CSE110A: Compilers

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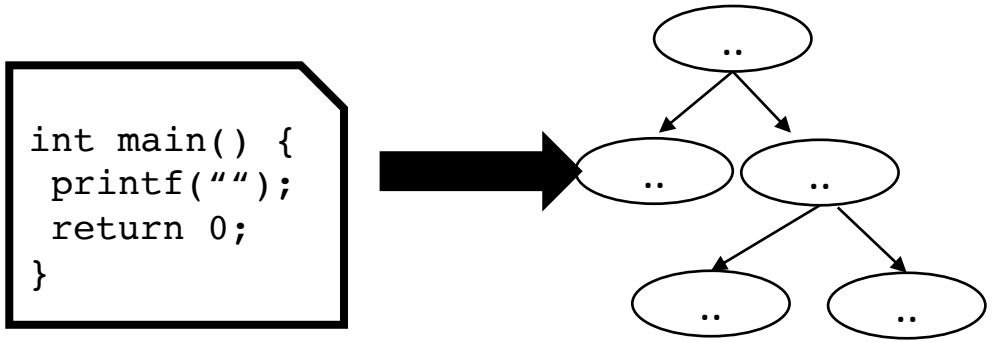
Topics:

- *Top down parsing*
  - *Lookahead sets*
  - *Recursive descent parsers*

- *Symbol Tables*



Announcements

- HW 2 is out
  - You should have everything you need for it after today
  - Due in 6 days (May 4)
  - Plenty of time for help
- We are working on grading HW 1
- Midterm will be given on May 8
  - Taken during class
  - Study material is homeworks, slides, and book readings
  - 3 pages of notes (front and back, handwritten or typed)

Quiz

We'll revisit a few of the questions from the last quiz

Quiz

To prepare a grammar for a top-down parser, you must ensure that there is no recursion, except in the right-most element of any production rule.

- ◯ True
- ◯ False

What is the issue with left recursion?

```
root = start symbol;
focus = root;
push(None);
to_match = s.token();

while (true):
  if (focus is a nonterminal)
    pick next rule (A ::= B1,B2,B3...BN);
    push(BN... B3, B2);
    focus = B1

  else if (focus == to_match)
    to_match = s.token()
    focus = pop()

  else if (to_match == None and focus == None)
    Accept
```

What could a demonic choice do?

Variable	Value
focus	
to_match	
s.istring	
stack	

```
1: Expr   ::= Expr '+' ID
2:        |   ID
```

Can we derive the string a

Expanded Rule	Sentential Form
start	Expr

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```

Can we derive the string a

Expanded Rule	Sentential Form
start	Expr
1	Expr + ID
1	Expr + ID + ID
1	Expr + ID + ID + ID
…	
…	
…	

infinite recursion

Eliminating direct left recursion

A and B can be any sequence of non-terminals and terminals

```
Fee ::= Fee A
    |   B
```

```
Fee  ::= B Fee2

Fee2 ::= A Fee2
     |   “”
```

Eliminating direct left recursion

```
1: Expr  ::= Expr Op Unit
2:       |   Unit
3: Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’
4:       |    ID
5: Op    ::= ‘+’
6:       |   ‘*’
```

Lets do this one as an example:

```
Fee ::= Fee A
     |    B
```

```
Fee   ::= B Fee2

Fee2  ::= A Fee2
       |     “”
```

Eliminating direct left recursion

A = Op Unit
B = Unit

```
1: Expr  ::= Expr Op Unit
2:       |   Unit
3: Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’
4:       |    ID
5: Op    ::= ‘+’
6:       |   ‘*’
```

```
1: Expr  ::= Unit Expr2
2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
3:       |   “”
```

Lets do this one as an example:

```
Fee ::= Fee A
    |   B
```

```
Fee  ::= B Fee2

Fee2 ::= A Fee2
       |   “”
```

How about indirect left recursion?

```
1: Expr_base ::= Unit
2:           |   Expr_op
3: Expr_op   ::= Expr_base Op Unit
4: Unit      ::= '(' Expr_base ')'
5:           |    ID
6: Op        ::= '+'
7:           |   '*'
```

Identify indirect left left recursion

$Expr\_base \rightarrow_{lhs} Expr\_op \rightarrow_{lhs} Expr\_base$

How about indirect left recursion?

```
1: Expr_base ::= Unit
2:             |   Expr_base Op Unit
3: Expr_op   ::= Expr_base Op Unit
4: Unit      ::= '(' Expr_base ')'
5:             |    ID
6: Op        ::= '+'
7:             |   '*'
```

Identify indirect left left recursion

$$Expr\_base \rightarrow_{lhs} Expr\_op \rightarrow_{lhs} Expr\_base$$

inline indirect non-terminal

It is always possible to eliminate left recursion

Quiz

It is only possible to write a top-down parser if you can determine exactly which production rule to apply at each step.

