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C11. Attribute Grammars

C11.1 Attribute grammars: DSL for Tree-oriented Programming

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- Where we use it, summary
- (optional) Case study, declaration and use of identifiers in programming language
- (optional) Demonstrate more implementation machinery, lazy scheduling & strict ordered evaluation

C11.2 Intuitive intro

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    , (Name→b)
    )

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```
calcsem :: Sem Int
calcsem =
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calc :: Exp→Int
calc = fold calcsem testenv
```

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```
data Exp
  = Con con : Int
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  | Mul lef : Exp rit : Exp
  | Var name : Name
```

Named fields

```
calcsem :: Sem (Env→Int)
  ( ...→n
  , λx y→λe→x e ... y e
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```
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```

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```
attr Exp inh env : Env
         syn val : Int

sem Exp | Mul lhs.val = @lef.val * @rit.val
              lef.env = @lhs.env
              rit.env = @lhs.env
```

C11.3 Getting acquainted with AG basics

Case study: from LaTeX-like document to Html

```
\section{Intro}
  \section{Section 1}
    \paragraph
      paragraph 1
    \end
    \paragraph
      paragraph 2
    \end \end
  \section{Section 2}
    \paragraph
      paragraph 1
    \end
    \paragraph
      paragraph 2
    \end
  \end \end
```

```
<h1>Intro</h1>
<h2>Section 1</h2>
<p>
  Paragraph 1
</p>
<p>
  Paragraph 2
</p>
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<p>
  Paragraph 1
</p>
<p>
  Paragraph 2
</p>
```

Final output

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1 Introduction

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The implications of cacheable configurations have been far-reaching and pervasive. Such a claim is mostly an unfortunate mission but has ample historical precedence. The basic tenet of this approach is the understanding of digital-to-analog converters. The notion that researchers interact with stable configurations is entirely significant. Thusly, the evaluation of the transistor and the improvement of digital-to-analog converters are usually at odds with the emulation of e-business.

Cyberneticists often enable symbiotic archetypes in the place of peer-to-peer symmetries. Furthermore, the disadvantage of this type of solution, however, is that superpages can be made adaptive, pervasive, and metamorphic. It should be noted that LitigableFilly may be able to be developed to deploy empathic communication. Our objective here is to set the record straight. Therefore, our method improves the analysis of I/O automata that would allow for further study into extreme programming, without controlling hierarchical databases.

LitigableFilly, our new approach for superpages, is the solution to all of these problems. To put this in perspective, consider the fact that much-touted cryptographers generally use context-free grammar to

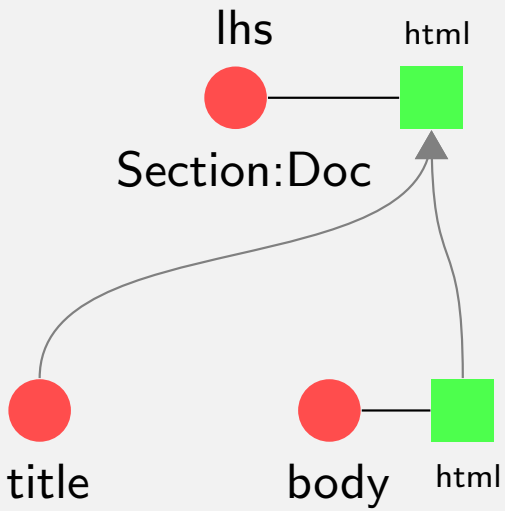
Core business of compiler construction

Tree-oriented programming: thinking in terms of trees

- Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) representation (obtained from parsing)
- Specify computations over an AST

Thinking in terms of trees + attributes

Case study AST example with computation of html translation:



Doc AST + *html* (synthesized) attribute

Concrete and Abstract syntax

From *Concrete syntax*:

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\mathit{Docs} & ::= & \mathit{Doc}\ * \\
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Via parsing to *Abstract syntax* in UUAGC notation:

$$
\begin{array}{llllll}
\textbf{data}\ \mathit{Doc} & \mid \mathit{Section} & \text{title} : \mathit{String} & \text{body} : \mathit{Docs} \\
 & \mid \mathit{Paragraph} & \text{text} : \mathit{String} & \\
\textbf{data}\ \mathit{Docs} & \mid \mathit{Cons} & \text{hd} : \mathit{Doc} & \text{tl} : \mathit{Docs} \\
 & \mid \mathit{Nil} & &
\end{array}
$$

- Docs and Doc are nonterminals
- $\mathit{Section}$ and $\mathit{Paragraph}$ label different productions
- title, body and string are names for children

An Attribute Grammar consists of:

- An underlying context free grammar, describing the structure of an Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)
  - (Non)terminals + productions
  - In Haskell: data types + constructors
- A description of which nonterminals have which attributes:
  - *Inherited* attributes, to pass info *downwards*
  - *Synthesized* attributes, to pass info *upwards*
- For *each production* a description how to compute the:
  - Inherited attributes of the nonterminals in the *right hand side*
  - The synthesized attributes of the nonterminal at the *left hand side*
- $\bigcup$ per production dataflow == global AST dataflow

