

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 Vector is array (1 .. 12) of Some_Type;
```

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

```
Values : Vector;
```

```
...
```

```
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 Vector is array (Index) of Some_Type;
```

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

```
Values : Vector;
```

```
...
```

```
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 Vector is array (Index) of Float;  
K : Index;  
Values : Vector;  
...  
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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```

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- ☐ 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

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

Obj : S;

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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;
```

- Approach 3: use GNAT's intrinsic
  - Conditions on function name and type representation
  - See GNAT UG 8.11

```
function Shift_Left
```

```
 (Value : T;
```

```
 Amount : Natural) return T with Import, Convention => Intrinsic
```

# 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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```

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type T1 is new Unsigned_8;
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- 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

- Ada 2022 attributes T'Enum\_Rep, T'Enum\_Val

## 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.  $T'Pos(V) = 0$
- C.  $T'Image(T'Pos(V)) = Left$
- D.  $T'Val(T'Pos(V) - 1) = Bottom$

# Quiz

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- 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, A, B, 'C');
for T1 use (NUL => 0, A => 1, B => 2, 'C' => 3);
type T2 is array (Positive range <>) of T1;
Obj : T2 := "CC" & A & NUL;
```

Which of the following proposition(s) is(are) true

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

# Quiz

```
type T1 is (NUL, A, B, 'C');
for T1 use (NUL => 0, A => 1, B => 2, 'C' => 3);
type T2 is array (Positive range <>) of T1;
Obj : T2 := "CC" & A & NUL;
```

Which of the following proposition(s) is(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

# Characteristics of Components

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

```
type Record_1 is record
 This_Is_Not_Legal : array (1 .. 3) of Integer;
end record;
```

- **No** constant components

```
type Record_2 is record
 This_Is_Not_Legal : constant Integer := 123;
end record;
```

- **No** recursive definitions

```
type Record_3 is record
 This_Is_Not_Legal : Record_3;
end record;
```

- **No** indefinite types

```
type Record_5 is record
 This_Is_Not_Legal : String;
 But_This_Is_Legal : String (1 .. 10);
end record;
```

## Multiple Declarations

- Multiple declarations are allowed (like objects)

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

- Equivalent to

```
type Several is record
 A : Integer := F;
 B : Integer := F;
 C : Integer := F;
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

```
type Record_T is record
 -- Definition here
end record;
```

Which record definition is legal?

- ☐ A. Component\_1 : array (1 .. 3) of Boolean
- ☐ B. Component\_2, Component\_3 : Integer
- ☐ C. Component\_1 : Record\_T
- ☐ D. Component\_1 : constant Integer := 123

# Quiz

```
type Record_T is record
 -- Definition here
end record;
```

Which record definition is legal?

- A. Component\_1 : array (1 .. 3) of Boolean
  - B. *Component\_2, Component\_3 : Integer*
  - C. Component\_1 : Record\_T
  - D. Component\_1 : constant Integer := 123
- 
- A. Anonymous types not allowed
  - B. Correct
  - C. No recursive definition
  - D. No constant component

# 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

# Available Operations

- Predefined
  - Equality (and thus inequality)

```
if A = B then
```

- Assignment

```
A := B;
```

- 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;
```

# Limited Types - Quick Intro

- A **record** type can be limited
  - And some other types, described later
- **limited** types cannot be **copied** or **compared**
  - As a result then cannot be assigned
  - May still be modified component-wise

```
type Lim is limited record
 A, B : Integer;
end record;
```

```
L1, L2 : Lim := Create_Lim (1, 2); -- Initial value OK
```

```
L1 := L2; -- Illegal
if L1 /= L2 then -- Illegal
[...]
```

## Aggregates

# Aggregates

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

```
(Pos_1_Value,
Pos_2_Value,
Component_3 => Pos_3_Value,
Component_4 => <>, -- Default value (Ada 2005)
others => Remaining_Value)
```

# 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 : Float;
 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 building and running this code?

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

# Quiz

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```

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

The aggregate is incomplete. The aggregate must specify all components. You could use box notation (A => 1, **others** => <>)

# Quiz

What is the result of building and running this code?

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

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

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

# Quiz

What is the result of building and running this code?

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

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

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

All components associated to a value using **others** must be of the same **type**.

# Quiz

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

Which assignment(s) is(are) **not** legal?

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

Which assignment(s) is(are) **not** legal?

- ☒ 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

## Component Default Values

```
type Complex is
 record
 Real : Float := 0.0;
 Imaginary : Float := 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 2005

```
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 2005

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

```
type Record_T is record
 A, B : Integer := Next;
 C : Integer := Next;
end record;
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```

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 **is related to** discriminant
- Aggregate assignment is allowed

# Discriminants

```
2 type Person_Group is (Student, Faculty);
3 type Person (Group : Person_Group) is record
4 Age : Positive;
5 case Group is
6 when Student => -- 1st variant
7 Gpa : Float range 0.0 .. 4.0;
8 when Faculty => -- 2nd variant
9 Pubs : Positive;
10 end case;
11 end record;
```

- Group (on line 3) 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**
- Discriminant can be used in **variant part** (line 5)
  - Similar to case statements (all values must be covered)
  - Fields listed will only be visible if choice matches discriminant
  - Field names need to be unique (even across discriminants)
  - Variant part must be end of record (hence only one variant part allowed)

# Semantics

- Person objects are **constrained** by their discriminant
  - They are **indefinite**
  - **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,
 Age => 21,
 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
  - Type is now **definite**
- 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, Age => 22, Gpa => 0.0);
```

```
S := (Group => Faculty, Age => 35, Pubs => 10);
```

# Quiz

```
type T (Sign : Integer) is record
 case Sign is
 when Integer'First .. -1 =>
 I : Integer;
 B : Boolean;
 when others =>
 N : Natural;
 end case;
end record;
```

O : T (1);

Which component does O contain?

- ☐ A. O.I, O.B
- ☐ B. O.N
- ☐ C. None: Compilation error
- ☐ D. None: Runtime error

# Quiz

```
type T (Sign : Integer) is record
 case Sign is
 when Integer'First .. -1 =>
 I : Integer;
 B : Boolean;
 when others =>
 N : Natural;
 end case;
end record;
```

O : T (1);

Which component does O contain?

- A. O.I, O.B
- B. O.N
- C. None: Compilation error
- D. None: Runtime error

# Quiz

```
type T (Floating : Integer) is record
 case Floating is
 when 0 =>
 I : Integer;
 when 1 =>
 F : Float;
 end case;
end record;
```

O : T (1);

Which component does O contain?

- ☐ A. O.F, O.I
- ☐ B. O.F
- ☐ C. None: Compilation error
- ☐ D. None: Runtime error

# Quiz

```
type T (Floating : Integer) is record
 case Floating is
 when 0 =>
 I : Integer;
 when 1 =>
 F : Float;
 end case;
end record;
```

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Which component does O contain?

- ☐ A. O.F, O.I
- ☐ B. O.F
- ☒ C. **None: Compilation error**
- ☐ D. None: Runtime error

The variant **case** must cover all the possible values of **Integer**.

# Quiz

```
type T (Floating : Boolean) is record
 case Floating is
 when False =>
 I : Integer;
 when True =>
 F : Float;
 end case;
 I2 : Integer;
end record;
```

O : T (True);

Which component does O contain?

- ☐ A. O.F, O.I2
- ☐ B. O.F
- ☐ C. None: Compilation error
- ☐ D. None: Runtime error

# Quiz

```
type T (Floating : Boolean) is record
 case Floating is
 when False =>
 I : Integer;
 when True =>
 F : Float;
 end case;
 I2 : Integer;
end record;
```

O : T (True);

Which component does O contain?

- ☐ A. O.F, O.I2
- ☐ B. O.F
- ☒ C. **None: Compilation error**
- ☐ D. None: Runtime error

The variant part cannot be followed by a component declaration  
(I2 : Integer there)

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

```
1 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2 procedure Main is
3
4 type Name_T is array (1 .. 6) of Character;
5 type Index_T is range 0 .. 1_000;
6 type Queue_T is array (Index_T range 1 .. 1_000) of Name_T;
7
8 type Fifo_Queue_T is record
9 Next_Available : Index_T := 1;
10 Last_Served : Index_T := 0;
11 Queue : Queue_T := (others => (others => ' '));
12 end record;
13
14 Queue : Fifo_Queue_T;
15 Choice : Integer;
```

# Record Types Lab Solution - Implementation

```
17 begin
18
19 loop
20 Put ("1 = add to queue | 2 = remove from queue | others => done: ");
21 Choice := Integer'Value (Get_Line);
22 if Choice = 1 then
23 Put ("Enter name: ");
24 Queue.Queue (Queue.Next_Available) := Name_T (Get_Line);
25 Queue.Next_Available := Queue.Next_Available + 1;
26 elsif Choice = 2 then
27 if Queue.Next_Available = 1 then
28 Put_Line ("Nobody in line");
29 else
30 Queue.Last_Served := Queue.Last_Served + 1;
31 Put_Line ("Now serving: " & String (Queue.Queue (Queue.Last_Served)));
32 end if;
33 else
34 exit;
35 end if;
36 New_Line;
37 end loop;
38
39 Put_Line ("Remaining in line: ");
40 for Index in Queue.Last_Served + 1 .. Queue.Next_Available - 1 loop
41 Put_Line (" " & String (Queue.Queue (Index)));
42 end loop;
43
44 end Main;
```

## Summary

# Summary

- 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

# 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 **is related to** discriminant
- Aggregate assignment is allowed

## Example Discriminated 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_group {Student, Faculty};

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

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

## Example Defined in Ada

```
type Person_Group is (Student, Faculty);
type Person (Group : Person_Group) is -- Group is the discriminant
 record
 Name : String(1..10); -- Always present
 case Group 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;
```

- Group value enforces component availability
  - Can only access GPA and Year when Group is Student
  - Can only access Pubs when Group 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

## Discriminated Record Semantics

# Discriminant in Ada Discriminated Records

- Variant record type contains a special *discriminant* component
  - Value indicates which *variant* is present
- When a component 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 (Group) established when object of type Person created
  - Run-time check verifies that component selected from variant is consistent with discriminant value
    - Constraint\_Error raised if the check fails
- Can only read discriminant (as any other component), 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 := (Group => 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_Group is (Student, Faculty);
 type Person (Group : Person_Group) is
 record
 Name : String(1..10);
 case Group 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("Group:" & Person_Group'Image(Item.Group));
 Put_Line("Name: " & Item.Name);
 -- Group specified by caller
 case Item.Group 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
 -- Group specified by caller
 case Item.Group 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
 Group : Person_Group;
 Line : String(1..80);
 Index : Natural;
begin
 loop
 Put("Group (Student or Faculty, empty line to quit): ");
 Get_Line(Line, Index);
 exit when Index=0;
 Group := Person_Group'Value(Line(1..Index));
 declare
 Someone : Person(Group);
 begin
 Get(Someone);
 case Someone.Group is
 when Student => Student_Do_Something (Someone);
 when Faculty => Faculty_Do_Something (Someone);
 end case;
 Put(Someone);
 end;
 end loop;
end Person_Test;
```

## Unconstrained Discriminated Records

# Adding Flexibility to Discriminated Records

- Previously, declaration of `Person` implies that object, once created, is always constrained by initial value of `Group`
  - 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 Discriminated Record Example

```

declare
 type Mutant(Group : Person_Group := Faculty) is
 record
 Name : String(1..10);
 case Group 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.Group = Faculty)

begin
 Zork := Pat; -- OK, Zork.Group was Faculty, is now Student
 Zork.Group := Faculty; -- Illegal to assign to discriminant
 Zork := Doc; -- OK, Zork.Group 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;
 -- V and V2 declaration...
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

```
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;
 -- V and V2 declaration...
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

```
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;
- ☐ A Referencing itself
- ☐ B anonymous array in record declaration
- ☐ C OK
- ☐ D X, Y are duplicated with the Line variant

## Unconstrained 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 Unconstrained 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 Discriminated Records

- Discriminant can serve as bound of array component

```
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

# Varying Length Array via Discriminated Records and Subtypes

- Discriminant can serve as bound of array component
- Subtype serves as upper bound for Size\_T'Last

```
subtype VString_Size is Natural range 0 .. Max_Length;
```

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

```
Empty_VString : constant VString := (0, "");
```

```
function Make (S : String) return VString is
 ((Size => S'Length, Data => S));
```

# 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?

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- ☐ 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.

## Discriminated 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

```

1 package Vstring is
2 Max_String_Length : constant := 1_000;
3 type Vstring_T is private;
4 function To_Vstring (Str : String) return Vstring_T;
5 function To_String (Vstr : Vstring_T) return String;
6 function "&" (L, R : Vstring_T) return Vstring_T;
7 function "&" (L : String; R : Vstring_T) return Vstring_T;
8 function "&" (L : Vstring_T; R : String) return Vstring_T;
9 private
10 subtype Index_T is Integer range 0 .. Max_String_Length;
11 type Vstring_T (Length : Index_T := 0) is record
12 Text : String (1 .. Length);
13 end record;
14 end Vstring;
15
16 package body Vstring is
17 function To_Vstring (Str : String) return Vstring_T is
18 ((Length => Str'Length, Text => Str));
19 function To_String (Vstr : Vstring_T) return String is
20 (Vstr.Text);
21 function "&" (L, R : Vstring_T) return Vstring_T is
22 Ret_Val : constant String := L.Text & R.Text;
23 begin
24 return (Length => Ret_Val'Length, Text => Ret_Val);
25 end "&";
26
27 function "&" (L : String; R : Vstring_T) return Vstring_T is
28 Ret_Val : constant String := L & R.Text;
29 begin
30 return (Length => Ret_Val'Length, Text => Ret_Val);
31 end "&";
32
33 function "&" (L : Vstring_T; R : String) return Vstring_T is
34 Ret_Val : constant String := L.Text & R;
35 begin
36 return (Length => Ret_Val'Length, Text => Ret_Val);
37 end "&";
38 end Vstring;

```

# Discriminated Record Types Lab Solution - Employee (Spec)

```
1 with Vstring; use Vstring;
2 package Employee is
3
4 type Category_T is (Staff, Supervisor, Manager);
5 type Pay_T is delta 0.01 range 0.0 .. 1_000.00;
6
7 type Employee_T (Category : Category_T := Staff) is record
8 Last_Name : Vstring.Vstring_T;
9 First_Name : Vstring.Vstring_T;
10 Hourly_Rate : Pay_T;
11 case Category is
12 when Staff =>
13 null;
14 when Supervisor =>
15 Project : Vstring.Vstring_T;
16 when Manager =>
17 Department : Vstring.Vstring_T;
18 Staff_Count : Natural;
19 end case;
20 end record;
21
22 function Get_Staff return Employee_T;
23 function Get_Supervisor return Employee_T;
24 function Get_Manager return Employee_T;
25
26 end Employee;
```

# Discriminated Record Types Lab Solution - Employee (Body)

```
1 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2 package body Employee is
3 function Read (Prompt : String) return String is
4 begin
5 Put (Prompt & " > ");
6 return Get_Line;
7 end Read;
8
9 function Get_Staff return Employee_T is
10 Ret_Val : Employee_T (Staff);
11 begin
12 Ret_Val.Last_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("Last name"));
13 Ret_Val.First_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("First name"));
14 Ret_Val.Hourly_Rate := Pay_T'Value (Read ("Hourly rate"));
15 return Ret_Val;
16 end Get_Staff;
17
18 function Get_Supervisor return Employee_T is
19 Ret_Val : Employee_T (Supervisor);
20 begin
21 Ret_Val.Last_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("Last name"));
22 Ret_Val.First_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("First name"));
23 Ret_Val.Hourly_Rate := Pay_T'Value (Read ("Hourly rate"));
24 Ret_Val.Project := To_Vstring (Read ("Project"));
25 return Ret_Val;
26 end Get_Supervisor;
27
28 function Get_Manager return Employee_T is
29 Ret_Val : Employee_T (Manager);
30 begin
31 Ret_Val.Last_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("Last name"));
32 Ret_Val.First_Name := To_Vstring (Read ("First name"));
33 Ret_Val.Hourly_Rate := Pay_T'Value (Read ("Hourly rate"));
34 Ret_Val.Department := To_Vstring (Read ("Department"));
35 Ret_Val.Staff_Count := Integer'Value (Read ("Staff count"));
36 return Ret_Val;
37 end Get_Manager;
38 end Employee;
```

# Discriminated Record Types Lab Solution - Main

