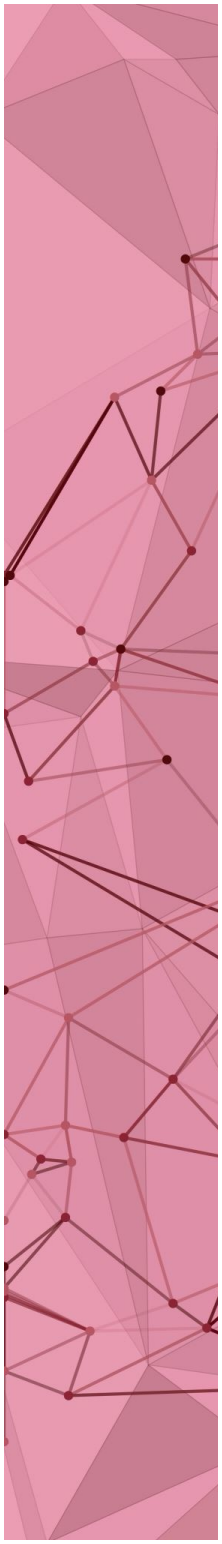
CSCI 2320
Principles of Programming Languages

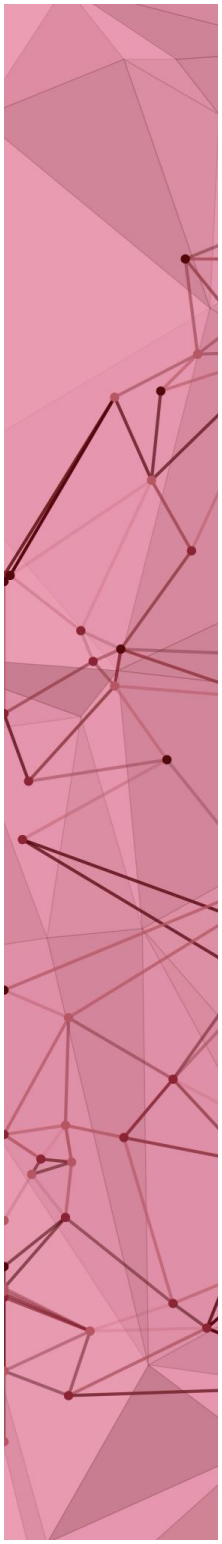
Types & Type System

Reading: Ch 5 & 6 (Tucker & Noonan)



Type

- Definition
- Examples
- Question 1: Will the values be bounded?
- Question 2: Will the types be pre-defined?
- Type errors
- Type systems



Type

- A *type* is a collection of values and operations on those values.
- Example
  - Integer type has values ..., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ... and operations +, -, *, /, <, …
  - Boolean type has values true and false and operations $\wedge$, $\vee$, $\neg$.
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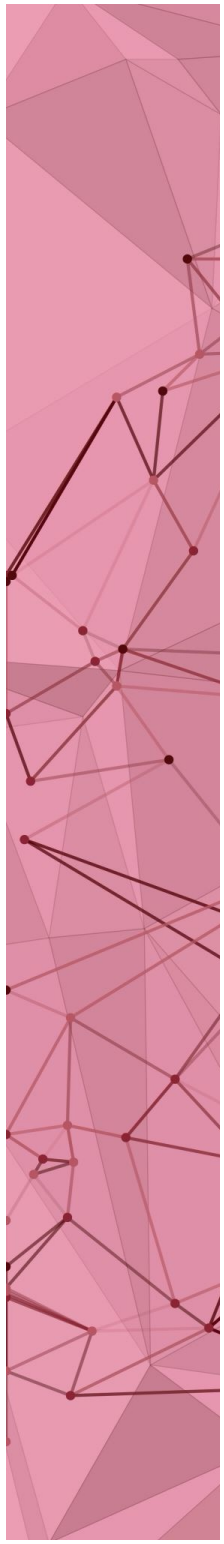
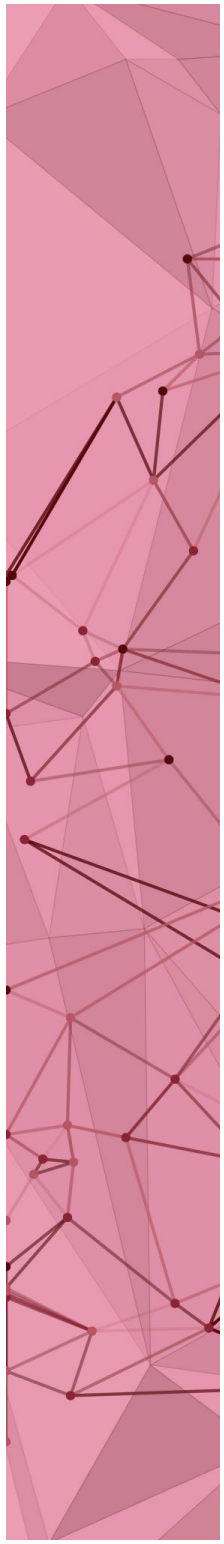
- Question 2: Will the types be pre-defined?



Type errors & Type systems

- *Type error:* Incompatibility between data type and operations
- *Type system:* Detects type errors
  - Can’t we detect type errors just by looking at the values?