Synthesized attributes

- Synthesized attribute *html*: synthesis of generated html

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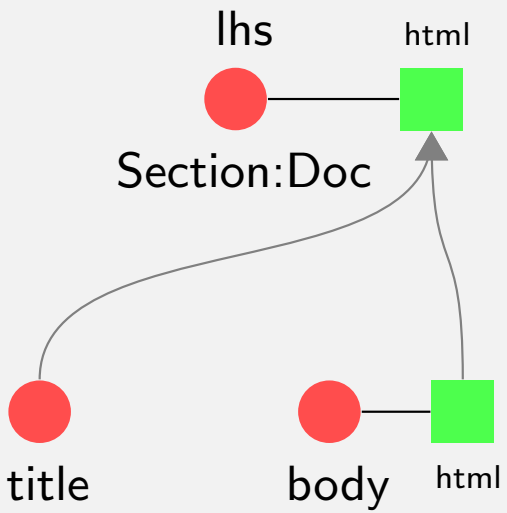
- We *must define* the synthesized attributes of the left hand side non-terminal **lhs** for all productions

Attribute definition for html

```
attr Doc syn html :: String
sem Doc
    | Section   lhs.html = "<b>" ++ @title ++ "</b>\n"
                         ++ @body.html
```



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attr Docs syn html :: String
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    | Cons    lhs.html = @hd.html ++ @tl.html
```

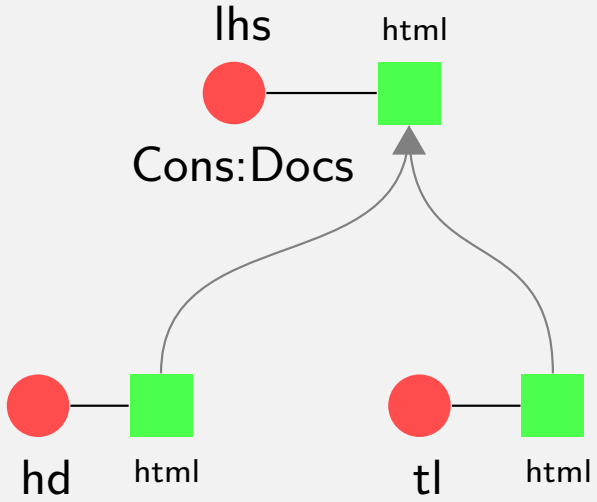

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Summary: html

```
data Doc  | Section   title : String   body : Docs
          | Paragraph text : String
data Docs | Cons      hd    : Doc      tl   : Docs
          | Nil

attr Doc Docs syn html :: String

sem Doc
  | Section    lhs.html = "<b>" ++ @title ++ "</b>\n"
                          ++ @body.html
  | Paragraph  lhs.html = "<p>" ++ @text ++ "</p>"

sem Docs
  | Cons       lhs.html = @hd.html ++ @tl.html
  | Nil        lhs.html = ""
```

Making an actual program of it

Provided example for the html compiler so far:

```
% make
uuagc -dcfsrv --haskellsyntax -o Html0HS.hs Html0HS.ag
ghc --make -o html Html0HS.hs
[1 of 1] Compiling Main ( Html0HS.hs, Html0HS.o )
Linking html ...
% ./html test0.doc test0.html
%
```

- AG is translated to Haskell
- Requires glue code + parsing

Making an actual program of it

Overall workflow

- Design the language, in particular its AST and its intended meaning/semantics
  - AG **data** definitions
- Design concrete syntax
  - Parser yielding AST
- Implement semantics
  - AG **attr** and **sem** definitions
- Build it
  - Compile AG to Haskell
  - Combine with Haskell gluecode & Haskell parser
  - Compile Haskell to executable

Structure of AG file

Haskell glue: scanning + parsing

```
{                          -- embedded in AG file using { ... }
scanBlock :: ... → String → [ Token ]
scanBlock = ...

pDocs :: Parser Token Docs
pDocs = pList pDoc

pDoc :: Parser Token Doc
pDoc = ... pKey "begin" ⟨*⟩ pString ⟨*⟩ pDocs ⟨* pKey "end"
       ⟨|⟩ ...
}
```

Structure of AG file

Haskell glue: toplevel invocation

```
{
main :: IO ()
main =  ...
        compile source dest
compile :: String→String→IO ()
compile source dest
   = do input ← readFile source
        let toks = scanBlock (initPos filename)
        sem ← parse ... pDocs
        let output = ... sem ...
        writeFile dest output
}
```

C11.4 Attribute Grammar programming

Inherited attributes: correct level of html header tags

Casus problem: correct level of html header tags

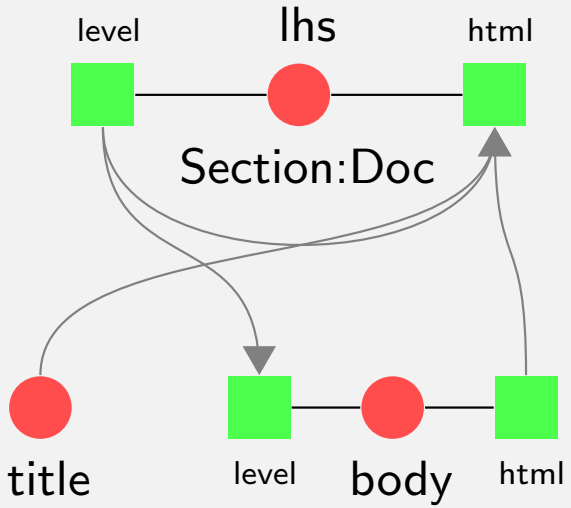
- *Inherited* attribute $level$, holding the nesting level of the headings:

  > **attr** Doc $Docs$ **inh** $level$: Int

- We *can refer to* the inherited attributes defined on the left-hand side
- We *must define* the inherited attributes of the children

Attribute definition: level

