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Our approach to types is to create a language that is *strongly static typed*. We add syntax to provide type information for values, and every program is checked for proper type matching prior to evaluating the program.

A *static typed* language is one in which type information can be determined at "compile time" rather than at runtime. In this way, any type errors are found before the program is evaluated. Saying that a language is *strongly typed* means that there are no type "holes" in the system: the declared type of a symbol (a variable or procedure parameter) dictates the types of the values that can be bound to the symbol. Everything is type checked, without exception, and all expressions must conform to type rules.

Our typed language is based on the SET language. In the SET language, only the integer value 0 is considered false, and all other values — including ProcVals — are true when used in conditional expressions. The Java programming language, which is statically typed, requires that the test expression in an if statement evaluate to a boolean. We follow this example in our typed language by introducing primitive types, int and bool, corresponding to integer and boolean expressed values, respectively. To implement this, we add a new BoolVal subclass of the Val class. With this addition, we can require that the test expression in an if expression be an instance of BoolVal.

# **Types**

Observe that the int type in our (as yet unnamed) language is *not* the same as the int type in Java, even though they are closely related and have the same name. There should be no confusion about bool, since in Java the corresponding type is boolean.

Our objective is to associate a type with every instance of the class Val. An IntVal has type int, and a BoolVal has type bool. The only other Val object is a ProcVal, so we need a way to give a type to a ProcVal.

When we define a procedure, we *declare* the types of each of the procedure's formal parameters and the procedure's return type. We show how to do this shortly. Once we know these declared types, we can define the type of the procedure.

We use the notation

$$[t_1, t_2, \cdots, t_n => t]$$

to represent the type of a procedure that has n formal parameters of types  $t_1, t_2, \cdots$   $t_n$ , respectively, and that returns a value of type t.

To simplify things, we do not permit the creation of new (named) types, so every type is either an integer, boolean, or procedure.

A *type* is one of the two primitive types or a procedure type. A *type expression* is a syntactic category in our typed language that describes a type:

Here are some examples of type expressions:

```
1. int
2. bool
3. [ bool, int => int ]
4. [ [int=>bool], [int,int=>int] => [int,int=>bool] ]
5. [ => int ]
```

Type expressions 1 and 2 describe primitive int and bool types, respectively. Type expression 3 describes a procedure type that takes two parameters of type bool and int, respectively, and that returns an int. Type expression 4 describes a procedure type that takes two procedure parameters of type [int=>bool] and [int,int=>int], respectively, and that returns a procedure of type [int,int=>bool]. Type expression 5 describes a procedure type that takes no parameters and that returns an int. Observe that any type expression that starts with a '[' must be a procedure type.

Our typed language now requires that every procedure expression be annotated with type expressions for each of the procedure's formal parameters – its (declared) formal parameter types – and a type expression for the procedure's return value – its (declared) return type. Together, these annotations completely define the procedure's type, called (not surprisingly) the defined type of the procedure.

The following examples show how to modify a procedure expression in the SET language by adding type annotations so that it conforms to the TYPEO language rules (see Slide 9 for the start of the discussion of the TYPEO language):

```
% SET language, no type annotations
proc(t) +(t,5)
% the same procedure in the TYPEO language with type annotations
proc(t:int):int +(t,5)
% defined type [int=>int], return type int

% SET language, no type annotations
proc(f,x) .f(x)
% the same procedure in the TYPEO language with type annotations
proc(f:[int=>int], x:int):int .f(x)
% defined type [[int=>int], int=>int], return type int
```

When used in an expression, a procedure *application* is considered to have a type equal to the *return type* of the procedure. For example, the type of the following procedure application is int:

```
.proc(t:int):int +(t,5) (4) % evaluates to 9, an int
```

We will shortly define grammar rules for the TYPEO language that parse expressions such as these.

Every expression has a type. The type of a variable (VarExp) is the type that is bound to the variable in the current type environment. All variables must have a type binding.