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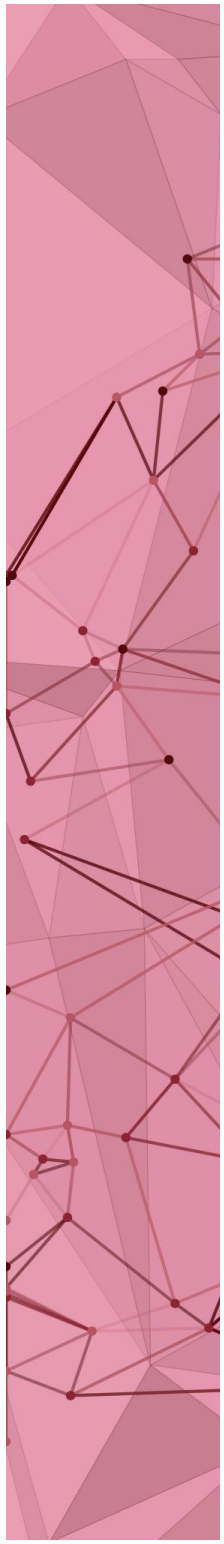
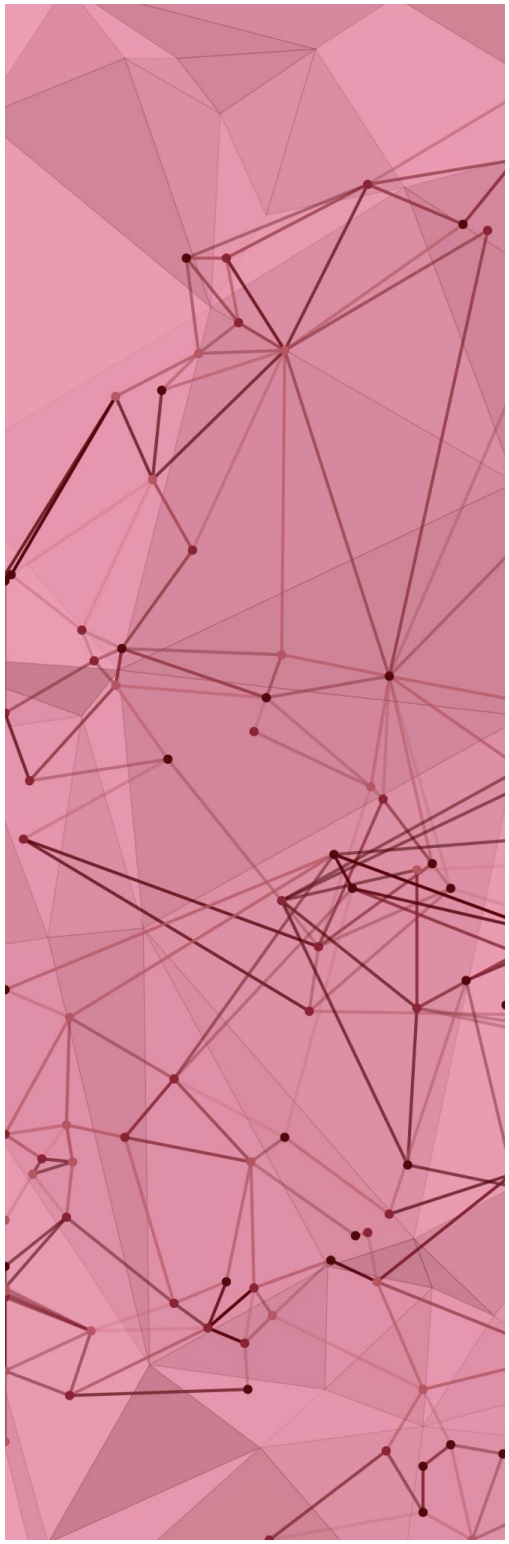
Machine level:
0100 0000 0101 1000 0000 0000 0000 0000

- The floating point number 3.375
- The 32-bit integer 1,079,508,992
- Two 16-bit integers 16472 and 0
- Four ASCII characters: @ X NUL NUL





Type Systems

Static typing

Dynamic typing

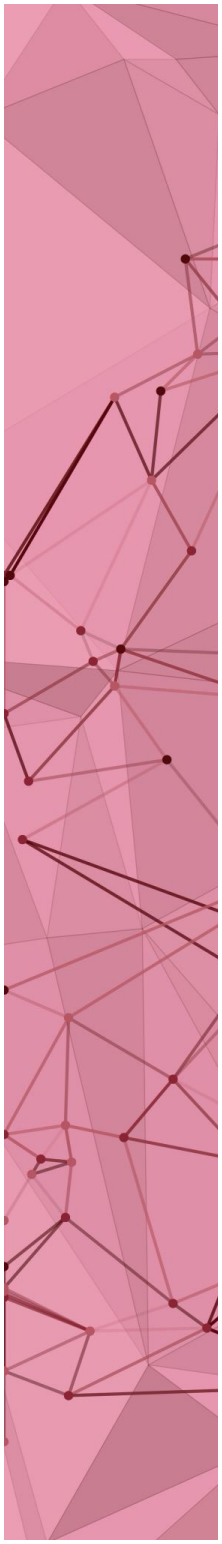
Strongly typed language

Untyped language

Java: Why dynamic typing for type casting?

