COMP-520 – Review lecture

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Plan

- We'll go over the different concepts we learned
- **You** will have to provide the answers
- People who answer get chocolate!
- I know the names of many of you; if you don't want to be called out, volunteer an answer :)

Compiler overview

What is a compiler?

An *automated* program that *translates* programs written in a *source language* into *equivalent* programs in a *target language*.

Compiler vs interpreter?

- Compiler: *translate* a program (execute the result later)
- Interpreter: *execute* a program immediately

AOT vs JIT?

- AOT: compile everything now, execute later
- JIT: execute now (interpreter), compile the hot parts during execution

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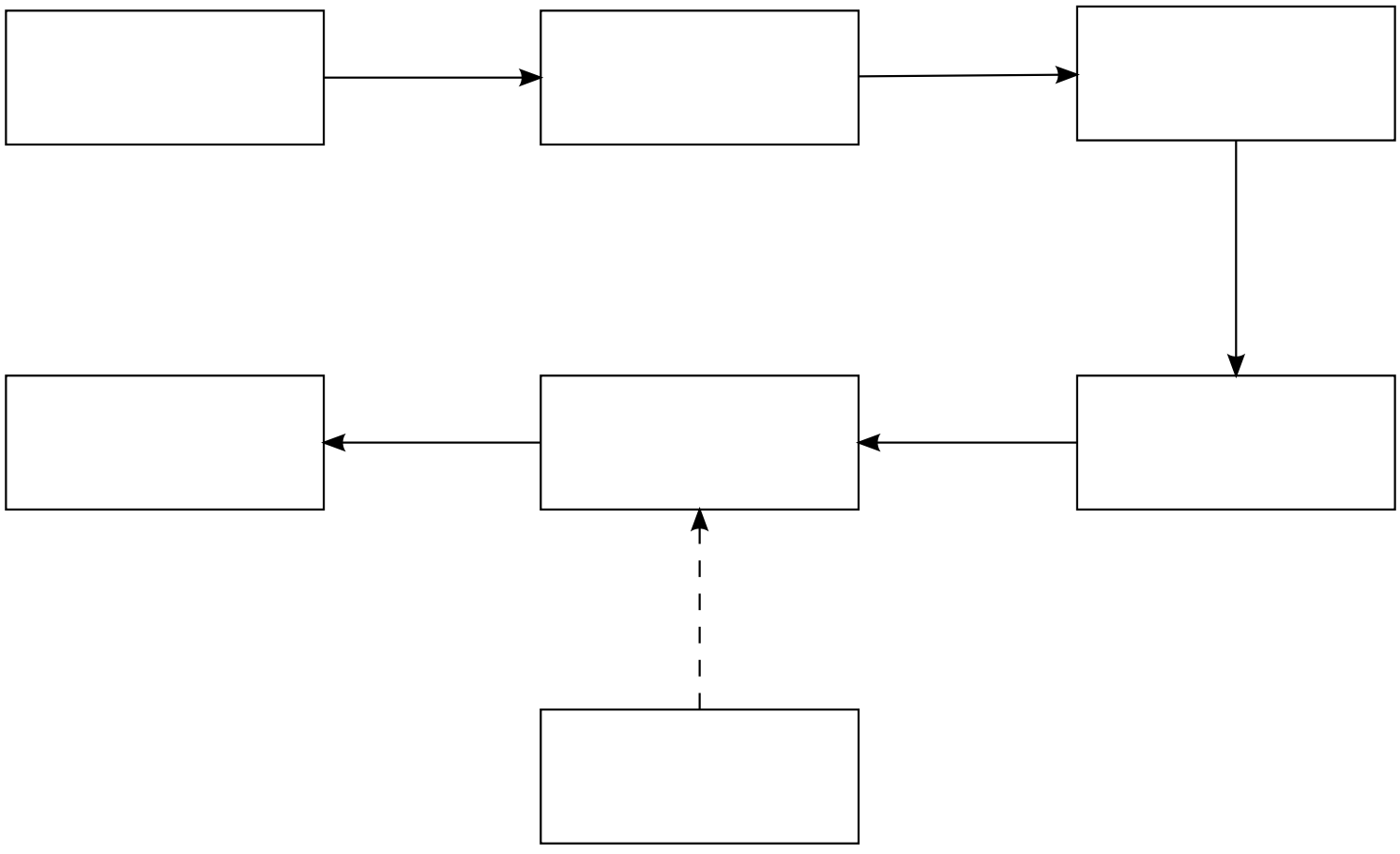

