

Clang Tutorial

CS453 Automated Software Testing

Overview

- Clang is a library to convert a C program into an abstract syntax tree (AST) and manipulate the AST
 - Ex) finding branches, renaming variables, pointer alias analysis, etc
- Example C code
 - 2 functions are declared: myPrint and main
 - main function calls myPrint and returns 0
 - myPrint function calls printf
 - myPrint contains if and for statements
 - 1 global variable is declared: global

```
//Example.c
#include <stdio.h>

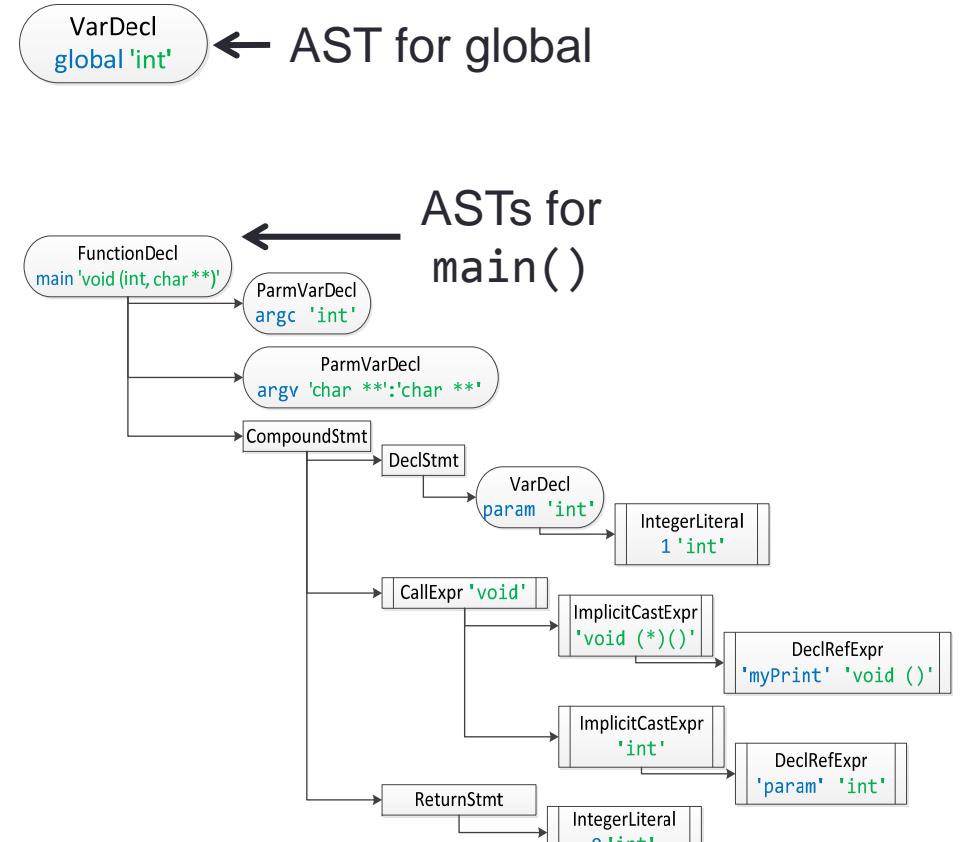
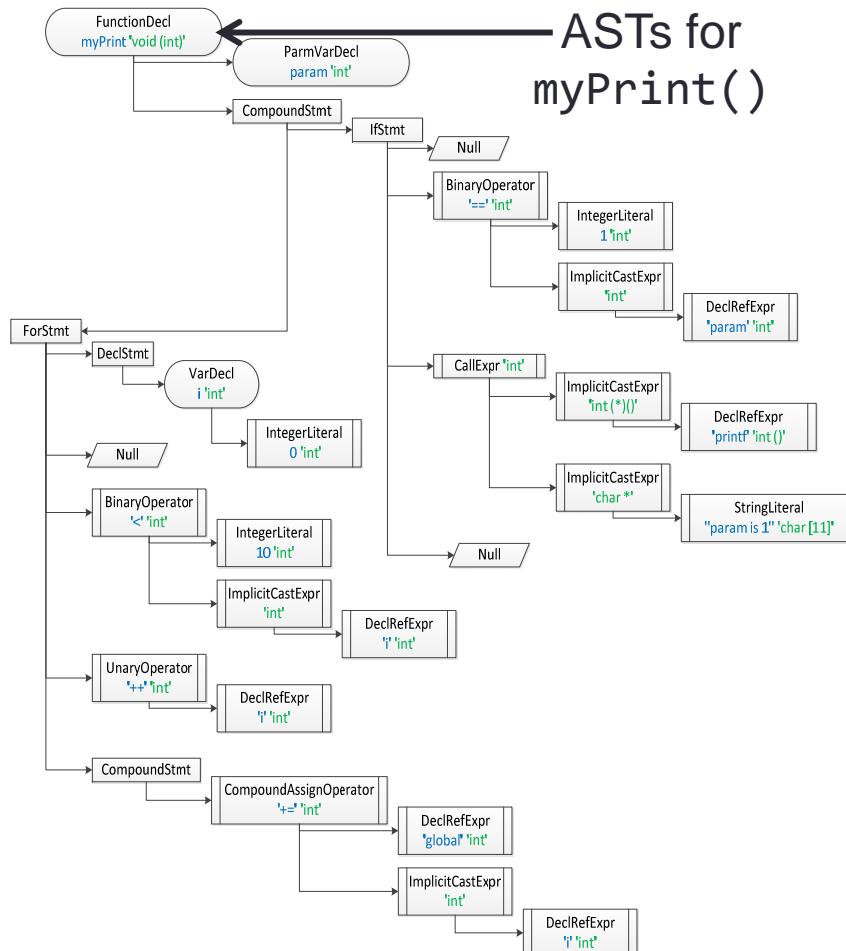
int global;

void myPrint(int param) {
    if (param == 1)
        printf("param is 1");
    for (int i = 0 ; i < 10 ; i++ ) {
        global += i;
    }
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int param = 1;
    myPrint(param);
    return 0;
}
```

Example AST

- Clang generates 3 ASTs for `myPrint()`, `main()`, and `global`
 - A function declaration has a function body and parameters



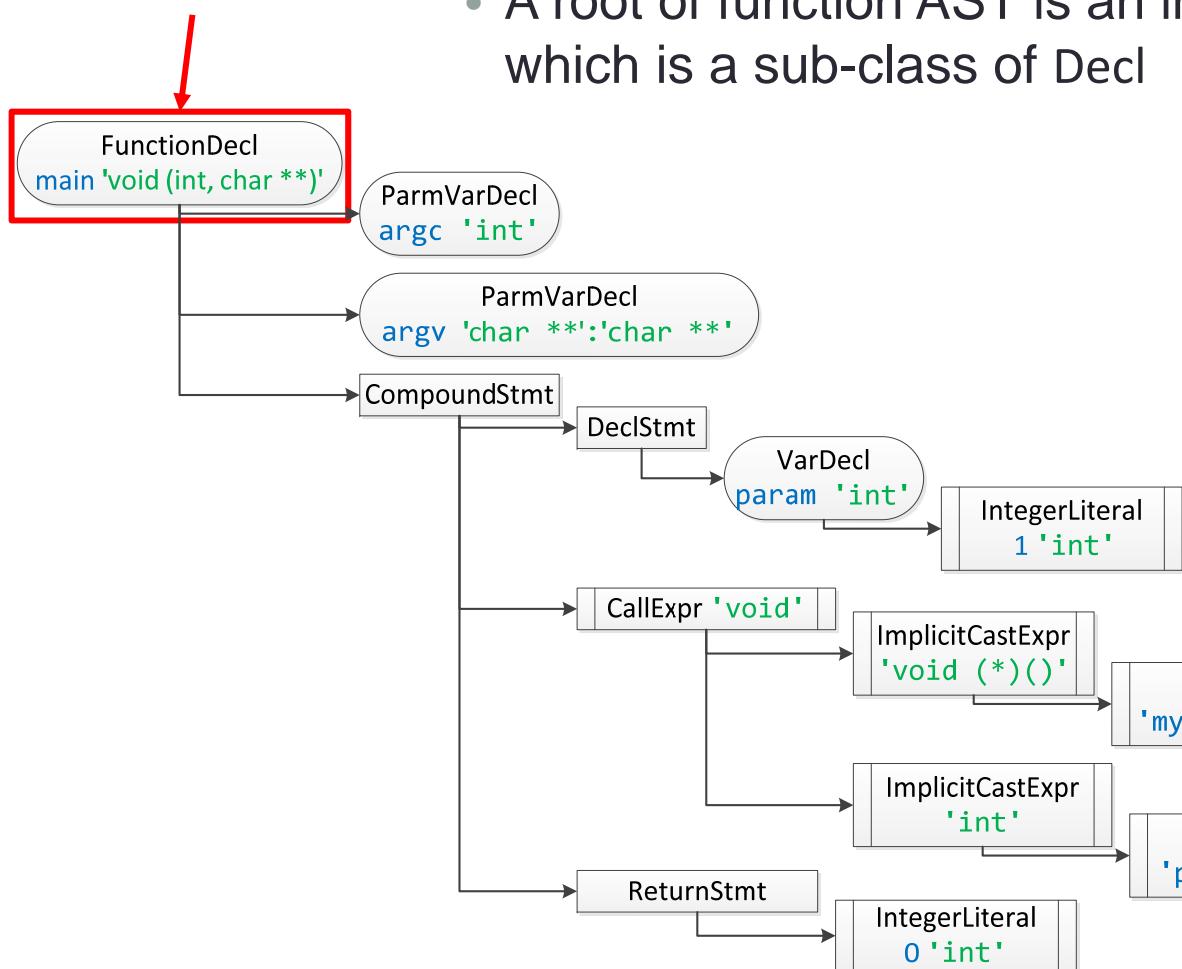
Structure of AST

- Each node in AST is an instance of either Decl or Stmt class
 - Decl represents declarations and there are sub-classes of Decl for different declaration types
 - Ex) FunctionDecl class for function declaration and ParmVarDecl class for function parameter declaration
 - Stmt represents statements and there are sub-classes of Stmt for different statement types
 - Ex) IfStmt for if and ReturnStmt class for function return
 - Comments (i.e., /* */, //) are not built into an AST

