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# Data Types

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## Data Types




- **What is a data type?**  
A name with certain attributes:
  - The values that can be stored, the internal representation, the operations, ...
- **A data type is a set of values**
  - e.g., int in Java:
 

```
int x;
x ∈ Integers = [-2147483648, 2147483647]
```
- **A data type is also a set of operations on the values**

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## Why are data types important?



- **Example:  $z = x / y$ ; (Java)**
  - int x, y; x=5; y=2;
    - Integer division, x/y results in 2.
    - int z: z = 2;
    - double z: z=2.0;
  - double x, y; x=5; y=2;
    - floating-point division, x/y results in 2.5
    - int z: wrong!
    - double z: z=2.5;

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## Type structure of Java




```

graph TD
    JavaTypes[Java Types] --> Primitive
    JavaTypes --> Reference
    Primitive --> boolean
    Primitive --> Numeric
    Reference --> Array
    Reference --> class
    Reference --> interface
    Numeric --> Integral
    Numeric --> FloatingPoint[Floating point]
    Integral --> char
    Integral --> byte
    Integral --> short
    Integral --> int
    Integral --> long
    FloatingPoint --> float
    FloatingPoint --> double
    
```

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## Type structure of C




```

graph TD
    CTypes[C Types] --> Basic
    CTypes --> Derived
    Basic --> void
    Basic --> Numeric
    Derived --> Pointer
    Derived --> Array
    Derived --> Function
    Derived --> struct
    Derived --> union
    Numeric --> Integral
    Numeric --> Floating
    Integral --> signed["(signed)"]
    Integral --> unsigned["(unsigned)"]
    Integral --> enum
    Floating --> float
    Floating --> double
    signed --> char
    unsigned --> int
    unsigned --> short
    unsigned --> long
    
```

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## Simple Data Types



- **No internal structure:**  
e.g., integer, double, character, and boolean.
- **Often directly supported in hardware.**
  - machine dependency
- **Most predefined types are simple types.**
  - Exceptions: *String* in Java.
- **Some simple types are not predefined**
  - Enumerated types
  - Subrange types

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## Enumerated Types

**Ordered** set, whose elements are **named** and **listed** explicitly.

- **Examples:**

```
enum Color_Type {Red, Green, Blue};      (C)
type Color_Type is (Red, Green, Blue);   (Ada)
datatype Color_Type = Red | Green | Blue; (ML)
```

- **Operations: ?**

**Successor and predecessor**

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## Ada Example

```
type Color_Type is (Red, Green, Blue);
```

```
x : Color_Type := Green;
x : Color_Type' Succ(x);
x : Color_Type' Pred(x);
put(x);          -- prints GREEN
```

- No assumptions about the internal representation of values
- Print the value name itself

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## Pascal Example

```
type
  cardsuit = (club, diamond, heart, spade);
  card = record
    suit: cardsuit;
    value: 1 .. 13;
  end;
var
  hand: array [ 1 .. 13 ] of card;
```

- Succ(diamond) = heart; Pred(spade) = heart;
- club < heart; **is true.**
- **for** acard := club **to** heart **do**

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## C Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
enum Color {Red, Green, Blue};
enum Courses {CSE1111=1, CSE3302=3, CSE3310=3, CSE5555=4};
main() {
  enum Color x = Green;
  enum Courses c = CSE3302;
  x++;
  printf("%d\n",x);
  printf("%d\n",Blue+1);
  printf("%d\n",c);
  return 0;
}
```

- Enum in C is simply int
- Can customize the values

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## Java Example

```
public enum Planet { MERCURY (2.4397e6), EARTH (6.37814e6);
  private final double radius; // in meters
  Planet(double radius) {this.radius = radius;}
  private double radius() { return radius;}

  public static void main(String[] args) {
    for (Planet p : Planet.values())
      System.out.printf("The radius of %s is %f\n", p, p.radius());
  }
}
```

**java.util.Enumeration** has different meaning  
for (Enumeration e = v.elements(); e.hasMoreElements();)
 System.out.println(e.nextElement());

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## Evaluation of Enumeration Types

- **Efficiency** – e.g., compiler can select and use a compact efficient representation (e.g., small integers)
- **Readability** -- e.g. no need to code a color as a number
- **Maintainability** – e.g., adding a new color doesn't require updating hard-coded constants.
- **Reliability** -- e.g. compiler can check operations and ranges of value.

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## C Example for Maintainability



