

Day 1 - AM

Introduction

About AdaCore

The Company

- Founded in 1994
- Centered around helping developers build **safe, secure and reliable** software
- Headquartered in New York and Paris
 - Representatives in countries around the globe
- Roots in Open Source software movement
 - GNAT compiler is part of GNU Compiler Collection (GCC)

About This Training

Your Trainer

- Experience in software development
 - Languages
 - Methodology
- Experience teaching this class

Goals of the training session

- What you should know by the end of the training
- Syllabus overview
 - The syllabus is a guide, but we might stray off of it
 - ...and that's OK: we're here to cover **your needs**

Course Presentation

- Slides
- Quizzes
- Labs
 - Hands-on practice
 - Recommended setup: latest GNAT Studio
 - Class reflection after some labs
- Demos
 - Depending on the context
- Daily schedule

Styles

- *This* is a definition
- `this/is/a.path`
- code **is** highlighted
- **commands are emphasised --like-this**

Warning

This is a warning

Note

This is an important piece of info

Tip

This is a tip

Basic Types

Modular Types

Bit Pattern Values and Range Constraints

- Binary based assignments possible
- No `Constraint_Error` when in range
- **Even if** they would be ≤ 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);     -- run-time 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`

Quiz

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```

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

Which statement(s) is (are) legal?

A. `V := V + 1`

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

```
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)`

Representation Values

Enumeration Representation Values

- Numeric **representation** of enumerals

- Position, unless redefined
- Redefinition syntax

```
type Enum_T is (Able, Baker, Charlie, David);  
for Enum_T use  
  (Able => 3, Baker => 15, Charlie => 63, David => 255);
```

- Enumerals are ordered **logically** (not by value)

- Prior to Ada 2022

- Only way to get value is through Unchecked_Conversion

```
function Value is new Ada.Unchecked_Conversion  
  (Enum_T, Integer_8);  
I : Integer_8;  
  
begin  
  I := Value (Charlie);
```

- New attributes in Ada 2022

- 'Enum_Rep to get representation value

```
Charlie'Enum_Rep → 63
```

- 'Enum_Val to convert integer to enumeral (if possible)

```
Enum_T'Enum_Val (15) → Baker
```

```
Enum_T'Enum_Val (16) → raise Constraint_Error
```

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

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

Which of the following proposition(s) are true?

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

Character Types

Language-Defined Character Types

■ `Character`

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

■ `Wide_Character`

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

■ `Wide_Wide_Character`

- 32-bit Unicode
- Base component 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 run-time
- 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 run-time
- 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)`

Real Types

Real Types

- Approximations to **continuous** values
 - 1.0, 1.1, 1.11, 1.111 ... 2.0, ...
 - Finite hardware → approximations
- Floating-point
 - **Variable** exponent
 - **Large** range
 - Constant **relative** precision
- Fixed-point
 - **Constant** exponent
 - **Limited** range
 - Constant **absolute** precision
 - Subdivided into Binary and Decimal
- Class focuses on floating-point

Real Type (Floating and Fixed) Literals

- **Must** contain a fractional part
- No silent promotion

```
type Phase is digits 8; -- floating-point
```

```
OK : Phase := 0.0;
```

```
Bad : Phase := 0 ; -- compile error
```

Declaring Floating Point Types

- Syntax

```
type <identifier> is
    digits <expression> [range constraint];
```

- *digits* → **minimum** number of significant digits
- **Decimal** digits, not bits

- Compiler chooses representation

- From **available** floating point types
- May be **more** accurate, but not less
- If none available → declaration is **rejected**

- `System.Max_Digits` - constant specifying maximum digits of precision available for runtime

```
type Very_Precise_T is digits System.Max_Digits;
```

Need to do `with System;` to get visibility

Predefined Floating Point Types

- Type `Float` \geq 6 digits
- Additional implementation-defined types
 - `Long_Float` \geq 11 digits
- General-purpose

 **Tip**

It is best, and easy, to **avoid** predefined types

- To keep **portability**

Floating Point Type Operators

- By increasing precedence

relational operator = | /= | < | >= | > | <=

binary adding operator + | -

unary adding operator + | -

multiplying operator * | /

highest precedence operator ** | **abs**

Note

Exponentiation (**) result will be real

- So power must be **Integer**
 - Not possible to ask for root
 - $X^{**}0.5 \rightarrow \text{sqrt}(x)$

Floating Point Type Attributes

■ Core attributes

```
type My_Float is digits N;  -- N static
```

■ My_Float'Digits

- Number of digits **requested** (N)

■ My_Float'Base'Digits

- Number of **actual** digits

■ My_Float'Rounding (X)

- Integral value nearest to X
- *Note:* Float'Rounding (0.5) = 1 and
Float'Rounding (-0.5) = -1

■ Model-oriented attributes

- Advanced machine representation of the floating-point type
- Mantissa, strict mode

Numeric Types Conversion

- Ada's integer and real are **numeric**
 - Holding a numeric value
- Special rule: can always convert between numeric types
 - Explicitly

Warning

Float → Integer causes **rounding**

declare

```
N : Integer := 0;
```

```
F : Float := 1.5;
```

begin

```
N := Integer (F); -- N = 2
```

```
F := Float (N); -- F = 2.0
```

Quiz

What is the output of this code?

```
declare
  F : Float := 7.6;
  I : Integer := 10;
begin
  F := Float (Integer (F) / I);
  Put_Line (Float'Image (F));
end;
```

- A. 7.6E-01
- B. Compile Error
- C. 8.0E-01
- D. 0.0

Quiz

What is the output of this code?

```
declare
  F : Float := 7.6;
  I : Integer := 10;
begin
  F := Float (Integer (F) / I);
  Put_Line (Float'Image (F));
end;
```

- A. 7.6E-01
- B. Compile Error
- C. 8.0E-01
- D. **0.0**

Explanations

- A. Result of `F := F / Float (I);`
- B. Result of `F := F / I;`
- C. Result of `F := Float (Integer (F)) / Float (I);`
- D. Integer value of F is 8. Integer result of dividing that by 10 is 0. Converting to float still gives us 0

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);
```

Default Values and Option Types

- 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
```

Tip

Using a meaningless value (Neither) to extend the range of the type is turning it into an **option type**. This idiom is very rich and allows for e.g. "in-flow" errors handling.

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;  -- run-time error
```

```
Hue : Rainbow := Rainbow'Succ (Blue);      -- run-time error
```

Valid attribute

- The_Type'Valid is a **Boolean**
- True → the current representation for the given scalar is valid

```
procedure Main is
  subtype Small_T is Integer range 1 .. 3;
  Big   : aliased Integer := 0;
  Small : Small_T with Address => Big'Address;
begin
  for V in 0 .. 5 loop
    Big := V;
    Put_Line (Big'Image & " => " & Boolean'Image (Small'Valid));
  end loop;
end Main;
```

0 => FALSE

1 => TRUE

2 => TRUE

3 => TRUE

4 => FALSE

5 => FALSE

Idiom: Extended Ranges

- Count / Positive_Count
 - Sometimes as Type_Ext (extended) / Type
 - For counting vs indexing
 - An index goes from 1 to max length
 - A count goes from 0 to max length

-- *ARM A.10.1*

```
package Text_IO is
...
type Count is range 0 .. implementation-defined;
subtype Pos_Count is Count range 1 .. Count'Last;
```

Idiom: Partition

- Useful for splitting-up large enums

⚠ Warning

Be careful about checking that the partition is complete when items are added/removed.

With a **case**, the compiler automatically checks that for you.

💡 Tip

Can have non-consecutive values with the Predicate aspect.

```
type Commands_T is (Lights_On, Lights_Off, Read, Write, Accelerate, Stop);
-- Complete partition of the commands
subtype IO_Commands_T is Commands_T range Read .. Write;
subtype Lights_Commands_T is Commands_T range Lights_On .. Lights_Off;
subtype Movement_Commands_T is Commands_T range Accelerate .. Stop;

subtype Physical_Commands_T is Commands_T
  with Predicate => Physical_Commands_T in Lights_Commands_T | Movement_Commands_T;

procedure Execute_Light_Command (C : Lights_Commands_T);

procedure Execute_Command (C : Commands_T) is
begin
  case C in -- partition must be exhaustive
    when Lights_Commands_T => Execute_Light_Command (C);
    ...
  end case;
end;
```

Idiom: Subtypes as Local Constraints

- Can replace defensive code
- Can be very useful in some identified cases
- Subtypes accept dynamic bounds, unlike types
- Checks happen through type-system
 - Can be disabled with `-gnatp`, unlike conditionals
 - Can also be a disadvantage

⚠ Warning

Do not use for checks that should **always** happen, even in production.

- Constrain input range

```
subtype Incrementable_Integer is Integer range Integer'First .. Integer'Last - 1;  
function Increment (I : Incrementable_Integer) return Integer;
```

- Constrain output range

```
subtype Valid_Fingers_T is Integer range 1 .. 5;  
Fingers : Valid_Fingers_T := Prompt_And_Get_Integer ("Give me the number of a finger");
```

- Constrain array index

```
procedure Read_Index_And_Manipulate_Char (S : String) is  
  subtype S_Index is Positive range S'Range;  
  I : constant S_Index := Read_Positive;  
  C : Character renames S (I);
```

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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3 subtype T2 is T1 range 1 .. 9;  
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6 Obj : T2 := -T2 (1);
```

Which function is executed at line 6?

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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 run-time
- 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 run-time
- 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 run-time
- D. None, this does not compile

Quiz

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

Obj : S;

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

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

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
  Component1 : Integer;
  Component2 : 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(s) is (are) 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(s) is (are) 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. Run-time error

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. Run-time 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. Run-time error

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. Run-time error

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

Quiz

```
type Nested_T is record
  Component : 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) 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
  Component : 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) 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

Delta Aggregates

Ada 2022

- A Record can use a `delta aggregate` just like an array

```
type Coordinate_T is record
  X, Y, Z : Float;
end record;
Location : constant Coordinate_T := (1.0, 2.0, 3.0);
```

- Prior to Ada 2022, you would copy and then modify

```
declare
  New_Location : Coordinate_T := Location;
begin
  New_Location.Z := 0.0;
  -- OR
  New_Location := (Z => 0.0, others => <>);
end;
```

- Now in Ada 2022 we can just specify the change during the copy

```
New_Location : Coordinate_T := (Location with delta Z => 0.0);
```

Note for record delta aggregates you must use named notation

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

- 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

- 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

```
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

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

```
type Record_T is record
```

```
  A, B : Integer := Next;
```

```
  C    : Integer := Next;
```

```
end record;
```

```
R : Record_T := (C => 100, others => <>);
```

What is the value of R?

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

Explanations

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

Variant Records

Variant Record Types

- *Variant record* can use a **discriminant** to specify alternative lists of components
 - Also called *discriminated record* type
 - Different **objects** may have **different** components
 - All objects **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

Immutable Variant Record

- Discriminant must be set at creation time and cannot be modified

```
2 type Person_Group is (Student, Faculty);
3 type Person (Group : Person_Group) is
4 record
5     -- Components common across all discriminants
6     -- (must appear before variant part)
7     Age : Positive;
8     case Group is -- Variant part of record
9         when Student => -- 1st variant
10            Gpa : Float range 0.0 .. 4.0;
11            when Faculty => -- 2nd variant
12                Pubs : Positive;
13     end case;
14 end record;
```

- In a variant record, a discriminant can be used to specify the **variant part** (line 8)
 - Similar to case statements (all values must be covered)
 - Components listed will only be visible if choice matches discriminant
 - Component names need to be unique (even across discriminants)
 - Variant part must be end of record (hence only one variant part allowed)
- Discriminant is treated as any other component
 - But is a constant in an immutable variant record

Note that discriminants can be used for other purposes than the variant part

Immutable Variant Record Example

- Each object of `Person` has three components, but it depends on `Group`

```
Pat : Person (Student);  
Sam : Person := (Faculty, 33, 5);
```

- Pat has `Group`, `Age`, and `Gpa`
 - Sam has `Group`, `Age`, and `Pubs`
 - Aggregate specifies all components, including the discriminant
- Compiler can detect some problems, but more often clashes are run-time errors

```
procedure Do_Something (Param : in out Person) is  
begin  
  Param.Age := Param.Age + 1;  
  Param.Pubs := Param.Pubs + 1;  
end Do_Something;
```

- `Pat.Pubs := 3;` would generate a compiler warning because compiler knows `Pat` is a `Student`
 - warning: `Constraint_Error` will be raised at run time
 - `Do_Something (Pat);` generates a run-time error, because only at runtime is the discriminant for `Param` known
 - raised `CONSTRAINT_ERROR : discriminant check failed`
- `Pat := Sam;` would be a compiler warning because the constraints do not match

Mutable Variant Record

- Type will become **mutable** if its discriminant has a *default value* **and** we instantiate the object without specifying a discriminant

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

- Pat : Person; is **mutable**
- Sam : Person (Faculty); is **not mutable**
 - Declaring an object with an **explicit** discriminant value (Faculty) makes it immutable

Mutable Variant Record Example

- Each object of `Person` has three components, but it depends on `Group`

```
Pat : Person := (Student, 19, 3.9);  
Sam : Person (Faculty);
```

- You can only change the discriminant of `Pat`, but only via a whole record assignment, e.g:

```
if Pat.Group = Student then  
  Pat := (Faculty, Pat.Age, 1);  
else  
  Pat := Sam;  
end if;  
Update (Pat);
```

- But you cannot change the discriminant of `Sam`
 - `Sam := Pat;` will give you a run-time error if `Pat.Group` is not `Faculty`
 - And the compiler will not warn about this!

Quiz

```
type Variant_T (Sign : Integer) is record
  case Sign is
  when Integer'First .. -1 =>
    I : Integer;
    B : Boolean;
  when others =>
    N : Natural;
  end case;
end record;
```

Variant_Object : Variant_T (1);

Which component(s) does Variant_Object contain?

- A. Variant_Object.I, Variant_Object.B
- B. Variant_Object.N
- C. None: Compilation error
- D. None: Run-time error

Quiz

```
type Variant_T (Sign : Integer) is record
  case Sign is
  when Integer'First .. -1 =>
    I : Integer;
    B : Boolean;
  when others =>
    N : Natural;
  end case;
end record;
```

Variant_Object : Variant_T (1);

Which component(s) does Variant_Object contain?

- A. Variant_Object.I, Variant_Object.B
- B. *Variant_Object.N*
- C. None: Compilation error
- D. None: Run-time error

Quiz

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

```
Variant_Object : Variant_T (True);
```

Which component does Variant_Object contain?

- A. Variant_Object.F, Variant_Object.Flag
- B. Variant_Object.F
- C. None: Compilation error
- D. None: Run-time error

Quiz

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

Variant_Object : Variant_T (True);

Which component does Variant_Object contain?

- A. Variant_Object.F, Variant_Object.Flag
- B. Variant_Object.F
- C. **None: Compilation error**
- D. None: Run-time error

The variant part cannot be followed by a component declaration (Flag : Character here)

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

Day 1 - PM

Discriminated Records

Introduction

Discriminated Record Types

- *Discriminated record* type
 - Different **objects** may have **different** components and/or different sizes
 - All objects **still** share the same type
- Similar to **union** in C
 - But preserves **type checking**
 - Except in the case of an `Unchecked_Union` (seen later)
 - And object size **is related to** discriminant
- Aggregate assignment is allowed
 - Provided constraints are correct

Defining a Discriminated Record

- Record type with a *discriminant*
 - **Discriminant** controls behavior of the record
 - Part of record definition
 - Can be read as any other component
 - But can only be modified by object assignment (sometimes)
- Sample definitions (completions appear later in this module)

```
type Employee_T (Kind : Category_T) is record ...
type Mutable_T (Kind : Category_T := Employee) is record ...
type Vstring (Last : Natural := 0) is record ...
type C_Union_T (View : natural := 0) is record ...
```

Variant Records

What is a Variant Record?

- A **variant record** uses the discriminant to determine which components are currently accessible

```
type Category_T is (Employee, Contractor);
type Employee_T (Kind : Category_T) is record
  Name : String_T;
  DOB  : Date_T;
  case Kind is
    when Employee =>
      Pay_Rate : Pay_T;
    when Contractor =>
      Hourly_Rate : Contractor_Rate_T;
  end case;
end record;
```

```
An_Employee      : Employee_T (Employee);
Some_Contractor  : Employee_T (Contractor);
```

- Note that the **case** block must be the last part of the record definition
 - Therefore only one per record
- Variant records are considered the same type
 - So you can have

```
procedure Print (Item : Employee_T);

Print (An_Employee);
Print (Some_Contractor);
```

Immutable Variant Record

- In an *immutable variant record* the discriminant has no default value
 - It is an *indefinite type*, similar to an unconstrained array
 - So you must add a constraint (discriminant) when creating an object
 - But it can be unconstrained when used as a parameter
- For example

```
24 Pat      : Employee_T (Employee);
25 Sam      : Employee_T :=
26   (Kind      => Contractor,
27    Name       => From_String ("Sam"),
28    DOB        => "2000/01/01",
29    Hourly_Rate => 123.45);
30 Illegal : Employee_T;  -- indefinite
```

Immutable Variant Record Usage

- Compiler can detect some problems

```
begin
```

```
  Pat.Hourly_Rate := 12.3;
```

```
end;
```

warning: component not present in subtype of
"Employee_T" defined at line 24

- But more often clashes are run-time errors

```
32 procedure Print (Item : Employee_T) is
```

```
33 begin
```

```
34   Print (Item.Pay_Rate);
```

raised CONSTRAINT_ERROR : print.adb:34 discriminant
check failed

- Pat := Sam; would be a compiler warning because the
constraints do not match

Mutable Variant Record

- To add flexibility, we can make the type `mutable` by specifying a default value for the discriminant

```
type Mutable_T (Kind : Category_T := Employee) is record
  Name : String_T;
  DOB  : Date_T;
  case Kind is
    when Employee =>
      Pay_Rate : Pay_T;
    when Contractor =>
      Hourly_Rate : Contractor_Rate_T;
  end record;
```

```
Pat : Mutable_T;
Sam : Mutable_T (Contractor);
```

- Making the variant mutable creates a definite type
 - An object can be created without a constraint (Pat)
 - Or we can create in immutable object where the discriminant cannot change (Sam)
 - And we can create an array whose component is mutable

Mutable Variant Record Example

- You can only change the discriminant of Pat, but only via a whole record assignment, e.g:

```
if Pat.Group = Student then
  Pat := (Faculty, Pat.Age, 1);
else
  Pat := Sam;
end if;
Update (Pat);
```

- But you cannot change the discriminant like a regular component

```
Pat.Kind := Contractor; -- compile error
```

```
error: assignment to discriminant not allowed
```

- And you cannot change the discriminant of Sam
 - `Sam := Pat;` will give you a run-time error if `Pat.Kind` is not `Contractor`
 - And the compiler will not warn about this!

Quiz

```
type Variant_T (Sign : Integer) is record
  case Sign is
  when Integer'First .. -1 =>
    I : Integer;
    B : Boolean;
  when others =>
    N : Natural;
  end case;
end record;
```

Variant_Object : Variant_T (1);

Which component(s) does Variant_Object contain?

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- B. Variant_Object.N
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Quiz

```
2  type Coord_T is record
3      X, Y : Float;
4  end record;
5
6  type Kind_T is (Circle, Line);
7  type Shape_T (Kind : Kind_T := Line) is record
8      Origin : Coord_T;
9      case Kind is
10         when Line =>
11             End_Point : Coord_T;
12         when Circle =>
13             End_Point : Coord_T;
14         end case;
15  end record;
16
17  A_Circle : Shape_T :=
18      (Circle, (1.0, 2.0), (3.0, 4.0));
19  A_Line   : Shape_T (Line) :=
20      (Circle, (1.0, 2.0), (3.0, 4.0));
```

What happens when you try to build and run this code?

- A. Run-time error
- B. Compilation error on an object
- C. Compilation error on a type
- D. No problems

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- If you fix the compilation error (by changing the name of one of the End_Point components), then
 - You would get a warning on line 20 (because A_Line is constrained to be a Line
 - incorrect value for discriminant "Kind"
 - If you then ran the executable, you would get an exception
 - CONSTRAINT_ERROR : test.adb:20 discriminant check failed

Discriminant Record Array Size Idiom

Vectors of Varying Lengths

- In Ada, array objects must be fixed length

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

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

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

Simple Vector of Varying Length

- Not unconstrained - we have to define a maximum length to make it a `definite type`

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

```
Obj1 : Simple_Vstring := (0, (others => '-'));
```

```
Obj2 : Simple_Vstring := (0, (others => '+'));
```

```
Obj3 : Simple_Vstring;
```

- Issue - Operations need to consider Last component

- Obj1 = Obj2 will be false

- Can redefine = to be something like

```
if Obj1.Data (1 .. Obj1.Last) = Obj2.Data (1 .. Obj2.Last)
```

- Same thing with concatenation

```
Obj3.Last := Obj1.Last + Obj2.Last;
```

```
Obj3.Data (1 .. Obj3.Last) := Obj1.Data (1 .. Obj1.Last) &
  Obj2.Data (1 .. Obj2.Last)
```

- Other Issues

- Every object has same maximum length
- Last needs to be maintained by program logic

Vector of Varying Length via Discriminated Records

- Discriminant can serve as bound of array component

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

- Mutable objects vs immutable objects
 - With default discriminant value (mutable), objects can be copied even if lengths are different
 - With no default discriminant value (immutable), objects of different lengths cannot be copied (and we can't change the length)

Object Creation

- When a mutable object is created, runtime assumes largest possible value

- So this example is a problem

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

