

Declarative Semantics Definition

Static Analysis and Error Checking

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Overview today's lecture

static analysis & error checking

- name analysis
- type analysis
- error checking
- error reporting

semantic editor services

- reference resolution
- hover help
- code completion

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overview

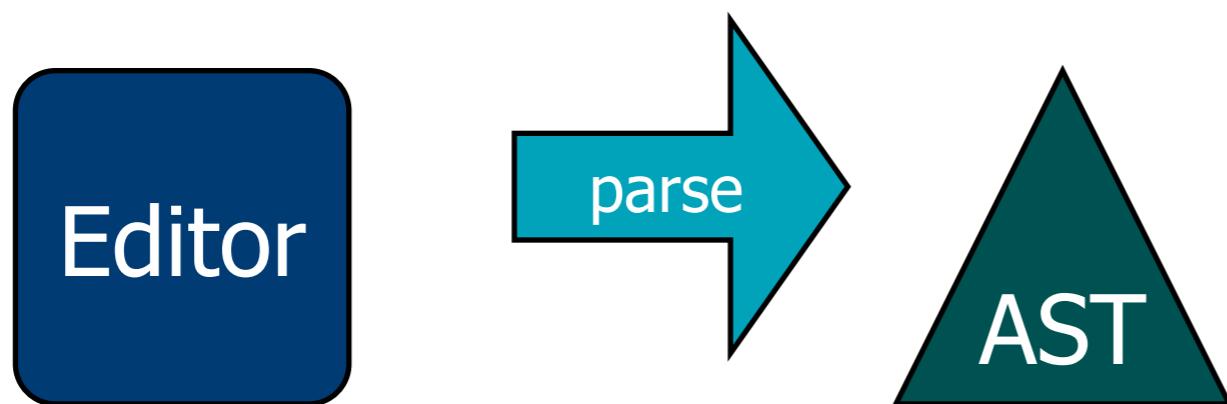
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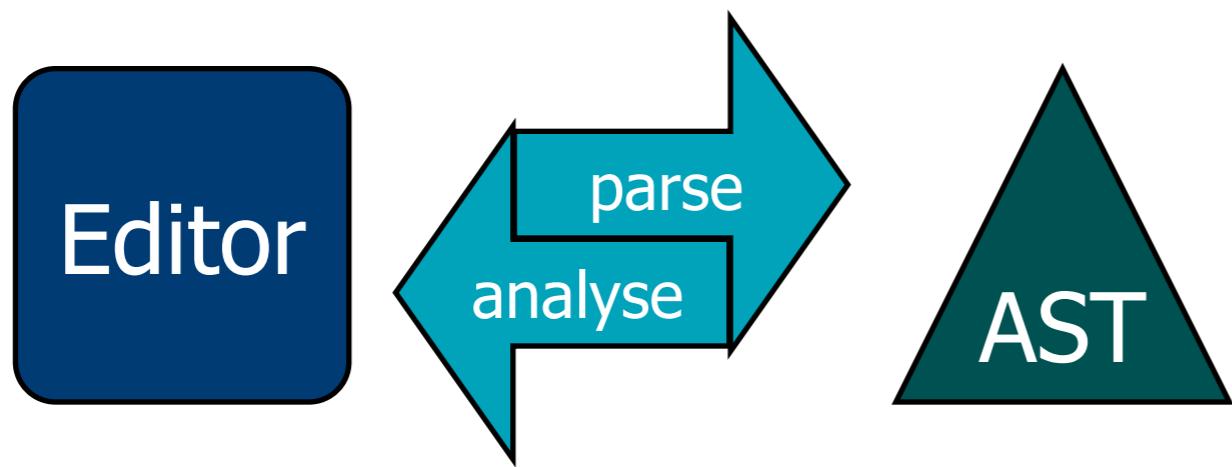
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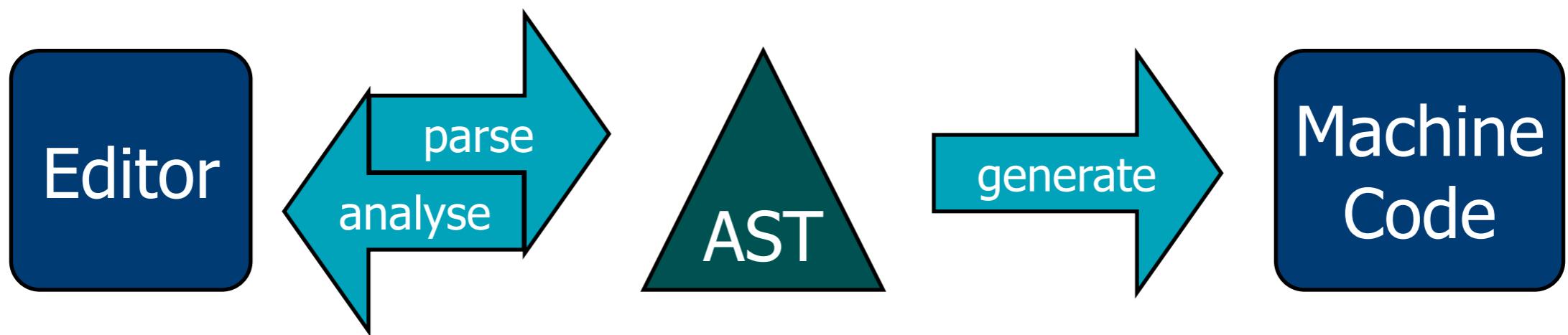
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Recap: A Theory of Language formal grammars

formal grammar $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$

nonterminal symbols N

terminal symbols Σ

production rules $P \subseteq (N \cup \Sigma)^* N (N \cup \Sigma)^* \times (N \cup \Sigma)^*$