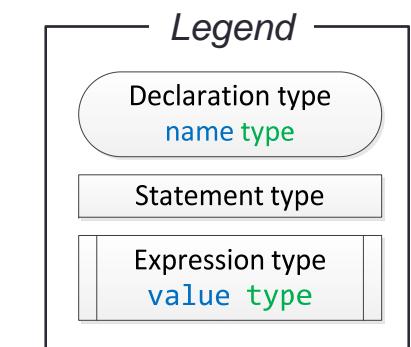
Decl (1/4)

- A root of the function AST is a Decl node

Function declaration

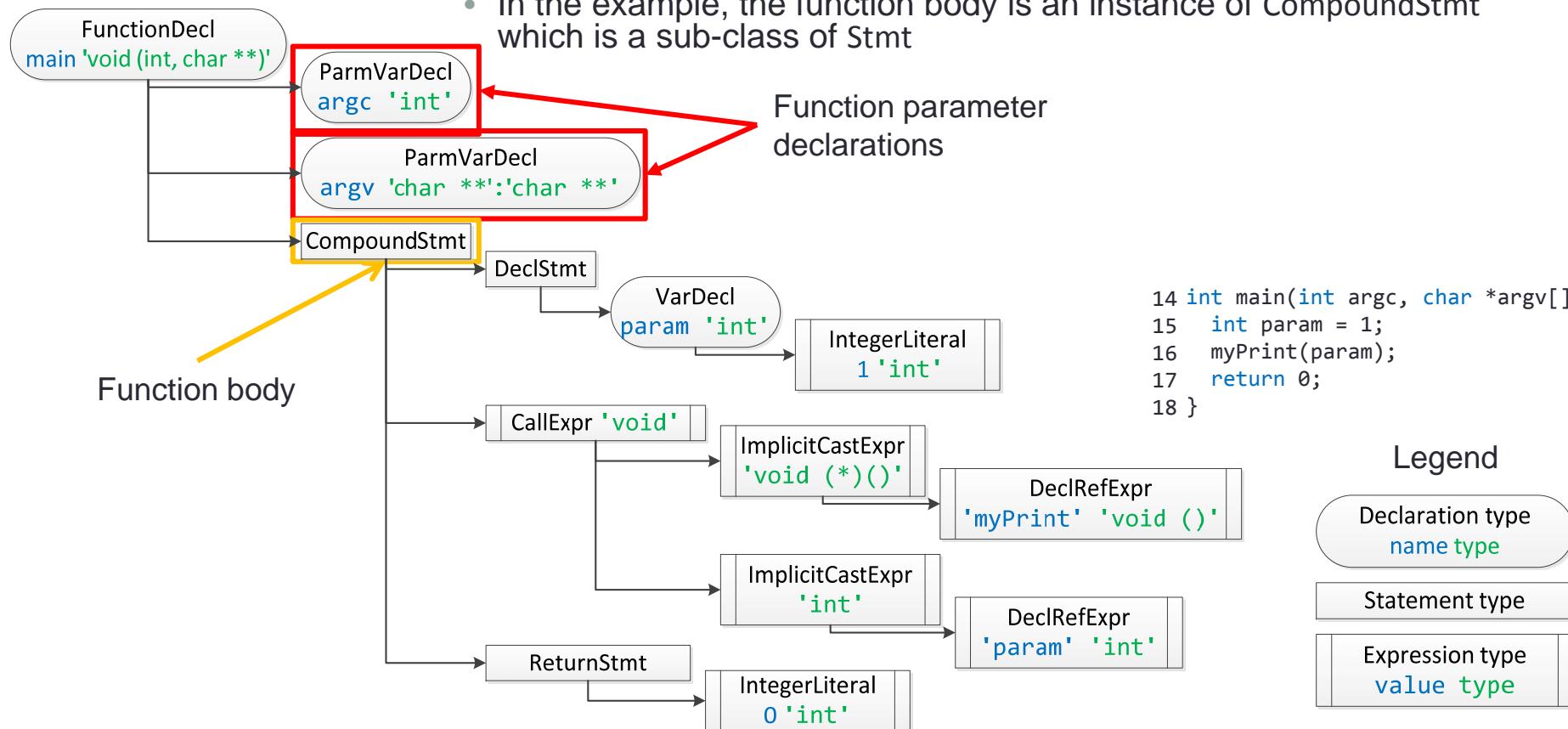


```
14 int main(int argc,  
15 char *argv[]) {  
16     int param = 1;  
17     myPrint(param);  
18     return 0;}
```



Decl (2/4)

- FunctionDecl can have an instance of ParmVarDecl for a function parameter and a function body
- ParmVarDecl is a child class of Decl
- Function body is an instance of Stmt
 - In the example, the function body is an instance of CompoundStmt which is a sub-class of Stmt



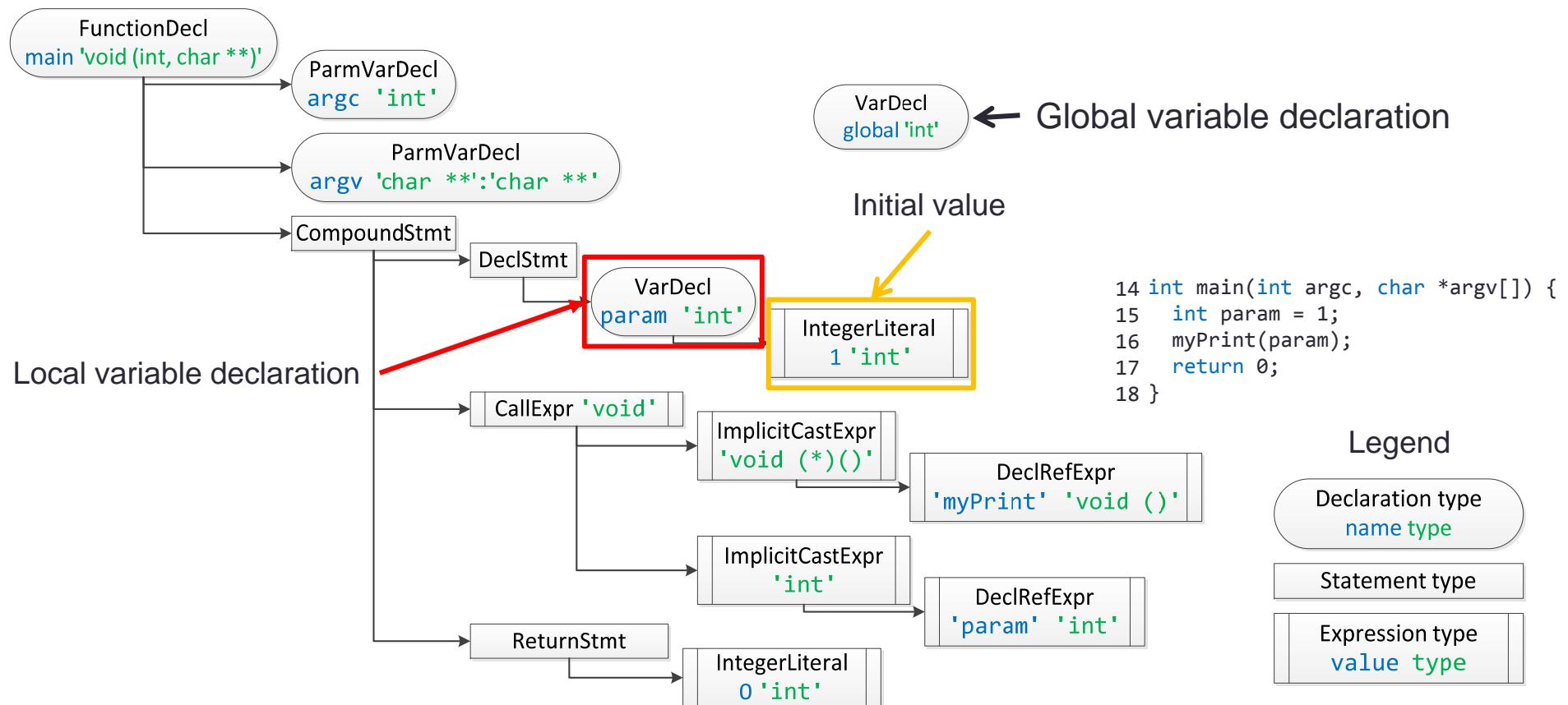
14 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
15 int param = 1;
16 myPrint(param);
17 return 0;
18 }

