

# 12. Program Transformation

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# Roadmap

- > Program Transformation
- > Refactoring
- > Aspect-Oriented Programming
- > Outlook



# Links

> **Program Transformation:**

- <http://swert.tudelft.nl/bin/view/Pt>
- <http://www.program-transformation.org/>

> **Stratego:**

- <http://strategoxt.org/>

> **TXL:**

- <http://www.txl.ca/>

> **Refactoring:**

- <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/library/os-ecref/>
- <http://recoder.sourceforge.net/wiki/>
- <http://www.refactory.com/RefactoringBrowser/>

> **AOP:**

- <http://www.eclipse.org/aspectj/>

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# What is “program transformation”?

- > *Program Transformation* is the process of transforming one program to another.
  
- > Near synonyms:
  - Metaprogramming
  - Generative programming
  - Program synthesis
  - Program refinement
  - Program calculation

# Applications of program transformation

## > Translation

- Migration
- Synthesis
  - Refinement
  - Compilation
- Reverse Engineering
  - Decompilation
  - Architecture Extraction
  - Visualization
- Program Analysis
  - Control flow
  - Data flow

## > Rephrasing

- Normalization
  - Simplification
  - Desugaring
  - Aspect Weaving
- Optimization
  - Specialization
  - Inlining
- Refactoring
  - Improvement
  - Obfuscation
- Reengineering

# Translation – compilation

```
function fact(n : int) : int =
  if n < 1 then 1
    else (n * fact(n - 1))
```

*Tiger*

⇒

```
fact:subu    $sp, $sp, 20
           sw    $fp, 8($sp)
           addiu $fp, $sp, 20
           sw    $s2, -8($fp)
           sw    $ra, -4($fp)
           sw    $a0, 0($fp)
           move  $s2, $a1
           li    $t0, 1
           bge  $s2, $t0, c_0
           li    $v0, 1
           b    d_0
c_0: lw     $a0, ($fp)
           li    $t0, 1
           subu  $a1, $s2, $t0
           jal  fact_a_0
           mul  $v0, $s2, $v0
d_0: lw     $s2, -8($fp)
           lw    $ra, -4($fp)
           lw    $fp, 8($sp)
           addiu $sp, $sp, 20
           jr   $ra
```

*MIPS*

# Translation – migration from procedural to OO

```
type tree = {key: int, children: treelist}
type treelist = {hd: tree, tl: treelist}
function treeSize(t : tree) : int =
  if t = nil then 0 else 1 + listSize(t.children)
function listSize(ts : treelist) =
  if ts = nil then 0 else listSize(t.tl)
```

*Tiger*



```
class Tree {
  Int key;
  TreeList children;
  public Int size() {
    return 1 + children.size
  }
}
class TreeList { ... }
```

*Java*

<http://www.cs.uu.nl/docs/vakken/pt/slides/PT05-ProgramTransformation.pdf>

# Rephrasing — desugaring regular expressions

```

Exp := Id
     | Id "(" {Exp ","}* ")"
     | Exp "+" Exp
     | ...

```

*EBNF*

⇒

```

Exp := Id
     | Id "(" Exps ")"
     | Exp "+" Exp
     | ...

```

```

Exps :=
     | Expp

```

```

Expp := Exp
      | Expp "," Exp

```

*BNF*

# Rephrasing – partial evaluation

```
function power(x : int, n : int) : int =  
  if n = 0 then 1  
  else if even(n) then square(power(x, n/2))  
  else (x * power(x, n - 1))
```