A type error is one of the following:

- an attempt to define a procedure whose declared return type does not match the type of the body of the procedure;
- an attempt to apply a non-procedure as a procedure;
- an attempt to apply a procedure to the wrong number of actual parameters;
- an attempt to apply a procedure to actual parameters whose types do not match the declared types of the corresponding formal parameters;
- an attempt to use a non-boolean as the test in an if statement;
- an attempt to have expressions of different types in the then and else parts of an if statement;
- an attempt to assign a value to a LHS variable in a set expression where the type of the variable does not match the type of the RHS expression.

In the above, we consider primitive procedures such as +, add1, and zero? as procedures for the purposes of type checking. These primitive procedures have pre-defined procedure types.

Our static type checking implementation also detects errors where an identifier is referred to in a particular expression without appearing on the LHS of an enclosing let or letrec or in a top-level define -i.e., if the identifier occurs free in the expression. It also detects errors where the same identifier appears twice on the LHS of a let or letrec or if the same identifier appears twice in the formal parameter list of a proc.

A variable is in *declaration position* if it occurs on the LHS of a define, let, or letrec definition, or if it appears as a formal parameter in a procedure definition. These occurrences determine the *defined type* of the variable according to the following rules:

- The defined type of a variable appearing in declaration position in a define, let, or letrec is the type of its RHS expression.
- The defined type of a variable appearing in a formal parameter list is its declared type in the procedure definition.

When a variable appears in an expression, the type of the variable is its defined type using static scope rules.

Notice that static scope rules make it possible to determine the types of variables that appear free in a procedure body – in other words, variables that do not appear as procedure formal parameters.

Numeric literals all have type int. We predefine the identifiers true and false to have type bool, with the obvious semantics in test expressions of if... expressions.

The type of a let or letrec expression is the type of the expression's body.

Observe that the expressed value of the testExp in an IfExp can no longer be an IntVal, so an expression like

```
if 0 then 3 else 4
```

that we have seen in Language SET won't work in our typed language.

Since the type of a variable is determined by static scope rules, the only "interesting" types are those of procedures. We need to add syntax rules for procedure definitions that permit us to declare the types of its formal parameters and its return type.

## **Language TYPE0**

These changes do *not* affect the behavior of the eval methods that define the semantics of the SET language. Thus the resulting TYPE0 language has the same semantics as the SET language, except for the presence of bool values: the type information in a program is simply ignored.

A procedure definition in our TYPEO language now looks like this, for example:

```
define add2 = proc(x:int):int add1(add1(x))
```

This says that the *declared type* of the formal parameter x is int and that the *declared return type* of add2 is int, so that the *defined type* of add2 is [int=>int].

Since we have made changes to our syntax, our expression parse trees have additional structure, but because our eval methods are not affected by the type information, the eval methods in the code file for the SET language are entirely unchanged in the code file for TYPEO.

Notice, however, that we have not implemented any of our type rules, so no type checking is taking place.

Our TYPEO language has two new expressions: a TrueExp and a FalseExp, with obvious concrete and abstract syntax:

What should the eval method return for these classes? In Language SET, we used an IntVal of zero to be false and everything else to be true. Once we have syntax for true and false expressions in Language TYPEO, we introduce corresponding semantics using the Val type BoolVal that represent the values of these expressions. The BoolVal class is simply a Java wrapper class for Java boolean values. The code for the BoolVal class is in the val file.

Once we have the BoolVal class, we can define the eval behavior for the TrueExp and FalseExp classes. Here's the code for TrueExp – the code for FalseExp is nearly identical:

```
public Val eval(Env env) {
    return new BoolVal(true);
}
```

Obviously the isTrue Java method applied to a BoolVal object constructed with true must return true (in Java), and similarly the isTrue Java method applied to a BoolVal object constructed with false must return false. The isTrue method applied to *any* other value (either an IntVal or a ProcVal) must throw an exception.

We can add a number of new primitives applied to integer arguments that return BoolVal values, such as the following, with obvious meanings:

```
<?
<=?
>?
>=?
=?
<>?
```

The purpose of the ? at the end of these is to remind you that they are testing something and that they return boolean values (they are *predicates*). We also change the value returned by the zero? primitive to a BoolVal.

