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Recap of Previous Lecture

Data-directed design

- Start with data definition
 - Specifies structure of data
- Derive function template from data definition
 - Model for any function that can be performed on data
 - Use generic name (e.g., f) for function
- Create *template instantiation* for a specific function and primary argument
 - Use specific name (e.g., big-class?) for function
 - Define separate auxiliary functions for other arguments if needed
- Develop code based on template instantiation



Example of Data-Directed Design

Data definition

```
;; A natural-number (n for short) is either 0,
;; or (add1 n), where n is a natural-number
```

Function template

Example of Data-Directed Design (contd)

Template instantiation

Code

```
(define (right-add m n)
  (cond[(zero? n) m]
  [(positive? n) (add1 (right-add m (sub1 n)))]))
```



Today's Goals

- Loose Ends
 - Catching mistakes and raising errors
 - and & or operations
- Trees
 - Significantly more expressive type
 - · "Lists with many tails"
- Examples:
 - Family tree
 - Binary search tree



Using and & or

Scheme and abbreviates a conditional and takes an arbitrary number of arguments (our student dialects require at least 2) (and arg1 ... argn) abbreviates (cond [(not arg1) false] ... [else argn])

Hence,
(and true true false true (zero? (/ 2 0)) ...)

=> false

- This behavior is called "short-circuit" or "non-strict" semantics for and
- What does or do? It is the "dual" of and.

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and & or cont.

- What are the reduction rules (laws) for and?
 - (and false ... argn) => false
 - . (and true arg2 ... argn) => (and arg2 ... argn)
 - (and v) => v
- What are the reduction rules (laws) for or?
 - (or true ... argn) => true
 - (or false arg2 ... argn) => (or arg2 ... argn)
 - (or v) => v



Error Reporting

• To report an error in Scheme invoke:

```
(error msg v1 ... vn) where msg is a string enclosed in quotation marks and v1, ..., vn are arbitrary Scheme values.
```

Semantics: the entire computation is aborted and an error message consisting of msg v1 ... vn is printed.

• Example:



Error Reporting (contd)

- Questions:
 - Is error reporting a good idea.
 - Should error behavior be documented?
- Answers to questions are surprising subtle and lacking in consensus. In the case above, it is probably a good idea but it is often not done because it clutters the code and the error is caught anyway with a slightly less informative diagnostic. (DrScheme libraries do perform such checks.
- Error checking should not be included in a contract (purpose) unless the client code can depend on it and use it (by "catching" the error). We will cover error catching in Java.



Reductions for Errors

• First, note how errors work for functions you already know. In any context, erroneous primitive function applications like (/ 1 0) abort the computation and return an error *at the top level*:

```
(/ 1 0) => /: divide by zero at top level. This is unique among our rules.
```

• The error construct gives program text access to this mechanism. In any context

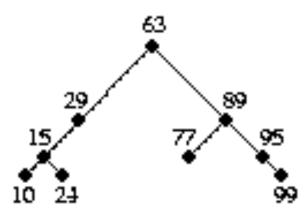
```
(error 'append "first argument not a list") =>
append: first argument not a list [at top level]
```

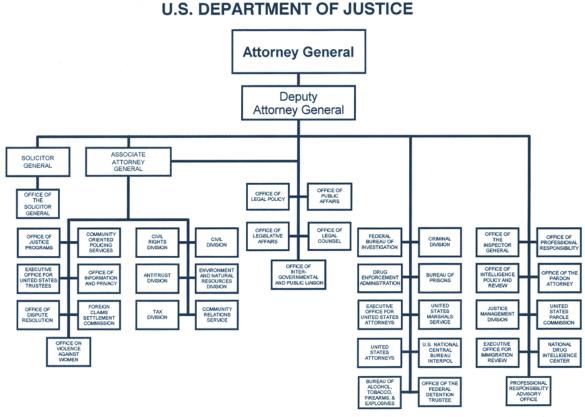
• Use errors **only** as required by the problem or recipe



Another Inductive Type: Trees (Structures in Structures)

- Labeled trees
- Organizational charts
- Decision trees
- Search trees and many more!











