Implementation of the Cmajor Compiler

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This document describes the implementation of the Cmajor compiler front-end. We also inspect some excerpts of language theory and parsing theory as we go on to make the description of implementation hopefully more understandable.

1.1 Cmajor Programming Language and Cmajor Compilers

Cmajor is a hybrid programming language that combines $C^{\#}$ like syntax with C++ like semantics. The original Cmajor compiler is written in C++. Now there is also a Cmajor compiler written in Cmajor that was created by manually converting the C++ version to Cmajor. However it still lacks some features that are present in the C++ version, so the the principal version as of this writing remains to be the C++ version.

1.2 Phases of Compilation

In classical compiler text books the compilation consists in principle of the following phases:

- 1. In the lexical analysis phase a stream of characters of source code of a program is broken into lexical units called *lexemes* and an integer or enumerated value called a *token* is assigned to each lexeme.
- 2. In the syntax analysis phase the grammatical structure of tokens are analyzed, and abstract syntax trees are generated.
- 3. In the semantic analysis phase the syntax trees are traversed and the program is typechecked and verified that it consists of semantically meaningful elements.
- 4. In the intermediate code generation phase intermediate code for program elements are generated.
- 5. In the machine-independent code optimization phase intermediate code is processed and optimized using various passes.
- 6. In the code generation phase machine code is generated.
- 7. In the machine-dependent code optimization phase the machine code is optimized further and target machine code is generated.

The compiler collects information¹ about identifiers encountered in the program into a *symbol table* and consults the symbol table when information about an identifier is needed.

Example 1.2.1. Consider the following source code fragment:

```
x = 10 * x + (cast < int > (c) - cast < int > ('0'));
```

We are now going to have a taste of what the input and output of each phase of the compilation looks like.

1. Lexical analysis. The lexical analyzer might produce the following lexemes for the code fragment above:

```
x, =, 10, *, x, +, (, cast, <, int, >, (, c, ), -, cast, <, int, >, (, '0'), ) and ;.
```

If we represent punctuation and other symbolic lexemes with token values equal to themselves and other lexemes with upper case identifiers, the lexical analyzer may assign the following tokens to the lexemes that do not represent themselves:

- x: ID (identifier)
 10: INTLIT (integer literal)
 cast: CAST (reserved word)
 int: INT (reserved word)
 c: ID (identifier)
 '0': CHARLIT (character literal)
- 2. Syntactic analysis. The syntax analyzer or *parser* receives the following token stream from the lexical analyzer or *lexer*:

```
ID, =, INTLIT, *, ID, +, (, CAST, <, INT, >, (, ID, ), -, CAST, <, INT, >, (, CHARLIT, ), ) and ;.
```

The result of phase 2 is an abstract syntax tree or AST that reveals the syntactic structure of the source code. Thus the parser may produce the following abstract syntax tree for the code fragment:

```
AssignmentStatementNode
    IdentifierNode(x)
    AddNode
        MulNode
        SByteLiteralNode(10)
        IdentifierNode(x)
        SubNode
        CastNode
        IntNode
        IdentifierNode(c)
        CastNode
        Intnode
        Introde
        CharLiteralNode('0')
```

¹type for example

3. Semantic analysis. The abstract syntax trees generated in phase 2 are traversed and the program is type-checked. Assuming that identifier **x** has been declared earlier to be a variable of type **int** and identifier **c** to be a variable of type **char**, the type-checker finds this information in the symbol table, when it walks the syntax tree.

When encountering the MulNode the type-checker checks whether it is legal to multiply an **sbyte** literal 10 by a variable x of type **int**. This is the case so it records that the result of this multiplication produces a value of type **int**.

When encountering the first CastNode it checks if it is legal to convert a variable c of type **char** to type **int**. Similarly for the second CastNode, the conversion of the character literal '0' to type **int** is checked. They are both legal so the SubNode produces a value of type **int**.

When encountering the AddNode two int values are added and the result is of type int.

Finally when encountering the AssignmentStatementNode the type-checker checks whether it is legal to assign a value of int to a variable x of type int. This is the case so the type-checking succeeds.

4. Intermediate code generation. The following intermediate code² may be produced from the abstract syntax tree and from information stored in the symbol table:

```
%1 = sext i8 10 to i32

%2 = load i32, i32* %x

%3 = mul i32 %1, %2

%4 = load i8, i8* %c

%5 = zext i8 %4 to i32

%6 = zext i8 48 to i32

%7 = sub i32 %5, %6

%8 = add i32 %3, %7

store i32 %8, i32* %x
```

Quick introduction to intermediate instructions:

- %1, %2, etc. represent intermediate results of computation. They may be regarded as registers. There are infinite number of them.
- i8, i16 and i32 are 8-bit, 16-bit and 32-bit integer types.
- sext instruction sign extends its operand to a target type.
- load instruction loads a value of a variable.
- mul instruction multiplies two values.
- **zext** instruction *zero extends* its operand to a target type.
- **sub** instruction subtracts a value from another.
- add instruction adds two values.
- store instruction stores a value to a variable.

²this is LLVM intermediate code [4]

5. Code optimization. The following optimized intermediate code may be generated from the intermediate code produced in phase 4:

```
%1 = load i32, i32* %x

%2 = mul i32 %1, 10

%3 = load i8, i8* %c

%4 = zext i8 %3 to i32

%5 = add i32 %2, -48

%6 = add i32 %5, %4

store i32 %6, i32* %x
```

6. Machine code generation. The following fragment of assembly code may be generated:

```
movl 8(%rsp), %eax
leal (%rax,%rax,4), %eax
movzbl 7(%rsp), %ecx
leal -48(%rcx,%rax,2), %eax
movl %eax, 8(%rsp)
```

1.3 Front-end and Back-end of a Compiler

The lexical, syntactic and semantic analysis phases and intermediate code generation phase form a *front-end* of a compiler. The optimization and target machine code generation phases form a *back-end* of a compiler.

By combining N programming language specific front-ends with M target machine architecture specific back-ends it is possible to create N times M compilers by writing only N plus M programs.

Intermediate code is the glue between the front and back ends of a compiler.

1.4 Representations of Cmajor Programs

The Cmajor compiler front-end has four intermediate representations for Cmajor programs:

- The first one is the abstract syntax tree representation that the parser component produces. It reflects faithfully the syntactic structure of the Cmajor source code. In this representation identifiers do not yet refer to any symbol, they are just identifiers.
- The second one is the *bound tree* representation that is a high-level intermediate representation. The top-level of bound node hierarchy there are bound compile units. The next level is formed by bound classes and bound functions. In the lowest level there are bound node types for different kinds of statements and expressions. In this representation all identifiers have been bound to refer to a specific symbol: a variable, parameter, constant, enumeration constant, type or function symbol, for example. The bound tree is produced from the abstract syntax tree by the *binder* component.
- Finally there are two low-level intermediate representations: the LLVM and C representations that are produced from the bound tree representation by the *emitter* component.

1.5 The Structure of This Document

The structure of the rest of this document is as follows:

- Chapters 2 and 3 are devoted to the lexical and syntactic analysis phases of compilation. We go through some theory and then see how they are implemented in the parser component of the compiler.
- Chapter 4 describes the hierarchial symbol table component and presents algorithms for name lookup and construction of the symbol table.
- In chapters 5, 6 and 7 we inspect three utility components used by other components of the compiler: the type repository, the static evaluator and the type resolver.
- The following nine chapters describe different aspects of the binder component:
 - Chapter 8 describes the prebinder component that binds types and values.
 - Chapter 9 discusses generation of virtual function tables and interface tables for polymorphic classes.
 - Chapters 10, 11 and 12 describe function overload resolution:
 - * Chapter 10 presents function repositories.
 - * In chapter 11 we inspect the algorithms used in overload resolution.
 - * Chapter 12 discusses concepts and their role in the overload resolution.
 - Chapter 13 describes the operation of the expression binder.
 - Chapter 14 shows various statement binders.
 - Chapter 15 describes how the main binder binds classes and functions.
 - Chapter 16 discusses instantiation of templates.
- Chapter 17 is devoted to emitters that generate intermediate LLVM or C code.

Chapter 2

Lexical Analysis

The first phase of compilation is to break the character stream into tokens that are passed along to the parser. Here a token is defined to be a name and an attribute value. For example, **INTLIT** with a value 10.

Typically these tokens are described as *patterns* that define the form that the lexemes of a token may take. Here a lexeme is the actual sequence of characters in an input stream that match that pattern. One way to describe those patterns is to use *regular expressions*.

2.1 A Bit of Language Theory

To describe regular expressions we take a small break and define a few fundamental concepts.

2.1.1 Alphabets

An alphabet is a finite, nonempty set of symbols. Conventionally, we use the symbol Σ for an alphabet ([2] pg. 28).

Typical alphabets are:

- $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, a binary alphabet.
- $\Sigma = \{a, \dots z\}$, the alphabet of lowercase Latin letters.
- The set of ASCII characters.
- The set of Unicode characters.

2.1.2 Strings

A string is a finite sequence of symbols chosen from some alphabet ([2] pg. 29). An empty string is the string of zero occurrences of symbols. It is denoted ϵ .

2.1.2.1 Powers of an Alphabet

If Σ is an alphabet, we define Σ^k to be the set of strings of length k, each of whose symbols is in Σ ([2] pg. 29).

Thus if $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, the binary alphabet:

- $\Sigma^2 = \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$
- $\Sigma^3 = \{000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111\}$

The set of all strings over an alphabet is denoted Σ^* .

2.1.3 Languages

A set of strings all of which are chosen from some Σ^* , where Σ is a particular alphabet, is called a *language* ([2] pg. 30). If Σ is an alphabet, and $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$, then L is a language over Σ . Examples of languages:

- English: the collection of legal English words is a set of strings over the alphabet that consists of all the letters.
- The language of legal C programs: the alphabet is a subset of ASCII characters, and the language is a subset of all possible strings over that alphabet.
- The set of binary numbers whose value is prime:

$$\{10, 11, 101, 111, 1011, \ldots\}$$

- \emptyset , the empty language, is a language over any alphabet.
- Σ^* is a language over any alphabet.
- The language of all possible UTF-8 encoded strings of Unicode characters, denoted L_{UTF8} .
- The language of syntactically valid Cmajor programs, $L_{Cmajor} \subset L_{UTF8}$.

2.1.4 Regular Expressions

Regular expressions define languages.

Before describing the notation of regular expressions, we need to define three operations on languages that the operators of regular expressions represent:

- 1. The union of two languages L and M, denoted $L \cup M$, is the set of strings that are in either L or M, or both ([2] pg. 84). For example, if $L = \{01, 10\}$ and $M = \{10, 100\}$, $L \cup M = \{01, 10, 100\}$.
- 2. The concatenation of languages L and M is the set of strings that can be formed by taking any string in L and concatenating it with any string in M ([2] pg. 84). We denote concatenation of L and M LM. For example, if $L = \{01, 10\}$ and $M = \{10, 100\}$, $LM = \{0110, 01100, 1010, 10100\}$.
- 3. The closure of a language L, denoted L^* , is the infinite union $\bigcup_{i\geq 0} L^i$, where $L^0 = \{\epsilon\}$, the set containing the empty string, $L^1 = L$, and L^i , for i > 1, is $LL \cdots L$, the concatenation of i copies of L ([2] pg. 85). For example, if $L = \{01, 10\}$, $L^* = \{\epsilon, 01, 10, 0101, 0110, 1010, \ldots\}$. That is: L^0 gives $\{\epsilon\}$, the empty string, $L^1 = L$ gives $\{01, 10\}$; $L^2 = LL$ gives $\{0101, 0110, 1001, 1010\}$ and so on.

Now regular expressions can be defined recursively as follows:

BASIS: There are three parts:

- 1. The constants ϵ and \emptyset are regular expressions that denote languages $\{\epsilon\}$ and \emptyset respectively. That is, $L(\epsilon) = \{\epsilon\}$ and $L(\emptyset) = \emptyset$.
- 2. If a is any symbol, then **a** is a regular expression ¹. This regular expression denotes the language $\{a\}$. That is, $L(\mathbf{a}) = \{a\}$.
- 3. A variable L represents any language.

INDUCTION: There are four parts:

- 1. If E and F are regular expressions, then E|F is a regular expression that denotes a union of L(E) and L(F). That is, $L(E|F) = L(E) \cup L(F)$.
- 2. If E and F are regular expressions, then EF is a regular expression that denotes the concatenation of L(E) and L(F). That is, L(EF) = L(E)L(F).
- 3. If E is a regular expression, then E^* is a regular expression that denotes the closure of L(E). That is, $L(E^*) = (L(E))^*$.
- 4. If E is a regular expression, then (E), a parenthesized regular expression, is also a regular expression, that denotes the same language as E. That is, L((E)) = L(E).

Example 2.1.1. Let us use the formal theory to build a regular expression for sequence of one or more decimal digits. First we use the basis rule 2 to build regular expressions for decimal digits:

Now we have languages

$$L(\mathbf{0}) = \{0\}, \dots, L(\mathbf{9}) = \{9\}$$

Next we use induction step 1 to build a regular expression for any decimal digit, denoted by D:

$$D = 0|1|2|3|4|5|6|7|8|9$$

Now we have a language for a single decimal digit:

$$L(D) = \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$$

Next we use induction step 3 to build a regular expression of any number, including zero, decimal digits:

$$E = D^*$$

Now we have a language for any number of decimal digits:

$$L(E) = \{\epsilon, 0, 1, \dots, 9, 00, 01, \dots, 09, \dots\}$$

Finally we exclude the empty string by concatenating one decimal digit with any number of decimal digits:

$$F = DD^*$$

The language for nonempty sequence of decimal digits is thus

$$L(F) = \{0, 1, \dots, 9, 00, 01, \dots, 09, \dots\}$$

¹Here we denote regular expressions using **bold typeface** and symbols using *italics*.

2.2 Tools for Lexical Analysis

Regular expressions can be used to describe patterns that form tokens. But using regular expressions, one can describe only relatively simple kind of languages, namely regular languages.

Strings that belong to a particular regular language can be recognized by constructing a *finite automaton*. A finite automaton is a kind of *state machine*, it has states and transitions between the states, but it has limited "memory". It cannot for example recognize the language of arbitrary long strings of balanced parentheses.

Many fundamental programming language constructs such as identifiers and literals are regular, but to recognize potentially infinitely deep block structures, one needs to have a more powerful kind of language recognizer, a finite automaton with a stack, or a *pushdown* automaton.

A pushdown automaton can recognize a language that is *context-free*. The languages for syntactic structures in many programming languages are mostly context-free, but for some constructs one may need to provide lexical information to guide the parser.

Finite automata can be constructed by hand, but there are also tools that take regular expression patterns as input and construct a lexical analyzer that recognize those patterns. Such a tool is called a *lexical-analyzer generator*. Most famous is the Unix tool lex and its GNU version flex.

2.3 Lexical Analysis in Cmajor

The Cmajor compiler includes a tool called Cmajor Parser Generator, cmpg, that combines the role of a parser generator and a lexical-analyzer generator, or more truly, it is a parser generator that can be used without the need to have a separate lexical-analyzer generator.

2.3.1 Introduction to Cmajor Parser Generator

The following table summarises some cmpg expressions:

Expression	Matches	Example
empty	empty string	empty
space	any white space character	space
anychar	any single character	anychar
letter	any latin letter	letter
digit	any decimal digit	digit
$\mathbf{hexdigit}$	any hexadecimal digit	hexdigit
punctuation	any ASCII punctuation character	punctuation
'c'	character c	'a'
$\backslash c$	character c literally	\(
"s"	string s	"0x"
[s]	any one of characters in s	[abc]
[^s]	any one character not in s	[^abc]
r*	zero or more strings matching r	a^*
r+	one or more strings matching r	a+
r?	zero or one r	a?
r_1r_2	an r_1 followed by an r_2	ab
$r_1 r_2$	an r_1 or an r_2	a b
$r_1 - r_2$	r_1 but not r_2	anychar – "*/"

To use ${\tt cmpg}$, one prepares .parser files that contain ${\tt cmpg}$ grammar definitions, and a .pp file that lists the .parser files, and issues a command

cmpg file.pp

The cmpg reads and validates the grammar definitions in the *.parser* files and generates a C++ source and header files that contain C++ classes for each defined grammar. When the resulting C++ source files are compiled and linked with *Cm.Parsing* library, the result is a top-down backtracking parser.

2.3.2 Tokens in Cmajor

We are now going to take a look of some classes of tokens in Cmajor programming language, and how they are defined using cmpg expressions.

2.3.2.1 Skipping Whitespace and Comments

We are not interested in contents of comments or whitespace during parsing, so they are skipped. In a cmpg grammar, one can define a *skip* clause, to set a *skip rule* that is in effect during parsing. The parser alternates between parsing other tokens and skip tokens. In the main compile unit grammar the skip rule is set to spaces_and_comments rule:

```
grammar CompileUnitGrammar

// ...
skip spaces_and_comments;
// ...

5
// ...
```

The *spaces_and_comments* rule is defined here. Note that the end of the block comment, "*/", is not matched inside string or character literals.

```
spaces and comments
        ::= (space \mid comment) +
2
3
4
   comment
5
        ::= line_comment | block_comment
6
7
8
9
   line comment
        10
11
12
13
   newline
        ::= \ " \setminus r \setminus n" \ | \ " \setminus n" \ | \ " \setminus r"
14
15
16
   block comment
17
        ::= "/*" (StringLiteral | CharLiteral | (anychar - "*/"))* "*/"
18
19
```

2.3.2.2 Identifiers and Keywords

When parsing an identifier, for example, we must disable the skip rule. Otherwise the parser would accept string "iden ti fier" as an identifier, because whitespace is skipped. For that, the cmpg language has a **token** expression. The **token** expression suppresses the skip rule when parsing the contents of the expression.

The difference expression, $r_1 - r_2$, matches r_1 but not r_2 . In this case $id_chars - Keyword$ in line 2 rejects keywords as identifiers.

The **keyword_list** expression in line 10 has two components. The first is a name of a rule that selects a token, in this case id_chars , and the second is a list of keyword strings that are matched against the selected token. If the selected token is found among the keyword strings, the **keyword_list** expression accepts the selected token, otherwise it rejects it.

```
Identifier
1
       ::= token(id chars - Keyword)
2
3
   id_{chars}
5
       ::= token((letter | '_') (letter | digit | '_')*)
6
7
8
   Keyword
9
       ::= keyword_list(id_chars,
10
            ["abstract", "and", "as", "axiom", "base", "bool", ...,
11
             "where", "while"])
12
13
```

2.3.2.3 Literals

Literals in Cmajor, as in many other programming languages, can be parsed with regular expressions.

• Let us start one of the simplest, a Boolean literal:

The **keyword** expression matches the input to its parameter string, but it accepts the input only if the input does *not* continue with an identifier character: a letter, a digit or an underscore. If the *BooleanLiteral* rule were defined using plain strings, like this:

```
BooleanLiteral ::= "true" | "false"
```

input like "truely" or "falsely" would be accepted as a *BooleanLiteral* followed by "ly" suffix. This is not what we want, so we use the **keyword** expression.

• Floating point numbers have many forms. The *fractional_real* rule accepts inputs having a fractional part like "1.23", ".987", "1.23e3" and "3.". The *exponent_real* rule accepts decimal digits followed by exponent part like "1e-2".

```
FloatingLiteral
       ::= token((fractional real | exponent real)('f' | 'F')?)
2
3
4
   fractional_real
5
       ::= token(digit_sequence? '.' digit_sequence exponent_part?)
6
            token(digit_sequence '.')
7
8
9
   digit_sequence
10
       ::= token(digit+)
11
12
13
14
   sign
15
       ::=
16
17
   exponent real
18
       ::= token(digit sequence exponent part)
19
20
21
   exponent_part
22
       ::= token([eE] sign? digit_sequence)
23
```

An optional 'f' or 'F' suffix denotes floating point literal that has type **float**. Without the suffix floating point literals have type **double**.

• An integer literal can have either hexadecimal or decimal form. The "0x" or "0X" prefix denotes hexadecimal integer literal.

```
IntegerLiteral
        ::= (hex_literal | digit_sequence) ('u' | 'U')?
2
3
4
   hex_literal
5
        ::= \mathbf{token}(("0x" \mid "0X") \text{ hex})
6
7
8
9
   hex
        ::= token(hexdigit+)
10
11
```

In Cmajor the type of an integer literal is the first of the following types in which its value can be represented: **sbyte**, **byte**, **short**, **ushort**, **int**, **uint**, **long**, **ulong**.

The 'u' or 'U' suffix denotes an integer literal with an unsigned type. The type of it is the first of the following types in which its value can be represented: **byte**, **ushort**, **uint**, **ulong**.

• The character literal rule accepts regular characters like 'a' or 'X', simple escapes like '\n' and '\r', hexadecimal escapes like '\xef', and decimal escapes like '\d100'. Other escaped characters represent themselves.

```
CharLiteral
::= token('\'' ([^\\\r\n] | escape)'\'')
;
escape
::= token('\\' ([xX] hex | [dD] digit_sequence | [^dDxX]))
;
```

- String literals can have four forms.
 - 1. Regular strings like "abc", or strings containing escaped characters like "line\n". The type of regular string literal is **const char***.
 - 2. Wide strings like w"abc", or wide strings containing escapes. The type of wide string literal is **const wchar***.
 - 3. Unicode strings like u"abc", or Unicode strings containing escapes. The type of Unicode string literal is **const uchar***.
 - 4. Raw strings, that have @-prefix and have no escapes in them, like @"abc\". The contents of raw string is taken literally. The type of raw string literal is **const char***.

```
StringLiteral
1
         ::= string
2
3
              'w' string
              'u'string
4
              raw_string
5
6
7
   string
8
         ::= token("", (([`"\setminus r \mid ]+) \mid escape)*"")
9
10
11
   raw string
12
        ::=\ ``@',\ token(`,"',\ [^"]*\ `,"',)
13
```

• The last literal is the simplest, it's the null literal:

```
NullLiteral
::= keyword("null")
;
```

Chapter 3

Syntax Analysis

We are now going to explore a class of languages that are suitable for defining the grammatical structure of a programming language, namely *context-free languages*. Context-free languages extend the notion of regular languages so that with a context-free language one can express also recursive structures like nesting blocks or balanced parentheses.

3.1 Example

Example 3.1.1. A palindrome is a string that reads the same forward or backward, such as otto or madamimadam ("Madam, I'm Adam", the first words that Adam said to Eve in the Garden of Eden.) We can define palindromes for the binary alphabet, $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, recursively as follows:

BASIS

 ϵ , i.e. the empty string, 0, and 1 are palindromes.

INDUCTION

If P is a palindrome, so are 0P0 and 1P1. No string is a palindrome of 0's and 1's unless it follows from this basis and induction rule.

A context-free grammar is a formal notation for expressing such recursive definitions of languages ([2] pg. 170). A grammar consists of one or more variables that represent classes of strings, i.e. languages. In previous example we have only one variable, P, which represents the set of palindromes; that is the class of strings forming the language L_{pal} . There are rules that say how the strings in each class are constructed. The construction can use symbols of the alphabet, strings that are known to be in one of the classes, or both.

Grammar 3.1.1. The rules that define the palindromes, expressed in the context-free grammar notation, are:

$$P \to \epsilon$$
 (3.1)

$$P \to 0 \tag{3.2}$$

$$P \to 1$$
 (3.3)

$$P \to 0P0 \tag{3.4}$$

$$P \to 1P1 \tag{3.5}$$

The first three rules form the basis. They tell us that a class of palindromes includes the strings ϵ , 0, and 1. None of the right sides of these rules contains a variable, which is why they form a basis for the definition.

The last two rules form the inductive part of the definition. For instance, rule 3.4 says that if we take any string ω from the class P, then $0\omega 0$ is also in class P. Rule 3.5 likewise tells us that $1\omega 1$ is also in class P.

3.2 Definition of Context-Free Grammars

There are four important components in a grammatical description of a language ([2] pg. 171):

- 1. There is a finite set of symbols that form the strings of the language being defined. This set was {0,1} in the palindrome example. We call this alphabet the *terminals*, or *terminal symbols*.
- 2. There is a finite set of *variables*, sometimes called *nonterminals*. Each variable represents a language; i.e. a set of strings. In the last example, there was only one variable, P, which we used to represent the class of palindromes over alphabet $\{0,1\}$.
- 3. One of the variables represents the language being defined; it is called the *start symbol*. Other variables represent auxiliary classes of strings that are used to help define the language of the start symbol. In our example, P, the only variable, is the start symbol.
- 4. There is a finite set of *productions* or *rules* that represent the recursive definition of the language. Each production consists of:
 - (a) A variable that is being (partially) defined by the production. This variable is often called the *head* of the production.
 - (b) The production symbol \rightarrow .
 - (c) A string of zero or more terminals and variables. This string, called the *body* of the production, represents one way to form strings in the of the variable of the head. In doing so, we leave terminals unchanged and substitute for each variable of the body any string that is known to be in the language of that variable.

We follow a convention that if the start symbol is not explicitly specified, the head of the first production of the grammar is the start symbol.

3.2.1 Derivations Using a Grammar

To infer that a certain string is in the language of a grammar, we start with the start symbol of the grammar and expand it using one of its productions, i.e. by replacing the head of the production with its body. Then we further expand the resulting string by replacing one of its variables by the body of one of its productions, and so on, until we derive a string consisting entirely of terminals. The language of the is all strings of terminals that we can obtain this way. This use of grammar is called a *derivation*.

To see that string 0110 is in the language of binary palindromes L_{pal} , for example, we start from the start symbol P, and replace it with the body of the production 4 of grammar 3.1.1:

 $P \Rightarrow 0P0$. We then replace the variable P between the 0's with the body of the production 5: $0P0 \Rightarrow 01P10$. Finally we replace the variable P in the obtained string with the body of the production 1: $01P10 \Rightarrow 01\epsilon 10$. That way we have the derivation $P \Rightarrow 0P0 \Rightarrow 01P10 \Rightarrow 0110$ and we have inferred that $0110 \in L_{pal}$.

We denote that there is a derivation that requires zero or more derivation steps with $\stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow}$ symbol. For example, to indicate that there is a derivation of string 0110 from variable P using some number of steps, is denoted $P \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} 0110$.

3.2.2 Parse Trees for a Grammar

There is a tree representation for derivations that show explicitly how terminal symbol are grouped into substrings, each of which belongs to the language of one of the variables of the grammar. These trees are called *parse trees*. There might be more than one parse tree for a terminal string that belongs to the language of some grammar. In that case the grammar is called *ambiguous*. Ambiguous grammars are not suitable for representing a syntax of a programming language unless the ambiguities are resolved somehow.

The parse trees of a specific grammar G are trees with the following conditions:

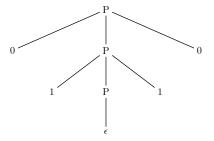
- 1. Each interior node is labeled by a variable of the grammar.
- 2. Each leaf is labeled by either a variable, a terminal, or ϵ . However, if the leaf is labeled ϵ , then it must be the only child of its parent.
- 3. If an interior node is labeled A, and its children are labeled

$$X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_k$$

respectively, from the left, then $A \to X_1 X_2 \cdots X_k$ is a production of the grammar G.

Figure 3.1 shows a parse tree of derivation $P \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} 0110$ for the grammar 3.1.1.

Figure 3.1: A parse tree for derivation $P \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} 0110$



3.2.3 Compact Notation for Grammars

Let $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k$ be strings of grammar symbols (i.e. strings of terminals and nonterminals). If we have productions

$$P \to \omega_1$$

$$P \to \omega_2$$

$$\dots$$

$$P \to \omega_k$$

in some grammar G, we may represent the P-productions (i.e. the productions whose head is P) by grouping them together as follows:

$$P \to \omega_1 \mid \omega_2 \mid \cdots \mid \omega_k$$

For example, the grammar 3.1.1 may be represented more compactly as

$$P \to \epsilon \, | \, 0 \, | \, 1 \, | \, 0P0 \, | \, 1P1$$

3.3 Syntax-Directed Translation

Consider the following grammar:

Grammar 3.3.1.

```
expr \rightarrow expr + term \mid expr - term \mid term

term \rightarrow term * factor \mid term/factor \mid factor

factor \rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid 5 \mid 6 \mid 7 \mid 8 \mid 9 \mid (expr)
```

The language defined by this grammar consists of expressions that are lists of terms separated by operator symbols + and -. Terms are in turn lists of factors separated by operator symbols * and /. Factors consist of single digits and parenthesized expressions. The alphabet of this language is $\{+, -, *, /, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, (,)\}$.

To see that an expression "1+3*(4-2)", for example, is in this language, we may construct a derivation for it:

```
expr \Rightarrow expr + term
\Rightarrow term + term
\Rightarrow factor + term
\Rightarrow 1 + term
\Rightarrow 1 + term * factor
\Rightarrow 1 + factor * factor
\Rightarrow 1 + 3 * factor
\Rightarrow 1 + 3 * (expr)
\Rightarrow 1 + 3 * (expr - term)
\Rightarrow 1 + 3 * (term - term)
\Rightarrow 1 + 3 * (factor - term)
\Rightarrow 1 + 3 * (4 - term)
\Rightarrow 1 + 3 * (4 - factor)
\Rightarrow 1 + 3 * (4 - 2)
```

Suppose now that we need to translate infix expressions of this kind into postfix notation. The postfix notation of an expression E can be defined inductively as follows:

- 1. If E is a digit, the postfix notation of E is E itself.
- 2. If E is of the form $E_1 + E_2$, the postfix notation of E is the postfix notation of E_1 followed by the postfix notation of E_2 followed by +.
- 3. If E is of the form $E_1 * E_2$, the postfix notation of E is the postfix notation of E_1 followed by the postfix notation of E_2 followed by *.
- 4. If E is of the form (E), the postfix notation of (E) is the postfix notation of E.

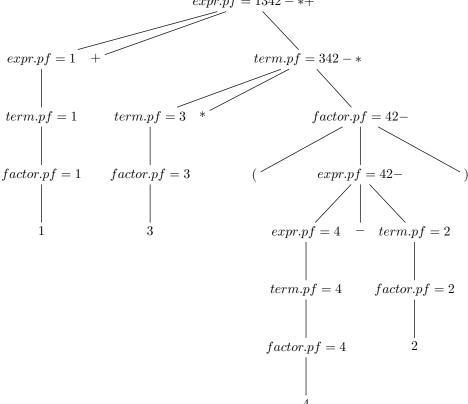
For example, postfix notation for infix expression "1+3*(4-2)" is "1342-*+".

In computing the postfix notation from infix expressions, we can take advantage of the grammar 3.3.1 by associating *attributes* to each nonterminal of the grammar. Attributes can in principle be of any kind: numbers, structures or strings, for example. In this case we may represent the value of a postfix expression with one string attribute. A parse tree that shows the values of the attributes of nonterminals is called an *annotated* parse tree.

Figure 3.2 shows an annotated parse tree with an attribute pf associated with nonterminals expr, term and factor.

Figure 3.2: Annotated parse tree for expression "1+3*(4-2)"

expr.pf = 1342 - *+



There can be two kinds of attributes for nonterminals: ([1] pg. 304)

- 1. A synthesized attribute for a nonterminal A at a parse-tree node N is defined by a semantic action associated with the production at N. A synthesized attribute at node N is defined in terms of attribute values at the children of N and at N itself. The pf attribute in Fig. 3.2 is an example of a synthesized attribute.
- 2. An *inherited attribute* for a nonterminal B at a parse-tree node N is defined by a semantic action associated with the production at the *parent* of N. An inherited attribute at node N is defined in terms of attribute values at N's parent, N itself, and N's siblings.

The attributes can be computed by visiting the nodes of the parse tree in some order. Synthesized attributes have the nice property that their values can be computed by a single bottom-up travelsal of the parse tree.

3.4 Parsing

Parsing is the process of determining how a string of terminals can be generated by a grammar. ([1] pg. 60). Most parsing methods fall into one of two classes, called the *top-down* and *bottom-up* methods. These terms refer to the order in which nodes in the parse tree are constructed. In top-down parsers, construction starts at the root and proceeds towards the leaves, while in bottom-up parsers, construction starts the the leaves and proceeds towards the root. Most handwritten parsers use top-down methods, while many parser-generator tools generate a bottom-up parser.

3.4.1 Recursive Descent Parsing

A recursive-descent parsing is a top-down method in which a set of recursive procedures is used to process the input. For example, consider the following grammar:

Grammar 3.4.1.

```
stmt \rightarrow \mathbf{if} (expr) stmt \, \mathbf{else} \, stmt
```

To write a recursive-descent parser for this grammar, one writes a procedure that is used to match tokens and obtain more input, and then a procedure for each nonterminal. The following listing shows the structure of these procedures:

```
int lookahead;
1
2
   void match(int token)
3
4
        if (token == lookahead)
5
6
            // read next token into lookahead;
7
8
        else
9
10
            throw std::runtime error("syntax error");
11
12
13
14
   void expr()
15
16
        // match an expression...
17
18
19
   void stmt()
20
21
       match(IF); match('('); expr(); match(')'); stmt(); match(ELSE); stmt
22
            ();
   }
23
```

3.4.2 Left Recursion

A recursive-descent parser cannot directly use grammars like the grammar 3.3.1, because it has "left-recursive" productions such as $expr \rightarrow expr + term$, where the leftmost symbol of the body is the same as the nonterminal at the head of the production. Suppose the procedure for expr decides to apply this production. The body begins with expr so the procedure for expr is called recursively. Since the lookahead symbol changes only when a terminal is matched, no change to the input took place between recursive calls of expr. As a result, the second call to expr does exactly what the first call did, which means a third call, and so on.

A left-recursive production can be eliminated by rewriting the offending production. Consider a nonterminal A with two productions

$$A \to A\alpha \mid \beta$$

where α and β are sequences of terminals and nonterminals that do not start with A. For example, in

$$expr \rightarrow expr + term \mid term$$

nonterminal A = expr, string $\alpha = +term$, and string $\beta = term$.

The nonterminal A and its production are said to be *left recursive* ([1] pg. 67), because the production $A \to A\alpha$ has A itself as the leftmost symbol of the right side. Repeated application of this production builds up a sequence of α 's to the right of A. When A is finally replaced by β , we have a β followed by a sequence of zero or more α 's.

We can achieve the same effect by rewriting the productions for A in the following manner, using a new nonterminal R:

$$A \to \beta R$$
$$R \to \alpha R \mid \epsilon$$

3.5 Extending the Grammar Notation

We have found it useful to extend the context-free grammar notation with regular-expression like operations. ¹ ² In the following definitions the expression in the middle is in the extended form, and the productions on the right express the same language using conventional context-free grammar notation.

1. X or Y:

$$P \rightarrow \alpha \left(X \mid Y \right) \beta \qquad \qquad P \rightarrow \alpha R \beta \\ R \rightarrow X \mid Y$$

2. Closure of X, X occurs zero or more times:

$$P \to \alpha X^* \beta$$

$$P \to \alpha R \beta$$

$$R \to R R |X| \epsilon$$

 $^{^{1}\}alpha$ and β denote strings of grammar symbols, and X and Y single grammar symbols.

²Since asterisk, plus, question mark, parentheses and square brackets belong to regular expression syntax, they must now be quoted when they appear as terminals in productions of extended notation.

3. Positive X, X occurs one or more times:

$$P \to \alpha X^+ \beta$$
 $P \to \alpha R \beta$ $R \to RR \mid X$

4. Optional X, X occurs zero or one times:

$$P \to \alpha X ? \beta$$
 $P \to \alpha R \beta$ $R \to X \mid \epsilon$

5. Class [abc], one of the characters in the class occurs:

$$P \rightarrow \alpha [abc] \beta$$

$$P \rightarrow \alpha R \beta$$

$$R \rightarrow a \mid b \mid c$$

In the definitions above, X denotes a single grammar symbol, i.e. either terminal or nonterminal, but we may extend the notation further by substituting X with arbitrary expressions containing grammar symbols and other expressions, much the same way we can use regular expressions. We can now replace left recursion with iteration using the extended notation. The left-recursive productions

$$A \to A\alpha \mid \beta$$

become an iterative production:

$$A \to \beta(\alpha)^*$$

meaning β followed by zero or more α 's.

We can rewrite the grammar 3.3.1 without left recursion using the extended notation as follows:

Grammar 3.5.1.

$$expr \rightarrow term (('+'|'-') term)^*$$
$$term \rightarrow factor (('*'|'/') factor)^*$$
$$factor \rightarrow [0-9] | '(' expr')'$$

3.6 Parsing in Cmajor

The parsers in Cmajor are written using the Cmajor Parser Generator, or cmpg, notation, that is much like the extended grammar notation of the previous section. The cmpg reads grammar definitions in *.parser* files, validates them, and generates C++ classes that represent the grammars. To become familiar with the grammar definition syntax, we write the grammar 3.5.1 using the cmpg notation.

Example 3.6.1. Postfix Translation Grammar.

```
grammar PostfixTranslationGrammar
1
2
   {
       expr: std::string
3
               term: t\{ value = t; \}
4
                '+' term:pt{ value.append(pt).append(1, '+'); }
5
                '-' term:mt{ value.append(mt).append(1, '-'); }
6
7
            )*
8
9
       term: std::string
10
            ::= factor: f\{ value = f; \}
11
                '*' factor: tf{ value.append(tf).append(1, '*'); }
12
                '/' factor:df{ value.append(df).append(1, '/'); }
13
            )*
15
16
       factor: std::string
17
                digit { value = std::string(1, *matchBegin); }
                '(' expr{ value = expr; } ')'
19
20
21
```

The grammar has a list of *rules*. In this case *expr*, *term* and *factor*. If the start rule is not explicitly defined by the **start** clause, the first rule of the grammar is taken as the start rule

A rule may have one synthesized attribute whose type is denoted by a colon and a name of a C++ type after the head of the rule, std::string in this case. In this example each of the rules of the grammar have a synthesized attribute of type std::string. If multiple synthesized attributes are needed, one can specify a structure of values, or a dynamically created object holding the values.

The ::= symbol corresponds to the \rightarrow symbol in the formal grammars.

If the same nonterminal occurs many times inside the body of a rule, and that nonterminal refers to a rule that has a synthesized attribute, the synthesized attribute has to be named explicitly by a colon and an identifier after the name of the nonterminal. In the body of the expr rule, for example, one can refer to many occurrences of term's synthesized attribute, the first of which is named t, the second pt, and the third mt.

A grammar symbol in a body of a rule may have an associated semantic action, i.e. a block of C++ code. For example in line 4, the first *term* nonterminal has a semantic action { value = t; } associated with it. The semantic action is executed only if input matches the rule that it is associated with.

The synthesized attribute of the rule is exposed as an identifier *value* inside the body of a rule. It can be read and assigned to many times inside the body of a rule. For example in line 4, the value of the synthesized attribute of the *expr* rule is initialized to a value of the synthesized attribute of the *term* rule. When more *terms* are matched, the synthesized attributes of these are appended to the synthesized attribute the *expr* rule.

The matched lexeme of a grammar symbol is exposed as two character pointers to the semantic action associated with a grammar symbol. The *matchBegin* pointer points to the start of the matched lexeme and the *matchEnd* pointer points to one past the end of the

matched lexeme. For example, in line 18, the value of the matched digit is assigned to the synthesized attribute of the factor rule.

If the nonterminal occurs only once inside the body of a rule, one can refer the synthesized attribute of it with the name of the nonterminal. Example of this appears in the line 19, where the synthesized attribute of *expr* rule is referred in the semantic action by its name *expr*.

3.6.1 Internal Representation of cmpg Grammar Definitions

The cmpg program reads grammar definitions and constructs an internal representation for them. The internal representation of a grammar is a list of rules, one of which is set as a start rule. Each rule has a *name* and a *definition*. The definition of a rule is represented as a *tree of parsing nodes*.

There are many kinds of parsing nodes. Each kind of parsing node has either zero, one, or two child nodes. A node that has zero child nodes is also called a *leaf* parsing node, a node that has one child node is called a *unary* parsing node, and a node that has two child nodes is called a *binary* parsing node.

• The definition of a rule consists of nonempty sequence of alternative expressions:

$$R \to \omega_1 \mid \omega_2 \mid \cdots \mid \omega_k$$

If input matches one of the alternatives, it matches the rule. The alternatives are tested from left to right, and if a match is found, the rest of the alternatives are not tested.