The following expressions evaluate as indicated:

```
<?(3,3)
  % => false (actually, a false BoolVal)
<=?(3,3)
  % => true
<>?(x,y)
  % => depends on the current bindings of x and y
=?(proc(t) t, proc(u) u)
  % => exception -- can't apply to procedures
if 1 then 2 else 3
  % => exception -- 1 is not a boolean
```

Now that we have built the syntax for type expressions and incorporated it into our grammar, we begin to implement type checking. Our strategy is to determine the type of any expression, making type checks along the way.

Our first step is to define Type as a *semantic* entity in our implementation. We implement Type as an abstract class with three subclasses:

IntType
BoolType
ProcType

These correspond to the three classes that extend the Val class. Observe that Val objects are used to evaluate expressions, whereas Type objects are used for type checking. They serve similar purposes but are used in different ways.

Neither BoolType nor IntType has any instance variables. A ProcType object has two instance variables, as described here:

```
ProcType(List<Type> paramTypeList, Type returnType)
```

An expression is of type IntType if it evaluates to an integer. Similarly for a BoolType.

When we evaluate an expression, we use an environment to determine its expressed value. When we are doing type checking, we don't care what the expressed value actually is: only its type matters.

Our approach is to evaluate the type (Type) of an expression, doing type checks of sub-expressions along the way. If there are no type errors, we can then evaluate the value (Val) of the expression and return this value as we have done before.

First, when we encounter a variable in an expression, we want to determine the type of that variable. If the variable is a formal parameter in the body of a procedure, its type is determined by the type declaration of the formal parameter. For any other variable, its type can be determined using static scope rules. This suggests that we have a way of binding the variable to its type during type checking in a way that is similar to binding the variable to its value during expression evaluation. We achieve this by creating a *type environment* that is almost identical to a value environment that we have been using so far, except that our type environment binds variables to types rather than to values.

The appropriate classes are shown on the next slide.

```
abstract class TypeEnv
   public static TypeEnv emptyTypeEnv() // returns an empty environment
   public abstract Type applyTypeEnv(String sym)
   public abstract TypeEnv extendTypeEnv(TypeBindings typeBindings)
   public abstract TypeEnv extendTypeEnv(List<String> idList, List<Type> typeList
class TypeEnvNull extends TypeEnv // empty type environment class
class TypeEnvNode extends TypeEnv
   public TypeBindings typeBindings // local bindings
   public TypeEnv typeEnv // next environment
class TypeBindings
   public List<TypeBinding> typeBindingList
class TypeBinding
   public String sym
   public Type type
abstract class Type
class IntType extends Type
class BoolType extends Type
class ProcType extends Type
```

The definitions of the classes relating to type environments is given in the tenv file.

Since most of our type checking rules relate to type equality, we must define what it means for two types to be equal. There are only three basic types, and for each of them we define a <code>checkEquals</code> method. This <code>void</code> method silently returns if the types are the same, otherwise it calls the static <code>typeMismatch</code> method in the <code>Type</code> class; this method throws a runtime exception with an appropriate message.

The two primitive types are simple. For the BoolType class, the checkEquals method is defined as follows:

```
public void checkEquals(Type t) {
    t.checkBoolType(this);
}

public void checkBoolType(BoolType t) {
    // if we get here, this must be a BoolType
}
```

The default checkBoolType method in the Type class – defined for all other types except for BoolType – throws a type mismatch exception.

A similar definition works for the IntType.

We are left to define checkEquals for the ProcType class. This is easy: two ProcType objects are equal if they both have the same number of formal parameter types and these formal parameter types are pairwise equal (in the proper order), and if they both have the same return type.