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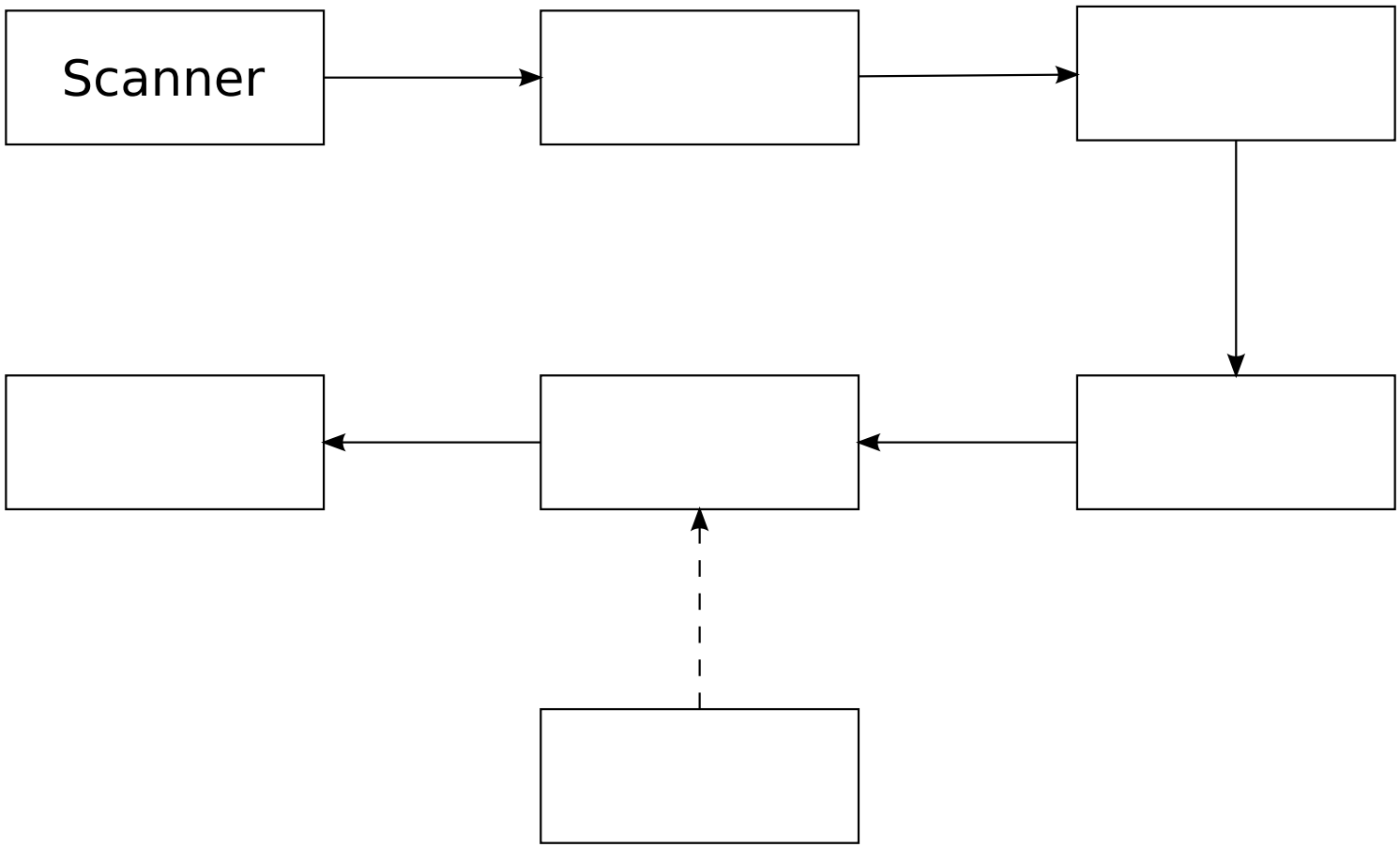

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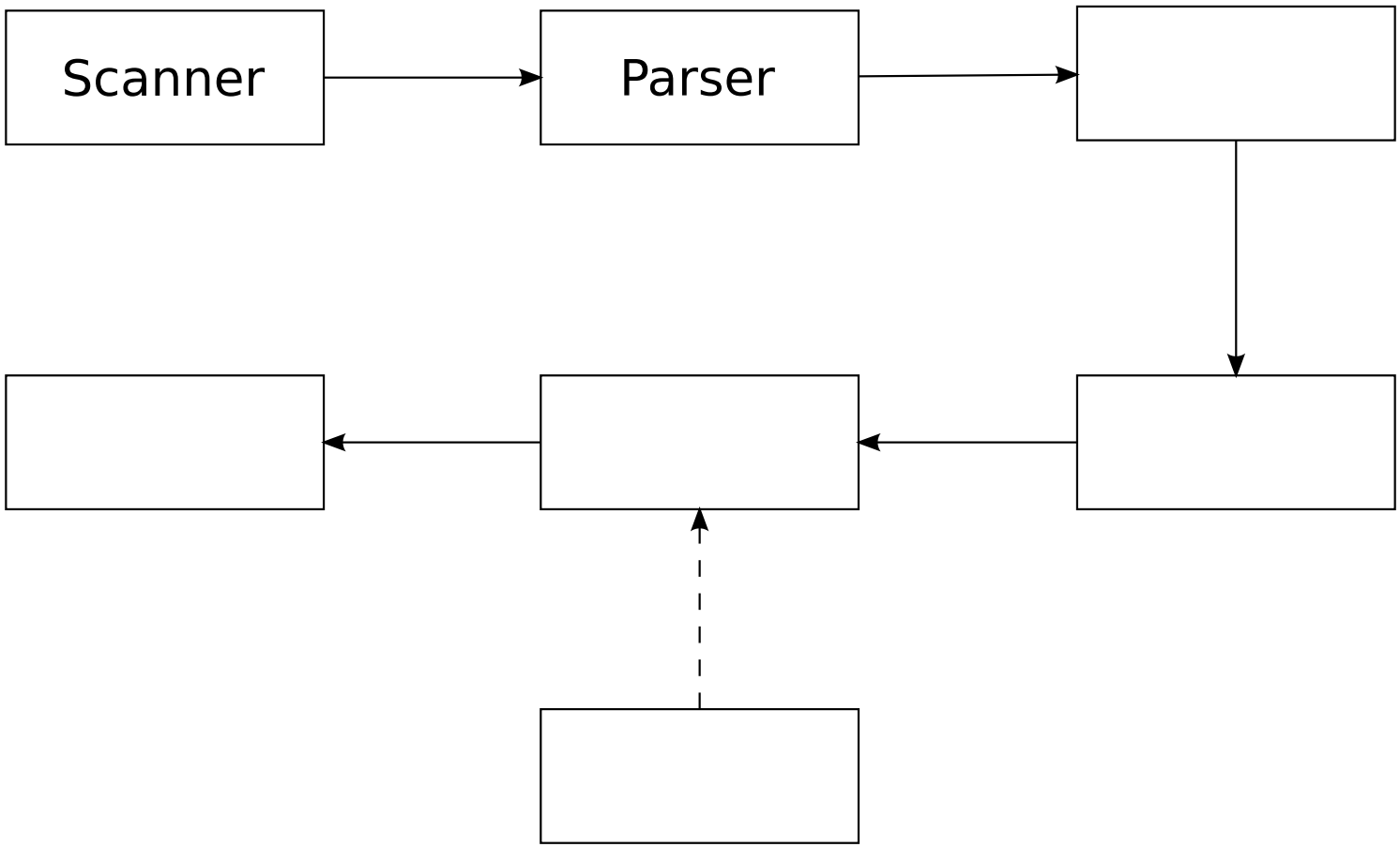