```

1 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2 with Employee;
3 with Vstring; use Vstring;
4 procedure Main is
5 procedure Print (Member : Employee.Employee_T) is
6 First_Line : constant Vstring_Vstring_T :=
7 Member.First_Name & " " & Member.Last_Name & " " &
8 Member.Hourly_Rate'Image;
9 begin
10 Put_Line (Vstring_To_String (First_Line));
11 case Member.Category is
12 when Employee.Supervisor =>
13 Put_Line (" Project: " & Vstring_To_String (Member.Project));
14 when Employee.Manager =>
15 Put_Line (" Overseeing " & Member.Staff_Count'Image & " in " &
16 Vstring_To_String (Member.Department));
17 when others => null;
18 end case;
19 end Print;
20
21 List : array (1 .. 1_000) of Employee.Employee_T;
22 Count : Natural := 0;
23 begin
24 loop
25 Put_Line ("E => Employee");
26 Put_Line ("S => Supervisor");
27 Put_Line ("M => Manager");
28 Put_Line ("E/S/M (any other to stop): ");
29 declare
30 Choice : constant String := Get_Line;
31 begin
32 case Choice (1) is
33 when 'E' | 'e' =>
34 Count := Count + 1;
35 List (Count) := Employee.Get_Staff;
36 when 'S' | 's' =>
37 Count := Count + 1;
38 List (Count) := Employee.Get_Supervisor;
39 when 'M' | 'm' =>
40 Count := Count + 1;
41 List (Count) := Employee.Get_Manager;
42 when others =>
43 exit;
44 end case;
45 end;
46 end loop;
47
48 for Item of List (1 .. Count) loop
49 Print (Item);
50 end loop;
51 end Main;

```

## Summary

# Properties of Discriminated 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 components common to a set of variants

# Type Derivation

## Introduction

# Type Derivation

- Type *derivation* allows for reusing code
- Type can be **derived** from a **base type**
- Base type can be substituted by the derived type
- Subprograms defined on the base type are **inherited** on derived type
- This is **not** OOP in Ada
  - Tagged derivation **is** OOP in Ada

# Ada Mechanisms for Type Inheritance

- *Primitive* operations on types
  - Standard operations like  $+$  and  $-$
  - Any operation that acts on the type
- Type derivation
  - Define types from other types that can add limitations
  - Can add operations to the type
- Tagged derivation
  - **This** is OOP in Ada
  - Seen in other chapter

## Primitives

# Primitive Operations

- A type is characterized by two elements
  - Its data structure
  - The set of operations that applies to it
- The operations are called **primitive operations** in Ada

```
type T is new Integer;
procedure Attrib_Function(Value : T);
```

# General Rule For a Primitive

- Primitives are subprograms
- **S** is a primitive of type **T** iff
  - **S** is declared in the scope of **T**
  - **S** "uses" type **T**
    - As a parameter
    - As its return type (for **function**)
  - **S** is above *freeze-point*
- Rule of thumb
  - Primitives must be declared **right after** the type itself
  - In a scope, declare at most a **single** type with primitives

```
package P is
 type T is range 1 .. 10;
 procedure P1 (V : T);
 procedure P2 (V1 : Integer; V2 : T);
 function F return T;
end P;
```

## Simple Derivation

# Simple Type Derivation

- Any type (except **tagged**) can be derived

```
type Child is new Parent;
```

- Child inherits from:

- The data **representation** of the parent
- The **primitives** of the parent

- Conversions are possible from child to parent

```
type Parent is range 1 .. 10;
procedure Prim (V : Parent);
type Child is new Parent; -- Freeze Parent
procedure Not_A_Primitive (V : Parent);
C : Child;
...
Prim (C); -- Implicitly declared
Not_A_Primitive (Parent (C));
```

# Simple Derivation and Type Structure

- The type "structure" can not change
  - **array** cannot become **record**
  - Integers cannot become floats
- But can be **constrained** further
- Scalar ranges can be reduced

```
type Tiny_Int is range -100 .. 100;
type Tiny_Positive is new Tiny_Int range 1 .. 100;
```

- Unconstrained types can be constrained

```
type Arr is array (Integer range <>) of Integer;
type Ten_Elem_Arr is new Arr (1 .. 10);
type Rec (Size : Integer) is record
 Elem : Arr (1 .. Size);
end record;
type Ten_Elem_Rec is new Rec (10);
```

# Overriding Indications

Ada 2005

- **Optional** indications

- Checked by compiler

```
type Root is range 1 .. 100;
procedure Prim (V : Root);
type Child is new Root;
```

- **Replacing** a primitive: **overriding** indication

```
overriding procedure Prim (V : Child);
```

- **Adding** a primitive: **not overriding** indication

```
not overriding procedure Prim2 (V : Child);
```

- **Removing** a primitive: **overriding** as **abstract**

```
overriding procedure Prim (V : Child) is abstract;
```

# Quiz

```
type T1 is range 1 .. 100;
procedure Proc_A (X : in out T1);
```

```
type T2 is new T1 range 2 .. 99;
procedure Proc_B (X : in out T1);
procedure Proc_B (X : in out T2);
```

```
-- Other scope
procedure Proc_C (X : in out T2);
```

```
type T3 is new T2 range 3 .. 98;
```

```
procedure Proc_C (X : in out T3);
```

Which are T1's primitives

- ☐ A. Proc\_A
- ☐ B. Proc\_B
- ☐ C. Proc\_C
- ☐ D. No primitives of T1

# Quiz

```
type T1 is range 1 .. 100;
procedure Proc_A (X : in out T1);
```

```
type T2 is new T1 range 2 .. 99;
procedure Proc_B (X : in out T1);
procedure Proc_B (X : in out T2);
```

```
-- Other scope
procedure Proc_C (X : in out T2);
```

```
type T3 is new T2 range 3 .. 98;
```

```
procedure Proc_C (X : in out T3);
```

Which are T1's primitives

- ☒ A. *Proc\_A*
- ☐ B. Proc\_B
- ☐ C. Proc\_C
- ☐ D. No primitives of T1

Explanations

- ☒ A. Correct
- ☐ B. Freeze: T1 has been derived
- ☐ C. Freeze: scope change
- ☐ D. Incorrect

## Summary

# Summary

- *Primitive* of a type
  - Subprogram above **freeze-point** that takes or return the type
  - Can be a primitive for **multiple types**
- Freeze point rules can be tricky
- Simple type derivation
  - Types derived from other types can only **add limitations**
    - Constraints, ranges
    - Cannot change underlying structure

## Quantified Expressions

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# 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

- Four **for** variants
  - Index-based **in** or component-based **of**
  - Existential some or universal **all**
- Using arrow  $\Rightarrow$  to indicate *predicate* expression

```
(for some Index in Subtype_T \Rightarrow Predicate (Index))
```

```
(for all Index in Subtype_T \Rightarrow Predicate (Index))
```

```
(for some Value of Container_Obj \Rightarrow Predicate (Value))
```

```
(for all Value of Container_Obj \Rightarrow Predicate (Value))
```

# 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

Ada 2012

- 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

Ada 2012

- 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");`

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

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

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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
- This is the same lab as the *Expressions* lab, we're just replacing the validation functions with quantified expressions!
  - So you can just copy that project and update the code!

# Advanced Expressions Lab Solution - Checks

```
4 subtype Year_T is Positive range 1_900 .. 2_099;
5 subtype Month_T is Positive range 1 .. 12;
6 subtype Day_T is Positive range 1 .. 31;
7
8 type Date_T is record
9 Year : Positive;
10 Month : Positive;
11 Day : Positive;
12 end record;
13
14 List : array (1 .. 5) of Date_T;
15 Item : Date_T;
16
17 function Is_Leap_Year (Year : Positive)
18 return Boolean is
19 (Year mod 400 = 0 or else (Year mod 4 = 0 and Year mod 100 /= 0));
20
21 function Days_In_Month (Month : Positive;
22 Year : Positive)
23 return Day_T is
24 (case Month is when 4 | 6 | 9 | 11 => 30,
25 when 2 => (if Is_Leap_Year (Year) then 29 else 28), when others => 31);
26
27 function Is_Valid (Date : Date_T)
28 return Boolean is
29 (Date.Year in Year_T and then Date.Month in Month_T
30 and then Date.Day <= Days_In_Month (Date.Month, Date.Year));
31
32 function Any_Invalid return Boolean is
33 (for some Date of List => not Is_Valid (Date));
34
35 function Same_Year return Boolean is
36 (for all I in List'range => List (I).Year = List (List'first).Year);
```

# Advanced Expressions Lab Solution - Main

```
37 function Number (Prompt : String)
38 return Positive is
39 begin
40 Put (Prompt & "> ");
41 return Positive'Value (Get_Line);
42 end Number;
43
44 begin
45
46 for I in List'Range loop
47 Item.Year := Number ("Year");
48 Item.Month := Number ("Month");
49 Item.Day := Number ("Day");
50 List (I) := Item;
51 end loop;
52
53 Put_Line ("Any invalid: " & Boolean'image (Any_Invalid));
54 Put_Line ("Same Year: " & Boolean'image (Same_Year));
55
56 end Main;
```

## Summary

# Summary

- 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

# 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;
B : Boolean;
```

Which statement(s) is(are) legal?

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- ☐ B. `L1 := L2`
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- ☐ 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)`
- ☐ 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

```
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 Theses components are not **limited** types
- ☐ D These components are of a **limited** type

## Creating Values

# Creating Values

- Initialization is not assignment (but looks like it)!
- Via **limited constructor functions**
  - Functions returning values of limited types
- Via an **aggregate**
  - *limited aggregate* when used for a **limited** type

```
type Spin_Lock is limited record
```

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

```
end record;
```

```
...
```

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

## 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(are) 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(are) 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;
 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;`

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

## Extended Return Statements

# 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

Ada 2005

```
-- Implicitly 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;
```

```
function F return T is
begin
 -- F body...
end F;
```

```
O : T := F;
```

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

- ☐ A return Return : T := (I => 1)
- ☐ B return Result : T
- ☐ C return Value := (others => 1)
- ☐ D return R : T do  
    R.I := 1;  
end return;

# Quiz

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

```
function F return T is
begin
 -- F body...
end F;
```

```
O : T := F;
```

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

☐ A. `return Return : T := (I => 1)`

☐ B. `return Result : T`

☐ C. `return Value := (others => 1)`

☐ D. `return R : T do`  
    `R.I := 1;`  
`end return;`

- ☐ A. Using `return` reserved keyword
- ☐ B. OK, default value
- ☐ C. Extended return must specify type
- ☐ D. OK

## Combining Limited and Private Views

# 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;
 -- Complete Here
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 Priv is record  
    Field : Integer := Lim'Size;  
end record;

# Quiz

```
package P is
 type Priv is private;
private
 type Lim is limited null record;
 -- Complete Here
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 Priv is record  
    Field : Integer := Lim'Size;  
end record;
- ☐ A E has limited type, partial view of Priv must be limited private
- ☐ B F has limited type, partial view of Priv must be limited private

# 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 a unique value generated 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)

```
1 package Employee_Data is
2
3 subtype Name_T is String (1 .. 6);
4 type Employee_T is limited private;
5 type Hourly_Rate_T is delta 0.01 digits 6 range 0.0 .. 999.99;
6 type Id_T is range 999 .. 9_999;
7
8 function Create (Name : Name_T;
9 Rate : Hourly_Rate_T := 0.0)
10 return Employee_T;
11 function Id (Employee : Employee_T)
12 return Id_T;
13 function Name (Employee : Employee_T)
14 return Name_T;
15 function Rate (Employee : Employee_T)
16 return Hourly_Rate_T;
17
18 private
19 type Employee_T is limited record
20 Name : Name_T := (others => ' ');
21 Rate : Hourly_Rate_T := 0.0;
22 Id : Id_T := Id_T'First;
23 end record;
24 end Employee_Data;
```

# Limited Types Lab Solution - Timecards (Spec)

```
1 with Employee_Data;
2 package Timecards is
3
4 type Hours_Worked_T is digits 3 range 0.0 .. 24.0;
5 type Pay_T is digits 6;
6 type Timecard_T is limited private;
7
8 function Create (Name : Employee_Data.Name_T;
9 Rate : Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T;
10 Hours : Hours_Worked_T)
11 return Timecard_T;
12
13 function Id (Timecard : Timecard_T)
14 return Employee_Data.Id_T;
15 function Name (Timecard : Timecard_T)
16 return Employee_Data.Name_T;
17 function Rate (Timecard : Timecard_T)
18 return Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T;
19 function Pay (Timecard : Timecard_T)
20 return Pay_T;
21 function Image (Timecard : Timecard_T)
22 return String;
23
24 private
25 type Timecard_T is limited record
26 Employee : Employee_Data.Employee_T;
27 Hours_Worked : Hours_Worked_T := 0.0;
28 Pay : Pay_T := 0.0;
29 end record;
30 end Timecards;
```

# Limited Types Lab Solution - Employee Data (Body)

```
1 package body Employee_Data is
2
3 Last_Used_Id : Id_T := Id_T'First;
4
5 function Create (Name : Name_T;
6 Rate : Hourly_Rate_T := 0.0)
7 return Employee_T is
8 begin
9 return Ret_Val : Employee_T do
10 Last_Used_Id := Id_T'Succ (Last_Used_Id);
11 Ret_Val.Name := Name;
12 Ret_Val.Rate := Rate;
13 Ret_Val.Id := Last_Used_Id;
14 end return;
15 end Create;
16
17 function Id (Employee : Employee_T) return Id_T is
18 (Employee.Id);
19 function Name (Employee : Employee_T) return Name_T is
20 (Employee.Name);
21 function Rate (Employee : Employee_T) return Hourly_Rate_T is
22 (Employee.Rate);
23
24 end Employee_Data;
```

# Limited Types Lab Solution - Timecards (Body)

```

1 package body Timecards is
2
3 function Create (Name : Employee_Data.Name_T;
4 Rate : Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T;
5 Hours : Hours_Worked_T)
6 return Timecard_T is
7
8 begin
9 return
10 (Employee => Employee_Data.Create (Name, Rate),
11 Hours_Worked => Hours,
12 Pay => Pay_T (Hours) * Pay_T (Rate));
13 end Create;
14
15 function Id (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Employee_Data.Id_T is
16 (Employee_Data.Id (Timecard.Employee));
17
18 function Name (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Employee_Data.Name_T is
19 (Employee_Data.Name (Timecard.Employee));
20
21 function Rate (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T is
22 (Employee_Data.Rate (Timecard.Employee));
23
24 function Pay (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Pay_T is
25 (Timecard.Pay);
26
27 function Image
28 (Timecard : Timecard_T)
29 return String is
30 Name_S : constant String := Name (Timecard);
31 Id_S : constant String :=
32 Employee_Data.Id_T'Image (Employee_Data.Id (Timecard.Employee));
33 Rate_S : constant String :=
34 Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T'Image
35 (Employee_Data.Rate (Timecard.Employee));
36 Hours_S : constant String :=
37 Hours_Worked_T'Image (Timecard.Hours_Worked);
38 Pay_S : constant String := Pay_T'Image (Timecard.Pay);
39 begin
40 return
41 Name_S & " (" & Id_S & ") => " & Hours_S & " hours * " & Rate_S &
42 "/hour = " & Pay_S;
43 end Image;
44 end Timecards;