- ◯ True
- ◯ False

```
root = start symbol;
focus = root;
push(None);
to_match = s.token();

while (true):
  if (focus is a nonterminal)
    cache_state();
    pick next rule (A ::= B1,B2,B3...BN);
    if B1 == "": focus=pop(); continue;
    push(BN... B3, B2);
    focus = B1

 else if (to_match == None and focus == None)
    Accept

  else if (focus == to_match)
    to_match = s.token()
    focus = pop()

  else if (we have a cached state)
     backtrack();

  else
    parser_error()
```

```
1: Expr  ::= ID Expr2
2: Expr2 ::= '+' ID Expr2
           |   ""
```

Keep track of what choices we've done

Can we match: "a"?

Expanded Rule	Sentential Form
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Backtracking gets complicated...

- Do we need to backtrack?
  - In the general case, **yes**
  - In many useful cases, **no**

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to_match = s.token();

while (true):
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    pick next rule (A ::= B1,B2,B3...BN);
    if B1 == "": focus=pop(); continue;
    push(BN... B3, B2);
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```

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3:       |   ""
```

Could we make a smarter choice here?

Can we match: "a"?

Variable	Value
focus	Expr2
to_match	None
s.istring	""
stack	None

Expanded Rule	Sentential Form
start	Expr
1	ID Expr2

The First Set

For each production choice, find the set of tokens that each production can start with

```
1: Expr  ::= Unit Expr2
2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
3:         | ""
4: Unit  ::= '(' Expr ')'
5:         |    ID
6: Op    ::= '+'
7:         |   '*'
```

```
First sets:
1: {}
2: {}
3: {}
4: {}
5: {}
6: {}
7: {}
```

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```

```
First sets:
1: {'(', ID}
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```

We can use first sets to decide which rule to pick!

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```

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3: {""}
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7: {'*'}
```

We simply use to_match and compare it to the first sets for each choice

For example, Op and Unit

Quiz

In many cases, a top-down parser requires the grammar to be re-written. Write a few sentences about why this might be an issue when developing a compiler and how the issues might be addressed.

Class discussion

New material

- The Follow set
- The First+ set
- Recursive descent parser

The Follow Set

Rules with “” in their First set need special attention

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2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
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5: {ID}
6: {‘+’}
7: {‘*’}
```

```
Follow sets:
1: NA
2: NA
3: {}
4: NA
5: NA
6: NA
7: NA
```

We need to find the tokens that any string that follows the production can start with.

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The First+ Set

The First+ set is the combination of First and Follow sets

```
                                First sets:    Follow sets:     First+ sets:
1: Expr  ::= Unit Expr2         1: {‘(‘, ID}   1: NA            1: {‘(‘, ID}
2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2      2: {‘+’, ‘*’}  2: NA            2: {‘+’, ‘*’}
3:       | “”                   3: {“”}        3: {None, ’)’}   3: {None, ’)’}
4: Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’       4: {‘(‘}       4: NA            4: {‘(‘}
5:       |    ID                5: {ID}        5: NA            5: {ID}
6: Op    ::= ‘+’                6: {‘+’}       6: NA            6: {‘+’}
7:       |   ‘*’                7: {‘*’}       7: NA            7: {‘*’}
```

Do we need backtracking?

The First+ set is the combination of First and Follow sets

```
1: Expr  ::= Unit Expr2          First+ sets:
2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2       1: {‘(‘, ID}
3:       | “”                    2: {‘+’, ‘*’}
4: Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’        3: {None, ’)’}
5:       |    ID                 4: {‘(‘}
6: Op    ::= ‘+’                 5: {ID}
7:       |   ‘*’                 6: {‘+’}
                                 7: {‘*’}
```

For each non-terminal: if every production has a disjoint First+ set then we do not need any backtracking!

