

## Crystal Overview, Continued

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## Crystal Variable Bindings



- Variable Uses
  - Represented as ASTNodes
    - Like every other expression
    - Technically, a SimpleName
- Binding
  - A single canonical object representing the variable declaration
    - Similarly, have bindings for classes, methods...
  - Get using:
    - Name.resolveBinding()
    - VariableDeclaration.resolveBinding()
  - Eclipse doesn't provide a way to get from the Binding to the ASTNode variable declaration
    - Efficiency choice
    - Crystal shortcut
      - ASTNode Utilities.getASTNode(IBinding b)

## Demo



- Installing Crystal
- Run Assignment 0
- Look at Assignment 0 code
- Look at Visitor
- Other sample analysis

## The Visitor Pattern



```
class Visitor {
    // called before visit
    void preVisit(Node n) { }

    // if return true, children visited
    boolean visit(Element e) {
        return true; }

    // called after child visits
    void endVisit(Element e) {
        return true; }

    // called after visit
    void postVisit(Node n) { }
}

class Node {
    abstract void accept(Visitor v);
}

class Element extends Node {
    void accept(Visitor v) {
        v.preVisit(this);
        boolean c = v.visit(this);
        if (c)
            children.accept(v);
        v.endVisit(this);
        v.postVisit(this);
    }
}
```

## Visitor Example



```
class StringConcatLoopVisitor extends ASTVisitor {
    int loopLevel = 0;
    public boolean visit(ForStatement node) {
        loopLevel++;
        return true;
    }
    public void endVisit(ForStatement node) {
        loopLevel--;
    }

    public boolean visit(InfixExpression node) {
        ITypeBinding type = node.getLeftOperand().resolveTypeBinding();
        if (loopLevel > 0
            && node.getOperator() == InfixExpression.Operator.PLUS
            && type.getName().equals("String"))
            Crystal.getInstance().reportUserProblem("Performance issue:
String concatenation in loop (use StringBuffer instead)", node,
StringConcatLoopAnalysis.this);
        return true;
    }
}
```

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## Program Semantics

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## Why Semantics?



- Semantics describe formally what a program means
  - Typically, how the program executes
- Framework for analysis
  - Precise definitions
  - Proofs of correctness
- Semantics in practice
  - Difficult to define for full languages
    - But see Standard ML!
  - Very useful for thinking about how analysis applies to the “core” of a language
    - Extension to full language is assumed to be easy
      - **Sometimes true, sometimes not!**

## Forms of Program Semantics



- Big-Step Reduction Semantics
  - Shows result of program
  - Depends on environment  $\eta : \mathbf{Var} \rightarrow \mathbf{Value}$
  - Form:  $\eta \vdash a \downarrow v$ 
    - Read: In environment  $\eta$ , expression  $a$  reduces to value  $v$
- Small-Big-Step Reduction Semantics
  - Shows step-by-step execution of program
  - Form:  $(\eta, e) \mapsto (\eta', e')$ 
    - Read: In environment  $\eta$ , expression  $e$  steps to expression  $e'$  and produces a new environment  $\eta'$
- Denotational Semantics
  - Not covered in this course

## WHILE Statement Big-Step Semantics



- We use big-step to show expression evaluation
- Inference rule format
  - Premises above the line
  - Conclusion below the line
  - Read, "If premises, then conclusion"
- Example: operators
  - If expression  $a$  evaluates to value  $v$
  - And expression  $a'$  evaluates to value  $v'$
  - Then the whole expression evaluates to  $v$  **op**  $v'$ , where **op** is the mathematical operator corresponding to  $op$

$$\frac{\eta \vdash a \downarrow v \quad \eta \vdash a' \downarrow v'}{\eta \vdash a \text{ op } a' \downarrow v \text{ op } v'}$$