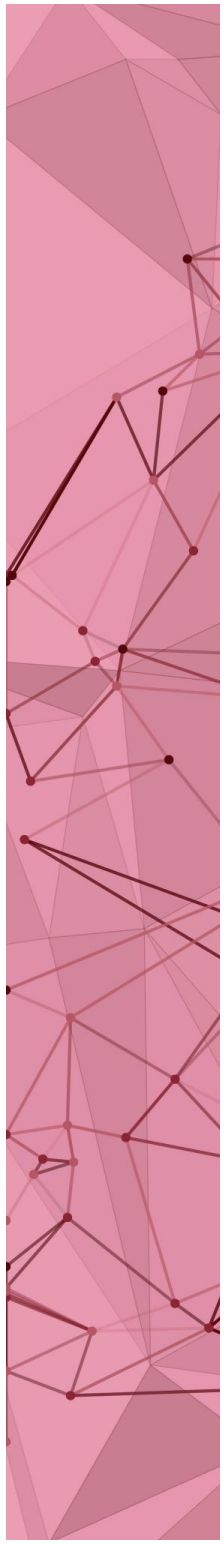
```
public class Dyn_Typing
{
    public static Object f()
    {
        int x = Integer.parseInt(System.console().readLine("Enter a number: "));
        if (x%2 == 0) //x is even
        {
            String st = "Even number!";
            return st;
        }
        else
        {
            return new Integer(x);
        }
    }

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        String st = (String) f();
        System.out.println(st);
    }
}
```



Confusion around strongly typed languages

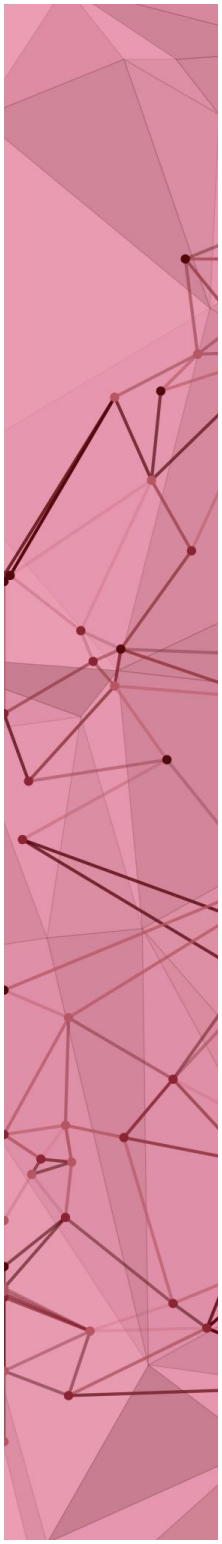
- http://ericlippert.com/2012/10/15/is-c-a-strongly-typed-or-a-weakly-typed-language/
- http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?StronglyTyped



Is C strongly typed?

No, because errors can go undetected.

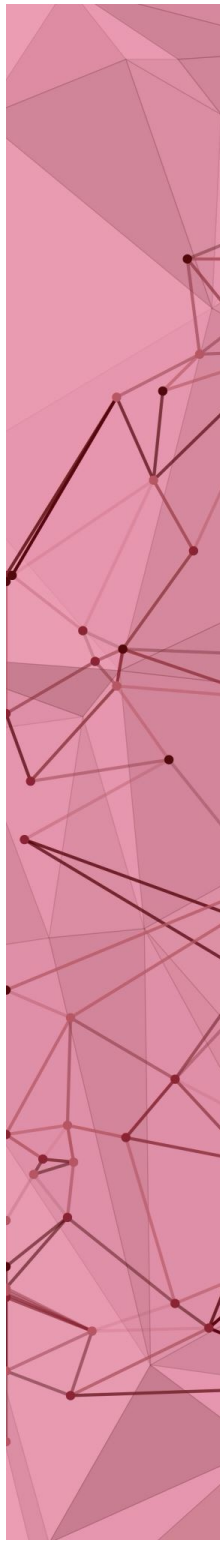
```
#include <stdio.h>
union {int i; float f;} u;
int main()
{
  float x = 0.0;
  u.i = 987654321;
  x = x + u.f;
  printf ("%f\n", x);
  return 0;
}
```

