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fun append (xs,ys) =  
  if xs=[]  
  then ys  
  else (hd xs)::append(tl xs,ys)  
  
fun map (f,xs) =  
  case xs of  
    [] => []  
  | x::xs' => (f x)::(map(f,xs'))  
  
val a = map (increment, [4,8,12,16])  
val b = map (hd, [[8,6],[7,5],[3,0,9]])
```

# Programming Languages

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*ML Rules for Expressions (Seen So Far)*

# *A very simple ML program*

This program has integers, variables, addition, if-expressions, less-than, subtraction, and calling a pre-defined function

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(* My first ML program *)

val x = 34;

val y = 17;

val z = (x + y) + (y + 2);

val q = z + 1;

val abs_of_z = if z < 0 then 0 - z else z;

val abs_of_z_simpler = abs z
```

# Expressions

- We have seen many kinds of expressions:

**34    true    false    x     $e1+e2$      $e1<e2$   
if  $e1$  then  $e2$  else  $e3$**

- Can get arbitrarily large since any subexpression can contain subsubexpressions, etc.
- Every kind of expression has
  1. Syntax
  2. Type-checking rules
    - Produces a type or fails (with a bad error message ☹)
    - Types so far: **int bool unit**
  3. Evaluation rules (used only on things that type-check)
    - Produces a value (or exception or infinite-loop)

# *Variables*

- Syntax:  
sequence of letters, digits, \_, not starting with digit
- Type-checking:  
Look up type in current static environment
  - If not there, fail
- Evaluation:  
Look up value in current dynamic environment

# Addition

- Syntax:  
 $e1 + e2$  where  $e1$  and  $e2$  are expressions
- Type-checking:  
If  $e1$  and  $e2$  have type `int`,  
then  $e1 + e2$  has type `int`
- Evaluation:  
If  $e1$  evaluates to  $v1$  and  $e2$  evaluates to  $v2$ ,  
then  $e1 + e2$  evaluates to sum of  $v1$  and  $v2$

# Values

- All values are expressions
- Not all expressions are values
- Every value “evaluates to itself” in “zero steps”
- Examples:
  - `34, 17, 42` have type `int`
  - `true, false` have type `bool`
  - `()` has type `unit`

# *A slightly tougher one*

*What are the syntax, typing rules, and evaluation rules for conditional expressions?*

Let's write it out...

# *Now you try one*

Syntax, type-checking rules, and evaluation rules for less-than comparisons?