

# Name analysis according to scope rules

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Languages usually use names to identify objects. An object is created by an explicit or implicit definition and bound to a name. In a certain range of the text occurrences of that name refer to that object. The scope rules of the language determine where that binding holds. For language implementation a unique name (key) is created for each distinct object and associated to identifiers within the scope of that binding. Name analysis is completed by certain checks of relationships between identifier occurrences as required by the language, e.g. existence of a definition for each identifier use, multiple definitions (See Section “Common Aspects of Property Modules” in *Association of properties to definitions*, see Section “Check for Unique Object Occurrences” in *Association of properties to definitions*), or identifier use before its definition (see Section “Set a Property at the First Object Occurrence” in *Association of properties to definitions*).

This library contains a set of modules which can be used to implement the name analysis task according to a large variety of language rules. The results of these modules are used to check required relationships between identifier occurrences and to solve further subtasks of language implementation, such as type analysis or transformation. Solutions of these tasks are supported by modules of other libraries: Section “Property Library” in *Association of properties to definitions*, Section “Type Analysis” in *Type analysis tasks*, Section “Generating Output” in *Tasks related to generating output*.

The module support for name analysis is decomposed into subtasks of increasing complexity. They are described in subsections each. There you find three solution variants for Algol-like, C-like scope rules, and C-like scope rules computed bottom-up while the input is read:

The chapter is structured as follows:

#### Preconditions

Requirements for the user’s tree grammar

#### Basic Scope Rules

Modules for basic scope rules

#### Predefined Identifiers

Modules that introduce predefined entities

#### Joined Ranges

Several subtrees form one conceptual range

#### Scope Properties

Scopes being propagated as object properties

#### Inheritance of Scopes

Scopes inherited by other scopes

#### Name Analysis Test

Test output for name analysis

#### Environment Module

Implementation of the Contour-Model

The use of these modules is demonstrated and explained in Eli’s tutorial on name analysis. (see Section “Overview” in *Tutorial on Name Analysis*).

It contains three complete executable specifications called

```
AlgLike.fw,  
CLike.fw, and  
BuCLike.fw
```

You can obtain a copy of these specifications by calling Eli and requesting

```
$elipkg/Name/Examples > .
```

This request creates a subdirectory **Examples** in your current working directory containing the example specifications, test input files, and an Odinfile for automatic regression testing.

# 1 Tree Grammar Preconditions

Names are usually represented by identifier terminals. Their notation is determined by a scanner specification. The grammar has one (or several) terminals representing identifiers, e.g. **Ident**, as in the running example. The encoding of a particular identifier as computed by a scanner processor is available in contexts where an identifier terminal occurs.

Identifiers occur in different contexts: Defining and applied occurrences, or different kinds of identifiers (variables, labels, etc.) may be distinguished. Usually the concrete syntax is designed first, and the different computational roles of identifiers are incrementally developed during the design of the **.lido** specification. Hence, it is recommended NOT to make the distinction in the concrete syntax. It should have the terminal **Ident** in any context. It is rather recommended to distinguish them by LIDO RULES.

Our running example has the concrete productions

```
ObjDecl:      TypeDenoter Ident.
TypeDenoter:  Ident.
Variable:     Ident.
```

We distinguish the different roles of identifiers by introducing new symbol names in the corresponding LIDO RULES:

```
RULE: ObjDecl      ::= TypeDenoter DefIdent END;
RULE: TypeDenoter  ::= TypeUseIdent END;
RULE: Variable     ::= UseIdent END;
```

Furthermore, we have to add the necessary chain RULES:

```
RULE: DefIdent     ::= Ident END;
RULE: UseIdent     ::= Ident END;
RULE: TypeUseIdent ::= Ident END;
```

The name analysis modules require that identifier occurrences are represented by nonterminals, like **DefIdent**, **UseIdent**, **TypeUseIdent** as in the example. Each of these symbols has to have an attribute named **Sym** of type **int** representing the identifier encoding. A specification using these modules has to contain suitable computations of the **Sym** attributes. For our example they may be specified like:

```
ATTR Sym: int SYNT;
SYMBOL IdentOcc COMPUTE SYNT.Sym = TERM; END;

SYMBOL DefIdent      INHERITS IdentOcc END;
SYMBOL UseIdent      INHERITS IdentOcc END;
SYMBOL TypeUseIdent  INHERITS IdentOcc END;
```

If your language does not syntactically distinguish between defining and applied identifier occurrences, i.e. objects are introduced by using their name, the above distinction is not necessary. You just introduce **DefIdent** symbols for all occurrences.

Your grammar should have a symbol representing a phrase that contains all (defining and applied) occurrences of a name space. It is usually the root of the whole grammar, e.g. in the running example the symbol **Program**.

If your language has hierarchically nested ranges defining boundaries for the scope of definitions, the abstract syntax should have one or several symbols, e.g. **Range**, **Block**,

**Routine**, each representing a range of a name space. If the language does not have nested ranges for definitions you don't need such symbols.



## 2 Basic Scope Rules

The consistent renaming task associates to each identifier occurrence a key that uniquely identifies the object named by the identifier. The following modules solve the basic problems of that task.

**AlgScope**    Algol-like scope rules

**CScope**      C-like scope rules

**BuScope**    C-like scope rules analyzed while processing input

Each of the three modules implements consistent renaming of identifiers. Identifier occurrences are bound to object keys of type **DefTableKey**.

The **AlgScope** module applies Algol-like scope rules. They are characterized by the following description:

A binding is valid within the whole smallest range containing the definition, except in inner ranges where a binding for the same identifier holds. That means a definition of an **a** in an inner range hides definitions of **a** in outer ranges. An identifier may be used before its definition.

Usually, the scope rules of a real language are further elaborated. We call them Algol-like, if the above description is their underlying principle. For example Pascal's scope rules are Algol-like. They additionally require that an identifier is not used before its definition. That restriction can be checked using an instance of the **SetFirst** module (see [Section "Set a Property at the First Object Occurrence" in \*Association of properties to definition\*](#)).

The **CScope** module applies C-like scope rules. They are characterized by the following description:

A binding is valid from the definition up to the end of the smallest range containing the definition, except in inner ranges from a definition of the same identifier to the end of that range. That means definitions of **a** in outer range are hidden by a definition of an **a** in an inner range from the point of the definition up to the end of the range. It implies that an identifier is not used before its definition.

Usually, the scope rules of a real language are further elaborated. We call them C-like, if the above description is their underlying principle. For example the scope rules of the language C are defined for variable names C-like. But for labels names of jumps they are defined Algol-like.

The **BuScope** module applies C-like scope rules. Its computations can be executed while the input is read (i.e. while the tree is constructed bottom-up). An application may need this technique if results of the name analysis task influence further reading of input, or results are to be presented to the user while typing the input.

Both Algol-like and C-like scope rules are described by six basic concepts. The modules provide **.lido** specifications with symbol computations for each concept:

**IdDefScope** is a symbol representing a defining identifier occurrence that is bound in the scope of the smallest enclosing range.

**IdUseEnv** is a symbol representing an applied identifier occurrence that is bound in the enclosing environment.

`IdUseScope` is a symbol representing an applied identifier occurrence that is bound in the scope of the smallest enclosing range.

`ChkIdUse` is a role that may be inherited by an applied identifier occurrence. If no definition is bound to that identifier, then the attribute `ChkIdUse.SymErr` has the value 1 and a message is issued by the computation:

```
SYNT.SymMsg=
  IF(THIS.SymErr,
    message (ERROR, CatStrInd ("Identifier is not defined: ", THIS.Sym),
      0, COORDREF));
```

`RootScope` is the root symbol containing all identifier occurrences and all `RangeScope`. It is automatically inherited by the root of the grammar.

`RangeScope` is a symbol representing a range for the binding of defining identifier occurrences `IdDefScope`. It may be nested in `RootScope` or other ranges.

These computational roles are associated to symbols of the user's grammar to solve the basic consistent renaming task. Make sure that your tree grammar is constructed according to the advices given in [Chapter 1 \[Preconditions\]](#), page 3. More details about symbol computations and attributes provided by the three modules are given in the description of each module.

Complete executable specifications of our running example for each of the three scope rule variants are available in

```
$/Name/Examples/AlgLike.fw
$/Name/Examples/CLike.fw
$/Name/Examples/BuCLike.fw
```

In our running example the roles are used as follows:

```
SYMBOL Program      INHERITS RootScope END;
SYMBOL Block        INHERITS RangeScope END;
SYMBOL DefIdent     INHERITS IdDefScope END;
SYMBOL UseIdent     INHERITS IdUseEnv END;
SYMBOL TypeUseIdent INHERITS IdUseEnv END;
```

Depending on which of the three modules is instantiated Algol-like or C-like name analysis is performed for this example.

The main result of the task is the computation of the attributes `IdDefScope.Key`, `IdUseEnv.Key`, i.e. `DefIdent.Key`, `UseIdent.Key`, and `TypeUseIdent.Key` in our example. They identify the object each identifier is bound to. It may be used in further computations to associate properties to it.

If no binding is found for an applied identifier occurrence the `Key` attribute has the value `NoKey`. If that is a violation of language rules an error message can be issued using the role `ChkIdUse`:

```
SYMBOL UseIdent INHERITS ChkIdUse END;
```

Along with each `Key` attribute there is an attribute `Bind` of type `Binding`, e.g. `UseIdent.Bind`. Its value characterizes a binding of an identifier `idn` in the innermost scope of an environment `env` to a key `k`. The three values `idn`, `env`, and `k` can be obtained from a `Binding` using functions defined in [Chapter 8 \[Environment Module\]](#), page 37. If

no binding is found for an applied identifier occurrence the `Bind` attribute has the value `NoBinding`.

Although both Algol-like and C-like scope rules are defined for nested ranges, the modules may be used for languages that do not have nested ranges, i.e. there is only one single flat range in which definitions are valid. In such a case `RootScope` is used for that range, and `RangeScope` is not used.