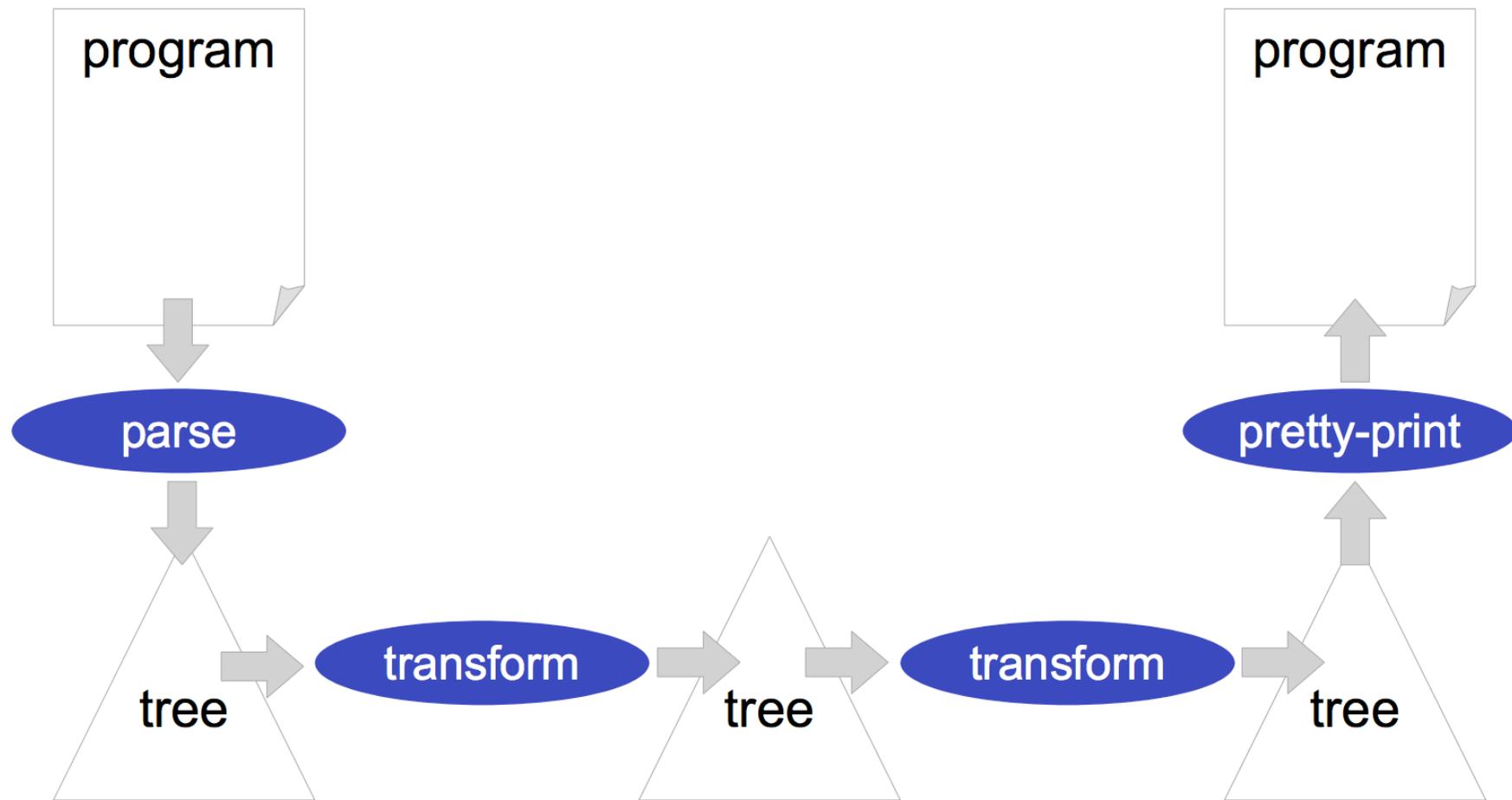
*Tiger*

⇓ n = 5

*Tiger*

```
function power5(x : int) : int =  
  x * square(square(x))
```

# Transformation pipeline



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# Stratego/XT

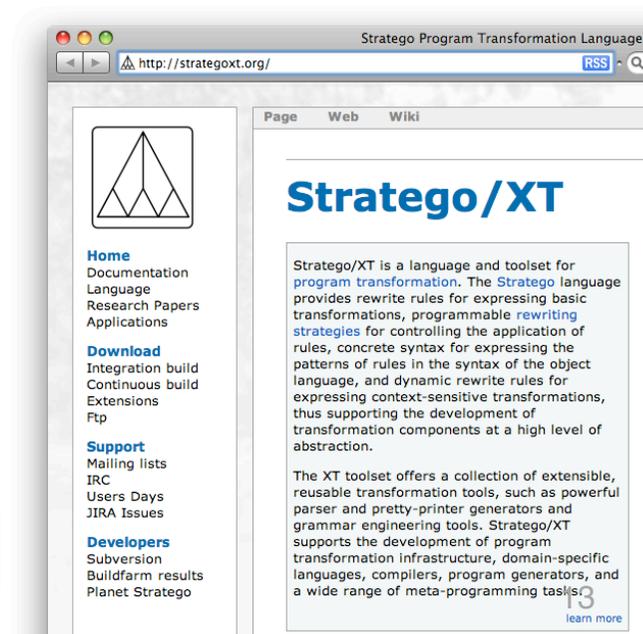
## > *Stratego*

- A language for specifying program transformations
  - term rewriting rules
  - programmable rewriting strategies
  - pattern-matching against syntax of object language
  - context-sensitive transformations

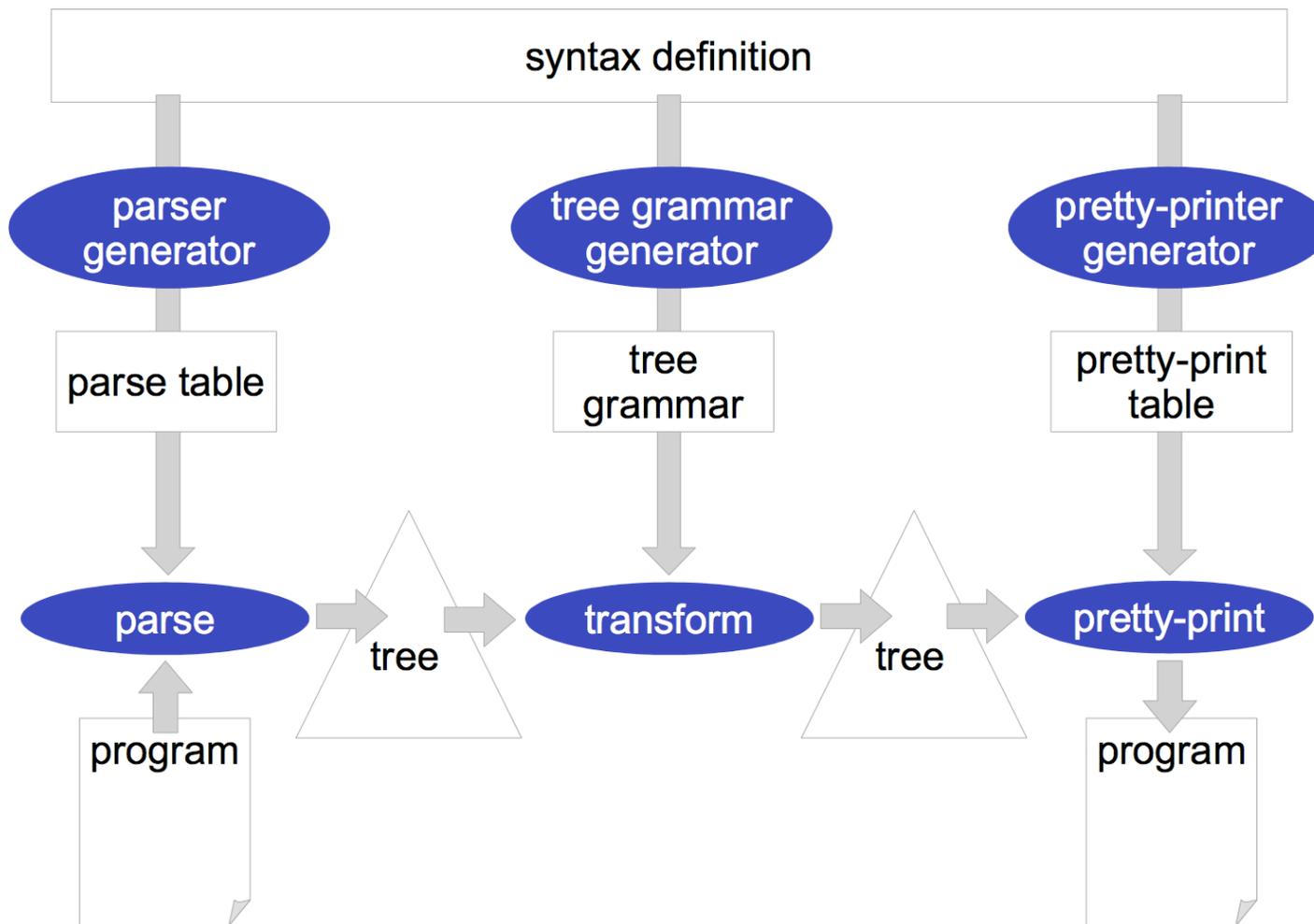
## > *XT*

- A collection of transformation tools
  - parser and pretty printer generators
  - grammar engineering tools

<http://strategoxt.org/>



# Stratego/XT



<http://losser.st-lab.cs.uu.nl/~mbravenb/PT05-Infrastructure.pdf>

# Parsing

Rules translate  
*terms to terms*

*Stratego parses any  
context-free language  
using Scannerless  
Generalized LR Parsing*

File: Exp.sdf

```

module Exp
exports
  context-free start-symbols Exp
  sorts Id IntConst Exp

lexical syntax
  [\ \t\n] -> LAYOUT
  [a-zA-Z]+ -> Id
  [0-9]+ -> IntConst

context-free syntax
  Id -> Exp {cons("Var")}
  IntConst -> Exp {cons("Int")}

  "(" Exp ")" -> Exp {bracket}

  Exp "*" Exp -> Exp {left, cons("Mul")}
  Exp "/" Exp -> Exp {left, cons("Div")}
  Exp "%" Exp -> Exp {left, cons("Mod")}

  Exp "+" Exp -> Exp {left, cons("Plus")}
  Exp "-" Exp -> Exp {left, cons("Minus")}

context-free priorities
  {left:
    Exp "*" Exp -> Exp
    Exp "/" Exp -> Exp
    Exp "%" Exp -> Exp
  }
  > {left:
    Exp "+" Exp -> Exp
    Exp "-" Exp -> Exp
  }