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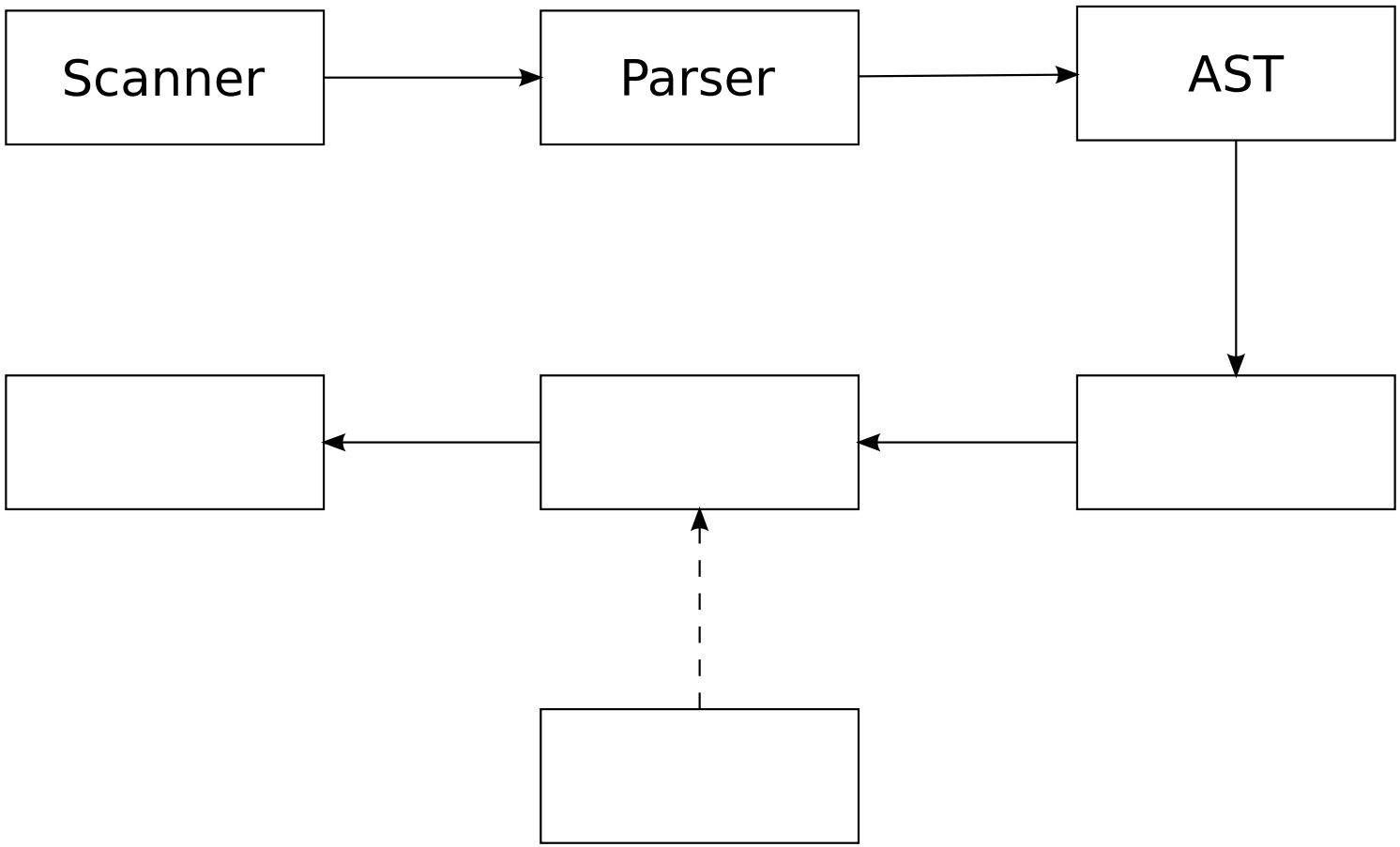