If the definition of a rule is represented as a tree of parsing nodes, it consists of alternative binary parsing nodes, where the left and right subtrees of an alternative nodes represent expressions ω_i and ω_{i+1} . Figure 3.3 shows two alternative nodes.

Figure 3.3: Alternative Nodes



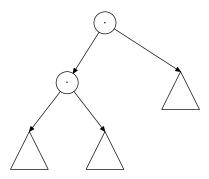
• Each alternative expression ω_i consists of catenation of expressions:

$$\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_k$$

If input consists of a nonempty sequence of strings s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_k of terminal symbols where s_1 matches expression α_1 , s_2 matches expression α_2 , etc., and s_k matches expression α_k , the input matches the whole alternative expression.

A catenate node is a binary parsing node, whose left and right subtree represent expressions α_i and α_{i+1} . Figure 3.4 shows two catenate nodes.

Figure 3.4: Catenate Nodes



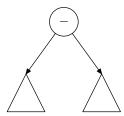
• A difference expression is denoted by α_i in a catenate expression $\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_k$. The difference expression consists of nonempty sequence of expressions separated by the – symbol:

$$\beta_1 - \beta_2 - \cdots - \beta_k$$

Usually k = 1 or k = 2. If a string s of terminal symbols matches expression β_1 , but does not match expression β_2 , the string s matches expression $\beta_1 - \beta_2$.

A difference node is a binary parsing node whose left and right subtrees represent expressions β_1 and β_2 respectively. Figure 3.5 shows a difference node.

Figure 3.5: Difference Node



• An xor expression is denoted by β_i in a difference expression $\beta_1 - \beta_2 - \cdots - \beta_k$. The xor expression consists of nonempty sequence of expressions separated by the symbol:

$$\gamma_1 \hat{\gamma}_2 \hat{\cdots} \gamma_k$$

Usually k = 1 or k = 2. If a string s of terminal symbols either matches expression γ_1 , but does not match expression γ_2 , or matches expression γ_2 , but does not match expression γ_1 , the string s matches expression γ_1 , γ_2 .

An xor node is a binary parsing node whose left and right subtrees represent expressions $\gamma 1$ and $\gamma 2$ respectively. Figure 3.6 shows an xor node.

Figure 3.6: Xor Node



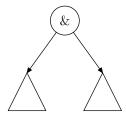
• An intersection expression is denoted by γ_i in an xor expression $\gamma_1 \hat{\gamma}_2 \cdots \hat{\gamma}_k$. The intersection expression consists of nonempty sequence of expressions separated by the & symbol:

$$\mu_1 \& \mu_2 \& \cdots \& \mu_k$$

Usually k = 1 or k = 2. If a string s of terminal symbols matches both expression μ_1 and expression μ_2 , the string s matches expression $\mu_1 \& \mu_2$.

An intersection node is a binary parsing node whose left and right subtrees represent expressions μ_1 and μ_2 respectively. Figure 3.7 shows an intersection node.

Figure 3.7: Intersection Node



• A list expression is denoted by μ_i in an intersection expression $\mu_1 \& \mu_2 \& \cdots \& \mu_k$: The list expression is an expression optionally followed by the % symbol and an expression:

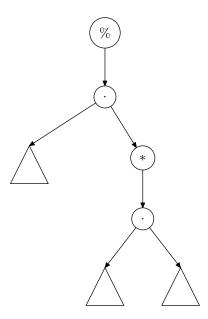
$$\theta_1 (\% \theta_2)$$
?

In the previous expression the parentheses and the ? symbol are metasymbols, not terminal symbols.

Expression $\theta_1\%\theta_2$ denotes a nonempty sequence of θ_1 's separated by θ_2 's.

A list node is a unary parsing node, whose child subtree is set to nodes corresponding to expression $\theta_1(\theta_2\theta_1)^*$. Figure 3.8 shows a list node with a child subtree.

Figure 3.8: List Node



• A postfix expression is denoted by θ_i in a list expression $\theta_1(\% \theta_2)$? A postfix expression is an expression optionally followed by one of the symbols *, +, or ?:

$$\eta('*'|'+'|'?')$$
?

In the previous expression the parentheses and the last ? symbol are metasymbols, not terminal symbols.

The postfix expressions containing symbols *, +, and ? are:

1. η^* : If the input consists of a possibly empty sequence of strings s_i of terminal symbols where each string s_i mathes expression η , the input matches expression η^* . For example, strings $\{\epsilon, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{aa}, \mathbf{aaa}\}$ match expression \mathbf{a}^* .

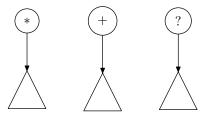
A closure node is a unary parsing node whose child subtree represents expression η .

- 2. η^+ : If the input consists of a nonempty sequence of strings s_i of terminal symbols where each string s_i mathes expression η , the input matches expression η^+ . For example, strings $\{a, aa, aaa\}$ match expression a^+ .
 - A positive node is a unary parsing node whose child subtree represents expression η .
- 3. η ?: If the input consists either an empty string ϵ , or a string s of terminal symbols where s matches expression η , the input matches expression η ?. For example, strings $\{\epsilon, \mathbf{a}\}$ match expression \mathbf{a} ?.

An *optional* node is a unary parsing node whose child subtree represents expression n.

Figure 3.9 shows the postfix nodes.

Figure 3.9: Postfix Nodes



• A primary expression is denoted by η in a postfix expression $\eta('*'|'+'|'?')$?.

Using extended context-free grammar notation, a primary expression can be expressed as:

 $primary \rightarrow (primitive \mid nonterminal \mid qrouping \mid token) expectation?$ action?

That is, a primary expression is one of:

- 1. a primitive expression, that is an atomic cmpg expression.
- 2. a nonterminal expression that matches input to a rule recursively.
- 3. a grouping expressions that is a parenthesized alternative expression.
- 4. a token expression that prevents skipping.

Previous expressions can be optionally followed by an *expectation* expression that prevents backtracking, and an *action* expression that associates a semantic action to a primary expression.

• The primitive expression is defined using the extended context-free notation as:

 $primitive \rightarrow |char|| string || charset || keyword || keyword || list ||$ $\mathbf{empty} || \mathbf{space} || \mathbf{anychar} || \mathbf{letter} || \mathbf{digit} || \mathbf{hexdigit} || \mathbf{punctuation} ||$

Figure 3.10 shows the primitive expressions, what input they match, and the corresponding node types.

Figure	3.10:	Primite	Expressions

Expression	Matches	\mathbf{Node}
char	matches a single terminal symbol to a character specified in	'x'
	the expression.	
string	matches a string of terminal symbols to a string specified in	"abc"
	the expression.	
charset	matches a single terminal symbol to set of characters speci-	[abc]
	fied in the expression.	
keyword	matches a string of terminal symbols to a keyword string	for
	specified in the expression.	
$keyword_list$	matches a string of terminal symbols to a list of keyword	for,if
	strings specified in the expression	
\mathbf{empty}	matches always	empty
space	matches a single terminal symbol to any whitespace charac-	space
	ter	
anychar	matches a single terminal symbol to any single character	anychar
letter	matches a single terminal symbol to any latin letter	letter
digit	matches a single terminal symbol to any decimal digit	digit
$\mathbf{hexdigit}$	matches a single terminal symbol to any hexadecimal digit	hexdigit
punctuation	matches a single terminal symbol any ASCII punctuation	punct
	symbol	

• A nonterminal expression is defined using extended context-free notation as follows:

```
nonterminal \rightarrow (identifier \mid identifier \ arguments) \ alias?
arguments \rightarrow '('argument(',' \ argument)^*')'
alias \rightarrow ' :' \ identifier
```

The nonterminal expression names a rule that is matched recursively. It can contain a parenthesized list of *arguments*, that become the inherited attributes of the "called" rule. We used the word "called" because the recursive matching process can be thought as procedures that call each other recursively, as in recursive-descent parser.

If the called rule has a synthesized attribute and the rule is called many times inside a body of a rule, the synthesized attribute of the called rule must be given a unique name. That is the use of an *alias* expression.

The node for the nonterminal is represented as

where foo is the name of the rule matched recursively.

• A grouping expression is a parenthesized sequence of alternative expressions.

$$grouping \rightarrow '('alternatives')'$$

• A token expression consists of a keyword **token** followed by a parenthesized sequence of alternative expressions. It prevents skipping of tokens that match the *skip rule* of the grammar.

• An *expectation* expression is a single '!' symbol associated with the preceding primary expression. It forces the matching of its preceding expression without backtracking. If its associated expression does not match, an exception is thrown.

$$expectation \rightarrow '!'$$

• An *action* expression is a block of C++ code in braces. It represents a semantic action that is executed if input matches its associated primary expression.

$$action \rightarrow '\{' \text{ C++ code }'\}'$$

Figure 3.11 shows the token, expectation and action unary parsing nodes.

Figure 3.11: Token, Expectation, and Action Nodes



Example 3.6.2. Example of Internal Representation.

Let us recall the Postfix Translation Grammar of example 3.6.1. For ease of reference it is repeated here:

```
grammar PostfixTranslationGrammar
1
2
       expr: std::string
3
           ::= term: t \{ value = t; \}
                '+' term:pt{ value.append(pt).append(1, '+'); }
5
                '-' term:mt{ value.append(mt).append(1, '-'); }
            )*
9
       term: std::string
10
           ::= factor:f{ value = f; }
11
                '*' factor:tf{ value.append(tf).append(1, '*'); }
12
                '/' factor:df{ value.append(df).append(1, '/'); }
13
            )*
14
15
16
       factor: std::string
17
            ::= digit { value = std::string(1, *matchBegin); }
                '(' expr{ value = expr; } ')'
19
20
21
```

Figure 3.12 shows the internal representation of the expr rule.

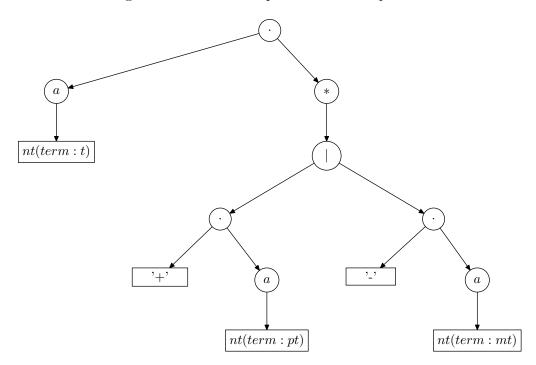


Figure 3.12: Internal Representation of expr Rule

3.6.2 cmpg Language Grammar

Here the syntax of the cmpg language is presented in extended context-free notation:

Grammar 3.6.1. cmpg Language Grammar.

```
grammar \rightarrow \mathbf{grammar} identifier' \{'grammar content'\}'
grammarcontent \rightarrow (startclause | skipclause | rulelink | rule)^*
       startclause → start identifier';'
        skipclause → skip qualifiedid';'
          rulelink → using (identifier'=' qualifiedid | qualifiedid )';'
               rule → identifier locals? returns? " ::= " alternatives ';'
             locals \rightarrow' ('(variable \mid parameter) (','(variable \mid parameter))^*')'
          variable \rightarrow \mathbf{var} \ cpptype \ cppdeclarator
       parameter \rightarrow cpptype\ cppdeclarator
           returns \rightarrow ':' cpptype
     alternatives \rightarrow catenate ('|' catenate)^*
          catenate \rightarrow diff^+
               diff \rightarrow xor ('-'xor)^*
                xor \rightarrow and (\hat{a}nd)^*
                and \rightarrow list ('\&' list)^*
                list \rightarrow postfix ('\%'list)?
           post fix \rightarrow primary ('*' | '+' | '?')?
          primary \rightarrow (primitive \mid nonterminal \mid grouping \mid token) expectation? action?
         primitive \rightarrow char | string | charset | keyword | keyword | list
                    empty space anychar letter digit hexdigit punctuation
     nonterminal \rightarrow (identifier | identifier arguments) alias?
       arguments → '('argument(',' argument)*')'
              alias \rightarrow ':' identifier
         grouping \rightarrow '('alternatives')'
              token \rightarrow \mathbf{token}'('alternatives')'
      expectation \rightarrow '!'
             action \rightarrow '\{' \text{C++ code}'\}'
        identifier \rightarrow id - keyword
       qualifiedid \rightarrow identifier ('.'identifier)^*
                  id \rightarrow ( letter | ' ' ) ( letter | digit | ' ' )*
          keyword \rightarrow using | grammar | start | skip | token | keyword | keyword | list
                    |empty|space|anychar|letter|digit|hexdigit|punctuation|var
```

The *cpptype* denotes a C++ type expression, and the *cppdeclarator* denotes a C++ declarator.

3.6.3 Informal Description of Operation of a Parser Generated Using cmpg

A parser generated using cmpg works much the same way than a handwritten recursive-descent parser would operate. In principle, each rule can be thought as a recursive procedure that receives parameters, or inherited attributes, from its caller, or parent rule, matches terminals and maybe calls other recursive procedures, or rules, and finally can return a value, a computed synthesized attribute, to its caller, or parent rule.

The parsing begins by trying to match the start of the input to the body of the rule S, the start rule of the grammar.

If the current input position is at the start of rule P, and there are many P-productions, $P \to \omega_1 \mid \omega_2 \mid \cdots \mid \omega_k$, the parser tries to match the input to the production $P \to \omega_1$. If the input matches, the other P-productions are not tried and the parsing proceeds to the successor of the caller of the production $P \to \omega_1$. However, if the input does not match $P \to \omega_1$, input is backtracked, and the production $P \to \omega_2$ is tried, and so on, until either a match is found, or the input did not match the last P-production $P \to \omega_k$. In that case, let $Q \to \alpha P \beta \Leftrightarrow Q \to v_i$ be the parent of P. At this point the input is backtracked and the next alternative for the caller of the P, $Q \to v_{i+1}$ is tried. This process is repeated until either the entire input matches, or a syntax error is detected.

3.6.4 Parsing Algorithm

The algorithm uses a stack of attribute values, a Boolean variable for skipping state skip, a stack of skipping states, and keeps track of current input position. Each rule has a data structure called context that contains the current values of inherited attributes, synthesized attribute, local variables, and synthesized attributes of the contained nonterminals of the rule. Each rule has also a stack of those context structures called a context stack.

When input is parsed using the following algorithm 3.6.1 applied to a parsing node, the result of parsing can be either:

- 1. **match**(**true**, n), where n > 0, to indicate that input matched, and the length of the match was n characters.
- 2. **match**(**true**, 0), to indicate a successful empty match. In this case the current input position was not advanced.
- 3. **match**(**false**) to indicate that input did not match. In this case we say that the result is a *failure* match.

In the beginning the attribute stack is empty, the skipping state stack is empty, and the skipping state skip is **true**. The parsing begins by setting the current input position to the start of the input, and applying algorithm 3.6.1 to the root node of the parsing node tree that forms the definition of the start rule of the grammar. Let m be the result of parsing applied to the root node.

If m is:

- 1. match(true, n), where n is the length of the input, the parsing succeeds.
- 2. match(true, n), where n is less than the length of the input, the parsing fails.
- 3. match(false), the parsing fails.

Algorithm 3.6.1. Parsing Algorithm. ([3])

If the type of the node this algorithm is applied to is:

- 1. Alternative node (Fig. 3.3). Let *save* be the current input position. Apply this algorithm recursively to the left subtree of this node. Let *m* be the result of parsing the left subtree. ³ If *m* was a successful match, let the result of parsing this node be *m*. Otherwise, backtrack by setting the current input position to *save* and apply this algorithm recursively to the right subtree of this node. Let the result of parsing this node be the result of parsing the right subtree.
- 2. Catenate node (Fig. 3.4). Apply this algorithm recursively to the left subtree of this node. Let m_1 be the result of parsing the left subtree. If m_1 a successful match, unless skip is **false** skip tokens using the skip rule, then apply this algorithm recursively to the right subtree of this node. Let m_2 be the result of parsing the right subtree. If m_2 was a successful match, let the result of parsing this node be $\mathbf{match}(\mathbf{true}, length(m_1) + length(m_2))$.
 - Otherwise, either m_1 was a failure match, or m_2 was a failure match. Let the result of parsing this node be **match**(false).
- 3. Difference node (Fig. 3.5). Let save be the current input position. Apply this algorithm recursively to the left subtree of this node. Let m_1 be the result of parsing the left subtree. If m_1 was a successful match, let tmp be the current input position, and backtrack by setting the current input position to save; then apply this algorithm recursively to the right subtree of this node. Let m_2 be the result of parsing the right subtree. If m_2 was a failure match, or $length(m_2) < length(m_1)$, set the current input position to tmp, and let the result of parsing this node be m_1 , a successful match. Otherwise, either m_1 was a failure match, or m_2 was a successful match with $length(m_2) \ge length(m_1)$. Let the result of parsing this node be match(false).
- 4. Xor node (Fig. 3.6). Let save be the current input position. Apply this algorithm recursively to the left subtree of this node. Let m_1 be the result of parsing the left subtree. Let tmp be the current input position, and backtrack by setting the current input position to save. Apply this algorithm recursively to the right subtree of this node. Let m_2 be the result of parsing the right subtree. If m_1 was a successful match and m_2 was a failure match, or m_1 was a failure match and m_2 was a successful match, do the following:
 - (a) If m_1 was a successful match, set the current input position to tmp.
 - (b) If m_1 was a successful match, let the result of parsing this node be m_1 , otherwise let the result of parsing this node be m_2 .

Otherwise, either both m_1 and m_2 were successful matches, or both were failure matches. Let the result of parsing this node be **match**(**false**).

³When we say that a node, or a subtree, is parsed, we mean that input is parsed in the context of that node, or subtree.

- 5. Intersection node (Fig. 3.7). Let save be the current input position. Apply this algorithm recursively to the left subtree of this node. Let m_1 be the result of parsing the left subtree. If m_1 was a successful match, backtrack by setting the current input position to save, and apply this algorithm recursively to the right subtree of this node. Let m_2 be the be the result of parsing the right subtree. If m_2 was a successful match and $length(m_1) = length(m_2)$, let the result of parsing this node be m_1 .
 - Otherwise, either m_1 was a failure match, m_2 was a failure match, or $length(m_1) \neq length(m_2)$. Let the result of parsing this node be **match**(false).
- 6. List node (Fig. 3.8). Apply this algorithm recursively to the child subtree of this node. Let the result of parsing this node be the result of parsing the child subtree.
- 7. Closure node (Fig. 3.9). Let m_1 be $\mathbf{match}(\mathbf{true}, 0)$, and let first be \mathbf{true} . Do following in a loop until loop exited:
 - (a) Let save be the current input position.
 - (b) If $first = \mathbf{true}$, set first to **false**, otherwise, unless skip is **false**, skip tokens using the skip rule.
 - (c) Apply this algorithm recursively to the child subtree of this node. Let m_2 be the result of parsing the child subtree.
 - (d) If m_2 was a successful match, set m_1 to $\mathbf{match}(\mathbf{true}, length(m_1) + length(m_2))$, otherwise backtrack by setting the current input position to save and exit the loop.

Let the result of parsing this node be m_1 .

8. Positive node (Fig. 3.9). Apply this algorithm recursively to the child subtree of this node. Let m_1 be the result of parsing the child subtree.

If m_1 was a successful match, do following in a loop until loop exited:

- (a) Let save be the current input position.
- (b) If *skip* is **true**, skip tokens using the skip rule.
- (c) Apply this algorithm recursively to the child subtree of this node. Let m_2 be the result of parsing the child subtree.
- (d) If m_2 was a successful match, set m_1 to $\mathbf{match}(\mathbf{true}, length(m_1) + length(m_2))$, otherwise backtrack by setting the current input position to save and exit the loop.

Let the result of parsing this node be m_1 .

9. Optional node (Fig. 3.9). Let save be the current input position. Apply this algorithm recursively to the child subtree of this node. Let m be the result of parsing the child subtree. If m was a successful match, let the result of parsing this node be m.

Otherwise, backtrack by setting the current input position to save. Let the result of parsing this node be $\mathbf{match}(\mathbf{true}, 0)$.

- 10. Char node (Fig. 3.10). If current input position is not at the end of the input, and the character at the current input position is equal to the character contained in this char node, advance the current input position by one character, and let the result of parsing this node be **match(true, 1)**.
 - Otherwise, either the current input position is at the end of the input, or the character at the current input position is not equal to the character contained in this char node, so let the result of parsing this node be **match(false)**.
- 11. String node (Fig. 3.10). Let m be $\mathbf{match}(\mathbf{true}, 0)$. Let i be 0. Let n be the length of the string contained in this string node.

While i < n and the current input position is not at the end of the input and the character at the current input position is equal to the i'th character of the string contained in this string node, do the following:

- (a) Advance the current input position by one character.
- (b) Increment i.
- (c) Set m to $\mathbf{match}(\mathbf{true}, length(m) + 1)$.

If i = n, let the result of parsing this node be m.

Otherwise let the result of parsing this node be **match**(false).

- 12. CharSet node (Fig. 3.10). If current input position is not at the end of the input, do the following:
 - (a) If the character set is not an inverse set, and the character at the current input position is in the set, or the character set is an inverse set, and the character at the current input position is not in the set, advance the current input position by one character, and let the result of parsing this node be **match(true, 1)**

Otherwise let the result of parsing this node be **match**(false).

- 13. Keyword node (Fig. 3.10). If the contained keyword string is denoted by k, the keyword node contains following expression converted to a tree of parsing nodes: $k \mathbf{token}(kc)$, where c is usually expression ($\mathbf{letter}|\mathbf{digit}|'_{-}'|'.')^+$, but may also be user supplied *continuation rule*. Let the result of parsing this node be the result of parsing the contained tree of nodes.
- 14. Keyword list node (Fig. 3.10). The keyword list node has a selector rule, that is usually $(\mathbf{letter}|'_{-}')(\mathbf{letter}|\mathbf{digit}|'_{-}')^*$, but may also supplied by the user. The node has also a set of keyword strings s.

Let save be the current input position. First the input is parsed with the selector rule. Let m be the result of this parsing, and l be the matched lexeme. If m is a successful match, do the following:

(a) If the lexeme l matches one of the contained keyword strings s, let the result of parsing this node be m, otherwise backtrack by setting the current input position to save.

Otherwise let the result of parsing this node be **match**(false).

- 15. Empty node (Fig. 3.10). Let the result of parsing this node be **match**(**true**, 0).
- 16. Space node (Fig. 3.10). If the current input position is not at the end of the input, and the character at the current input position is a whitespace character, advance the current input position by one character, and let the result of parsing this node be **match(true, 1)**.
 - Otherwise let the result of parsing this node be **match**(false).
- 17. AnyChar node (Fig. 3.10). If the current input position is not at the end of the input, advance the current input position by one character, and let the result of parsing this node be **match**(**true**, 1).
 - Otherwise let the result of parsing this node be **match**(false).
- 18. Letter node (Fig. 3.10). If the current input position is not at the end of the input, and the character at the current input position is a latin letter character, advance the current input position by one character, and let the result of parsing this node be **match(true, 1)**.
 - Otherwise let the result of parsing this node be **match**(false).
- 19. Digit node (Fig. 3.10). If the current input position is not at the end of the input, and the character at the current input position is a decimal digit character, advance the current input position by one character, and let the result of parsing this node be **match(true, 1)**.
 - Otherwise let the result of parsing this node be **match**(**false**).
- 20. HexDigit node (Fig. 3.10). If the current input position is not at the end of the input, and the character at the current input position is a hexadecimal digit character, advance the current input position by one character, and let the result of parsing this node be **match(true, 1)**.
 - Otherwise let the result of parsing this node be **match**(false).
- 21. Punctuation node (Fig. 3.10). If the current input position is not at the end of the input, and the character at the current input position is ASCII punctuation character, advance the current input position by one character, and let the result of parsing this node be **match(true, 1)**.
 - Otherwise let the result of parsing this node be **match**(**false**).
- 22. Nonterminal node. Let the rule that the nonterminal is associated with be r. Parsing proceeds by parsing the rule r recursively as follows:
 - (a) Parsing rule r begins by pushing values of arguments specified in this nonterminal node to the attribute stack. Those arguments will become the inherited attributes of r. Arguments can be current values of inherited attributes, the synthesized attribute, local variables, or synthesized attributes of the contained nonterminals of the current rule, i.e. the rule that contains the current nonterminal node.
 - (b) On entry of parsing the rule r, the current context structure of r is pushed to the context stack of r and the context of r is initialized with default values.

- (c) Then arguments are popped off from the attribute stack, and placed to the context structure of r as inherited attributes.
- (d) Apply this algorithm recursively to the root node of the parsing node tree that forms the definition of the rule r. Let the result of parsing be m.
- (e) On exit of parsing the rule r, if m was a successful match, the value of the synthesized attribute of r, if any, is pushed to the attribute stack. Then in any case, the previous context of r is popped off from the context stack of r, and it becomes the current context of r.
- (f) If m was a successful match, the synthesized attribute of r, if any, is popped off from the attribute stack and placed to the context structure of the current rule as synthesized attribute of this nonterminal.
- (g) Let the result of parsing this node be m.
- 23. Token node (Fig. 3.11). Push the current skipping state skip to the skipping state stack, and set skip to **false**. Apply this algorithm recursively to the child subtree of this node. Let m be the result of parsing the child subtree. Pop the previous skipping state off from the skipping state stack, and assign it to skip. Let the result of parsing this node be m.
- 24. Expectation node (Fig. 3.11). Apply this algorithm recursively to the child subtree of this node. Let m be the result of parsing the child subtree. If m was a failure match, throw ExpectationFailure exception, otherwise, let m be the result of parsing this node.
- 25. Action node (Fig. 3.11). Apply this algorithm recursively to the child subtree of this node. Let m be the result of parsing the child subtree. If m was a successful match, do the following:
 - (a) Let matchBegin be the start of the matched lexeme and matchEnd be one past the end of the matched lexeme. Let pass be true.
 - (b) Call the semantic action associated with this action node by passing pointers matchBegin and matchEnd, and reference to pass as arguments.
 - (c) If the semantic action set *pass* to **false**, let the result of parsing this node be **match**(**false**).

Otherwise, m was a failure match, so if this action has an associated failure action, call it.

In any case, let the result of parsing this node be m.

3.6.5 Grammars for Cmajor Language Elements

Let us take a look at some language elements of Cmajor programming language and how they are represented using cmpg grammars.

3.6.5.1 Basic Types

The grammar for parsing names of basic types is one of the simplest. It consists of an alternative for each keyword of a basic type. The semantic action associated with a keyword of the type creates an abstract syntax tree node for it and assigns it to the synthesized attribute of the rule, that is exposed to semantic actions as an identifier *value*:

```
grammar BasicTypeGrammar
2
       BasicType: Cm::Ast::Node*
3
                keyword("bool"){ value = new Cm:: Ast:: BoolNode(span); }
4
                keyword("sbyte"){ value = new Cm:: Ast:: SByteNode(span); }
                keyword("byte") { value = new Cm::Ast::ByteNode(span); }
6
                keyword("short") { value = new Cm:: Ast:: ShortNode(span);
7
                keyword("ushort") { value = new Cm:: Ast:: UShortNode(span); }
8
                keyword("int"){ value = new Cm::Ast::IntNode(span); }
9
                keyword("uint") { value = new Cm:: Ast:: UIntNode(span); }
10
                 keyword("long") { value = new Cm:: Ast::LongNode(span); }
11
                 keyword("ulong") { value = new Cm:: Ast:: ULongNode(span);
12
                 keyword("float"){ value = new Cm:: Ast:: FloatNode(span);
                 keyword("double"){    value = new Cm::Ast::DoubleNode(span); }
14
                keyword("char"){ value = new Cm::Ast::CharNode(span); }
15
                keyword("wchar") { value = new Cm:: Ast:: WCharNode(span);
16
                keyword("uchar") { value = new Cm:: Ast:: UCharNode(span); }
17
                keyword("void"){ value = new Cm::Ast::VoidNode(span); }
18
19
20
```

span is a name for a structure exposed to semantic actions that represents a range of input positions. It contains four integer attributes:

- 1. *fileIndex* is an opaque integer given by user in the main parsing function that identifies the file being parsed.
- 2. *lineNumber* is the line number of the matched lexeme counted from the start of the file being parsed.
- 3. start is the starting position of the matched lexeme.
- 4. end is the ending position of the matched lexeme.

The start and end positions are measured from the beginning of the whole input string given in the main parsing function.

3.6.5.2 Type Expressions

Next we go through the composition of type expressions. In the beginning of type expression grammar there are declarations that begin with the keyword **using**. They are *rule links*. A rule link refers to a rule defined in another grammar. It brings the name of a rule to the scope of the grammar being defined.

```
grammar TypeExprGrammar

{

using BasicTypeGrammar.BasicType;

using IdentifierGrammar.Identifier;

using IdentifierGrammar.QualifiedId;

using TemplateGrammar.TemplateId;

using ExpressionGrammar.Expression;

...
```

The TypeExpr rule is the start rule of the TypeExprGrammar grammar:

```
1
       TypeExpr(
2
            ParsingContext* ctx,
3
            var std::unique_ptr<Cm::Ast::DerivedTypeExprNode> node
4
            ): Cm::Ast::Node*
5
            ::= empty
                ctx->BeginParsingTypeExpr();
8
                node.reset (new Cm::Ast::DerivedTypeExprNode(span));
9
10
                PrefixTypeExpr(ctx, node.get())
11
12
                node->GetSpan().SetEnd(span.End());
13
                value = Cm:: Ast:: MakeTypeExprNode(node.release());
                ctx->EndParsingTypeExpr();
15
16
17
                ctx->EndParsingTypeExpr();
19
20
21
22
```

The *TypeExpr* rule has one inherited attribute, ctx, of type ParsingContext*, and one local variable, node, of type std::unique_ptr<DerivedTypeExprNode>.

The body of the rule begins with keyword **empty** that matches anything without consuming any input. The semantic action associated with it constructs an abstract syntax tree node DerivedTypeExprNode, that eventually becomes the synthesized attribute of this rule, if the rule happens to match. The reason that the type of **node** is a unique pointer and not an ordinary one is that we don't want to leak memory in the case that the rule does not match.

The type of the inherited attribute ctx*, ParsingContext, is a class that is used throughout parsing. It contains Boolean flags that guide the parsing, stacks of Boolean flags that hold the previous values of those flags, and member functions for manipulating those flags.

For example, member function BeginParsingTypeExpr() pushes the old value of parsingTypeExpr flag to the stack and sets the parsingTypeExpr flag to true. Correspondingly the EndParsingTypeExpr() member function pops the previous value of the parsingTypeExpr flag off from the stack and assign it to parsingTypeExpr. The reason that the flags are manipulated using stacks is that parsing is a highly recursive process, and we may have several instances of the same rule active at one time. Therefore we must push the old value to the stack when we start parsing a rule, and pop it off when we end parsing that rule.

In line 11 we match the PrefixTypeExpr rule recursively. We pass ctx and pointer to node as arguments to the PrefixTypeExpr rule. They become inherited attributes of that rule.

The semantic action associated with the PrefixTypeExpr nonterminal sets the value of the synthesized attribute of the rule. If the type expression is a simple one, value actually receives the simple type expression node contained by DerivedTypeExprNode, otherwise value receives the full DerivedTypeExprNode.

The semantic action after the / symbol starting line 18 is a failure action. It is executed if matching the rule fails. Thus we call BeginParsingTypeExpr() function at the start of the rule, and EndParsingTypeExpr() function at the end of the rule regardless whether matching the rule succeeds or fails.

The next rule of the TypeExprGrammar grammar is the PrefixTypeExpr rule:

A prefix type expression is a postfix type expression optionally prefixed by the keyword **const**. It has two inherited attributes, a parsing context and a pointer to the abstract syntax tree node we are constructing.

A postfix type expression is a primary type expression followed by zero or more postfix type operators ., &&, &, *, and[]:

```
1
       PostfixTypeExpr(
2
           ParsingContext* ctx, Cm::Ast::DerivedTypeExprNode* node,
3
           var Span s)
                PrimaryTypeExpr(ctx, node) \{ s = span; \}
                '.' Identifier!{ ...
                "&&" { node->AddRvalueRef();
7
                 '&'{ node->AddReference(); }
8
                 '*'{ node->AddPointer(); }
9
                '['{ node->AddArray(); }
10
                Expression(ctx):dim{ node->AddArrayDimensionNode(dim); }
11
                ']'
12
           )*
13
14
15
```

A primary type expression is either a name of a basic type, i.e. **bool**, **sbyte**, etc., a template identifier such as foo<int>, a name of a type, Symbol for instance, or a parenthesized prefix type expression.

```
1
       . . .
      PrimaryTypeExpr(
2
           ParsingContext* ctx, Cm::Ast::DerivedTypeExprNode* node)
3
           ::= BasicType{ node->SetBaseTypeExpr(BasicType); }
4
               TemplateId(ctx) { node->SetBaseTypeExpr(TemplateId); }
5
               Identifier { node->SetBaseTypeExpr(Identifier); }
6
               '('{ node->AddLeftParen(); } PrefixTypeExpr(ctx, node)! ')'{
              node->AddRightParen(); }
8
9
  }
```

3.6.5.3 Template Identifiers

The template identifier has one inherited attribute: ctx of type ParsingContext*, and one local variable templateId of type std::unique_ptr<TemplateIdNode> that becomes the value of the inherited attribute of the rule.

```
grammar TemplateGrammar
1
2
  {
       using IdentifierGrammar.Identifier;
3
       using IdentifierGrammar. QualifiedId;
4
       using TypeExprGrammar.TypeExpr;
5
6
       TemplateId (ParsingContext* ctx,
7
            var std::unique ptr<TemplateIdNode> templateId): Cm::Ast::Node*
8
            ::= empty{ ctx->BeginParsingTemplateId(); }
9
            (
10
                QualifiedId: subject
11
12
                     templateId.reset(new TemplateIdNode(span, subject));
13
               }
,<,
15
                     TypeExpr(ctx):templateArg
16
17
                         templateId -> AddTemplateArgument(templateArg);
18
19
                    %
20
21
22
23
24
25
                ctx->EndParsingTemplateId();
                value = templateId.release();
27
                value->GetSpan().SetEnd(span.End());
28
            }
29
30
            . . .
```

At the beginning of the rule BeginParsingTemplateId() member function of the Parsing-Context is called. Correspondingly at the end of the rule EndParsingTemplateId() member function of the ParsingContext is called regardless whether the parsing succeeds or fails. BeginParsingTemplateId() function pushes the value of member variable parsingTemplateId to the stack and sets parsingTemplateId to true. EndParsingTemplateId() function pops the previous value of member variable parsingTemplateId off from the stack and assigns it to parsingTemplateId.

Template identifier consists of a qualified identifier, foo, bar.bazz, etc., followed a list of one or more $type\ expressions$ between angle brackets. Thus the TypeExpr rule is called recursively by this rule.

3.6.5.4 Expressions

In the beginning of *Expression* grammar there are some rule link declarations. These are the external rules that this grammar uses:

```
grammar ExpressionGrammar

[2] {
[3] using LiteralGrammar.Literal;
[4] using BasicTypeGrammar.BasicType;
[5] using IdentifierGrammar.Identifier;
[6] using IdentifierGrammar.QualifiedId;
[7] using TemplateGrammar.TemplateId;
[8] using TypeExprGrammar.TypeExpr;
```

The start rule of the grammar is the *Expression* rule. It has one inherited attribute ctx of type ParsingContext.

An expression consists of an equivalence expression. The value of ctx is passed as an argument to the Equivalence rule. After matching Equivalence, the synthesized attribute of the Expression rule is set to the value of the synthesized attribute of the Equivalence rule.

```
Expression(ParsingContext* ctx): Cm::Ast::Node*

::= Equivalence(ctx){ value = Equivalence; }

;
```

An equivalence expression consists of a nonempty sequence of implication expressions separated by <=> symbols: $\alpha_1 <=> \alpha_2 <=> \cdots <=> \alpha_k$. If k>1 and we are not parsing a concept definition, or we are parsing a template identifier, we reject the input by setting pass to **false**. This is the way to make semantic decisions during parsing. An expression of the form $\alpha_1 <=> \alpha_2$ is accepted only in a concept definition. Sole implication expression α_1 is accepted always.

```
1
       Equivalence (ParsingContext* ctx,
2
            var std::unique_ptr<Node> expr,
3
            var Span s): Cm::Ast::Node*
            ::=
5
                 Implication(ctx):left { expr.reset(left); s = span; }
            (
6
                     "<=>"
                 (
                          if (!ctx->ParsingConcept()
9
                          | ctx->ParsingTemplateId())
10
                              pass = false;
11
12
                     Implication (ctx): right!
13
14
                          s.SetEnd(span.End());
15
                          expr.reset(new EquivalenceNode(s, expr.release(),
16
                             right));
17
                 ) *
18
19
20
                 value = expr.release();
21
22
23
24
```

An implication expression is of the form $\beta_1(=>\beta_2(=>\cdots(=>\beta_k)))$ The parentheses show that operands of an implication associate to the right. We can express such right associative expressions by using right recursion, as in the following Implication rule:

```
1
       Implication (ParsingContext* ctx, var std::unique_ptr<Node> expr,
2
            var Span s): Cm::Ast::Node*
3
            ::=
                Disjunction(ctx):left{ expr.reset(left); s = span; }
            (
5
                     "=>"
                (
6
                         if (!ctx->ParsingConcept()
8
                          | ctx->ParsingTemplateId())
9
                         pass = false;
10
11
                     Implication (ctx): right!
12
13
                         s.SetEnd(span.End());
14
                         expr.reset (new ImplicationNode(s, expr.release(),
15
                             right));
16
                )?
17
18
19
                value = expr.release();
20
21
23
```

A right recursive rule is of the form

$$p \rightarrow q (op p)$$
?

where op is an operator that associates to the right. Like in equivalence expression, the implication expression of the form $\beta_1 => \beta_2$ is also accepted only in concept definitions. Sole disjunction expression β_1 is accepted always.