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First+ sets:

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```

These grammars are called LL(1)

- L - scanning the input left to right
- L - left derivation
- 1 - how many look ahead symbols

They are also called predictive grammars

Many programming languages are LL(1)

For each non-terminal: if every production has a disjoint First+ set then we do not need any backtracking!

Sometimes the grammar needs to be refactored

```
1: Factor ::= ID
2:          |   ID ‘[‘ Args ‘]’
3:          |   ID ‘(‘ Args ‘)’
...
```

Sometimes the grammar needs to be refactored

```
                                        First
1: Factor ::= ID                        1: {}
2:          |   ID ‘[‘ Args ‘]’          2: {}
3:          |   ID ‘(‘ Args ‘)’          3: {}
...                                     ...
```

Sometimes the grammar needs to be refactored

```
1: Factor ::= ID                        1: {ID}
2:          |   ID '[' Args ']'         2: {ID}
3:          |   ID '(' Args ')'         3: {ID}
...                                     ...
```

First

We cannot select the next rule based on a single look ahead token!

Sometimes the grammar needs to be refactored

```
                                    First
1: Factor ::= ID                    1: {ID}
2:          |   ID ‘[‘ Args ‘]’      2: {ID}
3:          |   ID ‘(‘ Args ‘)’      3: {ID}
...                                 ...
```

We can refactor

```
                                          First
1: Factor       ::= ID Option_args        1: {}
2: Option_args  ::= ‘[‘ Args ‘]’          2: {}
3:              |   ‘(‘ Args ‘)’          3: {}
4:              |   “”                    4: {}
```

Sometimes the grammar needs to be refactored

```
1: Factor ::= ID                    First
2:          |   ID ‘[‘ Args ‘]’      1: {ID}
3:          |   ID ‘(‘ Args ‘)’      2: {ID}
...                                 3: {ID}
                                    ...
```

We can refactor

```
1: Factor       ::= ID Option_args      First
2: Option_args  ::= ‘[‘ Args ‘]’        1: {ID}
3:                |   ‘(‘ Args ‘)’      2: {‘[‘}
4:                |   “”                3: {‘(‘}
                                        4: {“”}    // We will need to compute the follow set
```

Sometimes the grammar needs to be refactored

```
1: Factor ::= ID
2:          |   ID '[' Args ']'
3:          |   ID '(' Args ')'
...
```

```
First
1: {ID}
2: {ID}
3: {ID}
...
```

It is not always possible to rewrite grammars into a predictive form, but many programming languages can be.

We can refactor

```
1: Factor      ::= ID Option_args
2: Option_args ::= '[' Args ']'
3:               |   '(' Args ')'
4:               |   ""
```

```
First
1: {ID}
2: {'['}
3: {'('}
4: {""}    // We will need to compute the follow set
```

We now have a full top-down parsing algorithm!

```
root = start symbol;
focus = root;
push(None);
to_match = s.token();

while (true):
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5: {ID}
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7: {‘*’}
```

First+ sets for each production rule

```
1: Expr  ::= Unit Expr2
2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
3:         | “”
4: Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’
5:         |    ID
6: Op    ::= ‘+’
7:         |   ‘*’
```

input grammar, refactored to remove left recursion

To pick the next rule, compare `to_match` with the possible `first+` sets. Pick the rule whose `first+` set contains `to_match`.

If there is no such rule then it is a parsing error.

Moving on to a simpler implementation:

Recursive Descent Parser

Let’s look at the grammar

```
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2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
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How do we parse an Expr?

Let’s look at the grammar

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```

How do we parse an Expr?
We parse a Unit followed by an Expr2

Let’s look at the grammar

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2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
3:         | “”
4: Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’
5:         |    ID
6: Op    ::= ‘+’
7:         |   ‘*’
```

How do we parse an Expr?
We parse a Unit followed by an Expr2

We can just write exactly that!

```
def parse_Expr(self):
        self.parse_Unit();
        self.parse_Expr2();
        return
```

Let’s look at the grammar

```
1: Expr  ::= Unit Expr2
2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
3:         | “”
4: Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’
5:         |    ID
6: Op    ::= ‘+’
7:         |   ‘*’
```

How do we parse an Expr2?