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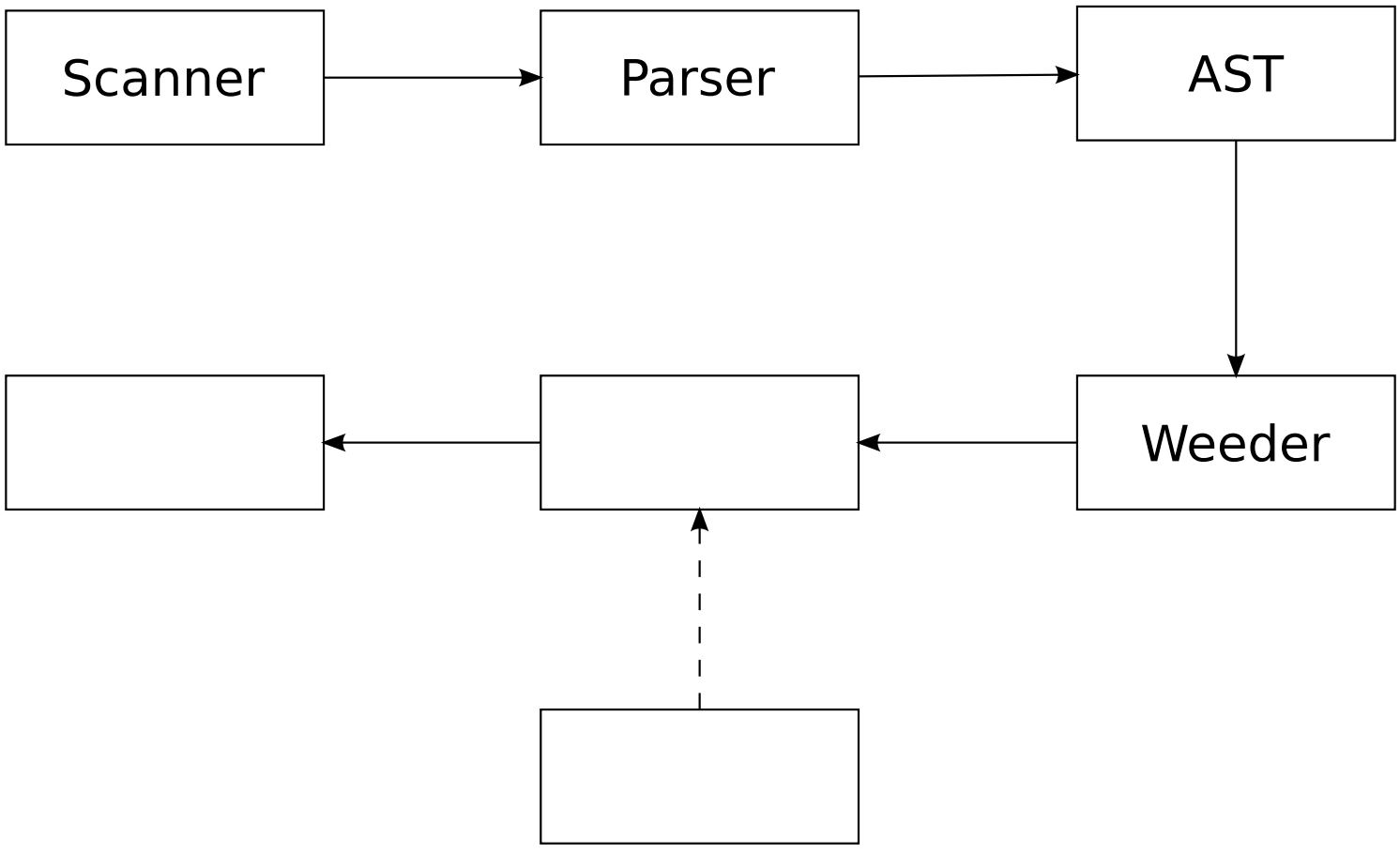