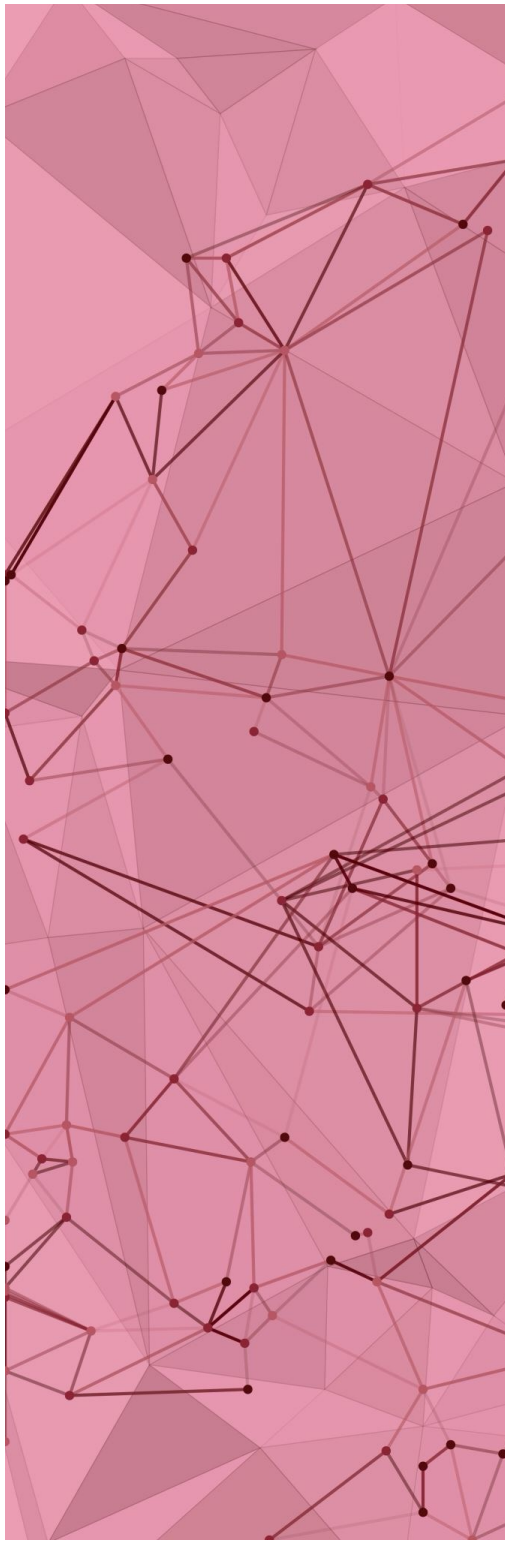


Question

Discuss and write down any potential connections between dynamic/static scoping and dynamic/static typing.

- Think about all possible combinations
- Give an example for each (if there exists one)



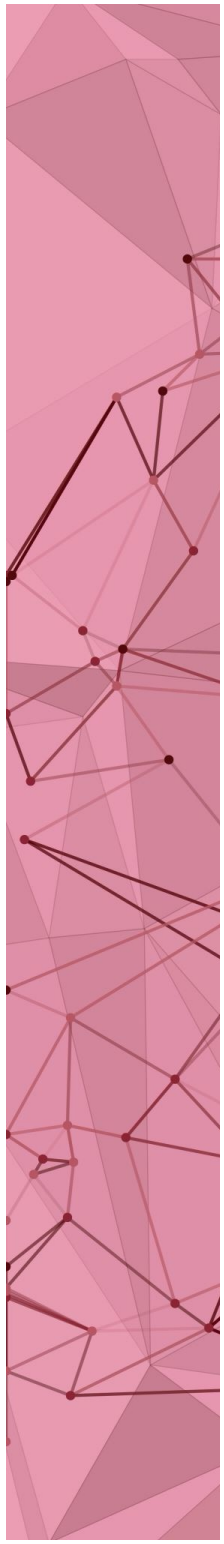


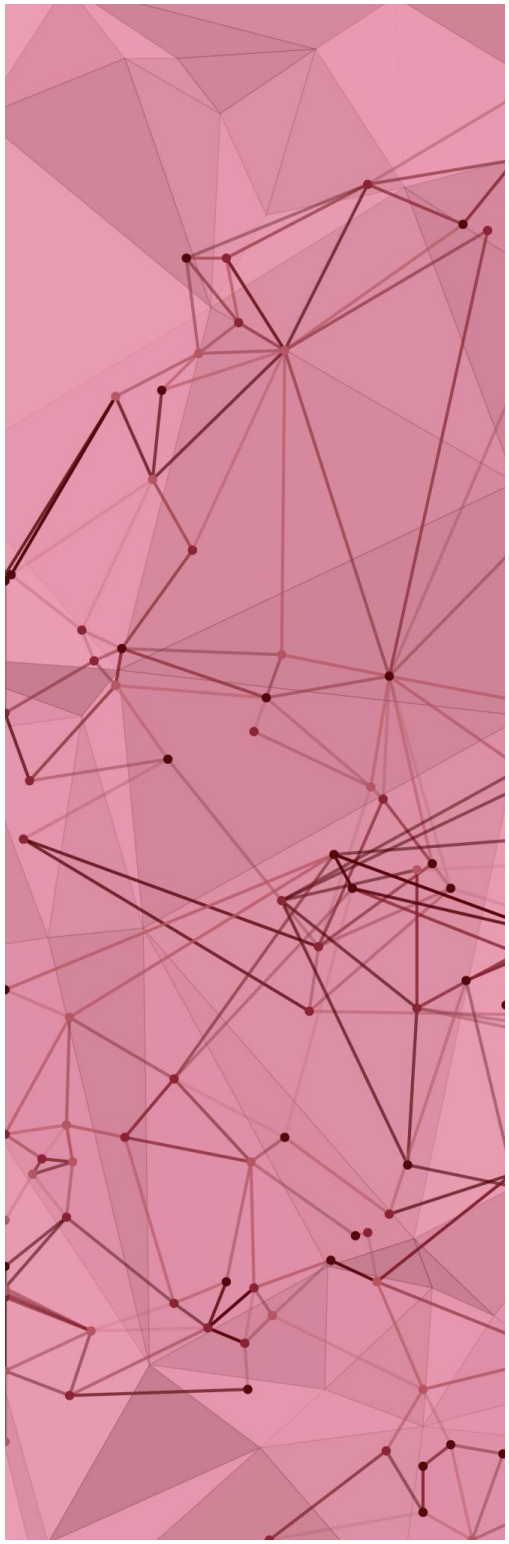
Type Systems

Implementation Issues

Basic vs. non-basic types

- Basic: int, float, bool, char
  - Implicit type conversion: narrowing vs. widening
  - C vs Java vs Python
- Non-basic: pointer, string, array, list, etc. and programmer-defined types
  - Implementation issues