Let’s look at the grammar

```
1: Expr  ::= Unit Expr2
2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
3:         | “”
4: Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’
5:         |    ID
6: Op    ::= ‘+’
7:         |   ‘*’
```

How do we parse an Expr2?

```
First+ sets:
1: {‘(‘, ID}
2: {‘+’, ‘*’}
3: {None, ’)’}
4: {‘(‘}
5: {ID}
6: {‘+’}
7: {‘*’}
```

Let’s look at the grammar

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2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
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4: Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’
5:         |    ID
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4: {‘(‘}
5: {ID}
6: {‘+’}
7: {‘*’}
```

```
def parse_Expr2(self):

    token_id = get_token_id(self.to_match)

    # Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
    if token_id in ["PLUS", "MULT"]:
        self.parse_Op()
        self.parse_Unit()
        self.parse_Expr2()
        return

    # Expr2 ::= ""
    if token_id in [None, ”RPAR"]:
        return

    raise ParserException(-1,                          # line number (for you to do)
                          self.to_match,               # observed token
                          ["PLUS", "MULT", ”RPAR"]) # expected token
```

Let’s look at the grammar

```
1: Expr  ::= Unit Expr2
2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
3:       | “”
4: Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’
5:       |    ID
6: Op    ::= ‘+’
7:       |   ‘*’
```

How do we parse a Unit?

```
First+ sets:
1: {‘(‘, ID}
2: {‘+’, ‘*’}
3: {None, ’)’}
4: {‘(‘}
5: {ID}
6: {‘+’}
7: {‘*’}
```

Let’s look at the grammar

```
1: Expr  ::= Unit Expr2
2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
3:         | “”
4: Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’
5:         |    ID
6: Op    ::= ‘+’
7:         |   ‘*’
```

How do we parse a Unit?

```
First+ sets:
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2: {‘+’, ‘*’}
3: {None, ’)’}
4: {‘(‘}
5: {ID}
6: {‘+’}
7: {‘*’}
```

```python
def parse_Unit(self):

    token_id = get_token_id(self.to_match)

    # Unit  ::= ‘(‘ Expr ‘)’
    if token_id == "LPAR":
        self.eat("LPAR")
        self.parse_Expr()
        self.eat("RPAR")
        return

    # Unit :: = ID
    if token_id == "ID":
        self.eat("ID")
        return

    raise ParserException(-1,              # line number (for you to do)
                          self.to_match,  # observed token
                          ["LPAR", "ID"]) # expected token
```

Let's look at the grammar

```
1: Expr  ::= Unit Expr2
2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
3:         | ""
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6: {'+'}
7: {'*'}
```

How do we parse a Unit?

```
def parse_Unit(self):

    token_id = get_token_id(self.to_match)

    # Unit  ::= '(' Expr ')'
    if token_id == "LPAR":
        self.eat("LPAR")
        self.parse_Expr()
        self.eat("RPAR")
        return

    # Unit :: = ID
    if token_id == "ID":
        self.eat("ID")
        return

    raise ParserException(-1,              # line number (for you to do)
                          self.to_match,   # observed token
                          ["LPAR", "ID"]) # expected token
```

ensure that to_match has token ID of "LPAR" and get the next token

Let’s look at the grammar

```
1: Expr  ::= Unit Expr2
2: Expr2 ::= Op Unit Expr2
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```

How do we parse an Op?

```
First+ sets:
1: {‘(‘, ID}
2: {‘+’, ‘*’}
3: {None, ’)’}
4: {‘(‘}
5: {ID}
6: {‘+’}
7: {‘*’}
```

Let’s look at the grammar

```
1: Expr   ::= Unit Expr2
2: Expr2  ::= Op Unit Expr2
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5: {ID}
6: {‘+’}
7: {‘*’}
```

```
def parse_Op(self):

    token_id = get_token_id(self.to_match)

    # Op  ::= '+'
    if token_id == "PLUS":
        self.eat("PLUS")
        return

    # Op  ::= '*'
    if token_id == "MULT":
        self.eat("MULT")
        return


    raise ParserException(-1,                # line number (for you to do)
                          self.to_match,     # observed token
                          ["MULT", "PLUS"]) # expected token
```

Recursive Descent Parsers

- Requires some work on the grammar
  - Remove left recursion
    - Always possible
  - Identify first+ sets
    - Not always possible
    - Might require rewriting the grammar
- Allows a straightforward and efficient parser implementation
  - Many industry contacts have told me they use recursive descent parsers internally
- Next homework will have you implement a recursive descent parser for the grammar you are working on now!
- Very interesting use case of recursion!

