Part III. Technical Spaces
20. Analysis and Model Management in the Technical Space Grammarware and Treeware (Context-Free Syntax Analysis)

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1) Parsing
2) Regular Tree Grammars
3) Tree Construction
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5) Controlled Natural Languages (CNL)
6) Pseudocode and Markup Languages

Literature

- Obligatory:
  - http://www.antlr.org
- Optional:
  - Cocktail www.cocolab.de, die Compiler-Toolbox für die schnellsten Compiler der Welt (kommerziell, Demoversionen erhältlich)
  - TaTa Tree Grammars http://tata.gforge.inria.fr/ and all the tree theory
  - Oana Andrei, Helene Kirchner. A Port Graph Calculus for Autonomic Computing and Invariant Verification. A. Corradini. TERMGRAPH 2009, 5th International Workshop on Computing with Terms and Graphs, Satellite Event of ETAPS 2009, Mar 2009, York, United Kingdom. Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science, Elsevier. Preprint <inria-00418560>, https://hal.inria.fr/inria-00418560

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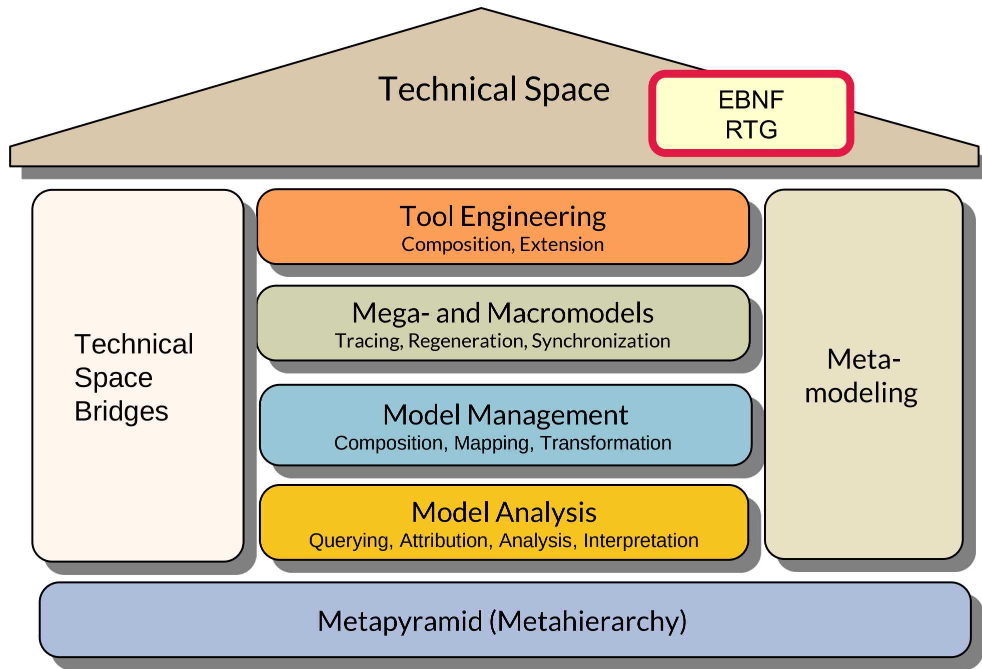
20.1. Parser Generators in the Technical Space Grammarware

1) Parsing as checker for instance-of
2) Antlr as example
3) Example pocket computer

- Analyzing the structure of linear lists
- And transforming them to trees

Q10: The House of a Technical Space



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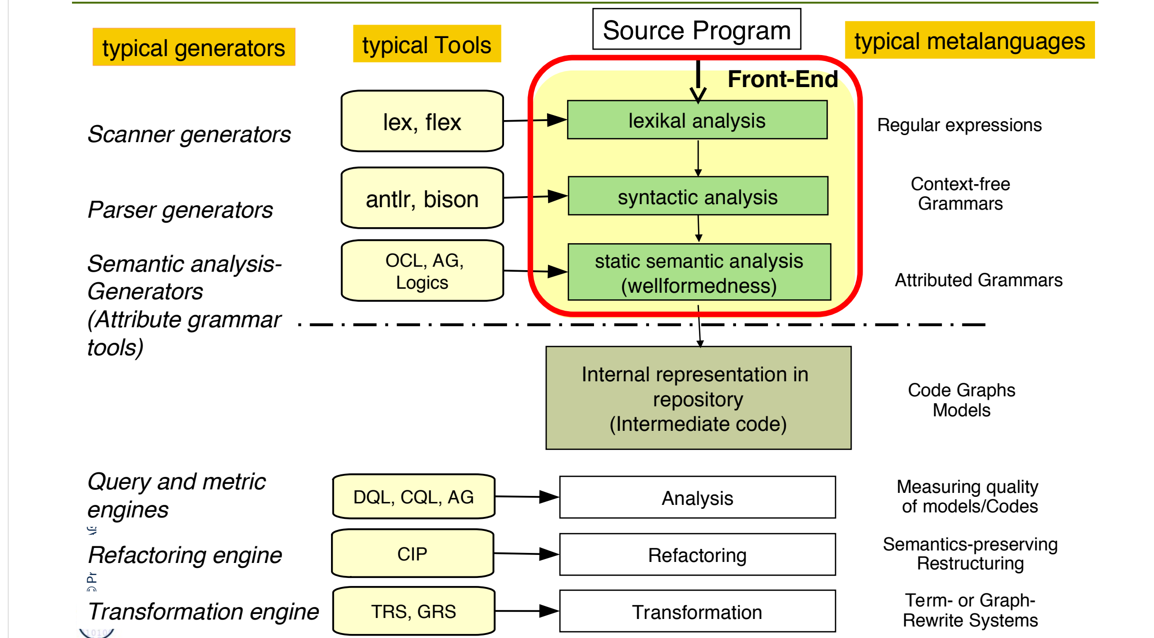
Q11: Overview of Technical Spaces in the Classical Metahierarchy

	Grammarware (Strings) today	Text-ware	Table-ware		Treeware (trees) today	Link-Tree-ware		Graphware/ Modelware			Role-Ware	CROM-Ware	Ontology-ware
	Strings	Text	Text-Table	Relational Algebra	NF2	XML	Link trees	MOF	Eclipse	CDIF	MetaEdit+	Context-role graphs	OWL-Ware
M3	EBNF	EBNF		CWM (common warehouse model)	NF2-language	XSD	JastAdd, Silver	MOF	Ecore, EMOF	ERD	GOPPR	CROM	RDFS OWL
M2	Grammar of a language	Grammar with line delimiters	csv-header	Relational Schema	NF2-Schema	XML Schema, e.g. xhtml	Specific RAG	UML-CD, -SC, OCL	UML, many others	CDIF-languages	UML, many others	CROM	HTML XML MOF UML DSL
M1	String, Program	Text in lines	csv Table	Relations	NF2-tree relation	XML-Documents	Link-Syntax-Trees	Classes, Programs	Classes, Programs	CDIF-Models	Classes, Programs	CROM models	Facts (T-Box)
M0	Objects	Sequences of lines	Sequences of rows	Sets of tuples	trees	dynamic semantics in browser		Object nets	Hierarchical graphs	Object nets	Object nets	Context-Object-Role Nets	A-Box (RDF-Graphs)



