

Leftover from Names Scopes and Bindings

ObjectOrientedLanguages

Inheritance

Dynamic method Dispatch

see DMD_java

Topic 5 — Control Flow Ch 6 Scott

sequencing

selection

iteration

procedures

recursion

concurrency

exception handling

nondeterminacy (skip)

“sequencing is central to imperative languages but plays a relatively minor role in functional”

Question, what order are args to a function evaluated?

Go: left to right at least usually. see order_go

Book notes that optimizing compilers might want to change order. So, even if you test — like order_go — probably best to not rely.

in infix notation, what order are operators evaluated (note no precedence problems in pre/postfix)

C: On the order of 15 levels of precedence — about that many in Java and Go also need to know “associativity”

10-5-5 is this 10 or 0??

17+MAX_INT-50

if r->l then MAX_INT-33 else

In a program I wrote with math ALL I had was one level of precedence and L-R associativity

Good idea?? Smalltalk, APL do it

“side effect” if expression evaluation influences subsequent computation in any way other than by returning a value

NOTE—by this definition printing is not a side effect

if there are no side effects that a lot of sequencing is not important.

ALL assignment statements are done for side effect. If you did not care about the value being stored, do not store it.

purely functional languages have NO side effects.

Value model of variables

a = b+c

l-value — the location of the variable. Where a thing is to be stored. (a) Think of L as standing for both Left and Location

usually l-value is simple thing but it can get complex due to arrays a[b[5]+3] and structs/objects

r-value — an actual value (b,b,b+c)

reference model of variables

still have l-value and r-values

every variable is an l value so when an r-value is needed need to “dereference” — that is turn it into an r-value.

What model does Go use? Java? design an experiment to determine

Go almost always uses value model — exception data structures like slices
A slice is a reference. a sub slice is a reference to a location within a slice!!

Value model languages DO NOT have aliases. They can't. But even in value-model langs, references and aliases can be really handy. So they have pointers! Reference-model does not need because everything is a pointer.

Go: need to tell that you have a pointer when passing into funcs, but after that value and pointer are treated the same — from programmers perspective.

see pointer0_go — usign pointer to get an alias

pointer_go — using pointers in function calls

nullpointer_go — even pointers in Go have a “zero value”

Initialization and the problem of uninitalized vars

Not that value and reference model langs have different issues

Java: every value model starts as 0. Every reference starts as null

Go: every type has a defined “zero” state. Every var initialized to zero state.

pointers?

Java — definite assignment guarantees that no variable is uninitialized. Unneeded in

Go. Is it really needed in Java?

see Definite.java in short_go

Short circuit boolean

see short_go

Note unlike Java Go does not allow assignment with boolean

also a = (b=6)

Flow

Goto BAD

why a label in a program is not GoTo

return — should it be allow from anywhere or only at end!

should I be able to return from more than one func.

very rare

Crossover between exception and multilevel return. Note that can simulate a multilevel return in Java using exceptions — Write Example

SEQUENCING

“sequencing is central to imperative programming”

SELECTION

the if statement

the switch statement

switch_go and switch.go, Switch.java therein

“the principle motivation is to facilitate the generation of efficient target code”

switch in Go

NO fall through

but allows listing of multiple cases

any type that allows an == comparison

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LOOPS

another imperative concept

Iterators and enumeration controlled loops

rather than just using numbers allows programmer to do a loop for everything in a collection

Have seen this in GO `slic_go/slic.go`
`for idx, val := range slice {}`

Java: looping over array or any collection

Labeled loops and break:

break allow you to get out of loop early

labeled loop allows you to not just get out of inner loop

GO: break cannot get out of current function — WHY?

`break_go`

Using closures to simulate enumerated loop

see `cloloop_go`

problem, this is specific to a int slice. Would really like generics.

but Go does not have them — not yet!

Any number of syntaxes for for loops

Recursion

Advantage: no special syntax (but does require support for recursion)

Tail recursion:

see `tailrec_go`

“additional calculation never follows recursive call”

In this case you can do the recursion without adding to the stack. Just use/
overwrite the stack. Since new stack frame is one of the principle costs of recursion...