# Excerpts from The TXL Cookbook, Part III

# Transformation & Analysis

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#### **Transformation & Analysis**

- The power of the TXL parser is a key to its application in many domains
  - For example, we exploit agile parsing in many solutions
  - But the real work is in the transformation and analysis rules
- In these next problems from the TXL Cookbook, we concentrate on transformation and analysis problems in three categories:
  - Restructuring problems
  - Optimization problems
  - Static and dynamic analysis problems
  - We only have time to look at a few representative examples
    - Chosen not because they are the most useful, but because they introduce new recipes and paradigms

tip: Doing the whole TXL Cookbook would take all week!

#### Reminder: Understanding TXL

- As we have seen, a TXL "grammar" is not really a grammar
  - It is a *functional program* for parsing the input
  - Direct control over parse flexibility and generality
- Similarly, a TXL transformation "rule set" is not really a term rewriting system
  - The rules are a *functional program* for transforming the input
  - Direct control over traversal and strategy flexibility and generality

tip: Think in terms of function application

#### **Restructuring 1: Feature Reduction**

- Reducing the number of features to process, known as normalization or feature reduction, is a common first step in slicing, dependency analysis, clone detection and other static analysis tasks
- In this example problem, we are to eliminate the for loop feature of TIL
  by replacing all for loops with equivalent while loops
- Paradigm: Explicit patterns.
  - Patterns in TXL are normally fully explicated with their parts rather than later taken apart piece by piece
  - This exploits the power of the parser to infer from source

```
rule main
  replace [statement*]
    for Id [id] := Expn1 [expression] to Expn2 [expression] do
        Statements [statement*]
    'end
        MoreStatements [statement*]
```

#### Restructuring 1: Feature Reduction (cont'd)

- Paradigm: Raising the scope of application.
  - Even though we plan to replace a single for statement, we need to replace it with multiple statements, so we have targeted the statement subsequence it is in
  - This is because TXL rules are strongly typed the grammatical type of the replacement must be the same as the pattern
  - When targeting subsequences, we must remember to allow for the tail of the sequence – otherwise the pattern matches only the subsequence consisting solely of the statement at the end

- tip: Always remember to include the tail of a sequence!
- tip: If you can't make the replacement you want, go up a level

#### Restructuring 1: Feature Reduction (cont'd)

- <u>Paradigm</u>: Generating unique new identifiers.
  - The while loop replacement needs to make a unique new identifier (*Upperid*) for each loop conversion
  - Use the TXL built-in uniquifier function [!]

```
construct UpperId [id]
  Id [_ 'upper] [!] % unique new identifier, e.g., i_upper24
```

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# Restructuring 1: Feature Reduction (cont'd)

```
% Convert all TIL "for" statements to "while" form
% Jim Cordy, August 2005
include "TIL.grm"
#pragma -comment
rule main
   replace [statement*]
      'for Id [id] := Expn1 [expression] 'to Expn2 [expression] 'do
         Statements [statement*]
      'end MoreStatements [statement*]
   construct UpperId [id]
      Id [ 'upper] [!] % unique new identifier for the upper bound
   construct IterateStatement [statement]
      Id := Id + 1;
  by
                                  tip: TXL programmers often like to
      'var Id;
                                     quote all target language keywords
      Id := Expn1;
                                     for readability
      'var UpperId;
      UpperId := (Expn2) + 1;
      'while Id <= UpperId 'do
         Statements [. IterateStatement] % append to sequence
      'end
      MoreStatements
end rule
```

#### **Restructuring 2: Local-to-Global**

- All transformation tools need to be able to move things about, and a particular challenge is transformations at an *outer level* that depend on an *inner level* and vice-versa – we'll do an example of each
- In the first one, assuming that TIL is scopeless, we want to move all embedded declarations to the global level
- The basic strategy involves three steps: extract a copy of all embedded declarations, make a copy of the program with all declarations removed, then concatenate the two in the result

- Extracting all declarations involves two paradigms in this case type extraction and type filtering
- We first extract all the statements in the program, then filter out nondeclarations (yes, we could have extracted declarations directly)
- Paradigm: Extracting all instances of a type.
  - The extract built-in function [^] is applied to a sequence
     [T\*] of some type [T], and given any bound variable V as
     parameter returns a sequence of all the [T]s embedded in V
  - Normally begin with an empty sequence "\_"
  - Extract is a powerful notion commonly used in TXL

- Paradigm: Filtering all instances of a type.
  - We need to filter embedded declarations out of the result
  - Uses the TXL filtering paradigm look for each subsequence beginning with something we don't want, and replace it with the tail only

- Paradigm: Negative patterns.
  - For the sequence of statements we extracted, we need to filter out those statements that are *not* declarations
  - We use a negated deconstructor as a guard
  - A normal deconstructor matches a bound variable to a pattern and binds the parts to variables

```
deconstruct Statement
    Declaration [declaration]
```

 We are interested statements that are not a declaration, so we negate the condition

```
deconstruct not Statement
Declaration [declaration]
```

<u>tip</u>: A negated deconstructor succeeds if it does not match - so nothing is bound!

```
% Make TIL global variable scope explicit by promoting declarations
% Jim Cordy, October 2005
function main
    replace [program]
        Program [statement*]
    construct Declarations [statement*]
        [ Program | [removeNonDeclarations]
    construct ProgramSansDeclarations [statement*]
        Program [removeDeclarations]
   by
        Declarations [. ProgramSansDeclarations]
end function
rule removeNonDeclarations
    replace [statement*]
        NonDeclaration [statement]
       FollowingStatements [statement*]
    % Check that the statement isn't a declaration
    deconstruct not NonDeclaration
       _ [declaration]
   by
       FollowingStatements
end rule
```

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#### **Restructuring 3: Global-to-Local**