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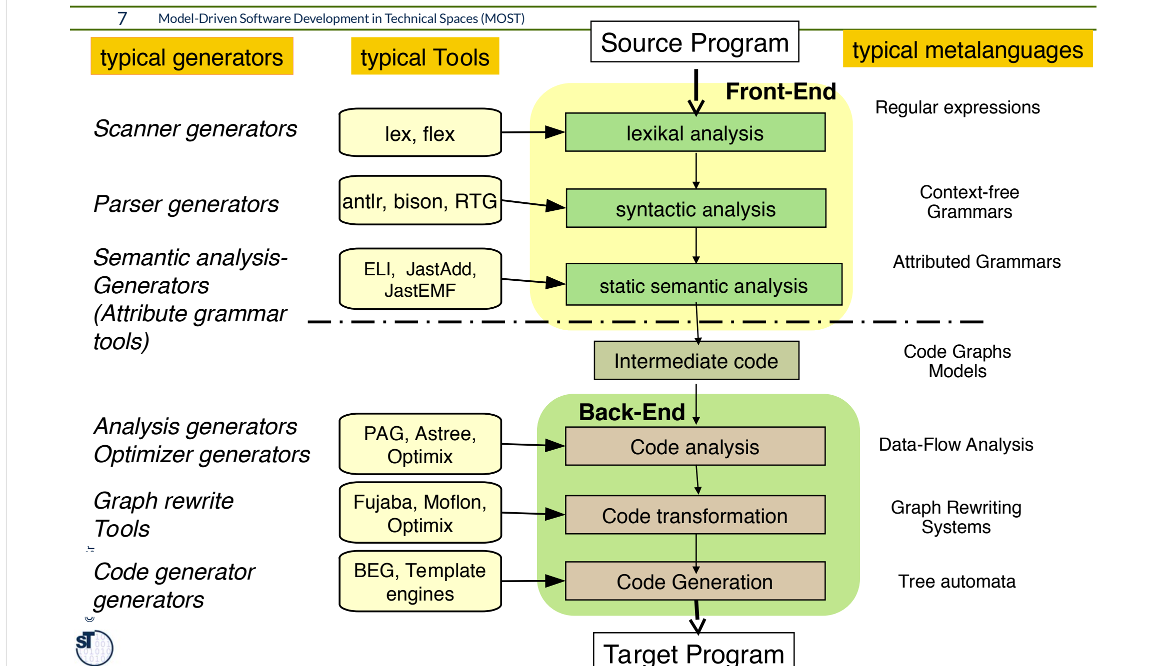

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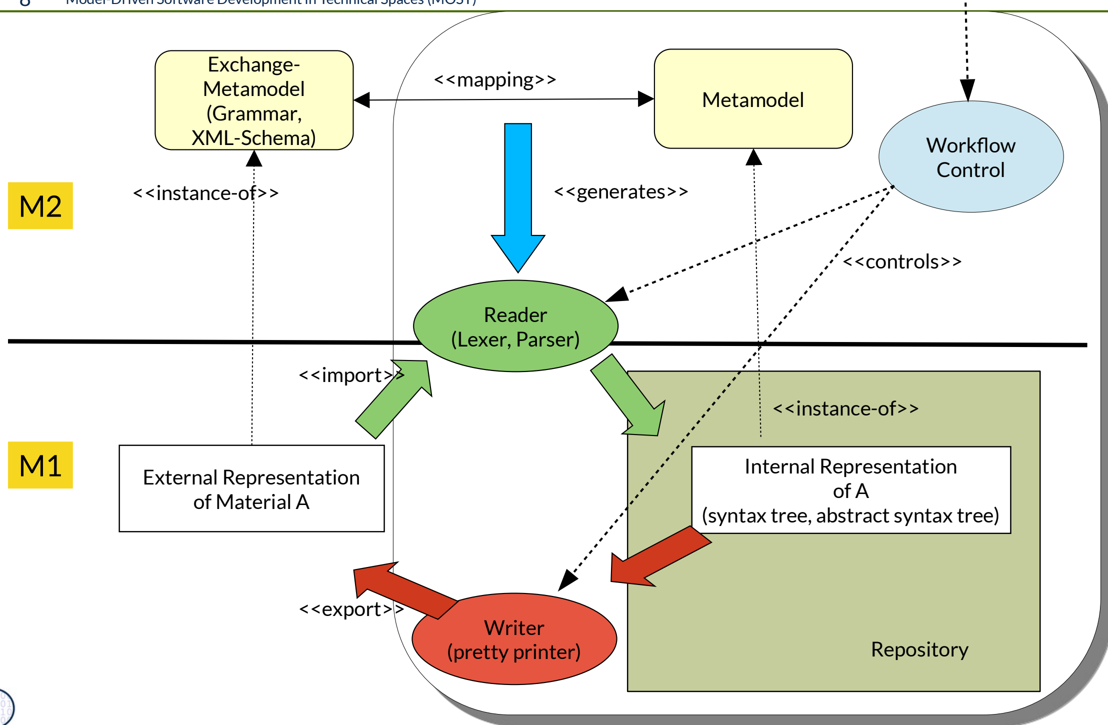
Rpt.: Use of Generated Importers and Exporters in Modelling Tools



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Problem 1 of Parsing

- Parsing a program, model or document, or a material means to **recognize its context-free structure in the linear stream of characters**
  - Parsers are usually the first phases of a tool when it *imports a material*
- Parsers parse according to the *concrete syntax grammar* containing
  - Whitespace handling
  - Block handling (brackets)
  - Comment handling
- From a context-free grammar, a **parse automaton with parse rules** can be derived:
  - Address ::= Streetname StreetNumber Location
  - Location ::= Postcode Town Country
- Generates the parse rules
  - Streetname StreetNumber Location → Address
  - Postcode Town Country → Location
- The parser reads in all tokens until it can decide which rule to reduce

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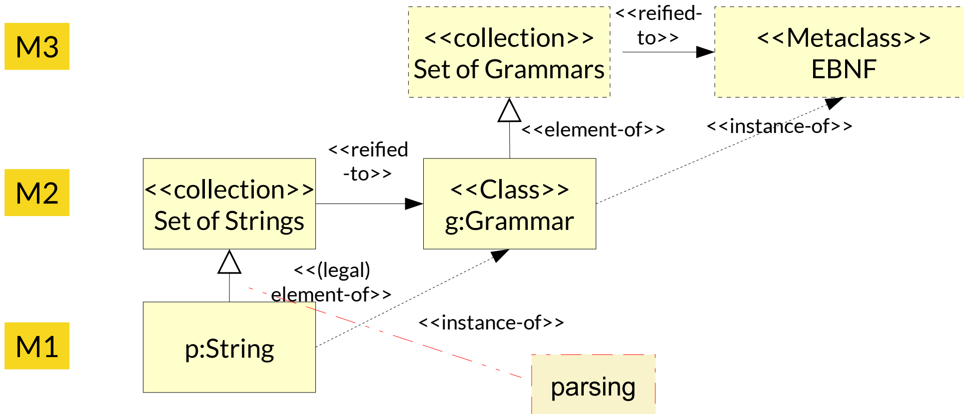
String/Text Parsing with Grammars

- A grammar can be used to generate a parser for strings (texts) that tests the legality of a string with the grammar
- The parser checks <<instance-of>> for the string p with regard to the grammar g



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EBNF Rules for String Grammars

Symbol	Meaning	Example
Name (Nonterminal)	Identifier (for type or variable)	A = B + C
"text"	Token (text terminal)	B ::= "Town" + R
=, ::=	Consists of	X ::= X1 + X2 + X3
+, also juxtaposition	Sequence	X ::= X1 X2 X3
@	Key (unique identifier)	P = @PersonNr + N + Address
[...|...]	Selection (alternative)	P = [P1 | P2]
n { ... } m	Iteration, at least n upto m times	B = 1 { C } 10
n *	Iteration of n - arbitrarily many times	Children ::= Name *
n +	Iteration of n at least once	PastEmployers ::= Name +
(...)	Optional	Address ::= Street + (PostBox)
A // “,”	Sequence of A with intermittend ','	C = D // “,”
* ... *	Comment	X = B + C *text*
< a > b	Modifier (Kommentar)	< old > A < new > A
SYN	Synonym für Name	SecondName SYN SurName

