ... }
    public VarRec getLocalAt(int i) { ... }
    public void addParam(Id vid, Type type) ...
    public void addLocal(Id vid, Type type) ...
}
```

# VarRec.java

```
public class VarRec {  
    public static final int CLASS=0, LOCAL=1, PARAM=2;  
    private Id id;  
    private Type type;  
    private int kind; // one of the three categories  
    private int idx;  // position in its scope  
    private Exp init; // initial value  
  
    public VarRec(Id vid, Type vtype, int vkind, int vidx) { ... }  
    public VarRec(Id vid, Type vtype, int vkind, int vidx, Exp e) { ... }  
    public void setIdx(int vidx) { idx = vidx; }  
}
```

## TypeVI.java — a Visitor Interface

```
public interface TypeVI {  
    public void visit(Program n) throws Exception;  
    public void visit(ClassDeclList n) throws Exception;  
    ...  
    public void visit(ClassDecl n) throws Exception;  
    public void visit(MethodDecl n) throws Exception;  
    ...  
    public Type visit(IntType n);  
    public Type visit(BoolType n);  
    ...  
    public void visit(Block n) throws Exception;  
    public void visit(Assign n) throws Exception;  
    ...  
    public Type visit(Binop n) throws Exception;  
    public Type visit(Relop n) throws Exception;  
    ...  
    public Type visit(Int n);  
    public Type visit(Bool n);  
    ...  
}
```

# SymbolVisitor.java

```
package symbol;
import ast.*;
import java.util.Hashtable;
import java.util.Vector;

public class SymbolVisitor implements TypeVI {
    public Table symTable;          // the top-scope symbol table
    private ClassRec currClass;     // the current class scope
    private MethodRec currMethod;   // the current method scope
    private boolean hasMain;        // whether "main" method is defined

    public SymbolVisitor() { ... }

    public void visit(Program n) throws Exception {
        n.cl.accept(this);
        if (!hasMain)
            throw new SymbolException("Method main is missing");
        setupClassHierarchy(n.cl); // establish class hierarchy
    }
}
```



## SymbolVisitor.java — Declarations

These are the routines you need to complete:

```
public void visit(ClassDecl n) throws Exception {
    // add a ClassRec to symTable
    // recursively process vl list and ml list
}

public void visit(MethodDecl n) throws Exception {
    // add a MethodRec to the current ClassRec
    // recursively process fl list and vl list
    // if the method is 'main', check for violations
    //   of main method's rules
}

public void visit(VarDecl n) throws Exception {
    // decide whether the var is a local var or a class var
    // (hint: use env variables currClass and currMethod)
    // add a VarRec to the proper ClassRec of MethodRec
}

public void visit(Formal n) throws Exception {
    // add a VarRec to the current MethodRec's param list
}
```

## SymbolVisitor.java — Lists and Types

```
// LISTS --- use default traversal
public void visit(List n) throws Exception {}
public void visit(ClassDeclList n) throws Exception {
    for (int i = 0; i < n.size(); i++)
        n.elementAt(i).accept(this);
}
public void visit(VarDeclList n) throws Exception {
    for (int i = 0; i < n.size(); i++)
        n.elementAt(i).accept(this);
}
...
// TYPES --- return the nodes themselves
public Type visit(IntType n) { return n; }
public Type visit(BoolType n) { return n; }
public Type visit(ObjType n) throws Exception { return n; }
...
```

## SymbolVisitor.java — StmtS and ExprS

Nothing to implement in these two groups:

```
public void visit(StmtList n) throws Exception {}
public void visit(Block n) throws Exception {}
public void visit(Assign n) throws Exception {}
...

public void visit(ExprList n) throws Exception {}
public Type visit(Binop n) throws Exception { return null; }
public Type visit(Relop n) throws Exception { return null; }
...
}
```

## MINI's Scope Issues

In MINI, classes and methods can create new scopes.

- A method's scope is enclosed in its class's scope.
- A class's scope is enclosed in its parent's scope (if exists).

```
class A {  
    int i;  
}  
class B extends A {  
    public int foo() {  
        return i; // i is defined in a scope two levels up  
    }  
}
```

We could use two variables *currClass* and *currMethod* to keep track of the scope info during symbol processing — at the beginning of *ClassDecl* and *MethodDecl* visit routines, set these variables to point to their corresponding symbol-table recs; and at the end, reset them.

## MINI's Scope Issues (cont.)

- Within a class scope, the data fields and the methods are in two *disjoint* sub-scopes. In other words, a class variable and a method can share the same name. E.g.

```
class A {  
    int j;  
    public int j() { return 3; } // OK  
}
```

- Within a method scope, parameters and local variables *can not* share the same name.

```
public int foo(int i) {  
    int i=5;    // Error!  
    return i;  
}
```

## MINI's Recursive Definitions

In MINI, class definitions and method definitions can both be *mutually* recursive. E.g. the following examples are both OK:

```
class A {  
    public void foo(int i) {  
        B b = new B(1);  
        zoo(1);  
    }  
    public void zoo(int j) {  
        foo(2);  
    }  
}  
class B {  
    public void bar() {  
        A a = new A(2);  
    }  
}
```

How to handle this feature?

## MINI's Recursive Definitions (cont.)

*Answer:* Need to process class and method declarations *twice*:

- In the first visit (done by `SymbolVisitor`), information regarding classes (or methods) are recorded in the symbol table
- In the second visit (done later by `CheckerVisitor`), semantic correctness is checked

So if the definition of class B is missing in the previous example, the `SymbolVisitor` pass would not be able to detect the error. But the next `CheckerVisitor` (type-checking) pass will catch this error.

## Setting up Class Hierarchy

```
class B extends A {  
    int k;  
}  
class A {  
    int i;  
    int j;  
    public int foo(int i)  
        { int y; return i+this.i; }  
}
```

Symbol Table:

```
Class A (pid=null):  
    [cl var] (1) i int  
    [cl var] (2) j int  
    <method> A.foo (rtype=int):  
        [param] (1) i int  
        [local] (1) y int  
Class B (pid=A):  
    [cl var] (3) k int
```

- The inheritance relationship among classes need to be captured with the *parent* pointers in their ClassRecs.
- Furthermore, the start index for a subclass's variables need to take into consideration all ancestor classes' variables.

The difficulty is that a subclass may be defined before its parent class in the program.



## Setting up Class Hierarchy (cont.)

*Solution:* Perform a topological sort on class decls based on their inheritance relationship, and process parent decl first.

```
private void setupClassHierarchy(ClassDeclList cl) throws Exception {  
    Vector<ClassDecl> work = new Vector<ClassDecl>();  
    Vector<String> done = new Vector<String>();  
    for (int i=0; i<cl.size(); i++)  
        work.add(cl.elementAt(i));  
    while (work.size() > 0) {  
        for (int i=0; i<work.size(); i++) {  
            ClassDecl cd = (ClassDecl) work.elementAt(i);  
            if (cd.pid != null) {  
                if (!done.contains(cd.pid.s)) continue;  
                ClassRec cr = symTable.getClass(cd.cid);  
                ClassRec pr = symTable.getClass(cd.pid);  
                cr.linkParent(pr);  
            }  
            done.add(cd.cid.s);  
            work.remove(cd);  
        }  
    }  
}
```