Another variant of these scope rules arises if a language does not distinguish between defining and applied identifier occurrences: identifiers are defined implicitly by their occurrences. In that case `IdDefScope` is used for that kind of occurrences, and `IdUseEnv` is not used. Of course, this concept does not make sense in languages that have ranges: One could not refer to an outer identifier definition from within an inner range.

We extend our running example to show implicit definitions within a flat range. We add a new kind of variables, say control variables to the language. They are implicitly defined by their use in special statements or operands, given by the following concrete productions:

```
Statement:      'set' Ident 'to' Expression ';' .
Operand:        'use' Ident.
```

These control variable identifiers are bound in a new name space separate from that of the other entities. Hence, we use a second instance of one of the modules. That instance is identified by the generic `instance` parameter `CtrlVar`:

```
$/Name/AlgScope.gnrc +instance=CtrlVar :inst
```

There is only one kind of occurrences for these variables, `CtrlVarUse`, which has the role `CtrlVarIdDefScope`. The `Program` symbol has the role `CtrlVarRootScope`:

```
RULE: Statement ::= 'set' CtrlVarUse 'to' Expression ';' END;
RULE: Expression ::= 'use' CtrlVarUse END;
SYMBOL CtrlVarUse INHERITS CtrlVarIdDefScope, IdentOcc END;
SYMBOL Program INHERITS CtrlVarRootScope END;
```

## 2.1 Algol-like Basic Scope Rules

This module implements consistent renaming of identifiers. Identifier occurrences are bound to object keys of type `DefTableKey` according to Algol-like scope rules:

A binding is valid within the whole smallest range containing the definition, except in inner ranges where a binding for the same identifier holds.

Make sure that you have considered the advices given in [Chapter 2 \[Basic Scope Rules\]](#), [page 5](#).

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/AlgScope.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

Both generic parameters can be omitted in most of the usual applications. The `instance` parameter is used to distinguish several instances of this module. The scope rules of a language may require that identifiers are bound in different name spaces that do not affect each other. Then for each name space an instance of this or of the other basic scope modules is used. The `referto` parameter modifies the names of `Key` attributes and of `Bind` attributes. It is only used if there is an identifier occurrence in the language that is bound

in more than one name space. These bindings are then described by one pair of **Key** and **Bind** attribute each.

The module provides computational roles for the symbols **NAMERootScope**, **NAMERangeScope**, **NAMEAnyScope**, **NAMEIdDefScope**, **NAMEIdUseEnv**, **NAMEIdUseScope**, and **NAMEChkIdUse** to be used in **.lido** specifications. The computations of the module use functions of the library's environment module.

**NAMEIdDefScope** is a symbol representing a defining identifier occurrence.

**NAMEIdUseEnv** is a symbol representing an applied identifier occurrence.

**NAMEIdUseScope** is a symbol representing an applied identifier occurrence that is bound in the scope of the smallest enclosing range. The outer environment of this range is not considered.

**NAMEChkIdUse** is a role that may be inherited by an applied identifier occurrence. It issues an error message **identifier is not defined**: if no definition is bound to that identifier.

**NAMERootScope** is the root symbol containing all identifier occurrences and all **NAMERangeScope**. It is automatically inherited by the root of the grammar.

**NAMERangeScope** is a symbol representing a range for the binding of defining identifier occurrences **NAMEIdDefScope**. It may be nested in **NAMERootScope** or in other ranges.

**NAMEAnyScope** comprises the roles of **NAMERootScope** and **NAMERangeScope**. It may be used in constructs like

```
INCLUDING NAMEAnyScope.NAMEGotKeys
```

The main results of using this module are the bindings of identifier occurrences represented by the attributes **NAMEIdDefScope.KEYKey** and **NAMEIdUseEnv.KEYKey**. Along with each **Key** attribute there is an attribute **KEYBind** of type **Binding**, e.g. **UseIdent.Bind**. Its value characterizes a binding of an identifier **idn** in the innermost scope of an environment **env** to a key **k**. The three values **idn**, **env**, and **k** can be obtained from a **Binding** using functions defined in [Chapter 8 \[Environment Module\]](#), [page 37](#). If no binding is found for an applied identifier occurrence the **Bind** attribute has the value **NoBinding**.

Usually both **NAMEIdDefScope** and **NAMEIdUseEnv** are used. In specific cases of language rules any combination of **NAMEIdDefScope**, **NAMEIdUseEnv**, **NAMEIdUseScope** may be used.

The attributes **NAMEIdDefScope.Sym**, **NAMEIdUseEnv.Sym**, **NAMEIdUseScope.Sym** must represent the identifier encoding.

**NAMERootScope.NAMEEnv** is a root environment where all environments of this name space are embedded in. It has the value of a global variable **NAMERootEnv** that is assigned in the initialization phase of the processor. It allows to introduce predefinitions by initialization code, which then must include the file **NAMEAlgScope.h**. (see [Chapter 3 \[Predefined Identifiers\]](#), [page 13](#))

**NAMERangeScope.NAMEEnv** is an inherited attribute for the environment of bindings of this range.

**NAMEAnyScope.NAMEGotKeys** indicates that all keys defined in this and in all enclosing ranges are defined in **NAMEAnyScope.NAMEEnv**. **NAMEAnyScope.NAMEGotKeys** is a precondition for finding a binding using **IdUseEnv**.

**NAMEAnyScope.NAMEGotLocKeys** indicates that all keys are defined in this range are in **NAMEAnyScope.NAMEEnv**.

## 2.2 C-like Basic Scope Rules

This module implements consistent renaming of identifiers. Identifier occurrences are bound to object keys of type `DefTableKey` according to C-like scope rules:

A binding is valid from the definition up to the end of the smallest range containing the definition, except in inner ranges from a definition of the same identifier to the end of that range.

Note: The scope rules of the programming language C are defined C-like in most but not in all respects: For example the scopes of names of variables and functions are defined C-like, but those of jump labels are defined Algol-like.

Make sure that you have considered the advices given in [Chapter 2 \[Basic Scope Rules\]](#), [page 5](#).

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/CScope.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

Both generic parameters can be omitted in most of the usual applications. The `instance` parameter is used to distinguish several instances of this module. The scope rules of a language may require that identifiers are bound in different name spaces that do not affect each other. Then for each name space an instance of this or of the other basic scope modules is used. The `referto` parameter modifies the names of `Key` attributes. It is only used if there is an identifier occurrence in the language that is bound in more than one name space. These bindings are then described by one `Key` attribute each.

The module provides computational roles for the symbols `NAMERootScope`, `NAMERangeScope`, `NAMEAnyScope`, `NAMEIdDefScope`, `NAMEIdUseEnv`, `NAMEIdUseScope`, `NAMEChkIdUse`, `NAMEIdDefUse`, `NAMEDeclaratorWithId`, and `NAMEIdInDeclarator` to be used in `.lido` specifications. The computations of the module use functions of the library's environment module.

`NAMEIdDefScope` is a symbol representing a defining identifier occurrence.

`NAMEIdUseEnv` is a symbol representing an applied identifier occurrence.

`NAMEChkIdUse` is a role that may be inherited by an applied identifier occurrence. It issues an error message `identifier is not defined:` if no definition is bound to that identifier.

`NAMEIdUseScope` is a symbol representing an applied identifier occurrence that is bound in the scope of the smallest enclosing range. The outer environment of this range is not considered.

`NAMEIdDefUse` represents a defining identifier occurrence like `NAMEIdDefScope` if `INH.NAMEDefCond` is non-zero, otherwise an applied occurrence like `NAMEIdUseEnv`. `NAMEDefCond` is to be computed by an upper computation. There is a default computation provided that sets `INH.NAMEDefCond` to 1 iff the identifier is not yet bound in the current environment.

The pair of roles `NAMEDeclaratorWithId` and `NAMEIdInDeclarator` are used to model the scope concept of declarators as defined in the programming language C: A defining occurrence of an identifier may be part of *Declarator*, that is a larger construct which determines the type of the defined identifier, for example the definition of the array `a` in

```
int a[a+1];
```

Here `a[a+1]` is the **Declarator** and the first `a` is its defining occurrence. The scope rules of C state that the scope of the defined identifier begins immediately after the end of the declarator, rather than at the position of the defining occurrence. Hence, the `a` within the brackets is *not* bound to the defined array. This rule is only relevant if declarators may contain applied identifier occurrences. To achieve this effect, the role **NAMEDeclaratorWithId** is to be inherited by a symbol which is the root of the declarator construct, and the role **NAMEIdInDeclarator** is inherited by the symbol that characterizes defining identifier occurrences within declarators. Make sure that the grammar guarantees a 1:1 relation the nodes of these symbol roles in any declarator tree. The attribute **NAMEIdInDeclarator.Sym** has to be provided as usual. The symbol roles compute the **Sym** attribute for **NAMEDeclaratorWithId** and the **KEYKey** attribute for both symbols.

**NAMERootScope** is the root symbol containing all identifier occurrences and all **NAMERangeScope**. It is automatically inherited by the root of the grammar.

**NAMERangeScope** is a symbol representing a range for the binding of defining identifier occurrences **NAMEIdDefScope**. It may be nested in **NAMERootScope** or other ranges.

**NAMEAnyScope** comprises the roles of **NAMERootScope** and **NAMERangeScope**. It may be used in constructs like

```
INCLUDING NAMEAnyScope.NAMEEnv
```

The main results of using this module are the bindings of identifier occurrences represented by the attributes **NAMEIdDefScope.KEYKey** and **NAMEIdUseEnv.KEYKey**.

Along with each **Key** attribute there is an attribute **Bind** of type **Binding**, e.g. **UseIdent.Bind**. Its value characterizes a binding of an identifier `idn` in the innermost scope of an environment `env` to a key `k`. The three values `idn`, `env`, and `k` can be obtained from a **Binding** using macros defined in [Chapter 8 \[Environment Module\]](#), page 37. If no binding is found for an applied identifier occurrence the **Bind** attribute has the value **NoBinding**.

Usually both **NAMEIdDefScope** and **NAMEIdUseEnv** are used. In specific cases of language rules any combination of **NAMEIdDefScope**, **NAMEIdUseEnv**, **NAMEIdUseScope**, **NAMEIdDefUse** may be used.