Legend

Declaration type	<code>name type</code>
Statement type	
Expression type	<code>value type</code>

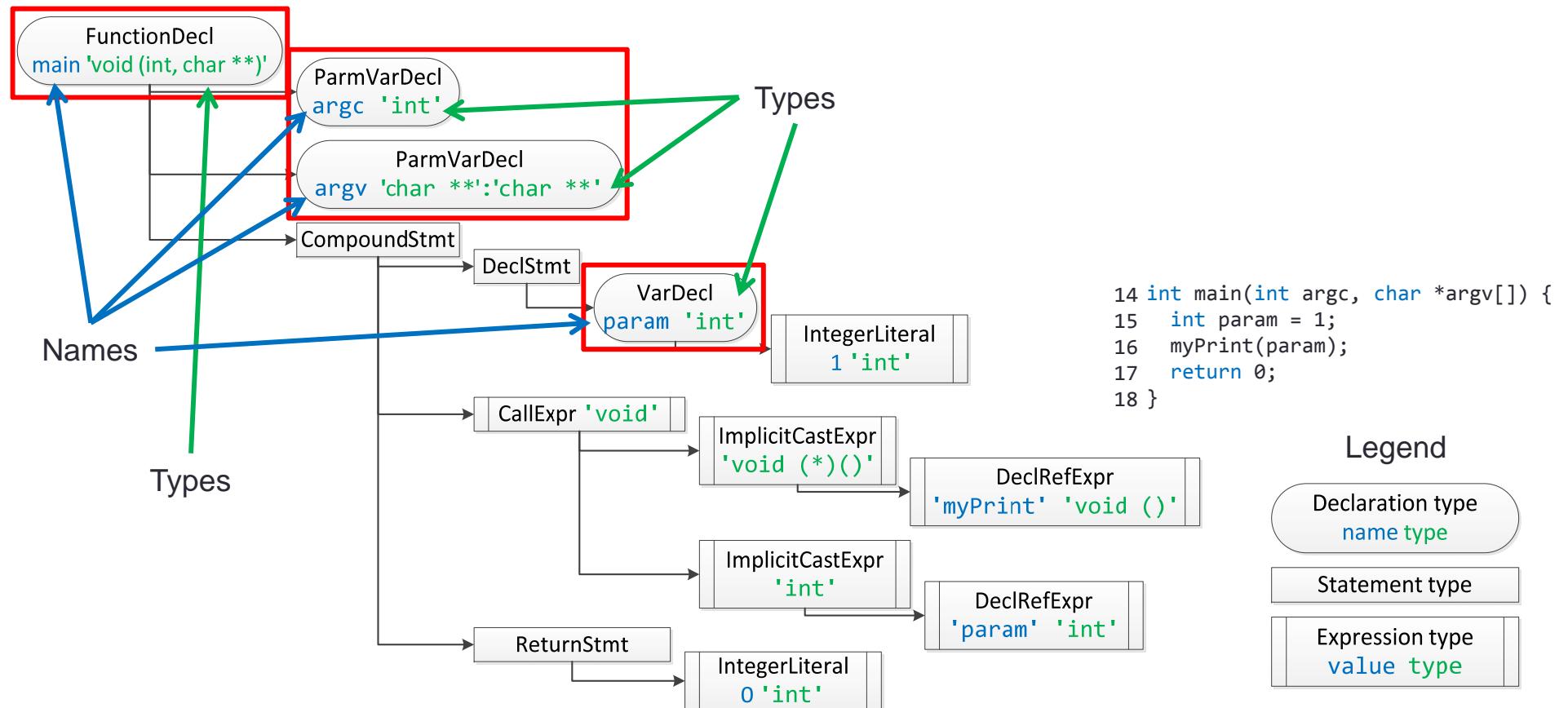
Decl (3/4)

- VarDecl is for a local and global variable declaration
 - VarDecl has a child if a variable has a initial value
 - In the example, VarDecl has IntegerLiteral



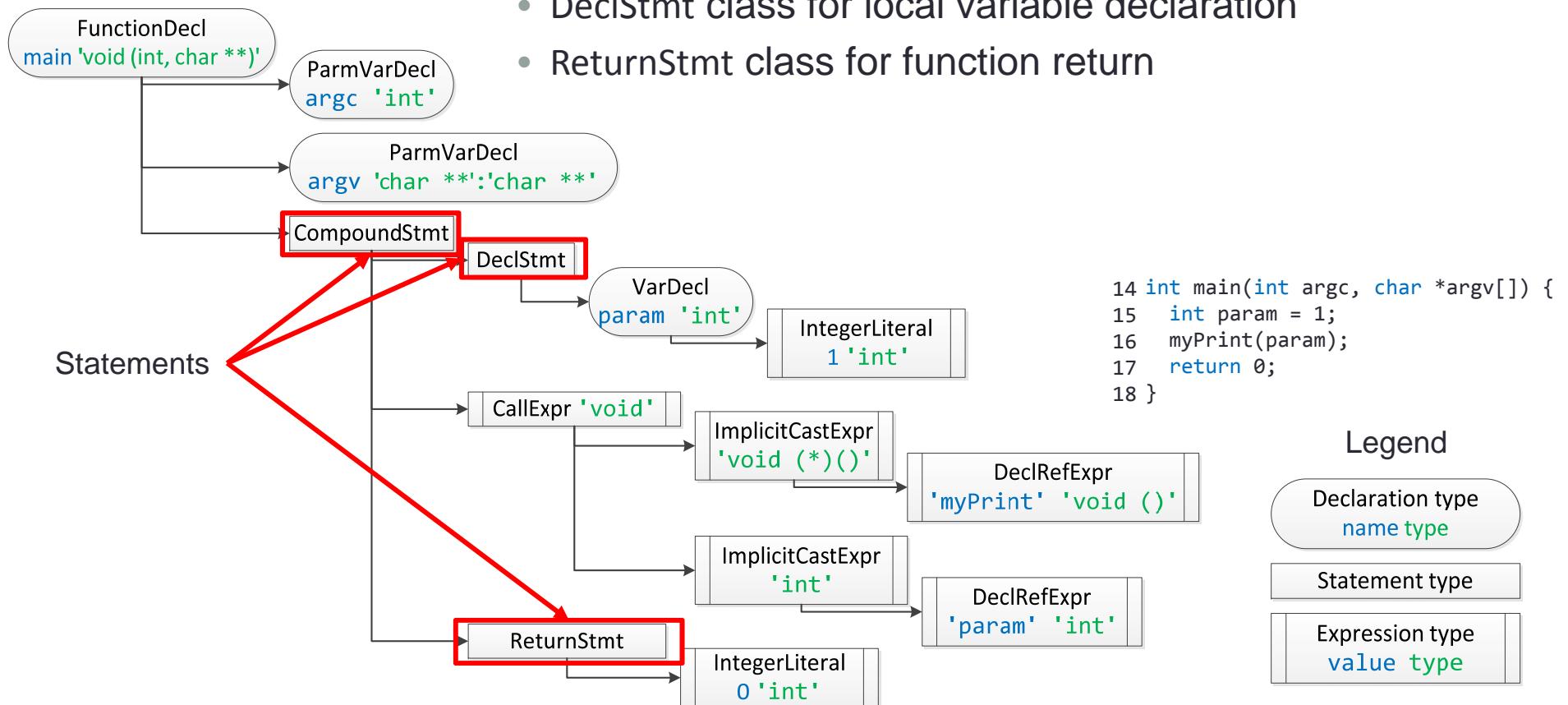
Decl (4/4)

- FunctionDecl, ParmVarDecl and VarDecl have a name and a type of declaration
 - Ex) FunctionDecl has a name ‘main’ and a type ‘void (int, char**)’



