

Ada Basic Types - Advanced

Subtypes - Full Picture

Implicit Subtype

- The declaration

```
type Typ is range L .. R;
```

- Is short-hand for

```
type <Anon> is new Predefined_Integer_Type;  
subtype Typ is <Anon> range L .. R;
```

- <Anon> is the *Base* type of Typ

- Accessed with Typ'Base

Implicit Subtype Explanation

```
type <Anon> is new Predefined_Integer_Type;  
subtype Typ is <Anon> range L .. R;
```

- Compiler chooses a standard integer type that includes L .. R
 - **Integer**, **Short_Integer**, **Long_Integer**, etc.
 - **Implementation-defined** choice, non portable
- New anonymous type <Anon> is derived from the predefined type
- <Anon> inherits the type's operations (+, - ...)
- Typ, subtype of <Anon> is created with **range** L .. R
- Typ'Base will return the type <Anon>

Stand-Alone (Sub)Type Names

- Denote all the values of the type or subtype
 - Unless explicitly constrained

```
subtype Constrained_Sub is Integer range 0 .. 10;
subtype Just_A_Rename is Integer;
X : Just_A_Rename;
...
for I in Constrained_Sub loop
    X := I;
end loop;
```

Subtypes Localize Dependencies

- Single points of change
- Relationships captured in code
- No subtypes

```
type List is array (1 .. 12) of Some_Type;
```

```
K : Integer range 0 .. 12 := 0; -- anonymous subtype
```

```
Values : List;
```

```
...
```

```
if K in 1 .. 12 then ...
```

```
for J in Integer range 1 .. 12 loop ...
```

- Subtypes

```
type Counter is range 0 .. 12;
```

```
subtype Index is Counter range 1 .. Counter'Last;
```

```
type List is array (Index) of Some_Type;
```

```
K : Counter := 0;
```

```
Values : List;
```

```
...
```

```
if K in Index then ...
```

```
for J in Index loop ...
```

Subtypes May Enhance Performance

- Provides compiler with more information
- Redundant checks can more easily be identified

```
subtype Index is Integer range 1 .. Max;  
type List is array (Index) of Float;  
K : Index;  
Values : List;  
...  
K := Some_Value;    -- range checked here  
Values (K) := 0.0;  -- so no range check needed here
```

Subtypes Don't Cause Overloading

- Illegal code: re-declaration of **F**

```
type A is new Integer;  
subtype B is A;  
function F return A is (0);  
function F return B is (1);
```


Subtypes and Default Initialization

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- Not allowed: Defaults on new **type** only
 - **subtype** is still the same type
- **Note:** Default value may violate subtype constraints
 - Compiler error for static definition
 - `Constraint_Error` otherwise

```
type Tertiary_Switch is (Off, On, Neither)
  with Default_Value => Neither;
subtype Toggle_Switch is Tertiary_Switch
  range Off .. On;
```

```
Safe : Toggle_Switch := Off;
```

```
Implicit : Toggle_Switch; -- compile error: out of range
```

Attributes Reflect the Underlying Type

```
type Color is  
    (White, Red, Yellow, Green, Blue, Brown, Black);  
subtype Rainbow is Color range Red .. Blue;
```

- T'First and T'Last respect constraints

- Rainbow'First → Red *but* Color'First → White
- Rainbow'Last → Blue *but* Color'Last → Black

- Other attributes reflect base type

- Color'Succ (Blue) = Brown = Rainbow'Succ (Blue)
- Color'Pos (Blue) = 4 = Rainbow'Pos (Blue)
- Color'Val (0) = White = Rainbow'Val (0)

- Assignment must still satisfy target constraints

```
Shade : Color range Red .. Blue := Brown;  -- runtime error  
Hue   : Rainbow := Rainbow'Succ (Blue);    -- runtime error
```

Quiz

```
1  type T1 is range 0 .. 10;  
2  function "-" (V : T1) return T1;  
3  subtype T2 is T1 range 1 .. 9;  
4  function "-" (V : T2) return T2;  
5  
6  Obj : T2 := -T2 (1);
```

Which function is executed at line 6?

- ☐ A. The one at line 2
- ☐ B. The one at line 4
- ☐ C. A predefined "-" operator for integer types
- ☐ D. None: The code is illegal

Quiz

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2  function "-" (V : T1) return T1;  
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4  function "-" (V : T2) return T2;  
5  
6  Obj : T2 := -T2 (1);
```

Which function is executed at line 6?

- ☐ A. The one at line 2
- ☐ B. The one at line 4
- ☐ C. A predefined "-" operator for integer types
- ☒ D. *None: The code is illegal*

The **type** is used for the overload profile, and here both T1 and T2 are of type T1, which means line 4 is actually a redeclaration, which is forbidden.

Quiz

```
type T is range 0 .. 10;  
subtype S is T range 1 .. 9;
```

What is the value of `S'Succ (S (9))`?

- A. 9
- B. 10
- C. None, this fails at runtime
- D. None, this does not compile

Quiz

```
type T is range 0 .. 10;  
subtype S is T range 1 .. 9;
```

What is the value of S'Succ (S (9))?

- A. 9
- B. **10**
- C. None, this fails at runtime
- D. None, this does not compile

T'Succ and T'Pred are defined on the **type**, not the **subtype**.

Quiz

```
type T is new Integer range 0 .. Integer'Last;  
subtype S is T range 0 .. 10;
```

Obj : S;

What is the result of Obj := S'Last + 1?

- A. 0
- B. 11
- C. None, this fails at runtime
- D. None, this does not compile

Quiz

```
type T is new Integer range 0 .. Integer'Last;  
subtype S is T range 0 .. 10;
```

Obj : S;

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- A. 0
- B. 11
- C. *None, this fails at runtime*
- D. None, this does not compile

Base Type

Base Ranges

- Actual **hardware-supported** numeric type used
 - GNAT makes consistent and predictable choices on all major platforms.
- **Predefined** operators
 - Work on full-range
 - **No range checks** on inputs or result
 - Best performance
 - Implementation may use wider registers
 - Intermediate values
- Can be accessed with 'Base attribute

```
type Foo is range -30_000 .. 30_000;  
function "+" (Left, Right : Foo'Base) return Foo'Base;
```

- Base range
 - Signed
 - 8 bits → -128 .. 127
 - 16 bits → -32_768 .. 32767

Compile-Time Constraint Violation

- May produce **warnings**
 - And compile successfully
- May produce **errors**
 - And fail at compilation
- Requirements for rejection
 - Static value
 - Value not in range of **base** type
 - Compilation is **impossible**

```
procedure Test is
  type Some_Integer is range -200 .. 200;
  Object : Some_Integer;
begin
  Object := 50_000; -- probable error
end;
```

Range Check Failure

- Compile-time rejection
 - Depends on **base** type
 - Selected by the compiler
 - Depends on underlying **hardware**
 - Early error → "Best" case
- Else run-time **exception**
 - Most cases
 - Be happy when compilation failed instead

Real Base Decimal Precision

- Real types precision may be **better** than requested
- Example:
 - Available: 6, 12, or 24 digits of precision
 - Type with **8 digits** of precision
 - ```
type My_Type is digits 8;
```
  - My\_Type will have 12 **or** 24 digits of precision

# Floating Point Division By Zero

- Language-defined do as the machine does
  - If T'Machine\_Overflows attribute is True raises Constraint\_Error
  - Else  $+\infty$  /  $-\infty$ 
    - Better performance
- User-defined types always raise Constraint\_Error

```
subtype MyFloat is Float range Float'First .. Float'Last;
type MyFloat is new Float range Float'First .. Float'Last;
```

# Using Equality for Floating Point Types

- Questionable: representation issue
  - Equality  $\rightarrow$  identical bits
  - Approximations  $\rightarrow$  hard to **analyze**, and **not portable**
  - Related to floating-point, not Ada
- Perhaps define your own function
  - Comparison within tolerance ( $+\varepsilon$  /  $-\varepsilon$ )

## Modular Types



## Bit Pattern Values and Range Constraints

- Binary based assignments possible
- No `Constraint_Error` when in range
- **Even if** they would be  $\leq 0$  as a **signed** integer type

```
procedure Demo is
 type Byte is mod 256; -- 0 .. 255
 B : Byte;
begin
 B := 2#1000_0000#; -- not a negative value
end Demo;
```

## Modular Range Must Be Respected

```
procedure P_Unsigned is
 type Byte is mod 2**8; -- 0 .. 255
 B : Byte;
 type Signed_Byte is range -128 .. 127;
 SB : Signed_Byte;
begin
 ...
 B := -256; -- compile error
 SB := -1;
 B := Byte (SB); -- runtime error
 ...
end P_Unsigned;
```

## Safely Converting Signed To Unsigned

- Conversion may raise `Constraint_Error`
- Use `T'Mod` to return argument `mod` `T'Modulus`
  - `Universal_Integer` argument
  - So **any** integer type allowed

```
procedure Test is
 type Byte is mod 2**8; -- 0 .. 255
 B : Byte;
 type Signed_Byte is range -128 .. 127;
 SB : Signed_Byte;
begin
 SB := -1;
 B := Byte'Mod (SB); -- OK (255)
```

# Package Interfaces

- **Standard** package
- Integer types with **defined bit length**

```
type My_Base_Integer is new Integer;
pragma Assert (My_Base_Integer'First = -2**31);
pragma Assert (My_Base_Integer'Last = 2**31-1);
```

- Dealing **with** hardware registers

- Note: Shorter may not be faster for integer maths.
  - Modern 64-bit machines are not efficient at 8-bit maths

```
type Integer_8 is range -2**7 .. 2**7-1;
for Integer_8'Size use 8;
-- and so on for 16, 32, 64 bit types...
```

# Shift/Rotate Functions

- In Interfaces package
  - Shift\_Left
  - Shift\_Right
  - Shift\_Right\_Arithmetic
  - Rotate\_Left
  - etc.
- See RM B.2 - *The Package Interfaces*

## Bit-Oriented Operations Example

- Assuming Unsigned\_16 is used

- 16-bits modular

```
with Interfaces;
use Interfaces;
...
procedure Swap(X : in out Unsigned_16) is
begin
 X := (Shift_Left(X,8) and 16#FF00#) or
 (Shift_Right(X,8) and 16#00FF#);
end Swap;
```

# Why No Implicit Shift and Rotate?

- Arithmetic, logical operators available **implicitly**
- **Why not** Shift, Rotate, etc. ?
- By **excluding** other solutions
  - As functions in **standard** → May **hide** user-defined declarations
  - As new **operators** → New operators for a **single type**
  - As **reserved words** → Not **upward compatible**

## Shift/Rotate for User-Defined Types

- **Must** be modular types
- Approach 1: use Interfaces's types
  - Unsigned\_8, Unsigned\_16 ...
- Approach 2: derive from Interfaces's types
  - Operations are **inherited**
  - More on that later

```
type Byte is new Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
type Half_Word is new Interfaces.Unsigned_16;
type Word is new Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
```



# Quiz

```
type T is mod 256;
```

```
V : T := 255;
```

Which statement(s) is(are) legal?

☐ A. `V := V + 1`

☐ B. `V := 16#ff#`

☐ C. `V := 256`

☐ D. `V := 255 + 1`

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Which statement(s) is(are) legal?

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B. `V := 16#ff#`

C. `V := 256`

D. `V := 255 + 1`

# Quiz

```
with Interfaces; use Interfaces;
```

```
type T1 is new Unsigned_8;
V1 : T1 := 255;
```

```
type T2 is mod 256;
V2 : T2 := 255;
```

Which statement(s) is(are) legal?

- ☒ A. `V1 := Rotate_Left (V1, 1)`
- ☒ B. `V1 := Positive'First`
- ☒ C. `V2 := 1 and V2`
- ☒ D. `V2 := Rotate_Left (V2, 1)`
- ☒ E. `V2 := T2'Mod (2.0)`

# Quiz

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with Interfaces; use Interfaces;
```

```
type T1 is new Unsigned_8;
V1 : T1 := 255;
```

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- ☐ D. `V2 := Rotate_Left (V2, 1)`
- ☐ E. `V2 := T2'Mod (2.0)`

## Representation Values

# Enumeration Representation Values

- Numeric **representation** of enumerals

- Position, unless redefined
- Redefinition syntax

```
type Enum_T is (Able, Baker, Charlie, Dog, Easy, Fox);
for Enum_T use (1, 2, 4, 8, Easy => 16, Fox => 32);
```

- No manipulation *in language standard*

- Standard is **logical** ordering
- Ignores **representation** value

- Still accessible

- **Unchecked** conversion
- **Implementation**-defined facility
  - GNAT attribute T'Enum\_Rep

# Order Attributes For All Discrete Types

- **All discrete** types, mostly useful for enumerated types
- T'Pos (Input)
  - "Logical position number" of Input
- T'Val (Input)
  - Converts "logical position number" to T

```
type Days is (Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat); -- 0 .. 6
Today : Days := Some_Value;
Position : Integer;
...
Position := Days'Pos(Today);
...
Get(Position);
Today := Days'Val(Position);
```

# Quiz

```
type T is (Left, Top, Right, Bottom);
V : T := Left;
```

Which of the following proposition(s) are true?

- A.  $T'Value(V) = 1$
- B.  $T'Pos(V) = 1$
- C.  $T'Image(T'Pos(V)) = Left$
- D.  $T'Val(T'Pos(V) - 1) = Bottom$



# Quiz

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```

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- C. `T'Image (T'Pos (V)) = Left`
- D. `T'Val (T'Pos (V) - 1) = Bottom`

## Character Types

# Language-Defined Character Types

## ■ Character

- 8-bit Latin-1
- Base element of `String`
- Uses attributes `'Image` / `'Value`

## ■ Wide\_Character

- 16-bit Unicode
- Base element of `Wide_Strings`
- Uses attributes `'Wide_Image` / `'Wide_Value`

## ■ Wide\_Wide\_Character

- 32-bit Unicode
- Base element of `Wide_Wide_Strings`
- Uses attributes `'Wide_Wide_Image` / `'Wide_Wide_Value`

# Character Oriented Packages

- Language-defined
- `Ada.Characters.Handling`
  - Classification
  - Conversion
- `Ada.Characters.Latin_1`
  - Characters as constants
- See RM Annex A for details

# Ada.Characters.Latin\_1 Sample Content

```
package Ada.Characters.Latin_1 is
 NUL : constant Character := Character'Val (0);
 ...
 LF : constant Character := Character'Val (10);
 VT : constant Character := Character'Val (11);
 FF : constant Character := Character'Val (12);
 CR : constant Character := Character'Val (13);
 ...
 Commercial_At : constant Character := '@'; -- Character'Val(64)
 ...
 LC_A : constant Character := 'a'; -- Character'Val (97)
 LC_B : constant Character := 'b'; -- Character'Val (98)
 ...
 Inverted_Exclamation : constant Character := Character'Val (161);
 Cent_Sign : constant Character := Character'Val (162);
 ...
 LC_Y_Diaeresis : constant Character := Character'Val (255);
end Ada.Characters.Latin_1;
```

# Ada.Characters.Handling Sample Content

```
package Ada.Characters.Handling is
 function Is_Control (Item : Character) return Boolean;
 function Is_Graphic (Item : Character) return Boolean;
 function Is_Letter (Item : Character) return Boolean;
 function Is_Lower (Item : Character) return Boolean;
 function Is_Upper (Item : Character) return Boolean;
 function Is_Basic (Item : Character) return Boolean;
 function Is_Digit (Item : Character) return Boolean;
 function Is_Decimal_Digit (Item : Character) return Boolean renames Is_Digit;
 function Is_Hexadecimal_Digit (Item : Character) return Boolean;
 function Is_Alphanumeric (Item : Character) return Boolean;
 function Is_Special (Item : Character) return Boolean;
 function To_Lower (Item : Character) return Character;
 function To_Upper (Item : Character) return Character;
 function To_Basic (Item : Character) return Character;
 function To_Lower (Item : String) return String;
 function To_Upper (Item : String) return String;
 function To_Basic (Item : String) return String;
 ...
end Ada.Characters.Handling;
```

# Quiz

```
type T1 is (NUL = 0, A, B, 'C');
type T2 is array (Positive range <>) of T1;
Obj : T2 := "CC" & A & NUL;
```

Which of the following proposition(s) are true?

- A. The code fails at runtime
- B. Obj'Length = 3
- C. Obj (1) = 'C'
- D. Obj (3) = A

# Quiz

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type T2 is array (Positive range <>) of T1;
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```

Which of the following proposition(s) are true?

- A. The code fails at runtime
- B. `Obj'Length = 3`
- C. ***`Obj (1) = 'C'`***
- D. ***`Obj (3) = A`***



# Quiz

```
with Ada.Characters.Latin_1;
use Ada.Characters.Latin_1;
with Ada.Characters.Handling;
use Ada.Characters.Handling;
```

Which of the following proposition(s) are true?

- ☐ A. `NUL = 0`
- ☐ B. `NUL = '\0'`
- ☐ C. `Character'Pos (NUL) = 0`
- ☐ D. `Is_Control (NUL)`

# Quiz

```
with Ada.Characters.Latin_1;
use Ada.Characters.Latin_1;
with Ada.Characters.Handling;
use Ada.Characters.Handling;
```

Which of the following proposition(s) are true?

- A. `NUL = 0`
- B. `NUL = '\0'`
- C. *`Character'Pos (NUL) = 0`*
- D. *`Is_Control (NUL)`*

## Record Types

## Introduction

# Syntax and Examples

## ■ Syntax (simplified)

```
type T is record
 Component_Name : Type [:= Default_Value];
 ...
end record;
```

```
type T_Empty is null record;
```

## ■ Example

```
type Record1_T is record
 Field1 : integer;
 Field2 : boolean;
end record;
```

## ■ Records can be **discriminated** as well

```
type T (Size : Natural := 0) is record
 Text : String (1 .. Size);
end record;
```

## Components Rules

# Examples

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Components_Rules is
 type File_T is record
 Name : String (1 .. 12);
 Mode : File_Mode;
 Size : Integer range 0 .. 1_024;
 Is_Open : Boolean;
 -- Anonymous_Component : array (1 .. 3) of Integer;
 -- Constant_Component : constant Integer := 123;
 -- Self_Reference : File_T;
 end record;
 File : File_T;
begin
 File.Name := "Filename.txt";
 File.Mode := In_File;
 File.Size := 0;
 File.Is_Open := False;
 Put_Line (File.Name);
end Components_Rules;
```

# Characteristics of Components

- **Heterogeneous** types allowed
- Referenced **by name**
- May be no components, for **empty records**
- **No** anonymous types (e.g., arrays) allowed
- **No** constant components
- **No** recursive definitions



# Components Declarations

- Multiple declarations are allowed (like objects)

```
type Several is record
 A, B, C : Integer;
end record;
```

- Recursive definitions are not allowed

```
type Not_Legal is record
 A, B : Some_Type;
 C : Not_Legal;
end record;
```

## "Dot" Notation for Components Reference

```
type Months_T is (January, February, ..., December);
type Date is record
 Day : Integer range 1 .. 31;
 Month : Months_T;
 Year : Integer range 0 .. 2099;
end record;
Arrival : Date;
...
Arrival.Day := 27; -- components referenced by name
Arrival.Month := November;
Arrival.Year := 1990;
```

- Can reference nested components

```
Employee
 .Birth_Date
 .Month := March;
```

# Quiz

Which component definition is legal?

```
type Record_T is record
```

- ☐ A. Component1 : array ( 1 .. 3 ) of boolean;
- ☐ B. Component2, Component3 : integer;
- ☐ C. Component4 : Record\_T;
- ☐ D. Component5 : constant integer := 123;

```
end record;
```

# Quiz

Which component definition is legal?

```
type Record_T is record
```

- A. Component1 : array ( 1 .. 3 ) of boolean;
- B. *Component2, Component3 : integer;*
- C. Component4 : Record\_T;
- D. Component5 : constant integer := 123;

```
end record;
```

Explanations

- A. Anonymous types not allowed
- B. Correct
- C. No recursive definitions
- D. No constant components

# Quiz

```
type Cell is record
 Val : Integer;
 Next : Cell;
end record;
```

Is the definition legal?

- ☐ A. Yes
- ☐ B. No

# Quiz

```
type Cell is record
 Val : Integer;
 Next : Cell;
end record;
```

Is the definition legal?

- A. Yes
- B. **No**

A **record** definition cannot be recursive, here **type** Cell references itself

# Quiz

```
type Cell is record
 Val : Integer;
 Message : String;
end record;
```

Is the definition legal?

- ☐ A. Yes
- ☐ B. No

## Quiz

```
type Cell is record
 Val : Integer;
 Message : String;
end record;
```

Is the definition legal?

- A. Yes
- B. **No**

A **record** definition cannot have a component of an indefinite type. **String** is indefinite if you don't specify its size.



## Operations

# Examples

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Operations is
 type Date_T is record
 Day : Integer range 1 .. 31;
 Month : Positive range 1 .. 12;
 Year : Natural range 0 .. 2_099;
 end record;
 type Personal_Information_T is record
 Name : String (1 .. 10);
 Birthdate : Date_T;
 end record;
 type Employee_Information_T is record
 Number : Positive;
 Personal_Information : Personal_Information_T;
 end record;
 Employee : Employee_Information_T;
begin
 Employee.Number := 1_234;
 Employee.Personal_Information.Name := "Fred Smith";
 Employee.Personal_Information.Birthdate.Year := 2_020;
 Put_Line (Employee.Number'Image);
end Operations;
```

# Available Operations

- Predefined

- Equality (and thus inequality)

- ```
if A = B then
```

- Assignment

- ```
A := B;
```

- Component-level operations

- Based on components' types

- ```
if A.component < B.component then
```

- User-defined

- Subprograms

Assignment Examples

```
declare
  type Complex is record
    Real : Float;
    Imaginary : Float;
  end record;
  ...
  Phase1 : Complex;
  Phase2 : Complex;
begin
  ...
  -- object reference
  Phase1 := Phase2; -- entire object reference
  -- component references
  Phase1.Real := 2.5;
  Phase1.Real := Phase2.Real;
end;
```

Aggregates

Examples

```

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Aggregates is

  type Date_T is record
    Day   : Integer range 1 .. 31;
    Month : Positive range 1 .. 12;
    Year  : Natural range 0 .. 2_099;
  end record;
  type Personal_Information_T is record
    Name       : String (1 .. 10);
    Birthdate  : Date_T;
  end record;
  type Employee_Information_T is record
    Number           : Positive;
    Personal_Information : Personal_Information_T;
  end record;
  Birthdate          : Date_T;
  Personal_Information : Personal_Information_T;
  Employee            : Employee_Information_T;
begin
  Birthdate := (25, 12, 2_001);
  Put_Line
    (Birthdate.Year'Image & Birthdate.Month'Image & Birthdate.Day'Image);
  Personal_Information := (Name => "Jane Smith", Birthdate => (14, 2, 2_002));
  Put_Line
    (Personal_Information.Birthdate.Year'Image &
      Personal_Information.Birthdate.Month'Image &
      Personal_Information.Birthdate.Day'Image);
  Employee := (1_234, Personal_Information => Personal_Information);
  Put_Line
    (Employee.Personal_Information.Birthdate.Year'Image &
      Employee.Personal_Information.Birthdate.Month'Image &
      Employee.Personal_Information.Birthdate.Day'Image);
  Birthdate := (Month => 1, others => 2);
  Put_Line
    (Birthdate.Year'Image & Birthdate.Month'Image & Birthdate.Day'Image);
end Aggregates;

```

https://ada.raven-solutions.com/learning_examples/RecordTypes/ada_95_002_record_types.html#aggregates

Aggregates

- Literal values for composite types
 - As for arrays
 - Default value / selector: `<>`, **others**
- Can use both **named** and **positional**
 - Unambiguous
- Syntax (simplified):

```
component_init ::= expression | <>
```

```
record_aggregate ::=  
    {[component_choice_list =>] component_init ,}  
    [others => component_init]
```

Record Aggregate Examples

```
type Color_T is (Red);
type Car_T is record
    Color      : Color_T;
    Plate_No   : String (1 .. 6);
    Year       : Natural;
end record;
type Complex_T is record
    Real        : Float;
    Imaginary    : Float;
end record;

declare
    Car      : Car_T      := (Red, "ABC123", Year => 2_022);
    Phase    : Complex_T := (1.2, 3.4);
begin
    Phase := (Real => 5.6, Imaginary => 7.8);
end;
```


Aggregate Completeness

- All component values must be accounted for
 - Including defaults via box
- Allows compiler to check for missed components
- Type definition

```
type Struct is record
```

```
  A : Integer;
```

```
  B : Integer;
```

```
  C : Integer;
```

```
  D : Integer;
```

```
end record;
```

```
S : Struct;
```

- Compiler will not catch the missing component

```
S.A := 10;
```

```
S.B := 20;
```

```
S.C := 12;
```

```
Send (S);
```

- Aggregate must be complete
- compiler error

```
S := (10, 20, 12);
```

```
Send (S);
```

Named Associations

- **Any** order of associations
- Provides more information to the reader
 - Can mix with positional
- Restriction
 - Must stick with named associations **once started**

```
type Complex is record
  Real : Float;
  Imaginary : Float;
end record;
Phase : Complex := (0.0, 0.0);
...
Phase := (10.0, Imaginary => 2.5);
Phase := (Imaginary => 12.5, Real => 0.212);
Phase := (Imaginary => 12.5, 0.212); -- illegal
```

Nested Aggregates

```
type Months_T is ( January, February, ..., December);
type Date is record
    Day    : Integer range 1 .. 31;
    Month  : Months_T;
    Year   : Integer range 0 .. 2099;
end record;
type Person is record
    Born : Date;
    Hair : Color;
end record;
John : Person    := ( (21, November, 1990), Brown );
Julius : Person  := ( (2, August, 1995), Blond );
Heather : Person := ( (2, March, 1989), Hair => Blond );
Megan : Person   := (Hair => Blond,
                     Born => (16, December, 2001));
```

Aggregates with Only One Component

- **Must** use named form
- Same reason as array aggregates

```
type Singular is record  
  A : Integer;  
end record;
```

```
S : Singular := (3);           -- illegal  
S : Singular := (3 + 1);       -- illegal  
S : Singular := (A => 3 + 1);  -- required
```

Aggregates with **others**

- Indicates all components not yet specified (like arrays)
- All **others** get the same value
 - They must be the **exact same** type

```
type Poly is record
  A : Real;
  B, C, D : Integer;
end record;
```

```
P : Poly := (2.5, 3, others => 0);
```

```
type Homogeneous is record
  A, B, C : Integer;
end record;
```

```
Q : Homogeneous := (others => 10);
```

Quiz

What is the result of running this code?

```
procedure Main is
  type Record_T is record
    A, B, C : Integer := 0;
  end record;

  V : Record_T := (A => 1);
begin
  Put_Line (Integer'Image (V.A));
end Main;
```

- ☐ A. 0
- ☐ B. 1
- ☐ C. Compilation error
- ☐ D. Runtime error

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end Main;
```

- ☐ A. 0
- ☐ B. 1
- ☒ C. *Compilation error*
- ☐ D. Runtime error

The aggregate should be written as (A => 1, **others** => <>)

Quiz

What is the result of running this code?

```
procedure Main is
  type My_Integer is new Integer;
  type Record_T is record
    A, B, C : Integer := 0;
    D : My_Integer := 0;
  end record;

  V : Record_T := (others => 1);
begin
  Put_Line (Integer'Image (V.A));
end Main;
```

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  end record;

  V : Record_T := (others => 1);
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end Main;
```

- ☐ A. 0
- ☐ B. 1
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All components associated to a value using **others** must be of the same **type**.

Quiz

What is the result of running this code?

```
procedure Main is
  type My_Integer is new Integer;
  type Record_T is record
    A, B, C : Integer := 0;
    D : My_Integer := 0;
  end record;

  V : R := (others => <>);
begin
  Put_Line (Integer'Image (V.A));
end Main;
```

- ☐ A. 0
- ☐ B. 1
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  Put_Line (Integer'Image (V.A));
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```

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<> is an exception to the rule for **others**, it can apply to several components of a different type.

Quiz

What is the result of running this code?

```
procedure Main is
  type My_Integer is new Integer;
  type Record_T is record
    A : Integer := 0;
  end record;

  V : R := (1);
begin
  Put_Line (Integer'Image (V.A));
end Main;
```

- ☐ A. 0
- ☐ B. 1
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- ☐ D. Runtime error

Quiz

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procedure Main is
  type My_Integer is new Integer;
  type Record_T is record
    A : Integer := 0;
  end record;

  V : R := (1);
begin
  Put_Line (Integer'Image (V.A));
end Main;
```

- ☐ A. 0
- ☐ B. 1
- ☒ C. *Compilation error*
- ☐ D. Runtime error

Single-valued aggregate must use named association.

Quiz

```
type Nested_T is record
    Field : Integer := 1_234;
end record;
type Record_T is record
    One   : Integer := 1;
    Two   : Character;
    Three : Integer := -1;
    Four  : Nested_T;
end record;
X, Y : Record_T;
Z    : constant Nested_T := (others => -1);
```

Which assignment is illegal?

- ☒ A. X := (1, '2', Three => 3, Four => (6))
- ☐ B. X := (Two => '2', Four => Z, others => 5)
- ☐ C. X := Y
- ☐ D. X := (1, '2', 4, (others => 5))

Quiz

```
type Nested_T is record
    Field : Integer := 1_234;
end record;
type Record_T is record
    One   : Integer := 1;
    Two   : Character;
    Three : Integer := -1;
    Four  : Nested_T;
end record;
X, Y : Record_T;
Z    : constant Nested_T := (others => -1);
```

Which assignment is illegal?

- A. `X := (1, '2', Three => 3, Four => (6))`
- B. `X := (Two => '2', Four => Z, others => 5)`
- C. `X := Y`
- D. `X := (1, '2', 4, (others => 5))`

- A. Four **must** use named association
- B. **others** valid: One and Three are **Integer**
- C. Valid but Two is not initialized
- D. Positional for all components

Default Values

Examples

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Default_Values is

  type Complex is record
    Real      : Float := -1.0;
    Imaginary : Float := -1.0;
  end record;

  Phasor : Complex;
  I       : constant Complex := (0.0, 1.0);

begin
  Put_Line
    (Float'Image (Phasor.Real) & " " & Float'Image (Phasor.Imaginary) & "i");
  Put_Line (Float'Image (I.Real) & " " & Float'Image (I.Imaginary) & "i");
  Phasor := (12.34, others => <>);
  Put_Line
    (Float'Image (Phasor.Real) & " " & Float'Image (Phasor.Imaginary) & "i");
end Default_Values;
```

Component Default Values

```
type Complex is
  record
    Real : Real := 0.0;
    Imaginary : Real := 0.0;
  end record;
-- all components use defaults
Phasor : Complex;
-- all components must be specified
I : constant Complex := (0.0, 1.0);
```

Default Component Value Evaluation

- Occurs when object is elaborated
 - Not when the type is elaborated
- Not evaluated if explicitly overridden

```
type Structure is
  record
    A : Integer;
    R : Time := Clock;
  end record;
-- Clock is called for S1
S1 : Structure;
-- Clock is not called for S2
S2 : Structure := (A => 0, R => Yesterday);
```

Defaults Within Record Aggregates

Ada 2005

- Specified via the box notation
- Value for the component is thus taken as for a stand-alone object declaration
 - So there may or may not be a defined default!
- Can only be used with "named association" form
 - But can mix forms, unlike array aggregates

```
type Complex is
  record
    Real : Float := 0.0;
    Imaginary : Float := 0.0;
  end record;
Phase := (42.0, Imaginary => <>);
```

Default Initialization Via Aspect Clause

Ada 2012

- Not definable for entire record type
- Components of scalar types take type's default if no explicit default value specified by record type

```
type Toggle_Switch is (Off, On)
  with Default_Value => Off;
type Controller is record
  -- Off unless specified during object initialization
  Override : Toggle_Switch;
  -- default for this component
  Enable : Toggle_Switch := On;
end record;
C : Controller; -- Override => off, Enable => On
D : Controller := (On, Off); -- All defaults replaced
```

Quiz

Ada 2012

```
function Next return Natural; -- returns next number starting with 1

type Record_T is record
    A, B : Integer := Next;
    C    : Integer := Next;
end record;
R : Record_T := (C => 100, others => <>);
```

What is the value of R?

- ☐ A. (1, 2, 3)
- ☐ B. (1, 1, 100)
- ☐ C. (1, 2, 100)
- ☐ D. (100, 101, 102)

Quiz

Ada 2012

```
function Next return Natural; -- returns next number starting with 1

type Record_T is record
    A, B : Integer := Next;
    C    : Integer := Next;
end record;
R : Record_T := (C => 100, others => <>);
```

What is the value of R?