Here is the definition of checkEquals in the ProcType class:

```
public void checkEquals(Type t) {
    t.checkProcType(this);
}

// check to see if the type of the ProcType object t is the same
// as this ProcType object
public void checkProcType(ProcType t) {
    // first check the return types
    this.returnType.checkEquals(t.returnType);
    // then check the types of the formal parameters
    checkEqualTypes(this.paramTypeList, t.paramTypeList);
}
```

The checkEqualTypes static method in the Type class is straight-forward: first check for equal sizes; then iterate through both of the lists, checking pairwise for type equality.

```
public static void checkEqualTypes(List<Type> t1List, List<Type> t2List) {
   if (t1List.size() != t2List.size())
        throw new PLCCException("Type error", "argument number mismatch");
   Iterator<Type> t1i = t1List.iterator();
   Iterator<Type> t2i = t2List.iterator();
   while (t1i.hasNext()) {
        Type t1 = t1i.next();
        Type t2 = t2i.next();
        t1.checkEquals(t2);
   }
}
```

At this point we can also add primitives operations for and, or, and not.

```
<prim>AndPrim ::= AND
<prim>OrPrim ::= OR
<prim>NotPrim ::= NOT
```

Here is the apply code for an AndPrim object:

```
public Val apply(Val [] va) {
   if (va.length != 2)
       throw new RuntimeException("two arguments expected");
   boolean b0 = va[0].boolVal().val;
   boolean b1 = va[1].boolVal().val;
   return new BoolVal(b0 && b1);
}
```

It's easy to see how the apply code should be implemented for the other two primitives or and not.

Although primitives are not procedures (you can't bind a variable to add1, for example), they do have specific type behaviors that can be described in terms of procedure types. The + primitive behaves like [int,int=>int], and the add1 primitive behaves like [int=>int]. Each of the primitives are associated with a ProcType that is used for type checking. We define these types in the Type class as static instance variables.

Rather than building each of these types by hand with constructors, we define and use a special static method <code>compile</code> in the <code>Type</code> class that takes a compact string representation of a procedure type such as <code>[int,int=>int]</code> (in this case, the string is "ii>i") and returns a <code>ProcType</code> object with the proper formal parameter types and result type. You can see how the <code>compile</code> method is used in the following example definitions and their corresponding interpretations:

```
public static ProcType ii_i = compile("ii>i"); // [int,int=>int]
public static ProcType i_i = compile("i>i"); // [int=>int]
public static ProcType ii_b = compile("ii>b"); // [int,int=>bool]
public static ProcType bb_b = compile("bb>b"); // [bool,bool=>bool]
```

The definedType method in the Prim class asks the primitive object what its procedure type is, and the object returns the appropriate type from among the ones compiled in the Type class. For example, in the AddPrim class, we define:

```
public ProcType definedType() {
    return Type.ii_i;
}
```

When declaring the formal parameter types of procedures and processing let and letrec expressions, we ensure that there are no duplicate variable names. using the :init hook during parsing.

While the type environment classes are similar to those for expression environments, it is unnecessary to use references, since we never modify the type of a variable. Therefore type environments are similar to the environment implementation in language V6. The essential changes are to replace Var with Type, Env with TypeEnv, and Binding with TypeBinding.

We are now prepared to write the code to type-check expressions. We need to initialize a top-level type environment, which we call initTypeEnv. This happens in the Program class, where we also define the top-level expression environment.

```
static TypeEnv tenv = TypeEnv.initTypeEnv();
```

In the Eval class's \$run method, we type-check by applying the evalType on the exp object – the "program" that we are to evaluate. The actual return value of this is irrelevant, since its purpose is simply to carry out type checking prior to expression evaluation. If the type checking succeeds, the \$run method displays the string representation of the value of the expression.

```
public void $run() {
    exp.evalType(Program.tenv); // type check first
    Val val = exp.eval(Program.env);
    System.out.println(val);
}
```

The type of a LitExp is easy:

```
public Type evalType(TypeEnv tenv) {
    return Type.intType; // a singleton in the Type class
}
```

So are the types of a TrueExp and a FalseExp. For both the TrueExp and FalseExp classes, we have

```
public Type evalType(TypeEnv tenv) {
    return Type.boolType;
}
```

The type of a VarExp looks up the type of the variable in the type environment and returns the result:

```
public Type evalType(TypeEnv tenv) {
    return tenv.applyTypeEnv(var);
}
```