start symbol $S \in N$

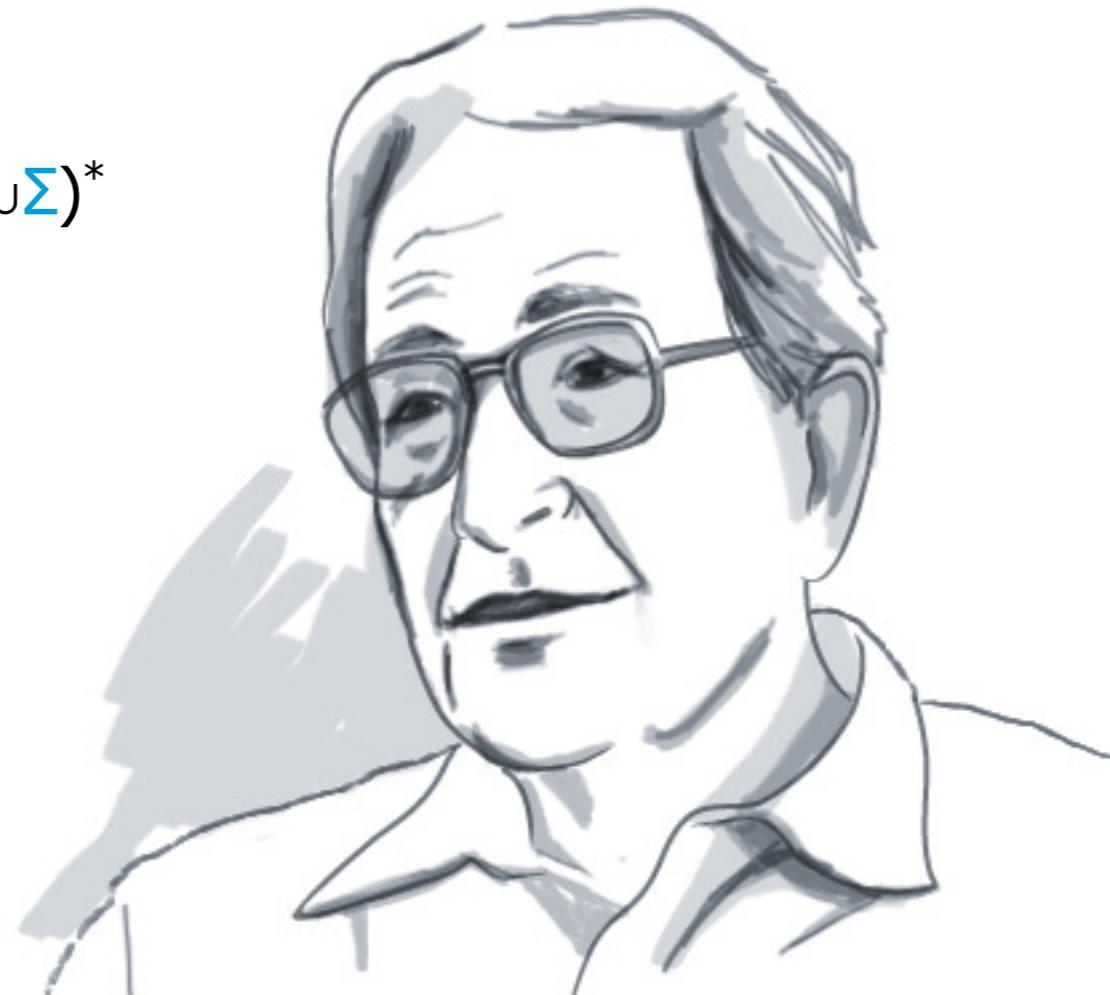
grammar classes

type-0, unrestricted

type-1, context-sensitive: $(a A c, a b c)$

type-2, context-free: $P \subseteq N \times (N \cup \Sigma)^*$

type-3, regular: (A, x) or (A, xB)



