

Names, Bindings, Scopes

COS 301: Programming Languages



Variables

- In imperative languages
 - Language: abstractions of von Neumann machine
 - Variables: abstraction of memory cell or cells
 - Sometimes close to machine (e.g., integers), sometimes not (e.g., arrays, etc.)
- In functional languages
 - Pure functional: no variables but can have named expressions
 - Most have variables more like pointers than true variables
- In OO languages (pure)
 - Instance variables only



Variable properties

- Name
- Type
- Scope & lifetime



- **Name** = identifiers (more or less)
- Names not just for variables, of course
 - subprograms
 - modules
 - classes
 - parameters
 - types
 - program constructs

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"What's in a name?"

- Name: string of characters that identifies some program entity
- Which characters?
- Restrictions on how name begins, other implicit typing?
- Is beginning of name meaningful?
- Any special characters allowed for readability?
- **Case-sensitive** or not?
- What's allowed vs "culture" of language
 - Underscores/hyphens
 - **Camel case** (camel notation)



Length

- Early languages: 1-character names
- Too short, not meaningful
- Fortran 6 characters (initially; 31 as of '95)
- C no limit, but only 63 significant
- Java, C#, Ada, Lisp no limit, all significant
- C++ varies by implementation



Special words in the language

- Reserved words vs keywords
- Keywords: part of the syntax, special meaning
 - E.g., Fortran "Integer"
 - E.g., in Lisp: t, nil (cf. keyword package; package locks)
- Reserved words: cannot be used as keyword
 - Eliminates some confusion with multiple meanings of keywords
 - Keywords usually reserved and vice versa but not always
 - Too many \Rightarrow difficult for programmer

• E.g., Cobol has 300!

• But some may have too few: Fortran, PL/I: no reserved words!

if if = then then then = else else else = then

• Imported names (packages, libraries) – function as reserved words locally

Variables



Variables

- Here: concentrate on imperative languages
- Variable: abstraction of memory cell(s)
- More than just a value!
 - Value is one **attribute** of the variable
 - Others: address, type, lifetime, scope
- I.e., variable = <name,address,value,type,lifetime,scope>



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int *foo; foo = new int; *foo = 0;



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Addresses

- Address: where variable is (begins) in memory
- **L-value** = address
- Not that simple, though:
 - Different addresses at different times for the same variable
 - Different addresses in different parts of the program for the same name
 - Same address, multiple names (**aliases**)
 - · pointers
 - reference variables
 - unions (C, C++)
 - · decreases readability



Type of variable

- **Type** determines
 - size of variable (\Rightarrow range of values possible)
 - how to interpret bits
 - which operations can be applied
- Much more about types later



Value

- Value = r-value
 - I-value \Rightarrow address
- Abstract memory cell:
 - Real memory cells: usually a byte
 - Abstract memory cell: size required by the type
 - E.g.: float may be 4 bytes \Rightarrow 1 (abstract) memory cell



Pointers

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Pointers

- Some languages: explicit dereferencing
 - C: x = *y + 1;
 - ML: x := !y + 1
 - Pascal: $x := ^{y} + 1$
- Other languages: implicit dereferencing
 - Java
 - Lisp
 - Python

Binding



Binding

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- **Binding** = association between attribute and entity
 - E.g.: variable's value attribute ⇔ value
 - E.g., variable's type attribute \Leftrightarrow data type
- Binding time:
 - Static binding:
 - Association happens prior to run-time
 - Compiled languages, e.g.
 - Dynamic binding:
 - Association happens at run-time
 - Interpreted languages, e.g., some things in compiled languages



Binding times

- Language **design time**: e.g., operators ⇔ functions (operations)
- Language **implementation time**: e.g., data types ⇔ range of values
- **Compile time**: variable ⇔ type
- **Link time**: library subprogram name ⇔ code
- **Load time**: variable ⇔ address
- Run time:
 - variables \Leftrightarrow values via (e.g.) assignment
 - variable \Leftrightarrow address in interpreted languages
 - variable ⇔ address via malloc(), new
 - instance variable \Leftrightarrow address in Java



Example

• Statement (assume PI is a constant):

a = b + PI + 3

- Bindings:
 - Types of a, b:
 - Compiled languages: compile time
 - Interpreted languages: run time
 - Possible values of a, b: design time (in Java; implementation time in C)
 - · Value of PI: compile time or load time
 - Value of **a**, **b**: runtime
 - +: compile time or design time (or even run time)
 - Meaning (representation) of 3: *compiler* design time



