AdaLogo Turtle Programming

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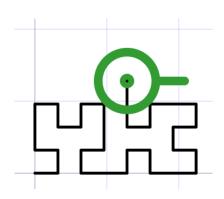
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Motivation

- Learning Ada as your first programming language.
- Reducing the high learning curve at the first 2-3 weeks.
- Don't care about compiler and editor.
- You want to "see" and understand what your program is doing.
- Let's do it in AdaLogo!

Language

Reducing Ada to AdaLogo as a Small Subset



• Turtle action code:

- forward(100);
 move_to(200,200); turn(90);
 turn_to(225); turtle_reset;
- pen_up; pen_down;
- put_line("hallo"); put(100); new_line;

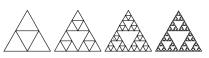
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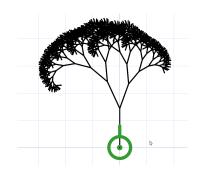
- control flow: if else, exit, for loop, while loop
- data types: integer and boolean
- procedure with call-by-value

Student Exercises

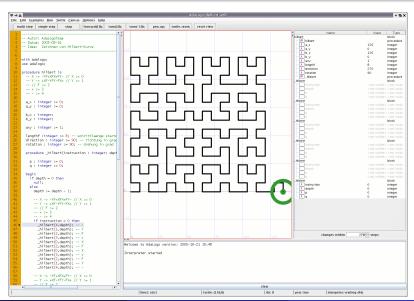
Examples from Dr. Lewandowski

- Drawing simple and complex pictures
 - circle, triangle, square or spiral
 - \bullet π
- Recursion
 - Sierpinski triangle
 - Lime tree
 - Tower of Hanoi
- Analyzing unknown programs with debugger (program protocol)





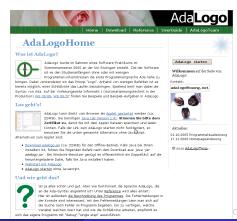
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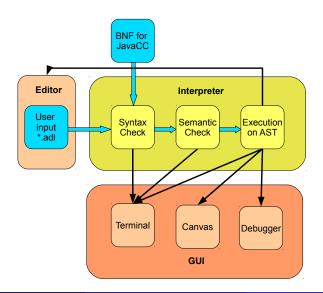
GUI Design and Concepts As Easy As Possible

- Editor
 - Syntax highlighting and breakpoint setting
- Canvas
 - Zoom and navigation
- Debugger (@see later)
- Terminal
 - Syntax and semantic errors
 - AST and user output
- Useful buttons
 - Debug with single step or breakpoint
 - Built-in examples
 - Current state of turtle

- Web page without installation: http://adalogo.cuong.net
- Reference and user guide



Interpreter Architecture Overview



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Java Compiler Compiler

- LL(k) parser generation
- Grammar, self-written or reuse?
- 53 rules vs. 160 rules

Interpreter

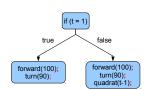
- 3 Phase Checking and Interpreting
- Different interactions with Editor and other GUI components

Debugger

Program Example, Callstack and AST with Semicolon as Breakpoint

```
with adalogo;
    use adalogo:
    procedure main is
      procedure quadrat (t : integer) is
      begin
        if (t = 1) then
          forward(100):
          turn(90);
        else
          forward(100):
          turn(90):
14 =
          quadrat(t-1);
        end if:
      end:
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   begin
      quadrat(4);
   end:
```





Success Story

- Team: Hailang Thai, Minh Cuong Tran, Lesmana Zimmer
- Usage in "Einfuehrung in die Informatik (autip)" from Dr. Stefan Lewandowski at University Stuttgart since 2005.
- Web page usage peak at the beginning of every semester.
- Feel free to visit http://adalogo.cuong.net