```
Good : Vstring (10);
```

```
Bad  : Vstring;
```

- Compiler warning

```
warning: creation of "Vstring" object may raise
Storage_Error
```

- Run-time error

```
raised STORAGE_ERROR : EXCEPTION_STACK_OVERFLOW
```

- Better implementation

```
subtype Length_T is natural range 0 .. 1_000;
type Vstring (Last : Length_T := 0) is record
  Data   : String (1 .. Last) := (others => ' ');
end record;
```

```
Good      : Vstring (10);
```

```
Also_Good : Vstring;
```

Simplifying Operations

- With mutable discriminated records, operations are simpler

```
Obj : Simple_Vstring;  
Obj1 : Simple_Vstring := (6, " World");
```

- Creation

```
function Make (S : String)  
  return Vstring is (S'length, S);  
Obj2 : Simple_Vstring := Make ("Hello");
```

- Equality: Obj1 = Obj2

- Data is exactly the correct length
- if Data or Last is different, equality fails

- Concatentation

```
Obj := (Obj1.Last + Obj2.Last,  
       Obj1.Data & Obj2.Data);
```

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")`

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- D. `V : R (6) := (6, S => "Hello")`

Choices **A** and **B** are mutable: the runtime assumes `Size` can be `Positive'Last`, so component `S` will cause a run-time error. Choice **D** tries to copy a 5-character string into a 6-character string, also generating a run-time error.

Interfacing with C

Passing Records Between Ada and C

- Your Ada code needs to call C that looks like this:

```
struct Struct_T {  
    int    Component1;  
    char   Component2;  
    float  Component3;  
};  
  
int DoSomething (struct Struct_T);
```

- Ada has mechanisms that will allow you to
 - Call DoSomething
 - Build a record that is binary-compatible to Struct_T

Building a C-Compatible Record

- To build an Ada record for Struct_T, start with a regular record:

```
type Struct_T is record
  Component1 : Interfaces.C.int;
  Component2 : Interfaces.C.char;
  Component3 : Interfaces.C.C_Float;
end record;
```

- We use types from Interfaces.C to map directly to the C types
- But the Ada compiler needs to know that the record layout must match C
 - So we add an aspect to enforce it

```
type Struct_T is record
  Component1 : Interfaces.C.int;
  Component2 : Interfaces.C.char;
  Component3 : Interfaces.C.C_Float;
end record with Convention => C_Pass_By_Copy;
```

Mapping Ada to C Unions

- Discriminant records are similar to C's **union**, but with a limitation
 - Only one part of the record is available at any time
- So, you create the equivalent of this C **union**

```
union Union_T {  
    int Component1;  
    char Component2;  
    float Component3;  
};
```

- By using a discriminant record and adding aspect `Unchecked_Union`

```
type C_Union_T (View : natural := 0) is record  
    case View is  
        when 0 => Component1 : Interfaces.C.int;  
        when 1 => Component2 : Interfaces.C.char;  
        when 2 => Component3 : Interfaces.C.C_Float;  
        when others => null;  
    end case;  
end record with Convention => C_Pass_By_Copy,  
                    Unchecked_Union;
```

- This tells the compiler not to reserve space in the record for the discriminant

Quiz

```
union Union_T {
    struct Record_T component1;
    char          component2[11];
    float         component3;
};

type C_Union_T (Flag : Natural := 1) is record
    case Sign is
        when 1 =>
            One   : Record_T;
        when 2 =>
            Two   : String(1 .. 11);
        when 3 =>
            Three : Float;
    end case;
end record;

C_Object : C_Union_T;
```

Which component does C_Object contain?

- A C_Object.One
- B C_Object.Two
- C None: Compilation error
- D None: Run-time error

Quiz

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

Lab

Discriminated Records Lab

- Requirements for a simplistic employee database
 - Create a package to handle varying length strings using variant records
 - 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 Records Lab Solution - Vstring

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

Discriminated Records 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 Records 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 Records 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.Superior =>
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 ("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_Superior;
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   for Item of List (1 .. Count) loop
48     Print (Item);
49   end loop;
50 end Main;

```

Summary

Properties of Discriminated Record Types

■ Rules

- Case choices for variants must partition possible values for discriminant
- Component 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

Private Types

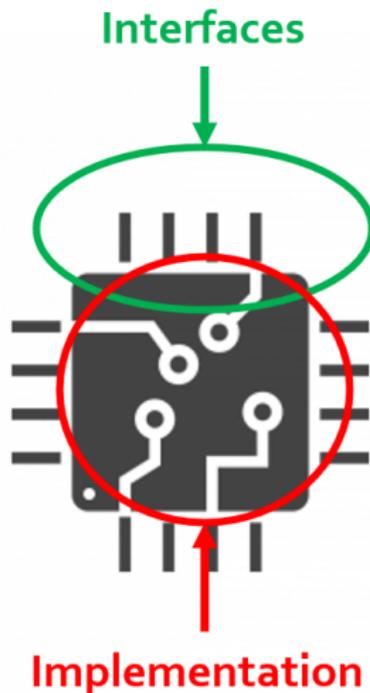
Introduction

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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 Bounded_Stacks is
  type Stack is private;
  procedure Push (Item : in Integer; Onto : in out Stack);
  ...
private
  ...
  type Stack is record
    Top : Positive;
    ...
end Bounded_Stacks;
```

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 : Bounded_Stacks.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(s) is (are) legal?

- A. `Component_A : Integer := Private_T'Pos (Private_T'First);`
 - B. `Component_B : Private_T := null;`
 - C. `Component_C : Private_T := 0;`
 - D. `Component_D : Integer := Private_T'Size;`
- ```
end record;
```

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- C. `Component_C : Private_T := 0;`
- D. `Component_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 and Recompile

- Users can compile their code before the package body is compiled or even written
- 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(s) is (are) legal?

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

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- 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

- Reminder: view is the *interface* you have on the type
- **User** of package has **Partial** view
  - Operations **exported** by package
- **Designer** of package has **Full** view
  - **Once** completion is reached
  - All operations based upon **full definition** of type

## 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.Instance := 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 components is annoying

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

## 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 component 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 component
- 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_Component_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 procedure Remove (Map : in out Map_T;
12 Key : Key_T;
13 Success : out Boolean);
14 procedure Modify (Map : in out Map_T;
15 Key : Key_T;
16 Description : Colors.Color_Set_T;
17 Success : out Boolean);
18
19 function Exists (Map : Map_T; Key : Key_T) return Boolean;
20 function Get (Map : Map_T; Key : Key_T) return Map_Component_T;
21 function Image (Item : Map_Component_T) return String;
22 function Image (Flag : Map_T) return String;
23 private
24 type Map_Component_T is record
25 Key : Key_T := Key_T'First;
26 Description : Colors.Color_Set_T := Colors.Empty_Set;
27 end record;
28 type Map_Array_T is array (1 .. 100) of Map_Component_T;
29 type Map_T is record
30 Values : Map_Array_T;
31 Length : Natural := 0;
32 end record;
33 end Flags;
```

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

```
3 function Find (Map : Map_T;
4 Key : Key_T)
5 return Integer is
6 begin
7 for I in 1 .. Map.Length loop
8 if Map.Values (I).Key = Key then
9 return I;
10 end if;
11 end loop;
12 return -1;
13 end Find;
14
15 procedure Add (Map : in out Map_T;
16 Key : Key_T;
17 Description : Colors.Color_Set_T;
18 Success : out Boolean) is
19 Index : constant Integer := Find (Map, Key);
20 begin
21 Success := False;
22 if Index not in Map.Values'Range then
23 declare
24 New_Item : constant Map_Component_T :=
25 (Key => Key,
26 Description => Description);
27 begin
28 Map.Length := Map.Length + 1;
29 Map.Values (Map.Length) := New_Item;
30 Success := True;
31 end;
32 end if;
33 end Add;
34
35 procedure Remove (Map : in out Map_T;
36 Key : Key_T;
37 Success : out Boolean) is
38 Index : constant Integer := Find (Map, Key);
39 begin
40 Success := False;
41 if Index in Map.Values'Range then
42 Map.Values (Index .. Map.Length - 1) :=
43 Map.Values (Index + 1 .. Map.Length);
44 Success := True;
45 end if;
46 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 Index : constant Integer := Find (Map, Key);
40 begin
41 Success := False;
42 if Index in Map.Values'Range then
43 Map.Values (Index).Description := Description;
44 Success := True;
45 end if;
46 end Modify;
47
48 function Exists (Map : Map_T;
49 Key : Key_T)
50 return Boolean is
51 (Find (Map, Key) in Map.Values'Range);
52
53 function Get (Map : Map_T;
54 Key : Key_T)
55 return Map_Component_T is
56 Index : constant Integer := Find (Map, Key);
57 Ret_Val : Map_Component_T;
58 begin
59 if Index in Map.Values'Range then
60 Ret_Val := Map.Values (Index);
61 end if;
62 return Ret_Val;
63 end Get;
64
65 function Image (Item : Map_Component_T) return String is
66 (Item.Key'Image & " => " & Colors.Image (Item.Description));
67
68 function Image (Flag : Map_T) return String is
69 Ret_Val : String (1 .. 1_000);
70 Next : Integer := Ret_Val'First;
71 begin
72 for I in 1 .. Flag.Length loop
73 declares
74 Item : constant Map_Component_T := Flag.Values (I);
75 Str : constant String := Image (Item);
76 begin
77 Ret_Val (Next .. Next + Str'Length) := Image (Item) & ASCII.LF;
78 Next := Next + Str'Length + 1;
79 end;
80 end loop;
81 return Ret_Val (1 .. Next - 1);
82 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

# 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 components
    - 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

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 I : Integer;
end record;
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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(s) is (are) 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(s) is (are) legal?

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

Explanations

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

## Creating Values

# 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

- *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

```
-- 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

- 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

- **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  
  Component : 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  
Component : 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
 Component : Integer;
 end record;
 type L2_T is record
 Component : Integer;
 end record;
 type P1_T is limited record
 Component : L1_T;
 end record;
 type P2_T is record
 Component : L2_T;
 end record;
end P;
```

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
 Component : Integer;
 end record;
 type L2_T is record
 Component : Integer;
 end record;
 type P1_T is limited record
 Component : L1_T;
 end record;
 type P2_T is record
 Component : L2_T;
 end record;
end P;
```

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

Full definition of P1\_T adds restrictions, which is not allowed. 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
9 begin
10 return Ret_Val : Employee_T do
11 Last_Used_Id := Id_T'Succ (Last_Used_Id);
12 Ret_Val.Name := Name;
13 Ret_Val.Rate := Rate;
14 Ret_Val.Id := Last_Used_Id;
15 end return;
16 end Create;
17
18 function Id (Employee : Employee_T) return Id_T is
19 (Employee.Id);
20
21 function Name (Employee : Employee_T) return Name_T is
22 (Employee.Name);
23
24 function Rate (Employee : Employee_T) return Hourly_Rate_T is
25 (Employee.Rate);
26
27 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 begin
8 return
9 (Employee => Employee_Data.Create (Name, Rate),
10 Hours_Worked => Hours,
11 Pay => Pay_T (Hours) * Pay_T (Rate));
12 end Create;
13
14 function Id (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Employee_Data.Id_T is
15 (Employee_Data.Id (Timecard.Employee));
16 function Name (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Employee_Data.Name_T is
17 (Employee_Data.Name (Timecard.Employee));
18 function Rate (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T is
19 (Employee_Data.Rate (Timecard.Employee));
20 function Pay (Timecard : Timecard_T) return Pay_T is
21 (Timecard.Pay);
22
23 function Image
24 (Timecard : Timecard_T)
25 return String is
26 Name_S : constant String := Name (Timecard);
27 Id_S : constant String :=
28 Employee_Data.Id_T'Image (Employee_Data.Id (Timecard.Employee));
29 Rate_S : constant String :=
30 Employee_Data.Hourly_Rate_T'Image
31 (Employee_Data.Rate (Timecard.Employee));
32 Hours_S : constant String :=
33 Hours_Worked_T'Image (Timecard.Hours_Worked);
34 Pay_S : constant String := Pay_T'Image (Timecard.Pay);
35 begin
36 return
37 Name_S & " (" & Id_S & ") => " & Hours_S & " hours * " & Rate_S &
38 "/hour = " & Pay_S;
39 end Image;
40 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

## Day 2 - AM

# Advanced Data Hiding

## Type Views

# Capabilities / Constraints of a Type

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

## Partial Vs Full View of a Type

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

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

# Discriminants

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

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

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

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

## Unknown Constraint

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

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

# Limited

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

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

# Tagged

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

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

# Private Primitives

- Primitives can be either public or private
- Privacy is **orthogonal** with type hierarchy
  - Derived types **may not** have access to private primitives
  - Child packages **can** access private part
    - and call the private primitive directly
- A primitive that has to be derived **must** be public
  - Abstract, constructor...

```
package P is
 type T is private;
 -- abstract must be public
 procedure Execute (Obj : T) is abstract;
 -- constructor must be public
 function Make return T;
private
 procedure Internal_Reset (Obj : T); -- can be private
end package P;
```

## Tagged Extension

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

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

# Tagged Abstract

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

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

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

## Protection Idiom

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

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

- Helps keeping track of the object usage

# Quiz

```
type T is private;
```

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

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

# Quiz

```
type T is private;
```

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

- A. *type T is tagged null record*
  - B. type T is limited null record
  - C. *type T is array (1 .. 10) of Integer*
  - D. type T is abstract tagged null record
- 
- A. Can declare supplementary capability
  - B. Cannot add further constraint
  - C. Note: an unconstrained **range** <> would be incorrect
  - D. Abstract is a constraint

## Incomplete Types

# Incomplete Types

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

## How to Get an Incomplete Type View?

- From an explicit declaration

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

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

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

## Type Completion Deferred to the Body

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

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

# Quiz

```
type T;
```

In the same scope, which of the following types is (are) legal?

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

# Quiz

```
type T;
```

In the same scope, which of the following types is (are) legal?

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

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

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

**D.** *type T2 is record*

*Acc : access T;*

*end record;*

**A.** Can **access** the type

**B.** Cannot use the type as a component

**C.** Cannot derive from an incomplete type

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

# Quiz

```
package Pkg is
 type T is private;
private
 -- Declarations Here
```

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

- A. type T is array (Positive range <>) of Integer
- B. type T is tagged null record
- C. type T is limited null record
- D. type T\_Arr is array (Positive range <>) of T;  
type T is new Integer;

# Quiz

```
package Pkg is
 type T is private;
private
 -- Declarations Here
```

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

- A. type T is array (Positive range <>) of Integer
- B. `type T is tagged null record`
- C. type T is limited null record
- D. `type T_Arr is array (Positive range <>) of T;`  
`type T is new Integer;`
- A. Cannot complete with an unconstrained type
- B. Can complete with the `tagged` capability
- C. Cannot complete with a `limited` constraint
- D. Even though T is private, it can be used as component

## Private Library Units

## Child Units and Privacy

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

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

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

- **Private child** can view the private part
  - Used for "implementation details"

## Importing a Private Child

- A **private package** can view its **parent private** part
- A private package's usage (*view*) is
  - Restricted to the *Private descendants of their parent*
  - Visible from parent's **body**
  - Visible from public sibling's **private** section, and **body**
  - Visible from private siblings (public, **private**, **body**)

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

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

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

## Private Children and `with`

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

*Public package spec cannot `with` a private package*

```
1 with Root.Private_Child;
2 package Root.Bad_Child is
3 Object1 : Root.Private_Child.T;
4 procedure Proc2;
5 private
6 Object2 : Root.Private_Child.T;
7 end Root.Bad_Child;
root-bad_child.ads:1:06: error:
current unit must also be private
descendant of "Root"
```

*But it can `with` a sibling private package from its body*

```
package Root.Good_Child is
 procedure Proc2;
end Root.Good_Child;

with Root.Private_Child;
package body Root.Good_Child is
 Object1 : Root.Private_Child.T;
 Object2 : Root.Private_Child.T;
 procedure Proc2 is null;
end Root.Good_Child;
```

## private with

- The parent and its children can **private with** a private package
  - From anywhere
  - View given **stays private**

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

- Clients of `Root.Child2` don't have any visibility on `Root.Child1`

# Children "Inherit" From Private Properties of Parent

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

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

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

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

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

Lab

# Advanced Data Hiding Lab

## ■ Requirements

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

## ■ Hints

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

# Advanced Data Hiding Lab Solution - Message Type

```
1 package Messages is
2 type Message_T is private;
3
4 procedure Set_Content (Message : in out Message_T;
5 Value : Integer);
6 function Content (Message : Message_T) return Integer;
7 function Image (Message : Message_T) return String;
8
9 private
10 type Message_Content_T;
11 type Message_T is access Message_Content_T;
12 end Messages;
13
14 package body Messages is
15 type Message_Content_T is new Integer;
16
17 procedure Set_Content (Message : in out Message_T;
18 Value : Integer) is
19 New_Value : constant Message_Content_T := Message_Content_T (Value);
20 begin
21 if Message = null then
22 Message := new Message_Content_T'(New_Value);
23 else
24 Message.all := New_Value;
25 end if;
26 end Set_Content;
27
28 function Content (Message : Message_T) return Integer is
29 (Integer (Message.all));
30 function Image (Message : Message_T) return String is
31 ("**" & Message_Content_T'Image (Message.all));
32 end Messages;
```

## Advanced Data Hiding Lab Solution - Message List Type

```
1 package Messages.List_Types is
2 type List_T is private;
3 private
4 type List_Content_T;
5 type List_T is access List_Content_T;
6 type Id_Type is range 1_000 .. 9_999;
7 type List_Content_T is record
8 Id : Id_Type;
9 Content : Message_T;
10 Next : List_T;
11 end record;
12 end Messages.List_Types;
```

# Advanced Data Hiding Lab Solution - Message List Operations

```
1 package Messages.List_Types.Operations is
2 procedure Append (List : in out List_T;
3 Item : Message_T);
4 function Next (List : List_T) return List_T;
5 function Is_Null (List : List_T) return Boolean;
6 function Image (Message : List_T) return String;
7 end Messages.List_Types.Operations;
8
9 package body Messages.List_Types.Operations is
10 Id : Id_Type := Id_Type'First;
11
12 procedure Append (List : in out List_T;
13 Item : Message_T) is
14 begin
15 if List = null then
16 List := new List_Content_T'(Id => Id, Content => Item, Next => null);
17 else
18 List.Next := new List_Content_T'(Id => Id, Content => Item, Next => null);
19 end if;
20 Id := Id_Type'Succ (Id);
21 end Append;
22
23 function Next (List : List_T) return List_T is (List.Next);
24 function Is_Null (List : List_T) return Boolean is (List = null);
25
26 function Image (Message : List_T) return String is
27 begin
28 if Is_Null (Message) then
29 return "" & ASCII.LF;
30 else
31 return "id: " & Id_Type'Image (Message.Id) & " => " &
32 Image (Message.Content) & ASCII.LF & Image (Message.Next);
33 end if;
34 end Image;
35 end Messages.List_Types.Operations;
```

# Advanced Data Hiding Lab Solution - Main

```
1 with Ada.Text_IO;
2 with Messages;
3 with Messages.List_Types;
4 with Messages.List_Types.Operations;
5 procedure Main is
6 package Types renames Messages.List_Types;
7 package Operations renames Messages.List_Types.Operations;
8
9 List : Types.List_T;
10 Head : Types.List_T;
11
12 function Convert (Value : Integer) return Messages.Message_T is
13 Ret_Value : Messages.Message_T;
14 begin
15 Messages.Set_Content (Ret_Value, Value);
16 return Ret_Value;
17 end Convert;
18
19 procedure Add_One (Value : Integer) is
20 begin
21 Operations.Append (List, Convert (Value));
22 List := Operations.Next (List);
23 end Add_One;
24
25 begin
26 Operations.Append (List, Convert (1));
27 Head := List;
28 Add_One (23);
29 Add_One (456);
30 Add_One (78);
31 Add_One (9);
32 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (Operations.Image (Head));
33 end Main;
```

## Summary

# Summary

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

# Access Types In Depth

## 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 - General vs Pool-Specific

## General Access Types

- Point to any object of designated type
- Useful for creating aliases to existing objects
- Point to existing object via 'Access **or** created by **new**
- No automatic memory management

## Pool-Specific Access Types

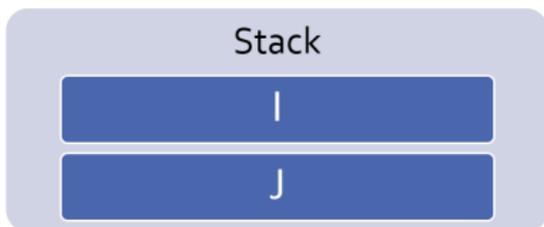
- Tightly coupled to dynamically allocated objects
- Used with Ada's controlled memory management (pools)
- Can only point to object created by **new**
- Memory management tied to specific storage pool