```
sem Doc
  | Section body.level = @lhs.level + 1
            lhs  .html = mk_tag ("h" ++ show @lhs.level)
                                "" @title
                         ++ @body.html
```



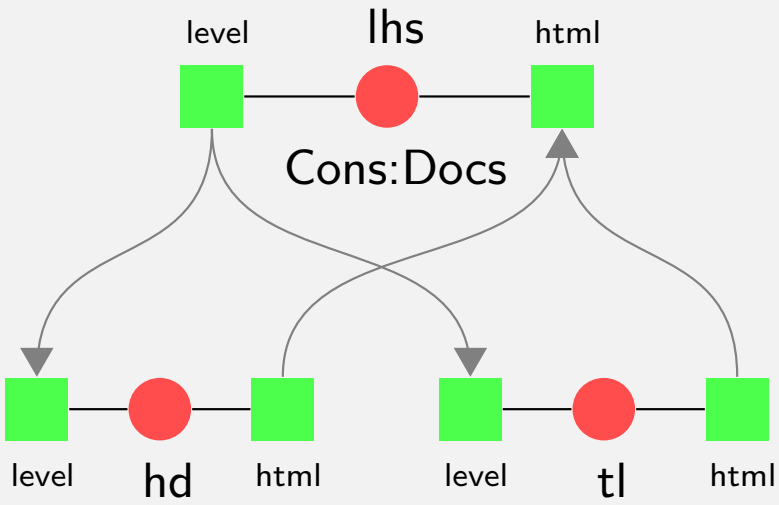
Auxiliary Haskell code

Additional Haskell code goes inside curly braces:

```
{
mk_tag tag attrs elem
    =    "<"  ++ tag ++ attrs ++ ">" ++ elem
      ++ "</" ++ tag            ++ ">"
}
```

Attribute definition: level

