



## COMPILER CONSTRUCTION:

### CC 3-3: SYMBOL TABLES

MODULE 8: PROGRAMMING PARADIGMS

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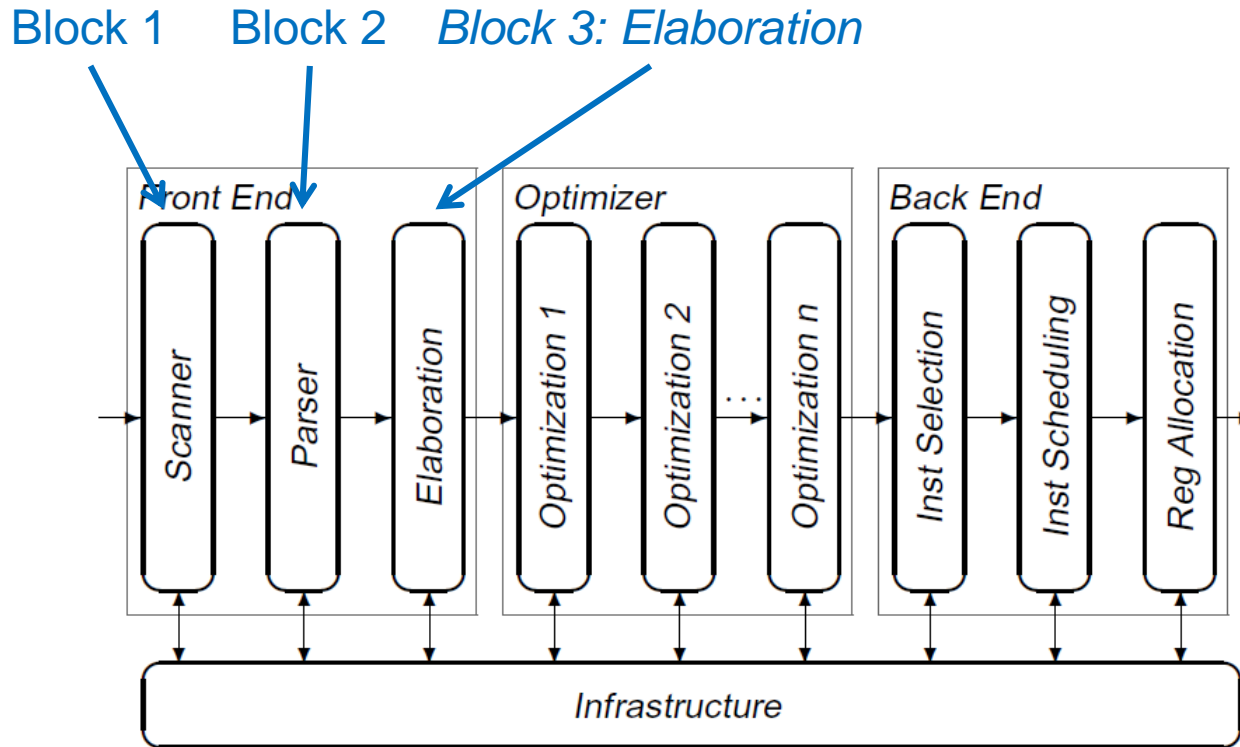


# CC TAKE-HOME 1 INCOMING

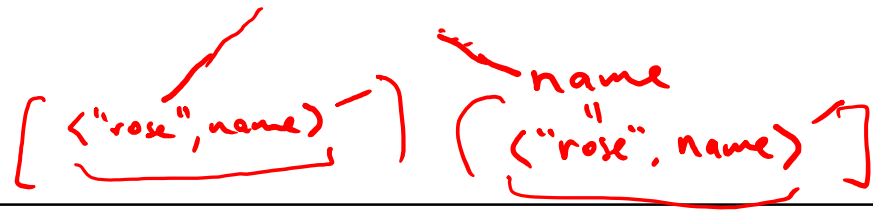
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- Expected release: tonight
- Deadline: Friday, May 24, 23:59 CEST
  - two weeks from today
- Remember: this is an individual test!
  - Plagiarists hunted down and removed from course...