The disjunction rule rejects meaningless statements like a||b = c;, where a||b is an lvalue. That is, when we are parsing the left part of an assignment statement, we set parsing Lvalue flag is **true**, so in that case we reject expression of the form a||b.

```
1
       Disjunction (ParsingContext* ctx, var std::unique ptr<Node> expr,
2
            var Span s): Cm::Ast::Node*
3
                Conjunction(ctx):left{ expr.reset(left); s = span; }
5
                     " || "
                     {
                          if (ctx->ParsingLvalue()
                            ctx->ParsingSimpleStatement()
9
                             && !ctx->ParsingArguments())
10
                              pass = false;
11
12
                     Conjunction (ctx): right!
13
14
                         s.SetEnd(span.End());
15
                         expr.reset(new DisjunctionNode(s, expr.release(),
16
                             right));
17
                ) *
18
19
20
                value = expr.release();
21
22
23
24
```

Rules for other expressions are not shown, because there is nothing new in them. However, we show the syntax of *primary* expression. A *primary* expression consists one of

- 1. a parenthesized *expression*,
- 2. a literal,
- 3. a name of a basic type,
- 4. a **sizeof** expression,
- 5. a **cast** expression,
- 6. a **construct** expression,
- 7. a **new** expression,

- 8. a template identifier,
- 9. an identifier,
- 10. keyword this,
- 11. keyword **base** or a
- 12. **typename** expression.

```
Primary (ParsingContext* ctx): Cm::Ast::Node*
1
            ::= ('(' \text{ Expression}(\text{ctx})'')') \{ \text{ value } = \text{ Expression}; \}
2
                Literal { value = Literal; }
3
                BasicType{ value = BasicType; }
                SizeOfExpr(ctx) { value = SizeOfExpr; }
                CastExpr(ctx) { value = CastExpr; }
                ConstructExpr(ctx) { value = ConstructExpr; }
                NewExpr(ctx){ value = NewExpr; }
                TemplateId(ctx){ value = TemplateId; }
                Identifier { value = Identifier; }
10
                keyword("this"){ value = new ThisNode(span); }
11
                keyword("base"){ value = new BaseNode(span); }
12
                (keyword("typename") '(' Expression(ctx):subject ')')
13
14
                value = new TypeNameNode(span, subject);
15
16
17
```

3.6.5.5 Statements

The grammar for statements begins with rule link declarations:

```
grammar StatementGrammar

[2] {
[3] using stdlib.identifier;
[4] using KeywordGrammar.Keyword;
[5] using ExpressionGrammar.Expression;
[6] using TypeExprGrammar.TypeExpr;
[7] using IdentifierGrammar.Identifier;
[8] using ExpressionGrammar.ArgumentList;
[9]
```

Here is the definition of the *Statement* rule. There are brances for each kind of statement that Cmajor language contains.

```
1
       Statement (ParsingContext* ctx): Cm::Ast::StatementNode*
2
           ::= LabeledStatement(ctx){ value = LabeledStatement; }
3
               ControlStatement(ctx) { value = ControlStatement; }
               TypedefStatement(ctx) { value = TypedefStatement; }
               SimpleStatement(ctx) { value = SimpleStatement; }
6
               AssignmentStatement(ctx) { value = AssignmentStatement; }
               ConstructionStatement(ctx) { value = ConstructionStatement; }
               DeleteStatement(ctx) { value = DeleteStatement; }
9
               DestroyStatement(ctx) { value = DestroyStatement; }
10
               ThrowStatement(ctx) { value = ThrowStatement; }
11
               TryStatement(ctx){ value = TryStatement; }
12
               AssertStatement(ctx) { value = AssertStatement; }
13
               ConditionalCompilationStatement(ctx)
14
15
                    value = ConditionalCompilationStatement;
17
18
19
```

The *SimpleStatement* rule consists of an optional expression. Thus it is the rule that matches also an empty statement consisting a sole semicolon.

```
1
       SimpleStatement (ParsingContext* ctx,
2
           var std::unique ptr<Node> expr): Cm::Ast::StatementNode*
3
           ::= (empty{ ctx->PushParsingSimpleStatement(true); }
                (Expression(ctx) { expr.reset(Expression); })? ';')
5
6
                ctx->PopParsingSimpleStatement();
                value = new SimpleStatementNode(span, expr.release());
8
10
11
                ctx->PopParsingSimpleStatement();
12
13
14
15
```

The ControlStatement rule consists of cases for each kind of control statement.

```
1
       ControlStatement (ParsingContext* ctx): Cm::Ast::StatementNode*
2
           ::= ReturnStatement(ctx) { value = ReturnStatement; }
3
               ConditionalStatement(ctx) { value = ConditionalStatement; }
               SwitchStatement(ctx) { value = SwitchStatement; }
5
               WhileStatement(ctx){ value = WhileStatement; }
               DoStatement (ctx) { value = DoStatement; }
               RangeForStatement(ctx){ value = RangeForStatement; }
8
               ForStatement(ctx) { value = ForStatement; }
9
               CompoundStatement(ctx) { value = CompoundStatement; }
10
               BreakStatement(ctx) { value = BreakStatement; }
11
               ContinueStatement(ctx) { value = ContinueStatement; }
12
               GotoCaseStatement(ctx) { value = GotoCaseStatement; }
13
               GotoDefaultStatement(ctx){ value = GotoDefaultStatement; }
               GotoStatement(ctx) { value = GotoStatement; }
15
16
17
```

We are showing just the definition of the return statement and while statement rules.

A return statement consists of keyword **return** followed by an optional expression and a semicolon. The *ReturnStatement* rule constructs an abstract syntax tree node called *ReturnStatementNode*, that takes the input position and synhesized attribute of the *Expression* rule as arguments, and assigns it to the synthesized attribute of the rule. The exclamation mark after the semicolon disables backtracking. If the semicolon is missing in input, an *ExpectationFailure* exception containing exact input position is thrown.

```
ReturnStatement(ParsingContext* ctx): Cm::Ast::StatementNode*

::= (keyword("return") Expression(ctx)? ';'!)

{

value = new ReturnStatementNode(span, Expression);

}

;
```

A while statement consists of keyword **while**, a Boolean expression and a statement. The exclamation marks after the parentheses, and the calls of the expression rule and statement rule disable backtracking and force matching those constructs. The *WhileStatement* rule constructs an abstract syntax tree node called *WhileStatementNode* that takes the synthesized attributes of the *Expression* and *Statement* rules as arguments, and assigns it to the synthesized attribute of the rule.

3.6.6 Abstract Syntax Tree Class Hierarchy

There are three abstract node classes in the abstract syntax tree node class hierarchy: *Node*, *UnaryNode* and *BinaryNode*.

The *Node* class is the root of the abstract syntax tree node class hierarchy. The *UnaryNode* class is an abstract syntax tree node that has one child node. The *BinaryNode* class is an abstract syntax tree node that has two child nodes.

Node

UnaryNode BinaryNode

3.6.6.1 Node Classes for Basic Types

There is a node class for each basic type:

Node

BoolNode

SByteNode

ByteNode

ShortNode

UShortNode

IntNode

UIntNode

LongNode

ULongNode

FloatNode

DoubleNode

CharNode

WCharNode

UCharNode

VoidNode

3.6.6.2 Literal Node Classes

There is a node class for each kind of literal:

Node

BooleanLiteralNode

SByteLiteralNode

ByteLiteralNode

ShortLiteralNode

UShortLiteralNode

IntLiteralNode

UIntLitralNode

LongLitralNode

ULongLiteralNode

FloatLiteralNode

DoubleLiterallNode CharLiteralNode StringLiteralNode WStringLiteralNode UStringLiteralNode NullLiteralNode

3.6.6.3 Expression Node Classes

There is a node class for each kind of Cmajor expression:

Node

CastNode

IsNode

AsNode

NewNode

ConstructNode

ThisNode

BaseNode

UnaryNode

InvokeNode

IndexNode

DotNode

ArrowNode

PostfixIncNode

PostfixDecNode

DerefNode

 ${\tt AddOfNode}$

NotNode

UnaryPlusNode

UnaryMinusNode

ComplementNode

 ${\tt PrefixIncNode}$

PrefixDecNode

SizeOfNode

TypeNameNode

BinaryNode

EquivalenceNode

ImplicationNode

DisjunctionNode

ConjunctionNode

BitOrNode

BitXorNode

BitAndNode

EqualNode

NotEqualNode

LessNode

 ${\tt GreaterNode}$

LessOrEqualNode

GreaterOrEqualNode

ShiftLeftNode

ShirtRightNode

AddNode

SubNode

MulNode

DivNode

RemNode

3.6.6.4 Statement Node Classes

There is a node class for each kind of Cmajor statement:

Node

LabelNode

CatchNode

CondCompSymbolNode

 ${\tt CondCompilationPartNode}$

 ${\tt CondCompExprNode}$

CondCompNotNode

CondCompPrimaryNode

CondCompBinExprNode

 ${\tt CondCompDisjunctionNode}$

 ${\tt CondCompConjunctionNode}$

StatementNode

SimpleStatementNode

ReturnStatementNode

ConditionalStatementNode

SwitchStatementNode

CaseStatementNode

 ${\tt DefaultStatementNode}$

 ${\tt GotoCaseStatementNode}$

GotoDefaultStatementNode

WhileStatementNode

DoStatementNode

ForStatementNode

RangeForStatementNode

 ${\tt CompoundStatementNode}$

 ${\tt BreakStatementNode}$

 ${\tt ContinueStatementNode}$

 ${\tt GotoStatementNode}$

TypedefStatementNode

AssignmentStatementNode

ConstructionStatementNode

DeleteStatementNode

DestroyStatementNode
ThrowStatementNode
TryStatementNode
ExitTryStatementNode
BeginCatchStatementNode
AssertStatementNode
CondCompStatementNode

3.6.6.5 Concept Node Classes

Node classes relating to concepts:

Node

AxiomStatementNode AxiomNode ConceptIdNode ConceptNode

SameConceptNode
DerivedConceptNode
ConvertibleConceptNode
ExplicitlyConvertibleConceptNode
CommonConceptNode
NonReferenceTypeConceptNode

ConstraintNode

WhereConstraintNode
IsConstraintNode
MultiParamConstraintNode
TypeNameConstraintNode
IntrinsicConstraintNode
SameConstraintNode
DerivedConstraintNode
ConvertibleConstraintNode
ExplicitlyConvertibleConstraintNode
CommonConstraintNode
NonReferenceTypeConstraintNode
SignatureConstraintNode
ConstructorConstraintNode

FunctionConstraintNode
BinaryConstraintNode
DisjunctiveConstraintNode
ConjunctiveConstraintNode

DestructorConstraintNode
MemberFunctionConstraintNode

3.6.6.6 Class and Function Node Classes

Node classes relating to classes and functions:

Node

MemberVariableNode FunctionGroupIdNode

FunctionNode

StaticConstructorNode

ConstructorNode

DestructorNode

MemberFunctionNode

 ${\tt ConversionFunctionNode}$

ClassNode

InitializerNode

MemberInitializerNode BaseInitializerNode

ThisInitializerNode

3.6.6.7 Other Node Classes

Other kinds of node classes:

Node

CompileUnitNode

 ${\tt ConstantNode}$

DelegateNode

 ${\tt ClassDeletateNode}$

DerivedTypeExprNode

 ${\tt EnumConstantNode}$

EnumTypeNode

IdentifierNode

InterfaceNode

NamespaceNode

AliasNode

NamespaceImportNode

ParameterNode

TemplateParameterNode

TemplateIdNode

TypedefNode

3.6.7 Example

The following example shows the result of parsing a function and constructing an abstract syntax tree for it.

Example 3.6.3. The following Cmajor function is used as example input to the parser:

```
public nothrow int StrLen(const char* s)
2
         int len = 0;
3
         if (s != null)
4
5
               while (*s != ' \setminus 0')
6
7
                    ++len;
8
9
                    ++s;
10
11
         {\bf return} \ \ {\rm len} \ ;
12
```

The following listing shows the resulting abstract syntax tree for parsing the StrLen function:

```
CompileUnitNode
    NamespaceNode()
        FunctionNode
            FunctionGroupIdNode(StrLen)
            ParameterNodeList
                 ParameterNode
                     DerivedTypeExprNode
                         DerivationList
                              Derivation.const
                              Derivation.pointer
                          CharNode
                     IdentifierNode(s)
            CompoundStatementNode
                 {\tt ConstructionStatementNode}
                     IntNode
                     IdentifierNode(len)
                     SByteLiteralNode(0)
                 {\tt ConditionalStatementNode}
                     NotEqualNode
                          IdentifierNode(s)
                         NullLiteralNode
                     {\tt CompoundStatementNode}
                          WhileStatementNode
                              NotEqualNode
                                  DerefNode
                                       IdentifierNode(s)
```

CharLiteralNode('\0')
CompoundStatementNode
SimpleStatementNode
PrefixIncNode
IdentifierNode(len)
SimpleStatementNode
PrefixIncNode
IdentifierNode(s)
ReturnStatementNode

IdentifierNode(len)

The parser constructs an abstract syntax tree node called FunctionNode for the function. The FunctionNode contains:

- 1. the name of the function group that the function belongs to: FunctionGroupIdNode(StrLen).
- 2. nodes for each parameter that the function takes. Each *ParameterNode* consists of nodes for the type and the name of the parameter.
- 3. node for the body of the function: CompoundStatementNode.

The body consists of an construction statement, an **if** statement and a return statement. The **if** statement consists of a **while** statement that has two simple statements in it. Each simple statement contains a prefix increment expression.

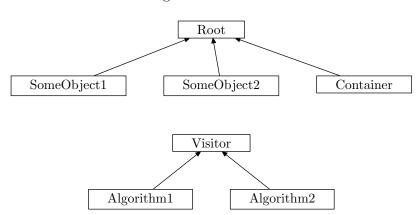
3.7 Iterating Through the Abstract Syntax Trees using Visitor Design Pattern

Many of the following phases of compilation iterate through the abstract syntax trees generated by the parser. Technically the iteration is done using the *visitor* design pattern.

The visitor design pattern enables creation of several algorithms that operate on a object hierarchy without touching the object hierarchy. In visitor pattern, each object that is part of the object hierarchy implements a virtual Accept member function that takes a parameter of a class derived from common Visitor class. Accept calls Visit member function of a visitor by passing itself as a parameter to the Visit member function.

```
class Root
1
  {
2
   public:
       virtual void Accept(Visitor& visitor) = 0;
6
   class SomeObject1 : public Root
7
8
   public:
9
       void Accept (Visitor & visitor) override
10
11
            visitor. Visit(*this);
12
13
   };
```

Figure 3.13: Visitor



```
class SomeObject2 : public Root
16
17
   public:
        void Accept (Visitor & visitor) override
19
20
            visitor. Visit(*this);
21
22
   };
23
24
   class Container : public Root
25
26
   public:
27
       void Accept (Visitor& visitor) override
28
29
            o1->Accept (visitor);
30
            o2->Accept (visitor);
31
            visitor. Visit (*this);
32
33
   private:
34
       SomeObject1* o1;
35
       SomeObject2* o2;
36
   };
37
38
   class Visitor
39
40
   public:
41
        virtual void Visit(SomeObject1& someObject1) {}
42
       virtual void Visit(SomeObject2& someObject2) {}
43
        virtual void Visit(Container& container) {}
44
   };
45
```

```
class Algorithm1: public Visitor
1
2
   public:
3
       void Visit (SomeObject1& someObject1) override
5
            // algorithm 1 for SomeObject1
6
       void Visit (SomeObject2& someObject2) override
9
            // algorithm 1 for SomeObject2
10
11
       void Visit (Container& container) override
12
13
            // algorithm 1 for Container
14
15
   };
16
17
   class Algorithm2: public Visitor
18
19
   public:
20
       void Visit (SomeObject1& someObject1) override
21
22
            // algorithm 2 for SomeObject1
23
24
       void Visit (SomeObject2& someObject2) override
25
26
            // algorithm 2 for SomeObject2
27
28
       void Visit (Container & container) override
29
30
            // algorithm 2 for Container
32
   };
33
34
   void DoAlgorithm1 (Container& c)
35
36
       Algorithm1 algorithm1;
37
       c. Accept (algorithm1);
38
39
40
   void DoAlgorithm2 (Container&c)
41
42
        Algorithm2 algorithm2;
43
       c. Accept (algorithm2);
44
   }
45
```

3.7.1 Visitor Pattern Applied in Cmajor

In Cmajor the visitor pattern is extended by providing two visiting points for containers. When starting to visit a container, visitor's BeginVisit(Container&) member function is called. Then the contained elements are visited by calling their Accept member functions. Finally, when ending to visit a container, visitor's EndVisit(Container&) member function

is called.

Example 3.7.1. Visiting a Namespace in Cmajor.

```
class NamespaceNode
  {
2
  public:
       virtual void Accept(Visitor& visitor)
            visitor.BeginVisit(*this);
            for (Node* node : members)
8
                node->Accept(visitor);
9
10
            visitor.EndVisit(*this);
11
12
   private:
13
       std::vector {<} Node*{>}\ members;
14
15
```

Chapter 4

Symbol Table

The next phase of compilation after parsing is constructing a symbol table.

4.1 Symbol Table Structure

A symbol table consists of a tree of symbols. There are many kinds of symbols. Container symbols like class and namespace symbols form the interior nodes of the symbol tree. Simple kind of symbols like constant and parameter symbols form the leaf nodes of the symbol tree.

4.1.1 Symbol Class Hierarchy

The following listing shows the most important kind of symbols:

Symbol

```
FunctionGroupSymbol
ConceptGroupSymbol
ConstantSymbol
EnumConstantSymbol
TypedefSymbol
VariableSymbol
    LocalVariableSymbol
    MemberVariableSymbol
    ParameterSymbol
ContainerSymbol
    FunctionSymbol
    NamespaceSymbol
    ConceptSymbol
    TypeSymbol
        BasicTypeSymbol
        ClassTypeSymbol
            TemplateTypeSymbol
        DerivedTypeSymbol
        EnumTypeSymbol
        InterfaceTypeSymbol
```

4.1.2 Properties of Symbols

We inspect properties of symbols that make possible symbol algorithms.

4.1.2.1 Properties Common To All Symbols

The most important attribute common to each kind of symbol is its name. Another property common to all symbols is a pointer to the symbol's parent symbol in the symbol table. The global namespace symbol is the root of the symbol tree. The name of the global namespace symbol is empty and its parent property is null. Other symbols have a nonempty name and a nonnull parent property.

With the name and parent properties the *full name* of a symbol can be computed. The algorithm returns a string that consists of nonempty names of symbols along a path from the global namespace symbol to the symbol separated by dot characters. Fox example, the full name of the global namespace symbol is an empty string, and the full name of a class symbol whose name is gamma that is contained by namespace symbol whose name is beta that is contained by a namespace symbol whose name is alpha that is contained by the global namespace symbol is alpha.beta.gamma.

Algorithm 4.1.1. Computing the Full Name of a Symbol.

- 1. If the symbol's parent property is not null let p be the full name of symbol's parent. Otherwise let p be empty string.
- 2. If p is empty string, the full name of the symbol is the name of the symbol. Otherwise the full name of the symbol is p concatenated with "." and the name of the symbol.

With the parent property also an associated namespace symbol for a symbol can be computed as follows:

Algorithm 4.1.2. Computing an Associated Namespace Symbol for a Symbol.

- 1. Let s be the symbol for which to compute the associated namespace symbol.
- 2. If s is a namespace symbol, return s.
- 3. Otherwise, if the parent symbol of s is not null, compute the associated namespace symbol for the parent symbol of s and return it.
- 4. Otherwise, throw an exception.

4.1.2.2 Properties of Container Symbols

Each container symbol, say S, like a namespace or a class symbol, has a *container scope*, say C, that keeps a mapping from names of contained symbols to contained symbols themselves. A container scope C also has pointers to its *base scope* and its *parent scope*. If S is a class type symbol, the base scope of C is the container scope of the base class symbol of S. The parent scope of C is the container scope of the parent symbol of S. A container scope also contains a pointer to its owning container symbol.

4.1.3 Symbol Name Lookup

Symbol name lookup searches a symbol from a number of container scopes using a possibly qualified name, a scope kind, and kinds of a symbols to search. A scope kind is a combination of following values: **this**, **base** and **parent**. The kind of symbol to search can be one of many values. For example, lookup: **all** symbols, only **type** symbols, only **namespace** symbols, only **variable** and **parameter** symbols, etc.

Let c_1, \ldots, c_n be the components of a qualified name to search. The components are separated by dots. For example, if the name to search is alpha, then n = 1 and $c_1 =$ alpha. Another example: if the name to search is alpha. beta, then n = 2, $c_1 =$ alpha and $c_2 =$ beta.

4.1.3.1 Unqualified Name Lookup

If n = 1, we have a simple name and the symbol name lookup performs an unqualified name lookup:

Algorithm 4.1.3. Unqualified Name Lookup. The algorithm returns a symbol if the search is successful, or null otherwise.

- 1. Let s be the name to search, t be the container scope from which the search begins, p be the set of scope kinds to search, and k be the kind of symbol to search.
- 2. If s is found from the mapping of t, let m be the mapped symbol. If the symbol kind of m is equal to k, return symbol m.
- 3. If p contains the **base** scope and the base scope of t is not null, perform unqualified name lookup from the base scope of t. If that search is successful, return the symbol found.
- 4. If p contains the **parent** scope and the parent scope of t is not null, perform unqualified name lookup from the parent scope of t. If that search is successful, return the symbol found.
- 5. Otherwise, return null.

4.1.3.2 Qualified Name Lookup

If n > 1, we have a qualified name of at least two components and the symbol name lookup performs a qualified name lookup:

Algorithm 4.1.4. Qualified Name Lookup. The algorithm returns a symbol if the search is successful, or null otherwise.

- 1. Let c_1, \ldots, c_n be the components of a qualified name to search (n > 1), t and u be the container scope from which the search begins, p be the set of scope kinds to search, and k be the kind of symbol to search, flag a be **true**, symbol s be null.
- 2. For i = 1, ..., n:
 - (a) If t is not null, perform unqualified name lookup (algorithm 4.1.3) for name c_i , using scope t and scope kind **this**. If i < n, set the kind of symbol to search to

only **container** symbols, otherwise, if i = n, set the kind of symbol to search to k. If the search was successful, let s be the returned symbol, and let t be the container scope of s. Otherwise let t be null and let a be **false**.

- 3. If s is null or a is **false**, and if **parent** scope is in p and the parent scope of u is not null, perform qualified name lookup (this algorithm) for the parent scope of u. If the search was successful, return the symbol found. Otherwise return null.
- 4. Otherwise return symbol s.

4.1.4 Opening and Closing Container Symbols

A symbol table also keeps track of *currently open container symbol* and a *stack of open container symbols*. Initially the currently open container symbol is the global namespace symbol (the root of the symbol tree), and the stack of open container symbols is empty.

A nonnamespace container symbol is opened by pushing the currently open container symbol to the stack of open container symbols, and then setting the container symbol as the currently open container symbol. Any container symbol is closed by popping a container symbol from the stack of open container symbols and setting it as the currently open container symbol.

4.1.4.1 Opening a Namespace

A namespace is opened using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 4.1.5. Opening a Namespace. The algorithm sets the currently open container symbol of a symbol table.

- 1. Let n be a possibly qualified namespace name to open. Let t be a symbol table to which to open the namespace.
- 2. If n is an empty string, push the currently open container symbol to the stack of open container symbols of t, and then set the global namespace symbol as the currently open container symbol of t.
- 3. Otherwise lookup n (see section 4.1.3) from the container scope of the currently open container symbol using scope kind **this** and setting the kind of symbols to search as **namespace** symbols. If the search was successful, let s be the symbol found, otherwise let s be null.
- 4. If s is a namespace symbol, push the currently open container symbol to the stack of open container symbols of t, and then set s as the currently open container symbol of t. Otherwise if s is not a namespace symbol, throw an exception.
- 5. Otherwise s is null, so use algorithm 4.1.6 to create a namespace to the container scope of the currently open container symbol of t, and open it by pushing the currently open container symbols to the stack of open container symbols of t, and then set the created namespace symbol as the currently open container symbol of t.

4.1.4.2 Creating a Namespace

A namespace is created using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 4.1.6. Creating a Namespace. The algorithm returns created namespace symbol.

- 1. Let m be a possibly qualified namespace name to create and let t be the container scope to which the namespace symbol is to be created. Let c_1, \ldots, c_n be the n components of m separated by dots. Let p be the namespace symbol associated with the owner symbol of the container scope t. It can be computed using algorithm 4.1.2.
- 2. For i = 1, ..., n:
 - (a) Lookup name c_i (see section 4.1.3) from container scope t using scope kind **this** and setting the kind of symbols to search as **namespace** symbols. If the search was successful let s be the symbol found. Otherwise let s be null.
 - (b) If s is not null and s is a namespace symbol, let t be the container scope of s and let p be the namespace symbol associated with the owner symbol of the container scope t (algorithm 4.1.2). Otherwise if s is not null and s is not a namespace symbol, throw an exception.
 - (c) Otherwise s is null, so create a new namespace symbol ns with name c_i . Let t be the container scope of ns. Let the parent scope of t be the container scope of p. Add symbol ns as the child symbol of p. Finally let p be ns.
- 3. Return p.

4.1.5 Adding Symbols to Containers

A symbol is added as a child of a container symbol using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 4.1.7. Adding a Symbol to a Container.

- 1. Let s be the symbol to add to a container symbol c.
- 2. If the name of s is not empty and s is not a function symbol and s is not a concept symbol and s is not a declaration block symbol and s is not a namespace type symbol, install the symbol to the container scope of c using following steps:
 - (a) If the name of s is found from symbol name mappings of the container scope of c, throw an exception, because the name of a symbol must be unique in its immediate container.
 - (b) Add a mapping from name of s to s to the name \rightarrow symbol mapping of the container scope of c.
 - (c) If symbol is a container symbol, set the parent scope of the container scope of s to the container scope of c.
- 3. If s if a function symbol, open a function group using the group name of s and add s to the opened function group using algorithm 4.1.8.
- 4. Otherwise, if s is a concept symbol, open a concept group using the group name of s and add s to the opened concept group using algorithm 4.1.9.
- 5. Othwerwise, add s as a child symbol of c and set the parent property of s to c.

4.1.5.1 Function Groups

Function symbols are not added directly to containers, but there is an extra layer called a function group in between the container symbol and the function symbol. To describe function groups we need two definitions:

Definition 4.1.1. The *group name* of a nonmember function is the name of the function without its parameters. The group name of a constructor is "@constructor" and the group name a destructor is "@destructor". The group name of other member function is the name of the member function without its parameters. For example, the group name of function

```
void foo(int x, double y)
is foo and the group name of member function
void C.operator=(const C& x)
is operator=.
```

Definition 4.1.2. The *arity* of a function is the number of its parameters. For example, the arity of function

```
void foo(int x, double y)
is 2.
```

A function group collects functions that have equal group name under a name. A function group has a mapping from arities of functions to lists of function symbols.

Example 4.1.1. For example, if we have three functions:

```
void foo(int a);
void foo(double b);
void foo(int a, double b);
```

they all belong to a function group named *foo*. The function group *foo* contains a mapping from arity 1 to a list containing two functions: void foo(int a) and void foo(double b). It also contains a mapping from arity 2 to a list containing one function: void foo(int a, double b).

Opening a function group and adding a function to it is performed using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 4.1.8. Opening a Function Group, and Adding a Function to it.

- 1. Let s be a function symbol to add to a function group under container c.
- 2. Lookup the group name of s from the container scope of c using scope kind **this** (algorithm 4.1.3). If the search was successful, let g be symbol found. Otherwise let g be null.
- 3. If g is null, create a new function group symbol using group name of s, and add it to c using algorithm 4.1.7. Let g be the created function group.
- 4. Otherwise, if g is not a function group symbol, throw an exception, because name of a function group conflicts with name of another symbol.
- 5. Let a be the arity of s. Add the s to a list of functions of arity a in the $arity \rightarrow list$ mappings of g.
- 6. Add s as a child symbol of g.

4.1.5.2 Concept Groups

What is said about functions and function groups applies analogically to concepts and concept groups. Concept group acts as a layer between a container and a concept symbol. Also analogically to a group name and arity of a function, we can define the group name and arity of a concept as follows:

Definition 4.1.3. The *group name* of a concept is the name of a concept without its type parameters. For example, the group name of concept

EqualityComparable<T, U>

is EqualityComparable.

Definition 4.1.4. The *arity* of a concept is the number of its type parameters. For example, the arity of concept

EqualityComparable<T, U>

is 2.

A concept group collects concepts that have equal group name under a name. A concept group has a mapping from arities of concepts to concept symbols.

Example 4.1.2. For example, if we have these two concepts:

EqualityComparable<T>
EqualityComparable<T, U>

they both belong to a concept group named *EqualityComparable*. The concept group *EqualityComparable* contains a mapping from arity 1 to a concept symbol EqualityComparable<T> and from arity 2 to a concept symbol EqualityComparable<T, U>.

Opening a concept group and adding a concept to it is performed using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 4.1.9. Opening a Concept Group, and Adding a Concept to it.

- 1. Let s be a concept symbol to add to a concept group under container c.
- 2. Lookup the group name of s from the container scope of c using scope kind **this** (algorithm 4.1.3). If the search was successful, let g be symbol found. Otherwise let g be null.
- 3. If g is null, create a new concept group symbol using group name of s, and add it to c using algorithm 4.1.7. Let g be the created concept group.
- 4. Otherwise, if g is not a concept group symbol, throw an exception, because name of a concept group conflicts with name of another symbol.
- 5. Let a be the arity of s. Set s as a concept for arity a in the $arity \to concept$ mappings of g.
- 6. Add s as a child symbol of g.

4.2 Construction of the Global Symbol Table

The global symbol table is built in three stages:

- 1. First basic type symbols like *BoolTypeSymbol* and *IntTypeSymbol*, and functions that operate on them, are inserted to the global namespace of the global symbol table.
- 2. Then the symbol tables of the referenced libraries are read and imported to the global symbol table.
- 3. Finally the abstract syntax trees of the project being compiled are iterated and symbols that correspond abstract syntax tree nodes are created and inserted to the global symbol table.

4.2.1 Insertion of Basic Types and Their Operations

The first stage in constructing the global symbol table is inserting the basic types and their operations to the global symbol table. The following listing shows the basic type symbols that are inserted to the global namespace of the global symbol table:

```
BasicTypeSymbol
    BoolTypeSymbol
    CharTypeSymbol
    WCharTypeSymbol
    UCharTypeSymbol
    VoidTypeSymbol
    SByteTypeSymbol
    ByteTypeSymbol
    ShortTypeSymbol
    UShortTypeSymbol
    IntTypeSymbol
    UIntTypeSymbol
    LongTypeSymbol
    ULongTypeSymbol
    FloatTypeSymbol
    DoubleTypeSymbol
    NullPtrTypeSymbol
```

The following listing shows operations for basic types that are inserted to the global namespace of the global symbol table for each basic type: ¹

```
Symbol
```

```
ContainerSymbol
FunctionSymbol
BasicTypeOp
DefaultCtor[@constructor]
CopyCtor[@constructor]
```

¹The group name of the function symbol is shown in brackets after the operation.

```
CopyAssignment[operator=]
MoveCtor[@constructor]
MoveAssignment[operator=]
OpEqual[operator==]
OpLess[operator<]
BinOp
    OpAdd[operator+]
    OpSub[operator-]
    OpMul[operator*]
    OpDiv[operator/]
    OpRem[operator%]
    OpShl[operator<<]</pre>
    OpShr[operator>>]
    OpBitAnd[operator&]
    OpBitOr[operator|]
    OpBitXor[operator^]
OpNot[operator!]
OpUnaryPlus[operator+]
OpUnaryMinus[operator-]
OpComplement[operator~]
OpIncrement[operator++]
OpDecrement[operator--]
ConvertingCtor[@constructor]
```

4.2.1.1 Operations for bool

Operations for BoolTypeSymbol are: DefaultCtor, CopyCtor, CopyAssignment, MoveCtor, MoveAssignment, OpEqual, OpLess, OpNot.

4.2.1.2 Operations for Integer Types

Operations for integer types (SByteTypeSymbol, ByteTypeSymbol, ShortTypeSymbol, UShort-TypeSymbol, IntTypeSymbol, UIntTypeSymbol, LongTypeSymbol, ULongTypeSymbol) are: DefaultCtor, CopyCtor, CopyAssignment, MoveCtor, MoveAssignment, OpEqual, OpLess, OpAdd, OpSub, OpMul, OpDiv, OpRem, OpShl, OpShr, OpBitAnd, OpBitOr, OpBitXor, OpUnary-Plus, OpUnaryMinus, OpComplement, OpIncrement, OpDecrement.

4.2.1.3 Operations for Floating Point Types

Operations for floating point types (Float Type Symbol and Double Type Symbol) are: Default-Ctor, Copy Ctor, Copy Assignment, Move Ctor, Move Assignment, Op Equal, Op Less, Op Add, Op Sub, Op Mul, Op Div, Op Unary Plus, Op Unary Minus.

4.2.1.4 Operations for Character Types

Operations for character types (CharTypeSymbol, WCharTypeSymbol and UCharTypeSymbol) are: DefaultCtor, CopyCtor, CopyAssignment, MoveCtor, MoveAssignment, OpEqual, OpLess.

4.2.1.5 Standard Conversions

The following table shows standard conversion operations (ConvertingCtor) that are inserted to the global namespace of the global symbol table.

Abbreviations are:

- I implicit conversion,
- E explicit conversion,
- C conversion,
- P promotion

Target Type	Source Type	Explicit/Implicit	Rank	Distance
sbyte	byte	E	С	
\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{short}	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{ushort}	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	int	${ m E}$	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{uint}	${ m E}$	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	long	${ m E}$	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	ulong	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	float	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	double	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	char	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	wchar	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	uchar	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	bool	E	\mathbf{C}	
byte	sbyte	Е	С	
\mathbf{byte}	\mathbf{short}	${ m E}$	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{byte}	${f ushort}$	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{byte}	int	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{byte}	\mathbf{uint}	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{byte}	\log	${ m E}$	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{byte}	\mathbf{ulong}	${ m E}$	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{byte}	\mathbf{float}	${ m E}$	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{byte}	\mathbf{double}	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{byte}	char	${ m E}$	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{byte}	wchar	${ m E}$	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{byte}	uchar	${ m E}$	\mathbf{C}	
byte	bool	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{short}	\mathbf{sbyte}	I	Р	1
${f short}$	$_{ m byte}$	I	P	2
${f short}$	${f ushort}$	E	\mathbf{C}	
${f short}$	${f int}$	E	\mathbf{C}	
${f short}$	\mathbf{uint}	E	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{short}	long	E	\mathbf{C}	

\mathbf{short}	ulong	Ε	С	
	ulong	E	$^{\rm C}$	
short	float			
short	double	Е	С	
\mathbf{short}	char	Е	С	
\mathbf{short}	wchar	Е	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{short}	uchar	Е	\mathbf{C}	
short	bool	Е	C	
ushort	\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{E}		
ushort	byte	Ι	Р	1
ushort	\mathbf{short}	\mathbf{E}	С	
${f ushort}$	\mathbf{int}	\mathbf{E}	${ m C}$	
${f ushort}$	\mathbf{uint}	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ushort	long	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ushort	\mathbf{ulong}	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
${\bf ushort}$	float	\mathbf{E}	${ m C}$	
ushort	double	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ushort	char	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ushort	wchar	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ushort	uchar	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ushort	bool	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
int	sbyte	I	C P	3
int	\mathbf{byte}	Ι	Р	4
int	$\overset{\circ}{\mathrm{short}}$	Ι	Р	1
int	ushort	Ι	Р	2
int	uint	\mathbf{E}	С	
int	long	Ε		
int	ulong	E	${ m C}$	
int	float	E	C	
int	double	E	$\dot{\mathrm{C}}$	
int	char	E	$\dot{\mathrm{C}}$	
int	wchar	E	\tilde{C}	
int	uchar	E	$\stackrel{\circ}{\mathrm{C}}$	
int	bool	E	\mathbf{C}	
uint	sbyte	E	$\frac{C}{C}$	
uint	byte	I	Р	2
uint	short	E	С	2
$rac{ ext{uint}}{ ext{uint}}$		I	P	1
uint uint	ushort	E		1
	int		C C C C	
uint	long	E	C	
uint	ulong	Е	C	
uint	float	Е	C	
\mathbf{uint}	double	\mathbf{E}	C	

\mathbf{uint}	char	Ε	С	
uint	wchar	\mathbf{E}	С	
\mathbf{uint}	uchar	\mathbf{E}	С	
\mathbf{uint}	bool	\mathbf{E}	С	
long	sbyte	Ι	P	5
long	byte	Ι	Ρ	6
long	\mathbf{short}	Ι	Р	3
\log	ushort	Ι	Р	4
long	int	Ι	Р	1
\log	\mathbf{uint}	Ι	Р	2
long	ulong	\mathbf{E}	С	
long	float	\mathbf{E}	С	
long	double	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
long	char	\mathbf{E}	С	
\log	wchar	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
long	uchar	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
\log	bool	\mathbf{E}	С	
ulong	sbyte	Е	С	
ulong	$_{ m byte}$	Ι	Р	3
ulong	$\overset{\circ}{\mathrm{short}}$	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ulong	ushort	Ι	Ρ	2
ulong	\mathbf{int}	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ulong	\mathbf{uint}	I	Ρ	1
\mathbf{ulong}	long	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ulong	float	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ulong	double	\mathbf{E}	$_{\mathrm{C}}^{\mathrm{C}}$	
ulong	char	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ulong	wchar	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
ulong	uchar	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
\mathbf{ulong}	bool	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
float	sbyte	I	С	5
float	\mathbf{byte}	Ι	\mathbf{C}	6
float	\mathbf{short}	I	\mathbf{C}	3
float	ushort	I	\mathbf{C}	4
float	\mathbf{int}	I	\mathbf{C}	1
float	\mathbf{uint}	Ι	\mathbf{C}	2
float	long	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
float	\mathbf{ulong}	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
float	double	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
float	char	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
float	wchar	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
float	uchar	Ε	\mathbf{C}	

float	bool	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
double	\mathbf{sbyte}	I	С	8
double	\mathbf{byte}	Ι	\mathbf{C}	9
double	\mathbf{short}	I	\mathbf{C}	6
double	ushort	I	\mathbf{C}	7
double	int	I	\mathbf{C}	4
double	\mathbf{uint}	I	\mathbf{C}	5
double	long	I	\mathbf{C}	2
double	\mathbf{ulong}	Ι	\mathbf{C}	3
double	float	Ι	Ρ	1
double	char	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
double	wchar	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
double	uchar	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
double	bool	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
char	sbyte	\mathbf{E}	C	
char	\mathbf{byte}	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
char	\mathbf{short}	\mathbf{E}	C C C	
char	${\bf ushort}$	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
char	int	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
char	\mathbf{uint}	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
char	\mathbf{long}	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
char	\mathbf{ulong}	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
char	float	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
char	double	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
char	wchar	\mathbf{E}	${ m C}$	
char	uchar	\mathbf{E}		
char	bool	\mathbf{E}	C C	
wchar	\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{E}	С	
wchar	\mathbf{byte}	\mathbf{E}	${ m C}$	
wchar	\mathbf{short}	\mathbf{E}		
wchar	ushort	\mathbf{E}	С	
wchar	int	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
wchar	\mathbf{uint}	\mathbf{E}	С	
wchar	long	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
wchar	\mathbf{ulong}	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
wchar	float	\mathbf{E}	С	
wchar	double	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	
wchar	char	Ι	Р	1
wchar	uchar	\mathbf{E}	С	
wchar	bool	Е	C	
uchar	sbyte	Е		
uchar	\mathbf{byte}	\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{C}	

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uchar float E C	
uchar double E C	
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uchar wchar I P 1	-
uchar bool E C	
bool sbyte E C	
bool byte E C	
bool short E C bool ushort E C	
bool ushort E C	
bool int E C	
bool uint E C	
bool long E C	
bool ulong E C	
bool float E C	
bool double E C	
bool char E C	
bool wchar E C	
bool uchar E C	

4.2.2 Importing Symbol Tables of Referenced Libraries

The second stage in constructing the global symbol table is reading the symbol table of referenced libraries and importing the symbols from them into the global symbol table. For each library L that the project being compiled references,

- \bullet the symbol table u of L is read from the library file of L and then
- the symbols from the global namespace of symbol table u are imported into the global symbol table using algorithm 4.2.1.

Algorithm 4.2.1. Importing Symbols from a Namespace into a Symbol Table.

- 1. Let t be the symbol table to which the symbols are to be imported. Let n be the source namespace, i.e. the namespace from which the symbols are to be imported.
- 2. Open a namespace of name of n to the symbol table t using algorithm 4.1.5.
- 3. For each child symbol c of n:
 - (a) If c is a namespace symbol, import c to t by calling this algorithm recursively.
 - (b) Otherwise, add c to the currently open container symbol of t using algorithm 4.1.7.
- 4. Close the currently open namespace of t.

4.2.3 Creating Symbols for the Project Being Compiled

The third stage in constructing the global symbol table is creating the symbols for the project being compiled and inserting them to the global symbol table. For that we need four auxiliary algorithms:

Algorithm 4.2.2. Opening a Function Scope.

- 1. Let n be the function node for which to open the function scope.
- 2. Create a function symbol with the name defined in n and set its group name to the group name in n.
- 3. Open the function symbol as described in section 4.1.4.

Algorithm 4.2.3. Closing a Function Scope.

- 1. Let f be the function symbol to close.
- 2. Close f as described in section 4.1.4.
- 3. Add f to the currently open container symbol using algorithm 4.1.7.

Algorithm 4.2.4. Opening a Declaration Scope.

- 1. Let s be the statement node for which to open the declaration scope.
- 2. Create a declaration block symbol and open it as described in section 4.1.4.

Algorithm 4.2.5. Closing a Declaration Scope.

Let d be the declaration block symbol to close.

Close d as described in section 4.1.4.

Creating and adding symbols to the global symbol table is done using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 4.2.6. Creating and Adding Symbols to the Global Symbol Table. The algorithm is implemented by an abstract syntax tree visitor called declaration visitor. The declaration visitor visits abstract syntax tree nodes by overriding the following visiting points:

- BeginVisit(NamespaceNode& namespaceNode): Open a namespace for possibly qualified namespace name defined in the namespace node using algorithm 4.1.5.
- EndVisit(NamespaceNode& namespaceNode): Close the currently open namespace of the global symbol table as described in section 4.1.4.
- BeginVisit(ClassNode& classNode): Create a class symbol with the name defined in class node, add it to the currently open container node of the global symbol table using algorithm 4.1.7, and open the class symbol as described in section 4.1.4.
- EndVisit(ClassNode& classNode): Close the currently open class symbol of the global symbol table as described in section 4.1.4.