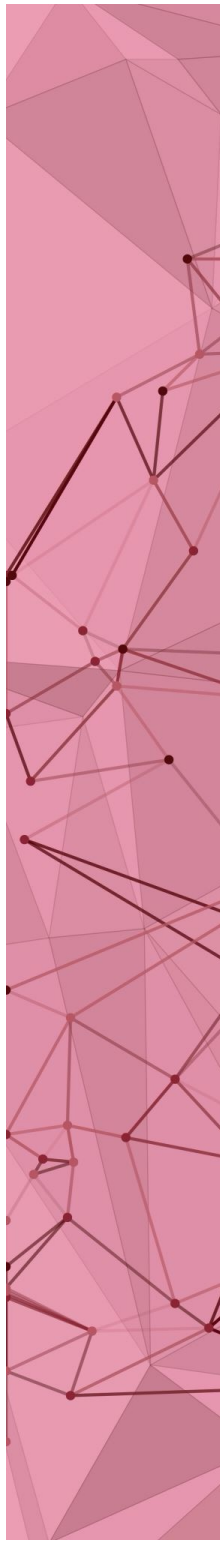
Implementation of non-basic types

Arrays in C and Java

Other non-basic: read the book

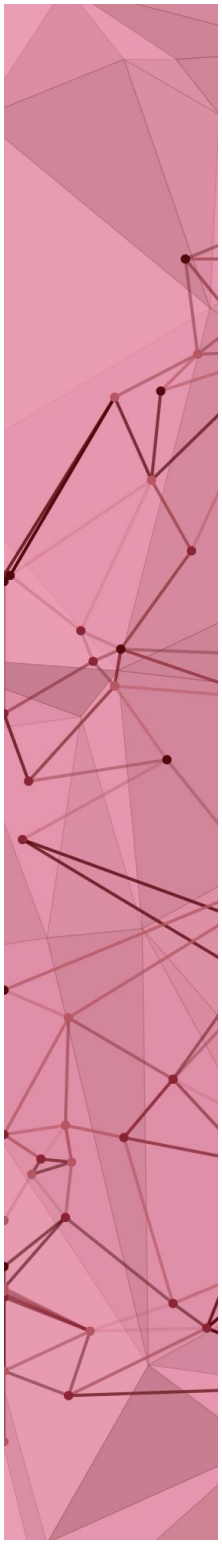
Arrays: C vs. Java

C	Java
Static allocation	Dynamic allocation
Elements must be stored contiguously (for pointer operations)	No such requirements
Local arrays not auto-initialized to 0s	Auto-initialized to 0s
Index out-of-bound not checked	Checked



List vs. array

- Size of a list may vary at run-time
- List elements may not be contiguous in memory
- List may contain heterogeneous data (Python)