```

# Testing

```
testsuite Exp
```

```
topsort Exp
```

File: Exp.testsuite

```
test eg1 parse
```

```
"1 + 2 * (3 + 4) * 3 - 1"
```

```
->
```

```
Minus(
```

```
  Plus(
```

```
    Int("1")
```

```
  , Mul(
```

```
    Mul(Int("2"), Plus(Int("3"), Int("4")))
```

```
    , Int("3")
```

```
  )
```

```
)
```

```
, Int("1")
```

```
)
```

# Running tests

```
pack-sdf -i Exp.sdf -o Exp.def
  including ./Exp.sdf
```

*Pack the definitions*

```
sdf2table -i Exp.def -o Exp.tbl -m Exp
SdfChecker:error: Main module not defined
--- Main
```

*Generate the parse table*

```
parse-unit -i Exp.testsuite -p Exp.tbl
```

*Run the tests*

```
-----
executing testsuite Exp with 1 tests
-----
```

```
* OK    : test 1 (eg1 parse)
-----
```

```
results testsuite Exp
successes : 1
failures  : 0
-----
```

# Interpretation example

```
module ExpEval

imports libstratego-lib
imports Exp

rules
  convert : Int(x) -> <string-to-int>(x)
  eval   : Plus(m,n) -> <add>(m,n)
  eval   : Minus(m,n) -> <subt>(m,n)
  eval   : Mul(m,n) -> <mul>(m,n)
  eval   : Div(m,n) -> <div>(m,n)
  eval   : Mod(m,n) -> <mod>(m,n)

strategies
  main = io-wrap(innermost(convert <+ eval)))
```

File: ExpEval.str

File: ultimate-question.txt

`1 + 2 * (3 + 4) * 3 - 1`

Stratego separates the specification of rules (transformations) from strategies (traversals). In principle, both are reusable.

# Strategies

A strategy determines how a set of rewrite rules will be used to traverse and transform a term.

- innermost
- top down
- bottom up
- repeat
- ...

# Running the transformation

```
sdf2rtg -i Exp.def -o Exp.rtg -m Exp
SdfChecker:error: Main module not defined
--- Main
```

*Generate regular tree grammar*

```
rtg2sig -i Exp.rtg -o Exp.str
```

*Generate signature*

```
strc -i ExpEval.str -la stratego-lib
```

*Compile to C*

```
[ strc | info ] Compiling 'ExpEval.str'
[ strc | info ] Front-end succeeded           : [user/system] = [0.56s/0.05s]
[ strc | info ] Optimization succeeded -O 2  : [user/system] = [0.00s/0.00s]
[ strc | info ] Back-end succeeded           : [user/system] = [0.16s/0.01s]
gcc -I /usr/local/strategoxt/include -I /usr/local/strategoxt/include -I /usr/local/
strategoxt/include -Wall -Wno-unused-label -Wno-unused-variable -Wno-unused-function -Wno-
unused-parameter -DSIZEOF_VOID_P=4 -DSIZEOF_LONG=4 -DSIZEOF_INT=4 -c ExpEval.c -fno-common -
DPIC -o .libs/ExpEval.o
gcc -I /usr/local/strategoxt/include -I /usr/local/strategoxt/include -I /usr/local/
strategoxt/include -Wall -Wno-unused-label -Wno-unused-variable -Wno-unused-function -Wno-
unused-parameter -DSIZEOF_VOID_P=4 -DSIZEOF_LONG=4 -DSIZEOF_INT=4 -c ExpEval.c -o ExpEval.o
>/dev/null 2>&1
gcc .libs/ExpEval.o -o ExpEval -bind_at_load -L/usr/local/strategoxt/lib /usr/local/
strategoxt/lib/libstratego-lib.dylib /usr/local/strategoxt/lib/libstratego-lib-native.dylib /
usr/local/strategoxt/lib/libstratego-runtime.dylib -lm /usr/local/strategoxt/lib/
libATerm.dylib
[ strc | info ] C compilation succeeded       : [user/system] = [0.31s/0.36s]
[ strc | info ] Compilation succeeded        : [user/system] = [1.03s/0.42s]
```

```
sglri -p Exp.tbl -i ultimate-question.txt | ./ExpEval
```

*Parse and transform*

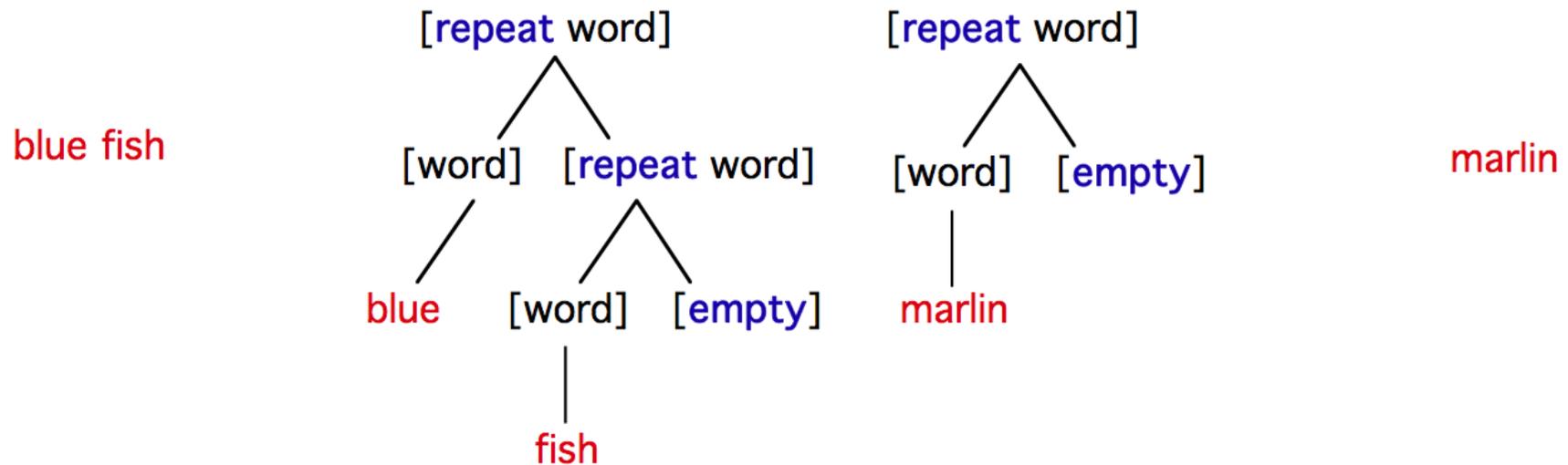
```
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```

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# The TXL paradigm: *parse, transform, unparse*



<http://www.txl.ca/docs/TXLintro.pdf>

# TXL programs

Base grammar

*defines tokens and non-terminals*

Grammar  
overrides

*extend and modify types from grammar*

Transformation  
rules

*rooted set of rules and functions*

# Expression example

File: ExpEval.str