# Access Types Can Be Dangerous

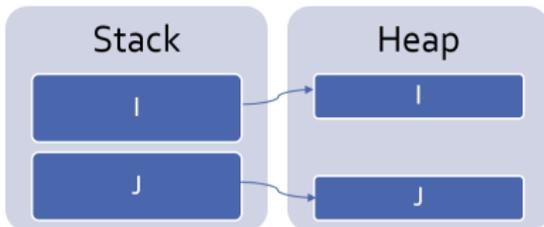
- Multiple memory issues
  - Leaks / corruptions
- Introduces potential random failures complicated to analyze
- Increase the complexity of the data structures
- May decrease the performances of the application
  - Dereferences are slightly more expensive than direct access
  - Allocations are a lot 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
    - Details elsewhere

```
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");
```

# Deallocation

- 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;
 -- Necessary to avoid corruption
 -- Watch out for any of G's copies!
 G := null;
end P1;

procedure P2 is
begin
 G.all := 5;
end P2;
```

## Aliased Parameters

- To ensure a subprogram parameter always has a valid memory address, define it as **aliased**
  - Ensures 'Access and 'Address are valid for the parameter

```
procedure Example (Param : aliased Integer);
```

```
Object1 : aliased Integer;
```

```
Object2 : Integer;
```

```
-- This is OK
```

```
Example (Object1);
```

```
-- Compile error: Object2 could be optimized away
```

```
-- or stored in a register
```

```
Example (Object2);
```

```
-- Compile error: No address available for parameter
```

```
Example (123);
```

# 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(s) is (are) 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(s) is (are) 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)

- Issues with nesting

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

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

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

# Dynamic Accessibility Checks

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

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

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

## Getting Around Accessibility Checks

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

```
type Acc is access all Integer;
G : Acc;
procedure P is
 V : aliased Integer;
begin
 G := V'Unchecked_Access;
 ...
 Do_Something (G.all);
 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_Access : Global_Access_T;
Global_Object : aliased Integer;
procedure Proc_Access is
 type Local_Access_T is access all Integer;
 Local_Access : Local_Access_T;
 Local_Object : aliased Integer;
begin
```

Which assignment(s) is (are) legal?

- A. `Global_Access := Global_Object'Access;`
- B. `Global_Access := Local_Object'Access;`
- C. `Local_Access := Global_Object'Access;`
- D. `Local_Access := Local_Object'Access;`

# Quiz

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

Which assignment(s) is (are) legal?

- A. `Global_Access := Global_Object'Access;`
- B. `Global_Access := Local_Object'Access;`
- C. `Local_Access := Global_Object'Access;`
- D. `Local_Access := Local_Object'Access;`

Explanations

- A. Access type has same depth as object
- B. Access type is not allowed to have higher level than accessed object
- C. Access type has lower depth than accessed object
- D. Access type has same depth as object

## Memory Corruption

# Common Memory Problems (1/3)

- Uninitialized pointers

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

- Double deallocation

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

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

## Common Memory Problems (2/3)

- Accessing deallocated memory

**declare**

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

```
procedure Free is new
```

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

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

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

**begin**

```
Free (V1);
```

```
...
```

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

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

## Common Memory Problems (3/3)

- Memory leaks

```
declare
```

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

```
 procedure Free is new
```

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

```
 V : An_Access := new Integer;
```

```
begin
```

```
 V := null;
```

- Silent problem

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

## How to Fix Memory Problems?

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

## 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
```

# Memory Management

## Simple Linked List

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

# Incomplete Types

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

```
type Some_Record_T;
```

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

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

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

```
type Some_Record_T is record
```

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

```
end record;
```

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

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

```
end record;
```

## Linked List in Ada

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

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

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

# Simplistic Linked List

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

end Simple;
```

## Memory Debugging

## GNAT.Debug\_Pools

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

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

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

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

# GNAT.Debug\_Pools Spec (Partial)

```
package GNAT.Debug_Pools is

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

private
 -- ...
end GNAT.Debug_Pools;
```

# Displaying Debug Information

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

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

- Dump info after each **new**

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

- Dump info after free

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

# Execution Results

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

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

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

## Memory Control

## System.Storage\_Pools

- Mechanism to allow coder control over allocation/deallocation process

- Uses `Ada.Finalization.Limited_Controlled` to implement customized memory allocation and deallocation
- Must be specified for each access type being controlled

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

# System.Storage\_Pools Spec (Partial)

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

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

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

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

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

# System.Storage\_Pools Explanations

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

# System.Storage\_Pools Example (Partial)

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

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

function Find_Free_Block (Length : Storage_Count) return Index_T;

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

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

## Advanced Access Type Safety

# Elaboration-Only Dynamic Allocation

- Common in critical contexts
- Rationale:
  - 1 We (might) need dynamically allocated data
    - e.g. loading configuration data of unknown size
  - 2 Deallocations can cause leaks, corruption
    - → **Disallow** them entirely
  - 3 A dynamically allocated object will need deallocation
    - → Unless it never goes out of **scope**
- → Allow only allocation onto globals

 **Tip**

And restrict allocations to program elaboration

# Prevent Heap Deallocation

- `Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation` cannot be used anymore
- No heap deallocation is possible
  - The total number of allocations should be bounded
  - e.g. elaboration-only allocations

**pragma** Restrictions

```
(No_Dependence => Unchecked_Deallocation);
```

## Constant Access at Library Level

```
type Acc is access T;
procedure Free is new Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation (T, Acc);
```

```
A : constant Acc := new T;
```

- A is **constant**
  - Cannot be deallocated

## Constant Access as Discriminant

```
type R (A : access T) is limited record
```

- A is **constant**
  - Cannot be deallocated
- R is **limited**
  - Cannot be copied

## Idiom: Access to Subtype



### Tip

`subtype` improves access-related code safety

- Subtype constraints still apply through the access type

```
type Values_T is array (Positive range <>) of Integer;
```

```
subtype Two_Values_T is Values_T (1 .. 2);
```

```
type Two_Values_A is access all Two_Values_T;
```

```
function Get return Values_T is (1 => 10);
```

```
-- O : aliased Two_Values_T := Get;
```

```
-- Runtime FAIL: Constraint check
```

```
O : aliased Values_T := Get; -- Single value, bounds are 1 ..
```

```
-- P : Two_Values_A := O'Access;
```

```
-- Compile-time FAIL: Bounds must statically match
```

Lab

# Access Types In Depth Lab

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

## Extra Credit

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

# Lab Solution - Database

```
1 package Database is
2 type Database_T is private;
3 function "=" (L, R : Database_T) return Boolean;
4 function To_Database (Value : String) return Database_T;
5 function From_Database (Value : Database_T) return String;
6 function "<" (L, R : Database_T) return Boolean;
7 private
8 type Database_T is record
9 Value : String (1 .. 100);
10 Length : Natural;
11 end record;
12 end Database;
13
14 package body Database is
15 function "=" (L, R : Database_T) return Boolean is
16 begin
17 return L.Value (1 .. L.Length) = R.Value (1 .. R.Length);
18 end "=";
19 function To_Database (Value : String) return Database_T is
20 Retval : Database_T;
21 begin
22 Retval.Length := Value'Length;
23 Retval.Value (1 .. Retval.Length) := Value;
24 return Retval;
25 end To_Database;
26 function From_Database (Value : Database_T) return String is
27 begin
28 return Value.Value (1 .. Value.Length);
29 end From_Database;
30
31 function "<" (L, R : Database_T) return Boolean is
32 begin
33 return L.Value (1 .. L.Length) < R.Value (1 .. R.Length);
34 end "<";
35 end Database;
```

# Lab Solution - Database\_List (Spec)

```
1 with Database; use Database;
2 -- Uncomment next line when using debug/storage pools
3 -- with Memory_Mgmt;
4 package Database_List is
5 type List_T is limited private;
6 procedure First (List : in out List_T);
7 procedure Next (List : in out List_T);
8 function End_Of_List (List : List_T) return Boolean;
9 function Current (List : List_T) return Database_T;
10 procedure Insert (List : in out List_T;
11 Component : Database_T);
12 procedure Delete (List : in out List_T;
13 Component : Database_T);
14 function Is_Empty (List : List_T) return Boolean;
15 private
16 type Linked_List_T;
17 type Linked_List_Ptr_T is access all Linked_List_T;
18 -- Uncomment next line when using debug/storage pools
19 -- for Linked_List_Ptr_T's storage_pool use Memory_Mgmt.Storage_Pool;
20 type Linked_List_T is record
21 Next : Linked_List_Ptr_T;
22 Content : Database_T;
23 end record;
24 type List_T is record
25 Head : Linked_List_Ptr_T;
26 Current : Linked_List_Ptr_T;
27 end record;
28 end Database_List;
```

# Lab Solution - Database\_List (Helper Objects)

```
1 with Interfaces;
2 with Unchecked_Deallocation;
3 package body Database_List is
4 use type Database.Database_T;
5
6 function Is_Empty (List : List_T) return Boolean is
7 begin
8 return List.Head = null;
9 end Is_Empty;
10
11 procedure First (List : in out List_T) is
12 begin
13 List.Current := List.Head;
14 end First;
15
16 procedure Next (List : in out List_T) is
17 begin
18 if not Is_Empty (List) then
19 if List.Current /= null then
20 List.Current := List.Current.Next;
21 end if;
22 end if;
23 end Next;
24
25 function End_Of_List (List : List_T) return Boolean is
26 begin
27 return List.Current = null;
28 end End_Of_List;
29
30 function Current (List : List_T) return Database_T is
31 begin
32 return List.Current.Content;
33 end Current;
```

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

```

30 procedure Insert (List : in out List_T;
31 Component : Database_T) is
32 New_Component : Linked_List_Ptr_T :=
33 new Linked_List_T'(Next => null, Content => Component);
34 begin
35 if Is_Empty (List) then
36 List.Current := New_Component;
37 List.Head := New_Component;
38 elsif Component < List.Head.Content then
39 New_Component.Next := List.Head;
40 List.Current := New_Component;
41 List.Head := New_Component;
42 else
43 declare
44 Current : Linked_List_Ptr_T := List.Head;
45 begin
46 while Current.Next /= null and then Current.Next.Content < Component
47 loop
48 Current := Current.Next;
49 end loop;
50 New_Component.Next := Current.Next;
51 Current.Next := New_Component;
52 end;
53 end if;
54 -- Document next line when using debug/storage pools
55 -- Memory_Mgmt.Print_Info;
56 end Insert;
57
58 procedure Free to new Unchecked_Deallocation
59 (Linked_List_T, Linked_List_Ptr_T);
60 procedure Delete
61 (List : in out List_T;
62 Component : Database_T) is
63 To_Delete : Linked_List_Ptr_T := null;
64 begin
65 if not Is_Empty (List) then
66 if List.Head.Content = Component then
67 To_Delete := List.Head;
68 List.Head := List.Head.Next;
69 List.Current := List.Head;
70 else
71 declare
72 Previous : Linked_List_Ptr_T := List.Head;
73 Current : Linked_List_Ptr_T := List.Head.Next;
74 begin
75 while Current /= null loop
76 if Current.Content = Component then
77 To_Delete := Current;
78 Previous.Next := Current.Next;
79 end if;
80 Current := Current.Next;
81 end loop;
82 end;
83 List.Current := List.Head;
84 end if;
85 if To_Delete /= null then
86 Free (To_Delete);
87 end if;
88 end if;
89 -- Document next line when using debug/storage pools
90 -- Memory_Mgmt.Print_Info;
91 end Delete;
92 end Database_List;

```

# Lab Solution - Main

```
1 with Simple_Io; use Simple_Io;
2 with Database;
3 with Database_List;
4 procedure Main is
5 List : Database_List.List_T;
6 Component : Database.Database_T;
7
8 procedure Add is
9 Value : constant String := Get_String ("Add");
10 begin
11 if Value'Length > 0 then
12 Component := Database.To_Database (Value);
13 Database_List.Insert (List, Component);
14 end if;
15 end Add;
16
17 procedure Delete is
18 Value : constant String := Get_String ("Delete");
19 begin
20 if Value'Length > 0 then
21 Component := Database.To_Database (Value);
22 Database_List.Delete (List, Component);
23 end if;
24 end Delete;
25
26 procedure Print is
27 begin
28 Database_List.First (List);
29 Simple_Io.Print_String ("List");
30 while not Database_List.End_Of_List (List) loop
31 Component := Database_List.Current (List);
32 Print_String (" " & Database.From_Database (Component));
33 Database_List.Next (List);
34 end loop;
35 end Print;
36
37 begin
38 loop
39 case Get_Character ("A=Add D=Delete P=Print Q=Quit") is
40 when 'a' | 'A' => Add;
41 when 'd' | 'D' => Delete;
42 when 'p' | 'P' => Print;
43 when 'q' | 'Q' => exit;
44 when others => null;
45 end case;
46 end loop;
47 end Main;
```

## Lab Solution - Simple\_IO (Spec)

```
1 with Ada.Strings.Unbounded; use Ada.Strings.Unbounded;
2 package Simple_Io is
3 function Get_String (Prompt : String)
4 return String;
5 function Get_Number (Prompt : String)
6 return Integer;
7 function Get_Character (Prompt : String)
8 return Character;
9 procedure Print_String (Str : String);
10 procedure Print_Number (Num : Integer);
11 procedure Print_Character (Char : Character);
12 function Get_String (Prompt : String)
13 return Unbounded_String;
14 procedure Print_String (Str : Unbounded_String);
15 end Simple_Io;
```

# Lab Solution - Simple\_IO (Body)

```
1 with Ada.Text_IO;
2 package body Simple_Io is
3 function Get_String (Prompt : String) return String is
4 Str : String (1 .. 1_000);
5 Last : Integer;
6 begin
7 Ada.Text_IO.Put (Prompt & "> ");
8 Ada.Text_IO.Get_Line (Str, Last);
9 return Str (1 .. Last);
10 end Get_String;
11
12 function Get_Number (Prompt : String) return Integer is
13 Str : constant String := Get_String (Prompt);
14 begin
15 return Integer'Value (Str);
16 end Get_Number;
17
18 function Get_Character (Prompt : String) return Character is
19 Str : constant String := Get_String (Prompt);
20 begin
21 return Str (Str'First);
22 end Get_Character;
23
24 procedure Print_String (Str : String) is
25 begin
26 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (Str);
27 end Print_String;
28 procedure Print_Number (Num : Integer) is
29 begin
30 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (Integer'Image (Num));
31 end Print_Number;
32 procedure Print_Character (Char : Character) is
33 begin
34 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (Character'Image (Char));
35 end Print_Character;
36
37 function Get_String (Prompt : String) return Unbounded_String is
38 begin
39 return To_Unbounded_String (Get_String (Prompt));
40 end Get_String;
41 procedure Print_String (Str : Unbounded_String) is
42 begin
43 Print_String (To_String (Str));
44 end Print_String;
45 end Simple_Io;
```

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

```
1 with GNAT.Debug_Pools;
2 package Memory_Mgmt is
3 Storage_Pool : GNAT.Debug_Pools.Debug_Pool;
4 procedure Print_Info;
5 end Memory_Mgmt;
6
7 package body Memory_Mgmt is
8 procedure Print_Info is
9 begin
10 GNAT.Debug_Pools.Print_Info_Stdout (Storage_Pool);
11 end Print_Info;
12 end Memory_Mgmt;
```

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

```
1 with System.Storage_Components;
2 with System.Storage_Pools;
3 package Memory_Mgmt is
4
5 type Storage_Pool_T is new System.Storage_Pools.Root_Storage_Pool with
6 null record;
7
8 procedure Print_Info;
9
10 procedure Allocate
11 (Pool : in out Storage_Pool_T;
12 Storage_Address : out System.Address;
13 Size_In_Storage_Components : System.Storage_Components.Storage_Count;
14 Alignment : System.Storage_Components.Storage_Count);
15 procedure Deallocate
16 (Pool : in out Storage_Pool_T;
17 Storage_Address : System.Address;
18 Size_In_Storage_Components : System.Storage_Components.Storage_Count;
19 Alignment : System.Storage_Components.Storage_Count);
20 function Storage_Size
21 (Pool : Storage_Pool_T)
22 return System.Storage_Components.Storage_Count;
23
24 Storage_Pool : Storage_Pool_T;
25
26 end Memory_Mgmt;
```

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

```
1 with Ada.Text_IO;
2 with Interfaces;
3 package body Memory_Mgmt is
4 use System.Storage_Components;
5 use type System.Address;
6
7 subtype Index_T is Storage_Count range 1 .. 1_000;
8 Memory_Block : aliased array (Index_T) of Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
9 Memory_Used : array (Index_T) of Boolean := (others => False);
10
11 Current_Water_Mark : Storage_Count := 0;
12 High_Water_Mark : Storage_Count := 0;
13
14 procedure Set_In_Use
15 (Start : Index_T;
16 Length : Storage_Count;
17 Used : Boolean) is
18 begin
19 for I in 0 .. Length - 1 loop
20 Memory_Used (Start + I) := Used;
21 end loop;
22 if Used then
23 Current_Water_Mark := Current_Water_Mark + Length;
24 High_Water_Mark :=
25 Storage_Count'max (High_Water_Mark, Current_Water_Mark);
26 else
27 Current_Water_Mark := Current_Water_Mark - Length;
28 end if;
29 end Set_In_Use;
30
31 function Find_Free_Block
32 (Length : Storage_Count)
33 return Index_T is
34 Consecutive : Storage_Count := 0;
35 begin
36 for I in Memory_Used'Range loop
37 if Memory_Used (I) then
38 Consecutive := 0;
39 else
40 Consecutive := Consecutive + 1;
41 if Consecutive >= Length then
42 return I;
43 end if;
44 end if;
45 end loop;
46 raise Storage_Error;
47 end Find_Free_Block;
```

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

```
49 procedure Allocate
50 (Pool : in out Storage_Pool_T;
51 Storage_Address : out System.Address;
52 Size_In_Storage_Components : Storage_Count;
53 Alignment : Storage_Count) is
54 Index : Storage_Count := Find_Free_Block (Size_In_Storage_Components);
55 begin
56 Storage_Address := Memory_Block (Index)'Address;
57 Set_In_Use (Index, Size_In_Storage_Components, True);
58 end Allocate;
59
60 procedure Deallocate
61 (Pool : in out Storage_Pool_T;
62 Storage_Address : System.Address;
63 Size_In_Storage_Components : Storage_Count;
64 Alignment : Storage_Count) is
65 begin
66 for I in Memory_Block'Range loop
67 if Memory_Block (I)'Address = Storage_Address then
68 Set_In_Use (I, Size_In_Storage_Components, False);
69 end if;
70 end loop;
71 end Deallocate;
72
73 function Storage_Size
74 (Pool : Storage_Pool_T)
75 return System.Storage_Components.Storage_Count is
76 begin
77 return 0;
78 end Storage_Size;
79
80 procedure Print_Info is
81 begin
82 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line
83 ("Current Water Mark: " & Storage_Count'Image (Current_Water_Mark));
84 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line
85 ("High Water Mark: " & Storage_Count'Image (High_Water_Mark));
86 end Print_Info;
87
88 end Memory_Mgmt;
```

## Summary

# Summary

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

## Day 2 - PM

# 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 := Left;
begin
 Left := Right;
 Right := V;
end Swap_Int;
```

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

# Declaration

- Subprograms

```
generic
 type T is private;
procedure Swap (L, R : in out T);
```

- Packages

```
generic
 type T is private;
package Stack is
 procedure Push (Item : T);
end Stack;
```

- Body is required

- Will be specialized and compiled for **each instance**

- Children of generic units have to be generic themselves

```
generic
package Stack.Utilities is
 procedure Print (S : Stack_T);
```

# Usage

- Instantiated with the **new** keyword

```
-- Standard library
```

```
function Convert is new Ada.Unchecked_Conversion
 (Integer, Array_Of_4_Bytes);
```

```
-- Callbacks
```

```
procedure Parse_Tree is new Tree_Parser
 (Visitor_Procedure);
```

```
-- Containers, generic data-structures
```

```
package Integer_Stack is new Stack (Integer);
```

- Advanced usages for testing, proof, meta-programming

# Quiz

Which one(s) of the following can be made generic?

**generic**

```
type T is private;
```

<code goes here>

- A. package
- B. record
- C. function
- D. array

# Quiz

Which one(s) of the following can be made generic?

`generic`

```
 type T is private;
```

<code goes here>

- A. `package`
- B. `record`
- C. `function`
- D. `array`

Only packages, functions, and procedures, can be made generic.

## Generic Data

## Generic Types Parameters (1/3)

- 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;</code>                       | Incomplete type; can only be used as target of <code>access</code>                               |
| <code>type T5 is tagged private;</code>     | <code>tagged</code> 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> | <code>(&lt;&gt;)</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 Component (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_Component is new Component
(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 (are) legal instantiation(s)?