- The other half of the movement challenge is transformations on an inner level that depend on things from an outer level
- In this next problem, we assume that TIL is a scoped language, and move all declarations of variables that are artificially global and localize them to the deepest inner scope in which they are used
- Our solution will involve two steps:
  - *immediatize* declarations by moving them to just before the first statement in their scope that uses them, and
  - localize declarations by moving those just before a block inside if they are not used after it

```
var y;
    var y;
                           var y;
                           read y;
                                                   read y;
    var x;
                           y := y + 6;
                                                   y := y + 6;
    read y;
    y := y + 6;
                           var x;
                                                   if y > 10 then
    if y > 10 then
                           if y > 10 then
                                                      var x;
        x := y * 2;
                               x := y * 2;
                                                       x := y * 2;
        write x;
                              write x;
                                                       write x;
                           end:
                                                   end:
    end;
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```

- Paradigm: Transforming to a fixed point.
  - Because declarations may be more than one level too global, and each step may create new opportunities for the other, the process must be continued to a fixed point
  - Use a deconstructor as an explicit fixed-point test in the main rule

```
rule main
    % Pattern matches result, so has no natural termination point
    replace [program]
        Program [program]
    % Add an explicit fixed-point guard — after each set of
    % transformations, check to see if anything changed
    construct NewProgram [program]
        Program [immediatizeDeclarations]
                [localizeDeclarations]
    deconstruct not NewProgram
                                    tip: If your transformation
        Program
                                        doesn't stop, check to see
    by
        NewProgram
                                        if anything changed
end rule
```

- Paradigm: Dependency sorting.
  - The *immediatize* step works by iteratively moving declarations over statements that do not depend on them – a *dependency sort*
  - This is a common paradigm in TXL we will see again

- Paradigm: Deep pattern match.
  - The constraint under which a declaration can be moved is that the statement does not contain any references to it
  - Use TXL's deep deconstruct

- Paradigm: One pass rules.
  - The case of two declarations in a row has no fixed point
  - Use TXL's one pass search

```
rule immediatizeDeclarations
    % Move declarations past statements that don't depend on them
    % Use a one-pass search ($) since two declarations in a row
    % has no natural fixed point
    replace $ [statement*]
       'var V [id];
       Statement [statement]
       MoreStatements [statement*]
    % Can move the declaration if the statement doesn't refer to it
    deconstruct not * [id] Statement
        V
    by
        Statement
        'var V;
        MoreStatements
end rule
```

- Paradigm: Multiple transformation cases.
  - The other half of the solution is *localize*, which moves a declaration preceding a block statement such as *if*, *while*, *for* inside if following statements don't depend on it
  - Involves multiple cases in the result
  - In TXL, use one subrule for each case, all applied to the scope
  - TXL rules are total functions if they don't match they return a copy of their original scope as result

tip: Composed multiple rules are TXL's if-then-else

```
rule localizeDeclarations
    % Move declarations outside a structured statement inside if
    % statements following it do not depend on the declared variable
   replace $ [statement*]
        Declaration [declaration]
        CompoundStatement [statement]
        MoreStatements [statement*]
    % Check it is a compound statement (with statement list inside)
   deconstruct * [statement*] CompoundStatement
       [statement*]
    % Check the following statements don't depend on the declaration
   deconstruct * [id] Declaration
       V [id]
   deconstruct not * [id] MoreStatements
        V
   % This solution does each kind of compound statement separately -
    % another solution might use agile parsing to abstract them
   by
        CompoundStatement [injectDeclarationWhile Declaration]
                          [injectDeclarationFor Declaration]
                          [injectDeclarationIfThen Declaration]
                          [injectDeclarationIfElse Declaration]
        MoreStatements
end rule
```

- Paradigm: Context-dependent transformation rules.
  - The *Declaration* to be inserted into the *CompoundStatement* is passed into the transformation function as a *parameter*
  - TXL rule parameters allow us to carry context from outer scopes into rules that transform inner scopes – the paradigm for contextdependent transformation rules

```
function injectDeclarationWhile
% Localize TIL declarations
% Jim Cordy, October 2005
                                                      Declaration [declaration]
                                              replace [statement]
                                                  'while Expn [expression] 'do
rule main
                                                      Statements [statement*]
    % apply to fixed point
                                                  end.
    replace [program]
                                              by
        Program [program]
                                                  'while Expn 'do
    construct NewProgram [program]
                                                      Declaration
        Program
                                                      Statements
            [immediatizeDeclarations]
                                                  end.
            [localizeDeclarations]
                                          end function
    deconstruct not NewProgram
                                          function injectDeclarationFor
        Program
                                                      Declaration [declaration]
    by
        NewProgram
end rule
                                          end function
rule immediatizeDeclarations
                                          function injectDeclarationIfThen
                                                      Declaration [declaration]
    % iterative dependency sort
end rule
                                          end function
                                          function injectDeclarationIfElse
rule localizeDeclarations
    % insert if only used inside
                                                      Declaration [declaration]
                                          end function
end rule
```

#### **Restructuring 4: Goto Elimination**

- The flagship of all restructuring problems infer structured code from spaghetti-coded *goto* statements (*Cobol*, etc.)
- Next example: in a dialect of *TIL* with *goto* statements, recognize and convert equivalent *while* statements

```
var n; var f;
 write "Input n please"; read n;
 write "The factors of n are";
 f := 2;
factors:
                                        var n; var f;
  if n = 1 then
                                        write "Input n please"; read n;
    goto endfactors;
                                        write "The factors of n are";
  end;
                                        f := 2;
multiples:
                                        while n != 1 do
  if (n / f) * f != n then
                                           while (n / f) * f = n do
    goto endmultiples;
                                              write f:
  end;
                                              n := n / f;
 write f;
                                           end;
 n := n / f;
                                           f := f + 1;
  goto multiples;
                                        end;
endmultiples:
  f := f + 1;
  goto factors;
endfactors:
```

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- The basic solution we will use is to catalogue patterns of use we observe, encode them as patterns, and use one rule per pattern to replace them by their equivalent structures
- In practice we would first run a goto normalization (feature reduction)
  transformation to reduce the number of cases

```
function main
    replace [program]
    P [program]
    by
    P [transformForwardWhile]
        [transformBackwardWhile]
        . . .
end function
```

- Paradigm: Matching a gapped subsequence.
  - By now the idea of making a subsequence pattern in TXL should be familiar – you might write the pattern below, remembering the trailing Rest [statement\*] as usual
  - Unfortunately, this pattern cannot be parsed, because TXL is strongly typed, and it is not an instance of [statement\*], defined as [statement] [statement\*] | [empty]

tip: Don't give up, some patterns come in parts!

- Paradigm: Matching a gapped subsequence (cont'd).
  - What we need to do is to match the first part we want, and then match the last part we want separately
  - The trick here is not to look inside the intervening statements when looking for the last part
  - In TXL, we express this constraint using skipping deep deconstruct, which limits the deep match to the top level
  - For example, this deconstructor only matches if we can find the goto back and the ending label at the same level (i.e., without looking inside any of the statements in the sequence)

- Paradigm: Truncating the tail of a sequence.
  - The other paradigm this solution needs is a way to truncate the tail
    of a sequence, so we can use the subsequence of statements
    before a goto as the body of the structured statement
  - The TXL paradigm for truncation is used in the function below, which given the labels involved, searches a statement sequence for the end of loop pattern and deletes it and what follows

tip: Notice we need skipping stay at the same level