# WHERE ARE WE?



# WHAT'S IN A NAME?



- ... that which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet  
(*Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet*)
  - But only if that (other) name has been properly declared!
  - This is now (better?) known as the principle of *alphaconversion*
- **Scope** of a name (variable, method, class, ...)
  - That portion of the program/parse tree where the name is known
  - Explicitly (syntactically) delimited, typically by block structure
  - All occurrences of a name in the same scope refer to the same item
    - In many languages, names are explicitly declared
  - Uses are bound together (and to declaration) during elaboration phase
- **Alphaconversion**: within scope, names can be replaced by others
  - Without affecting the meaning of the program
  - If the new names do not already exist in that scope
  - This is a well-known refactoring step
- Mechanism for keeping track of scopes: *Symbol table*

# EXAMPLE PROGRAM (EC FIG 5.10)

```

class Bla {
  static int w;
  int x;
  void example(int a, int b) {
    int c;
    {
      int b, z;
      ...
    }
    {
      int a, x;
      ...
      {
        int c, x;
        ...
        b = a + c + x + w;
      }
    }
  }
}
  
```

Scope Level	Declared Names
0	w, <del>x</del> , example
1	a, <del>b</del> , c
2a	<del>b</del> , z
2b	a, <del>x</del>
3	c, <del>x</del>

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Connecting *uses* to *declarations*

- E.g., for type checking

# OTHER CASES OF SCOPING

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```
int example1() {  
    int j = 5;  
    for(int i = 0; i <= 5; ++i) {  
        j += i;  
    }  
    return j + i;  
}
```

*error*

# OTHER CASES OF SCOPING

```

int example1() {
  int i = 5; error
  for(int i = 0; i <= 5; ++i) {
    System.out.println(i);
  }
  return i;
}

```

```

class ClassA {
  ClassA ClassA() {
    return new ClassA();
  }
  void test() {
    var a = ClassA(); ←
  }
}
ClassAow

```

```

void example2() {
  int a = 2;
  int b = a;
  int c = d; error
  int d = 5;
}

```