- 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

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 type T1 is (<>);
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- 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 Component_T is private;
 Array_Size : Positive;
 High_Watermark : in out Component_T;
package Repository is
```

- Generic instance

```
V : Float;
Max : Float;
```

```
procedure My_Repository is new Repository
(Component_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

- `is <>` - matching subprogram is taken by default
- `is null` - null procedure 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 procedure*

# Quiz

```
generic
 type Component_T is (<>);
 Last : in out Component_T;
procedure Write (P : Component_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 (Numeric))
- D. procedure Write\_D is new Write (Float, Floating\_Point)

# Quiz

```
generic
 type Component_T is (<>);
 Last : in out Component_T;
procedure Write (P : Component_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 (Numeric))`
  - 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

Given the following generic function:

```
generic
 type Some_T is private;
 with function "+" (L : Some_T; R : Integer) return Some_T is <>;
function Incr (Param : Some_T) return Some_T;

function Incr (Param : Some_T) return Some_T is
begin
 return Param + 1;
end Incr;
```

And the following declarations:

```
type Record_T is record
 Component : Integer;
end record;
function Add (L : Record_T; I : Integer) return Record_T is
 ((Component => L.Component + I))
function Weird (L : Integer; R : Integer) return Integer is (0);
```

Which of the following instantiation(s) is/are **not** legal?

- function IncrA is new Incr (Integer, Weird);
- function IncrB is new Incr (Record\_T, Add);
- function IncrC is new Incr (Record\_T);
- function IncrD is new Incr (Integer);

## Quiz

Given the following generic function:

```
generic
 type Some_T is private;
 with function "+" (L : Some_T; R : Integer) return Some_T is <>;
function Incr (Param : Some_T) return Some_T;

function Incr (Param : Some_T) return Some_T is
begin
 return Param + 1;
end Incr;
```

And the following declarations:

```
type Record_T is record
 Component : Integer;
end record;
function Add (L : Record_T; I : Integer) return Record_T is
 ((Component => L.Component + I))
function Weird (L : Integer; R : Integer) return Integer is (0);
```

Which of the following instantiation(s) is/are **not** legal?

- function IncrA is new Incr (Integer, Weird);
- function IncrB is new Incr (Record\_T, Add);
- function IncrC is new Incr (Record\_T);
- function IncrD is new Incr (Integer);

with function "+" (L : Some\_T; R : Integer) return Some\_T is <>;  
indicates that if no function for + is passed in, find (if possible) a matching definition at the point of instantiation.

- Weird matches the subprogram profile, so Incr will use Weird when doing addition for Integer
- Add matches the subprogram profile, so Incr will use Add when doing the addition for Record\_T
- There is no matching + operation for Record\_T, so that instantiation fails to compile
- Because there is no parameter for the generic formal parameter +, the compiler will look for one in the scope of the instantiation. Because the instantiating type is numeric, the inherited + operator is found

## 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)`

# Genericity Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Create a record structure containing multiple components
  - 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 components
- Print routine will need to know how to print one component

# Genericity Lab Solution - Generic (Spec)

```
1 generic
2 type Component_T is private;
3 Max_Size : Natural;
4 with function ">" (L, R : Component_T) return Boolean is <>;
5 with function Image (Component : Component_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 Component_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 Component_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 Component_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 : Component_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 (Component_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 Component : Data_Type.Record_T;
11
12 begin
13 List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Component => 111,
14 Character_Component => 'a'));
15 List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Component => 111,
16 Character_Component => 'z'));
17 List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Component => 111,
18 Character_Component => 'A'));
19 List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Component => 999,
20 Character_Component => 'B'));
21 List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Component => 999,
22 Character_Component => 'Y'));
23 List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Component => 999,
24 Character_Component => 'b'));
25 List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Component => 112,
26 Character_Component => 'a'));
27 List.Add (My_List, (Integer_Component => 998,
28 Character_Component => '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 run-time** depending on the type at call-site
- Types can be **extended** by other packages
  - Conversion 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

- 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_T is new Shape_T with record
```

```
 Origin : Coord_T;
```

```
end Point_T;
```

```
-- 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

- 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)*
- D. **use type** only gives visibility to operators; needs to be **use all type**

# Quiz

Which code block(s) is (are) legal?

**A** type A1 is record

```
 Component1 : Integer;
end record;
type A2 is new A1 with
null record;
```

**B** type B1 is tagged

```
record
 Component2 : Integer;
end record;
type B2 is new B1 with
record
 Component2b :
Integer;
end record;
```

**C** type C1 is tagged

```
record
 Component3 : Integer;
end record;
type C2 is new C1 with
record
 Component3 : Integer;
end record;
```

**D** type D1 is tagged

```
record
 Component1 : Integer;
end record;
type D2 is new D1;
```

# Quiz

Which code block(s) is (are) legal?

- A** type A1 is record  
    Component1 : Integer;  
end record;  
type A2 is new A1 with  
null record;
- B** *type B1 is tagged  
record  
    Component2 : Integer;  
end record;  
type B2 is new B1 with  
record  
    Component2b :  
Integer;  
end record;*
- C** type C1 is tagged  
record  
    Component3 : Integer;  
end record;  
type C2 is new C1 with  
record  
    Component3 : Integer;  
end record;
- D** type D1 is tagged  
record  
    Component1 : 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 components
  - We can extend a `tagged` type by adding components

```
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 components (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 components 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 components
  - 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" components 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 Create is (are) valid?

- `function Create return Child_T is (Parents.Create with Count => 0);`
- `function Create return Child_T is (others => <>);`
- `function Create return Child_T is (0, 0);`
- `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 Create is (are) valid?

- `function Create return Child_T is (Parents.Create with Count => 0);`
- `function Create return Child_T is (others => <>);`
- `function Create return Child_T is (0, 0);`
- `function Create return Child_T is (P with Count => 0);`

Explanations

- Correct - Parents.Create returns Parent\_T
- Cannot use `others` to complete private part of an aggregate
- Aggregate has no visibility to Id component, so cannot assign
- 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

## Day 3 - AM

# Exceptions In-Depth

# 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
- 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

```
1 procedure Main is
2 A, B, C, D : Integer range 0 .. 100;
3 begin
4 A := 1; B := 2; C := 3; D := 4;
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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];
```

*Note "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;
```

## Language-Defined Exceptions

## Constraint\_Error

- Caused by violations of constraints on range, index, etc.
- The most common exceptions encountered

```
K : Integer range 1 .. 10;
```

```
...
```

```
K := -1;
```

```
L : array (1 .. 100) of Some_Type;
```

```
...
```

```
L (400) := SomeValue;
```

## Program\_Error

- When runtime control structure is violated
  - Elaboration order errors and function bodies
- When implementation detects bounded errors
  - Discussed momentarily

```
function F return Some_Type is
begin
 if something then
 return Some_Value;
 end if; -- program error - no return statement
end F;
```

## Storage\_Error

- When insufficient storage is available
- Potential causes
  - Declarations
  - Explicit allocations
  - Implicit allocations

```
Data : array (1..1e20) of Big_Type;
```

## Explicitly-Raised Exceptions

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

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

- Syntax

```
raise_statement ::= raise; if Unknown (User_ID) then
 raise exception_name raise Invalid_User
 [with string_expression]; with "Attempt by " &
 Image (User_ID);
 with string_expression end if;
```

- **with** string\_expression only available in Ada 2005 and later

- A **raise** by itself is only allowed in handlers (more later)

## 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<sup>1</sup> 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  $0 < P < \text{Integer}'\text{Last}$
- 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)

## Partial and Nested Handlers

## Partially Handling Exceptions

- Handler eventually re-raises the current exception
- Achieved using `raise` by itself, since re-raising
  - Current active exception is then propagated to caller

```
procedure Joy_Ride is
 ...
begin
 while not Bored loop
 Steer_Aimlessly (Bored);
 Consume_Fuel (Hot_Rod);
 end loop;
exception
 when Fuel_Exhausted =>
 Pull_Over;
 raise; -- no gas available
end Joy_Ride;
```

## Typical Partial Handling Example

- Log (or display) the error and re-raise to caller
  - Same exception or another one

```
procedure Get (Item : out Integer; From : in File) is
begin
 Ada.Integer_Text_IO.Get (From, Item);
exception
 when Ada.Text_IO.End_Error =>
 Display_Error ("Attempted read past end of file");
 raise Error;
 when Ada.Text_IO.Mode_Error =>
 Display_Error ("Read from file opened for writing");
 raise Error;
 when Ada.Text_IO.Status_Error =>
 Display_Error ("File must be opened prior to use");
 raise Error;
 when others =>
 Display_Error ("Error in Get (Integer) from file");
 raise;
end Get;
```

# Exceptions Raised During Elaboration

- I.e., those occurring before the **begin**
- Go immediately to the caller
- No handlers in that frame are applicable
  - Could reference declarations that failed to elaborate!

```
procedure P (Output : out BigType) is
 -- storage error handled by caller
 N : array (Positive) of BigType;
 ...
begin
 ...
exception
 when Storage_Error =>
 -- failure to define N not handled here
 Output := N (1); -- if it was, this wouldn't work
 ...
end P;
```

# Handling Elaboration Exceptions

```
procedure Test is
 procedure P is
 X : Positive := 0; -- Constraint_Error!
 begin
 ...
 exception
 when Constraint_Error =>
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ("Got it in P");
 end P;
begin
 P;
exception
 when Constraint_Error =>
 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ("Got Constraint_Error in Test");
end Test;
```

# Quiz

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Exception_Test (Input_Value : Integer) is
 Known_Problem : exception;
 function F (P : Integer) return Integer is
 begin
 if P > 0 then
 return P * P;
 end if;
 exception
 when others => raise Known_Problem;
 end F;
 procedure P (X : Integer) is
 A : array (1 .. F (X)) of Float;
 begin
 A := (others => 0.0);
 exception
 when others => raise Known_Problem;
 end P;
begin
 P (Input_Value);
 Put_Line ("Success");
exception
 when Known_Problem => Put_Line ("Known problem");
 when others => Put_Line ("Unknown problem");
end Exception_Test;
```

What will get printed for these values of Input\_Value?

- 
- A. Integer'Last
  - B. Integer'First
  - C. 10000
  - D. 100
-

## Quiz

```

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Exception_Test (Input_Value : Integer) is
 Known_Problem : exception;
 function F (P : Integer) return Integer is
 begin
 if P > 0 then
 return P * P;
 end if;
 exception
 when others => raise Known_Problem;
 end F;
 procedure P (X : Integer) is
 A : array (1 .. F (X)) of Float;
 begin
 A := (others => 0.0);
 exception
 when others => raise Known_Problem;
 end P;
begin
 P (Input_Value);
 Put_Line ("Success");
exception
 when Known_Problem => Put_Line ("Known problem");
 when others => Put_Line ("Unknown problem");
end Exception_Test;

```

What will get printed for these values of Input\_Value?

- |    |               |                 |
|----|---------------|-----------------|
| A. | Integer'Last  | Known Problem   |
| B. | Integer'First | Unknown Problem |
| C. | 10000         | Unknown Problem |
| D. | 100           | Success         |

## Explanations

A → When F is called with a large P, its own exception handler captures the exception and raises Constraint\_Error (which the main exception handler processes)

B/C → When the creation of A fails (due to Program\_Error from passing F a negative number or Storage\_Error from passing F a large number), then P raises an exception during elaboration, which is propagated to Main

## Exceptions Raised in Exception Handlers

- Go immediately to caller unless also handled
- Goes to caller in any case, as usual

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

## 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

## Example Propagation Beyond Scope

```
package P is
 procedure Q;
end P;
package body P is
 Error : exception;
 procedure Q is
 begin
 ...
 raise Error;
 end Q;
end P;
```

```
with P;
procedure Client is
begin
 P.Q;
exception
 -- not visible
 when P.Error =>
 ...
 -- captured here
 when others =>
 ...
end Client;
```

# Mechanism to Treat Exceptions 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)

## User Subprogram Parameter Example

```
with Ada.Exceptions; use Ada.Exceptions;
procedure Display_Exception
 (Error : in Exception_Occurrence)
is
 Msg : constant String := Exception_Message (Error);
 Info : constant String := Exception_Information (Error);
begin
 New_Line;
 if Info /= "" then
 Put ("Exception information => ");
 Put_Line (Info);
 elsif Msg /= "" then
 Put ("Exception message => ");
 Put_Line (Msg);
 else
 Put ("Exception name => ");
 Put_Line (Exception_Name (Error));
 end if;
end Display_Exception;
```

# Exception Identity

- Attribute 'Identity converts exceptions to the type

```
package Ada.Exceptions is
...
type Exception_Id is private;
...
procedure Raise_Exception (E : in Exception_Id;
 Message : in String := "");
...
end Ada.Exceptions;
```

- Primary use is raising exceptions procedurally

```
Foo : exception;
...
Ada.Exceptions.Raise_Exception (Foo'Identity,
 Message => "FUBAR!");
```

# Re-Raising Exceptions Procedurally

- Typical `raise` mechanism

```
begin
 ...
exception
 when others =>
 Cleanup;
 raise;
end;
```

- Procedural `raise` mechanism

```
begin
 ...
exception
 when X : others =>
 Cleanup;
 Ada.Exceptions.Reraise_Occurrence (X);
end;
```

## Copying `Exception_Occurrence` Objects

- Via procedure `Save_Occurrence`
  - No assignment operation since is a `limited` type

```
Error : Exception_Occurrence;
```

```
begin
```

```
...
```

```
exception
```

```
 when X : others =>
```

```
 Cleanup;
```

```
 Ada.Exceptions.Save_Occurrence (X, Target => Error);
```

```
end;
```

# Re-Raising Outside Dynamic Call Chain

```
procedure Demo is
 package Exceptions is new
 Limited_Ended_Lists (Exception_Occurrence,
 Save_Occurrence);

 Errors : Exceptions.List;
 Iteration : Exceptions.Iterator;
 procedure Normal_Processing
 (Troubles : in out Exceptions.List) is ...
begin
 Normal_Processing (Errors);
 Iteration.Initialize (Errors);
 while Iteration.More loop
 declare
 Next_Error : Exception_Occurrence;
 begin
 Iteration.Read (Next_Error);
 Put_Line (Exception_Information (Next_Error));
 if Exception_Identity (Next_Error) =
 Trouble.Fatal_Error'Identity
 then
 Reraise_Occurrence (Next_Error);
 end if;
 end;
 end loop;
 Put_Line ("Done");
end Demo;
```

## Raise Expressions

## Raise Expressions

- **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

## Fulfill Interface Promises to Clients

- If handled and not re-raised, normal processing continues at point of client's call
- Hence caller expectations must be satisfied

```
procedure Get (Reading : out Sensor_Reading) is
begin
 ...
 Reading := New_Value;
 ...
exceptions
 when Some_Error =>
 Reading := Default_Value;
end Get;
```

```
function Foo return Some_Type is
begin
 ...
 return Determined_Value;
 ...
exception
 when Some_Error =>
 return Default_Value; -- error if this isn't here
end Foo;
```

## Allow Clients to Avoid Exceptions

### ■ Callee

```
package Stack is
 Overflow : exception;
 Underflow : exception;
 function Full return Boolean;
 function Empty return Boolean;
 procedure Push (Item : in Some_Type);
 procedure Pop (Item : out Some_Type);
end Stack;
```

### ■ Caller

```
if not Stack.Empty then
 Stack.Pop (...); -- will not raise Underflow
```

## You Can Suppress Run-Time Checks

- Syntax (could use a compiler switch instead)

```
pragma Suppress (check-name [, [On =>] name]);
```

- Language-defined checks emitted by compiler
- Compiler may ignore request if unable to comply
- Behavior will be unpredictable if exceptions occur
  - Raised within the region of suppression
  - Propagated into region of suppression

```
pragma Suppress (Range_Check);
```

```
pragma Suppress (Index_Check, On => Table);
```

# Error Classifications

- Some errors must be detected at run-time
  - Corresponding to the predefined exceptions
- **Bounded Errors**
  - Need not be detected prior to/during execution if too hard
  - If not detected, range of possible effects is bounded
    - Possible effects are specified per error
  - Example: evaluating an un-initialized scalar variable
  - It might "work"!
- **Erroneous Execution**
  - Need not be detected prior to/during execution if too hard
  - If not detected, range of possible effects is not bounded
  - Example: Occurrence of a suppressed check

Lab

# Exceptions In-Depth Lab

## (Simplified) Calculator

- Overview
  - Create an application that allows users to enter a simple calculation and get a result
- Goal
  - Application should allow user to add, subtract, multiply, and divide
  - We want to track exceptions without actually "interrupting" the application
  - When the user has finished entering data, the application should report the errors found

# Project Requirements

- Exception Tracking
  - Input errors should be flagged (e.g. invalid operator, invalid numbers)
  - Divide by zero should be its own special case exception
  - Operational errors (overflow, etc) should be flagged in the list of errors
- Driver
  - User should be able to enter a string like "1 + 2" and the program will print "3"
  - User should not be interrupted by error messages
  - When user is done entering data, print all errors (raised exceptions)
- Extra Credit
  - Allow multiple operations on a line

## Exceptions In-Depth Lab Solution - Calculator (Spec)

```
1 package Calculator is
2 Formatting_Error : exception;
3 Divide_By_Zero : exception;
4 type Integer_T is range -1_000 .. 1_000;
5 function Add
6 (Left, Right : String)
7 return Integer_T;
8 function Subtract
9 (Left, Right : String)
10 return Integer_T;
11 function Multiply
12 (Left, Right : String)
13 return Integer_T;
14 function Divide
15 (Top, Bottom : String)
16 return Integer_T;
17 end Calculator;
```

# Exceptions In-Depth Lab Solution - Main

```

with Ada.Strings.Unbounded; use Ada.Strings.Unbounded;
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
with Calculator; use Calculator;
with Debug_Pkg;
with Input; use Input;
procedure Main is
exception
procedure Parameter
 (Str : String;
 Left : out Unbounded_String;
 Operator : out Unbounded_String;
 Right : out Unbounded_String) is
 I : Integer := Str'First;
begin
 while I <= Str'Length and then Str (I) /= ' ' loop
 Left := Left & Str (I);
 I := I + 1;
 end loop;
 while I <= Str'Length and then Str (I) = ' ' loop
 I := I + 1;
 end loop;
 while I <= Str'Length and then Str (I) /= ' ' loop
 Operator := Operator & Str (I);
 I := I + 1;
 end loop;
 while I <= Str'Length and then Str (I) = ' ' loop
 I := I + 1;
 end loop;
 while I <= Str'Length and then Str (I) /= ' ' loop
 Right := Right & Str (I);
 I := I + 1;
 end loop;
end Parameter;
begin
loop
 declare
 Left, Operator, Right : Unbounded_String;
 Input : constant String := Get_String ("Sequence");
 begin
 exit when Input'Length = 0;
 Parameter (Input, Left, Operator, Right);
 case Operator (Operator, 1) is
 when '+' =>
 Put_Line
 ("==> &
 Integer_T'Image (Add (To_String (Left), To_String (Right))));
 when '-' =>
 Put_Line
 ("==> &
 Integer_T'Image (Subtract (To_String (Left), To_String (Right))));
 when '*' =>
 Put_Line
 ("==> &
 Integer_T'Image
 (Multiply (To_String (Left), To_String (Right))));
 when '/' =>
 Put_Line
 ("==> &
 Integer_T'Image
 (Divide (To_String (Left), To_String (Right))));
 when others =>
 raise Illegal_Operator;
 end case;
 exception
 when The_Err : others =>
 Debug_Pkg.Save_Occurrence (The_Err);
 end;
end loop;
Debug_Pkg.Print_Exceptions;
end Main;

```

## Exceptions In-Depth Lab Solution - Calculator (Body)

```
1 package body Calculator is
2 function Value
3 (Str : String)
4 return Integer_T is
5 begin
6 return Integer_T'Value (Str);
7 exception
8 when Constraint_Error =>
9 raise Formatting_Error;
10 end Value;
11 function Add
12 (Left, Right : String)
13 return Integer_T is
14 begin
15 return Value (Left) + Value (Right);
16 end Add;
17 function Subtract
18 (Left, Right : String)
19 return Integer_T is
20 begin
21 return Value (Left) - Value (Right);
22 end Subtract;
23 function Multiply
24 (Left, Right : String)
25 return Integer_T is
26 begin
27 return Value (Left) * Value (Right);
28 end Multiply;
29 function Divide
30 (Top, Bottom : String)
31 return Integer_T is
32 begin
33 if Value (Bottom) = 0 then
34 raise Divide_By_Zero;
35 else
36 return Value (Top) / Value (Bottom);
37 end if;
38 end Divide;
39 end Calculator;
```

# Exceptions In-Depth Lab Solution - Debug

```
1 with Ada.Exceptions;
2 package Debug_Pkg is
3 procedure Save_Occurrence (X : Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Occurrence);
4 procedure Print_Exceptions;
5 end Debug_Pkg;
6
7 with Ada.Exceptions;
8 with Ada.Text_IO;
9 use type Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Id;
10 package body Debug_Pkg is
11 Exceptions : array (1 .. 100) of Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Occurrence;
12 Next_Available : Integer := 1;
13 procedure Save_Occurrence (X : Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Occurrence) is
14 begin
15 Ada.Exceptions.Save_Occurrence (Exceptions (Next_Available), X);
16 Next_Available := Next_Available + 1;
17 end Save_Occurrence;
18 procedure Print_Exceptions is
19 begin
20 for I in 1 .. Next_Available - 1 loop
21 declare
22 E : Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Occurrence renames Exceptions (I);
23 Flag : Character := ' ';
24 begin
25 if Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Identity (E) =
26 Constraint_Error'Identity
27 then
28 Flag := '*';
29 end if;
30 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line
31 (Flag & " " & Ada.Exceptions.Exception_Information (E));
32 end;
33 end loop;
34 end Print_Exceptions;
35 end Debug_Pkg;
```