## WHILE Expression Big-Step Semantics



- Values reduce to themselves
  - $n, true, false$
- Variables  $x$  reduce to value from environment
  - $\eta(x)$
- Operators reduce according to mathematical operators
  - $+, -, *, /, not, and, or, <, \leq, =, \dots$
  - **boldface** indicates math
  - *italics* indicates program text

$$\eta \vdash n \downarrow n$$

$$\frac{\eta(x) = v}{\eta \vdash x \downarrow v}$$

$$\frac{\eta \vdash a \downarrow v \quad \eta \vdash a' \downarrow v'}{\eta \vdash a \text{ op } a' \downarrow v \text{ op } v'}$$

$$\eta \vdash true \downarrow \mathbf{true}$$

$$\eta \vdash false \downarrow \mathbf{false}$$

$$\frac{\eta \vdash b \downarrow v}{\eta \vdash not\ b \downarrow \mathbf{not}\ v}$$

$$\frac{\eta \vdash b \downarrow v \quad \eta \vdash b' \downarrow v'}{\eta \vdash b \text{ op } b' \downarrow v \text{ op } v'}$$

## Applying Semantic Rules



- A tree of inference rules forms a derivation
  - Rules at top are axioms; they have no premises
- Example:
  - $\eta = [x \mapsto 3, y \mapsto 5]$
  - $b = x + 3 > y$

$$\frac{\eta(x) = 3}{\eta \vdash x \downarrow 3} \quad \frac{}{\eta \vdash 3 \downarrow 3} \quad \frac{\eta(y) = 5}{\eta \vdash y \downarrow 5}$$

$$\frac{\eta \vdash x \downarrow 3 \quad \eta \vdash 3 \downarrow 3}{\eta \vdash x + 3 \downarrow 6} \quad \eta \vdash y \downarrow 5$$

$$\frac{\eta \vdash x + 3 \downarrow 6 \quad \eta \vdash y \downarrow 5}{\eta \vdash x + 3 > y \downarrow \text{true}}$$

## Applying Semantic Rules



- Example:
  - $\eta = [x \mapsto 3, y \mapsto 5]$
  - $b = x > y$  and *true*

$$\eta \vdash n \downarrow n$$

$$\frac{\eta(x) = v}{\eta \vdash x \downarrow v}$$

$$\frac{\eta \vdash a \downarrow v \quad \eta \vdash a' \downarrow v'}{\eta \vdash a \text{ op } a' \downarrow v \text{ op } v'}$$

$$\eta \vdash \text{true} \downarrow \text{true}$$

$$\eta \vdash \text{false} \downarrow \text{false}$$

$$\frac{\eta \vdash b \downarrow v}{\eta \vdash \text{not } b \downarrow \text{not } v}$$

$$\frac{\eta \vdash b \downarrow v \quad \eta \vdash b' \downarrow v'}{\eta \vdash b \text{ op } b' \downarrow v \text{ op } v'}$$

## WHILE Statement Small-Step Semantics



- We use small-step for statements to show loops evaluating
- Example: assignment
  - If the right-hand side reduces to value  $v$
  - Then the assignment reduces to a skip, and a new environment where  $x$  maps to  $v$

$$\frac{\eta \vdash a \downarrow v}{(\eta, x:=a) \mapsto (\eta[x \mapsto v], \text{skip})}$$

## WHILE Statement Small-Step Semantics



- sequences reduce first statement
  - *skip* is skipped if first in sequence
  - *if* reduces to either first or second statement, depending on  $b$
  - *while* reduces to the body followed by the loop if  $b$  is **true**, otherwise *skip*
- $$\frac{\eta \vdash a \downarrow v}{(\eta, x:=a) \mapsto (\eta[x \mapsto v], \text{skip})}$$
- $$\frac{(\eta, S_1) \mapsto (\eta', S'_1)}{(\eta, S_1; S_2) \mapsto (\eta', S'_1; S_2)}$$
- $$\frac{(\eta, \text{skip}; S_2) \mapsto (\eta, S_2)}{(\eta, \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2) \mapsto (\eta, S_1)}$$
- $$\frac{\eta \vdash b \downarrow \text{true}}{(\eta, \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2) \mapsto (\eta, S_1)}$$
- $$\frac{\eta \vdash b \downarrow \text{false}}{(\eta, \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2) \mapsto (\eta, S_2)}$$
- $$\frac{\eta \vdash b \downarrow \text{true}}{(\eta, \text{while } b \text{ do } S) \mapsto (\eta, S; \text{while } b \text{ do } S)}$$
- $$\frac{\eta \vdash b \downarrow \text{false}}{(\eta, \text{while } b \text{ do } S) \mapsto (\eta, \text{skip})}$$