```

int funA(int a) {
  if(a == 0) return 0;
  else return 1 + funB(a + 1);
}
int funB(int a) {
  return funA(a - 2);
}

```

*mutual recursion*

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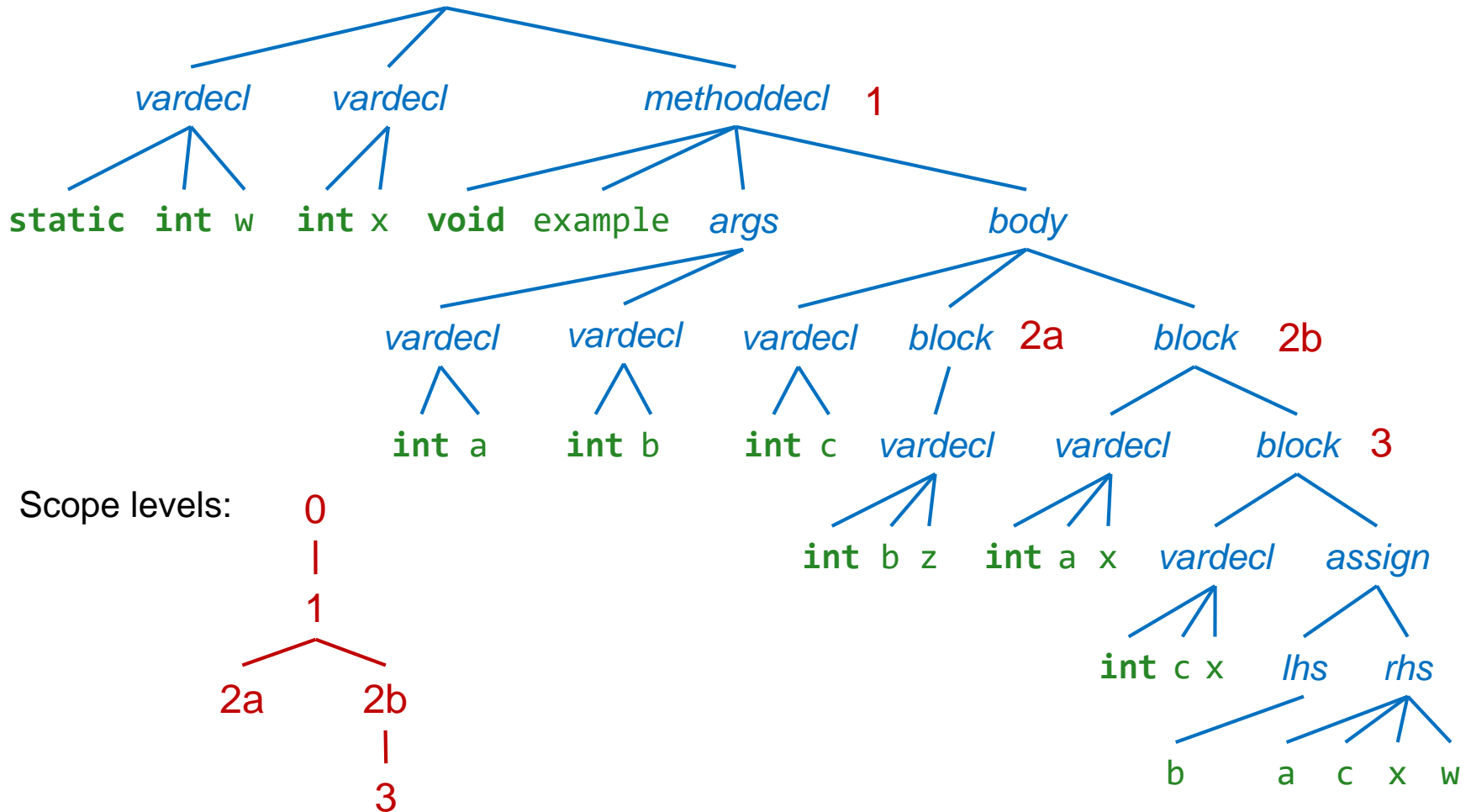
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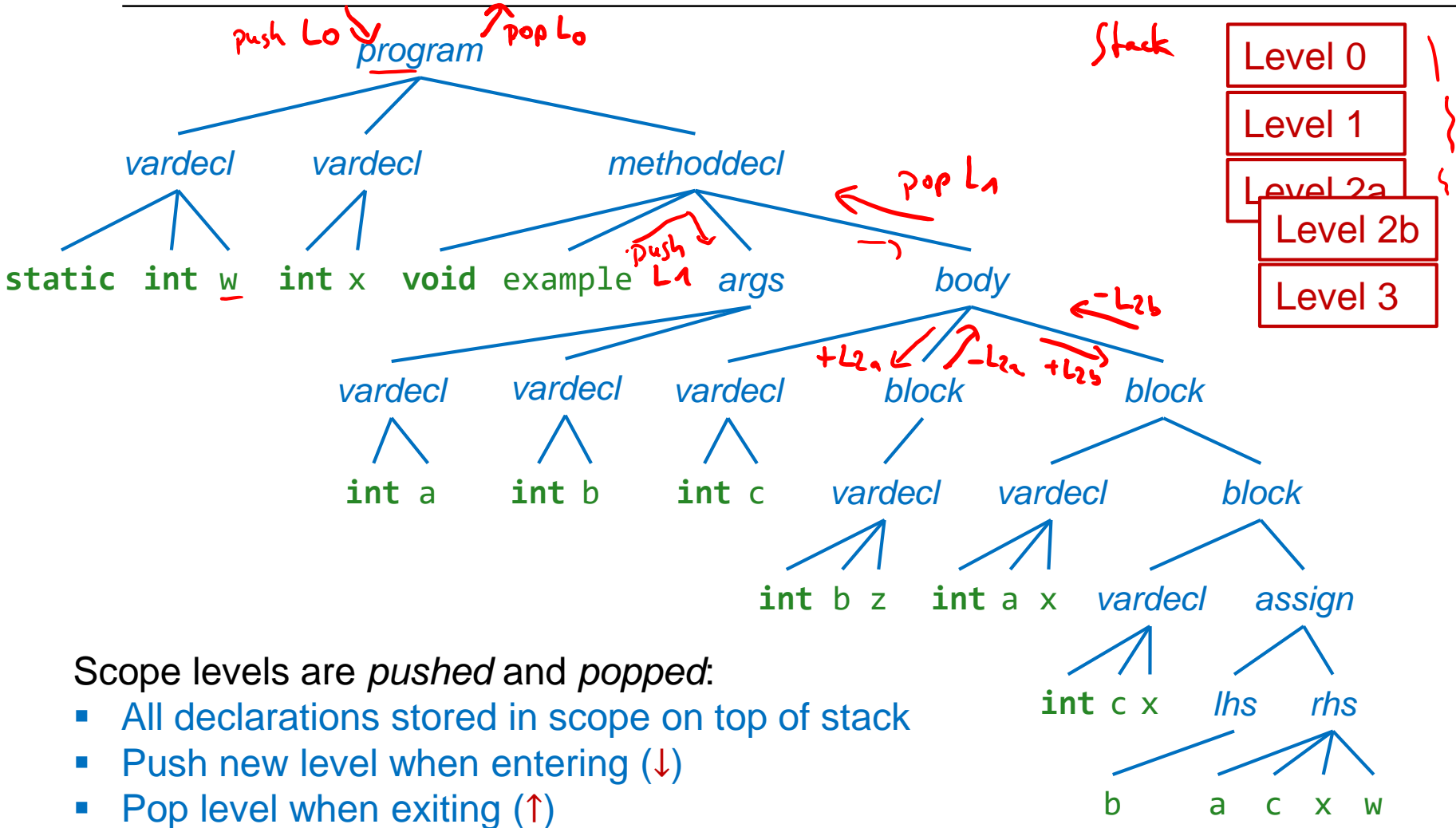
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# SCOPE STRUCTURE FOLLOWS PARSE TREE STRUCTURE