## Summary

# 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;
```

# 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
- Re-raising exceptions is a typical scenario
- Suppressing checks is allowed but requires care
  - Testing only proves presence of errors, not absence
  - Exceptions may occur anyway, with unpredictable effects

# Interfacing with C

# Introduction

# Introduction

- Lots of C code out there already
  - Maybe even a lot of reusable code in your own repositories
- Need a way to interface Ada code with existing C libraries
  - Built-in mechanism to define ability to import objects from C or export Ada objects
- Passing data between languages can cause issues
  - Sizing requirements
  - Passing mechanisms (by reference, by copy)

## Import / Export

## Import / Export Aspects (1/2)

- Aspects `Import` and `Export` allow Ada and C to interact
  - `Import` indicates a subprogram imported into Ada
  - `Export` indicates a subprogram exported from Ada
- Need aspects defining calling convention and external name
  - `Convention => C` tells linker to use C-style calling convention
  - `External_Name => "<name>"` defines object name for linker
- Ada implementation

```
procedure Imported_From_C with
 Import,
 Convention => C,
 External_Name => "SomeProcedureInC";
```

```
procedure Exported_To_C with
 Export,
 Convention => C,
 External_Name => "some_ada_procedure";
```

- C implementation

```
void SomeProcedureInC (void) {
 // some code
}

extern void ada_some_procedure (void);
```

## Import / Export Aspects (2/2)

- You can also import/export variables
  - Variables imported won't be initialized
  - Ada view

```
My_Var : Integer_Type with
 Import,
 Convention => C,
 External_Name => "my_var";
Pragma Import (C, My_Var, "my_var");
```

- C implementation

```
int my_var;
```

## Import / Export with Pragmas

- You can also use **pragma** to import/export entities

```
procedure C_Some_Procedure;
```

```
pragma Import (C, C_Some_Procedure, "SomeProcedure");
```

```
procedure Some_Procedure;
```

```
pragma Export (C, Some_Procedure, "ada_some_procedure");
```

## Parameter Passing

## Parameter Passing to/from C

- The mechanism used to pass formal subprogram parameters and function results depends on:
  - The type of the parameter
  - The mode of the parameter
  - The Convention applied on the Ada side of the subprogram declaration
- The exact meaning of *Convention C*, for example, is documented in *LRM* B.1 - B.3, and in the *GNAT User's Guide* section 3.11.

## Passing Scalar Data As Parameters

- C types are defined by the Standard
- Ada types are implementation-defined
- GNAT standard types are compatible with C types
  - Implementation choice, use carefully
- At the interface level, scalar types must be either constrained with representation clauses, or coming from Interfaces.C
- Ada view

```
with Interfaces.C;
function C_Proc (I : Interfaces.C.Int)
 return Interfaces.C.Int;
pragma Import (C, C_Proc, "c_proc");
```

- C view

```
int c_proc (int i) {
 /* some code */
}
```

## Passing Structures As Parameters

- An Ada record that is mapping on a C struct must:
  - Be marked as convention C to enforce a C-like memory layout
  - Contain only C-compatible types

- C View

```
enum Enum {E1, E2, E3};
struct Rec {
 int A, B;
 Enum C;
};
```

- Ada View

- This can also be done with pragmas

```
type Enum is (E1, E2, E3);
Pragma Convention (C, Enum);
type Rec is record
 A, B : int;
 C : Enum;
end record;
Pragma Convention (C, Rec);
```

# Parameter Modes

- **in** scalar parameters passed by copy
- **out** and **in out** scalars passed using temporary pointer on C side
- By default, composite types passed by reference on all modes except when the type is marked `C_Pass_By_Copy`
  - Be very careful with records - some C ABI pass small structures by copy!
- Ada View

```
Type R1 is record
 V : int;
end record
with Convention => C;
```

```
type R2 is record
 V : int;
end record
with Convention => C_Pass_By_Copy;
```

- C View

```
struct R1{
 int V;
};
struct R2 {
 int V;
};
void f1 (R1 p);
void f2 (R2 p);
```

## Complex Data Types

# Unions

- C `union`

```
union Rec {
 int A;
 float B;
};
```

- C unions can be bound using the `Unchecked_Union` aspect
- These types must have a mutable discriminant for convention purpose, which doesn't exist at run-time
  - All checks based on its value are removed - safety loss
  - It cannot be manually accessed
- Ada implementation of a C `union`

```
type Rec (Flag : Boolean := False) is
record
 case Flag is
 when True =>
 A : int;
 when False =>
 B : float;
 end case;
end record
with Unchecked_Union,
Convention => C;
```

# Arrays Interfacing

- In Ada, arrays are of two kinds:
  - Constrained arrays
  - Unconstrained arrays
- Unconstrained arrays are associated with
  - Components
  - Bounds
- In C, an array is just a memory location pointing (hopefully) to a structured memory location
  - C does not have the notion of unconstrained arrays
- Bounds must be managed manually
  - By convention (null at the end of string)
  - By storing them on the side
- Only Ada constrained arrays can be interfaced with C

## Arrays From Ada to C

- An Ada array is a composite data structure containing 2 parts: Bounds and Components
  - **Fat pointers**
- When arrays can be sent from Ada to C, C will only receive an access to the components of the array
- Ada View

```
type Arr is array (Integer range <>) of int;
procedure P (V : Arr; Size : int);
pragma Import (C, P, "p");
```

- C View

```
void p (int * v, int size) {
}
```

# Arrays From C to Ada

- There are no boundaries to C types, the only Ada arrays that can be bound must have static bounds
- Additional information will probably need to be passed
- Ada View

```
-- DO NOT DECLARE OBJECTS OF THIS TYPE
type Arr is array (0 .. Integer'Last) of int;
```

```
procedure P (V : Arr; Size : int);
pragma Export (C, P, "p");
```

```
procedure P (V : Arr; Size : int) is
begin
 for J in 0 .. Size - 1 loop
 -- code;
 end loop;
end P;
```

- C View

```
extern void p (int * v, int size);
int x [100];
p (x, 100);
```

# Strings

- Importing a `String` from C is like importing an array - has to be done through a constrained array
- `Interfaces.C.Strings` gives a standard way of doing that
- Unfortunately, C strings have to end by a null character
- Exporting an Ada string to C needs a copy!

```
Ada_Str : String := "Hello World";
C_Str : chars_ptr := New_String (Ada_Str);
```

- Alternatively, a knowledgeable Ada programmer can manually create Ada strings with correct ending and manage them directly

```
Ada_Str : String := "Hello World" & ASCII.NUL;
```

- Back to the unsafe world - it really has to be worth it speed-wise!

## Interfaces.C

## Interfaces.C Hierarchy

- Ada supplies a subsystem to deal with Ada/C interactions
- `Interfaces.C` - contains typical C types and constants, plus some simple Ada string to/from C character array conversion routines
  - `Interfaces.C.Extensions` - some additional C/C++ types
  - `Interfaces.C.Pointers` - generic package to simulate C pointers (pointer as an unconstrained array, pointer arithmetic, etc)
  - `Interfaces.C.Strings` - types / functions to deal with C "char \*"

## Interfaces.C

```

package Interfaces.C is

 -- Declaration's based on C's <limits.h>
 CHAR_BIT : constant := 8;
 SCHAR_MIN : constant := -128;
 SCHAR_MAX : constant := 127;
 UCHAR_MAX : constant := 255;

 type int is new Integer;
 type short is new Short_Integer;
 type long is range -(2 ** (System.Parameters.long_bits - Integer'(1))) ..
 .. +(2 ** (System.Parameters.long_bits - Integer'(1))) - 1;

 type signed_char is range SCHAR_MIN .. SCHAR_MAX;
 for signed_char'Size use CHAR_BIT;

 type unsigned is mod 2 ** int'Size;
 type unsigned_short is mod 2 ** short'Size;
 type unsigned_long is mod 2 ** long'Size;

 type unsigned_char is mod (UCHAR_MAX + 1);
 for unsigned_char'Size use CHAR_BIT;

 type ptrdiff_t is range -(2 ** (System.Parameters.ptr_bits - Integer'(1))) ..
 .. +(2 ** (System.Parameters.ptr_bits - Integer'(1))) - 1;

 type size_t is mod 2 ** System.Parameters.ptr_bits;

 -- Floating-Point
 type C_float is new Float;
 type double is new Standard.Long_Float;
 type long_double is new Standard.Long_Long_Float;

 type char is new Character;
 nul : constant char := char'First;

 function To_C (Item : Character) return char;
 function To_Ada (Item : char) return Character;

 type char_array is array (size_t range <>) of aliased char;
 for char_array'Component_Size use CHAR_BIT;

 function Is_Nul_Terminated (Item : char_array) return Boolean;

 -- (more not specified here)

end Interfaces.C;

```

# Interfaces.C.Extensions

```
package Interfaces.C.Extensions is

 -- Definitions for C "void" and "void *" types
 subtype void is System.Address;
 subtype void_ptr is System.Address;

 -- Definitions for C incomplete/unknown structs
 subtype opaque_structure_def is System.Address;
 type opaque_structure_def_ptr is access opaque_structure_def;

 -- Definitions for C++ incomplete/unknown classes
 subtype incomplete_class_def is System.Address;
 type incomplete_class_def_ptr is access incomplete_class_def;

 -- C bool
 type bool is new Boolean;
 pragma Convention (C, bool);

 -- 64-bit integer types
 subtype long_long is Long_Long_Integer;
 type unsigned_long_long is mod 2 ** 64;

 -- (more not specified here)

end Interfaces.C.Extensions;
```

## Interfaces.C.Pointers

```
generic
 type Index is (<>);
 type Component is private;
 type Component_Array is array (Index range <>) of aliased Component;
 Default_Terminator : Component;

package Interfaces.C.Pointers is

 type Pointer is access all Component;
 for Pointer'Size use System.Parameters.ptr_bits;

 function Value (Ref : Pointer;
 Terminator : Component := Default_Terminator)
 return Component_Array;

 function Value (Ref : Pointer;
 Length : ptrdiff_t)
 return Component_Array;

 Pointer_Error : exception;

 function "+" (Left : Pointer; Right : ptrdiff_t) return Pointer;
 function "+" (Left : ptrdiff_t; Right : Pointer) return Pointer;
 function "-" (Left : Pointer; Right : ptrdiff_t) return Pointer;
 function "-" (Left : Pointer; Right : Pointer) return ptrdiff_t;

 procedure Increment (Ref : in out Pointer);
 procedure Decrement (Ref : in out Pointer);

 -- (more not specified here)

end Interfaces.C.Pointers;
```

# Interfaces.C.Strings

```
package Interfaces.C.Strings is

 type char_array_access is access all char_array;
 for char_array_access'Size use System.Parameters.ptr_bits;

 type chars_ptr is private;

 type chars_ptr_array is array (size_t range <>) of aliased chars_ptr;

 Null_Ptr : constant chars_ptr;

 function To_Chars_Ptr (Item : char_array_access;
 Nul_Check : Boolean := False) return chars_ptr;

 function New_Char_Array (Chars : char_array) return chars_ptr;

 function New_String (Str : String) return chars_ptr;

 procedure Free (Item : in out chars_ptr);

 function Value (Item : chars_ptr) return char_array;
 function Value (Item : chars_ptr;
 Length : size_t)
 return char_array;
 function Value (Item : chars_ptr) return String;
 function Value (Item : chars_ptr;
 Length : size_t)
 return String;

 function Strlen (Item : chars_ptr) return size_t;

 -- (more not specified here)

end Interfaces.C.Strings;
```

Lab

# Interfacing with C Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Given a C function that calculates speed in MPH from some information, your application should
  - Ask user for distance and time
  - Populate the structure appropriately
  - Call C function to return speed
  - Print speed to console

## ■ Hints

- Structure contains the following components
  - Distance (floating point)
  - Distance Type (enumeral)
  - Seconds (floating point)

## Interfacing with C Lab - GNAT Studio

To compile/link the C file into the Ada executable:

- 1 Make sure the C file is in the same directory as the Ada source files
- 2 **Edit** → **Project Properties**
- 3 **Sources** → **Languages** → Check the "C" box
- 4 Build and execute as normal

## Interfacing with C Lab Solution - Ada

```

1 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2 with Interfaces.C;
3 procedure Main is
4
5 package Float_Io is new Ada.Text_IO.Float_IO (Interfaces.C.C_float);
6
7 One_Minute_In_Seconds : constant := 60.0;
8 One_Hour_In_Seconds : constant := 60.0 * One_Minute_In_Seconds;
9
10 type Distance_T is (Feet, Meters, Miles) with Convention => C;
11 type Data_T is record
12 Distance : Interfaces.C.C_float;
13 Distance_Type : Distance_T;
14 Seconds : Interfaces.C.C_float;
15 end record with Convention => C;
16 function C_Miles_Per_Hour (Data : Data_T) return Interfaces.C.C_float
17 with Import, Convention => C, External_Name => "miles_per_hour";
18
19 Object_Feet : constant Data_T :=
20 (Distance => 6_000.0,
21 Distance_Type => Feet,
22 Seconds => One_Minute_In_Seconds);
23 Object_Meters : constant Data_T :=
24 (Distance => 3_000.0,
25 Distance_Type => Meters,
26 Seconds => One_Hour_In_Seconds);
27 Object_Miles : constant Data_T :=
28 (Distance => 1.0,
29 Distance_Type =>
30 Miles, Seconds => 1.0);
31
32 procedure Run (Object : Data_T) is
33 begin
34 Float_Io.Put (Object.Distance);
35 Put (" " & Distance_T'Image (Object.Distance_Type) & " in ");
36 Float_Io.Put (Object.Seconds);
37 Put (" seconds = ");
38 Float_Io.Put (C_Miles_Per_Hour (Object));
39 Put_Line (" mph");
40 end Run;
41
42 begin
43 Run (Object_Feet);
44 Run (Object_Meters);
45 Run (Object_Miles);
46 end Main;

```

# Interfacing with C Lab Solution - C

```
enum DistanceT { FEET, METERS, MILES };
struct DataT {
 float distance;
 enum DistanceT distanceType;
 float seconds;
};

float miles_per_hour (struct DataT data) {
 float miles = data.distance;
 switch (data.distanceType) {
 case METERS:
 miles = data.distance / 1609.344;
 break;
 case FEET:
 miles = data.distance / 5280.0;
 break;
 };
 return miles / (data.seconds / (60.0 * 60.0));
}
```

## Summary

# Summary

- Possible to interface with other languages (typically C)
- Ada provides some built-in support to make interfacing simpler
- Crossing languages can be made safer
  - But it still increases complexity of design / implementation

## Day 3 - PM

# Tasking

# Introduction

# Concurrency Mechanisms

- Task
  - **Active**
  - Rendezvous: **Client / Server** model
  - Server **entries**
  - Client **entry calls**
  - Typically maps to OS threads
- Protected object
  - **Passive**
  - *Monitors* protected data
  - **Restricted** set of operations
  - Concurrency-safe **semantics**
  - No thread overhead
  - Very portable
- Object-Oriented
  - Synchronized interfaces
  - Protected objects inheritance

# A Simple Task

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

```
procedure Main is
 task type Simple_Task_T;
 task body Simple_Task_T is
 begin
 loop
 delay 1.0;
 Put_Line ("T");
 end loop;
 end Simple_Task_T;
 Simple_Task : Simple_Task_T;
 -- This task starts when Simple_Task is elaborated
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

# 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;
```

```
T : 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
```

## Rendezvous with a Task

- **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. Run-time error
- C. The calling task hangs
- D. My\_Task hangs

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- A. Compilation error
- B. Run-time error
- C. The calling task hangs
- D. `My_Task` hangs

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 null;
 end loop;
end T;
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What happens when My\_Task.Go is called?

- A. Compilation error
- B. Run-time error
- 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;
 Task_Instance : T;
begin
 Task_Instance.Hello;
 Task_Instance.Goodbye;
 Put_Line ("Done");
end Main;
```

What is the output of this program?

- A. Hello, Goodbye, Finished, Done
- B. Hello, Goodbye, Finished
- C. Hello, Goodbye, Done
- D. Hello, Goodbye

# Quiz

```
with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Main is
 task 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;
 Task_Instance : T;
begin
 Task_Instance.Hello;
 Task_Instance.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 run-time 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. Run-time 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. Run-time 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;
```

## Discriminated Protected or Task types

- Discriminant can be an **access** or discrete type
- Resulting type is indefinite
  - Unless mutable
- Example: counter shared between tasks

```
protected type Counter_T is
 procedure Increment;
end Counter_T
```

```
task type My_Task (Counter : not null access Counter_T) is [...]
```

```
task body My_Task is
begin
 Counter.Increment;
 [...]
```

## Using discriminant for Real-Time aspects

```
protected type Protected_With_Priority (Prio : System.Priori
 with Priority => Prio
is
```

## 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 Run-time 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
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 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 Run-time error

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

## Some Advanced Concepts

# Waiting with a Delay

- A **select** statement may **time-out** using **delay** or **delay until**
  - Resume execution at next statement
- Multiple **delay** allowed
  - Useful when the value is not hard-coded

```
loop
 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;
end loop;
```

*Task will wait up to 50 seconds for Receive\_Message. If no message is received, it will write to the console, and then restart the loop. (If the **exit** wasn't there, the loop would exit the first time no message was received.)*

## 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;
```

*Procedure will wait up to 50 seconds for Receive\_Message to be accepted before it gives up*

# 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;

 Task_Instance : T;
begin
 delay 10.0;
 abort Task_Instance;
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. Run-time 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. Run-time 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. Run-time 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. Run-time 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. Run-time 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. Run-time 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. Run-time 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. Run-time error

**then abort** aborts the select only, not Main.

# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
 Ok : Boolean := False

 protected type O is
 entry P;
 end O;

 protected body O is
 begin
 entry P when Ok is
 Put_Line ("OK");
 end P;
 end O;

 Protected_Instance : O;

begin
 Protected_Instance.P;
end Main;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

- A OK = True
- B Nothing
- C Compilation error
- D Run-time error

# Quiz

```
procedure Main is
 Ok : Boolean := False

 protected type O is
 entry P;
 end O;

 protected body O is
 begin
 entry P when Ok is
 Put_Line ("OK");
 end P;
 end O;

 Protected_Instance : O;

begin
 Protected_Instance.P;
end Main;
```

What is the result of compiling and running this code?

- A OK = True
- B Nothing
- C Compilation error
- D Run-time 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

Lab

# Tasking In Depth Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Create a datastore to set/inspect multiple "registers"
  - Individual registers can be read/written by multiple tasks
- Create a "monitor" capability that will periodically update each register
  - Each register has it's own update frequency
- Main program should print register values on request

## ■ Hints

- Datastore needs to control access to its contents
- One task per register is easier than one task trying to maintain multiple update frequencies

# Tasking In Depth Lab Solution - Datastore

```
1 package Datastore is
2 type Register_T is (One, Two, Three);
3
4 function Read (Register : Register_T) return Integer;
5 procedure Write (Register : Register_T;
6 Value : Integer);
7 end Datastore;
8
9 package body Datastore is
10 type Register_Data_T is array (Register_T) of Integer;
11
12 protected Registers is
13 function Read (Register : Register_T) return Integer;
14 procedure Write (Register : Register_T;
15 Value : Integer);
16 private
17 Register_Data : Register_Data_T;
18 end Registers;
19
20 protected body Registers is
21 function Read (Register : Register_T) return Integer is
22 (Register_Data (Register));
23 procedure Write (Register : Register_T;
24 Value : Integer) is
25
26 begin
27 Register_Data (Register) := Value;
28 end Write;
29 end Registers;
30
31 function Read (Register : Register_T) return Integer is
32 (Registers.Read (Register));
33 procedure Write (Register : Register_T;
34 Value : Integer) is
35
36 begin
37 Registers.Write (Register, Value);
38 end Write;
39 end Datastore;
```

# Tasking In Depth Lab Solution - Monitor Task Type

```
1 with Datastore;
2 package Counter is
3 task type Counter_T is
4 entry Initialize (Register : Datastore.Register_T;
5 Value : Integer;
6 Increment : Integer;
7 Delay_Time : Duration);
8 end Counter_T;
9 end Counter;
10
11 package body Counter is
12 task body Counter_T is
13 O_Register : Datastore.Register_T;
14 O_Increment : Integer;
15 O_Delay : Duration;
16 Initialized : Boolean := False;
17 begin
18 loop
19 select
20 accept Initialize (Register : Datastore.Register_T;
21 Value : Integer;
22 Increment : Integer;
23 Delay_Time : Duration) do
24 O_Register := Register;
25 O_Increment := Increment;
26 O_Delay := Delay_Time;
27 Datastore.Write (Register => O_Register,
28 Value => Value);
29 Initialized := True;
30 end Initialize;
31 or
32 delay O_Delay;
33 if Initialized then
34 Datastore.Write (Register => O_Register,
35 Value => Datastore.Read (O_Register) + O_Increment);
36 end if;
37 end select;
38 end loop;
39 end Counter_T;
40 end Counter;
```

# Tasking In Depth Lab Solution - Main