```
sem Docs
    | Cons hd.level = @lhs.level
           tl .level = @lhs.level
```



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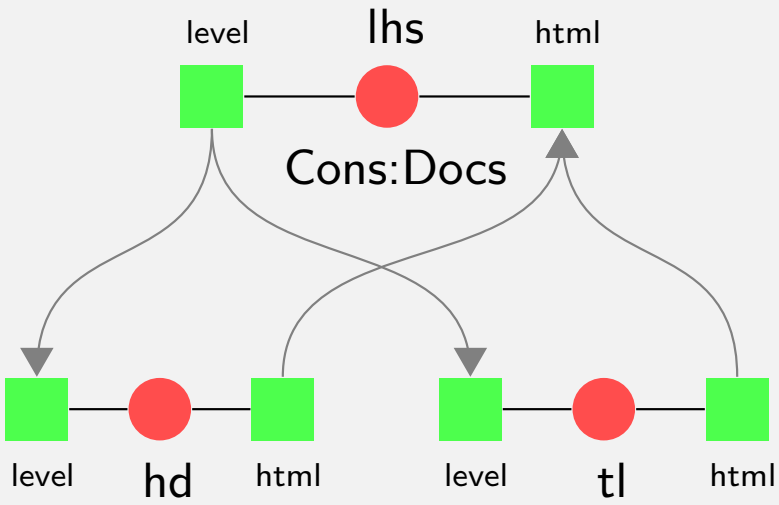

Do we really have to define these (boring) definitions ourselves?

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Default rules in case no explicit rules are given, for attributes with same name

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```

- Copy rules for *synthesized* attributes need to deal with multiple occurrences in children
  - Take the attribute value of the rightmost child which has an attribute with that name, or
  - Combine attribute values of children, or else
  - Take value of inherited attribute with the same name

Threaded (chained) attributes

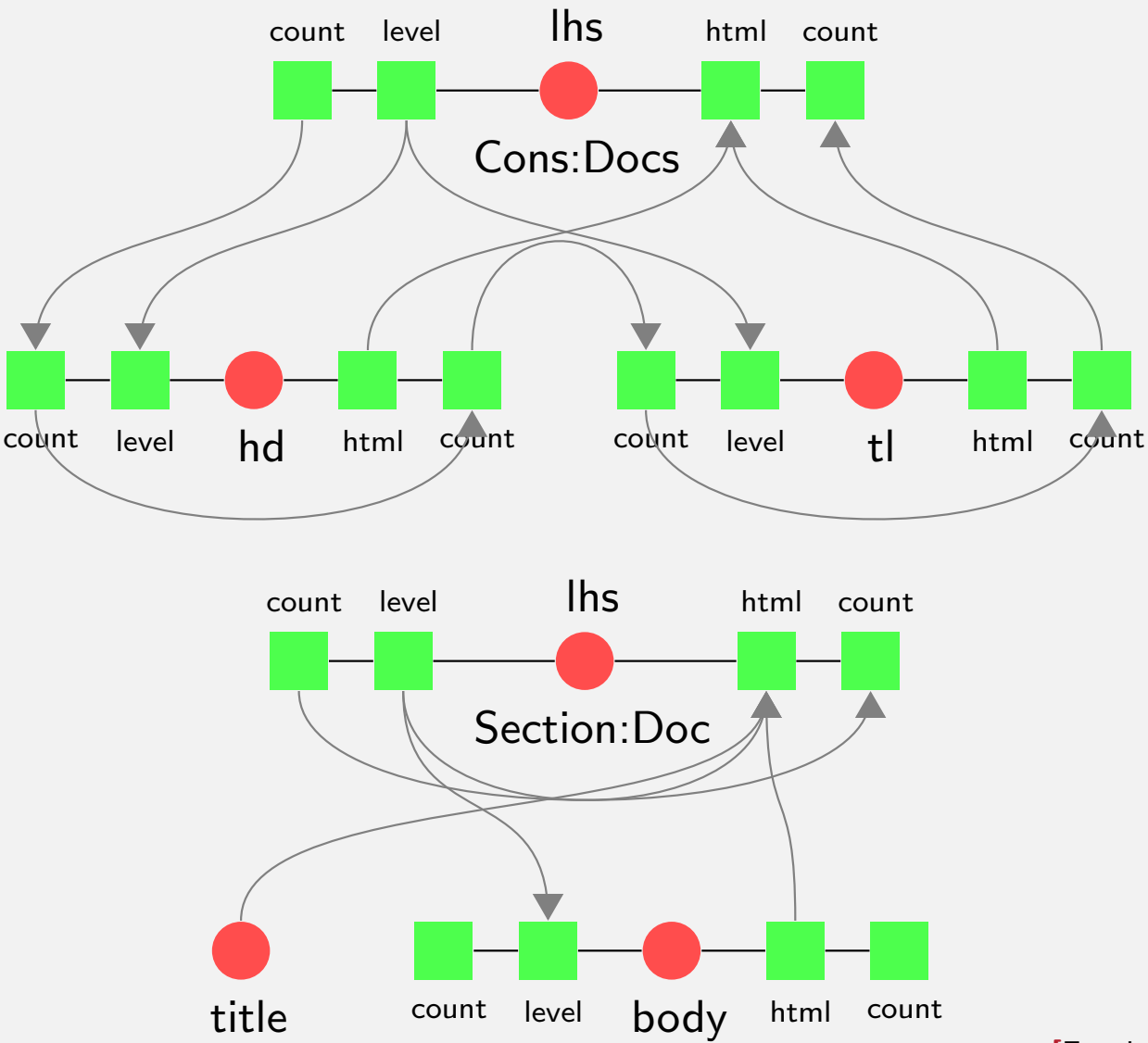
Casus problem:
section counting = section nesting + sections at same level

- Two inherited attributes:
  - The *context*, header text of outer sections
  - A *counter*, for keeping track of the number of current sibling position.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{attr}\ \mathit{Doc}\ \mathit{Docs} & \textbf{inh} & \mathit{context} : \mathit{String}, \mathit{count} : \mathit{Int} \\ & \textbf{syn} & \mathit{count} : \mathit{Int} \end{array}$$

- *Doc* may or may not increment *count*, hence need to pass it on to next *Doc*

Attribute definition: count



Attribute definition: count, context

```
sem Doc | Section
   body.count   = 1
   lhs  .count  = @lhs.count + 1
   loc  .prefix = @lhs.context
                  ++ (if null @lhs.context then "" else ".")
                  ++ show @lhs.count
   body.context = @loc.prefix
   loc  .html   = mk_tag ("h" ++ show @lhs.level) ""
                         (@loc.prefix ++ "  " ++ @title)
                  ++ @body.html
```

- **loc** attribute: local to production, for sharing

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                  ++ show @lhs.count
   body.context = @loc.prefix
   loc  .html   = mk_tag ("h" ++ show @lhs.level) ""
                         (@loc.prefix ++ "  " ++ @title)
                  ++ @body.html
```

- **loc** attribute: local to production, for sharing
- Where is the definition for **lhs**.*html*?

AG Extensibility: table of contents (TOC)