- ☐ A. (1, 2, 3)
- ☐ B. (1, 1, 100)
- ☒ C. (1, 2, 100)
- ☐ D. (100, 101, 102)

Explanations

- ☒ A. C => 100
- ☐ B. Multiple declaration calls Next twice
- ☐ C. Correct
- ☐ D. C => 100 has no effect on A and B

Discriminated Records

Discriminated Record Types

- **Discriminated** record type
 - Different **objects** may have **different** components
 - All object **still** share the same type
- Kind of **storage overlay**
 - Similar to **union** in C
 - But preserves **type checking**
 - And object size **depends** on discriminant
- Aggregate assignment is allowed

Discriminants

```
type Person_Group is (Student, Faculty);
type Person (Group : Person_Group) is record
  Name : String (1 .. 10);
  case Group is
    when Student => -- 1st variant
      Gpa : Float range 0.0 .. 4.0;
    when Faculty => -- 2nd variant
      Pubs : Integer;
  end case;
end record;
```

- Group is the **discriminant**
- Run-time check for component **consistency**
 - eg `A_Person.Pubs := 1` checks `A_Person.Group = Faculty`
 - `Constraint_Error` if check fails
- Discriminant is **constant**
 - Unless object is **mutable**

Semantics

- Person objects are **constrained** by their discriminant
 - **Unless** mutable
 - Assignment from same variant **only**
 - **Representation** requirements

```
Pat  : Person(Student); -- No Pat.Pubs
```

```
Prof : Person(Faculty); -- No Prof.GPA
```

```
Soph : Person := ( Group => Student,  
                  Name => "John Jones",  
                  GPA  => 3.2);
```

```
X : Person; -- Illegal: must specify discriminant
```

```
Pat  := Soph; -- OK
```

```
Soph := Prof; -- Constraint_Error at run time
```

Mutable Discriminated Record

- When discriminant has a **default value**
 - Objects instantiated **using the default** are **mutable**
 - Objects specifying an **explicit** value are **not** mutable
- Mutable records have **variable** discriminants
- Use **same** storage for **several** variant

-- Potentially mutable

```
type Person (Group : Person_Group := Student) is record
```

-- Use default value: mutable

```
S : Person;
```

*-- Explicit value: *not* mutable*

-- even if Student is also the default

```
S2 : Person (Group => Student);
```

...

```
S := (Group => Student, Gpa => 0.0);
```

```
S := (Group => Faculty, Pubs => 10);
```

Lab

Record Types Lab

■ Requirements

- Create a simple First-In/First-Out (FIFO) queue record type and object
- Allow the user to:
 - Add ("push") items to the queue
 - Remove ("pop") the next item to be serviced from the queue (Print this item to ensure the order is correct)
- When the user is done manipulating the queue, print out the remaining items in the queue

■ Hints

- Queue record should at least contain:
 - Array of items
 - Index into array where next item will be added

Record Types Lab Solution - Declarations

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Main is

    type Name_T is array (1 .. 6) of Character;
    type Index_T is range 0 .. 1_000;
    type Queue_T is array (Index_T range 1 .. 1_000) of Name_T;

    type Fifo_Queue_T is record
        Next_Available : Index_T := 1;
        Last_Served    : Index_T := 0;
        Queue           : Queue_T := (others => (others => ' '));
    end record;

    Queue : Fifo_Queue_T;
    Choice : Integer;
```

Record Types Lab Solution - Implementation

```
begin

  loop
    Put ("1 = add to queue | 2 = remove from queue | others => done: ");
    Choice := Integer'Value (Get_Line);
    if Choice = 1 then
      Put ("Enter name: ");
      Queue.Queue (Queue.Next_Available) := Name_T (Get_Line);
      Queue.Next_Available                := Queue.Next_Available + 1;
    elsif Choice = 2 then
      if Queue.Next_Available = 1 then
        Put_Line ("Nobody in line");
      else
        Queue.Last_Served := Queue.Last_Served + 1;
        Put_Line ("Now serving: " & String (Queue.Queue (Queue.Last_Served)));
      end if;
    else
      exit;
    end if;
    New_Line;
  end loop;

  Put_Line ("Remaining in line: ");
  for Index in Queue.Last_Served + 1 .. Queue.Next_Available - 1 loop
    Put_Line (" " & String (Queue.Queue (Index)));
  end loop;

end Main;
```


Summary

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- Heterogeneous types allowed for components
- Default initial values allowed for components
 - Evaluated when each object elaborated, not the type
 - Not evaluated if explicit initial value specified
- Aggregates express literals for composite types
 - Can mix named and positional forms

Discriminated Record Types

Introduction

Variant Record Types

- *Variant record type* is a record type where
 - Different objects may have different sets of components (i.e. different variants)
 - Given object itself may be *unconstrained*
 - Different variants at different times
- Supported in other languages
 - Variant records in Pascal
 - Unions in C
- Variant record offers a kind of storage overlaying
 - Same storage might be used for one variant at one time, and then for another variant later
 - Language issue: Ensure this does not provide loophole from type checking
 - Neither Pascal nor C avoids this loophole

Example Variant Record Description

- Record / structure type for a person
 - Person is either a student or a faculty member (discriminant)
 - Person has a name (string)
 - Each student has a GPA (floating point) and a graduation year (non-negative integer)
 - Each faculty has a count of publications (non-negative integer)

Example Defined in C

```
enum person_tag {Student, Faculty};

struct Person {
    enum person_tag tag;
    char name [10];
    union {
        struct { float gpa; int year; } s;
        int pubs;
    };
};
```

- Issue: maintaining consistency between tag and union fields is responsibility of the programmer
 - Source of potential vulnerabilities

Example Defined in Ada

```
type Person_Tag is (Student, Faculty);
type Person (Tag : Person_Tag) is -- Tag is the discriminant
  record
    Name : String(1..10); -- Always present
    case Tag is
      when Student => -- 1st variant
        GPA  : Float range 0.0 .. 4.0;
        Year : Integer range 1..4;
      when Faculty => -- 2nd variant
        Pubs : Integer;
    end case;
  end record;
```

■ Tag value enforces field availability

- Can only access **GPA** and **Year** when **Tag** is **Student**
- Can only access **Pubs** when **Tag** is **Faculty**

Variant Part of Record

- Variant part of record specifies alternate list of components

```
type Variant_Record_T (Discriminant : Integer) is record
  Common_Component : String (1 .. 10);
  case Discriminant is
    when Integer'First .. -1 =>
      Negative_Component : Float;
    when 1 .. Integer'Last =>
      Positive_Component : Integer;
    when others =>
      Zero_Component : Boolean;
  end case;
end record;
```

- Choice is determined by discriminant value
- Record can only contain one variant part
 - Variant must be last part of record definition

Variant Record Semantics

Discriminant in Ada Variant Records

- Variant record type contains a special field (*discriminant*) whose value indicates which variant is present
- When a field in a variant is selected, run-time check ensures that discriminant value is consistent with the selection
 - If you could store into **Pubs** but read **GPA**, type safety would not be guaranteed
- Ada prevents this type of access
 - Discriminant (Tag) established when object of type Person created
 - Run-time check verifies that field selected from variant is consistent with discriminant value
 - `Constraint_Error` raised if the check fails
- Can only read discriminant (as any other field), not write
 - Aggregate assignment is allowed

Semantics

- Variable of type **Person** is constrained by value of discriminant supplied at object declaration
 - Determines minimal storage requirements
 - Limits object to corresponding variant

```
Pat  : Person(Student); -- May select Pat.GPA, not Pat.Pubs
Prof : Person(Faculty); -- May select Prof.Pubs, not Prof.GPA
Soph : Person := ( Tag  => Student,
                  Name => "John Jones",
                  GPA  => 3.2,
                  Year => 2);

X    : Person; -- Illegal; discriminant must be initialized
```

- Assignment between Person objects requires same discriminant values for LHS and RHS

```
Pat  := Soph; -- OK
Soph := Prof; -- Constraint_Error at run time
```

Implementation

- Typically type and operations would be treated as an ADT
 - Implemented in its own package

```
package Person_Pkg is
  type Person_Tag is (Student, Faculty);
  type Person (Tag : Person_Tag) is
    record
      Name : String(1..10);
      case Tag is
        when Student =>
          GPA : Float range 0.0 .. 4.0;
          Year : Integer range 1..4;
        when Faculty =>
          Pubs : Integer;
      end case;
    end record;
  -- parameters can be unconstrained (constraint comes from caller)
  procedure Put ( Item : in Person );
  procedure Get ( Item : in out Person );
end Person_Pkg;
```

Primitives

■ Output

```
procedure Put ( Item : in Person ) is
begin
  Put_Line("Tag:" & Person_Tag'Image(Item.Tag));
  Put_Line("Name: " & Item.Name );
  -- Tag specified by caller
  case Item.Tag is
    when Student =>
      Put_Line("GPA:" & Float'Image(Item.GPA));
      Put_Line("Year:" & Integer'Image(Item.Year) );
    when Faculty =>
      Put_Line("Pubs:" & Integer'Image(Item.Pubs) );
  end case;
end Put;
```

■ Input

```
procedure Get ( Item : in out Person ) is
begin
  -- Tag specified by caller
  case Item.Tag is
    when Student =>
      Item.GPA := Get_GPA;
      Item.Year := Get_Year;
    when Faculty =>
      Item.Pubs := Get_Pubs;
  end case;
end Get;
```

Usage

```
with Person_Pkg; use Person_Pkg;
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Person_Test is
  Tag   : Person_Tag;
  Line  : String(1..80);
  Index : Natural;
begin
  loop
    Put("Tag (Student or Faculty, empty line to quit): ");
    Get_Line(Line, Index);
    exit when Index=0;
    Tag := Person_Tag'Value(Line(1..Index));
    declare
      Someone : Person(Tag);
    begin
      Get(Someone);
      case Someone.Tag is
        when Student => Student_Do_Something ( Someone );
        when Faculty => Faculty_Do_Something ( Someone );
      end case;
      Put(Someone);
    end;
  end loop;
end Person_Test;
```

Unconstrained Variant Records

Adding Flexibility to Variant Records

- Previously, declaration of **Person** implies that object, once created, is always constrained by initial value of **Tag**
 - Assigning **Person(Faculty)** to **Person(Student)** or vice versa, raises `Constraint_Error`
- Additional flexibility is sometimes desired
 - Allow declaration of unconstrained **Person**, to which either **Person(Faculty)** or **Person(Student)** can be assigned
 - To do this, *declare discriminant with default initialization*
- Type safety is not compromised
 - Modification of discriminant is only permitted when entire record is assigned
 - Either through copying an object or aggregate assignment

Unconstrained Variant Record Example

```
declare
  type Mutant( Tag : Person_Tag := Faculty ) is
    record
      Name : String(1..10);
      case Tag is
        when Student =>
          GPA   : Float range 0.0 .. 4.0;
          Year  : Integer range 1..4;
        when Faculty =>
          Pubs  : Integer;
      end case;
    end record;

  Pat  : Mutant( Student ); -- Constrained
  Doc  : Mutant( Faculty ); -- Constrained
  Zork : Mutant; -- Unconstrained (Zork.Tag = Faculty)

begin
  Zork := Pat;      -- OK, Zork.Tag was Faculty, is now Student
  Zork.Tag := Faculty; -- Illegal to assign to discriminant
  Zork := Doc;      -- OK, Zork.Tag is now Faculty
  Pat := Zork;      -- Run-time error (Constraint_Error)
end;
```

Quiz

```
procedure Main is
  type Shape_Kind is (Circle, Line);

  type Shape (Kind : Shape_Kind) is record
    case Kind is
      when Line =>
        X, Y : Float;
        X2, Y2 : Float;
      when Circle =>
        Radius : Float;
    end case;
  end record;
begin
  V := V2;
```

Which declaration(s) is(are) legal for this piece of code?

- ☐ A V : Shape := (Circle, others => 0.0)
V2 : Shape (Line);
- ☐ B V : Shape := (Kind => Circle, Radius => 0.0);
V2 : Shape (Circle);
- ☐ C V : Shape (Line) := (Kind => Circle, Radius => 0.0);
V2 : Shape (Circle);
- ☐ D V : Shape;
V2 : Shape (Circle);

Quiz

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procedure Main is
  type Shape_Kind is (Circle, Line);

  type Shape (Kind : Shape_Kind) is record
    case Kind is
      when Line =>
        X, Y : Float;
        X2, Y2 : Float;
      when Circle =>
        Radius : Float;
    end case;
  end record;
begin
  V := V2;
```

Which declaration(s) is(are) legal for this piece of code?

- ☐ A V : Shape := (Circle, others => 0.0)
V2 : Shape (Line);
- ☒ B V : Shape := (Kind => Circle, Radius => 0.0);
V2 : Shape (Circle);
- ☐ C V : Shape (Line) := (Kind => Circle, Radius => 0.0);
V2 : Shape (Circle);
- ☐ D V : Shape;
V2 : Shape (Circle);
- ☐ A Cannot assign with different discriminant
- ☐ B OK
- ☐ C V initial value has a different discriminant
- ☐ D Shape cannot be mutable: V must have a discriminant

Quiz

```
type Shape_Kind is (Circle, Line);  
  
type Shape (Kind : Shape_Kind) is record  
  case Kind is  
    when Line =>  
      X, Y : Float;  
      X2, Y2 : Float;
```

Which declaration(s) is(are) legal?

- ☐ A when Circle =>
 Cord : Shape (Line);
- ☐ B when Circle =>
 Center : array (1 .. 2) of Float;
 Radius : Float;
- ☐ C when Circle =>
 Center_X, Center_Y : Float;
 Radius : Float;
- ☐ D when Circle =>
 X, Y, Radius : Float;

Quiz

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type Shape_Kind is (Circle, Line);

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  case Kind is
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 Center_X, Center_Y : Float;
 Radius : Float;
- ☐ D when Circle =>
 X, Y, Radius : Float;
- ☐ A Referencing itself
- ☐ B anonymous array in record declaration
- ☐ C OK
- ☐ D X, Y are duplicated with the Line variant

Varying Length Arrays

Varying Lengths of Array Objects

- In Ada, array objects have to be fixed length

```
S : String(1..80);
```

```
A : array ( M .. K*L ) of Integer;
```

- We would like an object with a maximum length, but current length is variable
 - Need two pieces of data
 - Array contents
 - Location of last valid element
- For common usage, we want this to be a type (probably a record)
 - Maximum size array for contents
 - Index for last valid element

Simple Varying Length Array

```
type Simple_VString is
  record
    Length : Natural range 0..Max_Length := 0;
    Data    : String(1..Max_Length) := (others => ' ');
  end record;

function "&"(Left, Right : Simple_VString) return Simple_VString is
  Result : Simple_VString;
begin
  if Left.Length + Right.Length > Max_Length then
    raise Constraint_Error;
  else
    Result.Length := Left.Length + Right.Length;
    Result.Data(1..Result.Length) :=
      Left.Data(1..Left.Length) & Right.Data(1..Right.Length);
    return Result;
  end if;
end "&";
```

■ Issues

- Every object has same maximum length
- **Length** needs to be maintained by program logic
- Need to define "="

Varying Length Array via Variant Records

- Discriminant can serve as bound of array field

```
type VString ( Max_Length : Natural := 0 ) is
  record
    Data      : String(1..Max_Length) := (others => ' ');
  end record;
```

- Discriminant default value?
 - With default discriminant value, objects can be copied even if lengths are different
 - With no default discriminant value, objects of different lengths cannot be copied

Quiz

```
type My_Array is array (Integer range <>) of Boolean;
```

How to declare an array of two elements?

- A. 0 : My_Array (2)
- B. 0 : My_Array (1 .. 2)
- C. 0 : My_Array (1 .. 3)
- D. 0 : My_Array (1, 3)

Quiz

```
type My_Array is array (Integer range <>) of Boolean;
```

How to declare an array of two elements?

- A. `0 : My_Array (2)`
- B. `0 : My_Array (1 .. 2)`
- C. `0 : My_Array (1 .. 3)`
- D. `0 : My_Array (1, 3)`

Quiz

```
type R (Size : Integer := 0) is record  
  S : String (1 .. Size);  
end record;
```

Which proposition(s) will compile and run without error?

- ☒ A. `V : R := (6, "Hello")`
- ☒ B. `V : R := (5, "Hello")`
- ☒ C. `V : R (5) := (5, S => "Hello")`
- ☒ D. `V : R (6) := (6, S => "Hello")`

Quiz

```
type R (Size : Integer := 0) is record
  S : String (1 .. Size);
end record;
```

Which proposition(s) will compile and run without error?

- ☐ A. `V : R := (6, "Hello")`
- ☐ B. `V : R := (5, "Hello")`
- ☐ C. `V : R (5) := (5, S => "Hello")`
- ☐ D. `V : R (6) := (6, S => "Hello")`

When `V` is declared without specifying its size, it becomes mutable, at this point the `S'Length = Positive'Last`, causing a `Runtime_Error`. Furthermore the length of "Hello" is 5, it cannot be stored in a `String` of Length 6.

Variant Record Details

Semantics of Discriminated Records

- A discriminant is a parameter to a record type
 - The value of a discriminant affects the presence, constraints, or initialization of other components
- A type may have more than one discriminant
 - Either all have default initializations, or none do
- Ada restricts the kinds of types that may be used to declare a discriminant
 - Discrete types (i.e., enumeration or integer type)
 - Access types (not covered here)

Use of Discriminants in Record Definition

- Within the record type definition, a discriminant may only be referenced in the following contexts
 - In "case" of variant part
 - As a bound of a record component that is an unconstrained array
 - As an initialization expression for a component
 - As the value of a discriminant for a component that itself a variant record
- A discriminant is not allowed as the bound of a range constraint

Lab

Discriminated Record Types Lab

- Requirements for a simplistic employee database
 - Create a package to handle varying length strings using variant records
 - The string type **must** be **private**!
 - The variant can appear on the partial definition or the full
 - Create a package to create employee data in a variant record
 - Store first name, last name, and hourly pay rate for all employees
 - Supervisors must also include the project they are supervising
 - Managers must also include the number of employees they are managing and the department name
 - Main program should read employee information from the console
 - Any number of any type of employees can be entered in any order
 - When data entry is done, print out all appropriate information for each employee
- Hints
 - Create concatenation functions for your varying length string type
 - Is it easier to create an input function for each employee category, or a common one?

Discriminated Record Types Lab Solution - Vstring

```

package Vstring is
  Max_String_Length : constant := 1_000;
  type Vstring_T is private;
  function To_Vstring (Str : String) return Vstring_T;
  function To_String (Vstr : Vstring_T) return String;
  function "&" (L, R : Vstring_T) return Vstring_T;
  function "&" (L : String; R : Vstring_T) return Vstring_T;
  function "&" (L : Vstring_T; R : String) return Vstring_T;
private
  subtype Index_T is Integer range 0 .. Max_String_Length;
  type Vstring_T (Length : Index_T := 0) is record
    Text : String (1 .. Length);
  end record;
end Vstring;

package body Vstring is
  function To_Vstring (Str : String) return Vstring_T is
    ((Length => Str'Length, Text => Str));
  function To_String (Vstr : Vstring_T) return String is
    (Vstr.Text);
  function "&" (L, R : Vstring_T) return Vstring_T is
    Ret_Val : constant String := L.Text & R.Text;
  begin
    return (Length => Ret_Val'Length, Text => Ret_Val);
  end "&";

  function "&" (L : String; R : Vstring_T) return Vstring_T is
    Ret_Val : constant String := L & R.Text;
  begin
    return (Length => Ret_Val'Length, Text => Ret_Val);
  end "&";

  function "&" (L : Vstring_T; R : String) return Vstring_T is
    Ret_Val : constant String := L.Text & R;
  begin
    return (Length => Ret_Val'Length, Text => Ret_Val);
  end "&";
end Vstring;

```

Discriminated Record Types Lab Solution - Employee (Spec)

```
with Vstring;      use Vstring;
package Employee is

    type Category_T is (Staff, Supervisor, Manager);
    type Pay_T is delta 0.01 range 0.0 .. 1_000.00;

    type Employee_T (Category : Category_T := Staff) is record
        Last_Name   : Vstring.Vstring_T;
        First_Name  : Vstring.Vstring_T;
        Hourly_Rate : Pay_T;
        case Category is
            when Staff =>
                null;
            when Supervisor =>
                Project : Vstring.Vstring_T;
            when Manager =>
                Department : Vstring.Vstring_T;
                Staff_Count : Natural;
        end case;
    end record;

    function Get_Staff return Employee_T;
    function Get_Supervisor return Employee_T;
    function Get_Manager return Employee_T;

end Employee;
```

Discriminated Record Types Lab Solution - Employee (Body)

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
package body Employee is
  function Read (Prompt : String) return String is
  begin
    Put (Prompt & " > ");
    return Get_Line;
  end Read;

  function Get_Staff return Employee_T is
    Ret_Val : Employee_T (Staff);
  begin
    Ret_Val.Last_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("Last name"));
    Ret_Val.First_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("First name"));
    Ret_Val.Hourly_Rate := Pay_T'Value (Read ("Hourly rate"));
    return Ret_Val;
  end Get_Staff;

  function Get_Supervisor return Employee_T is
    Ret_Val : Employee_T (Supervisor);
  begin
    Ret_Val.Last_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("Last name"));
    Ret_Val.First_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("First name"));
    Ret_Val.Hourly_Rate := Pay_T'Value (Read ("Hourly rate"));
    Ret_Val.Project := To_Vstring (Read ("Project"));
    return Ret_Val;
  end Get_Supervisor;

  function Get_Manager return Employee_T is
    Ret_Val : Employee_T (Manager);
  begin
    Ret_Val.Last_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("Last name"));
    Ret_Val.First_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("First name"));
    Ret_Val.Hourly_Rate := Pay_T'Value (Read ("Hourly rate"));
    Ret_Val.Department := To_Vstring (Read ("Department"));
    Ret_Val.Staff_Count := Integer'Value (Read ("Staff count"));
    return Ret_Val;
  end Get_Manager;
end Employee;
```

Discriminated Record Types Lab Solution - Main

```

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Employee;
with Vstring; use Vstring;
procedure Main is
  procedure Print (Member : Employee.Employee_T) is
    First_Line : constant Vstring.Vstring_T :=
      Member.First_Name & " " & Member.Last_Name & " " &
      Member.Hourly_Rate'Image;
  begin
    Put_Line (Vstring.To_String (First_Line));
    case Member.Category is
      when Employee.Supervisor =>
        Put_Line ("  Project: " & Vstring.To_String (Member.Project));
      when Employee.Manager =>
        Put_Line ("  Overseeing " & Member.Staff_Count'Image & " in " &
          Vstring.To_String (Member.Department));
      when others => null;
    end case;
  end Print;

  List : array (1 .. 1_000) of Employee.Employee_T;
  Count : Natural := 0;
begin
  loop
    Put_Line ("E => Employee");
    Put_Line ("S => Supervisor");
    Put_Line ("M => Manager");
    Put_Line ("E/S/M (any other to stop): ");
    declare
      Choice : constant String := Get_Line;
    begin
      case Choice (1) is
        when 'E' | 'e' =>
          Count := Count + 1;
          List (Count) := Employee.Get_Staff;
        when 'S' | 's' =>
          Count := Count + 1;
          List (Count) := Employee.Get_Supervisor;
        when 'M' | 'm' =>
          Count := Count + 1;
          List (Count) := Employee.Get_Manager;
        when others =>
          exit;
        end case;
      end;
    end loop;
    for Item of List (1 .. Count) loop
      Print (Item);
    end loop;
  end Main;

```

Summary

Properties of Variant Record Types

■ Rules

- Case choices for variants must partition possible values for discriminant
- Field names must be unique across all variants

■ Style

- Typical processing is via a case statement that "dispatches" based on discriminant
- This centralized functional processing is in contrast to decentralized object-oriented approach

■ Flexibility

- Variant parts may be nested, if some fields common to a set of variants

Advanced Primitives

Type Derivation

Freeze Point

- Ada doesn't explicitly identify the end of members declaration
- This end is the implicit **freeze point** occurring whenever:
 - A **variable** of the type is **declared**
 - The type is **derived**
 - The **end of the scope** is reached
- Subprograms past this point are not primitive

```
type Root is Integer;  
procedure Prim (V : Root);  
type Child is new Root; -- freeze root  
procedure Prim2 (V : Root); -- Not a primitive  
  
V : Child; -- freeze child  
procedure Prim3 (V : Child); -- Not a primitive
```

Primitive of Multiple Types

- A subprogram can be a primitive of several types

```
package P is
  type T1 is range 1 .. 10;
  type T2 is (A, B, C);

  procedure Proc (V1 : T1; V2 : T2);
  function "+" (V1 : T1; V2 : T2) return T1;
end P;
```

Implicit Primitive Operations

- Type declaration implicitly creates primitives
 - Numerical and logical operations
 - Code can overload or remove them

```
package P is
  type T1 is range 1 .. 10;
  -- implicit
  -- function "+" (Left, Right : T1) return T1;
end P;

...

procedure Main is
  V1, V2 : T1;
begin
  V1 := V1 + V2;
end Main;
```

Recap. on type derivation

- For all types
 - Freeze point rules don't change
 - Primitives are inherited by child types
 - Conversion from child to parent possible
 - Pre-defined set of primitives
 - "+", "-" ... for numeric types
 - Comparison operators
 - Equality except if **limited**
- Derived type that are **not tagged**
 - Are **not** OOP
 - Can remove a primitive
 - Can declare a primitive of multiple types
 - Can be converted from parent to child
 - Their representation does not change
 - Could raise `Constraint_Error (range...)`

Quiz

```
type T is new Integer;
```

Which operator(s) definition(s) is legal?

- ☐ A. function "+" (V : T) return Boolean is (T /= 0)
- ☐ B. function "+" (A, B : T) return T is (A + B)
- ☐ C. function "=" (A, B : T) return T is (A - B)
- ☐ D. function "!=" (A : T) return T is (A)

Quiz

```
type T is new Integer;
```

Which operator(s) definition(s) is legal?

- A. `function "+" (V : T) return Boolean is (T /= 0)`
- B. `function "+" (A, B : T) return T is (A + B)`
- C. `function "=" (A, B : T) return T is (A - B)`
- D. `function ":=" (A : T) return T is (A)`
- B. Infinite recursion
- C. Unlike some languages, there is no assignment operator

Quiz

```
type T1 is new Integer;  
function "+" (A : T1) return T1 is (0);  
type T2 is new T1;  
type T3 is new T1;  
overriding function "+" (A : T3) return T3 is (1);
```

O1 : T1;

O2 : T2;

O3 : T3;

Which proposition(s) is(are) legal and running without error?

- ☐ A. pragma Assert (+O1 = 0)
- ☐ B. pragma Assert (+O2 = 0)
- ☐ C. pragma Assert ((+O2) + (+O3) = 1)
- ☐ D. pragma Assert (+(T3 (O1) + O3) = 1)

Quiz

```
type T1 is new Integer;  
function "+" (A : T1) return T1 is (0);  
type T2 is new T1;  
type T3 is new T1;  
overriding function "+" (A : T3) return T3 is (1);
```

O1 : T1;

O2 : T2;

O3 : T3;

Which proposition(s) is(are) legal and running without error?

- ☒ A. *pragma Assert* (+O1 = 0)
- ☒ B. *pragma Assert* (+O2 = 0)
- ☐ C. *pragma Assert* ((+O2) + (+O3) = 1)
- ☒ D. *pragma Assert* (+(T3 (O1) + O3) = 1)
- ☐ E. +O2 returns a T2, +O3 a T3

Tagged Inheritance

Liskov's Substitution Principle

- **LSP** is an object-oriented rule
 - Not imposed
 - But fits nicely with Ada's OOP design
 - Avoids numerous issues
 - Can be verified by tools eg. CODEPEER
- *Objects of a parent type shall be replaceable by objects of its child types*
 - Cannot be applied to simple derivation (eg. restricting range)
 - Tagged record derivation implies **extending** not modifying the behaviour
 - Easier said than done
 - *Is a mute cat still a cat if it can't meow?*

Dispatching

- Primitives dispatch, but not only them

```
type T is tagged null record;
```

```
procedure Prim (A : T) is null;
```

```
procedure Not_Prim (A : T'Class) is null;
```

- Prim is a primitive
- Not_Prim is **not** a primitive
 - Won't be inherited
 - But dispatches dynamically!

```
declare
```

```
    type T2 is new T with null record;
```

```
    A : T'Class := T2'(null record);
```

```
begin
```

```
    Prim (A);
```

```
    Not_Prim (A);
```

```
end;
```

Tagged Primitive Declaration

- **tagged** types primitives **must** be declared in a **package** specification
- Not a **declare** block or the declarative part of a subprogram

```
procedure P is
  type T is tagged null record;
  procedure Not_Prim (A : T) is null;
  type T2 is tagged null record;

  A : T;
  B : T2;
begin
  -- Not a primitive
  Not_Prim (A);
  -- Would not compile
  -- Not_Prim (B);
end P;
```

Primitive of Multiple Types

- For a primitive of a **tagged record** Tag_T
 - Tag_T is called the *controlling parameter*
 - All controlling parameters **must** be of the same type
- Warning: A non-tagged type is never controlling
 - Can have primitive of multiple **type**
 - **Cannot** have primitive of multiple **tagged record**

```
type Root1 is tagged null record;
```

```
type Root2 is tagged null record;
```

```
procedure P1_Correct (V1 : Root1; V2 : Root1);
```

```
procedure P2_Incorrect (V1 : Root1; V2 : Root2); -- FAIL
```


Recap. on tagged inheritance

- **tagged** types are Ada's OOP
- They can
 - Be converted from a parent: `Child_Type (Parent)`
- They **cannot**
 - Remove a primitive
 - Have a primitive with multiple controlling types
 - Be converted to a parent: `Parent_Type (Child)`
 - Because their representation may change

Quiz

```
type T1 is range 0 .. 10;  
type T2 is range 0 .. 10;  
type Tag_T1 is tagged null record;  
type Tag_T2 is tagged null record;
```

Which of the following piece(s) of code is(are) legal?

- ☐ A. procedure P (A : T1; B : T2) is null
- ☐ B. procedure P (A : T1; B : Tag_T1) is null
- ☐ C. procedure P (A : T1; B : Tag_T1; C : Tag_T1) is null
- ☐ D. procedure P (A : T1; B : Tag_T1; C : Tag_T2) is null

Quiz

```
type T1 is range 0 .. 10;  
type T2 is range 0 .. 10;  
type Tag_T1 is tagged null record;  
type Tag_T2 is tagged null record;
```

Which of the following piece(s) of code is(are) legal?

- ☐ A. *procedure P (A : T1; B : T2) is null*
- ☐ B. *procedure P (A : T1; B : Tag_T1) is null*
- ☐ C. *procedure P (A : T1; B : Tag_T1; C : Tag_T1) is null*
- ☐ D. `procedure P (A : T1; B : Tag_T1; C : Tag_T2) is null`
- ☐ D. Has two controlling type

Quiz

```
type T1 is tagged null record;  
type T2 is new T1 with null record;  
V : T2;
```

Which of the following piece(s) of code allow for calling Proc (V)?

- A.** procedure Proc (V : T1) is null
- B.** procedure Proc (V : T1'Class) is null
- C.** procedure Proc (V : T1'Class) is null;
 procedure Proc (V : T2'Class) is null;
- D.** procedure Proc (V : T1) is null;
 procedure Proc (V : T2) is null;

Quiz

```
type T1 is tagged null record;  
type T2 is new T1 with null record;  
V : T2;
```

Which of the following piece(s) of code allow for calling Proc (V)?

- A. `procedure Proc (V : T1) is null`
- B. `procedure Proc (V : T1'Class) is null`
- C. `procedure Proc (V : T1'Class) is null;`
`procedure Proc (V : T2'Class) is null;`
- D. `procedure Proc (V : T1) is null;`
`procedure Proc (V : T2) is null;`
- A. Proc is not a primitive
- B. T1'Class contains T2'Class

Quantified Expressions

Quantified Expressions

Introduction

Ada 2012

- Expressions that have a Boolean value
- The value indicates something about a set of objects
 - In particular, whether something is True about that set
- That "something" is expressed as an arbitrary boolean expression
 - A so-called "predicate"
- "Universal" quantified expressions
 - Indicate whether predicate holds for all components
- "Existential" quantified expressions
 - Indicate whether predicate holds for at least one component

Examples

```
with GNAT.Random_Numbers; use GNAT.Random_Numbers;
with Ada.Text_IO;         use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Quantified_Expressions is
  Gen      : Generator;
  Values : constant array (1 .. 10) of Integer := (others => Random (Gen));

  Any_Even : constant Boolean := (for some N of Values => N mod 2 = 0);
  All_Odd  : constant Boolean := (for all N of reverse Values => N mod 2 = 1);

  function Is_Sorted return Boolean is
    (for all K in Values'Range =>
      K = Values'First or else Values (K - 1) <= Values (K));

  function Duplicate return Boolean is
    (for some I in Values'Range =>
      (for some J in I + 1 .. Values'Last => Values (I) = Values (J)));

begin
  Put_Line ("Any Even: " & Boolean'Image (Any_Even));
  Put_Line ("All Odd: " & Boolean'Image (All_Odd));
  Put_Line ("Is_Sorted " & Boolean'Image (Is_Sorted));
  Put_Line ("Duplicate " & Boolean'Image (Duplicate));
end Quantified_Expressions;
```

Semantics Are As If You Wrote This Code

Ada 2012

```
function Universal (Set : Components) return Boolean is
begin
  for C of Set loop
    if not Predicate (C) then
      return False;  -- Predicate must be true for all
    end if;
  end loop;
  return True;
end Universal;
```

```
function Existential (Set : Components) return Boolean is
begin
  for C of Set loop
    if Predicate (C) then
      return True;  -- Predicate need only be true for one
    end if;
  end loop;
  return False;
end Existential;
```

Quantified Expressions Syntax

Ada 2012

```
quantified_expression ::=  
    (for quantifier loop_parameter_specification  
        => predicate) |  
    (for quantifier iterator_specification =>  
        predicate)  
predicate ::= boolean_expression  
quantifier ::= all | some
```

Simple Examples

Ada 2012

```
Values : constant array (1 .. 10) of Integer := (...);  
Is_Any_Even : constant Boolean :=  
    (for some V of Values => V mod 2 = 0);  
Are_All_Even : constant Boolean :=  
    (for all V of Values => V mod 2 = 0);
```

Universal Quantifier

Ada 2012

- In logic, denoted by \forall (inverted 'A', for "all")
- "There is no member of the set for which the predicate does not hold"
 - If predicate is False for any member, the whole is False
- Functional equivalent

```
function Universal (Set : Components) return Boolean is
begin
  for C of Set loop
    if not Predicate (C) then
      return False; -- Predicate must be true for all
    end if;
  end loop;
  return True;
end Universal;
```

Universal Quantifier Illustration

Ada 2012

- "There is no member of the set for which the predicate does not hold"
- Given a set of integer answers to a quiz, there are no answers that are not 42 (i.e., all are 42)

```
Ultimate_Answer : constant := 42; -- to everything...
```

```
Answers : constant array (1 .. 10)  
  of Integer := ( ... );
```

```
All_Correct_1 : constant Boolean :=  
  (for all Component of Answers =>  
    Component = Ultimate_Answer);
```

```
All_Correct_2 : constant Boolean :=  
  (for all K in Answers'range =>  
    Answers(K) = Ultimate_Answer);
```

Universal Quantifier Real-World Example

Ada 2012

```
type DMA_Status_Flag is ( ... );  
function Status_Indicated (  
    Flag : DMA_Status_Flag)  
    return Boolean;  
None_Set : constant Boolean := (  
    for all Flag in DMA_Status_Flag =>  
        not Status_Indicated (Flag));
```

Existential Quantifier

Ada 2012

- In logic, denoted by \exists (rotated 'E', for "exists")
- "There is at least one member of the set for which the predicate holds"
 - If predicate is True for any member, the whole is True
- Functional equivalent

```
function Existential (Set : Components) return Boolean is
begin
  for C of Set loop
    if Predicate (C) then
      return True; -- Need only be true for at least one
    end if;
  end loop;
  return False;
end Existential;
```


Existential Quantifier Illustration

Ada 2012

- "There is at least one member of the set for which the predicate holds"
- Given set of integer answers to a quiz, there is at least one answer that is 42

```
Ultimate_Answer : constant := 42; -- to everything...
Answers : constant array (1 .. 10)
  of Integer := ( ... );
Any_Correct_1 : constant Boolean :=
  (for some Component of Answers =>
    Component = Ultimate_Answer);
Any_Correct_2 : constant Boolean :=
  (for some K in Answers'range =>
    Answers(K) = Ultimate_Answer);
```

Index-Based vs Component-Based Indexing

Ada 2012

- Given an array of integers

```
Values : constant array (1 .. 10) of Integer := (...);
```

- Component-based indexing is useful for checking individual values

```
Contains_Negative_Number : constant Boolean :=  
    (for some N of Values => N < 0);
```

- Index-based indexing is useful for comparing across values

```
Is_Sorted : constant Boolean :=  
    (for all I in Values'Range =>  
        I = Values'first or else Values(I) >= Values(I-1))
```

"Pop Quiz" for Quantified Expressions

Ada 2012

- What will be the value of **Ascending_Order**?

```
Table : constant array (1 .. 10) of Integer :=
    (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10);
```

```
Ascending_Order : constant Boolean := (
    for all K in Table'Range =>
        K > Table'First and then Table (K - 1) <= Table (K))
```

- Answer: **False**. Predicate fails when **K = Table'First**

- First subcondition is False!

- Condition should be

```
Ascending_Order : constant Boolean := (
    for all K in Table'Range => K = Table'first or else
        Table (K - 1) <= Table (K));
```

When The Set Is Empty...

Ada 2012

- Universally quantified expressions are True
 - Definition: there is no member of the set for which the predicate does not hold
 - If the set is empty, there is no such member, so True
 - "All people 12-feet tall will be given free chocolate."
- Existentially quantified expressions are False
 - Definition: there is at least one member of the set for which the predicate holds
- If the set is empty, there is no such member, so False
- Common convention in set theory, arbitrary but settled

Not Just Arrays: Any "Iterable" Objects

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- Those that can be iterated over
- Language-defined, such as the containers
- User-defined too

```
package Characters is new
```

```
    Ada.Containers.Vectors (Positive, Character);
```

```
use Characters;
```

```
Alphabet   : constant Vector := To_Vector('A',1) & 'B' & 'C';
```

```
Any_Zed    : constant Boolean :=
```

```
    (for some C of Alphabet => C = 'Z');
```

```
All_Lower  : constant Boolean :=
```

```
    (for all C of Alphabet => Is_Lower (C));
```

Conditional / Quantified Expression Usage

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- Use them when a function would be too heavy
- Don't over-use them!