```
% Goto elimination in TIL programs
% Jim Cordy, January 2008
rule transformForwardWhile
   replace [statement*]
     L0 [label] ':
      'if C [expression] 'then
         'goto L1 [label];
      'end;
      Rest [statement*]
   skipping [statement] deconstruct * Rest
      'goto L0;
     L1 ':
      Follow [statement]
      FinalRest [statement*]
   construct LoopBody [statement*]
      Rest [truncateGoto L0 L1]
  by
      'while !(C) 'do
         LoopBody
      'end;
      Follow
      FinalRest
end rule
```

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#### **Optimization 1: Code Motion**

- Source transformation tools are often used in code optimization tasks, and in this part we look at TXL solutions in that domain
- In the next set of problems we attack some classical source level optimization tasks, and observe some new TXL paradigms
- Our first task is code motion, the movement of statements independent of a loop outside it

```
var j; var x; var y; var z;
j := 1; x := 5; z := 7;
while j != 100 do
    x := z * z;
    y := y + j -1;
    j := j + 1;
end;
var j; var x; var y; var z;
j := 1; x := 5; z := 7;
x := z * z;
while j != 100 do
y := y + j -1;
j := j + 1;
end;
```

- Paradigm: Guarding a transformation with a complex condition.
  - The most difficult part, since we have already seen restructuring, is how to be sure an assignment is independent of the loop
  - In TXL we encode such complex guards as where statements,
     which use other condition rules to evaluate stronger patterns

```
% We can only lift an assignment out if all the identifiers
% in its expression are not assigned in the loop ...
where not
   Loop [assigns each IdsInExpression]
% ... and X itself is assigned only once
deconstruct * Body
   X := _ [expression];
   Rest [statement*]
where not
   Rest [assigns X]
% ... and the the effect of it does not wrap around the loop
construct PreContext [statement*]
   Body [deleteAssignmentAndRest X]
where not
   PreContext [refers X]
```

- <u>Paradigm</u>: Each element of a sequence.
  - The first where condition uses another TXL paradigm –
     the each modifier
  - Each takes a sequence [X\*] of any type [X], and calls the subrule once with each element of the sequence as parameter
  - So if *IdsInExpression* is bound to the identifiers *a b c*, then *[assigns each IdsInExpression]* means three calls to the subrule, *[assigns 'a] [assigns 'b] [assigns 'c]*

```
where not
   Loop [assigns each IdsInExpression]
% Given a scope, does the scope assign to the identifier?
function assigns Id [id]
   match * [assignment_statement]
        Id := Expn [expression];
end function
```

- Paradigm: Using a transformation rule as a condition.
  - The main rule of this transformation simply finds every while loop, extracts all the assignment statements in it by making a copy of the loop body and filtering out statements that are not assignments, then uses the subrule [loopLift] to try to move each one outside the loop
  - Instead of a fixed-point rule, the main rule simply asks [loopLift]
    itself in advance if it is going to work, using [?loopLift] as a guard

```
% Can loopLift succeed?
where
    LiftedLoop [?loopLift Body each AllAssignments]
```

tip: You can ask any set of transformations if any of them will succeed, before committing to applying them

```
% Lift independent assignments outside of TIL while loops
% J.R. Cordy, November 2005
rule main
    replace [statement*]
        while Expn [expression] do
            Body [statement*]
        'end
        Rest [statement*]
    % Construct a list of all the top-level assignments in it
    construct AllAssignments [statement*]
        Body [deleteNonAssignments]
    % Construct a copy of the loop to work on
    construct LiftedLoop [statement*]
        while Expn do
            Body
        'end
    % Only proceed if there are assignments left that can be lifted out
    where
        LiftedLoop [?loopLift Body each AllAssignments]
    % If the guard succeeds, some can be moved out, so go ahead
    by
        LiftedLoop [loopLift Body each AllAssignments]
        [. Rest]
end rule
```

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```
function loopLift Body [statement*] Assignment [statement]
        deconstruct Assignment
            X [id] := E [expression];
        % Extract a list of all the identifiers used in the expression
        construct IdsInExpression [id*]
            [^ E]
        % Replace the loop and its contents
        replace [statement*]
            Loop [statement*]
        % Can only lift if ids in the expn are not assigned in the loop ...
        where not
            Loop [assigns each IdsInExpression]
        % ... and X itself is assigned only once
        deconstruct * Body
            X := [expression];
            Rest [statement*]
        where not
            Rest [assigns X]
        % ... and the the effect of it does not wrap around the loop
        construct PreContext [statement*]
            Body [deleteAssignmentAndRest X]
        where not
            PreContext [refers X]
        by
            Assignment
            Loop [deleteAssignment Assignment]
    end function
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```

#### **Optimization 2: Common Subexpressions**

- Common subexpression elimination is a well known traditional optimization technique that avoids recalculating expressions
- In this example problem, we are to recognize and optimize repeated expressions that do not change in TIL programs

#### **Optimization 2: Common Subexpressions (cont'd)**

 The problem has much in common with code motion, because again we must check that variables used in the expression do not change

```
% What we're looking for is an expression ...
deconstruct * [expression] S1
    E [expression]
% ... that is nontrivial ...
deconstruct * [op] E
   [ op ]
% ... and repeated
deconstruct * [expression] SS
% See if we can abstract it (checks if variables assigned)
where
    SS [?replaceExpnCopies S1 E 'T]
% If so, generate a new temporary variable name ...
construct T [id]
    [+ "t"] [!]
% ... declare it, assign the common expression, and replace instances
by
    'var T;
               'NEW
    T := E;
               'NEW
    S1 [replaceExpn E T]
    SS [replaceExpnCopies S1 E T]
```

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# **Optimization 2: Common Subexpressions (cont'd)**

- Paradigm: Marking using attributes.
  - A common problem in source transformation rules is avoiding reconsidering what's already done, in this case generated code
  - In TXL we often do this using marking attributes, marks that attribute the result but do not appear in the output

tip: Attributes can be any nonterminal type and carry any information