```
% Part I. Syntax specification
define program
    [expression]
end define

define expression
    [expression] + [term]
    | [expression] - [term]
    | [term]
end define

define term
    [term] * [primary]
    | [term] / [primary]
    | [primary]
end define

define primary
    [number]
    | ( [expression] )
end define
```

```
% Part 2. Transformation rules
rule main
    replace [expression]
        E [expression]
    construct NewE [expression]
        E [resolveAddition]
        [resolveSubtraction]
        [resolveMultiplication]
        [resolveDivision]
        [resolveBracketedExpressions]
    where not
        NewE [= E]
    by
        NewE
end rule

rule resolveAddition
    replace [expression]
        N1 [number] + N2 [number]
    by
        N1 [+ N2]
end rule
...
rule resolveBracketedExpressions
    replace [primary]
        ( N [number] )
    by
        N
end rule
```

# Running the example

File: ultimate-question.txt

```
1 + 2 * (3 + 4) * 3 - 1
```

```
txl Ultimate.Question  
TXL v10.5d (1.7.08) (c)1988-2008 Queen's University at Kingston  
Compiling Question.Txl ...  
Parsing Ultimate.Question ...  
Transforming ...  
42
```

## Example: TIL — a tiny imperative language

```
// Find all factors of a given input number
var n;
write "Input n please";
read n;
write "The factors of n are";
var f;
f := 2;
while n != 1 do
    while (n / f) * f = n do
        write f;
        n := n / f;
    end
    f := f + 1;
end
```

File: factors.til

<http://www.program-transformation.org/Sts/TILChairmarks>

# TIL Grammar

```
% Keywords of TIL
```

```
File: TIL.Grm
```

```
keys
```

```
    var if then else while
    do for read write
```

```
end keys
```

```
% Compound tokens
```

```
compounds
```

```
    := !=
```

```
end compounds
```

```
% Commenting convention
```

```
comments
```

```
    //
```

```
end comments
```

*All TXL parsers are also pretty-printers if the grammar includes formatting cues*

```
define program
    [statement*]
end define

define statement
    [declaration]
    | [assignment_statement]
    | [if_statement]
    | [while_statement]
    | [for_statement]
    | [read_statement]
    | [write_statement]
end define

% Untyped variables
define declaration
    'var [id] ;                               [NL]
end define

define assignment_statement
    [id] := [expression] ;                   [NL]
end define

define if_statement
    'if [expression] 'then                   [ IN ][NL]
        [statement*]                         [ EX]
    [opt else_statement]
    'end                                       [NL]
end define

...

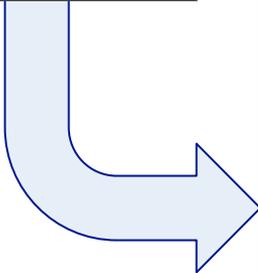
```

# Pretty-printing TIL

```
include "TIL.Grm"  
function main  
  match [program]  
    _ [program]  
end function
```

File: TILparser.Txl

```
txl factors.til TILparser.Txl
```



```
var n;  
write "Input n please";  
read n;  
write "The factors of n are";  
var f;  
f := 2;  
while n != 1 do  
  while (n / f) * f = n do  
    write f;  
    n := n / f;  
  end  
  f := f + 1;  
end
```

# Generating statistics

```
include "TIL.Grm"

function main
  replace [program]
    Program [program]

  % Count each kind of statement we're interested in
  % by extracting all of each kind from the program

  construct Statements [statement*]
    _ [^ Program]
  construct StatementCount [number]
    _ [length Statements] [putp "Total: %"]

  construct Declarations [declaration*]
    _ [^ Program]
  construct DeclarationsCount [number]
    _ [length Declarations] [putp "Declarations: %"]

  ...
  by
    % nothing
end function
```

File: TILstats.Txl

```
Total: 11
Declarations: 2
Assignments: 3
Ifs: 0
Whiles: 2
Fors: 0
Reads: 1
Writes: 3
```

# Tracing

```

include "TIL.Grm"
...
File: TILtrace.Txl
redefine statement
    ...
    | [traced_statement]
end redefine

define traced_statement
    [statement] [attr 'TRACED]
end define

rule main
replace [repeat statement]
    S [statement]
    Rest [repeat statement]
...
    by
        'write QuotedS;      'TRACED
        S                    'TRACED
        Rest
end rule
...

```

```

write "Trace: var n;";
var n;
write "Trace: write \"Input n please\";";
write "Input n please";
write "Trace: read n;";
read n;
...