```
if (for some Component of Answers =>  
    Component = Ultimate_Answer)  
then
```

- Function names enhance readability
 - So put the quantified expression in a function
- ```
if At_Least_One_Answered (Answers) then
```
- Even in pre/postconditions, use functions containing quantified expressions for abstraction

# Quiz

Which declaration(s) is(are) legal?

- A.** `function F (S : String) return Boolean is (for all C of S => C /= ' ')`
- B.** `function F (S : String) return Boolean is (not for some C of S => C = ' ')`
- C.** `function F (S : String) return String is (for all C of S => C)`
- D.** `function F (S : String) return String is  
    (if (for all C of S => C /= ' ') then "OK" else  
    "NOK");`

# Quiz

Which declaration(s) is(are) legal?

- A. *function F (S : String) return Boolean is (for all C of S => C /= ' ')*
  - B. `function F (S : String) return Boolean is (not for some C of S => C = ' ')`
  - C. `function F (S : String) return String is (for all C of S => C)`
  - D. *function F (S : String) return String is (if (for all C of S => C /= ' ') then "OK" else "NOK");*
- B. Parentheses required around the quantified expression
  - C. Must return a **Boolean**



# Quiz

```
type T1 is array (1 .. 3) of Integer;
type T2 is array (1 .. 3) of Integer;
```

Which piece(s) of code is(are) correctly performs equality check on A and B?

- A.** `function "=" (A : T1; B : T2) return Boolean is (A = T1 (B))`
- B.** `function "=" (A : T1; B : T2) return Boolean is  
 (for all E1 of A => (for all E2 of B => E1 = E2));`
- C.** `function "=" (A : T1; B : T2) return Boolean is  
 (for some E1 of A => (for some E2 of B => A = B));`
- D.** `function "=" (A : T1; B : T2) return Boolean is  
 (for all J in A'Range => A (J) = B (J));`

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`(for all E1 of A => (for all E2 of B => E1 = E2));`
- ☐ C. `function "=" (A : T1; B : T2) return Boolean is`  
`(for some E1 of A => (for some E2 of B => A = B));`
- ☐ D. *function* "=" (A : T1; B : T2) *return Boolean is*  
*(for all J in A'Range => A (J) = B (J));*
- ☐ B. Counterexample: A = (0, 1, 0) and B = (0, 1, 0) returns :ada:'False
- ☐ C. Counterexample: A = (0, 0, 1) and B = (0, 1, 1) returns True

# Quiz

```
type Array1_T is array (1 .. 3) of Integer;
type Array2_T is array (1 .. 3) of Array1_T;
A : Array2_T;
```

The above describes an array A whose elements are arrays of three elements. Which expression would one use to determine if at least one of A's elements are sorted?

- ☐ A. (for some El of A => (for some Idx in 2 .. 3 => El (Idx) >= El (Idx - 1)));
- ☐ B. (for all El of A => for all Idx in 2 .. 3 => El (Idx) >= El (Idx - 1)));
- ☐ C. (for some El of A => (for all Idx in 2 .. 3 => El (Idx) >= El (Idx - 1)));
- ☐ D. (for all El of A => (for some Idx in 2 .. 3 => El (Idx) >= El (Idx - 1)));

# Quiz

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  - ☐ C. (for some El of A => (for all Idx in 2 .. 3 => El (Idx) >= El (Idx - 1)));
  - ☐ D. (for all El of A => (for some Idx in 2 .. 3 => El (Idx) >= El (Idx - 1)));
- 
- ☐ A. Will be True if any element has two consecutive increasing values
  - ☐ B. Will be True if every element is sorted
  - ☐ C. Correct
  - ☐ D. Will be True if every element has two consecutive increasing values

## Lab

# Advanced Expressions Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Allow the user to fill a list with dates
- After the list is created, use *quantified expressions* to print True/False
  - If any date is not legal (taking into account leap years!)
  - If all dates are in the same calendar year
- Use *expression functions* for all validation routines

## ■ Hints

- Use subtype membership for range validation
- You will need *conditional expressions* in your functions
- You *can* use component-based iterations for some checks
  - But you *must* use indexed-based iterations for others

# Advanced Expressions Lab Solution - Checks

```
subtype Year_T is Positive range 1_900 .. 2_099;
subtype Month_T is Positive range 1 .. 12;
subtype Day_T is Positive range 1 .. 31;

type Date_T is record
 Year : Positive;
 Month : Positive;
 Day : Positive;
end record;

List : array (1 .. 5) of Date_T;
Item : Date_T;

function Is_Leap_Year (Year : Positive)
 return Boolean is
 (Year mod 400 = 0 or else (Year mod 4 = 0 and Year mod 100 /= 0));

function Days_In_Month (Month : Positive;
 Year : Positive)
 return Day_T is
 (case Month is when 4 | 6 | 9 | 11 => 30,
 when 2 => (if Is_Leap_Year (Year) then 29 else 28), when others => 31);

function Is_Valid (Date : Date_T)
 return Boolean is
 (Date.Year in Year_T and then Date.Month in Month_T
 and then Date.Day <= Days_In_Month (Date.Month, Date.Year));

function Any_Invalid return Boolean is
 (for some Date of List => not Is_Valid (Date));

function Same_Year return Boolean is
 (for all I in List'range => List (I).Year = List (List'first).Year);
```

# Advanced Expressions Lab Solution - Main

```
function Number (Prompt : String)
 return Positive is
begin
 Put (Prompt & "> ");
 return Positive'Value (Get_Line);
end Number;

begin

 for I in List'Range loop
 Item.Year := Number ("Year");
 Item.Month := Number ("Month");
 Item.Day := Number ("Day");
 List (I) := Item;
 end loop;

 Put_Line ("Any invalid: " & Boolean'image (Any_Invalid));
 Put_Line ("Same Year: " & Boolean'image (Same_Year));

end Main;
```



## Summary

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- Quantified expressions are general purpose but especially useful with pre/postconditions
  - Consider hiding them behind expressive function names

## Limited Types

## Introduction

# Views

- Specify how values and objects may be manipulated
- Are implicit in much of the language semantics
  - Constants are just variables without any assignment view
  - Task types, protected types implicitly disallow assignment
  - Mode **in** formal parameters disallow assignment

```
Variable : Integer := 0;
...
-- P's view of X prevents modification
procedure P(X : in Integer) is
begin
 ...
end P;
...
P(Variable);
```

# Limited Type Views' Semantics

- Prevents copying via predefined assignment
  - Disallows assignment between objects
  - Must make your own **copy** procedure if needed

```
type File is limited ...
```

```
...
```

```
F1, F2 : File;
```

```
...
```

```
F1 := F2; -- compile error
```

- Prevents incorrect comparison semantics
  - Disallows predefined equality operator
  - Make your own equality function = if needed

# Inappropriate Copying Example

```
type File is ...
```

```
F1, F2 : File;
```

```
...
```

```
Open (F1);
```

```
Write (F1, "Hello");
```

```
-- What is this assignment really trying to do?
```

```
F2 := F1;
```

# Intended Effects of Copying

```
type File is ...
F1, F2 : File;
...
Open (F1);
Write (F1, "Hello");
Copy (Source => F1, Target => F2);
```



## Declarations

# Examples

```
with Interfaces;
package Multiprocessor_Mutex is
 subtype Id_T is String (1 .. 4);
 -- prevent copying of a lock
 type Limited_T is limited record
 Flag : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
 end record;
 type Also_Limited_T is record
 Lock : Limited_T;
 Id : Id_T;
 end record;
 procedure Lock (This : in out Also_Limited_T) is null;
 procedure Unlock (This : in out Also_Limited_T) is null;
end Multiprocessor_Mutex;
```

# Limited Type Declarations

- Syntax

- Additional keyword `limited` added to record type declaration

```
type defining_identifier is limited record
 component_list
end record;
```

- Are always record types unless also private

- More in a moment...

# Approximate Analog In C++

```
class Stack {
public:
 Stack();
 void Push (int X);
 void Pop (int& X);
 ...
private:
 ...
 // assignment operator hidden
 Stack& operator= (const Stack& other);
}; // Stack
```

## Spin Lock Example

```
with Interfaces;
package Multiprocessor_Mutex is
 -- prevent copying of a lock
 type Spin_Lock is limited record
 Flag : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
 end record;
 procedure Lock (This : in out Spin_Lock);
 procedure Unlock (This : in out Spin_Lock);
 pragma Inline (Lock, Unlock);
end Multiprocessor_Mutex;
```

# Parameter Passing Mechanism

- Always "by-reference" if explicitly limited
  - Necessary for various reasons (**task** and **protected** types, etc)
  - Advantageous when required for proper behavior
- By definition, these subprograms would be called concurrently
  - Cannot operate on copies of parameters!

```
procedure Lock (This : in out Spin_Lock);
procedure Unlock (This : in out Spin_Lock);
```

# Composites with Limited Types

- Composite containing a limited type becomes limited as well
  - Example: Array of limited elements
    - Array becomes a limited type
  - Prevents assignment and equality loop-holes

**declare**

*-- if we can't copy component S, we can't copy User\_Type*

**type** User\_Type **is record** *-- limited because S is limited*

S : File;

...

**end record;**

A, B : User\_Type;

**begin**

A := B; *-- not legal since limited*

...

**end;**

# Quiz

```
type T is limited record
 I : Integer;
end record;
```

```
L1, L2 : T;
B : Boolean;
```

Which statement(s) is(are) legal?

- ☐ A. `L1.I := 1`
- ☐ B. `L1 := L2`
- ☐ C. `B := (L1 = L2)`
- ☐ D. `B := (L1.I = L2.I)`



# Quiz

```
type T is limited record
 I : Integer;
end record;
```

```
L1, L2 : T;
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```

Which statement(s) is(are) legal?

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- ☐ B. `L1 := L2`
- ☐ C. `B := (L1 = L2)`
- ☐ D. `B := (L1.I = L2.I)`

# Quiz

```
type T is limited record
 I : Integer;
end record;
```

Which of the following declaration(s) is(are) legal?

- ☒ A. function "+" (A : T) return T is (A)
- ☒ B. function "-" (A : T) return T is (I => -A.I)
- ☒ C. function "=" (A, B : T) return Boolean is (True)
- ☒ D. function "=" (A, B : T) return Boolean is (A.I =  
T'(I => B.I).I)

# Quiz

```
type T is limited record
 I : Integer;
end record;
```

Which of the following declaration(s) is(are) legal?

- ☐ A. `function "+" (A : T) return T is (A)`
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- ☐ C. `function "=" (A, B : T) return Boolean is (True)`
- ☐ D. `function "=" (A, B : T) return Boolean is (A.I =  
T'(I => B.I).I)`

# Quiz

```
package P is
 type T is limited null record;
 type R is record
 F1 : Integer;
 F2 : T;
 end record;
end P;
```

```
with P;
procedure Main is
 T1, T2 : P.T;
 R1, R2 : P.R;
begin
```

Which assignment is legal?

- ☐ A T1 := T2;
- ☐ B R1 := R2;
- ☐ C R1.F1 := R2.F1;
- ☐ D R2.F2 := R2.F2;

# Quiz

```
package P is
 type T is limited null record;
 type R is record
 F1 : Integer;
 F2 : T;
 end record;
end P;
```

```
with P;
procedure Main is
 T1, T2 : P.T;
 R1, R2 : P.R;
begin
```

Which assignment is legal?

- ☐ A T1 := T2;
- ☐ B R1 := R2;
- ☐ C R1.F1 := R2.F1;
- ☐ D R2.F2 := R2.F2;

Explanations

- ☐ A T1 and T2 are **limited** types
- ☐ B R1 and R2 contain **limited** types so they are also **limited**
- ☐ C These components are not **limited** types
- ☐ D These components are of a **limited** type

## Creating Values

# Examples

```
with Interfaces;
package Multiprocessor_Mutex is
 subtype Id_T is String (1 .. 4);
 -- prevent copying of a lock
 type Limited_T is limited record
 Flag : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
 end record;
 type Also_Limited_T is record
 Lock : Limited_T;
 Id : Id_T;
 end record;
 procedure Lock (This : in out Also_Limited_T);
 procedure Unlock (This : in out Also_Limited_T);
 function Create (Flag : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
 Id : Id_T)
 return Also_Limited_T;
end Multiprocessor_Mutex;

package body Multiprocessor_Mutex is
 procedure Lock (This : in out Also_Limited_T) is null;
 procedure Unlock (This : in out Also_Limited_T) is null;
 Global_Lock : Also_Limited_T := (Lock => (Flag => 0), Id => "GLOB");
 function Create (Flag : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
 Id : Id_T)
 return Also_Limited_T is
 Local_Lock : Also_Limited_T := (Lock => (Flag => 1), Id => "LOCA");
 begin
 Global_Lock.Lock.Flag := Flag;
 Local_Lock.Id := Id;
 -- Compile error
 -- return Local_Lock;
 -- Compile error
 -- return Global_Lock;
 return (Lock => (Flag => Flag), Id => Id);
 end Create;
end Multiprocessor_Mutex;

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Multiprocessor_Mutex; use Multiprocessor_Mutex;
procedure Perform_Lock is
 Lock1 : Also_Limited_T := (Lock => (Flag => 2), Id => "LOCK");
 Lock2 : Also_Limited_T;
begin
 -- Lock2 := Create (3, "CREA"); -- illegal
 Put_Line (Lock1.Id & Lock1.Lock.Flag'Image);
end Perform_Lock;
```

[https://ada-lang.org/spec/standards/ada/ada95/errata.html#errata](#)

# Creating Values

- Initialization is not assignment (but looks like it)!
- Via **limited constructor functions**
  - Functions returning values of limited types
- Via **limited aggregates**
  - Aggregates for limited types

```
type Spin_Lock is limited record
```

```
 Flag : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
```

```
end record;
```

```
...
```

```
Mutex : Spin_Lock := (Flag => 0); -- limited aggregate
```



## Other Uses for Limited Aggregates

- Values for constant declarations
- Components of enclosing array and record types
- Default expressions for record components
- Expression in an initialized allocator
- Actual parameters for formals of mode **in**
- Results of function return statements
- Defaults for mode **in** formal parameters
- But not right-hand side of assignment statements!

## Only Mode **in** for Limited Aggregates

- Aggregates are not variables, so no place to put the returning values for **out** or **in out** formals

*-- allowed, but not helpful*

```
procedure Wrong_Mode_For_Agg (This : in out Spin_Lock) is
begin
```

```
 Lock (This);
```

```
 ...
```

```
 Unlock (This);
```

```
end Wrong_Mode_For_Agg;
```

```
...
```

*-- not allowed*

```
Wrong_Mode_For_Agg (This => (Flag => 0));
```

*-- allowed*

```
procedure Foo (Param : access Spin_Lock);
```

## Limited Constructor Functions

- Allowed wherever limited aggregates are allowed
- More capable (can perform arbitrary computations)
- Necessary when limited type is also private
  - Users won't have visibility required to express aggregate contents

```
function F return Spin_Lock
is
begin
 ...
 return (Flag => 0);
end F;
```

## Writing Limited Constructor Functions

- Remember - copying is not allowed

```
function F return Spin_Lock is
 Local_X : Spin_Lock;
begin
 ...
 return Local_X; -- this is a copy - not legal
 -- (also illegal because of pass-by-reference)
end F;

Global_X : Spin_Lock;
function F return Spin_Lock is
begin
 ...
 -- This is not legal starting with Ada2005
 return Global_X; -- this is a copy
end F;
```

## "Built In-Place"

- Limited aggregates and functions, specifically
- No copying done by implementation
  - Values are constructed in situ

```
Mutex : Spin_Lock := (Flag => 0);
```

```
function F return Spin_Lock is
begin
 return (Flag => 0);
end F;
```

# Quiz

```
type T is limited record
 I : Integer;
end record;
```

Which piece(s) of code is a legal constructor for T?

**A** function F return T is  
begin  
 return T (I => 0);  
end F;

**B** function F return T is  
 Val : Integer := 0;  
begin  
 return (I => Val);  
end F;

**C** function F return T is  
 Ret : T := (I => 0);  
begin  
 return Ret;  
end F;

**D** function F return T is  
begin  
 return (0);  
end F;

# Quiz

```
type T is limited record
 I : Integer;
end record;
```

Which piece(s) of code is a legal constructor for T?

**A** function F return T is  
begin  
 return T (I => 0);  
end F;

**B** function F return T is  
 Val : Integer := 0;  
begin  
 return (I => Val);  
end F;

**C** function F return T is  
 Ret : T := (I => 0);  
begin  
 return Ret;  
end F;

**D** function F return T is  
begin  
 return (0);  
end F;

# Quiz

```
package P is
 type T is limited record
 F1 : Integer;
 F2 : Character;
 end record;
 Zero : T := (0, ' ');
 One : constant T := (1, 'a');
 Two : T;
 function F return T;
end P;
```

Which is a correct completion of F?

- ☐ A. return (3, 'c');
- ☐ B. Two := (2, 'b');  
return Two;
- ☐ C. return One;
- ☐ D. return Zero;



# Quiz

```
package P is
 type T is limited record
 F1 : Integer;
 F2 : Character;
 end record;
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```

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- ☐ B. `Two := (2, 'b');`  
`return Two;`
- ☐ C. `return One;`
- ☐ D. `return Zero;`

A contains an "in-place" return. The rest all rely on other objects, which would require an (illegal) copy.

## Extended Return Statements

# Examples

```

with Interfaces; use Interfaces;
package Multiprocessor_Mutex is
 subtype Id_T is String (1 .. 4);
 -- prevent copying of a lock
 type Limited_T is limited record
 Flag : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
 end record;
 type Also_Limited_T is record
 Lock : Limited_T;
 Id : Id_T;
 end record;
 procedure Lock (This : in out Also_Limited_T);
 procedure Unlock (This : in out Also_Limited_T);
 function Create (Id : Id_T) return Also_Limited_T;
end Multiprocessor_Mutex;

package body Multiprocessor_Mutex is
 procedure Lock (This : in out Also_Limited_T) is null;
 procedure Unlock (This : in out Also_Limited_T) is null;

 Global_Lock_Counter : Interfaces.Unsigned_8 := 0;
 function Create (Id : Id_T) return Also_Limited_T is
 begin
 return Ret_Val : Also_Limited_T do
 if Global_Lock_Counter = Interfaces.Unsigned_8'Last then
 return;
 end if;
 Global_Lock_Counter := Global_Lock_Counter + 1;
 Ret_Val.Id := Id;
 Ret_Val.Lock.Flag := Global_Lock_Counter;
 end return;
 end Create;
end Multiprocessor_Mutex;

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Multiprocessor_Mutex; use Multiprocessor_Mutex;
procedure Perform_Lock is
 Lock1 : constant Also_Limited_T := Create ("One ");
 Lock2 : constant Also_Limited_T := Create ("Two ");
begin
 Put_Line (Lock1.Id & Lock1.Lock.Flag'Image);
 Put_Line (Lock2.Id & Lock2.Lock.Flag'Image);
end Perform_Lock;

```

<https://ada-core.github.io/ada/ada95/ada95-000100.html#ada95-000100-000000>

# Function Extended Return Statements

Ada 2005

- *Extended return*
- Result is expressed as an object
- More expressive than aggregates
- Handling of unconstrained types
- Syntax (simplified):

```
return identifier : subtype [:= expression];
```

```
return identifier : subtype
[do
 sequence_of_statements ...
end return];
```

## Extended Return Statements Example

```
-- Implicitely limited array
type Spin_Lock_Array (Positive range <>) of Spin_Lock;

function F return Spin_Lock_Array is
begin
 return Result : Spin_Lock_Array (1 .. 10) do
 ...
 end return;
end F;
```

# Expression / Statements Are Optional

Ada 2005

- Without sequence (returns default if any)

```
function F return Spin_Lock is
begin
 return Result : Spin_Lock;
end F;
```

- With sequence

```
function F return Spin_Lock is
 X : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
begin
 -- compute X ...
 return Result : Spin_Lock := (Flag => X);
end F;
```

# Statements Restrictions

Ada 2005

- **No** nested extended return
- **Simple** return statement **allowed**
  - **Without** expression
  - Returns the value of the **declared object** immediately

```
function F return Spin_Lock is
begin
 return Result : Spin_Lock do
 if Set_Flag then
 Result.Flag := 1;
 return; -- returns 'Result'
 end if;
 Result.Flag := 0;
 end return; -- Implicit return
end F;
```

# Quiz

```
type T is limited record
 I : Integer;
end record;
O : T := F;
```

Which declaration(s) of F is(are) valid?

- A. function F return T is (I := 1)
- B. function F return T is (I => 1)
- C. function F return T is (1)
- D. function F return T is  
begin  
  return R : T do  
    R.I := 1;  
  end return;  
end F;



# Quiz

```
type T is limited record
 I : Integer;
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O : T := F;
```

Which declaration(s) of F is(are) valid?

☐ A. function F return T is (I := 1)

☐ B. *function F return T is (I => 1)*

☐ C. function F return T is (1)

☐ D. *function F return T is*  
*begin*  
 *return R : T do*  
 *R.I := 1;*  
 *end return;*  
*end F;*

## Combining Limited and Private Views

# Examples

```

with Interfaces; use Interfaces;
package Multiprocessor_Mutex is
 type Limited_T is limited private;
 procedure Lock (This : in out Limited_T);
 procedure Unlock (This : in out Limited_T);
 function Create return Limited_T;
private
 type Limited_T is limited -- no internal copying allowed
 record
 Flag : Interfaces.Unsigned_8; -- users cannot see this
 end record;
end Multiprocessor_Mutex;

package body Multiprocessor_Mutex is
 procedure Lock (This : in out Limited_T) is null;
 procedure Unlock (This : in out Limited_T) is null;

 Global_Lock_Counter : Interfaces.Unsigned_8 := 0;
 function Create return Limited_T is
 begin
 return Ret_Val : Limited_T do
 Global_Lock_Counter := Global_Lock_Counter + 1;
 Ret_Val.Flag := Global_Lock_Counter;
 end return;
 end Create;
end Multiprocessor_Mutex;

with Multiprocessor_Mutex; use Multiprocessor_Mutex;
package Use_Limited_Type is
 type Legal is limited private;
 type Also_Legal is limited private;
 -- type Not_Legal is private;
 -- type Also_Not_Legal is private;
private
 type Legal is record
 S : Limited_T;
 end record;
 type Also_Legal is limited record
 S : Limited_T;
 end record;
 -- type Not_Legal is limited record
 -- S : Limited_T;
 -- end record;
 -- type Also_Not_Legal is record
 -- S : Limited_T;
 -- end record;
end Use_Limited_Type;

```

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# Limited Private Types

- A combination of **limited** and **private** views
  - No client compile-time visibility to representation
  - No client assignment or predefined equality
- The typical design idiom for **limited** types
- Syntax
  - Additional reserved word **limited** added to **private** type declaration

```
type defining_identifier is limited private;
```

# Limited Private Type Rationale (1)

```
package Multiprocessor_Mutex is
 -- copying is prevented
 type Spin_Lock is limited record
 -- but users can see this!
 Flag : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
 end record;
 procedure Lock (This : in out Spin_Lock);
 procedure Unlock (This : in out Spin_Lock);
 pragma Inline (Lock, Unlock);
end Multiprocessor_Mutex;
```

## Limited Private Type Rationale (2)

```
package MultiProcessor_Mutex is
 -- copying is prevented AND users cannot see contents
 type Spin_Lock is limited private;
 procedure Lock (The_Lock : in out Spin_Lock);
 procedure Unlock (The_Lock : in out Spin_Lock);
 pragma Inline (Lock, Unlock);
private
 type Spin_Lock is ...
end MultiProcessor_Mutex;
```

# Limited Private Type Completions

- Clients have the partial view as **limited** and **private**
- The full view completion can be any kind of type
- Not required to be a record type just because the partial view is limited

```
package P is
 type Unique_ID_T is limited private;
 ...
private
 type Unique_ID_T is range 1 .. 10;
end P;
```

# Write-Only Register Example

```
package Write_Only is
 type Byte is limited private;
 type Word is limited private;
 type Longword is limited private;
 procedure Assign (Input : in Unsigned_8;
 To : in out Byte);
 procedure Assign (Input : in Unsigned_16;
 To : in out Word);
 procedure Assign (Input : in Unsigned_32;
 To : in out Longword);
private
 type Byte is new Unsigned_8;
 type Word is new Unsigned_16;
 type Longword is new Unsigned_32;
end Write_Only;
```



## Explicitly Limited Completions

- Completion in Full view includes word **limited**
- Optional
- Requires a record type as the completion

```
package MultiProcessor_Mutex is
 type Spin_Lock is limited private;
 procedure Lock (This : in out Spin_Lock);
 procedure Unlock (This : in out Spin_Lock);
private
 type Spin_Lock is limited -- full view is limited as well
 record
 Flag : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
 end record;
end MultiProcessor_Mutex;
```

## Effects of Explicitly Limited Completions

- Allows no internal copying too
- Forces parameters to be passed by-reference

```
package MultiProcessor_Mutex is
 type Spin_Lock is limited private;
 procedure Lock (This : in out Spin_Lock);
 procedure Unlock (This : in out Spin_Lock);
private
 type Spin_Lock is limited record
 Flag : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
 end record;
end MultiProcessor_Mutex;
```

# Automatically Limited Full View

- When other limited types are used in the representation
- Recall composite types containing limited types are **limited** too

```
package Foo is
 type Legal is limited private;
 type Also_Legal is limited private;
 type Not_Legal is private;
 type Also_Not_Legal is private;
private
 type Legal is record
 S : A_Limited_Type;
 end record;
 type Also_Legal is limited record
 S : A_Limited_Type;
 end record;
 type Not_Legal is limited record
 S : A_Limited_Type;
 end record;
 type Also_Not_Legal is record
 S : A_Limited_Type;
 end record;
end Foo;
```

# Quiz

```
package P is
 type Priv is private;
private
 type Lim is limited null record;
end P;
```

Which of the following piece(s) of code is(are) legal?

- ☐ A type Priv is record  
    E : Lim;  
end record;
- ☐ B type Priv is record  
    E : Float;  
end record;
- ☐ C type A is array (1 .. 10) of Lim;  
type Priv is record  
    F : A;  
end record;
- ☐ D type Acc is access Lim;  
type Priv is record  
    F : Acc;  
end record;

# Quiz

```
package P is
 type Priv is private;
private
 type Lim is limited null record;
end P;
```

Which of the following piece(s) of code is(are) legal?

- ☐ A type Priv is record  
    E : Lim;  
end record;
- ☒ B type Priv is record  
    E : Float;  
end record;
- ☐ C type A is array (1 .. 10) of Lim;  
type Priv is record  
    F : A;  
end record;
- ☒ D type Acc is access Lim;  
type Priv is record  
    F : Acc;  
end record;
- ☐ A E has limited type, partial view of Priv must be **private limited**

# Quiz

```
package P is
 type L1_T is limited private;
 type L2_T is limited private;
 type P1_T is private;
 type P2_T is private;
private
 type L1_T is limited record
 Field : Integer;
 end record;
 type L2_T is record
 Field : Integer;
 end record;
 type P1_T is limited record
 Field : L1_T;
 end record;
 type P2_T is record
 Field : L2_T;
 end record;
```

What will happen when the above code is compiled?

- A.** Type P1\_T will generate a compile error
- B.** Type P2\_T will generate a compile error
- C.** Both type P1\_T and type P2\_T will generate compile errors
- D.** The code will compile successfully

# Quiz

```
package P is
 type L1_T is limited private;
 type L2_T is limited private;
 type P1_T is private;
 type P2_T is private;
private
 type L1_T is limited record
 Field : Integer;
 end record;
 type L2_T is record
 Field : Integer;
 end record;
 type P1_T is limited record
 Field : L1_T;
 end record;
 type P2_T is record
 Field : L2_T;
 end record;
```

What will happen when the above code is compiled?

- A.** *Type P1\_T will generate a compile error*
- B.** Type P2\_T will generate a compile error
- C.** Both type P1\_T and type P2\_T will generate compile errors
- D.** The code will compile successfully

The full definition of type P1\_T adds additional restrictions, which is not allowed. Although P2\_T contains a component whose visible view is **limited**, the internal view is not **limited** so P2\_T is not **limited**.

Lab



# Limited Types Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Create an employee record data type consisting of a name, ID, hourly pay rate
  - ID should be unique for every record
- Create a timecard record data type consisting of an employee record, hours worked, and total pay
- Create a main program that generates timecards and prints their contents

## ■ Hints

- If the ID is unique, that means we cannot copy employee records

# Limited Types Lab Solution - Employee Data (Spec)

```
with Ada.Strings.Unbounded; use Ada.Strings.Unbounded;
package Employee_Data is

 type Employee_T is limited private;
 type Hourly_Rate_T is delta 0.01 digits 6 range 0.0 .. 999.99;
 type Id_T is range 999 .. 9_999;

 function Create (Name : String;
 Rate : Hourly_Rate_T := 0.0)
 return Employee_T;
 function Id (Employee : Employee_T) return Id_T;
 function Name (Employee : Employee_T) return String;
 function Rate (Employee : Employee_T) return Hourly_Rate_T;

private
 type Employee_T is limited record
 Name : Unbounded_String := Null_Unbounded_String;
 Rate : Hourly_Rate_T := 0.0;
 Id : Id_T := Id_T'First;
 end record;
end Employee_Data;
```

# Limited Types Lab Solution - Timecards (Spec)

```
with Employee_Data;
package Timecards is

 type Hours_Worked_T is digits 3 range 0.0 .. 24.0;
 type Pay_T is digits 6;
 type Timecard_T is limited private;

 function Create (Name : String;
 Rate : Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T;
 Hours : Hours_Worked_T)
 return Timecard_T;

 function Id (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Employee_Data.Id_T;
 function Name (Timecard : Timecard_T) return String;
 function Rate (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T;
 function Pay (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Pay_T;
 function Image (Timecard : Timecard_T) return String;

private
 type Timecard_T is limited record
 Employee : Employee_Data.Employee_T;
 Hours_Worked : Hours_Worked_T := 0.0;
 Pay : Pay_T := 0.0;
 end record;
end Timecards;
```

# Limited Types Lab Solution - Employee Data (Body)

```
package body Employee_Data is

 Last_Used_Id : Id_T := Id_T'First;

 function Create (Name : String;
 Rate : Hourly_Rate_T := 0.0)
 return Employee_T is
 begin
 return Ret_Val : Employee_T do
 Last_Used_Id := Id_T'Succ (Last_Used_Id);
 Ret_Val.Name := To_Unbounded_String (Name);
 Ret_Val.Rate := Rate;
 Ret_Val.Id := Last_Used_Id;
 end return;
 end Create;

 function Id (Employee : Employee_T) return Id_T is (Employee.Id);
 function Name (Employee : Employee_T) return String is (To_String (Employee.Name));
 function Rate (Employee : Employee_T) return Hourly_Rate_T is (Employee.Rate);

end Employee_Data;
```

# Limited Types Lab Solution - Timecards (Body)

```

package body Timecards is

 function Create (Name : String;
 Rate : Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T;
 Hours : Hours_Worked_T)
 return Timecard_T is

 begin
 return (Employee => Employee_Data.Create (Name, Rate),
 Hours_Worked => Hours,
 Pay => Pay_T (Hours) * Pay_T (Rate));
 end Create;

 function Id (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Employee_Data.Id_T is
 (Employee_Data.Id (Timecard.Employee));

 function Name (Timecard : Timecard_T) return String is
 (Employee_Data.Name (Timecard.Employee));

 function Rate (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T is
 (Employee_Data.Rate (Timecard.Employee));

 function Pay (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Pay_T is
 (Timecard.Pay);

 function Image (Timecard : Timecard_T) return String is
 Name_S : constant String := Name (Timecard);
 Id_S : constant String := Employee_Data.Id_T'Image (Employee_Data.Id (Timecard.Employee));
 Rate_S : constant String := Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T'Image
 (Employee_Data.Rate (Timecard.Employee));
 Hours_S : constant String := Hours_Worked_T'Image (Timecard.Hours_Worked);
 Pay_S : constant String := Pay_T'Image (Timecard.Pay);
 begin
 return Name_S & " (" & Id_S & ") => " & Hours_S & " hours * " & Rate_S & "/hour = " & Pay_S;
 end Image;
end Timecards;

```

# Limited Types Lab Solution - Main

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Timecards;
procedure Main is

 One : constant Timecards.Timecard_T :=
 Timecards.Create (Name => "Fred Flintstone",
 Rate => 1.1,
 Hours => 2.2);

 Two : constant Timecards.Timecard_T :=
 Timecards.Create (Name => "Barney Rubble",
 Rate => 3.3,
 Hours => 4.4);

begin
 Put_Line (Timecards.Image (One));
 Put_Line (timecards.Image (Two));
end Main;
```

## Summary

# Summary

- Limited view protects against improper operations
  - Incorrect equality semantics
  - Copying via assignment
- Enclosing composite types are **limited** too
  - Even if they don't use keyword **limited** themselves
- Limited types are always passed by-reference
- Extended return statements work for any type
  - Ada 2005 and later
- Don't make types **limited** unless necessary
  - Users generally expect assignment to be available



## Advanced Privacy

## Type Views

# Capabilities / Constraints Of A Type

- *Constraints* in a type declaration
  - Reduce the set of operations available on a type
  - **limited**
  - Discriminants
  - **abstract**
- *Capabilities* in a type declaration
  - Extends or modifies the set of operations available on a type
  - **tagged**
  - Tagged extensions

# Partial Vs Full View Of A Type

- If the partial view declares **capabilities**, the full view **must provide** them
  - Full view may provide supplementary capabilities undeclared in the partial view
- If the full has **constraints**, the partial view **must declare** them
  - Partial view may declare supplementary constraint that the full view doesn't have

```
package P is
 type T is limited private;
 -- Does not need to declare any capability
 -- Declares a constraint: limited
private
 type T is tagged null record;
 -- Declares a capability: tagged
 -- Does not need to declare any constraint
end P;
```

# Discriminants

- Discriminants with no default must be declared both on the partial and full view

```
package P is
 type T (V : Integer) is private;
private
 type T (V : Integer) is null record;
end P;
```

- Discriminants with default (in the full view) may be omitted by the partial view

```
package P is
 type T1 (V : Integer := 0) is private;
 type T2 is private;
private
 type T1 (V : Integer := 0) is null record;
 type T2 (V : Integer := 0) is null record;
end P;
```

# Unknown Constraint

- It is possible to establish that the type is unconstrained without any more information
- Constrained and unconstrained types can complete the private declaration

```
package P is
 type T1 (<>) is private;
 type T2 (<>) is private;
 type T3 (<>) is private;
private
 type T1 (V : Integer) is null record;
 type T2 is array (Integer range <>) of Integer;
 type T3 is range 1 .. 10;
end P;
```

# Limited

- Limited property can apply only to the partial view
- If the full view is implicitly limited, the partial view has to be explicitly limited

```
package P is
 type T1 is limited private;
 type T2 is limited private;
 type T3 is limited private;
private
 type T1 is limited null record;
 type T2 is record
 V : T1;
 end record;
 type T3 is range 1 .. 10;
end P;
```

# Tagged

- If the partial view is tagged, the full view has to be tagged
- The partial view can hide the fact that the type is tagged in the full view

```
package P is
 type T1 is private;
 type T2 is tagged private;
 type T3 is tagged private;
private
 type T1 is tagged null record;
 type T2 is tagged null record;
 type T3 is new T2 with null record;
end P;
```

- Primitives can be either public or private
  - Except when they **have** to be derived (constructor functions or abstract subprograms)



# Tagged Extension

- The partial view may declare an extension
- The actual extension can be done on the same type, or on any of its children

```
package P is
 type Root is tagged private;
 type Child is new Root with private;
 type Grand_Child is new Root with private;
private
 type Root is tagged null record;
 type Child is new Root with null record;
 type Grand_Child is new Child with null record;
end P;
```

# Tagged Abstract

- Partial view may be abstract even if Full view is not
- If Full view is abstract, Private view has to be so

```
package P is
 type T1 is abstract tagged private;
 type T2 is abstract tagged private;
private
 type T1 is abstract tagged null record;
 type T2 is tagged null record;
end P;
```

- Abstract primitives have to be public (otherwise, clients couldn't derive)

# Protection Idiom

- It is possible to declare an object that can't be copied, and has to be initialized through a constructor function

```
package P is
 type T (<>) is limited private;
 function F return T;
private
 type T is null record;
end P;
```

- Helps keeping track of the object usage

# Quiz

```
type T is private;
```

Which completion(s) is(are) correct for the type T?