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Example: Address Grammar

- "::=" means "is-composed-of" or "is-decomposed-to"
- Every rule declares a whole-part decomposition
- Grammar declares the structure of a part list

```
Address      ::= Person Company Location.
Person       ::= Title Name
Title        ::= „Dr.“ | „Prof. Dr.“ | „Mr.“ | „Ms.“
Name         ::= FirstName* LastName
Company      ::= String
Location     ::= Street StreetNumber Postcode Town
FirstName    ::= String
LastName     ::= String
Postcode     ::= 5{Digit}5
Street       ::= String
StreetNumber      ::= Integer [ String ]
Town         ::= String
```

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Example: ANTLR www.antlr.org

- Since the 90s, many parser generators have been built for C/C++
  - Cocktail's lalr, ell, lark www.cocolab.de
  - Fnc2 (INRIA)
  - flex und bison (GNU)
  - Eli is a fast compiler generator toolset http://eli.sf.net
- For Java, ANTLR is popular
  - Parser class LL(k): Left-recursive grammar rules, k-lookahead for decisions
  - Generated Parser with algorithm “recursive descent”
  - http://www.bearcave.com/software/antlr/antlr_expr.html

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parameter_declaration
identifier_list
initializer
initializer_list
type_name
abstract_declarator
direct_abstract_declarator
typedef_name
Statement
statement
labeled_statement
expression_statement
compound_statement
statement_list
selection_statement
iteration_statement
jump_statement
Expression
Lexer

```
compound_statement
    :   RCURLY declaration_list? statement_list? LCURLY
    ;

statement_list
    :   statement+
    ;

selection_statement
    :   'if' LPAREN expression RPAREN statement ('else' statement)?
    |   'switch' LPAREN expression RPAREN statement
    ;

iteration_statement
    :   'while' LPAREN
    |   'do' statement
    |   'for' LPAREN e                                  ? RPAREN statement
    ;

jump_statement
    :   'goto' identi
    |   'continue' SEM
    |   'break' SEMI
    |   'return' expre
    ;
```

Enter rule name:

st

struct_or_union_specifier
storage_class_specifier
struct_or_union
struct_declaration_list
struct_declaration
struct_declarator_list
struct_declarator
statement
statement_list
string

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Show NFA

'while' LPAREN expression RPAREN statement
'do' statement 'while' LPAREN expression RPAREN SEMI
'for' LPAREN expression SEMI expression SEMI expre

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129 rules | 452:23

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interfaceBodyDeclaration
interfaceMemberDecl
interfaceMethodOrFieldDecl
interfaceMethodOrFieldRest
methodDeclaratorRest
voidMethodDeclaratorRest
interfaceMethodDeclaratorRest
interfaceGenericMethodDecl
voidInterfaceMethodDeclaratorRest
constructorDeclaratorRest
constantDeclarator
variableDeclarators
variableDeclarator
variableDeclaratorRest
constantDeclaratorsRest
constantDeclaratorRest
variableDeclaratorId
variableInitializer
arrayInitializer
modifier

```
variableDeclaratorId
        :       Identifier ('[' ']')*
        ;

variableInitializer
        :       arrayInitializer
        |       expression
        ;

arrayInitializer
        :       '{' (variableInitializer (',' variableInitializer)* (',

modifier
    :   annotation
        'public'
        'protected'
        'private'
        'static'
        'abstract'
        'final'
        'native'
        'synchronized'
        'transient'
        'volatile'
        'strictfp'
    ;
```

Break on: All Location Consume LT Exception

Input

```
public class Sample {
  public void main() {
    System.out.println("Hello, world");
  }
}
```

Stack

#	Rule
0	compilationUnit
1	typeDeclaration
2	classOrInterfaceDeclaration
3	classDeclaration
4	normalClassDeclaration
5	classBody
6	classBodyDeclaration
7	modifier

Input Output Parse Tree AST Stack Events

Syntax Diagram Interpreter Debugger Console

148 rules (2 warnings) 254:9 Warnings reported in console

Parse Tree

compilationUnit
typeDeclaration
classOrInterfaceDeclaration
modifier
classDeclaration
public
normalClassDeclaration
class
Sample
classBody
{
classBodyDeclara
modifier
public

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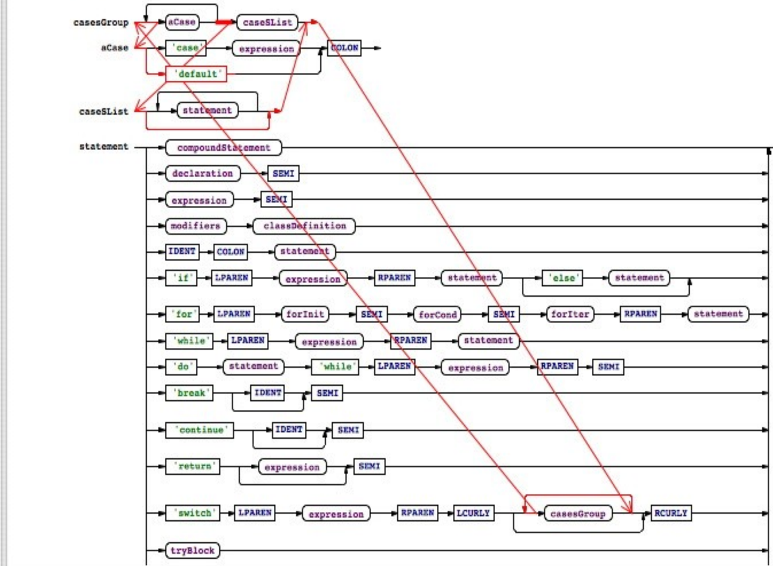

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20.1.2 Program Interpretation While Parsing

An ANTLR Grammar for the Input Language of Pocket Calculator

- ANTLR knows several *actions (snippets, fragments)* in a rule
  - *semantic actions:* modifying attributes of nodes or temporary values
  - *emissions:* emitting tokes of an output alphabet, e.g., for code generation
  - *motions*: emitting an action on a shared environment (“motion grammars”)
    - e.g., for controlling a robot
    - Motion grammars usually influence parsing also!

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Actions Calculating Attributes

- Pocket calculator interpretes the program to calculate one attribute `$value`
  - Interpretation needs non-terminal attributes, which are stored on the stack of the parser
- Usually, the parse automaton with the parse rules is not shown, because it is rather complex
- Debugging a generated parser is no fun

```
grammar Expr;
@header {
package test;
import java.util.HashMap;
}
@lexer::header {package test;}
@members {
/** Map variable name to Integer object holding value */
HashMap memory = new HashMap();
}
prog:   stat+ ;

stat:   expr NEWLINE {System.out.println($expr.value);}
    |   ID '=' expr NEWLINE
        {memory.put($ID.text, new Integer($expr.value));}
    |   NEWLINE
    ;
expr returns [int value]
    :   e=multExpr {$value = $e.value;}
        (   '+' e=multExpr {$value += $e.value;}
        |   '-' e=multExpr {$value -= $e.value;}
        )*
    ;
multExpr returns [int value]
    :   e=atom {$value = $e.value;} ('*' e=atom {$value *=
$e.value;})*
    ;
atom returns [int value]
    :   INT {$value = Integer.parseInt($INT.text);}
    |   ID
        {
        Integer v = (Integer)memory.get($ID.text);
        if ( v!=null ) $value = v.intValue();
        else System.err.println("undefined variable "+$ID.text);
        }
    |   '(' e=expr ')' {$value = $e.value;}
    ;
// lexical rules
ID  :   ('a'..'z'|'A'..'Z')+ ;
INT :   '0'..'9'+ ;
NEWLINE:'\r'? '\n' ;
WS  :   (' '|'\t')+ {skip();} ;
```