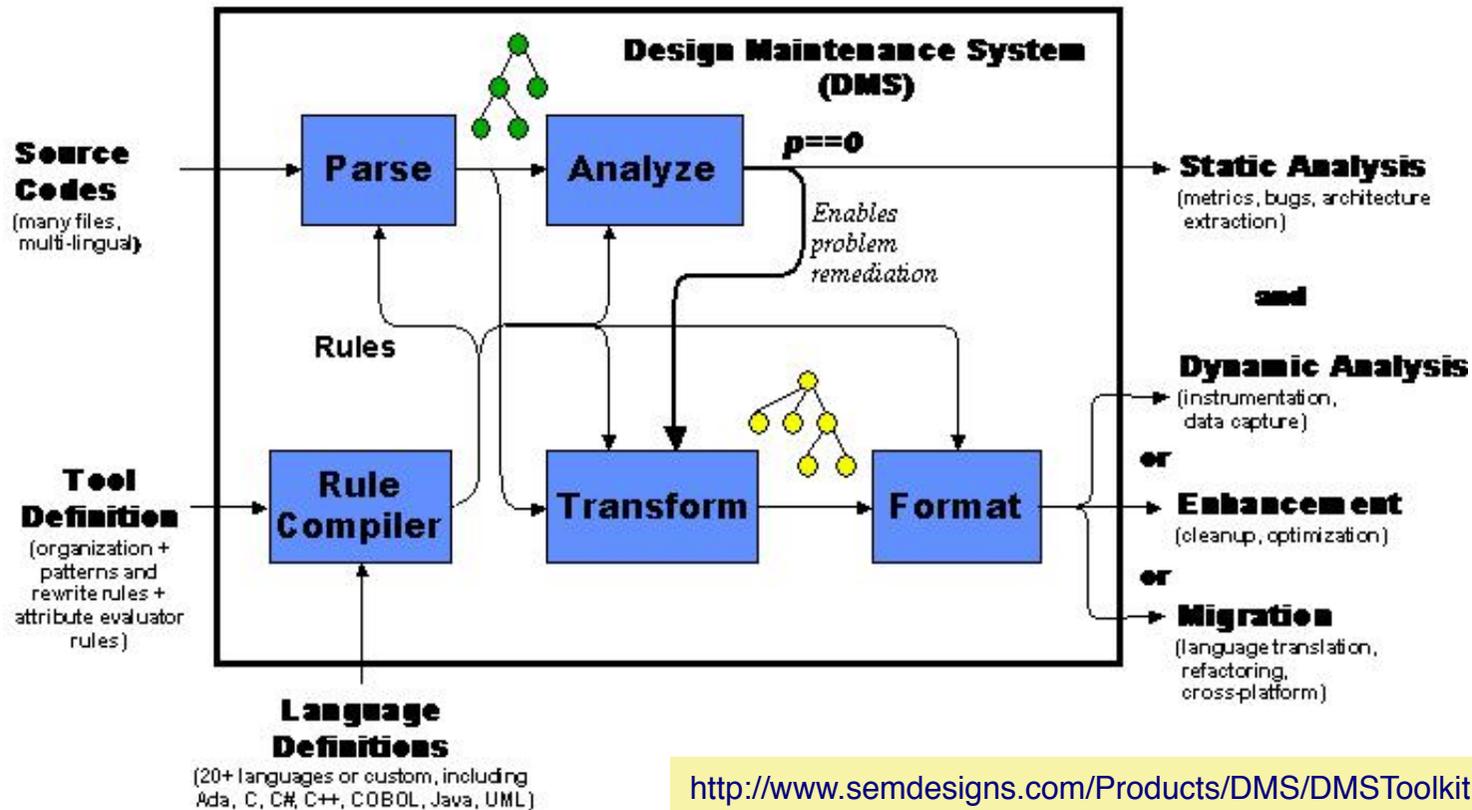
```

# TXL vs Stratego

<b><i>Stratego</i></b>	<b><i>TXL</i></b>
Scannerless GLR parsing	Agile parsing (top-down + bottom-up)
Reusable, generic traversal strategies	Fixed traversals
Separates rewrite rules from traversal strategies	Traversals part of rewrite rules
	

# Commercial systems

*“The DMS Software Reengineering Toolkit is a set of tools for automating customized source program analysis, modification or translation or generation of software systems, containing arbitrary mixtures of languages.”*



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# What is Refactoring?

- > The process of *changing a software system* in such a way that it *does not alter the external behaviour* of the code, yet *improves its internal structure*.

— Fowler, et al., Refactoring, 1999.

## Rename Method — manual steps

- > Do it yourself approach:
  - Check that no method with the new name already exists in any subclass or superclass.
  - Browse all the implementers (method definitions)
  - Browse all the senders (method invocations)
  - Edit and rename all implementers
  - Edit and rename all senders
  - Remove all implementers
  - Test
- > Automated refactoring is better !

# Rename Method

- > Rename Method (method, new name)
- > Preconditions
  - No method with the new name already exists in any subclass or superclass.
  - No methods with same signature as method outside the inheritance hierarchy of method
- > PostConditions
  - method has new name
  - relevant methods in the inheritance hierarchy have new name
  - invocations of changed method are updated to new name
- > Other Considerations
  - Typed/Dynamically Typed Languages => Scope of the renaming

# The Refactoring Browser

The screenshot shows the Squeak IDE's Refactoring Browser. The main window is titled "RB: SnakeSquare". It features a left sidebar with a class hierarchy, a central pane showing the class's methods, and a right pane showing the source code of the selected method. The "setBack:" method is selected in the right pane. Below the main window is a toolbar with buttons for "browse", "senders", "implementors", "versions", "inheritance", "hierarchy", "inst vars", "class vars", "source", and a red-circled "R" button. A tooltip menu is open over the "R" button, listing 10 refactoring options. The "Method" option is highlighted in blue.

**Class Hierarchy (Left Sidebar):**

- SqueakExamples-Snake
- SqueakExamples-PostOf
- MethodWrappers-Tests
- MethodWrappers-Base
- MethodWrappers-Exam
- AST-Nodes
- AST-NodesExt
- AST-ParseTree Matchin
- AST-RBParser
- AST-Tests
- AST-Tokens
- AST-Visitors

**Class List (Center):**

- BoardSquare
- Die
- FirstSquare
- GamePlayer
- LadderSquare
- LoadedDie
- MetaclassHierarchyTes
- SnakeSquare**
- SnakesAndLadders
- SnakesAndLaddersTest

**Methods (Center):**

- all --
- playing
- printing
- initialize-release

**Source Code (Right):**

```
destination
printOn:
setBack:
```

**Toolbar:** browse | senders | implementors | versions | inheritance | hierarchy | inst vars | class vars | source | **R**

**Method Definition:**

```
setBack: aNumber
    back := aNumber.
```

**Refactorings Menu:**

- 1. Class Refactorings
- 2. Class Variable
- 3. Instance Variable
- 4. Method**
- 5. Selection
- 6. Find Code
- 7. Rewrite Code
- 8. Code Critic

**Refactoring List (Bottom):**

1. Add method
2. Add parameter
3. Inline all self sends
4. Inline parameter
5. Move method to variable
6. Push up methods
7. Push down methods
8. Remove methods
9. Remove parameter
10. Rename method

# Typical Refactorings

Class Refactorings	Method Refactorings	Attribute Refactorings
add (sub)class to hierarchy	add method to class	add variable to class
rename class	rename method	rename variable
remove class	remove method	remove variable
	push method down	push variable down
	push method up	pull variable up
	add parameter to method	create accessors
	move method to component	abstract variable
	extract code in new method	

*Bill Opdyke, "Refactoring Object-Oriented Frameworks,"  
Ph.D. thesis, University of Illinois, 1992.*

*Don Roberts, "Practical Analysis for Refactoring,"  
Ph.D. thesis, University of Illinois, 1999.*

# Code Critic – search for common errors

The screenshot shows the Code Critic tool interface. The main window, titled "Code Critics: All checks on VB-Regex", displays a list of lint checks on the left and a list of bugs on the right. The "Uses 'size = 0', '= nil', or 'at: 1' instead of 'isEmpty', 'isNil', or 'first'" check is highlighted in yellow. A secondary window provides a detailed view of this error, showing a list of methods and the specific code snippet for the `isPlus` method.

**Code Critics: All checks on VB-Regex**

- Lint checks (96)
  - Transformations (19)
- Bugs (5)
  - Intention revealing (27)
  - Miscellaneous (24)
  - Possible bugs (17)
  - Unnecessary code (23)
- Assignment to same variable a
  - Doesn't use the result of a coll
  - Guarding clauses
  - Law of demeter (3)
  - Literal array contains only ch
  - Method defined in all subclass
  - Sends add/remove: to external
  - Unnecessary size check
  - Uses "size = 0", "= nil", or "at: 1"
  - Uses at:ifAbsent: instead of at:

**Uses "size = 0", "= nil", or "at: 1" instead of "isEmpty", "isNil", or "first"**

display result

```

RxmLink>>#terminateWith:
RxmLink>>#pointTailTo:
RxsPiece>>#isStar
RxsPiece>>#isPlus
RxMatchOptimizer>>#canStartMatch:in:
RxMatcher>>#markerPositionAt:maybe
RxMatcher>>#tryMatch
RxmBranch>>#terminateWith:
RxmBranch>>#pointTailTo:
RxParser class>>#compileRegex:into:
RxParser class>>#runRegexTestsForMa
    