Binding times – again

- Static binding, dynamic binding but more complicated (of course)
- Virtual memory complicates things
 - Even with static binding, it's to a *virtual* address
 - Paging \Rightarrow physical address changes
 - Transparent to the program, user
- Garbage collecting systems (Lisp, Java, .NET, Objective C, ...)
 - Some GC systems: copy active memory to another chunk of memory
 - Addresses of variables change over time
 - E.g.: Lisp has no pointers, but **references** (sometimes called *locatives*), for this reason

Type Bindings



Type bindings

- Static bindings:
 - Explicit declaration: statement specifies types
 - Implicit declaration: binding via conventions
- Pros/cons of implicit declaration:
 - Pro: writability
 - Con: reliability (and possibly readability)
- E.g.: Fortran, VB: implicit declarations
 - Fortran: I–N as first char \Rightarrow integer
 - Currently can change this in Fortran (Implicit None) and VB (Option Explicit)



Type bindings

- Some languages set up different namespaces for different types – e.g., Perl
 - $\$ foo \Rightarrow scalar$
 - $@foo \Rightarrow array$
 - $foo \Rightarrow hash$



Type bindings

- Type inferencing: context \Rightarrow type
 - VB, Go, ML, Haskell, OCaml, F#, C#, Swift,...
 - C#: infers type from setting in var statement (Swift similar)

```
var foo = 3.0
var bar = 4
var baz = "a string"
```

- ML: compiler determines from context of reference
 - fun degToRad(d) = d * 3.1415926 / 180;
 - fun square(x) = x * x;
 - int is default type
 - call square(3.5) \Rightarrow error
 - can fix: fun square(x) : real = x * x;



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• C# (2010) allows dynamic binding

dynamic foo;

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 - In pure OO languages: all variables are dynamic and can reference any object (Smalltalk, Ruby)
 - In Java: restricted to referencing particular kind(s) of object



- Advantage: flexibility
 - E.g., write a Perl, Lisp, etc., program to average numbers without knowing what kind of numbers they are
 - Cannot do this in C, e.g. (without using pointers)



- Disadvantages:
 - Reliability issues: compiler can't check types
 - Costs: • Costs:
 - Dynamic type checking \Rightarrow extra code/time
 - → maintain type information (runtime descriptor) → symbol table at runtime
 - Variable-sized values \Rightarrow heap storage, GC
 - Often interpreted languages (but can compile some [e.g., Lisp])

Storage Bindings, Lifetime


Storage bindings, lifetime

- Every variable has some **storage** bound to it
- **Allocation**: taking storage from pool of storage locations \Rightarrow variable
- **Deallocation**: returning storage to pool
- Variable **lifetime**: time variable is bound to storage for scalars:
 - static
 - stack-dynamic
 - explicit heap-dynamic
 - implicit heap-dynamic



Static variables

- Storage (addresses) bound prior to run-time
- Lifetime: entire program lifetime
- Used for:
 - Global variables
 - Subroutine variables that need to exist across invocations (e.g., C/C++ static variable type)

int incCounter() {
 static int counter = 0;
 return ++count;

"Static" variables in Java, C#, C++ classes – class variables



Static variables

- Efficient:
 - direct memory addressing
 - unless implementation uses a base register
- But:
 - No recursion (if only static variables)
 - No storage sharing among subprograms



Stack-dynamic variables

- Storage is on the run-time stack
- Type: statically bound
- Storage created at time of declaration **elaboration**:
 - Elaboration: when execution reaches declaration
 - Allocation of storage
 - Binding of storage
- Examples:
 - Parameters
 - Local variables in subroutines/methods



Stack-dynamic variables

- Everything static but address
 - Indirect addressing...
 - ...but offset into stack is static
- Advantages:
 - Recursion

• Shared memory space for all subprograms



Stack-dynamic variables

- Disadvantages:
 - Speed of access indirect addressing
 - Time to allocate/deallocate variables (but done as a block)



• **Heap**: portion of memory allocated to process, initially unused



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- Dynamic: allocated as needed by operator, system call (via subroutine)
- Referenced only via pointer
- Useful for:
 - data structures with size unknown at compile time
 - dynamic data structures (trees, linked lists)



• Ex - C++: int *foo; foo = new int; ... delete foo;





- Java:
 - All objects except primitive scalars → heap-dynamic
 - Created via new, accessed by reference variables
 - No **destructor**: garbage collection
- C#:
 - Heap-dynamic and stack-dynamic variables
 - Also has pointers
- Lisp/CLOS objects via make-instance



- Advantage: flexibility
- Disadvantages:
 - Danger of pointers
 - Cost of reference, pointer access
 - Memory management
 - Garbage collection or manual
 - Fragmentation
 - Memory leaks