```
rule main
   replace [statement*]
     S1 [statement]
     SS [statement*]
% Don't process generated statements
deconstruct not * [attr 'NEW] S1
     'NEW
     'var T; 'NEW
     T := E; 'NEW
     S1 [replaceExpn E T]
     SS [replaceExpnCopies S1 E T]
end rule
```

- Paradigm: Grammatical form abstraction.
  - When we want to treat different forms in the same way in a
    particular task, we can use agile parsing to abstract the equivalent
    cases into one

```
% Override grammar to abstract compound statements
redefine statement
     [compound statement]
end redefine
                                tip: Type abstraction can simplify
define compound statement
     [if statement]
                                  and clarify rules without
     [while statement]
                                  affecting the original grammar
     [for statement]
end define
function isCompoundStatement
    match [statement]
          [compound statement]
end function
```

- Paradigm: Tail-recursive continuation.
  - If we want to continue a transformation in a sequence, but only as long as some condition holds, use tail recursion

```
function replaceExpnCopies PrevS [statement] E [expression] T [id]
   construct Eids [id*]
     [^ E]
   % If the previous statement did not assign any variable in E
   where not
     PrevS [assigns each Eids]
   % Then we can continue to substitute in the next statement ...
   replace [statement*]
      S [statement]
      SS [statement*]
   % ... as long as it isn't a compound statement that assigns
   % one of the variables in the expression
   where not all
      S [assignsOne Eids]
        [isCompoundStatement]
  by
      S [replaceExpn E T]
      SS [replaceExpnCopies S E T]
end function
```

- Paradigm: Guarding with multiple conditions.
  - As we've seen in previous paradigms, where clauses normally check whether any of the condition rules matches
  - where all can be used to check whether all of the conditions apply and where not all whether not all apply

```
% TXL transformation to recognize and optimize common subexpressions
% Jim Cordy, March 2007
 . . .
rule main
   replace [statement*]
     S1 [statement]
     SS [statement*]
  deconstruct not * [attr 'NEW] S1
      'NEW
   deconstruct * [expression] S1
     E [expression]
   deconstruct * [op] E
     [op]
  deconstruct * [expression] SS
   where
      SS [?replaceExpnCopies S1 E 'T]
   construct T [id]
     [+ "temp"] [!] \vspace{0.2cm}
  by
      'var T; 'NEW
     T := E; 'NEW
     S1 [replaceExpn E T]
     SS [replaceExpnCopies S1 E T]
end rule
```

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```
function replaceExpnCopies PrevS [statement] E [expression] T [id]
   construct Eids [id*]
     _ [^ E]
   where not
     PrevS [assigns each Eids]
   replace [statement*]
      S [statement]
      SS [statement*]
  where not all
      S [assignsOne Eids]
        [isCompoundStatement]
  by
      S [replaceExpn E T]
      SS [replaceExpnCopies S E T]
end function
function assignsOne Eids [id*]
  match [statement]
      S [statement]
   where
      S [assigns each Eids]
end function
```

#### **Optimization 3: Constant Folding**

- Constant propagation (replacing assign-once variables by their values) and folding (evaluating expressions with constant operands) is a common optimization transformation
- At this point we require no new paradigms to solve it using TXL –
  we simply use one rule for each, and combine the two using
  the fixed-point paradigm

```
% Constant propagation and folding for TIL
% Jim Cordy, January 2008
. . .
rule main
   replace [program]
      P [program]
      construct NewP [program]
       P [propagateConstants]
            [foldConstantExpressions]
      deconstruct not NewP
            P
       by
            NewP
end rule
```

## **Optimization 3: Constant Folding (cont'd)**

```
% Constant propagation - find each constant assignment,
% and if not assigned again then replace references
rule propagateConstants
   replace [repeat statement]
      Var [id] := Const [literal] ;
      Rest [repeat statement]
   deconstruct not * [statement] Rest
      Var := [expression];
   deconstruct * [primary] Rest
      Var
   by
      Var := Const;
      Rest [replaceExpn Var Const]
end rule
rule replaceExpn Var [id] Const [literal]
   replace [primary]
      Var
   by
      Const
end rule
```

tip: Remember the paradigm: to replace one type with another, target their common ancestor

## **Optimization 3: Constant Folding (cont'd)**

```
% Constant folding - find and evaluate constant expressions
rule foldConstantExpressions
   replace [expression]
      E [expression]
   construct NewE [expression]
      E [resolveAddition]
        [resolveSubtraction]
        [resolveMultiplication]
        [resolveDivision]
        % Other special cases involving constants
   % Continue to fixed point
   deconstruct not NewE
      \mathbf{E}
   by
      NewE
end rule
rule resolveAddition
   replace [expression]
      N1 [integernumber] + N2 [integernumber]
   by
      N1 + N2
end rule
```

#### **Optimization 4: Statement Folding**

- Statement folding is the elimination of statements that cannot be reached because their guarding condition is constant or known
- Goes hand-in-hand with constant folding
- Similar transforms used in conditional compilation, partial evaluation
- In this problem we implement statement folding for TIL using TXL

## Optimization 4: Statement Folding (cont'd)

- Paradigm: Concatenating sequences.
  - As usual, we the [statement\*] sequence of the statement to fold
  - But we cannot simply replace with two sequences (why?)
  - Need TXL sequence concatenate function [.] to join

```
rule foldTrueIfStatements
   % For each if statement
   replace [statement*]
      'if Cond [expression] 'then
         TrueStatements [statement*]
      ElseClause [else statement?]
      'end
      Rest [statement*]
   % That has a constant true condition
   where
      Cond [isTrueEqual]
           [isTrueNotEqual]
                                        tip: Always use [.] to add
   % By the true part
                                              a tail to a sequence
   by
      '// Folded true if
      TrueStatements [. Rest]
end rule
```