The type of a LetExp involves checking the LHS variable list for duplicates (done during parsing), determining the types of the RHS expressions using the current type environment, extending the current type environment by binding the variables to the types of the RHS expressions, and evaluating the type of the let body using this extended environment.

```
public Type evalType(TypeEnv tenv) {
    TypeEnv ntenv = letDecls.addTypeBindings(tenv); // extended tenv
    return exp.evalType(ntenv);
}
```

Most of the work is done in the addTypeBindings method in the LetDecls class, which we show here.

```
public TypeEnv addTypeBindings(TypeEnv tenv) {
   List<String> idList = new ArrayList<String>(); // LHS vars
   for(Token t : varList) // LHS tokens
        idList.add(t.toString());
   Rands rands = new Rands(expList); // RHS expressions
   List<Type> typeList = rands.evalTypeRands(tenv); // RHS types
   TypeBindings typeBindings = new TypeBindings(idList, typeList);
   return tenv.extendTypeEnv(typeBindings);
}
```

The Rands object must define the evalTypeRands method, which is straight-forward. Notice that this is where static scope rules come into play: in a let expression, the types of the RHS expressions are evaluated in the enclosing type environment, tenv.

```
public List<Type> evalTypeRands(TypeEnv tenv) {
   List<Type> typeList = new ArrayList<Type>();
   for (Exp e : expList)
      typeList.add(e.evalType(tenv));
   return typeList;
}
```

In order to determine the defined type of a procedure, we need to give semantic meaning to the type expressions used to declare the types of a procedure's formal parameters and return type. Specifically, we need to take a type expression given by the <typeExp> grammar rules and evaluate its Type: in other words, the semantics of a type expression is its Type. This is parallel to taking a value expression give by <exp> grammar rules and evaluating its Val. Both of these evaluations are examples of semantics.

For each type expression, we implement a toType method that returns the corresponding instance of Type. One thing to observe is that a type expression does not involve any variables, so there is no need to keep track of a type environment.

For example, a type expression of the form [int=>bool] would evaluate to a ProcType, and a type expression of the form int would evaluate to a IntType.

Here's the definition of toType for the PrimTypeExp class (representing either an int or a bool) in the code file:

```
PrimTypeExp
%%%

   public Type toType() {
      return primType.toType(); // intType or boolType
   }
%%%
```

For the BoolPrimType class, which corresponds to grammar rules for the true and false tokens, we simply return boolType.

```
BoolPrimType
%%%

   public Type toType() {
      return Type.boolType; // a singleton in the Type class
   }
%%%
```

Simlar remarks apply to IntPrimType.

## For a ProcTypeExp, we

- 1. determine the types (using the toType method) of the (formal parameter) type expressions that appear to the left of the '=>' token and insert them into a List<Type> object,
- 2. determine the type of the (return) type expression that appears to the right of the '=>' token, and then
- 3. construct the appropriate ProcType object.

```
ProcTypeExp
%%%

public Type toType() {
    List<Type> paramTypeList = typeExps.toTypes();
    Type returnType = typeExp.toType();
    return new ProcType(paramTypeList, returnType);
}
%%%
```

The toTypes () method in the TypeExps class is straight-forward, iterating over its typeExpList and calling toType on each of its type expressions.

We are now in a position to determine the *defined type* of a proc expression. By defined type, we mean the type of the procedure (a ProcType) as determined by the declared types of each of the formal parameters and the declared return type. For example,

```
proc(x:int):bool ...
```

has a formal parameter of declared type int and a declared return type of bool, so the defined type of this procedure is [int=>bool] The defined type of a procedure is not dependent on the type environment in which the procedure expression appears, nor on the names of the formal parameters.

However, the type of the procedure *body* is dependent on the type environment in which the procedure is evaluated, since the procedure body may have variables that are free with respect to the procedure's formal parameters but that are bound to types defined in an enclosing environment. One of our type checks is to ensure that the procedure's declared return type is the same as the type of the procedure body.