```
1 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
2 with Counter; use Counter;
3 with Datastore; use Datastore;
4 procedure Main is
5 Counters : array (Register_T) of Counter_T;
6
7 function Get (Prompt : String) return Integer is
8 begin
9 Put (" " & Prompt & ">");
10 return Integer'Value (Get_Line);
11 end Get;
12
13 procedure Print is
14 begin
15 for Register in Register_T loop
16 Put_Line (Register'Image & " =>" & Integer'Image (Datastore.Read (Register)));
17 end loop;
18 end Print;
19
20 begin
21 for Register in Register_T loop
22 Put_Line ("Register " & Register'Image);
23 declare
24 V : constant Integer := Get ("Initial value");
25 I : constant Integer := Get ("Increment");
26 D : constant Integer := Get ("Delay in tenths");
27 begin
28 Counters (Register).Initialize (Register => Register,
29 Value => V,
30 Increment => I,
31 Delay_Time => Duration (D) / 10.0);
32 end;
33 end loop;
34
35 loop
36 Put_Line ("Enter Q to quit, any other value to print registers");
37 declare
38 Str : constant String := Get_Line;
39 begin
40 exit when Str'Length > 0 and then (Str (Str'First) in 'Q' | 'q');
41 Print;
42 end;
43 end loop;
44
45 for Register in Register_T loop
46 abort Counters (Register);
47 end loop;
48 end Main;
```

## Summary

# Summary

- Tasks are **language-based** concurrency mechanisms
  - Typically implemented as threads
  - Not necessarily for **truly** parallel operations
  - Originally for task-switching / time-slicing
- Multiple mechanisms to **synchronize** tasks
  - Delay
  - Rendezvous
  - Queues
  - Protected Objects

# Controlled Types

# Introduction

# Constructor / Destructor

- Possible to specify behavior of object initialization, finalization, and assignment
  - Based on type definition
  - Type must derive from **Controlled** or **Limited\_Controlled** in package **Ada.Finalization**
- This derived type is called a *controlled type*
  - User may override any or all subprograms in **Ada.Finalization**
  - Default implementation is a null body

## Ada.Finalization

# Package Spec

```
package Ada.Finalization is

 type Controlled is abstract tagged private;
 procedure Initialize (Object : in out Controlled)
 is null;
 procedure Adjust (Object : in out Controlled)
 is null;
 procedure Finalize (Object : in out Controlled)
 is null;

 type Limited_Controlled is abstract tagged limited private;
 procedure Initialize (Object : in out Limited_Controlled)
 is null;
 procedure Finalize (Object : in out Limited_Controlled)
 is null;

private
 -- implementation defined
end Ada.Finalization;
```

# Uses

- Prevent "resource leak"
  - Logic centralized in service rather than distributed across clients
- Examples: heap reclamation, "mutex" unlocking
- User-defined assignment

# Initialization

- Subprogram **Initialize** invoked after object created
  - Either by object declaration or allocator
  - Only if no explicit initialization expression
- Often default initialization expressions on record components are sufficient
  - No need for an explicit call to **Initialize**
- Similar to C++ constructor

# Finalization

- Subprogram **Finalize** invoked just before object is destroyed
  - Leaving the scope of a declared object
  - Unchecked deallocation of an allocated object
- Similar to C++ destructor

# Assignment

- Subprogram **Adjust** invoked as part of an assignment operation
- Assignment statement **Target := Source;** is basically:
  - **Finalize (Target)**
    - Copy Source to Target
    - **Adjust (Target)**
      - *Actual rules are more complicated, e.g. to allow cases where Target and Source are the same object*
- Typical situations where objects are access values
  - **Finalize** does unchecked deallocation or decrements a reference count
  - The copy step copies the access value
  - **Adjust** either clones a "deep copy" of the referenced object or increments a reference count

## Example

## Unbounded String Via Access Type

- Type contains a pointer to a string type
- We want the provider to allocate and free memory "safely"
  - No sharing
  - **Adjust** allocates referenced String
  - **Finalize** frees the referenced String
  - Assignment deallocates target string and assigns copy of source string to target string

# Unbounded String Usage

```
with Unbounded_String_Pkg; use Unbounded_String_Pkg;
procedure Test is
 U1 : Ustring_T;
begin
 U1 := To_Ustring_T ("Hello");
 declare
 U2 : Ustring_T;
 begin
 U2 := To_Ustring_T ("Goodbye");
 U1 := U2; -- Reclaims U1 memory
 end; -- Reclaims U2 memory
end Test; -- Reclaims U1 memory
```

# Unbounded String Definition

```
with Ada.Finalization; use Ada.Finalization;
package Unbounded_String_Pkg is
 -- Implement unbounded strings
 type Ustring_T is private;
 function "=" (L, R : Ustring_T) return Boolean;
 function To_Ustring_T (Item : String) return Ustring_T;
 function To_String (Item : Ustring_T) return String;
 function Length (Item : Ustring_T) return Natural;
 function "&" (L, R : Ustring_T) return Ustring_T;
private
 type String_Ref is access String;
 type Ustring_T is new Controlled with record
 Ref : String_Ref := new String (1 .. 0);
 end record;
 procedure Finalize (Object : in out Ustring_T);
 procedure Adjust (Object : in out Ustring_T);
end Unbounded_String_Pkg;
```

# Unbounded String Implementation

```
with Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation;
package body Unbounded_String_Pkg is
 procedure Free_String is new Ada.Unchecked_Deallocation
 (String, String_Ref);

 function "=" (L, R : Ustring_T) return Boolean is
 (L.Ref.all = R.Ref.all);

 function To_Ustring_T (Item : String) return Ustring_T is
 (Controlled with Ref => new String'(Item));

 function To_String (Item : Ustring_T) return String is
 (Item.Ref.all);

 function Length (Item : Ustring_T) return Natural is
 (Item.Ref.all'Length);

 function "&" (L, R : Ustring_T) return Ustring_T is
 (Controlled with Ref => new String'(L.Ref.all & R.Ref.all));

 procedure Finalize (Object : in out Ustring_T) is
 begin
 Free_String (Object.Ref);
 end Finalize;

 procedure Adjust (Object : in out Ustring_T) is
 begin
 Object.Ref := new String'(Object.Ref.all);
 end Adjust;
end Unbounded_String_Pkg;
```

# Finalizable Aspect

- Uses the GNAT-specific `with` Finalizable aspect

```
type Ctrl is record
 Id : Natural := 0;
end record
 with Finalizable => (Initialize => Initialize,
 Adjust => Adjust,
 Finalize => Finalize,
 Relaxed_Finalization => True);

procedure Adjust (Obj : in out Ctrl);
procedure Finalize (Obj : in out Ctrl);
procedure Initialize (Obj : in out Ctrl);
```

- Initialize, Adjust same definition as previously
- Finalize has the `No_Raise` aspect: it cannot raise exceptions
- `Relaxed_Finalization`
  - Performance on-par with C++'s destructor
  - No automatic finalization of **heap-allocated** objects

Lab

# Controlled Types Lab

## ■ Requirements

- Create a simplistic secure key tracker system
  - Keys should be unique
  - Keys cannot be copied
  - When a key is no longer in use, it is returned back to the system
- Interface should contain the following methods
  - Generate a new key
  - Return a generated key
  - Indicate how many keys are in service
  - Return a string describing the key
- Create a main program to generate / destroy / print keys

## ■ Hints

- Need to return a key when out-of-scope OR on user request
- Global data to track used keys

# Controlled Types Lab Solution - Keys (Spec)

```
1 with Ada.Finalization;
2 package Keys_Pkg is
3
4 type Key_T is limited private;
5 function Generate return Key_T;
6 procedure Destroy (Key : Key_T);
7 function In_Use return Natural;
8 function Image (Key : Key_T) return String;
9
10 private
11 type Key_T is new Ada.Finalization.Limited_Controlled with record
12 Value : Character;
13 end record;
14 procedure Initialize (Key : in out Key_T);
15 procedure Finalize (Key : in out Key_T);
16
17 end Keys_Pkg;
```

# Controlled Types Lab Solution - Keys (Body)

```
1 package body Keys_Pkg is
2 Global_In_Use : array (Character range 'a' .. 'z') of Boolean :=
3 (others => False);
4
5 pragma Warnings (Off);
6 function Next_Available return Character is
7 begin
8 for C in Global_In_Use'Range loop
9 if not Global_In_Use (C) then
10 return C;
11 end if;
12 end loop;
13 -- we ran out of keys! exception if we get here
14 end Next_Available;
15 pragma Warnings (On);
16
17 function In_Use return Natural is
18 Ret_Val : Natural := 0;
19 begin
20 for Flag of Global_In_Use loop
21 Ret_Val := Ret_Val + (if Flag then 1 else 0);
22 end loop;
23 return Ret_Val;
24 end In_Use;
25
26 function Generate return Key_T is
27 begin
28 return X : Key_T;
29 end Generate;
30
31 procedure Destroy (Key : Key_T) is
32 begin
33 Global_In_Use (Key.Value) := False;
34 end Destroy;
35
36 function Image (Key : Key_T) return String is
37 ("KEY: " & Key.Value);
38
39 procedure Initialize (Key : in out Key_T) is
40 begin
41 Key.Value := Next_Available;
42 Global_In_Use (Key.Value) := True;
43 end Initialize;
44
45 procedure Finalize (Key : in out Key_T) is
46 begin
47 Global_In_Use (Key.Value) := False;
48 end Finalize;
49 end Keys_Pkg;
```

# Controlled Types Lab Solution - Main

```
1 with Keys_Pkg;
2 with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
3 procedure Main is
4
5 procedure Generate (Count : Natural) is
6 Keys : array (1 .. Count) of Keys_Pkg.Key_T;
7 begin
8 Put_Line ("In use: " & Integer'Image (Keys_Pkg.In_Use));
9 for Key of Keys
10 loop
11 Put_Line (" " & Keys_Pkg.Image (Key));
12 end loop;
13 end Generate;
14
15 begin
16 Put_Line ("In use: " & Integer'Image (Keys_Pkg.In_Use));
17
18 Generate (4);
19 Put_Line ("In use: " & Integer'Image (Keys_Pkg.In_Use));
20
21 end Main;
```

## Summary

# Summary

- Controlled types allow access to object construction, assignment, destruction
- **Ada.Finalization** can be expensive to use
  - Other mechanisms may be more efficient
    - But require more rigor in usage

# 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

*-- with aspects*

```
type Some_Integer_T is range 1 .. 10
 with Object_Size => 8,
 Value_Size => 4,
 Alignment => 1;
```

*-- with representation clauses*

```
type Another_Integer_T is range 1 .. 10;
for Another_Integer_T'Object_Size use 8;
for Another_Integer_T'Value_Size use 4;
for Another_Integer_T'Alignment use 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

*-- with aspect*

```
type Small_T is range 1 .. 4
 with Size => 3;
```

*-- with representation clause*

```
type Another_Small_T is range 1 .. 4;
for Another_Small_T'Size use 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`

```
-- with aspects
```

```
type Some_T is range 1 .. 4
 with Value_Size => 3,
 Object_Size => 8;
```

```
-- with representation clauses
```

```
type Another_T is range 1 .. 4;
for Another_T'Value_Size use 3;
for Another_T'Object_Size use 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

```
-- with aspects
```

```
type Aligned_T is range 1 .. 4
 with Size => 4,
 Alignment => 8;
```

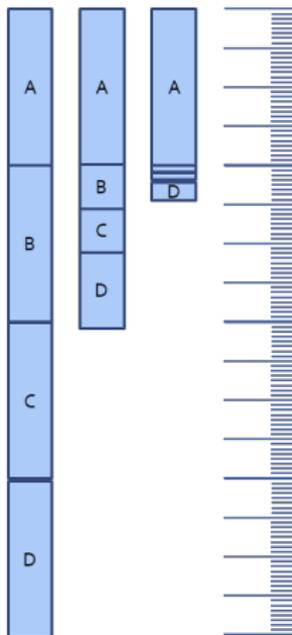
```
-- with representation clauses
```

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

## Enum Representation Clauses

- Can specify representation for each value
- Representation must have increasing number

```
type E is (A, B, C);
```

```
for E use (A => 2, B => 4, C => 8);
```

- Can use `E'Enum_Rep (A) = 2`
- Can use `E'Enum_Val (2) = A`

## 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...
- Components 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;
```

# Unchecked Unions

- Allows replicating C's **union** with **discriminated** records
- Discriminant is **not stored**
- No discriminant check
- Object must be **mutable**

```
type R (Is_Float : Boolean := False) is record
 case Is_Float is
 when True =>
 F : Float;
 when False =>
 I : Integer;
 end case;
end record
with Unchecked_Union;

O : R := (Is_Float => False, I => 1);
F : Float := R.F; -- no check!
```

## Array Representation Clauses

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

*-- with aspect*

```
type Array_T is array (1 .. 1000) of Boolean
 with Component_Size => 2;
```

*-- with representation clause*

```
type Another_Array_T is array (1 .. 1000) of Boolean;
for Another_Array_T'Component_Size use 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

*-- with aspect*

```
type Array_T is array (1 .. 1000) of Boolean with
 Scalar_Storage_Order => System.Low_Order_First;
```

*-- with representation clauses*

```
type Record_T is record
 A : Integer;
 B : Boolean;
end record;
for Record_T use record
 A at 0 range 0 .. 31;
 B at 0 range 32 .. 33;
end record;
for Record_T'Bit_Order use System.High_Order_First;
for Record_T'Scalar_Storage_Order use System.High_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
 Component1 : Unsigned_8;
 Component2 : Unsigned_16;
 Component3 : Unsigned_8;
end record;
type Packed_Rec_T is new Rec_T;
for Packed_Rec_T use record
 Component1 at 0 range 0 .. 7;
 Component2 at 0 range 8 .. 23;
 Component3 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

```
Use_Aspect : Unsigned_32 with
 Address => 16#1234_ABCD#;
```

```
Use_Rep_Clause : Unsigned_32;
for Use_Rep_Clause'Address use 16#5678_1234#;
```

- Very useful to declare I/O registers

- For that purpose, the object should be declared volatile:

```
Use_Aspect : Unsigned_32 with
 Volatile,
 Address => 16#1234_ABCD#;
```

```
Use_Rep_And_Pragma : Unsigned_32;
for Use_Rep_And_Pragma'Address use 16#5678_1234#;
pragma Volatile (Use_Rep_And_Pragma);
```

- Useful to read a value anywhere

```
function Get_Byte (Addr : Address) return Unsigned_8 is
 V : Unsigned_8 with Address => Addr, Volatile;
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

```
V : Unsigned_32 with
 Address =>
 System.Storage_Elements.To_Address (16#120#);
```

- GNAT specific attribute `'To_Address`
  - Handy but not portable

```
V : Unsigned_32 with
 Address => System'To_Address (16#120#);
```

# Volatile

- The Volatile property can be set using an aspect or a pragma
- Ada also allows volatile types as well as objects

```
type Volatile_U32 is mod 2**32 with Volatile;
type Volatile_U16 is mod 2**16;
pragma Volatile (Volatile_U16);
```

- 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 Bit_Array_T is array (Integer range <>) of Boolean
 with Component_Size => 1;

-- objects can be referenced elsewhere
Object : aliased Integer with Volatile;
Object2 : aliased Integer with Volatile;

Object_A : System.Address := Object'Address;
Object_I : Integer_Address := To_Integer (Object_A);

-- This overlays Bit_Array_Object onto Object in memory
Bit_Array_Object : aliased Bit_Array_T (1 .. Object'Size)
 with Address => Object_A;

Object2_Alias : aliased Integer
 -- Trust me, I know what I'm doing, this is Object2
 with Address => To_Address (Object_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

# 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 component
    - Two other components
    - 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 Overlay : Overlay_T;
34 File : Ada.Text_IO.File_Type;
35 begin
36 Valid := False;
37 Ada.Text_IO.Open (File, Ada.Text_IO.In_File, Const_FileName);
38 declare
39 Str : constant String := Ada.Text_IO.Get_Line (File);
40 begin
41 Ada.Text_IO.Close (File);
42 for I in Str'Range loop
43 Overlay (I) := Char (Str (I));
44 end loop;
45 Message := Convert (Overlay);
46 Valid := Validate (Message);
47 end;
48 end Read;
49 procedure Print (Message : Message_T) is
50 begin
51 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line ("Message" & US2_T'Image (Message.Unique_Id));
52 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (" " & Command_T'Image (Message.Command) & " => " &
53 US2_T'Image (Message.Value));
54 Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (" Additional Info: " & From_Text (Message.Text));
55 end Print;
56 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

## Supplementary Resource: Inline ASM

# 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

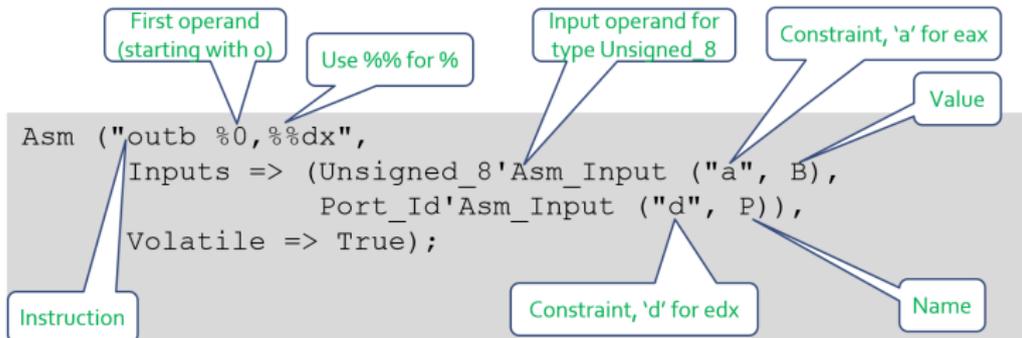
- You can group several instructions

```
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 ("mfspr %0,%1",
 Inputs => (Natural'Asm_Input ("K", Spr),
 Unsigned_32'Asm_Input ("r", V)));
end Set_Spr;
```

## Day 4 - AM

# GNAT Project Facility Overview

# Introduction

# Origins and Purposes of Projects

- Need for flexibility
  - Managing huge applications is a difficult task
  - Build tools are always useful
- GNAT compilation model
  - Compiler needs to know where to find Ada files imported by Ada unit being compiled
- IDEs
  - AdaCore IDEs need to know where to find source and object files
- Tools (metrics, documentation generator, etc)
  - AdaCore tools benefit from having knowledge of application structure

# Subsystems of Subsystems of ...

- Projects support incremental/modular project definition
  - Projects can import other projects containing needed files
  - Child projects can extend parent projects
    - Inheriting all attributes of parent
    - Allows override of source files and other attributes
- Allows structuring of large development efforts into hierarchical subsystems
  - Build decisions deferred to subsystem level

## Project Files

# GNAT Project Files

- Text files with Ada-like syntax
- Also known as *GPR files* due to file extension
- Integrated into command-line tools
  - Specified via the `-P project-file-name` switch
- Integrated into IDEs
  - A fundamental part
  - Automatically generated if desired
- Should be under configuration management

## Configurable Properties

- Source directories and specific files' names
- Output directory for object modules and .ali files
- Target directory for executable programs
- Switch settings for project-enabled tools
- Source files for main subprogram(s) to be built
- Source programming languages
  - Ada / C / C++ are preconfigured
- Source file naming conventions
- And many more

# The Minimal Project File

```
project My_Project is
end My_Project;
```

## Specifying Main Subprogram(s)

- Optional
  - Some projects do not build an executable
  - If necessary and not specified in file, must be specified on command-line
- Can have more than one file named
- A project-level setting

```
project Foo is
 for Main use ("bar.adb", "baz.adb");
end Foo;
```

## About Project Files and Makefiles

- A Makefile performs actions (indirectly)
- A project file describes a project
- Command lines using project files fit naturally in Makefile paradigm

```
gprbuild -P <project-file> ...
```

# Building with GPRbuild

# Introduction

# Generic Build Tool

- Designed for construction of large multi-language systems
  - Allows subsystems and libraries
- Manages three step build process:
  - Compilation phase:
    - Each compilation unit examined in turn, checked for consistency, and, if necessary, compiled (or recompiled) as appropriate
  - Post-compilation phase (binding):
    - Compiled units from a given language are passed to language-specific post-compilation tool (if any)
    - Objects grouped into static or dynamic libraries as specified
  - Linking phase:
    - Units or libraries from all subsystems are passed to appropriate linker tool

## Command Line

# GPRbuild Command Line

- Made up of three components
  - Main project file (required)
  - Switches (optional)
    - `gprbuild` switches
    - Options for called tools
  - Main source files (optional)
    - If not specified, executable(s) specified in project file are built
    - If no main files specified, no executable is built

# Common Options Passed To Tools

## `-cargs options`

- Options passed to all compilers
- Example:

```
-cargs -g
```

## `-cargs:<language> options`

- Options passed to compiler for specific language
- Examples:

```
-cargs:Ada -gnatf
-cargs:C -E
```

## `-bargs options`

- Options passed to all binder drivers

## `-bargs:<language> options`

- Options passed to binder driver for specific language
- Examples:

```
-bargs:Ada binder_prefix=ppc-elf
-bargs:C++ c_compiler_name=ccppc
```

## `-larg options`

- Options passed to linker for generating executable

# Common Command Line Switches

`-P <project file>`

Name of main project file (space between *P* and *<filename>* is optional)

`-aP <directory>`

Add *<directory>* to list of directories to search for project files

`-u [<source file> [, <source file>...]]`

If sources specified, only compile these sources.