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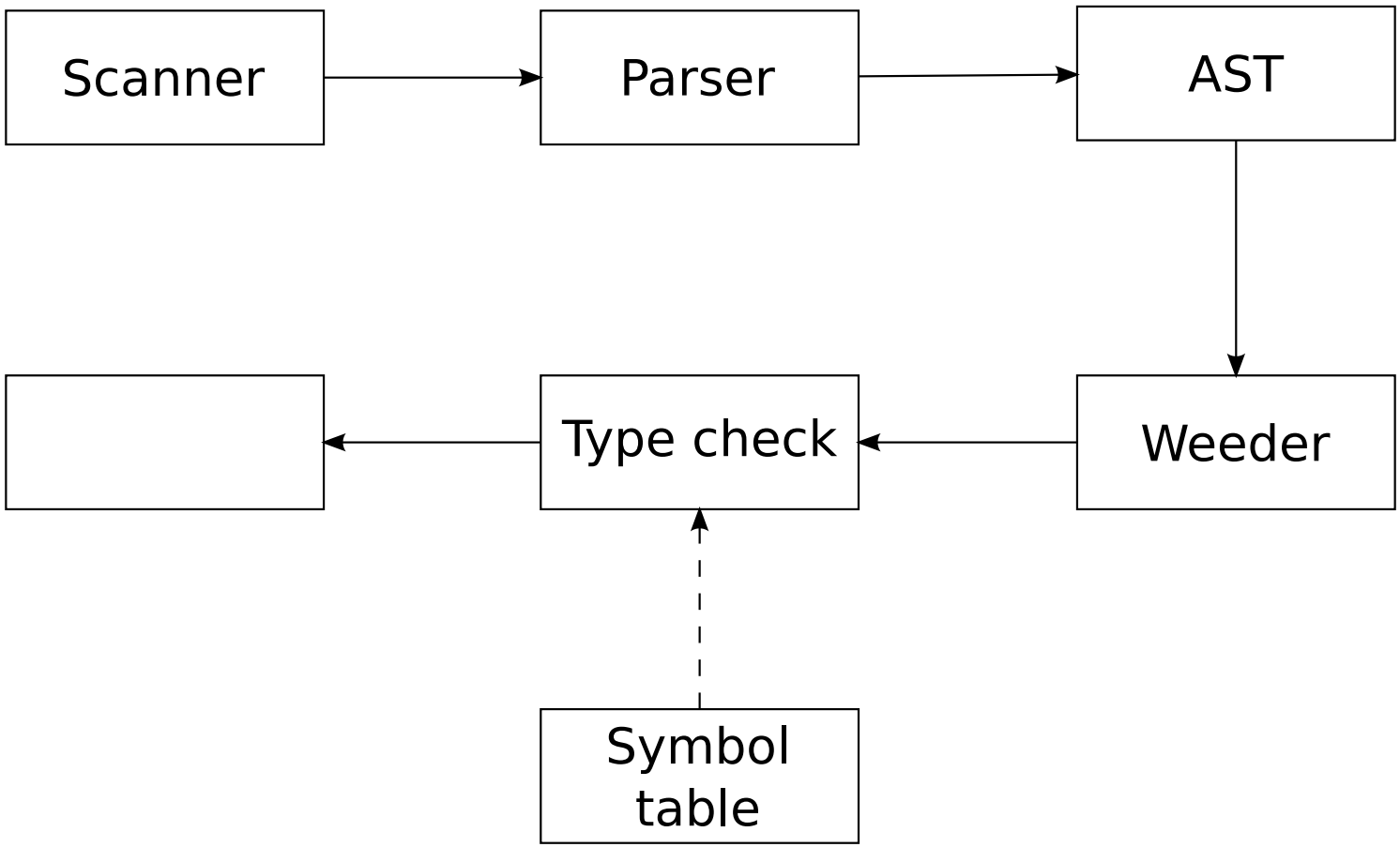

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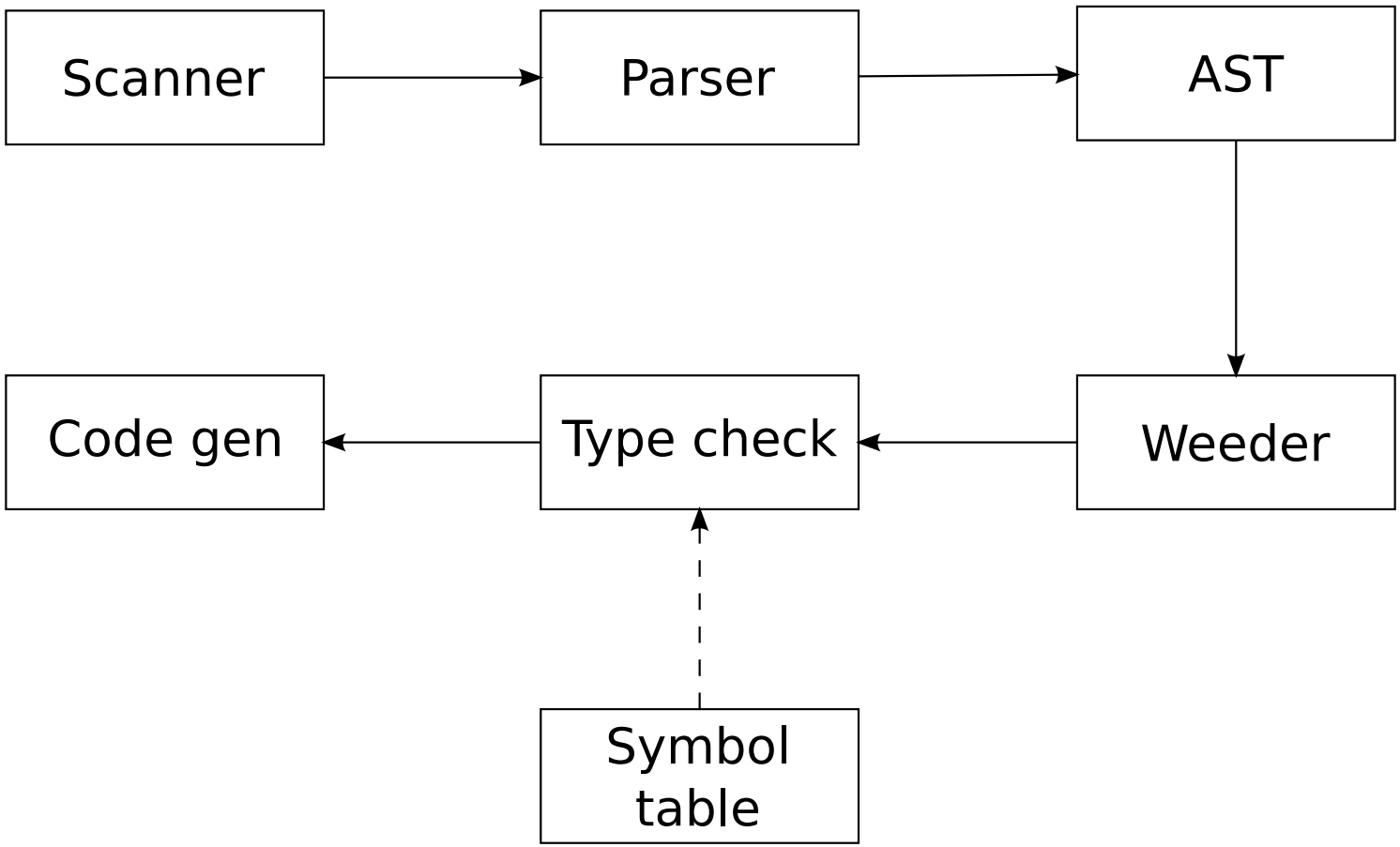