## Optimization 4: Statement Folding (cont'd)

- Paradigm: Handling optional parts.
  - When a rule involves an optional part, we must be careful to handle both the case where it is present and the case not
  - In TXL this is done using a construct with a subrule

```
rule foldFalseIfStatements
                                      function getElseStatements
   replace [statement*]
                                            ElseClause [else statement?]
      'if Cond [expression] 'then
                                         deconstruct ElseClause
                                            'else
         TrueStatements [statement*]
      ElseClause [else statement?]
                                               FalseStatements [statement*]
      'end
                                         replace [statement*]
      Rest [statement*]
                                             % none
                                         by
   where not
                                            FalseStatements
      Cond [isTrueEqual]
                                      end function
           [isTrueNotEqual]
   construct FalseStatements [statement*]
        [getElseStatements ElseClause]
   by
      '// Folded true if
      TrueStatements [. Rest]
end rule
```

## Optimization 4: Statement Folding (cont'd)

```
% Statement folding for TIL
% Jim Cordy, January 2008
                                         function getElseStatements
                                                 ElseClause [else statement?]
                                            deconstruct ElseClause
function main
  replace [program]
                                               'else
                                                  FalseStatements [statement?]
     P [program]
                                            replace [statement*]
  by
     P [foldTrueIfStatements]
                                               % none
        [foldFalseIfStatements]
                                            by
end function
                                               FalseStatements
                                         end function
rule foldTrueIfStatements
  replace [statement*]
      'if Cond [expression] 'then
                                         function isTrueEqual
         TrueStatements [statement*]
                                            match [expression]
     ElseClause [else statement*]
                                               X [number] = Y [number]
      'end
                                            where
     Rest [statement*]
                                               X = Y
   where
                                         end function
      Cond [isTrueEqual]
           [isTrueNotEqual]
   by
                                   tip: When preserving comments,
      '// Folded true if
      TrueStatements [. Rest]
                                     easy to create new ones in the result
end rule
```

#### **Analysis 1: Program Statistics**

- Source transformation tools are often used in static and dynamic analysis, and in this last part we look at TXL solutions in that domain
- In the next set of problems we attack some classical source analysis tasks, and observe the TXL recipes
- Our first task is a simple example of a code metrics analysis, statement statistics for TIL programs – a trivial case of a more general problem, step 1 of a software portfolio assessment

Total: 11
Declarations: 2
Assignments: 3
Ifs: 0
Whiles: 2
Fors: 0
Reads: 1
Writes: 3

## **Analysis 1: Program Statistics (cont'd)**

- Paradigm: Counting feature instances.
  - A general TXL paradigm that combines agile parsing
     (to abstract the classes of items we are interested in),
     type extraction, and type filtering to yield all instances of a feature
  - Could then use normalizing transformations to abstract into common patterns of use, but in this case just count

```
% Get all one-way ifs in the program
construct SimpleIfs [if_statement*]
    _ [^ Program] [filterIfElses]
% Count them
construct SimpleIfCount [number]
    _ [length SimpleIfs] [putp "One-way ifs: %"]
```

tip: Use [length X] to count elements of a sequence

## **Analysis 1: Program Statistics (cont'd)**

- Paradigm: Dynamic output.
  - TXL allows for error stream output while transforming e.g., for tracing, error messages, etc.
  - Can be used to dynamically print out auxiliary output of any type,
     to either the standard error stream or a named file

tip: [putp] is kind of like printf() in C, but can print anything

## **Analysis 1: Program Statistics (cont'd)**

```
% Statement statistics for Tiny Imperative Language programs
% Jim Cordy, October 2005
include "TIL.grm"
function main
  replace [program]
     Program [program]
  % Count each kind of statement we're interested in
  % (could use polymorphics to do this generically)
  construct Statements [statement*]
      [^ Program]
  contruct StatementCount [number]
     [length Statements] [putp "Total: %"]
  construct Declarations [declaration*]
     [^ Program]
  construct DeclarationsCount [number]
     [length Declarations] [putp "Declarations: %"]
  construct Assignments [assignment statement*]
     [^ Program]
  construct AssignmentsCount [number]
     [length Assignments] [putp "Assignments: %"]
  by
      % nothing
end function
```

#### **Analysis 2: Dynamic Tracing**

- Addition of auxiliary monitoring code to a program for dynamic analysis or run-time monitoring is a very common transformation task
- In this example, the problem is to use TXL to transform a TIL program
  to a self-tracing version of itself, one that prints out the text of each
  statement just before it is executed

```
write "Trace: var n;";
var n;
write "Trace: write \"Input n please\";";
write "Input n please";
write "Trace: read n;";
read n;
write "Trace: write \"The factors of n are:\";";
write "The factors of n are:";
write "Trace: var f;";
var f;
write "Trace: f := 2;";
f := 2;
write "Trace: while n != 1 do ... end;";
while n != 1 do
...
```

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```
Trace: var n;
Trace: write "Input n please";
Input n please
Trace: read n;
6
Trace: write "The factors of n are";
The factors of n are
Trace: var f;
Trace: f := 2;
Trace: while n != 1 do ... end;
Trace: while (n / f) * f = n do ... end;
Trace: write f;
2
Trace: n := n / f;
Trace: f := f + 1;
...
```

## **Analysis 2: Dynamic Tracing (cont'd)**

- Paradigm: Eliding detail.
  - Sometimes we want to be able to summarize a form when reporting or tracing
  - This is easy in TXL using agile parsing and a filtering rule

```
% Allow for concise elided structured statements
redefine statement
...
| '...
end redefine

% Replace any embedded statement sequence with an elision symbol
% for conciseness in the trace
function deleteBody
  replace * [statement*]
    _ [statement*]
    by
    '...
end function
```

## **Analysis 2: Dynamic Tracing (cont'd)**

- Paradigm: Converting program fragments to text strings.
  - Construction of the program text fragments as strings uses the TXL text manipulation built-in functions [+] (text concatenation) and [quote] (convert parsed item to output text)
  - Constructing lexical text of any terminal type can use the same paradigm, beginning with an *empty* text and *concatenating* pieces

```
% Make a concise version of structured statements
construct ConciseS [statement]
    S [deleteBody]
% Make trace output string for the statement
construct QuotedS [stringlit]
    _ [+ "Trace: "] [quote ConciseS]
```

tip: TXL built-in text functions can be used to directly manipulate text of any token type

## **Analysis 2: Dynamic Tracing (cont'd)**