From Lists to Trees

Example of a List Data Definition

```
; A list-of-symbols is
; empty, or
; (cons s los)
; where s is a symbol and los is a list-of-symbols
```

A list has one embedded structure (rest)

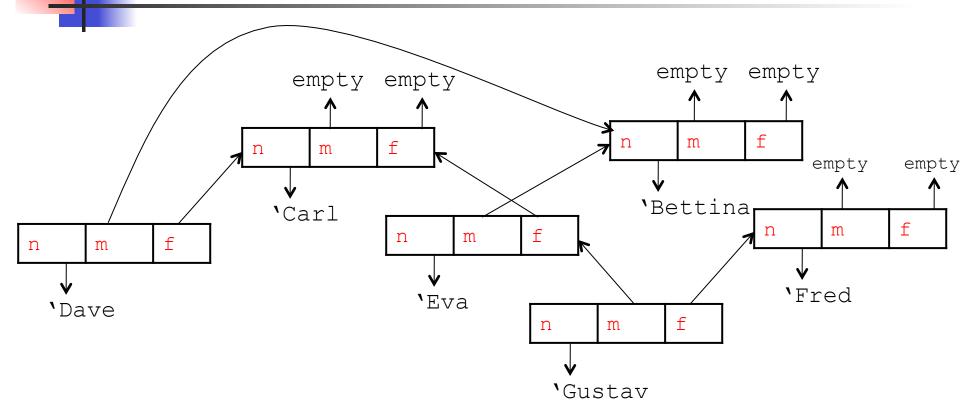


Family Trees

Example of a Family Tree Data Definition

A child has two embedded structures (mother, father)

Example Family Tree (variant of Figure 35 in textbook)





Tree Depth (in class ex.)

- Consider the following problem
 - "Given an ancestry tree, compute the maximum number of generations for which we know something about this person."
- Contract (or "type") is
 - child -> natural
- Examples (next slide)

Tree Depth Examples

```
(define cat (make-child 'Cat empty empty))
(define tom (make-child 'Tom cat empty))
(define jane (make-child empty tom))
(define johnny (make-child 'Johnny empty empty))
(define ray (make-child 'Ray empty johnny))
(define sue (make-child 'Sue empty ray))
(define rob (make-child 'Rob empty sue))
(define bob (make-child 'Bob jane rob))
;(max-depth cat) = 1
;(max-depth tom) = 2
;(max-depth jane) = 3
;(max-depth johnny) = 1
; (max-depth ray) = 2
;(max-depth sue) = 3
;(max-depth rob) = 4
;(max-depth bob) = 5
```



Tree Depth Template Instantiation



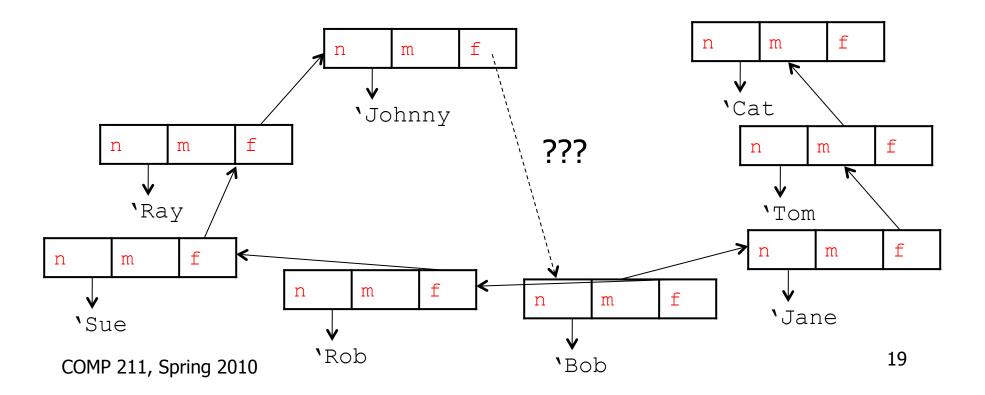
Tree Depth Code

Examples can help in writing code.



Challenge Problem

• Can you think of a Scheme program that can create a cycle among structures?



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Binary Search Trees

```
; A binary-search-tree (BST) is either
; empty, or
; (make-node n l r)
; where n is a number, l and r are BTs.
; Invariants:
; 1. Numbers in l are less than or equal to n
; 2. Numbers in r are greater than n
(define-struct node (num left right))
```



Binary Search Trees

Which tree satisfies the invariants of a binary search tree?