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Control of a Generated Java Parser


```
import org.antlr.runtime.*;
public class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        ANTLRInputStream input = new ANTLRInputStream(System.in);
        ExprLexer lexer = new ExprLexer(input);
        CommonTokenStream tokens = new CommonTokenStream(lexer);
        // Link lexer tokens with parser parser
        ExprParser parser = new ExprParser(tokens);
        // rune the parser parser
        parser.prog();
    }
}
```

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prog
stat
expr
multExpr
atom
ID
INT
NEWLINE
WS

```
grammar Expr;

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    |   NEWLINE
    ;

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        |   '-' e=multExpr {$value -= $e.value;}
        )*
```

prog | Line Endings: Unix (LF) | Ignore rules: WS | Guess

2+3*4

<grammar Expr>
prog
stat
expr
multExpr
+
multExpr
atom
atom
*
atom
2
3
4

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9 rules | 1:1 | Writable

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NEWLINE
WS

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        |   '-' e=multExpr {$value -= $e.value;}
        )*
    ;

multExpr returns [int value]
    :   e=atom {$value = $e.value;} ('*' e=atom {$value *= $e.value;})*
    ;

atom returns [int value]
    :   INT {$value = Integer.parseInt($INT.text);}
    |   ID
        {
        Integer v = (Integer)memory.get($ID.text);
        if ( v!=null ) $value = v.intValue();
        else System.err.println("undefined variable "+$ID.text);
        }
    |   '(' e=expr ')' {$value = $e.value;}
    ;

ID  :   ('a'..'z'|'A'..'Z')+ ;
INT :   '0'..'9'+ ;
NEWLINE:'\r'? '\n' ;
```

Break on: All ☑ Location Consume LT Exception — Break on Location

Input: 2

Parse Tree: root → prog → stat → expr → multExpr → atom → 2

Stack

#	Rule
0	prog
1	stat
2	expr
3	multExpr
4	atom

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Input | Output | Parse Tree | AST | Stack | Events

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    |   ID '=' expr NEWLINE
        {memory.put($ID.text, new Integer($expr.value));}
    |   NEWLINE
    ;

expr returns [int value]
    :   e=multExpr {$value = $e.value;}
        (   '+' e=multExpr {$value += $e.value;}
        |   '-' e=multExpr {$value -= $e.value;}
        )*
```

Break on: All Location Consume LT Exception Break on Terminate

Output: 14

Parse Tree: root, prog, stat, expr, multExpr, +, multExpr, atom, atom, *, atom, 2, 3, 4

Stack: # Rule

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Applications of String Grammars

Applications can be everything that has to do with *ordered strings*:

- Protocol checking in component-based systems (protocol automata and grammars)
- Document processing
- Matching text patterns and data mining in files, emails, streams
- Communication in multi-agent systems

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20.2 Regular Tree Grammars (RTG)

- String grammars are for structuring sequences
- RTG are for specifying trees, syntax trees and abstract syntax trees
- A RTG does not care about concrete syntax

Regular Tree Grammars

http://hydra.nixos.org/build/23332578/download/1/manual/chunk-chapter/demo-sdf.html#idm140737305321888

- String Grammars assume:
  - Sequence of words
  - Implicit syntax tree, because non-terminals specify it implicitly
- ***Regular Tree Grammars*** specify the tree **explicitly**, with tree node constructors
- ENBF-rule for Tree Grammar Rule:

TreeNode → constructor '(' Treenode // ',' ')'

- Example:

Model → ModelElements *

```
// Regular Tree Grammar from Stratego
regular tree grammar TIL
 start Program
 productions
  Program       -> Program(ListStarOfStat0)
  Stat          -> ProcCall(Id,ListStarOfExp0)
  Exp           -> FunCall(Id,ListStarOfExp0)
  Stat          -> For(Id,Exp,Exp,ListStarOfStat0)
  Stat          -> While(Exp,ListStarOfStat0)
  Stat          -> IfElse(Exp,ListStarOfStat0,ListStarOfStat0)
  Stat          -> IfThen(Exp,ListStarOfStat0)
  Stat          -> Block(ListStarOfStat0)
  Stat          -> Assign(Id,Exp)
  Stat          -> DeclarationTyped(Id,Type)
  Stat          -> Declaration(Id)
  ListStarOfStat1 → Stat // „;'
  ListStarOfStat0 → Stat *
   Type          -> TypeName(Id)
  Exp           -> Or(Exp,Exp)  | And(Exp,Exp)
  Exp           -> Geq(Exp,Exp)  |  Eq(Exp,Exp) |  Neq(Exp,Exp)
  Exp           -> Gt(Exp,Exp)     |  Lt(Exp,Exp) |  Leq(Exp,Exp)
  Exp           -> Sub(Exp,Exp)  |  Add(Exp,Exp)
  Exp           -> Mod(Exp,Exp)  | Div(Exp,Exp) |  Mul(Exp,Exp)
  Exp           -> String(String)
  Exp           -> Int(Int) |  Var(Id)
  Exp           -> False()  |  True()
  StrChar        -> <string>
  String        -> <string>
  Int          -> <string>
  Id           -> <string>
```

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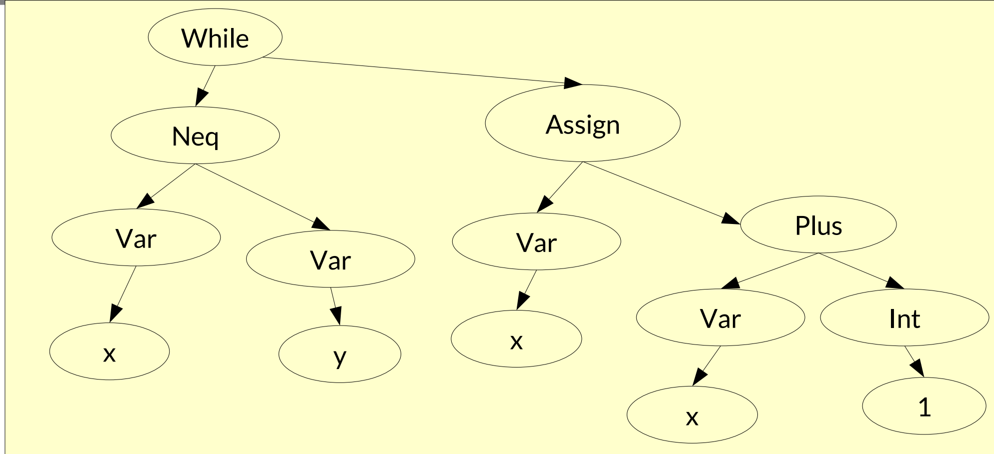
Correct Instance?


```
// Example: applying TIL grammar to a fragment
ExecuteGrammar(TIL,
    While(Neq(Var(x),Var(y)), Assign(Var(x),Plus(Var(x),Int(1) ) )
)
```



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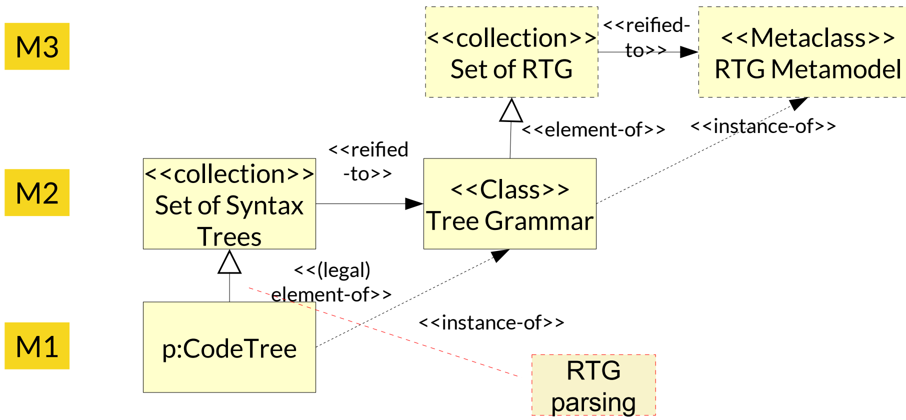
Tree Parsing with RTG