```
rule main
    replace [statement*]
        S [statement]
        Rest [statement*]
    deconstruct not S
        _ [statement] 'TRACED
    construct ConciseS [statement]
        S [deleteBody]
    construct QuotedS [stringlit]
        _ [+ "Trace: "] [quote ConciseS]
    by
        'write QuotedS;
                            'TRACED
                            'TRACED
        Rest
end rule
function deleteBody
    replace * [statement*]
        _ [statement*]
    by
end function
```

## **Analysis 3: Type Inference**

- Type inference is an example of a classical inductive inference problem

   other examples are dead code detection, call graph analysis,
   aspect analysis, business concept tracing (Y2K), many others
- In this example problem, we are to infer the static types of all variables in a TIL program, and detect those that are inconsistent – for example, as part of a migration from a dynamically to statically typed language (e.g., Python to Java)
- Basically, this is an attribution problem, and the solution is an inductive implementation of *derived attributes* in TXL

- The TXL solution will work in five steps:
  - Normalize to attributed primary expressions
  - Use *local induction* to attribute expressions to a fixed point
  - *Extract* inferred type attributes to declarations
  - Report conflicted inferences
  - Denormalize to original expressions

 The purpose will be to allow all variables to be explicitly typed, so we begin by extending *TIL* to have types on variable declarations

```
% Grammar overrides to allow for type specs on variable declarations
redefine declaration
    'var [primary] [colon_type_spec?] '; [NL]
end redefine

define colon_type_spec
    ': [type_spec]
end define

define type_spec
    'int | 'string | 'UNKNOWN
end define
```

• The method will involve *inductively inferring types* for literals, references and expressions, so we allow for type attributes on *primary expressions* 

- Paradigm: Program normalization.
  - Of course, we want to infer a type for every subexpression at every level, not just primary expressions
  - We could add and attribute inference rules for every level, but simpler – we can *normalize* expressions to full parenthesization, reducing *all cases* to the primary expression case

```
% Complete parenthesization to allow full type attribution
   rule bracketExpressions
       skipping [expression]
      replace [expression]
          E1 [expression] Op [op] E2 [expression]
      by
          '( E1 Op E2 ')
   end rule
   rule unbracketExpressions
       skipping [expression]
      replace [expression]
          '( E1 [expression] Op [op] E2 [expression] ') '{ _ [type_spec] '}
      by
          E1 Op E2
   end rule
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```

- Paradigm: Grammatical form generalization.
  - We generalize all other variable references to be a primary expression, effectively moving entirely into the transformation's own typed primary expression concept
  - This is TXL agile parsing generalizing to a parse that better matches the transformation's own concepts

- Paradigm: Inductive transformation.
  - The actual inference then works using an inductive transformation, where the base case is attribution of literal values, and the induction step is a set of simple local inference rules
  - Under control of the usual TXL fixed-point paradigm

```
rule enterDefaultAttributes
                                        rule attributeIntConstants
        replace [attr type attr]
                                            replace [primary]
        by
                                               I [integernumber] { }
                                            by
            { }
     end rule
                                               I { int }
                                        end rule
rule attributeOperations
  replace [primary]
    ( P1 [subprimary] {Type [type spec] } Op [op] P2 [subprimary] {Type} )
   { }
  by
    ( P1 {Type} Op P2 {Type} ) {Type}
end rule
```

```
rule attributeProgramToFixedPoint
 % Infer types for TIL vars and expns
 % Jim Cordy, March 2007
                                                  replace [program]
                                                      P [program]
                                                  construct NP [program]
 function main
                                                      P [attributeAssignments]
    replace [program]
                                                         [attributeOperations]
       P [program]
                                                         [attributeForIds]
    by
                                                         [attributeDeclarations]
       P [bracketExpressions]
                                                  deconstruct not NP
          [enterDefaultAttributes]
          [attributeStringConstants]
                                                  by
          [attributeIntConstants]
                                                       NP
          [attributeProgramToFixedPoint]
                                              end rule
          [completeWithUnknown]
          [typeDeclarations]
                                              rule attributeIntConstants
          [reportErrors]
                                                  replace [primary]
          [unbracketExpressions]
                                                      I [integernumber] { }
 end function
                                                  by
                                                      I { int }
 rule bracketExpressions
                                              end rule
    skipping [expression]
    replace [expression]
                                              rule attributeAssignments
                                                 replace [assignment statement]
      E1 [expression]
                                                    X [id] { } := SP [subprimary]
        Op [op] E2 [expression]
                                                       {Type [type spec] };
    by
        '( E1 Op E2 ')
                                                 by
                                                    X { Type } := SP { Type };
 end rule
                                              end rule
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```

```
rule attributeDeclarations
                                          rule completeWithUnknown
                                             replace [attr type attr]
   replace [statement*]
      'var Id [id] { };
      S [statement*]
                                             by
   deconstruct * [primary] S
                                                { UNKNOWN }
      Id { Type [type spec] }
                                          end rule
   by
      'var Id \{ Type \};
                                          rule reportErrors
      S [attributeReferences Id Type]
                                              replace $ [statement]
end rule
                                                  S [statement]
                                              skipping [statement*]
rule typeDeclarations
                                              deconstruct * [type spec] S
                                                   'UNKNOWN
   replace [declaration]
      'var Id [id] {Type [type spec] };
                                              construct Message [statement]
                                                   S [pragma "-attr"]
   by
                                                     [message "*** ERROR: Unable
      'var Id { Type } : Type;
                                                           to resolve types in:"]
end rule
                                                     [stripBody]
                                                     [putp "%"]
                                                     [pragma "-noattr"]
                                              by
                                                    S
                                          end rule
```

## **Analysis 4: Backward Slicing**

- Dependency analysis is an important and common static analysis technique, and static slicing is a common example
- In this problem, we are to use TXL to compute the *backward slice* of a *TIL* program given a particular statement (and its variables) as criterion
- <u>Reminder</u>: a <u>backward slice</u> is an executable subset of the statements in a program that preserves the observable values of the original program at a particular statement

## **Analysis 4: Backward Slicing (cont'd)**