Stripped parse tree: *program* Level 0



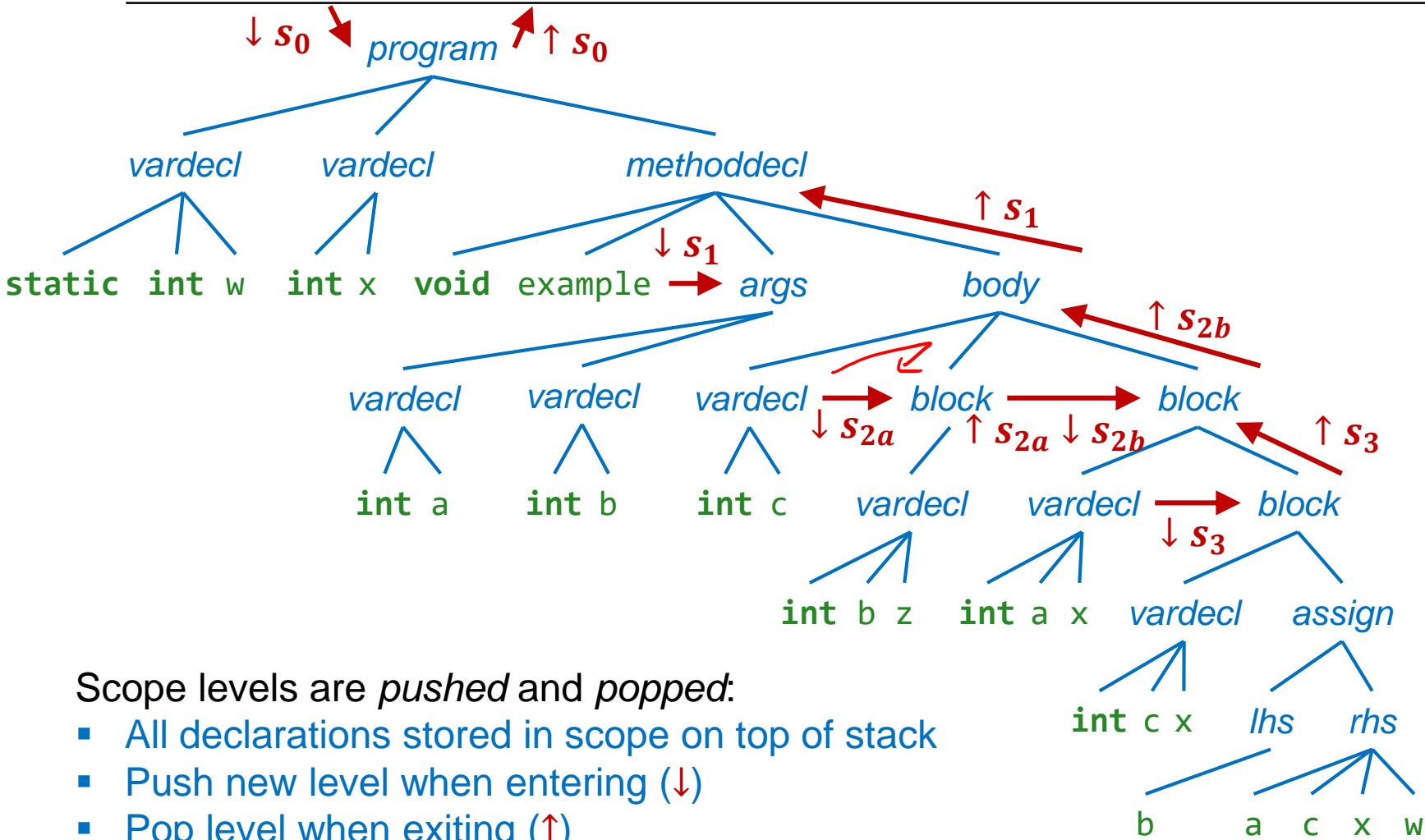
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- Pop level when exiting ( $\uparrow$ )
- Can be programmed in tree listener

$a + f(b, c)$

## SYMBOL TABLE

What to store for an ID?

- Depends on kind of ID
- E.g., type of variable or signature of method
- Possibility: *parse tree node that declares ID*