- ☐ A. type T is tagged null record
- ☐ B. type T is limited null record
- ☐ C. type T is array (1 .. 10) of Integer
- ☐ D. type T is abstract tagged null record

# Quiz

```
type T is private;
```

Which completion(s) is(are) correct for the type T?

- A. *type T is tagged null record*
- B. type T is limited null record
- C. *type T is array (1 .. 10) of Integer*
- D. type T is abstract tagged null record

## Incomplete Types

# Incomplete Types

- An *incomplete type* is a premature view on a type
  - Does specify the type name
  - Can specify the type discriminants
  - Can specify if the type is tagged
- It can be used in contexts where minimum representation information is required
  - In declaration of access types
  - In subprograms specifications (only if the body has full visibility on the representation)
  - As formal parameter of generics accepting an incomplete type

## How To Get An Incomplete Type View?

- From an explicit declaration

```
type T;
type T_Access is access all T;
type T is record
 V : T_Access;
end record;
```

- From a **limited with** (see section on packages)
- From an incomplete generic formal parameter (see section on generics)

```
generic
 type T;
 procedure Proc (V:T);
package P is
 ...
end P;
```



## Type Completion Deferred To The Body

- In the private part of a package, it is possible to defer the completion of an incomplete type to the body
- This allows to completely hide the implementation of a type

```
package P is
 ...
private
 type T;
 procedure P (V : T);
 X : access T;
end P;
package body P is
 type T is record
 A, B : Integer;
 end record;
 ...
end P;
```

# Quiz

**type** T;

Which of the following types is(are) legal?

- A.** type Acc is access T
- B.** type Arr is array (1 .. 10) of T
- C.** type T2 is new T
- D.** type T2 is record  
    Acc : access T;  
end record;

# Quiz

`type T;`

Which of the following types is(are) legal?

**A.** `type Acc is access T`

**B.** `type Arr is array (1 .. 10) of T`

**C.** `type T2 is new T`

**D.** `type T2 is record  
    Acc : access T;  
end record;`

**D.** Be careful about the use of an anonymous type here!

## Quiz

```
package Pkg is
 type T is private;
private
```

Which of the following completion(s) of T is(are) valid?

- ☒ A. type T
- ☒ B. type T is tagged null record
- ☒ C. type T is limited null record
- ☒ D. type T is new Integer

## Quiz

```
package Pkg is
 type T is private;
private
```

Which of the following completion(s) of T is(are) valid?

- A. type T
- B. *type T is tagged null record*
- C. type T is limited null record
- D. *type T is new Integer*

## Private Library Units

## Child Units And Privacy

- Normally, a child public part cannot access a parent private part

```
package Root is
```

```
private
```

```
 type T is range 1..10;
```

```
end Root;
```

```
package Ro
```

```
 X1 : T;
```

```
private
```

```
 X2 : T;
```

```
end Root.C
```

- *Private child* can
  - Used for "implementation details"

# Importing a Private Child

- A private child can access its parent private part
- Access to a private child is limited
  - *Private descendants of their parent*
  - Parent - visible from body
  - Public siblings - visible from private section, and body
  - Private siblings - visible from public and private sections, and body

```
package Root is
private
 type T is range 1..10;
end Root;
```

```
private package Root.Child is
 X1 : T;
private
 X2 : T;
end Root.Child;
```

```
with Root.Child; -- illegal
procedure Main is
begin
 Root.Child.X1 := 10;
end Main;
```



# Private Children And Dependency

```
private package Root.Child1 is
 type T is range 1 .. 10;
end Root.Child1;
```

- Private package cannot be withed by a public package

```
with Root.Child1; -- illegal
package Root.Child2 is
 X1 : Root.Child1.T; -- illegal
Private
 X2 : Root.Child1.T; -- illegal
end Root.Child2;
```

- They can by a private child or a child body

```
with Root.Child1;
Private package Root.Child2 is
 X1 : Root.Child1.T;
Private
 X2 : Root.Child1.T;
end Root.Child2;
```

- They can be private-withed

```
Private with Root.Child1;
package Root.Child2 is
 X1 : Root.Child1.T; -- illegal
Private
 X2 : Root.Child1.T;
end Root.Child2;
```

- Once something is private, it can never exit the private area

# Children "Inherit" From Private Properties Of Parent

- Private property always refers to the direct parent
- Public children of private packages stay private to the outside world
- Private children of private packages restrain even more the accessibility

```
package Root is
end Root;
```

```
private package Root.Child is
 -- with allowed on Root body
 -- with allowed on Root children
 -- with forbidden outside of Root
end Root.Child;
```

```
package Root.Child.Grand1 is
 -- with allowed on Root body
 -- with allowed on Root children
 -- with forbidden outside of Root
end Root.Child.Grand1;
```

```
private package Root.Child.Grand2 is
 -- with allowed on Root.Child body
 -- with allowed on Root.Child children
 -- with forbidden outside of Root.Child
 -- with forbidden on Root
 -- with forbidden on Root children
end Root.Child1.Grand2;
```

Lab

# Advanced Privacy Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Create a package defining a message type whose implementation is solely in the body
  - You will need accessor functions to set / get the content
  - Create a function to return a string representation of the message contents
- Create another package that defines the types needed for a linked list of messages
  - Each message in the list should have an identifier not visible to any clients
- Create a package containing simple operations on the list
  - Typical operations like list creation and list traversal
  - Create a subprogram to print the list contents
- Have your main program add items to the list and then print the list

## ■ Hints

- You will need to employ some (but not necessarily all) of the techniques discussed in this module

# Advanced Privacy Lab Solution - Message Type

```
package Messages is
 type Message_T is private;

 procedure Set_Content (Message : in out Message_T;
 Value : Integer);
 function Content (Message : Message_T) return Integer;
 function Image (Message : Message_T) return String;

private
 type Message_Content_T;
 type Message_T is access Message_Content_T;
end Messages;

package body Messages is
 type Message_Content_T is new Integer;

 procedure Set_Content (Message : in out Message_T;
 Value : Integer) is
 New_Value : constant Message_Content_T := Message_Content_T (Value);
 begin
 if Message = null then
 Message := new Message_Content_T'(New_Value);
 else
 Message.all := New_Value;
 end if;
 end Set_Content;

 function Content (Message : Message_T) return Integer is
 (Integer (Message.all));
 function Image (Message : Message_T) return String is
 ("**" & Message_Content_T'Image (Message.all));
end Messages;
```

# Advanced Privacy Lab Solution - Message List Type

```
package Messages.List_Types is
 type List_T is private;
private
 type List_Content_T;
 type List_T is access List_Content_T;
 type Id_Type is range 1_000 .. 9_999;
 type List_Content_T is record
 Id : Id_Type;
 Content : Message_T;
 Next : List_T;
 end record;
end Messages.List_Types;
```

# Advanced Privacy Lab Solution - Message List Operations

```
package Messages.List_Types.Operations is
 procedure Append (List : in out List_T;
 Item : Message_T);
 function Next (List : List_T) return List_T;
 function Is_Null (List : List_T) return Boolean;
 function Image (Message : List_T) return String;
end Messages.List_Types.Operations;

package body Messages.List_Types.Operations is
 Id : Id_Type := Id_Type'First;

 procedure Append (List : in out List_T;
 Item : Message_T) is
 begin
 if List = null then
 List := new List_Content_T'(Id => Id, Content => Item, Next => null);
 else
 List.Next := new List_Content_T'(Id => Id, Content => Item, Next => null);
 end if;
 Id := Id_Type'Succ (Id);
 end Append;

 function Next (List : List_T) return List_T is (List.Next);
 function Is_Null (List : List_T) return Boolean is (List = null);

 function Image (Message : List_T) return String is
 begin
 if Is_Null (Message) then
 return "" & ASCII.LF;
 else
 return "id: " & Id_Type'Image (Message.Id) & " => " &
 Image (Message.Content) & ASCII.LF & Image (Message.Next);
 end if;
 end Image;
end Messages.List_Types.Operations;
```

# Advanced Privacy Lab Solution - Main

```
with Ada.Text_IO;
with Messages;
with Messages.List_Types;
with Messages.List_Types.Operations;
procedure Main is
 package Types renames Messages.List_Types;
 package Operations renames Messages.List_Types.Operations;

 List : Types.List_T;
 Head : Types.List_T;

 function Convert (Value : Integer) return Messages.Message_T is
 Ret_Value : Messages.Message_T;
 begin
 Messages.Set_Content (Ret_Value, Value);
 return Ret_Value;
 end Convert;

 procedure Add_One (Value : Integer) is
 begin
 Operations.Append (List, Convert (Value));
 List := Operations.Next (List);
 end Add_One;

begin
 Operations.Append (List, Convert (1));
 Head := List;
 Add_One (23);
 Add_One (456);
 Add_One (78);
 Add_One (9);
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (Operations.Image (Head));
end Main;
```



## Summary

# Summary

- Ada has many mechanisms for data hiding / control
- Start by fully understanding supplier / client relationship
- Need to balance simplicity of interfaces with complexity of structure
  - Small number of relationship per package with many packages
  - Fewer packages with more relationships in each package
  - No set standard
    - Varies from project to project
    - Can even vary within a code base

## Advanced Access Types

## Introduction

# Access Types Design

- Memory addresses objects are called *access types*
- Objects are associated to **pools** of memory
  - With different allocation / deallocation policies

```
type Integer_Pool_Access is access Integer;
P_A : Integer_Pool_Access := new Integer;
```

```
type Integer_General_Access is access all Integer;
G : aliased Integer;
G_A1 : Integer_General_Access := G'Access;
G_A2 : Integer_General_Access := new Integer;
```

- This module will only deal with *general access types*

# Access Types Can Be Dangerous

- Multiple memory issues
  - Leaks / corruptions
- Introduces potential random failures complicated to analyze
- Increase the complexity of the data structures
- May decrease the performances of the application
  - Dereferences are slightly more expensive than direct access
  - Allocations are a lot more expensive than stacking objects
- Ada avoids using accesses as much as possible
  - Arrays are not pointers
  - Many parameters are implicitly passed by reference
- Only use them when needed

## Access Types

# Declaration Location

- Can be at library level

```
package P is
 type String_Access is access all String;
end P;
```

- Can be nested in a procedure

```
package body P is
 procedure Proc is
 type String_Access is access all String;
 begin
 ...
 end Proc;
end P;
```

- Nesting adds non-trivial issues

- Creates a nested pool with a nested accessibility
- Don't do that unless you know what you are doing! (see later)



# Access Types and Primitives

- Subprograms using an access type are primitive of the **access type**
  - **Not** the type of the accessed object

```
type A_T is access all T;
procedure Proc (V : A_T); -- Primitive of A_T, not T
```

- Primitive of the type can be created with the **access** mode
  - **Anonymous** access type

```
procedure Proc (V : access T); -- Primitive of T
```

# Anonymous Access Types

- Can be declared in several places
  - Must be **pool-specific**
- Make sense as parameters of a primitive
- Else, raises a fundamental issue
  - Two different **access** T are **not** compatible

```
procedure Main is
 A : access Integer;
begin
 declare
 type R is record
 A : access Integer;
 end record;

 D : R := (A => new Integer);
 begin
 -- Invalid, and no conversion possible
 A := D.A;
 end;
end Main;
```

## Pool-Specific Access Types

# Examples

```

package Pool_Specific is
 type Pointed_To_T is new Integer;
 type Access_T is access Pointed_To_T;
 Object : Access_T := new Pointed_To_T;

 type Other_Access_T is access Pointed_To_T;
 -- Other_Object : Other_Access_T := Other_Access_T (Object); -- illegal

 type String_Access_T is access String;
end Pool_Specific;

with Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation;
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Pool_Specific; use Pool_Specific;
procedure Use_Pool_Specific is
 X : Access_T := new Pointed_To_T'(123);
 Y : String_Access_T := new String (1 .. 10);

 procedure Free is new Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation (Pointed_To_T, Access_T);

begin
 Put_Line (Y.all);
 Y := new String'("String will be long enough to hold this");
 Put_Line (Y.all);
 Put_Line (Pointed_To_T'Image (X.all));
 Free (X);
 Put_Line (Pointed_To_T'Image (X.all)); -- run-time error
end Use_Pool_Specific;

```

## Pool-Specific Access Type

- An access type is a type

```
type T is [...]
type T_Access is access T;
V : T_Access := new T;
```

- Conversion is **not** possible between pool-specific access types

# Allocations

- Objects are created with the **new** reserved word
- The created object must be constrained
  - The constraint is given during the allocation

```
V : String_Access := new String (1 .. 10);
```

- The object can be created by copying an existing object - using a qualifier

```
V : String_Access := new String'("This is a String");
```

# Deallocations

- Deallocations are unsafe
  - Multiple deallocations problems
  - Memory corruptions
  - Access to deallocated objects
- As soon as you use them, you lose the safety of your pointers
- But sometimes, you have to do what you have to do ...
  - There's no simple way of doing it
  - Ada provides **Ada.Unchecked\_Deallocation**
  - Has to be instantiated (it's a generic)
  - Must work on an object, reset to `null` afterwards

## Deallocation Example

```
-- generic used to deallocate memory
with Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation;
procedure P is
 type An_Access is access A_Type;
 -- create instances of deallocation function
 -- (object type, access type)
 procedure Free is new Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation
 (A_Type, An_Access);
 V : An_Access := new A_Type;
begin
 Free (V);
 -- V is now null
end P;
```



## General Access Types

# General Access Types

- Can point to any pool (including stack)

```
type T is [...]
type T_Access is access all T;
V : T_Access := new T;
```

- Still distinct type
- Conversions are possible

```
type T_Access_2 is access all T;
V2 : T_Access_2 := T_Access_2 (V); -- legal
```

# Referencing The Stack

- By default, stack-allocated objects cannot be referenced - and can even be optimized into a register by the compiler
- **aliased** declares an object to be referenceable through an access value

```
V : aliased Integer;
```

- 'Access attribute gives a reference to the object

```
A : Int_Access := V'Access;
```

- 'Unchecked\_Access does it **without checks**

## Accessibility Checks

# Introduction to Accessibility Checks (1/2)

- The depth of an object depends on its nesting within declarative scopes

```
package body P is
 -- Library level, depth 0
 procedure Proc is
 -- Library level subprogram, depth 1
 procedure Nested is
 -- Nested subprogram, enclosing + 1, here 2
 begin
 null;
 end Nested;
 begin
 null;
 end Proc;
 end P;
```

- Access types can access objects of the **same or lower** depth
- The compiler checks it statically
  - Removing checks is a workaround!

# Introduction to Accessibility Checks (2/2)

## ■ Issues with nesting

```
package body P is
 type T0 is access all Integer;
 A0 : T0;
 V0 : aliased Integer;

 procedure Proc is
 type T1 is access all Integer;
 A1 : T1;
 V1 : aliased Integer;
 begin
 A0 := V0'Access;
 -- A0 := V1'Access; -- illegal
 A0 := V1'Unchecked_Access;
 A1 := V0'Access;
 A1 := V1'Access;
 A1 := T1 (A0);
 A1 := new Integer;
 -- A0 := T0 (A1); -- illegal
 end Proc;
end P;
```

## ■ Simple workaround is to avoid nested access types

# Dynamic Accessibility Checks

- Following the same rules
  - Performed dynamically by the runtime
- Lots of possible cases
  - New compiler versions may detect more cases
  - Using access always requires proper debugging and reviewing

```
procedure Main is
 type Acc is access all Integer;
 O : Acc;

 procedure Set_Value (V : access Integer) is
 begin
 O := Acc (V);
 end Set_Value;
begin
 declare
 O2 : aliased Integer := 2;
 begin
 Set_Value (O2'Access);
 end;
end Main;
```

## Getting Around Accessibility Checks

- Sometimes it is OK to use unsafe accesses to data
- 'Unchecked\_Access allows access to a variable of an incompatible accessibility level
- Beware of potential problems!

```
type Acc is access all Integer;
G : Acc;
procedure P is
 V : aliased Integer;
begin
 G := V'Unchecked_Access;
 ...
 Do_Something (G.all); -- This is "reasonable"
end P;
```



## Using Pointers For Recursive Structures

- It is not possible to declare recursive structure
- But there can be an access to the enclosing type

```
type Cell; -- partial declaration
type Cell_Access is access all Cell;
type Cell is record -- full declaration
 Next : Cell_Access;
 Some_Value : Integer;
end record;
```

## Memory Corruption

# Common Memory Problems (1/3)

## ■ Uninitialized pointers

```
declare
 type An_Access is access all Integer;
 V : An_Access;
begin
 V.all := 5; -- constraint error
```

## ■ Double deallocation

```
declare
 type An_Access is access all Integer;
 procedure Free is new
 Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation (Integer, An_Access);
 V1 : An_Access := new Integer;
 V2 : An_Access := V1;
begin
 Free (V1);
 ...
 Free (V2);
```

- May raise `Storage_Error` if memory is still protected (unallocated)
- May deallocate a different object if memory has been reallocated
  - Putting that object in an inconsistent state

## Common Memory Problems (2/3)

- Accessing deallocated memory

```
declare
```

```
 type An_Access is access all Integer;
```

```
 procedure Free is new
```

```
 Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation (Integer, An_Access);
```

```
 V1 : An_Access := new Integer;
```

```
 V2 : An_Access := V1;
```

```
begin
```

```
 Free (V1);
```

```
 ...
```

```
 V2.all := 5;
```

- May raise `Storage_Error` if memory is still protected (unallocated)
- May modify a different object if memory has been reallocated (putting that object in an inconsistent state)

## Common Memory Problems (3/3)

- Memory leaks

```
declare
 type An_Access is access all Integer;
 procedure Free is new
 Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation (Integer, An_Access);
 V : An_Access := new Integer;
begin
 V := null;
```

- Silent problem

- Might raise `Storage_Error` if too many leaks
- Might slow down the program if too many page faults

# How To Fix Memory Problems?

- There is no language-defined solution
- Use the debugger!
- Use additional tools
  - `gnatmem` monitor memory leaks
  - `valgrind` monitor all the dynamic memory
  - **GNAT.Debug\_Pools** gives a pool for an access type, raising explicit exception in case of invalid access
  - Others...

## Memory Management

# Simple Linked List

- A linked list object typically consists of:
  - Content
  - "Indication" of next item in list
    - Fancier linked lists may reference previous item in list
- "Indication" is just a pointer to another linked list object
  - Therefore, self-referencing
- Ada does not allow a record to self-reference



# Incomplete Types

- In Ada, an *incomplete type* is just the word **type** followed by the type name
  - Optionally, the name may be followed by (<>) to indicate the full type may be unconstrained
- Ada allows access types to point to an incomplete type
  - Just about the only thing you *can* do with an incomplete type!

```
type Some_Record_T;
```

```
type Some_Record_Access_T is access all Some_Record_T;
```

```
type Unconstrained_Record_T (<>);
```

```
type Unconstrained_Record_Access_T is access all Unconstrained_Record_T;
```

```
type Some_Record_T is record
```

```
 Field : String (1 .. 10);
```

```
end record;
```

```
type Unconstrained_Record_T (Size : Index_T) is record
```

```
 Field : String (1 .. Size);
```

```
end record;
```

## Linked List in Ada

- Now that we have a pointer to the record type (by name), we can use it in the full definition of the record type

```
type Some_Record_T is record
 Field : String (1 .. 10);
 Next : Some_Record_Access_T;
end record;
```

```
type Unconstrained_Record_T (Size : Index_T) is record
 Field : String (1 .. Size);
 Next : Unconstrained_Record_Access_T;
 Previous : Unconstrained_Record_Access_T;
end record;
```

# Simplistic Linked List

```

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation;
procedure Simple is
 type Some_Record_T;
 type Some_Record_Access_T is access all Some_Record_T;
 type Some_Record_T is record
 Field : String (1 .. 10);
 Next : Some_Record_Access_T;
 end record;

 Head : Some_Record_Access_T := null;
 Item : Some_Record_Access_T := null;

 Line : String (1 .. 10);
 Last : Natural;

 procedure Free is new Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation
 (Some_Record_T, Some_Record_Access_T);

begin
 loop
 Put ("Enter String: ");
 Get_Line (Line, Last);
 exit when Last = 0;
 Line (Last + 1 .. Line'last) := (others => ' ');
 Item := new Some_Record_T;
 Item.all := (Line, Head);
 Head := Item;
 end loop;

 Put_Line ("List");
 while Head /= null loop
 Put_Line (" " & Head.Field);
 Head := Head.Next;
 end loop;

 Put_Line ("Delete");
 Free (Item);
 GNAT.Debug_Pools.Print_Info_Stdout (Storage_Pool);

end Simple;

```

## Memory Debugging

# GNAT.Debug\_Pools

- Ada allows the coder to specify *where* the allocated memory comes from
  - Called *Storage Pool*
  - Basically, connecting `new` and `Unchecked_Deallocation` with some other code
  - More details in the next section

```
type Linked_List_Ptr_T is access all Linked_List_T;
for Linked_List_Ptr_T's storage_pool use Memory_Mgmt.Storage_Pool;
```

- GNAT uses this mechanism in the run-time package `GNAT.Debug_Pools` to track allocation/deallocation

```
with GNAT.Debug_Pools;
package Memory_Mgmt is
 Storage_Pool : GNAT.Debug_Pools.Debug_Pool;
end Memory_Mgmt;
```

## GNAT.Debug\_Pools Spec (Partial)

```

package GNAT.Debug_Pools is

 type Debug_Pool is new System.Checked_Pools.Checked_Pool with private;

 generic
 with procedure Put_Line (S : String) is <>;
 with procedure Put (S : String) is <>;
 procedure Print_Info
 (Pool : Debug_Pool;
 Cumulate : Boolean := False;
 Display_Slots : Boolean := False;
 Display_Leaks : Boolean := False);

 procedure Print_Info_Stdout
 (Pool : Debug_Pool;
 Cumulate : Boolean := False;
 Display_Slots : Boolean := False;
 Display_Leaks : Boolean := False);
 -- Standard instantiation of Print_Info to print on standard output.

 procedure Dump_Gnatmem (Pool : Debug_Pool; File_Name : String);
 -- Create an external file on the disk, which can be processed by gnatmem
 -- to display the location of memory leaks.

 procedure Print_Pool (A : System.Address);
 -- Given an address in memory, it will print on standard output the known
 -- information about this address

 function High_Water_Mark
 (Pool : Debug_Pool) return Byte_Count;
 -- Return the highest size of the memory allocated by the pool.

 function Current_Water_Mark
 (Pool : Debug_Pool) return Byte_Count;
 -- Return the size of the memory currently allocated by the pool.

private
 -- ...
end GNAT.Debug_Pools;

```

# Displaying Debug Information

- Simple modifications to our linked list example
  - Create and use storage pool

```
with GNAT.Debug_Pools; -- Added
procedure Simple is
 Storage_Pool : GNAT.Debug_Pools.Debug_Pool; -- Added
 type Some_Record_T;
 type Some_Record_Access_T is access all Some_Record_T;
 for Some_Record_Access_T's storage_pool
 use Storage_Pool; -- Added
```

- Dump info after each **new**

```
Item := new Some_Record_T;
GNAT.Debug_Pools.Print_Info_Stdout (Storage_Pool); -- Added
Item.all := (Line, Head);
```

- Dump info after free

```
Free (Item);
GNAT.Debug_Pools.Print_Info_Stdout (Storage_Pool); -- Added
```

# Execution Results

```
Enter String: X
Total allocated bytes : 24
Total logically deallocated bytes : 0
Total physically deallocated bytes : 0
Current Water Mark: 24
High Water Mark: 24
```

```
Enter String: Y
Total allocated bytes : 48
Total logically deallocated bytes : 0
Total physically deallocated bytes : 0
Current Water Mark: 48
High Water Mark: 48
```

```
Enter String:
List
 Y
 X
Delete
Total allocated bytes : 48
Total logically deallocated bytes : 24
Total physically deallocated bytes : 0
Current Water Mark: 24
High Water Mark: 48
```



## Memory Control

# System.Storage\_Pools

- Mechanism to allow coder control over allocation/deallocation process
  - Uses `Ada.Finalization.Limited_Controlled` to implement customized memory allocation and deallocation.
  - Must be specified for each access type being controlled

```
type Boring_Access_T is access Some_T;
-- Storage Pools mechanism not used here
type Important_Access_T is access Some_T;
for Important_Access_T'storage_pool use My_Storage_Pool;
-- Storage Pools mechanism used for Important_Access_T
```

# System.Storage\_Pools Spec (Partial)

```
with Ada.Finalization;
with System.Storage_Elements;
package System.Storage_Pools with Pure is
 type Root_Storage_Pool is abstract
 new Ada.Finalization.Limited_Controlled with private;
 pragma Preelaborable_Initialization (Root_Storage_Pool);

 procedure Allocate
 (Pool : in out Root_Storage_Pool;
 Storage_Address : out System.Address;
 Size_In_Storage_Elements : System.Storage_Elements.Storage_Count;
 Alignment : System.Storage_Elements.Storage_Count)
 is abstract;

 procedure Deallocate
 (Pool : in out Root_Storage_Pool;
 Storage_Address : System.Address;
 Size_In_Storage_Elements : System.Storage_Elements.Storage_Count;
 Alignment : System.Storage_Elements.Storage_Count)
 is abstract;

 function Storage_Size
 (Pool : Root_Storage_Pool)
 return System.Storage_Elements.Storage_Count
 is abstract;

private
 -- ...
end System.Storage_Pools;
```

# System.Storage\_Pools Explanations

- Note `Root_Storage_Pool`, `Allocate`, `Deallocate`, and `Storage_Size` are **abstract**
  - You must create your own type derived from `Root_Storage_Pool`
  - You must create versions of `Allocate`, `Deallocate`, and `Storage_Size` to allocate/deallocate memory
- Parameters
  - `Pool`
    - Memory pool being manipulated
  - `Storage_Address`
    - For `Allocate` - location in memory where access type will point to
    - For `Deallocate` - location in memory where memory should be released
  - `Size_In_Storage_Elements`
    - Number of bytes needed to contain contents
  - `Alignment`
    - Byte alignment for memory location

# System.Storage\_Pools Example (Partial)

```

subtype Index_T is Storage_Count range 1 .. 1_000;
Memory_Block : aliased array (Index_T) of Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
Memory_Used : array (Index_T) of Boolean := (others => False);

procedure Set_In_Use (Start : Index_T;
 Length : Storage_Count;
 Used : Boolean);

function Find_Free_Block (Length : Storage_Count) return Index_T;

procedure Allocate
(Pool : in out Storage_Pool_T;
 Storage_Address : out System.Address;
 Size_In_Storage_Elements : Storage_Count;
 Alignment : Storage_Count) is
 Index : Storage_Count := Find_Free_Block (Size_In_Storage_Elements);
begin
 Storage_Address := Memory_Block (Index)'address;
 Set_In_Use (Index, Size_In_Storage_Elements, True);
end Allocate;

procedure Deallocate
(Pool : in out Storage_Pool_T;
 Storage_Address : System.Address;
 Size_In_Storage_Elements : Storage_Count;
 Alignment : Storage_Count) is
begin
 for I in Memory_Block'range loop
 if Memory_Block (I)'address = Storage_Address then
 Set_In_Use (I, Size_In_Storage_Elements, False);
 end if;
 end loop;
end Deallocate;

```

Lab

# Advanced Access Types Lab

- Build an application that adds / removes items from a linked list
  - At any time, user should be able to
    - Add a new item into the "appropriate" location in the list
    - Remove an item without changing the position of any other item in the list
    - Print the list
- This is a multi-step lab! First priority should be understanding linked lists, then, if you have time, storage pools
- Required goals
  - 1 Implement **Add** functionality
    - For this step, "appropriate" means either end of the list (but consistent - always front or always back)
  - 2 Implement **Print** functionality
  - 3 Implement **Delete** functionality

# Extra Credit

- Complete as many of these as you have time for
  - 1 Use `GNAT.Debug_Pools` to print out the status of your memory allocation/deallocation after every `new` and `deallocate`
  - 2 Modify **Add** so that "appropriate" means in a sorted order
  - 3 Implement storage pools where you write your own memory allocation/deallocation routines
- Should still be able to print memory status



# Lab Solution - Database

```

with Ada.Strings.Unbounded;
package Database is
 type Database_T is private;
 function "=" (L, R : Database_T) return Boolean;
 function To_Database (Value : String) return Database_T;
 function From_Database (Value : Database_T) return String;
 function "<" (L, R : Database_T) return Boolean;
private
 type Database_T is record
 Value : String (1 .. 100);
 Length : Natural;
 end record;
end Database;

package body Database is
 use Ada.Strings.Unbounded;
 function "=" (L, R : Database_T) return Boolean is
 begin
 return L.Value (1 .. L.Length) = R.Value (1 .. R.Length);
 end "=";
 function To_Database (Value : String) return Database_T is
 Retval : Database_T;
 begin
 Retval.Length := Value'length;
 Retval.Value (1 .. Retval.Length) := Value;
 return Retval;
 end To_Database;
 function From_Database (Value : Database_T) return String is
 begin
 return Value.Value (1 .. Value.Length);
 end From_Database;

 function "<" (L, R : Database_T) return Boolean is
 begin
 return L.Value (1 .. L.Length) < R.Value (1 .. R.Length);
 end "<";
end Database;

```

# Lab Solution - Database\_List (Spec)

```
with Database; use Database;
-- Uncomment next line when using debug/storage pools
-- with Memory_Mgmt;
package Database_List is
 type List_T is limited private;
 procedure First (List : in out List_T);
 procedure Next (List : in out List_T);
 function End_Of_List (List : List_T) return Boolean;
 function Current (List : List_T) return Database_T;
 procedure Insert (List : in out List_T;
 Element : Database_T);
 procedure Delete (List : in out List_T;
 Element : Database_T);
 function Is_Empty (List : List_T) return Boolean;
private
 type Linked_List_T;
 type Linked_List_Ptr_T is access all Linked_List_T;
 -- Uncomment next line when using debug/storage pools
 -- for Linked_List_Ptr_T's storage_pool use Memory_Mgmt.Storage_Pool;
 type Linked_List_T is record
 Next : Linked_List_Ptr_T;
 Content : Database_T;
 end record;
 type List_T is record
 Head : Linked_List_Ptr_T;
 Current : Linked_List_Ptr_T;
 end record;
end Database_List;
```

# Lab Solution - Database\_List (Helper Objects)

```
with Interfaces;
with Unchecked_Deallocation;
package body Database_List is
 use type Database.Database_T;

 function Is_Empty (List : List_T) return Boolean is
 begin
 return List.Head = null;
 end Is_Empty;

 procedure First (List : in out List_T) is
 begin
 List.Current := List.Head;
 end First;

 procedure Next (List : in out List_T) is
 begin
 if not Is_Empty (List) then
 if List.Current /= null then
 List.Current := List.Current.Next;
 end if;
 end if;
 end Next;

 function End_Of_List (List : List_T) return Boolean is
 begin
 return List.Current = null;
 end End_Of_List;

 function Current (List : List_T) return Database_T is
 begin
 return List.Current.Content;
 end Current;
```

# Lab Solution - Database\_List (Insert/Delete)

```

procedure Insert (List : in out List_T;
 Element : Database_T) is
 New_Element : Linked_List_Ptr_T :=
 new Linked_List_T'(Next => null, Content => Element);
begin
 if Is_Empty (List) then
 List.Current := New_Element;
 List.Head := New_Element;
 elsif Element < List.Head.Content then
 New_Element.Next := List.Head;
 List.Current := New_Element;
 List.Head := New_Element;
 else
 declare
 Current : Linked_List_Ptr_T := List.Head;
 begin
 while Current.Next /= null and then Current.Next.Content < Element
 loop
 Current := Current.Next;
 end loop;
 New_Element.Next := Current.Next;
 Current.Next := New_Element;
 end;
 end if;
 -- Document next line when using debug/storage pools
 -- Memory_Mgmt.Print_Info;
end Insert;

procedure Free is new Unchecked_Deallocation
 (Linked_List_T, Linked_List_Ptr_T);

procedure Delete
 (List : in out List_T;
 Element : Database_T) is
 To_Delete : Linked_List_Ptr_T := null;
begin
 if not Is_Empty (List) then
 if List.Head.Content = Element then
 To_Delete := List.Head;
 List.Head := List.Head.Next;
 List.Current := List.Head;
 else
 declare
 Previous : Linked_List_Ptr_T := List.Head;
 Current : Linked_List_Ptr_T := List.Head.Next;
 begin
 while Current /= null loop
 if Current.Content = Element then
 To_Delete := Current;
 Previous.Next := Current.Next;
 end if;
 Current := Current.Next;
 end loop;
 end;
 List.Current := List.Head;
 end if;
 if To_Delete /= null then
 Free (To_Delete);
 end if;
 end if;
 -- Document next line when using debug/storage pools
 -- Memory_Mgmt.Print_Info;
end Delete;
end Database_List;

```

# Lab Solution - Main

```

with Simple_Io; use Simple_Io;
with Database;
with Database_List;
procedure Main is
 List : Database_List.List_T;
 Element : Database.Database_T;

 procedure Add is
 Value : constant String := Get_String ("Add");
 begin
 if Value'length > 0 then
 Element := Database.To_Database (Value);
 Database_List.Insert (List, Element);
 end if;
 end Add;

 procedure Delete is
 Value : constant String := Get_String ("Delete");
 begin
 if Value'length > 0 then
 Element := Database.To_Database (Value);
 Database_List.Delete (List, Element);
 end if;
 end Delete;

 procedure Print is
 begin
 Database_List.First (List);
 Simple_Io.Print_String ("List");
 while not Database_List.End_Of_List (List) loop
 Element := Database_List.Current (List);
 Print_String (" " & Database.From_Database (Element));
 Database_List.Next (List);
 end loop;
 end Print;

begin
 loop
 case Get_Character ("A=Add D=Delete P=Print Q=Quit") is
 when 'a' | 'A' => Add;
 when 'd' | 'D' => Delete;
 when 'p' | 'P' => Print;
 when 'q' | 'Q' => exit;
 when others => null;
 end case;
 end loop;
end Main;

```

## Lab Solution - Simple\_IO (Spec)

```
with Ada.Strings.Unbounded; use Ada.Strings.Unbounded;
package Simple_Io is
 function Get_String (Prompt : String)
 return String;
 function Get_Number (Prompt : String)
 return Integer;
 function Get_Character (Prompt : String)
 return Character;
 procedure Print_String (Str : String);
 procedure Print_Number (Num : Integer);
 procedure Print_Character (Char : Character);
 function Get_String (Prompt : String)
 return Unbounded_String;
 procedure Print_String (Str : Unbounded_String);
end Simple_Io;
```