Recap: Theoretical Computer Science decidability & complexity

word problem $x_L: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

$w \rightarrow 1$, if $w \in L$

$w \rightarrow 0$, else

decidability

~~type-0: semi-decidable~~

type-1, type-2, type-3: decidable

complexity

~~type-1: PSPACE-complete~~

PSPACE \supseteq NP \supseteq P

type-2, type-3: P

Recap: Language Definition components

syntax definition

- concrete syntax
- abstract syntax

static analysis

- name resolution
- type analysis

semantics

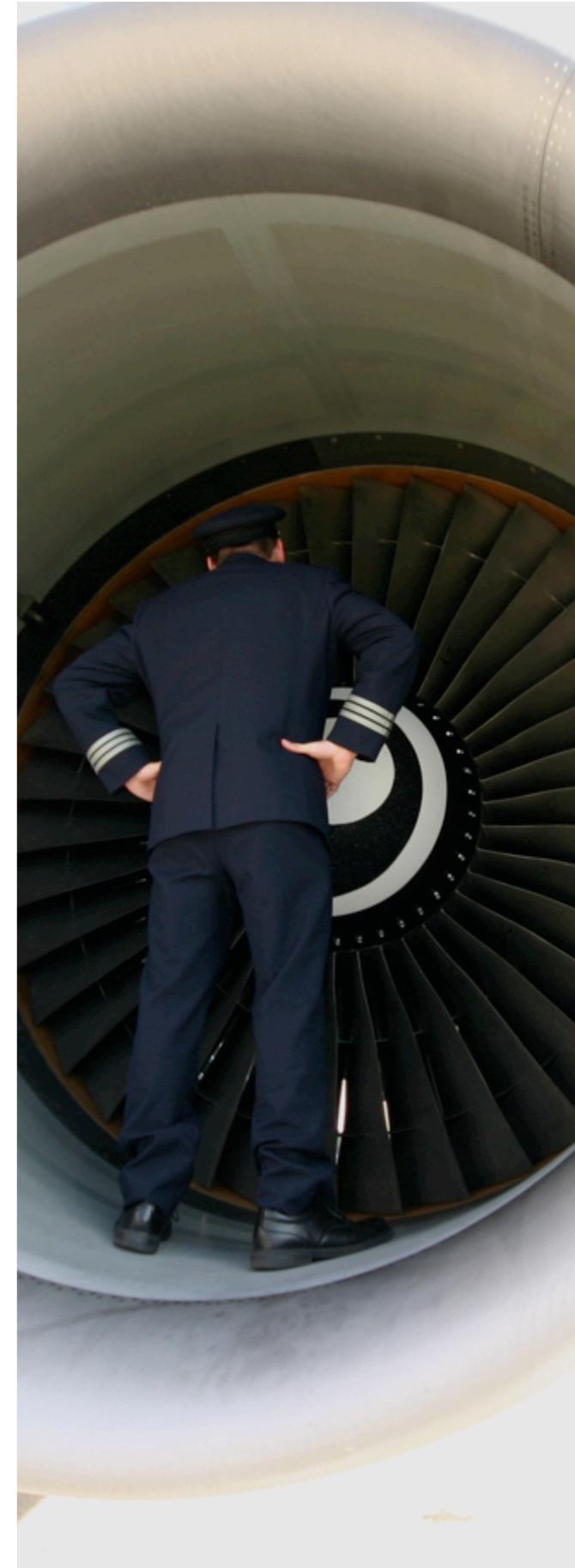
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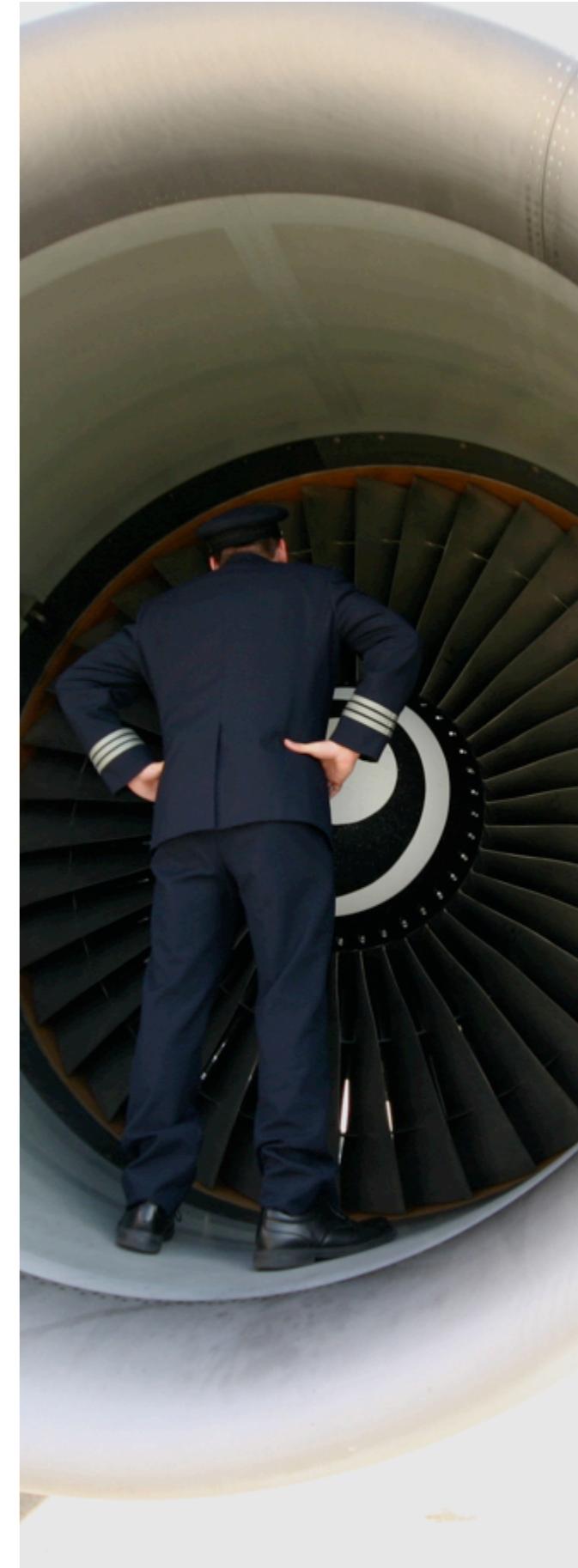
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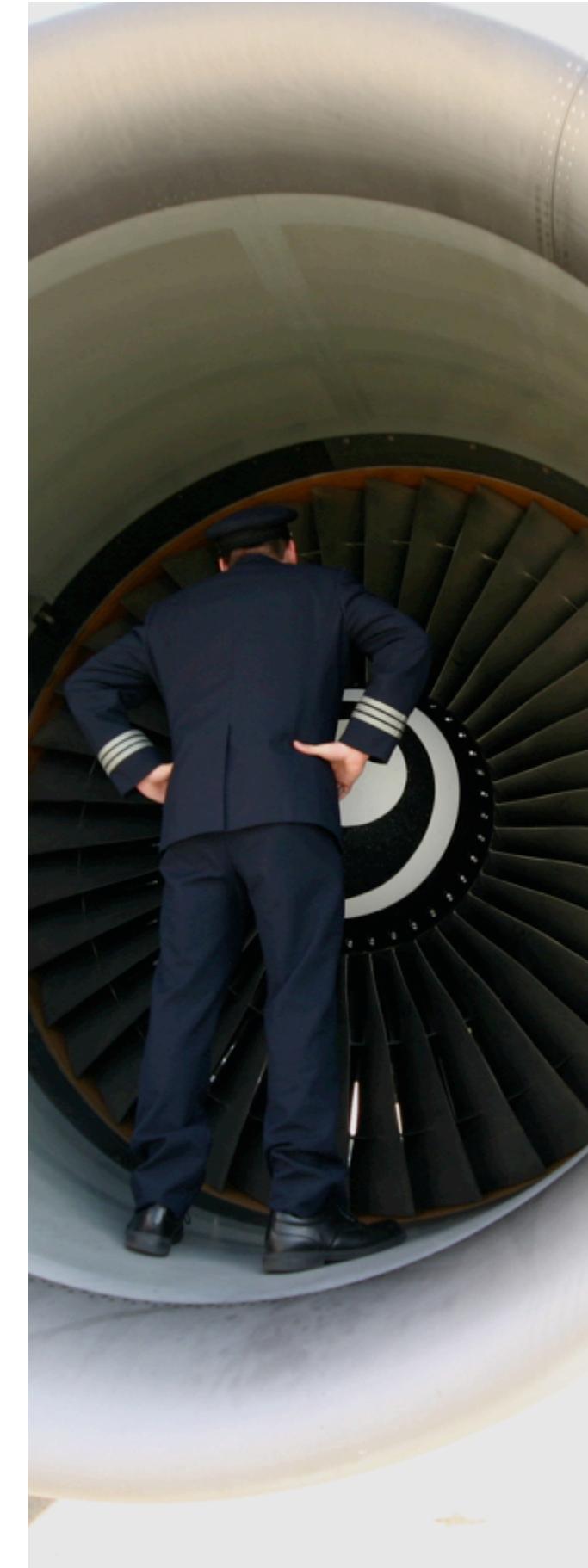
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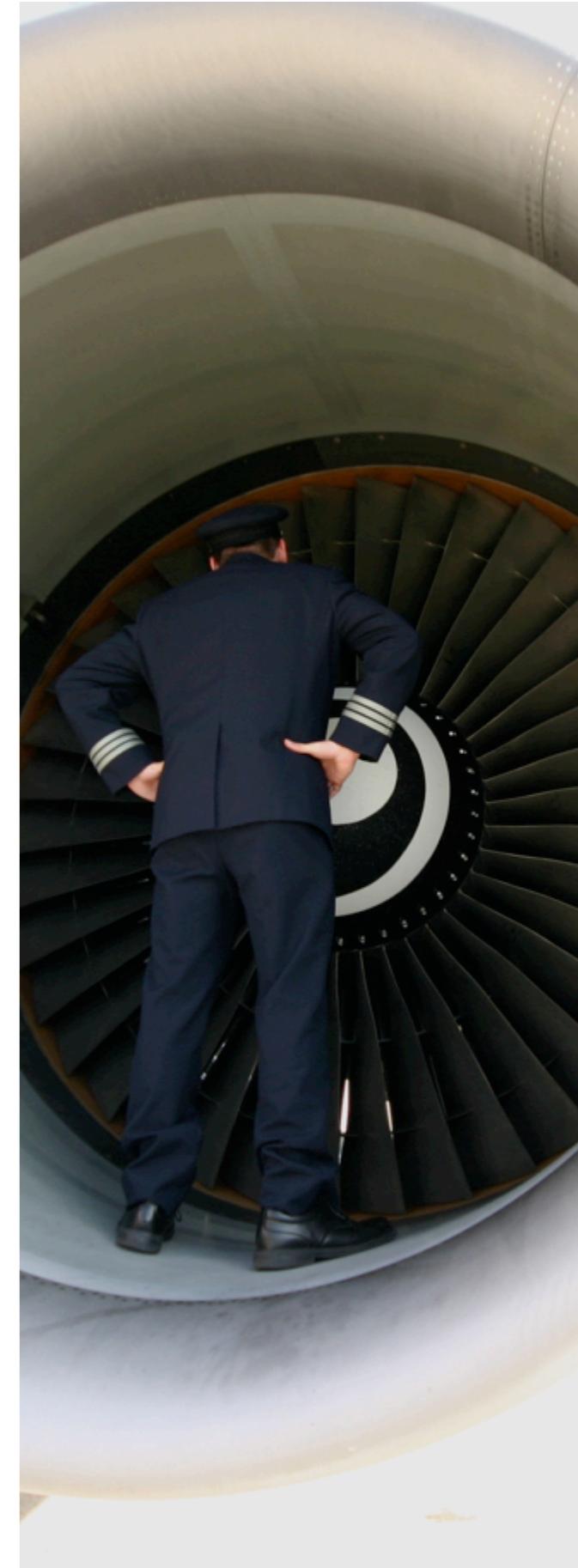
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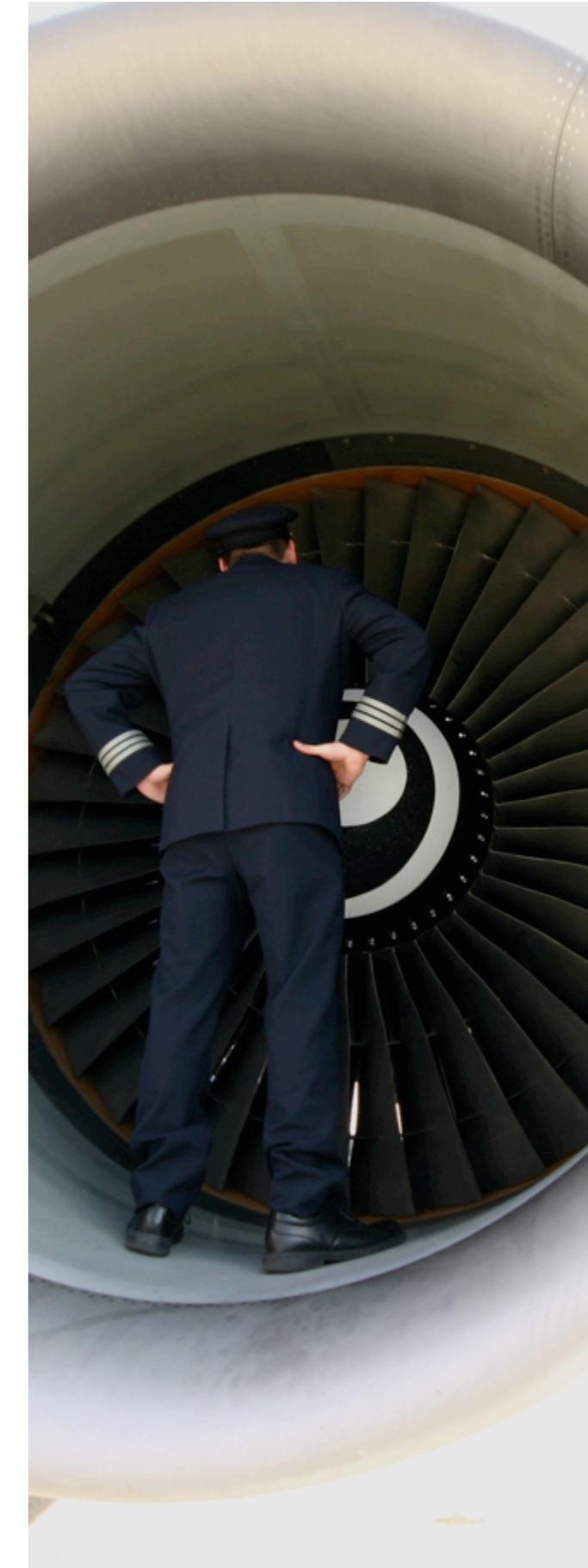
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editor interface