```

# Limited Types Lab Solution - Main

```
1 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2 with Timecards;
3 procedure Main is
4
5 One : constant Timecards.Timecard_T := Timecards.Create
6 (Name => "Fred ",
7 Rate => 1.1,
8 Hours => 2.2);
9 Two : constant Timecards.Timecard_T := Timecards.Create
10 (Name => "Barney",
11 Rate => 3.3,
12 Hours => 4.4);
13
14 begin
15 Put_Line (Timecards.Image (One));
16 Put_Line (Timecards.Image (Two));
17 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

## Private Types

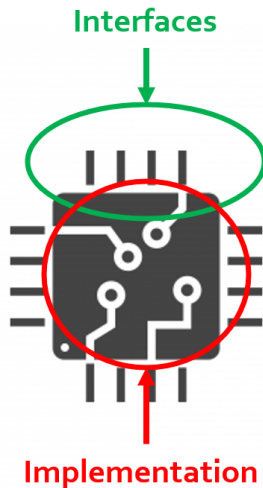
## Introduction

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- Why does fixing bugs introduce new ones?
- Control over visibility is a primary factor
  - Changes to an abstraction's internals shouldn't break users
  - Including type representation
- Need tool-enforced rules to isolate dependencies
  - Between implementations of abstractions and their users
  - In other words, "information hiding"

# Information Hiding

- A design technique in which implementation artifacts are made inaccessible to users
- Based on control of visibility to those artifacts
  - A product of "encapsulation"
  - Language support provides rigor
- Concept is "software integrated circuits"



# Views

- Specify legal manipulation for objects of a type
  - Types are characterized by permitted values and operations
- Some views are implicit in language
  - Mode `in` parameters have a view disallowing assignment
- Views may be explicitly specified
  - Disallowing access to representation
  - Disallowing assignment
- Purpose: control usage in accordance with design
  - Adherence to interface
  - Abstract Data Types

## Implementing Abstract Data Types via Views

# Implementing Abstract Data Types

- A combination of constructs in Ada
- Not based on single "class" construct, for example
- Constituent parts
  - Packages, with "private part" of package spec
  - "Private types" declared in packages
  - Subprograms declared within those packages

## Package Visible and Private Parts for Views

- Declarations in visible part are exported to users
- Declarations in private part are hidden from users
  - No compilable references to type's actual representation

```
package name is
... exported declarations of types, variables, subprograms .
private
... hidden declarations of types, variables, subprograms ...
end name;
```

# Declaring Private Types for Views

- Partial syntax

```
type defining_identifier is private;
```

- Private type declaration must occur in visible part

- *Partial view*

- Only partial information on the type

- Users can reference the type name

- But cannot create an object of that type until after the full type declaration

- Full type declaration must appear in private part

- Completion is the *Full view*

- **Never** visible to users

- **Not** visible to designer until reached

```
package Control is
 type Valve is private;
 procedure Open (V : in out Valve);
 procedure Close (V : in out Valve);
 ...
private
 type Valve is ...
end Control;
```

# Partial and Full Views of Types

- Private type declaration defines a *partial view*
  - The type name is visible
  - Only designer's operations and some predefined operations
  - No references to full type representation
- Full type declaration defines the *full view*
  - Fully defined as a record type, scalar, imported type, etc...
  - Just an ordinary type within the package
- Operations available depend upon one's view

# Software Engineering Principles

- Encapsulation and abstraction enforced by views
  - Compiler enforces view effects
- Same protection as hiding in a package body
  - Recall "Abstract Data Machines" idiom
- Additional flexibility of types
  - Unlimited number of objects possible
  - Passed as parameters
  - Components of array and record types
  - Dynamically allocated
  - et cetera

## Users Declare Objects of the Type

- Unlike "abstract data machine" approach
- Hence must specify which stack to manipulate
  - Via parameter

```
X, Y, Z : Stack;
...
Push (42, X);
...
if Empty (Y) then
...
Pop (Counter, Z);
```

## Compile-Time Visibility Protection

- No type representation details available outside the package
- Therefore users cannot compile code referencing representation
- This does not compile

```
with Bounded_Stacks;
procedure User is
 S : Bounded_Stacks.Stack;
begin
 S.Top := 1; -- Top is not visible
end User;
```

# Benefits of Views

- Users depend only on visible part of specification
  - Impossible for users to compile references to private part
  - Physically seeing private part in source code is irrelevant
- Changes to implementation don't affect users
  - No editing changes necessary for user code
- Implementers can create bullet-proof abstractions
  - If a facility isn't working, you know where to look
- Fixing bugs is less likely to introduce new ones

# Quiz

```
package P is
 type Private_T is private;

 type Record_T is record
```

Which component is legal?

- ☐ A. `Field_A : Integer := Private_T'Pos  
 (Private_T'First);`
- ☐ B. `Field_B : Private_T := null;`
- ☐ C. `Field_C : Private_T := 0;`
- ☐ D. `Field_D : Integer := Private_T'Size;  
 end record;`

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- D. `Field_D : Integer := Private_T'Size;`  
`end record;`

Explanations

- A. Visible part does not know `Private_T` is discrete
- B. Visible part does not know possible values for `Private_T`
- C. Visible part does not know possible values for `Private_T`
- D. Correct - type will have a known size at run-time

## Private Part Construction

# Private Part Location

- Must be in package specification, not body
- Body usually compiled separately after declaration
- Users can compile their code before the package body is compiled or even written

- Package definition

```
package Bounded_Stacks is
 type Stack is private;
 ...
private
 type Stack is ...
end Bounded_Stacks;
```

- Package reference

```
with Bounded_Stacks;
procedure User is
 S : Bounded_Stacks.Stack;
 ...
begin
 ...
end User;
```

# Private Part and Recompile

- Private part is part of the specification
  - Compiler needs info from private part for users' code, e.g., storage layouts for private-typed objects
- Thus changes to private part require user recompilation
- Some vendors avoid "unnecessary" recompilation
  - Comment additions or changes
  - Additions which nobody yet references

# Declarative Regions

- Declarative region of the spec extends to the body
  - Anything declared there is visible from that point down
  - Thus anything declared in specification is visible in body

```
package Foo is
 type Private_T is private;
 procedure X (B : in out Private_T);
private
 -- Y and Hidden_T are not visible to users
 procedure Y (B : in out Private_T);
 type Hidden_T is ...;
 type Private_T is array (1 .. 3) of Hidden_T;
end Foo;
```

```
package body Foo is
 -- Z is not visible to users
 procedure Z (B : in out Private_T) is ...
 procedure Y (B : in out Private_T) is ...
 procedure X (B : in out Private_T) is ...
end Foo;
```

# Full Type Declaration

- May be any type
  - Predefined or user-defined
  - Including references to imported types
- Contents of private part are unrestricted
  - Anything a package specification may contain
  - Types, subprograms, variables, etc.

```
package P is
 type T is private;
 ...
private
 type Vector is array (1.. 10)
 of Integer;
 function Initial
 return Vector;
 type T is record
 A, B : Vector := Initial;
 end record;
end P;
```

# Deferred Constants

- Visible constants of a hidden representation
  - Value is "deferred" to private part
  - Value must be provided in private part
- Not just for private types, but usually so

```
package P is
 type Set is private;
 Null_Set : constant Set; -- exported name
 ...
private
 type Index is range ...
 type Set is array (Index) of Boolean;
 Null_Set : constant Set := -- definition
 (others => False);
end P;
```

# Quiz

```
package P is
 type Private_T is private;
 Object_A : Private_T;
 procedure Proc (Param : in out Private_T);
private
 type Private_T is new Integer;
 Object_B : Private_T;
end package P;

package body P is
 Object_C : Private_T;
 procedure Proc (Param : in out Private_T) is null;
end P;
```

Which object definition is **not** legal?

- ☐ A. Object\_A
- ☐ B. Object\_B
- ☐ C. Object\_C
- ☐ D. None of the above

# Quiz

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private
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end package P;

package body P is
 Object_C : Private_T;
 procedure Proc (Param : in out Private_T) is null;
end P;
```

Which object definition is **not** legal?

- ☒ A. *Object\_A*
- ☐ B. Object\_B
- ☐ C. Object\_C
- ☐ D. None of the above

An object cannot be declared until its type is fully declared. `Object_A` could be declared constant, but then it would have to be finalized in the **private** section.

## View Operations

# View Operations

- A matter of inside versus outside the package
  - Inside the package the view is that of the designer
  - Outside the package the view is that of the user
- **User** of package has **Partial** view
  - Operations exported by package
  - Basic operations
- **Designer** of package has **Full** view
  - **Once** completion is reached
  - All operations based upon full definition of type
  - Indexed components for arrays
  - components for records
  - Type-specific attributes
  - Numeric manipulation for numerics
  - et cetera

## Designer View Sees Full Declaration

```
package Bounded_Stacks is
 Capacity : constant := 100;
 type Stack is private;
 procedure Push (Item : in Integer; Onto : in out Stack);
 ...
private
 type Index is range 0 .. Capacity;
 type Vector is array (Index range 1..Capacity) of Integer;
 type Stack is record
 Top : Integer;
 ...
 end Bounded_Stacks;
```

## Designer View Allows All Operations

```
package body Bounded_Stacks is
 procedure Push (Item : in Integer;
 Onto : in out Stack) is
 begin
 Onto.Top := Onto.Top + 1;
 ...
 end Push;

 procedure Pop (Item : out Integer;
 From : in out Stack) is
 begin
 Onto.Top := Onto.Top - 1;
 ...
 end Pop;
end Bounded_Stacks;
```

## Users Have the Partial View

- Since they are outside package
- Basic operations
- Exported subprograms

```
package Bounded_Stacks is
 type Stack is private;
 procedure Push (Item : in Integer; Onto : in out Stack);
 procedure Pop (Item : out Integer; From : in out Stack);
 function Empty (S : Stack) return Boolean;
 procedure Clear (S : in out Stack);
 function Top (S : Stack) return Integer;
private
 ...
end Bounded_Stacks;
```

# User View's Activities

- Declarations of objects
  - Constants and variables
  - Must call designer's functions for values

```
C : Complex.Number := Complex.I;
```

- Assignment, equality and inequality, conversions
- Designer's declared subprograms
- User-declared subprograms
  - Using parameters of the exported private type
  - Dependent on designer's operations

## User View Formal Parameters

- Dependent on designer's operations for manipulation
  - Cannot reference type's representation
- Can have default expressions of private types

*-- external implementation of "Top"*

```
procedure Get_Top (
 The_Stack : in out Bounded_Stacks.Stack;
 Value : out Integer) is
 Local : Integer;
begin
 Bounded_Stacks.Pop (Local, The_Stack);
 Value := Local;
 Bounded_Stacks.Push (Local, The_Stack);
end Get_Top;
```

# Limited Private

- **limited** is itself a view
  - Cannot perform assignment, copy, or equality
- **limited private** can restrain user's operation
  - Actual type **does not** need to be **limited**

```
package UART is
 type Instance is limited private;
 function Get_Next_Available return Instance;
[...]
```

```
declare
 A, B := UART.Get_Next_Available;
begin
 if A = B -- Illegal
 then
 A := B; -- Illegal
 end if;
```

## When To Use or Avoid Private Types

# When To Use Private Types

- Implementation may change
  - Allows users to be unaffected by changes in representation
- Normally available operations do not "make sense"
  - Normally available based upon type's representation
  - Determined by intent of ADT

```
A : Valve;
```

```
B : Valve;
```

```
C : Valve;
```

```
...
```

```
C := A + B; -- addition not meaningful
```

- Users have no "need to know"
  - Based upon expected usage

## When To Avoid Private Types

- If the abstraction is too simple to justify the effort
  - But that's the thinking that led to Y2K rework
- If normal user interface requires representation-specific operations that cannot be provided
  - Those that cannot be redefined by programmers
  - Would otherwise be hidden by a private type
  - If **Vector** is private, indexing of elements is annoying

```
type Vector is array (Positive range <>) of Float;
V : Vector (1 .. 3);
...
V (1) := Alpha;
```

## Idioms

# Effects of Hiding Type Representation

- Makes users independent of representation
  - Changes cannot require users to alter their code
  - Software engineering is all about money...
- Makes users dependent upon exported operations
  - Because operations requiring representation info are not available to users
    - Expression of values (aggregates, etc.)
    - Assignment for limited types
- Common idioms are a result
  - *Constructor*
  - *Selector*

# Constructors

- Create designer's objects from user's values
- Usually functions

```
package Complex is
 type Number is private;
 function Make (Real_Part : Float; Imaginary : Float) return Number;
private
 type Number is record ...
end Complex;
```

```
package body Complex is
 function Make (Real_Part : Float; Imaginary_Part : Float)
 return Number is ...
end Complex:
...
A : Complex.Number :=
 Complex.Make (Real_Part => 2.5, Imaginary => 1.0);
```

# Procedures As Constructors

## ■ Spec

```
package Complex is
 type Number is private;
 procedure Make (This : out Number; Real_Part, Imaginary : in Float) ;
 ...
private
 type Number is record
 Real_Part, Imaginary : Float;
 end record;
end Complex;
```

## ■ Body (partial)

```
package body Complex is
 procedure Make (This : out Number;
 Real_Part, Imaginary : in Float) is
 begin
 This.Real_Part := Real_Part;
 This.Imaginary := Imaginary;
 end Make;
 ...
```

# Selectors

- Decompose designer's objects into user's values
- Usually functions

```
package Complex is
 type Number is private;
 function Real_Part (This: Number) return Float;
 ...
private
 type Number is record
 Real_Part, Imaginary : Float;
 end record;
end Complex;

package body Complex is
 function Real_Part (This : Number) return Float is
 begin
 return This.Real_Part;
 end Real_Part;
 ...
end Complex;

...
Phase : Complex.Number := Complex.Make (10.0, 5.5);
Object : Float := Complex.Real_Part (Phase);
```

Lab

# Private Types Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Implement a program to create a map such that
  - Map key is a description of a flag
  - Map element content is the set of colors in the flag
- Operations on the map should include: Add, Remove, Modify, Get, Exists, Image
- Main program should print out the entire map before exiting

## ■ Hints

- Should implement a **map** ADT (to keep track of the flags)
  - This **map** will contain all the flags and their color descriptions
- Should implement a **set** ADT (to keep track of the colors)
  - This **set** will be the description of the map element
- Each ADT should be its own package
- At a minimum, the **map** and **set** type should be **private**

# Private Types Lab Solution - Color Set

```

1 package Colors is
2 type Color_T is (Red, Yellow, Green, Blue, Black);
3 type Color_Set_T is private;
4
5 Empty_Set : constant Color_Set_T;
6
7 procedure Add (Set : in out Color_Set_T;
8 Color : Color_T);
9 procedure Remove (Set : in out Color_Set_T;
10 Color : Color_T);
11 function Image (Set : Color_Set_T) return String;
12 private
13 type Color_Set_Array_T is array (Color_T) of Boolean;
14 type Color_Set_T is record
15 Values : Color_Set_Array_T := (others => False);
16 end record;
17 Empty_Set : constant Color_Set_T := (Values => (others => False));
18 end Colors;
19
20 package body Colors is
21 procedure Add (Set : in out Color_Set_T;
22 Color : Color_T) is
23 begin
24 Set.Values (Color) := True;
25 end Add;
26 procedure Remove (Set : in out Color_Set_T;
27 Color : Color_T) is
28 begin
29 Set.Values (Color) := False;
30 end Remove;
31
32 function Image (Set : Color_Set_T;
33 First : Color_T;
34 Last : Color_T)
35 return String is
36 Str : constant String := (if Set.Values (First) then Color_T'Image (First) else "");
37 begin
38 if First = Last then
39 return Str;
40 else
41 return Str & " " & Image (Set, Color_T'Succ (First), Last);
42 end if;
43 end Image;
44 function Image (Set : Color_Set_T) return String is
45 (Image (Set, Color_T'First, Color_T'Last));
46 end Colors;