Implicit heap-dynamic variables

- Bound only when assigned variables (all attributes)
- JavaScript, Perl, Python...
- Lisp's cons cells
- Advantage: flexibility
- Disadvantages:
 - Those of other heap-dynamic variables
 - Also have to manage all attributes maintain symbol table at runtime





Scope

· Scope:

- Where the variable is **visible**
- I.e., the statements in which it is visible/useable
- **Scope rules** of language:
 - Determine how references to names are associated with variables
 - Common error: inadvertently referencing a non-local variable
- Local variables in program or block
- Non-local variables



Lexical (static) scoping

- Lexical (static) scoping most modern languages
 - Where name defined in program matters
 - Binding of name ⇔ variable can be determined prior to runtime
- Name bound to variable in a collection of statements
 - Subprograms
 - Blocks
- Nested functions/blocks
- Algol 60 introduced lexical scoping including begin–end blocks, nested scoping
- Nested scopes: Common Lisp, Ada, JavaScript, Scheme, Fortran (2003 and newer)
- C, C++, Java can't nest functions



Non-local names in lexical scope

- Look in local scope first for **declaration** of variable
- If not found ⇒ look in static parent scope
 - If not found there, look in *its* static parent scope, etc.
 - I.e., look in **static ancestors**
- Ultimately: look in **global scope**
- If not found \Rightarrow undeclared variable error



```
function outer {
 function inner1 {
    var x = 1;
    inner2(x);
 }
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    function inner3 (x) {
     X = X * X;
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Blocks

- Algol 60 \rightarrow **blocks** with scope
- Many modern languages: block-structured languages
- Block's local variables \Rightarrow stack dynamic
- C-based languages: any compound statement can have declarations ⇒ new scope
- JavaScript does not allow non-function blocks (as scopes)
- Lisp, others: let construct



Block example: C

```
int* swap(int* foo) {
 int bigger;
 if (foo[0] > foo[1]) {
  int temp;
  bigger = foo[0];
  temp = foo[1];
  foo[1] = foo[0];
  foo[0] = temp;
 }
 printf("bigger=%d", bigger);
 return foo;
```



```
(defun swap (a)
 (let ((bigger 0) (smaller 0)) ;; scope 1
    (if (> (first a) (second (a))
       (let ((temp (first a))) ;; scope 2
         (setf bigger (first a)
               smaller (second a))
         (setf (first a) (second a))
         (setf (second a) temp))
       (setf bigger (second a)
             smaller (first a)))
    (format t "Bigger=~s, smaller=~s.~%"
               bigger smaller)
```

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- Allowed in C, C++
- Not in Java, C#



Nesting in **for** loop

- Some languages: for loop has its own scope
- Scope includes variables declared in initialization of loop

• E.g., C:

```
int i;
...
for (int i = -100; i<100;i++) {
    ...
a = 3 * i;
    ...
}
```



Nesting scope – Why?

- Saves memory only allocate what is needed
- Encapsulation (cf. OO)
- Readability/writability: keeps names close to where they are used


Accessing hidden/shadowed variables

- Variable in local scope hides or **shadows** one with same name in outer scope(s)
- Some languages (Java, C#) don't allow this in general
- Some languages allow accessing hidden variables
 - E.g., Ada: unit.name



Lexical scope: Summary

	Algol	С	Java	Ada	Lisp
Package	n/a	n/a	yes	yes	yes (namespace)
Class	n/a	n/a	nested	yes	yes
Function	nested	yes	yes	nested	yes
Block	nested	nested	nested	nested	nested
For Loop	no	post '89	yes	automatic	automatic



Declaration order

- Some languages: declaration can appear anywhere
 - E.g., C (99+), C++, Java, VB, C#
 - C, C++, Java scope from declaration \rightarrow end of block
 - C# scope is whole block (but must be declared prior to use)
- Other languages:
 - Variables have to be defined prior to executable statements (e.g., Pascal)
 - Readability? Writability?



Global scope

- **Global variables** e.g., C, C++, Lisp, Python, etc.)
 - No enclosing scope
 - Globals appear outside any function
- C/C++: one definition, but multiple declarations
 - Definition \Rightarrow where storage is allocated
 - Definition often also initializes the variable
 - Declarations:

extern int sum;



Global variables – accessing

- Last place to look in lexical scoping (most languages)
- Some languages: can explicitly access them e.g., ::foo (in C++)
- PHP: globals aren't accessible by default
 - Access via \$GLOBALS (associative) array...
 - ... or explicitly declare in function: global \$foo
- Python:
 - Can access (read) globals inside function <u>unless</u> you also try to set them
 - Can set them only if declared e.g., global foo
 - Can only access variables in nonlocal scope with nonlocal



Example - Python (v.2)

day = "Monday"
def tester():
 print "The global day is: ",day #reading ok
tester()

output:

The global day is: Monday