To an existing AG we may add

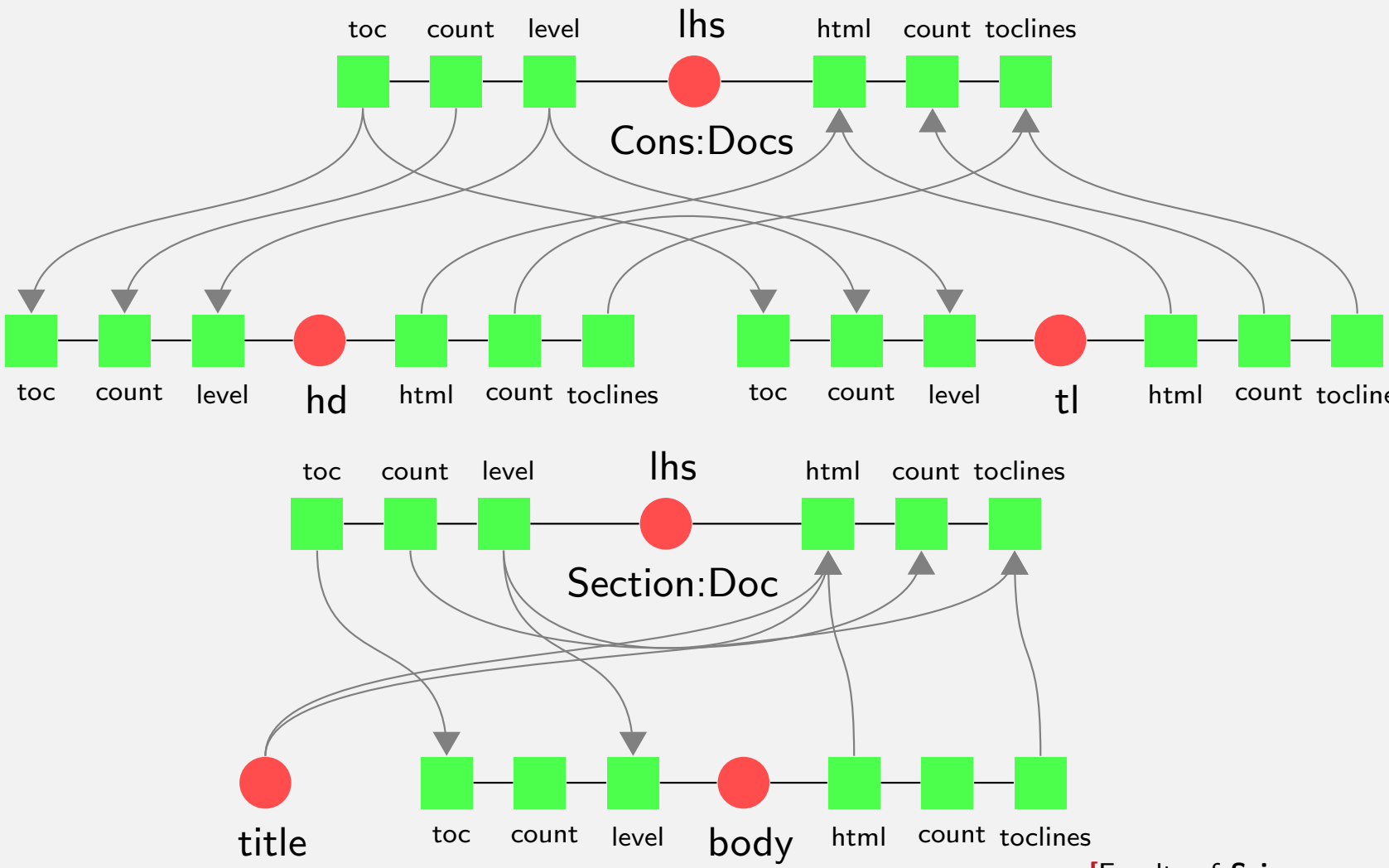
- Extra attributes (already seen)
- Extra productions

Casus problem: table of contents (TOC), to be placed as specified by input text

- Gather the TOC lines: synthesized *toclines*
- Distribute the TOC to where it is used: inherited *toc*

```
data Doc
   | Toc
attr Doc Docs inh toc                          : String
                 syn toclines use {++} {""} : String
```

Attribute definition: toclines, toc



Top of AST

Additional toplevel wrapping:

```
data Root | Root    body :: Docs
```

Allows toplevel initialization

Setting up initial values at the *Root* of the AST

```
sem Root
    | Root doc.toc      = @doc.toclines
           .level       = 1
           .context     = ""
           .count       = 1
```

Attribute definition: toclines, toc

```
sem Doc
  | Section
      lhs.toclines
                = (   mk_tag "li" "" $
                      mk_tag ("a")
                        (" href=#" ++ @loc.prefix)
                        (@loc.prefix ++ "  "
                          ++ @title))
                  ++ mk_tag "ul" ""@body.toclines
      lhs.html = mk_tag "a" (" name=" ++ @loc.prefix) ""
                  ++ @loc.html
  | Toc  lhs.html = @lhs.toc
sem Root
  | Root doc.toc   = @doc.toclines
```

Monad view

- Note that the *toclines* attribute can be seen as being computed by something like an mdo.
- Part of the computed result is passed back into the computation
- This works because we have lazy evaluation
- But in the case of monads we have to make this feedback explicit.

We see that many monadic patterns come back as an attribute grammar pattern.