Scanner

Scanner generalities

- What is the input of a scanner? **Characters**
- What is the output of a scanner? **Tokens**
- What formalism did we use to specify scanners? **Regular expressions**

Regular expressions

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- C
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- Alternation **A | B**
- Repetition **A***

Regular expressions

More regular expressions

- Optional **A? = A** | ϵ
- One-or-more **A+ = A(A*)**
- Range of characters **[a-c] = 'a' | 'b' | 'c'**

Scanner

How does flex match tokens?

Scanner

How does flex handle multiple matches?

- Longest match rule (e.g. `var` vs `variance`)
- First match rule (e.g. keywords vs identifiers)

Scanner

How does flex make regular expressions executable?

Regular expression $\rightarrow$ NFA $\rightarrow$ DFA

Regular languages

Given a language, what is one sign that it is not a regular language?

Nesting (e.g. parentheses, control structures)

Regular languages cannot be defined recusively.

Parser

Parser generalities

- What is the input of a parser? **Tokens**
- What is the output of a parser? **Syntax tree (abstract or concrete)**
- What formalism did we use to specify parsers? **Context-free grammars**

Context-free grammars

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- P
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- Non-terminals (e.g. *stmt* or *expr*)
- Productions (e.g. *stmt* $\rightarrow$ *PRINT '(' expr ')'*)
- Start symbol

Context-free grammars

When is a grammar ambiguous?

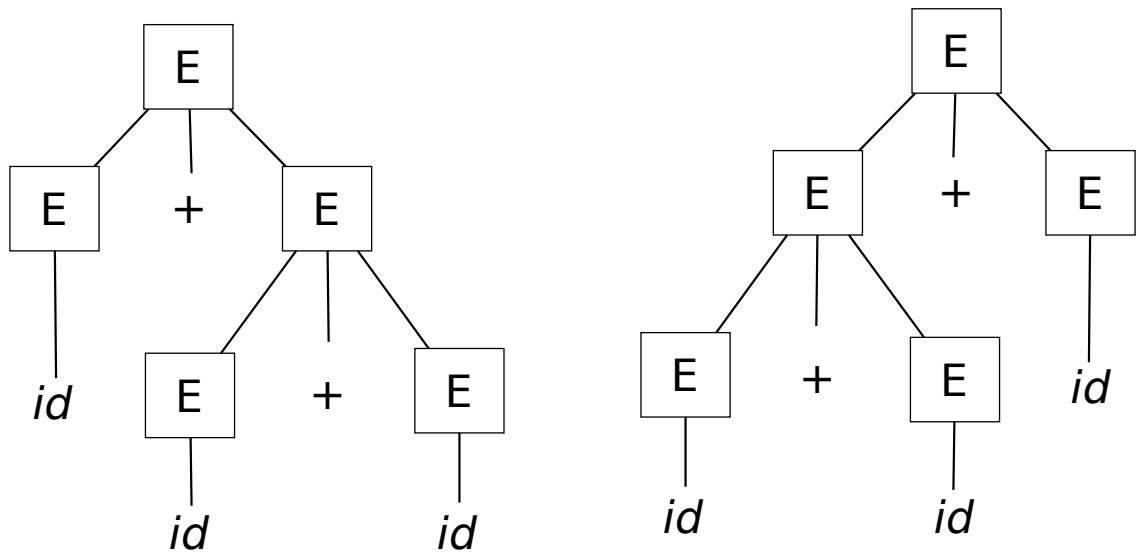
When *at least* **one sentence that has** *more than one* **derivation.**

Ambiguous grammar

$$\mathrm{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{id} \mid \mathrm{E}\ '+'\ \mathrm{E}$$

`id + id + id`

What are the two derivations for this sentence?



Ambiguous grammar

What are the two ways to fix this ambiguity?

Factoring the grammar:

```
E = E '+' T | T;

T = id;
```

Precedence declarations:

```
%left '+'

E = id | E '+' E;
```

Parsers

What do LL(1) and LR(1) mean?

- LL(1): left-to-right processing, **left-most derivation**, one token of lookahead
- LR(1): left-to-right processing, **right-most derivation**, one token of lookahead

Parsers

What is a left-most derivation? A right-most derivation?

```
stmt = IF expr THEN stmt ENDIF
     | PRINT expr
expr = ID

if x then print x endif

// left-most derivation
IF expr THEN stmt ENDIF ==>
    IF ID THEN stmt ENDIF



// right-most derivation
IF expr THEN stmt ENDIF ==>
    IF expr THEN PRINT expr ENDIF
```

Parsers

What are the two types of parser we saw in class?