- BeginVisit(InterfaceNode& interfaceNode): Create an interface symbol with the name defined in the interface node, add it to the currently open container of the global symbol table using algorithm 4.1.7, and open the interface symbol as described in section 4.1.4.
- EndVisit(InterfaceNode& interfaceNode): Close the currently open interface type symbol of the global symbol table as described in section 4.1.4.
- BeginVisit(ConstructorNode& constructorNode): Open a function scope using constructorNode as the function node in algorithm 4.2.2. Create implicit this parameter and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.
- EndVisit(ConstructorNode& constructorNode): Close the currently open function scope using algorithm 4.2.3.
- BeginVisit(DestructorNode& destructorNode): Open a function scope using destructorNode as the function node in algorithm 4.2.2. Create implicit this parameter and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.
- EndVisit(DestructorNode& destructorNode): Close the currently open function scope using algorithm 4.2.3.
- BeginVisit(MemberFunctionNode& memberFunctionNode): Open a function scope using memberFunctionNode as the function node in algorithm 4.2.2. Create implicit this parameter and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.
- EndVisit(MemberFunctionNode& memberFunctionNode): Close the currently open function scope using algorithm 4.2.3.
- BeginVisit(ConversionFunctionNode& conversionFunctionNode): Open a function scope using conversionFunctionNode as the function node in algorithm 4.2.2. Create implicit this parameter and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.
- EndVisit(ConversionFunctionNode& conversionFunctionNode): Close the currently open function scope using algorithm 4.2.3.
- BeginVisit(StaticConstructorNode& staticConstructorNode): Open a function scope using staticConstructorNode as the function node in algorithm 4.2.2.
- EndVisit(StaticConstructorNode& staticConstructorNode): Close the currently open function scope using algorithm 4.2.3.
- BeginVisit(EnumTypeNode& enumTypeNode): Create an enumerated type symbol with name defined in enumTypeNode and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7. Open the enumerated type symbol as described in section 4.1.4.
- EndVisit(EnumTypeNode& enumTypeNode): Close the currently open enumerated type symbol of the global symbol table as described in section 4.1.4.
- Visit(EnumConstantNode& enumConstantNode): Create an enumerated constant symbol with name defined in enumConstantNode and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.

- Visit(TypedefNode& typedefNode): Create a typedef symbol with name defined in typedefNode and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.
- BeginVisit(FunctionNode& functionNode): Open a function scope using the function node in algorithm 4.2.2.
- EndVisit(FunctionNode& functionNode): Close the currently open function scope using algorithm 4.2.3.
- BeginVisit(DelegateNode& delegateNode): Create a delegate type symbol with name defined in delegateNode and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7. Open the delegate type symbol as described in section 4.1.4.
- EndVisit(DelegateNode& delegateNode): Close the currently open delegate type symbol of the global symbol table as described in section 4.1.4.
- BeginVisit(ClassDelegateNode& classDelegateNode): Create a delegate type symbol with name defined in classDelegateNode and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7. Open the class delegate type symbol as described in section 4.1.4.
- EndVisit(ClassDelegateNode& classDelegateNode): Close the currently open class delegate type symbol of the global symbol table as described in section 4.1.4.
- Visit(ConstantNode& constantNode): Create a constant symbol with name defined in constantNode and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.
- Visit(ParameterNode& parameterNode): Create a parameter symbol with name defined in parameterNode and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.
- Visit(TemplateParameterNode& templateParameterNode): Create a type parameter symbol with name defined in templateParameterNode and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.
- Visit (Member Variable Node & member Variable Node): Create a member variable symbol with name defined in member Variable Node and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.
- BeginVisit(CompoundStatementNode& compoundStatementNode): Open a declaration scope using using compoundStatementNode as the statementNode in algorithm 4.2.4.
- EndVisit(CompoundStatementNode& compoundStatementNode): Close the declaration block symbol using algorithm 4.2.5.
- BeginVisit(RangeForStatementNode& rangeForStatementNode): Open a declaration scope using using rangeForStatementNode as the statementNode in algorithm 4.2.4.
- EndVisit(RangeForStatementNode& rangeForStatementNode): Close the declaration block symbol using algorithm 4.2.5.
- BeginVisit(ForStatementNode& forStatementNode): Open a declaration scope using using forStatementNode as the statementNode in algorithm 4.2.4.

- EndVisit(ForStatementNode& forStatementNode): Close the declaration block symbol using algorithm 4.2.5.
- Visit(ConstructionStatementNode& constructionStatementNode): Create a local variable symbol with name defined in constructionStatementNode and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.
- Visit(TypedefStatementNode& typedefStatementNode): Create a typedef symbol with name defined in typedefStatementNode and add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.
- Visit(ConceptNode& conceptNode): Create a concept symbol with name defined in concept node and set its group name to the group name defined in concept node. Add it to the currently open container using algorithm 4.1.7.

4.3 Example

Example 4.3.1. Consider the following Cmajor source code file.

```
public enum TrafficLight
2
        green, yellow, red
3
4
5
   namespace Alpha. Beta
6
7
        public class Gamma
8
9
             public void Foo(int x)
10
11
                 int v = 0;
12
13
             public void Foo(double y)
14
15
                 int v = 0;
16
17
             public void Bar(bool b)
18
19
                 int v = 0;
20
21
             private int m;
22
23
24
        public void Delta(bool epsilon)
25
26
             int v = 0;
27
28
```

The following abstract syntax tree is generated while parsing the previous source code file:

```
CompileUnitNode
    NamespaceNode()
        EnumTypeNode(TrafficLight)
            EnumConstantNode(green)
            EnumConstantNode(yellow)
            EnumConstantNode(red)
        NamespaceNode(Alpha.Beta)
            ClassNode(Gamma)
                 FunctionNode(Foo)
                     ParameterNode(x)
                     CompoundStatementNode
                         ConstructionStatementNode(v)
                FunctionNode(Foo)
                     ParameterNode(y)
                     {\tt CompoundStatementNode}
                         ConstructionStatementNode(v)
                 FunctionNode(Bar)
                     ParameterNode(b)
                     {\tt CompoundStatementNode}
                         ConstructionStatementNode(v)
                 MemberVariableNode(m)
            FunctionNode(Delta)
                 ParameterNode(epsilon)
                 {\tt CompoundStatementNode}
                     ConstructionStatementNode(v)
```

The following symbol table is constructed while iterating through the previous abstract syntax tree:

```
NamespaceSymbol()
    EnumTypeSymbol(TrafficLight)
        EnumConstantSymbol(green)
        EnumConstantSymbol(yellow)
        EnumConstantSymbol(red)
    NamespaceSymbol(Alpha)
        NamespaceSymbol(Beta)
            ClassTypeSymbol(Gamma)
                FunctionGroupSymbol(Foo)
                    FunctionSymbol(Foo)
                        ParameterSymbol(this)
                        ParameterSymbol(x)
                        DeclarationBlock
                            LocalVariableSymbol(v)
                    FunctionSymbol(Foo)
                        ParameterSymbol(this)
                        ParameterSymbol(y)
                        DeclarationBlock
                            LocalVariableSymbol(v)
                FunctionGroupSymbol(Bar)
                    FunctionSymbol(Bar)
                        ParameterSymbol(this)
                        ParameterSymbol(b)
                        DeclarationBlock
                            LocalVariableSymbol(v)
                MemberVariableSymbol(m)
            FunctionGroupSymbol(Delta)
                FunctionSymbol(Delta)
                    ParameterSymbol(epsilon)
                    DeclarationBlock
                        LocalVariableSymbol(v)
```

Chapter 5

Type Repository

The type repository keeps a mapping from *type identifiers* to type symbols. A type identifier is a sixteen-byte integer that uniquely identifies a type symbol.

5.1 Computing the Type Identifier for a Type Symbol

In the following sections we show how to compute a type identifier for each kind of type symbol.

5.1.1 Type Identifiers for Basic Type Symbols

The following table shows the type identifiers for basic type symbols:

Basic Type Symbol	$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}$	pe	$\operatorname{Id}\epsilon$	enti	fier											
BoolTypeSymbol	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
CharTypeSymbol	02	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
WCharTypeSymbol	03	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
UCharTypeSymbol	04	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
VoidTypeSymbol	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
${\bf SByteTypeSymbol}$	06	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
TypeSymbol	07	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
ShortTypeSymbo	80	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
UShortTypeSymbol	09	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
IntTypeSymbol	OA	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
UIntTypeSymbol	OB	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
LongTypeSymbol	OC	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
${\bf ULongTypeSymbol}$	OD	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
FloatTypeSymbol	0E	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
${\bf Double Type Symbol}$	OF	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
${\bf NullPtrTypeSymbol}$	10	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00

5.1.2 Type Identifiers for Class and Interface Type Symbols

A type identifier for a class or interface type symbol consists of two parts. The first eight bytes is formed by two four-byte pseudorandom numbers generated using Mersenne Twister pseudorandom number generator (http://www.math.sci.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/~m-mat/MT/emt.html). The rest eight bytes is formed by a serial number of the class or interface.

5.1.3 Type Identifiers for Class Template Specialization Symbols

Definition 5.1.1. Let $C < A_1, \ldots, A_n >$ be a class template specialization. In that expression, C is called the *primary class type* of that class template specialization, and A_1, \ldots, A_n are called the *type arguments* of that class template specialization.

The type identifier for a class template specialization symbol is computed using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 5.1.1. Computing the Type Identifier for a Class Template Specialization Symbol.

- 1. Let id be the type identifier of the primary class type of the class template specialization. Let n be the number of type argument type symbols of the class template specialization.
- 2. For i = 0, ..., n 1:
 - (a) Let a be the type identifier of the type argument i of the class template specialization.
 - (b) Let p be (i + 8)%16.
 - (c) Let r be a rotated by p byte positions right.
 - (d) Assign id **xor** r to id.
- 3. The type identifier of the class template specialization is id.

5.1.4 Type Identifiers for Delegate, Class Delegate and Enumerated Type Symbols

A type identifier for delegate, class delegate and enumerated type symbols is formed by four-four-byte pseudorandom numbers generated using Mersenne Twister pseudorandom number generator.

5.1.5 Type Identifiers for Derived Type Symbols

A derived type information consists of a base type, derivations and array dimensions. We need to encode each derivation of a derived type in order to compute a type identifier for a derived type.

The following table shows derivation code encodings for derivations:

Derivation Symbol	Derivation	Derivation Code
const	const	1
&	reference	2
&&	rvalue reference	3
*	pointer	4
(left parenthesis	5
)	right parenthesis	6
[]	array	7

The type identifiers for a derived type symbol is computed using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 5.1.2. Computing the Type Identifier for a Derived Type Symbol.

- 1. Let *id* be the type identifier for the base type of the derived type. Let *m* be the number of derivations of the derived type. Let *n* be the number of array dimensions of the derived type.
- 2. For i = 0, ..., m-1:
 - (a) Let c the derivation code of i'th derivation of the derived type.
 - (b) Let d be 1 shifted left by c bit positions.
 - (c) Set the id[i+1] to id[i+1] **xor** d.
- 3. For j = 0, ..., n 1:
 - (a) Let a be the j'th array dimension of the derived type.
 - (b) Let d0 be a shifted right by 24 bit positions and ANDed by 255. Let d1 be a shifted right by 16 bit positions and ANDed by 255. Let d2 be a shifted right by 8 bit positions and ANDed by 255. Let d3 be a ANDed by 255.
 - (c) Set id[5+j] to id[5+j] **xor** d0. Set id[6+j] to id[6+j] **xor** d1. Set id[7+j] to id[7+j] **xor** d2. Set id[8+j] to id[8+j] **xor** d3.
- 4. The type identifier of the derived type is id.

5.2 Adding Type Symbols to the Type Repository

Each type symbol contains a type identifier. Adding a type to the type repository is done simply by adding a mapping from the type identifier of the type symbol to the type symbol itself to the $typeid \rightarrow symbol$ mappings of the type repository.

5.3 Getting a Type Symbol from the Type Repository

Getting a type symbol from the type repository by a type identifier is done by searching the $typeid \rightarrow symbol$ mappings using the type identifier. If the type identifier is found from the mappings, the corresponding type symbol is returned. Otherwise null is returned.

5.4 Making Type Symbols

Definition 5.4.1. Base Type Symbol. Let T be a type symbol. If T is a derived type symbol (DerivedTypeSymbol), the *base type* of T is type T without the derivations and array dimensions. Otherwise the base type of T is type T.

The following algorithms are used to make type symbols.

Algorithm 5.4.1. Making a Derived Type Symbol. The algorithm returns either an existing derived type symbol, if it is found, or creates a new derived type symbol and returns it, if it does not exist.

- 1. Let b be a base type, d be list of derivations and a be a list of array dimensions.
- 2. Let id be a type identifier computed using algorithm 5.1.2 for b, d and a.
- 3. If id is found in $typeid \rightarrow symbol$ mappings of the type repository, return the type symbol found.
- 4. Otherwise create a new derived type symbol with type identifier id, base type b, list of derivations d, list of array dimensions a. Insert it in the $typeid \rightarrow symbol$ mappings of the type repository, and return it.

Algorithm 5.4.2. Making a Pointer Type Symbol.

- 1. Let b be a base type symbol.
- 2. Make a derived type symbol using algorithm 5.4.1 with base type being b, d being a list of derivations consisting a pointer derivation, and a being empty list of array dimensions, and return it.

Algorithm 5.4.3. Making a Reference Type Symbol.

- 1. Let b be a base type symbol.
- 2. Make a derived type symbol using algorithm 5.4.1 with base type being b, d being a list of derivations consisting a reference derivation, and a being empty list of array dimensions, and return it.

Algorithm 5.4.4. Making an RValue Reference Type Symbol.

- 1. Let b be a base type symbol.
- 2. Make a derived type symbol using algorithm 5.4.1 with base type being b, d being a list of derivations consisting an rvalue reference derivation, and a being empty list of array dimensions, and return it.

Algorithm 5.4.5. Making a Const Reference Type Symbol.

- 1. Let b be a base type symbol.
- 2. Make a derived type symbol using algorithm 5.4.1 with base type being b, d being a list of derivations consisting a const derivation and a reference derivation, and a being empty list of array dimensions, and return it.

Algorithm 5.4.6. Making a Const Pointer Type Symbol.

- 1. Let b be a base type symbol.
- 2. Make a derived type symbol using algorithm 5.4.1 with base type being b, d being a list of derivations consisting a const derivation and a pointer derivation, and a being empty list of array dimensions, and return it.

Algorithm 5.4.7. Making a Const Char Pointer Type Symbol.

- 1. Let b be CharTypeSymbol.
- 2. Make a derived type symbol using algorithm 5.4.1 with base type being b, d being a list of derivations consisting a const derivation and a pointer derivation, and a being empty list of array dimensions, and return it.

Algorithm 5.4.8. Making a Const WChar Pointer Type Symbol.

- 1. Let b be WCharTypeSymbol.
- 2. Make a derived type symbol using algorithm 5.4.1 with base type being b, d being a list of derivations consisting a const derivation and a pointer derivation, and a being empty list of array dimensions, and return it.

Algorithm 5.4.9. Making a Const UChar Pointer Type Symbol.

- 1. Let b be UCharTypeSymbol.
- 2. Make a derived type symbol using algorithm 5.4.1 with base type being b, d being a list of derivations consisting a const derivation and a pointer derivation, and a being empty list of array dimensions, and return it.

Algorithm 5.4.10. Making a Class Template Specialization Type Symbol.

- 1. Let C be a primary type of the class template specialization and A_1, \ldots, A_n be the type arguments of the class template specialization.
- 2. Let id be a type identifier computed using algorithm 5.1.1 for C and A_1, \ldots, A_n .
- 3. If id is found in $typeid \rightarrow symbol$ mappings of the type repository, return the type symbol found.
- 4. Otherwise create a new class template specialization type symbol (called TemplateTypeSymbol in code) with type identifier id, primary type C and type arguments A_1, \ldots, A_n . Insert it in the $typeid \rightarrow symbol$ mappings of the type repository, and return it.

Algorithm 5.4.11. Making a Plain Type Symbol. The algorithm returns a plain type for a type symbol T. Informally, the plain type is a type without any const, reference, or rvalue reference derivations. Pointer derivations are saved in a plain type though.

- 1. Let T be a type symbol.
- 2. If T = U& for some type U, return U.

- 3. Otherwise, if T = const U& for some type U, return U.
- 4. Otherwise, if $T = \text{const} \ \mathtt{U}$ for some type U, return U.
- 5. Otherwise, if $T=\mathtt{U\&\&}$ for some type U, return U.
- 6. Otherwise, return T.

Chapter 6

Static Evaluator

The static evaluator evaluates constant expressions such as constant expressions as values of constants, constant expressions in case statements and constant expressions as values of enumeration constants. In other words it evaluates anything that must be evaluated statically at compile time.

6.1 Evaluation Stack and Value Classes

The static evaluator has a stack of values called the *evaluation stack* that holds intermediate and final results of evaluation. The values are instances of classes derived from an abstract base class named Value. Here's the value class hierarchy:

Value

BoolValue

CharValue

WCharValue

UCharValue

SByteValue

ByteValue

ShortValue

UShortValue

IntValue

UIntValue

LongValue

ULongValue

FloatValue

DoubleValue

NullValue

StringValue

ScopedValue

6.2 Operand Types and Value Types

Associated with Value classes there is a C++ type called OperandType and a Cmajor type called ValueType. The following table shows the operand types and value types for Value classes:

Value Class	${\bf Operand Type}$	ValueType
BoolValue	bool	bool
CharValue	char	char
WCharValue	${f uint 16_t}$	wchar
UCharValue	${ m uint 32_t}$	uchar
SByteValue	${ m int8_t}$	\mathbf{sbyte}
ByteValue	$\mathbf{uint8_t}$	byte
ShortValue	${ m int}16_{ m t}$	\mathbf{short}
UShortValue	${f uint 16_t}$	ushort
IntValue	${ m int}32_{ m t}$	int
UIntValue	${f uint 32_t}$	\mathbf{uint}
LongValue	${ m int} 64_{ m t}$	long
ULongValue	${f uint 64_t}$	\mathbf{ulong}
FloatValue	float	float
DoubleValue	double	double

Each Value class contains a value whose type is its associated OperandType.

6.3 Evaluating Unary Expressions

First we go through how the static evaluator evaluates unary expressions.

6.3.1 Unary Operator Functions

The static evaluator has a *unary operator function* for each supported unary operator. The unary operator function is a function template that delegates the evaluation to a C++ function object. The following table shows supported unary operators, their corresponding unary operator functions, and C++ function objects that are used in evaluating unary expressions:

Unary Operator	Unary Operator Function	C++ Function Object
~	Complement <valuet></valuet>	bit_not <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
+	UnaryPlus <valuet></valuet>	identity <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
_	UnaryMinus <valuet></valuet>	std::negate <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
!	Not <valuet></valuet>	std::logical_not <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>

6.3.2 Unary Expression Evaluation Algorithm

Here's the unary expression evaluation algorithm:

Algorithm 6.3.1. Evaluation a Unary Expression. Inputs to this algorithm are:

- the target value type,
- evaluation stack,
- unary operator function f,
- whether to perform cast.
- 1. Pop the operand from the evaluation stack.
- 2. Let subjectType be the value type of the operand.
- 3. If the target value type is wider than subjectType, let operationType be target value type. Otherwise let operationType be subjectType.
- 4. Convert the operand to *operationType* type possibly performing a cast if requested. As usual in Cmajor, conversions that promote a value to a value of wider type are performed implicitly, whereas conversions to a narrower type require a cast.
- 5. Call the unary operator function f<operationType> using the converted operand as an argument.
- 6. Push the result to the evaluation stack.

6.4 Evaluating Binary Expressions

Next we go through how the static evaluator evaluates binary expressions.

6.4.1 Common Type

In order to evaluate a binary expression, one needs to have a *common type* to which both operands of the binary operator are converted before evaluation. Given two value types, one can compute their common type as follows:

Algorithm 6.4.1. Computing the Common Type of Two Value Types. Common type gives the smallest value type for the left and the right value type that is large enough to hold a value of the left type and a value of the right type. Given the left and the right type, common type returns a type according to the following table:

Left Type	Right Type	Common Type
bool	bool	bool
bool	char	
bool	wchar	
bool	uchar	

	_	
bool	\mathbf{sbyte}	
bool	byte	
bool	\mathbf{short}	
bool	${f ushort}$	
bool	\mathbf{int}	
bool	${f uint}$	
bool	\log	
bool	\mathbf{ulong}	
bool	float	
bool	double	
bool	$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	
bool	\mathbf{string}	
char	bool	
char	char	char
char	wchar	wchar
char	uchar	uchar
char	\mathbf{sbyte}	
char	byte	
char	$\overset{\circ}{\text{short}}$	
char	ushort	
char	int	
char	uint	
char	long	
char	ulong	
char	float	
char	double	
char	nullPtrType	
char	string	
wchar	bool	
wchar	char	wchar
wchar	wchar	wchar
wchar	uchar	uchar
wchar	sbyte	aciiai
wchar	byte	
wchar	short	
wchar	ushort	
wchar	int	
wchar	uint	
wchar		
wchar	long ulong	
wchar wchar	float	
wchar	double	

wchar	${\bf nullPtrType}$	
wchar	\mathbf{string}	
uchar	bool	
uchar	char	uchar
uchar	wchar	uchar
uchar	uchar	uchar
uchar	\mathbf{sbyte}	
uchar	byte	
uchar	\mathbf{short}	
uchar	ushort	
uchar	int	
uchar	\mathbf{uint}	
uchar	long	
uchar	\mathbf{ulong}	
uchar	float	
uchar	double	
uchar	$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	
uchar	string	
sbyte	bool	
\mathbf{sbyte}	char	
\mathbf{sbyte}	wchar	
\mathbf{sbyte}	uchar	
\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{sbyte}
\mathbf{sbyte}	byte	\mathbf{short}
\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{short}	\mathbf{short}
\mathbf{sbyte}	${f ushort}$	\mathbf{int}
\mathbf{sbyte}	int	\mathbf{int}
\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{uint}	long
\mathbf{sbyte}	long	long
\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{ulong}	
\mathbf{sbyte}	float	float
\mathbf{sbyte}	double	\mathbf{double}
\mathbf{sbyte}	$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	
\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{string}	
byte	bool	
\mathbf{byte}	char	
\mathbf{byte}	wchar	
\mathbf{byte}	uchar	
\mathbf{byte}	\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{short}
\mathbf{byte}	byte	byte
\mathbf{byte}	\mathbf{short}	\mathbf{short}
\mathbf{byte}	\mathbf{ushort}	\mathbf{ushort}

byte	int	int
\mathbf{byte}	uint	uint
\mathbf{byte}	long	long
byte	ulong	ulong
byte	float	float
byte	double	double
byte	nullPtrType	double
\mathbf{byte}		
short	string bool	
$rac{ ext{short}}{ ext{short}}$	char	
	wchar	
short		
\mathbf{short}	uchar	14
\mathbf{short}	sbyte	short
\mathbf{short}	byte	short
\mathbf{short}	short	\mathbf{short}
\mathbf{short}	ushort	int
\mathbf{short}	int	\inf
\mathbf{short}	uint	\log
\mathbf{short}	long	\log
\mathbf{short}	ulong	
$\frac{1}{2}$	float	float
\mathbf{short}	double	double
\mathbf{short}	nullPtrType	
short	string	
${f ushort}$	bool	
${f ushort}$	char	
${f ushort}$	wchar	
${f ushort}$	uchar	
${f ushort}$	\mathbf{sbyte}	int
${f ushort}$	byte	${f ushort}$
${\bf ushort}$	\mathbf{short}	int
${\bf ushort}$	${f ushort}$	ushort
ushort	int	int
ushort	\mathbf{uint}	\mathbf{uint}
ushort	long	long
ushort	\mathbf{ulong}	ulong
ushort	float	float
${\bf ushort}$	double	\mathbf{double}
ushort	${\bf nullPtrType}$	
ushort	\mathbf{string}	
\overline{int}	bool	
int	char	

int	wchar	
int	uchar	
int	\mathbf{sbyte}	int
int	byte	int
int	\mathbf{short}	int
int	$\mathbf{u}\mathbf{s}\mathbf{h}\mathbf{o}\mathbf{r}\mathbf{t}$	int
int	int	int
int	\mathbf{uint}	long
int	long	\mathbf{long}
int	\mathbf{ulong}	
int	float	float
int	double	double
int	${\bf nullPtrType}$	
int	\mathbf{string}	
uint	bool	
\mathbf{uint}	char	
\mathbf{uint}	wchar	
\mathbf{uint}	uchar	
\mathbf{uint}	\mathbf{sbyte}	\mathbf{long}
\mathbf{uint}	byte	\mathbf{uint}
\mathbf{uint}	\mathbf{short}	long
\mathbf{uint}	$\mathbf{u}\mathbf{s}\mathbf{h}\mathbf{o}\mathbf{r}\mathbf{t}$	\mathbf{uint}
\mathbf{uint}	int	long
\mathbf{uint}	\mathbf{uint}	\mathbf{uint}
\mathbf{uint}	long	long
\mathbf{uint}	\mathbf{ulong}	\mathbf{ulong}
\mathbf{uint}	\mathbf{float}	float
\mathbf{uint}	\mathbf{double}	\mathbf{double}
\mathbf{uint}	$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	
${f uint}$	\mathbf{string}	
long	bool	
long	char	
long	wchar	
long	uchar	
long	\mathbf{sbyte}	long
long	\mathbf{byte}	long
long	\mathbf{short}	long
long	$\mathbf{u}\mathbf{s}\mathbf{h}\mathbf{o}\mathbf{r}\mathbf{t}$	long
long	int	long
long	${f uint}$	long
long	\log	long
long	\mathbf{ulong}	

long	float	float
long	double	double
long	nullPtrType	
long	string	
ulong	bool	
ulong	char	
ulong	wchar	
ulong	uchar	
ulong	\mathbf{sbyte}	
ulong	byte	ulong
ulong	short	
ulong	ushort	ulong
ulong	int	J
ulong	\mathbf{uint}	ulong
ulong	long	
ulong	ulong	ulong
ulong	float	float
ulong	double	double
ulong	nullPtrType	
ulong	string	
float	bool	
float	char	
float	wchar	
float	uchar	
float	\mathbf{sbyte}	float
float	$_{ m byte}$	float
float	\mathbf{short}	float
float	ushort	float
float	int	float
float	\mathbf{uint}	float
float	long	float
float	\mathbf{ulong}	float
float	float	float
float	double	double
float	${ m nullPtrType}$	
float	\mathbf{string}	
double	bool	
double	char	
double	wchar	
double	uchar	
double	\mathbf{sbyte}	double
double	byte	\mathbf{double}

double	\mathbf{short}	double
double	ushort	double
double	int	double
double	\mathbf{uint}	double
double	long	double
double	\mathbf{ulong}	double
double	float	double
double	double	double
double	$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	
double	\mathbf{string}	
$\overline{\mathrm{nullPtrType}}$	bool	
$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	char	
$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	wchar	
$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	uchar	
$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	\mathbf{sbyte}	
$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	byte	
nullPtrType	${f short}$	
nullPtrType	ushort	
$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	int	
$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	\mathbf{uint}	
$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	long	
$\operatorname{nullPtrType}$	\mathbf{ulong}	
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6.4.2 Binary Operator Functions

The static evaluator has a binary operator function for each supported binary operator. The binary operator function is a function template that delegates the evaluation to a C++ function function object. The following table shows supported binary operators, their corresponding binary operator functions, and C++ function objects that are used in evaluating binary expressions:

Binary Operator	Binary Operator Function	C++ Function Object
&&	Conjunction <valuet></valuet>	std::logical_and <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
П	Disjunction <valuet></valuet>	std::logical_or <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
^	BitXor <valuet></valuet>	std::bit_xor <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
	BitOr <valuet></valuet>	std::bit_or <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
&	BitAnd <valuet></valuet>	std::bit_and <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
%	Rem <valuet></valuet>	std::modulus <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
/	Div <valuet></valuet>	std::divides <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
*	Mul <valuet></valuet>	std::multiplies <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
_	Sub <valuet></valuet>	std::minus <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
+	Add <valuet></valuet>	std::plus <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
>>	ShiftRight <valuet></valuet>	<pre>shiftRightFun<valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype></pre>
<<	ShiftLeft <valuet></valuet>	<pre>shiftLeftFun<valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype></pre>
==	Equal <valuet></valuet>	std::equal_to <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
!=	NotEqual <valuet></valuet>	std::not_equal_to <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
<	Less <valuet></valuet>	std::less <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
>	Greater <valuet></valuet>	std::greater <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
<=	LessOrEqual <valuet></valuet>	std::less_equal <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>
>=	<pre>GreaterOrEqual<valuet></valuet></pre>	std::greater_equal <valuet::operandtype></valuet::operandtype>

6.4.3 Binary Expression Evaluation Algorithm

Finally here's the binary expression evaluation algorithm:

Algorithm 6.4.2. Evaluating a Binary Expression. Inputs to this algorithm are:

- ullet the target value type
- evaluation stack
- a binary operator function f,
- whether to perform cast.
- 1. Pop the right operand from the evaluation stack.
- 2. Pop the left operand from the evaluation stack.

- 3. Let *leftType* be the value type of the left operand. Let *rightType* be the value type of the right operand. Let *commonType* be the common value type computed using algorithm 6.4.1 for *leftType* and *rightType*.
- 4. If the target value type is wider than commonType, let operationType be target value type. Otherwise let operationType be commonType.
- 5. Convert the left and right operands to *operationType* type possibly performing a cast if requested.
- 6. Call the binary operator function f<operationType> using converted left and right operands as arguments.
- 7. Push the result to the evaluation stack.

6.5 Evaluating the Value Associated with a Symbol

Evaluation of the value associated with a symbol is done using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 6.5.1. Evaluating the Value Associated with a Symbol. Inputs to this algorithm are:

- a symbol and
- an evaluation stack.
- 1. If the symbol is a container symbol, create a new ScopedValue containing the container symbol, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- 2. Otherwise, if the symbol is a constant symbol, evaluate the expression of the constant symbol using algorithm 6.6.1, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- 3. Otherwise, if the symbol is an enumerated constant symbol, evaluate the expression of the enumeration constant symbol using algorithm 6.6.1, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- 4. Otherwise, throw an exception.

6.6 Evaluation of a Constant Expression

The main algorithm of this component is the evaluation of a constant expression:

Algorithm 6.6.1. Evaluating a Constant Expression. The inputs to this algorithm are:

- a constant expression represented as an abstract syntax tree node,
- a target value type, i.e. the type to which the evaluated result is finally converted,
- whether a cast is performed,
- a container scope and file scopes (see section 8.1) for symbol lookup.

The algorithm returns an instance of a class derived from Value class that contains the evaluated result.

The algorithm creates an instance of a static evaluator that is an abstract syntax tree visitor, and calls the Accept member function of the given abstract syntax tree node by giving the static evaluator instance as an argument. As a result of the visitation, the evaluated value will be in the top of the evaluation stack. Finally the evaluated value is popped off from the evaluation stack, converted to the required target type, and returned.

The static evaluator overrides the following visiting points:

- Visit(BooleanLiteralNode& booleanLiteralNode): Create an instance of a BoolValue containing the value from the booleanLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(SByteLiteralNode& sbyteLiteralNode): Create an instance of a SByteValue containing the value from the sbyteLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(ByteLiteralNode& byteLiteralNode): Create an instance of a ByteValue containing the value from the byteLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(ShortLiteralNode& shortLiteralNode): Create an instance of a ShortValue containing the value from the shortLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(UShortLiteralNode& ushortLiteralNode): Create an instance of a UShortValue containing the value from the ushortLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(IntLiteralNode& intLiteralNode): Create an instance of a IntValue containing the value from the intLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(UIntLiteralNode& uintLiteralNode): Create an instance of a UIntValue containing the value from the uintLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(LongLiteralNode& longLiteralNode): Create an instance of a LongValue containing the value from the longLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(ULongLiteralNode& ulongLiteralNode): Create an instance of a ULongValue containing the value from the ulongLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(FloatLiteralNode& floatLiteralNode): Create an instance of a FloatValue containing the value from the floatLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(DoubleLiteralNode& doubleLiteralNode): Create an instance of a DoubleValue containing the value from the doubleLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(CharLiteralNode& charLiteralNode): Create an instance of a CharValue containing the value from the charLiteralNode, and push it to the evaluation stack.
- EndVisit(DisjunctionNode& disjunctionNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Disjunction binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(ConjunctionNode& conjunctionNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Conjunction binary operator function, and cast as arguments.

- EndVisit(BitOrNode& bitOrNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, BitOr binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(BitXorNode& bitXorNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, BitXor binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(BitAndNode& bitAndNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, BitAnd binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(EqualNode& equalNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Equal binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(NotEqualNode& notEqualNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, NotEqual binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(LessNode& lessNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Less binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(GreaterNode& greaterNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Greater binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(LessOrEqualNode& lessOrEqualNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, LessOrEqual binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(GreaterOrEqualNode& greaterOrEqualNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, GreaterOrEqual binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(ShiftLeftNode& shiftLeftNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, ShiftLeft binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(ShiftRightNode& shiftRightNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, ShiftRight binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(AddNode& addNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Add binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(SubNode& subNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Sub binary operator function, and cast as arguments.

- EndVisit(MulNode& mulNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Mul binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(DivNode& divNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Div binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(RemNode& remNode): Evaluate a binary expression by calling algorithm 6.4.2 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Rem binary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(UnaryPlusNode& unaryPlusNode): Evaluate a unary expression by calling algorithm 6.3.1 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, UnaryPlus unary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(UnaryMinusNode& unaryMinusNode): Evaluate a unary expression by calling algorithm 6.3.1 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, UnaryMinus unary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(NotNode& notNode): Evaluate a unary expression by calling algorithm 6.3.1 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Not unary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(ComplementNode& complementNode): Evaluate a unary expression by calling algorithm 6.3.1 and giving the target value type, evaluation stack, Complement unary operator function, and cast as arguments.
- EndVisit(DotNode& dotNode): Pop a value from the evaluation stack. If the value is of ScopedValue type, lookup an identifier defined in the dotNode from the container scope of the container symbol defined in the ScopedValue using lookup algorithms in section 4.1.3. If a symbol is found, use algorithm 6.5.1 to evaluate the value associated with the symbol. Otherwise throw an exception.
- Visit(CastNode& castNode): Let e be the target type expression represented as an abstract syntax tree node that is contained by the castNode. Use the type resolver to resolve the type from e by using algorithm 7.2.1. Let t be the resolved type symbol. Let v be the value type for t. Evaluate the constant expression defined in the castNode by calling this algorithm recursively with v as the target type and cast to be true. Push the evaluated value to the evaluation stack.
- Visit(IdentifierNode& identifierNode): Lookup the identifier defined in the identifierNode from the container scope and file scopes (see section 8.1) using lookup algorithms in section 4.1.3. If a symbol is found, use algorithm 6.5.1 to evaluate the value associated with the symbol. Otherwise throw an exception.

6.7 Example

Let's go through evaluation the value of two constants defined in the following listing:

```
public const int a = 2;
public const int b = 2 * (a + 3);
```

When the source file containing previous definitions is parsed, the following abstract syntax tree is generated:

```
CompileUnitNode
NamespaceNode()
ConstantNode
IntNode
IdentifierNode(a)
SByteLiteralNode(2)
ConstantNode
IntNode
IdentifierNode(b)
MulNode
SByteLiteralNode(2)
AddNode
IdentifierNode(a)
SByteLiteralNode(3)
```

6.7.1 Evaluation of Constant a

For the constant a, the inputs for algorithm 6.6.1 are:

- constant expression node: SByteLiteraNode(2)
- target value type: int
- container scope: the global scope.

The following steps are executed:

- 1. Visit(SByteLiteralNode& sbyteLiteralNode) is called. This causes an SByteValue with value 2 to be created and pushed to the evaluation stack.
- 2. The SByteValue with value 2 is popped from the evaluation stack, converted to IntValue and returned.

6.7.2 Evaluation of Constant b

For the constant b, the inputs for algorithm 6.6.1 are:

• constant expression nodes:

```
MulNode
SByteLiteralNode(2)
AddNode
IdentifierNode(a)
SByteLiteralNode(3)
```

- target value type: int
- container scope: the global scope.

The following steps are executed:

- 1. Visit(SByteLiteralNode& sbyteLiteralNode) is called. This causes an SByteValue with value 2 to be created and pushed to the evaluation stack. Now the contents of the evaluation stack is: SByteValue(2).
- 2. Visit(IdentifierNode& identifierNode) is called.
 - (a) Identifier a is looked up from the global scope.
 - (b) Constant symbol a is found from the global scope.
 - (c) Algorithm 6.5.1 is executed with symbol a:
 - i. Symbol a is a constant symbol, so its value IntValue(2) is pushed to the evaluation stack.

Now the contents of the evaluation stack is: SByteValue(2), IntValue(2).

- 3. Visit(SByteLiteralNode& sbyteLiteralNode) is called. This causes an SByteValue with value 3 to be created and pushed to the evaluation stack. Now the contents of the evaluation stack is: SByteValue(2),IntValue(2),SByteValue(3).
- 4. EndVisit(AddNode& addNode) is called: Algorithm 6.4.2 is executed with Add binary operator function:
 - (a) Right operand SByteValue(3) is popped from the evaluation stack.
 - (b) Left operand IntValue(2) is popped from the evaluation stack.
 - (c) The leftType is int, rightType is sbyte, commonType is int and operationType is int.
 - (d) The right SByteValue(3) operand is converted to IntValue(3).
 - (e) Add<IntValue>(IntValue(2), IntValue(3)) is called and std::plus<int>()(2, 3) is evaluated.
 - (f) Result IntValue(5) is pushed to the evaluation stack.

Now the contents of the evaluation stack is: SByteValue(2), IntValue(5).

- 5. EndVisit(MulNode& mulNode) is called: Algorithm 6.4.2 is executed with Mul binary operator function:
 - (a) Right operand IntValue(5) is popped from the evaluation stack.
 - (b) Left operand SByteValue(2) is popped from the evaluation stack.

- (c) The leftType is **sbyte**, rightType is **int**, commonType is **int** and operationType is **int**.
- (d) The left SByteValue(2) operand is converted to IntValue(2).
- (e) Mul<IntValue>(IntValue(2), IntValue(5)) is called and std::multiplies<int>()(2, 5) is evaluated.
- (f) Result IntValue(10) is pushed to the evaluation stack.
- 6. The IntValue with value 10 is popped from the evaluation stack and returned.

Chapter 7

Type Resolver

The type resolver resolves a type symbol for given type expression represented as an abstract syntax tree node.

7.1 Type Symbol Hierarchy

The type symbol returned is one of the following:

```
TypeSymbol
```

```
{\tt BasicTypeSymbol}
```

BoolTypeSymbol

CharTypeSymbol

WCharTypeSymbol

UCharTypeSymbol

VoidTypeSymbol

SByteTypeSymbol

ByteTypeSymbol

ShortTypeSymbol

UShortTypeSymbol

IntTypeSymbol

UIntTypeSymbol

LongTypeSymbol

ULongTypeSymbol

FloatTypeSymbol

DoubleTypeSymbol

NullPtrTypeSymbol

 ${\tt DerivedTypeSymbol}$

EnumTypeSymbol

ClassTypeSymbol

TemplateTypeSymbol

InterfaceTypeSymbol

DelegateTypeSymbol

ClassDelegateTypeSymbol

TypeParameterSymbol

 ${\tt NamespaceTypeSymbol}$

7.2 Type Resolving Algorithms

Resolving a type is done using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 7.2.1. Resolve a Type. Inputs to this algorithm are:

- a type expression represented as an abstract syntax tree node
- a container scope and list of file scopes (see section 8.1) for symbol lookup,
- class template repository (see section 16.2.1).
- options: none or dontThrow.

The algorithm returns the resolved type symbol if successful. Otherwise either an exception will be thrown or null is returned depending on the options. The type resolver is implemented as an abstract syntax tree visitor.