Moving on: Scope

Scope

- What is scope?
- Can it be determined at compile time? Can it be determined at runtime?
- C vs. Python
- Anyone have any interesting scoping rules they know of?

One consideration: Scope

- Lexical scope example

```
int x = 0;
int y = 0;
{
  int y = 0;
  x+=1;
  y+=1;
}
x+=1;
y+=1;
```

What are the final values in x and y?

How to track scope?

- Symbol table object

- two methods:
  - **`lookup(id) :`** `lookup an id in the symbol table. Returns None if the id is not in the symbol table.`
  - **`insert(id,info) :`** `insert a new id (or overwrite an existing id) into the symbol table along with a set of information about the id.`

What information might we store about an id?

a very simple programming language

ID = [a-z]+

INCREMENT = “\+\+”

TYPE = “int”

LBRAC = “{“

RBRAC = “}”

SEMI = “;”

```
int x;
x++;
int y;
y++;
```

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error!

statements are either a declaration or an increment

How to track scope?

- `SymbolTable ST;`

Say we are matched the statement:
`int x;`

declare_statement ::= TYPE ID SEMI

`{}`

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How to track scope?

- `SymbolTable ST;`

Say we are matched the statement:
`int x;`

declare_statement ::= TYPE ID SEMI

```
{
  self.eat(TYPE)
  variable_name = self.to_match.value
  self.eat(ID)
  ST.insert(variable_name,None)
  self.eat(SEMI)
}
```

How to track scope?

- `SymbolTable ST;`

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- `SymbolTable ST;`

Say we are matched string:
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inc_statement ::= ID INCREMENT SEMI

```
{
  variable_name = self.to_match.value
  if ST.lookup(variable_name) is None:
      raise SymbolTableException(variable_name)
  self.eat(ID)
  self.eat(INCREMENT)
  self.eat(SEMI)
}
```

How to track scope?

- `SymbolTable ST;`

statement : LBRAC statement_list RBRAC

```
int x;
{
   int y;
   x++;
   y++;
}
y++;
```

How to track scope?

- `SymbolTable ST;`

statement : LBRAC statement_list RBRAC

start a new scope S

remove the scope S

```
int x;
{
   int y;
   x++;
   y++;
}
y++;
```

How to track scope?

- Symbol table
- four methods:
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  - **`push_scope() :`** `push a new scope to the symbol table`
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How to track scope?

- `SymbolTable ST;`

statement : LBRAC statement_list RBRAC

You will be adding the functions to push and pop scopes in your homework

How to implement a symbol table?

- Thoughts? What data structures are good at mapping strings?

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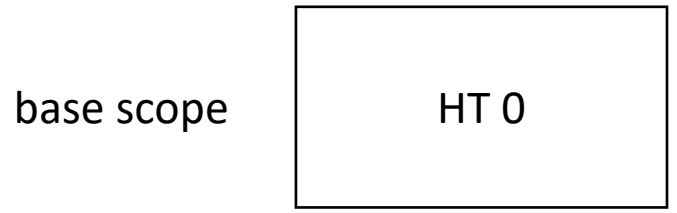
- Many ways to implement:

- A good way is a stack of hash tables:



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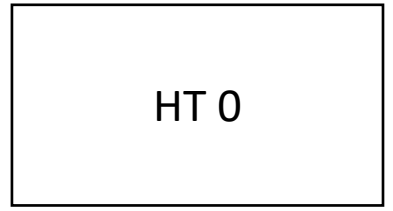