```
enum Color {White, Green, Blue, Black};
enum Color {White, Yellow, Green, Blue, Black};
main(){
    enum Color x = Black;
    int i = x;
    while (i >= White){
        if (i < Green)
            printf("this is a light color!\n");
        i--;
    }
}
```

**What if no enumeration?**

```
if (i < 1) printf("this is a light color!\n");
```

**Has to be changed to:**

```
if (i < 2) printf("this is a light color!\n");
```

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## Ada Example for Reliability



```
type DAY is (MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN);
type DIRECTION is (NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST);
```

```
GOAL : DIRECTION;
TODAY : DAY;
START : DAY;
```

```
TODAY := MON;
GOAL := WEST;
START := TODAY;
```

```
TODAY := WEST; -- Illegal: WEST is not a DAY value
```

```
TODAY := 5; -- Illegal: 5 is not a DAY value
```

```
TODAY := TODAY + START; -- Illegal: "+" is not defined for DAYS
```

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## Subrange Types



**Contiguous subsets** of simple types, with a *least* and *greatest* element.

- Example:

```
type Digit_Type is range 0..9;           (Ada)
```

- Not available in C,C++,Java. Need to use something like:

```
byte digit;    //-128..127
```

```
...
```

```
if (digit>9 || digit <0) throw new DigitException();
```

- defined over **ordinal types**:

- ordered, every value has a next/previous element
  - E.g., integer, enumerations, and subrange itself

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## Type constructors: Defining New Types



- **Type constructors as set operations:**

- Cartesian product
- Union
- Subset
- Functions (Arrays)

- **Some type constructors do not correspond to set operations** (e.g., pointers)

- **Some set operators don't have corresponding type constructors** (e.g., intersection)

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## Cartesian Product



- **Ordered Pairs of elements from U and V**

$$U \times V = \{(u, v) \mid u \in U \text{ and } v \in V\}$$

- **Operations:**

- projection

$$p_1: U \times V \rightarrow U; \quad p_2: U \times V \rightarrow V$$

$$p_1((u,v))=u; \quad p_2((u,v))=v$$

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## Examples



- **struct in C**

```
struct IntCharReal
{
    int i;
    char c;
    double r;
}
```

```
int x char x double
```

- **record in Ada**

```
type IntCharReal is record
    i: integer;
    c: character;
    r: float;
end record;
```

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## The same type?



```
struct IntCharReal
{
    int i;
    char c;
    double r;
}

struct IntCharReal
{
    char c;
    int i;
    double r;
}
```

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## The same type?



```
struct IntCharReal
{
    int i;
    char c;
    double r;
}

struct IntCharReal
{
    int j;
    char ch;
    double d;
}
```

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## Record/structure are not exactly Cartesian products



- Component selector: projection by component names

```
struct IntCharReal x;
x.i;
```

- Most languages consider component names to be part of the type.
- Thus the previous two types can be considered different, even though they represent the same Cartesian product.

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## ML: Pure Cartesian Product



```
type IntCharReal = int * char * real;
```

- (2, #"a", 3.14)
- #3 (2, #"a", 3.14) = 3.14

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## Union



- $U \cup V = \{x \mid x \in U \text{ or } x \in V\}$ 
    - data items with different types are stored in overlapping region, reduce memory allocation.
    - Only one type of value is valid at one time.
    - E.g.,
- ```
union IntOrReal {
    int i;
    double r;
}
```

- Different from records?

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## Undiscriminated Union in C



```
union IntOrReal {
    int i;
    double r;
}
union IntOrReal x;
x.i = 1;
printf("%f\n", x.r);
```

- Can be unsafe

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## Create Discriminated Union in C++



```
struct IntOrReal {
    bool isInt;
    union {
        int i;
        double r;
    };
};

IntOrReal x;
x.isInt = true;
x.i = 1;
...
if (x.isInt) printf("%d\n", x.i);
else printf("%f\n", x.r);
```

- Safe now
- or not?

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## Discriminated Union in Ada



- Variant record (with tag or discriminator)

