

# COMP 520 - Compilers

Lecture 12a (Thu Mar 31, 2022)

Contextual Analysis using the Visitor interface

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# Contextual Analysis

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## 1. Identification

- traversal order top-down in AST
- link identifiers to declarations
- use scoped identification table (see lec 12)

## 2. Type checking

- traversal order is bottom-up in AST
- assign types at leaves
  - identifiers have a declared type
  - integer constants have manifest type: int or boolean
  - new T (T is a class type)
- determine parent types
  - miniJava operators are
    - int x int → int, int x int → bool, bool x bool → bool
  - user-defined functions
    - type x .... x type → type or void



# Visitor interface implements Contextual Analysis

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- **Contextual Analysis**
  - **public class Identification implements Visitor<ScopedIdTable>**
    - maintains scoped IdTable
    - top-down traversal of AST starting from package
    - identification errors include missing or duplicate classes
  - **public class TypeChecking implements Visitor<Type, Type>**
    - checks type compatibility of values with operations
    - bottom-up traversal of AST starting from leaves
- **Errors in contextual should be reported**
  - if possible, continue traversal