- An RTG can be used to generate a **tree parser** that tests the legality of a code tree with a tree grammar



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Tree Pretty-Printing with RTG

- An RTG can be used to generate a **tree pretty-printer** that prints the nodes of a tree recursively
- If p is a code tree, p' can be its pretty-printed copy, derived of a code template t
- Exercise: write a pretty-printer for the RTG TIL

M3

<<collection>> Set of RTG

<<reified-to>>

<<Metaclass>> RTG Metamodel

<<element-of>>

<<instance-of>>

M2

<<collection>> Set of Syntax Trees

<<reified -to>>

<<Class>> Tree Grammar

<<Class>> String Grammar

<<(legal) element-of>>

<<instance-of>>

<<instance-of>>

M1

t:Code Template

p:CodeTree

RTG printing

p':Code

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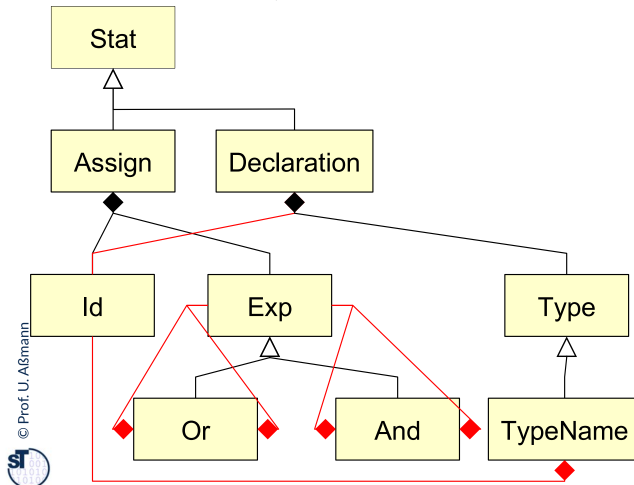
20.2.2. Metamodels and Tree Grammars

- Foll parser also build syntax trees – Design Pattern Builder

Grammars and Metamodels are Very Similar

- The nonterminals of a grammar form the *name space* of the grammar
- Definition of a nonterminal (on left side)
- Use of a nonterminal (on right side) induces relation to definition
- Metamodels are graphs (including the red edges); grammars are *link trees* (red edges are overlaid)




```
Stat      -> Assign(Id,Exp)
Stat      -> Declaration(Id,Type)
Type      -> TypeName(Id)
Exp       -> Or(Exp,Exp)  | And(Exp,Exp)
Id        -> String
```

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20.3. Tree Construction as a Mapping between Parse Grammar and Tree Grammar

- Foll parser also build syntax trees – Design Pattern Builder

Tree Construction While Parsing

- Parsing recognizes the tree structure of a text (concrete syntax, CS)
    - **However, the syntax tree must be built as “action” while parsing**
- After parsing, the parser creates an **(abstract)** ***syntax tree (AST)***, i.e., builds up a tree with regard to a ***regular tree grammar of the abstract syntax (AS)***
    - Recognized nonterminals have to be mapped
    - Tokens, keywords, comments, layouts have to be omitted
    - **Tree building:** Treenodes have to be allocated and composed
- This **CS-AS mapping (from concrete to abstract syntax)** is created by hand in *side actions* of the parser
    - as action snippet in the rules
- For simple languages, parsers and tree constructors are no longer written by hand, but generated from *grammars in EBNF*
    - **Parser** recognizes the structure of the text (“Zerteiler des Textes”)
    - **Tree builder** generates an abstract syntax tree
    - **CS-AS-mapping** creates AS nodes after recognition of CS nonterminals

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Constructing a Tree Grammar fitting to the String Grammar of Office DSL


```
//*******************************************************************************
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//
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// are made available under the terms of the Eclipse Public License v1.0
// which accompanies this distribution, and is available at
// http://www.eclipse.org/legal/epl-v10.html
//
// Contributors:
//   Software Technology Group - TU Dresden, Germany
//      - initial API and implementation
// ******************************************************************************/
SYNTAXDEF office
FOR <http://emftext.org/office>
START OfficeModel
OPTIONS {
        licenceHeader ="../../org.dropsbox/licence.txt";
        generateCodeFromGeneratorModel = "true";
        disableLaunchSupport = "true";
        disableDebugSupport = "true";
}
RULES {
    OfficeModel ::= "officemodel" name[] "{" elements:Element* "}" ;

    Elements ::= Office | Employee;
    Office ::= "office" name[];

    Employee ::= "employee" name[]
                             "works" "in" worksIn[]
                             "works" "with"
                             worksWith[] ("," worksWith[])* ;
}
```

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.CS Grammar Plus Mapping to RTG (Abstract Syntax Tree)

- CS-AS mapping works via side actions of the grammar rules (“transducer”)
- Tree is built while returning from recursive descent

```
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// http://www.eclipse.org/legal/epl-v10.html
//
//************************************************************/
SYNTAXDEF office  FOR <http://emftext.org/office>
TREENODES { // RTG
      START NodeOfficeModel
      NodeOfficeModel →
NodeOfficeModel(name:String,elements:Element *)
      Element → Office(name:String) |
                Employee(name:String, worksIn:String,
worksWith:String *)
}
START OfficeModel
RULES {
    OfficeModel returns [NodeOfficeModel root]
      ::= "officemodel" name[] "{" elements:Element * "}"
    {  root = NodeOfficeModel()
       root.name = name; root.elements = assemble elements; };
    Elements returns [Element retval]
      ::= Office  { retval = Office.val;  }
      | Employee  { retval = Employee.val;  };
    Office returns [Element retval]
      ::= "office" name[] { retval = Office(name);  };
    Employee returns [Element retval]
      ::= "employee" name[] "works" "in" worksIn[]
                                 "works" "with"
                                 worksWith[] ("," worksWith[])*
    { retval = Employee(name,worksIn,assemble worksWith);
    };
}
```

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Modeling Tools need Several Languages and DSL

- Bidirektional mapping between technical space “Grammarware” and another one, e.g., “Treeware”, “Link-TreeWare”, “XMLWare”, or “Modelware”

How can an MDSD Tool work flexibly
with several *textual* languages?

Generating parsers and tree builders from string grammars and RTG

… and generate from the RTG ..

Pretty printers (Code generators)

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Example: EMFText: EMOF and RTG

- EMFText uses the parser generator ANTLR to generate parsers
- The EMOF metamodels have a primary tree that can be written down as RTG
- Mapping concrete to abstracte syntax:
  - EBNF Grammar and the (implicit) RTG of the corresponding EMF metamodel are mapped *automatically* to each other (language mapping)
- For pretty printer generation, EMFText uses template-based code generation for the (implicit) RTG

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10.4 Text and Tree Algebrae

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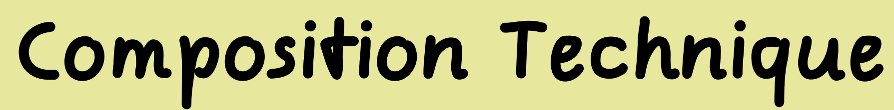

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Composition Technique:

Algebra Operators
(union, unify, etc.)