# Lab Solution - Simple\_IO (Body)

```
with Ada.Text_IO;
package body Simple_IO is
 function Get_String (Prompt : String) return String is
 Str : String (1 .. 1_000);
 Last : Integer;
 begin
 Ada.Text_IO.Put (Prompt & "> ");
 Ada.Text_IO.Get_Line (Str, Last);
 return Str (1 .. Last);
 end Get_String;

 function Get_Number (Prompt : String) return Integer is
 Str : constant String := Get_String (Prompt);
 begin
 return Integer'value (Str);
 end Get_Number;

 function Get_Character (Prompt : String) return Character is
 Str : constant String := Get_String (Prompt);
 begin
 return Str (Str'first);
 end Get_Character;

 procedure Print_String (Str : String) is
 begin
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (Str);
 end Print_String;
 procedure Print_Number (Num : Integer) is
 begin
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (Integer'image (Num));
 end Print_Number;
 procedure Print_Character (Char : Character) is
 begin
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (Character'image (Char));
 end Print_Character;

 function Get_String (Prompt : String) return Unbounded_String is
 begin
 return To_Unbounded_String (Get_String (Prompt));
 end Get_String;
 procedure Print_String (Str : Unbounded_String) is
 begin
 Print_String (To_String (Str));
 end Print_String;
end Simple_IO;
```

## Lab Solution - Memory\_Mgmt (Debug Pools)

```
with GNAT.Debug_Pools;
package Memory_Mgmt is
 Storage_Pool : GNAT.Debug_Pools.Debug_Pool;
 procedure Print_Info;
end Memory_Mgmt;

package body Memory_Mgmt is
 procedure Print_Info is
 begin
 GNAT.Debug_Pools.Print_Info_Stdout (Storage_Pool);
 end Print_Info;
end Memory_Mgmt;
```



# Lab Solution - Memory\_Mgmt (Storage Pools Spec)

```
with System.Storage_Elements;
with System.Storage_Pools;
package Memory_Mgmt is

 type Storage_Pool_T is new System.Storage_Pools.Root_Storage_Pool with
 null record;

 procedure Print_Info;

 procedure Allocate
 (Pool : in out Storage_Pool_T;
 Storage_Address : out System.Address;
 Size_In_Storage_Elements : System.Storage_Elements.Storage_Count;
 Alignment : System.Storage_Elements.Storage_Count);

 procedure Deallocate
 (Pool : in out Storage_Pool_T;
 Storage_Address : System.Address;
 Size_In_Storage_Elements : System.Storage_Elements.Storage_Count;
 Alignment : System.Storage_Elements.Storage_Count);

 function Storage_Size
 (Pool : Storage_Pool_T)
 return System.Storage_Elements.Storage_Count;

 Storage_Pool : Storage_Pool_T;

end Memory_Mgmt;
```

# Lab Solution - Memory\_Mgmt (Storage Pools 1/2)

```

with Ada.Text_IO;
with Interfaces;
package body Memory_Mgmt is
 use System.Storage_Elements;
 use type System.Address;

 subtype Index_T is Storage_Count range 1 .. 1_000;
 Memory_Block : aliased array (Index_T) of Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
 Memory_Used : array (Index_T) of Boolean := (others => False);

 Current_Water_Mark : Storage_Count := 0;
 High_Water_Mark : Storage_Count := 0;

 procedure Set_In_Use
 (Start : Index_T;
 Length : Storage_Count;
 Used : Boolean) is
 begin
 for I in 0 .. Length - 1 loop
 Memory_Used (Start + I) := Used;
 end loop;
 if Used then
 Current_Water_Mark := Current_Water_Mark + Length;
 High_Water_Mark :=
 Storage_Count'max (High_Water_Mark, Current_Water_Mark);
 else
 Current_Water_Mark := Current_Water_Mark - Length;
 end if;
 end Set_In_Use;

 function Find_Free_Block
 (Length : Storage_Count)
 return Index_T is
 Consecutive : Storage_Count := 0;
 begin
 for I in Memory_Used'range loop
 if Memory_Used (I) then
 Consecutive := 0;
 else
 Consecutive := Consecutive + 1;
 if Consecutive >= Length then
 return I;
 end if;
 end if;
 end loop;
 raise Storage_Error;
 end Find_Free_Block;
end Memory_Mgmt;

```

# Lab Solution - Memory\_Mgmt (Storage Pools 2/2)

```

procedure Allocate
(Pool : in out Storage_Pool_T;
 Storage_Address : out System.Address;
 Size_In_Storage_Elements : Storage_Count;
 Alignment : Storage_Count) is
 Index : Storage_Count := Find_Free_Block (Size_In_Storage_Elements);
begin
 Storage_Address := Memory_Block (Index)'address;
 Set_In_Use (Index, Size_In_Storage_Elements, True);
end Allocate;

procedure Deallocate
(Pool : in out Storage_Pool_T;
 Storage_Address : System.Address;
 Size_In_Storage_Elements : Storage_Count;
 Alignment : Storage_Count) is
begin
 for I in Memory_Block'range loop
 if Memory_Block (I)'address = Storage_Address then
 Set_In_Use (I, Size_In_Storage_Elements, False);
 end if;
 end loop;
end Deallocate;

function Storage_Size
(Pool : Storage_Pool_T)
return System.Storage_Elements.Storage_Count is
begin
 return 0;
end Storage_Size;

procedure Print_Info is
begin
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line
 ("Current Water Mark: " & Storage_Count'image (Current_Water_Mark));
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line
 ("High Water Mark: " & Storage_Count'image (High_Water_Mark));
end Print_Info;

end Memory_Mgmt;

```

## Summary

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- Access types when used with "dynamic" memory allocation can cause problems
  - Whether actually dynamic or using managed storage pools, memory leaks/lack can occur
  - Storage pools can help diagnose memory issues, but it's still a usage issue
- `GNAT.Debug_Pools` is useful for debugging memory issues
  - Mostly in low-level testing
  - Could integrate it with an error logging mechanism
- `System.Storage_Pools` can be used to control memory usage
  - Adds overhead

# Genericity

## Introduction

# The Notion of a Pattern

- Sometimes algorithms can be abstracted from types and subprograms

```
procedure Swap_Int (Left, Right : in out Integer) is
 V : Integer;
begin
 V := Left;
 Left := Right;
 Right := V;
end Swap_Int;
```

```
procedure Swap_Bool (Left, Right : in out Boolean) is
 V : Boolean;
begin
 V := Left;
 Left := Right;
 Right := V;
end Swap_Bool;
```

- It would be nice to extract these properties in some common pattern, and then just replace the parts that need to be replaced

```
procedure Swap (Left, Right : in out (Integer | Boolean)) is
 V : (Integer | Boolean);
begin
 V := Left;
 Left := Right;
 Right := V;
end Swap;
```



## Solution: Generics

- A generic unit is a unit that does not exist
- It is a pattern based on properties
- The instantiation applies the pattern to certain parameters

# Ada Generic Compared to C++ Template

## ■ Ada Generic

```
-- specification
generic
type T is private;
procedure Swap
 (L, R : in out T);
-- implementation
procedure Swap
 (L, R : in out T) is
 Tmp : T := L
begin
 L := R;
 R := Tmp;
end Swap;
-- instance
procedure Swap_F is new Swap (Float);
```

## ■ C++ Template

```
template <class T>
void Swap (T & L, T & R);
template <class T>
void Swap (T & L, T & R) {
 T Tmp = L;
 L = R;
 R = Tmp;
}
```

## Creating Generics

# What Can Be Made Generic?

- Subprograms and packages can be made generic

```
generic
 type T is private;
procedure Swap (L, R : in out T)
generic
 type T is private;
package Stack is
 procedure Push (Item : T);
 ...
```

- Children of generic units have to be generic themselves

```
generic
package Stack.Utilities is
 procedure Print is
```

## How Do You Use A Generic?

- Generic instantiation is creating new set of data where a generic package contains library-level variables:

```
package Integer_stack is new Stack (Integer);
package Integer_Stack_Utils is
 new Integer_Stack.Utilities;
...
Integer_Stack.Push (1);
Integer_Stack_Utils.Print;
```

## Generic Data

# Examples

```
package Generic_Data is
 generic
 type Discrete_T is (<>);
 type Integer_T is range (<>);
 type Float_T is digit (<>);
 type Subfloat_T;
 type Tagged_T is tagged;
 type Array_T is array (Range) of Integer;
 type Access_T is access all Integer;
 type Private_T is private;
 type Unconstrained_T (<>) is private;
 package Parameter_Properties is
 procedure Is_Running (Discrete_Func : Discrete_T;
 Integer_Func : Integer_T;
 Float_Func : Float_T;
 Subfloat_Func : Subfloat_T;
 Tagged_Func : Tagged_T;
 Array_Func : Array_T;
 Access_Func : Access_T;
 Private_Func : Private_T;
 Unconstrained_Func : Unconstrained_T);

 and Function_Properties;

 generic
 type Item_T is private;
 type Access_Item_T is access all Item_T;
 type Index_T is (<>);
 type Array_T is array (Index_T range <>) of Access_Item_T;
 package Combination is
 procedure Add (Link : in out Array_T;
 Index : in Index_T;
 Item : in Item_T);

 and Combination;

 and Generic_Data;

 with Types and Types;
 with Generic_Data;
 package Generic_Instance is use Generic_Data;
 Parameter_Properties
 Discrete_Instance : Float, Subfloat_Instance : <>,
 Tagged_Instance : Tagged, Array_Instance : Boolean, Array_2D_Instance : T,
 Access_Instance : Access, Integer_Instance : Private, T_Instance : Unconstrained_T
 <> (String);

 type Item_T is (Red, White, Blue);
 type Access_Item_T is access all Item_T;
 type Index_T is range 1 .. 100;
 type Array_T is array (Index_T range <>) of Access_Item_T;
 package Combination_Instance is use Generic_Data Combination
 (Item_T, Access_Item_T, Index_T, Array_T);
 and Generic_Instance;

 package body Generic_Data is
 package body Parameter_Properties is
 procedure Is_Running (Discrete_Func : Discrete_T;
 Integer_Func : Integer_T;
 Float_Func : Float_T;
 Subfloat_Func : Subfloat_T;
 Tagged_Func : Tagged_T;
 Array_Func : Array_T;
 Access_Func : Access_T;
 Private_Func : Private_T;
 Unconstrained_Func : Unconstrained_T) is null;

 and Function_Properties;

 package body Combination is
 procedure Add (Link : in out Array_T;
 Index : in Index_T;
 Item : in Item_T) is
 begin
 Link (Index) := new Item_T (Item);
 end Add;

 and Combination;

 and Generic_Data;

 package Types is
 type Width_T;
 type Tagged_Boolean_T is tagged record
 Field : access Width_T;
 end record;
 type Width_T is private;
 type Boolean_Array_2D_Instance_T is array (Range) of Integer;
 type Access_Integer_T is access all Integer;
 private
 type Data_Private_T is private;
 type Width_T is new Integer;
 type Data_Private_T is new Integer;
 end Types;
```

## Generic Types Parameters (1/2)

- A generic parameter is a template
- It specifies the properties the generic body can rely on

**generic**

```
type T1 is private; -- should have properties
 -- of private type (assignment,
 -- comparison, able to declare
 -- variables on the stack...)
```

```
type T2 (<>) is private; -- can be unconstrained
```

```
type T3 is limited private; -- can be limited
```

```
package Parent is [...]
```

- The actual parameter must provide at least as many properties as the generic contract



## Generic Types Parameters (2/2)

- The usage in the generic has to follow the contract

```
generic
 type T (<>) is private;
procedure P (V : T);
procedure P (V : T) is
 X1 : T := V; -- OK, can constrain by initialization
 X2 : T; -- Compilation error, no constraint to this
begin
 ...
type L_T is limited null record;
 ...
-- unconstrained types are accepted
procedure P1 is new P (String);
-- type is already constrained
procedure P2 is new P (Integer);
-- Illegal: the type can't be limited because the generic
-- is allowed to make copies
procedure P3 is new P (L_T);
```

## Possible Properties for Generic Types

```
type T1 is (<>); -- discrete
type T2 is range <>; -- integer
type T3 is digits <>; -- float
type T4 (<>); -- indefinite
type T5 is tagged;
type T6 is array (Boolean) of Integer;
type T7 is access integer;
type T8 (<>) is [limited] private;
```

# Generic Parameters Can Be Combined

- Consistency is checked at compile-time

**generic**

```
type T (<>) is limited private;
type Acc is access all T;
type Index is (<>);
type Arr is array (Index range <>) of Acc;
```

**procedure** P;

```
type String_Ptr is access all String;
type String_Array is array (Integer range <>)
 of String_Ptr;
```

**procedure** P\_String is new P

```
(T => String,
 Acc => String_Ptr,
 Index => Integer,
 Arr => String_Array);
```

# Quiz

```
generic
 type T is tagged;
 type T2;
procedure G_P;

type Tag is tagged null record;
type Arr is array (Positive range <>) of Tag;
```

Which declaration(s) is(are) legal?

- ☐ A. procedure P is new G\_P (Tag, Arr)
- ☐ B. procedure P is new G\_P (Arr, Tag)
- ☐ C. procedure P is new G\_P (Tag, Tag)
- ☐ D. procedure P is new G\_P (Arr, Arr)

# Quiz

```
generic
 type T is tagged;
 type T2;
procedure G_P;

type Tag is tagged null record;
type Arr is array (Positive range <>) of Tag;
```

Which declaration(s) is(are) legal?

- ☒ A. *procedure P is new G\_P (Tag, Arr)*
- ☐ B. procedure P is new G\_P (Arr, Tag)
- ☒ C. *procedure P is new G\_P (Tag, Tag)*
- ☐ D. procedure P is new G\_P (Arr, Arr)

# Quiz

```
generic
 type T1 is (<>);
 type T2 (<>) is private;
procedure G
 (A : T1;
 B : T2);
```

Which is an illegal instantiation?

- ☒ A. procedure A is new G (String, Character);
- ☐ B. procedure B is new G (Character, Integer);
- ☐ C. procedure C is new G (Integer, Boolean);
- ☐ D. procedure D is new G (Boolean, String);

# Quiz

```
generic
 type T1 is (<>);
 type T2 (<>) is private;
procedure G
 (A : T1;
 B : T2);
```

Which is an illegal instantiation?

- A.** *procedure A is new G (String, Character);*
- B.** procedure B is new G (Character, Integer);
- C.** procedure C is new G (Integer, Boolean);
- D.** procedure D is new G (Boolean, String);

T1 must be discrete - so an integer or an enumeration. T2 can be any type

## Generic Formal Data



# Examples

```
package Generic_Formal_Data is
generic
 type Variable_T is range <>;
 Variable : is not Variable_T;
 Increment : Variable_T;
package Constants_And_Variables is
 procedure Add;
 function Value return Variable_T is (Variable);
 and Constants_And_Variables;
and Generic_Formal_Data;

generic
 type Type_T is <>;
 with procedure Print_One (Prompt : String; Value : Type_T);
 with procedure Print_Two (Prompt : String; Value : Type_T) is null;
 with procedure Print_Three (Prompt : String; Value : Type_T) is <>;
package Subprogram_Parameters is
 procedure Print (Prompt : String; Param : Type_T);
 and Subprogram_Parameters;
end Generic_Formal_Data;

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Generic_Formal_Data; use Generic_Formal_Data;
procedure Test_Generic_Formal_Data is
 procedure Print_One (Prompt : String; Param : Integer) is
 begin
 Put_Line (Prompt & " - Print_One" & Param'Image);
 end Print_One;
 procedure Print_Two (Prompt : String; Param : Integer) is
 begin
 Put_Line (Prompt & " - Print_Two" & Param'Image);
 end Print_Two;
 procedure Print_Three (Prompt : String; Param : Integer) is
 begin
 Put_Line (Prompt & " - Print_Three" & Param'Image);
 end Print_Three;
 procedure Print_Three_Prime (Prompt : String; Param : Integer) is
 begin
 Put_Line (Prompt & " - Print_Three_Prime" & Param'Image);
 end Print_Three_Prime;

 Global_Object : Integer := 0;
 package Global_Data is new Constants_And_Variables
 (Integer, Global_Object, 111);

 package Print_1 is new Subprogram_Parameters (Integer, Print_One);
 package Print_2 is new Subprogram_Parameters (Integer, Print_One, Print_Two);
 package Print_3 is new Subprogram_Parameters (Integer, Print_One, Print_Two, Print_Three_Prime);

begin
 Print_1.Print ("Print_1", Global_Data.Value);
 Global_Data.Add;
 Print_2.Print ("Print_2", Global_Data.Value);
 Global_Data.Add;
 Print_3.Print ("Print_3", Global_Data.Value);
end Test_Generic_Formal_Data;

package body Generic_Formal_Data is
 package body Constants_And_Variables is
 procedure Add is
 begin
 Variable := Variable + Increment;
 end Add;
 and Constants_And_Variables;

 package body Subprogram_Parameters is
 procedure Print (Prompt : String; Param : Type_T) is
 begin
 Print_One (Prompt, Param);
 Print_Two (Prompt, Param);
 Print_Three (Prompt, Param);
 end Print;
 and Subprogram_Parameters;
end Generic_Formal_Data;
```

# Generic Constants and Variables Parameters

- Variables can be specified on the generic contract
- The mode specifies the way the variable can be used:
  - **in** → read only
  - **in out** → read write
- Generic variables can be defined after generic types

```
generic
 type T is private;
 X1 : Integer; -- constant
 X2 : in out T; -- variable
procedure P;

V : Float;

procedure P_I is new P
 (T => Float,
 X1 => 42,
 X2 => V);
```

## Generic Subprogram Parameters

- Subprograms can be defined in the generic contract
- Must be introduced by **with** to differ from the generic unit

```
generic
 with procedure Callback;
procedure P;
procedure P is
begin
 Callback;
end P;
procedure Something;
procedure P_I is new P (Something);
```

# Generic Subprogram Parameters Defaults

Ada 2005

- **is <>** - matching subprogram is taken by default
- **is null** - null subprogram is taken by default
  - Only available in Ada 2005 and later

```
generic
 with procedure Callback1 is <>;
 with procedure Callback2 is null;
procedure P;
procedure Callback1;
procedure P_I is new P;
-- takes Callback1 and null
```

# Generic Package Parameters

- A generic unit can depend on the instance of another generic unit
- Parameters of the instantiation can be constrained partially or completely

```
generic
```

```
 type T1 is private;
```

```
 type T2 is private;
```

```
package Base is [...]
```

```
generic
```

```
 with package B is new Base (Integer, <>);
```

```
 V : B.T2;
```

```
package Other [...]
```

```
package Base_I is new Base (Integer, Float);
```

```
package Other_I is new Other (Base_I, 56.7);
```

# Quiz

```
generic
 type T is (<>);
 G_A : in out T;
procedure G_P;

type I is new Integer;
type E is (OK, NOK);
type F is new Float;
X : I;
Y : E;
Z : F;
```

- ☐ A. procedure P is new G\_P (I, X)
- ☐ B. procedure P is new G\_P (E, Y)
- ☐ C. procedure P is new G\_P (I, E'Pos (Y))
- ☐ D. procedure P is new G\_P (F, Z)

# Quiz

```
generic
 type T is (<>);
 G_A : in out T;
procedure G_P;

type I is new Integer;
type E is (OK, NOK);
type F is new Float;
X : I;
Y : E;
Z : F;
```

- ☐ A. *procedure P is new G\_P (I, X)*
- ☐ B. *procedure P is new G\_P (E, Y)*
- ☐ C. `procedure P is new G_P (I, E'Pos (Y))`
- ☐ D. `procedure P is new G_P (F, Z)`

# Quiz

```
generic
 type L is limited private;
 type P is private;
procedure G_P;

type Lim is limited null record;
type Int is new Integer;

type Rec is record
 L : Lim;
 I : Int;
end record;
```

Which declaration(s) is(are) legal?

- ☒ A. procedure P is new G\_P (Lim, Int)
- ☐ B. procedure P is new G\_P (Int, Rec)
- ☐ C. procedure P is new G\_P (Rec, Rec)
- ☐ D. procedure P is new G\_P (Int, Int)



# Quiz

```
generic
 type L is limited private;
 type P is private;
procedure G_P;

type Lim is limited null record;
type Int is new Integer;

type Rec is record
 L : Lim;
 I : Int;
end record;
```

Which declaration(s) is(are) legal?

- ☒ *procedure P is new G\_P (Lim, Int)*
- ☐ procedure P is new G\_P (Int, Rec)
- ☐ procedure P is new G\_P (Rec, Rec)
- ☒ *procedure P is new G\_P (Int, Int)*

# Quiz

Ada 2005

```
1 procedure P1 (X : in out Integer); -- add 100 to X
2 procedure P2 (X : in out Integer); -- add 20 to X
3 procedure P3 (X : in out Integer); -- add 3 to X
4 generic
5 with procedure P1 (X : in out Integer) is <>;
6 with procedure P2 (X : in out Integer) is null;
7 procedure G (P : integer);
8 procedure G (P : integer) is
9 X : integer := P;
10 begin
11 P1(X);
12 P2(X);
13 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (X'Image);
14 end G;
15 procedure Instance is new G (P1 => P3);
```

What is printed when Instance is called?

- A. 100
- B. 120
- C. 3
- D. 103

Explanations

- A. Wrong - result for  
    **procedure Instance is new G;**
- B. Wrong - result for  
    **procedure Instance is new G(P1,P2);**
- C. P1 at line 12 is mapped to P3 at line 3, and P2 at line 14 wasn't specified so it defaults to **null**
- D. Wrong - result for  
    **procedure Instance is new G(P2=>P3);**

# Quiz

Ada 2005

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7 procedure G (P : integer);
8 procedure G (P : integer) is
9 X : integer := P;
10 begin
11 P1(X);
12 P2(X);
13 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (X'Image);
14 end G;
15 procedure Instance is new G (P1 => P3);
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    `procedure Instance is new G(P1,P2);`
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- D. Wrong - result for  
    `procedure Instance is new G(P2=>P3);`

## Generic Completion

## Implications at Compile-Time

- The body needs to be visible when compiling the user code
- Therefore, when distributing a component with generics to be instantiated, the code of the generic must come along

# Generic and Freezing Points

- A generic type **freezes** the type and needs the **full view**
- May force separation between its declaration (in spec) and instantiations (in private or body)

```
generic
 type X is private;
package Base is
 V : access X;
end Base;

package P is
 type X is private;
 -- illegal
 package B is new Base (X);
private
 type X is null record;
end P;
```

# Generic Incomplete Parameters

- A generic type can be incomplete
- Allows generic instantiations before full type definition
- Restricts the possible usages (only **access**)

```
generic
 type X; -- incomplete
package Base is
 V : access X;
end Base;

package P is
 type X is private;
 -- legal
 package B is new Base (X);
private
 type X is null record;
end P;
```

# Quiz

```
generic
 type T1;
 A1 : access T1;
 type T2 is private;
 A2, B2 : T2;
procedure G_P;
procedure G_P is
begin
 -- Complete here
end G_P;
```

Which of the following statement(s) is(are) valid for P's body?

- ☐ A. pragma Assert (A1 /= null)
- ☐ B. pragma Assert (A1.all'Size > 32)
- ☐ C. pragma Assert (A2 = B2)
- ☐ D. pragma Assert (A2 - B2 /= 0)



# Quiz

```
generic
 type T1;
 A1 : access T1;
 type T2 is private;
 A2, B2 : T2;
procedure G_P;
procedure G_P is
begin
 -- Complete here
end G_P;
```

Which of the following statement(s) is(are) valid for P's body?

- ☒ A. `pragma Assert (A1 /= null)`
- ☐ B. `pragma Assert (A1.all'Size > 32)`
- ☒ C. `pragma Assert (A2 = B2)`
- ☐ D. `pragma Assert (A2 - B2 /= 0)`

## Lab

# Genericity Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Create a list ADT to hold any type of data
  - Operations should include adding to the list and sorting the list
- Create a record structure containing multiple fields
- The **main** program should:
  - Allow the addition of multiple records into the list
  - Sort the list
  - Print the list

## ■ Hints

- Sort routine will need to know how to compare elements

# Genericity Lab Solution - Generic (Spec)

```
generic
 type Element_T is private;
 Max_Size : Natural;
 with function "<" (L, R : Element_T) return Boolean is <>;
package Generic_List is

 type List_T is tagged private;

 procedure Add (This : in out List_T;
 Item : in Element_T);
 procedure Sort (This : in out List_T);

private
 subtype Index_T is Natural range 0 .. Max_Size;
 type List_Array_T is array (1 .. Index_T'Last) of Element_T;

 type List_T is tagged record
 Values : List_Array_T;
 Length : Index_T := 0;
 end record;
end Generic_List;
```

# Genericity Lab Solution - Generic (Body)

```
package body Generic_List is

 procedure Add (This : in out List_T;
 Item : in Element_T) is
 begin
 This.Length := This.Length + 1;
 This.Values (This.Length) := Item;
 end Add;

 procedure Sort (This : in out List_T) is
 Temp : Element_T;
 begin
 for I in 1 .. This.Length loop
 for J in I + 1 .. This.Length loop
 if This.Values (J) < This.Values (J - 1) then
 Temp := This.Values (J);
 This.Values (J) := This.Values (J - 1);
 This.Values (J - 1) := Temp;
 end if;
 end loop;
 end loop;
 end Sort;
end Generic_List;
```

# Genericity Lab Solution - Generic Output

```
generic
 with function Image (Element : Element_T) return String;
package Generic_List.Output is
 procedure Print (List : List_T);
end Generic_List.Output;

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
package body Generic_List.Output is
 procedure Print (List : List_T) is
 begin
 for I in 1 .. List.Length loop
 Put_Line (Integer'Image (I) & ") " &
 Image (List.Values (I)));
 end loop;
 end Print;
end Generic_List.Output;
```

# Genericity Lab Solution - Main

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Data_Type;
with Generic_List;
with Generic_List.Output;
use type Data_Type.Record_T;
procedure Main is
 package List is new Generic_List (Data_Type.Record_T, 10);
 package Output is new List.Output (Data_Type.Image);

 My_List : List.List_T;
 Element : Data_Type.Record_T;

begin
 loop
 Put ("Enter character: ");
 declare
 Str : constant String := Get_Line;
 begin
 exit when Str'Length = 0;
 Element.Field2 := Str (1);
 end;
 Put ("Enter number: ");
 declare
 Str : constant String := Get_Line;
 begin
 exit when Str'Length = 0;
 Element.Field1 := Integer'Value (Str);
 end;
 My_List.Add (Element);
 end loop;

 My_List.Sort;
 Output.Print (My_List);
end Main;
```

## Summary



# Generic Routines vs Common Routines

```
package Helper is
 type Float_T is digits 6;
 generic
 type Type_T is digits <>;
 Min : Type_T;
 Max : Type_T;
 function In_Range_Generic (X : Type_T) return Boolean;
 function In_Range_Common (X : Float_T;
 Min : Float_T;
 Max : Float_T)
 return Boolean;
end Helper;

procedure User is
 type Speed_T is new Float_T range 0.0 .. 100.0;
 B : Boolean;
 function Valid_Speed is new In_Range_Generic
 (Speed_T, Speed_T'First, Speed_T'Last);
begin
 B := Valid_Speed (12.3);
 B := In_Range_Common (12.3, Speed_T'First, Speed_T'Last);
```

# Summary

- Generics are useful for copying code that works the same just for different types
  - Sorting, containers, etc
- Properly written generics only need to be tested once
  - But testing / debugging can be more difficult
- Generic instantiations are best done at compile time
  - At the package level
  - Can be run-time expensive when done in subprogram scope

## Tagged Derivation

## Introduction

# Object-Oriented Programming With Tagged Types

- For **record** types

```
type T is tagged record
```

```
...
```

- Child types can add new components (*attributes*)
- Object of a child type can be **substituted** for base type
- Primitive (*method*) can **dispatch at runtime** depending on the type at call-site
- Types can be **extended** by other packages
  - Casting and qualification to base type is allowed
- Private data is encapsulated through **privacy**

# Tagged Derivation Ada vs C++

```
type T1 is tagged record
 Member1 : Integer;
end record;

procedure Attr_F (This : T1);

type T2 is new T1 with record
 Member2 : Integer;
end record;

overriding procedure Attr_F (
 This : T2);
procedure Attr_F2 (This : T2);

class T1 {
public:
 int Member1;
 virtual void Attr_F(void);
};

class T2 : public T1 {
public:
 int Member2;
 virtual void Attr_F(void);
 virtual void Attr_F2(void);
};
```

## Tagged Derivation

# Examples

```

package Tagged_Derivation is

 type Root_T is tagged record
 Root_Field : Integer;
 end record;
 function Primitive_1 (This : Root_T) return Integer is (This.Root_Field);
 function Primitive_2 (This : Root_T) return String is
 (Integer'Image (This.Root_Field));

 type Child_T is new Root_T with record
 Child_Field : Integer;
 end record;
 overriding function Primitive_2 (This : Child_T) return String is
 (Integer'Image (This.Root_Field) & " " &
 Integer'Image (This.Child_Field));
 function Primitive_3 (This : Child_T) return Integer is
 (This.Root_Field + This.Child_Field);

 -- type Simple_Derivation_T is new Child_T; -- illegal

 type Root2_T is tagged record
 Root_Field : Integer;
 end record;
 -- procedure Primitive_4 (X : Root_T; Y : Root2_T); -- illegal

end Tagged_Derivation;

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Tagged_Derivation; use Tagged_Derivation;
procedure Test_Tagged_Derivation is
 Root : Root_T := (Root_Field => 1);
 Child : Child_T := (Root_Field => 11, Child_Field => 22);
begin
 Put_Line ("Root: " & Primitive_2 (Root));
 Put_Line ("Child: " & Primitive_2 (Child));
 Root := Root_T (Child);
 Put_Line ("Root from Child: " & Primitive_2 (Root));
 -- Child := Child_T (Root); -- illegal
 -- Put_Line ("Child from Root: " & Primitive_2 (Child)); -- illegal
 Child := (Root with Child_Field => 999);
 Put_Line ("Child from Root via aggregate: " & Primitive_2 (Child));
end Test_Tagged_Derivation;

```

[https://ada-lang.org/en/stdlib/ada\\_tagged\\_derivations.adb](https://ada-lang.org/en/stdlib/ada_tagged_derivations.adb)



## Difference with Simple Derivation

- Tagged derivation **can** change the structure of a type
  - Keywords **tagged record** and **with record**

```
type Root is tagged record
```

```
 F1 : Integer;
```

```
end record;
```

```
type Child is new Root with record
```

```
 F2 : Integer;
```

```
end record;
```

# Type Extension

- A tagged derivation **has** to be a type extension
  - Use **with null record** if there are no additional components

```
type Child is new Root with null record;
type Child is new Root; -- illegal
```

- Conversions is only allowed from **child to parent**

```
V1 : Root;
V2 : Child;
...
V1 := Root (V2);
V2 := Child (V1); -- illegal
```

# Primitives

- Child **cannot remove** a primitive
- Child **can add** new primitives
- **Controlling parameter**
  - Parameters the subprogram is a primitive of
  - For tagged types, all should have the **same type**

```
type Root1 is tagged null record;
```

```
type Root2 is tagged null record;
```

```
procedure P1 (V1 : Root1;
 V2 : Root1);
```

```
procedure P2 (V1 : Root1;
 V2 : Root2); -- illegal
```

# Freeze Point For Tagged Types

- Freeze point definition does not change
  - A variable of the type is declared
  - The type is derived
  - The end of the scope is reached
- Declaring tagged type primitives past freeze point is **forbidden**

```
type Root is tagged null record;
```

```
procedure Prim (V : Root);
```

```
type Child is new Root with null record; -- freeze root
```

```
procedure Prim2 (V : Root); -- illegal
```

```
V : Child; -- freeze child
```

```
procedure Prim3 (V : Child); -- illegal
```

# Tagged Aggregate

- At initialization, all fields (including **inherited**) must have a **value**

```
type Root is tagged record
```

```
 F1 : Integer;
```

```
end record;
```

```
type Child is new Root with record
```

```
 F2 : Integer;
```

```
end record;
```

```
V : Child := (F1 => 0, F2 => 0);
```

- For **private types** use **aggregate extension**

- Copy of a parent instance

- Use **with null record** absent new fields

```
V2 : Child := (Parent_Instance with F2 => 0);
```

```
V3 : Empty_Child := (Parent_Instance with null record);
```

# Overriding Indicators

Ada 2005

- Optional **overriding** and **not overriding** indicators

```
type Root is tagged null record;
```

```
procedure Prim1 (V : Root);
```

```
procedure Prim2 (V : Root);
```

```
type Child is new Root with null record;
```

```
overriding procedure Prim1 (V : Child);
```

```
-- Prim2 (V : Child) is implicitly inherited
```

```
not overriding procedure Prim3 (V : Child);
```

# Prefix Notation

Ada 2012

- Tagged types primitives can be called as usual
- The call can use prefixed notation
  - If the first argument is a controlling parameter
  - No need for **use** or **use type** for visibility

```
-- Prim1 visible even without *use Pkg*
X.Prim1;
```

```
declare
 use Pkg;
begin
 Prim1 (X);
end;
```

# Quiz

Which declaration(s) will make P a primitive of T1?

- ☐ A. type T1 is tagged null record;  
    procedure P (O : T1) is null;
- ☐ B. type T0 is tagged null record;  
    type T1 is new T0 with null record;  
    type T2 is new T0 with null record;  
    procedure P (O : T1) is null;
- ☐ C. type T1 is tagged null record;  
    generic  
        type T is tagged private;  
    package G\_Pkg is  
        type T2 is new T with null record;  
    end G\_Pkg;  
    package Pkg is new G\_Pkg (T1);  
    procedure P (O : T1) is null;
- ☐ D. type T1 is tagged null record;  
    generic  
        type T;  
    procedure G\_P (O : T);  
    procedure G\_P (O : T) is null;  
    procedure P is new G\_P (T1);



# Quiz

Which declaration(s) will make P a primitive of T1?

- A.** *type T1 is tagged null record;*  
*procedure P (O : T1) is null;*
- B.** *type T0 is tagged null record;*  
*type T1 is new T0 with null record;*  
*type T2 is new T0 with null record;*  
*procedure P (O : T1) is null;*
- C.** type T1 is tagged null record;  
generic  
    type T is tagged private;  
package G\_Pkg is  
    type T2 is new T with null record;  
end G\_Pkg;  
package Pkg is new G\_Pkg (T1);  
procedure P (O : T1) is null;
- D.** type T1 is tagged null record;  
generic  
    type T;  
procedure G\_P (O : T);  
procedure G\_P (O : T) is null;  
procedure P is new G\_P (T1);

# Quiz

```
with Pkg1; -- Defines tagged type Tag1, with primitive P
with Pkg2; use Pkg2; -- Defines tagged type Tag2, with primitive P
with Pkg3; -- Defines tagged type Tag3, with primitive P
use type Pkg3.Tag3;
```

```
procedure Main is
 01 : Pkg1.Tag1;
 02 : Pkg2.Tag2;
 03 : Pkg3.Tag3;
```

Which statement(s) is(are) valid?

- ☐ A. 01.P
- ☐ B. P (01)
- ☐ C. P (02)
- ☐ D. P (03)

# Quiz

```
with Pkg1; -- Defines tagged type Tag1, with primitive P
with Pkg2; use Pkg2; -- Defines tagged type Tag2, with primitive P
with Pkg3; -- Defines tagged type Tag3, with primitive P
use type Pkg3.Tag3;
```