```
public interface SymbolTable<R> {  
    /** Adds (pushes) a next scope level. */  
    public void openScope();  
    /** Removes (pops) the top scope level. */  
    public void closeScope();  
    /** Declares a given ID in the top scope. */  
    public boolean put(String id, R rec);  
    /** Looks up the declaration of a given ID. */  
    public R get(String id);  
}
```

EC: InitializeScope

EC: FinalizeScope

What is the lookup strategy?

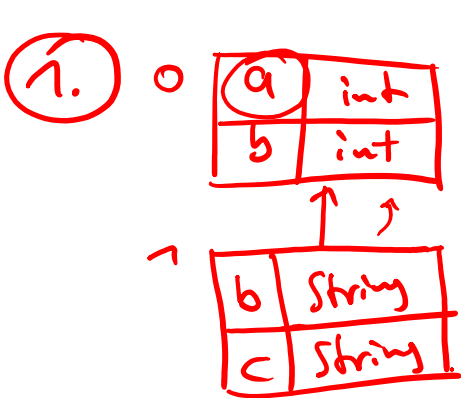
- Go through scopes from top to bottom
- Return record for first (= topmost) occurrence

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- Stack of Map<String,R>
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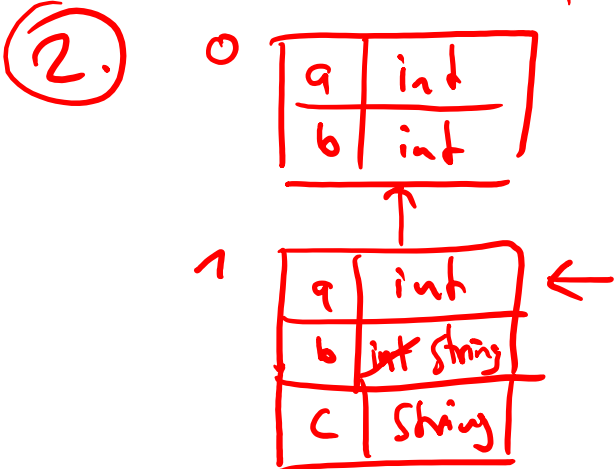
```

0 {
  int a, b;
  {
    String b, c;
    c = b + a;
  }
}
    
```



openScope  
get

$O(1)$   
 $O(\text{depth})$



$O(\# \text{ variables})$   
 $O(1)$

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  - Optimal strategy depends on language
    - E.g., no deeply nested scopes: lookup complexity low
- Information lost when scope is closed (i.e., stack is popped)
  - What if we need it again in later compilation phase?
  - Solution: store  $R_{\text{name}}$  as attribute (`ParseTreeProperty`) for every use of name

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