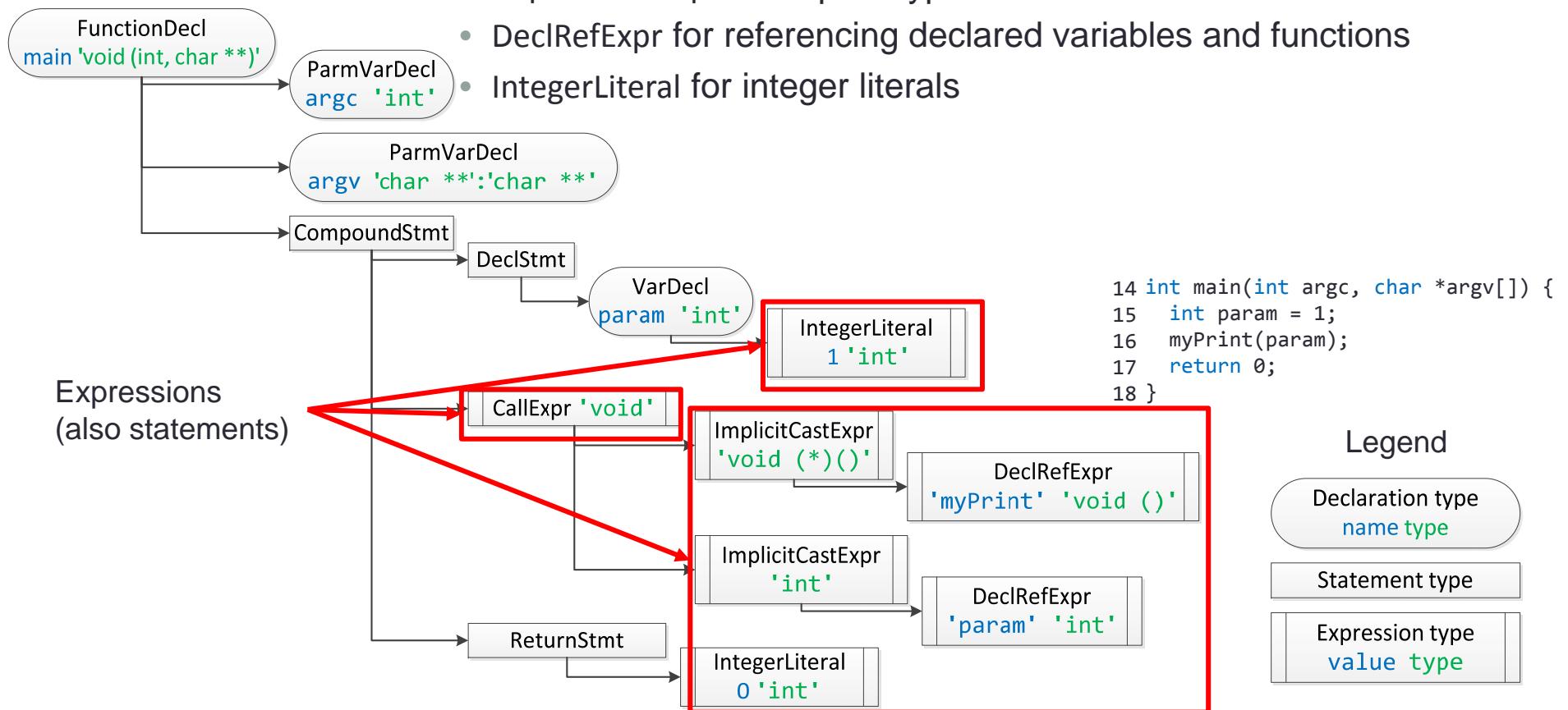
Stmt (1/9)

- Stmt represents statements
 - Subclasses of Stmt
 - CompoundStmt class for code block
 - DeclStmt class for local variable declaration
 - ReturnStmt class for function return



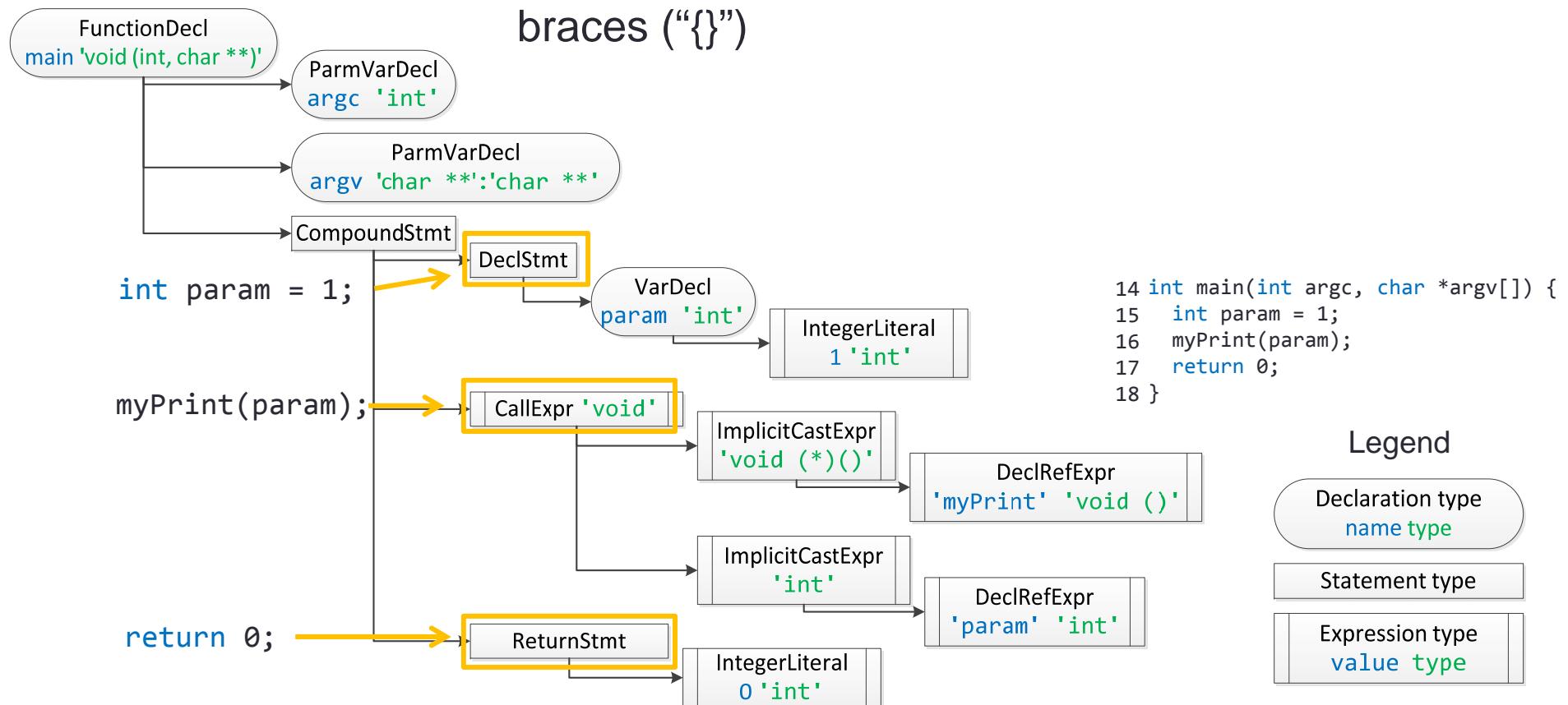
Stmt (2/9)

- Expr represents an expression (a subclass of Stmt)
 - Subclasses of Expr
 - CallExpr for function call
 - ImplicitCastExpr for implicit type casts
 - DeclRefExpr for referencing declared variables and functions
 - IntegerLiteral for integer literals



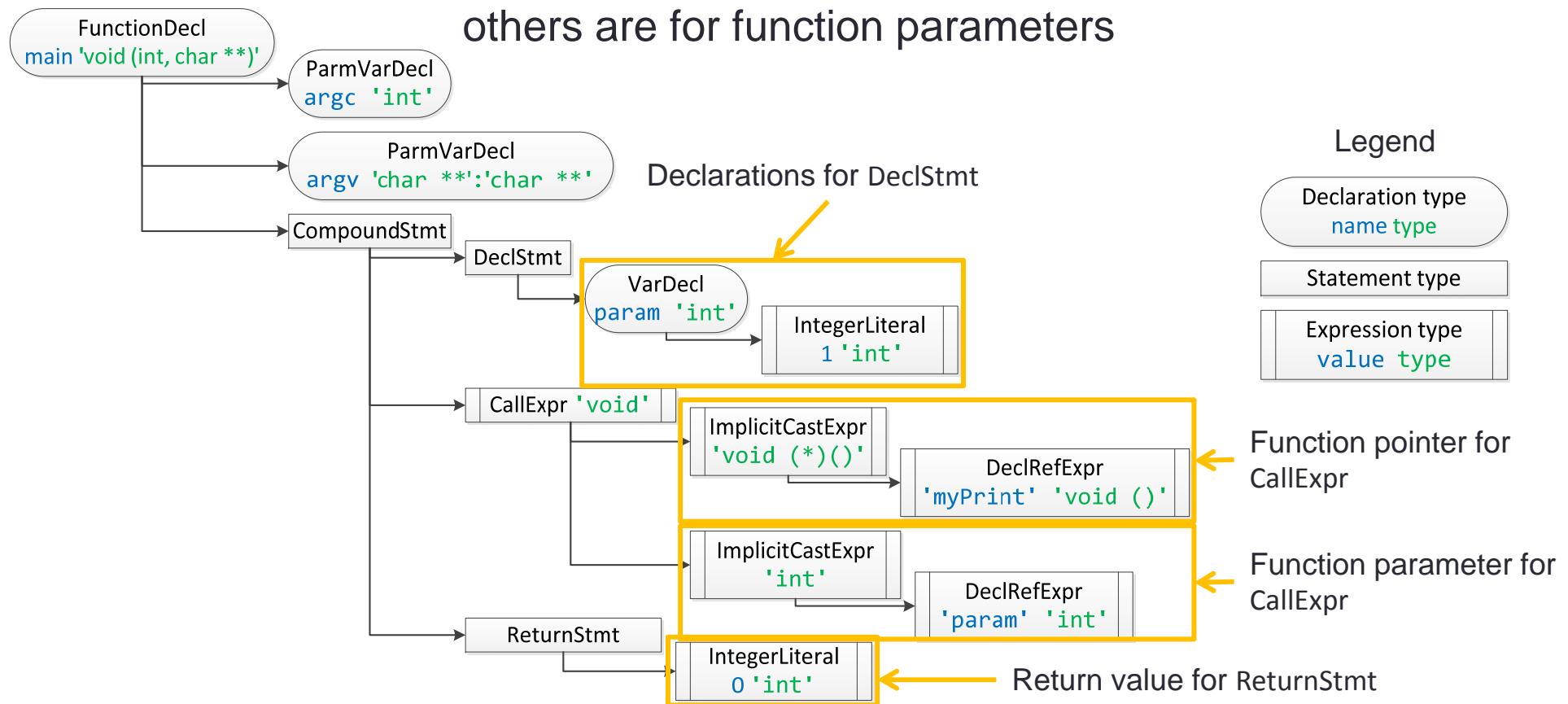
Stmt (3/9)

