

# Lecture 10 – Mutable Data Structures

## COSE212: Programming Languages

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val imap = Map("x" -> 1, "y" -> 2)
imap + ("x" -> 3)    // Map(x -> 3, y -> 2)
imap                // Map(x -> 1, y -> 2)

// mutable map
import scala.collection.*
val mmap = mutable.Map("x" -> 1, "y" -> 2)
mmap.update("x", 3)
mmap                // mutable.Map(x -> 3, y -> 2)

// mutable box
case class Box(var content: Int)
val box = Box(5)
box.content        // 5
box.content = 8
box.content        // 8
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// expressions
<expr> ::= ...
    | "Box" "(" <expr> ")"
    | <expr> "." "get"
    | <expr> "." "set" "(" <expr> ")"
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Let's define the **abstract syntax** of BFAE in BNF:

Expressions  $\mathbb{E} \ni e ::= \dots$

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	<i>e</i> .get	(GetBox)
	<i>e</i> .set( <i>e</i> )	(SetBox)
	<i>e</i> ; <i>e</i>	(Seq)

```
enum Expr:
    ...
    // box creation
    case NewBox(expr: Expr)
    // box content getter
    case GetBox(box: Expr)
    // box content setter
    case SetBox(box: Expr, expr: Expr)
    // sequence
    case Seq(left: Expr, right: Expr)
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Addresses  $a \in \mathbb{A}$  (Addr)

Memories  $M \in \mathbb{A} \xrightarrow{\text{fin}} \mathbb{V}$  (Mem)

Values  $\mathbb{V} \ni v ::= \dots \mid a$  (BoxV)

```
def interp(expr: Expr, env: Env, mem: Mem): (Value, Mem) = expr match
  ...
  case Add(l, r) =>
    val (lv, lmem) = interp(l, env, mem)
    val (rv, rmem) = interp(r, env, lmem)
    (numAdd(lv, rv), rmem)
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{ a.set(8); 2 } + a.get; // 2 + 8 = 10 -- NOT 2 + 5 = 7
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def interp(expr: Expr, env: Env, mem: Mem): (Value, Mem) = expr match
  ...
  case NewBox(c) =>
    val (cv, cmem) = interp(c, env, mem)
    val addr = malloc(cmem)
    (BoxV(addr), cmem + (addr -> cv))
```

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One way to implement `malloc` is to find the maximum address in the memory and increment it by one, 0 if the memory is empty:

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def malloc(mem: Mem): Addr = mem.keySet.maxOption.fold(0)(_ + 1)
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def interp(expr: Expr, env: Env, mem: Mem): (Value, Mem) = expr match
  ...
  case GetBox(b) =>
    val (bv, bmem) = interp(b, env, mem)
    bv match
      case BoxV(addr) =>
        (bmem(addr), bmem)
      case _ =>
        error(s"not a box: ${bv.str}")
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def interp(expr: Expr, env: Env, mem: Mem): (Value, Mem) = expr match
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  case Seq(l, r) =>
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- Please see this document<sup>1</sup> on GitHub.
- The due date is Oct. 27 (Fri.).
- Please only submit `Implementation.scala` file to **Blackboard**.

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<sup>1</sup><https://github.com/ku-plrg-classroom/docs/tree/main/cose212/cobalt>.

- Mutable Variables

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