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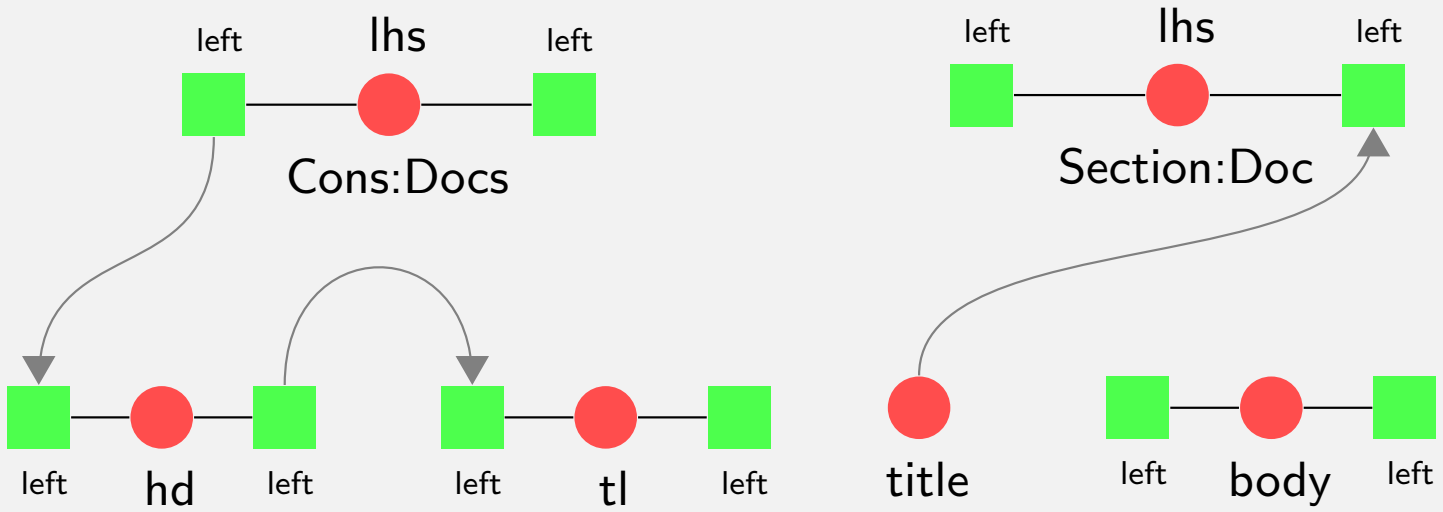
- Multipass: multiple gather + distribute, e.g.
  - first pass: *context* (distribute) + *toclines* (gather)
  - second pass: *toc* (distribute)

Backward flow of data

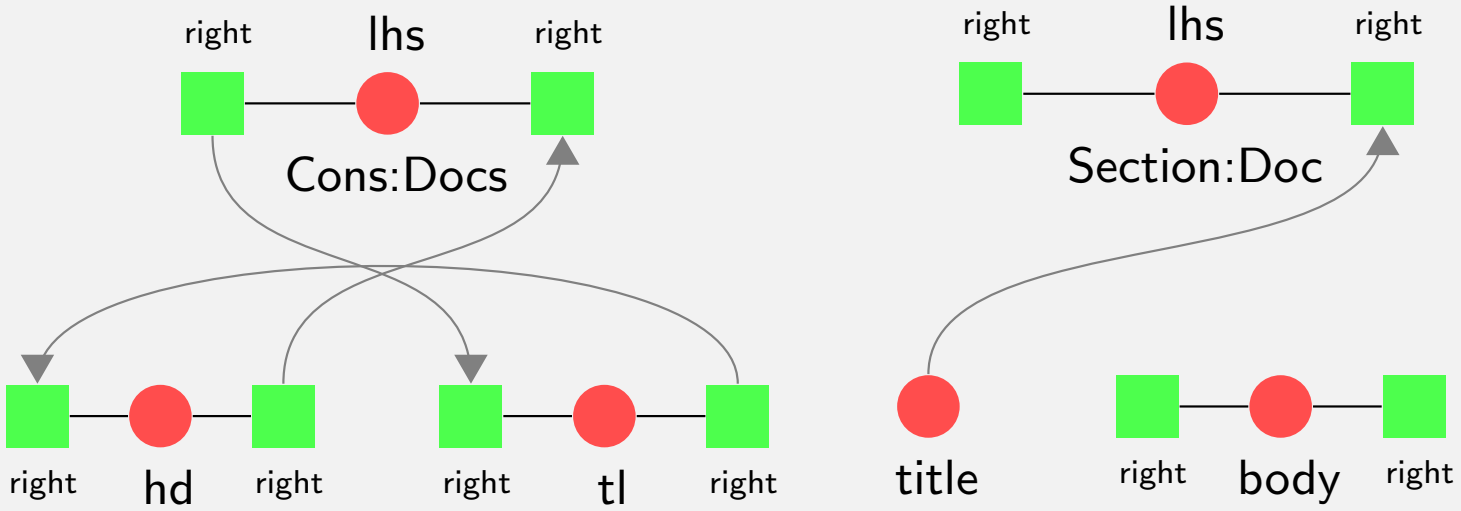
Casus problem: navigation links

- We want to be able to jump to the section to the *left* and the *right* of the current section
- Two attributes for passing this information around
  - *left*: 'at the left side' info
  - *right*: 'at the right side' info

Attribute definition: left



Attribute definition: right




```
sem Docs | Cons
   hd  .right = @tl.right
   tl  .right = @lhs.right
   lhs.right = @hd.right
```

```
sem Doc | Section
   lhs  .right = @title
   body.right = ""
```

Monad view?