- Stmt may have a child containing additional information
 - CompoundStmt has statements in a code block of braces ("{}")



Stmt (4/9)

- Stmt may have a child containing additional information (cont')
 - The first child of CallExpr is for a function pointer and the others are for function parameters



Legend

Declaration type
name type

Statement type

Expression type
value type

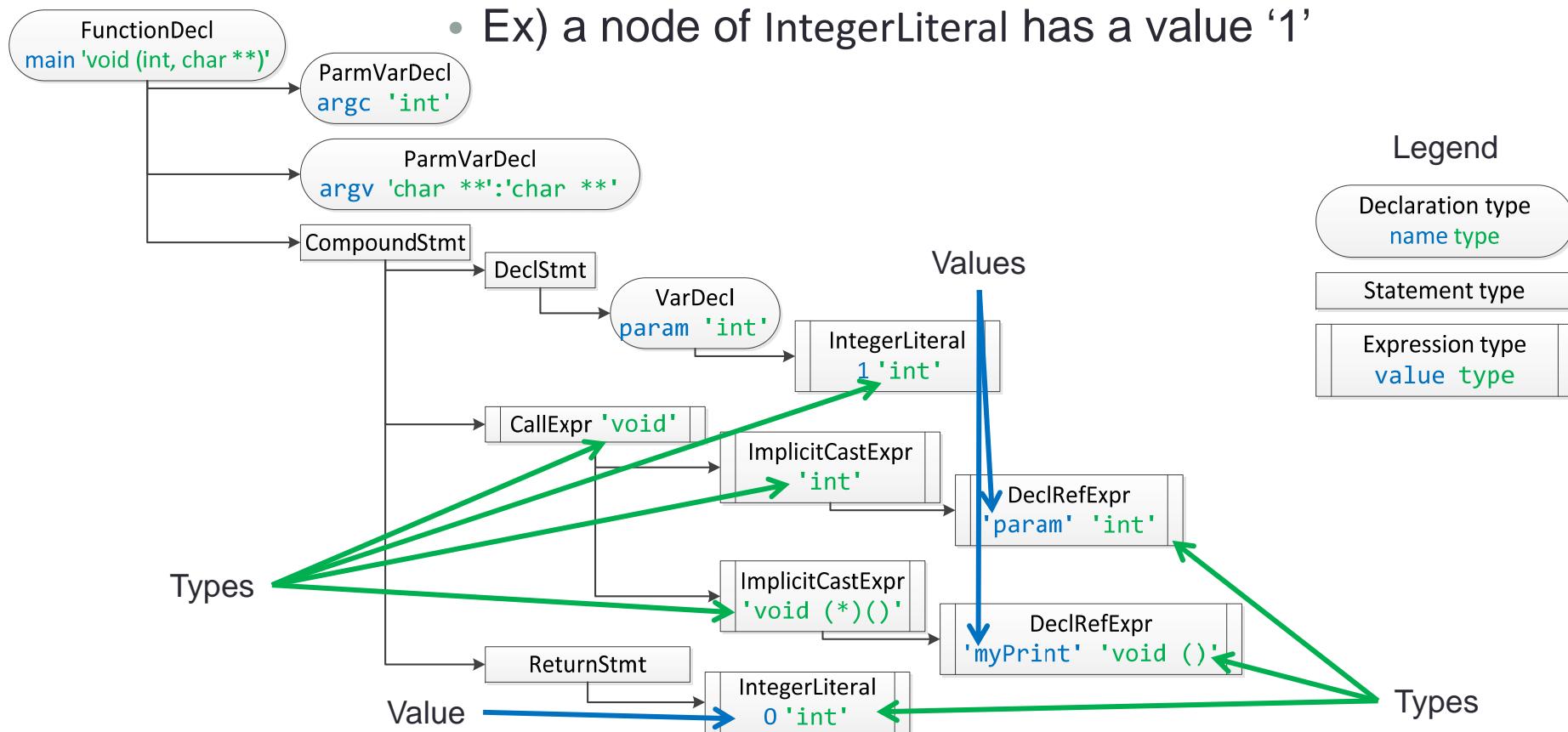
Function pointer for
CallExpr

Function parameter for
CallExpr

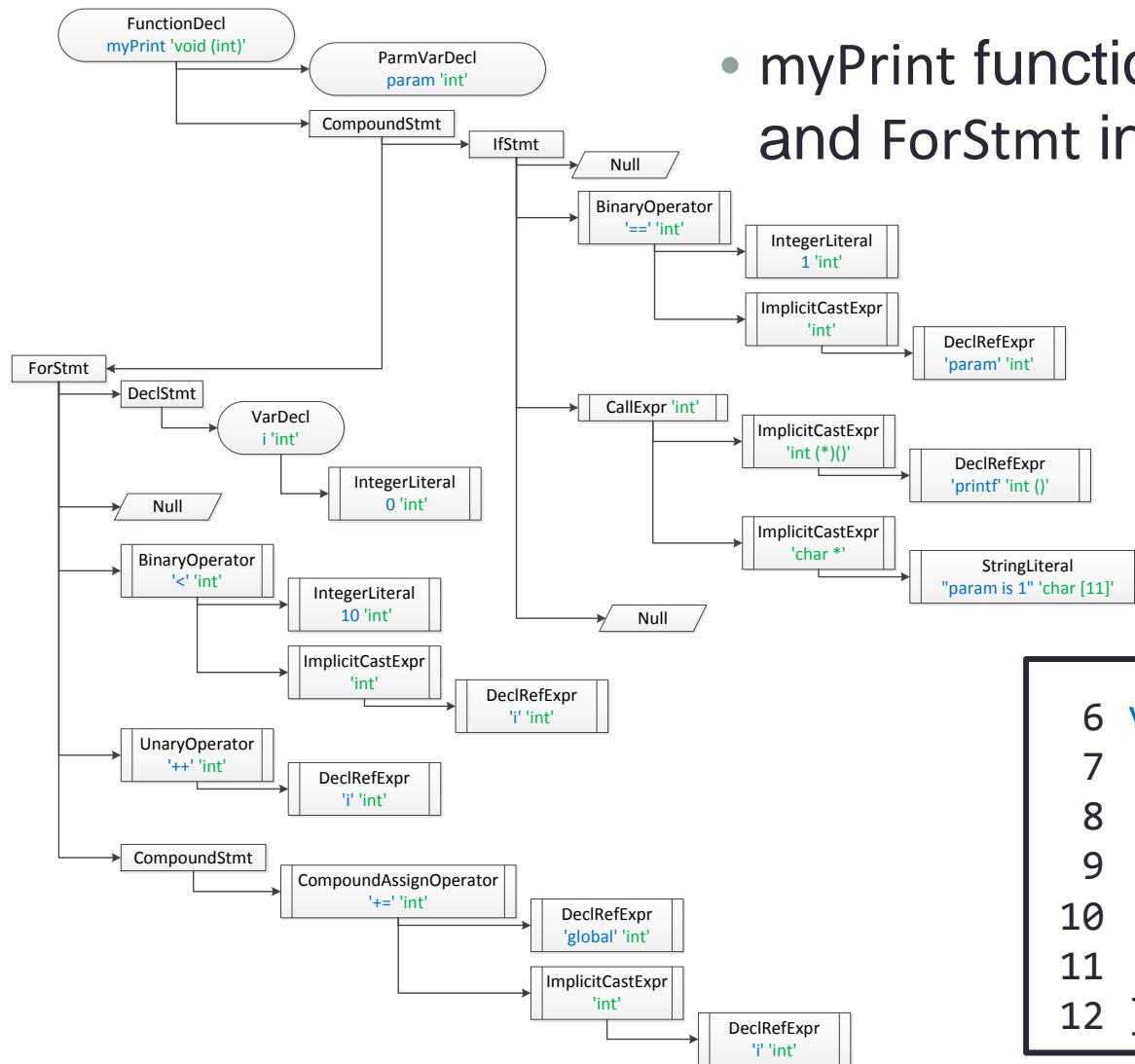
Return value for ReturnStmt

Stmt (5/9)

- Expr has a type of an expression
 - Ex) a node of CallExpr has a type 'void'
- Some sub-classes of Expr can have a value
 - Ex) a node of IntegerLiteral has a value '1'