```
procedure Main is
 01 : Pkg1.Tag1;
 02 : Pkg2.Tag2;
 03 : Pkg3.Tag3;
```

Which statement(s) is(are) valid?

- ☒ A. 01.P
- ☐ B. P (01)
- ☒ C. P (02)
- ☐ D. P (03)
- ☐ E. Only operators are use`d, should have been :ada:`use all

# Quiz

Which code block is legal?

**A** type A1 is record  
    Field1 : Integer;  
end record;  
type A2 is new A1 with  
null record;  
**B** type B1 is tagged  
record  
    Field2 : Integer;  
end record;  
type B2 is new B1 with  
record  
    Field2b : Integer;  
end record;

**C** type C1 is tagged  
record  
    Field3 : Integer;  
end record;  
type C2 is new C1 with  
record  
    Field3 : Integer;  
end record;  
**D** type D1 is tagged  
record  
    Field1 : Integer;  
end record;  
type D2 is new D1;

# Quiz

Which code block is legal?

**A.** type A1 is record  
    Field1 : Integer;  
end record;  
type A2 is new A1 with  
null record;

**B.** *type B1 is tagged  
record  
    Field2 : Integer;  
end record;  
type B2 is new B1 with  
record  
    Field2b : Integer;  
end record;*

**C.** type C1 is tagged  
record  
    Field3 : Integer;  
end record;  
type C2 is new C1 with  
record  
    Field3 : Integer;  
end record;

**D.** type D1 is tagged  
record  
    Field1 : Integer;  
end record;  
type D2 is new D1;

Explanations

- A.** Cannot extend a non-tagged type
- B.** Correct
- C.** Components must have distinct names
- D.** Types derived from a tagged type must have an extension

Lab

# Tagged Derivation Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Create a type structure that could be used in a business
  - A **person** has some defining characteristics
  - An **employee** is a *person* with some employment information
  - A **staff member** is an *employee* with specific job information
- Create primitive operations to read and print the objects
- Create a main program to test the objects and operations

## ■ Hints

- Use **overriding** and **not overriding** as appropriate

# Tagged Derivation Lab Solution - Types (Spec)

```
with Ada.Calendar;
with Ada.Strings.Unbounded; use Ada.Strings.Unbounded;
package Employee is
 type Person_T is tagged private;
 procedure Set_Name (O : in out Person_T;
 Value : String);
 function Name (O : Person_T) return String;
 procedure Set_Birth_Date (O : in out Person_T;
 Value : String);
 function Birth_Date (O : Person_T) return String;
 procedure Print (O : Person_T);

 type Employee_T is new Person_T with private;
 not overriding procedure Set_Start_Date (O : in out Employee_T;
 Value : String);
 not overriding function Start_Date (O : Employee_T) return String;
 overriding procedure Print (O : Employee_T);

 type Position_T is new Employee_T with private;
 not overriding procedure Set_Job (O : in out Position_T;
 Value : String);
 not overriding function Job (O : Position_T) return String;
 overriding procedure Print (O : Position_T);

private
 type Person_T is tagged record
 Name : Unbounded_String;
 Birth_Date : Ada.Calendar.Time;
 end record;

 type Employee_T is new Person_T with record
 Employee_Id : Positive;
 Start_Date : Ada.Calendar.Time;
 end record;

 type Position_T is new Employee_T with record
 Job : Unbounded_String;
 end record;
end Employee;
```



# Tagged Derivation Lab Solution - Types (Body - Incomplete)

```
function To_String (T : Ada.Calendar.Time) return String is
begin
 return Month_Name (Ada.Calendar.Month (T)) &
 Integer'Image (Ada.Calendar.Day (T)) & "," &
 Integer'Image (Ada.Calendar.Year (T));
end To_String;

function From_String (S : String) return Ada.Calendar.Time is
 Date : constant String := S & " 12:00:00";
begin
 return Ada.Calendar.Formatting.Value (Date);
end From_String;

procedure Set_Name (O : in out Person_T;
 Value : String) is
begin
 O.Name := To_Unbounded_String (Value);
end Set_Name;

function Name (O : Person_T) return String is (To_String (O.Name));

procedure Set_Birth_Date (O : in out Person_T;
 Value : String) is
begin
 O.Birth_Date := From_String (Value);
end Set_Birth_Date;

function Birth_Date (O : Person_T) return String is (To_String (O.Birth_Date));

procedure Print (O : Person_T) is
begin
 Put_Line ("Name: " & Name (O));
 Put_Line ("Birthdate: " & Birth_Date (O));
end Print;

not overriding procedure Set_Start_Date (O : in out Employee_T;
 Value : String) is
begin
 O.Start_Date := From_String (Value);
end Set_Start_Date;

not overriding function Start_Date (O : Employee_T) return String is (To_String (O.Start_Date));

overriding procedure Print (O : Employee_T) is
begin
 Put_Line ("Name: " & Name (O));
 Put_Line ("Birthdate: " & Birth_Date (O));
 Put_Line ("Startdate: " & Start_Date (O));
end Print;
```

# Tagged Derivation Lab Solution - Main

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Employee;
procedure Main is
 function Read (Prompt : String) return String is
 begin
 Put (Prompt & "> ");
 return Get_Line;
 end Read;
 function Read_Date (Prompt : String) return String is (Read (Prompt & " (YYYY-MM-DD)"));

 Applicant : Employee.Person_T;
 Employ : Employee.Employee_T;
 Staff : Employee.Position_T;

begin
 Applicant.Set_Name (Read ("Applicant name"));
 Applicant.Set_Birth_Date (Read_Date (" Birth Date"));

 Employ.Set_Name (Read ("Employee name"));
 Employ.Set_Birth_Date (Read_Date (" Birth Date"));
 Employ.Set_Start_Date (Read_Date (" Start Date"));

 Staff.Set_Name (Read ("Staff name"));
 Staff.Set_Birth_Date (Read_Date (" Birth Date"));
 Staff.Set_Start_Date (Read_Date (" Start Date"));
 Staff.Set_Job (Read (" Job"));

 Applicant.Print;
 Employ.Print;
 Staff.Print;
end Main;
```

## Summary

# Summary

- Tagged derivation
  - Building block for OOP types in Ada
- Primitives rules for tagged types are trickier
  - Primitives **forbidden** below freeze point
  - **Unique** controlling parameter
  - Tip: Keep the number of tagged type per package low

# Polymorphism

## Introduction

# Introduction

- **'Class** operator to categorize classes of types
- Type classes allow dispatching calls
  - Abstract types
  - Abstract subprograms
- Run-time call dispatch vs compile-time call dispatching

## Classes of Types



# Examples

```

package Class_Type is
 type Root_T is tagged null record;
 type Child1_T is new Root_T with null record;
 type Child2_T is new Root_T with null record;
 type Grandchild1_T is new Child1_T with null record;

 -- Root_Class = (Root_T, Child1_T, Child2_T, Grandchild1_T)
 -- Child1_Class = (Child1_T, Grandchild1_T)
 -- Child2_Class = (Child2_T)
 -- Grandchild1_Class = (Grandchild1_T)

 procedure Test;
end Class_Type;

with Ada.Tags;
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
package body Class_Type is
 Root_Object : Root_T;
 Child1_Object : Child1_T;
 Child2_Object : Child2_T;

 Class_Object1 : Child1_T'Class := Child1_Object;
 Class_Object2 : Root_T'Class := Class_Object1;
 Class_Object3 : Root_T'Class := Child2_Object;
 -- Class_Object4 : Root_T'Class := illegal

 procedure Do_Something (Object : in out Root_T'Class) is
 begin
 Put_Line
 ("Do_Something: " & Boolean'Image (Object in Root_T'Class) & " / " &
 Boolean'Image (Object in Child1_T'Class));
 end Do_Something;

 procedure Test is
 begin
 Put_Line (Boolean'Image (Class_Object1'Tag = Class_Object2'Tag));
 Put_Line (Boolean'Image (Class_Object2'Tag = Class_Object3'Tag));
 Do_Something (Root_Object);
 Do_Something (Child1_Object);
 Do_Something (Class_Object1);
 Do_Something (Class_Object2);
 Do_Something (Class_Object3);
 Do_Something (Class_Object4);
 end Test;
end Class_Type;

package Abstract_Type is
 type Root_T is abstract tagged record
 Field : Integer;
 end record;

 function Primitive1 (V : Root_T) return String is abstract;
 function Primitive2 (From : String; V : Root_T) return String is
 (From & " " & Integer'Image (V.Field));

 type Child_T is abstract new Root_T with null record;
 -- Child_T does not need to redefine any primitives

 type Grandchild_T is new Child_T with null record;
 -- Grandchild_T is supposed to create a concrete version of Primitive1
 function Primitive1 (V : Grandchild_T) return String is
 (Integer'Image (V.Field));

 procedure Test;
end Abstract_Type;

with Abstract_Type;
package body Abstract_Type is
 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

 package body Abstract_Type is
 Object1 : constant Grandchild_T := (Field => 123);
 Object2 : constant Root_T'Class := (Object1);

 procedure Test is
 begin
 Put_Line (Object1.Primitive1);
 Put_Line (Abstract ("Object1", Object2));
 Put_Line (Object2.Primitive1);
 Put_Line (Abstract ("Object2", Object2));
 end Test;

 end Abstract_Type;

 with Abstract_Type;
 with Class_Type;
 procedure Test is
 begin
 Class_Type.Test;
 Abstract_Type.Test;
 end Test;

```

# Classes

- In Ada, a Class denotes an inheritance subtree
- Class of **T** is the class of **T** and all its children
- Type **T'Class** can designate any object typed after type of class of **T**

```
type Root is tagged null record;
type Child1 is new Root with null record;
type Child2 is new Root with null record;
type Grand_Child1 is new Child1 with null record;
-- Root'Class = {Root, Child1, Child2, Grand_Child1}
-- Child1'Class = {Child1, Grand_Child1}
-- Child2'Class = {Child2}
-- Grand_Child1'Class = {Grand_Child1}
```

- Objects of type **T'Class** have at least the properties of **T**
  - Fields of **T**
  - Primitives of **T**

# Indefinite type

- A class wide type is an indefinite type
  - Just like an unconstrained array or a record with a discriminant
- Properties and constraints of indefinite types apply
  - Can be used for parameter declarations
  - Can be used for variable declaration with initialization

```
procedure Main is
 type T is tagged null record;
 type D is new T with null record;
 procedure P (X : in out T'Class) is null;
 Obj : D;
 Dc : D'Class := Obj;
 Tc1 : T'Class := Dc;
 Tc2 : T'Class := Obj;
 -- initialization required in class-wide declaration
 Tc3 : T'Class; -- compile error
 Dc2 : D'Class; -- compile error
begin
 P (Dc);
 P (Obj);
end Main;
```

# Testing the type of an object

- The tag of an object denotes its type
- It can be accessed through the **'Tag'** attribute
- Applies to both objects and types
- Membership operator is available to check the type against a hierarchy

```
type Parent is tagged null record;
type Child is new Parent with null record;
Parent_Obj : Parent; -- Parent_Obj'Tag = Parent'Tag
Child_Obj : Child; -- Child_Obj'Tag = Child'Tag
Parent_Class_1 : Parent'Class := Parent_Obj;
 -- Parent_Class_1'Tag = Parent'Tag
Parent_Class_2 : Parent'Class := Child_Obj;
 -- Parent_Class_2'Tag = Child'Tag
Child_Class : Child'Class := Child(Parent_Class_2);
 -- Child_Class'Tag = Child'Tag

B1 : Boolean := Parent_Class_1 in Parent'Class; -- True
B2 : Boolean := Parent_Class_1'Tag = Child'Class'Tag; -- False
B3 : Boolean := Child_Class'Tag = Parent'Class'Tag; -- False
B4 : Boolean := Child_Class in Child'Class; -- True
```

# Abstract Types

- A tagged type can be declared **abstract**
- Then, **abstract tagged** types:
  - cannot be instantiated
  - can have abstract subprograms (with no implementation)
  - Non-abstract derivation of an abstract type must override and implement abstract subprograms

# Abstract Types Ada vs C++

## ■ Ada

```
type Root is abstract tagged record
 F : Integer;
end record;
procedure P1 (V : Root) is abstract;
procedure P2 (V : Root);
type Child is abstract new Root with null record;
type Grand_Child is new Child with null record;

overriding -- Ada 2005 and later
procedure P1 (V : Grand_Child);
```

## ■ C++

```
class Root {
public:
 int F;
 virtual void P1 (void) = 0;
 virtual void P2 (void);
};
class Child : public Root {
};
class Grand_Child {
public:
 virtual void P1 (void);
};
```

## Relation to Primitives

Ada 2012

- Warning: Subprograms with parameter of type **T'Class** are primitives of **T'Class**, not **T**

```
type Root is null record;
procedure P (V : Root'Class);
type Child is new Root with null record;
-- This does not override P!
overriding procedure P (V : Child'Class);
```

- Prefix notation rules apply when the first parameter is of a class wide type

```
V1 : Root;
V2 : Root'Class := Root'(others => <>);
...
P (V1);
P (V2);
V1.P;
V2.P;
```

## Dispatching and Redispatching



# Examples

```
package Types is

 type Root_T is tagged null record;
 function Primitive (V : Root_T) return String is ("Root_T");

 type Child_T is new Root_T with null record;
 function Primitive (V : Child_T) return String is ("Child_T");

end Types;

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Types; use Types;
procedure Test_Dispatching_And_Redispatching is

 Root_Object : Root_T;
 Child_Object : Child_T;

 V1 : constant Root_T'Class := Root_Object;
 V2 : constant Root_T'Class := Child_Object;
 V3 : constant Child_T'Class := Child_Object;

begin

 Put_Line (Primitive (V1));
 Put_Line (Primitive (V2));
 Put_Line (Primitive (V3));

end Test_Dispatching_And_Redispatching;
```

## Calls on class-wide types (1/3)

- Any subprogram expecting a T object can be called with a T'Class object

```
type Root is null record;
procedure P (V : Root);
```

```
type Child is new Root with null record;
procedure P (V : Child);
```

```
 V1 : Root'Class := [...]
 V2 : Child'Class := [...]
begin
 P (V1);
 P (V2);
```

## Calls on class-wide types (2/3)

- The *actual* type of the object is not known at compile time
- The *right* type will be selected at runtime

Ada

**declare**

```
V1 : Root'Class :=
 Root'(others => <>);
V2 : Root'Class :=
 Child'(others => <>);
```

**begin**

```
V1.P; -- calls P of Root
V2.P; -- calls P of Child
```

C++

```
Root * V1 = new Root ();
Root * V2 = new Child ();
V1->P ();
V2->P ();
```

## Calls on class-wide types (3/3)

- It is still possible to force a call to be static using a conversion of view

Ada

**declare**

```
V1 : Root'Class :=
 Root'(others => <>);
V2 : Root'Class :=
 Child'(others => <>);
```

**begin**

```
Root (V1).P; -- calls P of Root
Root (V2).P; -- calls P of Root
```

C++

```
Root * V1 = new Root ();
Root * V2 = new Child ();
((Root) *V1).P ();
((Root) *V2).P ();
```

# Definite and class wide views

- In C++, dispatching occurs only on pointers
- In Ada, dispatching occurs only on class wide views

```
type Root is tagged null record;
procedure P1 (V : Root);
procedure P2 (V : Root);
type Child is new Root with null record;
overriding procedure P2 (V : Child);
procedure P1 (V : Root) is
begin
 P2 (V); -- always calls P2 from Root
end P1;
procedure Main is
 V1 : Root'Class :=
 Child'(others => <>);
begin
 -- Calls P1 from the implicitly overridden subprogram
 -- Calls P2 from Root!
 V1.P1;
```

# Redispatching

- **tagged** types are always passed by reference
  - The original object is not copied
- Therefore, it is possible to convert them to different views

```
type Root is tagged null record;
procedure P1 (V : Root);
procedure P2 (V : Root);
type Child is new Root with null record;
overriding procedure P2 (V : Child);
```

## Redispatching Example

```
procedure P1 (V : Root) is
 V_Class : Root'Class renames
 Root'Class (V); -- naming of a view
begin
 P2 (V); -- static: uses the definite view
 P2 (Root'Class (V)); -- dynamic: (redispatching)
 P2 (V_Class); -- dynamic: (redispatching)

 -- Ada 2005 "distinguished receiver" syntax
 V.P2; -- static: uses the definite view
 Root'Class (V).P2; -- dynamic: (redispatching)
 V_Class.P2; -- dynamic: (redispatching)
end P1;
```

# Quiz

```
package P is
 type Root is tagged null record;
 function F1 (V : Root) return Integer is (101);
 type Child is new Root with null record;
 function F1 (V : Child) return Integer is (201);
 type Grandchild is new Child with null record;
 function F1 (V : Grandchild) return Integer is (301);
end P;
```

```
with P1; use P1;
procedure Main is
 Z : Root'Class := Grandchild'(others => <>);
```

What is the value returned by F1 (Child'Class (Z));?

- ☐ A 301
- ☐ B 201
- ☐ C 101
- ☐ D Compilation error



# Quiz

```
package P is
 type Root is tagged null record;
 function F1 (V : Root) return Integer is (101);
 type Child is new Root with null record;
 function F1 (V : Child) return Integer is (201);
 type Grandchild is new Child with null record;
 function F1 (V : Grandchild) return Integer is (301);
end P;
```

```
with P1; use P1;
procedure Main is
 Z : Root'Class := Grandchild'(others => <>);
```

What is the value returned by F1 (Child'Class (Z));?

- ☒ A 301
- ☐ B 201
- ☐ C 101
- ☐ D Compilation error

Explanations

- ☒ A Correct
- ☐ B Would be correct if the cast was Child - Child'Class leaves the object as Grandchild
- ☐ C Object is initialized to something in Root' class, but it doesn't have to be Root
- ☐ D Would be correct if function parameter types were 'Class

## Exotic Dispatching Operations

# Examples

```

package Type is
 type Root_T is tagged record
 Field : Integer;
 end record;

 function Primitive (Left : Root_T; Right : Root_T) return Integer is
 (Left.Field + Right.Field);
 function "<=" (Left : Root_T; Right : Root_T) return Boolean is
 (Left.Field < Right.Field - 1 .. Right.Field + 1);
 function Constructor (I : Integer := 0) return Root_T is ((Field => I));

 type Child_T is new Root_T with null record;
 overriding function Primitive (Left : Child_T; Right : Child_T) return Integer is
 (Left.Field + Right.Field);
 overriding function "<=" (Left : Child_T; Right : Child_T) return Boolean is
 (Right.Field < Left.Field - 1 .. Left.Field + 1);
 -- function Constructor (I : Integer := 0) return Child_T is -- inherited from Root_T

 type Child2_T is new Root_T with record
 Field2 : Integer;
 end record;
 overriding function Primitive (Left : Child2_T; Right : Child2_T) return Integer is
 (Left.Field + Right.Field);
 overriding function "<=" (Left : Child2_T; Right : Child2_T) return Boolean is
 (Left.Field < Right.Field);
 -- must create a constructor because new fields added
 function Constructor (I : Integer := 0) return Child2_T is ((I, I));
end Type;

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Type; use Type;
procedure Test_Kevins_Dispatching_Operations is
 K1 : constant Root_T := (Field => 10);
 K2 : constant Root_T := (Field => 20);
 C1 : constant Child_T := (Field => 10);
 C1 : constant Root_T'Class => K1;
 C2 : constant Root_T'Class => K2;
 C3 : constant Root_T'Class => C1;

 procedure Test_Primitive is
 begin
 Put_Line ("Primitive");
 Put_Line (Integer'Image (Primitive (K1, K2))); -- static: ok
 Put_Line (Integer'Image (Primitive (K1, C2))); -- static: error
 Put_Line (Integer'Image (Primitive (C1, C2))); -- dynamic: ok
 Put_Line (Integer'Image (Primitive (K1, C1))); -- static: error
 Put_Line (Integer'Image (Primitive (Root_T'Class (K1), C1))); -- dynamic: ok
 Put_Line (Integer'Image (Primitive (C1, C1))); -- dynamic: error
 end Test_Primitive;

 procedure Test_Equality is
 begin
 Put_Line ("Equality");
 Put_Line ("C1 < C3 = " & Boolean'Image (C1 < C3));
 Put_Line ("C2 < C3 = " & Boolean'Image (C2 < C3));
 Put_Line ("C3 < C1 = " & Boolean'Image (C3 < C1));
 end Test_Equality;

 procedure Test_Constructor is
 -- static call to Root_T primitive
 W1 : Root_T'Class => Root_T'(Constructor);
 W2 : Root_T'Class => W1;
 -- static call to Child2_T primitive
 W3 : Root_T'Class => Child2_T'(Constructor);
 W4 : Root_T'Class => Constructor; -- what is the tag of W4?
 begin
 -- W1
 -- W2 := Constructor;
 -- W3
 W1 := Root_T'(Constructor);
 end Test_Constructor;
begin
 Test_Equality;
 Test_Constructor;
 Test_Primitive;
end Test_Kevins_Dispatching_Operations;

```

# Multiple dispatching operands

- Primitives with multiple dispatching operands are allowed if all operands are of the same type

```
type Root is null tagged record;
procedure P (Left : Root; Right : Root);
type Child is new Root with null record;
overriding procedure P (Left : Child; Right : Child);
```

- At call time, all actual parameters' tags have to match, either statically or dynamically

```
R1, R2 : Root;
C1, C2 : Child;
C11 : Root'Class := R1;
C12 : Root'Class := R2;
C13 : Root'Class := C1;
...
P (R1, R2); -- static: ok
P (R1, C1); -- static: error
P (C11, C12); -- dynamic: ok
P (C11, C13); -- dynamic: error
P (R1, C11); -- static: error
P (Root'Class (R1), C11); -- dynamic: ok
```

## Special case for equality

- Overriding the default equality for a **tagged** type involves the use of a function with multiple controlling operands
- As in general case, static types of operands have to be the same
- If dynamic types differ, equality returns false instead of raising exception

```
type Root is null tagged record;
function "=" (L : Root; R : Root) return Boolean;
type Child is new Root with null record;
overriding function "=" (L : Child; R : Child) return Boolean;
R1, R2 : Root;
C1, C2 : Child;
C11 : Root'Class := R1;
C12 : Root'Class := R2;
C13 : Root'Class := C1;
...
-- overridden "=" called via dispatching
if C11 = C12 then [...]
if C11 = C13 then [...] -- returns false
```

# Controlling result (1/2)

- The controlling operand may be the return type

- This is known as the constructor pattern

```
type Root is tagged null record;
function F (V : Integer) return Root;
```

- If the child adds fields, all such subprograms have to be overridden

```
type Root is tagged null record;
function F (V : Integer) return Root;
```

```
type Child is new Root with null record;
-- OK, F is implicitly inherited
```

```
type Child1 is new Root with record
 X : Integer;
end record;
-- ERROR no implicitly inherited function F
```

- Primitives returning abstract types have to be abstract

```
type Root is abstract tagged null record;
function F (V : Integer) return Root is abstract;
```

## Controlling result (2/2)

- Primitives returning **tagged** types can be used in a static context

```
type Root is tagged null record;
function F return Root;
type Child is new Root with null record;
function F return Child;
V : Root := F;
```

- In a dynamic context, the type has to be known to correctly dispatch

```
V1 : Root'Class := Root'(F); -- Static call to Root primitive
V2 : Root'Class := V1;
V3 : Root'Class := Child'(F); -- Static call to Child primitive
V4 : Root'Class := F; -- What is the tag of V4?
...
V1 := F; -- Dispatching call to Root primitive
V2 := F; -- Dispatching call to Root primitive
V3 := F; -- Dispatching call to Child primitive
```

- No dispatching is possible when returning access types

## Lab



# Polymorphism Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Create a multi-level types hierarchy of shapes
  - Level 1: Shape → Quadrilateral | Triangle
  - Level 2: Quadrilateral → Square
- Types should have the following primitive operations
  - Description
  - Number of sides
  - Perimeter
- Create a main program to print information about multiple shapes
  - Create a nested subprogram that takes a shape and prints all relevant information

## ■ Hints

- Top-level type should be abstract
  - But can have concrete operations
- Nested subprogram in **main** should take a shape class parameter

# Polymorphism Lab Solution - Shapes (Spec)

```
with Ada.Strings.Unbounded; use Ada.Strings.Unbounded;
package Shapes is
 type Float_T is digits 6;
 type Vertex_T is record
 X : Float_T;
 Y : Float_T;
 end record;
 type Vertices_T is array (Positive range <>) of Vertex_T;

 type Shape_T is abstract tagged record
 Description : Unbounded_String;
 end record;
 function Get_Description (Shape : Shape_T'Class) return String;
 function Number_Of_Sides (Shape : Shape_T) return Natural is abstract;
 function Perimeter (Shape : Shape_T) return Float_T is abstract;

 type Quadrilateral_T is new Shape_T with record
 Sides : Vertices_T (1 .. 4);
 end record;
 function Number_Of_Sides (Shape : Quadrilateral_T) return Natural;
 function Perimeter (Shape : Quadrilateral_T) return Float_T;

 type Square_T is new Quadrilateral_T with null record;
 function Perimeter (Shape : Square_T) return Float_T;

 type Triangle_T is new Shape_T with record
 Sides : Vertices_T (1 .. 3);
 end record;
 function Number_Of_Sides (Shape : Triangle_T) return Natural;
 function Perimeter (Shape : Triangle_T) return Float_T;
end Shapes;
```

# Polymorphism Lab Solution - Shapes (Body)

```
with Ada.Numerics.Generic_Elementary_Functions;
package body Shapes is
 package Math is new Ada.Numerics.Generic_Elementary_Functions (Float_T);

 function Distance (Vertex1 : Vertex_T;
 Vertex2 : Vertex_T)
 return Float_T is
 (Math.Sqrt ((Vertex1.X - Vertex2.X)**2 + (Vertex1.Y - Vertex2.Y)**2));

 function Perimeter (Vertices : Vertices_T) return Float_T is
 Ret_Val : Float_T := 0.0;
 begin
 for I in Vertices'First .. Vertices'Last - 1 loop
 Ret_Val := Ret_Val + Distance (Vertices (I), Vertices (I + 1));
 end loop;
 Ret_Val := Ret_Val + Distance (Vertices (Vertices'Last), Vertices (Vertices'First));
 return Ret_Val;
 end Perimeter;

 function Get_Description (Shape : Shape_T'Class) return String is (To_String (Shape.Description));

 function Number_Of_Sides (Shape : Quadrilateral_T) return Natural is (4);
 function Perimeter (Shape : Quadrilateral_T) return Float_T is (Perimeter (Shape.Sides));

 function Perimeter (Shape : Square_T) return Float_T is (4.0 * Distance (Shape.Sides (1), Shape.Sides (2)));

 function Number_Of_Sides (Shape : Triangle_T) return Natural is (3);
 function Perimeter (Shape : Triangle_T) return Float_T is (Perimeter (Shape.Sides));
end Shapes;
```

# Polymorphism Lab Solution - Main

```
with Ada.Strings.Unbounded; use Ada.Strings.Unbounded;
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Shapes; use Shapes;
procedure Main is

 Rectangle : constant Shapes.Quadrilateral_T :=
 (Description => To_Unbounded_String ("rectangle"),
 Sides => ((0.0, 10.0), (0.0, 20.0), (1.0, 20.0), (1.0, 10.0)));
 Triangle : constant Shapes.Triangle_T :=
 (Description => To_Unbounded_String ("triangle"),
 Sides => ((0.0, 0.0), (0.0, 3.0), (4.0, 0.0)));
 Square : constant Shapes.Square_T :=
 (Description => To_Unbounded_String ("square"),
 Sides => ((0.0, 1.0), (0.0, 2.0), (1.0, 2.0), (1.0, 1.0)));

 procedure Describe (Shape : Shapes.Shape_T'Class) is
 begin
 Put_Line (Shape.Get_Description);
 if Shape not in Shapes.Shape_T then
 Put_Line (" Number of sides:" & Integer'Image (Shape.Number_Of_Sides));
 Put_Line (" Perimeter:" & Shapes.Float_T'Image (Shape.Perimeter));
 end if;
 end Describe;

begin

 Describe (Rectangle);
 Describe (Triangle);
 Describe (Square);
end Main;
```

## Summary

# Summary

- **'Class** operator
  - Allows subprograms to be used for multiple versions of a type
- Dispatching
  - Abstract types require concrete versions
  - Abstract subprograms allow template definitions
    - Need an implementation for each abstract type referenced
- Run-time call dispatch vs compile-time call dispatching
  - Compiler resolves appropriate call where it can
  - Run-time resolves appropriate call where it can
  - If not resolved, exception

# Multiple Inheritance

## Introduction



# Multiple Inheritance Is Forbidden In Ada

- There are potential conflicts with multiple inheritance
- Some languages allow it: ambiguities have to be resolved when entities are referenced
- Ada forbids it to improve integration

```
type Graphic is tagged record
```

```
 X, Y : Float;
```

```
end record;
```

```
function Get_X (V : Graphic) return Float;
```

```
type Shape is tagged record
```

```
 X, Y : Float;
```

```
end record;
```

```
function Get_X (V : Shape) return Float;
```

```
type Displayable_Shape is new Shape and Graphic with ...
```

# Multiple Inheritance - Safe Case

- If only one type has concrete operations and fields, this is fine

```
type Graphic is abstract tagged null record;
function Get_X (V : Graphic) return Float is abstract;
```

```
type Shape is tagged record
 X, Y : Float;
end record;
function Get_X (V : Shape) return Float;
```

```
type Displayable_Shape is new Shape and Graphic with ...
```

- This is the definition of an interface (as in Java)

```
type Graphic is interface;
function Get_X (V : Graphic) return Float is abstract;
```

```
type Shape is tagged record
 X, Y : Float;
end record;
function Get_X (V : Shape) return Float;
```

```
type Displayable_Shape is new Shape and Graphic with ...
```

## Interfaces

# Interfaces - Rules

- An interface is a tagged type marked interface, containing
  - Abstract primitives
  - Null primitives
  - No fields
- Null subprograms provide default empty bodies to primitives that can be overridden

```
type I is interface;
procedure P1 (V : I) is abstract;
procedure P2 (V : access I) is abstract
function F return I is abstract;
procedure P3 (V : I) is null;
```

- Note: null can be applied to any procedure (not only used for interfaces)

# Interface Derivation

- An interface can be derived from another interface, adding primitives

```
type I1 is interface;
procedure P1 (V : I) is abstract;
type I2 is interface and I1;
Procedure P2 (V : I) is abstract;
```

- A tagged type can derive from several interfaces and can derive from one interface several times

```
type I1 is interface;
type I2 is interface and I1;
type I3 is interface;

type R is new I1 and I2 and I3 ...
```

- A tagged type can derive from a single tagged type and several interfaces

```
type I1 is interface;
type I2 is interface and I1;
type R1 is tagged null record;

type R2 is new R1 and I1 and I2 ...
```

## Interfaces And Privacy

- If the partial view of the type is tagged, then both the partial and the full view must expose the same interfaces

```
package Types is
```

```
 type I1 is interface;
```

```
 type R is new I1 with private;
```

```
private
```

```
 type R is new I1 with record ...
```

# Limited Tagged Types And Interfaces

- When a tagged type is limited in the hierarchy, the whole hierarchy has to be limited
- Conversions to interfaces are "just conversions to a view"
  - A view may have more constraints than the actual object
- **limited** interfaces can be implemented by BOTH limited types and non-limited types
- Non-limited interfaces have to be implemented by non-limited types

Lab



# Multiple Inheritance Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Create a tagged type to define shapes
  - Possible components could include location of shape
- Create an interface to draw lines
  - Possible accessor functions could include line color and width
- Create a new type inheriting from both of the above for a "printable object"
  - Implement a way to print the object using **Ada.Text\_IO**
  - Does not have to be fancy!
- Create a "printable object" type to draw something (rectangle, triangle, etc)

## ■ Hints

- This example is taken from Barnes' *Programming in Ada 2012* Section 21.2

# Inheritance Lab Solution - Data Types

```
package Base_Types is
 type Coordinate_T is record
 X_Coord : Integer;
 Y_Coord : Integer;
 end record;

 type Line_T is array (1 .. 2) of Coordinate_T;
 -- convert Line_T so lowest X value is first
 function Ordered (Line : Line_T) return Line_T;
 type Lines_T is array (Natural range <>) of Line_T;

 type Color_Range_T is mod 255;
 type Color_T is record
 Red : Color_Range_T;
 Green : Color_Range_T;
 Blue : Color_Range_T;
 end record;

private
 function Ordered (Line : Line_T) return Line_T is
 (if Line (1).X_Coord > Line (2).X_Coord then (Line (2), Line (1)) else Line);
end Base_Types;
```

# Inheritance Lab Solution - Shapes

```
with Base_Types;
package Geometry is
 type Object_T is abstract tagged private;

private
 type Object_T is abstract tagged record
 Origin : Base_Types.Coordinate_T;
 end record;
 function Origin (Object : Object_T'Class)
 return Base_Types.Coordinate_T is
 (Object.Origin);
end Geometry;
```

# Inheritance Lab Solution - Drawing (Spec)

```
with Base_Types;
package Line_Draw is
 type Object_T is interface;
 procedure Set_Color (Object : in out Object_T;
 Color : Base_Types.Color_T)
 is abstract;
 function Color (Object : Object_T)
 return Base_Types.Color_T
 is abstract;
 procedure Set_Pen (Object : in out Object_T;
 Size : Positive)
 is abstract;
 function Pen (Object : Object_T)
 return Positive
 is abstract;
 function Convert (Object : Object_T)
 return Base_Types.Lines_T
 is abstract;
 procedure Print (Object : Object_T'Class);
end Line_Draw;
```

# Inheritance Lab Solution - Drawing (Body)

```

with Ada.Text_IO;
with Line_Draw.Graph;
package body Line_Draw is
 procedure Fill_Matrix (Matrix : in out Graph.Matrix_T;
 Line : in Base.Types.Line_T) is
 M, B : Float;
 Vertical : Boolean;
 begin
 Graph.Find_Slope_And_Intercept (Line, M, B, Vertical);
 if Vertical then
 for Y in Integer'Min (Line (1).Y_Coord, Line (2).Y_Coord) ..
 Integer'Max (Line (1).Y_Coord, Line (2).Y_Coord) loop
 Matrix (Line (1).X_Coord, Y) := 'X';
 end loop;
 elsif Graph.Rise (Line) > Graph.Run (Line) then
 Graph.Fill_Matrix_Vary_Y (Matrix, Line, M, B);
 else
 Graph.Fill_Matrix_Vary_X (Matrix, Line, M, B);
 end if;
 end Fill_Matrix;

 procedure Print (Object : Object_T'Class) is
 Lines : constant Base.Types.Lines_T := Object.Convert;
 Max_X, Max_Y : Integer := Integer'First;
 Min_X, Min_Y : Integer := Integer'Last;
 begin
 for Line of Lines loop
 for Coord of Line loop
 Max_X := Integer'Max (Max_X, Coord.X_Coord);
 Min_X := Integer'Min (Min_X, Coord.X_Coord);
 Max_Y := Integer'Max (Max_Y, Coord.Y_Coord);
 Min_Y := Integer'Min (Min_Y, Coord.Y_Coord);
 end loop;
 end loop;
 declare
 Matrix : Graph.Matrix_T (Min_X .. Max_X, Min_Y .. Max_Y) := (others => (others => ' '));
 begin
 for Line of Lines loop
 Fill_Matrix (Matrix, Base.Types.Ordered (Line));
 end loop;
 for Y in Matrix'Range (2) loop
 for X in Matrix'Range (1) loop
 Ada.Text_IO.Put (Matrix (X, Y));
 end loop;
 Ada.Text_IO.New_Line;
 end loop;
 end;
 end Print;
end Line_Draw;

```

# Inheritance Lab Solution - Graphics (Spec)

```
package Line_Draw.Graph is
 type Matrix_T is array (Integer range <>, Integer range <>) of Character;

 procedure Find_Slope_And_Intercept
 (Line : in Base_Types.Line_T;
 M : out Float;
 B : out Float;
 Vertical : out Boolean);

 function Rise (Line : Base_Types.Line_T) return Float;
 function Run (Line : Base_Types.Line_T) return Float;

 procedure Fill_Matrix_Vary_X
 (Matrix : in out Matrix_T;
 Line : in Base_Types.Line_T;
 M : in Float;
 B : in Float);
 procedure Fill_Matrix_Vary_Y
 (Matrix : in out Matrix_T;
 Line : in Base_Types.Line_T;
 M : in Float;
 B : in Float);
end Line_Draw.Graph;
```