- 1. The Accept member function of the type expression syntax tree node is called by giving the type resolver as the visitor argument.
- 2. As a result of visitation, the typeSymbol member variable holds the resolved type symbol that is returned to the caller.

The type resolver visitor overrides the following visitation points:

- Visit(BoolNode& boolNode): Set typeSymbol to BoolTypeSymbol.
- Visit(SByteNode& sbyteNode): Set typeSymbol to SByteTypeSymbol.
- Visit(ByteNode& byteNode): Set typeSymbol to ByteTypeSymbol.
- Visit(ShortNode& shortNode): Set typeSymbol to ShortTypeSymbol.
- Visit(UShortNode& ushortNode): Set typeSymbol to UShortTypeSymbol.
- Visit(IntNode& intNode): Set typeSymbol to IntTypeSymbol.
- Visit(UIntNode& uintNode): Set typeSymbol to UIntTypeSymbol.
- Visit(LongNode& longNode): Set typeSymbol to LongTypeSymbol.
- Visit(ULongNode& ulongNode): Set typeSymbol to ULongTypeSymbol.
- Visit(FloatNode& floatNode): Set typeSymbol to FloatTypeSymbol.
- Visit(DoubleNode& doubleNode): Set typeSymbol to DoubleTypeSymbol.
- Visit(CharNode& charNode): Set typeSymbol to CharTypeSymbol.
- Visit(WCharNode& wcharNode): Set typeSymbol to WCharTypeSymbol.
- Visit(UCharNode& ucharNode): Set typeSymbol to UCharTypeSymbol.
- Visit(VoidNode& voidNode): Set typeSymbol to VoidTypeSymbol.

- Visit(DerivedTypeExprNode& derivedTypeExprNode): The DerivedTypeExprNode contains:
 - base type expression represented as an abstract syntax tree node
 - a list of array dimensions represented as abstract syntax tree nodes
 - a list of derivations where derivation is either
 - 1. const.
 - 2. reference,
 - 3. rvalue reference, or
 - 4. pointer

Steps for resolving a type symbol from DerivedTypeExprNode are:

- 1. Resolve the base type from the base type expression by calling this algorithm recursively.
- 2. Evaluate the array dimensions from the list of array dimension syntax tree nodes using static evaluator (algorithm 6.6.1).
- 3. Make derived type symbol using type repository algorithm 5.4.1 with list of derivations, base type symbol, and array dimensions as arguments.
- 4. Set typeSymbol to returned derived type symbol.
- Visit(TemplateIdNode& templateIdNode): The TemplateIdNode contains:
 - an abstract syntax tree node that represents the primary class type of a class template specialization (definition 5.1.1).
 - a list of abstract syntax tree nodes that represent the type arguments of a class template specialization.

Steps for resolving a type symbol from TemplateIdNode are:

- 1. Resolve the primary class type symbol by calling this algorithm recursively. Let p be the resolved primary class type symbol. Let n be the number of type parameters of the primary class type symbol.
- 2. Resolve the type arguments by calling this algorithm recursively. Let a be the list of type arguments resolved. Let m be the length of list a.
- 3. If m < n use algorithm 16.2.3 of class template repository to resolve default type arguments and append them to list a.
- 4. Make a class template specialization symbol using algorithm 5.4.10 of type repository with arguments p and a.
- 5. Set typeSymbol to returned class template specialization type symbol.
- Visit(IdentifierNode& identifierNode): Steps for resolving a type symbol from IdentifierNode are:
 - 1. Lookup a symbol for identifier contained by the identifierNode from the container scope and file scopes using algorithms in section 4.1.3.

- 2. If successful, use algorithm 7.2.2 to resolve the type associated with the symbol found and set it to typeSymbol.
- 3. Otherwise either throw an exception, or set typeSymbol to null depending on options.
- EndVisit(DotNode& dotNode): Steps for resolving a type symbol from DotNode are:
 - 1. At this point typeSymbol should contain a type symbol that represents the left part before the dot.
 - 2. If typeSymbol is ClassTypeSymbol, let c be the container scope of the ClassTypeSymbol.
 - 3. Otherwise if typeSymbol is NamespaceTypeSymbol, let c be the container scope of the namespace symbol contained by the NamespaceTypeSymbol.
 - 4. Lookup a symbol for identifier contained by the $\mathtt{dotNode}$ from the container scope c
 - 5. If successful, use algorithm 7.2.2 to resolve the type associated with the symbol found and set it to typeSymbol.
 - 6. Otherwise either throw an exception, or set typeSymbol to null depending on options.

The algorithm used to resolve a type symbol associated with a symbol follows:

Algorithm 7.2.2. Resolving a Type Symbol Associated with a Symbol. Inputs to this algorithm are:

- a symbol
- options: none or dontThrow

The algorithm returns a type symbol if successful, or either throws an exception or returns null depending on options otherwise. If the symbol is:

- 1. a TypeSymbol return the type symbol itself.
- 2. a TypedefSymbol return the type symbol associated with the TypedefSymbol.
- 3. a BoundTypeParameterSymbol return the type symbol associated with the BoundTypeParameterSymbol.
- 4. a NamespaceSymbol create a NamespaceTypeSymbol that contains the namespace symbol and return it.
- 5. Otherwise either throw an exception or return null depending on options.

7.3 Example

Consider the following code:

The following abstract syntax tree is generated from the code above:

```
CompileUnitNode
    NamespaceNode()
        ClassNode(Set)
            TemplateParameterNode
                IdentifierNode(T)
            TemplateParameterNode
                IdentifierNode(C)
                TemplateIdNode
                    IdentifierNode(System.Less)
                    IdentifierNode(T)
        FunctionNode
            FunctionGroupIdNode(foo)
            ParameterNode
                DerivedTypeExprNode
                    Derivation.const
                    Derivation.reference
                    TemplateIdNode
                        IdentifierNode(Set)
                         IntNode
                IdentifierNode(x)
            CompoundStatementNode
```

The following symbol table is generated from the abstract syntax tree above:

```
NamespaceSymbol()
    ClassTypeSymbol(Set)
        TypeParameterSymbol(T)
        TypeParameterSymbol(C)
    FunctionSymbol(foo)
        ParameterSymbol(x)
        DeclarationBlock
```

Here we go through the steps for resolving a type for the parameter x of the function foo. The type resolver is given the following parameters as input:

• type expression:

```
DerivedTypeExprNode
Derivation.const
Derivation.reference
TemplateIdNode
IdentifierNode(Set)
IntNode
```

- scopes:
 - container scope: the global scope
 - file scopes: -
- class template repository
- options: none
- 1. Visit(DerivedTypeExprNode& derivedTypeExprNode):
 - the base type expression is:

```
TemplateIdNode
    IdentifierNode(Set)
    IntNode
```

- no array dimensions.
- derivations are: Derivation.const Derivation.reference
- 2. Calling algorithm 7.2.1 for base type expression:
- 3. Visit(TemplateIdNode& templateIdNode):
 - abstract syntax tree node representing the primary class type is: IdentifierNode(Set)
 - abstract syntax tree nodes representing type arguments are: IntNode

Calling algorithm 7.2.1 for primary class type:

- 4. Visit(IdentifierNode& identifierNode): Looking up identifier Set: Symbol ClassTypeSymbol(Set) found.
- 5. Resolving the type symbol using algorithm 7.2.2 yields ClassTypeSymbol(Set) itself.
- 6. Return the type symbol ClassTypeSymbol(Set) as the primary class type.
- 7. Calling algorithm 7.2.1 for type argument IntNode:
- 8. Visit(IntNode& intNode): Return IntTypeSymbol as a type argument.
- 9. The primary class type has two type parameters, but the list of type arguments contain only one type symbol, so algorithm 16.2.3 of class template repository is used to resolve the second type argument to System.Less<int>.

- 10. Algorithm 5.4.10 is used to make a class template specialization Set<int, System.Less<int>>.
- 11. Make derived type symbol using type repository algorithm 5.4.1 with list of derivations const and reference and base type Set<int, System.Less<int>>.
- 12. Finally a type symbol const Set<int, System.Less<int>>& is returned.

Chapter 8

Importing Namespaces, and Binding Types and Values

The next phase of compilation is driven by a subcomponent of the binder called the *prebinder*. The prebinder visits the abstract syntax trees of each compile unit in turn and

- imports namespaces,
- defines aliases for symbols,
- binds types and values to symbols,
- sets access to symbols, and
- checks the validity of specifiers.

8.1 Importing Namespaces into File Scopes

A file scope consists of container scopes of imported namespaces and aliases for symbols in the header of a Cmajor source file. For example, the following Cmajor source file contains two namespace imports and two symbol aliases:

```
using System; // imported namespace
using System. Collections; // imported namespace
using Str = System. String; // alias for type symbol
using StrLen = System. Support. StrLen; // alias for function group
```

Thus the file scope for the previous Cmajor source file contains container scopes for namespaces System and System.Collections, and alias mappings from strings Str and StrLen to symbols System.String and System.Support.StrLen respectively.

Looking up a symbol for a name from a file scope is done using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 8.1.1. Lookup a Name from a File Scope.

- 1. Search the name from the alias mappings of the file scope.
- 2. If the name is found, return the mapped symbol.
- 3. Otherwise, lookup the name from the container scopes of the file scope.

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- 4. If more than one symbol found, report the ambiguity by throwing an exception.
- 5. Otherwise, if exactly one symbol is found, return the symbol found.
- 6. Otherwise, no symbols found, so return null.

8.2 Binding Types and Values

The type resolver (see section 7) is used to resolve:

- types of constants,
- underlying types of enumerated types, when specified,
- types of local and member variables
- base class types and implemented interface types for class types,
- parameter and return types of functions, delegates and class delegates, and
- types of typedefs.

The static evaluator (see section 6) is used to evaluate:

- values of constants, and
- values of enumeration constants.

8.3 Setting Access to Symbols

In Cmajor one can associate one of the following access specifiers to a namespace-level or class-level object:

- public
- protected
- internal
- private

Setting access to a symbol is done using the following algorithm:

Algorithm 8.3.1. Setting Access to a Symbol. Let s be one of the symbols:

- ClassTypeSymbol
- ConceptSymbol
- ConstantSymbol
- DelegateTypeSymbol
- ClassDelegateTypeSymbol

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- EnumTypeSymbol
- FunctionSymbol
- InterfaceTypeSymbol
- MemberVariableSymbol
- TypedefSymbol

Let n be the abstract syntax tree node that corresponds s. Let a be the set of access specifiers defined for n. If n is a member of a class, let access be **private**, otherwise let access be **internal**.

- 1. If a is {public}, set access to public.
- 2. Otherwise, if a is {**protected**}:
 - (a) If *n* is a member of a class, set *access* to **protected**.
 - (b) Otherwise throw exception only class members can have protected access.
- 3. Otherwise, if a is {internal}, set access to internal.
- 4. Otherwise, if a is {**private**}:
 - (a) If n is a member of a class, set access to **private**.
 - (b) Otherwise throw exception only class members can have private access.
- 5. Otherwise, if a is not empty, throw exception invalid combination of access specifiers.
- 6. Set access of s to access.

8.4 Checking Access to a Symbol

Algorithm 8.4.1. Checking Access to a Symbol. Inputs: a symbol from where you access a symbol, *source*, a target symbol you access, *target*.

- 1. Let targetFun be the function symbol that contains the target symbol, if any.
- 2. If targetFun is not null,
 - (a) Let source Fun be the function symbol that is or contains the source symbol.
 - (b) If sourceFun is equal to the targetFun, return.
- 3. If source is a function symbol,
 - (a) If *source* is a function template specialization, return.
 - (b) If source is a member of a class template specialization, return.
- 4. Let targetClass be the class symbol that contains the target symbol, if any.
- 5. If targetClass is not null, check access from source to targetClass by calling this algorithm recursively.

- 6. If access of target is
 - public, return.
 - protected,
 - (a) Let sourceClass be the class symbol that contains the source symbol, if any.
 - (b) If sourceClass is not null,
 - i. If targetClass is same as, parent of, or ancestor of sourceClass, return.
 - ii. If sourceClass is derived from targetClass, return.
 - internal, return.
 - private,
 - (a) If targetClass is not null,
 - i. Let sourceClass be the class symbol tha contains the source symbol, if any.
 - ii. If targetClass is same as, parent of, or ancestor of sourceClass, return.
- 7. Report error: target "is inaccessible due to its protection level".

8.5 Checking the Validity of Specifiers

The following table shows possible specifiers for each symbol:¹

Specifiers
static abstract public protected private internal
public protected private internal
public protected private internal
nothrow throw public protected private internal
nothrow throw public protected private internal
public protected private internal
static explicit extern suppress default inline cdecl
nothrow throw abstract virtual override new public
protected private internal
public protected private internal
static public protected private internal
public protected private internal

 $^{^{1}}$ not all combination are valid

Chapter 9

Binding Polymorphic Classes

Definition 9.0.1. A polymorphic class is a class that has one or more virtual, overridden or abstract member function, implements an interface, or has a base class that is polymorphic.

The next phase of compilation is to construct virtual function tables and interface tables. A virtual function table, or vtable for short, is a table of pointers to virtual functions. An interface table, or itable for short, is a table of pointers to functions that implement an interface. A polymorphic class has one vtable, and it has an itable for each interface it implements.

9.1 Constructing a Virtual Function Table

In Cmajor, the first entry of a virtual function table is reserved for the run-time type information table pointer, or RTTI table pointer, for a class. Other entries are pointers to virtual functions that this class or one of its base classes implement. A virtual function with signature $foo(type_1, \ldots, type_n)$ has always the same index in the vtable regardless of the class object used for calling it. A virtual function call is implemented by loading the vtable pointer of the class object using the this-pointer, the implicit first argument of each member function, then loading the virtual function pointer from the vtable in the index of the virtual function, and calling that function.

Algorithm 9.1.1. Initializing the VTable. Inputs: a class type symbol for which to initialize the vtable.

- 1. If the class has a base class,
 - (a) Initialize vtable of the base class by calling this algorithm recursively for the base class symbol.
 - (b) If the base class is polymorphic, set this class also polymorphic.
- 2. If this class is polymorphic,
 - (a) If the class does not have a base class, or has a nonpolymorphic base class,
 - i. If the class has a base class, set virtual function table pointer index of this class to 1,
 - ii. otherwise, set virtual function table pointer index of this class to 0.

- (b) Call algorithm InitVtbl (9.1.2) with this class and this classes' vtable.
- (c) For each virtual function in the vtable of this class,
 - i. If the virtual function is abstract, but this class is not declared abstract, report error "class containing abstract member functions must be declared abstract".

Algorithm 9.1.2. InitVtbl. Inputs: a class symbol and a vtable, *vtblToInit*, belonging to that class or one of the classes derived from it.

- 1. If this class has a base class, call this algorithm recursily for the base class symbol and vtblToInit that belongs to this class.
- 2. If *vtblToInit* is empty, set the first entry to null pointer, thus reserving it to the RTTI table pointer.
- 3. Let *virtualFunctions* be a list of virtual functions initially empty.
- 4. If this class has a destructor,
 - (a) If the destructor is virtual or overridden, add the destructor to virtualFunctions.
- 5. For each symbol this class contains:
 - (a) If the symbol is a function symbol,
 - i. if the symbol is not destructor and it is virtual, abstract or overridden function symbol, add the symbol to the end of *virtualFunctions*.
- 6. Let n be size of virtualFuctions + 1, the number virtual functions plus one entry for RTTI table pointer.
- 7. For i = 1, ..., n 1:
 - (a) Let f be virtualFunctions[i-1].
 - (b) Let found be false.
 - (c) Let m be the number of entries in the vtblToInit list.
 - (d) For j = 1, ..., m-1:
 - i. Let v be vtblToInit[j].
 - ii. If f overrides v (algorithm 9.1.3),
 - A. If f is not declared as **override**, report error "overriding function should be declared with override specifier" and exit.
 - B. If f is declared as throw, but v is declared as nothrow or vice versa, report error "overriding function has conflicting nothrow specification compared to base class virtual function" and exit.
 - C. Set virtual function table index of f to j.
 - D. Set vtblToInit[j] to f.
 - E. Set *found* to **true** and break the loop.
 - (e) If found is false,
 - i. If f is declared as **override**, report error "no suitable function to override" and exit.

ii. Set the virtual function table index of f to m, and add f to the end of vtblToInit.

Algorithm 9.1.3. Overrides. Inputs: function symbols f and g. The algorithm returns **true**, if f overrides g, and **false** otherwise.

- 1. If f is not a member function symbol, or g is not a member function symbol, return false.
- 2. If f and g have the same function group name and the same number of parameters,
 - (a) For each parameter p of f and each corresponding parameter q of g, except the first one which is the this-pointer parameter,
 - i. If the type of p is not equal to the type of q, return false.
 - (b) Return true.
- 3. Otherwise, return false.

9.2 Constructing Interface Tables

Algorithm 9.2.1. Initialize Interface Tables. Inputs: class type symbol for which to initialize the interface tables, itabs.

- 1. If the class type does not implement any interfaces, return.
- 2. Set the class type symbol polymorphic.
- 3. If the class does not have any virtual functions, set the first entry of the vtable to zero, thus reserving it to the RTTI table pointer.
- 4. For each interface type symbol that the class implements:
 - (a) Add to the end of *itabs*, the list of itables, an empty itable that contains as many entries as there are member functions in the interface type.
 - (b) Set the itable to contain the interface type symbol.
- 5. For each symbol the class type contains:
 - (a) If the symbol is a function symbol,
 - i. Let fun be the symbol.
 - ii. For each itable, itab, in itabs:
 - A. Let intf be the interface type symbol contained by the itable.
 - B. For each member function symbol of int f:
 - \bullet Let intfFun be the member function symbol.
 - If fun implements int fFun (algorithm 9.2.2), set the entry with index of int fFun of it ab to fun.
- 6. For each itable, *itab*, in *itabs*:
 - (a) For each entry in itab:

i. If the entry is empty, report error: "interface function missing".

Algorithm 9.2.2. Implements. Inputs: function symbols f and g. The algorithm returns true if f implements g, and false otherwise.

- 1. If the function group names of f and g are not same, return false.
- 2. If f or g has no return type, return **false**.
- 3. If return types of f and g are not the same, return false.
- 4. If the number of parameters of f and g are not the same, return false.
- 5. For each parameter p of f and corresponding parameter q of g:
 - (a) If p and q are first parameters, if type of p is a **const** type and type of q is not a **const** type, or vice versa, return **false**.
 - (b) Otherwise, if type of p is not equal to the type of q, return false.
- 6. If f is throw and g is nothrow or vice versa, report error "implementing function has conflicting nothrow specification compared to interface function".
- 7. Return **true**.

Chapter 10

Function Repositories

A function repository is a container of certain kinds of functions. It is used for collecting viable functions for overload resolution and caching them per compilation unit basis. Each function repository matches its function signatures with the group name (see definition 4.1.1), arity (see definition 4.1.2) and arguments of searched functions. The results are collected to a list of viable functions.

In the start of the compilation of a compile unit, each function repository is empty. When a matching function signature is found, a function with that signature is created and inserted to the function repository. If later in compilation of the compile unit, the same signature is found again, the cached function is inserted to viable functions.

The function repositories are:

- derived type operation repository
- enumerated type operation repository
- array type operation repository
- interface type operation repository
- delegate type operation repository
- class delegate type operation repository
- synthesized class function repository

10.1 Collecting Viable Functions from Function Repositories

When searching for matching functions, the caller provides argument information structures for function signature matching.

An argument information structure contains:

- category of argument (rvalue or lvalue),
- type of argument, and
- whether to bind argument to an rvalue reference.

The following algorithm is used for collecting viable functions from function repositories:

Algorithm 10.1.1. Collecting Viable Functions from a Function Repository. Inputs to this algorithm are:

- a function repository,
- the group name of searched functions,
- arity of searched functions,
- argument information structures, and
- reference to a list of viable functions.
- 1. For each signature of the function repository that matches the group name, arity and argument infomation:
 - (a) If a function with that signature is found in the function repository, it is inserted to the list of viable functions.
 - (b) Otherwise, the function with the signature is created, inserted to the function repository, and inserted to the list of viable functions.

10.2 Derived Type Operation Repository

The following table shows functions contained by the derived type operation repository:

Signature	Condition	Function Symbol
@constructor(P*)	P is a pointer type	DefaultCtor(P)
<pre>@constructor(P*, P)</pre>	P is a pointer type	CopyCtor(P)
<pre>@constructor(P*, const P&)</pre>	P is a pointer type	CopyCtor(P)
<pre>@constructor(P*, P&&)</pre>	P is a pointer type	MoveCtor(P)
<pre>@constructor(P*, void*)</pre>	P is a pointer type	<pre>ConvertingCtor(P, void*, @E)</pre>
<pre>@constructor(P*, @NP)</pre>	P is a pointer type	ConvertingCtor(P, @NP)
<pre>@constructor(P*, Q)</pre>	(1)	ConvertingCtor(P, Q, @E)
<pre>@constructor(C* D)</pre>	(2)	CopyCtor(C)
<pre>@constructor(C* D)</pre>	(3)	CopyCtor(C, @E)
<pre>@constructor(void**, void*)</pre>		CopyCtor(void*)
<pre>@constructor(void**, P)</pre>	P is a pointer type	<pre>ConvertingCtor(void*, P)</pre>
<pre>@constructor(R*, R)</pre>	R is a reference type	CopyCtor(R)
<pre>@constructor(E*, F)</pre>	(4)	CopyCtor(E)
<pre>@constructor(E*, F)</pre>	(5)	CopyCtor(E, @E)
<pre>@constructor(RR*, RR)</pre>	RR is an rvalue reference type	CopyCtor(RR)
operator=(P*, P)	P is a pointer type	CopyAssignment(P)
operator=(P*, const P&)	P is a pointer type	CopyAssignment(P)
operator=(P*, P&&)	P is a pointer type	MoveAssignment(P)
operator=(P*, @NP)	P is a pointer type	CopyAssignment(P, @NP)

operator=(C*, D)	(2)	CopyAssignment(C)
operator=(C*, D)	(3)	CopyAssignment(C, @E)
operator=(R*, R)	R is a reference type	CopyAssignment(R)
operator=(E*, F)	(4)	CopyAssignment(E)
operator=(E*, F)	(5)	CopyAssignment(E, @E)
operator=(RR*, RR)	RR is an rvalue reference type	CopyAssignment(RR)
operator==(P, P)	P is a pointer type	OpEqual(P)
operator==(P, @NP)	P is a pointer type	OpEqual(P)
operator==(@NP, P)	P is a pointer type	OpEqual(P)
operator==(C, D)	(2)	OpEqual(C)
operator==(C, D)	(3)	OpEqual(D)
operator<(P, P)	P is a pointer type	OpLess(P)
operator<(C, D)	(2)	OpLess(C)
operator+(P, I)	(6)	<pre>OpAddPtrInt(P)</pre>
operator+(I, P)	(6)	OpAddIntPtr(P)
operator-(P, P)	P is a pointer type	OpSubPtrPtr(P)
operator-(P, I)	(6)	<pre>OpSubPtrInt(P)</pre>
operator*(P)	P is a pointer type	OpDeref(P)
operator->(P)	P is a pointer type	OpArrow(P)
operator++(P)	P is a pointer type	OpIncPtr(P)
operator(P)	P is a pointer type	OpDecPtr(P)
operator&(T)		<pre>OpAddrOf(@PT(T)*)</pre>

[@]E = explicit conversion, i.e. requires a cast

- (1) P is a pointer type and Q is a pointer type
- (2) C is a pointer type and D is a pointer type and base type of C is a class type and base type of D is a class type and D is derived from C
- (3) C is a pointer type and D is a pointer type and base type of C is a class type and base type of D is a class type and C is derived from D
- (4) E is a reference type and F is a reference type and base type of E is a class type and base type of F is a class type and F is derived from E
- (5) E is a reference type and F is a reference type and base type of E is a class type and base type of F is a class type and E is derived from F
- (6) P is a pointer type and I is an integer type

10.3 Enumerated Type Operation Repository

The following table shows functions contained by the enumerated type operation repository:

Signature	Condition	Function Symbol
<pre>@constructor(E*)</pre>	E is an enumerated type	DefaultCtor(E)
<pre>@constructor(E*, E)</pre>	E is an enumerated type	CopyCtor(E)
<pre>@constructor(E*, const E&)</pre>	E is an enumerated type	CopyCtor(E)
<pre>@constructor(E*, E&&)</pre>	E is an enumerated type	MoveCtor(E)

[@]NP = null pointer type

[@]PT(T) = plain type of T

<pre>@constructor(E*, I)</pre>	(1)	ConvertingCtor(E, @U(E), @E)
operator=(E*, E)	E is an enumerated type	CopyAssignment(E)
operator=(E*, const E&)	E is an enumerated type	CopyAssignment(E)
operator=(E*, E&&)	E is an enumerated type	MoveAssignment(E)
operator==(E, E)	E is an enumerated type	OpEqual(E)
operator<(E, E)	E is an enumerated type	OpLess(E)

```
@E = explicit conversion, i.e. requires a cast
```

10.4 Array Type Operation Repository

The following table shows functions contained by the array type operation repository:

Signature	Condition	Function Symbol
@constructor(A*)	A is an array type	ArrayTypeDefaultConstructor(A)
<pre>@constructor(A*, A)</pre>	A is an array type	<pre>ArrayTypeCopyConstructor(A)</pre>
<pre>@constructor(A*, const A&)</pre>	A is an array type	<pre>ArrayTypeCopyConstructor(A)</pre>
operator=(A*, A)	A is an array type	${\tt ArrayTypeCopyAssignment(A)}$
operator=(A*, const A&)	A is an array type	${\tt ArrayTypeCopyAssignment(A)}$
operator[](A*, I)	(1)	ArrayIndexing(A)

(1) A is an array type and I is an integer type

10.5 Interface Type Operation Repository

The following table shows functions contained by the interface type operation repository:

Signature	Condition	Function Symbol
@constructor(I*)	I is an interface type	<pre>InterfaceObjectDefaultCtor(I)</pre>
<pre>@constructor(I*, I)</pre>	I is an interface type	<pre>InterfaceObjectCopyCtor(I)</pre>
<pre>@constructor(I*, const I&)</pre>	I is an interface type	<pre>InterfaceObjectCopyCtor(I)</pre>
<pre>@constructor(I*, C*)</pre>	(1)	<pre>InterfaceObjectFromClassPtrCtor(I, C*)</pre>
operator=(I*, I)	I is an interface type	<pre>InterfaceObjectCopAssignment(I)</pre>
operator=(I*, const I&)	I is an interface type	<pre>InterfaceObjectCopAssignment(I)</pre>
operator==(I, I)	I is an interface type	<pre>InterfaceObjectOpEqual(I)</pre>

(1) I is an interface type and C is a class type

10.6 Delegate Type Operation Repository

The following table shows functions contained by the delegate type operation repository:

[@]U(E) = underlying type of E

⁽¹⁾ E is an enumerated type and I is an integer type

Signature	Condition	Function Symbol
@constructor(D*)	D is a delegate type	DefaultCtor(D)
<pre>@constructor(D*, D)</pre>	D is a delegate type	CopyCtor(D)
<pre>@constructor(D*, const D&)</pre>	D is a delegate type	CopyCtor(D)
<pre>@constructor(D*, D&&)</pre>	D is a delegate type	MoveCtor(D)
<pre>@constructor(D*, G)</pre>	(1)	<pre>DelegateFromFunCtor(D, @F(D, G))</pre>
operator=(D*, D)	D is a delegate type	CopyAssignment(D)
operator=(D*, const D&)	D is a delegate type	CopyAssignment(D)
operator=(D*, D&&)	D is a delegate type	MoveAssignment(D)
operator=(D*, G	(1)	<pre>DelegateFromFunAssignment(D, @F(D, G))</pre>
operator==(D, D)	D is a delegate type	OpEqual(D)
operator<(D, D)	D is a delegate type	OpLess(D)

@F(D, G) = function symbol resolved from delegate type D and function group G

(1) D is a delegate type and G is a function group type

10.7 Class Delegate Type Operation Repository

The following table shows functions contained by the class delegate type operation repository:

Condition	Function Symbol
(1)	ClassDelegateDefaultCtor(CD)
(1)	ClassDelegateCopyCtor(CD)
(1)	ClassDelegateMoveCtor(CD)
(2)	<pre>ClassDelegateFromFunCtor(CD, @F(CD, C, G))</pre>
(1)	ClassDelegateCopyAssignment(CD)
(1)	ClassDelegateMoveAssignment(CD)
(2)	ClassDelegateFromFunAssignment(CD, @F(CD, C, G)
(1)	ClassDelegateEqualOp(CD)
	(1) (1) (1) (2) (1) (1)

@F(CD, C, G) = function symbol resolved from class delegate type CD, class type C and function group G

- (1) CD is a class delegate type
- (2) CD is a class delegate type, C is a class type and G is a function group type

10.8 Synthesized Class Function Repository

The following table shows functions contained by the synthesized class function repository:

Condition	Function Symbol
C is a class type	ClassDefaultCtor(C)
C is a class type	ClassCopyCtor(C)
C is a class type	ClassMoveCtor(C)
C is a class type	<pre>ClassCopyAssignment(C)</pre>
C is a class type	${\tt ClassMoveAssignment(C)}$
-	C is a class type C is a class type C is a class type C is a class type

operator==(C, C) C is a class type ClassOpEqual(C)

Chapter 11

Overload Resolution

We begin by describing the main algorithm for overload resolution, and then take a look at the details in the following sections.

11.1 Main Algorithm

The task of overload resolution is to select a single best matching function overload from a set of viable function overloads for a function call. Overload resolution proceeds as follows:

Algorithm 11.1.1. Overload Resolution. Inputs: The group name and arity of searched functions. A list of argument information structures (10.1). A list of <scope_kinds, scope> pairs, where scope_kinds is a combination of this, base, parent and file scope kinds, and scope is a container or file scope.

- 1. A set of viable functions is collected from the function repositories (chapter 10) and from the symbol table from the provided scopes. Each viable function has the same group name (see definition 4.1.1) and arity (see definition 4.1.2).
- 2. For each viable function:
 - (a) If the viable function is an ordinary function, that is: not a function template, and the types of the arguments of the function call can be converted to the types of the viable function's parameters using algorithm 11.3, insert the viable function to a list of matching functions.
 - (b) Otherwise, if the viable function is a function template: If the types of the arguments of the function call can be bound to the type parameters of the viable function template using algorithm 11.5.1, and the constraint of the function template is satisfied for the bound template argument types (algorithm 12.2.1), insert the viable function template to a list of matching functions.
- 3. (a) If there are no matching functions, report error

```
no matching functions found, or there are no acceptable conversion for all argument types
```

- (b) Otherwise, if there is exactly one matching function, the overload resolution succeeds: If the matching function is a function template or member of a class template, it is instantiated with bound template arguments (algorithm 16.1.1 or 16.2.2) and the instance is returned; otherwise (the matching function is not a function template and not member of a class template) it is simply returned.
- (c) Otherwise:
 - i. Sort the list of matching functions according to the function ordering rules (see section 11.4).
 - ii. If a single best matching function is found, the overload resolution succeeds: If the best matching function is a function template or member of a class template, it is instantiated with bound template arguments (algorithm 16.1.1 or 16.2.2) and the instance is returned; otherwise (the best matching function is not a function template and not member of a class template) it is simply returned.
 - iii. Otherwise, report ambiguous overload resolution error with references to ambiguous functions.

11.2 Examples

Consider the following example:

Example 11.2.1. Successful Overload Resolution.

```
public void foo(int x)
2
4
5
   public void foo(long x)
6
7
        // ...
8
9
10
   void main()
11
12
        foo(1);
13
14
```

There is two matching viable functions, foo(int) and foo(long)), for a function call foo(1) at line 13. Neither of them matches exactly, because foo(sbyte) would be an exact match. However, foo(int) is a better match than foo(long), because the *conversion distance* of sbyte to int, i.e. 3, is less than the conversion distance of sbyte to long, i.e. 5. In this case the overload resolution is successful, and function foo(int) will be called.

Now, consider the following code:

Example 11.2.2. Unsuccessful Overload Resolution.

```
public void foo(int x, long y) {}
public void foo(long x, int y) {}

void main()
{
    foo(1, 1);
}
```

In this case, the first overload, foo(int, long) is a better match for the first sbyte argument, but the second overload foo(long, int) is a better match for the second sbyte argument. However neither of them is better than the other according to the function ordering rules (section 11.4), so the overload resolution fails with an error:

11.3 Finding Conversions

The following algorithm is used for finding conversions from argument types to parameter types:

Algorithm 11.3.1. Find Conversions. Input to this algorithm are:

- List of parameters of a viable function.
- List of argument information structures (see section 10.1) for the function call to resolve.
- Conversion type implicit (default) or explicit.
- Let m be a reference to an initially empty list of argument matches associated with the viable function.

The algorithm returns **true** if conversions of argument types to parameter types exist, and **false** otherwise.

- 1. Let n be the number of parameters of the viable function and the number of argument information structures.
- 2. For i = 1, ..., n:

- (a) Let a be i'th argument information structure. Let p the type of i'th parameter.
- (b) If the type of argument in the argument information structure a is equal to the type of parameter p, append an exactMatch to the list of argument matches m.
- (c) Otherwise:
 - i. If the parameter type p is a nonconst lvalue reference type and the category of argument in the argument information structore a is not lvalue, or the type of argument in the argument information structure a is const type, return false.
 - ii. Otherwise, if the parameter type p is an rvalue reference type, and the type of argument in the argument information structure a is not rvalue reference type and cannot bind to rvalue reference type according to the argument information structure a, return **false**.
- (d) Otherwise, if the plain type of type of argument in the argument information structure a is equal to the plain type of p, append an exactMatch to the list of argument matches m with derivation counts of the argument type and the parameter type.
- (e) Otherwise, if the plain type of the type of argument in the argument information structure a is an array type and plain type of p is pointer type, append a conversion match with distance 1 to the list of argument matches m with derivation counts of the argument type and the parameter type.
- (f) Otherwise, if the base type of the type of argument in the argument information structure a is a class type and is derived from the base type of p, append a conversion match with the distance of argument class type to the parameter class type to the list of argument matches m with derivation counts of the argument type and the parameter type.
- (g) Otherwise, if the conversion type is **explicit** and the base type of p is a class type and the the base type of the type of argument in the argument information structure a is a class type derived from p, append a **conversion** match with the distance of argument class type to the parameter class type to the list of argument matches m with derivation counts of the argument type and the parameter type.
- (h) Otherwise, if there exists converting constructor or conversion function from plain parameter type to the plain argument type, or vice versa, let c be the converting constructor or conversion function, append a conversion argument match with the conversion distance of c to the list of argument matches m with derivation counts of the argument type and the parameter type.
- (i) Otherwise, return false.
- 3. Return true.

11.4 Ordering of Matching Functions

The ordering of matching functions is based on lists of argument match structures associated with the matching functions and the properties of the matching functions themselves.

11.4.1 Argument Match Structures

An argument match structure contains:

- Conversion rank: exactMatch, promotion, conversion. When comparing these exactMatch is better than promotion and promotion is better than conversion. See section 4.2.1.5.
- Conversion distance. Shorter conversion distance is preferred over longer conversion distance.
- Parameter derivation counts. These are compared lexicographically: first the number of **const**s, then lvalue references, then rvalue references and finally pointers. The less derivations, the better.
- Argument derivation counts. Same comparison as above.

Argument match structures are compared lexicographically: first conversion ranks, then conversion distances, then parameter derivation counts and finally argument derivation counts.

11.4.2 Comparison Criteria Informally

When comparing two matching functions, we first compare their arguments.

- If the first function has more better matching arguments than the second one, we select the first, otherwise if the second function has more better matching arguments than the first one, we select the second.
- Then we compare total conversions made for these functions. If the first function requires fewer conversions than the second one, we select the first, otherwise if the second function requires fewer conversions than the first one, we select the second.
- Now the functions to compare have equal number of equally good (or equally bad) conversions, we prefer a function than is not a template and not instantiated from a template over a function template or a function that is instantiated from a function template.
- Now if they are both function templates or neither one is a function template, we have some special rules regarding array constructors and assignments.
- Now if they are both function templates:
 - We prefer a function template that has a constraint over a nonconstrained function template.
 - If both are constrained function templates, we use the *imply* relation to select the function template that has more strict constraint.

11.4.3 Comparison Algorithm

Ordering of matching functions is defined by comparing matching functions and their associated argument match structure lists pairwise:

Algorithm 11.4.1. Comparing Two Matching Functions. Returns **true** if the first matching function is a better match than the second matching function, and **false** otherwise.

- 1. Let left be the first matching function and right the second matching function.
- 2. Let la be the list of argument match structures for the parameters of left, and ra be the list of argument match structures for the parameters of right.
- 3. Let lb be the number of left better matching arguments and rb be the number right better matching arguments. Initially set lb and rb to zero.
- 4. For each argument match structure of la, say la_i and each corresponding argument match structure of ra, say ra_i :
 - (a) If la_i is better argument match than ra_i , increment lb, else if ra_i is better argument match than la_i increment rb.
- 5. If lb > rb return **true**, else if rb > lb return **false**.
- 6. Otherwise, if the total number of conversions for left is less than the total number of conversions for right, return **true**.
- 7. Otherwise, if the total number of conversions for right is less than the total number of conversions for left, return false.
- 8. Otherwise, if left is not a function template and right is a function template, return true.
- 9. Otherwise, if right is not a function template and left is a function template, return false.
- 10. Otherwise, if left is not a function template specialization and right is a function template specialization, return true.
- 11. Otherwise, if right is not a function template specialization and left is a function template specialization, return **false**.
- 12. Otherwise, if left is an array constructor and right is not an array constructor, return true.
- 13. Otherwise, if right is an array constructor and left is not an array constructor, return false.
- 14. Otherwise, if left is an array assignment and right is not an array assignment, return true.
- 15. Otherwise, if right is an array assignment and left is not an array assignment, return false.
- 16. Otherwise, if left has a constraint and right does not have a constraint, return true.
- 17. Otherwise, if right has a constraint and left does not have a constraint, return false.
- 18. Otherwise, if both left and right have a constraint:

- (a) Let lc be the bound constraint of the left and rc be the bound constraint of the right.
- (b) If lc subsume rc, and not rc subsume lc, return **true**.
- (c) Otherwise, if rc subsume lc and not lc subsume rc, return false.
- (d) Otherwise, return **false**.
- 19. Otherwise, return false.

11.5 Binding Types to Type Parameters

The next algorithms are used for deducing template arguments and binding them to template parameters. They are quite complicated as descibed using semiformal (bad) english. They can be used only directionally.

Algorithm 11.5.1. Deduce Template Arguments. Inputs: a container scope, list of template parameters, list of parameters, list of bound template arguments, reference to a list of template arguments a. The algorithm returns **true** if template arguments could be deduced, **false** otherwise.

- 1. Let n be the number of type parameters.
- 2. Resize the list of template arguments a be a list of n nulls.
- 3. Let m be the number of bound template arguments.
- 4. For i = 1, ..., m
 - (a) Set template argument a_i to be bound template argument i.
- 5. Create a deduction scope, set its parent scope to container scope, and install template parameters to the deduction scope.
- 6. For each parameter p:
 - (a) Let t be type expression for parameter p.
 - (b) Resolve the type for t using the type resolver with deduction scope being the container scope. Let u be the type resolved.
 - (c) If u is null, return **false**.
 - (d) Use algorithm 11.5.2 to deduce a template argument and the type parameter for type u. Let b be the result of deduction.
 - (e) If b is **false**, return **false**.
- 7. For i = 1, ..., n:
 - (a) If template argument i is not bound (i.e. is null), return false.
- 8. Return true.

Algorithm 11.5.2. Deduce a Template Argument. Inputs: parameter type, argument type, list of template arguments. This algorithm returns **true** if template argument could be deduced, **false** otherwise.

- 1. If parameter type is equal to argument type, return **true**.
- 2. Let b be the result of binding of the argument type to the parameter type using algorithm 11.5.3 with template arguments.
- 3. If b =true, return true.
- 4. Otherwise, if an implicit conversion for argument type to parameter type exists, return true.
- 5. Otherwise, return false.