```

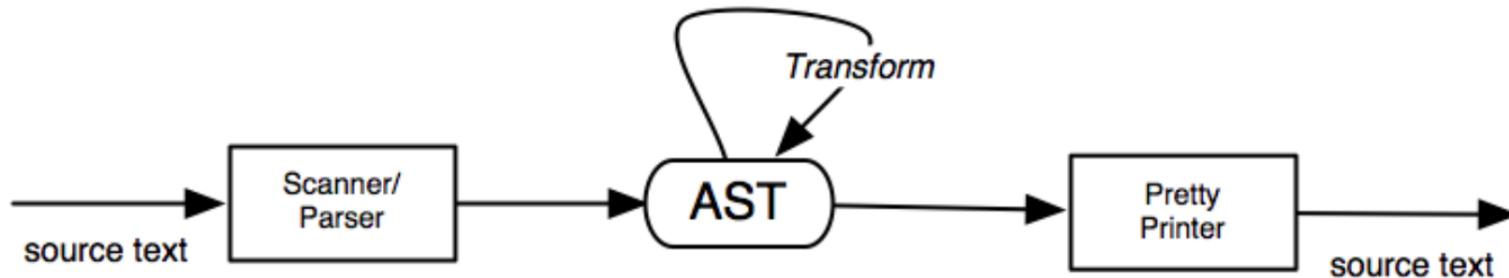
RxMatchOptimizer>>canStartMatch:in:  
 RxMatcher>>tryMatch  
 RxMatcher>>markerPositionAt:maybePut:  
 RxParser class>>runRegexTestsForMatcher:  
 RxParser class>>compileRegex:into:  
 RxmLink>>pointTailTo:  
 RxmLink>>terminateWith:  
     RxmBranch>>pointTailTo:  
     RxmBranch>>terminateWith:  
**RxsPiece>>isPlus**  
 RxsPiece>>isStar

RxsPiece # testing # 1 implementor # in no change set

browse hierarchy variables implementors inheritance senders versions view...

**isPlus**  
 +min = 1 and: [max == nil]

# Refactoring Engine – matching trees



NB: All metavariables start with `

Syntax	Type
`	recurse
@	list
.	statement
#	literal

<code>`@object halt</code>	recursively match send of halt
<code>`@.Statements</code>	match list of statements
<code>Class `@message: `@args</code>	match all sends to Class

# Rewrite rules

The screenshot shows the OB System Browser interface for the TransformationRule class. The left pane lists various packages, with Refactoring-Core-Lint selected. The middle pane shows the class hierarchy, with TransformationRule highlighted. The right pane shows a list of methods, with equalNil selected. Below the panes, a summary line reads: TransformationRule class ≠ transformations ≠ 1 implementor ≠ in no change set. A navigation bar contains buttons for browse, hierarchy, variables, implementors, inheritance, senders, versions, and view... The main content area displays the source code for the equalNil method:

```

equalNil
  ↗self
  rewrite: #(
    #('@object = nil'   "->" '@object isNil')
    #('@object == nil'  "->" '@object isNil')
    #('@object ~= nil'  "->" '@object notNil')
    #('@object ~ nil'   "->" '@object notNil'))
  methods: false
  name: '= nil -> isNil AND ~= nil -> notNil'
  
```

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Thanks to Lea Hänsenberger for the plugin code.



# A workbench action delegate

```
package astexampleplugin.actions;
...
import org.eclipse.ui.IWorkbenchWindowActionDelegate;

public class ChangeAction implements IWorkbenchWindowActionDelegate {
    ...
    public void run( IAction action ) {
        for ( ICompilationUnit cu : this.classes ) {
            try {
                ...
                parser.setSource( cu );
                ...
                CompilationUnit ast = (CompilationUnit)parser.createAST( null );
                ...
                StackVisitor visitor = new StackVisitor( ast.getAST() );
                ast.accept( visitor );
                ...
            } catch ...
        }
    }
    ...
}
```

*When the workbench action proxy is triggered by the user, it delegates to an instance of this class.*

[http://help.eclipse.org/ganymede/index.jsp?topic=/org.eclipse.jdt.doc.isv/guide/jdt\\_api\\_manip.htm](http://help.eclipse.org/ganymede/index.jsp?topic=/org.eclipse.jdt.doc.isv/guide/jdt_api_manip.htm)

# A field renaming visitor

```
package astexampleplugin.ast;
...
import org.eclipse.jdt.core.dom.ASTVisitor;

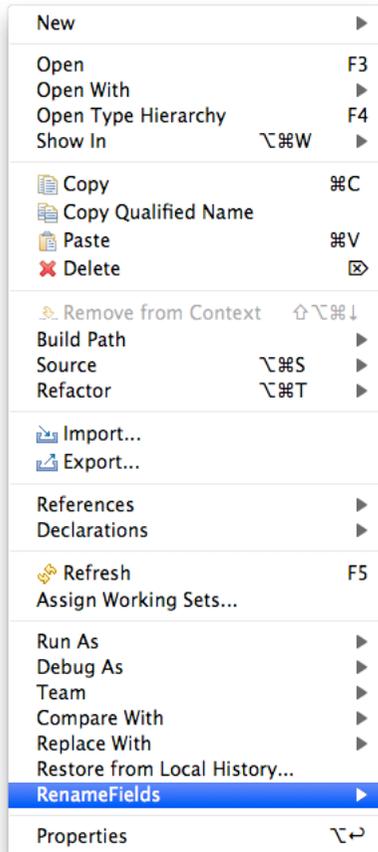
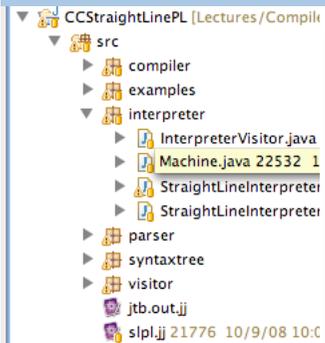
public class StackVisitor extends ASTVisitor {

    private static final String PREFIX = "_";
    ...
    public boolean visit(FieldDeclaration field){
        ...
    }

    public boolean visit(FieldAccess fieldAccess){
        String oldName = fieldAccess.getName().toString();
        String newName = this.fields.get( oldName );
        if(newName == null){
            newName = PREFIX + oldName;
            this.fields.put( oldName , newName );
        }
        fieldAccess.setName( this.ast.newSimpleName( newName ) );
        return true;
    }
}
```

The visitor simply implements the visit method for field declarations and accesses, and prepends an underscore.

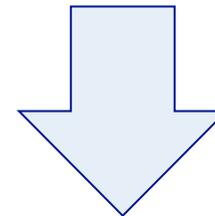
# Renaming fields



Rename

```
public class Machine {
    private Hashtable<String,Integer> store; // current this.values of variables
    private StringBuffer output; // print stream so far
    private int value; // result of current expression
    private Vector<Integer> vlist; // list of expressions computed

    public Machine() {
        this.store = new Hashtable<String,Integer>();
        this.output = new StringBuffer();
        this.setValue(0);
        this.vlist = new Vector<Integer>();
    }
}
```



```
public class Machine {
    private Hashtable<String,Integer> _store; // current this.values of variables
    private StringBuffer _output; // print stream so far
    private int _value; // result of current expression
    private Vector<Integer> _vlist; // list of expressions computed