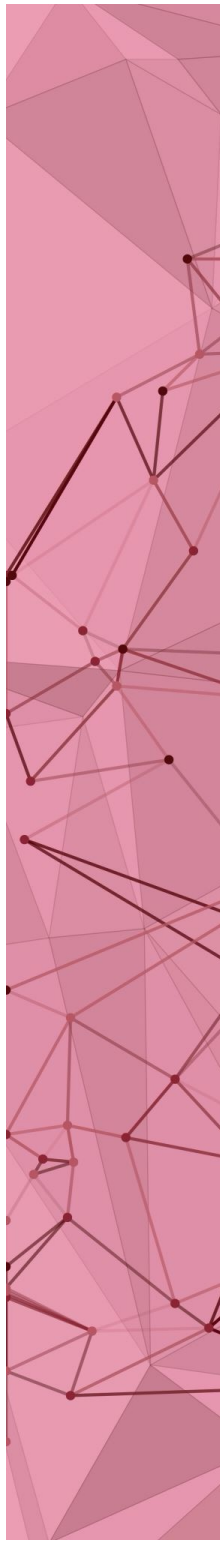


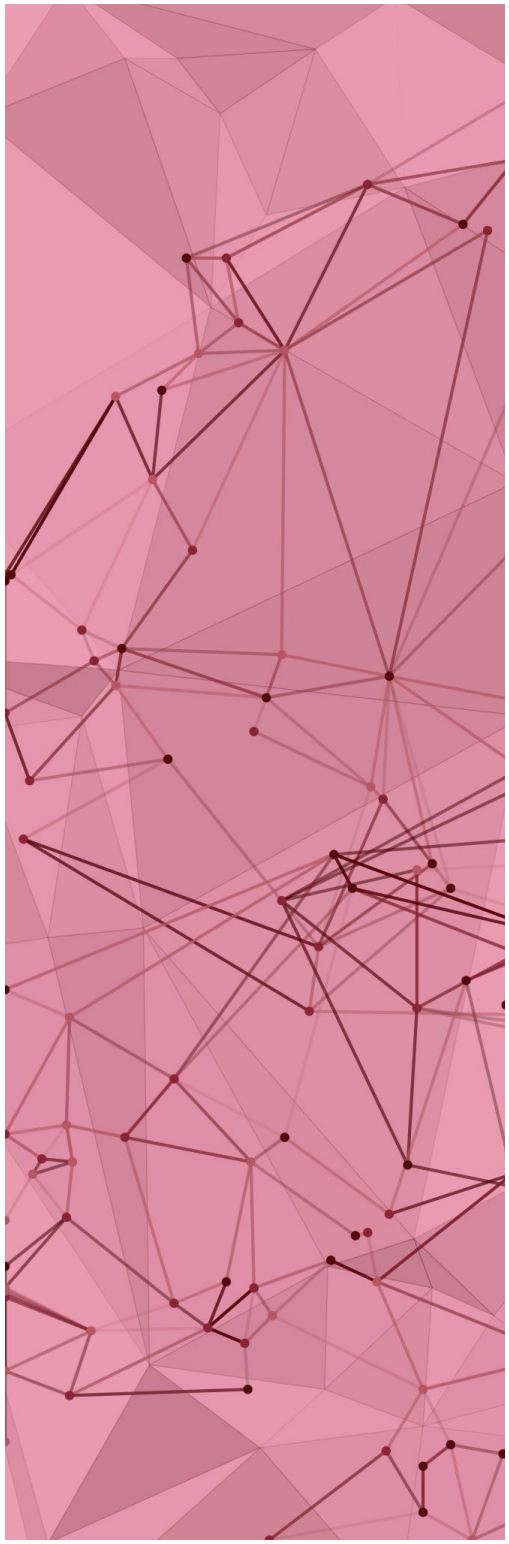
Other issues (read the book)

- Functions as types in C
- void qsort(

```
        void *array,
        size_t nitems,
        size_t size,
        int (*compare)(const void *, const void*)
    )
```

- Functions as types in Java?
- Sub-types
  - OOP: Subclass
- Polymorphism





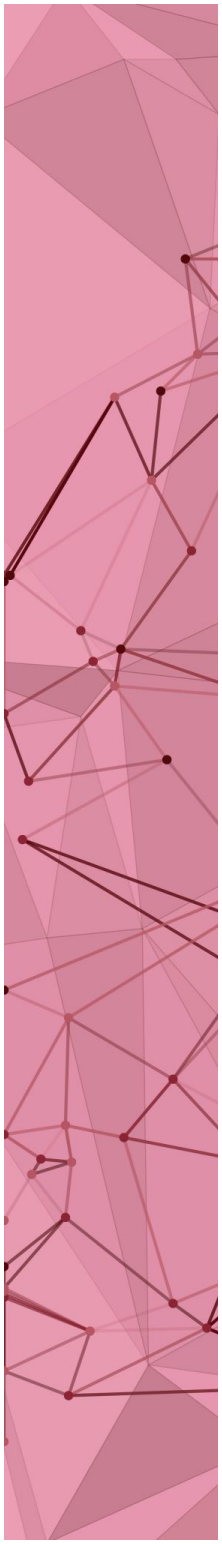
Type System

Ch. 6

Type System for CLite

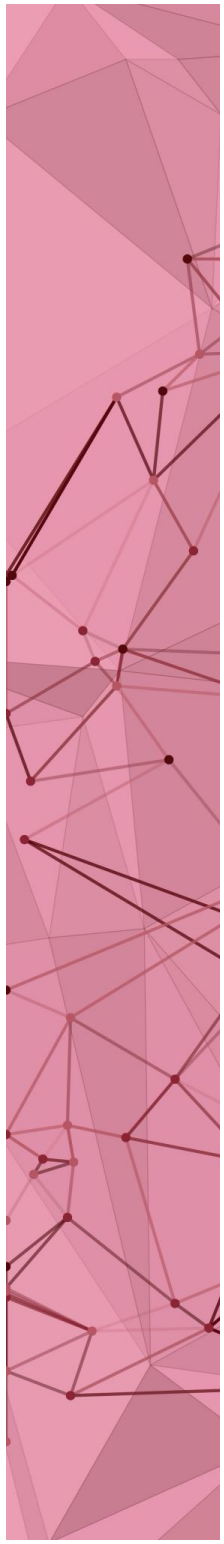
- Static typing and type checking at compile time
- Single function: main
- No global variables