Algorithm 11.5.3. Binding Argument Type to Parameter Type. Inputs: parameter type, argument type, list of template arguments, reference to a bound type. This algorithm returns true if argument type could be bound to parameter type, false otherwise.

- 1. If the parameter type is a type parameter t:
 - (a) Let i be the index of type parameter t.
 - (b) If *i*'th template argument is null, set *i*'th template argument to argument type. Set bound type to argument type. Return **true**.
 - (c) Otherwise, if *i*'th template argument is equal to the argument type. Set bound type to argument type. Return **true**.
 - (d) Otherwise, return false.
- 2. Otherwise, if the base type of parameter type is class template specialization,
 - (a) Let p be the base type of the argument type.
 - (b) Let d be the derivation list of removed derivations (algorithm 11.5.4) for derivations of the argument type and derivations of the parameter type.
 - (c) If the number of derivations in d is positive, set p to a derived type with derivations d and base type of the argument type.
 - (d) If p is a class template specialization:
 - i. if the primary class type of the base type of the parameter type is equal to the primary class type of p:
 - A. Let n be the number of the type arguments of p.
 - B. For i = 1, ..., n
 - If the *i*'th type argument of the base type of the parameter type is a type parameter:
 - Let k be the index of the i'th type argument of the base type of parameter type.
 - If k'th template argument is null, set k'th template argument to i'th type argument of p.

- Otherwise, if k'th template argument is not equal to the i'th type argument of p, return **false**.

C. Return **true**.

- 3. If the parameter type is a derived type symbol:
 - (a) Let d be the derivation list of removed derivations (algorithm 11.5.4) for derivations of the argument type and derivations of the parameter type.
 - (b) Let b be the base type of the argument type.
 - (c) If the number of derivations in d is positive:
 - i. Set b to a derived type with derivations d and base type of the argument type.
 - (d) Let c be the result of binding of b to the base type of the parameter type using this algorithm.
 - (e) If c is **true**, return **true**.
 - (f) Otherwise, return **false**.
- 4. Otherwise, return false.

Algorithm 11.5.4. Remove Derivations. Inputs: list of target derivations, list of source derivations. This algorithm returns a list of derivations that survive when source derivations are removed from target derivations.

- 1. Let a derivation list r be empty.
- 2. Let a derivation list s be the list of source derivations.
- 3. Let n be the number of derivations in the list of target derivations.
- 4. For i = 1, ..., n:
 - (a) Let t be the i'th target derivation.
 - (b) Let m be the number of derivations in the source derivations.
 - (c) Let found be false.
 - (d) For j = 1, ..., m:
 - i. Let u be the j'th source derivation in s.
 - ii. If t = u, set found to **true**, and set the j'th source derivation in s to empty.
 - iii. Otherwise, if t is reference and u is rvalueref, set found to true, and set the j'th source derivation in s to empty.
 - (e) If found if **false**, add t to the derivation list r.
- 5. Return r.

11.6 Template Argument Deduction Example

Consider the following code:

Example 11.6.1. Template Argument Deduction Example.

```
using System;
using System. Collections;

void foo<T>(const T& x)
{
    // ...
}

void bar(const List<int>& x)
{
    foo(x);
}
```

We are now going to go through how type parameter T gets bound to type List<int> for the function call foo(x) using the previous algorithms.

```
1. 11.5.1 : 1.
    Let n be 1.
2. 11.5.1 : 2.
    a = \{null\}
3. 11.5.1:3.
    m = 0
4. 11.5.1 : 5.
    Create deduction scope: \{T\} \rightarrow bar \rightarrow \dots
5. 11.5.1 : 6.
    For each parameter p:
6. 11.5.1 : 6. (a)
    p is parameter x. Let t be type expression node const T&
7. 11.5.1 : 6. (b)
    Resolve t. Let u be type symbol const T&
8. 11.5.1 : 6. (d)
    Use algorithm 11.5.2 to deduce template argument for type u:
9. 11.5.2: Parameter type = const T&. Argument type = const List<int>&. List of
    template arguments = \{null\}
10. 11.5.2 2.
```

Use algorithm 11.5.3 to bind argument type to parameter type.

- 11. 11.5.3: Parameter type = const T&. Argument type = const List<int>&. List of template arguments = $\{null\}$
- 12. 11.5.3 3.

 Parameter type is a derived type symbol const T&.
- 13. 11.5.3 3. (a)
 Use algorithm 11.5.4 to remove derivations.
- 14. 11.5.4:
 Target derivations = const reference. Source derivations = const reference.
- 15. 11.5.4 1. Let derivation list r be $\{\}$.
- 16. 11.5.4 2. List derivation list s be const reference.
- 17. 11.5.4 3. Let n be 2.
- 18. 11.5.4 4. For i = 1, ..., 2
- 19. 11.5.4 4. (a) Let t be const
- 20. 11.5.4 4. (b) Let m be 2.
- 21. 11.5.4 4. (c) Let *found* be **false**
- 22. 11.5.4 4. (d) For j = 1, ..., 2
- 23. 11.5.4 4. (d) i. j = 1Let u be const.
- 24. 11.5.4 4. (d) ii. t = u so set found =true. Set s[1] =empty.
- 25. 11.5.4 4. (e)
- 26. 11.5.4 4. (a) i = 2Let t be reference
- 27. 11.5.4 4. (b) Let m be 2.
- 28. 11.5.4 4. (c) Let *found* be **false**

- 29. 11.5.4 4. (d) For j = 1, ..., 2
- 30. 11.5.4 4. (d) i. j = 1Let u be empty.
- 31. 11.5.4 4. (d) i. j = 2Let u be reference.
- 32. 11.5.4 4. (d) ii. $t=u \text{ so set } found=\mathbf{true}. \text{ Set } \mathtt{s[2]}=\text{empty}.$
- 33. 11.5.4 4. (e)
- 34. 11.5.4 5. return $r = \{\}$
- 35. 11.5.3 3. (a) Let d be $\{\}$.
- 36. 11.5.3 3. (b) Let b be the base type of const List<int>& i.e. b = List<int>.
- 37. 11.5.3 3. (d)
 Call this algorithm 11.5.3 with parameter type T and argument type List<int>.
- 38. 11.5.3:
 Parameter type = T. Argument type = List<int>. List of template arguments = {null}
- 39. 11.5.3 1. Parameter type is type parameter T:
- 40. 11.5.3 1. (a) Let i = 1.
- 41. 11.5.3 1. (b) the first template argument is null so set the first template argument to List<int> and return true.
- 42. 11.5.3 3. (e) return **true**.
- 43. 11.5.1 : 6. (d) List of template arguments is now a = List<int>.
- 44. 11.5.1 : 8. Return **true**.

Chapter 12

Concepts

In this chapter we will discuss the role of concepts in the overload resolution process, and then investigate the algorithms for checking and comparing constraints.

12.1 Concepts in Overload Resolution

Concepts are used in the overload resolution process (chapter 11) in two stages:

- 1. First concepts are used to *include* a constrained function template in the list of matching functions, provided that the deduced template arguments *satisfy* the constraint of the function template. After this stage we may have several function templates in the list of matching functions that have different constraints that are all satisfied.
- 2. The second stage is to compare bound constraints built from original constraints during constraint checking. The bound constraints are compared using the subsume relation. This is done for selecting the best, i.e. the most strictly satisfying, constraint from the bound constraints. When comparing two constraints A and B: if subsume(A, B) is **true** and subsume(B, A) is **false**, then the function containing constraint A is a better match than the function containing B. Otherwise, if subsume(B, A) is **true** and subsume(A, B) is **false**, then the function containing B is a better match than the function containing A. Otherwise we report an ambiguous overload resolution error.

Example 12.1.1. Overload Resolution Using Concepts. The following listing shows some concepts that form iterator concept hierarchy in the System library:

```
public concept ForwardIterator<T> : InputIterator<T>
{
      // ...
}

public concept BidirectionalIterator<T> : ForwardIterator<T>
{
      // ...
}

public concept RandomAccessIterator<T> : BidirectionalIterator<T>
{
      // ...
}
```

We say that the ForwardIterator concept refines the InputIterator concept, the BidirectionalIterator concept refines the ForwardIterator concept, and the

RandomAccessIterator concept refines the BidirectionalIterator concept. The refine relation is transitive, so that if a concept A refines a concept B and the concept B refines a concept C, then A refines C. When a concept A refines a concept B, the subsume(A, B) relation is **true** and subsume(B, A) relation is **false**.

Now consider following code:

```
public nothrow int Distance<I>(I first , I last ) where I is
1
       ForwardIterator // [1]
2
       int distance = 0;
3
       while (first != last)
5
           ++first;
6
           ++distance;
7
8
       return distance;
9
10
11
   public nothrow inline int Distance<I>(I first, I last) where I is
12
       RandomAccessIterator // [2]
13
       return last - first;
14
15
16
   void main()
17
18
       List <int> list;
19
       int d1 = Distance(list.CBegin(), list.CEnd());
20
       ForwardList < int > fwdList;
21
       int d2 = Distance (fwdList.CBegin(), fwdList.CEnd());
22
23
```

The code example contains two implementations of Distance function, one for forward iterators, [1], and the other for random access iterators, [2].

The List<int>.ConstIterator, the iterator type that the list.CBegin() and list.CEnd() calls return, conforms to both RandomAccessIterator and ForwardIterator concepts, so for the Distance function call at line 20, both functions [1] and [2] are included in the list of matching functions. When comparing the constraints for functions [1] and [2], constraint for [2] wins because constraint of [2] subsumes constraint of [1], but not vice versa. Function [2], the random access iterator version, is called in this case.

The ForwardList<int>.ConstIterator, the iterator type that the fwdList.CBegin() and fwdList.CEnd() calls return, conforms only to ForwardIterator concept, so for the Distance function call at line 22, only function [1] is included in the list of matching functions. Function [1], the forward iterator version, is called in this case.

12.2 Checking and Binding Constraints

The following algorithm is used for checking and binding constraints:

Algorithm 12.2.1. Check Constraint. Inputs: a container scope, a constraint represented as an abstract syntax tree node, list of template parameters, list of template argument types, a reference to a bound constraint. The algorithm returns **true** if the constraint is satisfied, and **false** otherwise.

- 1. Create a scope for constraint checking and set its parent scope to the given container scope.
- 2. Let n be the number of template parameters. n is also the number of template argument types.
- 3. For i = 1, ..., n:
 - (a) If i = 1, let firstTypeArgument be i'th template argument type.
 - (b) If i = 2, let secondTypeArgument be i'th template argument type.
 - (c) Let t be i'th template parameter. Let u be i'th template argument type.
 - (d) Create a bound type parameter symbol b with name of t that maps name of t to u. Install b to the constraint checking scope.
- 4. Create an instance of constraint checker class that is an abstract syntax tree visitor.
- 5. Arguments to constraint checker constructor are: firstTypeArgument, secondTypeArgument, and a pointer to constraint checking scope.
- 6. Constraint checker has a stack of Boolean flags, a *constraintCheckStack*. It has also a stack of bound constraints. Finally it has a type, *resolvedType*, and a concept group symbol, *resolvedConceptGroup* that are used for resolving types and concept groups respectively.
- 7. Call the Accept member function of the constraint with constraint checker.
- 8. Pop the bound constraint from the stack of bound constraints and set it as the value of the bound constraint reference parameter.
- 9. Pop the result of the visitation, **true** or **false**, from the constraint check stack of the constraint checker, and return it.

The constraint checker overrides the following abstract syntax tree visitation points:

- Visit(ConceptNode&): A ConceptNode contains:
 - group name of the concept.
 - type parameters of the concept.
 - refinement (optional): an abstract syntax tree node of type ConceptId.
 - constraints: a list of abstract syntax tree nodes derived from ConstraintNode.
 - 1. Call the Accept member function of the group name of the concept.

- 2. Let n be the number of type parameters of the concept.
- 3. Get concept symbol concept having n type parameters from resolvedConceptGroup.
- 4. If the ConceptNode has a refinement, do:
 - (a) Call the Accept member function of the ConceptNode with this constraint checker visitor.
 - (b) Pop the result of visiting the refinement, **true** or **false**, from the constraint check stack. Let r be the result.
 - (c) Pop the *constraint* from the stack of bound constraints.
 - (d) If r is **false**, push **false** to the constraint check stack, push *constraint* to the stack of bound constraints and return.
- 5. For each constraint in constraints contained by the ConceptNode:
 - (a) Call the Accept member function of the constraint with this constraint checker visitor.
 - (b) Pop the result of visiting the constraint, **true** or **false**, from the constraint check stack. Let c be the result.
 - (c) Pop the *constraint* from the stack of bound constraints.
 - (d) If c is **false**, push **false** to the constraint check stack, push *constraint* to the stack of bound constraints and return.
- 6. Push **true** to the constraint check stack.
- 7. Create a BoundAtomicConstraint with satisfied set to **true** and concept symbol set to *concept*, and push it to the stack of bound constraints.
- Visit(ConceptIdNode& conceptIdNode): A ConceptIdNode contains:
 - a concept identifier.
 - list of type parameters.
 - 1. Call the Accept member function of the identifier contained by the ConceptIdNode with this constraint checker visitor. If the resolvedConceptGroup is not null:
 - (a) Let n be the number of number of type parameters containerd by the ConceptIdNode.
 - (b) Get the concept symbol s with n type parameters from the resolvedConcept-Group.
 - (c) List a be an empty list of type arguments.
 - (d) For i = 1, ..., n
 - i. Let t be the i'th type parameter contained by the ConceptIdNode.
 - ii. Call the Accept member function of t with this constraint checker visitor.
 - iii. If the resolved Type is not null:
 - Add resolvedType to the list of type arguments a.
 - (e) Compute a 16-byte conceptId using algorithm 12.2.2 for the concept symbol s and list of type arguments a.
 - (f) Lookup conceptId from the concept repository (section 12.2.1).
 - (g) If found, push **true** to the constraint check stack.

- (h) Otherwise, instantiate concept s with type arguments a using algorithm 12.2.3. Let c be the instantiated concept.
- (i) If c is not null, add c to the concept repository with id conceptId, and push **true** to the constraint check stack.
- (j) Otherwise, push **false** to the constraint check stack.
- Visit(DisjunctiveConstraintNode& disjunctiveConstraintNode):
 DisjunctiveConstraintNode contains two constraint nodes, left and right.
 - 1. Call Accept member function of *left* with this constraint checking visitor.
 - 2. Pop the result of visiting the left constraint, **true** or **false**, from the constraint check stack. Let c be the result.
 - 3. Pop bound constraint l from the stack of bound constraints.
 - 4. If c is **true**, push **true** to the constraint check stack, push bound constraint l to the stack of bound constraints and return.
 - 5. Otherwise, call Accept member function of *right* with this constraint checking visitor.
 - 6. Pop the result of visiting the *right* constraint, **true** or **false**, from the constraint check stack. Let s be the result.
 - 7. Pop bound constraint r from the stack of bound constraints.
 - 8. Push s to the constraint check stack.
 - 9. Create BoundDisjunctiveConstraint with l and r bound constraints and push it to the stack of bound constraints.
- Visit(ConjunctiveConstraintNode& constructiveConstraintNode): ConjunctiveConstraintNode contains two constraint nodes, left and right.
 - 1. Call Accept member function of *left* with this constraint checking visitor.
 - 2. Pop bound constraint l from the stack of bound constraints.
 - 3. Pop the result of visiting the *left* constraint, **true** or **false**, from the constraint check stack. Let c be the result.
 - 4. If c is **false**, push **false** to the constraint check stack, push l to the stack of bound constraints, and return.
 - 5. Otherwise, call Accept member function of *right* with this constraint checking visitor.
 - 6. Pop bound constraint r from the stack of bound constraints.
 - 7. Pop the result of visiting the *right* constraint, **true** or **false**, from the constraint check stack. Let s be the result.
 - 8. Push s to the constraint check stack.
 - 9. Create a BoundConjunctiveConstraint with l and r, and push it to the stack of bound constraints.
- Visit(IdentifierNode& identifierNode):

- 1. Set resolved Type to null and resolved Concept Group to null.
- 2. Lookup a string contained by the identifier Node from the container scope. Let s be the symbol found.
- 3. If s is not null:
 - (a) If s is a type symbol, set resolved Type to s and return.
 - (b) Otherwise, if s is a bound type parameter symbol, set resolved Type to a mapped type symbol of the bound type parameter symbol and return.
 - (c) Otherwise, if s is a typedef symbol, set resolved Type to the type contained by the typedef symbol and return.
 - (d) Otherwise, if s is a concept group symbol, set resolvedConceptGroup to s and return.
 - (e) Otherwise, if s is a namespace symbol, create a namespace type symbol containing namespace s and set resolvedType to that namespace type symbol and return.
- 4. Otherwise, report error.

• EndVisit(DotNode& dotNode):

- 1. If resolvedType is null, report error and return.
- 2. Let typeContainerScope be the container scope of resolvedType.
- 3. if resolvedType is a namespace type symbol, set typeContainerScope to the container scope of the namespace contained by resolvedType.
- 4. Lookup a symbol with name contained by the dot Node from the typeContainerScope. Let s be the symbol found.
- 5. If s is not null:
 - (a) If s is a bound type parameter symbol, set resolved Type to a mapped type symbol of the bound type parameter symbol and return.
 - (b) Otherwise, if s is a typedef symbol, set resolved Type to the type contained by the typedef symbol and return.
 - (c) Otherwise, if s is a concept group symbol, set resolvedConceptGroup to s and return.
 - (d) Otherwise, if s is a name space symbol, create a name space type symbol containing name space s and set resolved Type to that name space type symbol and return.
- 6. Otherwise, report error.
- Visit(BoolNode& boolNode): Set resolvedType to BoolTypeSymbol.
- Visit(SByteNode& sbyteNode): Set resolvedType to SByteTypeSymbol.
- Visit(ByteNode& byteNode): Set resolvedType to ByteTypeSymbol.

- Visit(ShortNode& shortNode): Set resolvedType to ShortTypeSymbol.
- Visit(UShortNode& ushortNode): Set resolvedType to UShortTypeSymbol.
- Visit(IntNode& intNode): Set resolvedType to IntTypeSymbol.
- Visit(UIntNode& uintNode): Set resolvedType to UIntTypeSymbol.
- Visit(LongNode& longNode): Set resolvedType to LongTypeSymbol.
- Visit(ULongNode& ulongNode): Set resolvedType to ULongTypeSymbol.
- Visit(FloatNode& floatNode): Set resolvedType to FloatTypeSymbol.
- Visit(DoubleNode& doubleNode): Set resolvedType to DoubleTypeSymbol.
- Visit(CharNode& charNode): Set resolvedType to CharTypeSymbol.
- Visit(WCharNode& wcharNode): Set resolvedType to WCharTypeSymbol.
- Visit(UCharNode& ucharNode): Set resolvedType to UCharTypeSymbol.
- Visit(VoidNode& voidNode): Set resolvedType to VoidTypeSymbol.
- Visit(DerivedTypeExprNode& derivedTypeExprNode: Resolve type contained by derivedTypeExprNode using type resolver. Set *resolvedType* to the type resolved.
- Visit(IsConstraintNode& isConstrainedNode: IsConstraintNode contains:
 - type expression
 - name of a concept or a type
 - 1. Call Accept member function of the type expression of the isConstrainedNode with this constraint checking visitor.
 - 2. Let leftType be the result of visitation, that is: resolvedType.
 - 3. Call Accept member function of the name of a concept or type with this constraint checking visitor.

- 4. If resolved Type is not null:
 - (a) Make plain type for leftType using algorithm 5.4.11. Let leftPlainType be the result.
 - (b) Make plain type for resolved Type using algorithm 5.4.11. Let right Plain Type be the result.
 - (c) If leftPlainType equals rightPlainType, push **true** to the constraint check stack, and push a BoundAtomicConstraint with value **true** to the stack of bound constraints.
 - (d) Otherwise, push **false** to the constraint check stack, and push a BoundAtomicConstraint with value **false** to the stack of bound constraints.
- 5. Otherwise, if resolvedConceptGroup is not null:
 - (a) Get concept symbol s with one type parameter from resolvedConceptGroup.
 - (b) Let a be a list of type arguments.
 - (c) Add leftType to a.
 - (d) Compute a 16-byte conceptId using algorithm 12.2.2 for the concept symbol s and list of type arguments a.
 - (e) Lookup *conceptId* from the concept repository (section 12.2.1).
 - (f) If found, push **true** to the constraint check stack, and push a bound constraint cloned from the bound constraint contained by the instantiated concept to the stack of bound constraints. and return.
 - (g) Otherwise, instantiate concept s with type arguments a using algorithm 12.2.3. Let c be the instantiated concept.
 - (h) If c is not null, add c to the concept repository with id conceptId, push **true** to the constraint check stack, push a bound constraint corresponding to c to the stack of bound constraints, and return.
 - (i) Otherwise, push **false** to the constraint check stack, push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **false** to the stack of bound constraints.
- Visit(MultiParamConstraintNode& multiParamConstraintNode):
 MultiParamConstraintNode contains:
 - Identifier node that should contain a name of a concept group.
 - List of type expressions.
 - 1. Call Accept member function of the identifier node contained by multiParamConstraintNode.
 - 2. If resolvedConceptGroup is not null:
 - (a) Let n be the number of type expressions contained by multiParamConstraintN-ode.
 - (b) Get concept symbol s with n type parameters from the resolvedConceptGroup.
 - (c) Let a be a list of type arguments.
 - (d) For i = 1, ..., n:
 - i. Let t be a i'th type expression of the multiParamConstraintNode.
 - ii. Call the Accept member function of t with this constraint checker visitor.

- iii. If resolvedType is not null, add resolvedType to a.
- iv. Otherwise report error.
- (e) Compute a 16-byte conceptId using algorithm 12.2.2 for the concept symbol s and list of type arguments a.
- (f) Lookup conceptId from the concept repository (section 12.2.1).
- (g) If found, push **true** to the constraint check stack, push a bound constraint cloned from the bound constraint contained by the instantiated concept, and return.
- (h) Otherwise, instantiate concept s with type arguments a using algorithm 12.2.3. Let c be the instantiated concept.
- (i) If c is not null, add c to the concept repository with id conceptId, and push **true** to the constraint check stack, and push bound constraint corresponding to c to the stack of bound constraints.
- (j) Otherwise, push **false** to the constraint check stack and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **false** to the stack of bound constraints.
- 3. Otherwise report error.
- Visit(TypenameConstraintNode& typenameConstraintNode):

TypenameConstraintNode contains an abstract syntax tree node typeId that represents a type associated with another type.

- 1. Call the Accept member function of type Id with this constraint checker visitor.
- 2. If resolvedType is not null, push **true** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **true** to the stack of bound constraints.
- 3. Otherwise, push **false** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **false** to the stack of bound constraints.
- Visit(ConstructorConstraintNode& constructorConstraintNode):
 - 1. Resolve parameter types represented by parameter nodes in the constructorConstraintNode using type resolver.
 - 2. Then lookup a constructor within a class type represented by firstTypeArgument having those parameter types using overload resolution.
 - 3. If a constructor is found, push **true** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **true** to the stack of bound constraints.
 - 4. Otherwise, push **false** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **false** to the stack of bound constraints.
- Visit(DestructorConstraintNode& destructorConstraintNode):
 Push true to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value true to the stack of bound constraints.
- Visit(MemberFunctionConstraintNode& memberFunctionConstraintNode):
 - 1. Call the Accept member function of the type parameter identifier of the member-FunctionConstraintNode.

- 2. Let the first parameter type be pointer to resolvedType.
- 3. Let the group name of the member function be group id of the memberFunction-ConstraintNode.
- 4. Resolve other parameter types represented by parameter nodes in the member-FunctionConstraintNode using type resolver.
- 5. Then lookup a member function having the group name and these parameter types using overload resolution.
- 6. If a member function is found, push **true** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **true** to the stack of bound constraints.
- 7. Otherwise, push **false** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **false** to the stack of bound constraints.

• Visit(FunctionConstraintNode& functionConstraintNode):

- 1. Let the group name of the function be group id of the functionConstraintNode.
- 2. Resolve parameter types represented by parameter nodes in the functionConstraintNode using type resolver.
- 3. Then lookup a function having the group name and these parameter types using overload resolution.
- 4. If a function is found, push **true** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **true** to the stack of bound constraints.
- 5. Otherwise, push **false** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **false** to the stack of bound constraints.

• Visit(SameConstraintNode& sameConstraintNode):

If types firstArgumentType and secondArgumentType are same, push **true** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **true** to the stack of bound constraints. Otherwise push **false** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **false** to the stack of bound constraints.

• Visit(DerivedConstraintNode& derivedConstraintNode):

If type firstArgumentType is derived from the secondArgumentType, push **true** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **true** to the stack of bound constraints. Otherwise push **false** to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value **false** to the stack of bound constraints.

• Visit(ConvertibleConstraintNode& convertibleConstraintNode):

If type firstArgumentType is implicitly convertible to the secondArgumentType, push true to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value true to the stack of bound constraints. Otherwise push false to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value false to the stack of bound constraints.

• Visit(ExplicitlyConvertibleConstraintNode& explicitlyConvertibleConstraintNode): If type firstArgumentType is explicitly convertible to the secondArgumentType, push true to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value true to the stack of bound constraints. Otherwise push false to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value false to the stack of bound constraints.

- Visit(CommonConstraintNode& commonConstraintNode):
 - If types firstArgumentType and secondArgumentType are same, let commonType be firstArgumentType, otherwise, if firstArgumentType is convertible to the secondArgumentType, let commonType be secondArgumentType, otherwise, if secondArgumentType is convertible to the firstArgumentType, let commonType be firstArgumentType, otherwise, let commonType be null. If commonType is not null, install commonType to the container scope, and push true to the constraint check stack, and push pus
- Visit(NonReferenceTypeConstraintNode& nonReferenceTypeConstraintNode): If firstArgumentType is not lvalue reference type and not rvalue reference type, push true to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value true to the stack of bound constraints. Otherwise push false to the constraint check stack, and push BoundAtomicConstraint with value false to the stack of bound constraints.

12.2.1 Concept Repository

Each concept symbol contains a unique 16-byte type identifier computed using Mersenne Twister pseudorandom number generator (http://www.math.sci.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/~m-mat/MT/emt.html). An instantiated concept has also a 16-byte identifier that is formed by the type identifier of the concept symbol xored with the rotated type identifiers of the types for which the concept is instantiated.

The concept repository keeps mapping from identifiers computed for instantiated concepts to the instantiated concepts themselves. The instantiated concepts are cached per compilation unit basis. The following algorithm computes these identifiers:

Algorithm 12.2.2. Computing 16-byte Identifier for an Instantiated Concept. Inputs: A concept symbol, list of type arguments. The algorithm returns a 16-byte identifier for a concept instantiated with given type arguments.

- 1. Let *id* be the type identifier of the concept symbol.
- 2. Let n be the number of type arguments.
- 3. For i = 0, ..., n 1:
 - (a) Let a be the type identifier for i'th type argument.
 - (b) Let r be a rotated by i byte positions right.
 - (c) Assign id **xor** r to id.
- 4. Return id.

12.2.2 Instantiating a Concept

The following algorithm is used to instantiate a concept with type arguments:

Algorithm 12.2.3. Instantiate a Concept with Type Arguments. Inputs: a container scope, a concept symbol s, list of type arguments a, a reference to a bound constraint. The algorithm returns an instantiated concept symbol, or null if instantiation did not succeed.

- 1. Let n be the number of type parameters of concept symbol s.
- 2. Create an instantiation scope and set its parent scope to container scope.
- 3. For i = 1, ..., n:
 - (a) Let p be the *i*'th type parameter of concept symbol s.
 - (b) Let t be the i'th type argument of a.
 - (c) If i = 1 let firstTypeArgument be t.
 - (d) If i = 2 let secondTypeArgument be t.
 - (e) Create a bound type parameter symbol with name of p mapped to type t and install it to the instantiation scope.
- 4. Create a constraint checker with firstTypeArgument, secondTypeArgument and instantiation scope.
- 5. Let c be the concept node corresponding to the concept symbol.
- 6. Call the Accept member function of c with the constraint checker visitor.
- 7. Let r be the result of visitation, **true** or **false**.
- 8. Get bound constraint b from the constraint checker.
- 9. If r is **true**, create an instantiated concept symbol for s with type arguments a and bound constraint b, and return it.
- 10. Otherwise, return null.

12.3 Comparing Constraints

The following listing shows hierarchy of bound constraints:

BoundNode

BoundConstraint

BoundAtomicConstraint
BoundBinaryConstraint
BoundDisjunctiveConstraint
BoundConjunctiveConstraint

A BoundAtomicConstraint contains a Boolean flag that is equal to the evaluated result of the corresponding unbounded constraint. It can also contain a concept symbol if it is result of evaluation of a concept constraint. A BoundBinaryConstraint contains two child constraints, left and right.

The following algorithm is used to compare bound constraints to find out which of them is the most strictly satisfying constraint:

Algorithm 12.3.1. Subsume. Inputs: two bound constraints A and B. The algorithm returns **true** if subsume(A, B) is **true** and **false** otherwise.

1. If A is BoundAtomicConstraint:

- (a) If B is BoundBinaryConstraint:
 - i. Let LB be the left constraint of B.
 - ii. Let RB be the right constraint of B.
 - iii. Let L be subsume(A, LB).
 - iv. Let R be subsume(A, RB).
 - v. If B is BoundConjunctiveConstraint, return L and R.
 - vi. Otherwise, B is BoundDisjunctiveConstraint, return L or R.
- (b) Otherwise, B is BoundAtomicConstraint:
 - i. If A is satisfied and B is not satisfied, return **true**.
 - ii. Otherwise, if A is not satisfied and B is satisfied, return false.
 - iii. Otherwise,
 - A. If A contains a concept symbol and B does not contain a concept symbol, return **true**
 - B. Otherwise, if A does not contain a concept symbol and B contains a concept symbol, return **false**.
 - C. Otherwise, if neither A and b contain a concept symbol, return **true**.
 - D. Otherwise, both A and B contain a concept symbol:
 - If concept symbol contained by A is equal to the concept symbol contained by B, return **true**.
 - Otherwise, let refinedConcept be the refined concept of the concept symbol contained by A.
 - While refinedConcept is not null:
 - If refinedConcept is equal to the concept symbol contained by B, return **true**.
 - Otherwise, set refinedConcept to the refined concept of the refinedConcept.
 - Return false.
- 2. Otherwise, if A is BoundDisjunctiveConstraint,
 - (a) Let AL be the left constraint of A.
 - (b) Let AR be the right constraint of A.
 - (c) If B is BoundBinaryConstraint,
 - i. Let BL be the left constraint of B.

- ii. Let BR be the right constraint of B.
- iii. Let LL be subsume(AL, BL).
- iv. Let LR be subsume(AL, BR).
- v. Let RL be subsume(AR, BL).
- vi. Let RR be subsume(AR, BR).
- vii. Let LLorLR be LL or LR.
- viii. Let RLorRR be RL or RR.
- ix. If B is BoundConjunctiveConstraint, return LLorLR and RLorRR.
- x. Otherwise, B is BoundDisjunctiveConstraint, return LLorLR or RLorRR.
- (d) Otherwise, B is BoundAtomicConstraint:
 - i. Let LB be subsume(AL, B).
 - ii. Let RB be subsume(AR, B).
 - iii. Return LB and RB.
- 3. Otherwise, if A is BoundConjunctiveConstraint,
 - (a) Let AL be the left constraint of A.
 - (b) Let AR be the right constraint of A.
 - (c) If B is BoundBinaryConstraint,
 - i. Let BL be the left constraint of B.
 - ii. Let BR be the right constraint of B.
 - iii. Let LL be subsume(AL, BL).
 - iv. Let RL be subsume(AR, BL).
 - v. Let LR be subsume(AL, BR).
 - vi. Let RR be subsume(AR, BR).
 - vii. Let Lor RL be LL or RL.
 - viii. Let LorRR be LR or RR.
 - ix. If B is BoundConjunctiveConstraint, return LorRL and LorRR.
 - x. Otherwise, B is BoundDisjunctiveConstraint, return LorRL or LorRR.
 - (d) Otherwise, B is BoundAtomicConstraint:
 - i. Let LB be subsume(AL, B).
 - ii. Let RB be subsume(AR, B).
 - iii. Return LB or RB.

Chapter 13

Binding Expressions

You may want to recall what is said about the *bound tree* representation in section 1.4. The component that creates bound expression nodes from abstract syntax tree expression nodes is called the *expression binder*. The expression binder has a stack of bound expressions that contains the intermediate and final bound expression nodes.

13.1 Bound Expression Node Hierarchy

Here's the bound expression node hierarchy:

BoundNode

BoundExpression

BoundLiteral

BoundStringLiteral

BoundConstant

BoundEnumConstant

BoundLocalVariable

BoundParameter

BoundReturnValue

BoundMemberVariable

BoundFunctionId

BoundTypeExpression

BoundNamespaceExpression

BoundUnaryOp

BoundBinaryOp

BoundFunctionCall

BoundDelegateCall

BoundClassDelegateCall

BoundConversion

BoundCast

BoundIsExpression

BoundAsExpression

BoundSizeOfExpression

BoundDynamicTypeNameExpression

BoundBooleanBinaryExpression BoundDisjunction BoundConjunction

Each kind of bound expression has a *type* that is represented by a symbol class derived from the TypeSymbol class (see section 7.1). Many expressions are represented as instances of BoundUnaryOp and BoundBinaryOp classes. Therefore we begin by describing the algorithms that bind unary and binary operators. All the algorithms in this chapter are members of the expression binder class, so they have access to the bound expression stack.

13.2 Binding Unary and Binary Operators

When binding unary and binary operators the expression binder first visits the abstract syntax tree nodes that represents operands of the unary or binary operator, creates bound nodes for the operands and pushes them to the bound expression stack. Then the abstract syntax tree node for the operator is visited. At this point the expression binder pops the operands from the bound expression stack and resolves the operator function symbol using overload resolution. It then creates BoundUnaryOp or BoundBinaryOp node that is bound to the operator function symbol and pushes it to the bound expression stack.

13.2.1 Binding a Unary Operator

Algorithm 13.2.1. Bind Unary Operator. Inputs: An abstract syntax tree node that represents the unary operator. The group name of the unary operator function. The algorithm first tries to bind the unary operator to a member function symbol. If that does not succeed, it binds the unary operator to a nonmember function symbol. The group names for the unary operator functions bound using this algorithm are:

- 1. operator!
- 2. operator++
- 3. operator--
- 4. operator+
- 5. operator-
- 6. operator~
- 7. operator&
- 8. operator*
- 9. operator->

The steps for binding a unary operator are:

- 1. Pop the operand from the bound expression stack.
- 2. Let t be the plain type for the type of the operand (algorithm 5.4.11).

- 3. Let *conversions* be an empty list of function symbols.
- 4. Let memFunArgs be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
- 5. Let memFunLookups be a list of scope lookups.
- 6. Add <class scope of t, this | base> to memFunLookups.
- 7. Let p be of type pointer to t. Add p to the memFunArgs.
- 8. Call overload resolution algorithm 11.1.1 with the group name of the unary operator function, memFunArgs, memFunLookups and conversions.
- 9. Set fun to a function symbol resolved.
- 10. If resolution did not succeed,
 - (a) Let freeFunArgs be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
 - (b) Add t and argument category of t to freeFunArgs.
 - (c) Let freeFunLookups be a list of scope lookups.
 - (d) Add <container scope, this | base | parent> to freeFunLookups.
 - (e) Add <namespace scope of t, this | base | parent> to freeFunLookups.
 - (f) Add <file scope, file> to freeFunLookups.
 - (g) Call overload resolution algorithm 11.1.1 with the group name of the unary operator function, freeFunArgs, freeFunLookups and conversions.
 - (h) Set fun to a function symbol resolved.
- 11. If conversions[0] is not null, replace operand with a BoundConversion node containing a conversion function conversions[0] and operand.
- 12. Create a BoundUnaryOp op with a function symbol fun and operand operand.
- 13. Set the type of op to the return type of fun.
- 14. Push op to the bound expression stack.

13.2.2 Binding a Binary Operator

Algorithm 13.2.2. Bind Binary Operator. Inputs: An abstract syntax tree node that represents the binary operator. The group name of the binary operator function. The algorithm first tries to bind the binary operator to a member function symbol. If that does not succeed, it binds the binary operator to a nonmember function symbol. The group names for the binary operator functions bound using this algorithm are:

- 1. operator
- 2. operator[^]
- 3. operator&
- 4. operator==

- 5. operator<
- 6. operator<<
- 7. operator>>
- 8. operator+
- 9. operator-
- 10. operator*
- 11. operator/
- 12. operator%
- 13. operator[]

The steps for binding a binary operator are:

- 1. Pop the rightOperand from the bound expression stack.
- 2. Pop the leftOperand from the bound expression stack.
- 3. Let t be the plain type for the type of the leftOperand (algorithm 5.4.11).
- 4. Let *conversions* be an empty list of function symbols.
- 5. Let memFunArgs be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
- 6. Let memFunLookups be a list of scope lookups.
- 7. Add <class scope of t, this | base> to memFunLookups.
- 8. Let p be of type pointer to t. Add p to the memFunArgs.
- 9. Add the type of the rightOperand and the argument category of the rightOperand to memFunArgs.
- 10. Call overload resolution algorithm 11.1.1 with the group name of the binary operator function, memFunArgs, memFunLookups and conversions.
- 11. Set fun to a function symbol resolved.
- 12. If resolution did not succeed,
 - (a) Let freeFunArgs be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
 - (b) Add t and argument category of t to freeFunArgs.
 - (c) Add the type of the rightOperand and the argument category of the rightOperand to freeFunArgs.
 - (d) Let freeFunLookups be a list of scope lookups.
 - (e) Add <container scope, this | base | parent> to freeFunLookups.
 - (f) Add < namespace scope of t, this | base | parent > to freeFunLookups.

- (g) Add <namespace scope of type of rightOperand, this | base | parent> to freeFunLookups.
- (h) Add <file scope, file> to freeFunLookups.
- (i) Call overload resolution algorithm 11.1.1 with the group name of the binary operator function, freeFunArgs, freeFunLookups and conversions.
- (j) Set fun to a function symbol resolved.
- 13. If conversions[0] is not null, replace leftOperand with a BoundConversion containing a conversion function conversions[0] and leftOperand.
- 14. If conversions[1] is not null, replace rightOperand with a BoundConversion containing a conversion function conversions[1] and rightOperand.
- 15. Create a BoundBinaryOp op with a function symbol fun and operands leftOperand and rightOperand.
- 16. Set the type of op to the return type of fun.
- 17. Push op to the bound expression stack.

13.3 Binding Invoke Expressions

An invoke expression is of the form $r(e_1, \ldots, e_n)$, where r is called the *receiver*, and e_1, \ldots, e_n are argument expressions $(n \ge 0)$. Invoke expressions are used in the following contexts:

- When invoking a member function: $mf(e_1, \ldots, e_n)$, where mf is a name of a member function, and e_1, \ldots, e_n are argument expressions $(n \ge 0)$.
- When invoking a nonmember function: $f(e_1, \ldots, e_n)$, where f is a name of a nonmember function, and e_1, \ldots, e_n are argument expressions $(n \ge 0)$.
- When constructing a delegate: D(f), where D is a name of a delegate type and f is a name of a nonmember function or a static member function.
- When constructing a class delegate: CD(mf), where CD is a name of a class delegate type and mf is name of a nonstatic member function.
- When constructing an interface object: I(x), where I is a name of an interface type, and type of x is a pointer to a class type.
- When constructing a temporary: $T(e_1, \ldots, e_n)$, where T is a name of a type other than delegate, class delegate, or interface type, and e_1, \ldots, e_n are argument expressions $(n \ge 0)$.
- When invoking a delegate: $d(e_1, \ldots, e_n)$, where d is a delegate, and e_1, \ldots, e_n are argument expressions $(n \ge 0)$.
- When invoking a class delegate: $cd(e_1, \ldots, e_n)$, where cd is class delegate, and e_1, \ldots, e_n are argument expressions $(n \ge 0)$.

- When invoking a function object: $a(e_1, \ldots, e_n)$, where type of a is a class type, and e_1, \ldots, e_n are argument expressions $(n \ge 0)$.
- When invoking a member function through an interface object: $i(e_1, \ldots, e_n)$, where type of i is an interface type, and e_1, \ldots, e_n are argument expressions $(n \ge 0)$.