```

# Private Types Lab Solution - Flag Map (Spec)

```
1 with Colors;
2 package Flags is
3 type Key_T is (USA, England, France, Italy);
4 type Map_Element_T is private;
5 type Map_T is private;
6
7 procedure Add (Map : in out Map_T;
8 Key : Key_T;
9 Description : Colors.Color_Set_T;
10 Success : out Boolean);
11
12 procedure Remove (Map : in out Map_T;
13 Key : Key_T;
14 Success : out Boolean);
15
16 procedure Modify (Map : in out Map_T;
17 Key : Key_T;
18 Description : Colors.Color_Set_T;
19 Success : out Boolean);
19
20 function Exists (Map : Map_T; Key : Key_T) return Boolean;
21 function Get (Map : Map_T; Key : Key_T) return Map_Element_T;
22 function Image (Item : Map_Element_T) return String;
23 function Image (Flag : Map_T) return String;
24 private
25 type Map_Element_T is record
26 Key : Key_T := Key_T'First;
27 Description : Colors.Color_Set_T := Colors.Empty_Set;
28 end record;
29 type Map_Array_T is array (1 .. 100) of Map_Element_T;
30 type Map_T is record
31 Values : Map_Array_T;
32 Length : Natural := 0;
33 end record;
34 end Flags;
```

# Private Types Lab Solution - Flag Map (Body - 1 of 2)

```
3 procedure Add (Map : in out Map_T;
4 Key : Key_T;
5 Description : Colors.Color_Set_T;
6 Success : out Boolean) is
7 begin
8 Success := (for all Item of Map.Values
9 (1 .. Map.Length) => Item.Key /= Key);
10 if Success then
11 declare
12 New_Item : constant Map_Element_T :=
13 (Key => Key, Description => Description);
14 begin
15 Map.Length := Map.Length + 1;
16 Map.Values (Map.Length) := New_Item;
17 end;
18 end if;
19 end Add;
20 procedure Remove (Map : in out Map_T;
21 Key : Key_T;
22 Success : out Boolean) is
23 begin
24 Success := False;
25 for I in 1 .. Map.Length loop
26 if Map.Values (I).Key = Key then
27 Map.Values
28 (I .. Map.Length - 1) := Map.Values
29 (I + 1 .. Map.Length);
30 Map.Length := Map.Length - 1;
31 Success := True;
32 exit;
33 end if;
34 end loop;
35 end Remove;
```

# Private Types Lab Solution - Flag Map (Body - 2 of 2)

```

35 procedure Modify (Map : in out Map_T;
36 Key : Key_T;
37 Description : Colors.Color_Set_T;
38 Success : out Boolean) is
39 begin
40 Success := False;
41 for I in 1 .. Map.Length loop
42 if Map.Values (I).Key = Key then
43 Map.Values (I).Description := Description;
44 Success := True;
45 exit;
46 end if;
47 end loop;
48 end Modify;
49 function Exists (Map : Map_T; Key : Key_T) return Boolean is
50 (for some Item of Map.Values (1 .. Map.Length) => Item.Key = Key);
51 function Get (Map : Map_T; Key : Key_T) return Map_Element_T is
52 Ret_Val : Map_Element_T;
53 begin
54 for I in 1 .. Map.Length loop
55 if Map.Values (I).Key = Key then
56 Ret_Val := Map.Values (I);
57 exit;
58 end if;
59 end loop;
60 return Ret_Val;
61 end Get;
62 function Image (Item : Map_Element_T) return String is
63 (Key_T'Image (Item.Key) & " => " & Colors.Image (Item.Description));
64 function Image (Flag : Map_T) return String is
65 Ret_Val : String (1 .. 1_000);
66 Next : Integer := Ret_Val'First;
67 begin
68 for Item of Flag.Values (1 .. Flag.Length) loop
69 declare
70 Str : constant String := Image (Item);
71 begin
72 Ret_Val (Next .. Next + Str'Length) := Image (Item) & ASCII.LF;
73 Next := Next + Str'Length + 1;
74 end;
75 end loop;
76 return Ret_Val (1 .. Next - 1);
77 end Image;

```

# Private Types Lab Solution - Main

```
1 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2 with Colors;
3 with Flags;
4 with Input;
5 procedure Main is
6 Map : Flags.Map_T;
7 begin
8
9 loop
10 Put ("Enter country name (");
11 for Key in Flags.Key_T loop
12 Put (Flags.Key_T'Image (Key) & " ");
13 end loop;
14 Put ("): ");
15 declare
16 Str : constant String := Get_Line;
17 Key : Flags.Key_T;
18 Description : Colors.Color_Set_T;
19 Success : Boolean;
20 begin
21 exit when Str'Length = 0;
22 Key := Flags.Key_T'Value (Str);
23 Description := Input.Get;
24 if Flags.Exists (Map, Key) then
25 Flags.Modify (Map, Key, Description, Success);
26 else
27 Flags.Add (Map, Key, Description, Success);
28 end if;
29 end;
30 end loop;
31
32 Put_Line (Flags.Image (Map));
33 end Main;
```

## Summary

# Summary

- Tool-enforced support for Abstract Data Types
  - Same protection as Abstract Data Machine idiom
  - Capabilities and flexibility of types
- May also be **limited**
  - Thus additionally no assignment or predefined equality
  - More on this later
- Common interface design idioms have arisen
  - Resulting from representation independence
- Assume private types as initial design choice
  - Change is inevitable

# Access Types

## Introduction

# Access Types Design

- Memory-addressed objects are called *access types*
- Objects are associated to *pools* of memory
  - With different allocation / deallocation policies
- Access objects are **guaranteed** to always be meaningful
  - In the absence of `Unchecked_Deallocation`
  - And if pool-specific

## ■ Ada

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

## ■ C++

```
int * P_C = malloc (sizeof (int));
int * P_CPP = new int;
int * G_C = &Some_Int;
```

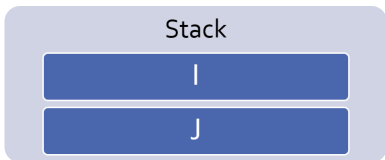
```
type Integer_General_Access
 is access all Integer;
G : aliased Integer;
G_A : Integer_General_Access := G'access;
```

# Access Types Can Be Dangerous

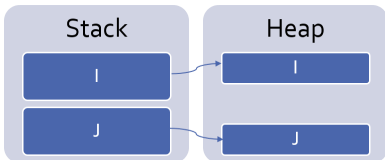
- Multiple memory issues
  - Leaks / corruptions
- Introduces potential random failures complicated to analyze
- Increase the complexity of the data structures
- May decrease the performances of the application
  - Dereferences are slightly more expensive than direct access
  - Allocations are a lot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

# Stack vs Heap

```
I : Integer := 0;
J : String := "Some Long String";
```



```
I : Access_Int := new Integer'(0);
J : Access_Str := new String'("Some Long String");
```



## Access Types

# Declaration Location

- Can be at library level

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

- Can be nested in a procedure

```
package body P is
 procedure Proc is
 type String_Access is access 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)

# Null Values

- A pointer that does not point to any actual data has a **null** value
- Access types have a default value of **null**
- **null** can be used in assignments and comparisons

**declare**

```
type Acc is access all Integer;
```

```
V : Acc;
```

**begin**

```
if V = null then
```

```
 -- will go here
```

```
end if
```

```
V := new Integer'(0);
```

```
V := null; -- semantically correct, but memory leak
```

# Access Types and Primitives

- Subprogram 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
```

# Dereferencing Access Types

- `.all` does the access dereference
  - Lets you access the object pointed to by the pointer
- `.all` is optional for
  - Access on a component of an array
  - Access on a component of a record

# Dereference Examples

```
type R is record
 F1, F2 : Integer;
end record;
type A_Int is access Integer;
type A_String is access all String;
type A_R is access R;
V_Int : A_Int := new Integer;
V_String : A_String := new String("abc");
V_R : A_R := new R;

V_Int.all := 0;
V_String.all := "cde";
V_String(1) := 'z'; -- similar to V_String.all(1) := 'z';
V_R.all := (0, 0);
V_R.F1 := 1; -- similar to V_R.all.F1 := 1;
```

## Pool-Specific Access Types

## 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 access
- 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**

# Aliased Objects Examples

```
type Acc is access all Integer;
V, G : Acc;
I : aliased Integer;
...
V := I'Access;
V.all := 5; -- Same as I := 5
...
procedure P1 is
 I : aliased Integer;
begin
 G := I'Unchecked_Access;
 P2;
end P1;

procedure P2 is
begin
 -- OK when P2 called from P1.
 -- What if P2 is called from elsewhere?
 G.all := 5;
end P2;
```

# Quiz

```
type One_T is access all Integer;
type Two_T is access Integer;
```

```
A : aliased Integer;
B : Integer;
```

```
One : One_T;
Two : Two_T;
```

Which assignment is legal?

- ☐ A. One := B'Access;
- ☐ B. One := A'Access;
- ☐ C. Two := B'Access;
- ☐ D. Two := A'Access;

# Quiz

```
type One_T is access all Integer;
type Two_T is access Integer;
```

```
A : aliased Integer;
B : Integer;
```

```
One : One_T;
Two : Two_T;
```

Which assignment is legal?

- ☐ A. One := B'Access;
- ☐ B. **One := A'Access;**
- ☐ C. Two := B'Access;
- ☐ D. Two := A'Access;

'Access is only allowed for general access types (One\_T). To use 'Access on an object, the object must be **aliased**.

## 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
 O0 : aliased Integer;
 procedure Proc is
 -- Library level subprogram, depth 1
 type Acc1 is access all Integer;
 procedure Nested is
 -- Nested subprogram, enclosing + 1, here 2
 O2 : aliased Integer;
```

- Objects can be referenced by access **types** that are at **same depth or deeper**
  - An **access scope** must be  $\leq$  the object scope
- **type** Acc1 (depth 1) can access O0 (depth 0) but not O2 (depth 2)
- The compiler checks it statically
  - Removing checks is a workaround!
- Note: Subprogram library units are at **depth 1** and not 0

# Introduction to Accessibility Checks (2/2)

```
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;
```

- To avoid having to face these issues, avoid nested access types

# 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);
 G := null; -- This is "reasonable"
end P;
```

## Using Access Types 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;
```

# Quiz

```
type Global_Access_T is access all Integer;
Global_Pointer : Global_Access_T;
Global_Object : aliased Integer;
procedure Proc_Access is
 type Local_Access_T is access all Integer;
 Local_Pointer : Local_Access_T;
 Local_Object : aliased Integer;
begin
```

Which assignment is **not** legal?

- ☐ A. Global\_Pointer := Global\_Object'Access;
- ☐ B. Global\_Pointer := Local\_Object'Access;
- ☐ C. Local\_Pointer := Global\_Object'Access;
- ☐ D. Local\_Pointer := Local\_Object'Access;

# Quiz

```
type Global_Access_T is access all Integer;
Global_Pointer : Global_Access_T;
Global_Object : aliased Integer;
procedure Proc_Access is
 type Local_Access_T is access all Integer;
 Local_Pointer : Local_Access_T;
 Local_Object : aliased Integer;
begin
```

Which assignment is **not** legal?

- ☐ A. `Global_Pointer := Global_Object'Access;`
- ☒ B. `Global_Pointer := Local_Object'Access;`
- ☐ C. `Local_Pointer := Global_Object'Access;`
- ☐ D. `Local_Pointer := Local_Object'Access;`

Explanations

- ☒ A. Pointer type has same depth as object
- ☐ B. Pointer type is not allowed to have higher level than pointed-to object
- ☐ C. Pointer type has lower depth than pointed-to object
- ☐ D. Pointer type has same depth as object

## Memory Management

# 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...

## Anonymous Access Types

# Anonymous Access Parameters

- Parameter modes are of 4 types: **in**, **out**, **in out**, **access**
- The access mode is called *anonymous access type*
  - Anonymous access is implicitly general (no need for **all**)
- When used:
  - Any named access can be passed as parameter
  - Any anonymous access can be passed as parameter

```
type Acc is access all Integer;
Aliased_Integer : aliased Integer;
Access_Object : Acc := Aliased_Integer'access;
procedure P1 (Anon_Access : access Integer) is null;
procedure P2 (Access_Parameter : access Integer) is
begin
 P1 (Aliased_Integer'access);
 P1 (Access_Object);
 P1 (Access_Parameter);
end P2;
```

# Anonymous Access Types

- Other places can declare an anonymous access

```
function F return access Integer;
V : access Integer;
type T (V : access Integer) is record
 C : access Integer;
end record;
type A is array (Integer range <>) of access Integer;
```

- Do not use them without a clear understanding of accessibility check rules

# Anonymous Access Constants

- **constant** (instead of **all**) denotes an access type through which the referenced object cannot be modified

```
type CAcc is access constant Integer;
G1 : aliased Integer;
G2 : aliased constant Integer := 123;
V1 : CAcc := G1'Access;
V2 : CAcc := G2'Access;
V1.all := 0; -- illegal
```

- **not null** denotes an access type for which null value cannot be accepted

- Available in Ada 2005 and later

```
type NAcc is not null access Integer;
V : NAcc := null; -- illegal
```

- Also works for subprogram parameters

```
procedure Bar (V1 : access constant Integer);
procedure Foo (V1 : not null access Integer); -- Ada 2005
```

Lab

# Access Types Lab

## ■ Overview

- Create a (really simple) Password Manager
  - The Password Manager should store the password and a counter for each of some number of logins
  - As it's a Password Manager, you want to modify the data directly (not pass the information around)

## ■ Requirements

- Create a Password Manager package
  - Create a record to store the password string and the counter
  - Create an array of these records indexed by the login identifier
  - The user should be able to retrieve a pointer to the record, either for modification or for viewing
- Main program should:
  - Set passwords and initial counter values for many logins
  - Print password and counter value for each login

## ■ Hint

- Password is a string of varying length
  - Easiest way to do this is a pointer to a string that gets initialized to the correct length

# Access Types Lab Solution - Password Manager

```
package Password_Manager is

 type Login_T is (Email, Banking, Amazon, Streaming);
 type Password_T is record
 Count : Natural;
 Password : access String;
 end record;

 type Modifiable_T is access all Password_T;
 type Viewable_T is access constant Password_T;

 function Update (Login : Login_T) return Modifiable_T;
 function View (Login : Login_T) return Viewable_T;

end Password_Manager;

package body Password_Manager is

 Passwords : array (Login_T) of aliased Password_T;

 function Update (Login : Login_T) return Modifiable_T is
 (Passwords (Login)'Access);
 function View (Login : Login_T) return Viewable_T is
 (Passwords (Login)'Access);

end Password_Manager;
```

# Access Types Lab Solution - Main

```
1 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2 with Password_Manager; use Password_Manager;
3 procedure Main is
4
5 procedure Update (Which : Password_Manager.Login_T;
6 Pw : String;
7 Count : Natural) is
8
9 begin
10 Update (Which).Password := new String'(Pw);
11 Update (Which).Count := Count;
12 end Update;
13
14 begin
15 Update (Email, "QWE!@#", 1);
16 Update (Banking, "asd123", 22);
17 Update (Amazon, "098poi", 333);
18 Update (Streaming, ")(*LKJ", 444);
19
20 for Login in Login_T'Range loop
21 Put_Line
22 (Login'Image & " => " & View (Login).Password.all &
23 View (Login).Count'Image);
24 end loop;
25 end Main;
```

## Summary

# Summary

- Access types are the same as C/C++ pointers
- There are usually better ways of memory management
  - Language has its own ways of dealing with large objects passed as parameters
  - Language has libraries dedicated to memory allocation / deallocation
- At a minimum, create your own generics to do allocation / deallocation
  - Minimize memory leakage and corruption

# 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