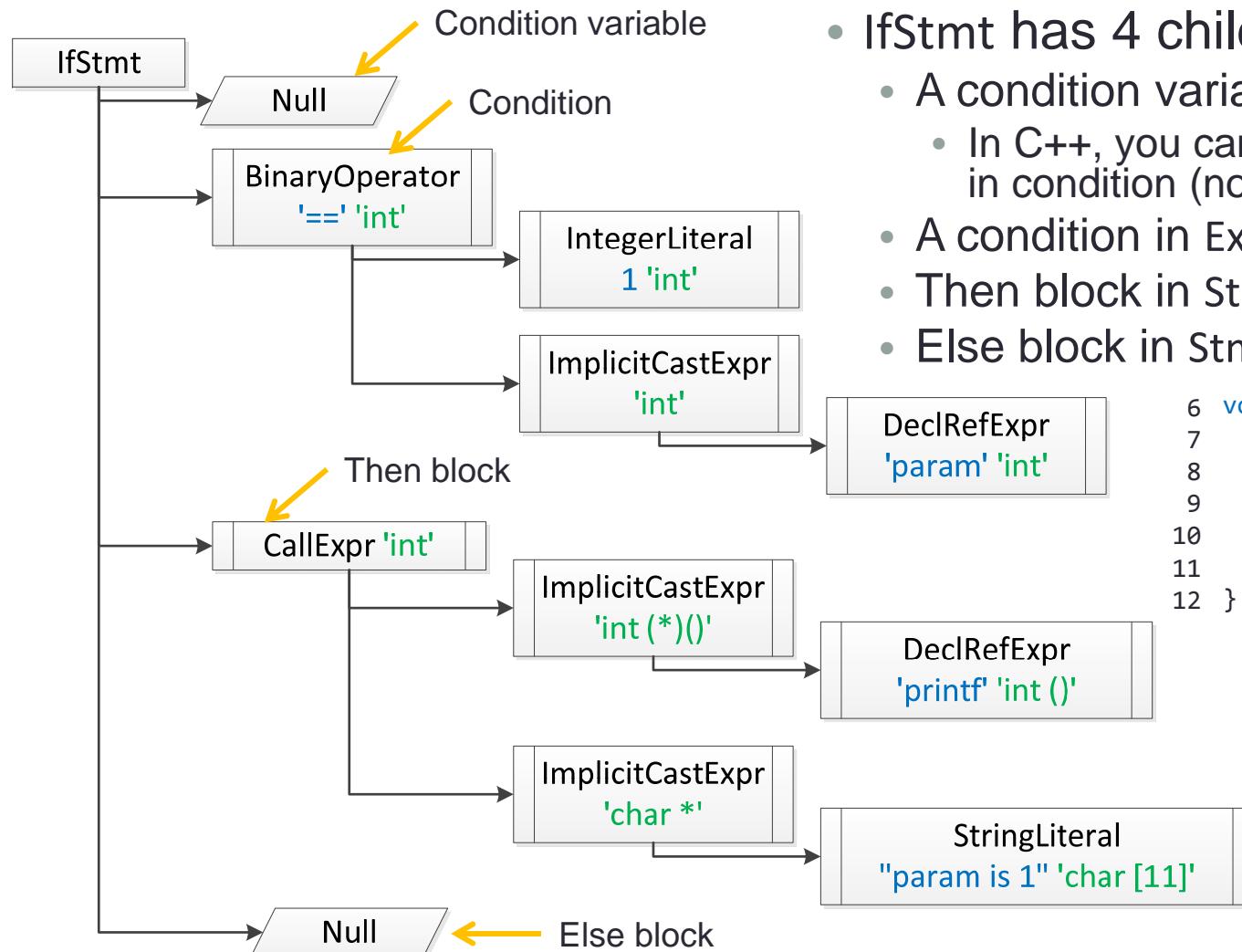
Stmt (6/9)



- `myPrint` function contains `IfStmt` and `ForStmt` in its function body

```
6 void myPrint(int param) {  
7     if (param == 1)  
8         printf("param is 1");  
9     for (int i=0;i<10;i++) {  
10         global += i;  
11     }  
12 }
```

Stmt (7/9)

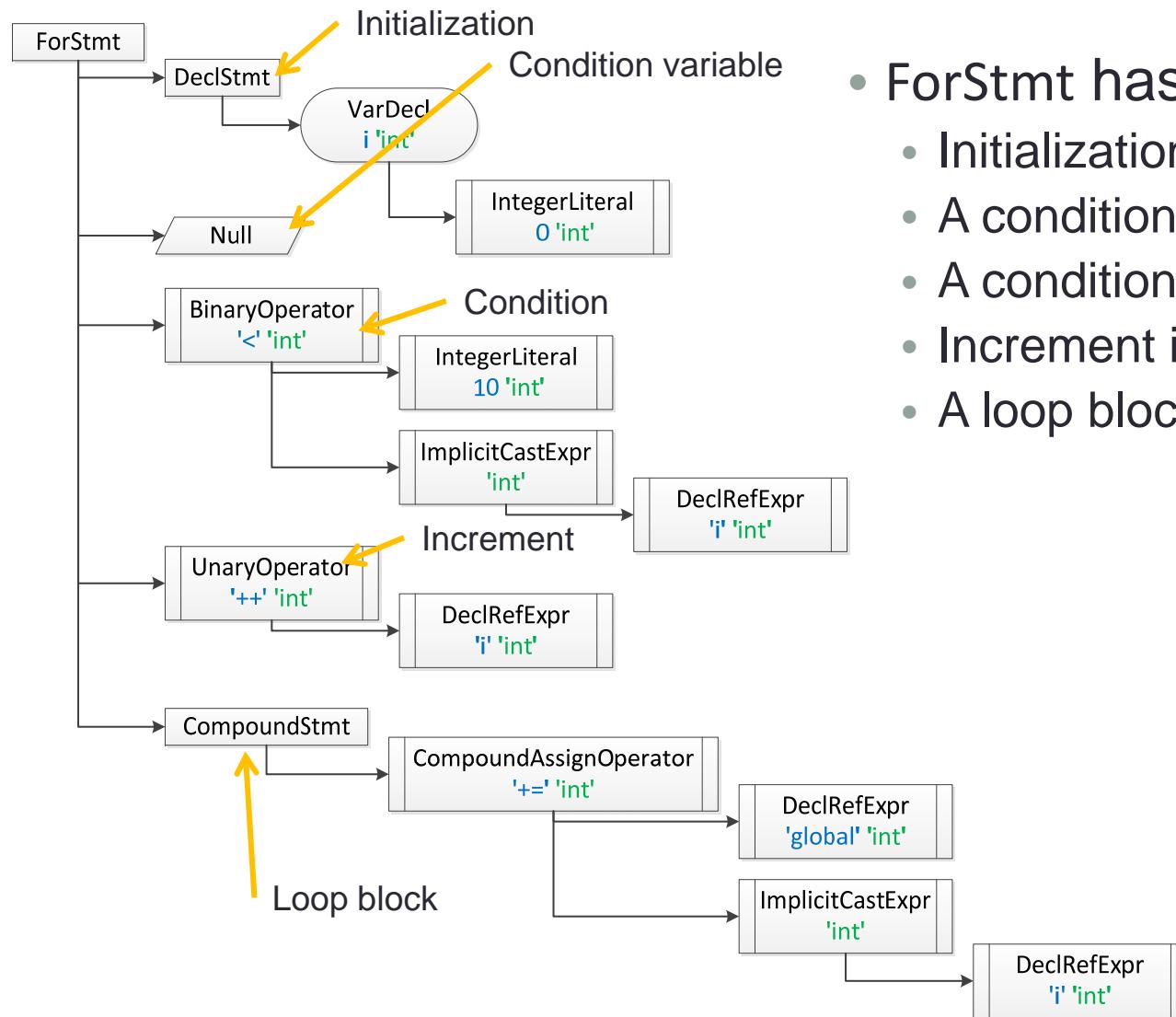


- IfStmt has 4 children

- A condition variable in VarDecl
 - In C++, you can declare a variable in condition (not in C)
- A condition in Expr
- Then block in Stmt
- Else block in Stmt

```
6 void myPrint(int param) {  
7     if (param == 1)  
8         printf("param is 1");  
9     for (int i = 0 ; i < 10 ; i++ ) {  
10        global += i;  
11    }  
12 }
```

Stmt (8/9)