The definedType method in the Proc class evaluates the procedure's defined type, which must be a ProcType: it gets the declared types of the formal parameters from the Formals object and the declared return type from the procedure's typeExp. The defined type is determined exclusively by the declared types of the formal parameters and the procedure's declared return type.

```
Proc
%%%

public ProcType definedType() {
    List<Type> declaredTypeList = formals.formalTypeList();
    Type declaredReturnType = typeExp.toType();
    return new ProcType(declaredTypeList, declaredReturnType);
}
%%%
```

The Formals class defines the formal Type List method:

```
Formals
%%%

public List<Type> formalTypeList() {
    List<Type> typeList = new ArrayList<Type>(typeExpList.size());
    for (TypeExp texp : typeExpList)
        typeList.add(texp.toType());
    return typeList;
}
%%%
```

We are now ready to define evalType in the Proc class.

```
public Type evalType(TypeEnv tenv) {
    // retrieve the declared return type of the proc
    Type declaredReturnType = typeExp.toType();
    // bind the formal parameters to their declared types
    TypeBindings typeBindings = formals.declaredTypeBindings();
    // extend the tenv by the formal param type bindings
    TypeEnv ntenv = tenv.extendTypeEnv(typeBindings);
    // evaluate the type of the body using this extended
    // type environment
    Type expType = exp.evalType(ntenv);
    // and check that the declared return type matches the body type
    Type.checkEquals(declaredReturnType, expType);
    // finally build the ProcType
    List<Type> formalTypeList = formals.formalTypeList();
    return new ProcType(formalTypeList, declaredReturnType);
```

Type checking for an if expression involves making sure that the test expression has type bool and that the true part and the false part have the same types. Thus, for a IfExp, we have:

```
public Type evalType(TypeEnv tenv) {
    Type testType = testExp.evalType(tenv);
    testType.checkBoolType(Type.boolType);
    Type trueExpType = trueExp.evalType(tenv);
    Type falseExpType = falseExp.evalType(tenv);
    Type.checkEquals(trueExpType, falseExpType);
    return trueExpType;
}
```

What is the type of a { . . . } expression? Since the purpose of this statement is normally to perform side-effects and to return only the value of the last sub-expression, we assume that the type of '{ . . . }' is the type of the last sub-expression. The types of the previous sub-expressions are ignored except that they must not have type errors.

### Thus the expression

has type [=>int].

```
let
  x = 1
  double = proc(t:int):int set t = *(2,t)
in
  { if zero?(x) then 0 else set x = add1(x)
  ; .double(x)
  ; proc():int x
}
```

The following method implements type checking in the SeqExp class:

```
public Type evalType(TypeEnv tenv) {
    Type t = exp.evalType(tenv);
    for (Exp e : seqExps.expList)
        t = e.evalType(tenv);
    return t;
}
```

In a set expression, we look up the type of the LHS variable and make sure that it matches the type of the RHS expression. The following method is defined in the SetExp class:

```
public Type evalType(TypeEnv tenv) {
    Type varType = tenv.applyTypeEnv(var);
    Type expType = exp.evalType(tenv);
    Type.checkEquals(varType, expType);
    return varType;
}
```

A letrec expression is treated similar to a let expression, except that the types of the RHS procedures must be evaluated in an environment that has type bindings for the LHS variables. Since the defined type of a RHS procedure can be determined solely by declared types of its parameters and return type, the types of the LHS variables can be determined independent of any environment. So we can use these LHS variables to extend the type environment and then evaluate the types of the RHS procedure *bodies* using this extended environment, for the purpose of type checking with their declared return types. The addLetrecTypeBindings method in the LetDecls class does all the work.

```
public TypeEnv addLetrecTypeBindings(TypeEnv tenv) {
   tenv = tenv.extendTypeEnv(new TypeBindings(varList.size()));
   Iterator<Token> varIter = varList.iterator();
   Iterator<Exp> expIter = expList.iterator();
   while (varIter.hasNext()) {
        String str = varIter.next().toString();
        Type typ = expIter.next().evalType(tenv);
        tenv.add(new TypeBinding(str, typ));
   }
   return tenv;
}
```