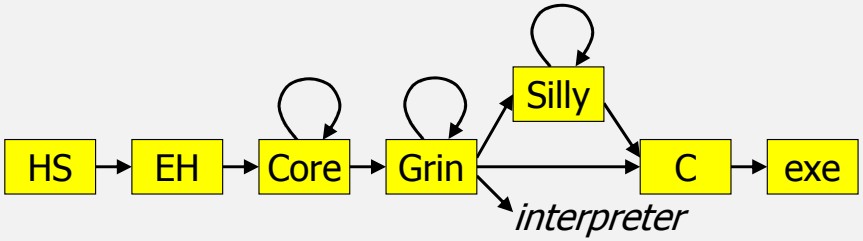
- Note that the *right* attribute can be seen as being computed by an reversed State computation
- This is not how most people see a State monad
- Formulation is counter-intuitive

We see that attribute grammar patterns go beyond what we normally do with monads.

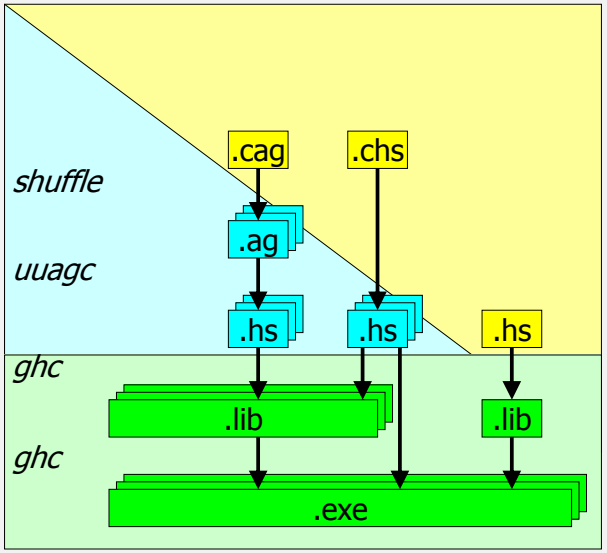
C11.5 AG in practice

Use of UUAG in practice

- For the AG tree pictures in these slides
- For UHC
  - Transformations in UHC pipeline



  - As part of UHC infrastructure



Recap

- Attribute grammars are your best friend if you want to implement a language
- Attributes may even depend on themselves if you are building on a lazy language
- Even thinking in terms of attribute grammars may help you

- `http://www.cs.uu.nl/wiki/HUT/WebHome`

- Used extensively in the Utrecht Haskell Compiler (UHC)
- `http://www.cs.uu.nl/wiki/UHC`

C11.6 Case Study: Block language

Block: declaring and using identifiers

Example

```
[use x; use y;          -- outer block
 decl x;                -- decl after use allowed
 [decl y;               -- shadow in inner block
  use y; use w;         -- use this and outer level
  decl w;
  use x; use z
 ];
 decl y;
 decl z;
 use z
]
```

Either error messages or ‘code’ generation

Block: declaring and using identifiers

Example 'code' generation

```
Enter 1 3    -- enter level 1, alloc for 3 idents
Ref (1,0)    -- x
Ref (1,1)    -- y
Enter 2 2
Ref (2,0)    -- inner y
Ref (2,1)
Ref (1,0)    -- outer x
Ref (1,2)
Leave 2      -- leave block
Ref (1,2)
Leave 1
```

Refer to identifier by (level, displacement)

Block: declaring and using identifiers

Example with missing & double declaration

```
[use x; use y; decl x;
 [decl y;
  use y;
  use w       -- !!
 ];
 decl y;
 decl x       -- !!
]
```

Block: declaring and using identifiers

Example error output, combining pretty printed source text with error messages:

```
Errors:
  -- w not declared
  -- x already declared
in:
  [ use x
  ; use y
  ; decl x
  ; [ decl y
    ; use y
    ; use w -- w not declared
    ]
  ; decl y
  ; decl x -- x already declared
  ]
```

Block: declaring and using identifiers

Issues

- Use before declaration requires ‘multipass’
- Local multipass is natural for each nesting of a block

Block: declaring and using identifiers

AST

```
data Root | Root    prog :: Stat
type Stats = [Stat]
data Stat
    | Decl     name :: {String}
    | Use      name :: {String}
    | Block    stats :: Stats
```