osition Language:

ctional Language,
mbda-Calculus

One-sorted Algebra on Texts

- A **one-sorted algebra** is a set of operators on a carrier set (Trägermenge) of a type (a sort). Example: Texts, sequences of lines of characters
- Operations
  - E.g., the parser `splits` texts into lines, separated by newline characters
  - A text template is `expanded` by a padding (Füllsel)
- The UNIX Programmers Workbench is built on an algebra on texts:
  - `diff:    Text x Text → edit-sequence` (for a transformation)
  - `cmp:     Text x Text → Boolean`
  - `patch:   Text x edit-sequence → Text`
  - `diff3:   mine:Text x older:Text x yours:Text → edit-sequence`
  - `split:   Text x Split-char → Text*`
  - `match/grep:          Text x Pattern → Text*`
  - `check-property:      Text x Pattern → Boolean`
  - `is-consistent:       Text x Text → Boolean`
  - `format: Text → Text`
  - `expand: Text-template x padding:Text* → Text`

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CSV: A One-Sorted Algebra on Ascii-Tables

- Tables consist of sequences of lines, split into columns by a column-separator (TAB , COMMA, |)
  - .csv-tables (comma separated values)
  - html-tables, tex-tables
- `rdb` is a command tool suite on an algebra on tables:
  - `Diff:   table x table → edit-sequence`
  - `Cmp:    File x File → Boolean`
  - `Patch:  table x edit-sequence → table`
  - `Diff3:  mine:table x older:table x yours:table → edit-sequence`
  - `split:  table x Splitzeichen → table*`
  - `match:  table x Pattern → table*`
  - `check-property: table x Pattern → Boolean`
  - `is-consistent: table x table → Boolean`
  - `join, sort, group-by...`
  - `format: table → table`
  - `expand: table-template x table* → table`

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Excursion: CSV and Digital Preservation

- https://digital-preservation.github.io/
- Digital preservation “Bewahrung des digitalen Kulturerbes”
- csv schema language
  https://digital-preservation.github.io/csv-schema/csv-schema-1.1.html
- https://jsonformatter.org/xml-parser online xml parser

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Tree Algebra

- Operations in a simple algebra on trees:
  - `Diff:    tree x tree → edit-sequence`
  - `Cmp:     File x File → Boolean`
  - `Patch:   tree x edit-sequence → tree`
  - `Diff3:   mine:tree x older:tree x yours:tree → edit-sequence`
  - `split:   tree x node → upper:tree x lower:tree`
  - `match:   tree x Pattern → tree*`
  - `check-property: tree x Pattern → Boolean`
  - `is-consistent: tree x tree → Boolean`
  - `Unify:   tree x tree → tree`
  - `format:  tree → tree`
  - `expand:  tree-template x padding:tree* → tree`

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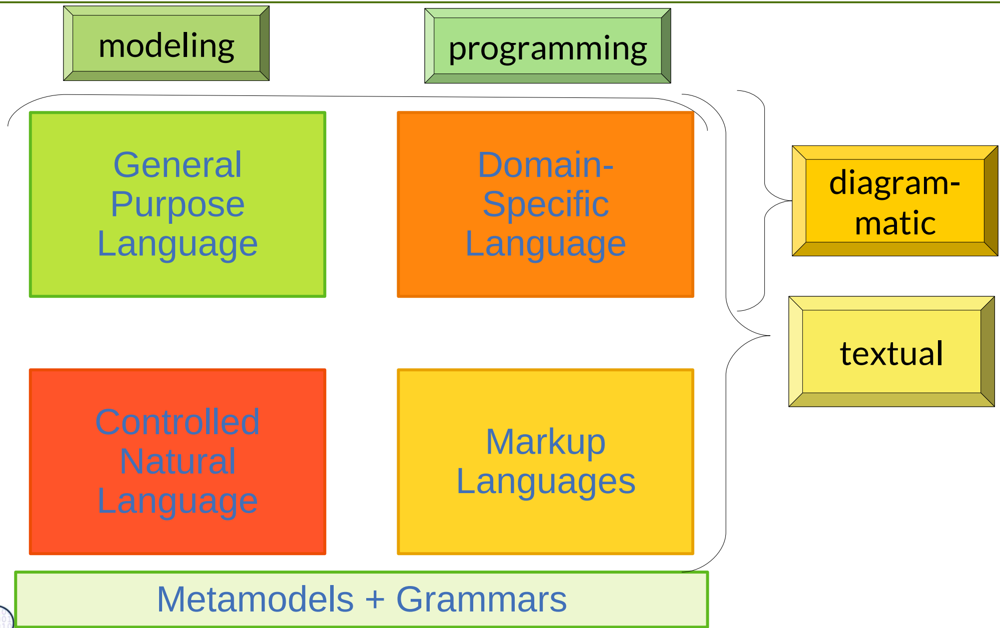
20.5 Controlled Natural Languages (CNL)

- Tobias Kuhn. A survey and classification of controlled natural languages. Comput. Linguistics, 40(1):121--170, 2014.
- Anne Cregan, Rolf Schwitter, and Thomas Meyer. Sydney owl syntax - towards a controlled natural language syntax for owl 1.1. In Proceedings of the OWLED 2007 Workshop on OWL: Experiences and Directions, volume 258. CEUR-WS, 2007.

Q16: Languages in Software Factories



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Controlled Natural Languages (CNL)

- Def.: A ***controlled natural language*** is a restricted natural language that can be described by a formal grammar, either a
    - context-free grammar (e.g., specified by ANTLR)
    - regular tree grammar (e.g., specified by Spoofax)
    - context-sensitive grammar or attributed grammar (e.g., specified by JastAdd, see later).
- Advantages:
    - Simple, comprehensive syntax
    - In contrast to a natural language, a CNL can be processed easily by tools, because syntax trees for naturally looking texts can be built

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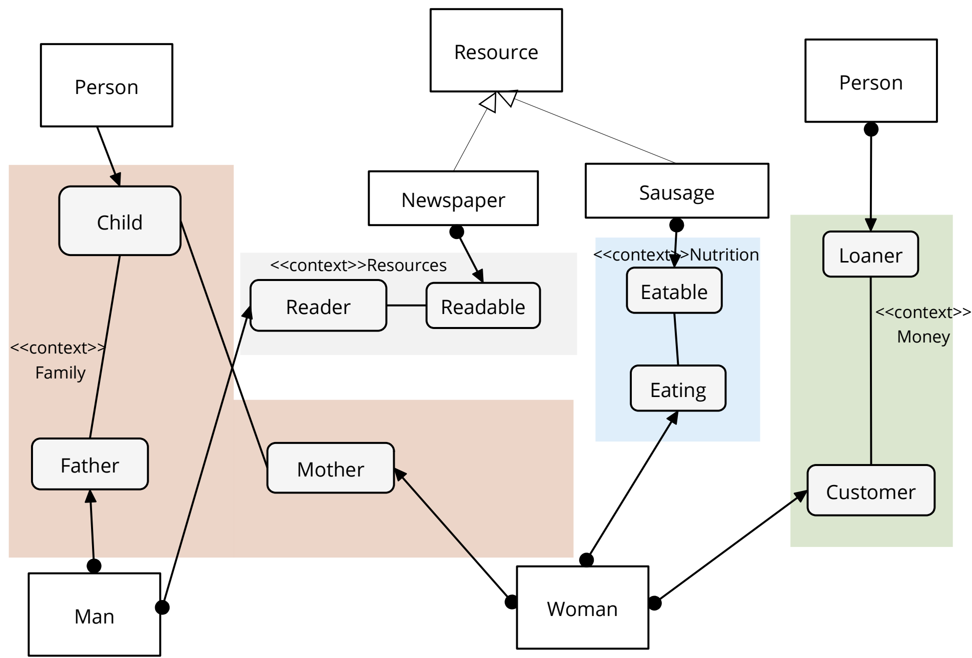
Families and Banks in Natural and Role Types (CROM)