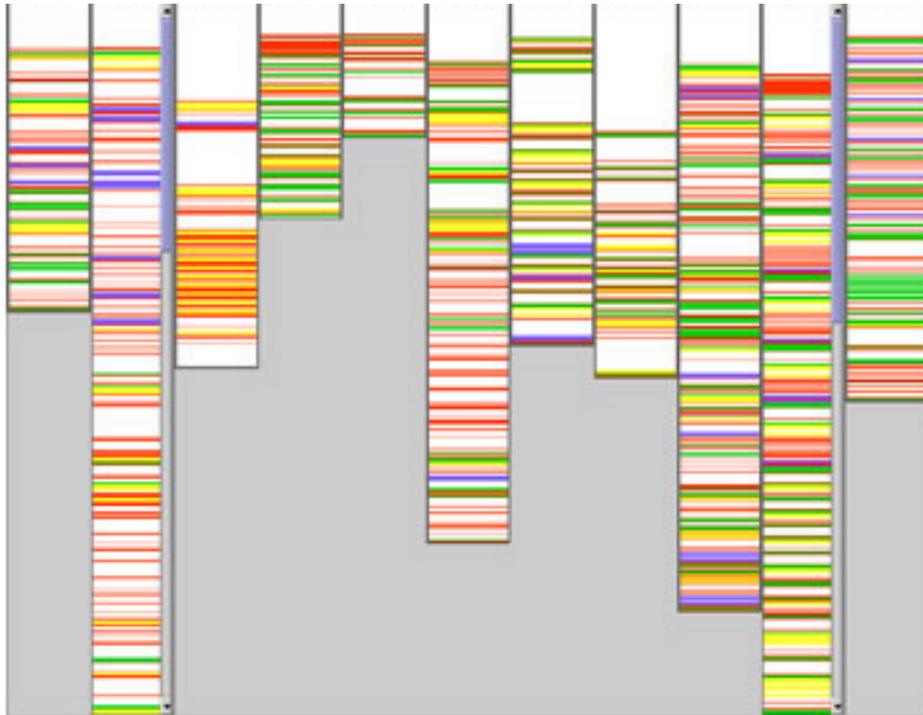
    public Machine() {
        this._store = new Hashtable<String,Integer>();
        this._output = new StringBuffer();
        this.setValue(0);
        this._vlist = new Vector<Integer>();
    }
}
```

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# Problem: cross-cutting concerns

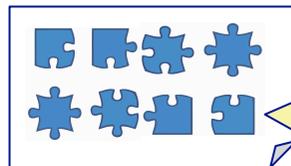


Certain features (like logging, persistence and security), cannot usually be encapsulated as classes. They cross-cut code of the system.

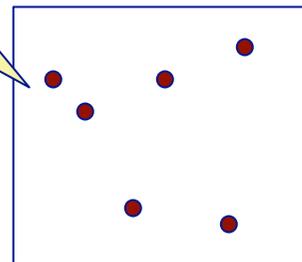
# Aspect-Oriented Programming

AOP improves modularity by supporting the separation of cross-cutting concerns.

An aspect packages cross-cutting concerns



A pointcut specifies a set of join points in the target system to be affected



Weaving is the process of applying the aspect to the target system

# Canonical example – logging

```
package tjp;

public class Demo {
    static Demo d;
    public static void main(String[] args){
        new Demo().go();
    }
    void go(){
        d = new Demo();
        d.foo(1,d);
        System.out.println(d.bar(new Integer(3)));
    }
    void foo(int i, Object o){
        System.out.println("Demo.foo(" + i + ", " + o + ")\n");
    }
    String bar (Integer j){
        System.out.println("Demo.bar(" + j + ")\n");
        return "Demo.bar(" + j + ")";
    }
}
```



```
Demo.foo(1, tjp.Demo@939b78e)
Demo.bar(3)
Demo.bar(3)
```

<http://www.eclipse.org/aspectj/downloads.php>

# A logging aspect

Intercept execution within control flow of `Demo.go()`

Identify all methods within `Demo`

```
aspect GetInfo {  
    pointcut goCut(): cflow(this(Demo) && execution(void go()));  
    pointcut demoExecs(): within(Demo) && execution(* *(..));  
  
    Object around(): demoExecs() && !execution(* go()) && goCut() {  
        ...  
    }  
  
    ...  
}
```

Wrap all methods except `Demo.go()`

# A logging aspect

```

aspect GetInfo {
  ...
  Object around(): demoExecs() && !execution(* go()) && goCut() {
    println("Intercepted message: " +
      thisJoinPointStaticPart.getSignature().getName());
    println("in class: " +
      thisJoinPointStaticPart.getSignature().getDeclaringClass().getName());
    printParameters(thisJoinPoint);
    println("Running original method");
    Object result = proceed();
    println("  result: " + result);
    return result;
  }
  ...
}

```

```

Intercepted message: foo
in class: tjp.Demo
Arguments:
  0. i : int = 1
  1. o : java.lang.Object = tjp.Demo@c0b76fa
Running original method:

Demo.foo(1, tjp.Demo@c0b76fa)
  result: null
Intercepted message: bar
in class: tjp.Demo
Arguments:
  0. j : java.lang.Integer = 3
Running original method:

Demo.bar(3)
  result: Demo.bar(3)
Demo.bar(3)

```

# Making classes visitable with aspects

```

public class SumVisitor implements Visitor
{
    int sum = 0;
    public void visit(Nil l) { }

    public void visit(Cons l) {
        sum = sum + l.head;
        l.tail.accept(this);
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List l = new Cons(5, new Cons(4,
            new Cons(3, new Nil())));
        SumVisitor sv = new SumVisitor();
        l.accept(sv);
        System.out.println("Sum = " + sv.sum);
    }
}

public interface Visitor {
    void visit(Nil l);
    void visit(Cons l);
}

```

*We want to write this*

```

public interface List {}
public class Nil implements List {}
public class Cons implements List {
    int head;
    List tail;
    Cons(int head, List tail) {
        this.head = head;
        this.tail = tail;
    }
}

```

*But we are stuck with this ...*

# AspectJ

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface. The main editor displays the following AspectJ code in `ajvisit/Visitable.aj`:

```
package ajvisit;

public aspect Visitable {

    public void List.accept(Visitor v) { }

    public void Nil.accept(Visitor v) {
        v.visit(this);
    }

    public void Cons.accept(Visitor v) {
        v.visit(this);
    }

}
```

The right-hand side of the IDE shows the 'Aspect Explorer' view, which displays the structure of the `Visitable` aspect:

- Visitable
  - List.accept(Visitor)
    - declared on
      - List
  - Nil.accept(Visitor)
    - declared on
      - Nil
  - Cons.accept(Visitor)
    - declared on
      - Cons

The bottom of the IDE shows the 'Console' view with the output: `<terminated> SumVisitor [Java Application] /System/Libra` and `Sum = 12`.

# With aspects, who needs visitors?