## WHILE Execution Example



$([], x := 5; \text{if } x > 3 \text{ then } y := 1 \text{ else } y := 5)$

$\mapsto_1 ([x \mapsto 5], \text{skip}; \text{if } x > 3 \text{ then } y := 1 \text{ else } y := 5)$

$\mapsto_2 ([x \mapsto 5], \text{if } x > 3 \text{ then } y := 1 \text{ else } y := 5)$

$\mapsto_3 ([x \mapsto 5], y := 1)$

$\mapsto ([x \mapsto 5, y \mapsto 1], \text{skip})$

$$\frac{[] \vdash 5 \downarrow 5}{\frac{([], x := 5 \mapsto ([x \mapsto 5], \text{skip}))}{([], x := 5; \text{if } \dots) \mapsto ([x \mapsto 5], \text{skip}; \text{if } \dots)}^1}$$

$$([x \mapsto 5], \text{skip}; \text{if } \dots) \mapsto ([x \mapsto 5], \text{if } \dots)^2$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} [x \mapsto 5](x) = 5 \\ [x \mapsto 5] \vdash x \downarrow 5 \quad [x \mapsto 5] \vdash 3 \downarrow 3 \\ [x \mapsto 5] \vdash x > 3 \downarrow \text{true} \end{array}}{([x \mapsto 5], \text{if } x > 3 \text{ then } y := 1 \text{ else } y := 5) \mapsto ([x \mapsto 5], y := 1)^3}$$

## WHILE Execution Example



$([], y := 1; x := 2; \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$

$\mapsto ($  )

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## Proofs using WHILE Semantics



**Theorem:**  $([y \mapsto 1, x \mapsto n], \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto^* ([y \mapsto n!, x \mapsto 1], \text{skip})$

**Proof:** By induction on  $n$ .

### Base case ( $n=1$ ):

$([y \mapsto 1, x \mapsto 1], \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto ([y \mapsto 1, x \mapsto 1], \text{skip})$

### Inductive case (assume induction hypothesis for $n-1$ ):

$([y \mapsto 1, x \mapsto n], \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto ([y \mapsto 1, x \mapsto n], y := y * x; x := x - 1; \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto ([y \mapsto n, x \mapsto n], x := x - 1; \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto ([y \mapsto n, x \mapsto n - 1], \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
*// Oops, doesn't match induction hypothesis!*

## Proofs using WHILE Semantics

(minor corrections from class to incorporate strengthened induction hypothesis)



**Theorem:**  $([y \mapsto 1, x \mapsto n], \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto^* ([y \mapsto n!, x \mapsto 1], \text{skip})$

**Proof:** By induction on  $n$ . Strengthened induction hypothesis:

$([y \mapsto m, x \mapsto n], \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto^* ([y \mapsto m * n!, x \mapsto 1], \text{skip})$

### Base case ( $n=1$ ):

$([y \mapsto m, x \mapsto 1], \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto ([y \mapsto m * 1!, x \mapsto 1], \text{skip})$

### Inductive case (assume induction hypothesis for $n-1$ ):

$([y \mapsto m, x \mapsto n], \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto ([y \mapsto m, x \mapsto n], y := y * x; x := x - 1; \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto ([y \mapsto m * n, x \mapsto n], x := x - 1; \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto ([y \mapsto m * n, x \mapsto n - 1], \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do } y := y * x; x := x - 1)$   
 $\mapsto ([y \mapsto m * n * (n - 1)!, x \mapsto 1], \text{skip})$  *// using induction hypothesis*  
 $\mapsto ([y \mapsto m * n!, x \mapsto 1], \text{skip})$  *// arithmetic simplification*  $\square$

## Questions?

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## Administrivia

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- Office Hours
  - Jonathan Aldrich
    - After class
    - Thursday 2-3pm
  - Thomas LaToza
    - Monday 11am-12pm
  - Gabriel Zenarosa
    - Tuesday 5-6pm
- Assignment 0 due Tuesday, midnight
- Assignment 1 due Thursday 5pm