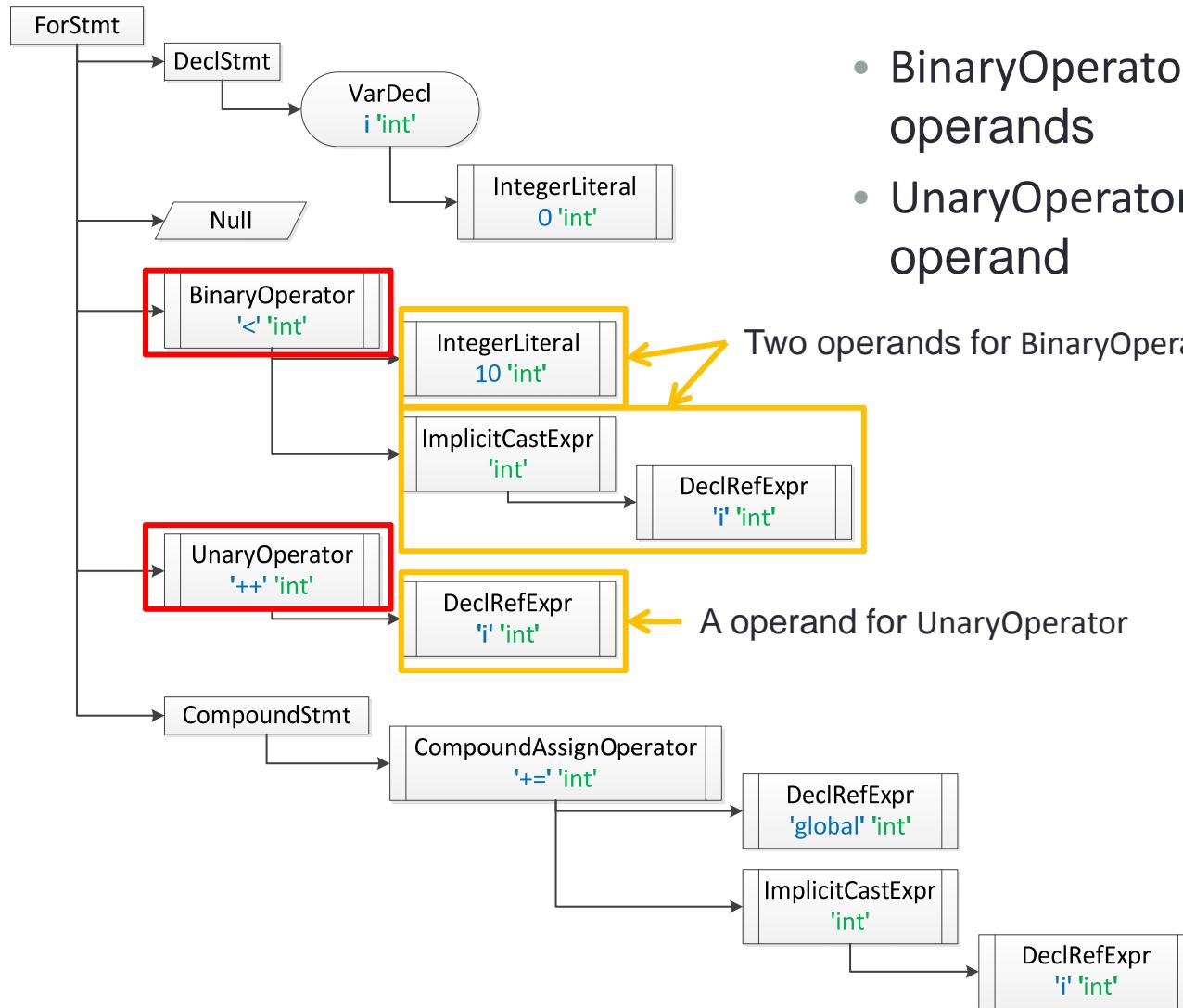


- `ForStmt` has 5 children

- Initialization in Stmt
- A condition variable in VarDecl
- A condition in Expr
- Increment in Expr
- A loop block in Stmt

```
6 void myPrint(int param) {  
7     if (param == 1)  
8         printf("param is 1");  
9     for (int i = 0 ; i < 10 ; i++ ) {  
10        global += i;  
11    }  
12 }
```

Stmt (9/9)



- **BinaryOperator** has 2 children for operands
- **UnaryOperator** has a child for operand

```

6 void myPrint(int param) {
7     if (param == 1)
8         printf("param is 1");
9     for (int i = 0 ; i < 10 ; i++ ) {
10         global += i;
11     }
12 }
  
```

Traversing Clang AST (1/3)

- ParseAST() starts building and traversal of an AST
 - The callback function HandleTopLevelDecl() in ASTConsumer is called for each top-level declaration
 - HandleTopLevelDecl() receives a list of function and global variable declarations as a parameter
- A user has to customize ASTConsumer

```
1 class MyASTConsumer : public ASTConsumer
2 {
3     public:
4     MyASTConsumer(Rewriter &R) {}
5
6     virtual bool HandleTopLevelDecl(DeclGroupRef DR) {
7         for(DeclGroupRef::iterator b=DR.begin(), e=DR.end(); b!=e; ++b){
8             ... // variable b has each declaration in DR
9         }
10        return true;
11    }
12};
```

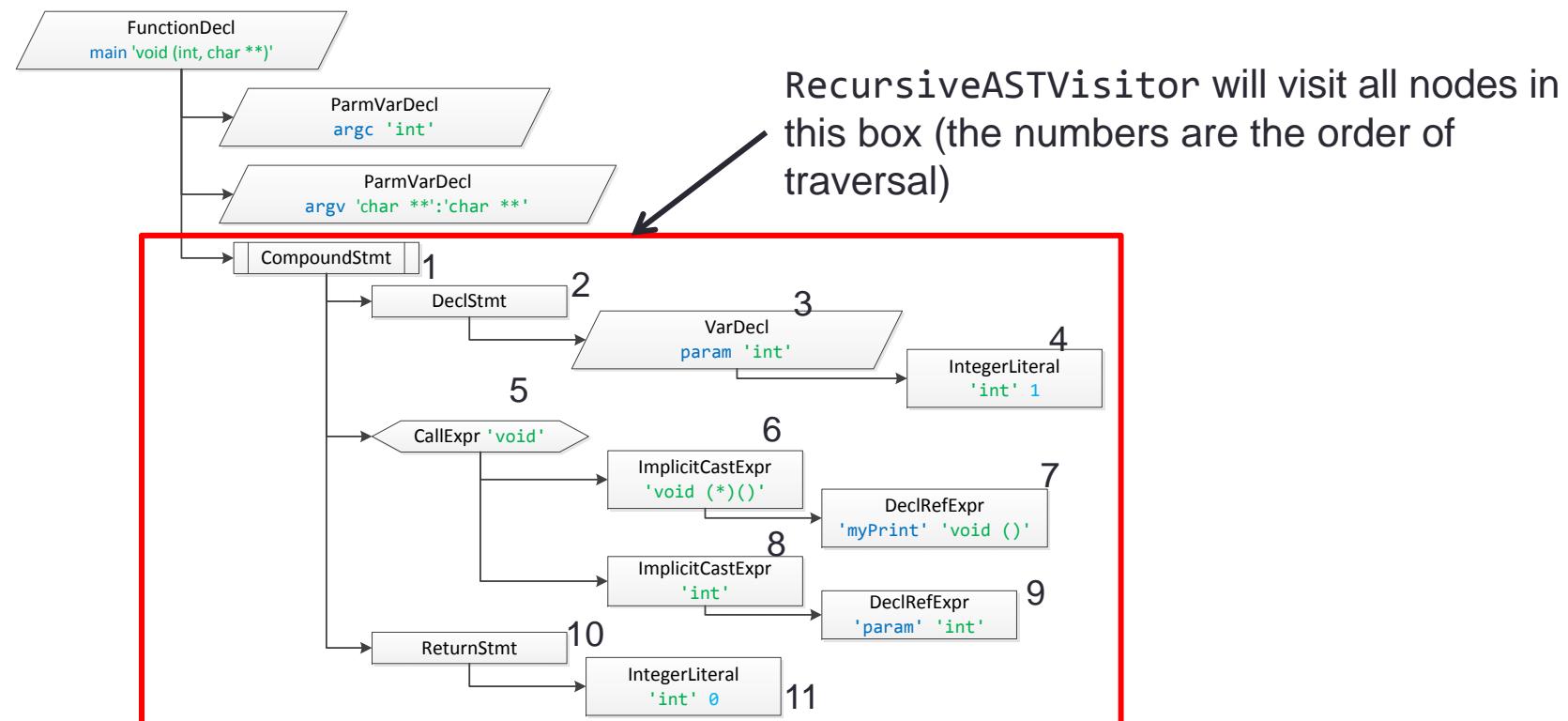
Traversing Clang AST (2/3)

- HandleTopLevelDecl() calls TraverseDecl() which recursively travel a target AST from the top-level declaration by calling VisitStmt (), VisitFunctionDecl(), etc.

```
1 class MyASTVisitor : public RecursiveASTVisitor<MyASTVisitor> {
2     bool VisitStmt(Stmt *s) {           ← VisitStmt is called when Stmt is encountered
3         printf("\t%s \n", s->getStmtClassName() );
4         return true;
5     }
6     bool VisitFunctionDecl(FunctionDecl *f) { ← VisitFunctionDecl is called when
7         if (f->hasBody()) {
8             Stmt *FuncBody = f->getBody();
9             printf("%s\n", f->getName());
10        }
11        return true;
12    }
13 };
14 class MyASTConsumer : public ASTConsumer {
15     virtual bool HandleTopLevelDecl(DeclGroupRef DR) {
16         for (DeclGroupRef::iterator b = DR.begin(), e = DR.end(); b != e; ++b) {
17             MyASTVisitor Visitor;
18             Visitor.TraverseDecl(*b);
19         }
20         return true;
21     }
22     ...
23 };
```

Traversing Clang AST (3/3)

- VisitStmt() in RecursiveASTVisitor is called for every Stmt object in the AST
 - RecursiveASTVisitor visits each Stmt in a depth-first search order
 - If the return value of VisitStmt is false, recursive traversal halts
 - Example: main function of the previous example



Guideline for HW #2

- Initialization of Clang
- Line number information of Stmt
- Useful Functions

Initialization of Clang

- Initialization of Clang is complicated
 - To use Clang, many classes should be created and many functions should be called to initialize Clang environment
 - Ex) CompilerInstance, TargetOptions, FileManager, etc.
- It is recommended to use the initialization part of the sample source code from the course homepage as *is*, and implement your own ASTConsumer and RecursiveASTVisitor classes

Line number information of Stmt

- A SourceLocation object from getLocStart() of Stmt has a line information
 - SourceManager is used to get line and column information from SourceLocation
 - In the initialization step, SourceManager object is created
 - getExpansionLineNumber() and getExpansionColumnNumber() in SourceManager give line and column information, respectively

```
bool VisitStmt(Stmt *s) {
    SourceLocation startLocation = s->getLocStart();
    SourceManager &srcmgr=m_srcmgr;//you can get SourceManager from the initialization part
    unsigned int lineNum = srcmgr.getExpansionLineNumber(startLocation);
    unsigned int colNum = srcmgr.getExpansionColumnNumber(startLocation);
    ...
}
```