The attributes **NAMEIdDefScope.Sym**, **NAMEIdUseEnv.Sym**, **NAMEIdUseScope.Sym**, **NAMEIdDefUse.Sym** must represent the identifier encoding.

**NAMERootScope.NAMEEnv** is a root environment where all environments of this name space are embedded in.

It has the value of a global variable **NAMERootEnv** that is assigned in the initialization phase of the processor. It allows to introduce predefinitions by initialization code, which then must include the file **NAMECScope.h**. (see [Chapter 3 \[Predefined Identifiers\]](#), page 13)

**NAMERangeScope.NAMEEnv** is an inherited attribute for the environment of bindings of this range.

**NAMEAnyScope.NAMEGotKeys** indicates that all identifier occurrences from the begin of the **NAMERootScope** up to the end of this range are bound to keys in **NAMEAnyScope.NAMEEnv**.

## 2.3 C-like Basic Scope Rules Computed Bottom-Up

This module implements consistent renaming of identifiers. The computations of this module are specified such that they are executed while the input program is read. Identifier occurrences are bound to object keys of type `DefTableKey` according to C-like scope rules.

Make sure that you have considered the advices given in [Chapter 2 \[Basic Scope Rules\]](#), [page 5](#).

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/BuScope.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

The functionality provided by this modules is almost the same as that of the `CScope` module (see [Section 2.2 \[CScope\]](#), [page 9](#)). Only the differences are described here.

During the bottom-up computation phase values can not be propagated using inherited (INH) attributes; and computations that affect a whole subtree, like creation of the scope for a range, have to be associated to a symbol node that precedes that subtree. For that purpose this module provides additional computational roles that cooperate with the usual basic name analysis roles.

Usually it is necessary to introduce additional symbols into the concrete grammar preceding range subtrees. They derive to nothing, and are used to carry the specific bottom-up computations.

In our running example we would replace the productions

```
Source:      Block.
Statement:   Block.
```

by the productions

```
Source:      BuBlock Block.
Statement:   BuBlock Block.
```

and add

```
SYMBOL BuBlock INHERITS CreateNewScope, OpenNewScope END;
```

to the LIDO specification. All other module roles can be used as described for C-like scope rules.

Usually each symbol representing a `NAMERangeScope` has to be preceded by a symbol that inherits both roles `NAMECreateNewScope` and `NAMEOpenNewScope`.

If scopes are used as properties of objects it may be necessary to inherit the roles `NAMECreateNewScope`, `NAMERecentNewScope`, and `NAMEOpenNewScope` to different symbols which precede a symbol representing a `NAMERangeScope`. (see [Section 5.3 \[BuScopeProp\]](#), [page 25](#), see [Section 6.3 \[BuInh\]](#), [page 32](#))

`NAMECreateNewScope` creates a new scope that is embedded in the scope of the smallest enclosing range. That scope can be obtained from the attribute `SYNT.NAMENewScope`, or be accessed by a subsequent role `NAMERecentNewScope` (see below).

`NAMEOpenNewScope` makes the scope obtained from `SYNT.NAMENewScope` become the current scope. The attribute `SYNT.NAMEOpenPrecond` can be used to specify a precondition for this operation. If `NAMEOpenNewScope` is inherited by a symbol representing an identifier occurrence `SYNT.NAMEOpenPrecond = THIS.KEYKey` ensures that the identifier is bound before the new scope is opened.



`NAMERecentNewScope` accesses the most recently created new scope and provides it by the attribute `SYNT.NAMENewScope`. This role is used together with `NAMEOpenNewScope` if `NAMECreateNewScope` is inherited by a preceding symbol.

We demonstrate the use of these roles for our running example. The grammar introduced in See [Section “Running Example” in \*Introduction of specification modules\*](#), has to be modified in order to allow bottom-up computation. A new symbol `BuBlock` is introduced. It derives to nothing and precedes the symbol `Block` on right-hand sides of productions:

```
Source:      BuBlock Block.
Statement:   BuBlock Block.
```

The roles `CreateNewScope` and `OpenNewScope` introduce the scope for the subsequent `Block`:

```
SYMBOL Program INHERITS RootScope END;
SYMBOL Block   INHERITS RangeScope END;
SYMBOL BuBlock INHERITS CreateNewScope, OpenNewScope END;
```

The other roles for basic scope rules are used as described in See [Section 2.2 \[CScope\], page 9](#).



### 3 Predefined Identifiers

In most languages some identifiers are predefined, e.g. names for basic types or for constants like `true` and `false`. Their definitions are valid in any program as if they were bound in the outermost environment. The two modules `PreDefine` and `PreDefId` described here allow to easily introduce such predefinitions. They require that one of the basic scope rule modules (see [Chapter 2 \[Basic Scope Rules\]](#), page 5) is used.

Both modules `PreDefine` and `PreDefId` are to be instantiated to introduce a set of predefined entities in a name space.

The implementation of the modules use two functions which introduce a source identifier into the identifier table and establish a binding for it in some environment. These functions can be used directly for example in cases where predefinitions are to be established for other environments than the outermost one. Those functions are described below.

The `PreDefine` module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/PreDefine.gnrc +instance=NAME +referto=IDENT :inst
```

The optional `instance` parameter characterizes the name space in which identifiers are to be predefined. The `instance` parameter has to be the same as that of the basic scope rule module instance used for that name space. Several instances of this module may address different name spaces.

The `referto` parameter specifies the symbol name used for identifier terminals in the grammar. The `referto` parameter must not be omitted.

If a grammar has several identifier terminal symbols predefinitions can be made using several instances of this module, if they belong to different name spaces.

The module provides two functions `NAMEPreDefine` and `NAMEPreDefineSym` which are called by the instance of the `PreDefId` module. `NAMEPreDefineSym` inserts a string into the identifier module to be used as an `IDENT` symbol. `NAMEPreDefine` additionally binds that symbol to a key in the root environment given by the global variable `NAMERootEnv`.

The predefined identifiers are to be described in a file as explained below. The name of that file has to be given as `referto` parameter of the instantiation of the `PreDefId` module:

```
$/Name/PreDefId.gnrc +instance=NAME +referto=(FILENAME) :inst
```

The `instance` parameter has to be the same as that of the `PreDefine` instance. If this instantiation is contained in a `.specs` file and if the description file, say `Predef.d` is contained in the same directory, it may read

```
$/Name/PreDefId.gnrc +referto=(Predef.d) :inst
```

This can also be used if the `.specs` file and `Predef.d` are contained in a `.fw` specification.

The description file contains a sequence of macro calls, one for each predefined identifier, e.g.

```
PreDefKey ("int", intKey)
PreDefKey ("real", realKey)
PreDefSym ("external", externSym)
PreDefSymKey ("fail", failSym, failKey)
PreDefSymKeyBind ("write", writeSym, writeKey, writeBind)
```

The sequence should not contain anything else, because it is expanded in several contexts where different definitions of those macros are valid.

Each call of one of the macros establishes a predefinition for one identifier, and makes the result accessible via the supplied variable names. Usually not all of those variables are needed. Hence, the available macros differ in the combinations of those variables. We first explain the most general macro. The meanings of the other macros are deduced from it.

`PreDefSymKeyBind ("xxx", sym, key, bind)` encodes the character string `xxx` as an identifier, stores it in the identifier table, and stores the encoding in the `int` variable `sym`.

Note: The string need not obey the rules specified for the notation of `IDENT` symbols. That facility can be used if artifacts are predefined, which can not be referred to by a name in a program.

`key` is introduced as a PDL known key.

`key` is bound to `sym` in the environment `NAMERootEnv`. That binding is assigned to the `Binding` variable `bind`. The key, the identifier code, and the environment can be accessed from the `Binding` value (`KeyOf`, `IdnOf`, `EnvOf`).

The variables `sym` and `bind` and the known key `key` are defined, exported, and made accessible via a `.HEAD.phi` specification. The binding is established and the assignments are made in the initialization phase of the processor. Hence, the results can be used only after that phase, i.e. during all computations in the tree.

According to the above description the following macro call

```
PreDefSymKeyBind ("write", writeSym, writeKey, writeBind)
```

creates the following variables to be defined and initialized as described:

```
int writeSym;
DefTableKey writeKey;
Binding writeBind;
```

The other macros that are provided cause a subset of the effects described for `PreDefSymKeyBind`:

`PreDefSymKey ("xxx", sym, key)` As described above, except: The binding is established but not assigned to a variable.

`PreDefKeyBind ("xxx", key, bind)` As described above, except: The symbol is encoded and stored in the identifier table, but the encoding is not assigned to a variable.

`PreDefKey ("xxx", key)` As described above, except: Neither the symbol encoding nor the binding are stored in a variable.

`PreDefBind ("xxx", bind)` As described above, except: The symbol encoding is not stored in a variable. The key is created dynamically rather than as a known key. Both, symbol encoding and the key can be accessed via the stored `Binding` value.

`PreDefSym ("xxx", sym)` encodes the character string `xxx` as an identifier, stores it in the identifier table, and stores the encoding in the `int` variable `sym`. No binding is established.

The thus introduced variables and known keys may be used in `.lido` specifications; the known keys may be additionally used in any specification where PDL defined entities are available.

The described modules are based on a C module which provides the following two functions. They may be used directly to establish bindings in other environments than the outermost one, for example. In that case it is sufficient to use the module `PreDefMod.specs`.

Then the modules `PreDefine` and `PreDefId` need not be instantiated, if the macros explained above are not used.

The two functions are:

```
void PreDefineSym (char *name, int code, int *sym)
```

The string `name` is encoded with the given syntax `code`. That is usually the code of the symbol used for identifier terminals in the grammar (cf. the `referto` parameter in the instantiation of the module `PreDefine` explained above). `*sym` is set to the symbol index.