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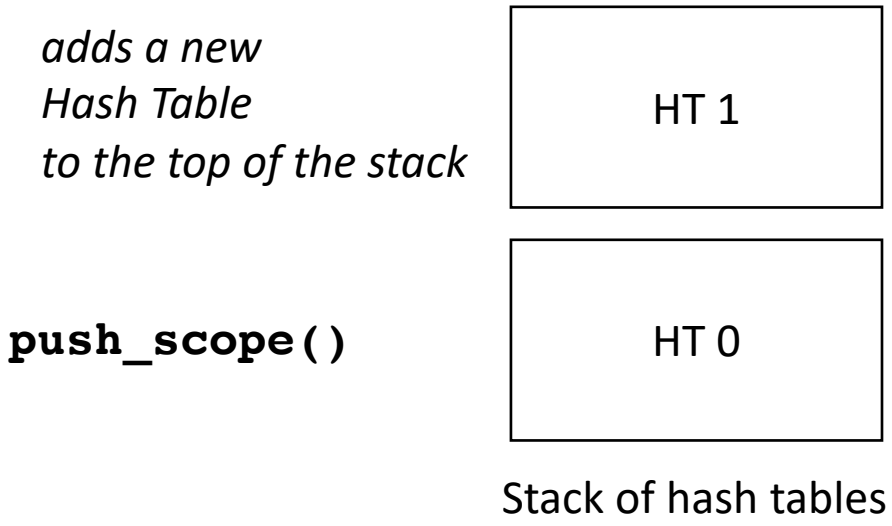

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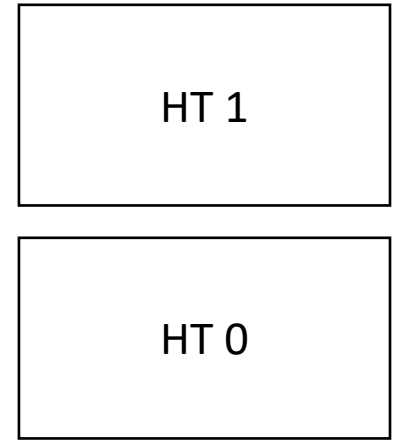

`insert(id,data)`

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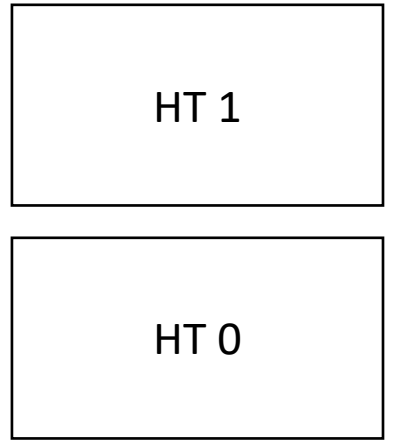
`insert(id,data)`

insert `(id -> data)` at top hash table



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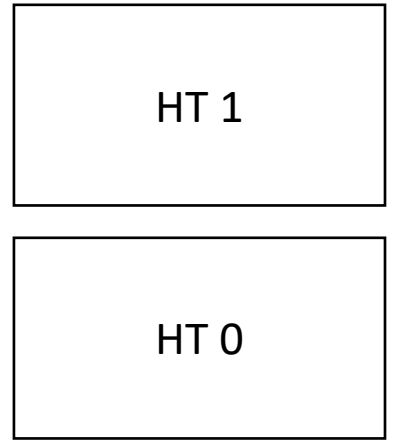

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`lookup(id)`

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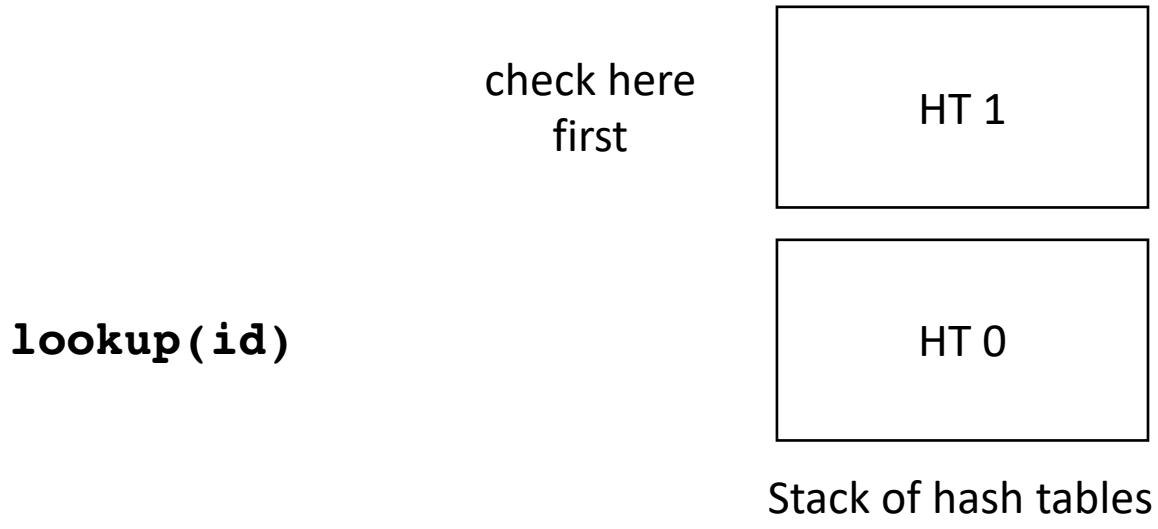