13.3.1 Bind Invoke Algorithm

Algorithm 13.3.1. Bind Invoke.

- 1. Pop arguments from the bound expression stack.
- 2. Pop receiver from the bound expression stack.
- 3. Let fun be null.
- 4. Let *type* be null.
- 5. If receiver is BoundFunctionGroup
 - (a) If the current function being compiled is a nonstatic member function:
 - i. Try to bind member function symbol to fun1 by calling algorithm 13.3.2 with arguments.
 - (b) Try to bind function symbol to fun2 by calling algorithm 13.3.3 with arguments.
 - (c) If fun1 is not null and fun2 is not null
 - i. If fun1 is equal to fun2, set fun2 to null.
 - ii. Otherwise, if fun1 is better match than fun2, set fun2 to null.
 - iii. Otherwise, if fun2 is better match than fun1, set fun1 to null.
 - (d) If fun1 is not null and fun2 is null, set fun to fun1, and set type to type returned by fun1.
 - (e) Otherwise, if fun2 is not null and fun1 is null, set fun to fun2, and set type to type returned by fun2.
 - (f) Otherwise, if fun1 is not null and fun2 is not null, report ambiguous overload error.
 - (g) Otherwise, fun1 is null and fun2 is null, so report overload resolution failed error.
- 6. Otherwise, if receiver is BoundTypeExpression,
 - (a) Bind a function symbol that constructs a temporary to fun using algorithm 13.3.7.
 - (b) Set type to the type symbol contained by the BoundTypeExpression.
- 7. Otherwise, if type of *receiver* is DelegateTypeSymbol, use algorithm 13.3.4 to generate a call to a delegate with *arguments* and return.
- 8. Otherwise, if type of *receiver* is ClasDelegateTypeSymbol, use algorithm 13.3.5 to generate a call to a class delegate with *arguments* and return.
- 9. Otherwise, if type of receiver is ClassTypeSymbol, use algorithm 13.3.6 to bind application of a function object with arguments to fun.

- 10. Otherwise, report error.
- 11. Create a BoundFunctionCall with fun and arguments, set its type to type, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.3.2 Invoking a Member Function

Algorithm 13.3.2. Bind Invoke Member Function. Inputs: The group name of the function to call, list of argument expressions called *arguments*, reference to a list of conversion function symbols called *conversions*. The algorithm returns a function symbol of bound function if successful, or null, if unsuccessful.

- 1. Let memFunArgs be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
- 2. Let memFunLookups be a list of scope lookups.
- 3. Let this Param be the first parameter of the current function being compiled.
- 4. Let this Param Type be the type of the this Param.
- 5. Add thisParamType to memFunArgs.
- 6. Add a scope lookup this | base for the class scope of the base type of this ParamType to memFunLookups.
- 7. For each argument in arguments:
 - (a) Add the type of argument and category of argument to memFunArgs. If the argument is a temporary, set bindToRvalueRef to true.
- 8. Call overload resolution algorithm 11.1.1 with the group name of the function to call, memFunArgs, memFunLookups and conversions.
- 9. Let fun be the resolved overload.
- 10. If fun is not null, create BoundParameter with the value of thisParam, and insert it to the front of arguments.
- 11. Return fun.

13.3.3 Invoking a Function

Algorithm 13.3.3. Bind Invoke Function. Inputs: A function group symbol called *functionGroup*, list of argument expressions called *arguments*, reference to a list of conversion function symbols called *conversions*. The algorithm returns a function symbol of bound function if successful, or null, if unsuccessful.

- 1. Let args be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
- 2. Let *lookups* be a list of scope lookups.
- 3. For each argument in arguments

- (a) Add a scope lookup this | base | parent with the class scope of argument to lookups.
- (b) Add the type and category of argument to args. If argument is a temporary set bindToRvalueRef to true.
- 4. Add a scope lookup this | base | parent with the container scope of functionGroup to lookups.
- 5. Call overload resolution algorithm 11.1.1 with the name of functionGroup, args, lookups and conversions.
- 6. Let fun be the resolved overload.
- 7. Return fun.

13.3.4 Invoking a Delegate

Algorithm 13.3.4. Bind Delegate Call. Inputs: A delegate type symbol *delegateType*, list of argument expressions called *arguments*.

- 1. Let args be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
- 2. For each argument in arguments
 - (a) Add the type and category of argument to args. If argument is a temporary set bindToRvalueRef to true.
- 3. Call algorithm 11.3 to find conversions for parameter types of delegateType and args.
- 4. If find conversions succeeded, create a BoundDelegateCall with delegateType and arguments, set its type to the return type of delegateType, and push it to the bound expression stack.
- 5. Otherwise, report error.

13.3.5 Invoking a Class Delegate

Algorithm 13.3.5. Bind Class Delegate Call. Inputs: A class delegate type symbol classDelegateType, list of argument expressions called arguments.

- 1. Let args be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
- 2. For each argument in arguments
 - (a) Add the type and category of argument to args. If argument is a temporary set bindToRvalueRef to true.
- 3. Call algorithm 11.3 to find conversions for parameter types of classDelegateType and args.
- 4. If find conversions succeeded, create a BoundClassDelegateCall with classDelegateType and arguments, set its type to the return type of classDelegateType, and push it to the bound expression stack.
- 5. Otherwise, report error.

13.3.6 Invoking a Function Object

Algorithm 13.3.6. Bind Invoke a Function Object. Inputs: Type of receiver, list of argument expressions called *arguments*. The algorithm returns resolved function symbol.

- 1. Let args be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
- 2. Let *lookups* be list of scope lookups.
- 3. Add a scope lookup this | base with the class scope of the receiver class.
- 4. Let reveiverPtrType be the type of pointer to the receiver class.
- 5. For each argument in arguments
 - (a) Add the type and category of argument to args. If argument is a temporary set bindToRvalueRef to true.
- 6. Call overload resolution algorithm 11.1.1 with function group name "operator()", args, lookups and conversions.
- 7. Let fun be the resolved overload.
- 8. Return fun.

13.3.7 Constructing a Temporary

The following algorithm constructs a temporary object of given type. The type can be a delegate type, a class delegate type, an interface type, a class type, or a basic type.

Algorithm 13.3.7. Constructing a Temporary. Inputs: The type of temporary, list of argument expressions called *arguments*. The algorithm returns resolved function symbol.

- 1. Let args be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
- 2. Add pointer to the type of temporary to args.
- 3. Let *lookups* be list of scope lookups.
- 4. Add a scope lookup this | base with the container scope of the type of the temporary.
- 5. For each argument in arguments
 - (a) Add the type and category of argument to args.
- 6. Call overload resolution algorithm 11.1.1 with function group name "@constructor", args, lookups and conversions.
- 7. Let fun be the resolved overload.
- 8. Return fun.

13.4 Binding Index Expressions

Index expressions are of the form x[i], where type of x can be

- an array type,
- a pointer type,
- a class type

Then x is called the *subject* and i is called the *index*.

Algorithm 13.4.1. Bind Index Expression. Inputs: An abstract syntax tree node of type IndexNode.

- 1. Call Accept member function of the subject contained by the IndexNode.
- 2. Pop *subject* from the bound expression stack.
- 3. Call Accept member function of the index contained by the IndexNode.
- 4. Pop *index* from the bound expression stack.
- 5. Let subjectType be the type of subject.
- 6. If subjectType is an array type, call algorithm 13.4.2 with subject and index.
- 7. Otherwise if subjectType is a pointer type, call algorithm 13.4.3 with subject and index.
- 8. Otherwise if *subjectType* is a class type, call algorithm 13.4.4 with *subject* and *index*.
- 9. Otherwise, report error.

13.4.1 Binding Array Indexing

Algorithm 13.4.2. Bind Array Indexing. Inputs: *subject* and *index*.

- 1. Push *subject* to the bound expression stack.
- 2. Push *index* to the bound expression stack.
- 3. Call algorithm 13.2.2 with group name "operator[]" to bind a binary operator.
- 4. Pop expr from the bound expression stack.
- 5. Set indexArray flag of the expr.
- 6. Push expr to the bound expression stack.

13.4.2 Binding Pointer Indexing

When p is a pointer then expression p[i] is equivalent to *(p+i).

Algorithm 13.4.3. Bind Pointer Indexing. Inputs: *subject* and *index*.

- 1. Push *subject* to the bound expression stack.
- 2. Push *index* to the bound expression stack.
- 3. Call algorithm 13.2.2 with group name "operator+" to bind a binary operator.
- 4. Call algorithm 13.2.1 with group name "operator*" to bind a unary operator.

13.4.3 Binding Class Indexing

When c is of a class type, then expression c[i] is bound using bind invoke expression algorithm. Then the class type of c should implement operator[] member function.

Algorithm 13.4.4. Bind Class Indexing. Inputs: subject and index.

- 1. Create a bound function group with name "operator[]" and push it the bound expression stack.
- 2. Push *subject* to the bound expression stack.
- 3. Push *index* to the bound expression stack.
- 4. Call algorithm 13.3.1 to bind an invoke expression.

13.5 Binding Arrow Expression

Arrow expressions are of the following kind:

- p->m, where p is a pointer to a class type and m is a member variable of that class type.
- $p-mf(e_1,\ldots,e_n)$, where p is a pointer to a class type and mf is a member function of that class type.
- c->m, where c is of a class type that implements operator->() member function that returns
 - a pointer to a class type, or
 - a class type that implements operator->() member function.

and m is a member variable of a class type.

- c-> $mf(e_1,...,e_n)$, where c is of a class type that implements operator->() member function that returns
 - a pointer to a class type, or
 - a class type that implements operator->() member function.

and mf is a member function of a class type.

Algorithm 13.5.1. Bind Arrow. Inputs: an identifier m that is either a name of a member variable or a name of a function group.

- 1. Call algorithm 13.2.1 with group name "operator->" to bind unary operator.
- 2. Pop arrowExpr from the bound expression stack.
- 3. Let type be the plain type of arrowExpr.
- 4. If type is a pointer to a class type, or type is a class type,
 - (a) If type is a pointer to a class type, set type to the base type of type.
 - (b) Set *type* to the plain type of *type*.
 - (c) If type is a class type:
 - i. Let fun be the function symbol that arrowExpr is bound to.
 - ii. If fun is a member function,
 - A. Push arrowExpr to the bound expression stack.
 - B. Call this algorithm recursively with m.
 - iii. Otherwise,
 - A. Lookup identifier m from the class scope of type with scope lookup this | base. Let symbol be the symbol found.
 - B. If *symbol* is not null,
 - Call algorithm 13.9.1 to bind *symbol*.
 - Pop symbolExpr from the bound expression stack.
 - If symbolExpr is BoundFunctionGroup,
 - Push *symbolExpr* to the bound expression stack.
 - Algorithm 13.3.1 will be called to invoke symbolExpr with some arguments.
 - Otherwise, if *symbolExpr* is a bound member variable:
 - Push symbolExpr to the bound expression stack.
 - Otherwise, report error.
 - C. Otherwise, report error.
 - (d) Otherwise, report error.
- 5. Otherwise, report error.

13.6 Binding a Cast Expression

The following algorithms bind a cast expression of the form cast<T>(S), where T is the target type and S is the source expression, to a converting constructor that does the actual cast.

Algorithm 13.6.1. Bind a Cast. Inputs: an abstract syntax tree node that represents the target type expression, an abstract syntax tree node that represents the source expression.

- 1. Use the type resolver algorithm 7.2.1 to find out the target type from the target type expression node.
- 2. Let targetType be the type resolved.
- 3. Call the Accept member function for the source expression.
- 4. Pop the result of visitation, operand, from the bound expression stack.
- 5. Call 13.6.2 algorithm with targetType and operand.

Algorithm 13.6.2. Bind a Cast to a Target Type. Inputs: a target type symbol targetType, a bound source expression node sourceExpr.

- 1. Let args be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
- 2. Add pointer to targetType type to args.
- 3. Add type and category of sourceExpr to args.
- 4. Let *lookups* be a list of scope lookups.
- 5. Add scope lookup this | base | parent for the container scope of targetType.
- 6. Call overload resolution algorithm 11.1.1 with function group name "@constructor", args, lookups, conversion type explicit and conversions.
- 7. Let *convertingCtor* be the function symbol resolved.
- 8. If conversions[1] is not null, replace sourceExpr with a BoundConversion for conversions[1].
- 9. Create a BoundCast with sourceExpr and convertingCtor, set its type to targetType, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.7 Binding a Construct Expression

A construct expression constructs an object into raw memory. The following algorithm is used for binding a construct expression of the form

construct $\langle T \rangle (P, e_1, \dots, e_n)$, where T is the type to construct, P is a pointer to raw memory where to construct the object and e_1, \dots, e_n are constructor arguments.

Algorithm 13.7.1. Bind Construct Expression. Inputs: an abstract syntax tree node typeExpr, list of abstract syntax tree nodes that represent constructor arguments, a bound expression allocationArg for new expression.

- 1. Let type be a type resolved using algorithm 7.2.1 for typeExpr.
- 2. Let returnType be 'pointer to type'.
- 3. For i = 1, ..., n:
 - (a) Let argument be i'th argument node.

- (b) Call the Accept member function for argument.
- 4. Pop arguments from the bound expression stack.
- 5. If allocationArg is not null, insert it in front of arguments.
- 6. Let pointerType be the type of the first argument.
- 7. If pointerType is void*, cast it to 'pointer to type' using algorithm 13.6.1 and replace the first argument with the casted argument.
- 8. Let args be a list of argument information structures (10.1).
- 9. Add returnType to args.
- 10. Let n be the number of arguments.
- 11. For i = 2, ..., n
 - (a) Let argument be the i'th argument.
 - (b) Add type and category of argument to args.
- 12. Let *lookups* be a list of scope lookups.
- 13. Add scope lookup this | base | parent for the container scope of type.
- 14. Call overload resolution algorithm 11.1.1 with function group name "@constructor", args, lookups and conversions.
- 15. Let *ctor* be the function symbol resolved.
- 16. Create a BoundFunctionCall with *ctor* and *arguments*, set its type to *returnType*, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.8 Binding a New Expression

A new expression allocates memory for a type T, and then constructs an object to that memory by calling the constructor for type T. New expression is of the form new $T(e_1, \ldots, e_n)$, where T is the type to construct, and e_1, \ldots, e_n are constructor arguments.

Algorithm 13.8.1. Bind New Expression. Inputs: an abstract syntax tree node, node, that represents the new expression.

- 1. Let allocFun be overload for "System.Support.MemAlloc".
- 2. Let *type* be the type resolved using algorithm 7.2.1 for the type expression contained by *node*.
- 3. Create a BoundSizeOfExpression for type.
- 4. Let *arguments* be a list of argument expressions.
- 5. Add type of BoundSizeOfExpression to arguments.

- 6. Create a BoundFunctionCall called memAllocCall with allocFun and arguments.
- 7. Call algorithm 13.6.2 with type and memAllocCall.
- 8. Pop castedMemAlloc from the bound expression stack.
- 9. Call algorithm 13.7.1 with the type expression contained by *node*, argument nodes contained by *node*, and *castedMemAllocCall*.

13.9 Binding a Symbol

13.9.1 Bind Symbol Algorithm

Algorithm 13.9.1. Bind a Symbol. Inputs: a symbol to bind.

- 1. If symbol is a ConstantSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.2 to bind it.
- 2. Otherwise, if symbol is a LocalVariableSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.3 to bind it.
- 3. Otherwise, if symbol is a MemberVariableSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.4 to bind it.
- 4. Otherwise, if symbol is a ParameterSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.5 to bind it.
- 5. Otherwise, if symbol is a ClassTypeSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.6 to bind it.
- 6. Otherwise, if symbol is a InterfaceTypeSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.7 to bind it.
- 7. Otherwise, if *symbol* is a DelegateTypeSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.8 to bind it.
- 8. Otherwise, if symbol is a ClasDelegateTypeSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.9 to bind it.
- 9. Otherwise, if symbol is a NamespaceSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.10 to bind it.
- 10. Otherwise, if symbol is a EnumTypeSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.11 to bind it.
- 11. Otherwise, if symbol is a EnumConstantSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.12 to bind it.
- 12. Otherwise, if symbol is a FunctionGroupSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.13 to bind it.
- 13. Otherwise, if symbol is a TypedefSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.14 to bind it.
- 14. Otherwise, if *symbol* is a BoundTypeParameterSymbol, call algorithm 13.9.15 to bind it.
- 15. Otherwise, report error.

13.9.2 Binding a Constant

Algorithm 13.9.2. Bind a Constant Symbol.

- 1. Check access from the current function being compiled to the constant symbol using algorithm 8.4.1.
- 2. Create a BoundConstant with the constant symbol, set its type to the type of the constant symbol, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.3 Binding a Local Variable

Algorithm 13.9.3. Bind a Local Variable Symbol.

1. Create a BoundLocalVariable with the local variable symbol, set its type to the type of the local variable symbol, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.4 Binding a Member Variable

Algorithm 13.9.4. Bind a Member Variable Symbol.

- 1. Check access from the current function being compiled to the member variable symbol using algorithm 8.4.1.
- 2. Create a BoundMemberVariable with the member variable symbol, set its type to the type of the member variable, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.5 Binding a Parameter

Algorithm 13.9.5. Bind a Parameter Symbol.

1. Create a BoundParameter with the parameter symbol, set its type to the type of the parameter, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.6 Binding a Class Type

Algorithm 13.9.6. Bind a Class Type Symbol.

1. Create a BoundTypeExpression with the class type symbol, set its type to the class type symbol, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.7 Binding an Interface Type

Algorithm 13.9.7. Bind an Interface Type Symbol.

1. Create a BoundTypeExpression with the interface type symbol, set its type to the interface type symbol, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.8 Binding a Delegate Type

Algorithm 13.9.8. Bind a Delegate Type Symbol.

1. Create a BoundTypeExpression with the delegate type symbol, set its type to the delegate type symbol, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.9 Binding a Class Delegate Type

Algorithm 13.9.9. Bind a Class Delegate Type Symbol.

1. Create a BoundTypeExpression with the class delegate type symbol, set its type to the class delegate type symbol, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.10 Binding a Namespace

Algorithm 13.9.10. Bind a Namespace Symbol.

1. Create a BoundNamespaceExpression with the namespace symbol, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.11 Binding an Enumerated Type

Algorithm 13.9.11. Bind an Enumerated Type Symbol.

1. Create a BoundTypeExpression with the enumerated type symbol, set its type to the enumerated type symbol, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.12 Binding an Enumeration Constant

Algorithm 13.9.12. Bind an Enumeration Constant Symbol.

1. Create a BoundEnumConstant with the enumeration constant symbol, set its type to the parent enumerated type, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.13 Binding a Function Group

Algorithm 13.9.13. Bind a Function Group Symbol.

1. Create a BoundFunctionGroup with the function group symbol, set its type to the FunctionGroupTypeSymbol, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.14 Binding a Typedef

Algorithm 13.9.14. Bind a Typedef Symbol.

1. Create a BoundTypeExpression with type associated with the typedef symbol, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.9.15 Binding a Bound Type Parameter

Algorithm 13.9.15. Bind a Bound Type Parameter Symbol.

1. Create a BoundTypeExpression with type associated with the bound type parameter symbol, and push it to the bound expression stack.

13.10 Expression Binder

Algorithm 13.10.1. Binding an Expression. The expression binder is an abstract syntax tree visitor. It overrides the following visitation points:

- EndVisit(BitOrNode& bitOrNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with bitOrNode and group name "operator|".
- EndVisit(BitXorNode& bitXorNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with bitXorNode and group name "operator".

• EndVisit(BitAndNode& bitAndNode):

Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with bitAndNode and group name "operator&".

• EndVisit(EqualNode& equalNode):

Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with equalNode and group name "operator==".

• EndVisit(NotEqualNode& notEqualNode):

Note: a != b <=> !(a == b)

Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with not EqualNode and group name "operator==".

Calls algorithm 13.2.1 with notEqualNode and group name "operator!".

• EndVisit(LessNode& lessNode):

Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with notEqualNode and group name "operator<".

• EndVisit(GreaterNode& greaterNode):

Note: $a > b \iff b \iff a$

Exchange the operands in the bound expression stack and then bind operator<:

- 1. Pop rightOperand from the bound expression stack.
- 2. Pop leftOperand from the bound expression stack.
- 3. Push rightOperand to the bound expression stack.
- 4. Push leftOperand to the bound expression stack.
- 5. Call algorithm 13.2.2 with greaterNode and group name "operator<".
- EndVisit(LessOrEqualNode& lessOrEqualNode):

Note: $a \le b \le !(b \le a)$

Exchange the operands in the bound expression stack, and then bind operator< and operator!:

- 1. Pop rightOperand from the bound expression stack.
- 2. Pop leftOperand from the bound expression stack.
- 3. Push rightOperand to the bound expression stack.
- 4. Push *leftOperand* to the bound expression stack.
- 5. Call algorithm 13.2.2 with lessOrEqualNode and group name "operator<".
- 6. Call algorithm 13.2.1 with lessOrEqualNode and group name "operator!".
- EndVisit(GreaterOrEqualNode& greaterOrEqualNode):

Note: $a \ge b \le !(a \le b)$

Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with greater OrEqualNode and group name "operator<".

Calls algorithm 13.2.1 with greaterOrEqualNode and group name "operator!".

• EndVisit(ShiftLeftNode& shiftLeftNode):

Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with shiftLeftNode and group name "operator<<".

• EndVisit(ShiftRightNode& shiftRightNode):

Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with shiftRightNode and group name "operator>>".

• EndVisit(AddNode& addNode):

Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with addNode and group name "operator+".

- EndVisit(SubNode& subNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with subNode and group name "operator-".
- EndVisit(MulNode& mulNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with mulNode and group name "operator*".
- EndVisit(DivNode& divNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with divNode and group name "operator/".
- EndVisit(RemNode& remNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.2 with remNode and group name "operator%".
- EndVisit(PrefixIncNode& prefixIncNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.1 with prefixIncNode and group name "operator++".
- EndVisit(PrefixDecNode& prefixDecNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.1 with prefixDecNode and group name "operator--".
- EndVisit(UnaryPlusNode& unaryPlusNode): Calls algorithm 13.2.1 with unaryPlsuNode and group name "operator+".
- EndVisit(UnaryMinusNode& unaryMinusNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.1 with unaryMinusNode and group name "operator-".
- EndVisit(NotNode& notNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.1 with notNode and group name "operator!".
- EndVisit(ComplementNode& complementNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.1 with complementNode and group name "operator".
- Visit(AddrOfNode& addrOfNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.1 with addrOfNode and group name "operator&".
- Visit(DerefNode& derefNode):
 Calls algorithm 13.2.1 with derefNode and group name "operator*".
- Visit(PostfixIncNode& postfixIncNode):
 - 1. Call Accept member function of the subject contained by postfixIncNode.
 - 2. Pop the result of visitation, value, from the bound expression stack.
 - 3. Call Accept member function of the subject contained by postfixIncNode.
 - 4. Call algorithm 13.2.1 with postfixIncNode and group name "operator++".
 - 5. Pop the result, *incExpr*, from the bound expression stack.
 - 6. Create a SimpleStatement, incStatement, with incExpr.
 - 7. Create a BoundPostfixIncDecExpr with value and incStatement, and push it to the bound expression stack.
- Visit(PostfixDecNode& postfixDecNode):
 - 1. Call Accept member function of the subject contained by postfixDecNode.

- 2. Pop the result of visitation, value, from the bound expression stack.
- 3. Call Accept member function of the subject contained by postfixDecNode.
- 4. Call algorithm 13.2.1 with postfixDecNode and group name "operator--".
- 5. Pop the result, decExpr, from the bound expression stack.
- 6. Create a SimpleStatement, decStatement, with decExpr.
- 7. Create a BoundPostfixIncDecExpr with value and decStatement, and push it to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(BooleanLiteralNode& booleanLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create a BoolValue value with value contained by the booleanLiteralNode.
- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to BoolTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(SByteLiteralNode& sbyteLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create an SByteValue value with value contained by the sbyteLiteralNode.
- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of node to SByteTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(ByteLiteralNode& byteLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create a ByteValue value with value contained by the byteLiteralNode.
- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to ByteTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(ShortLiteralNode& shortLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create a ShortValue value with value contained by the shortLiteralNode.
- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to ShortTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push node to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(UShortLiteralNode& ushortLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create a UShortValue value with value contained by the ushortLiteralNode.

- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to UShortTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(IntLiteralNode& intLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create a IntValue value with value contained by the intLiteralNode.
- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to IntTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(UIntLiteralNode& uintLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create a UIntValue value with value contained by the uintLiteralNode.
- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to UIntTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(LongLiteralNode& longLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create a LongValue value with value contained by the longLiteralNode.
- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to LongTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(ULongLiteralNode& ulongLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create a ${\tt ULongValue}\ value\ value\ contained\ by\ the\ ulongLiteralNode.$
- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to ULongTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(FloatLiteralNode& floatLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create a FloatValue value with value contained by the floatLiteralNode.
- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to FloatTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(DoubleLiteralNode& doubleLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create a DoubleValue value with value contained by the doubleLiteralNode.
- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to DoubleTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(CharLiteralNode& charLiteralNode):

- 1. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 2. Create a CharValue value with value contained by the charLiteralNode.
- 3. Set the value of node to value.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to CharTypeSymbol.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(StringLiteralNode& stringLiteralNode):

- 1. Let *type* be a type returned by algorithm 5.4.7.
- 2. Install a string contained by stringLiteralNode to the string repository. Let *id* be the identifier returned for it.
- 3. Create a BoundStringLiteral node with id.
- 4. Set the type of *node* to *type*.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(WStringLiteralNode& wstringLiteralNode):

- 1. Let type be a type returned by algorithm 5.4.8.
- 2. Install a string contained by wstringLiteralNode to the string repository. Let *id* be the identifier returned for it.
- 3. Create a BoundStringLiteral node with id.
- 4. Set the type of node to type.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(UStringLiteralNode& ustringLiteralNode):

- 1. Let type be a type returned by algorithm 5.4.9.
- 2. Install a string contained by ustringLiteralNode to the string repository. Let *id* be the identifier returned for it.
- 3. Create a BoundStringLiteral node with id.
- 4. Set the type of node to type.
- 5. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(NullLiteralNode& nullLiteralNode):

1. Let type be NullPtrTypeSymbol.

- 2. Create a NullValue value.
- 3. Create a BoundLiteral node.
- 4. Set the value of node to value.
- 5. Set the type of node to type.
- 6. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(BoolNode& boolNode):

- 1. Let type be BoolTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(SByteNode& sbyteNode):

- 1. Let *type* be SByteTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(ByteNode& byteNode):

- 1. Let *type* be ByteTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(ShortNode& shortNode):

- 1. Let type be ShortTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(UShortNode& ushortNode):

- 1. Let type be UShortTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(IntNode& intNode):

- 1. Let type be IntTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.

- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(UIntNode& uintNode):

- 1. Let *type* be UIntTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(LongNode& longNode):

- 1. Let type be LongTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(ULongNode& ulongNode):

- 1. Let type be ULongTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(FloatNode& floatNode):

- 1. Let type be FloatTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push node to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(DoubleNode& doubleNode):

- 1. Let type be DoubleTypeSymbol.
- $2. \ {\bf Create} \ {\bf a} \ {\bf BoundTypeExpression} \ node.$
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(CharNode& charNode):

- 1. Let type be CharTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(WCharNode& wcharNode):

- 1. Let *type* be WCharTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of *node* to *type*.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(UCharNode& ucharNode):

- 1. Let type be UCharTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(VoidNode& voidNode):

- 1. Let type be VoidTypeSymbol.
- 2. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 3. Set the type of node to type.
- 4. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(DerivedTypeExprNode& derivedTypeExprNode):

- 1. Use the type resolver to resolve the base type contained by the derived Type ExprNode (algorithm 7.2.1). Let b be the base type resolved.
- 2. Use the static evaluator to evaluate the array dimensions contained by the derived-TypeExprNode (algorithm 6.6.1). Let a be the list of evaluated array dimensions.
- 3. Let type be the derived type symbol returned by algorithm 5.4.1) for derivations contained by the derived Type Expr Node, base type b and array dimensions a.
- 4. Create a BoundTypeExpression node.
- 5. Set the type of node to type.
- 6. Push *node* to the bound expression stack.

• EndVisit(DotNode& dotNode):

- 1. Pop expr from the bound expression stack.
- 2. if expr is BoundNamespaceExpression or expr is BoundTypeExpression:
 - (a) Let containerSymbol be null.
 - (b) If expr is BoundNamespaceExpression set containerSymbol to the namespace symbol contained by expr.
 - (c) Otherwise, expr is BoundTypeExpression, so
 - i. Let typeSymbol be the type symbol contained by expr.
 - ii. If typeSymbol is ClassTypeSymbol or typeSymbol is EnumTypeSymbol, set containerSymbol to typeSymbol.
 - iii. Otherwise, report error.
 - (d) Let container Scope be the container scope of container Symbol.

- (e) Lookup identifier contained by the dotNode from *containerScope* using this | base scope lookup.
- (f) Let *symbol* be the symbol found.
- (g) If *symbol* is not null,
 - i. Bind *symbol* using algorithm 13.9.1.
- (h) Otherwise, report error.
- 3. Otherwise,
 - (a) Let type be the plain type of expr (algorithm 5.4.11).
 - (b) If *type* is ClassTypeSymbol:
 - i. Let container Scope be the container scope of type.
 - ii. Lookup identifier contained by the dotNode from *containerScope* using this | base scope lookup.
 - iii. Let *symbol* be the symbol found.
 - iv. If symbol is not null,
 - A. Let *classObject* be *expr*.
 - B. Bind *symbol* using algorithm 13.9.1.
 - C. Pop symbolExpr from the bound expression stack.
 - D. If symbolExpr is BoundFunctionGroup, push symbolExpr to the bound expression stack and push classObject to the bound expression stack.
 - E. Otherwise, if symbolExpr is BoundMemberVariable:
 - Set the class object of symbol Expr to class Object.
 - Push symbol Expr to the bound expression stack.
 - F. Otherwise, report error.
 - v. Otherwise, report error.
 - (c) Otherwise, if *type* is InterfaceTypeSymbol:
 - i. Let *containerScope* be the container scope of *type*.
 - ii. Lookup identifier contained by the dotNode from *containerScope* using this scope lookup.
 - iii. Let *symbol* be the symbol found.
 - iv. If *symbol* is not null,
 - A. Bind *symbol* using algorithm 13.9.1.
 - B. Pop symbol Expr from the bound expression stack.
 - C. If symbolExpr is BoundFunctionGroupSymbol:
 - Push *symbolExpr* to the bound expression stack.
 - Push expr to the bound expression stack.
 - D. Otherwise, report error.
 - v. Otherwise, report error.
 - (d) Otherwise, report error.
- 4. Otherwise, report error.
- EndVisit(InvokeNode& invokeNode): Call algorithm 13.3.1.

- Visit(IndexNode& indexNode): Call algorithm 13.4.1.
- Visit(ArrowNode& arrowNode):
 - 1. Call Accept member function for the subject of the ArrowNode.
 - 2. Call algorithm 13.5.1.

• Visit(IsNode& isNode):

- 1. Let expr be the left side of **is**-expression contained by isNode.
- 2. Let typeExpr be the right side of is-expression contained by isNode.
- 3. Call the Accept member function of expr.
- 4. Pop boundExpr, the result of visitation, from the bound expression stack.
- 5. Let exprType be type of boundExpr.
- 6. If *exprType* is not 'pointer to class type', report error and exit.
- 7. Otherwise, let exprClassType be the base type of exprType.
- 8. If exprClassType is not polymorphic, report error and exit.
- 9. Otherwise, resolve type of typeExpr using algorithm 7.2.1. Let type be the type resolved.
- 10. If type is not 'pointer to class type', report error and exit.
- 11. Otherwise, let rightClassType be the base type of type.
- 12. If rightClassType is not polymorphic, report error and exit.
- 13. Otherwise, create a BoundIsExpression with boundExpr, exprClassType and rightClassType, set its type to **bool**, and push it to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(AsNode& asNode):

- 1. Let *expr* be the left side of **as**-expression contained by asNode.
- 2. Let typeExpr be the right side of as-expression contained by asNode.
- 3. Call the Accept member function of expr.
- 4. Pop boundExpr, the result of visitation, from the bound expression stack.
- 5. Let exprType be type of boundExpr.
- 6. If *exprType* is not 'pointer to class type', report error and exit.
- 7. Otherwise, let exprClassType be the base type of exprType.
- 8. If exprClassType is not polymorphic (9.0.1), report error and exit.
- 9. Otherwise, resolve type of typeExpr using algorithm 7.2.1. Let type be the type resolved.
- 10. If type is not 'pointer to class type', report error and exit.
- 11. Otherwise, let rightClassType be the base type of type.
- 12. If rightClassType is not polymorphic (9.0.1), report error and exit.

- 13. Otherwise, create a BoundAsExpression with boundExpr, exprClassType and rightClassType, set its type to type, and push it to the bound expression stack.
- Visit(SizeOfNode& sizeOfNode):
 - 1. Call the Accept member function of the subject contained by the sizeOfNode.
 - 2. Pop *subject*, the result of visitation, from the bound expression stack.
 - 3. Create a BoundSizeOfExpression with the type of *subject*m, set its type to **ulong**, and push it to the bound expression stack.

• Visit(CastNode& castNode):

Call algorithm 13.6.1 with the target type expression contained by the castNode, and with source expression node contained by the castnode.

Visit(ConstructNode& constructNode):

Call algorithm 13.7.1 with type expression and arguments contained by the constructN-ode.

• Visit(NewNode& newNode):

Call algorithm 13.8.1 with the newNode.

- Visit(TemplateIdNode& templateIdNode):
 - 1. Call the Accept member function of the primary class type node of the templateI-dnode.
 - 2. Pop *subject*, the result of visitation, from the bound expression stack.
 - 3. If *subject* is BoundFunctionGroup:
 - (a) Let boundTemplateArguments be a list of type symbols.
 - (b) For each templateArgumentNode of the templateIdNode:
 - i. Resolve type of templateArgumentNode using algorithm 7.2.1.
 - ii. Add the type resolved to boundTemplateArguments.
 - (c) Associate boundTemplateArguments with subject.
 - (d) Push *subject* to the bound expression stack.
 - 4. Otherwise, if *subject* is BoundTypeExpression,
 - (a) Let typeArguments be a list of type symbols.
 - (b) For each templateArgumentNode of the templateIdNode:
 - i. Resolve type of templateArgumentNode using algorithm 7.2.1.
 - ii. Add the type resolved to typeArguments.
 - (c) If type of *subject* is a class type,
 - i. Let subjectClassType be the class type of subject.
 - ii. Let n be the number of type parameters of subjectClassType.
 - iii. Let m be the number of template arguments of templateIdNode.
 - iv. If m < n, resolve the default template arguments using algorithm 16.2.3, giving it typeArguments, subjectClassType, current container scope and file scopes.

- v. Call algorithm 5.4.10 to make a class template specialization with subjectClassType and typeArguments. Let type be the type returned.
- vi. Create a BoundTypeExpression with type, and push it to the bound expression stack.
- (d) Otherwise, report error.
- 5. Otherwise, report error.

• Visit(IdentifierNode& identifierNode):

- 1. Lookup a symbol with a string contained in the identifierNode from the current contained scope with scope lookup this | base | parent.
- 2. If not found, lookup the symbol from the file scopes.
- 3. If symbol found, bind the symbol using algorithm 13.9.1.
- 4. Otherwise, report error.

• Visit(ThisNode& thisNode):

- 1. If current function being compiled is a nonstatic member function:
 - (a) Let this Param be the first parameter of the current function being compiled.
 - (b) Create a BoundParameter with this Param, set its type to the type of this Param and push it to the bound expression stack.
- 2. Otherwise, report error.

• Visit(BaseNode& baseNode):

- 1. If current function being compiled is a nonstatic member function:
 - (a) Let this Param be the first parameter of the current function being compiled.
 - (b) Let classType be the base type of thisParam.
 - (c) If classType has a base class:
 - i. Let baseClassType be the base class of classType.
 - ii. Call algorithm 5.4.2 to make baseClassPtrType, a pointer to baseClassType.
 - iii. Create a BoundParameter boundThisParam, with thisParam and set its type to the type of thisParam.
 - iv. Let conversionFun be a conversion from the type of thisParam to baseClassPtrType.
 - v. Create a BoundConversion with boundThisParam and conversionFun, set its type to baseClassPtrType and push it to the bound expression stack.
 - (d) Otherwise, report error.
- 2. Otherwise, report error.

Chapter 14

Binding Statements

The statements are bound using statement binder classes derived from the StatementBinder. The StatementBinder class derives from the ExpressionBinder class, so it also binds expressions contained by the abstract syntax tree nodes for the statements. The statement binders create bound nodes derived from the BoundStatement.

14.1 Bound Statement Hierarchy

Many bound statement nodes have no direct counterpart in the abstract syntax tree node hierarchy. Such are for example BoundReceiveStatement and BoundInitVptrStatement that represent primitive operations that are combined to create larger ones. On the other hand many Cmajor statements have no direct counterpart in the bound statement hierarchy. They have been *lowered* to a combination of more primitive operations. Such are exception handling statements **throw** and **try-catch**, and a range **for** statement.

BoundNode

BoundStatement

BoundReceiveStatement

BoundInitClassObjectStatement

BoundInitVptrStatement

BoundInitMemberVariableStatement

BoundFunctionCallStatement

BoundReturnStatement

BoundBeginTryStatement

 ${\tt BoundEndTryStatement}$

 ${\tt BoundExitBlocksStatement}$

 ${\tt BoundPushGenDebugInfoStatement}$

BoundPopGenDebugInfoStatement

BoundBeginThrowStatement

BoundEndThrowStatement

BoundBeginCatchStatement

BoundConstructionStatement

BoundDestructionStatement

BoundAssignmentStatement

BoundSimpleStatement
BoundGotoStatement
BoundGotoStatement
BoundGotoCaseStatement
BoundGotoDefaultStatement
BoundParentStatement
BoundCompoundStatement
BoundSwitchStatement
BoundCaseStatement
BoundCaseStatement
BoundConditionalStatement
BoundWhileStatement
BoundDoStatement
BoundForStatement
BoundForStatement

14.2 Binding a Simple Statement

An abstract syntax tree node for a simple statement, a SimpleStatementNode, is either empty or contains an abstract syntax tree node that represents an expression. If it is empty, the simple statement represents an empty statement, otherwise it represents a statement that evaluates an expression and throws the result of evaluation away. Typically a simple statement contains a function call expression, such as foo(x);. It can also represent an output statement, for example Console.Out() << 10 << endl(); is a simple statement.

If the simple statement contains an expression, the simple statement binder binds it and creates a BoundSimpleStatement containing the bound expression. Otherwise the created BoundSimpleStatement will be empty.

14.3 Binding a Construction Statement

A construction statement creates and initializes a local variable.

Example 14.3.1. Examples of construction statements are:

```
int a;
int b = 1;
int c(2);
Foo x(a, b, c);
```

In line 1 the local variable a is initialized with the default constructor for **int** type, so its value will be 0. In line 2, despite the syntactic similarity with an assignment statement using an equality sign, the statement **int** b = 1; is a construction statement because it has a local variable that is initialized. In line 3, the local variable c is initialized using the parenthesis syntax. An equivalent statement would have been **int** c = 2; Finally, in line 4, a local variable c of type Foo is initialized using three integers, c and c.

The construction statement binder pops the arguments from the bound expression stack and uses the overload resolver algorithm 11.1.1 with function group name "@constructor"

to resolve a constructor to call with the type of the local variable and other arguments. If the types of the argument expressions do not match exactly with the parameters of the constructor, the arguments will be replaced by BoundConversions that do the necessary conversions. The result of this binding is a BoundConstructionStatement that contains the local variable symbol to construct, a constructor function symbol that does the initialization and bound argument expressions.

14.4 Binding an Assignment Statement

The assignment statement binder pops the bound expressions that represent the right and left side of the assignment from the bound expression stack. Then it uses the overload resolver algorithm 11.1.1 with function group name operator= to resolve a call to a copy assignment function. If the left and right type do not match exactly to the parameter types of the copy assignment function, the left and right arguments will be replaced by BoundConversions that do the necessary conversions. The result of this binding is a BoundAssignmentStatement that contains the copy assignment function symbol and left and right arguments.