```
// prototype
template <class T>
void Swap (T & L, T & R);

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

// instance
int x, y;
Swap<int>(x,y);
```

## 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 (S : Stack_T);
```

## 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 (S, 1);
Integer_Stack_Utils.Print (S);
```

## Generic Data

## 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;
 type T2 (<>) is private;
 type T3 is limited private;
package Parent is
```

- The actual parameter must be no more restrictive than the *generic contract*

## Generic Types Parameters (2/3)

- Generic formal parameter tells generic what it is allowed to do with the type

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|                                             |                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>type T1 is (&lt;&gt;);</code>         | Discrete type; 'First, 'Succ, etc available                                            |
| <code>type T2 is range &lt;&gt;;</code>     | Signed Integer type; appropriate mathematic operations allowed                         |
| <code>type T3 is digits &lt;&gt;;</code>    | Floating point type; appropriate mathematic operations allowed                         |
| <code>type T4 (&lt;&gt;);</code>            | Indefinite type; can only be used as target of <b>access</b>                           |
| <code>type T5 is tagged;</code>             | <b>tagged</b> type; can extend the type                                                |
| <code>type T6 is private;</code>            | No knowledge about the type other than assignment, comparison, object creation allowed |
| <code>type T7 (&lt;&gt;) is private;</code> | (<>) indicates type can be unconstrained, so any object has to be initialized          |

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# Generic Types Parameters (3/3)

- The usage in the generic has to follow the contract

- Generic Subprogram

```
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
```

- Instantiations

```
type Limited_T is limited null record;

-- unconstrained types are accepted
procedure P1 is new P (String);

-- type is already constrained
-- (but generic will still always initialize objects)
procedure P2 is new P (Integer);

-- Illegal: the type can't be limited because the generic
-- thinks it can make copies
procedure P3 is new P (Limited_T);
```

# Generic Parameters Can Be Combined

- Consistency is checked at compile-time

```
generic
 type T (<>) is private;
 type Acc is access all T;
 type Index is (<>);
 type Arr is array (Index range <>) of Acc;
function Element (Source : Arr;
 Position : Index)
 return T;

type String_Ptr is access all String;
type String_Array is array (Integer range <>)
 of String_Ptr;

function String_Element is new Element
(T => String,
 Acc => String_Ptr,
 Index => Integer,
 Arr => String_Array);
```

# Quiz

```
generic
 type T1 is (<>);
 type T2 (<>) is private;
procedure G
 (A : T1;
 B : T2);
```

Which is **not** a legal 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 **not** a legal 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

# Generic Constants/Variables as 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 package

```
generic
 type Element_T is private;
 Array_Size : Positive;
 High_Watermark : in out Element_T;
package Repository is
```
  - Generic instance

```
V : Float;
Max : Float;
```
- ```
procedure My_Repository is new Repository
  (Element_T      => Float,
   Array_size     => 10,
   High_Watermark => Max);
```

Generic Subprogram Parameters

- Subprograms can be defined in the generic contract
- Must be introduced by **with** to differ from the generic unit

```
generic
  type T is private;
  with function Less_Than (L, R : T) return Boolean;
function Max (L, R : T) return T;

function Max (L, R : T) return T is
begin
  if Less_Than (L, R) then
    return R;
  else
    return L;
  end if;
end Max;

type Something_T is null record;
function Less_Than (L, R : Something_T) return Boolean;
procedure My_Max is new Max (Something_T, Less_Than);
```

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
  type T is private;
  with function Is_Valid (P : T) return Boolean is <>;
  with procedure Error_Message (P : T) is null;
procedure Validate (P : T);

function Is_Valid_Record (P : Record_T) return Boolean;

procedure My_Validate is new Validate (Record_T,
                                       Is_Valid_Record);

-- Is_Valid maps to Is_Valid_Record
-- Error_Message maps to a null subprogram
```

Quiz

```
generic
  type Element_T is (<>);
  Last : in out Element_T;
procedure Write (P : Element_T);
```

```
Numeric      : Integer;
Enumerated   : Boolean;
Floating_Point : Float;
```

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

- ☐ A. procedure Write_A is new Write (Integer, Numeric)
- ☐ B. procedure Write_B is new Write (Boolean, Enumerated)
- ☐ C. procedure Write_C is new Write (Integer, Integer'Pos (Enumerated))
- ☐ D. procedure Write_D is new Write (Float, Floating_Point)

Quiz

```
generic
  type Element_T is (<>);
  Last : in out Element_T;
procedure Write (P : Element_T);
```

```
Numeric      : Integer;
Enumerated   : Boolean;
Floating_Point : Float;
```

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

- ☐ A. `procedure Write_A is new Write (Integer, Numeric)`
 - ☐ B. `procedure Write_B is new Write (Boolean, Enumerated)`
 - ☐ C. `procedure Write_C is new Write (Integer, Integer'Pos (Enumerated))`
 - ☐ D. `procedure Write_D is new Write (Float, Floating_Point)`
-
- ☐ A. Legal
 - ☐ B. Legal
 - ☐ C. The second generic parameter has to be a variable
 - ☐ D. The first generic parameter has to be discrete

Quiz

Ada 2005

```
1 procedure Double (X : in out Integer);
2 procedure Square (X : in out Integer);
3 procedure Half (X : in out Integer);
4 generic
5     with procedure Double (X : in out Integer) is <>;
6     with procedure Square (X : in out Integer) is null;
7 procedure Math (P : in out Integer);
8 procedure Math (P : in out Integer) is
9 begin
10     Double(P);
11     Square(P);
12 end Math;
13 procedure Instance is new Math (Double => Half);
14 Number : Integer := 10;
```

What is the value of Number after
calling Instance (Number)

- ☐ A 20
- ☐ B 400
- ☐ C 5
- ☐ D 10

Quiz

Ada 2005

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2 procedure Square (X : in out Integer);
3 procedure Half (X : in out Integer);
4 generic
5   with procedure Double (X : in out Integer) is <>;
6   with procedure Square (X : in out Integer) is null;
7 procedure Math (P : in out Integer);
8 procedure Math (P : in out Integer) is
9 begin
10   Double(P);
11   Square(P);
12 end Math;
13 procedure Instance is new Math (Double => Half);
14 Number : Integer := 10;
```

What is the value of Number after
calling Instance (Number)

- ☐ A 20
- ☐ B 400
- ☒ C 5
- ☐ D 10

- ☐ A. Would be correct for `procedure Instance is new Math;`
- ☐ B. Would be correct for either
`procedure Instance is new Math (Double, Square);` or
`procedure Instance is new Math (Square => Square);`
- ☒ C. Correct
 - We call formal parameter Double, which has been assigned to actual subprogram Half, so P, which is 10, is halved.
 - Then we call formal parameter Square, which has no actual subprogram, so it defaults to `null`, so nothing happens to P
- ☐ D. Would be correct for either
`procedure Instance is new Math (Double, Half);` or
`procedure Instance is new Math (Square => Half);`

Quiz Answer In Depth

- A. Wrong - result for `procedure` Instance `is new` Math;
- B. Wrong - result for
`procedure` Instance `is new` Math (Double, Square);
- C. Double at line 10 is mapped to Half at line 3, and Square at line 11 wasn't specified so it defaults to `null`
- D. Wrong - result for
`procedure` Instance `is new` Math (Square => Half);

Quiz Answer In Depth

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`procedure` Instance `is new` Math (Double, Square);
- C. Double at line 10 is mapped to Half at line 3, and Square at line 11 wasn't specified so it defaults to `null`
- D. Wrong - result for
`procedure` Instance `is new` Math (Square => Half);

Math is going to call two subprograms in order, Double and Square, but both of those come from the formal data.

Whatever is used for Double, will be called by the Math instance. If nothing is passed in, the compiler tries to find a subprogram named Double and use that. If it doesn't, that's a compile error.

Whatever is used for Square, will be called by the Math instance. If nothing is passed in, the compiler will treat this as a null call.

In our case, Half is passed in for the first subprogram, but nothing is passed in for the second, so that call will just be null.

So the final answer should be 5 (hence letter C).

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) legal for G_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) legal for G_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 record structure containing multiple fields
 - Need subprograms to convert the record to a string, and compare the order of two records
 - Lab prompt package `Data_Type` contains a framework
- Create a generic list implementation
 - Need subprograms to add items to the list, sort the list, and print the list
- The **main** program should:
 - Add many records to the list
 - Sort the list
 - Print the list

■ Hints

- Sort routine will need to know how to compare elements
- Print routine will need to know how to print one element

Genericity Lab Solution - Generic (Spec)

```
1  generic
2      type Element_T is private;
3      Max_Size : Natural;
4      with function ">" (L, R : Element_T) return Boolean is <>;
5      with function Image (Element : Element_T) return String;
6  package Generic_List is
7
8      type List_T is private;
9
10     procedure Add (This : in out List_T;
11                   Item : in Element_T);
12     procedure Sort (This : in out List_T);
13     procedure Print (List : List_T);
14
15 private
16     subtype Index_T is Natural range 0 .. Max_Size;
17     type List_Array_T is array (1 .. Index_T'Last) of Element_T;
18
19     type List_T is record
20         Values : List_Array_T;
21         Length : Index_T := 0;
22     end record;
23 end Generic_List;
```

Genericity Lab Solution - Generic (Body)

```
1  with Ada.Text_io; use Ada.Text_IO;
2  package body Generic_List is
3
4      procedure Add (This : in out List_T;
5                    Item : in     Element_T) is
6      begin
7          This.Length      := This.Length + 1;
8          This.Values (This.Length) := Item;
9      end Add;
10
11     procedure Sort (This : in out List_T) is
12         Temp : Element_T;
13     begin
14         for I in 1 .. This.Length loop
15             for J in 1 .. This.Length - I loop
16                 if This.Values (J) > This.Values (J + 1) then
17                     Temp                := This.Values (J);
18                     This.Values (J)      := This.Values (J + 1);
19                     This.Values (J + 1) := Temp;
20                 end if;
21             end loop;
22         end loop;
23     end Sort;
24
25     procedure Print (List : List_T) is
26     begin
27         for I in 1 .. List.Length loop
28             Put_Line (Integer'Image (I) & " " & Image (List.Values (I)));
29         end loop;
30     end Print;
31
32 end Generic_List;
```

Genericity Lab Solution - Main

```
1  with Data_Type;
2  with Generic_List;
3  procedure Main is
4      package List is new Generic_List (Element_T => Data_Type.Record_T,
5                                          Max_Size   => 20,
6                                          ">"       => Data_Type.">",
7                                          Image      => Data_Type.Image);
8
9      My_List : List.List_T;
10     Element : Data_Type.Record_T;
11
12     begin
13         List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Field => 111,
14                             Character_Field => 'a'));
15         List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Field => 111,
16                             Character_Field => 'z'));
17         List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Field => 111,
18                             Character_Field => 'A'));
19         List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Field => 999,
20                             Character_Field => 'B'));
21         List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Field => 999,
22                             Character_Field => 'Y'));
23         List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Field => 999,
24                             Character_Field => 'b'));
25         List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Field => 112,
26                             Character_Field => 'a'));
27         List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Field => 998,
28                             Character_Field => 'z'));
29
30         List.Sort (My_List);
31         List.Print (My_List);
32     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

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;
```

- Conversion 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
```

Overriding Indicators

Ada 2005

- Optional **overriding** and **not overriding** indicators

```
type Shape_T is tagged record
    Name : String(1..10);
end record;

-- primitives of "Shape_T"
function Get_Name (S : Shape_T) return String;
procedure Set_Name (S : in out Shape_T);

-- Derive "Point" from Shape_T
type Point is new Shape_T with record
    Origin : Coord_T;
end Point;

-- Get_Name is inherited
-- We want to _change_ the behavior of Set_Name
overriding procedure Set_Name (P : in out Point_T);
-- We want to _add_ a new primitive
not overriding procedure Set-Origin (P : in out Point_T);
```

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;
 Object : T1;
 procedure P (O : T1) is null;
- ☐ D. package Nested is
 type T1 is tagged null record;
end Nested;
use Nested;
procedure P (O : T1) is null;

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;*
Object : T1;
procedure P (O : T1) is null;

D. *package Nested is*
type T1 is tagged null record;
end Nested;
use Nested;
procedure P (O : T1) is null;

- A.** Primitive (same scope)
- B.** Primitive (T1 is not yet frozen)
- C.** T1 is frozen by the object declaration
- D.** Primitive must be declared in same scope as type

Quiz

```
with Shapes; -- Defines tagged type Shape, with primitive P
with Colors; use Colors; -- Defines tagged type Color, with primitive P
with Weights; -- Defines tagged type Weight, with primitive P
use type Weights.Weight;
```

```
procedure Main is
  The_Shape : Shapes.Shape;
  The_Color : Colors.Color;
  The_Weight : Weights.Weight;
```

Which statement(s) is(are) valid?

- ☐ A. The_Shape.P
- ☐ B. P (The_Shape)
- ☐ C. P (The_Color)
- ☐ D. P (The_Weight)

Quiz

```
with Shapes; -- Defines tagged type Shape, with primitive P
with Colors; use Colors; -- Defines tagged type Color, with primitive P
with Weights; -- Defines tagged type Weight, with primitive P
use type Weights.Weight;
```

```
procedure Main is
    The_Shape : Shapes.Shape;
    The_Color : Colors.Color;
    The_Weight : Weights.Weight;
```

Which statement(s) is(are) valid?

- ☒ A. *The_Shape.P*
- ☐ B. `P (The_Shape)`
- ☒ C. *P (The_Color)*
- ☐ D. `P (The_Weight)`
- ☐ E. `use type` only gives visibility to operators; needs to be `use all type`

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

Extending Tagged Types

How Do You Extend A Tagged Type?

- Premise of a tagged type is to `extend` an existing type
- In general, that means we want to add more fields
 - We can extend a `tagged` type by adding fields

```
package Animals is
  type Animal_T is tagged record
    Age : Natural;
  end record;
end Animals;

with Animals; use Animals;
package Mammals is
  type Mammal_T is new Animal_T with record
    Number_Of_Legs : Natural;
  end record;
end Mammals;

with Mammals; use Mammals;
package Canines is
  type Canine_T is new Mammal_T with record
    Domesticated : Boolean;
  end record;
end Canines;
```

Tagged Aggregate

- At initialization, all fields (including **inherited**) must have a **value**

```
Animal : Animal_T := (Age => 1);  
Mammal : Mammal_T := (Age           => 2,  
                       Number_Of_Legs => 2);  
Canine  : Canine_T := (Age           => 2,  
                       Number_Of_Legs => 4,  
                       Domesticated   => True);
```

- But we can also "seed" the aggregate with a parent object

```
Mammal := (Animal with Number_Of_Legs => 4);  
Canine := (Animal with Number_Of_Legs => 4,  
           Domesticated   => False);  
Canine := (Mammal with Domesticated => True);
```

Private Tagged Types

- But data hiding says types should be private!
- So we can define our base type as private

```
package Animals is
  type Animal_T is tagged private;
  function Get_Age (P : Animal_T) return Natural;
  procedure Set_Age (P : in out Animal_T; A : Natural);
private
  type Animal_T is tagged record
    Age : Natural;
  end record;
end Animals;
```

- And still allow derivation

