Program Generation and Modification Using Multiple Domains

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DMS Software Reengineering Toolkit

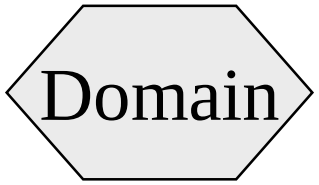
- *Automated* source code analysis and *modification*
  - *Leverage transformation machinery needed to build DMS vision*
- Enables wide variety of SE tasks to be automated
  - *Commercial applications*
    - Source Formatters, Hyperlinked Source Browsers
    - Documentation extraction
    - Metrics
    - Preprocessor conditional simplification
    - Test Coverage and Profiling tools
    - Clone Detection and removal
    - XML DTD compilation
    - DSL code generation: Factory Automation
    - Migrations (JOVIAL to C)
  - *Research applications*
    - Aspect-weaving (U. Alabama Birmingham)
    - Large-scale C++ component restructuring (SD/Boeing) **OOPSLA DEMO**
    - Code generation/quality checking for spacecraft (NASA/JPL)

DMS Software Reengineering Toolkit = Generalized Compiler

- Underlying Hypergraph representation: trees, graphs, …
- Parsing/Prettyprinting
  - UNICODE lexer with binary conversions, lexical format/comment capture
  - GLR (context-free) parser with automatic tree builder
  - "Text Box" building language; reproduces comments!
- Analysis
  - Multipass attribute grammars
  - Generalized symbol table support: inheritance, overloading, …
- Transformation
  - Complete AST interface => procedural transforms (& analyzers)
  - Conditional Source to Source transforms w/ associative/commutative laws
- Predefined Domains
  - Specification, Technology, and Legacy languages

Spectrum, .MDL XML, SQL, IDL C/C++, C#, Java, COBOL, *many more*…

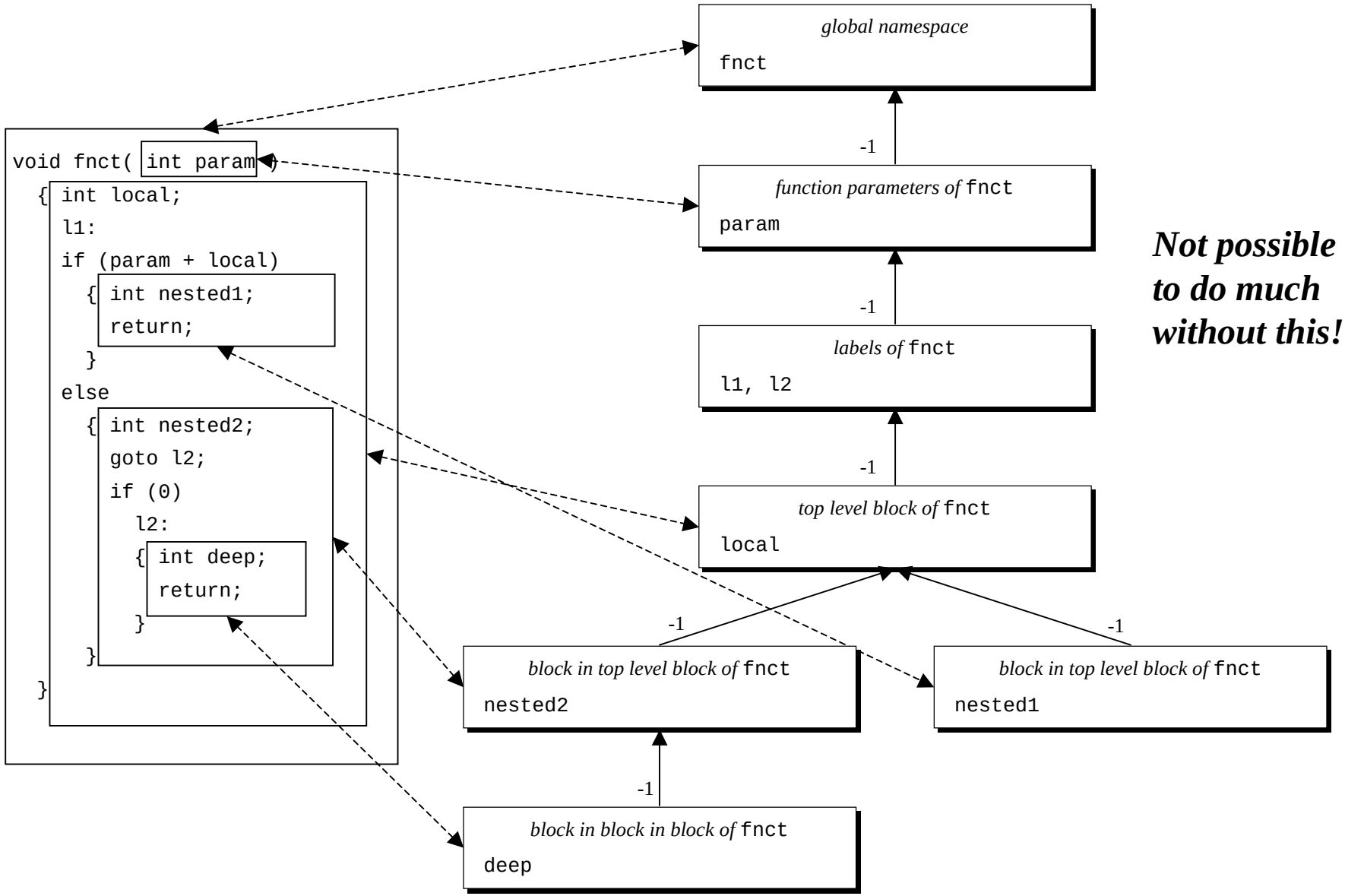
Knowledge Capture in Managable Chunks:

DMS  Parts

- Syntax
  - External Form — Lexical Specification and Grammar Rules
  - Parser — GLR parser + custom code (preprocessor…)
  - AntiParser — Formatting Rules + custom lexeme generators
- Semantics
  - Analyzers — Typically includes Name/Type resolution
  - Optimizations — (Source to Source) transforms in domain
  - Refinements — (Source to Source) transforms between domains

Draco "domain" paradigm… James Neighbors, 1978

DMS C++ Symbol Table for a function



Not possible to do much without this!

How to represent multiple domains?

- Union grammar? … for C and C#
  - Combine rules of two grammars

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program_element_C = function_declaration
expression_c = identifier '[' exp ']'
program_element_C# = class_declaration
expression_C# = identifier '[' exp ']'
```

  - Simplifies problem of writing transformation rules
    - Only one "syntax"
  - Makes separating semantics more difficult
    - What if **`a[i]`** has different index origin?
- Separate grammars!

A Domain Interconnection Network