- T
- B

Parsers

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- Top-down
- B

Parsers

What are the two types of parser we saw in class?

- Top-down
- Bottom-up

Parsers

What is the difference between top-down and bottom-up?

- Top-down: start symbol $\downarrow$ leaves
- Bottom-up: leaves $\uparrow$ start symbol

Recursive descent parser

```
// Grammar
stmt = ID '=' expr ';'
     | PRINT expr ';'
     | ...

// Python code
def stmt():
    next_tok = peek()
    if next_tok == TOK_ID:
        id = consume(TOK_ID)
        consume(TOK_EQ)
        e = expr()
        consume(TOK_SEMI)
        return astnode(AST_ASSIGN, lhs=id, rhs=e)
    elif next_tok == TOK_PRINT:
        consume(TOK_PRINT)
        e = expr()
        consume(TOK_SEMI)
        return astnode(AST_PRINT, expr=e)
    elif ...
```

Bottom-up parsers

What are the three actions of a bottom-up parser?

- S
- R
- A

Bottom-up parsers

What are the three actions of a bottom-up parser?

- Shift (move a token from input to stack)
- R
- A

Bottom-up parsers

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- Shift (move a token from input to stack)
- Reduce (replace the rhs of a production that's on top of the stack with its lhs)
- A

Bottom-up parsers

What are the three actions of a bottom-up parser?

- Shift (move a token from input to stack)
- Reduce (replace the rhs of a production that's on top of the stack with its lhs)
- Accept

Bottom-up parsers

What type of conflict is exhibited in this grammar?

```
%{
%}

%token ID
%start start

%%
start: rule1 | rule2
rule1: ID
rule2: ID
%%
```

Reduce/reduce

Bottom-up parsers

What type of conflict is exhibited in this grammar?

```
%{
%}

%token ID
%start start

%%
start: ID ID | rule1 ID
rule1: ID
%%
```

Shift/reduce

AST

Concrete syntax tree

- What is a CST? **The tree that traces a parser derivation**
- What are the inner nodes of a CST? **The non-terminals**
- What are the leaves of a CST? **The terminals**

Abstract syntax tree

- What is a AST? **A tree representation of the program without the extraneous stuff (e.g. punctuation, extra non-terminals)**
- What are the inner nodes of an AST? **Statements and expressions**
- What are the leaves of an AST? **Literals and identifiers**

AST vs CST

- Can you use a CST for type checking? **Yes**
- Can you use a CST for code gen? **Yes**
- Then why do we prefer ASTs? **Simpler and shorter**

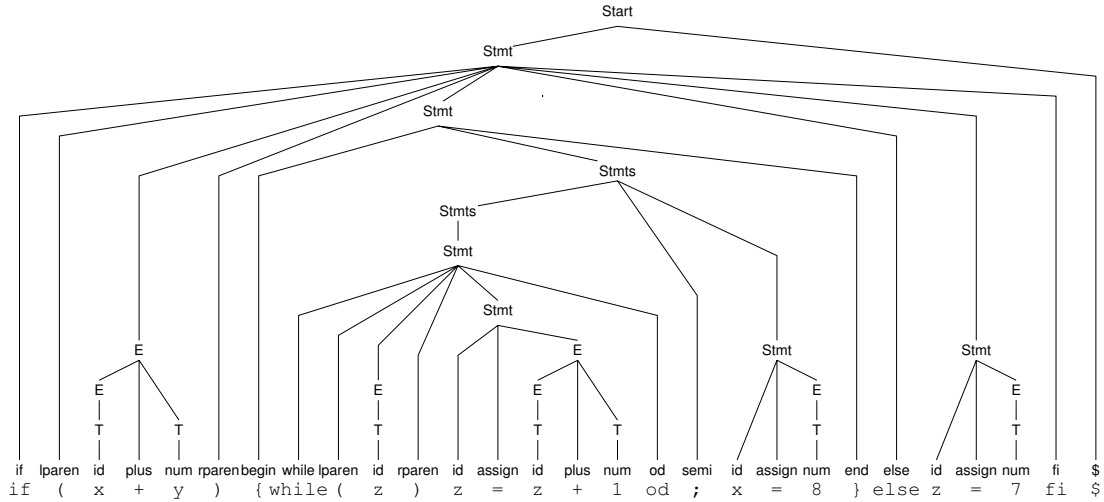

Figure 7.18: Concrete syntax tree.

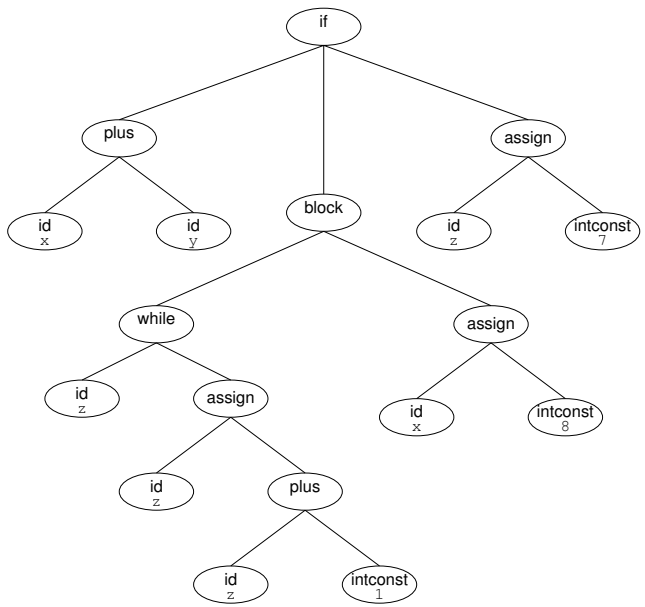

Figure 7.19: AST for the parse tree in Figure 7.18.