- collecting and displaying errors and warnings

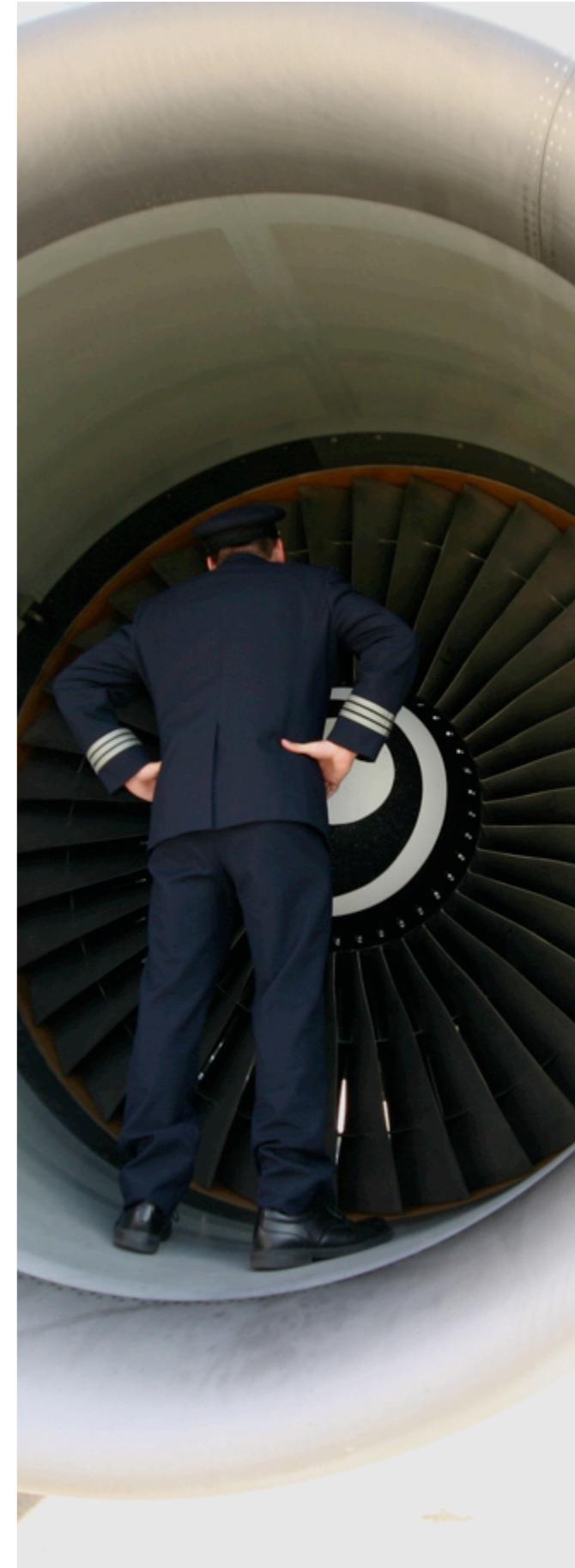


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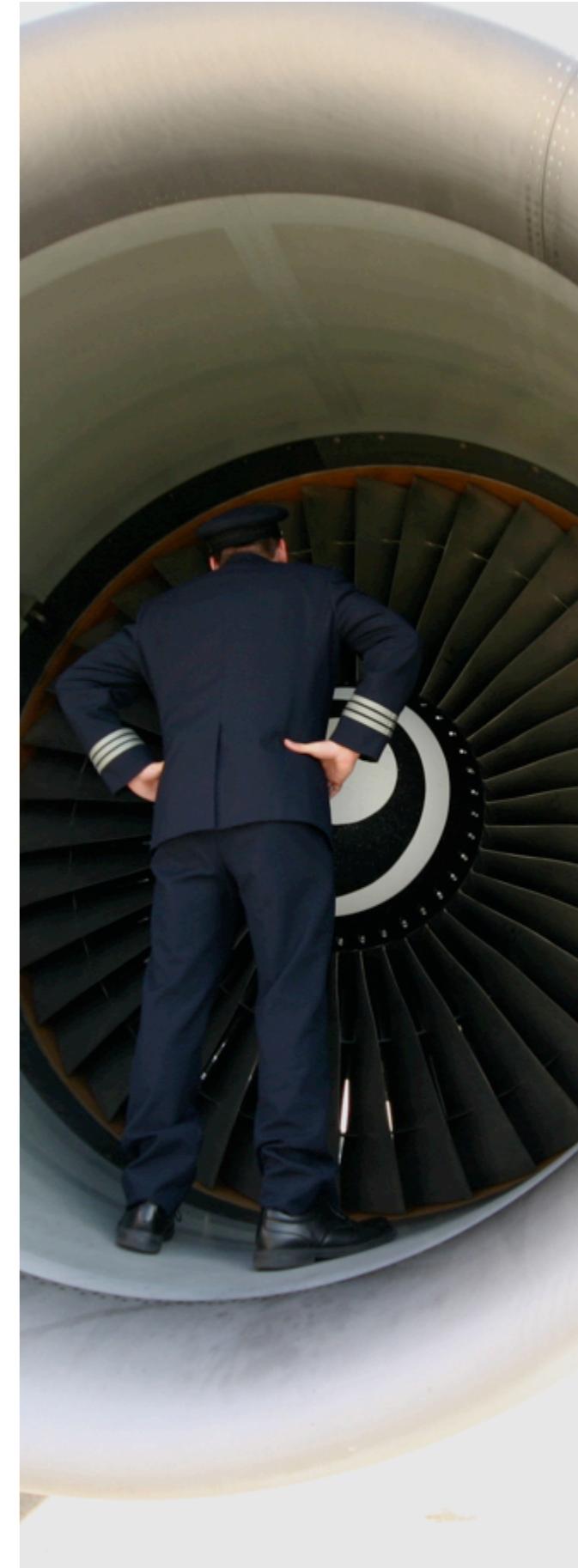
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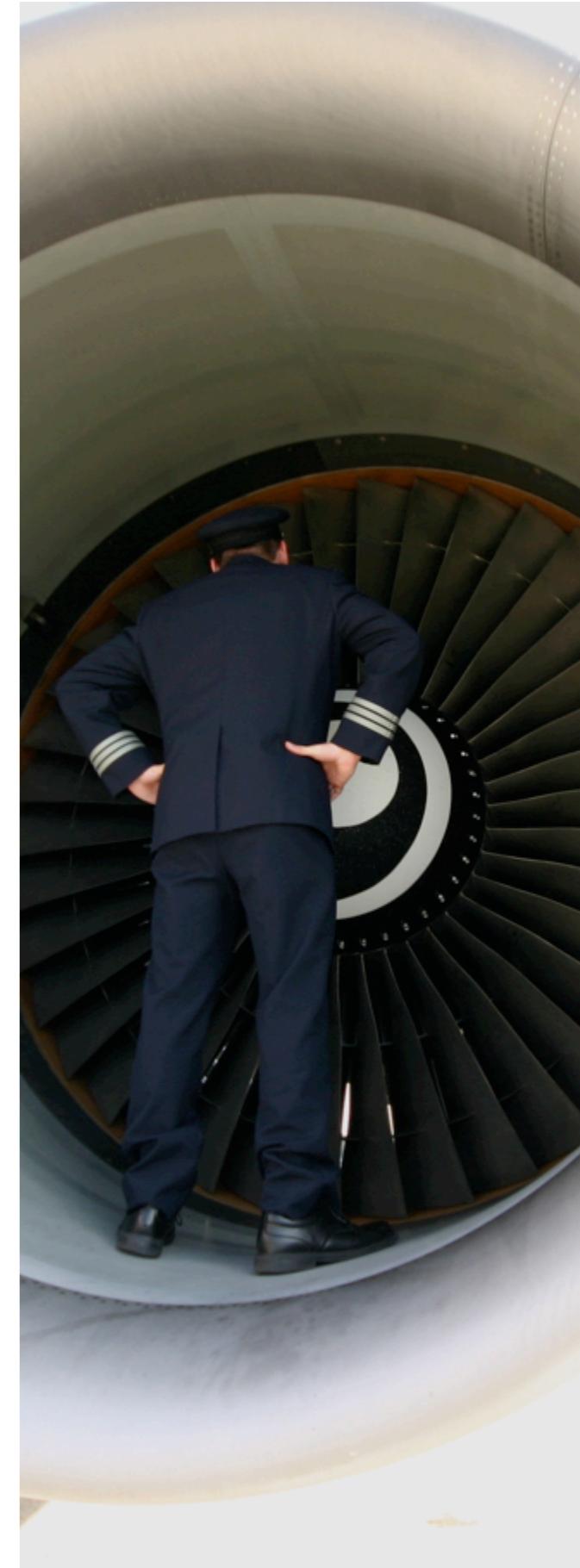
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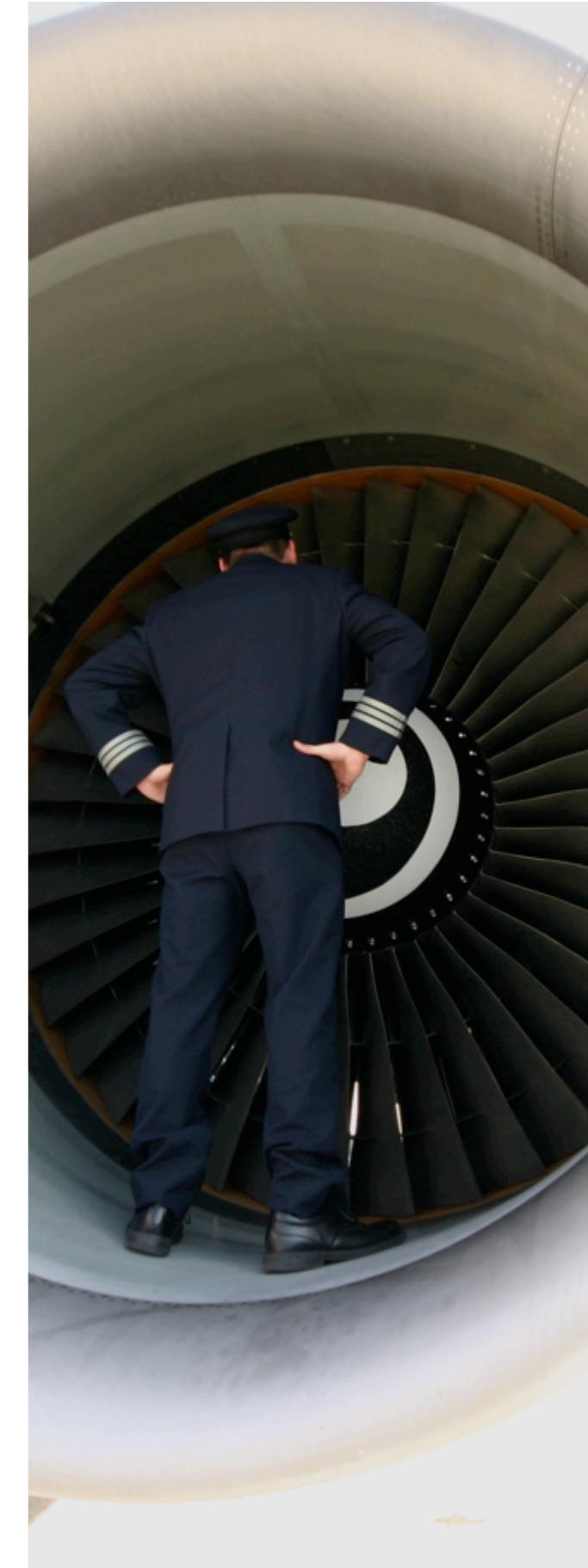
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check