Once we have type checked the RHS entries and built the extended type environment with bindings for the LHS variables, we can evaluate the type of the letrec body using this extended environment.

```
LetrecExp
%%%
    public Type evalType(TypeEnv tenv) {
        TypeEnv ntenv = letDecls.addLetrecTypeBindings(tenv);
        return exp.evalType(ntenv);
    }
%%%
```

Two to go: AppExp and PrimappExp. Both of these are similar in that we need to check if the formal parameter types of the operator agree in number and type with the actual parameter (operand) types.

For an AppExp, we must ensure that the thing we are applying is actually a procedure – it must evaluate to a ProcType. We then check that the actual parameter expression types match the declared types of the formal parameters. Because a ProcType object already knows (and has checked the validity of) its return type, the type of an application is simply the return type of the procedure.

```
AppExp
%%%

public Type evalType(TypeEnv tenv) {
    Type tt = exp.evalType(tenv);
    ProcType pt = tt.procType(); // make sure tt is a ProcType
    List<Type> argTypeList = rands.evalTypeRands(tenv);
    Type.checkEqualTypes(pt.paramTypeList, argTypeList);
    return pt.returnType;
}
%%%
```

For PrimappExp, we do the same thing, except that we simply ask the primitive to identify its type using its definedType method:

```
public Type evalType(TypeEnv tenv) {
    ProcType pt = prim.definedType();
    List<Type> argTypeList = rands.evalTypeRands(tenv);
    Type.checkEqualTypes(pt.paramTypeList, argTypeList);
    return pt.returnType;
}
```

Notice that the type of a primitive is defined statically. The primitive's definedType method just retrieves the type, which must be a ProcType.

We are left to handle top-level defines. While this seems to be straight-forward, we are faced with problems of unbound variables. For example, suppose we attempt to make the follwing definitions:

```
define odd? =
  proc(x:int):bool if zero?(x) then false else .even?(sub1(x))
define even? =
  proc(x:int):bool if zero?(x) then true else .odd?(sub1(x))
```

When the procedure body of odd? is first encountered, the variable even? is unbound, so the type of the body of the procedure cannot be evaluated. Any attempt to type-check odd? fails with a type error.

We can remedy this situation in two ways:

- forbid top-level defines altogether; or
- create a mechanism to deal with unbound variables that makes top-level defines work.

We take the second approach, with some restrictions.

First, we create a new top-level operator declare that has a syntax similar to how we declare the type of a formal parameter in a procedure. This allows us to bind a type to an identifier without actually creating a value binding for the identifier.

Pascal provides such a mechanism with *forward* declarations, as does C/C++ with procedure declarations. Java does not suffer from this problem, in part because the order of declaration of fields and methods is not significant.

A declaration has the following concrete and abstract syntax:

The rules for top-level defines and declares are:

- 1. A top-level identifier definition serves as a declaration for the purpose of determining the type of the identifier.
- 2. It is an error for a top-level identifier to be declared (hence defined) more than once.
- 3. If an identifier declaration precedes its definition, it is an error if the declared and defined types are not identical.
- 4. It is an error for a declaration not to have a subsequent definition, although this error need not be checked.

Although you cannot define a top-level variable more than once, you can *redefine* a top-level variable using set if the variable has been previously defined. The type rule for variable assignment still requires that the RHS type of the set must agree with the declared type of the variable.

## Examples of top-level declarations/definitions:

```
1. define x = 3 \% type int
    define x = 4 % error - multiple definitions for x
    define x = 3 % type int
    set x = 4 % ok - types agree
    set x = true % error - type of RHS must be int
3.
   define fact = proc(x:int):int
      if zero?(x) then 1 else *(x, .fact(sub1(x)))
      % error - fact on the RHS has no type binding!
    declare fact : [int=>int]
4.
    define fact = proc(x:int):int
      if zero?(x) then 1 else *(x, .fact(sub1(x))) %ok
5.
   declare f : [=>bool]
    define y = 2
    define f = proc():int y
      % error - defined type does not match declared type
6.
   declare f : [=>bool]
    define y = 2
    define f = proc():bool y
      % error - body type does not match return type
```

As a final example, consider

```
declare f : [=>int]
declare y : int
define f = proc():int y
.f() % error - no binding for y
```

The definition for f is type valid, but g has no defined value binding, so the procedure application f () results in a run-time error.