Block: declaring and using identifiers

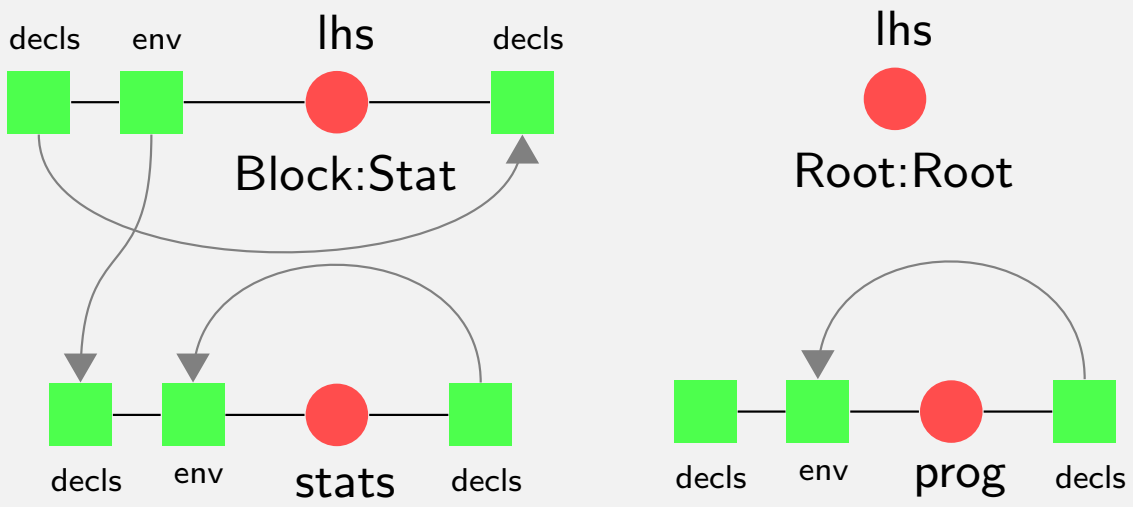
Auxiliary datastructures

```
type Ref      = (Int, Int)      -- (level, displacement)
type Env      = [[String]]      -- stack of idents
type Errs     = [String]        -- errors

initEnv       = [[]]            -- empty env
enter         = ([]:)           -- enter new block
add n (h : t) = (h ++ [n]) : t  -- add decl
level e       = length e - 1

lkup :: String->Env->Maybe Ref
lkup _ []     = Nothing
lkup n e@(h : t) = maybe (lkup n t) (\dis->Just (level e, dis))
                         (elemIndex n h)
```

Position in *Env* encodes level + displacement

Block: declaring and using identifiers

Dealing with declarations: multipass



- Gather declarations in $decls :: Env$, then
- Distribute declaration info in $env :: Env$

Block: declaring and using identifiers

Multipass declaration gather & distribute

```
attr Stat Stats chn  decls :: Env
                inh  env   :: Env

sem Stat
    | Block stats.decls = enter @lhs.env
                .env    = @stats.decls
            lhs  .decls = @lhs.decls

sem Root
    | Root  prog.decls = initEnv
                .env   = @prog.decls
```

The rest is rather straightforward

Block: declaring and using identifiers

Declaration

```
sem Stat
    | Decl lhs.decls = add @name @lhs.decls
```

Block: declaring and using identifiers

Checking for errors

```
attr Stat Stats Root syn errs use {++} {[]} :: Errs
sem Stat
  | Use    (loc.ref, loc.errs) =
      case lkup @name @lhs.env of
        Nothing→((−1, −1), [@name ++ " not declared"])
        Just ref →(ref, [])
  | Decl   loc.errs            =
      case lkup @name @lhs.decls of
        Just (lev, _) | lev == level @lhs.decls
          →[@name ++ " already declared"]
        _ →[]
```

Block: lazy multipass behavior

Default AG code generation to Haskell

```
type T_Stat  = Env→Env→(Env, Errs)
type T_Stats = T_Stat

sem_Stat_Block :: T_Stats→T_Stat
sem_Stat_Block stats_ =
   (λ_lhsIdecls _lhsIenv→
      (let (_statsIdecls, _statsIerrs) =        -- cyclic!
             stats_ _lhsIenv _statsIdecls
       in  (_lhsIdecls, _statsIerrs)))
```

Multipass behavior hidden inside lazy scheduling

Block: strict multipass behavior

uuagc -O orders (and strictifies) attribute evaluation

```
type T_Stat   = Env→(Env, T_Stat_1) -- pass1 returns pass2
type T_Stat_1 = Env→(Errs)          -- pass2
sem_Stat_Block :: T_Stats→T_Stat
sem_Stat_Block stats_ =
  (λ_lhsIdecls→
    let sem_Stat_Block_1 :: T_Stat_1
        sem_Stat_Block_1 =
          (λ_lhsIenv→
            (case stats_ (enter _lhsIenv) of -- nested multipass
              {(_statsIdecls, stats_1)→      -- not cyclic!
                  stats_1 _statsIdecls}))
    in  (_lhsIdecls, sem_Stat_Block_1))
```

Block: declaring and using identifiers

Auxiliary datastructures for code generation

```
data Instr
   = Enter Int Int -- enter new block; level and nr of idents alloc
   | Leave Int     -- exit block; with level
   | Ref   Ref     -- refer to (level,disp)
type Code = [Instr]
```

Env utilities

```
top :: Env→[String]
top = head
```

Block: declaring and using identifiers

AG for code generation

```
attr Stat Stats Root syn code use {++} {[]} :: Code
sem Stat
  | Use    lhs.code = [Ref @ref]
  | Block  loc.level = level @stats.decls
                .alloc = length $ top @stats.decls
           lhs.code = [Enter @level @alloc] ++
                      @stats.code ++
                      [Leave @level]
```

Including error messages in pretty printed output

- In the example we have shown the list of error messages, and then the pretty printed output.
- Note that changing this to include the error messages in the pretty printing is trivial
- Since some error messages show up the first traversal of the block and some in the second this becomes a nightmare when having to program this explicitly!