```
with Animals;
package Mammals is
  type Mammal_T is new Animals.Animal_T with record
    Number_Of_Legs : Natural;
  end record;
```

- But now the only way to get access to Age is with accessor subprograms

Private Extensions

- In the previous slide, we exposed the fields for `Mammal_T`!
- Better would be to make the extension itself private

```
package Mammals is
  type Mammal_T is new Animals.Animal_T with private;
private
  type Mammal_T is new Animals.Animal_T with record
    Number_Of_Legs : Natural;
  end record;
end Mammals;
```

Aggregates with Private Tagged Types

- Remember, an aggregate must specify values for all components
 - But with private types, we can't see all the components!
- So we need to use the "seed" method:

```
procedure Inside_Mammals_Pkg is
  Animal : Animal_T := Animals.Create;
  Mammal : Mammal_T;
begin
  Mammal := (Animal with Number_Of_Legs => 4);
  Mammal := (Animals.Create with Number_Of_Legs => 4);
end Inside_Mammals_Pkg;
```

- Note that we cannot use `others => <>` for components that are not visible to us

```
Mammal := (Number_Of_Legs => 4,
           others           => <>);  -- Compile Error
```

Null Extensions

- To create a new type with no additional fields
 - We still need to "extend" the record - we just do it with an empty record

```
type Dog_T is new Canine_T with null record;
```

- We still need to specify the "added" fields in an aggregate

```
C      : Canine_T := Canines.Create;  
Dog1   : Dog_T := C; -- Compile Error  
Dog2   : Dog_T := (C with null record);
```

Quiz

Given the following code:

```
package Parents is
  type Parent_T is tagged private;
  function Create return Parent_T;
private
  type Parent_T is tagged record
    Id : Integer;
  end record;
end Parents;

with Parents; use Parents;
package Children is
  P : Parent_T;
  type Child_T is new Parent_T with record
    Count : Natural;
  end record;
  function Create (C : Natural) return Child_T;
end Children;
```

Which completion(s) of C is/are valid?

- ☒ A function Create return Child_T is (Parents.Create with Count => 0);
- ☒ B function Create return Child_T is (others => <>);
- ☒ C function Create return Child_T is (0, 0);
- ☒ D function Create return Child_T is (P with Count => 0);

Quiz

Given the following code:

```
package Parents is
  type Parent_T is tagged private;
  function Create return Parent_T;
private
  type Parent_T is tagged record
    Id : Integer;
  end record;
end Parents;

with Parents; use Parents;
package Children is
  P : Parent_T;
  type Child_T is new Parent_T with record
    Count : Natural;
  end record;
  function Create (C : Natural) return Child_T;
end Children;
```

Which completion(s) of C is/are valid?

- ☒ A `function Create return Child_T is (Parents.Create with Count => 0);`
- ☐ B `function Create return Child_T is (others => <>);`
- ☐ C `function Create return Child_T is (0, 0);`
- ☐ D `function Create return Child_T is (P with Count => 0);`

Explanations

- ☒ A Correct - Parents.Create returns Parent_T
- ☐ B Cannot use **others** to complete private part of an aggregate
- ☐ C Aggregate has no visibility to Id field, so cannot assign
- ☐ D Correct - P is a Parent_T

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 (**Ada 2005 and above**)
- Data hiding is important!

Tagged Derivation Lab Solution - Types (Spec)

```
1 package Employee is
2   type Person_T is tagged private;
3   subtype Name_T is String (1 .. 6);
4   type Date_T is record
5     Year   : Positive;
6     Month  : Positive;
7     Day    : Positive;
8   end record;
9   type Job_T is (Sales, Engineer, Bookkeeping);
10
11   procedure Set_Name (O      : in out Person_T;
12                      Value   : Name_T);
13   function Name (O : Person_T) return Name_T;
14   procedure Set_Birth_Date (O : in out Person_T;
15                             Value   : Date_T);
16   function Birth_Date (O : Person_T) return Date_T;
17   procedure Print (O : Person_T);
18
19   type Employee_T is new Person_T with private;
20   not overriding procedure Set_Start_Date (O : in out Employee_T;
21                                           Value   : Date_T);
22   not overriding function Start_Date (O : Employee_T) return Date_T;
23   overriding procedure Print (O : Employee_T);
24
25   type Position_T is new Employee_T with private;
26   not overriding procedure Set_Job (O : in out Position_T;
27                                    Value   : Job_T);
28   not overriding function Job (O : Position_T) return Job_T;
29   overriding procedure Print (O : Position_T);
30
31 private
32   type Person_T is tagged record
33     The_Name      : Name_T;
34     The_Birth_Date : Date_T;
35   end record;
36
37   type Employee_T is new Person_T with record
38     The_Employee_Id : Positive;
39     The_Start_Date  : Date_T;
40   end record;
41
42   type Position_T is new Employee_T with record
43     The_Job : Job_T;
44   end record;
45 end Employee;
```

Tagged Derivation Lab Solution - Types (Partial Body)

```
1 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2 package body Employee is
3
4     function Image (Date : Date_T) return String is
5         (Date.Year'Image & " -" & Date.Month'Image & " -" & Date.Day'Image);
6
7     procedure Set_Name (O      : in out Person_T;
8                        Value   :      Name_T) is
9     begin
10         O.The_Name := Value;
11     end Set_Name;
12     function Name (O : Person_T) return Name_T is (O.The_Name);
13
14     procedure Set_Birth_Date (O      : in out Person_T;
15                              Value   :      Date_T) is
16     begin
17         O.The_Birth_Date := Value;
18     end Set_Birth_Date;
19     function Birth_Date (O : Person_T) return Date_T is (O.The_Birth_Date);
20
21     procedure Print (O : Person_T) is
22     begin
23         Put_Line ("Name: " & O.Name);
24         Put_Line ("Birthdate: " & Image (O.Birth_Date));
25     end Print;
26
27     not overriding procedure Set_Start_Date (O      : in out Employee_T;
28                                             Value   :      Date_T) is
29     begin
30         O.The_Start_Date := Value;
31     end Set_Start_Date;
32     not overriding function Start_Date (O : Employee_T) return Date_T is
33         (O.The_Start_Date);
34
35     overriding procedure Print (O : Employee_T) is
36     begin
37         Print (Person_T (O)); -- Use parent "Print"
38         Put_Line ("Startdate: " & Image (O.Start_Date));
39     end Print;
40
```

Tagged Derivation Lab Solution - Main

```
1  with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2  with Employee;
3  procedure Main is
4      Applicant : Employee.Person_T;
5      Employ    : Employee.Employee_T;
6      Staff     : Employee.Position_T;
7
8  begin
9      Applicant.Set_Name ("Wilma ");
10     Applicant.Set_Birth_Date ((Year => 1_234,
11                                Month => 12,
12                                Day  => 1));
13
14     Employ.Set_Name ("Betty ");
15     Employ.Set_Birth_Date ((Year  => 2_345,
16                             Month => 11,
17                             Day   => 2));
18     Employ.Set_Start_Date ((Year => 3_456,
19                             Month => 10,
20                             Day   => 3));
21
22     Staff.Set_Name ("Bambam");
23     Staff.Set_Birth_Date ((Year  => 4_567,
24                             Month => 9,
25                             Day   => 4));
26     Staff.Set_Start_Date ((Year  => 5_678,
27                             Month => 8,
28                             Day   => 5));
29     Staff.Set_Job (Employee.Engineer);
30
31     Applicant.Print;
32     Employ.Print;
33     Staff.Print;
34 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

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'Tag;     -- False
B3 : Boolean := Child_Class'Tag = Parent'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

Warning: Subprograms with parameter of type **T'Class** are not primitives of **T**

```
type Root is tagged 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);
```

'Class and Prefix Notation

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Prefix notation rules apply when the first parameter is of a class wide type

```
type Root is tagged null record;  
procedure P (V : Root'Class);  
type Child is new Root with null record;
```

```
V1 : Root;  
V2 : Root'Class := Root'(others => <>);  
...  
P (V1);  
P (V2);  
V1.P;  
V2.P;
```

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 tagged 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);
```

Redispaching 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: (redispaching)
    P2 (V_Class);          -- dynamic: (redispaching)

    -- Ada 2005 "distinguished receiver" syntax
    V.P2;                  -- static: uses the definite view
    Root'Class (V).P2;      -- dynamic: (redispaching)
    V_Class.P2;            -- dynamic: (redispaching)
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 P; use P;
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 P; use P;
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

Multiple dispatching operands

- Primitives with multiple dispatching operands are allowed if all operands are of the same type

```
type Root is tagged null 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 tagged null 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;         -- Error - ambiguous expression
...
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 that has multiple shapes
 - Create a nested subprogram that takes any shape and prints all appropriate 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)

```
1 package Shapes is
2   type Length_T is new Natural;
3   type Lengths_T is array (Positive range <>) of Length_T;
4   subtype Description_T is String (1 .. 10);
5
6   type Shape_T is abstract tagged record
7     Description : Description_T;
8   end record;
9   function Get_Description (Shape : Shape_T'Class) return Description_T;
10  function Number_Of_Sides (Shape : Shape_T) return Natural is abstract;
11  function Perimeter (Shape : Shape_T) return Length_T is abstract;
12
13  type Quadrilateral_T is new Shape_T with record
14    Lengths : Lengths_T (1 .. 4);
15  end record;
16  function Number_Of_Sides (Shape : Quadrilateral_T) return Natural;
17  function Perimeter (Shape : Quadrilateral_T) return Length_T;
18
19  type Square_T is new Quadrilateral_T with null record;
20  function Perimeter (Shape : Square_T) return Length_T;
21
22  type Triangle_T is new Shape_T with record
23    Lengths : Lengths_T (1 .. 3);
24  end record;
25  function Number_Of_Sides (Shape : Triangle_T) return Natural;
26  function Perimeter (Shape : Triangle_T) return Length_T;
27 end Shapes;
```

Polymorphism Lab Solution - Shapes (Body)

```
1 package body Shapes is
2
3     function Perimeter (Lengths : Lengths_T) return Length_T is
4         Ret_Val : Length_T := 0;
5     begin
6         for I in Lengths'First .. Lengths'Last
7             loop
8                 Ret_Val := Ret_Val + Lengths (I);
9             end loop;
10        return Ret_Val;
11    end Perimeter;
12
13    function Get_Description (Shape : Shape_T'Class) return Description_T is
14        (Shape.Description);
15
16    function Number_Of_Sides (Shape : Quadrilateral_T) return Natural is
17        (4);
18    function Perimeter (Shape : Quadrilateral_T) return Length_T is
19        (Perimeter (Shape.Lengths));
20
21    function Perimeter (Shape : Square_T) return Length_T is
22        (4 * Shape.Lengths (Shape.Lengths'First));
23
24    function Number_Of_Sides (Shape : Triangle_T) return Natural is
25        (3);
26    function Perimeter (Shape : Triangle_T) return Length_T is
27        (Perimeter (Shape.Lengths));
28 end Shapes;
```

Polymorphism Lab Solution - Main

```
1  with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2  with Shapes;      use Shapes;
3  procedure Main is
4
5      Rectangle : constant Shapes.Quadrilateral_T :=
6          (Description => "rectangle ",
7           Lengths      => (10, 20, 10, 20));
8      Triangle : constant Shapes.Triangle_T :=
9          (Description => "triangle ",
10           Lengths     => (200, 300, 400));
11     Square : constant Shapes.Square_T :=
12         (Description => "square ",
13          Lengths      => (5_000, 5_000, 5_000, 5_000));
14
15     procedure Describe (Shape : Shapes.Shape_T'Class) is
16     begin
17         Put_Line (Shape.Get_Description);
18         Put_Line
19             (" Number of sides:" & Integer'Image (Shape.Number_Of_Sides));
20         Put_Line (" Perimeter:" & Shapes.Length_T'Image (Shape.Perimeter));
21     end Describe;
22 begin
23
24     Describe (Rectangle);
25     Describe (Triangle);
26     Describe (Square);
27 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

```
1  package Base_Types is
2
3      type Coordinate_T is record
4          X_Coord : Integer;
5          Y_Coord : Integer;
6      end record;
7      function Image (Coord : Coordinate_T) return String is
8          "(" & Coord.X_Coord'Image & "," &
9              Coord.Y_Coord'Image & " )";
10
11     type Line_T is array (1 .. 2) of Coordinate_T;
12     type Lines_T is array (Natural range <>) of Line_T;
13
14     type Color_T is mod 256;
15     type Width_T is range 1 .. 10;
16
17 end Base_Types;
```

Inheritance Lab Solution - Shapes

```
1  with Base_Types;
2  package Geometry is
3
4      -- Create a tagged type to define shapes
5      type Object_T is abstract tagged private;
6
7      -- Create accessor functions for some common component
8      function Origin (Object : Object_T'Class) return Base_Types.Coordinate_T;
9
10 private
11
12     type Object_T is abstract tagged record
13         The-Origin : Base_Types.Coordinate_T;
14     end record;
15
16     function Origin (Object : Object_T'Class) return Base_Types.Coordinate_T is
17         (Object.The-Origin);
18
19 end Geometry;
```

Inheritance Lab Solution - Drawing (Spec)

```
1  with Base_Types;
2  package Line_Draw is
3
4      type Object_T is interface;
5
6      -- Create accessor functions for some line attributes
7      procedure Set_Color (Object : in out Object_T;
8                          Color   : in     Base_Types.Color_T)
9          is abstract;
10     function Color (Object : Object_T) return Base_Types.Color_T
11         is abstract;
12
13     procedure Set_Pen_Width (Object : in out Object_T;
14                             Width   : in     Base_Types.Width_T)
15         is abstract;
16     function Pen_Width (Object : Object_T) return Base_Types.Width_T
17         is abstract;
18
19     function Convert (Object : Object_T) return Base_Types.Lines_T
20         is abstract;
21
22     procedure Print (Object : Object_T'Class);
23
24 end Line_Draw;
```

Inheritance Lab Solution - Drawing (Body)

```
1  with Ada.Text_IO;
2  package body Line_Draw is
3
4      procedure Print (Object : Object_T'Class) is
5          Lines : constant Base_Types.Lines_T := Object.Convert;
6      begin
7          for Index in Lines'Range loop
8              Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ("Line" & Index'Image);
9              Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line
10                 ("  From: " & Base_Types.Image (Lines (Index) (1)));
11              Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line
12                 ("    To: " & Base_Types.Image (Lines (Index) (2)));
13          end loop;
14      end Print;
15
16  end Line_Draw;
```

Inheritance Lab Solution - Printable Object

```
1  with Geometry;
2  with Line_Draw;
3  with Base_Types;
4  package Printable_Object is
5      type Object_T is
6          abstract new Geometry.Object_T and Line_Draw.Object_T with private;
7      procedure Set_Color (Object : in out Object_T;
8                          Color   : Base_Types.Color_T);
9      function Color (Object : Object_T) return Base_Types.Color_T;
10
11     procedure Set_Pen_Width (Object : in out Object_T;
12                             Width   : Base_Types.Width_T);
13     function Pen_Width (Object : Object_T) return Base_Types.Width_T;
14 private
15     type Object_T is
16         abstract new Geometry.Object_T and Line_Draw.Object_T with record
17             The_Color   : Base_Types.Color_T := 0;
18             The_Pen_Width : Base_Types.Width_T := 1;
19         end record;
20 end Printable_Object;
21
22 package body Printable_Object is
23     procedure Set_Color (Object : in out Object_T;
24                         Color   : Base_Types.Color_T) is
25     begin
26         Object.The_Color := Color;
27     end Set_Color;
28     function Color (Object : Object_T) return Base_Types.Color_T is (Object.The_Color);
29
30     procedure Set_Pen_Width (Object : in out Object_T;
31                             Width   : Base_Types.Width_T) is
32     begin
33         Object.The_Pen_Width := Width;
34     end Set_Pen_Width;
35     function Pen_Width (Object : Object_T) return Base_Types.Width_T is (Object.The_Pen_Width);
36 end Printable_Object;
```

Inheritance Lab Solution - Rectangle