- Next: Type rules



Example *Clite* Program

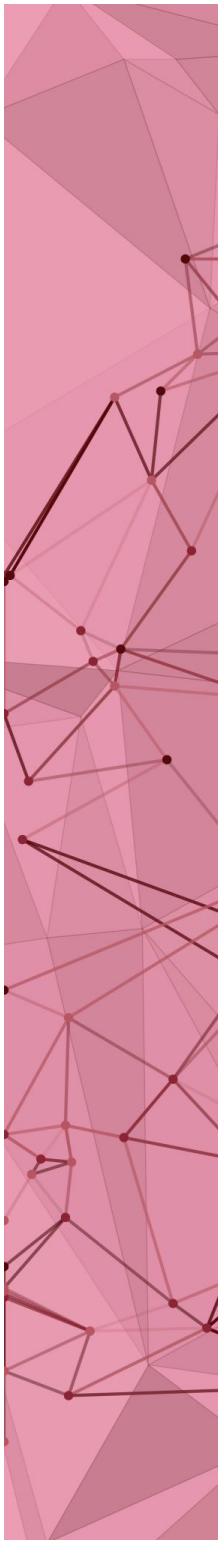
```
void main ( ) {
    int n;
    int i;
    int result;
    n = 8;
    i = 1;
    result = 1;
    while (i < n) {
            i = i + 1;
            result = result * i;
    }
    print result;
}
```



Type Rule 1

- All referenced variables must be declared.
- Type map is a set of ordered pairs

  E.g., {<n, int>, <i, int>, <result, int>}
  - Can implement as a hash table



Type Rule 2

- All declared variables must have unique names.
  - How to implement?

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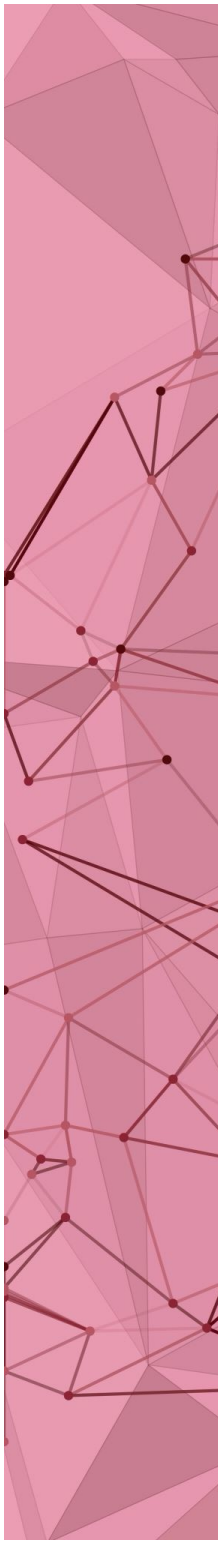
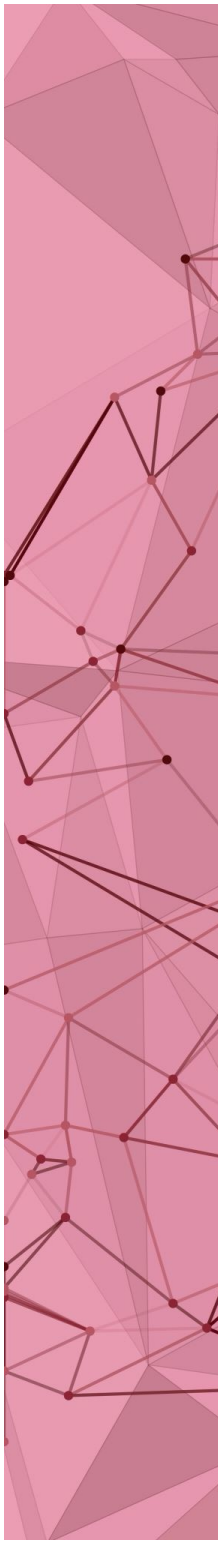
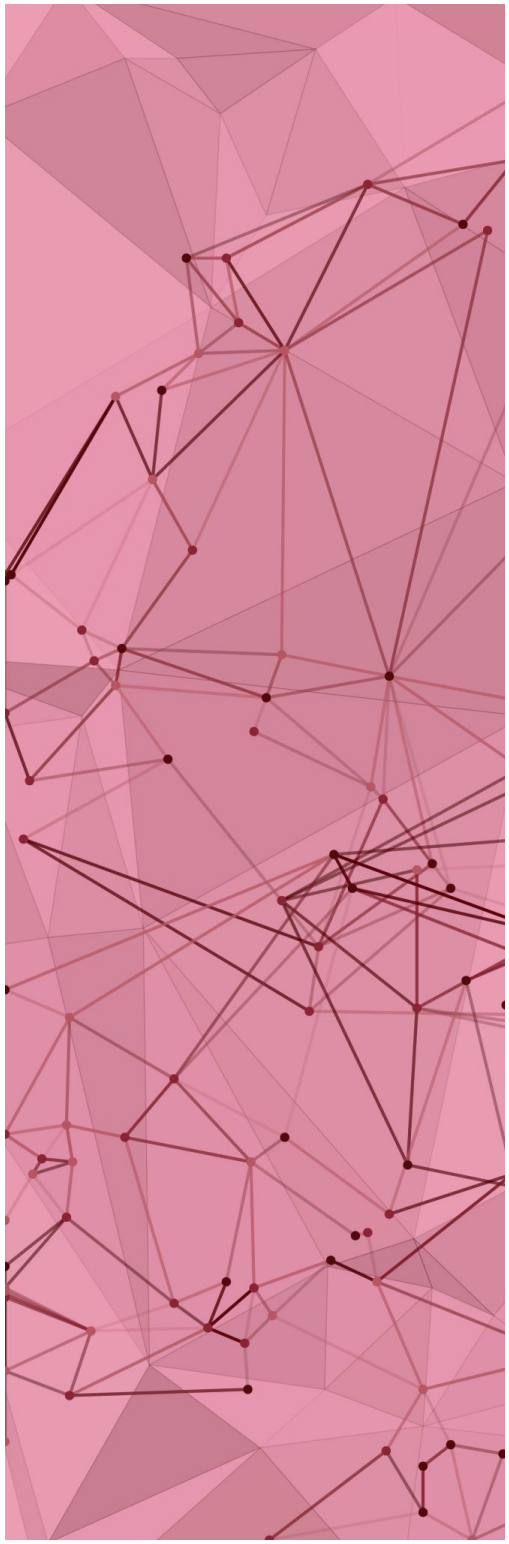