- check static constraints



II

name analysis

Name Binding and Scope

IDE components

static checking

editor services

transformation

refactoring

code generation

```
1⊕ class User {  
2     string name;  
3 }  
4⊕ class Blog {  
5     string post(User user, string message) {  
6         posterName = "name";  
7         string posterName;  
8         posterName = user.name;  
9         string posterName = user.name;  
10        return posterName;  
11    }  
12 }
```

Name Binding and Scope

reference resolution

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Name Binding and Scope

content completion

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7 }  
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9   string name;  
10  string username;  
11  string homepage;  
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10  string us;  
11  string ho;  
12 }
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The image shows two separate code snippets with content completion dropdowns. The first snippet is for the `posterName = user.` part, showing suggestions: `homepage`, `name`, and `username`. The second snippet is for the `return` statement, showing suggestions: `message`, `posterName`, and `user`.

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Bound Renaming annotated terms

$$t\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$$

add additional information to a term but preserve its signature

Name Binding Language

concepts

defines

refers

namespaces

scopes

imports

Name Binding Language

definitions and references

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Name Binding Language

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Name Binding Language

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Type Variable Function

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FunDec(f, _, _):

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Call(f, _):

refers to Function f

VarDec(v, _):

defines unique Variable v

FArg(a, _):

defines unique Variable a

Var(v):

refers to Variable v

let

type mt = int

type rt = {f1: string, f2: int}

type at = array of int

var x := 42

var y: int := 42

function p() = print("foo")

function sqr(x: int): int = x*x

in

...

end

Name Binding Language

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Name Binding Language

definition context

For(*v*, *start*, *end*, *body*):
defines Variable *v* in *body*

for *x* := 0 to 42 do *x*;

Name Binding Language in Spoofax

derivation of editor services

- error checking
- reference resolution
- code completion

multi-file analysis

parallel analysis

incremental analysis

III

constraint checking

Name Analysis project

name-of : declaration \rightarrow name

map declarations to names

Name Analysis

projecting declarations to names

```
type-name  : TypeDec(t, _)      -> t
var-name   : VarDec(x, _)       -> x
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var-name   : For(x, _, _, _)   -> x
var-name   : FArg(x, _)        -> x
fun-name   : FunDec(f, _, _)   -> f
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project

index-is-resolved
index-is-unresolved
index-is-unique
index-is-nonunique
index-is-used
index-is-unused

index library

Name Analysis

check

editor-error : expression \rightarrow (pos, msg)

compute type of expression

Name Analysis

error checking

```
editor-error: e@Tid(t) -> (e, $[Type [t] is not declared.])
  where <index-is-unresolved> t
  where not ( <primitive-type> t )

editor-error: e@Var(x) -> (e, $[Variable [x] is not declared.])
  where <index-is-unresolved> x

editor-error: e@Call(f, _) -> (e, $[Function [f] is not declared.])
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  where not ( <standard-lib-fun> f )

editor-error: d -> (d, $[Multiple declarations for [x].])
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Name Analysis