```
void PreDefine (char *name, int code, int *sym, Environment env, DefTableKey  
key, Binding *bind)
```

The string `name` is encoded with the given syntax `code` which is bound to `key` in the given environment `env`. `*sym` is set to the symbol index. `*bind` is set to the created binding, if successful, otherwise to `NoBinding`.

In our running example we introduce predefined names for some basic types and for Boolean constants by the module instantiations

```
$/Name/PreDefine.gnrc +referto=Ident :inst  
$/Name/PreDefId.gnrc +referto=(Predef.d):inst
```

The file `Predef.d` contains

```
PreDefKey ("int", intKey)  
PreDefKey ("real", realKey)  
PreDefKey ("bool", boolKey)  
PreDefKey ("true", trueKey)  
PreDefKey ("false", falseKey)
```

Then key names like `intKey` can be used e.g. in computations for type checking (see [Section “Type Analysis” in \*Type analysis tasks\*](#)). In that case it is necessary to state that `true` and `false` are of type `bool` in a `.pdl` specification:

```
trueKey -> TypeOf = {boolType};  
falseKey -> TypeOf = {boolType};
```

It associates the `TypeOf` property to the predefined objects.



## 4 Joined Ranges

In some situations it is not possible to specify the tree grammar such that each range in the sense of scope rules is rooted by one single grammar symbol as required for using the role `RangeScope` of the basic scope module. The following three modules extend the basic scope rule modules (see [Chapter 2 \[Basic Scope Rules\]](#), page 5) by facilities that support such cases:

`AlgRangeSeq`  
Joined Ranges Algol-like

`CRangeSeq`  
Joined Ranges C-like

`BuRangeSeq`  
Joined Ranges C-like Bottom-up

Using one of these modules requires that the corresponding basic scope rule module is instantiated with the same generic parameters `+instance=NAME` and `+referto=KEY`.

This module implements the following concept: Several ranges in the program form one single range in the sense of scope rules, i.e. the definition in these ranges contribute to a single scope in which the applied identifier occurrences of these ranges are bound. There is a symbol which is the subtree root for all these ranges. But it is not a range in the sense of scope rules because it may also contain identifier occurrences that are bound in the enclosing range.

The modules provide `.lido` specifications for the following computational roles:

`NAMERangeSequence` is to be inherited by a symbol that is the root of a subtree which contains all to be joined ranges. It provides all attributes provided by `NAMERangeScope`, but it is not a range in the sense of scope rules. Other range roles may not be inherited by `NAMERangeSequence`.

`NAMERangeElement` is the role to be inherited by symbols that represent ranges to be joined. It is a specialized `NAMERangeScope`. Other range roles may not be inherited by such a symbol. It is a specialized `NAMERangeScope` that must be contained in a `NAMERangeSequence` subtree without having a `NAMERangeScope` in between.

We demonstrate the use of these facilities by extending the language of our running example by introducing an artificial language construct: It consists of a defining identifier occurrence, that is to be bound in the enclosing range, and two compound statements which form one single range in the sense of scope rules:

```
Statement:      Join.
Join:           'join' DefIdent JoinedBlock JoinedBlock
                'joined' ';'
JoinedBlock:    Compound.
```

Hence the `Join` symbol has the role `RangeSequence`, and the `JoinedBlock` symbol has the role `RangeElement`:

```
RULE: Join ::= 'join' DefIdent JoinedBlock JoinedBlock
                'joined' ';'
END;
```

```

SYMBOL Join INHERITS RangeSequence END;
SYMBOL JoinedBlock INHERITS RangeElement END;

```

This example is applicable with either the `AlgRangeSeq` module or the `CRangeSeq`. In case of Algol-like scope rules an applied identifier occurrence in either of the two ranges may be bound to a definition in either of the two ranges. In case of C-like scope rules an applied identifier occurrence in the second of the two ranges may be bound to a definition in either of the two ranges.

In case of bottom-up computations using the `BuRangeSeq` module some modifications have to be applied as described for that module.

## 4.1 Joined Ranges Algol-like

This module implements joined ranges for Algol-like scope rules as described in (see [Chapter 4 \[Joined Ranges\], page 17](#)).

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/AlgRangeSeq.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

Using this module requires that the module `AlgScope` is instantiated with the same values of the generic parameters.

The module provides the computational roles `NAMERangeSequence` and `NAMERangeElement` as described in See [Chapter 4 \[Joined Ranges\], page 17](#).

## 4.2 Joined Ranges C-like

This module implements joined ranges for C-like scope rules as described in (see [Chapter 4 \[Joined Ranges\], page 17](#)).

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/CRangeSeq.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

Using this module requires that the module `CScope` is instantiated with the same values of the generic parameters.

The module provides the computational roles `NAMERangeSequence` and `NAMERangeElement` as described in See [Chapter 4 \[Joined Ranges\], page 17](#).

## 4.3 Joined Ranges C-like Bottom-up

This module implements joined ranges for C-like scope rules as described in (see [Chapter 4 \[Joined Ranges\], page 17](#)). Its computations are executed `BOTTOMUP` while the input is read.

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/BuRangeSeq.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

Using this module requires that the module `BuScope` is instantiated with the same values of the generic parameters.

The module provides the computational roles `NAMERangeSequence`, `NAMEOpenSeqScope` and `NAMEOpenElemScope`.

**NAMERangeSequence** is to be inherited by a symbol that is the root of a subtree which contains all to be joined ranges. It provides all attributes provided by **NAMERangeScope**, but it is not a range in the sense of scope rules. Other range roles may not be inherited by **NAMERangeSequence**.

**NAMEOpenSeqScope** is to be inherited by a symbol that is in the subtree of **NAMERangeSequence** and precedes all to be joined ranges.

**NAMEOpenElemScope** is to be inherited by a symbol that precedes each to be joined range.

A nested **NAMERangeSequence** may not occur between **NAMEOpenSeqScope** and the first **NAMEOpenElemScope**.

The example given in See [Chapter 4 \[Joined Ranges\], page 17](#) is here modified for the bottom-up case.

We demonstrate the use of these facilities by extending the language of our running example by introducing an artificial language construct: It consists of a defining identifier occurrence, that is to be bound in the enclosing range, and two compound statements which form one single range in the sense of scope rules.

We introduce two new symbols **BuJoin** and **BuJoinEl** that derive to empty.

```

Statement:      Join.
Join:           'join' BuJoin DefIdent
                BuJoinEl Block BuJoinEl Block
                'joined' ';''.
BuJoin:         .
BuJoinEl:       .

```

The module roles are inherited as described above:

```

RULE: Join ::= 'join' BuJoin DefIdent
                BuJoinEl Block BuJoinEl Block
                'joined' ';''.

END;

SYMBOL Join INHERITS RangeSequence END;
SYMBOL BuJoin INHERITS OpenSeqScope END;
SYMBOL BuJoinEl INHERITS OpenElemScope END;
SYMBOL Block INHERITS RangeScope END;

```





## 5 Scopes Being Properties of Objects

Language constructs like modules, classes, or record types have a body that is a range. The set of bindings for the components defined in that range constitutes its scope. In an applied context of a module, class, or record identifier its components may be selected, e.g. in `m.k`, where `m` is a module identifier and `k` is one of its components. These constructs are also called *qualified names* in some language descriptions. In order to bind such applied occurrences of component identifiers in contexts outside their defining range, the scope of the range is associated as a property to the key of the module, class, or record identifier.

This specific task of consistent renaming for component identifiers is often closely related to type analysis. If `v` in `v.k` is a variable that has a record type, then that type key has the scope of the record range associated as a property (see [Section “Type Analysis” in Type analysis tasks](#)).

The following four modules extend the basic scope rule modules (see [Chapter 2 \[Basic Scope Rules\]](#), [page 5](#)) by facilities that support scope properties. How to select one of the modules is explained below.

**ScopeProp**

Scope Properties without left-to-right Restrictions (recommended)

**CScopeProp**

Scope Properties C-like (recommended only with CInh)

**BuScopeProp**

Scope Properties C-like analyzed while processing input

The design of scope rules and their description needs careful consideration if the concept of scopes being properties is involved. We have to answer some questions on the described language before we can decide which of the library modules is to be used:

It is easily decided that we need the facility of scope properties: Assume the language has named program objects, say modules, which consist of a range with definitions of components or members. Those members are accessible outside their defining range wherever the name of the module is accessible:

```
module m
  { int i;
    float f (); {...}
  }
m:f();
```

In this example the module body is a range where the members `i` and `f` are defined. The scope of the range contains bindings for `i` and `f`. It is a property of the module `m` which is set in the module definition. The construct `m:f` is a qualified name: A binding for `f` is to be found in the scope property of the qualifying module name `m`. The definitions valid in the context of the qualified name are irrelevant for the binding of `f`.

The same application pattern occurs for example with types that have components, like record types, structure types, and union types. There a component selection is usually qualified with an expression having such a type rather than with the type identifier itself.

It is recommended to use the **ScopeProp** module for the specification of such scope patterns. It fits to any of the basic scope rule modules, Alg-like, C-like, or bottom-up. It

does *not* impose any ordering restriction that would require the definition of a member to occur before its qualified use. For example in a language with C-like basic scope rules the following sequence would be acceptable:

```
module m;
m:f();
module m
{ int i;
  float f (); {...}
}
```

Even if it should be considered erroneous to use the qualified name `f` before its definition, it is recommended to specify the binding in the described way, and to enforce that restriction by a check of the related positions. The same holds for bottom-up basic scope rules. One only has to be aware that the binding of qualified names is determined *after* the bottom-up computations.

There are a few specific reasons where the modules `CScopeProp` or `BuScopeProp`, the C-like variants of `ScopeProp` are to be used instead:

If the basic scope rules are specified C-like using `BuScope` and the binding of qualified names has to be done by bottom-up computations, then `BuScopeProp` is to be used.

If the basic scope rules are specified C-like using `CScope` and the `CInh` module is used to implement the concept of inheritance, then `CScopeProp` is to be used. That is always necessary when bindings of scope properties are needed to solve the binding of non-qualified names in ranges where C-like scope rules apply. As a consequence it is enforced that the definitions of such members precede their uses.

The general description of this set of module is given in the section see [Section 5.1 \[ScopeProp\]](#), page 22, the deviations of its variants are described in see [Section 5.2 \[CScopeProp\]](#), page 24, and see [Section 5.3 \[BuScopeProp\]](#), page 25.

## 5.1 Scope Properties without left-to-right Restrictions

This module `ScopeProp` implements consistent renaming of identifiers using scopes which are properties associated to object keys. The module computations ensure that scope properties are associated and bindings are made before they are accessed. This strategy fits to Algol-like scope rules, and to C-like scope rules if qualified names may be used before their definition.

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/ScopeProp.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

It is required that a basic scope rule module is instantiated with the same generic parameters `+instance=NAME` and `+referto=KEY`.

Each of the modules introduces a PDL property named `NAMEScope` where `NAME` is the value of the `instance` parameter.

The module provide `.lido` specifications for the computational roles `NAMEExportRange`, `NAMEQualIdUse`, and `NAMEChkQualIdUse`:

`NAMEExportRange` is a `NAMERangeScope` the scope of which is associated as a value of the `NAMEScope` property to the value of the attribute `KEYScopeKey`. All local definitions are

bound in this scope. The scope may be used to bind qualified names (`NAMEQualIdUse`), or to provide the source for inheritance. Such uses may occur outside as well as inside of that `NAMEExportRange`. A user computation is required to set the attribute `THIS.KEYScopeKey`. The scope will be set as a value of its property `NAMEScope`. This role is typically inherited by a grammar symbol that represents the body of a module, of a class, or of a record type. The `KEYScopeKey` attribute is then set to the key representing the module, class, or record type.

`NAMEQualIdUse` is inherited by an applied occurrence of a qualified identifier. Its binding is looked up in a scope that is obtained as a `NAMEScope` property from the attribute `THIS.NAMEScopeKey`. A computation of `INH.NAMEScopeKey` has to be provided. The obtained scope is available in the attribute `THIS.NAMEScope`, e.g. to support a check whether the qualification is correct. Alternatively, a user computation may compute `THIS.NAMEScope` instead of `THIS.NAMEScopeKey`. This role is typically inherited by a grammar symbol that represents a qualified identifier occurrence like `sleep` in `Thread.sleep` or `push` in `st.push`. The binding may be looked up in a scope associated to `Thread` or to the type of `st`, for example.

`NAMEChkQualIdUse` can be inherited together with `NAMEQualIdUse`. It causes a message to be given, if no binding is found for the identifier.

Computations of these modules also establish attributes `NAMEGotVisibleScopePropNest`, `NAMEGotVisibleKeys`, and `NAMEGotVisibleKeysNest` of including `NAMERangeScopes` and `NAMERootScope`. They are used in modules computations which access the `NAMEScope` property or which look up bindings in those scopes. In general these attributes need not be considered in in user computations.

We demonstrate the use of these facilities by extending the language of our running example by module declarations and access of module components. (For a complete example see the Tutorial on Name Analysis.) The notation is specified by the following two concrete productions:

```
Declaration:    'module' DefIdent ModBlock ';'
ModBlock:      Compound.
Operand:       ModUseIdent '::' QualIdent.
ModUseIdent:   Ident.
QualIdent:     Ident.
```

The symbols inherit the roles provided by the scope property module as described above:

```
SYMBOL ModBlock INHERITS ExportRange END;

RULE: Declaration ::= 'module' DefIdent ModBlock ';' COMPUTE
      ModBlock.ScopeKey = DefIdent.Key;
END;
```

In the context of the module declaration it is specified that the scope of the module body is to be associated to the key of the module identifier.

In the context of a selection the scope is specified in which the selected component is to be bound. It is accessed from the key of the module identifier. Module computations establish dependences such that all scope properties are associated before they are accessed here:

```

SYMBOL ModUseIdent INHERITS
    IdUseEnv, ChkIdUse, IdentOcc
END;

SYMBOL QualIdent INHERITS
    QualIdUse, ChkQualIdUse, IdentOcc
END;
RULE: Expression ::= ModUseIdent '::' QualIdent COMPUTE
    QualIdent.ScopeKey = ModUseIdent.Key;
END;

```

In order to make sure that the it is really a module identifier to which the selection is applied we specify the following check

```

RULE: Expression ::= ModUseIdent '::' QualIdent COMPUTE
    IF (AND (NE (QualIdent.ScopeKey, NoKey),
        EQ (QualIdent.Scope, NoEnv)),
        message (FATAL, CatStrInd ("module identifier required: ",
            ModUseIdent.Sym),
                0, COORDREF));
END;

```

The message is only issued if the identifier is defined but does not have a scope property.

(The **Strings** module is used to compose the message text (see [Section “String Concatenation” in \*Solutions of common problems\*](#))).

## 5.2 Scope Properties C-like

This module implements consistent renaming of identifiers using scopes which are properties associated to object keys. The module computations establish bindings, lookup names, associate scope properties, and lookup qualified names in left-to-right depth-first order. It imposes the strong requirement that a qualified name, for example the **f** in **m.f**, may not precede its definition.

It is recommended to use this module only if it is needed as a companion of the module **CInh**. Otherwise **ScopeProp** should be used (see [Chapter 5 \[Scope Properties\]](#), page 21).

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/CScopeProp.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

Using this module requires that the module **CScope** is instantiated with the same values of the generic parameters.

The module provides a PDL property named **NAMEScope** and the computational roles **NAMEExportRange**, **NAMEQualIdUse**, and **NAMEChkQualIdUse** as described in see [Section 5.1 \[ScopeProp\]](#), page 22.

All computations of this module follow strictly C-like scope rules, i.e. binding of identifier occurrences, association of scope properties, and access of scope properties are done in left-to-right depth-first order.

Calls of **GetNAMEScope** in a user computation do not need a specific precondition if they depend on a key attribute of a context which is to the right of the context where the property is set. That is usually true for situations where the module role **NAMEQualIdUse** is used.

Only if a particular computation is to depend on the fact that all scope properties of the program are associated, it may depend on `INCLUDING NAMERootScope.NAMEGotScopeProp`.

### 5.3 Scope Properties C-like Bottom-Up

This module implements consistent renaming of identifiers using scopes which are properties associated to object keys. The module computations ensure that scope properties are associated and accessed in left-to-right depth-first order. It imposes the strong requirement that a qualified name, for example the `f` in `m.f`, may not precede its definition.

It is recommended to use this module only if qualified identifiers have to be bound in the bottom-up phase, or if the module is needed as a companion of the module `BuInh`. Otherwise `ScopeProp` should be used (see [Chapter 5 \[Scope Properties\]](#), page 21).

The computations provided by this module are executed while reading the input.

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/BuScopeProp.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

Using this module requires that the module `BuScope` is instantiated with the same values of the generic parameters.

The module provides a PDL property named `NAMEScope` and the computational roles `NAMEIdSetScopeProp`, `NAMEIdGetScopeProp`, and `NAMEQualIdUse`. A role `NAMERangeScopeProp` is NOT provided; `NAMERangeScope` has to be used instead.

Note: The role names of the module `ScopeProp` as `NAMEExportRange`, `QualIdUse` and `ChkQualIdUse` do not apply here.

All computations of this module follow strictly C-like scope rules, i.e. binding of identifier occurrences, association of scope properties, and access of scope properties are done in left-to-right depth-first order.

As a consequence of bottom-up computation the value of a key can not be propagated by an upper computation to the range symbol. Hence, if the defining identifier occurrence precedes the range, the scope has to be created by the role `NAMECreateNewScope` (see [Section 2.3 \[BuScope\]](#), page 11) and associated to the key in the identifier context using the role `NAMEIdSetScopeProp`.

The role that opens the range scope (`NAMEOpenNewScope`, see [Section 2.3 \[BuScope\]](#), page 11) may also be associated to that identifier context, avoiding an additional symbol that derives to empty.

The range symbol has the role `NAMERangeScope`.

The module declaration of our example then reads:

```
RULE: Declaration ::= 'module' ModDefIdent Block ';' END;

SYMBOL ModDefIdent INHERITS
    CreateNewScope, OpenNewScope, IdSetScopeProp,
    IdDefScope, IdentOcc

COMPUTE
    SYNT.OpenPrecond = SYNT.Key;
END;
```

`NAMEOpenPrecond` is specified to depend on the key attribute to ensure that the identifier is bound in the enclosing environment before the environment of the module range is opened.

In component selections the scope property needs to be propagated from the context that provides it to the selector context. The module role `NAMEGetScopeProp` accesses the scope from the key specified by `KEYScopeKey` and assigns it to a variable. It is used at the selector context right of it by the role `NAMEQualIdUse`.

Hence, in our running example the selection is specified as follows:

```

RULE: Expression ::= ModUseIdent '::' QualIdent END;

SYMBOL ModUseIdent INHERITS
    GetScopeProp, IdUseEnv, ChkIdUse, IdentOcc
COMPUTE
    SYNT.ScopeKey = THIS.Key;
END;

SYMBOL QualIdent INHERITS
    QualIdUse, ChkIdUse, IdentOcc
END;
```

If we had a typed record expression instead of the module identifier to select from, `ScopeKey` would be set to the type key instead of the module key.

## 6 Inheritance of Scopes

The basic scope rule concepts are described by hierarchically nested environments which reflect the structure of nested ranges in a program. Using scopes as properties of objects, as described in See [Chapter 5 \[Scope Properties\]](#), [page 21](#), allows to export a scope with bindings from a range, propagate them by a property, and bind single identifiers that occur outside of the range where the binding is established, e.g. a component identifier that is qualified by a module name.

In this section we further extend that concept such that scope rules for language constructs like **with** statements of Pascal, **use** qualifications of Ada, or inheritance of classes as in object-oriented languages can be specified. All these constructs allow that non-qualified identifier occurrences may be bound to definitions contained in surrounding ranges or to definitions of scopes that are inherited by a surrounding range, for example