Weeder

Weeder

What is the role of the weeder?

Reject invalid programs that the parser cannot.

Weeder

What are some examples that a parser cannot reject and must be done in a weeder?

- Reject `break` and `continue` outside of loops
- Reject switch statements with multiple `default` branches
- Reject non-void functions without `return` statements

Weeder

Why can't we write a parser to refuse `break` outside loops?

Context-*free* grammar, we can't know whether we are in a loop or not.

(With a hand-written parser, we could increment/decrement a counter when we enter/exit a loop body. This model is more powerful than a CFG.)

Weeder

If a check can be done in the parser and in the weeder, where should we do it?

- Where it's simpler
- Where it gives the better error message

Symbol tables

Symbol tables

What is stored in a symbol table?

Identifiers and their related information.

Symbol tables

What information can be associated with a symbol?

- Type
- Offset in stack frame
- Resources for methods (e.g. number of locals, stack limit)
- Original name
- Etc.

Symbol tables

What data structure is typically used for symbol tables?

Hash tables

Symbol tables

How do we handle multiple scopes where variables can be redeclared?

Stack of hash tables

Symbol tables

How do we lookup a symbol?

Search hash tables in the stack from top to bottom

Type checking

Type checking

What is the role of type checking?

Reject programs that are *syntactically* **correct, but** *semantically* **wrong**

Type checking

- What is the input of the type checker? **AST**
- What is the output of the type checker? **Annotated AST**

Type checking

- Do declarations have a type? **No**
- Do statements have a type? **No**
- Do expressions have a type? **Yes**

Type checking

Where do we store the type of expressions?

- In the AST
- In an auxiliary table (SableCC)

Type checking

Exercise

`var x int = expr`

- Type check *expr*
- Make sure `int = typeof(expr)`
- Report an error if the types don't match
- Try to add `x -> int` to the symbol table
- Report an error if `x` is already defined in the current scope

Type checking

Exercise

```
if expr {
  then_stmts
} else {
  else_stmts
}
```

- Type check *expr*, *then_stmts*, and *else_stmts*
- Make sure `typeof(expr) = bool`

Type checking

Exercise

```
// x is declared as an int
max(2+3, x)
```

- Type check `2+3`
- Type check `x`
- Type check `max`
- Make sure `max` accepts two parameters and that `2+3` has the type of the first formal parameter and `x` has the type of the second formal parameter
- The whole expression has the return type declared for `max`

Inference rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : int \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : int}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 + e_2 : int}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : bool \quad \Gamma \vdash s_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash s_2}{\Gamma \vdash \mathit{if}\ e\ \{s_1\}\ \mathit{else}\ \{s_2\}}$$

Inference rules

You should have no problem reading and writing rules like this one:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} L, C, M, V \vdash E_i : \sigma_i \\ \exists \vec{\tau}\colon\ \mathit{constructor}(L, \mathtt{C}, \vec{\tau}) \wedge \\ \qquad \vec{\tau} := \vec{\sigma} \wedge \\ \qquad (\forall \vec{\gamma}\colon\ \ \mathit{constructor}(L, \mathtt{C}, \vec{\gamma}) \wedge \vec{\gamma} := \vec{\sigma} \\ \qquad\qquad\qquad \Downarrow \\ \qquad\qquad\qquad \vec{\gamma} := \vec{\tau} \\ \qquad) \end{array}}{L, C, M, V \vdash \texttt{new C(}E_1, \ldots, E_n\texttt{)} : \mathtt{C}}$$

Just kidding :)

Code generation

Code generation

Code generation has many sub-phases:

- Computing resources
- Generating an IR of the code
- Optimizing the code
- Emitting the code

Computing resources

In JOOS, what resources did we need to compute?

- L
- S
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- L
- O

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- Stack height (maximum)
- L
- O

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- Offsets (locals and formals)

IR

Which IRs did we see in class?

JVM Bytecodes and VirtualRISC

JVM bytecodes

What does the body of this method look like in Jasmin?

```
public static void f(int x) {
    x = x + 3;
}
```

```
                          // [ TOP , BOT ]
                          // [     ,     ]
iload_0                   // [ x   ,     ]
ldc_int 3                 // [ 3   , x   ]
iadd                      // [ x+3 ,     ]
istore_0                  // [     ,     ]
```

- How many locals? **1**
- Stack height? **2**

JVM bytecodes

How would we generate code for the following pattern?

```
if (E) S1 else S2
```

```
<code for E>
ifeq else_branch
<code for S1>
goto end_if
else_branch:
<code for S2>
end_if:
```

JVM bytecodes

What invariant must be respected by *statement* code templates?

Stack height is unchanged

What invariant must be respected by *expression* code templates?

Stack height increased by one