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Binding times

- language design
- language implementation — integer precision is specified by language
 - C=No; Java,Go=Yes
- program writing
- compile — layout of static memory, etc
- link — separate modules come together
 - go — imports
- load — memory layout on machine
- run

For example, in Java .. consider the program `static_java/sttc.java`. What do you expect the output to be.

implementers of JVM made a choice for speed to statically allocate integers -128—127

How does this improve speed???

Note: this can be changed to increase size of cached ints

```
java -Djava.lang.Integer.IntegerCache.high=1024 Sttc
```

Each important. Each has effect on everything. Discuss

Early binding == speed. late binding==flexibility

Early=C,Go,Java Late=Python (and interpreted langs), Lisp,

Also, early binding allows code analyzers (e.g. compiler) to detect issues before run time.

Object lifetime

following book with use the word “object” to refer to a thing in memory

lifetime == time between creation and destruction.

3 basic storage allocation mechanisms

static

globals exists as long as program exists

limited by space on device.

lifetime - life of program

stack

exists within a function — generally goes away when function exits

Java thread call stack size 1MB

C: given (and changable) by “ulimit -s” default 8192

Go: “While the minimum stack size is defined as 2048 bytes, the Go

runtime does also not allow goroutines to exceed a maximum stack size; this maximum depends on the architecture and is **1 GB for 64-bit** and 250MB for 32-bit systems”

Recursion depth: depends on stack size

See `static_java/RecursionDepth.java`

Java 1M=~10000

lifetime usually equals life of stack frame

heap

space limited by space on machine

THIS IS NOT the Data structure for priority queues and heap-sort

lifetime == from explicit creation until either explicit destruction or GC

Objects allocated from heap have no necessary way in which they are

de-allocated. Memory leaks.

Java — “new” allocates memory from heap. Has GC

Garbage collection or not — just mention

C malloc and free. No GC.

Go make(). Has GC
See L04/life_go
stack allocation and recursion
tail recursion special form that can be done without allocating / deallocating a new stack frame so much quicker. We will return to this in discussion of recursion

What is in a “stack frame”?
variables in scope in function
pointer back to the calling frame.

Scope

“The textual region of a program in which a binding is active”

Alternately “a scope is a program region of maximal size in which no bindings change”

NOTE — this is related to , but distinct from , lifetime

static — almost every language and probably any language you encounter

so called because the scope of every var can be determined at compile time.

when you go into a function, the variables “in scope” are globals plus vars in fun

Note” Static” here is NOT same as java static

dynamic — vars available depend on EVERY function on the stack

write quick example on board

nested subroutines

Java does not allow, but Java does have nested objects that present many of

the same issues

Go allows nested funcs but with syntax change

cannot do “func a() rtn {}”

can do “a:=func () rtn {}” or “var a= func() rtn {}”

NOTE: outside a fun can declare a function

“var a = func() rtn {}” or “func a() rtn {}”

BUT NOT “a := func() rtn {}”

Blocks — in many languages denoted by {}

blocks define another scope

Javascript

Block scoped variable

function scoped variable

global scoped variable

Q: for a var defined within a block, what is its scope

whole block? Only after it appear within the block?

Blocks can nest. What happens with same var name in nested blocks

Java — NOT allowed

GO — nest2_go

Declaration order — does a block scoped variable exist everywhere within its block?

This is especially a problem for recursive structures (linked lists, trees, etc)

If name is not known throughout block, then how can item refer to itself?

declaration vs definition.

Name Meaning

alias — single object with multiple different names

aliases require a reference rather than a value

Go uses value model but make in Go returns references

alias_go

polymorphism — single name — multiple objects

Overloading

+ can be applied to lots of things
some langs allow program to add new capabilities

function names following is legal in Java but not in Go

```
func a(i int) {  
    fmt.Println(i)  
}  
func a(i int, ii int) {  
    fmt.Printf("%v %v \n", i, ii)  
}
```

Generics

Note that overloading must be resolvable at compile time

Java

Hidden variables.

name reused in enclosing scope.

Java does not allow in functions but you can get this with inheritance

see static_java AA and AB functions pp, p3 and p4

Closures

“A closure in a language with static scoping captures the current instance of every object at the time the closure is created”

Closures still apply with recursion, but don't go there if you can avoid it.

closures only apply in languages that allow nested functions and functions that can be returned from other functions.

NO Java

YES Go

see closure_go

Extent!!!

with closures ...

you need to know not just if a var is in scope, but if it can ever be in scope

again.

in java, scope and extent are same — because java does not have closures

in Go, a var defined on the stack can live on as a result of closure, so while is

scope is static and known at compile time, extent only be known at runtime

see closure_go

First class:

value can be:

passed as param

returned from function

assigned to a variable.

Second class

only passed as param

Third class

None of these

Lambda expressions — another day — once we get to Kotlin