Type Rule 3

- Identifier must not be a keyword
- How to implement?
- Can enforce it even before semantic analysis! (Assignment 1)





Type Checking

Type checking

- *A program is valid if*
  - Declarations are valid and
  - Rest is valid wrt Declarations

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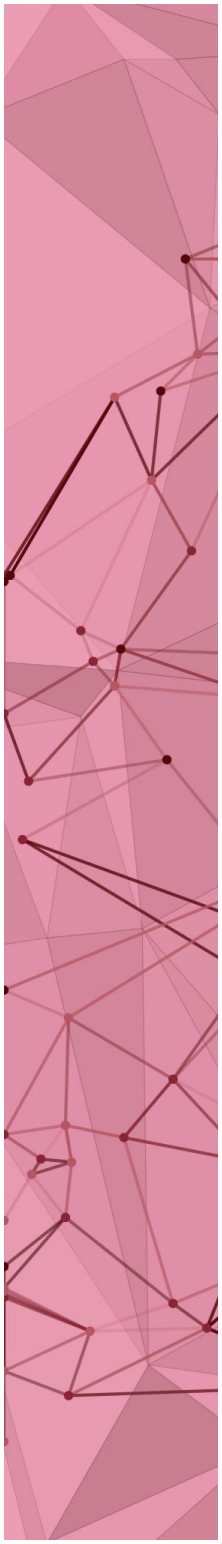
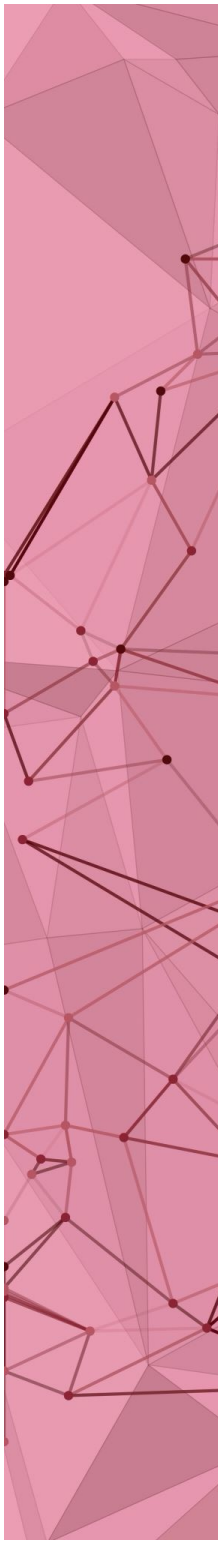


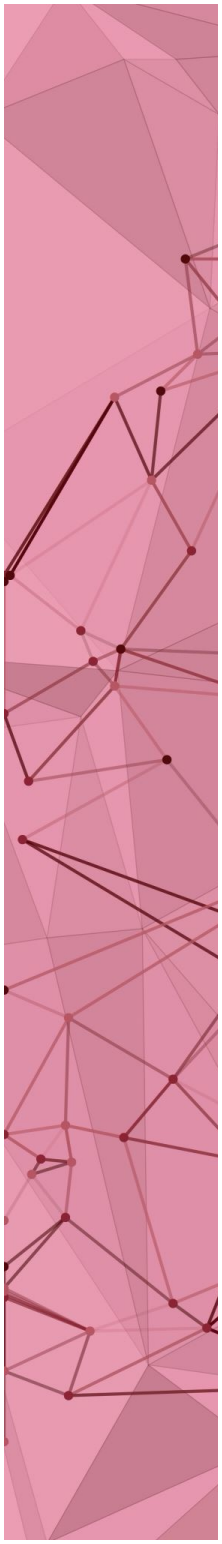
Type checking

- *Validity of a Statement:*
- Assignment statement is valid if
  - Its target *Variable* is declared
  - Its source *Expression* is valid
  - If the target *Variable* is float, then the type of the source *Expression* must be either float or int
  - Otherwise if the target *Variable* is int, then the type of the source *Expression* must be either int or char
  - Otherwise, the target *Variable* must have the same type (e.g., int, bool, etc.) as the source *Expression*



Type checking

- A conditional stmt (or if stmt) is valid if:
  - Its test *Expression* is valid and has type bool
  - Its body is valid
- A while loop is valid if:
  - Its test *Expression* is valid and has type bool
  - Its body is valid



Question on validity of expr.

- Define the validity and type of any expression for int, bool, char, and float types
- That is, define the compatibility between values and operations in any expression
- Cases:
  - Single term
  - More complex
    - Unary operations
    - **Binary operations:** think about all possible *kinds* of binary operations w.r.t. type
      - Arithmetic
      - Relational