warnings

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Spoofax

collect errors and warnings

```
analyse = desugar-all

editor-analyse:
  (ast, path, project-path) -> (ast', errors, warnings, notes)
  with
    editor-init;
    <analyse> ast => ast';
    <collect-all(editor-error, conc)> ast'  => errors;
    <collect-all(editor-warning, conc)> ast' => warnings;
    <collect-all(fail, conc)> ast'          => notes
```

```
module Tiger-Builders

builders

  observer : editor-analyse
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Spoofax

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coffee break



IV

type analysis

Type Analysis project

type-of : expression -> type

compute type of expression

Expressions

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type-of : Int(_)      -> INT()
type-of : String(_)   -> STRING()

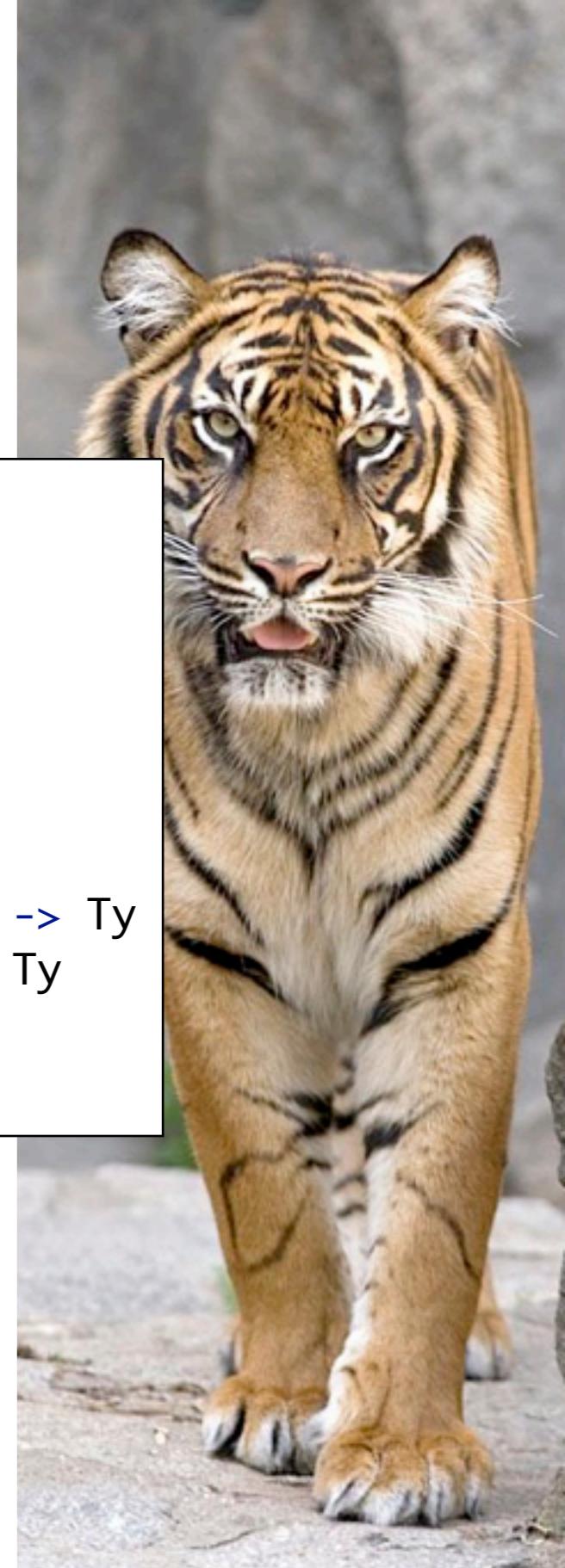
type-of : NilExp()    -> NIL()

type-of :
  Bop(_, e1, e2) -> INT()
  where
    <type-of> e1 => INT();
    <type-of> e2 => INT()

type-of : NoVal()     -> NO_VAL()
type-of : Seq(es)     -> <map(type-of) ; last> es
```



Expressions



```
type-of : Int(_)    -> INT()
type-of : String(_) -> STRING()

type-of : NilExp()  -> NIL()
```

```
type-of :
  Bop(_, e1, e2) -> INT()
  where
    <type-of> e1 => INT();
    <type-of> e2 => INT()
```

```
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type-of : Seq(es)   -> <map(type-of) ; last> es
```

signature constructors

```
INT      : Ty
STRING   : Ty
NO_VAL   : Ty

NIL      : Ty
RECORD   : TypeId * List(FTy) -> Ty
ARRAY    : TypeId * TypeId -> Ty

FIELD   : Id * TypeId -> FTy
```

Type Analysis

error checking

editor-error:

Bop₁(_, e1, e2) -> errors
where <filter(check-exp(eq))> [(e1, INT()), (e2, INT())] => errors

check-exp(eq):

(e, t) -> (e, \$[Expression is of type [<pp> t'] instead of type [<pp> t].])
where <type-of> e => t'
where not (<eq> (t, t'))

Relational Expressions

```
type-of : Rop(op, e1, e2) -> INT()
```

where

```
<type-of> e1 => t1 ;  
<type-of> e2 => t2 ;  
<check-rop> (op, t1, t2)
```

```
check-rop : (EQ(), t1, t2) -> <eq-or-nil> (t1, t2)
```

```
check-rop : (NE(), t1, t2) -> <eq-or-nil> (t1, t2)
```

```
check-rop : (LT(), t, t) -> <int-or-string> t
```

```
check-rop : (LE(), t, t) -> <int-or-string> t
```



Relational Expressions

```
type-of : Rop(op, e1, e2) -> INT()
```

where

```
<type-of> e1 => t1 ;
<type-of> e2 => t2 ;
<check-rop> (op, t1, t2)
```

```
check-rop : (EQ(), t1, t2) -> <eq-or-nil> (t1, t2)
```

```
check-rop : (NE(), t1, t2) -> <eq-or-nil> (t1, t2)
```

```
check-rop : (LT(), t, t) -> <int-or-string> t
```

```
check-rop : (LE(), t, t) -> <int-or-string> t
```

```
int-or-string = ?INT() <+ ?STRING()
```

```
noval-or-nil = ?NO_VAL() <+ ?NIL()
```

```
eq-or-nil : (t, t) -> t where not ( <noval-or-nil> t )
```

```
eq-or-nil : (r@RECORD(_, _), NIL()) -> r
```

```
eq-or-nil : (a@ARRAY(_, _), NIL()) -> a
```

```
eq-or-nil : (NIL(), r@RECORD(_, _)) -> r
```

```
eq-or-nil : (NIL(), a@ARRAY(_, _)) -> a
```



Type Analysis

error checking

```
editor-error: Rop(op, e1, e2) -> error
  where <elem> (op, [EQ(), NE()])
  where <type-of> e1 => t
  where <check-exp(eq-or-nil)> (e2, t) => error

editor-error:
  Rop(op, e1, e2) -> (e1, $[Expression is of type [<pp> t] instead of type
                           [<pp> INT()] or [<pp> STRING()].])
  where <elem> (op, [LT(), LE()])
  where <type-of> e1 => t
  where not (<int-or-string> t)

editor-error: Rop(op, e1, e2) -> error
  where <elem> (op, [LT(), LE()])
  where <int-or-string> <type-of> e1 => t
  where <check-exp(eq)> (e2, t) => error
```

Record and Array Access

```
type-of :  
  FieldVar(e, f) -> t  
  where  
    <type-of> e => RECORD(_, fields) ;  
    <fetch-elem(?FIELD(f, tn))> fields ;  
    <type-of> tn => t  
  
type-of :  
  Subscript(e1, e2) -> t  
  where  
    <type-of> e1 => ARRAY(_, tn) ;  
    <type-of> tn => t ;  
    <type-of> e2 => INT()
```



Type Analysis

```
editor-error:  
  FieldVar(e, f) -> (e, $[Expression is of type [<pp> t] (no record type).])  
    where <type-of> e => t  
    where not ( <?RECORD(, ,)> t )  
  
editor-error:  
  FieldVar(e, f) -> (f, $[Field [f] not declared by type [<pp> t].])  
    where <type-of> e => t@RECORD(, fs)  
    where not ( <fetch-elem(?FIELD(f, ,))> fs )  
  
editor-error:  
  Subscript(e1, e2) -> (e1, $[Expression is of type [<pp> t] (no array type).])  
    where <type-of> e1 => t  
    where not ( <?ARRAY(, ,)> t )  
  
editor-error:  
  Subscript(e1, e2) -> error  
    where <type-of> e1 => ARRAY(, ,)  
    where <check-exp(eq)> (e2, INT()) => error
```

Record and Array Initialising

```
type-of :  
  Record(tn, inits) -> t  
  where  
    <type-of> tn => t@RECORD(tn, fields) ;  
    <zip(check-field)> (inits, fields)  
  
check-field :  
  (InitField(fn, e), FIELD(fn, tn)) -> t  
  where  
    <type-of> tn => t1 ; <type-of> e => t2 ;  
    <eq-or-nil> (t1, t2) => t  
  
type-of :  
  Array(tn, e1, e2) -> t  
  where  
    <type-of> tn => t@ARRAY(tn, vtn) ;  
    <type-of> vtn => vt1 ;  
    <type-of> e1 => INT() ;  
    <type-of> e2 => vt2 ;  
    <eq-or-nil> (vt1, vt2)
```