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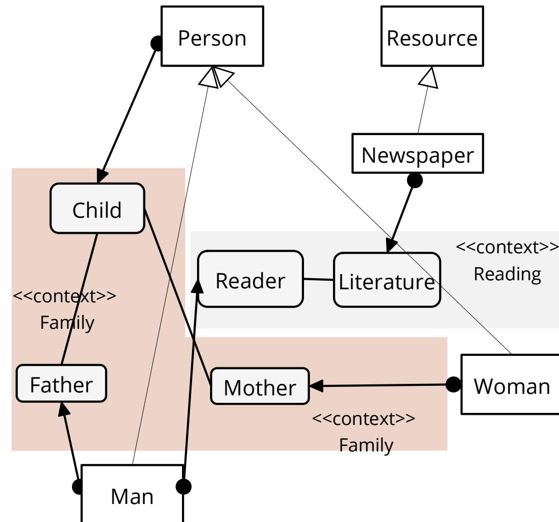
Families and Banks in Natural and Role Types, Specified in Sydney OWL Syntax

- Models can be read or specified in controlled natural language
- [Cregan] introduces a CNL for OWL ontologies, also useful for CROM
- Example: Families in CROM:

```
Every Man is a Person.
Every Woman is a Person.
Every Person may play a Child (in a Family).
Every man:Man may play a Father (in a
Family).
Every Child is related to a Mother in a
Family
Every Child is related to a Father in a
Family.
A man:Main may play a Reader (in Reading).
Every Reader is related to a Literature in
Reading.
Every Newspaper is a Resource.
Every Newspaper may play a Literature (in
Reading).
```



PENS Classification

- [Kuhn] Languages can be classified with regard to 4 criteria and school grades.
- E.g., English is $S^2E^5N^5S^2$.

	Precision	Expressiveness	Naturalness	Simpliicty
English	1	5	5	1
Controlled English	4	3	5	4
Domain-specific language	4	3	5	4
UML Class diagrams	3	3	4	4

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20.6 Markup Languages and Pseudocode

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pseudocode

Languages used for documentation

Pseudocode

- **Pseudocode** consists of *structured text with keywords and blocks*, z. B. **seq, endseq, if, then, else, endif, while, endwhile, call, action, stop**,...
  - Natural text is enclosed as comment, but ignored
- For pseudocode, grammars can be constructed:
  - Syntax checking with ***island parsing***
  - An ***island grammar*** contains
    - “islands” for the keywords and structure
    - “water” for the free-form text
- Tool support:
  - Code generation (code templates and comments)
  - Documentation generation (structograms, LaTeX document generation)

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Examples for Pseudocode

- In pseudocode, structure can be recognized (as islands in the free-form water)
- Pseudocode can recognize names and do a name analysis:
  - Title of procedures, classes, and processes
  - Types from the data dictionary, Local names
- Pseudocode can define macros

```
process empfangen_Patient 1.3.1
for &Patient
       with >Bestelldatum = Datum in &Termine und >Beschwerden
        if Name*des Patienten* in &Patient
       else "aktualisieren_Patient 1.1"
       if keine >Beschwerden und >Bestelldatum ungueltig
                then „vergeben_Termin 1.2“
       else Uebernahme Patientendaten aus &Patient
       alle Unterlagen fuer Arzt aufbereiten
       <Aufnahme Name*des Patienten* in &Warteliste
       if @Bestdat+Zeit = Kalenderdatum + Uhrzeit
        then Terminpatient Platz m+1*
                vorhergehender Terminpatient m*
        else Platz n+1*n Anzahl aller Patienten im Wartezimmer*
```

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Structural Skelecon of Pseudocode (2)


```
action empfangen_Patient
        while (Patienten oder Praxisoeffnung)
        seq Eingabe >Bestelldatum, >Beschwerden
        if (@Bestdat+Uhrzeit enth. &Termine)
        then Bestellpatient
        else if (@Gebdatum+Name enth. &Patient)
               then ziehen Patientenakte
               else call aktualisieren_Patientendaten
             endif
             if (>Beschwerden <> 0*vorhanden*)
               then Unbestellter_Patient
               else call vergeben_Termin
             endif endif
       Aufbereiten aller Unterlagen fuer Arzt endseq
        if (Bestellpatient)
               then <Aufnahme Platz m+1 in &Warteliste
               else <Aufnahme Platz n+1 in &Warteliste
        endif endwhile
stop
```

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LATEX, XML and Pseudocode

- Markup languages structure pseudocode with **markup tags.**

```
\documentclass{article}

\title{My first Document}
\author{John Doe}
\usepackage[english]{babel}

\begin{document}

\maketitle

Hello World! My name is John Doe.

\emph{Next paragraph has to be written.}

\end{document}
```

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Support for Pseudocode

- LaTeX-distributions have good style packages for pseudocode:
  - algorithms.sty
  - \usepackage{algpseudocode}
  - \usepackage{algorithmicx}
  - listings.sty
- See also ELAN, the semi-natural programming language
  - http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/ELAN
  - Part of OS L3, predecessor of L4

```
PACKET stack handling DEFINES push,pop,init
stack:
  LET max = 1000;
  ROW max INT VAR stack;
  INT VAR stack pointer;
  PROC init stack:
    stack pointer := 0
  END PROC init stack;
  PROC push (INT CONST dazu wert):
    stack pointer INCR 1;
    IF stack pointer > max
      THEN errorstop ("stack overflow")
      ELSE stack [stack pointer] := dazu wert
    END IF
  END PROC push;

  PROC pop (INT VAR von wert):
    IF stack pointer = 0
      THEN errorstop ("stack empty")
      ELSE von wert := stack [stack pointer];
           stack pointer DECR 1
    END IF
  END PROC pop

END PACKET stack handling;
```

- http://os.inf.tu-dresden.de/L3/usrman/node10.html

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Summary

- Parser generators belong to the tool set of a software engineer
- Parsers can parse
    - Texts (lines of rows)
    - CSV relations (lines of delimiter-separated tuples)
    - Pseudocode with island grammars
- The parser only parses the context-free structure of the programms, document, or model;
- Syntax trees are built from a mapping of concrete to abstract syntax
- Context conditions, integrity and wellformedness constraints are delayed to the *static semantic analysis* on the syntax tree

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The End

- Why is a parser often delivering several results (parses)?
- How can you disambiguate ambiguate rules?
- Why is string parsing not the same as tree parsing? What is the difference of concrete and abstract syntax trees?
- Explain the difference of
  - A string grammar vs a tree grammar
  - A concrete syntax grammar (CS grammar) vs an abstract syntax grammar (AS grammar)

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20.A.1 Port-Graph Algebrae on Fragments

Invasive Software Composition is a general, typed templating technique for all languages

... based on port-graph algebrae

... with Graybox Components

... preview onto the summer (CBSE course)

“Invasive” Composition (Typed Templat
Algebrae

Component Model:

Fragment Components and their Ports (Slots and Hooks)