```
module m { int i; float f() {...} }
{ float g;
  with m
    { int i; g = f();}
}
```

The new concept is described by an inheritance relation between scopes that is used when applied identifier occurrences in a range are bound to definitions. In the above example the range of the **with**-statement inherits the scope of the module **m** and is embedded in the surrounding range.

Name analysis computations for such constructs rely on several different operations: scopes being created, bindings in a scope being established, scope properties being set, inheritance relations between scopes being established. The propagation of scope properties is not limited to strictly nested structures. Hence, the dependencies between the computations are rather sophisticated. That is why the combination of modules is restricted.

There are three modules that provide computations for the consistent renaming task based on inheritance. They rely on the use of the corresponding modules for basic scope rules and for scope properties:

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>AlgInh</b> | Inheritance with Algol-like Scope Rules (recommended to be used in general) |
| <b>CInh</b>   | Inheritance with C-like Scope Rules   |
| <b>BuInh</b>  | Inheritance computed while processing input                                 |

Using one of these modules requires that the corresponding basic scope rule module and a suitable scope property module is instantiated with the same generic parameters **+instance=NAME** and **+referto=KEY**.

Each of the three modules implements consistent renaming of identifiers. Identifier occurrences are bound to object keys of type **DefTableKey** according to the following inheritance rule:

An inheritance relation between scopes is introduced: A scope **c1** may inherit the bindings of a scope **c2**, i.e. a definition of **c2** is inherited by **c1** unless it is hidden by another definition of the same identifier in **c1**. A scope may inherit from several scopes (multiple inheritance). The inheritance relation is transitive and must be acyclic.

Together with the nesting of ranges the following general scope rule is applied:

An applied occurrence of an identifier **a** is bound to a definition of **a** which is contained in or inherited by the smallest enclosing range.

Definitions contained in a range hide definitions inherited (directly or indirectly) by that range.

Definitions inherited by a range hide definitions of enclosing ranges.

Using multiple inheritance a scope **c1** may inherit from a scope **c2** and from **c3**, where **c2** also inherits from **c3**. If both **c2** and **c3** define an identifier **a**, then the definition of **a** in **c3** is hidden by that of **c2**. This holds for **c1**, too, although there is an inheritance path from **c3** to **c1** that does not pass **c2**.

If several definitions of an identifier **a** are inherited via different unrelated inheritance paths, the applied occurrence is bound to an arbitrary one of them. This module provides a means to detect that situation, in order to issue an error message or to access all those definitions, depending on the requirements of the particular language.

If the computations of this module are used to establish inheritance relations, then the computations of identifier roles, like **NAMEIdUseEnv**, **NAMEIdUseScope**, and **NAMEQualIdUse** are modified such that inheritance relations are considered when bindings are looked up.

The modules provide **.lido** specifications for the following computational roles:

**NAMEInhRange** is a range that may inherit scopes exported from other ranges, but does not export its own scope. This role is, for example, applied to **with**-statements. The role **NAMEInheritScope** (see below) is used to establish the inheritance relations. No distinction is made whether one or more scopes can be inherited. A user computation for the **VOID** attribute **NAMEInhRange.NAMEGotInh** has to be provided in upper or lower computation, such that it states the condition that all those inheritances are done. Usually the attributes **NAMEInheritScope.NAMEInheritOk** are used for that purpose.

**NAMEExportInhRange** is both an **NAMEExportRange** and a **NAMEInhRange**, i.e. it inherits scopes and exports its own scope. This role is, for example, applied to bodies of class declarations. It is essential to use this role, instead of inheriting both roles, **NAMEExportRange** and **NAMEInhRange**, to one grammar symbol; otherwise the dependences provided by the two roles could cause conflicts.

**NAMEInheritScope** is used to establish one inheritance relation between two scopes: **THIS.NAMEInnerScope** is stated to inherit from **THIS.NAMEOuterScope**, both of type **Environment**. **THIS.NAMEInnerScope** has to be set by a user computation, either in upper or lower context. Another user computation is required to set **THIS.NAMEScopeKey** in in upper or lower context. A provided computation obtains the **NAMEScope** property from it and sets **SYNT.NAMEOuterScope**. The inheritance relation is established by a call of the function **NAMEInheritClass** provided by the environment module. The attribute **SYNT.NAMEInheritOk** is set to 1 iff the inheritance relation is legal, i.e. both scopes exist and belong to the same environment hierarchy, in the outer scope bindings have not been looked up before, and this inheritance does not establish a cyclic inheritance relation.

**NAMEChkInhinherit** can be used to issue error messages at a **NAMEInheritScope** node. If the outer scope does not exist, then the attribute **NAMEInheritScope.SrcErr** has the value 1 and a message is issued by the computation:

```
SYNT.SrcMsg=
```



```

    IF(THIS.SrcErr,
        message (ERROR, "Source of inheritance is missing", 0, COORDREF));

```

If the stated inheritance is invalid, then the attribute `NAMEInheritScope.ScpErr` has the value 1 and a message is issued by the computation:

```

SYNT.InhMsg=
    IF(THIS.InhErr,
        message (ERROR, "Wrong scope inherited", 0, COORDREF));

```

`NAMEChkInhIdUse` and `NAMEChkInhQualIdUse` are roles to be associated to an applied identifier occurrence. If several definitions of the identifier are inherited on different unrelated inheritance paths, then the attribute `NAMEChkInhIdUse.MulErr` (or `NAMEChkInhQualIdUse.MulErr`) has the value 1 and a message is issued by the computation:

```

SYNT.MulMsg=
    IF(THIS.MulErr,
        message (ERROR,
            CatStrInd(
                "Several definitions are inherited for: ",
                IdnOf(THIS.|KEY|Bind)),
            0, COORDREF));

```

`NAMEChkInhIdUse` may be used together with `NAMEIdUseEnv` or `NAMEIdUseScope`; `NAMEChkInhQualIdUse` may be used together with `NAMEQualIdUse`.

We demonstrate the use of inheritance by extending our running example by a `with` statement for modules (see [Chapter 5 \[Scope Properties\]](#), page 21).

```

Statement:    'with' WithClause 'do' WithBody.
WithClause:   ModUseIdent.
WithBody:     Statement.

```

The identifier should be bound to a module. The `WithBody` inherits the module's scope. I.e. the definitions of the module body are valid in the `WithBody`. They may be hidden by definitions in ranges contained in the `WithBody`. They may hide definitions in ranges enclosing the `with` statement. Hence, the `WithBody` plays the role of a `InhRange` and its scope is the target of the inheritance relation. (The `WithBody` does not export its bindings.) The module's scope property is its source:

```

SYMBOL WithBody INHERITS InhRange END;
SYMBOL WithClause INHERITS InheritScope, ChkInherit END;

```

```

RULE: Statement ::= 'with' WithClause 'do' WithBody COMPUTE
    WithClause.InnerScope = WithBody.Env;
    WithBody.GotInh = WithClause.InheritOk;
END;

```

```

RULE: WithClause ::= ModUseIdent COMPUTE
    WithClause.ScopeKey = ModUseIdent.Key;
END;

```

Note: In this example the `WithClause` can only be a simple identifier, `ModUseIdent`. If a typed expression would be allowed there instead, as in Pascal, the scope property would be associated to and obtained from type keys.

Similarly we can extend the language of our running example by classes with multiple inheritance:

```
Declaration:  'class' DefIdent Inheritances ClassBlock ';''.
ClassBlock:   Compound.
Inheritances: Inheritance*.
Inheritance:  ':' InheritIdent.
InheritIdent: Ident.
```

A declaration of a class exports the bindings of the class body, like the declaration of a module (see [Chapter 5 \[Scope Properties\]](#), page 21). Additionally other classes may be inherited by a class, i.e. their definitions are valid within the class body, if not hidden by inner definitions. The inherited definitions may hide definitions in ranges the class declaration is contained in. Hence, the scope of the class body is the target of all **Inheritances**, their sources are given by the scope property associated to the classes identified in the **Inheritances**.

```
SYMBOL ClassBlock INHERITS ExportRange, InhRange END;

RULE: Declaration ::= 'class' DefIdent Inheritances ClassBlock ';'
COMPUTE
  ClassBlock.ScopeKey = DefIdent.Key;
  ClassBlock.GotInh =
    Inheritances CONSTITUENTS InheritIdent.InheritOk;
  Inheritances.InnerScope = ClassBlock.Env;
END;

SYMBOL Inheritances: InnerScope: Environment;

SYMBOL InheritIdent INHERITS
  InheritScope, ChkInherit, IdUseEnv, ChkIdUse, IdentOcc
COMPUTE
  SYNT.InnerScope = INCLUDING Inheritances.InnerScope;
  SYNT.Scopekey = THIS.KeyK;
END;
```

Note: In this example the inherited classes are determined by an unqualified identifier each, **InheritIdent**. In case of Algol-like scope rules that can not be extended to qualified identifiers, because of the dependence pattern used by the **AlgInh** module. It would cause cyclic attribute dependences, in general.

Languages (like C++) allow that different definitions of an identifier may be inherited on different inheritance paths to a range. But in that case such an identifier may not be applied in that range. This restriction is checked by the roles **ChkInhIdUse** and **ChkInhIdUseScopeProp**. They have to be associated to applied identifier symbols which are bound in the enclosing environment or in the scope obtained from a property, respectively:

```
SYMBOL UseIdent INHERITS ChkInhIdUse END;
SYMBOL QualIdent INHERITS ChkInhIdUseScopeProp END;
```

The error messages can be changed globally by symbol computations overriding the computations of the `...Msg` attributes:

```
SYMBOL UseIdent COMPUTE
  SYNT.MulMsg=IF(THIS.MulErr,message (ERROR,
    CatStrInd("Ambiguous symbol: ", IdnOf(THIS.|KEY|Bind)),
    0, COORDREF));
END;
```

The above specification also fits to the specification for identifiers that are qualified by a module name given in (see [Chapter 5 \[Scope Properties\]](#), page 21). If in a construct `c::x` `c` is a class, then `x` is bound to a component defined in `c` or in a class inherited by `c`. This is the concept of the scope operator in C++.

These examples are applied in the same way for Algol-like and for C-like scope rules. The differences for bottom-up computation are explained in the description of the `BuInh` module.

## 6.1 Inheritance with Algol-like Scope Rules

This module implements consistent renaming of identifiers according to inheritance relations. It assumes that the scope rules do not restrict defining and applied occurrences of identifiers by a certain order in the program text, as the C-like scope rules do. The module computation in particular fit to Algol-like scope rules as described in See [Chapter 6 \[Inheritance of Scopes\]](#), page 27.

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/AlgInh.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

Using this module requires that the modules `AlgScope` and `ScopeProp` are instantiated with the same values of the generic parameters.

The module provides `.lido` specifications for the computational roles `NAMEInhRange`, `NAMEExportInhRange`, `NAMEInheritScope`, `NAMEChkInherit`, `NAMEChkInhIdUse` and `NAMEChkInhIdUseScopeProp` as described in See [Chapter 6 \[Inheritance of Scopes\]](#), page 27.

The dependence pattern used in the computations of this module, as described below, imposes a restriction on the use of the role `NAMEInheritScope`, that determines an inheritance: In case that the inheritance is established for a `NAMEExportInhRange`, the corresponding `NAMEInheritScope` may not depend on a qualified name that is bound using the role `NAMEQualIdUse`, because the computations then may cause cyclic dependences.

Computations of the module provide attributes `NAMEAnyScope.NAMEGotVisibleKeys`. They describe that for all `NAMEExportRanges` visible from this range its keys have been bound, the scope property has been set, and its inheritance relation has been established (if any). Module computations use these attributes as precondition for the lookup of unqualified names. Computations of the module also provide attributes `NAMEAnyScope.NAMEGotVisibleKeysNest`. They specify that the state described above additionally holds for the visible and their recursively, directly nested `NAMEExportRanges`. Module computations use these attributes as precondition for the lookup of qualified names. Usually these attributes and their dependence patterns need not be considered by user specifications. Only in cases where unconventional language rules for the export or the

inheritance of bindings cause conflicts with these dependence patterns the computations of these attributes may be considered for being overridden.

## 6.2 Inheritance with C-like Scope Rules

This module implements consistent renaming of identifiers according to inheritance relations as described in See [Chapter 6 \[Inheritance of Scopes\]](#), page 27. However, the module computations establish bindings, lookup names, associate scope properties, establish inheritance relations, and lookup qualified names in left-to-right depth-first order. It imposes the strong requirement that a qualified name, for example the `f` in `m.f`, may not precede its definition.

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/CInh.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

Using this module requires that the modules `CScope` and `CScopeProp` are instantiated with the same values of the generic parameters.

The use of this module enforces the requirement that for any kind of identifier occurrence strictly hold that the definition precedes its uses.

The module provides `.lido` specifications for the computational roles `NAMEInhRange`, `NAMEExportInhRange`, `NAMEInheritScope`, `NAMEChkInherit`, `NAMEChkInhIdUse` and `NAMEChkInhIdUseScopeProp` as described in See [Chapter 6 \[Inheritance of Scopes\]](#), page 27.

This module uses a strict left-to-right depth-first dependence pattern for all its attribute computations. The attribute `NAMERootScope.NAMEGotInhScopes` states that all inheritance relations are established for the whole tree.

## 6.3 C-like Inheritance Bottom-Up

This module implements consistent renaming of identifiers according to inheritance relations based on C-like scope rules. The computations can be executed while input is read.

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/BuInh.gnrc+instance=NAME +referto=KEY :inst
```

Using this module requires that the modules `BuScope` and `BuScopeProp` are instantiated with the same values of the generic parameters.

The use of this module enforces the requirement that for any kind of identifier occurrence strictly hold that the definition precedes its uses.

The module provides `.lido` specifications for the computational roles `NAMEInheritScope`, `NAMEChkInherit`, `NAMEChkInhIdUse` and `NAMEChkInhIdUseScopeProp` as described in See [Chapter 6 \[Inheritance of Scopes\]](#), page 27. No additional range role (as `NAMEInhRange` or `NAMEExportInhRange`) is provided by this module. The role `NAMERangeScope` of the basic scope rule module is to be used for ranges that are affected by inheritance, too.

The role `NAMEInheritScope` differs from the description in See [Chapter 6 \[Inheritance of Scopes\]](#), page 27:

The target scope for the inheritance relation is assumed to be computed by the role `NAMECreateNewScope` in this context or in a preceding context. It is passed via a variable.

If `NAMECreateNewScope` and `NAMEInheritScope` are used in the same context, a computation `SYNT.NAMEInhPrecond = THIS.NAMENewScope`; has to be added, in order to guarantee proper use of the variable.

A lower computation of `SYNT.NAMEOuterScope` is required for this context.

The examples given in See [Chapter 6 \[Inheritance of Scopes\], page 27](#) are modified here to allow for bottom-up computation using this module.

We demonstrate the use of single inheritance by extending our running example by a `with` statement for modules (see [Chapter 5 \[Scope Properties\], page 21](#)).

```
Statement:    'with' WithUseIdent 'do' WithBody.
WithBody:     Statement.
```

The identifier should be bound to a module. The `WithBody` inherits the module's scope. I.e. the definitions of the module body are valid in the `WithBody`. They may be hidden by definitions in ranges contained in the `WithBody`. They may hide definitions in ranges enclosing the `with` statement. `WithBody` plays the role of a `RangeScope`. In the preceding `WithUseIdent` context the scope is created and determined to be target of an inheritance relation. The scope property of the module key is stated to be the outer scope of the inheritance relation.

```
RULE: Statement ::= 'with' WithUseIdent 'do' WithBody END;

SYMBOL WithBody INHERITS RangeScope END;

SYMBOL WithUseIdent INHERITS
    GetScopeProp, CreateNewScope, InheritScope,
    OpenNewScope, IdUseEnv, ChkIdUse, IdentOcc
COMPUTE
    SYNT.ScopeKey = SYNT.Key;
    SYNT.OuterScope = SYNT.ScopeProp;
    SYNT.OpenPrecond = SYNT.Key;
END;
```

Similarly we can extend the language of our running example by classes with multiple inheritance:

The scope of the class body is created in the context `ClassDefIdent`, associated a property of the class identifier, and used as a target for the inheritance relations established in all `Inheritances`. The roles `RecentNewScope` and `OpenNewScope` in the newly introduced context `BuClass` access and open that scope.

```
RULE: Declaration ::= 'class' ClassDefIdent Inheritances
    BuClass ClassBlock ';'
END;

SYMBOL ClassDefIdent INHERITS
    CreateNewScope, IdSetScopeProp, IdDefScope, IdentOcc
END;

SYMBOL BuClass INHERITS RecentNewScope, OpenNewScope END;
```

In the `InheritIdent` contexts the scope property of the identifier is accessed and determined to be the outer scope to be inherited to the previously created scope.

```

SYMBOL InheritIdent INHERITS
    GetScopeProp, InheritScope,
    IdUseEnv, ChkIdUse, IdentOcc
COMPUTE
    SYNT.ScopeKey = SYNT.Key;
    SYNT.OuterScope = SYNT.ScopeProp;

    IF (AND (NOT (THIS.InheritOk), NE (THIS.Key, NoKey)),
        message (FATAL, CatStrInd ("cyclic inheritance: ", THIS.Sym),
                0, COORDREF))
    BOTTOMUP;
END;
```

The above specification also fits to the specification for identifiers that are qualified by a module name given in (see [Chapter 5 \[Scope Properties\], page 21](#)). If in a construct `c::x` `c` is a class, then `x` is bound to a component defined in `c` or in a class inherited by `c`. This is the concept of the scope operator in C++.

## 7 Name Analysis Test

This module augments the specified processor such that it produces output that makes the results of name analysis visible. For each identifier occurrence that has one of the identifier roles of the name analysis modules a line of the form

```
m in line 23 bound in line 4 of scope in line 3
```

is written to the standard output file. The first line number is that of the identifier occurrence, the second states where its binding was established by a defining occurrence, and the third where the scope of the binding has been created, i.e. usually the begin of the range. For unbound identifier occurrences a line of the form

```
m unbound in line 35
```

is written. The output is produced in left to right order of the identifier occurrence, independent of the order in which the bindings are found. The computations for producing that output are scheduled after the bindings are computed at all identifier occurrences, in order to avoid problems of evaluation order scheduling.

The output of the processors specified in `$/Name/Examples` is produced by using this module.

To achieve the effect of this module it is simply instantiated. No inheritance of any roles is necessary.

The module is instantiated by

```
$/Name/ShowBinding.gnrc+instance=NAME :inst
```

The instance parameter must have the same value as that of the instantiation of the basic name analysis module, i.e. `AlgScope`, `CScope`, or `BuScope`. Several instances may be used for testing the bindings in different name spaces. Unfortunately, this module is NOT usable if the name analysis module is instantiated with a `referto` parameter that modifies the key attribute name.

The module makes use of the facility to associate a `DefTableKey` to scopes: for each `NAMERangeScope` a new key, and for each `NAMERangeScopeProp` its `ScopeKey`. `NAMERootScope.NAMEGotEnvKey` indicates that all those keys are associated. If that facility is also used independent of the `ShowBinding` module, the computations of `NAMERangeScope.NAMEGotEnvKey` and `NAMERangeScopeProp.NAMEGotPropEnvKey` have to be overridden to avoid interference with the intended computations.

The module associates a property named `NAMELine` to each identifier key, and to each key of a scope. Its value is the line number where the binding is established. An instance of the `NAMESetFirst` module is used for that purpose. Line number 0 is shown for definitions of identifiers and for scopes if they are not established by roles of name analysis modules. That holds in particular for predefined identifiers and for the root environment.





## 8 Environment Module

This module implements a standard contour model for name analysis. The data structure is a tree of *scopes*, each of which can contain an arbitrary number of definitions. A definition is a binding of an identifier to an object in the definition table (see [Section “top” in PDL Reference Manual](#)). For an identifier `idn` and a scope `sc` there is at most one binding in `sc`.

The environment module provides operations for building scope trees, adding definitions to specific scopes, and searching individual scopes or sequences of scopes for the binding of a particular identifier. Inheritance relations can be established between scopes to support object-oriented name analysis.

The module is capable of building multiple trees of scopes in order to model distinct name spaces, such that bindings in one tree do not effect the lookup in another tree.