Type Analysis

editor-error:

```
e@Record(t, fs) -> (t, $[Type [<pp> t] is not a record type.])
where <type-of> t => t'
where not ( <?RECORD(, )> t' )
```

editor-error: Record(t, fs) -> errors

```
where <type-of> t => RECORD(, fdefs)
where <filter(editor-error)> <zip> (fs, fdefs) => errors
```

editor-error:

```
(InitField(f, e), FIELD(g, t)) -> (f, $[Field [g] expected.])
where not ( <eq> (f, g) )
```

editor-error: (InitField(f, e), FIELD(g, t)) -> error

```
where <type-of> t => t'
where <filter(check-exp(eq-or-nil))> (e, t') => error
```

Type Analysis

editor-error:

```
Array(t, e1, e2) -> (t, $[Type [<pp> t] is not an array type.])
where <type-of> t => t'
where not ( <?ARRAY(_, _)> t' )
```

editor-error:

```
Array(t, e1, e2) -> errors
where <type-of> t => ARRAY(_, tn)
where <type-of> tn => t2
where <filter(check-exp(eq-or-nil))> [(e1, INT()), (e2, t2)] => errors
```

Statements

```
type-of :  
  Assign(l, e) -> NO_VAL()  
  where  
    <type-of> l => t1 ;  
    <type-of> e => t2 ;  
    <eq-or-nil> (t1, t2)  
  
type-of :  
  IfThenElse(e1, e2, e3) -> t  
  where  
    <type-of> e1 => INT()  
    <type-of> e2 => t1 ;  
    <type-of> e3 => t2 ;  
    <eq-or-nil <+ noval-noval> (t1, t2) => t  
  
type-of :  
  While(e1, e2) -> NO_VAL()  
  where  
    <type-of> e1 => INT()  
    <type-of> e2 => NO_VAL()
```



More Statements

```
type-of :  
  For(x, e1, e2, e3) -> NO_VAL()  
  where  
    <type-of> e1 => INT()  
    <type-of> e2 => INT()  
    <type-of> e3 => NO_VAL()  
  
type-of :  
  Break() -> NO_VAL()  
  
type-of :  
  Let(_, []) -> NO_VAL()  
  
type-of :  
  Let(_, es@[_ | _]) -> <map(type-of) ; last> es
```



Type Analysis

```
editor-error: Assign(e1, e2) -> error
  where <type-of> e1 => t
  where <check-exp(eq-or-nil)> (e2, t) => error

editor-error: IfThenElse(e1, e2, e3) -> errors
  where <type-of> e2 => t
  where <filter(check-exp(eq-or-nil <+ noval-noval))>
    [(e1, INT()), (e3, t)] => errors

editor-error: While(e1, e2) -> errors
  where <filter(check-exp(eq))> [(e1, INT()), (e2, NO_VAL())] => errors

editor-error: For(v, e1, e2, e3) -> errors
  where <filter(check-exp(eq))>
    [(e1, INT()), (e2, INT()), (e3, NO_VAL())] => errors
```

Name Binding Language

interaction with type system

FArg(*a*, *t*):
defines unique Variable *a* of type *t*

FunDec(*f*, *a**, *t*, *_*):
defines unique Function *f* of type (*t**, *t*)
where *a** has type *t**

FunDec(*f*, *a**, *e*):
defines unique Function *f* of type (*t**, NoVal())
where *a** has type *t**

Call(*f*, *a**):
refers to Function *f* of type (*t**, *_*)
where *a** has type *t**

Variables and Function Calls

```
type-of :  
  Var(x) -> <index-type-of> x  
  
type-of :  
  Call(f, es) -> t  
  where  
    <index-type-of> f => (ts, t) <+  
    <standard-lib-fun> f => (ts, t) ;  
    <zip(eq-or-nil)> (ts, <map(type-of)> es)
```

Type Analysis

```
editor-error: VarDec(_, t, e) -> error
  where <type-of> t => t'
  where <check-exp(eq-or-nil)> (e, t') => error

editor-error: VarDec(_, e) ->(e, $[Expression is of type [<pp> t].])
  where <type-of> e => t
  where <elem> (t, [ NO_VAL(), NIL() ])

editor-error: e@Call(f, es) -> (e, "Wrong number of arguments.")
  where <index-type-of <+ stdlib-fun> f => (ts, t)
  where not( <eq> (<length> es, <length> ts) )

editor-error: Call(f, es) -> errors
  where <index-type-of <+ stdlib-fun> f => (ts, t)
  where <zip(check-exp(eq-or-nil))> (es, ts) => errors
```

V

semantic editor services

Semantic Editor Services

reference resolution

```
editor-resolve:  
  (node, position, ast, path, project-path) -> target  
  where  
    index-setup(|<language>, [project-path], ${[project-path]/[path]});  
    index-transaction(  
      target := <index-lookup> node  
    )
```

```
module Tiger-References  
  
references  
  
reference _ : editor-resolve
```

Semantic Editor Services

hover help

```
editor-hover:  
  (node, position, ast, path, project-path) -> ${[type: [<pp> t]]}  
  where  
    <type-of> node => t  
  
  pp: NIL()      -> ${["nil"]}          pp: Tid(i)     -> ${"[i]"}  
  pp: NO_VAL()   -> ${["no-val"]}        pp: RECORD(Tid(i), _) -> ${["record [i]"]}  
  
  pp: INT()      -> ${["int"]}           pp: ARRAY(_, Tid(i)) -> ${["array [i]"]}  
  pp: STRING()   -> ${["string"]}
```

```
module Tiger-References  
  
references  
  
  hover _ : editor-hover
```

Semantic Editor Services

code completion

```
editor-complete:  
  (node, position, ast, path, project-path) -> proposals'  
  where  
    editor-init;  
    (ast', _) := <analyze-top(|<language>) (ast, path, project-path);  
    item@COMPLETION(name) := <collect-one(?COMPLETION(_))> ast';  
    index-transaction(  
      (<index-lookup-all(|name)> item <+ ![])) => proposals  
    );  
    proposals' := <map(index-uri; index-uri-name)> proposals
```

```
module Tiger-Completions  
  
completions  
  
  completions proposer : editor-complete
```