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Hook

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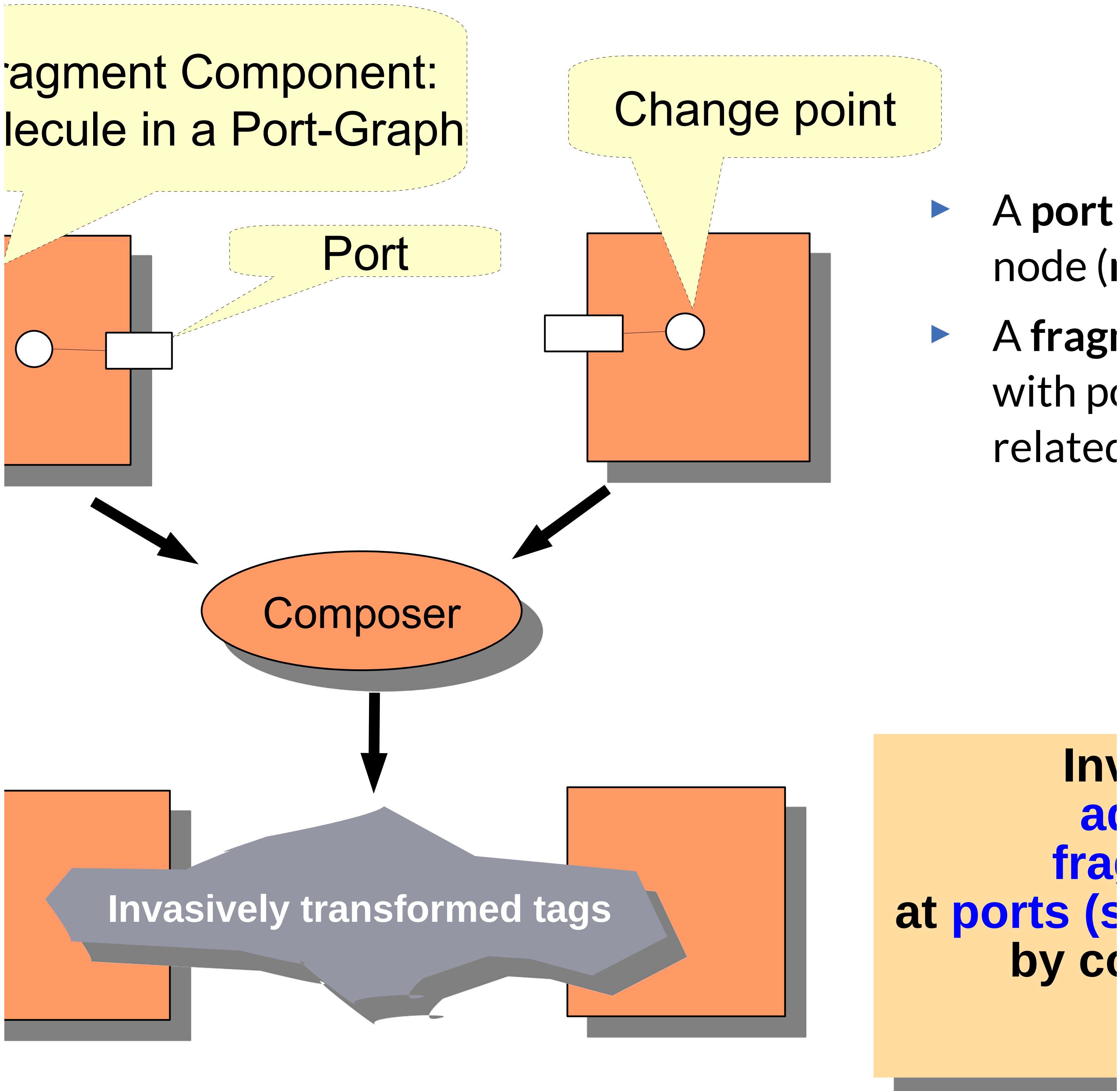
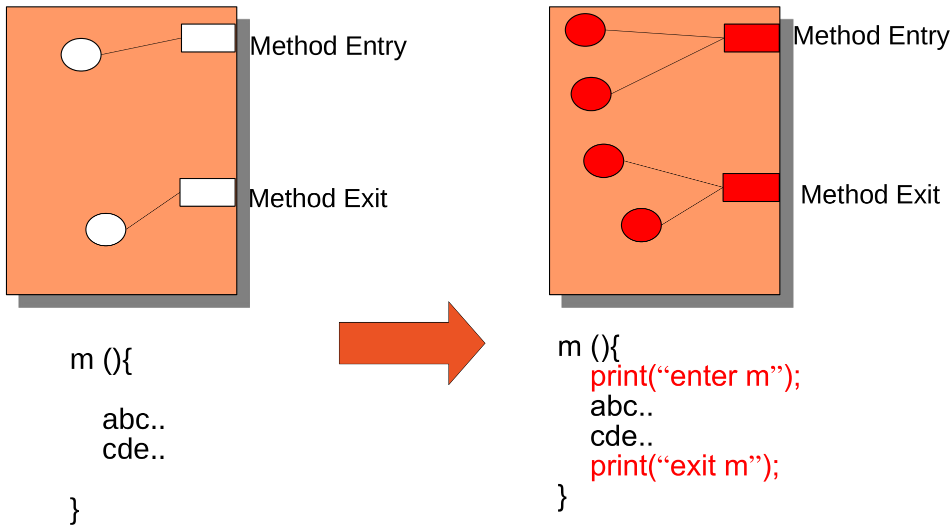
Standard Languages

Invasive Composition as Hook Transfor



Binding Implicit Hooks with Fragments




```
component.findHook(„.MethodEntry“).extend(“print(\”enter m\”);”);

component.findHook(„MethodExit“).extend(“print(\”exit m\”);”);
```

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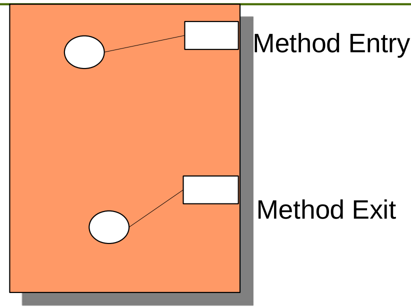
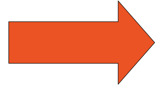
Partial Parsing of Fragment Components




```
m (){

    abc..
    cde..

}
```



```
m (){
    // Method Entry
    abc..
    cde..
    // Method Exit
}
```

```
Component = compositionSystem.partialParser(„m (){ abc.. cde.. }“);
```

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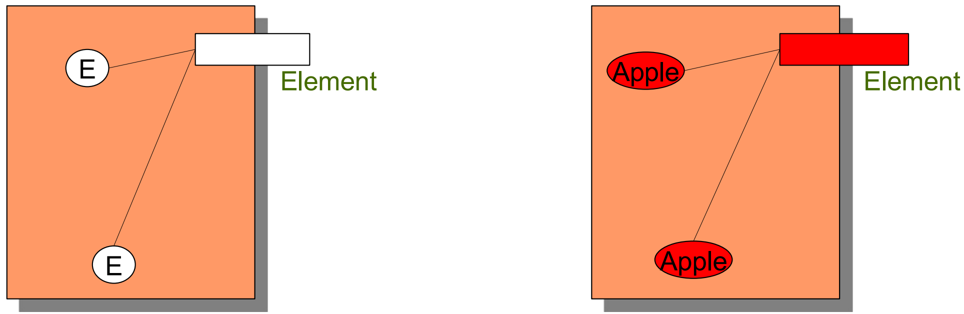
Binding Declared Hooks with Fragments



List(E) list;

....
list.add(new E());

...

List(Apple) list;

....
list.add(new Apple());

...

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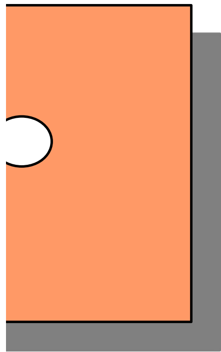
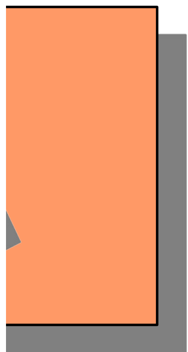
box.findHook(„Element“).bind(“Apple”);





- Invasive Composition works uniformly on
  - For all languages
  - For declared hooks and implicit hooks
- Allows for unification of
  - Inheritance
  - Views
  - Aspect weaving
  - Parameterization
  - Role model merging

Operators in a Port-Graph Algebra

Simple composition operators

- **bind** hook (parameterize)
  - For generic programming
- **rename** component, rename hook
- **remove** value from hook (unbind)
- **extend** component or hook extensions
- **copy** fragment component

Compound composition operators

- **inheritance** from component
  - For object-oriented programming
- **view** of component
  - view-based programming
- **connect** hook 1 and 2
  - For connector-based programming
- **distribute** component over other component
  - For aspect weaving

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