The module places no constraints on the sequence of construction, definition and lookup operations; there is one exception: an inheritance relation may not be established for a scope that has already been involved in a lookup operation.

The module implements certain lookup operations such that linear search through several scopes is avoided in order to reduce the amortized asymptotic cost of name analysis. This effect on efficiency can be lost if the sequence of those lookup operations arbitrarily often switches the scopes they are applied to.

The modules described in the Name Analysis Library (see [Section “Name Analysis” in Specification Module Library: Name Analysis](#)) provide solutions for common name analysis tasks based on this environment module. If they are used the interface of this module is available for use in `.lido` specifications; otherwise the interface is made available by adding `$/Name/envmod.specs` to the processor specification. In C modules the interface of the environment module is introduced by `#include "envmod.h"`.

### 8.1 Exported types and values

The following types and constant values are provided to represent name analysis data:

#### Environment

A pointer to a node in the tree of scopes. It is used either to refer to a single scope, or to refer to a scope and all the scopes that are visible from it (i.e. its ancestors in the tree and the scopes that are inherited by each).

**NoEnv** A constant of type **Environment** that represents no environment.

**Binding** A pointer to a triple (`int idn`, `Environment sc`, `DefTableKey key`) that represents the binding of the identifier `idn` in the scope pointed to by `sc` to the entity `key`.

#### NoBinding

A constant of type **Binding** that represents no binding.

#### InheritPtr

An opaque type used to traverse inheritance relations.

#### NoInherit

A constant of type **InheritPtr** that indicates the end of an inheritance traversal.

## 8.2 Operations to build the scope tree

The following operations are provided for constructing the tree of scopes:

**Environment NewEnv ()**

A function that creates a new tree consisting of a single, empty scope and returns a reference to that empty scope.

**Environment NewScope (Environment env)**

A function that creates a new empty scope as a child of the scope pointed to by **env** and returns a reference to that empty scope.

## 8.3 Operations to establish inheritance

An inheritance relation from scope **fromcl** to scope **tocl** means that the scope **tocl** inherits the bindings of the scope **fromcl**. The following operations are provided to establish and to check inheritance relations:

**int InheritClass (Environment tocl, Environment fromcl)**

A function that establishes an inheritance relation from the scope **fromcl** to the scope **tocl** if and only if

- **tocl** and **fromcl** are different scopes in the same tree of scopes
- the graph of inheritance relations remains acyclic when adding the relation
- the scope **tocl** has not yet been involved in a lookup for a binding.

**InheritClass** returns 1 if the inheritance relation could be established; otherwise it returns 0.

**int Inheritsfrom (Environment tocl, Environment fromcl)**

A function that returns 1 if **tocl** and **fromcl** are the same scopes, or if there is a direct or indirect inheritance relation from the scope **fromcl** to the scope **tocl**. Otherwise **Inheritsfrom** returns 0. After a call of **Inheritsfrom**, no further inheritance relation can be established for **tocl** or **fromcl**.

## 8.4 Operations to establish bindings

The following operations are provided to establish a binding within a scope:

**Binding BindKey (Environment env, int idn, DefTableKey key)**

A function that checks the scope referenced by its **env** argument for a binding of the identifier specified by its **idn** argument. If no such binding is found, a binding of the identifier **idn** to the definition table object specified by **key** is added to scope **env**. **BindKey** returns the value **NoBinding** if a binding already exists, and returns the new binding otherwise.

**int AddIdn (Environment env, int idn, DefTableKey key)**

A macro that calls **BindKey**. **AddIdn** returns the value 0 if **BindKey** returns **NoBinding**, and returns 1 otherwise.

**Binding BindKeyInScope (Environment env, int idn, DefTableKey key)**

A function that has the same effect as **BindKey**. **BindKeyInScope** should be used for efficiency reasons if bindings are established in several different scopes before lookups are performed in them.

**Binding** `BindIdn (Environment env, int idn)`

A function that checks the scope referenced by its `env` argument for a binding of the identifier specified by its `idn` argument. If no such binding is found, `BindIdn` obtains a value from `NewKey()` and binds `idn` to that value in scope `env`. `BindIdn` returns the the binding associated with `idn`.

**DefTableKey** `DefineIdn (Environment env, int idn)`

A macro that calls `BindIdn` and returns the key of the binding returned by `BindIdn`.

**Binding** `BindInScope (Environment env, int idn)`

A function that has the same effect as `BindIdn`. `BindInScope` should be used for efficiency reasons if bindings are established in several different scopes before lookups are performed in them.

These operations are very similar, but they differ in two aspects:

- The key for the new binding is given as an argument (`BindKey`, `AddIdn`, `BindKeyInScope`), or a new key is created for the new binding (`BindIdn`, `DefineIdn`, `BindInScope`).
- Functions that should be preferred for efficiency reasons if several operations on one scope occur in sequence (`BindKey`, `AddIdn`, `BindIdn`, `DefineIdn`), or if scopes are arbitrarily switched between operations (`BindKeyInScope`, `BindInScope`).

`DefineIdn` and `AddIdn` are provided for compatibility with previous versions of the environment module.

## 8.5 Operations to find bindings

The following operations are provided to lookup bindings for given identifiers. For ease of understanding they are described here as if the bindings of scopes were traversed in a linear search. In fact the implementation avoids such linear search where possible:

**Binding** `BindingInScope (Environment env, int idn)`

A function that checks the scope referenced by its `env` argument for a binding of the identifier specified by its `idn` argument. If no binding for `idn` is found, the scopes that are directly or indirectly inherited by `env` are searched. During that search, a scope `tocl` is considered before a scope `fromcl` if `tocl` inherits from `fromcl`. The first binding found is returned; if no binding is found then `NoBinding` is returned.

**DefTableKey** `KeyInScope (Environment env, int idn)`

A macro that calls `BindingInScope` and returns the key of the binding found. `NoKey` is returned if no binding is found by `BindingInScope`.

**Binding** `BindingInEnv (Environment env, int idn)`

A function that has the same effect as `BindingInScope` except that if no binding for `idn` is found for scope `env` then the search continues as if `BindingInScope` was applied successively to ancestors of `env` in the tree of scopes.

**DefTableKey** `KeyInEnv (Environment env, int idn)`

A macro that calls `BindingInEnv` and returns the key of the binding found. `NoKey` is returned if no binding is found by `BindingInEnv`.

These operations are very similar, but they differ in one aspect:

- Only the scope given as argument and those scopes it inherits from are considered for the lookup (`BindingInScope`, `KeyInScope`), or the scope given as argument, its ancestors in the tree of scopes, and those scopes they inherit from are considered for the lookup (`BindingInEnv`, `KeyInEnv`).

`KeyInScope` and `KeyInEnv` are provided for compatibility with previous versions of the environment module.

## 8.6 Operations to find additional bindings

The following operations find further bindings that are related in some way to a given one:

`Binding OverridesBinding (Binding bind)`

A function that yields a hidden binding. Let `bind` be a binding of identifier `idn` in a scope `e`. Then `OverridesBinding` returns the value that `BindingInEnv(e, idn)` would have returned if the binding `bind` had not existed.

`Binding NextInhBinding (Environment env, Binding bind)`

A function that yields a binding that is also visible due to multiple inheritance relations. Let `bind` be a binding of identifier `idn` in a scope `e` that has been obtained by a call `BindingInScope(env, idn)`, `BindingInEnv(env, idn)`, or `NextInhBinding(env, idn)`, and let `tocl` be `env` or its next ancestor that inherits from `e`. Then `NextInhBinding` returns a binding of identifier `idn`, if any, in a scope `ep` that is inherited by `tocl` but not by `e`; otherwise `NoBinding` is returned.

`DefTableKey NextInhKey (Environment env, int idn, DefTableKey key)`

A function that has the same effect as `NextInhBinding`, except that the keys of bindings (instead of the bindings themselves) are supplied and returned.

## 8.7 Operations to examine environments

The following operations are provided to obtain information from environments:

`Binding DefinitionsOf(Environment env)`

A function that returns the first binding of the scope `env`. It returns `NoBinding` if `env` is `NoEnv` or if no identifiers are bound in `env`.

`Binding NextDefinition(Binding b)`

A function that returns the next binding of the scope `EnvOf(b)`. It returns `NoBinding` if `b` is `NoBinding` or if `b` is the last binding of `EnvOf(b)`.

`int IdnOf(Binding b)`

A function that returns the identifier bound by `b`. It returns `NoIdn` if `b` is `NoBinding`.

`DefTableKey KeyOf(Binding b)`

A function that returns the key bound by `b`. It returns `NoKey` if `b` is `NoBinding`.

`Environment EnvOf(Binding b)`

A function that returns the environment containing `b`. It returns `NoEnv` if `b` is `NoBinding`.

**Environment ParentOf(Environment env)**

A function that returns the parent of **env** in a tree of scopes. It returns **NoEnv** if **env** is **NoEnv** or if **env** is the root of the tree.

**DefTableKey SetKeyOfEnv(Environment env, DefTableKey k)**

A function that associates the key **k** with the scope **env**. It returns **k** unless **env** is **NoEnv**; in that case it returns **NoKey**.

**DefTableKey KeyOfEnv(Environment env)**

A function that returns the key **k** associated with the scope **env** by the most recent operation **SetKeyOfEnv(env,k)**. It returns **NoKey** if **env** is **NoEnv** or if **SetKeyOfEnv(env,k)** has never been executed.

**int IsClass(Environment env)**

A function that returns 1 if the scope **env** has been argument of a call of **InheritClass**; otherwise 0 is returned.

**InheritPtr DirectInherits(Environment env)**

A function that returns the first direct inheritance relation to **env** established by a call of **InheritClass(env,fromcl)**. It returns **NoInherit** if **env** is **NoEnv** or if **InheritClass(env,fromcl)** has never been invoked.

**InheritPtr NextInherit(InheritPtr inh)**

A function that returns the next direct inheritance relation. It returns **NoInherit** if **inh** is **NoInherit** or if there are no more direct inheritances for the given scope.

**Environment EnvOfInherit(InheritPtr inh)**

A function that returns the scope **fromcl** of the inheritance relation **inh**.



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