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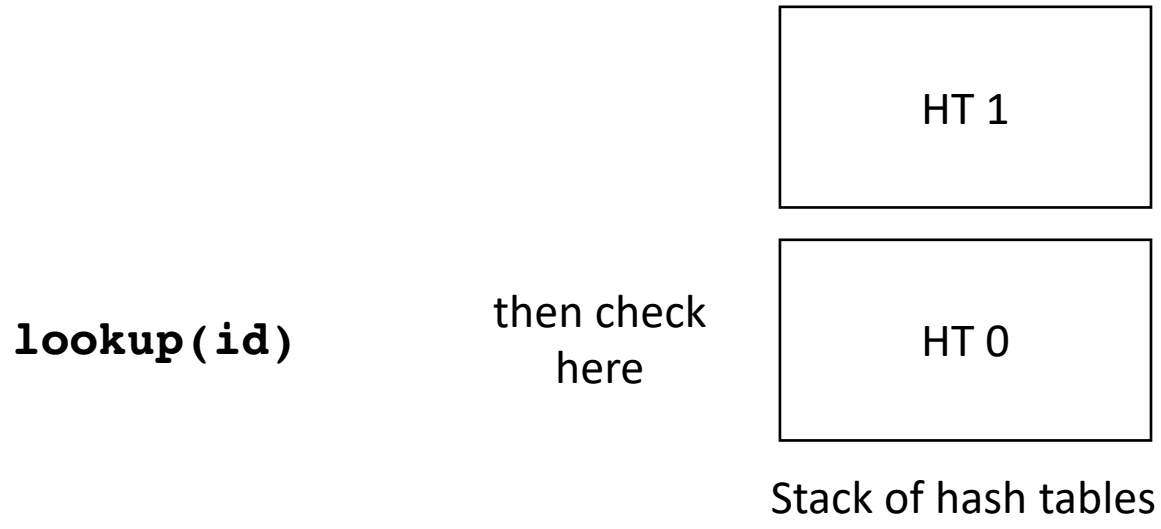

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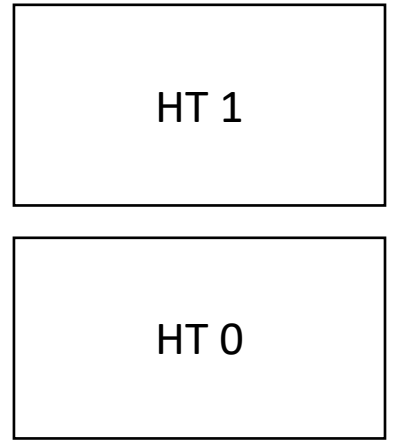

`pop_scope()`

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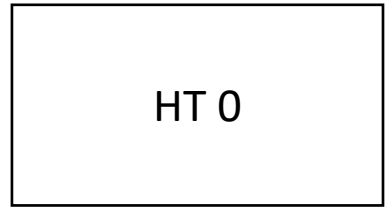

Stack of hash tables

How to implement a symbol table?

- Example

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int y = 0;
{
  int y = 0;
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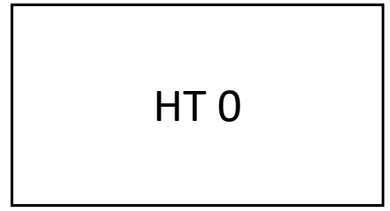
  y++;
}
x++;
y++;
```



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See you on Friday!

- We will discuss parser generators