```
day = "Monday"
def tester():
    print "The global day is: ",day #reading OK
    day = "Tuesday" #oops! Writing not OK
    print "The new value of day is: ",day
tester()
```

output:

UnboundLocalError: local variable 'day' referenced before assignment

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Globals and compilation units

- **Compilation unit:** file (e.g.) compiled separately
- Most languages: declarations at compilation unit level
- Multiple compilation units \Rightarrow need mechanism to make variables truly global
- C: header files #include <foo>
- Or use extern and allow linker to resolve



Advantages of static scoping

- Static type checking is possible at compile time
- Can directly translate references \rightarrow addresses
- Does not require maintenance and traversal of binding stacks (or even symbol tables for compiled languages) at runtime



Problems with static scoping

- May provide more access to variables, functions, than necessary
- As programs evolve:
 - Initial static structure may become cumbersome
 - Tempts programmers toward making more things global over time
- Alternative: encapsulation (construct or objects)



Dynamic Scope

- Static (lexical) scope: depends on how program units are written
- **Dynamic scope**: depends on how they are called

Dynamic is temporal, static is spatial

• To find which variable is being referenced: Look back through chain of subprogram calls

























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Dynamic scoping

- Examples:
 - APL, SNOBOL, some (early) Lisp dialects
 - Perl, Common Lisp: can declare some variables to be dynamic – e.g.:

(defvar *foo* 3) ;; special (dynamic) variable



Dynamic scoping

- Advantage: convenience e.g., no need for some parameter passing
- Disadvantages:
 - 1. While a subprogram is executing, its variables are visible to all subprograms it calls
 - 2. Impossible to statically type check
 - 3. Poor readability



Scope and Lifetime

- Scope: where the variable is visible
- Lifetime: when the variable has storage bound
- Often appear related parameters, e.g.
- Often not, however e.g., a static variable in C
- Scope is lexical, lifetime is temporal



Scope and Lifetime

- Fortran, COBOL:
 - static allocation to global memory area
 - \Rightarrow lifetime of all variables = life of program
 - memory management, ensuring unique names: programmer's responsibility
- Why?
 - Early machines had limited memory:
 - E.g., IBM 1130: 32 KB; IBM 360: 64 KB
 - Also lacked support for a call stack!
 - Could argue: use dynamic storage, but...
 - ...static gives programmer control of memory



Recall: Stack-dynamic allocation

- Algol: memory allocated/deallocated at scope entry/exit
- Allowed recursion
- Almost all modern languages do this
- Stack frame: What is pushed onto stack when subroutine called
 - Return address
 - Parameters!
 - Local variables
 - Pointers to stack frames for caller &/or outer scope
- On exit: pop stack frame



· Static scope: sometimes variable alive when out of scope

```
sub A (x)
B(3);
return x;
sub B (y)
return 4*y;
```

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 - Suppose we want to count times subroutine called:

```
void foo () {
    int counter = 0;
    counter++;
    ... }
```

- Problem counter created and destroyed
- Solution: void foo () {
 static int counter = 0;
 counter++;
 ... }



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Referencing environments

- Referencing environment: All the names visible at some point in a program (e.g., at a statement)
- Static scoping: local vars + vars in all enclosing lexical scopes (ancestor scopes)
- Dynamic scoping: local vars + all visible vars in all active subprograms



Static scope example

```
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 A, B : Integer;
  . . .
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   X, Y : Integer;
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      . . .
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   X, Z : Integer;
   procedure Sub3 is
     X : Integer;
     begin -- of Sub3
           <---- 2
        . . .
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- Named **constant**: a "variable" bound only once to a value
- Advantages:
 - Readability: e.g., **pi** rather than 3.14159...
 - Parameterization/modifiability: e.g., **#define numAnswers 40**
- Binding:
 - Static (manifest constants): bound at compile time
 - Dynamic:
 - bound to value when storage is created
 - useful to bind to an expression whose value is not known until runtime



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- Example static binding in some languages:
 - Constant-valued expressions only
 - E.g., Fortran 95, C, C++ (#define)
 - Often no storage needed (why not?)
- Dynamic binding:
 - Example: C++

const int numElements = rows * columns

- Ada, C++, and Java: expressions of any kind
- C# has two kinds, readonly and const
 - const static
 - readonly dynamic



Initialized data

- Variables can be initialized statically or dynamically
 - Static: at compile time
 - Dynamic: at runtime
- Ex:

int x = 0; int c[5] = $\{10, 20, 30, 40, 50\}$ int * foo = c; /* foo \Rightarrow alias of c */

- Static initialization: literal values/expressions known at compile time
- Compiled language: statically-initialized variables reside in the data section of the executable file