```
1  with Base_Types;
2  with Printable_Object;
3
4  package Rectangle is
5      subtype Lines_T is Base_Types.Lines_T (1 .. 4);
6
7      type Object_T is new Printable_Object.Object_T with private;
8
9      procedure Set_Lines (Object : in out Object_T;
10                          Lines   :      Lines_T);
11      function Lines (Object : Object_T) return Lines_T;
12
13  private
14
15      type Object_T is new Printable_Object.Object_T with record
16          Lines : Lines_T;
17      end record;
18
19      function Convert (Object : Object_T) return Base_Types.Lines_T is
20          (Object.Lines);
21  end Rectangle;
22
23  package body Rectangle is
24      procedure Set_Lines (Object : in out Object_T;
25                          Lines   :      Lines_T) is
26      begin
27          Object.Lines := Lines;
28      end Set_Lines;
29
30      function Lines (Object : Object_T) return Lines_T is (Object.Lines);
31  end Rectangle;
```

Inheritance Lab Solution - Main

```
1  with Base_Types;
2  with Rectangle;
3  procedure Main is
4
5      Object : Rectangle.Object_T;
6      Line1  : constant Base_Types.Line_T :=
7              ((1, 1), (1, 10));
8      Line2  : constant Base_Types.Line_T :=
9              ((6, 6), (6, 15));
10     Line3   : constant Base_Types.Line_T :=
11             ((1, 1), (6, 6));
12     Line4   : constant Base_Types.Line_T :=
13             ((1, 10), (6, 15));
14 begin
15     Object.Set_Lines ((Line1, Line2, Line3, Line4));
16     Object.Print;
17 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

Exceptions

Introduction

Rationale for Exceptions

- Textual separation from normal processing
- Rigorous Error Management
 - Cannot be ignored, unlike status codes from routines
 - Example: running out of gasoline in an automobile

```
package Automotive is
  type Vehicle is record
    Fuel_Quantity, Fuel_Minimum : Float;
    Oil_Temperature : Float;
    ...
  end record;
  Fuel_Exhausted : exception;
  procedure Consume_Fuel (Car : in out Vehicle);
  ...
end Automotive;
```

Semantics Overview

- Exceptions become active by being *raised*
 - Failure of implicit language-defined checks
 - Explicitly by application
- Exceptions occur at run-time
 - A program has no effect until executed
- May be several occurrences active at same time
 - One per task of control
- Normal execution abandoned when they occur
 - Error processing takes over in response
 - Response specified by *exception handlers*
 - *Handling the exception* means taking action in response
 - Other tasks need not be affected

Semantics Example: Raising

```
package body Automotive is
  function Current_Consumption return Float is
    ...
  end Current_Consumption;
  procedure Consume_Fuel (Car : in out Vehicle) is
  begin
    if Car.Fuel_Quantity <= Car.Fuel_Minimum then
      raise Fuel_Exhausted;
    else -- decrement quantity
      Car.Fuel_Quantity := Car.Fuel_Quantity -
                           Current_Consumption;
    end if;
  end Consume_Fuel;
  ...
end Automotive;
```

Semantics Example: Handling

```
procedure Joy_Ride is
  Hot_Rod : Automotive.Vehicle;
  Bored : Boolean := False;
  use Automotive;
begin
  while not Bored loop
    Steer_Aimlessly (Bored);
    -- error situation cannot be ignored
    Consume_Fuel (Hot_Rod);
  end loop;
  Drive_Home;
exception
  when Fuel_Exhausted =>
    Push_Home;
end Joy_Ride;
```

Handler Part Is Skipped Automatically

- If no exceptions are active, returns normally

```
begin
```

```
...
```

```
-- if we get here, skip to end
```

```
exception
```

```
  when Name1 =>
```

```
    ...
```

```
  when Name2 | Name3 =>
```

```
    ...
```

```
  when Name4 =>
```

```
    ...
```

```
end;
```

Handlers

Exception Handler Part

- Contains the exception handlers within a frame
 - Within block statements, subprograms, tasks, etc.
- Separates normal processing code from abnormal
- Starts with the reserved word **exception**
- Optional

```
begin
  sequence_of_statements
  [ exception
    exception_handler
    { exception handler } ]
end
```

Exception Handlers Syntax

- Associates exception names with statements to execute in response
- If used, **others** must appear at the end, by itself
 - Associates statements with all other exceptions
- Syntax

```
exception_handler ::=  
    when exception_choice { | exception_choice } =>  
        sequence_of_statements  
exception_choice ::= exception_name | others
```

Similarity To Case Statements

- Both structure and meaning
- Exception handler

```
...  
exception  
  when Constraint_Error | Storage_Error | Program_Error =>  
    ...  
  when others =>  
    ...  
end;
```

- Case statement

```
case exception_name is  
  when Constraint_Error | Storage_Error | Program_Error =>  
    ...  
  when others =>  
    ...  
end case;
```

Handlers Don't "Fall Through"

```
begin
    ...
    raise Name3;
    -- code here is not executed
    ...
exception
    when Name1 =>
        -- not executed
        ...
    when Name2 | Name3 =>
        -- executed
        ...
    when Name4 =>
        -- not executed
        ...
end;
```

When An Exception Is Raised

- Normal processing is abandoned
- Handler for active exception is executed, if any
- Control then goes to the caller
- If handled, caller continues normally, otherwise repeats the above

- Caller

```
...  
Joy_Ride;  
Do_Something_At_Home;  
...
```

- Callee

```
procedure Joy_Ride is  
...  
begin  
...  
    Drive_Home;  
exception  
    when Fuel_Exhausted =>  
        Push_Home;  
end Joy_Ride;
```

Handling Specific Statements' Exceptions

```
begin
  loop
    Prompting : loop
      Put (Prompt);
      Get_Line (Filename, Last);
      exit when Last > Filename'First - 1;
    end loop Prompting;
  begin
    Open (F, In_File, Filename (1..Last));
    exit;
  exception
    when Name_Error =>
      Put_Line ("File '" & Filename (1..Last) &
        "' was not found.");
  end;
end loop;
```

Exception Handler Content

- No restrictions
 - Block statements, subprogram calls, etc.
- Do whatever makes sense

```
begin
    ...
exception
    when Some_Error =>
        declare
            New_Data : Some_Type;
        begin
            P (New_Data);
            ...
        end;
end;
```

Quiz

```
1  procedure Main is
2      A, B, C, D : Integer range 0 .. 100;
3  begin
4      A := 1; B := 2; C := 3; D := 4;
5      begin
6          D := A - C + B;
7      exception
8          when others => Put_Line ("One");
9              D := 1;
10     end;
11     D := D + 1;
12     begin
13         D := D / (A - C + B);
14     exception
15         when others => Put_Line ("Two");
16             D := -1;
17     end;
18 exception
19     when others =>
20         Put_Line ("Three");
21 end Main;
```

What will get printed?

- ☒ A. One, Two, Three
- ☒ B. Two, Three
- ☒ C. Two
- ☒ D. Three

Quiz

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2      A, B, C, D : Integer range 0 .. 100;
3  begin
4      A := 1; B := 2; C := 3; D := 4;
5      begin
6          D := A - C + B;
7      exception
8          when others => Put_Line ("One");
9              D := 1;
10     end;
11     D := D + 1;
12     begin
13         D := D / (A - C + B);
14     exception
15         when others => Put_Line ("Two");
16             D := -1;
17     end;
18 exception
19     when others =>
20         Put_Line ("Three");
21 end Main;
```

What will get printed?

- ☐ A. One, Two, Three
- ☒ B. *Two, Three*
- ☐ C. Two
- ☐ D. Three

Explanations

- ☒ A. Although $(A - C)$ is not in the range of natural, the range is only checked on assignment, which is after the addition of B, so One is never printed
- ☐ B. Correct
- ☐ C. If we reach Two, the assignment on line 16 will cause Three to be reached
- ☐ D. Divide by 0 on line 13 causes an exception, so Two must be called

Implicitly and Explicitly Raised Exceptions

Implicitly-Raised Exceptions

- Correspond to language-defined checks
- Can happen by statement execution

`K := -10; -- where K must be greater than zero`

- Can happen by declaration elaboration

`Doomed : array (Positive) of Big_Type;`

Some Language-Defined Exceptions

- `Constraint_Error`
 - Violations of constraints on range, index, etc.
- `Program_Error`
 - Runtime control structure violated (function with no return ...)
- `Storage_Error`
 - Insufficient storage is available
- For a complete list see RM Q-4

Explicitly-Raised Exceptions

- Raised by application via `raise` statements
 - Named exception becomes active

- Syntax

```
raise_statement ::= raise; |  
    raise exception_name  
    [with string_expression];
```



`with` string_expression
only available in Ada 2005
and later

- A `raise` by itself is only allowed in handlers

```
if Unknown (User_ID) then  
    raise Invalid_User;  
end if;
```

```
if Unknown (User_ID) then  
    raise Invalid_User  
    with "Attempt by " &  
        Image (User_ID);  
end if;
```

User-Defined Exceptions

User-Defined Exceptions

- Syntax

```
defining_identifier_list : exception;
```

- Behave like predefined exceptions

- Scope and visibility rules apply
- Referencing as usual
- Some minor differences

- Exception identifiers' use is restricted

- **raise** statements
- Handlers
- Renaming declarations

User-Defined Exceptions Example

- An important part of the abstraction
- Designer specifies how component can be used

```
package Stack is
```

```
    Underflow, Overflow : exception;
```

```
    procedure Push (Item : in Integer);
```

```
    ...
```

```
end Stack;
```

```
package body Stack is
```

```
    procedure Push (Item : in Integer) is
```

```
    begin
```

```
        if Top = Index'Last then
```

```
            raise Overflow;
```

```
        end if;
```

```
        Top := Top + 1;
```

```
        Values (Top) := Item;
```

```
    end Push;
```

```
    ...
```

Propagation

Propagation

- Control does not return to point of raising
 - Termination Model
- When a handler is not found in a block statement
 - Re-raised immediately after the block
- When a handler is not found in a subprogram
 - Propagated to caller at the point of call
- Propagation is dynamic, back up the call chain
 - Not based on textual layout or order of declarations
- Propagation stops at the main subprogram
 - Main completes abnormally unless handled

Propagation Demo

```
1  procedure Do_Something is      16  begin -- Do_Something
2      Error : exception;        17      Maybe_Raise(3);
3      procedure Unhandled is    18      Handled;
4      begin                    19      exception
5          Maybe_Raise(1);       20      when Error =>
6      end Unhandled;           21          Print("Handle 3");
7      procedure Handled is      22  end Do_Something;
8      begin
9          Unhandled;
10         Maybe_Raise(2);
11     exception
12         when Error =>
13             Print("Handle 1 or 2");
14     end Handled;
```

Termination Model

- When control goes to handler, it continues from here

```
procedure Joy_Ride is
begin
    loop
        Steer_Aimlessly;

        -- If next line raises Fuel_Exhausted, go to handler
        Consume_Fuel;
    end loop;
exception
    when Fuel_Exhausted => -- Handler
        Push_Home;
        -- Resume from here: loop has been exited
end Joy_Ride;
```

Quiz

```
2 Main_Problem : exception;
3 I : Integer;
4 function F (P : Integer) return Integer is
5 begin
6   if P > 0 then
7     return P + 1;
8   elsif P = 0 then
9     raise Main_Problem;
10  end if;
11 end F;
12 begin
13   I := F(Input_Value);
14   Put_Line ("Success");
15 exception
16   when Constraint_Error => Put_Line ("Constraint Error");
17   when Program_Error   => Put_Line ("Program Error");
18   when others           => Put_Line ("Unknown problem");
```

What will get printed if Input_Value on line 13 is Integer'Last?

- ☐ A Unknown Problem
- ☐ B Success
- ☐ C Constraint Error
- ☐ D Program Error

Quiz

```
2 Main_Problem : exception;
3 I : Integer;
4 function F (P : Integer) return Integer is
5 begin
6   if P > 0 then
7     return P + 1;
8   elsif P = 0 then
9     raise Main_Problem;
10  end if;
11 end F;
12 begin
13   I := F(Input_Value);
14   Put_Line ("Success");
15 exception
16   when Constraint_Error => Put_Line ("Constraint Error");
17   when Program_Error   => Put_Line ("Program Error");
18   when others          => Put_Line ("Unknown problem");
```

What will get printed if Input_Value on line 13 is Integer'Last?

- ☐ A Unknown Problem
- ☐ B Success
- ☒ C Constraint Error
- ☐ D Program Error

Explanations

- ☐ A "Unknown Problem" is printed by the **when others** due to the raise on line 9 when P is 0
- ☐ B "Success" is printed when $0 < P < \text{Integer'Last}$
- ☐ C Trying to add 1 to P on line 7 generates a Constraint_Error
- ☐ D Program_Error will be raised by F if $P < 0$ (no **return** statement found)

Exceptions as Objects

Exceptions Are Not Objects

- May not be manipulated
 - May not be components of composite types
 - May not be passed as parameters
- Some differences for scope and visibility
 - May be propagated out of scope

But You Can Treat Them As Objects

- For raising and handling, and more
- Standard Library

```
package Ada.Exceptions is
  type Exception_Id is private;
  procedure Raise_Exception (E : Exception_Id;
                             Message : String := "");
  ...
  type Exception_Occurrence is limited private;
  function Exception_Name (X : Exception_Occurrence)
    return String;
  function Exception_Message (X : Exception_Occurrence)
    return String;
  function Exception_Information (X : Exception_Occurrence)
    return String;
  procedure Reraise_Occurrence (X : Exception_Occurrence);
  procedure Save_Occurrence (
    Target : out Exception_Occurrence;
    Source : Exception_Occurrence);
  ...
end Ada.Exceptions;
```

Exception Occurrence

- Syntax associates an object with active exception

```
when defining_identifier : exception_name ... =>
```

- A constant view representing active exception
- Used with operations defined for the type

```
exception
```

```
when Caught_Exception : others =>
```

```
Put (Exception_Name (Caught_Exception));
```

Exception_Occurrence Query Functions

■ Exception_Name

- Returns full expanded name of the exception in string form
 - Simple short name if space-constrained
- Predefined exceptions appear as just simple short name

■ Exception_Message

- Returns string value specified when raised, if any

■ Exception_Information

- Returns implementation-defined string content
- Should include both exception name and message content
- Presumably includes debugging information
 - Location where exception occurred
 - Language-defined check that failed (if such)

Exception ID

- For an exception identifier, the *identity* of the exception is `<name>'Identity`

```
Mine : exception
use Ada.Exceptions;
...
exception
  when Occurrence : others =>
    if Exception_Identity(Occurrence) = Mine'Identity
    then
      ...
```

Raise Expressions

Raise Expressions

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■ Expression raising specified exception at run-time

```
Foo : constant Integer := (case X is  
    when 1 => 10,  
    when 2 => 20,  
    when others => raise Error);
```

In Practice

Exceptions Are Not Always Appropriate

- What does it mean to have an unexpected error in a safety-critical application?
 - Maybe there's no reasonable response



Relying On Exception Raising Is Risky

- They may be **suppressed**

- By runtime environment
- By build switches

- Not recommended

```
function Tomorrow (Today : Days) return Days is
begin
    return Days'Succ (Today);
exception
    when Constraint_Error =>
        return Days'First;
end Tomorrow;
```

- Recommended