```
type Disc is (IsInt, IsReal);
type IntOrReal (which: Disc) is
record
end record
case which is
when IsInt => i: integer;
when IsReal => r: float;
end case;
end record;
...
x: IntOrReal := (IsReal, 2.3);
put (x.i); -- generates ERROR
```

- Safe: programmers won't be able to create inconsistent data

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## Discriminated Union in Pascal



- Variant record
- Can be unsafe:
  - First, the tag is optional
  - Second, the tag can be set inconsistently.

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## Discriminated Union in ML



```
datatype IntOrReal =
  IsInt of int | IsReal of real;
```

- `val x = IsReal(2.3);`

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## How about Java?



- Is there record or union in java? Why?

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## “Union” in Java



```
public abstract class A {...};
public class B extends A {...};
public class C extends A {...};
```

Abstract class A: union of B and C.

- Discriminated union: `instanceof`

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## Subset

- $U = \{v \mid v \text{ satisfies certain conditions and } v \in V\}$
- Ada subtype
- Example 1
  - type Digit\_Type is range 0..9;
  - subtype IntDigit\_Type is integer range 0..9;

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## subtype in Ada

- Example 2

```

type Disc is (IsInt, IsReal);
type IntOrReal (which: Disc) is
record
  case which is
    when IsInt => i: integer;
    when IsReal => r: float;
  end case;
end record;

subtype IRInt is IntOrReal(IsInt);
subtype IRReal is IntOrReal(IsReal);

x: IRReal := 2.3;
    
```

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## Powerset

- $P(U) = \{U' \mid U' \subseteq U\}$
- Example: Pascal
  - set of <ordinal type>
  - var S: set of 1.. 10;
  - var S: 1.. 10;
  - What's the difference?
- The order isn't significant though unordered, values are distinct

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## set of in Pascal

```

var S, T: set of 1 .. 10;
S := [1, 2, 3, 5, 7];
T := [1 .. 6];
    
```

Set operations can be performed on the variables.  
What are these?

- $T := S * T;$
- If  $T = [1, 3, 5]$  then ...;
- $x = 3;$  if  $x$  in  $S$  then ...;
- if  $S \subseteq T$  then ...;

•  $\cap (*) \cup (+) - (-) = (=) \neq (<>)$   
 •  $> (>) \supseteq (>=) \subset (<) \subseteq (<=) \in (\text{in})$

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## Arrays and Functions

$f: U \rightarrow V$

index type
component type

- [0, ...] (C/C++/Java)
- Ordinal type (Ada/Pascal)

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## C/C++

Allocated on stack, size statically specified.

```

typedef int TenIntArray [10];
typedef int IntArray [];

TenIntArray x;
int y[5];
int z[]={1,2,3,4};
IntArray w={1,2};
IntArray w; //illegal
int n = ... //from user input
int a[n]; //illegal
    
```

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## Java



Allocated on heap, size dynamically specified;  
Size can be obtained by `.length`

```
int n = ... //from user input
int [] x = new int [n];
System.out.println(x.length);
```

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## Ada



size dynamically specified;  
Set of subscripts

```
type IntToInt is array(integer range <>) of integer;

get (n); //from user input
x: IntToInt (1..n);
for i in x'range loop
  put (x(i));
end loop;
```

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## Multi-dimensional arrays



- C/C++

```
int x[10][20];
```

- Java

```
int [][] x = new int [10][20];
```

- Ada

These two are different

```
type Matric_Type is array(1..10, -10..10) of integer;
x(i,j);
```

```
type Matric_Type is array(1..10) of array (-10..10) of integer;
x(i)(j);
```

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## Storage



- row-major form

```
x[1,-10], x[1,-9], ..., x[1,10], x[2,-10], ..., x[2,10], x[3,-10], ...
```

- column-major form

```
x[1,-10], x[2,-10], ..., x[10,-10], x[1,-9], ..., x[10,-9], x[1,-8], ...
```

- C/C++

```
int array_max(int a[][20], int size)
```

- Java

```
int array_max(int [][][] a)
```

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