```
var lines;
                                       var lines;
                                       lines := 0;
lines := 0;
var chars;
var n;
read n;
var eof flag;
                                       var eof flag;
read eof flag;
                                       read eof flag;
chars := n;
while !eof flag do
                                       while !eof flag do
    lines := lines + 1;
                                           lines := lines + 1;
    read n;
    read eof flag;
                                           read eof flag;
    chars := chars + n;
end;
                                       end;
<mark> write (lines); </mark>
                                       write (lines);
write (chars);
```

# **Analysis 4: Backward Slicing (cont'd)**

- Paradigm: Cascaded markup.
  - The basic strategy is simple: an assignment or change to a variable is in the slice if any subsequent use already in the slice
  - Use agile parsing to allow markup of statements, generalize all loop statement forms to one form

```
% Rule to back-propagate markup of assignments — similar for reads
rule backPropagateAssignments
    skipping [marked_statement]
    replace [statement*]
        X [id] := E [expression];
        More [statement*]
    where
        More [hasMarkedUse X]
    by
        <mark> X := E; </mark>
        More
end rule
```

#### tip: Continue markup to fixed point

# **Analysis 4: Backward Slicing (cont'd)**

```
% Backward slicing of TIL programs
                                           rule backPropagateAssignments
% Jim Cordy, February 2007
                                              skipping [marked statement]
                                              replace [statement*]
                                                 X [id] := E [expression];
function main
                                                 More [statement*]
   replace [program] P [program]
                                              where
   by P [propagateMarkupToFixedPoint]
                                                 More [hasMarkedUse X]
        [removeUnmarkedStatements]
                                              by
        [removeRedundantDeclarations]
                                                 <mark> X := E; </mark>
        [stripMarkup]
                                                 More
end function
                                           end rule
Rule propagateMarkupToFixedPoint
                                           rule loopPropagateMarkup
   replace [program]
                                              replace $ [statement]
      P [program]
                                                 Head [loop head]
   construct NP [program]
                                                    S [statement*]
      P [backPropagateAssignments]
                                                 'end:
        [backPropagateReads]
                                              construct MarkedS [marked statement*]
                                                 _ [^ S]
[whilePropagateControlVariables]
                                              construct MarkedE [expression*]
        [loopPropagateMarkup]
                                                 _ [^ MarkedS]
        [loopPropagateMarkupIn]
                                              by
        [ifPropagateMarkupIn]
                                                 Head
        [compoundPropagateMarkupOut]
                                                    S [markAssignmentsTo each
   deconstruct not NP
                                           MarkedE1
                                                       [markReadsOf each MarkedE]
   by
                                                  'end:
      NP
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```

#### **Analysis 5: Clone Detection**

- Clone detection is a popular and interesting source analysis task with a wide range of applications, including code reduction and refactoring
- Can vary in *granularity*, from statements to functions to classes
- In this example problem, we demonstrate the basic TXL recipe for clone detection using TIL structured statements as the clone units
- As usual, the TXL solution is multi-step:
  - Extract a sequence of all instances of structured statements in the program (the "potential clones")
  - Optionally normalize for comparison (e.g., by anonymizing identifiers)
  - Filter those that appear only once from the sequence, to yield one copy of each actual clone
  - For each clone in the sequence, *mark up* all instances in the program with its *clone class* (position in the sequence)

## **Analysis 5: Clone Detection (cont'd)**

- Paradigm: Precise control of output format.
  - Using [SPOFF], [SP], [TAB], [SPON], can take complete control over output spacing

```
% Allow for clone class markup
redefine statement
     [marked statement]
end redefine
define marked statement
    [xmltag]
                        [NL][IN]
        [statement] [EX]
    [xmlend]
                        [NL]
end define
define xmltag
    < [SPOFF] [id] [SP]
      [id] = [number] > [SPON]
end define
define xmlend
    < [SPOFF] / [id] > [SPON]
end define
```

## **Analysis 5: Clone Detection (cont'd)**

- Paradigm: Context-dependent rules.
  - We have seen context-dependent rules before, but in this case we depend on both a part of the context and the entire context
  - As usual, context uses TXL rule parameters

tip: Don't assume a copy costs anything!

#### **Analysis 5: Clone Detection (cont'd)**

- Paradigm: Accumulating multiple results.
  - As well as using global context, the addlfClone rule also demonstrates the general way to accumulate multiple results, using each and concatenation to a sequence

```
function addIfClone StructuredStatements [structured statement*]
                    Statement [structured statement]
   % A fragment is a clone if it appears twice in all fragments
   deconstruct * StructuredStatements
      Statement
     Rest [structured statement*]
   deconstruct * [structured statement] Rest
      Statement
   % If it appears (at least) twice, add it to the clones
   replace [repeat structured statement]
     StructuredClones [structured statement*]
   % Make sure it's not already in the table
   deconstruct not * [structured statement] StructuredClones
      Statement
  by
      StructuredClones [. Statement]
end function
```

## **Analysis 5: Clone Detection (cont'd)**

```
% Exact clone detection for TIL
% Jim Cordy, October 2007

    Paradigm: Global state.

 . . .
function main

    Global blackboard for shared state

   replace [program]
     P [program]
   construct StructuredClones [structured statement*]
      [findStructuredStatementClones P]
   export CloneNumber [number] 0
  by
     P [markCloneInstances each StructuredClones]
end function
rule markCloneInstances StructuredClone [structured statement]
   % Keep track of the index of this clone in the table
   import CloneNumber [number]
   export CloneNumber CloneNumber [+ 1]
    % Mark up all instances of it in the program
   skipping [marked statement]
   replace [statement]
      StructuredClone
   by
      <clone class=CloneNumber> StructuredClone </clone>
end rule
```

# **Analysis 6: Unique Renaming**

- Unique renaming introduces scope-independent names for every declaration and reference in the program, as a first step in fact generation
  - Represents a common problem in design recovery and analysis (e.g., Cobol implicit qualification, Java scope rule resolution)
- In this example problem, we are to uniquely rename every variable, function and module in an MTIL (module dialect of TIL) program, using TXL
- Our strategy will be to find every scope, and add to the name of every declaration embedded in it the name of the scope (e.g., variable x of function f becomes f.x in its declaration and every reference)
- By proceeding inside out, from the deepest scopes to the shallowest, everything ends up fully qualified (e.g., m.f.x for variable x of function f in module m) – but how?