# Inheritance Lab Solution - Graphics (Body)

```

package body Line_Draw.Graph is
 function Rise (Line : Base_Types.Line_T) return Float is
 (Float (Line (2).Y_Coord - Line (1).Y_Coord));
 function Run (Line : Base_Types.Line_T) return Float is
 (Float (Line (2).X_Coord - Line (1).X_Coord));

 procedure Fill_Matrix_Vary_Y (Matrix : in out Matrix_T;
 Line : in Base_Types.Line_T;
 M : in Float;
 B : in Float) is
 X : Integer;

 begin
 for Y in Line (1).Y_Coord .. Line (2).Y_Coord loop
 X := Integer ((Float (Y) - B) / M);
 Matrix (X, Y) := 'X';
 end loop;
 end Fill_Matrix_Vary_Y;

 procedure Fill_Matrix_Vary_X (Matrix : in out Matrix_T;
 Line : in Base_Types.Line_T;
 M : in Float;
 B : in Float) is
 Y : Integer;

 begin
 for X in Line (1).X_Coord .. Line (2).X_Coord loop
 Y := Integer (M * Float (X) + B);
 Matrix (X, Y) := 'X';
 end loop;
 end Fill_Matrix_Vary_X;

 procedure Find_Slope_And_Intercept (Line : in Base_Types.Line_T;
 M : out Float;
 B : out Float;
 Vertical : out Boolean) is

 begin
 if Run (Line) = 0.0 then
 M := 0.0;
 B := 0.0;
 Vertical := True;
 else
 M := Rise (Line) / Run (Line);
 B := Float (Line (1).Y_Coord) - M * Float (Line (1).X_Coord);
 Vertical := False;
 end if;
 end Find_Slope_And_Intercept;

end Line_Draw.Graph;

```

# Inheritance Lab Solution - Printable Object

```
with Geometry;
with Line_Draw;
with Base_Types;
package Printable_Object is
 type Object_T is abstract new Geometry.Object_T and Line_Draw.Object_T with private;
 procedure Set_Color (Object : in out Object_T;
 Color : Base_Types.Color_T);
 function Color (Object : Object_T) return Base_Types.Color_T;
 procedure Set_Pen (Object : in out Object_T;
 Size : Positive);
 function Pen (Object : Object_T) return Positive;
private
 type Object_T is abstract new Geometry.Object_T and Line_Draw.Object_T with
 record
 Color : Base_Types.Color_T := (0, 0, 0);
 Pen_Size : Positive := 1;
 end record;
end Printable_Object;

package body Printable_Object is

 procedure Set_Color (Object : in out Object_T;
 Color : Base_Types.Color_T) is
 begin
 Object.Color := Color;
 end Set_Color;
 function Color (Object : Object_T) return Base_Types.Color_T is (Object.Color);

 procedure Set_Pen (Object : in out Object_T;
 Size : Positive) is
 begin
 Object.Pen_Size := Size;
 end Set_Pen;
 function Pen (Object : Object_T) return Positive is (Object.Pen_Size);
end Printable_Object;
```



# Inheritance Lab Solution - Rectangle

```
with Base_Types;
with Printable_Object;
package Rectangle is
 subtype Lines_T is Base_Types.Lines_T (1 .. 4);
 type Object_T is new Printable_Object.Object_T with private;
 procedure Set_Lines (Object : in out Object_T;
 Lines : Lines_T);
 function Lines (Object : Object_T) return Lines_T;
private
 type Object_T is new Printable_Object.Object_T with record
 Lines : Lines_T;
 end record;
 function Convert (Object : Object_T) return Base_Types.Lines_T is
 (Object.Lines);
end Rectangle;

package body Rectangle is
 procedure Set_Lines (Object : in out Object_T;
 Lines : Lines_T) is
 begin
 Object.Lines := Lines;
 end Set_Lines;

 function Lines (Object : Object_T) return Lines_T is (Object.Lines);
end Rectangle;
```

# Inheritance Lab Solution - Main

```
with Base_Types;
with Rectangle;
procedure Main is

 Object : Rectangle.Object_T;
 Line1 : constant Base_Types.Line_T := ((1, 1), (1, 10));
 Line2 : constant Base_Types.Line_T := ((6, 6), (6, 15));
 Line3 : constant Base_Types.Line_T := ((1, 1), (6, 6));
 Line4 : constant Base_Types.Line_T := ((1, 10), (6, 15));
begin
 Object.Set_Lines ((Line1, Line2, Line3, Line4));
 Object.Print;
end Main;
```

## Summary

# Summary

- Interfaces must be used for multiple inheritance
  - Usually combined with **tagged** types, but not necessary
  - By using only interfaces, only accessors are allowed
- Typically there are other ways to do the same thing
  - In our example, the conversion routine could be common to simplify things
- But interfaces force the compiler to determine when operations are missing

## Advanced Exceptions

## Introduction

# Advanced Usages

- Language-defined exceptions raising cases
- Re-raising
- Raising and handling from elaboration
- Manipulating an exception with identity
  - Re-raising
  - Copying

## Handlers



## Exceptions Raised In Exception Handlers

- Go immediately to caller unless also handled
- Goes to caller in any case, as usual

```
begin
 ...
exception
 when Some_Error =>
 declare
 New_Data : Some_Type;
 begin
 P(New_Data);
 ...
 exception
 when ...
 end;
 end;
```

## Language-Defined Exceptions

## Constraint\_Error

- Caused by violations of constraints on range, index, etc.
- The most common exceptions encountered

```
K : Integer range 1 .. 10;
```

```
...
```

```
K := -1;
```

```
L : array (1 .. 100) of Some_Type;
```

```
...
```

```
L (400) := SomeValue;
```

# Program\_Error

- When runtime control structure is violated
  - Elaboration order errors and function bodies
- When implementation detects bounded errors
  - Discussed momentarily

```
function F return Some_Type is
begin
 if something then
 return Some_Value;
 end if; -- program error - no return statement
end F;
```

# Storage\_Error

- When insufficient storage is available
- Potential causes
  - Declarations
  - Explicit allocations
  - Implicit allocations

```
Data : array (1..1e20) of Big_Type;
```

# Explicitly-Raised Exceptions

- Raised by application via **raise** statements
  - Named exception becomes active

```
if Unknown (User_ID) then
 raise Invalid_User;
end if;
```

- Syntax

```
raise_statement ::= raise; if Unknown (User_ID) then
 raise exception_name raise Invalid_User
 [with string_expression]; with "Attempt by " &
 Image (User_ID);
 with string_expression end if;
only available in Ada 2005
and later
```

- A **raise** by itself is only allowed in handlers (more later)

## Propagation

# Partially Handling Exceptions

- Handler eventually re-raises the current exception
- Achieved using **raise** by itself, since re-raising
  - Current active exception is then propagated to caller

```
procedure Joy_Ride is
 ...
begin
 while not Bored loop
 Steer_Aimlessly (Bored);
 Consume_Fuel (Hot_Rod);
 end loop;
exception
 when Fuel_Exhausted =>
 Pull_Over;
 raise; -- no gas available
end Joy_Ride;
```



# Typical Partial Handling Example

- Log (or display) the error and re-raise to caller
  - Same exception or another one

```
procedure Get (Item : out Integer; From : in File) is
begin
 Ada.Integer_Text_IO.Get (From, Item);
exception
 when Ada.Text_IO.End_Error =>
 Display_Error ("Attempted read past end of file");
 raise Error;
 when Ada.Text_IO.Mode_Error =>
 Display_Error ("Read from file opened for writing");
 raise Error;
 when Ada.Text_IO.Status_Error =>
 Display_Error ("File must be opened prior to use");
 raise Error;
 when others =>
 Display_Error ("Error in Get(Integer) from file");
 raise;
end Get;
```

# Exceptions Raised During Elaboration

- I.e., those occurring before the **begin**
- Go immediately to the caller
- No handlers in that frame are applicable
  - Could reference declarations that failed to elaborate!

```
procedure P (Output : out BigType) is
 -- storage error handled by caller
 N : array (Positive) of BigType;
 ...
begin
 ...
exception
 when Storage_Error =>
 -- failure to define N not handled here
 Output := N (1); -- if it was, this wouldn't work
 ...
end P;
```

# Handling Elaboration Exceptions

```
procedure Test is
 procedure P is
 X : Positive := 0; -- Constraint_Error!
 begin
 ...
 exception
 when Constraint_Error =>
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ("Got it in P");
 end P;
begin
 P;
exception
 when Constraint_Error =>
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ("Got Constraint_Error in Test");
end Test;
```

# Quiz

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Exception_Test (Input_Value : Integer) is
 Known_Problem : exception;
 function F (P : Integer) return Integer is
 begin
 if P > 0 then
 return P * P;
 end if;
 exception
 when others => raise Known_Problem;
 end F;
 procedure P (X : Integer) is
 A : array (1 .. F (X)) of Float;
 begin
 A := (others => 0.0);
 exception
 when others => raise Known_Problem;
 end P;
begin
 P (Input_Value);
 Put_Line ("Success");
exception
 when Known_Problem => Put_Line ("Known problem");
 when others => Put_Line ("Unknown problem");
end Exception_Test;
```

What will get printed for these values of Input\_Value?

- 
- A. Integer'Last
  - B. Integer'First
  - C. 10000
  - D. 100
-

# Quiz

```
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procedure Exception_Test (Input_Value : Integer) is
 Known_Problem : exception;
 function F (P : Integer) return Integer is
 begin
 if P > 0 then
 return P * P;
 end if;
 exception
 when others => raise Known_Problem;
 end F;
 procedure P (X : Integer) is
 A : array (1 .. F (X)) of Float;
 begin
 A := (others => 0.0);
 exception
 when others => raise Known_Problem;
 end P;
begin
 P (Input_Value);
 Put_Line ("Success");
exception
 when Known_Problem => Put_Line ("Known problem");
 when others => Put_Line ("Unknown problem");
end Exception_Test;
```

What will get printed for these values of Input\_Value?

- |    |               |                 |
|----|---------------|-----------------|
| A. | Integer'Last  | Known Problem   |
| B. | Integer'First | Unknown Problem |
| C. | 10000         | Unknown Problem |
| D. | 100           | Success         |

## Explanations

A → When F is called with a large P, its own exception handler captures the exception and raises Constraint\_Error (which the main exception handler processes)

B/C → When the creation of A fails (due to Program\_Error from passing F a negative number or Storage\_Error from passing F a large number), then P raises an exception during elaboration, which is propagated to Main

## Exceptions as Objects

# Exceptions Scope

- Some differences for scope and visibility
  - May be propagated out of scope
  - Hidden predefined exceptions are still available
  - Are not dynamically allocated (unlike variables)
    - A rarely-encountered issue involving recursion

## Example Propagation Beyond Scope

```
package P is
 procedure Q;
end P;
package body P is
 Error : exception;
 procedure Q is
 begin
 ...
 raise Error;
 end Q;
end P;
```

```
with P;
procedure Client is
begin
 P.Q;
exception
 -- not visible
 when P.Error =>
 ...
 -- captured here
 when others =>
 ...
end Client;
```



## User Subprogram Parameter Example

```
with Ada.Exceptions; use Ada.Exceptions;
procedure Display_Exception
 (Error : in Exception_Occurrence)
is
 Msg : constant String := Exception_Message (Error);
 Info : constant String := Exception_Information (Error);
begin
 New_Line;
 if Info /= "" then
 Put ("Exception information => ");
 Put_Line (Info);
 elsif Msg /= "" then
 Put ("Exception message => ");
 Put_Line (Msg);
 else
 Put ("Exception name => ");
 Put_Line (Exception_Name (Error));
 end if;
end Display_Exception;
```

## Exception Identity

- Attribute 'Identity converts exceptions to the type

```
package Ada.Exceptions is
...
type Exception_Id is private;
...
procedure Raise_Exception(E : in Exception_Id;
 Message : in String := "");
...
end Ada.Exceptions;
```

- Primary use is raising exceptions procedurally

```
Foo : exception;
...
Ada.Exceptions.Raise_Exception (Foo'Identity,
 Message => "FUBAR!");
```

## Re-Raising Exceptions Procedurally

- Typical `raise` mechanism

```
begin
 ...
exception
 when others =>
 Cleanup;
 raise;
end;
```

- Procedural `raise` mechanism

```
begin
 ...
exception
 when X : others =>
 Cleanup;
 Ada.Exceptions.Reraise_Occurrence (X);
end;
```

## Copying **Exception\_Occurrence** Objects

- Via procedure **Save\_Occurrence**
  - No assignment operation since is a **limited** type

```
Error : Exception_Occurrence;
```

```
begin
```

```
...
```

```
exception
```

```
 when X : others =>
```

```
 Cleanup;
```

```
 Ada.Exceptions.Save_Occurrence (X, Target => Error);
```

```
end;
```

# Re-Raising Outside Dynamic Call Chain

```
procedure Demo is
 package Exceptions is new
 Limited_Ended_Lists (Exception_Occurrence,
 Save_Occurrence);
 Errors : Exceptions.List;
 Iteration : Exceptions.Iterator;
 procedure Normal_Processing
 (Troubles : in out Exceptions.List) is ...
begin
 Normal_Processing (Errors);
 Iteration.Initialize (Errors);
 while Iteration.More loop
 declare
 Next_Error : Exception_Occurrence;
 begin
 Iteration.Read (Next_Error);
 Put_Line (Exception_Information (Next_Error));
 if Exception_Identity (Next_Error) =
 Trouble.Fatal_Error'Identity
 then
 Reraise_Occurrence (Next_Error);
 end if;
 end;
 end loop;
 Put_Line ("Done");
end Demo;
```

## In Practice

# Fulfill Interface Promises To Clients

- If handled and not re-raised, normal processing continues at point of client's call
- Hence caller expectations must be satisfied

```
procedure Get (Reading : out Sensor_Reading) is
begin
 ...
 Reading := New_Value;
 ...
exceptions
 when Some_Error =>
 Reading := Default_Value;
end Get;

function Foo return Some_Type is
begin
 ...
 return Determined_Value;
 ...
exception
 when Some_Error =>
 return Default_Value; -- error if this isn't here
end Foo;
```

# Allow Clients To Avoid Exceptions

## ■ Callee

```
package Stack is
 Overflow : exception;
 Underflow : exception;
 function Full return Boolean;
 function Empty return Boolean;
 procedure Push (Item : in Some_Type);
 procedure Pop (Item : out Some_Type);
end Stack;
```

## ■ Caller

```
if not Stack.Empty then
 Stack.Pop(...); -- will not raise Underflow
```



# You Can Suppress Run-Time Checks

- Syntax (could use a compiler switch instead)

```
pragma Suppress (check-name [, [On =>] name]);
```

- Language-defined checks emitted by compiler
- Compiler may ignore request if unable to comply
- Behavior will be unpredictable if exceptions occur
  - Raised within the region of suppression
  - Propagated into region of suppression

```
pragma Suppress (Range_Check);
```

```
pragma Suppress (Index_Check, On => Table);
```

# Error Classifications

- Some errors must be detected at run-time
  - Corresponding to the predefined exceptions
- **Bounded Errors**
  - Need not be detected prior to/during execution if too hard
  - If not detected, range of possible effects is bounded
    - Possible effects are specified per error
  - Example: evaluating an un-initialized scalar variable
  - It might "work"!
- **Erroneous Execution**
  - Need not be detected prior to/during execution if too hard
  - If not detected, range of possible effects is not bounded
  - Example: Occurrence of a suppressed check

## Lab

# Advanced Exceptions Lab

## (Simplified) Calculator

### ■ Overview

- Create an application that allows users to enter a simple calculation and get a result

### ■ Goal

- Application should allow user to add, subtract, multiply, and divide
- We want to track exceptions without actually "interrupting" the application
- When the user has finished entering data, the application should report the errors found

# Project Requirements

- Exception Tracking
  - Input errors should be flagged (e.g. invalid operator, invalid numbers)
  - Divide by zero should be its own special case exception
  - Operational errors (overflow, etc) should be flagged in the list of errors
- Driver
  - User should be able to enter a string like "1 + 2" and the program will print "3"
  - User should not be interrupted by error messages
  - When user is done entering data, print all errors (raised exceptions)
- Extra Credit
  - Allow multiple operations on a line

# Advanced Exceptions Lab Solution - Calculator (Spec)

```
package Calculator is
 Formatting_Error : exception;
 Divide_By_Zero : exception;
 type Integer_T is range -1_000 .. 1_000;
 function Add
 (Left, Right : String)
 return Integer_T;
 function Subtract
 (Left, Right : String)
 return Integer_T;
 function Multiply
 (Left, Right : String)
 return Integer_T;
 function Divide
 (Top, Bottom : String)
 return Integer_T;
end Calculator;
```

# Advanced Exceptions Lab Solution - Main

```

with Ada.Strings.Unbounded; use Ada.Strings.Unbounded;
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Calculator; use Calculator;
with Debug_Pkg; use Debug_Pkg;
with Input; use Input;

procedure Main is
 Illegal_Operator : exception;
 procedure Parser
 (Str : String;
 Left : out Unbounded_String;
 Operator : out Unbounded_String;
 Right : out Unbounded_String) is
 I : Integer := Str'First;
 begin
 while I <= Str'Length and then Str (I) /= ' ' loop
 Left := Left & Str (I);
 I := I + 1;
 end loop;
 while I <= Str'Length and then Str (I) = ' ' loop
 I := I + 1;
 end loop;
 while I <= Str'Length and then Str (I) /= ' ' loop
 Operator := Operator & Str (I);
 I := I + 1;
 end loop;
 while I <= Str'Length and then Str (I) = ' ' loop
 I := I + 1;
 end loop;
 while I <= Str'Length and then Str (I) /= ' ' loop
 Right := Right & Str (I);
 I := I + 1;
 end loop;
 end Parser;
begin
 loop
 declare
 Left, Operator, Right : Unbounded_String;
 Input : constant String := Get_String ("Sequence");
 begin
 exit when Input'Length = 0;
 Parser (Input, Left, Operator, Right);
 case Element (Operator, 1) is
 when '+' =>
 Put_Line
 (">+< " &
 Integer_T'Image (Add (To_String (Left), To_String (Right))));
 when '-' =>
 Put_Line
 (">-< " &
 Integer_T'Image
 (Subtract (To_String (Left), To_String (Right))));
 when '*' =>
 Put_Line
 (">*< " &
 Integer_T'Image
 (Multiply (To_String (Left), To_String (Right))));
 when '/' =>
 Put_Line
 (">/< " &
 Integer_T'Image
 (Divide (To_String (Left), To_String (Right))));
 when others =>
 raise Illegal_Operator;
 end case;
 exception
 when The_Err : others =>
 Debug_Pkg.Save_Occurrence (The_Err);
 end;
 end loop;
 Debug_Pkg.Print_Exceptions;
end Main;

```

# Advanced Exceptions Lab Solution - Calculator (Body)

```
package body Calculator is
 function Value
 (Str : String)
 return Integer_T is
 begin
 return Integer_T'value (Str);
 exception
 when Constraint_Error =>
 raise Formatting_Error;
 end Value;
 function Add
 (Left, Right : String)
 return Integer_T is
 begin
 return Value (Left) + Value (Right);
 end Add;
 function Subtract
 (Left, Right : String)
 return Integer_T is
 begin
 return Value (Left) - Value (Right);
 end Subtract;
 function Multiply
 (Left, Right : String)
 return Integer_T is
 begin
 return Value (Left) * Value (Right);
 end Multiply;
 function Divide
 (Top, Bottom : String)
 return Integer_T is
 begin
 if Value (Bottom) = 0 then
 raise Divide_By_Zero;
 else
 return Value (Top) / Value (Bottom);
 end if;
 end Divide;
end Calculator;
```



# Advanced Exceptions Lab Solution - Debug

```
with Ada.Exceptions;
package Debug_Pkg is
 procedure Save_Occurrence (X : Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Occurrence);
 procedure Print_Exceptions;
end Debug_Pkg;

with Ada.Exceptions;
with Ada.Text_IO;
use type Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Id;
package body Debug_Pkg is
 Exceptions : array (1 .. 100) of Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Occurrence;
 Next_Available : Integer := 1;
 procedure Save_Occurrence (X : Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Occurrence) is
 begin
 Ada.Exceptions.Save_Occurrence (Exceptions (Next_Available), X);
 Next_Available := Next_Available + 1;
 end Save_Occurrence;
 procedure Print_Exceptions is
 begin
 for I in 1 .. Next_Available - 1 loop
 declare
 E : Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Occurrence renames Exceptions (I);
 Flag : Character := ' ';
 begin
 if Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Identity (E) =
 Constraint_Error'identity
 then
 Flag := '*';
 end if;
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line
 (Flag & " " & Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Information (E));
 end;
 end loop;
 end Print_Exceptions;
end Debug_Pkg;
```

## Summary

# Summary

- Re-raising exceptions is possible
- Suppressing checks is allowed but requires care
  - Testing only proves presence of errors, not absence
  - Exceptions may occur anyway, with unpredictable effects

# Advanced Tasking

## Introduction

# A Simple Task

- Parallel code execution via **task**
- **limited** types (No copies allowed)

```
procedure Main is
 task T;
 task body T is
 begin
 loop
 delay 1.0;
 Put_Line ("T");
 end loop;
 end T;
begin
 loop
 delay 1.0;
 Put_Line ("Main");
 end loop;
end;
```

- A task is started when its declaration scope is **elaborated**
- Its enclosing scope exits when **all tasks** have finished

# Two Synchronization Models

- Active
  - Rendezvous
  - **Client / Server** model
  - Server **entries**
  - Client **entry calls**
- Passive
  - **Protected objects** model
  - Concurrency-safe **semantics**

## Tasks



# Rendezvous Definitions

- **Server** declares several **entry**
- Client calls entries like subprograms
- Server **accept** the client calls
- At each standalone **accept**, server task **blocks**
  - **Until** a client calls the related **entry**

```
task type Msg_Box_T is
 entry Start;
 entry Receive_Message (S : String);
end Msg_Box_T;

task body Msg_Box_T is
begin
 loop
 accept Start;
 Put_Line ("start");

 accept Receive_Message (S : String) do
 Put_Line (S);
 end Receive_Message;
 end loop;
end Msg_Box_T;
```

# Rendezvous Entry Calls

- Upon calling an **entry**, client **blocks**
  - **Until** server reaches **end** of its **accept** block

```
Put_Line ("calling start");
T.Start;
Put_Line ("calling receive 1");
T.Receive_Message ("1");
Put_Line ("calling receive 2");
T.Receive_Message ("2");
```

- May be executed as follows:

```
calling start
start -- May switch place with line below
calling receive 1 -- May switch place with line above
Receive 1
calling receive 2
-- Blocked until another task calls Start
```

# Accepting a Rendezvous

- **accept** statement
  - Wait on single entry
  - If entry call waiting: Server handles it
  - Else: Server **waits** for an entry call
- **select** statement
  - **Several** entries accepted at the **same time**
  - Can **time-out** on the wait
  - Can be **not blocking** if no entry call waiting
  - Can **terminate** if no clients can **possibly** make entry call
  - Can **conditionally** accept a rendezvous based on a **guard expression**

# Rendezvous Calls

- When calling an **entry**, the caller waits until the task is ready to be called

```
Put_Line ("calling start");
T.Start;
Put_Line ("calling receive 1");
T.Receive_Message ("1");
Put_Line ("calling receive 2");
-- Locks until somebody calls Start
T.Receive_Message ("2");
```

- Results in an output like:

```
calling start
start
calling receive 1
Receive 1
calling receive 2
```

# Accepting a Rendezvous

- Simple **accept** statement
  - Used by a server task to indicate a willingness to provide the service at a given point
- Selective **accept** statement (later in these slides)
  - Wait for more than one rendezvous at any time
  - Time-out if no rendezvous within a period of time
  - Withdraw its offer if no rendezvous is immediately available
  - Terminate if no clients can possibly call its entries
  - Conditionally accept a rendezvous based on a guard expression

## Example: Task - Declaration

```
package Tasks is

 task T is
 entry Start;
 entry Receive_Message (V : String);
 end T;

end Tasks;
```

## Example: Task - Body

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

package body Tasks is

 task body T is
 begin
 loop
 accept Start do
 Put_Line ("Start");
 end Start;

 accept Receive_Message (V : String) do
 Put_Line ("Receive " & V);
 end Receive_Message;
 end loop;
 end T;

end Tasks;
```

## Example: Main

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Tasks; use Tasks;

procedure Main is
begin
 Put_Line ("calling start");
 T.Start;
 Put_Line ("calling receive 1");
 T.Receive_Message ("1");
 Put_Line ("calling receive 2");
 -- Locks until somebody calls Start
 T.Receive_Message ("2");
end Main;
```



# Quiz

```
task type T is
 entry Go;
end T;
```

```
task body T is
begin
 accept Go do
 loop
 null;
 end loop;
 end Go;
end T;
```

My\_Task : T;

What happens when My\_Task.Go is called?

- ☐ A. Compilation error
- ☐ B. Runtime error
- ☐ C. The calling task hangs
- ☐ D. My\_Task hangs

# Quiz

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- ☐ C. The calling task hangs
- ☒ D. *My\_Task hangs*

# Quiz

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Main is
 task T is
 entry Hello;
 entry Goodbye;
 end T;
 task body T is
 begin
 loop
 accept Hello do
 Put_Line ("Hello");
 end Hello;
 accept Goodbye do
 Put_Line ("Goodbye");
 end Goodbye;
 end loop;
 Put_Line ("Finished");
 end T;
begin
 T.Hello;
 T.Goodbye;
 Put_Line ("Done");
end Main;
```

What is the output of this program?

- A.** Hello, Goodbye, Finished, Done
- B.** Hello, Goodbye, Finished
- C.** Hello, Goodbye, Done
- D.** Hello, Goodbye

# Quiz

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Main is
 task T is
 entry Hello;
 entry Goodbye;
 end T;
 task body T is
 begin
 loop
 accept Hello do
 Put_Line ("Hello");
 end Hello;
 accept Goodbye do
 Put_Line ("Goodbye");
 end Goodbye;
 end loop;
 Put_Line ("Finished");
 end T;
begin
 T.Hello;
 T.Goodbye;
 Put_Line ("Done");
end Main;
```

What is the output of this program?

- ☐ A. Hello, Goodbye, Finished, Done
- ☐ B. Hello, Goodbye, Finished
- ☒ C. *Hello, Goodbye, Done*
- ☐ D. Hello, Goodbye

- Entries Hello and Goodbye are reached (so "Hello" and "Goodbye" are printed).
- After Goodbye, task returns to Main (so "Done" is printed) but the loop in the task never finishes (so "Finished" is never printed).

## Protected Objects

# Protected Objects

- **Multitask-safe** accessors to get and set state
- **No** direct state manipulation
- **No** concurrent modifications
- **limited** types (No copies allowed)



## Protected: Functions and Procedures

- A **function** can **get** the state
  - **Multiple-Readers**
  - Protected data is **read-only**
  - Concurrent call to **function** is **allowed**
  - **No** concurrent call to **procedure**
- A **procedure** can **set** the state
  - **Single-Writer**
  - **No** concurrent call to either **procedure** or **function**
- In case of concurrency, other callers get **blocked**
  - Until call finishes
- Support for read-only locks **depends on OS**
  - Windows has **no** support for those
  - In that case, **function** are **blocking** as well

## Protected: Limitations

- **No** potentially blocking action
  - **select**, **accept**, **entry** call, **delay**, **abort**
  - **task** creation or activation
  - Some standard lib operations, eg. IO
    - Depends on implementation
- May raise `Program_Error` or deadlocks
- **Will** cause performance and portability issues
- **pragma** `Detect_Blocking` forces a proactive runtime detection
- Solve by deferring blocking operations
  - Using eg. a FIFO

# Protected: Lock-Free Implementation

- GNAT-Specific
- Generates code without any locks
- Best performance
- No deadlock possible
- Very constrained
  - No reference to entities **outside** the scope
  - No direct or indirect **entry**, **goto**, **loop**, **procedure** call
  - No **access** dereference
  - No composite parameters
  - See GNAT RM 2.100

```
protected Object
 with Lock_Free is
```

## Example: Protected Objects - Declaration

```
package Protected_Objects is

 protected Object is

 procedure Set (Prompt : String; V : Integer);
 function Get (Prompt : String) return Integer;

 private
 Local : Integer := 0;
 end Object;

end Protected_Objects;
```

## Example: Protected Objects - Body

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

package body Protected_Objects is

 protected body Object is

 procedure Set (Prompt : String; V : Integer) is
 Str : constant String := "Set " & Prompt & V'Image;
 begin
 Local := V;
 Put_Line (Str);
 end Set;

 function Get (Prompt : String) return Integer is
 Str : constant String := "Get " & Prompt & Local'Image;
 begin
 Put_Line (Str);
 return Local;
 end Get;

 end Object;

end Protected_Objects;
```

# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
 protected type O is
 entry P;
 end O;

 protected body O is
 entry P when True is
 begin
 Put_Line ("OK");
 end P;
 end O;
begin
 O.P;
end Main;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

- ☐ A. "OK"
- ☐ B. Nothing
- ☐ C. Compilation error
- ☐ D. Runtime error

# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
 protected type O is
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 Put_Line ("OK");
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end Main;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

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- ☒ C. **Compilation error**
- ☐ D. Runtime error

O is a **protected type**, needs instantiation

# Quiz

```
protected 0 is
 function Get return Integer;
 procedure Set (V : Integer);
private
 Val, Access_Count : Integer := 0;
end 0;

protected body 0 is
 function Get return Integer is
 begin
 Access_count := Access_Count + 1;
 return Val;
 end Get;

 procedure Set (V : Integer) is
 begin
 Access_count := Access_Count + 1;
 Val := V;
 end Set;
end 0;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

- ☒ A. No error
- ☐ B. Compilation error
- ☐ C. Runtime error



# Quiz

```
protected O is
 function Get return Integer;
 procedure Set (V : Integer);
private
 Val, Access_Count : Integer := 0;
end O;

protected body O is
 function Get return Integer is
 begin
 Access_Count := Access_Count + 1;
 return Val;
 end Get;

 procedure Set (V : Integer) is
 begin
 Access_Count := Access_Count + 1;
 Val := V;
 end Set;
end O;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

- ☐ A. No error
- ☒ B. *Compilation error*
- ☐ C. Runtime error

Cannot set Access\_Count from a **function**

# Quiz

```
protected P is
 procedure Initialize (V : Integer);
 procedure Increment;
 function Decrement return Integer;
 function Query return Integer;
private
 Object : Integer := 0;
end P;
```

What of the following completions for P's members is illegal?

- ☐ A procedure Initialize (V : Integer) is  
begin  
  Object := V;  
end Initialize;
- ☐ B procedure Increment is  
begin  
  Object := Object + 1;  
end Increment;
- ☐ C function Decrement return Integer is  
begin  
  Object := Object - 1;  
  return Object;  
end Decrement;
- ☐ D function Query return Integer is begin  
  return Object;  
end Query;

# Quiz

```
protected P is
 procedure Initialize (V : Integer);
 procedure Increment;
 function Decrement return Integer;
 function Query return Integer;
private
 Object : Integer := 0;
end P;
```

What of the following completions for P's members is illegal?

