

## Lecture 17:

- Semantic analysis (cont)

## Announcements:

- HW-4 out
- Proj. Part 1 due Fri

## Symbol Table

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Stores variable state in a “stack” of environments as program is being checked

```
public class SymbolTable {
    private Deque<Map<String,DataType>> environments = new ArrayDeque<>();

    // add and remove environments
    public void pushEnvironment() { ... }
    public void popEnvironment() { ... }

    // check if variable name is bound
    public void exists(String name) { ... }
    public boolean existsInCurrEnv(String name) { ... }

    // add a binding (overwrites existing name binding)
    public void add(String name, DataType type) { ... }

    // returns the name's binding
    public DataType get(String name) { ... }

    // print the symbol table (for debugging)
    public String toString() { ... }
}
```

# Symbol Table

New environments created/removed when we visit new “blocks”

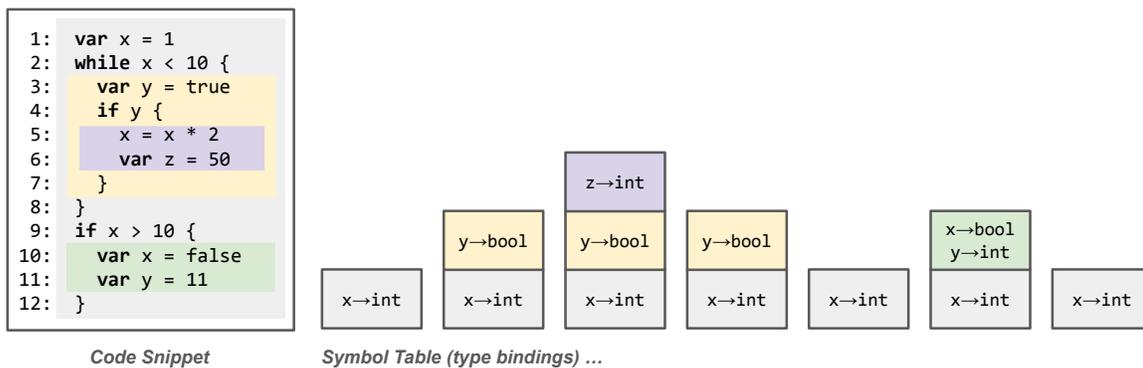
```
symbolTable.pushEnvironment();  
for (var stmt : node.stmts)  
    stmt.accept(this);  
symbolTable.popEnvironment();
```

The plan:

- basic idea of the type checker implementation for HW-4
- typing rules for MyPL
- hints on type checker (visitor) implementation

# Symbol Table

Symbol table tracks “sub environments” (update as AST is navigated) ...



Calls to `exists(name)` and `get(name)` search ...

1. in the local (“current”) environment first ... top of “stack”
2. then the parent environment ... environment before top of “stack”
3. and so on

## Semantic Checker

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### The SemanticChecker implements the visitor pattern

- includes a symbol table and the “current” inferred type (as DataType)

```
public class SemanticChecker implements Visitor {
    // for tracking function and struct definitions:
    private Map<String, FunDef> functions = new HashMap<>();
    private Map<String, StructDef> structs = new HashMap<>();
    // for tracking variable types:
    private SymbolTable symbolTable = new SymbolTable();
    // for holding the last inferred type:
    private DataType currType;

    // helper functions:
    private boolean isBaseType(String type) { ... }
    private boolean isBuiltInFunction(String name) { ... }
    private void error(String msg, Token token) { ... }
    private void error(String msg) { ... }
    private boolean isStructField(String fieldName, StructDef structDef) { ...
    }
    private DataType getStructFieldType(String fieldName, StructDef structDef)
    { ... }

    // visit functions ...
}
```

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### Inferred types recorded in currType, which is a DataType object ...

```
class DataType implements AST {
    public boolean isArray;
    public Token type;
    public void accept(Visitor v) {v.visit(this);}
}
```

### Example for simple (literal) rvalues:

```
public void visit(SimpleRValue node) {
    TokenType literalType = node.literal.tokenType;
    int line = node.literal.line;
    int column = node.literal.column;
    Token typeToken = null;
    if (literalType == TokenType.INT_VAL)
        typeToken = new Token(TokenType.INT_TYPE, "int", line, column);
    else if (literalType == TokenType.DOUBLE_VAL)
        typeToken = new Token(TokenType.DOUBLE_TYPE, "double", line, column);
    // ... similar needed for string and bool here ...
    else if (literalType == TokenType.NULL_VAL)
        typeToken = new Token(TokenType.VOID_TYPE, "void", line, column);
    currType = new DataType();
    currType.type = typeToken;
}
```

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## Inferred types help check more complex statements and expressions

For example, for expression checking:

```
public void visit(BasicExpr node) {
    node.rvalue.accept(this);
}

public void visit(UnaryExpr node) {
    node.expr.accept(this);
    if (node.unaryOp.lexeme.equals("not")) // not is the only choice
        if (!currType.type.lexeme.equals("bool") || currType.isArray)
            error("expecting boolean expression", currType.type);
}

public void visit(BinaryExpr node) {
    // set up the lhs
    node.lhs.accept(this);
    DataType lhsType = currType;
    // set up the rhs
    node.rhs.accept(this);
    DataType rhsType = currType;
    // get the operator
    String op = node.binaryOp.lexeme;
    // check the cases ...
}
}
```