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#### **Analysis 6: Unique Renaming (cont'd)**

- Paradigm: Bottom-up traversal.
  - The TXL paradigm for bottom-up traversal is simple: pre-recursion

```
rule uniqueRename
   % Do each scope on each level once
   skipping [statement] replace $ [statement]
      Scope [statement]
   % Only interested in statements that form scopes
   deconstruct * [statement*] Scope
      [statement*]
   % Get function, module or structure name
   construct ScopeName [id]
      [makeKeyName Scope] [getDeclaredName Scope]
   % Visit inner scopes first, then rename things in this one
   by
      Scope [uniqueRenameDeeper]
            [uniqueRenameScope ScopeName]
end rule
function uniqueRenameDeeper
   replace * [statement*]
      EmbeddedStatements [statement*]
   by
      EmbeddedStatements [uniqueRename]
end function
```

## **Analysis 6: Unique Renaming (cont'd)**

- Within each scope, we find each declaration, add the scope name to its name, and rename it and all references
- Since we are working inside out, this successively adds all the *outer* scope names, giving the unique fully qualified name *p.m.f.x*

```
rule uniqueRenameScope ScopeName [id]
   % Find a declaration in the scope
   replace $ [statement*]
                                               redefine name
      DeclScope [statement*]
                                                    [id]
   deconstruct DeclScope
                                                   [id] . [name]
      Declaration [declaration]
                                               end redefine
      RestOfScope [statement*]
   % Get its original id
      deconstruct * [name] Declaration
        Name [name]
   % Construct the new id for it from the scope id
   construct UniqueName [name]
      ScopeName '. Name
   % Rename the declaration and all its references
   % The [$ X Y] TXL built-in rule replaces every X by Y
   by
      DeclScope [$ Name UniqueName]
end rule
```

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## **Analysis 6: Unique Renaming (cont'd)**

```
% Unique renaming for MTIL
                                        rule renameModulePublicReferences
% Jim Cordy, March 2009
                                          % Find a module and its scope
                                         replace $ [statement*]
                                            'module ModuleName [name]
function main
                                               ModuleStatements [statement*]
 replace [program]
                                            'end ;
   P [program]
                                            RestOfScope [statement*]
 by
                                          % Get all its public function names
   P [uniqueRenameDeeper]
                                          construct UniquePublicFunctionNames
     [uniqueRenameScope 'MAIN]
                                        [name*]
     [renameModulePublicReferences]
                                            [extractPublicFunctionName
                                                   each ModuleStatements]
[renameFunctionFormalParameters]
                                          % Rename all references in outer scope
end function
                                          by
rule uniqueRename
                                             'module ModuleName
                                                ModuleStatements
end rule
                                             'end ;
                                             RestOfScope [updatePublicFunctionCall
function uniqueRenameDeeper
                                                     each
                                        UniquePublicFunctionNames]
end function
                                        end rule
rule uniqueRenameScope ScopeName
[id]
                                        rule renameFunctionFormalParameters
end rule
                                        end function
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```

#### **Analysis 7: Design Recovery**

- Design recovery, or fact generation, is the extraction of facts about basic entities and relationships to an external graph or database that can be explored using tools like Grok, CrocoPat, Rscript or Prolog
- In this example problem, we are to extract basic structural and usage facts for programs written in MTIL, in particular contains(), calls(), reads(), writes() relationships for all modules, functions and variables

```
contains (MAIN, MAIN.maxprimes)
contains (MAIN, MAIN.maxfactor)
writes (MAIN, MAIN.maxprimes)
writes (MAIN, MAIN.maxfactor)
    ...
contains (MAIN.flags, MAIN.flags.flagvector)
contains (MAIN.flags, MAIN.flags.flagset)
contains (MAIN.flags.flagset, MAIN.flags.flagset.f)
contains (MAIN.flags.flagset, MAIN.flags.flagset.tf)
writes (MAIN.flags.flagset, MAIN.flags.flagvector)
reads (MAIN.flags.flagset, MAIN.flags.flagset.f)
reads (MAIN.flags.flagset, MAIN.flags.flagset.tf)
...
calls (MAIN, MAIN.flags.flagset)
calls (MAIN, MAIN.flags.flagset)
```

## **Analysis 7: Design Recovery (cont'd)**

- By now, you can tell me how to implement such a TXL program begin with unique renaming transformation
- Paradigm: Local fact annotation.
  - The strategy will then be to locally annotate references and statements in the program with facts in Prolog syntax using contextual inference rules, then extract all the facts

```
module m
. . .
function m.f
. . .
writes (m.f, x.y.z)
reads (m.f, a.b.c)
x.y.z := a.b.c;
end;
end;
end;
```

## **Analysis 7: Design Recovery (cont'd)**

```
% Fact extraction for MTIL
                                       function main
% Jim Cordy, May 2009
                                          replace [program]
                                             P [program]
include "Facts.grm"
                                          construct ProgramName [name]
% Allow facts on any statement
                                              'MAIN
redefine statement
                                          construct AnnotatedP [program]
    [fact*] ...
                                             P [addContainsFacts ProgramName]
end redefine
                                                [inferContains]
% Allow facts on any expression
                                               [addCallsFacts ProgramName]
                                               [inferCalls]
redefine primary
                                               [addReadsFacts ProgramName]
    [fact*] ...
end redefine
                                               [inferReads]
                                               [addWritesFacts ProgramName]
% Our output is the facts alone
                                               [inferWrites]
redefine program
                                          construct Facts [fact*]
                                             [^ AnnotatedP]
     [fact*]
end redefine
                                          by
                                             Facts
                                       end function
```

#### **Analysis 7: Design Recovery (cont'd)**

```
rule addContainsFacts ScopeName [name]
   skipping [statement]
   replace $ [statement]
      Facts [fact*]
      Declaration [declaration]
   deconstruct * [name] Declaration
      DeclName [name]
  by
      'contains '( ScopeName, DeclName ')
      Facts
      Declaration
end rule
rule inferContains
   replace $ [declaration]
      ScopeDeclaration [declaration]
   deconstruct * [name] ScopeDeclaration
      ScopeName [name]
  by
      ScopeDeclaration [addContainsFacts ScopeName]
                       [addContainsParameters ScopeName]
end rule
```

#### More to Come, Another Time ...

- That's unfortunately all we have time for here
  - Lots more to come in the TXL Cookbook
- References:

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