- ☐ A procedure Initialize (V : Integer) is  
begin  
  Object := V;  
end Initialize;
  - ☐ B procedure Increment is  
begin  
  Object := Object + 1;  
end Increment;
  - ☐ C *function Decrement return Integer is*  
*begin*  
  *Object := Object - 1;*  
  *return Object;*  
*end Decrement;*
  - ☐ D function Query return Integer is begin  
  return Object;  
end Query;
- ☐ A Legal
  - ☐ B Legal - subprograms do not need parameters
  - ☐ C Functions in a protected object cannot modify global objects
  - ☐ D Legal

## Delays

# Delay keyword

- **delay** keyword part of tasking
- Blocks for a time
- Relative: Blocks for at least Duration
- Absolute: Blocks until no earlier than `Calendar.Time` or `Real_Time.Time`

```
with Calendar;
```

```
procedure Main is
```

```
 Relative : Duration := 1.0;
```

```
 Absolute : Calendar.Time
```

```
 := Calendar.Time_Of (2030, 10, 01);
```

```
begin
```

```
 delay Relative;
```

```
 delay until Absolute;
```

```
end Main;
```

## Task and Protected Types

# Task Activation

- Instantiated tasks start running when **activated**
- On the **stack**
  - When **enclosing** declarative part finishes **elaborating**
- On the **heap**
  - **Immediately** at instantiation

```
task type First_T is ...
type First_T_A is access all First_T;

task body First_T is ...
...
declare
 V1 : First_T;
 V2 : First_T_A;
begin -- V1 is activated
 V2 := new First_T; -- V2 is activated immediately
```

# Single Declaration

- Instantiate an **anonymous** task (or protected) type
- Declares an object of that type

```
task type Task_T is
 entry Start;
end Task_T;
```

```
type Task_Ptr_T is access all Task_T;
```

```
task body Task_T is
begin
 accept Start;
end Task_T;
```

```
...
V1 : Task_T;
V2 : Task_Ptr_T;
begin
 V1.Start;
 V2 := new Task_T;
 V2.all.Start;
```



# Task Scope

- Nesting is possible in **any** declarative block
- Scope has to **wait** for tasks to finish before ending
- At library level: program ends only when **all tasks** finish

```
package P is
```

```
 task T;
```

```
end P;
```

```
package body P is
```

```
 task body T is
```

```
 loop
```

```
 delay 1.0;
```

```
 Put_Line ("tick");
```

```
 end loop;
```

```
 end T;
```

```
end P;
```

## Waiting On Different Entries

- It is convenient to be able to accept several entries
- The **select** statements can wait simultaneously on a list of entries
  - For **task** only
  - It accepts the **first** one that is requested

```
select
 accept Receive_Message (V : String)
 do
 Put_Line ("Message : " & String);
 end Receive_Message;
or
 accept Stop;
 exit;
end select;
```

## Example: Protected Objects - Declaration

```
package Protected_Objects is

 protected type Object is
 procedure Set (Caller : Character; V : Integer);
 function Get return Integer;
 procedure Initialize (My_Id : Character);

 private

 Local : Integer := 0;
 Id : Character := ' ';
 end Object;

 O1, O2 : Object;

end Protected_Objects;
```

## Example: Protected Objects - Body

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;

package body Protected_Objects is

 protected body Object is

 procedure Initialize (My_Id : Character) is
 begin
 Id := My_Id;
 end Initialize;

 procedure Set (Caller : Character; V : Integer) is
 begin
 Local := V;
 Put_Line ("Task-" & Caller & " Object-" & Id & " => " & V'Image);
 end Set;

 function Get return Integer is
 begin
 return Local;
 end Get;
 end Object;

end Protected_Objects;
```

## Example: Tasks - Declaration

```
package Tasks is
 task type T is
 entry Start
 (Id : Character; Initial_1, Initial_2 : Integer);
 entry Receive_Message (Delta_1, Delta_2 : Integer);
 end T;

 T1, T2 : T;
end Tasks;
```

## Example: Tasks - Body

```
task body T is
 My_Id : Character := ' ';
 ...
 accept Start (Id : Character; Initial_1, Initial_2 : Integer) do
 My_Id := Id;
 O1.Set (My_Id, Initial_1);
 O2.Set (My_Id, Initial_2);
 end Start;

 loop
 accept Receive_Message (Delta_1, Delta_2 : Integer) do
 declare
 New_1 : constant Integer := O1.Get + Delta_1;
 New_2 : constant Integer := O2.Get + Delta_2;
 begin
 O1.Set (My_Id, New_1);
 O2.Set (My_Id, New_2);
 end;
 end Receive_Message;
 end loop;
```

## Example: Main

```
with Tasks; use Tasks;
with Protected_Objects; use Protected_Objects;

procedure Test_Protected_Objects is
begin
 O1.Initialize ('X');
 O2.Initialize ('Y');
 T1.Start ('A', 1, 2);
 T2.Start ('B', 1_000, 2_000);
 T1.Receive_Message (1, 2);
 T2.Receive_Message (10, 20);

 -- Ugly...
 abort T1;
 abort T2;
end Test_Protected_Objects;
```

## Some Advanced Concepts



# Waiting With a Delay

- A **select** statement can wait with a **delay**
  - If that delay is exceeded with no entry call, block is executed
- The **delay until** statement can be used as well
- There can be multiple **delay** statements
  - (useful when the value is not hard-coded)

```
select
 accept Receive_Message (V:String) do
 Put_Line ("Message : " & String);
 end Receive_Message;
or
 delay 50.0;
 Put_Line ("Don't wait any longer");
 exit;
end select;
```

## Calling an Entry With a Delay Protection

- A call to **entry** **blocks** the task until the entry is **accept** 'ed
- Wait for a **given amount of time** with **select ... delay**
- Only **one** entry call is allowed
- No **accept** statement is allowed

```
task Msg_Box is
 entry Receive_Message (V : String);
end Msg_Box;
```

```
procedure Main is
begin
 select
 Msg_Box.Receive_Message ("A");
 or
 delay 50.0;
 end select;
end Main;
```

# The Delay Is Not A Timeout

- The time spent by the client is actually **not bounded**
  - Delay's timer **stops** on **accept**
  - The call blocks **until end** of server-side statements
- In this example, the total delay is up to **1010 s**

```
task body Msg_Box is
 accept Receive_Message (S : String) do
 delay 1000.0;
 end Receive_Message;
...
procedure Client is
begin
 select
 Msg_Box.Receive_Message ("My_Message")
 or
 delay 10.0;
 end select;
```

# Non-blocking Accept or Entry

- Using **else**
  - Task **skips** the **accept** or **entry** call if they are **not ready** to be entered
- On an **accept**

```
select
 accept Receive_Message (V : String) do
 Put_Line ("T: Receive " & V);
 end Receive_Message;
else
 Put_Line ("T: Nothing received");
end select;
```

- As caller on an **entry**

```
select
 T.Stop;
else
 Put_Line ("No stop");
end select;
```

- **delay** is **not** allowed in this case

# Issues With "Double Non-Blocking"

- For `accept ... else` the server **peeks** into the queue
  - Server **does not** wait
- For `<entry-call> ... else` the caller looks for a **waiting** server
- If both use it, the entry will **never** be called
- Server

```
select
 accept Receive_Message (V : String) do
 Put_Line ("T: Receive " & V);
 end Receive_Message;
else
 Put_Line ("T: Nothing received");
end select;
```

- Caller

```
select
 T.Receive_Message ("1");
else
 Put_Line ("No message sent");
end select;
```

# Terminate Alternative

- An entry can't be called anymore if all tasks calling it are over
- Handled through `or terminate` alternative
  - Terminates the task if **all others** are terminated
  - Or are **blocked** on `or terminate` themselves
- Task is terminated **immediately**
  - No additional code executed

```
select
 accept Entry_Point
or
 terminate;
end select;
```

# Guard Expressions

- **accept** may depend on a **guard condition** with **when**
  - Evaluated when entering **select**

```
task body T is
 Val : Integer;
 Initialized : Boolean := False;
begin
 loop
 select
 accept Put (V : Integer) do
 Val := V;
 Initialized := True;
 end Put;
 or
 when Initialized =>
 accept Get (V : out Integer) do
 V := Val;
 end Get;
 end select;
 end loop;
 end T;
```

# Protected Object Entries

- **Special** kind of protected **procedure**
- May use a **barrier**, that **only** allows call on a **boolean** condition
- Barrier is **evaluated** and may be **relieved** when
  - A task calls **entry**
  - A protected **entry** or **procedure** is **exited**
- Several tasks can be waiting on the same **entry**
  - Only **one** will be re-activated when the barrier is relieved

```
protected body Stack is
 entry Push (V : Integer) when Size < Buffer'Length is
 ...
 entry Pop (V : out Integer) when Size > 0 is
 ...
end Object;
```



## Select On Protected Objects Entries

- Same as **select** but on task entries

- With a **delay** part

```
select
```

```
 O.Push (5);
```

```
or
```

```
 delay 10.0;
```

```
 Put_Line ("Delayed overflow");
```

```
end select;
```

- or with an **else** part

```
select
```

```
 O.Push (5);
```

```
else
```

```
 Put_Line ("Overflow");
```

```
end select;
```

# Queue

- Protected **entry**, **procedure**, and tasks **entry** are activated by **one** task at a time
- **Mutual exclusion** section
- Other tasks trying to enter are **queued**
  - In **First-In First-Out** (FIFO) by default
- When the server task **terminates**, tasks still queued receive `Tasking_Error`

# Queuing Policy

- Queuing policy can be set using

```
pragma Queuing_Policy (<policy_identifier>);
```

- The following policy\_identifier are available

- FIFO\_Queueing (default)
- Priority\_Queueing

- FIFO\_Queueing

- First-in First-out, classical queue

- Priority\_Queueing

- Takes into account priority
- Priority of the calling task **at time of call**

# Setting Task Priority

- GNAT available priorities are 0 .. 30, see **gnat/system.ads**
- Tasks with the highest priority are prioritized more
- Priority can be set **statically**

```
task T
 with Priority => <priority_level>
 is ...
```

- Priority can be set **dynamically**

```
with Ada.Dynamic_Priorities;
```

```
task body T is
begin
 Ada.Dynamic_Priorities.Set_Priority (10);
end T;
```

## requeue Instruction

- **requeue** can be called in any **entry** (task or protected)
- Puts the requesting task back into the queue
  - May be handled by another **entry**
  - Or the same one...
- Reschedule the processing for later

```
entry Extract (Qty : Integer) when True is
begin
 if not Try_Extract (Qty) then
 requeue Extract;
 end if;
end Extract;
```

- Same parameter values will be used on the queue

## requeue Tricks

- Only an accepted call can be requeued
- Accepted entries are waiting for **end**
  - Not in a **select ... or delay ... else** anymore
- So the following means the client blocks for **2 seconds**

```
task body Select_Requeue_Quit is
begin
 accept Receive_Message (V : String) do
 requeue Receive_Message;
 end Receive_Message;
 delay 2.0;
end Select_Requeue_Quit;

...
select
 Select_Requeue_Quit.Receive_Message ("Hello");
or
 delay 0.1;
end select;
```

# Abort Statements

- **abort** stops the tasks **immediately**
  - From an external caller
  - No cleanup possible
  - Highly unsafe - should be used only as **last resort**

```
procedure Main is
 task T;

 task T is
 begin
 loop
 delay 1.0;
 Put_Line ("A");
 end loop;
 end T;
begin
 delay 10.0;
 abort T;
end;
```

## `select ... then abort`

- `select` can call `abort`
- Can abort anywhere in the processing
- **Highly** unsafe



# Multiple Select Example

```
loop
 select
 accept Receive_Message (V : String) do
 Put_Line ("Select_Loop_Task Receive: " & V);
 end Receive_Message;
 or
 accept Send_Message (V : String) do
 Put_Line ("Select_Loop_Task Send: " & V);
 end Send_Message;
 or when Termination_Flag =>
 accept Stop;
 or
 delay 0.5;
 Put_Line
 ("No more waiting at" & Day_Duration'Image (Seconds (Clock)));
 exit;
 end select;
end loop;
```

## Example: Main

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Task_Select; use Task_Select;

procedure Main is
begin
 Select_Loop_Task.Receive_Message ("1");
 Select_Loop_Task.Send_Message ("A");
 Select_Loop_Task.Send_Message ("B");
 Select_Loop_Task.Receive_Message ("2");
 Select_Loop_Task.Stop;
exception
 when Tasking_Error =>
 Put_Line ("Expected exception: Entry not reached");
end Main;
```

# Quiz

```
task T is
 entry E1;
 entry E2;
end T;

...

task body Other_Task is
begin
 select
 T.E1;
 or
 T.E2;
 end select;
end Other_Task;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

- ☐ A. T.E1 is called
- ☐ B. Nothing
- ☐ C. Compilation error
- ☐ D. Runtime error

# Quiz

```
task T is
 entry E1;
 entry E2;
end T;

...

task body Other_Task is
begin
 select
 T.E1;
 or
 T.E2;
 end select;
end Other_Task;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

- ☐ A. T.E1 is called
- ☐ B. Nothing
- ☒ C. **Compilation error**
- ☐ D. Runtime error

A **select** entry call can only call one **entry** at a time.

# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
 task T is
 entry A;
 end T;

 task body T is
 begin
 select
 accept A;
 Put ("A");
 else
 delay 1.0;
 end select;
 end T;
begin
 select
 T.A;
 else
 delay 1.0;
 end select;
end Main;
```

What is the output of this code?

- ☐ A. "AAAAA..."
- ☐ B. Nothing
- ☐ C. Compilation error
- ☐ D. Runtime error

# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
 task T is
 entry A;
 end T;

 task body T is
 begin
 select
 accept A;
 Put ("A");
 else
 delay 1.0;
 end select;
 end T;
begin
 select
 T.A;
 else
 delay 1.0;
 end select;
end Main;
```

What is the output of this code?

- ☐ A. "AAAAA..."
- ☒ B. *Nothing*
- ☐ C. Compilation error
- ☐ D. Runtime error

Common mistake: Main and T won't wait on each other and will both execute their **delay** statement only.

# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
 task type T is
 entry A;
 end T;

 task body T is
 begin
 select
 accept A;
 or
 terminate;
 end select;

 Put_Line ("Terminated");
 end T;

 My_Task : T;
begin
 null;
end Main;
```

What is the output of this code?

- ☐ A. "Terminated"
- ☐ B. Nothing
- ☐ C. Compilation error
- ☐ D. Runtime error

# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
 task type T is
 entry A;
 end T;

 task body T is
 begin
 select
 accept A;
 or
 terminate;
 end select;

 Put_Line ("Terminated");
 end T;

 My_Task : T;
begin
 null;
end Main;
```

What is the output of this code?

- ☐ A. "Terminated"
- ☒ B. *Nothing*
- ☐ C. Compilation error
- ☐ D. Runtime error

T is terminated at the end of Main



# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
begin
 select
 delay 2.0;
 then abort
 loop
 delay 1.5;
 Put ("A");
 end loop;
 end select;

 Put ("B");
end Main;
```

What is the output of this code?

- ☐ A. "A"
- ☐ B. "AAAA..."
- ☐ C. "AB"
- ☐ D. Compilation error
- ☐ E. Runtime error

# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
begin
 select
 delay 2.0;
 then abort
 loop
 delay 1.5;
 Put ("A");
 end loop;
 end select;

 Put ("B");
end Main;
```

What is the output of this code?

- ☐ A. "A"
- ☐ B. "AAAA..."
- ☒ C. **"AB"**
- ☐ D. Compilation error
- ☐ E. Runtime error

**then abort** aborts the select only, not Main.

# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
 Ok : Boolean := False

 protected O is
 entry P;
 end O;

 protected body O is
 begin
 entry P when Ok is
 Put_Line ("OK");
 end P;
 end O;
begin
 O.P;
end Main;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

- ☒ A. "OK"
- ☐ B. Nothing
- ☐ C. Compilation error
- ☐ D. Runtime error

# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
 Ok : Boolean := False

 protected O is
 entry P;
 end O;

 protected body O is
 begin
 entry P when Ok is
 Put_Line ("OK");
 end P;
 end O;
begin
 O.P;
end Main;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

- ☐ A. "OK"
- ☒ B. *Nothing*
- ☐ C. Compilation error
- ☐ D. Runtime error

Stuck on waiting for Ok to be set, Main will never terminate.

# Standard "Embedded" Tasking Profiles

- Better performances but more constrained
- Ravenscar profile
  - Ada 2005
  - No **select**
  - No **entry** for tasks
  - Single **entry** for **protected** types
  - No entry queues
- Jorvik profile
  - Ada 2022
  - Less constrained, still performant
  - Any number of **entry** for **protected** types
  - Entry queues
- See RM D.13

## Summary

# Summary

- Tasks are language-based multithreading mechanisms
  - Not necessarily designed to be operated in parallel
  - Original design assumed task-switching / time-slicing
- Multiple mechanisms to synchronize tasks
  - Delay
  - Rendezvous
  - Protected Objects

# Low Level Programming



# Introduction

# Introduction

- Sometimes you need to get your hands dirty
- Hardware Issues
  - Register or memory access
  - Assembler code for speed or size issues
- Interfacing with other software
  - Object sizes
  - Endianness
  - Data conversion

# Data Representation

# Data Representation vs Requirements

- Developer usually defines requirements on a type

```
type My_Int is range 1 .. 10;
```

- The compiler then generates a representation for this type that can accommodate requirements

- In GNAT, can be consulted using `-gnatR2` switch

```
type My_Int is range 1 .. 10;
for My_Int'Object_Size use 8;
for My_Int'Value_Size use 4;
for My_Int'Alignment use 1;

-- using Ada 2012 aspects
type Ada2012_Int is range 1 .. 10
 with Object_Size => 8,
 Value_Size => 4,
 Alignment => 1;
```

- These values can be explicitly set, the compiler will check their consistency
- They can be queried as attributes if needed

```
X : Integer := My_Int'Alignment;
```

## Value\_Size / Size

- **Value\_Size** (or **Size** in the Ada Reference Manual) is the minimal number of bits required to represent data
  - For example, `Boolean'Size = 1`
- The compiler is allowed to use larger size to represent an actual object, but will check that the minimal size is enough

```
type T1 is range 1 .. 4;
for T1'Size use 3;
```

```
-- using Ada 2012 aspects
type T2 is range 1 .. 4
 with Size => 3;
```

## Object Size (GNAT-Specific)

- **Object\_Size** represents the size of the object in memory
- It must be a multiple of **Alignment \* Storage\_Unit (8)**, and at least equal to **Size**

```
type T1 is range 1 .. 4;
for T1'Value_Size use 3;
for T1'Object_Size use 8;
```

```
-- using Ada 2012 aspects
type T2 is range 1 .. 4
 with Value_Size => 3,
 Object_Size => 8;
```

- Object size is the *default* size of an object, can be changed if specific representations are given

# Alignment

- Number of bytes on which the type has to be aligned
- Some alignment may be more efficient than others in terms of speed (e.g. boundaries of words (4, 8))
- Some alignment may be more efficient than others in terms of memory usage

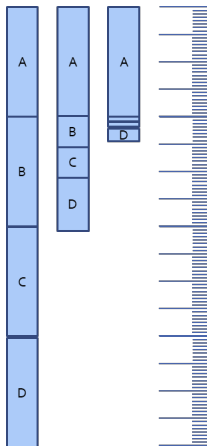
```
type T1 is range 1 .. 4;
for T1'Size use 4;
for T1'Alignment use 8;
```

```
-- using Ada 2012 aspects
type T2 is range 1 .. 4
 with Size => 4,
 Alignment => 8;
```

# Record Types

- Ada doesn't force any particular memory layout
- Depending on optimization of constraints, layout can be optimized for speed, size, or not optimized

```
type Enum is (E1, E2, E3);
type Rec is record
 A : Integer;
 B : Boolean;
 C : Boolean;
 D : Enum;
end record;
```





# Pack Aspect

- **pack** aspect (or pragma) applies to composite types (record and array)
- Compiler optimizes data for size no matter performance impact
- Unpacked

```
type Enum is (E1, E2, E3);
type Rec is record
 A : Integer;
 B : Boolean;
 C : Boolean;
 D : Enum;
end record;
type Ar is array (1 .. 1000) of Boolean;
-- Rec'Size is 56, Ar'Size is 8000
```

- Packed

```
type Enum is (E1, E2, E3);
type Rec is record
 A : Integer;
 B : Boolean;
 C : Boolean;
 D : Enum;
end record with Pack;
type Ar is array (1 .. 1000) of Boolean;
pragma Pack (Ar);
-- Rec'Size is 36, Ar'Size is 1000
```

# Record Representation Clauses

- The developer can specify the exact mapping between a record and its binary representation
- This mapping can be used for optimization purposes, or to match hardware requirements
  - driver mapped on the address space, communication protocol, binary file representation...
- Fields represented as  
    <name> **at** <byte> **range**  
        <starting-bit> ..  
        <ending-bit>

```
type Rec1 is record
 A : Integer range 0 .. 4;
 B : Boolean;
 C : Integer;
 D : Enum;
end record;
for Rec1 use record
 A at 0 range 0 .. 2;
 B at 0 range 3 .. 3;
 C at 0 range 4 .. 35;
 -- unused space here
 D at 5 range 0 .. 2;
end record;
```

## Array Representation Clauses

- The size of an array component can be specified with the **Component\_Size** aspect (or attribute)

```
type Ar1 is array (1 .. 1000) of Boolean;
for Ar1'Component_Size use 2;
```

```
-- using Ada 2012 aspects
type Ar2 is array (1 .. 1000) of Boolean
 with Component_Size => 2;
```

# Endianness Specification (GNAT Specific)

- GNAT allows defining the endianness through the **Scalar\_Storage\_Order** aspect, on composite types
- Need to be associated with a consistent **Bit\_Order** (convention for the bit range numbering)
- The compiler will perform bitwise transformations if needed when sending data to the processor

```
type Rec is record
 A : Integer;
 B : Boolean;
end record;
for Rec'Bit_Order use System.High_Order_First;
for Rec'Scalar_Storage_Order use System.High_Order_First;

type Ar is array (1 .. 1000) of Boolean;
for Ar'Scalar_Storage_Order use System.Low_Order_First;

-- using Ada 2012 aspects
type Rec is record
 A : Integer;
 B : Boolean;
end record with
 Bit_Order => High_Order_First,
 Scalar_Storage_Order => High_Order_First;

type Ar is array (1 .. 1000) of Boolean with
 Scalar_Storage_Order => Low_Order_First;
```

# Change of Representation

- Explicit conversion can be used to change representation
- Very useful to unpack data from file/hardware to speed up references

```
type Rec_T is record
 Field1 : Unsigned_8;
 Field2 : Unsigned_16;
 Field3 : Unsigned_8;
end record;
type Packed_Rec_T is new Rec_T;
for Packed_Rec_T use record
 Field1 at 0 range 0 .. 7;
 Field2 at 0 range 8 .. 23;
 Field3 at 0 range 24 .. 31;
end record;
R : Rec_T;
P : Packed_Rec_T;
...
R := Rec_T (P);
P := Packed_Rec_T (R);
```

## Address Clauses and Overlays

# Address

- Ada distinguishes the notions of
  - A reference to an object
  - An abstract notion of address (**System.Address**)
  - The integer representation of an address
- Safety is preserved by letting the developer manipulate the right level of abstraction
- Conversion between pointers, integers and addresses are possible
- The address of an object can be specified through the **Address** aspect

# Address Clauses

- Ada allows specifying the address of an entity

```
Var : Unsigned_32;
for Var'Address use ... ;
```

- Very useful to declare I/O registers

- For that purpose, the object should be declared volatile:

```
pragma Volatile (Var);
```

- Useful to read a value anywhere

```
function Get_Byte (Addr : Address) return Unsigned_8 is
 V : Unsigned_8;
 for V'Address use Addr;
 pragma Import (Ada, V);
begin
 return V;
end;
```

- In particular the address doesn't need to be constant
  - But must match alignment



# Address Values

- The type **Address** is declared in **System**
  - But this is a **private** type
  - You cannot use a number
- Ada standard way to set constant addresses:
  - Use **System.Storage\_Elements** which allows arithmetic on address

```
for V'Address use
 System.Storage_Elements.To_Address (16#120#);
```

- GNAT specific attribute **'To\_Address**
  - Handy but not portable

```
for V'Address use System'To_Address (16#120#);
```

# Volatile

- The **Volatile** property can be set using an aspect (in Ada2012 only) or a pragma
- Ada also allows volatile types as well as objects.

```
type Volatile_U16 is mod 2**16;
pragma Volatile(Volatile_U16);
type Volatile_U32 is mod 2**32 with Volatile; -- Ada 2012
```

- Volatile means that the exact sequence of reads and writes of an object indicated in the source code must be respected in the generated code.
  - No optimization of reads and writes please!
- Volatile types are passed by-reference.

# Ada Address Example

```
type Bitfield is array (Integer range <>) of Boolean;

V : aliased Integer; -- object can be referenced elsewhere
Pragma Volatile (V); -- may be updated at any time

V2 : aliased Integer;
Pragma Volatile (V2);

V_A : System.Address := V'Address;
V_I : Integer_Address := To_Integer (V_A);

-- This maps directly on to the bits of V
V3 : aliased Bitfield (1 .. V'Size);
For V3'address use V_A; -- overlay

V4 : aliased Integer;
-- Trust me, I know what I'm doing, this is V2
For V4'address use To_Address (V_I - 4);
```

# Aliasing Detection

- Aliasing happens when one object has two names
  - Two pointers pointing to the same object
  - Two references referencing the same object
  - Two variables at the same address
- `Var1'Has_Same_Storage (Var2)` checks if two objects occupy exactly the same space
- `Var'Overlaps_Storage (Var2)` checks if two object are partially or fully overlapping

# Unchecked Conversion

- **Unchecked\_Conversion** allows an unchecked *bitwise* conversion of data between two types.
- Needs to be explicitly instantiated

```
type Bitfield is array (1 .. Integer'Size) of Boolean;
function To_Bitfield is new
 Ada.Unchecked_Conversion (Integer, Bitfield);
V : Integer;
V2 : Bitfield := To_Bitfield (V);
```

- Avoid conversion if the sizes don't match
  - Not defined by the standard

## Inline Assembly

# Calling Assembly Code

- Calling assembly code is a vendor-specific extension
- GNAT allows passing assembly scripts directly to the linker through **System.Machine\_Code.ASM**
- The developer is responsible for mapping variables on temporaries or registers
- See documentation
  - GNAT RM 13.1 Machine Code Insertion
  - GCC UG 6.39 Assembler Instructions with C Expression Operands

# Simple Statement

- Instruction without inputs/outputs

```
Asm ("halt", Volatile => True);
```

- Specify **Volatile** to avoid compiler optimization
- GNAT is picky on that point

- You can group several instructions

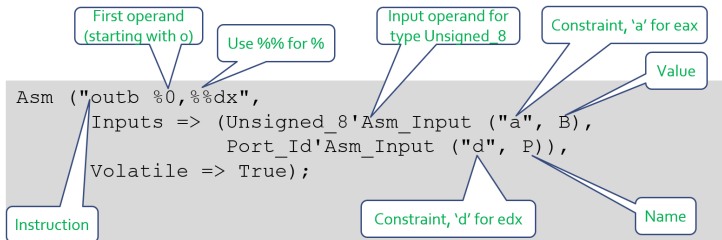
```
Asm ("nop" & ASCII.LF & ASCII.HT
 & "nop", Volatile => True);
Asm ("nop; nop", Volatile => True);
```

- The compiler doesn't check the assembly, only the assembler will
  - Error message might be difficult to read



# Operands

- It is often useful to have inputs or outputs...
- **Asm\_Input** and **Asm\_Output** attributes on types



# Mapping Inputs / Outputs on Temporaries

```
Asm (<script referencing $<input> >,
 Inputs => ({<type>'Asm_Input (<constraint>,
 <variable>)}),
 Outputs => ({<type>'Asm_Output (<constraint>,
 <variable>)}));
```

- **assembly script** containing assembly instructions + references to registers and temporaries
- **constraint** specifies how variable can be mapped on memory (see documentation for full details)

| Constraint | Meaning                  |
|------------|--------------------------|
| R          | General purpose register |
| M          | Memory                   |
| F          | Floating-point register  |
| I          | A constant               |
| D          | edx (on x86)             |
| a          | eax (on x86)             |

# Main Rules

- No control flow between assembler statements
  - Use Ada control flow statement
  - Or use control flow within one statement
- Avoid using fixed registers
  - Makes compiler's life more difficult
  - Let the compiler choose registers
  - You should correctly describe register constraints
- On x86, the assembler uses AT&T convention
  - First operand is source, second is destination
  - See GNU assembler manual for details

# Volatile and Clobber ASM Parameters

- Volatile → True deactivates optimizations with regards to suppressed instructions
- Clobber → "reg1, reg2, ..." contains the list of registers considered to be "destroyed" by the use of the ASM call
  - Use 'memory' if the memory is accessed in an unpredictable fashion. The compiler will not keep memory values cached in registers across the instruction.

# Instruction Counter Example (x86)

```
with System.Machine_Code; use System.Machine_Code;
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Interfaces; use Interfaces;
procedure Main is
 Low : Unsigned_32;
 High : Unsigned_32;
 Value : Unsigned_64;
 use ASCII;
begin
 Asm ("rdtsc" & LF,
 Outputs =>
 (Unsigned_32'Asm_Output ("=d", Low),
 Unsigned_32'Asm_Output ("=a", High)),
 Volatile => True);
 Values := Unsigned_64 (Low) +
 Unsigned_64 (High) * 2 ** 32;
 Put_Line (Values'Img);
end Main;
```

## Reading a Machine Register (ppc)

```
function Get_MSR return MSR_Type is
 Res : MSR_Type;
begin
 Asm ("mfmsr %0",
 Outputs => MSR_Type'Asm_Output ("=r", Res),
 Volatile => True);
 return Res;
end Get_MSR;

generic
 Spr : Natural;
function Get_Spr return Unsigned_32;
function Get_Spr return Unsigned_32 is
 Res : Unsigned_32;
begin
 Asm ("mfspr %0,%1",
 Inputs => Natural'Asm_Input ("K", Spr),
 Outputs => Unsigned_32'Asm_Output ("=r", Res),
 Volatile => True);
 return Res;
end Get_Spr;

function Get_Pir is new Get_Spr (286);
```

## Writing a Machine Register (ppc)

```
generic
```

```
 Spr : Natural;
```

```
procedure Set_Spr (V : Unsigned_32);
```

```
procedure Set_Spr (V : Unsigned_32) is
```

```
begin
```

```
 Asm ("mtspr %0,%1",
```

```
 Inputs => (Natural'Asm_Input ("K", Spr),
```

```
 Unsigned_32'Asm_Input ("r", V)));
```

```
end Set_Spr;
```

## Tricks



# Package Interfaces

- Package **Interfaces** provide integer and unsigned types for many sizes
  - **Integer\_8, Integer\_16, Integer\_32, Integer\_64**
  - **Unsigned\_8, Unsigned\_16, Unsigned\_32, Unsigned\_64**
- With shift/rotation functions for unsigned types

## Fat/Thin pointers for Arrays

- Unconstrained array access is a fat pointer

```
type String_Acc is access String;
Msg : String_Acc;
-- array bounds stored outside array pointer
```

- Use a size representation clause for a thin pointer

```
type String_Acc is access String;
for String_Acc'size use 32;
-- array bounds stored as part of array pointer
```

# Flat Arrays

- A constrained array access is a thin pointer
  - No need to store bounds

```
type Line_Acc is access String (1 .. 80);
```

- You can use big flat array to index memory
  - See **GNAT.Table**
  - Not portable

```
type Char_array is array (natural) of Character;
type C_String_Acc is access Char_Array;
```

## Lab

# Low Level Programming Lab

## (Simplified) Message generation / propagation

### ■ Overview

- Populate a message structure with data and a CRC (cyclic redundancy check)
- "Send" and "Receive" messages and verify data is valid

### ■ Goal

- You should be able to create, "send", "receive", and print messages
- Creation should include generation of a CRC to ensure data security
- Receiving should include validation of CRC

# Project Requirements

- Message Generation
  - Message should at least contain:
    - Unique Identifier
    - (Constrained) string field
    - Two other fields
    - CRC value
- "Send" / "Receive"
  - To simulate send/receive:
    - "Send" should do a byte-by-byte write to a text file
    - "Receive" should do a byte-by-byte read from that same text file
  - Receiver should validate received CRC is valid
    - You can edit the text file to corrupt data

# Hints

- Use a representation clause to specify size of record
  - To get a valid size, individual components may need new types with their own rep spec
- CRC generation and file read/write should be similar processes
  - Need to convert a message into an array of "something"

# Low Level Programming Lab Solution - CRC

```
with System;
package Crc is
 type Crc_T is mod 2**32;
 for Crc_T'size use 32;
 function Generate
 (Address : System.Address;
 Size : Natural)
 return Crc_T;
end Crc;

package body Crc is
 type Array_T is array (Positive range <>) of Crc_T;
 function Generate
 (Address : System.Address;
 Size : Natural)
 return Crc_T is
 Word_Count : Natural;
 Retval : Crc_T := 0;
 begin
 if Size > 0
 then
 Word_Count := Size / 32;
 if Word_Count * 32 /= Size
 then
 Word_Count := Word_Count + 1;
 end if;
 declare
 Overlay : Array_T (1 .. Word_Count);
 for Overlay'address use Address;
 begin
 for I in Overlay'range
 loop
 Retval := Retval + Overlay (I);
 end loop;
 end;
 end if;
 return Retval;
 end Generate;
end Crc;
```



# Low Level Programming Lab Solution - Messages (Spec)

```
with Crc; use Crc;
package Messages is
 type Message_T is private;
 type Command_T is (Noop, Direction, Ascend, Descend, Speed);
 for Command_T use
 (Noop => 0, Direction => 1, Ascend => 2, Descend => 4, Speed => 8);
 for Command_T'size use 8;
 function Create (Command : Command_T;
 Value : Positive;
 Text : String := "")
 return Message_T;

 function Get_Crc (Message : Message_T) return Crc_T;
 procedure Write (Message : Message_T);
 procedure Read (Message : out Message_T;
 valid : out boolean);
 procedure Print (Message : Message_T);
private
 type U32_T is mod 2**32;
 for U32_T'size use 32;
 Max_Text_Length : constant := 20;
 type Text_Index_T is new Integer range 0 .. Max_Text_Length;
 for Text_Index_T'size use 8;
 type Text_T is record
 Text : String (1 .. Max_Text_Length);
 Last : Text_Index_T;
 end record;
 for Text_T'size use Max_Text_Length * 8 + Text_Index_T'size;
 type Message_T is record
 Unique_Id : U32_T;
 Command : Command_T;
 Value : U32_T;
 Text : Text_T;
 Crc : Crc_T;
 end record;
end Messages;
```

# Low Level Programming Lab Solution - Main (Helpers)

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Messages;
procedure Main is
 Message : Messages.Message_T;
 function Command return Messages.Command_T is
 begin
 loop
 Put ("Command (");
 for E in Messages.Command_T
 loop
 Put (Messages.Command_T'image (E) & " ");
 end loop;
 Put ("): ");
 begin
 return Messages.Command_T'value (Get_Line);
 exception
 when others =>
 Put_Line ("Illegal");
 end;
 end loop;
 end Command;
 function Value return Positive is
 begin
 loop
 Put ("Value: ");
 begin
 return Positive'value (Get_Line);
 exception
 when others =>
 Put_Line ("Illegal");
 end;
 end loop;
 end Value;
 function Text return String is
 begin
 Put ("Text: ");
 return Get_Line;
 end Text;
```

# Low Level Programming Lab Solution - Main

```

procedure Create is
 C : constant Messages.Command_T := Command;
 V : constant Positive := Value;
 T : constant String := Text;
begin
 Message := Messages.Create
 (Command => C,
 Value => V,
 Text => T);
end Create;
procedure Read is
 Valid : Boolean;
begin
 Messages.Read (Message, Valid);
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line("Message valid: " & Boolean'Image (Valid));
end read;
begin
 loop
 Put ("Create Write Read Print: ");
 declare
 Command : constant String := Get_Line;
 begin
 exit when Command'length = 0;
 case Command (Command'first) is
 when 'c' | 'C' =>
 Create;
 when 'w' | 'W' =>
 Messages.Write (Message);
 when 'r' | 'R' =>
 read;
 when 'p' | 'P' =>
 Messages.Print (Message);
 when others =>
 null;
 end case;
 end;
 end loop;
end Main;

```

# Low Level Programming Lab Solution - Messages (Helpers)

```
with Ada.Text_IO;
with Unchecked_Conversion;
package body Messages is
 Global_Unique_Id : U32_T := 0;
 function To_Text (Str : String) return Text_T is
 Length : Integer := Str'length;
 Retval : Text_T := (Text => (others => ' '), Last => 0);
 begin
 if Str'length > Retval.Text'length then
 Length := Retval.Text'length;
 end if;
 Retval.Text (1 .. Length) := Str (Str'first .. Str'first + Length - 1);
 Retval.Last := Text_Index_T (Length);
 return Retval;
 end To_Text;
 function From_Text (Text : Text_T) return String is
 Last : constant Integer := Integer (Text.Last);
 begin
 return Text.Text (1 .. Last);
 end From_Text;
 function Get_Crc (Message : Message_T) return Crc_T is
 begin
 return Message.Crc;
 end Get_Crc;
 function Validate (Original : Message_T) return Boolean is
 Clean : Message_T := Original;
 begin
 Clean.Crc := 0;
 return Crc.Generate (Clean'address, Clean'size) = Original.Crc;
 end Validate;
```

# Low Level Programming Lab Solution - Messages (Body)

```

function Create (Command : Command_T;
 Value : Positive;
 Text : String := "")
 return Message_T is
 Retval : Message_T;
begin
 Global_Unique_Id := Global_Unique_Id + 1;
 Retval :=
 (Unique_Id => Global_Unique_Id, Command => Command,
 Value => US2_T (Value), Text => To_Text (Text), Crc => 0);
 Retval.Crc := Crc.Generate (Retval'address, Retval'size);
 return Retval;
end Create;
type Char is new Character;
for Char'size use 8;
type Overlay_T is array (1 .. Message_T'size / 8) of Char;
function Convert is new Unchecked_Conversion (Message_T, Overlay_T);
function Convert is new Unchecked_Conversion (Overlay_T, Message_T);
Const_Filename : constant String := "message.txt";
procedure Write (Message : Message_T) is
 Overlay : constant Overlay_T := Convert (Message);
 File : Ada.Text_IO.File_Type;
begin
 Ada.Text_IO.Create (File, Ada.Text_IO.Out_File, Const_Filename);
 for I in Overlay'range loop
 Ada.Text_IO.Put (File, Character (Overlay (I)));
 end loop;
 Ada.Text_IO.New_Line (File);
 Ada.Text_IO.Close (File);
end Write;
procedure Read (Message : out Message_T;
 Valid : out Boolean) is
 Overlay : Overlay_T;
 File : Ada.Text_IO.File_Type;
begin
 Valid := False;
 Ada.Text_IO.Open (File, Ada.Text_IO.In_File, Const_Filename);
 declare
 Str : constant String := Ada.Text_IO.Get_Line (File);
 begin
 Ada.Text_IO.Close (File);
 for I in Str'range loop
 Overlay (I) := Char (Str (I));
 end loop;
 Message := Convert (Overlay);
 Valid := Validate (Message);
 end;
end Read;
procedure Print (Message : Message_T) is
begin
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ("Message" & US2_T'image (Message.Unique_Id));
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (" " & Command_T'image (Message.Command) & " => " &
 US2_T'image (Message.Value));
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (" Additional Info: " & From_Text (Message.Text));
end Print;
end Messages;

```

## Summary

# Summary

- Like C, Ada allows access to assembly-level programming
- Unlike C, Ada imposes some more restrictions to maintain some level of safety
- Ada also supplies language constructs and libraries to make low level programming easier