14.5 Binding a Return Statement

The return statement binder is used to bind both a return statement that returns a value and one that doesn't. If the current function being compiled is not a void function and not a constructor or destructor, but the return statement contains a value to return, or the current function being compiled is a void function or constructor or destructor, but the return statement does not return a value, an error is reported. The following applies only when the return statement returns a value. If the value returned is a local variable, or it is a temporary, or it is a parameter of a nonreference type, the return statement tries to bind to a move constructor. If the type returned does not have a move constructor, or the value returned is not of previous kind, the return statement binds to a copy constructor. The result of this binding is a BoundReturnStatement.

14.6 Binding a Conditional Statement

The conditional statement binder is used to bind statements of the following form:

if (condition) statement; and

if (condition) statement; **else** statement;

The binder pops the bound expression that represents the condition from the bound expression stack. If the plain type of the condition is not BoolType, an error is reported. The result of this binding is a BoundConditionalStatement.

14.7 Binding a While Statement

The while statement binder is used to bind statements of the form **while** (condition) statement;. The binder pops the bound expression that represents the condition from the bound expression stack. If the plain type of the condition is not BoolType, an error is reported. The result of this binding is a BoundWhileStatement.

14.8 Binding a Do Statement

The do statement binder is used to bind statements of the form **do** statement; **while** (condition);. The binder pops the bound expression that represents the condition from the bound expression stack. If the plain type of the condition is not BoolType, an error is reported. The result of this binding is a BoundDoStatement.

14.9 Binding a For Statement

The for statement binder binds statements of the form

for (<code>initStatement</code>; <code>condition</code>; <code>loopExpr</code>) <code>statement</code>;. If the <code>loopExpr</code> is missing the binder generates always true expression and pushes to the bound expression stack. The binder pops the bound loop expression from the bound expression stack. If the <code>condition</code> is missing the binder generates always true expression and pushes to the bound expression stack. The binder pops the bound condition from the bound expression stack. If the plain type of the condition is not <code>BoolType</code>, an error is reported. The result of this binding is a <code>BoundForStatement</code>.

14.10 Binding a Range-for Statement

The range-for statement binder binds statements of the form

for (type var : container) statement; The binder constructs an abstract syntax tree where the range-for statement has been lowered to an ordinary for statement. Then it binds the lowered for statement using the for statement binder.

If the type of *container* is a **const** type, the lowered range-for statement is as follows:

```
for (ConstIterType i = container.CBegin(); i != container.CEnd(); ++i)
{
    type var = *i;
    statement;
}
```

Here the ConstIterType is a constant iterator type of the type of container. That is: the type of container must contain a **typedef** named ConstIterator.

If the type of *container* is not a **const** type, the lowered range-for statement is as follows:

```
for (IteratorType i = container.Begin(); i != container.End(); ++i)
{
    type var = *i;
    statement;
}
```

Here the *IteratorType* is an iterator type of the type of *container*. That is: the type of *container* must contain a **typedef** named *Iterator*.

14.11 Binding a Switch Statement

The switch statement binder is used to bind a statement of the form

switch (condition) { caseOrDefaultStatement* }. The binder pops the bound expression that represents the condition from the bound expression stack. If the type of the condition is not an integer, character, Boolean or enumerated type, an error is reported. The result of this binding is a BoundSwitchStatement.

14.12 Binding a Case Statement

The case statement binder creates a BoundCaseStatement. Then it evaluates each case expression using algorithm 6.6.1 and add the evaluated value to the BoundCaseStatement. Then it checks that the case statement terminates to one of the following statements: break statement, continue statement, return statement, throw statement, goto statement, goto case statement or goto default statement. If that is not the case an error is reported. The result of this binding is a BoundCaseStatement.

14.13 Binding a Default Statement

The default statement binder checks that the default statement terminates to one of the following statements: break statement, continue statement, return statement, throw statement, goto statement, goto case statement or goto default statement. If that is not the case an error is reported. The result of this binding is a BoundDefaultStatement.

14.14 Binding a Break Statement

The break statement binder checks that the break statement is enclosed in a while, do, for or switch statement. If that is not the case an error is reported. The result of this binding is a BoundBreakStatement.

14.15 Binding a Continue Statement

The continue statement binder checks that the continue statement is enclosed in a while, do or for statement. If that is not the case an error is reported. The result of this binding is a BoundContinueStatement.

14.16 Binding a Goto Case Statement

The goto case statement binder checks that the goto case statement is enclosed in a case or default statement. If that is not the case an error is reported. Then it evaluates the target case expression, creates a BoundGotoCaseStatement and set the evaluated value to it. The result of this binding is a BoundGotoCaseStatement.

14.17 Binding a Goto Default Statement

The goto default statement binder checks that the goto default statement is enclosed in a case statement. If that is not the case an error is reported. The result of this binding is a BoundGotDefaultStatement.

14.18 Binding a Destroy Statement

The destroy statement binder pops an argument from the bound expression stack. It then checks that the argument is a pointer to a class type. If the class type has a destructor, the binder creates BoundFunctionCallStatement that calls the destructor with the pointer argument. The result of this binding is a BoundFunctionCallStatement if the class type has a destructor, or null otherwise.

14.19 Binding a Delete Statement

The delete statement binder pops an argument from the bound expression stack. It then checks that the argument is a pointer to a class type. If the class type has a destructor, the binder creates BoundFunctionCallStatement that calls the destructor with the pointer argument. In any case the binder then creates a BoundFunctionCallStatement that calls System.Support.MemFree function with the pointer argument. The result of this binding is two BoundFunctionCallStatements if the class type has a destructor, or one BoundFunctionCallStatement otherwise.

14.20 Binding a Throw Statement

The throw statement binder binds throw statement of the form throw $ExceptionType(arg_1, \ldots, arg_n)$;

The binder constructs an abstract syntax tree where the throw statement has been lowered to a sequence of ordinary statements and then compiles that abstract syntax tree. The compiler has following information available associated with each exception type:

- <exception_id> a positive integer given to each exception class type.
- <exception_line> the source line number of the throw clause.
- <exception_file> the source file name of the throw clause.

When the throw statement is not enclosed inside a try-block, like in the following example,

```
void foo()
{
    statement1;
    throw ExceptionType(arg);
    statement2;
}
```

the throw statement binder constructs the following sequence of statements:

```
void foo()
1
2
       statement1;
3
       <br/><begin_throw_statement>;
4
       ExceptionType * ex_var_name = new ExceptionType(ExceptionType(arg));
5
       ex_var_name->SetExceptionType(typename(*ex));
6
       ex_var_name->SetFile(<exception_file>);
7
       ex_var_name->SetLine(<exception_line>);
8
       begin capture call stack();
9
       ex var name->SetCallStack(capture call stack());
10
       end_capture_call_stack();
11
       System.Support.SetExceptionAddr(get_exception_table_addr(this_thread
12
           ()), <exception_id>, ex_var_name);
       ex = < exception id >;
13
       *$ex$p = $ex;
14
       return;
15
       statement2;
16
17
```

When the throw statement is enclosed inside a try-block, like in the following example,

```
try
{
    statement1;
    throw ExceptionType(arg);
    statement2;
}
catch (const SomeException& ex)
{
}
```

the throw statement binder constructs the following sequence of statements:

```
void foo()
1
2
3
       statement1;
       <br/>
<br/>
degin throw statement>;
4
       ExceptionType * ex_var_name = new ExceptionType(ExceptionType(arg));
5
       ex_var_name->SetExceptionType(typename(*ex));
6
       ex var name->SetFile(<exception file>);
7
       ex var name->SetLine(<exception line>);
8
       begin capture call stack();
9
       ex_var_name->SetCallStack(capture_call_stack());
10
       end_capture_call_stack();
11
       System.Support.SetExceptionAddr(get_exception_table_addr(this_thread
12
           ()), <exception_id>, ex_var_name);
       $ex = <exception_id>;
13
14
       goto exception_handlers;
       statement2;
15
       return:
16
   exception handlers:
17
       // exception handling code...
18
19
```

14.21 Binding a Try-Catch Statement

The try-catch binder binds a try-catch-statement of the form

```
try \{ try\text{-block } \} catch (ex_1) \{ catch\text{-block}_1 \} \dots catch (ex_n) \{ catch\text{-block}_n \}
```

The binder constructs an abstract syntax tree where the try-catch statement has been lowered to a sequence of ordinary statements and then compiles that abstract syntax tree.

For the following try-statement:

```
void foo()
1
2
        statement1;
3
        \mathbf{try}
4
5
             statement2;
7
        catch (const SomeException& ex)
8
9
             handle_some_exception();
10
11
        catch (const OtherException& ex)
12
13
             handle_other_exception();
15
        statement3;
16
17
```

the binder construct the following code:

```
void foo()
1
2
       statement1;
3
4
       <br/><begin_try_statement>;
       statement2;
5
       <end_try_statement>;
6
       goto over_catches;
7
   first_handler: // there's a goto to this label from the landing pads...
8
9
            bool handle 1 = System. Support. HandleThisEx(<
10
               exception_base_id_table>, $ex, <exception_id_for_SomeException
               >);
            if (!handle_1) goto next_handler;
11
            SomeException* ex_ptr = cast<SomeException*>(System.Support.
12
               GetExceptionAddr(get_exception_table_addr(this_thread()), $ex)
               );
            set_current_exception_id($ex);
13
            {\tt set\_current\_exception\_addr(System.Support.GetExceptionAddr(System))} \\
14
               get exception table addr(this thread()), $ex);
            \$ ex = 0;
15
            const SomeException& ex(*ex ptr);
16
            System.Support.ExDeleter<SomeException> ex_deleter(ex_ptr);
17
18
                handle_some_exception();
19
20
21
   next_handler:
22
23
            bool handle 2 = System. Support. HandleThisEx(<
24
               exception_base_id_table>, $ex, <
               exception_id_for_OtherException>);
               (!handle 2)
25
26
                *$ex_p = $ex;
27
28
                return;
29
            OtherException* ex_ptr = cast<OtherExcetion*>(System.Support.
30
               GetExceptionAddr(get_exception_table_addr(this_thread()), $ex)
            set current exception id($ex);
31
            set_current_exception_addr(System.Support.GetExceptionAddr(
32
               get_exception_table_addr(this_thread()), $ex);
            *ex = 0;
33
            const OtherException& ex(*ex_ptr);
34
            System. Support. ExDeleter < Other Exception > ex_deleter (ex_ptr);
35
36
37
                handle_other_exception();
38
39
   over_catches:
40
       statement3;
41
42
```

14.22 Binding an Assert Statement

The assert statement binder is used to bind statements of the form # assert(expr); when compiling in debug mode. In other modes assert statements have no effect. The binder pops the bound assert expression from the bound expression stack. It then checks that its a Boolean expression. It finally constructs the following function call that corresponds the assertion:

```
if (!expr) System.Support.FailAssertion(<expr>, <file>, <line>);
```

14.23 Binding Conditional Compilation Statements

The conditional compilation statement binder evaluates conditional compilation expressions, and conditionally compiles or skips a list of statements depending of the evaluated results. The following listing shows an example of conditional compilation statements:

The binder has a stack of Boolean values, conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack. As the binder visits abstract syntax tree nodes that represent conditional compilation expressions, it pushes and pops Boolean values to and from the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack.

The binder is abstract syntax tree visitor that overrides the following visitation points:

- Visit(CondCompPrimaryNode& condCompPrimaryNode):
 If the conditional compilation symbol contained by condCompPrimaryNode is defined, the binder pushes **true** to the *conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack*. Otherwise it pushes **false** to the *conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack*.
- Visit(CondCompNotNode& condCompNotNode):

 The binder pops a value from the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack and pushes true to the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack if the value is false. Otherwise it pushes false to the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack.
- EndVisit(CondCompDisjunctionNode& condCompDisjunctionNode):

 The binder pops value right from the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack. It then pops value left from the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack. It pushes a value left || right to the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack.
- EndVisit(CondCompConjunctionNode& condCompConjunctionNode):

 The binder pops value right from the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack. It then pops value left from the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack. It pushes a value left && right to the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack.

• Visit(CondCompStatementNode& condCompStatementNode):

The condCompStatementNode has an ifPart, a possibly empty list of elifParts and optionally an elsePart. The binder evaluates the expression contained by the ifPart by calling its Accept member function. The result of this visitation is in the top of the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack. The binder pops a value, execute, from the conditionalCompilationEvaluationStack. If execute is execute is execute is true, it compiles the statements contained by execute, from the execute is execute in execute is execute. As soon as execute is execute, the binder compiles the statements contained by that elifPart and breaks the loop. If none of the elifPart expressions evaluated execute, the binder compiles the statements contained by the execute is execute.

Chapter 15

Binding Classes and Functions

The main binder generates bound classes from the abstract syntax tree class nodes and bound functions from the abstract syntax tree nodes for static constructors, constructors, destructors, member functions and nonmember functions. As it visits the abstract syntax tree nodes, it calls the statement binders to generate bound nodes for statements and expressions. It also completes user written functions with compiler generated statements. During this process the overload resolution also fires generation of *synthesized functions*. When a class or function is fully processed its bound version is added to the end of the bound compile unit.

15.1 Completing User Written Functions

User written functions are completed with compiler generated statements.

15.1.1 Generating Receive Statements

In the beginning of every function the compiler generates so called *receive statements*.

Function parameters are not directly used in computation inside the body of a function. Instead there's a local variable corresponding to each parameter that receives the value from the parameter. That variable has the same type as the parameter and is used as a replacement for the parameter in computations inside the body of a function.

In the beginning of each function before user written statements, a BoundReceiveStatement is generated for each parameter, to construct a local variable that receive its value from that parameter.

15.1.2 Static Initialization of Class Objects

User written static constructors are completed with compiler generated initialization statements. The following statements are inserted to the beginning of each user written static constructor:

1. Construct a recursive mutex guard:

```
System.Support MtxGuard mtxGuard(<recursive mutex with compiler generated id>);
```

2. If already initialized, return.

- 3. Set initialized to **true**.
- 4. If class has a base class that has a static constructor, call the base class static constructor
- 5. For each static member variable of the class in the declaration order:
 - If the static member variable has a user written initializer, call that initializer.
 - Otherwise generate an initializer that calls the default constructor for the static member variable.

15.1.3 Initializing Class Objects

User written constructors are completed with compiler generated initialization statements. The following statements are inserted to the beginning of each user written constructor:

- 1. Receive statements.
- 2. Call of the static constructor, if the class has one.
- 3. Call of the base class constructor or another constructor of the class begin compiled.
 - If the user has written a call to a base class constructor using syntax **base**(arguments), it is called.
 - Otherwise, if the user has written a call to another constructor of the same class using syntax **this**(arguments), it is called.
 - Otherwise, if the class has a base class, the default constructor of the base class is called.
- 4. If the class is polymorphic (9.0.1), the virtual function table pointer is initialized.
- 5. Call of a constructor for each member variable the class has in the member variable declaration order. That is: for each member variable:
 - If the user has written a member variable initializer using syntax memVar(arguments), it is called.
 - Otherwise, the compiler generates a call to the default constructor for the member variable, memVar().

15.1.4 Destroying Class Objects

User written destructors are completed with compiler generated destructor calls. The following statements are inserted to the beginning of each user written destructor:

- 1. Receive statement.
- 2. If the class is polymorphic (9.0.1), the virtual function table pointer is set to correspond to the class being destroyed.

The following statements are appended to the end of each user written destructor:

- 1. Call of a destructor for each member variable the class has in the reversed member variable declaration order.
- 2. If the class has a base class, the base class destructor is called.

15.2 Synthesized Class Functions

The overload resolution process fires the generation of synthesized functions that are added to the bound compile unit.

15.2.1 Synthesized Static Constructor

If the user has not written a static constructor for a class, and the class has static member variables, the compiler will implement a static constructor for the class. The compiler generated static constructor is called a *synthesized static constructor*. The synthesized static constructor contains following code:

15.2.2 Synthesized Default Contructor

If the user has not written a constructor for a class, the compiler will implement a default constructor for that class if it's needed. Needed means that it is called explicitly by the user or called implicitly by other compiler generated code. That compiler generated default constructor is called a *synthesized default constructor*. The synthesized default constructor contains following statements:

- 1. Receive statements (15.1.1).
- 2. Call of a static constructor, if the class has one.
- 3. If the class has a base class, the default constructor for the base class is called.
- 4. If the class is polymorphic (9.0.1), the virtual function table pointer is initialized.
- 5. For each member variable of the class, the default constructor for the member variable is called in the member variable declaration order.

15.2.3 Synthesized Copy Constructor

If the user has not written a copy or move operation or a destructor for a class, the compiler will implement a copy constructor for that class if it's needed. That compiler generated copy constructor is called a *synthesized copy constructor*. The synthesized copy constructor contains following statements:

1. Receive statements (15.1.1).

- 2. Call of a static constructor, if the class has one.
- 3. If the class has a base class, the copy constructor for the base class is called.
- 4. If the class is polymorphic (9.0.1), the virtual function table pointer is initialized.
- 5. For each member variable of the class, the copy constructor for the member variable is called in the member variable declaration order.

15.2.4 Synthesized Move Constructor

If the user has not written a copy or move operation or a destructor for a class, the compiler will implement a move constructor for that class if it's needed. That compiler generated move constructor is called a *synthesized move constructor*. The synthesized move constructor contains following statements:

- 1. Receive statements (15.1.1).
- 2. Call of a static constructor, if the class has one.
- 3. If the class has a base class, the move constructor for the base class is called.
- 4. If the class is polymorphic (9.0.1), the virtual function table pointer is initialized.
- 5. For each member variable of the class, the move constructor for the member variable is called in the member variable declaration order.

15.2.5 Synthesized Copy Assignment

If the user has not written a copy or move operation or destructor for a class, the compiler will implement a copy assignment for that class if it's needed. That compiler generated copy assignment is called a *synthesized copy assignment*. The synthesized copy assignment contains following statements:

- 1. Receive statements (15.1.1).
- 2. If the class has a base class, the copy assignment for the base class is called.
- 3. For each member variable of the class, the copy assignment for the member variable is called in the member variable declaration order.

15.2.6 Synthesized Move Assignment

If the user has not written a copy or move operation or destructor for a class, the compiler will implement a move assignment for that class if it's needed. That compiler generated move assignment is called a *synthesized move assignment*. The synthesized move assignment contains following statements:

- 1. Receive statements (15.1.1).
- 2. If the class has a base class, the move assignment for the base class is called.
- 3. For each member variable of the class, the move assignment for the member variable is called in the member variable declaration order.

15.2.7 Synthesized Equality Comparison Function

If the user has not written an equality comparison function for a class, the compiler will implement it for that class if it's needed. That compiler generated equality comparison function is called a *synthesized equality comparison function*. The synthesized equality comparison function contains following statements:

- 1. Receive statements (15.1.1).
- 2. If the class has a base class, the equality comparison function for the base class is called. If that returns **false**, the equality comparison function returns **false**.
- 3. Otherwise, the equality comparison function the each member variable is called. As soon as one of those returns **false**, the equality comparison function returns **false**.
- 4. Otherwise, the equality comparison function returns **true**.

15.2.8 Synthesized Destructor

If the user has not written a destructor for a class and that class is polymorphic (9.0.1), has a nontrivial member variable destructor, or has a base class that has a destructor, the compiler will implement a destructor for that class. The compiler generated destructor is called a *synthesized destructor*. The synthesized destructor contains following statements:

- 1. Receive statement (15.1.1).
- 2. If the class is polymorphic (9.0.1), the virtual function pointer is set to correspond this class type.
- 3. For each member variable in reverse member variable declaration order, the destructor for the member variable is called, if the member variable has a nontrivial destructor.
- 4. If the class has a base class and that base class has a destructor, it is called.

Chapter 16

Templates

Apart from the template instantiation process, templates are not processed by the compiler in any other way than their abstract syntax tree representation is saved to the project's library file in binary form along with their symbol table entry. The template instantiation process has access to the abstract syntax tree representation of the template whether the template belongs to the project being compiled, or one of the libraries used by the project being compiled. In the first case, the abstract syntax tree representation is already in memory associated with the template's symbol table entry, in the latter case it is first loaded from the library file and then associated with the template's symbol table entry.

Template instantiation approximately takes the abstract syntax tree representation of the template, binds type arguments to template parameters, and then pushes the result through the whole compilation pipeline starting from the creation of symbols for entities within the template and inserting them to the symbol table, then binding the types and values and importing namespaces, binding the statements and expressions of the template, and finally generating bound classes and functions and appending them to the currently bound compile unit.

16.1 Instantiation of Function Templates

The following algorithm instantiates and binds a function template with given template arguments and inserts its bound version to the currently bound compile unit. A function template is instantiated into each compile unit that calls it.

Algorithm 16.1.1. Instantiate a Function Template. Inputs: a primary function template, a list of template arguments. The algorithm returns a function symbol that represents the instantiated function template. The steps are:

- 1. Create a function template key, key, from the primary function template symbol and list of template argument symbols (definition 16.1.1).
- 2. Search key from the function template repository. Let functionTemplateInstance be the function symbol found.
- 3. If functionTemplateInstance is not null, return functionTemplateInstance.
- 4. Get the function node that represents the AST node for the primary function template from the symbol table. Let *functionNode* be the function node found.

- 5. If functionNode is null, read the function node from the library file and set it as the value of functionNode.
- 6. Let currentNs be null.
- 7. Let globalNs be an AST node created using algorithm 16.1.3 with the following inputs:
 - the full name of the namespace that the primary function template belongs,
 - using nodes contained by the primary function template,
 - \bullet currentNs.
- 8. Clone functionNode without template parameter symbols. Let functionInstance be the resulting AST node.
- 9. Add functionInstance to currentNs.
- 10. Create a declaration visitor and call the Accept member function of the globalNs with the declaration visitor to add symbols for the template to the symbol table.
- 11. Set functionTemplateInstance to the result of the visitation, the symbol for the function template instance.
- 12. Add functionTemplateInstance to the function template repository with key.
- 13. Call algorithm 16.1.2 to bind type parameters of the primary function template to template arguments.
- 14. Bind types and import namespaces of the function template (chapter 8).
- 15. Create a main binder and bind the function template by calling the Accept member function of the *globalNs* with the main binder (chapter 15). This inserts the bound version of the instantiated function template to the currently bound compile unit.
- 16. Return functionTemplateInstance.

16.1.1 Function Template Repository

Definition 16.1.1. A function template key contains the primary function template symbol and list of template argument symbols. Two function template keys are equal if they contain the same primary function template symbol and lists of template argument symbols that are pairwise equal.

The function template repository keeps mappings from function template keys to function template instances, and caches them per compilation unit basis.

16.1.2 Binding Type Parameters

Algorithm 16.1.2. Bind Type Parameters. Inputs: a primary function template, a function template instance, list of template arguments.

1. Let n be the number of type parameters of the function template.

- 2. For i = 1, ..., n:
 - (a) Let typeParam be i'th type parameter.
 - (b) Let templateArg be i'th template argument.
 - (c) Create a BoundTypeParameterSymbol that maps name of typeParam to templateArg, and add it as a member of the function template instance, so that the type resolver can find it from the scope of the function template instance (algorithm 7.2.2).

16.1.3 Creating AST Nodes for a Namespace

Algorithm 16.1.3. Creating Namespace Nodes. Inputs: full namespace name, using nodes, reference to current namespace node *currentNs*. The algorithm returns an AST node that represents the global namespace that contains namepace nodes for the given full namespace name, and given using nodes (namespace imports and alias declarations).

- 1. Create a namespace AST node, global Ns, for global namespace.
- 2. Let currentNs be globalNs.
- 3. If full namespace name is not empty:
 - (a) Split the full namespace name to a list of components separated by '.'. Let nsComponents be the resulting list.
 - (b) For each namespace component:
 - i. Create a namespace AST node, nsNode, for namespace component.
 - ii. Add nsNode to currentNs.
 - iii. Set currentNs to nsNode.
 - (c) Return globalNs.
- 4. For each using node:
 - (a) Add a clone of the using node to currentNs.

16.2 Instantiation of Class Templates

Instantiation of a class template is different from the instantiation of a function template. While a function template is instantiated into every compile unit that calls it, only the member functions of the class template that are actually called from a compile unit are instantiated into it. This is because often just a few of them are really needed.

Therefore the instantiation of a class template is a two-step process. When some function in a compile unit refers to a class template, it is first bound without the bodies of its member functions by pushing it through the compilation pipeline. This inserts the necessary declarations of the instantiated class template to the bound compile unit. Then, when a member function of the class template is actually called, only that member function is instantiated by cloning its body, and pushing it through the compilation pipeline.

Actually this is not the whole truth: if the class template has virtual functions or a destructor, they are all instantiated into every compile unit that calls some member function

of the class template, regardless whether they are called or not. This is because the virtual function table of the class template is generated into a compile unit when a member function of that class template is called, and all the virtual functions contained by the virtual function table must exist. If not, you would get linker errors.

Algorithm 16.2.1. Bind Class Template Specialization. Inputs: class template specialization symbol, container scope, list of file scopes.

- 1. If the class template specialization symbol is already bound, return.
- 2. Insert the class template specialization symbol to the class template repository (section 16.2.1). Let *primaryClassTemplate* be the primary class template symbol of the class template specialization.
- 3. Let classNode be the AST node for primaryClassTemplate.
- 4. If *classNode* is null, read the AST node from the library file. Set *classNode* to the node read.
- 5. Let currentNs be null.
- 6. Let globalNs be an AST node created using algorithm 16.1.3 with the following inputs:
 - the full name of the namespace that *primaryClassTemplate* belongs,
 - using nodes contained by *primaryClassTemplate*,
 - \bullet currentNs.
- 7. Clone classNode without member function bodies and set it to variable classInstanceNode.
- 8. Let n be the number of type parameters of primaryClassTemplate.
- 9. Let m be the number of template arguments contained by the class template specialization symbol.
- 10. If n < m report error "too many template arguments" and exit.
- 11. For i = 0, ..., n-1:
 - (a) Let typeParameterSymbol be i'th type parameter symbol of primaryClassTemplate.
 - (b) Let boundTypeParam be a created BoundTypeParameter with the name of typeParameterSymbol.
 - (c) Let templateArgument be null.
 - (d) If i < m, set templateArgument to i'th template argument contained by the class template specialization symbol.
 - (e) Otherwise,
 - i. If $i \ge \text{number of template parameter nodes contained by } node, report error "too few template arguments" and exit.$
 - ii. Let templateParameterNode be the i'th template parameter nodes of classNode.
 - iii. Let defaultTemplateArgumentNode be the default template argument of templateParameterNode.

- iv. If defaultTemplateArgumentNode is null, report error "too few template arguments" and exit.
- v. Set typeArgument to the type resolved using algorithm 7.2.1 with defaultTemplateArgumentNode.
- vi. Add *typeArgument* to the type arguments of the class template specialization symbol.
- (f) Set type of boundTypeParam to typeArgument.
- (g) Add boundTypeParam as the member of the class template specialization symbol so that it is found by the type resolver when binding the class template specialization. The boundTypeParam will map a name of a template parameter to the corresponding template argument symbol.
- 12. Add classInstanceNode to currentNs.
- 13. Create a declaration visitor and call the Accept member function of globalNs with the declaration visitor. This visits the AST of the class template specialization and adds the symbols contained by it to the symbol table.
- 14. Create a prebinder and call the Accept member function of *globalNs* with the prebinder. This visits the AST of the class template specialization and binds the types and values contained by it.
- 15. If classNode has a constraint, check that constraint.
- 16. If the class template specialization is a polymorphic class, generate the vtable and itables for it.
- 17. Create a main binder and call the Accept member function of globalNs with the main binder. This visits the AST of the class template specialization and ands the bound version of it to the currently bound compile unit.

16.2.1 Class Template Repository

The class template repository holds primary class template symbols and class template specialization symbols. It frees the AST nodes of the primary class template symbols at the end of binding the bound compile unit. The algorithms in this chapter have implicit access to the class template repository.

16.2.2 Instantiation of a Member Function of a Class Template

Algorithm 16.2.2. Instantiate a Member Function of a Class Template. Inputs: a container scope, a member function symbol to instantiate.

- 1. If member function symbol already instantiated, return.
- 2. Get AST node, functionNode, for the member function symbol from the symbol table.
- 3. Add member function symbol to instantiated functions of the compile unit.
- 4. Get the AST node for the body of the member function. Clone it, and set is as the body of functionNode.

- 5. Get the AST node for the parent class template specialization and set it to the variable ttNode.
- 6. Create a declaration visitor and call the Accept meber function of the body of functionNode with the declaration visitor. This visits the AST of the body of functionNode and adds local variable symbols to the symbol table.
- 7. Create a prebinder.
- 8. Set the parent class template specialization of this member function as the current class of the prebinder so that types and values contained by the class template specialization required by the member function are found.
- 9. Call the Accept member function of functionNode with the prebinder. This visits the AST of functionNode and binds types and values contained by it.
- 10. Create a main binder.
- 11. Call main binder's BeginVisit member function with ttNode. This sets the scope so that symbols from the class template specialization are found when binding the member function node.
- 12. Call the Accept member function of functionNode with the main binder. This visits the AST of functionNode and binds the statements and expressions contained by it, and adds the bound version of the function to the currently bound compile unit.
- 13. Call main binder's EndVisit member function with ttNode.
- 14. If the parent class template specialization of this member function has virtual functions or a destructor, instantiate them recursively using this algorithm.

16.2.3 Resolving Default Template Arguments

A class template may have default arguments such as the value of template parameter C in the following example:

Here's the algorithm that resolves the default template arguments:

Algorithm 16.2.3. Resolve Default Template Arguments. Inputs: a reference to a list of template argument symbols, a primary class template symbol, a container scope and a list of file scopes.

- 1. Get the AST node of the primary class template symbol from the symbol table. Let classNode be the node found.
- 2. If classNode is null, read the AST node from the library file and assign it to classNode.
- 3. Let n be the number of type parameters of primary class template symbol.
- 4. Let m be the number of template argument symbols.
- 5. Create a container scope, resolveScope, for resolving and set its parent scope to the given container scope.
- 6. Let boundTypeParameters be a list of BoundTypeParameterSymbols.
- 7. For i = 0, ..., n 1:
 - (a) Let typeParameterSymbol be i'th type parameter symbol of the primary class template symbol.
 - (b) Create a BoundTypeParameterSymbol, boundTypeParam, with the name of typeParameterSymbol.
 - (c) Add it to the end of boundTypeParameters.
 - (d) If i < m,
 - i. Set the type of boundTypeParam to i'th template argument.
 - ii. Install boundTypeParam to resolveScope.
 - (e) Otherwise,
 - i. If $i \ge$ the number of template parameter nodes in the classNode, report error "too few template arguments" and exit.
 - ii. Let templateParameterNode be the *i*'th template parameter node of the classNode.
 - iii. Let defaultTemplateArgumentNode be the default template argument node of templateParameterNode.
 - iv. If defaultTemplateArgumentNode is null, report error "too few template arguments" and exit.
 - v. Let templateArgument be a template argument type symbol resolved by the type resolver from defaultTemplateArgumentNode with resolveScope using algorithm 7.2.1.
 - vi. Add templateArgument to the end of template argument symbols.

Chapter 17

Emitters

The compiler has two intermediate code emitters: the LLVM emitter and the C emitter. It generates LLVM or C intermediate code depending on whether the option <code>-backend=llvm</code> (default) or <code>-backend=c</code> is given to it. The intermediate code is feeded to <code>llc</code> or <code>gcc</code> to generate object code from LLVM or C code respectively. Both emitters walk through the bound tree representation of functions using visitor pattern and generate intermediate instructions along the way. This document focuses on the implementation of the LLVM generator. The C generator is analogical.

17.1 IR Objects

The intermediate representation objects that the generator operates on are:

Object Base class of object types.

Constant Represents a compile time constant.

Global Represents a static member variable, for example.

LabelObject Represents a label to jump to.

MemberVar Represents a nonstatic member variable.

Parameter Represents a parameter of a function.

RefVar Represents a reference variable of a basic type.

RegVar Represents a temporary register variable of a basic type.

StackVar Represents a local variable.

The objects support two basic operations: Init and Assign. The operations are implemented as double dispatching operations. The Init operation is implementated as:

```
void Init(Emitter& emitter, Type* type, Object* from, Object* to)

from->InitTo(emitter, type, to);
}
```

And the Assign operation is implementated as:

```
void Assign(Emitter& emitter, Type* type, Object* from, Object* to)

from->AssignTo(emitter, type, to);
}
```

The Object class declares an interface for these operations:

And then the RegVar, for example, implements it:

```
void RegVar::InitTo(Emitter& emitter, Type* type, Object* to)
2
       to->InitFrom(emitter, type, this);
3
4
   void RegVar::InitFrom(Emitter& emitter, Type* type, Constant* constant)
5
6
       // ...
7
8
   void RegVar::InitFrom(Emitter& emitter, Type* type, Global* global)
10
       // ...
11
12
```

17.2 Types

Every intermediate object has a type. In addition each type symbol derived from the TypeSymbol class (see section 7.1) contains an irType, an intermediate representation of the type. The types are:

Type A base class for types.

VoidType Represents lack of return type in functions, and a base type for generic pointers.

LabelType Represents a type for LabelObjects.

IntegerType Represents a base type for integer and Boolean types.

I1Type Represents a Boolean type. Derives from the IntegerType.

I8Type Represents 8-bit integer type. Derives from the IntegerType.

I16Type Represents 16-bit integer type. Derives from the IntegerType.

I32Type Represents 32-bit integer type. Derives from the IntegerType.

I64Type Represents 64-bit integer type. Derives from the IntegerType.

I64Type Represents 64-bit integer type. Derives from the IntegerType.

FloatingPoinType Represents a base type for floating point types.

FloatType Represents a 32-bit floating point type. Derives from the FloatingPoinType.

DoubleType Represents a 64-bit floating point type. Derives from the FloatingPoinType.

ArrayType Represents an array type. Contains an item type.

StringType Represents a string type. Derives from the ArrayType.

StructureType Represents a structured type. Contains a list of element types.

PointerType Represents a pointer type. Contains a pointed-to type.

RvalueRefType Represents an rvalue reference type. Contains a referred-to type.

FunctionType Represents a function type. Contains a return type and parameter types.

17.3 Instructions

The compiler implements a subset of all possible LLVM instructions. The instructions implemented are:

Instruction Represents an LLVM intermediate instruction. Is the abstract base class for concrete LLVM instructions.

BinOpInstruction Represents a binary operator instruction. Has a Type, and a result, operand1 and operand2 Objects.

IntegerBinOpInstruction Represents a binary operator instruction with integer type operands.

AddInst Represents add instruction. Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

SubInst Represents sub instruction. Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

MulInst Represents mul instruction. Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

UDivInst Represents udiv instruction, unsigned integer division.

Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

SDivInst Represents sdiv instruction, signed integer division.

Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

URemInst Represents **urem** instruction, unsigned integer remainder.

Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

SRemInst Represents urem instruction, signed integer remainder.

Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

ShlInst Represents shl instruction, shift left. Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

LShrInst Represents 1shr instruction, shift right logically.

Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

AShrInst Represents ashr instruction, shift right arithmetically.

Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

AndInst Represents and instruction, bitwise and.

Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

OrInst Represents or instruction, bitwise or.

Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

XOrInst Represents **xor** instruction, bitwise **xor**.

Derives from the IntegerBinOpInstruction.

FloatingPointBinOpInstruction Represents a binary operator instruction with floating point type operands.

FAddInst Represents fadd instruction, floating point addition.

Derives from the FloatingPointBinOpInstruction.

FSubInst Represents fsub instruction, floating point difference.

Derives from the FloatingPointBinOpInstruction.

FMulInst Represents fmul instruction, floating point multiplication.

Derives from the FloatingPointBinOpInstruction.

FDivInst Represents fdiv instruction, floating point division.

 $Derives \ from \ the \ {\tt FloatingPointBinOpInstruction}.$

FRemInst Represents frem instruction, floating point remainder.

Derives from the FloatingPointBinOpInstruction.

RetInst Represents ret instruction, a return from a function, may contain a value Object.

BrInst Represents br instruction, a conditional or unconditional branch to a label. Contains a destination LabelObject, if represents an unconditional branch. Contains a condition Object, a true target and a false target LabelObject, if represents a conditional branch.

SwitchInst Repsents switch instruction. Contains a Type, a value based on witch to branch, default destinations and other destinations.

AllocaInst Represents alloca instruction that allocates memory from the stack frame for a local variable.

LoadInst Represents load instruction that loads the value of an object to a register.

StoreInst Represents store instruction that stores a value from a register to an object.

GetElementPtrInst Represents getelementptr instruction that computes an address of an object pointed by a pointer, or contained by structures or arrays.

CallInst Represents a call instruction that calls a function with supplied arguments.

IndirectCallInst Represents a call instruction that calls a function through a function pointer with supplied arguments.

ICmpInst Represents icmp instruction that compares two integer or pointer operands with a condition code.

FCmpInst Represents fcmp instruction that compares two floating point operands wit a condition code.

ConversionInstruction Represents a base class for conversion instructions.

TruncInst Represents trunc instruction that truncates an integer value.

ZextInst Represents zext instruction that zero extends an integer value.

SextInst Represents **sext** instruction that sign extends an integer value.

FptruncInst Represents fptrunc instruction that truncates a floating point value.

FptouiInst Represents **fptoui** instruction that converts a floating point value to a unsigned integer value.

FptouiInst Represents **fptosi** instruction that converts a floating point value to a signed integer value.

UitofpInst Represents **uitofp** instruction that converts an unsigned integer value to a floating point value.

SitofpInst Represents sitofp instruction that converts a signed integer value to a floating point value.

PtrtointInst Represents ptrtoint instruction that converts a pointer value to an integer value

InttoptrInst Represents **inttoptr** instruction that converts an integer value to a pointer value.

BitcastInst Represents bitcast instruction that changes the type of a value without converting the bits of a value.

17.4 Emitter

The emitter class stores LLVM instructions of a function, processes them and writes them in text to an .ll file when requested. The processing consists of removing unused labels and unnecessary jumps, for example.

17.5 Implementation of Basic Type Operations

Section 4.2.1 shows the basic type symbols and the function symbols that represent operations for each basic type. Instructions for the operations for basic types are generated inline by calling the **Generate** member function of the operation. The following listing sketches the implementation of some of the constructors:

```
class BasicTypeOp
1
2
   public:
3
       BasicTypeOp(TypeSymbol* type_) : type(type_) {}
4
       TypeSymbol* Type() const { return type; }
5
       virtual void Generate (Emitter& emitter, GenResult& result) = 0;
6
       Ir::Intf::Type* GetIrType() const { return type->GetIrType(); }
7
       Ir::Intf::Object* GetDefaultIrValue() const { return type->
8
           GetDefaultIrValue(); }
   private:
9
       TypeSymbol* type;
10
   };
11
12
   class DefaultCtor : public BasicTypeOp
13
   public:
15
       void Generate (Emitter& emitter, GenResult& result) override
16
17
            Init (emitter, GetIrType(), GetDefaultIrValue(), result.MainObject
18
19
   };
20
21
   class CopyCtor : public BasicTypeOp
22
23
   public:
24
       void Generate (Emitter& emitter, GenResult& result) override
25
26
            Init(emitter, GetIrType(), result.Arg1(), result.MainObject());
27
28
29
30
31
```

The following listing sketches the implementation of the binary operator functions:

```
class BinOp : public BasicTypeOp
2
   public:
3
       void Generate (Emitter& emitter, GenResult& result) override
4
5
          emitter.Emit(CreateInstruction(GetIrType(), result.MainObject(),
6
              result.Arg1(), result.Arg2()));
7
       virtual Ir::Intf::Instruction * CreateInstruction (Type* irType, Object
8
           * result, Object* operand1, Object* operand2) const = 0;
   };
9
10
   class OpAdd : public BinOp
11
12
   public:
13
       Ir::Intf::Instruction* CreateInstruction(Type* irType, Object* result
14
           , Object* operand1, Object* operand2) const override
15
           if (Type()->IsFloatingPointTypeSymbol())
16
17
           {
                return FAdd(irType, result, operand1, operand2);
18
           }
19
           else
20
21
                return Add(irType, result, operand1, operand2);
22
23
24
   };
25
26
```

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