Otherwise, compile all sources in main project file

`-U [<source file> [, <source file>...]]`

If sources specified, only compile these sources.

Otherwise, compile all sources in project tree

`-Xnm=val`

Specify external reference that may be read via built-in function `external`.

`--version`

Display information about GPRbuild: version, origin and legal status

`--help`

Display GPRbuild usage

`--config=<config project file name>`

Configuration project file name (default `default.cgpr`)

## Common Build Switches

Switches to be specified on command line or in Builder package of main project file

`--create-map-file[=<map file>]`

When linking, (if supported) by the platform, create a map file `<map file>`.  
(If not specified, filename is `<executable name>.map` )

`-j<num>`

Use `<num>` simultaneous compilation jobs

`-k`

Keep going after compilation errors (default is to stop on first error)

`-p` (or `--create-missing-dirs`)

Creating missing output directory (e.g. object directory)

Lab

# Start GPRbuild

- Open a command shell
- Go to `gpr_1_building_with_gprbuild` directory (under `source`)
  - Contains a main procedure and a supporting package for the "8 Queens" problem
- Use an editor to create minimum project file
  - Name the project anything you wish
  - Filename and project name should be the same
- Build Queens using `gprbuild` and the project file as-is
  - Use `-P` argument on the command line to specify project file
  - Must also specify file name on command line to get executable
    - For example: `gprbuild -P lab.gpr queens`
- Clean the project with `gprclean`
  - Use `-P` argument on the command line to specify project file
  - Note that the `queens.exe` executable remains
    - Plus (possibly) some intermediate files

## GPRbuild Lab - Simple GPR File

```
project Lab is
end Lab;
```

`gprbuild -P lab.gpr` Only compiles source files

`gprbuild -P lab.gpr queens` Compiles source and creates  
`queens` executable

`gprclean -P lab.gpr` Deletes ALL and object files for Queens and  
Queens\_Pkg

## GPRbuild Lab Part 2

- Change project file so that it specifies the main program
- Build again, without specifying the main on the command line
  - Use only `-P` argument on the command line to specify project file
- Clean the project with `gprclean` again
  - Note the `queens` executable is now also deleted (as well as any intermediate files)

## GPRbuild Lab - Main Program Specified

```
project Lab is
 for Main use ("main.adb");
end Lab;
```

`gprbuild -P lab.gpr` Compiles source and creates `queens`  
executable

`gprclean -P lab.gpr` Deletes all generated files

# Project Properties

# Introduction

# Specifying Directories

- Any number of Source Directories
  - Source Directories contain source files
  - If not specified, defaults to directory containing project file
  - Possible to create a project with no Source Directory
    - Not the same as not specifying the Source Directory!
- One Object Directory
  - Contains object files and other tool-generated files
  - If not specified, defaults to directory containing project file
- One Executables Directory
  - Contains executable(s)
  - If not specified, defaults to same location as Object Directory
- *Tip: use forward slashes rather than backslashes for the most portability*
  - Backslash will only work on Windows
  - Forward slash will work on all supported systems (including Windows)

# Variables

**Typed** Set of possible string values

**Untyped** Unspecified set of values (strings and lists)

```
project Build is
 type Targets is ("release", "test");
 -- Typed variable
 Target : Targets := external("target", "test");
 -- Untyped string variable
 Var := "foo";
 -- Untyped string list variable
 Var2 := ("-gnato", "-gnata");
 ...
end Build;
```

# Typed Versus Untyped Variables

- Typed variables have only listed values possible
  - Case sensitive, unlike Ada
- Typed variables are declared once per scope
  - Once at project or package level
  - Essentially read-only constants
    - Useful for external inputs
- Untyped variables may be "declared" many times
  - No previous declaration required

# Property Values

- Strings

- Lists of strings

`("-v", "-gnatv")`

- Associative arrays

- Map input string to either single string or list of strings

*for* <name> (<string-index>) *use* <list-of\_strings>;

**for** Switches ("Ada") **use** ("-gnaty", "-gnatwa");

## Directories

# Source Directories

- One or more in any project file
- Default is same directory as project file
- Can specify additional / other directories

```
for Source_Dirs use ("src/mains", "src/drivers", "foo");
```

- Can specify an entire tree of directories

```
for Source_Dirs use ("src/**");
```

- **src** directory and every subdirectory underneath

# Source Files

- Must be at least one **immediate** source file

- *Immediate*

- Resides in project source directories OR
- Specified through source-related attribute

- Unless explicitly specified none present

```
for Source_Files use ();
```

- Can specify source files by name

```
for Source_Files use ("pack1.ads", "pack2.adb");
```

- Can specify an external file containing source names

```
for Source_List_File use "source_list.txt";
```

# Object Directory

- Specifies location for files generated by compiler (or tools)
  - Such as `.ali` files and `.o` files
  - For the project's immediate sources

```
project Release is
 for Object_Dir use "release";
 ...
end Release;
```

- Only one object directory per project

## Executable Directory

- Specifies the location for executable image

```
project Release is
 for Exec_Dir use "executables";
 ...
end Release;
```

- Default is same directory as object files
- Only one per project

## Project Packages

## Packages Correspond to Tools

- Packages within project file contain switches (generally) for specific tools
- Allowable names and content defined by vendor
  - Not by users

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|                 |               |                |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Analyzer        | Binder        | Builder        |
| Check           | Clean         | Compiler       |
| Cross_Reference | Documentation | Eliminate      |
| Finder          | Gnatls        | Gnatstub       |
| IDE             | Install       | Linker         |
| Metrics         | Naming        | Pretty_Printer |
| Remote          | Stack         | Synchronize    |

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## Setting Tool Switches

- May be specified to apply by default

```
package Compiler is
 for Default_Switches ("Ada") use ("-gnaty", "-v");
end Compiler;
```

- May be specified on per-unit basis

- Associative array "Switches" indexed by unit name

```
package Builder is
 for Switches ("main1.adb") use ("-O2");
 for Switches ("main2.adb") use ("-g");
end Builder;
```

## Naming Considerations

# Rationale

- Project files assume source files have GNAT naming conventions
  - Specification `<unitname>[-<childunit>].ads`
  - Body `<unitname>[-<childunit>].adb`
- Sometimes you want different conventions
  - Third-party libraries
  - Legacy code used different compiler
  - Changing filenames would make tracking changes harder

# Source File Naming Schemes

- Allow arbitrary naming conventions
  - Other than GNAT default convention
- Specified in a package named `Naming`
  - May be applied to all source files in a project
  - May be applied to specific files in a project
    - Individual attribute specifications

## Foreign Default File Naming Example

- Sample source file names
  - Package spec for Utilities in `utilities.spec`
  - Package body for Utilities in `utilities.body`
  - Package spec for Utilities.Child in `utilities.child.spec`
  - Package body for Utilities.Child in `utilities.child.body`

```
project Legacy_Code is
```

```
...
```

```
package Naming is
```

```
 for Casing use "lowercase";
```

```
 for Dot_Replacement use ".";
```

```
 for Spec_Suffix ("Ada") use ".spec";
```

```
 for Body_Suffix ("Ada") use ".body";
```

```
end Naming;
```

```
...
```

```
end Legacy_Code;
```

# GNAT Default File Naming Example

- Sample source file names
  - Package spec for Utilities in `utilities.ads`
  - Package body for Utilities in `utilities.adb`
  - Package spec for Utilities.Child in `utilities-child.ads`
  - Package body for Utilities.Child in `utilities-child.adb`

```
project GNAT is
```

```
...
```

```
package Naming is
```

```
 for Casing use "lowercase";
```

```
 for Dot_Replacement use "-";
```

```
 for Spec_Suffix ("Ada") use ".ads";
```

```
 for Body_Suffix ("Ada") use ".adb";
```

```
end Naming;
```

```
...
```

```
end GNAT;
```

## Individual (Arbitrary) File Naming

- Uses associative arrays to specify file names
  - Index is a string containing the unit name
    - Case insensitive
  - Value is a string containing the file name
    - Case sensitivity depends on host file system
- Has distinct attributes for specs and bodies
  - Syntax: *for Spec ("**<Ada unit name>**") use "**<filename>**";*

```
for Spec ("MyPack.MyChild") use "MMS1AF32.A";
```

```
for Body ("MyPack.MyChild") use "MMS1AF32.B";
```

## Variables for Conditional Processing

## Two Sample Projects for Different Switch Settings

```
project Debug is
 for Object_Dir use "debug";
 package Builder is
 for Default_Switches ("Ada")
 use ("-g");
 end Builder;
 package Compiler is
 for Default_Switches ("Ada")
 use ("-fstack-check",
 "-gnata",
 "-gnato");
 end Compiler;
end Debug;
```

```
project Release is
 for Object_Dir use "release";
 package Compiler is
 for Default_Switches ("Ada")
 use ("-O2");
 end Compiler;
end Release;
```

## External and Conditional References

- Allow project file content to depend on value of environment variables and command-line arguments

- Reference to external values is by function

`external (<name> [, default])`

- Returns value of **name** as supplied via
  - Command line
  - Environment variable
  - If not specified, uses **default** or else ""

- Command line switch

- Syntax: `gprbuild -P... -Xname=value ...`

```
gprbuild -P common/build.gpr -Xtarget=test common/main.adb
```

### Note

Command line values override environment variables

# External/Conditional Reference Example

```
project Build is
 type Targets is ("release", "test");
 Target : Targets := external("target", "test");
 case Target is -- project attributes
 when "release" =>
 for Object_Dir use "release";
 for Exec_Dir use ".";
 when "test" =>
 for Object_Dir use "debug";
 end case;
 package Compiler is
 case Target is
 when "release" =>
 for Default_Switches ("Ada") use ("-O2");
 when "test" =>
 for Default_Switches ("Ada") use
 ("-g", "-fstack-check", "-gnata", "-gnato");
 end case;
 end Compiler;
 ...
end Build;
```

# Scenario Controlling Source File Selection

```

project Demo is
 ...
 type Displays is ("Win32", "ANSI");
 Output : Displays := external ("OUTPUT", "Win32");
 ...
 package Naming is
 case Output is
 when "Win32" =>
 for Body ("Console") use "console_win32.adb";
 when "ANSI" =>
 for Body ("Console") use "console_ansi.adb";
 end case;
 end Naming;
end Demo;

```

## ■ Source Files

| console.ads        | console_win32.adb       | console_ansi.adb        |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| package Console is | package body Console is | package body Console is |
| ...                | ...                     | ...                     |
| end Console;       | end Console;            | end Console;            |

Lab

# Project Properties Lab

- Create new project file in an empty directory
- Specify source and output directories
  - Use source files from the `gpr_2_project_properties` directory (under `source`)
  - Specify where object files and executable should be located
- Build and run executable (pass command line argument of 200)
  - Note location of object files and executable
  - Execution should get `Constraint_Error`

# Directories Solution

## ■ Project File

```
project Lab is
 for Source_Dirs use ("source/030_project_properties");
 for Main use ("main.adb");
 for Object_Dir use "obj";
 for Exec_Dir use "exec";
end Lab;
```

## ■ Executable Output

```
...
41 267914296
42 433494437
43 701408733
44 1134903170
45 1836311903
```

```
raised CONSTRAINT_ERROR : fibonacci.adb:16 overflow check failed
```

## Project Properties Lab (1/3) - Switches

- Modify project file to disable overflow checking
  - Add the `Compiler` package
  - Insert `Default_Switches` attribute for Ada in `Compiler` package
  - Set switch `-gnato0` in the attribute
    - Disable overflow checking
- Build and run again
  - Need to use switch `-f` on command line to force rebuild
    - (Changes to GPR file do not automatically force recompile)
  - No `Constraint_Error`
    - But data doesn't look right due to overflow issues

# Switches Solution

## ■ Project File

```
project Lab is
 for Source_Dirs use ("source/030_project_properties");
 for Main use ("main.adb");

 package Compiler is
 for Default_Switches ("Ada") use ("-gnato0");
 end Compiler;
 ...
end Lab;
```

## ■ Executable Output

```
...
43 701408733
44 1134903170
45 1836311903
46 -1323752223
47 512559680
48 -811192543
49 -298632863
50 -1109825406
...
```

## Project Properties Lab (2/3) - Naming

- Modify project file to use naming conventions from a different compiler
  - Change source directories to point to `naming` folder
  - File naming conventions:
    - Spec: `<unitname>[.child].1.ada`
    - Body: `<unitname>[.child].2.ada`
  - Remember to fix executable name
- Build and run again
  - *Note: Accumulator uses more bits, so failure condition happens later*

# Naming Solution

- Project File

```
project Lab is
 for Source_Dirs use ("source/030_project_properties/naming");

 package Naming is
 for Casing use "lowercase";
 for Dot_Replacement use ".";
 for Spec_Suffix ("Ada") use ".1.ada";
 for Body_Suffix ("Ada") use ".2.ada";
 end Naming;

 for Main use ("main.2.ada");
 ...
end Lab;
```

- Executable Output

```
...
88 1779979416004714189
89 2880067194370816120
90 4660046610375530309
91 7540113804746346429
92 -6246583658587674878
93 1293530146158671551
94 -4953053512429003327
95 -3659523366270331776
96 -8612576878699335103
...
```

## Project Properties Lab (3/3) - Conditional

- Modify project file to select precision via compiler switch
  - `conditional` folder has two more package bodies using different accumulators
  - Read a variable from the command line to determine which body to use
    - Hint: Naming will need to use a `case` statement to select appropriate body
- Build and run again
  - Hint: Name used in `external` call must be same casing as in GPRBUILD command, i.e
    - `external ("FooBar");` means `gprbuild -XFooBar...`

# Conditional Solution

## ■ Project File

```
project Lab is

 for Source_Dirs use ("source/030_project_properties/naming",
 "source/030_project_properties/conditional");

 type Precision_T is ("unsigned", "float", "default");
 Precision : Precision_T := external ("PRECISION", "default");

package Naming is
...
 case Precision is
 when "unsigned" =>
 for Body ("Fibonacci") use "fibonacci.unsigned";
 when "float" =>
 for Body ("Fibonacci") use "fibonacci.float";
 when "default" =>
 for Body ("Fibonacci") use "fibonacci.2.ada";
 end case;
end Naming;

...
end Lab;
```

## ■ Executable Output

```
1 1.000000000000000E+00
2 2.000000000000000E+00
3 3.000000000000000E+00
4 5.000000000000000E+00
5 8.000000000000000E+00
6 1.300000000000000E+01
7 2.100000000000000E+01
8 3.400000000000000E+01
9 5.500000000000000E+01
10 8.900000000000000E+01
...
```

# Structuring Your Application

# Introduction

# Introduction

- Most applications can be broken into pieces
  - Modules, components, etc - whatever you want to call them
- Helpful to have a project file for each component
  - Or even multiple project files for better organization

# Dependency

- Units of one component typically depend units in other components
  - Types packages, utilities, external interfaces, etc
- A project can **with** another project to allow visibility
  - Ambiguity issues can occur if the same unit appears in multiple projects

# Extension

- Sometimes we want to replace units for certain builds
  - Testing might require different package bodies
  - Different targets might require different values for constants
- A project can *extend* another project
  - Project inherits properties and units from its parent
  - Project can create new properties and units to override parent

## Building an Application

## Importing Projects

- Source files of one project may depend on source files of other projects
  - *Depend* in Ada sense (contains **with** clauses)
- Want to localize properties of other projects
  - Switches etc.
  - Defined in one place and not repeated elsewhere
- Thus dependent projects *import* other projects to add source files to search path

# Project Import Notation

- Similar to Ada's **with** clauses
  - But uses strings

```
with <literal string> {, <literal string>;
```

- String literals are path names of project files
  - Relative
  - Absolute

```
with "/gui/gui.gpr", "../math.gpr";
project MyApp is
 ...
end MyApp;
```

## GPRbuild search paths

GPR with **relative** paths are searched

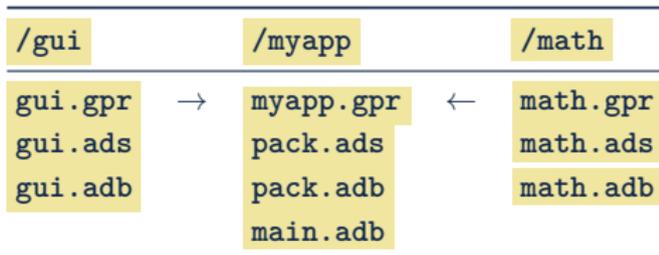
- From the current project directory
- From the environment variables
  - Path to a file listing directory paths
    - GPR\_PROJECT\_PATH\_FILE
  - List of directories, separated by PATH-like (:, ;) separator
    - GPR\_PROJECT\_PATH
- From the current toolchain's installation directory
  - Can be target-specific
  - Can be runtime-specific
  - See GPR Tool's User Guide

# Importing Projects Example

```
with GUI, Math;
package body Pack is
```

```
...
```

## ■ Source Architecture



## ■ Project File

```
with "/gui/gui.gpr", "/math/math.gpr";
project MyApp is
```

```
...
```

```
end MyApp;
```

## Referencing Imported Content

- When referencing imported projects, use the *Ada dot notation* concept for declarations
  - Start with the project name
  - Use the tick (') for attributes

```
with "foo.gpr";
project P is
 package Compiler is
 for Default_Switches ("Ada") use
 Foo.Compiler'Default_Switches("Ada") & "-gnatwa";
 end Compiler;
end P;
```

- Project P uses all the compiler switches in project Foo and adds -gnatwa

### Note

in GPR files, "&" can be used to concatenate string lists and strings

# Renaming

- Packages can rename imported packages
- Effect is as if the package is declared locally
  - Much like the Ada language

```
with "../naming_schemes/rational.gpr";
project Clients is
 package Naming renames Rational.Naming;
 for Languages use ("Ada");
 for Object_Dir use ".";
 ...
end Clients;
```

# Project Source Code Dependencies

- Not unusual for projects to be interdependent

- In the Nav project

```
with Hmi.Controls;
package body Nav.Engine is
 Global_Speed : Speed_T := 0.0;
 procedure Increase
 (Change : Speed_Delta_T) is
 begin
 Global_Speed := Global_Speed + Change;
 Hmi.Controls.Display (Global_Speed);
 end Increase;
end Nav.Engine;
```

- In the HMI project

```
package body Hmi.Controls is
 procedure Display
 (Speed : Nav.Engine.Speed_T) is
 begin
 Display_On_Console (Speed);
 end Display;
 procedure Change
 (Speed_Change : Nav.Engine.Speed_Delta_T) is
 begin
 Nav.Engine.Increase (Speed_Change);
 end Change;
end Hmi.Controls;
```

## Project Dependencies

- Project files cannot create a cycle using **with**
  - Neither direct (Hmi → Nav → Hmi)
  - Nor indirect (Hmi → Nav → Monitor → Hmi)
- So how do we allow the sources in each project to interact?
  - **limited with**
  - Allows sources to be interdependent, but not the projects

```
limited with "Hmi.gpr";
project Nav is
 package Compiler is
 for Switches ("Ada") use
 Hmi.Compiler'Switches & "-gnatwa"; -- illegal
 end Compiler;
end Nav;
```

# Subsystems

- Sets of sources and folders managed together
- Represented by project files
  - Connected by project *with clauses* or project extensions
  - Generally one **primary** project file
  - Potentially many project files, assuming subsystems composed of other subsystems
- Have at most one *objects* folder per subsystem
  - A defining characteristic
  - Typical, not required

# Subsystems Example

```
with "gui.gpr";
with "utilities.gpr";
with "hardware.gpr";
project Application is
 for Main use ("demo");
 for Object_Dir use ("objs");
 ...
end Application;

with "utilities.gpr";
project Gui is
 for Object_Dir use ("objs");
 ...
end Gui;

with "utilities.gpr";
project Hardware is
 for Object_Dir use ("objs");
 ...
end Hardware;

project Utilities is
 for Object_Dir use ("objs");
 ...
end Utilities;
```

# Building Subsystems

- One project file given to the builder
- Everything necessary will be built, transitively
  - Build Utilities
    - Only source specified in `utilities.gpr` will be built
  - Build Hardware (or Gui)
    - Source specified in `hardware.gpr` (or `gui.gpr`) will be built
    - Source specified in `utilities.gpr` will be built if needed
  - Build Application
    - Any source specified in any of the project files will be built as needed

## Extending Projects

## Extending Projects

- Allows using modified versions of source files without changing the original sources
- Based on *inheritance* of parent project's properties
  - Source files
  - Switch settings
- Supports localized build decisions and properties
  - Inherited properties may be overridden with new versions
- Hierarchies permitted

# Project Extension

project Child extends "parent.gpr" is

- New project Child inherits everything from Parent
  - Except whatever new source/properties are specified in Child
- When compiling project Child
  - Source files in Child get compiled into its object directory
  - For source files in Parent that are not overridden in Child
    - If the source file is compiled into the Parent object directory, that file is considered compiled
    - If the source file is not compiled into the Parent object directory, that file will be compiled into the Child object directory

## Limits on Extending Projects

- A project that extends/modifies a project can also import other projects.
- Can't import both a parent and a modified project.
  - If you import the extension, you get the parent
- Can extend only one other project at a time.

