Lecture 2: Our Language

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Expressions

```
> 142
142
>
```

```
> something
. . something: undefined;
cannot reference undefined identifier
>
```

Error in MIT-SCHEME

```
shree@trinetra:~$ mit-scheme
MIT/GNU Scheme running under GNU/Linux
Type `^C' (control-C) followed by `H' to obtain information about interrupts.
Copyright (C) 2011 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
This is free software: see the source for copving conditions. There is NO
warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
Image saved on Sunday February 7, 2016 at 10:35:34 AM
 Release 9.1.1 || Microcode 15.3 || Runtime 15.7 || SF 4.41 || LIAR/x86-64 4.118
 Edwin 3.116
1 l=> something
:Unbound variable: something
:To continue, call RESTART with an option number:
 (RESTART 3) => Specify a value to use instead of something.
 (RESTART 2) => Define something to a given value.
 (RESTART 1) => Return to read-eval-print level 1.
2 error>
```

Combinations

```
> (+ 34 65)
99
> (* 5 99)
495
>
```

```
> (+ 2 4 6 8)
20
>
```

Expressions (contd.)

```
> (+ (* 3 (+ (* 2 4) (+ 3 5))) (+ (- 10 7) 6))
45
```

```
> (+ (* 3
	(+ (* 2 4)
		(+ 3 5)))
	(+ (- (- 10 7)
		6)))
```

Primitive Procedures

```
> (define size 2)
> size
2
> (* 4 size)
8
```

```
> (define (square x)
      (* x x))
> (square 10)
100
```

Conditional Expressions and Predicates

```
> (define (absolute x)
        (if (< x 0) (- x)
            x))
> (absolute -3)
3
```

Conditionals (contd)

```
(and (> x 0) (> y 0))
(or (> x 0) (> y 0))
(not (> x 0))
```

Few more

So far, we have seen

- define
- contd
- if
- and, or, not

We have few more procedures

- lambda
- let
- quote
- list
- cons, car, cdr

This is more than enough for us explain the computational process. We don't need any more.

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Thus completes our programming language.

A word of Caution

- Both Dr.Racket Documentation¹ and MIT-Scheme Reference Manual² consists of lots of primitive.
- We need not worry about that for two reasons:
 - This syntax is more than enough to describe procedure
 - A new procedure (as in the references), can be easily created with the above primitives.

However, interested students are encouraged to go through these references.

 ${\tt mit-scheme-ref.pdf}$

¹https://docs.racket-lang.org/

²https://www.gnu.org/software/mit-scheme/documentation/stable/