```
function Tomorrow (Today : Days) return Days is
begin
    if Today = Days'Last then
        return Days'First;
    else
        return Days'Succ (Today);
    end if;
end Tomorrow;
```

Lab

Exceptions Lab

(Simplified) Input Verifier

- Overview
 - Create an application that converts strings to numeric values
- Requirements
 - Create a package to define your numeric type
 - Define a primitive to convert a string to your numeric type
 - The primitive should raise your own exceptions; one for out-of-range and one for illegal string
 - Main program should run multiple tests on the primitive

Exceptions Lab Solution - Numeric Types

```
1 package Numeric_Types is
2     Illegal_String : exception;
3     Out_Of_Range   : exception;
4
5     Max_Int : constant := 2**15;
6     type Integer_T is range -(Max_Int) .. Max_Int - 1;
7
8     function Value (Str : String) return Integer_T;
9 end Numeric_Types;
10
11 package body Numeric_Types is
12
13     function Legal (C : Character) return Boolean is
14     begin
15         return
16             C in '0' .. '9' or C = '+' or C = '-' or C = '_' or C = 'e' or C = 'E';
17     end Legal;
18
19     function Value (Str : String) return Integer_T is
20     begin
21         for I in Str'Range loop
22             if not Legal (Str (I)) then
23                 raise Illegal_String;
24             end if;
25         end loop;
26         return Numeric_Types.Integer_T'Value (Str);
27     exception
28         when Constraint_Error =>
29             raise Out_Of_Range;
30     end Value;
31
32 end Numeric_Types;
```

Exceptions Lab Solution - Main

```
1  with Ada.Text_IO;
2  with Numeric_Types;
3  procedure Main is
4
5      procedure Print_Value (Str : String) is
6          Value : Numeric_Types.Integer_T;
7      begin
8          Ada.Text_IO.Put (Str & " => ");
9          Value := Numeric_Types.Value (Str);
10         Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (Numeric_Types.Integer_T'Image (Value));
11     exception
12         when Numeric_Types.Out_Of_Range =>
13             Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ("Out of range");
14         when Numeric_Types.Illegal_String =>
15             Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ("Illegal entry");
16     end Print_Value;
17
18 begin
19     Print_Value ("123");
20     Print_Value ("2_3_4");
21     Print_Value ("-345");
22     Print_Value ("+456");
23     Print_Value ("1234567890");
24     Print_Value ("123abc");
25     Print_Value ("12e3");
26 end Main;
```

Summary

Summary

- Should be for unexpected errors
- Give clients the ability to avoid them
- If handled, caller should see normal effect
 - Mode **out** parameters assigned
 - Function return values provided
- Package **Ada.Exceptions** provides views as objects
 - For both raising and special handling
 - Especially useful for debugging
- Checks may be suppressed

Advanced Tasking

Introduction

A Simple Task

- Parallel code execution via **task**
- **limited** types (No copies allowed)

```
procedure Main is
  task type 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 ("receive " & 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**

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

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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 type 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

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    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

```
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

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;
```

Which completion(s) of P is(are) 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;
```

Which completion(s) of P is(are) 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 type T;  
end P;
```

```
package body P is  
    task body T is  
        loop  
            delay 1.0;  
            Put_Line ("tick");  
        end loop;  
    end T;
```

```
    Task_Instance : 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 : " & V);
  end Receive_Message;
or
  accept Stop;
  exit;
end select;
```

Guard Conditions

- **accept** may depend on a **guard condition** with **when**
 - Evaluated when entering **select**
- May use a **guard condition**, that **only** accepts entries on a **boolean** condition
 - Condition is evaluated when the task reaches it

```
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** which is evaluated when
 - A task calls an **entry**
 - A protected **entry** or **procedure** is **exited**
- Several tasks can be waiting on the same **entry**
 - Only **one** may 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;
```

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;
```

Quiz

```
procedure Main is
  protected type O is
    entry P;
  private
    Ok : Boolean := False;
  end O;

  protected body O is
    entry P when not Ok is
    begin
      Ok := True;
    end P;
  end O;
begin
  O.P;
end Main;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

- ☒ A. Ok = True
- ☐ B. Nothing
- ☐ C. Compilation error
- ☐ D. Runtime error

Quiz

```
procedure Main is
  protected type O is
    entry P;
  private
    Ok : Boolean := False;
  end O;

  protected body O is
    entry P when not Ok is
    begin
      Ok := True;
    end P;
  end O;
begin
  O.P;
end Main;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

- ☐ A. Ok = True
- ☐ B. Nothing
- ☒ C. **Compilation error**
- ☐ D. Runtime error

O is a **protected type**, needs instantiation

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 : " & V);
  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;
```

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 type 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 type T;

  task body 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

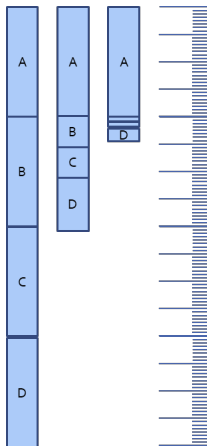
```
type T1 is range 1 .. 4;  
for T1'Size use 4;  
for T1'Alignment use 8;
```

```
-- 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

- Exact mapping between a record and its binary representation
- Optimization purposes, or hardware requirements
 - Driver mapped on the address space, communication protocol...
- 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

- Component_Size for array's **component's** size

```
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

- **Bit_Order** for a type's endianness
- **Scalar_Storage_Order** for composite types
 - Endianness of components' ordering
 - GNAT-specific
 - Must be consistent with **Bit_Order**
- Compiler will perform needed bitwise transformations when performing operations

```
type Rec is record
  A : Integer;
  B : Boolean;
end record;
for Rec use record
  A at 0 range 0 .. 31;
  B at 0 range 32 .. 33;
end record;
for Rec'Bit_Order use System.High_Order_First;
for Rec'Scalar_Storage_Order use System.High_Order_First;

-- using Ada 2012 aspects
type Ar is array (1 .. 1000) of Boolean with
  Scalar_Storage_Order => System.Low_Order_First;
```

Change of Representation

- Explicit new type can be used to set 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
```

- The exact sequence of reads and writes from the source code must appear in the generated code
 - No optimization of reads and writes
- Volatile types are passed by-reference

Ada Address Example

```
type Bitfield is array (Integer range <>) of Boolean;
pragma Component_Size (1);

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*: multiple objects are accessing the same address
 - Types can be different
 - Two pointers pointing to the same address
 - Two references onto the same address
 - Two objects 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
 - Many compilers will warn if the type sizes do not match

Inline Assembly

Calling Assembly Code

- Calling assembly code is a vendor-specific extension
- GNAT allows passing assembly with **System.Machine_Code.ASM**
 - Handled by the linker directly
- 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);
```

- You may specify **Volatile** to avoid compiler optimizations
- In general, keep it False unless it created issues

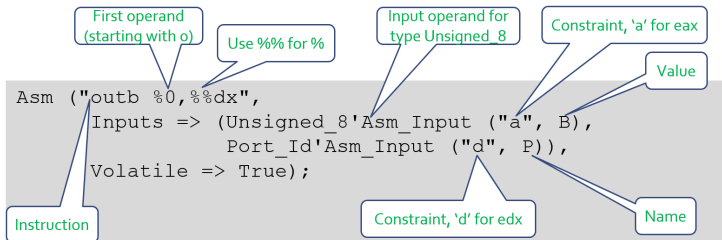
- You can group several instructions

```
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
g	global (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 your toolchain's assembler manual for syntax

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
 - `memory` if the memory is accessed
 - Compiler won't use memory cache in registers across the instruction
 - `cc` if flags might have changed

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 ("=g", Low),
         Unsigned_32'Asm_Output ("=a", High)),
      Volatile => True);
  Values := Unsigned_64 (Low) +
            Unsigned_64 (High) * 2 ** 32;
  Put_Line (Values'Image);
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

```
1  with System;
2  package Crc is
3      type Crc_T is mod 2**32;
4      for Crc_T'size use 32;
5      function Generate
6          (Address : System.Address;
7           Size : Natural)
8          return Crc_T;
9  end Crc;
10
11 package body Crc is
12     type Array_T is array (Positive range <>) of Crc_T;
13     function Generate
14         (Address : System.Address;
15          Size : Natural)
16         return Crc_T is
17         Word_Count : Natural;
18         Retval : Crc_T := 0;
19     begin
20         if Size > 0
21         then
22             Word_Count := Size / 32;
23             if Word_Count * 32 /= Size
24             then
25                 Word_Count := Word_Count + 1;
26             end if;
27             declare
28                 Overlay : Array_T (1 .. Word_Count);
29                 for Overlay'address use Address;
30             begin
31                 for I in Overlay'range
32                 loop
33                     Retval := Retval + Overlay (I);
34                 end loop;
35             end;
36             end if;
37             return Retval;
38         end Generate;
39     end Crc;
```

Low Level Programming Lab Solution - Messages (Spec)

```
1  with Crc; use Crc;
2  package Messages is
3      type Message_T is private;
4      type Command_T is (Noop, Direction, Ascend, Descend, Speed);
5      for Command_T use
6          (Noop => 0, Direction => 1, Ascend => 2, Descend => 4, Speed => 8);
7      for Command_T'size use 8;
8      function Create (Command : Command_T;
9                      Value   : Positive;
10                     Text    : String := "")
11         return Message_T;
12      function Get_Crc (Message : Message_T) return Crc_T;
13      procedure Write (Message : Message_T);
14      procedure Read (Message : out Message_T;
15                    valid : out boolean);
16      procedure Print (Message : Message_T);
17  private
18      type U32_T is mod 2**32;
19      for U32_T'size use 32;
20      Max_Text_Length : constant := 20;
21      type Text_Index_T is new Integer range 0 .. Max_Text_Length;
22      for Text_Index_T'size use 8;
23      type Text_T is record
24          Text : String (1 .. Max_Text_Length);
25          Last : Text_Index_T;
26      end record;
27      for Text_T'size use Max_Text_Length * 8 + Text_Index_T'size;
28      type Message_T is record
29          Unique_Id : U32_T;
30          Command   : Command_T;
31          Value     : U32_T;
32          Text      : Text_T;
33          Crc       : Crc_T;
34      end record;
35  end Messages;
```

Low Level Programming Lab Solution - Main (Helpers)

```
1  with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2  with Messages;
3  procedure Main is
4      Message : Messages.Message_T;
5      function Command return Messages.Command_T is
6      begin
7          loop
8              Put ("Command ");
9              for E in Messages.Command_T
10             loop
11                 Put (Messages.Command_T'image (E) & " ");
12             end loop;
13             Put ("");
14             begin
15                 return Messages.Command_T'value (Get_Line);
16             exception
17                 when others =>
18                     Put_Line ("Illegal");
19             end;
20         end loop;
21     end Command;
22     function Value return Positive is
23     begin
24         loop
25             Put ("Value: ");
26             begin
27                 return Positive'value (Get_Line);
28             exception
29                 when others =>
30                     Put_Line ("Illegal");
31             end;
32         end loop;
33     end Value;
34     function Text return String is
35     begin
36         Put ("Text: ");
37         return Get_Line;
38     end Text;
```

Low Level Programming Lab Solution - Main

```
1  procedure Create is
2      C : constant Messages.Command_T := Command;
3      V : constant Positive           := Value;
4      T : constant String             := Text;
5  begin
6      Message := Messages.Create
7          (Command => C,
8           Value   => V,
9           Text    => T);
10 end Create;
11 procedure Read is
12     Valid : Boolean;
13 begin
14     Messages.Read (Message, Valid);
15     Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line("Message valid: " & Boolean'Image (Valid));
16 end read;
17 begin
18     loop
19         Put ("Create Write Read Print: ");
20         declare
21             Command : constant String := Get_Line;
22         begin
23             exit when Command'length = 0;
24             case Command (Command'first) is
25                 when 'c' | 'C' =>
26                     Create;
27                 when 'w' | 'W' =>
28                     Messages.Write (Message);
29                 when 'r' | 'R' =>
30                     read;
31                 when 'p' | 'P' =>
32                     Messages.Print (Message);
33                 when others =>
34                     null;
35             end case;
36         end;
37     end loop;
38 end Main;
```

Low Level Programming Lab Solution - Messages (Helpers)

```
1  with Ada.Text_IO;
2  with Unchecked_Conversion;
3  package body Messages is
4      Global_Unique_Id : U32_T := 0;
5      function To_Text (Str : String) return Text_T is
6          Length : Integer := Str'length;
7          Retval : Text_T := (Text => (others => ' '), Last => 0);
8      begin
9          if Str'length > Retval.Text'length then
10             Length := Retval.Text'length;
11          end if;
12          Retval.Text (1 .. Length) := Str (Str'first .. Str'first + Length - 1);
13          Retval.Last := Text_Index_T (Length);
14          return Retval;
15      end To_Text;
16      function From_Text (Text : Text_T) return String is
17          Last : constant Integer := Integer (Text.Last);
18      begin
19          return Text.Text (1 .. Last);
20      end From_Text;
21      function Get_Crc (Message : Message_T) return Crc_T is
22      begin
23          return Message.Crc;
24      end Get_Crc;
25      function Validate (Original : Message_T) return Boolean is
26          Clean : Message_T := Original;
27      begin
28          Clean.Crc := 0;
29          return Crc.Generate (Clean'address, Clean'size) = Original.Crc;
30      end Validate;
```

Low Level Programming Lab Solution - Messages (Body)

```

1  function Create (Command : Command_T;
2      Value : Positive;
3      Text : String := "")
4      return Message_T is
5      Retval : Message_T;
6  begin
7      Global_Unique_Id := Global_Unique_Id + 1;
8      Retval :=
9      (Unique_Id => Global_Unique_Id, Command => Command,
10       Value => US2_T (Value), Text => To_Text (Text), Crc => 0);
11      Retval.Crc := Crc.Generate (Retval.address, Retval.size);
12      return Retval;
13  end Create;
14  type Char is new Character;
15  for Char'size use 8;
16  type Overlay_T is array (1 .. Message_T'size / 8) of Char;
17  function Convert is new Unchecked_Conversion (Message_T, Overlay_T);
18  function Convert is new Unchecked_Conversion (Overlay_T, Message_T);
19  Const_FileName : constant String := "message.txt";
20  procedure Write (Message : Message_T) is
21      Overlay : constant Overlay_T := Convert (Message);
22      File : Ada.Text_IO.File_Type;
23  begin
24      Ada.Text_IO.Create (File, Ada.Text_IO.Out_File, Const_FileName);
25      for I in Overlay'range loop
26          Ada.Text_IO.Put (File, Character (Overlay (I)));
27      end loop;
28      Ada.Text_IO.New_Line (File);
29      Ada.Text_IO.Close (File);
30  end Write;
31  procedure Read (Message : out Message_T;
32      Valid : out Boolean) is
33      Valid : out Boolean;
34      Overlay : Overlay_T;
35      File : Ada.Text_IO.File_Type;
36  begin
37      Valid := False;
38      Ada.Text_IO.Open (File, Ada.Text_IO.In_File, Const_FileName);
39      declare
40          Str : constant String := Ada.Text_IO.Get_Line (File);
41      begin
42          Ada.Text_IO.Close (File);
43          for I in Str'range loop
44              Overlay (I) := Char (Str (I));
45          end loop;
46          Message := Convert (Overlay);
47          Valid := Validate (Message);
48      end;
49  end Read;
50  procedure Print (Message : Message_T) is
51  begin
52      Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ("Message" & US2_T'image (Message.Unique_Id));
53      Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (" " & Command_T'image (Message.Command) & " => " &
54          US2_T'image (Message.Value));
55      Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (" Additional Info: " & From_Text (Message.Text));
56  end Print;
57  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