CSE 341 AA: Section 1

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Introductions



Course Resources

- Amazing readings/videos covering course content
 - Great for reviewing post-lecture, pre-exam, or whenever!
- Dan/the TAs (We're happy to help!!!)
 - Can email questions to cse341-staff@cs.washington.edu
 - Come to office hours!
 - Google group discussion board for general questions/discussions you think would be helpful to everyone!

Emacs Setup

- Setup instructions are on the course website
- Find someone with a similar system and troubleshoot together!
- Of course ask questions if you have them
- If you finish early, feel free to start reading up on HW1

Shadowing

```
val x = 17;
val y = x + 3;
val x = 10; (* This binding shadows an earlier binding *)
val z = x + y; (* The most recent binding for x will be used,
                                     so z is bound to 30 *)
(* Shadowing is generally bad style, makes code hard to read! *)
```

Shadowing w/SML REPL

- use "<path-to-file>"; loads the bindings from the given file into the REPL environment
 - If the same file is loaded after being changed, there are potential shadowing issues
 - Safest strategy: Completely restart the REPL when wanting to load the bindings from a file after making changes.

Syntax and Semantics (from Dan's slides)

- Syntax is just how you write something
- Semantics is what that something means
 - Type-checking (before program runs)
 - Evaluation (as program runs)

Error Messages

• Sample syntax error:

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• Sample type checking error:

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    operator domain: [+ ty] * [+ ty]
    operand: [+ ty] * bool
    in expression:
    4 + true
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Sometimes error messages aren't super helpful... try to get as much info from them as you can!

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Testing in SML

- You must turn in a testing program with homeworks. It won't be graded, but it must be turned in
- Testing is important! Try to write efficient tests, pick out certain cases
- One possibility for testing is to write a sequence of bool bindings that should evaluate to true, such as:

```
val test_1 = some_fun_fun(some_input) = expected_value
```

SML Practice

- First week about the course is all about getting comfortable with potentially unfamiliar concepts, including:
 - Recursion, depending on your past experience/practice
 - SML, also depending on your past experience/practice, but my guess is that it's less likely you've had large exposure to SML in the past:)

ASK QUESTIONS!!!!

How sad I'll be if no one asks the questions they have



Language of the day

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SML!!! Surprise!

We will learn more about the super awesome functional programming concepts that make up SML in the coming weeks!