## Multiple Versions of Unit Bodies Example

- Assume *Baseline* directory structure:
  - `baseline.gpr` contains
    - `filename.ads`
    - `filename.adb`
    - `application.adb`
- For testing, you want to
  - Replace `filename.adb` with a dummy version
  - Use `test_driver.adb` as the main program

## Multiple Versions of Unit Bodies Files

- *Baseline* GPR file might look like:

```
project Baseline is
 for Source_Dirs use ("src");
 for Main use ("application");
end Baseline;
```

- Test GPR file might look like:

```
project Test_Baseline extends "Baseline" is
 for Source_Dirs use ("test_code");
 for Main use ("test_driver");
end Test_Baseline;
```

Lab

# Structuring Your Application Lab

- Source is included in folder  
`gpr_3_structuring_your_application`
- **Very** simplistic speed monitor
  - Reads current distance
  - Determines amount of time since last read
  - Calculates speed
  - Sends message
- Four subsystems
  - **Base** - types and speed calculator
  - **Sensors** - reads distance from some register
  - **Messages** - sends message to some memory location
  - **Application** - main program
- We could build one GPR file and point to all source directories
  - But as our application grew, this would become harder to maintain

# Assignment Part One

- 1 Build GPR files for each subsystem
  - Hint: These subsystems *depend* on each other, they do not *override* source files
  - As you build each GPR file, run `gprbuild -P <gprfile>` to make sure everything works
  - Main program is in `main.adb`
- 2 Run `main`
  - This will fail (leading up to Part Two of the assignment)
- 3 Modify `base_types.ads`
  - Just so source code needs to be compiled
- 4 Rebuild your main program
  - Even though the modified source file is not directly referenced in the main GPR file, `GPRBUILD` should compile everything it needs

# Assignment Part One - Solution

```
with "../base/base.gpr";
with "../messages/messages.gpr";
with "../sensors/sensors.gpr";
project Application is
 for Source_Dirs use ("src");
 for Object_Dir use "obj";
 for Main use ("main.adb") & project'Main;
end Application;
```

```
with "../base/base.gpr";
project Messages is
 for Source_Dirs use ("src");
 for Object_Dir use "obj";
end Messages;
```

```
with "../base/base.gpr";
project Sensors is
 for Source_Dirs use ("src");
 for Object_Dir use "obj";
end Sensors;
```

```
project Base is
 for Source_Dirs use ("src");
 for Object_Dir use "obj";
end Base;
```

## Assignment Part Two

- 1 Build GPR files to create test stubs for Odometer and Sender
  - Test bodies exist in the appropriate `test` subfolders
  - Create extensions for `messages.gpr` and `sensors.gpr`
    - We want to inherit the package spec, but use the "test" package bodies
- 2 Build a GPR file for the main application
  - Main still works, we just need the GPR file to access our stubs
  - We could create a new GPR file, or extend the original. Which is easier?
- 3 Build and run your main program

## Assignment Part Two - Solution

- `messages/test` directory

```
project Messages_Test extends "../Messages.gpr" is
 for Source_Dirs use (".");
end Messages_Test;
```

- `sensors/test` directory

```
project Sensors_Test extends "../sensors.gpr" is
 for Source_Dirs use (".");
end Sensors_Test;
```

- `test` directory

```
with "../messages/test/messages_test.gpr";
with "../sensors/test/sensors_test.gpr";
project Test extends "../application/application.gpr" is
 for Main use ("main.adb") & project'Main;
end Test;
```

# Advanced Capabilities

# Introduction

## Other Types of GPR Files

- Project files can also be used for
  - Building libraries
  - Building systems
- Project files can also have children
  - Similar to Ada packages

## Library Projects

# Libraries

- Subsystems packaged in specific way
- Represented by project files with specific attributes
- Referenced by other project files, as usual
  - Contents become available automatically, etc.
- Library Project

```
library project Static_Lib is
 -- keyword "library" is optional
 ...
end Static_Lib;
```

- Standard Project referencing library

```
with "static_lib.gpr";
project Main is
 ...
end Main;
```

# Creating Library Projects

- Several global attributes are involved/possible

- Required attributes

`Library_Name` Name of library

`Library_Dir` Where library is installed

- Important optional attributes

`Library_Kind` *static, static-pic, dynamic, relocatable* (same as *dynamic*)

`Library_Interface` Restrict interface to subset of units

`Library_Auto_Init` Should autoinit at load (if supported)

`Library_Options` Extra arguments to pass to linker

`Library_GCC` Use custom linker

# Supported Library Types

- Static Libraries
  - Code statically linked into client applications
  - Becomes permanent part of client during build
  - Each client gets separate, independent copy
- Dynamic Libraries
  - Code dynamically linked at run-time
  - Not permanent part of application
  - Code shared among all clients
- Stand-Alone Libraries (SAL)
  - Minimize client recompilations when library internals change
  - Contain all necessary elaboration code for Ada units within
  - Can be static or shared
- See the *GNAT Pro Users Guide* for details

## Static Library Project Example

```
library project Name is
 for Source_Dirs use ("src1", "src2");
 for Library_Dir use "lib";
 for Library_Name use "name";
 for Library_Kind use "static";
end Name;
```

- Creates library `libname.a` on Windows

## Standalone Library Project Example

```
library project Name is
 Version := "1";
 for Library_Interface use ("int1", "int1.child");
 for Library_Dir use "lib";
 for Library_Name use "name";
 for Library_Kind use "relocatable";
 for Library_Version use "libdummy.so." & Version;
end Name;
```

- Creates library `libname.so.1` with a symlink `libname.so` that points to it

## Aggregate Projects

# Complex Applications

- Many applications have multiple executables and/or libraries
  - Shared source code
  - Multiple "top-level" project files
- Assume project A with project B and project C
  - Build of project A will only compile/link whatever is necessary for project A's executable(s)
  - Executables in project B and C will need to be generated separately
  - Running `gprbuild` on all three projects causes redundant processing
    - Determination of files that need to be compiled
    - Libraries are always built when `gprbuild` is called

# Aggregate Projects

- Represent multiple, related projects
  - Related especially by common source code
- Allow managing options in a centralized way
- Compilation optimized for sources common to multiple projects
  - Doesn't compile more than necessary

## Aggregate Project Example

```
aggregate project Agg is
 -- Projects to be built
 for Project_Files use ("A.gpr", "B.gpr", "C.gpr");
 -- Directories to search for project files
 for Project_Path use ("../dir1", "../dir1/dir2");
 -- Scenario variable
 for external ("BUILD") use "PRODUCTION";

 -- Common build switches
 package Builder is
 for Global_Compilation_Switches ("Ada")
 use ("-O1", "-g");
 end Builder;
end Agg;
```

## Child Projects

# Grouping Projects

- Sometimes we want to emphasize project relationships
  - Similar to parent/child relationship in Ada packages
- Child project
  - Declare child of project same as in Ada:  
`project Parent.Child ...`
  - **No inheritance assumed** (unlike Ada)
  - Behavior of child follows normal project definition rules

# Child Projects

- Original project

```
-- math_proj.gpr
project Math_Proj is
 ...
end Math_Proj;
```

- Child *depends* on parent

```
with "math_proj.gpr";
project Math_Proj.Tests is
 ...
end Math_Proj.Tests;
```

- Child *extends* parent

```
project Math_Proj.High_Performance extends "math_proj.gpr" is
 ...
end Math_Proj.High_Performance;
```

- Illegal project

```
project Math_Proj.Test is
 ...
end Math_Proj.Test;
```

# Summary

## Conclusion

# GNAT Project Manager Summary

- Supports hierarchical, localized build decisions
- IDEs provide direct support
- GPRBUILD allows broad or narrow control over build process
- See the *GPRbuild and GPR Companion Tools User's Guide* for further functionality and capabilities
  - Target build processing
  - Distributed builds
  - Etc

## Day 4 - PM

# GNATSTUB

# Introduction

# Body Stub Generator

- Creates empty (but compilable) package/subprogram bodies
- Can use GNAT Project file
  - Configuration in package `gnatstub`
- Default behavior is to raise exception if stub is called
  - It means you did not create a "real" body

# Why Do You Need Stubs?

Sometimes we want to establish code structure quickly

- Start prototyping code architecture first
- Worry about implementation details later
  - Don't want to get caught in compilation details/behavior in early development

## Running GNATSTUB

# Running GNATSTUB

```
gnatstub [switches] filename
```

where **filename** can be a package spec or body

- Package spec
  - GNATSTUB will generate a package body containing "dummy" bodies for subprograms defined but not completed in the spec
- Package body
  - For any subprogram defined as **separate** in the package body, a file will be created containing a body for the subprogram

## Note

Need to specify **--subunits** switch

# Example Package Spec

- Filename `example.ads` contains

```
package Example is
 procedure Null_Procedure is null;
 procedure Needs_A_Stub;
 function Expression_Function return Integer is (1);
end Example;
```

- `gnatstub example.ads` will generate `example.adb`

```
pragma Ada_2012;
package body Example is

 -- Needs_A_Stub --

 procedure Needs_A_Stub is
 begin
 pragma Compile_Time_Warning
 (Standard.True, "Needs_A_Stub unimplemented");
 raise Program_Error with "Unimplemented procedure Needs_A_Stub";
 end Needs_A_Stub;

end Example;
```

# Example Package Body

- Filename `example.adb` contains

```
package body Example is
 procedure Do_Something_Else;
 procedure Do_Something is separate;
 procedure Do_Something_Else is
 begin
 Do_Something;
 end Do_Something_Else;
end Example;
```

- `gnatstub --subunits example.adb` will generate

```
example-do_something.adb
```

```
pragma Ada_2012;
separate (Example)
procedure Do_Something is
begin
 pragma Compile_Time_Warning (Standard.True, "Do_Something unimplemented");
 raise Program_Error with "Unimplemented procedure Do_Something";
end Do_Something;
```

## GNATSTUB Switches

## Controlling Behavior When Called

- By default, a stubbed subprogram will raise `Program_Error` when called
  - Procedures use a `raise` statement
  - Functions use a `raise` expression in a `return`
    - To prevent warnings about no return in a function
- You can disable the exception in procedures
  - Switch `--no-exception`

### **Warning**

Functions still need a return statement, so `raise` expression is still present

# Formatting Comment Blocks

- Sometimes you use GNATSTUB to create a shell for your implementation
  - Having the tool populate the shell with comments can be helpful
- Comment switches:

`--comment-header-sample`

*Create a file header comment block*

`--comment-header-spec`

*Copy file header from spec into body*

`--header-file=<filename>`

*Insert the contents of `<filename>` at the beginning of the stub body*

- Default behavior is to add a comment block for each subprogram
  - Use `--no-local-header` to disable this

## Other Common Switches

`files=<filename>`

`<filename>` contains a list of files for which stubs will be generated

`--force`

Overwrite any existing file (without this, GNATSTUB will flag as an error)

`--output-dir=<directory>`

Put generated files in `<directory>`

`max-line-length=<nnn>`

Maximum length of line in generated body. Default is 79, maximum is 32767

Lab

# GNATSTUB Lab

- We are going to implement a simple math package that does addition and subtraction
  - The executable takes 3 numbers on the command line - adds the first two, subtracts the third, and prints the result
- Copy the `gnatstub` lab folder from the course materials location `source` folder
- Contents of the folder:
  - `default.gpr` - project file
  - `main.adb` - main program
  - `math.ads` - package spec that we want to implement

## Note

We use animation - if you don't know the answer, Page Down should give it to you

## Build the Executable

- 1 Open a command prompt window and navigate to the directory containing `default.gpr`
- 2 Try to build the executable (`gprbuild -P default.gpr`)
  - Build fails because `Math` is not implemented
- 3 Build a stub for `Math`
  - Make sure you copy the file header comment into the stub

## Build the Executable

- 1 Open a command prompt window and navigate to the directory containing `default.gpr`
- 2 Try to build the executable (`gprbuild -P default.gpr`)
  - Build fails because `Math` is not implemented
- 3 Build a stub for `Math`
  - Make sure you copy the file header comment into the stub

```
gnatstub --comment-header-spec math.ads
```

## Build the Executable Again

- 1 Build the executable again
  - Builds, but you get compile warnings from the stubbed subprograms
- 2 Run the executable
  - Remember to add three numbers on the command line
- 3 Executable should fail with `Program_Error` in `Add_Two_Numbers`
  - Default stub behavior
- 4 Rebuild the stub without exceptions and run it again

## Build the Executable Again

- 1 Build the executable again
  - Builds, but you get compile warnings from the stubbed subprograms
- 2 Run the executable
  - Remember to add three numbers on the command line
- 3 Executable should fail with `Program_Error` in `Add_Two_Numbers`
  - Default stub behavior
- 4 Rebuild the stub without exceptions and run it again

```
gnatstub -f --comment-header-spec --no-exception math.ads
```

- Exception now raised in `Subtract_Two_Numbers`
  - Exceptions always raised for functions in a stub

# Implement Math

- 1 Edit the `Math` package body to implement the two subprograms
- 2 Build and run the executable

# Math Package Body

```

--
-- MATH
--
--
-- Simplistic math package to add or subtract two numbers
--

pragma Ada_2012;
package body Math is

 -- Add_Two_Numbers --

 procedure Add_Two_Numbers
 (Result : out Integer; Param_A : Integer; Param_B : Integer)
 is
 begin
 Result := Param_A + Param_B;
 end Add_Two_Numbers;

 -- Subtract_Two_Numbers --

 function Subtract_Two_Numbers
 (Param_A : Integer; Param_B : Integer) return Integer
 is
 begin
 return Param_A - Param_B;
 end Subtract_Two_Numbers;

end Math;
```

## Summary

## Improving on GNATSTUB

- Sometimes empty code stubs aren't enough
  - Not only don't they do anything useful, they actively raise compiler warnings and run-time exceptions!
- "Smart" stubs are useful for testing
  - Replace code not available for testing
  - Control/replace external interfaces when testing natively
    - Read sensors
    - Write to a console
- You can modify the generated stub(s) to implement all this

## Beyond GNATSTUB

- User-created "Smart" stubs are great for testing
  - But there's a lot of repetition in building the stubs
  - And maintenance can be difficult
- Use GNATTEST to create more advanced unit tests
  - Expands on stubbing capabilities
  - Adds test driver generation
  - Adds automation capabilities

For more information, go to GNATtest  
(<https://www.adacore.com/dynamic-analysis/gnatstest>)

# GNATSTACK

# Introduction

# Determining Maximum Stack Size

- GNATSTACK statically computes maximum stack space
  - For each application entry point (including tasks)
- **Static Analysis**
  - Analyzes artifacts of compiler (not run-time execution)
  - Computes worst-case stack requirements
  - When no assumptions made, stack size never exceeds analyzed value

# Outputs

- Worst-case stack requirements for each entry point
  - Entry points can be deduced from source or specified by user
- Path leading to each scenario
- *Visualization of Compiler Graphs (VCG)*
  - File containing complete call tree for application
  - Contains both local and accumulated stack usage

# Optional Analysis Outputs

- **Indirect calls** (including dispatching)
  - Number of indirect calls from any subprogram
- **External calls**
  - All subprograms reachable from entry point where no stack/call graph information is available
- **Unbounded frames**
  - All subprograms reachable from entry point with unbounded stack requirements
  - Stack size depends on arguments passed to the subprogram
- **Cycles**
  - Detect call cycles in the call graph
  - Represent potential recursion for possibly unbounded stack consumption

## Running GNATSTACK

## Example Subprogram

```
1 procedure Main_Unit is
2 type Data_Type is array (1 .. 5) of Integer;
3
4 function Inverse (Input : Data_Type) return Data_Type is
5 Result : Data_Type;
6 begin
7 for Index in Data_Type'Range loop
8 Result (Index) := Input (Data_Type'Last -
9 (Index - Data_Type'First));
10 end loop;
11
12 return Result;
13 end Inverse;
14
15 Data : Data_Type := (1, 2, 3, 4, 5);
16 Result : Data_Type;
17 begin
18 Result := Inverse (Data);
19 end Main_Unit;
```

# Getting Started with GNATSTACK

Two parts of performing stack analysis

- 1 Generation of stack consumption and call-graph information

```
gprbuild --RTS=light main_unit.adb -cargs -fcallgraph-info=su
```

*We use the light runtime to avoid including things like the secondary stack*

- 2 Analysis and report generation

```
gnatstack *.ci
```

Which generates the following report:

```
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```

```
Accumulated stack usage information for entry points
```

```
main : total 224 bytes
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```

*Note that the actual stack usage can depend on things like runtime, operating system, and compiler version.*

## GNATSTACK Switches

## Execution-Related Switches

**-e main1[,main2[,...]]** → Use list of subprograms as entry points

**-a** → Use all subprograms as entry points

**-f filename** → Store callgraph in **filename**

- If not specified, stored in **graph.vcg**

**-P project** → Use GPR file **project** to find **\*.ci** files

## Commonly Used Switches

**-v** → verbose

- Show source location for subprogram

**-o={a,s}** → order for displaying call graphs

- **a** sort alphabetically
- **s** sort by stack usage (default)

**-t={i,d,a}** - print target for indirect/dispatching calls

- **i** for indirect calls only
- **d** for dispatching calls only
- **a** for both indirect and dispatching calls

Lab

# GNATSTACK Lab

- We are going to perform stack analysis on some source code examples
  - Although this is called a lab, it's more like a walk-through!
- Copy the **gnatstack** lab folder from the course materials location **source** folder
- Contents of the folder:
  - **simple** - folder containing a simple main procedure
  - **complicated** - folder containing multiple main procedures and some other packages

## Note

We use animation - if you don't know the answer, Page Down should give it to you

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```
gnatstack -v *.ci
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## Verbose Mode Output

Verbose mode also shows full path to the source

```
+--> main at main:b_main_unit.adb:20:4 : 64 bytes
+--> main_unit at Main_Unit:L:\\main_unit.adb:1:1,
 ada_main_program:b_main_unit.adb:17:14 : 96 bytes
+--> main_unit.inverse at Inverse:L:\\main_unit.adb:4:4 : 64 bytes
```

# Working with Multiple Mains

- 1 Open a command prompt window and navigate into the folder `complicated`
- 2 Examine the GNAT Project file and notice the following:
  - The `-fcallgraph-info=su` switch is specified in the Compiler package
  - All main subprograms are specified using `for` Main
    - Otherwise `gprbuild` does not know what executables to build
  - The runtime is specified using `for` Runtime
- 3 Build all the executables using the included `default.gpr`  

```
gprbuild -P default.gpr
```

# Recursive Calls (Cycles)

```
procedure Odd (Number : in out Integer) is
begin
 Number := Number - 1;
 if Number > 0 then
 Cycles (Number);
 end if;
end Odd;
```

```
procedure Even (Number : in out Integer) is
begin
 Number := Number - 2;
 if Number > 0 then
 Cycles (Number);
 end if;
end Even;
```

```
procedure Cycles (Number : in out Integer) is
 Half : constant Integer := Number / 2;
begin
 if Half * 2 = Number then
 Even (Number);
 else
 Odd (Number);
 end if;
end Cycles;
```

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```
cycles_main : total 176+? bytes
+-> cycles_main
+-> cycles_example.cycles *
+-> cycles_example.odd *
+-> <__gnat_last_chance_handler> *
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```

Notice the added information

List of reachable cycles:

```
<c1> cycles_example.cycles
+> cycles_example.cycles
+> cycles_example.even
+> cycles_example.cycles
```

```
<c2> cycles_example.cycles
+> cycles_example.cycles
+> cycles_example.odd
+> cycles_example.cycles
```

# Subprogram Pointers (Indirect Calls)

```
type Subprogram_Access_T is access procedure
 (A, B : Integer;
 C : out Boolean);
procedure Procedure_One
 (A, B : Integer;
 C : out Boolean) is
begin
 C := A > B;
end Procedure_One;

procedure Procedure_Two
 (A, B : Integer;
 C : out Boolean) is
begin
 C := A < B;
end Procedure_Two;

Calls : array (Boolean) of Subprogram_Access_T :=
 (Procedure_One'Access,
 Procedure_Two'Access);

procedure Test (Flag : in out Boolean) is
begin
 Calls (Flag).all (1, 2, Flag);
end Test;
```

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```
indirect_main : total 112+? bytes
+> indirect_main
+> indirect_example.test
+> indirect call *
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```

Notice the added information

List of reachable external subprograms:

```
<__gnat_last_chance_handler>
```

List of reachable and unresolved indirect (including dispatching) calls:

```
1 indirect call in: indirect_example.test
 at L:\indirect_example.adb:26
```

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```
gnatstack -td -e dispatching_main *.ci
```

# Summary

# Improving on GNATSTACK

- When static analysis doesn't have enough information, user can provide via switches
  - `-c <size>` - use **size** number of bytes for cycle entry
  - `-d <size>` - use **size** number of bytes for dynamic (unbounded) calls
  - `-u <size>` - use **size** number of bytes for external (unknown) calls
- Limitations due to call stack begin non-deterministic
  - Recursive calls - how deep is the recursion?
  - Indirect calls - subprogram pointers
  - Dispatching calls - subprogram dispatching

# Beyond GNATSTACK

## GNAT STATIC ANALYSIS SUITE (SAS)

- In-depth static analysis tool
- Defect and vulnerability analysis
- Code metrics
- Coding standards verification