If we subsequently give a value definition for y, the procedure application succeeds, as the following shows:

```
declare f : [=>int]
declare y : int
define f = proc():int y
define y = 3
.f() % ok - returns 3
```

We implement top-level declarations as follows:

```
Declare
응응응
    // calling $run may trigger a modification
    // of the initial type environment
    public void $run() {
        TypeEnv tenv = Program.tenv; // top-level type environment
        Type tv; // variable's declared type
        String sym = var.toString(); // the LHS symbol
        try {
            // look up the variable in the initial type environment
            tv = tenv.applyTypeEnv(sym);
        } catch (PLCCException e) {
            // no type binding -- must be a new type declaration
            // that we add to the top-level type environment
            tv = typeExp.toType();
            tenv.add(new TypeBinding(sym, tv)); // type binding
            System.out.println(sym + ":" + tv);
            return;
        throw new PLCCException(sym + ": duplicate variable declaration");
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```

If a type binding (either through a declaration of definition) already exists, it is flagged as a duplicate declaration. Otherwise a top-level binding is made between the identifier and the type represented by its type expression. The \$run behavior of a variable declaration/definition is to display the variable being declared/defined along with its declared type.

We expand on top-level definitions as follows. Notice that this code is in two parts: the first part is where the variable hasn't been declared/defined before:

```
Define
응응응
   // calling $run may trigger a modification
   // of the initial type and value environments
   public void $run() {
       TypeEnv tenv = Program.tenv; // top-level type environment
       Type rhst; // RHS expression type
       Val rhsv; // RHS expression value
       Type lhst; // LHS variable declared type
       Val lhsv; // LHS variable's current value
       String sym = var.toString(); // the LHS symbol
       try {
          // look up the LHS variable in the initial type environment
          lhst = tenv.applyTypeEnv(sym);
       } catch (RuntimeException e) {
          // no type binding -- must be a new variable definition
          rhst = exp.evalType(tenv);
          rhsv = exp.eval(env);
          env.add(new Binding(sym, new ValRef(rhsv))); // value binding
          System.out.println(sym + ":" + rhst);
          return
```

The second part is where the variable has a declaration but possibly not a definition:

```
Define
응응응
        // the variable has a declared type, lhst -- see if it needs a def'n
        try {
            // look up the value of var in the initial environment
            lhsv = env.applyEnv(sym);
        } catch (RuntimeException e) {
            // the variable has a declared type, but no value bound to it
            // so we want to add the value binding to the top-level env.
            // first check the defined type of the RHS
            rhst = exp.evalType(tenv);
            // the declared and defined types must be the same
            Type.checkEquals(lhst, rhst);
            // get the RHS expression value
            rhsv = exp.eval(env);
            // and bind it to the variable
            env.add(new Binding(sym, new ValRef(rhsv)));
            System.out.println(sym + ":" + lhst);
            return;
        // the variable has a value, so must be a duplicate
        throw new RuntimeException(sym + ": duplicate variable definition");
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```

The code on the previous slide implements a top-level definition, binding a value to an identifier in the initial environment. According to our type rules, if a value binding already exists, it is flagged as an error. If a declared type binding exists without a value binding, the expression type is checked for conformance with the declared type. If a declared type binding does not exist, the top-level type environment is extended to include the type binding. In case there are no errors, the top-level value environment is extended to include the value binding.

Armed with both declare and define, we can now implement our odd? and even? procedures:

```
declare odd? : [int=>bool]
define even? =
    proc(t:int):bool if zero?(t) then true else .odd?(sub1(t))
define odd? =
    proc(t:int):bool if zero?(t) then false else .even?(sub1(t))
```