```
public class SumList {  
  public static void main(String[] args) {  
    List l = new Cons(5, new Cons(4, new Cons(3, new Nil())));  
    System.out.println("Sum = " + l.sum());  
  }  
}
```

*This would be even cleaner*

*The missing method  
is just an aspect*

```
public aspect Summable {  
  public int List.sum() {  
    return 0;  
  }  
  public int Nil.sum() {  
    return 0;  
  }  
  public int Cons.sum() {  
    return head + tail.sum();  
  }  
}
```

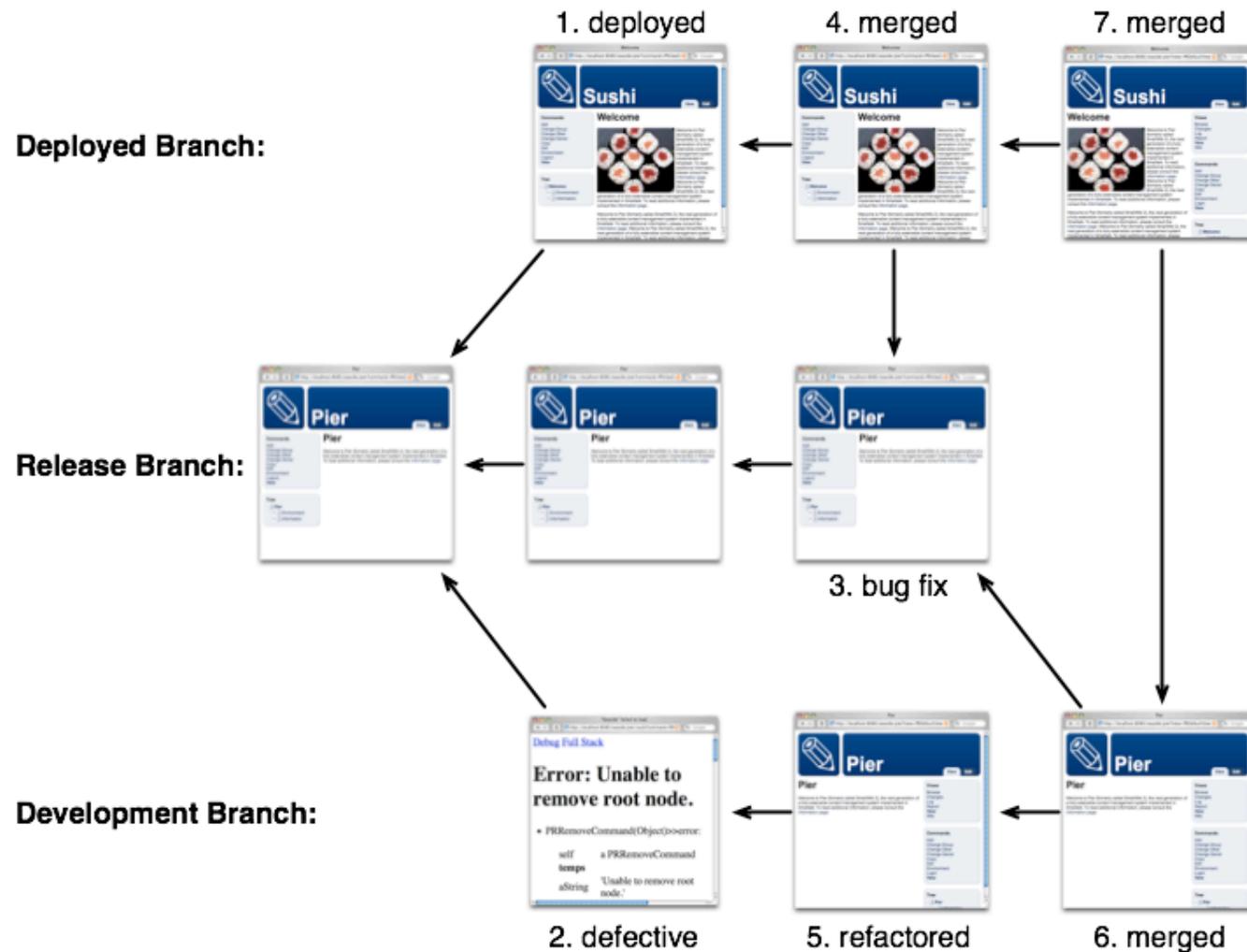
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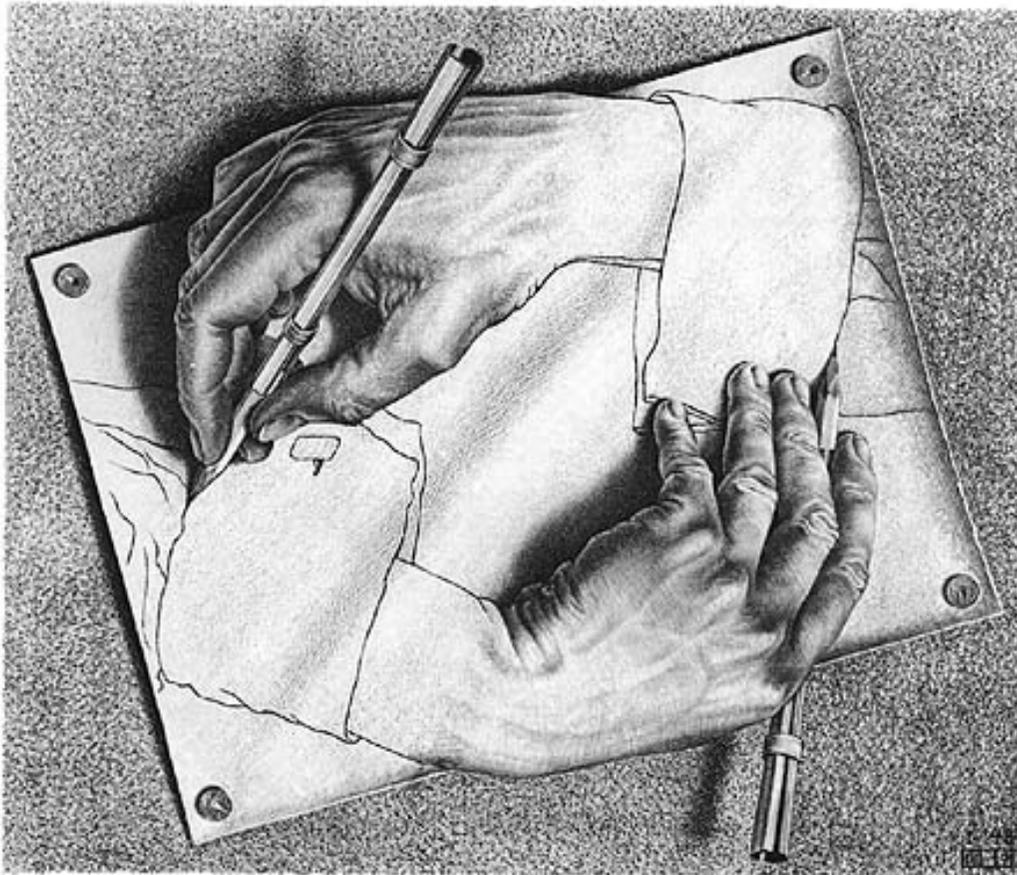




# Context-oriented programming with Changeboxes



# Model-centric development



*Directly manipulate  
models without  
passing through  
source code ...*

## ***What you should know!***

-  *What are typical program transformations?*
-  *What is the typical architecture of a PT system?*
-  *What is the role of term rewriting in PT systems?*
-  *How does TXL differ from Stratego/XT?*
-  *How does the Refactoring Engine use metavariables to encode rewrite rules?*
-  *Why can't aspects be encapsulated as classes?*
-  *What is the difference between a pointcut and a join point?*

## *Can you answer these questions?*

-  How does program transformation differ from metaprogramming?*
-  In what way is optimization a form of PT?*
-  What special care should be taken when pretty-printing a transformed program?*
-  How would you encode typical refactorings like “push method up” using a PT system like TXL?*
-  How could you use a PT system to implement AOP?*

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