VI

second milestone

Assignment: Static Analysis

schedule

Lab 1

- import MiniJava project
- write test cases

Lab 2

- desugar expressions
- analyse names

Lab 3

- analyse types
- check constraints



Assignment: Static Analysis requirements

duplicate class, field, method, variable names

missing class, field, method, variable declarations

cyclic inheritance

unused classes, fields, methods, variables

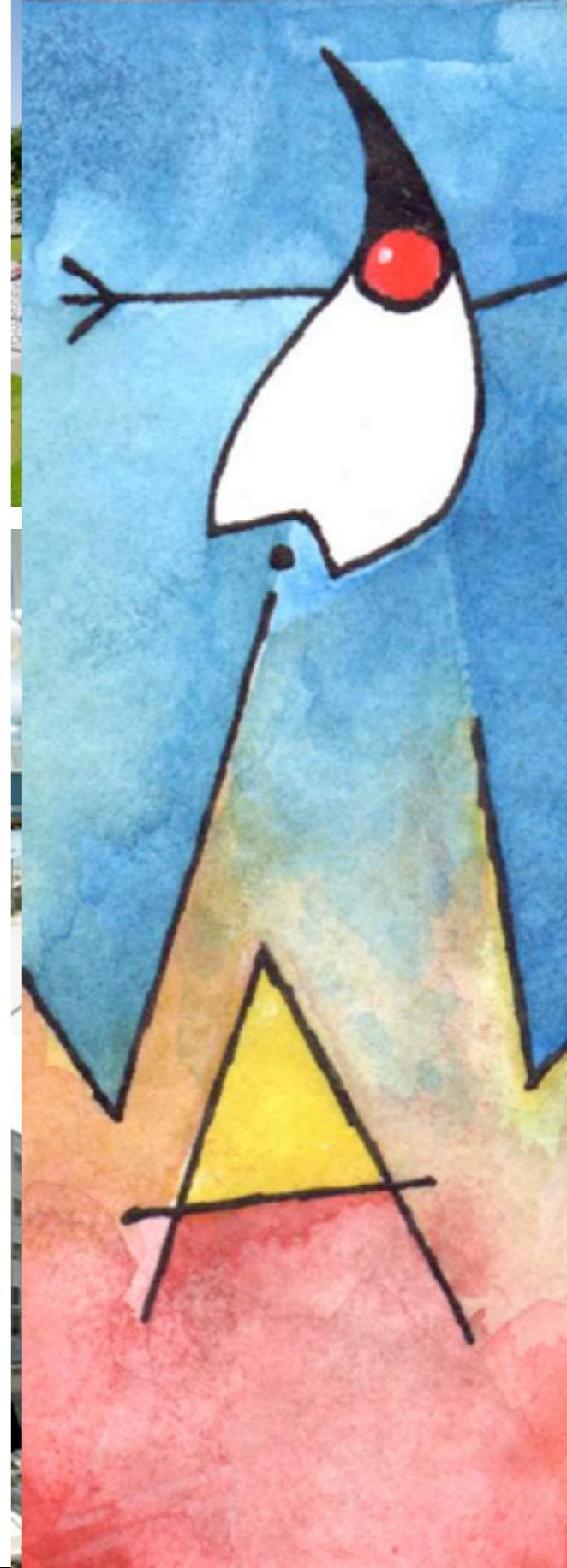
subclassing main class

instantiating main class

overriding field declarations

overriding method declarations

overloading method declarations



Assignment: Name Analysis

requirements

editor services

reference resolution

test cases

classes, fields, parameters, local variables

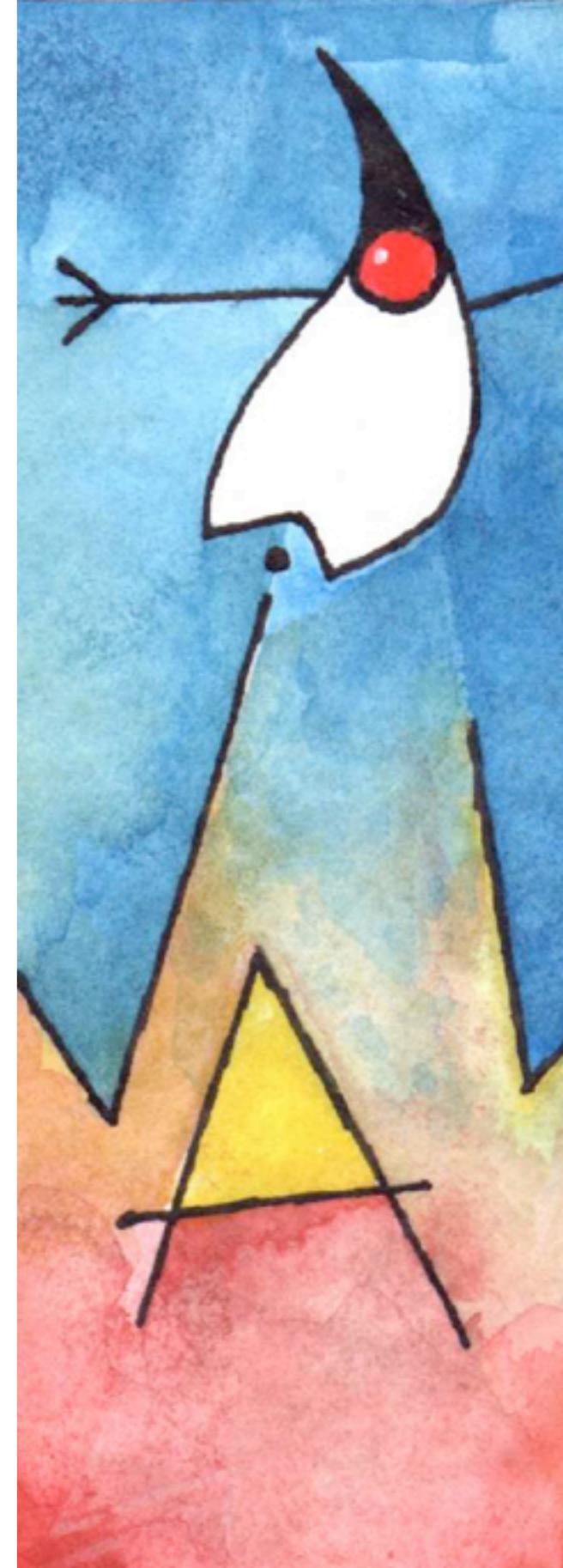
content completion

parent class, class types, object creation, field & variable references

trigger

hover help

types, definition sites



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summary

Summary

lessons learned

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- name analysis with NBL
- index map names to properties
- project declarations and expressions to properties
- check static constraints
- report errors

Summary lessons learned

How do you define static analysis and error checking in Stratego?

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- report errors

How do you define semantic editor services in Spoofax?

- reference resolution
- hover help
- content completion

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Outlook

coming next

declarative semantics definition

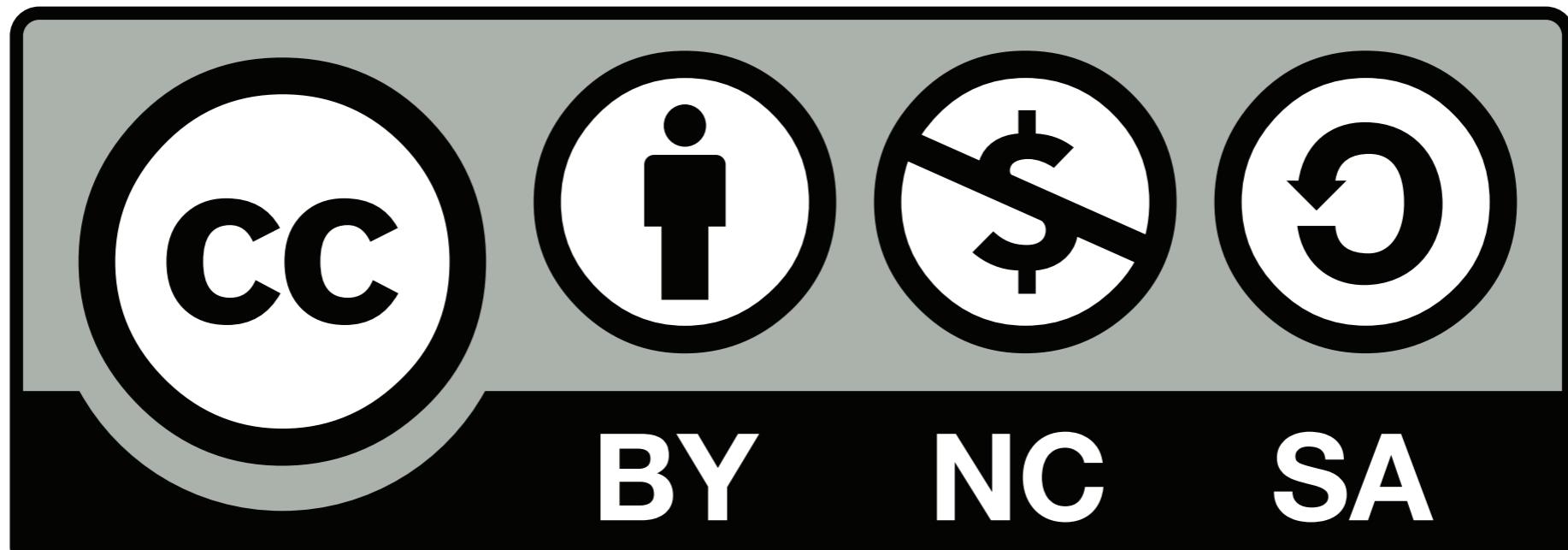
- Code Generation

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- import MiniJava project
- explore ASTs
- write test cases



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