Useful Functions

- `dump()` and `dumpColor()` in `Stmt` and `FunctionDecl` to print AST
 - `dump()` shows AST rooted at `Stmt` or `FunctionDecl` object
 - `dumpColor()` is similar to `dump()` but shows AST with syntax highlight
 - Example: `dumpColor()` of `myPrint`

```
FunctionDecl 0x368a1e0 <line:6:1> myPrint 'void (int)'  
| -ParmVarDecl 0x368a120 <line:3:14, col:18> param 'int'  
`-CompoundStmt 0x36a1828 <col:25, line:6:1>  
  `-IfStmt 0x36a17f8 <line:4:3, line:5:24>  
    |-<<<NULL>>>  
    | -BinaryOperator 0x368a2e8 <line:4:7, col:16> 'int' '=='  
    | | -ImplicitCastExpr 0x368a2d0 <col:7> 'int' <LValueToRValue>  
    | | ` -DeclRefExpr 0x368a288 <col:7> 'int' lvalue ParmVar 0x368a120 'param' 'int'  
    | | -IntegerLiteral 0x368a2b0 <col:16> 'int' 1  
    | -CallExpr 0x368a4e0 <line:5:5, col:24> 'int'  
    | | -ImplicitCastExpr 0x368a4c8 <col:5> 'int (*)()' <FunctionToPointerDecay>  
    | | ` -DeclRefExpr 0x368a400 <col:5> 'int ()' Function 0x368a360 'printf' 'int ()'  
    | | -ImplicitCastExpr 0x36a17e0 <col:12> 'char *' <ArrayToPointerDecay>  
    | |   ` -StringLiteral 0x368a468 <col:12> 'char [11]' lvalue "param is 1"  
    |-<<<NULL>>>
```

Guideline for HW #3

- Code modification using Rewriter
- Converting Stmt into String
- Obtaining SourceLocation

Code Modification using Rewriter

- You can modify code using Rewriter class
 - Rewriter has functions to insert, remove and replace code
 - `InsertTextAfter(loc,str)`, `InsertTextBefore(loc,str)`, `RemoveText(loc,size)`, `ReplaceText(...)` , etc. where loc, str, size are a location (`SourceLocation`), a string, and a size of statement to remove, respectively
- Example: inserting a text before a condition in IfStmt using `InsertTextAfter()`

```
1 bool MyASTVisitor::VisitStmt(Stmt *s) {  
2     if (isa<IfStmt>(s)) {  
3         IfStmt *ifStmt = cast<IfStmt>(s);  
4         condition = ifStmt->getCond();  
5         m_rewriter.InsertTextAfter(condition->getLocStart(), "/*start of cond*/");  
6     }  
7 }
```

`if(param == 1)`————→ `if(/*start of cond*/param == 1)`

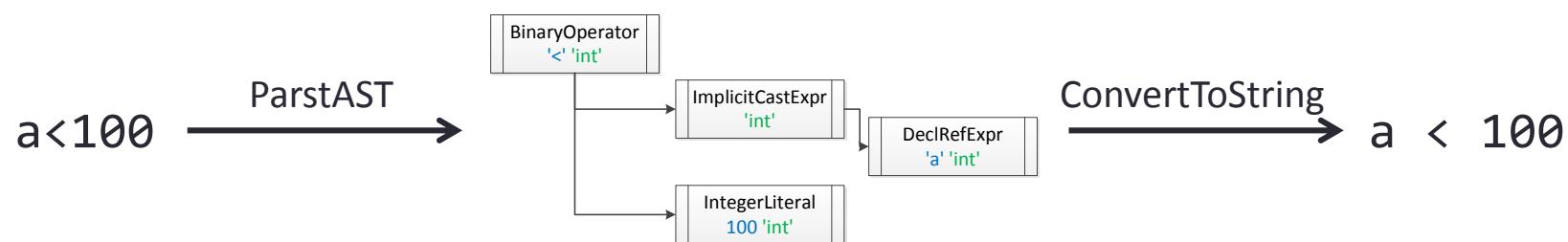
Output of Rewriter

- Modified code is obtained from a RewriterBuffer of Rewriter through getRewriteBufferFor()
- Example code which writes modified code in output.txt
 - ParseAST() modifies a target code as explained in the previous slides
 - TheConsumer contains a Rewriter instance TheRewriter

```
1 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {  
2     ...  
3     ParseAST(TheCompInst.getPreprocessor(), &TheConsumer, TheCompInst.getASTContext());  
4     const RewriteBuffer *RewriteBuf = TheRewriter.getRewriteBufferFor(SourceMgr.getMainFileID());  
5     ofstream output("output.txt");  
6     output << string(RewriteBuf->begin(), RewriteBuf->end());  
7     output.close();  
8 }
```

Converting Stmt into String

- `ConvertToString(stmt)` of Rewriter returns a string corresponding to Stmt
 - The returned string may **not** be exactly same to the original statement since `ConvertToString()` prints a string using the Clang pretty printer
 - For example, `ConvertToString()` will insert a space between an operand and an operator

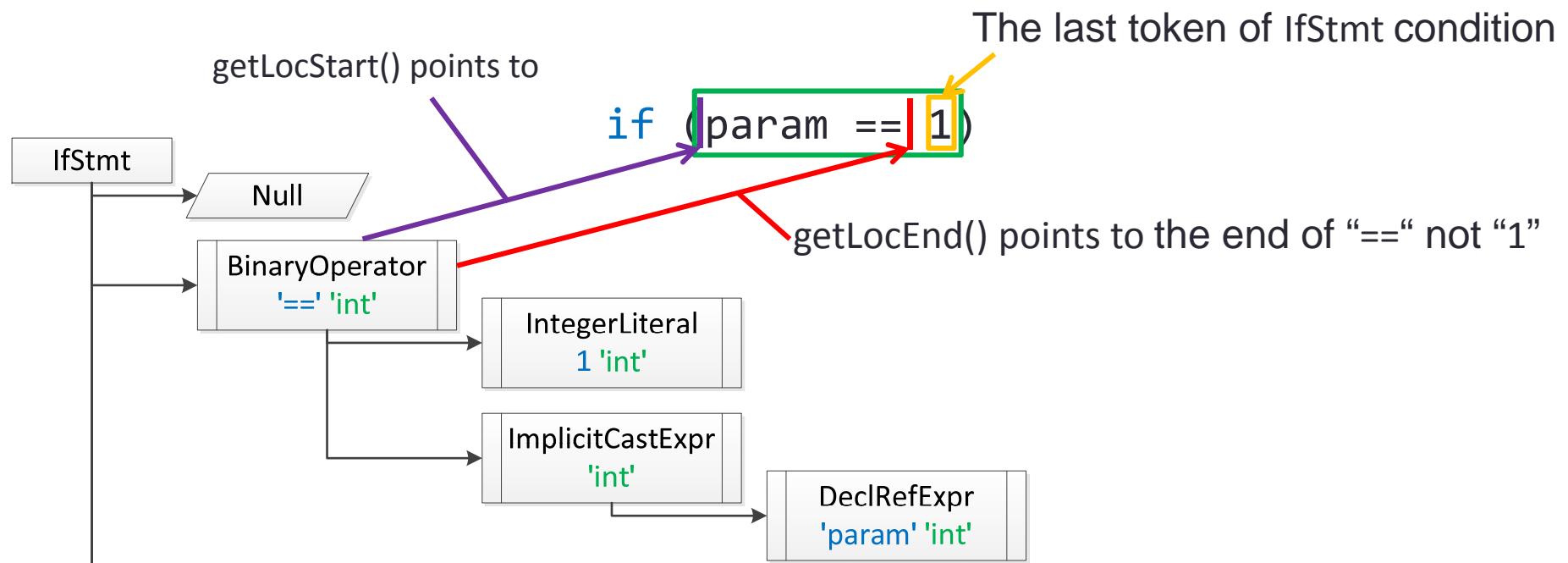


SourceLocation

- To change code, you need to specify where to change
 - Rewriter class requires a SourceLocation class instance which contains location information
- You can get a SourceLocation instance by:
 - `getLocStart()` and `getLocEnd()` of Stmt which return a start and an end locations of Stmt instance respectively
 - `findLocationAfterToken(loc, tok, ...)` of Lexer which returns the location of the first token tok occurring right after loc
 - Lexer tokenizes a target code
 - `SourceLocation.getLocWithOffset(offset, ...)` which returns location adjusted by the given offset

getLocStart() and getLocEnd()

- `getLocStart()` returns the exact starting location of Stmt
- `getLocEnd()` returns the location of Stmt that corresponds to the last-1 th token's ending location of Stmt
 - To get correct end location, you need to use Lexer class in addition
- Example: `getLocStart()` and `getLocEnd()` results of IfStmt condition



findLocationAfterToken (1/2)

- Static function `findLocationAfterToken(loc, Tkind, ...)` of Lexer returns the ending location of the first token of Tkind type after loc

```
static SourceLocation findLocationAfterToken (SourceLocation loc, tok::TokenKind TKind, const SourceManager &SM, const LangOptions &LangOpts, bool SkipTrailingWhitespaceAndNewLine)
```

- Use `findLocationAfterToken` to get a correct end location of Stmt
 - Example: finding a location of ')' (tok::r_paren) using `findLocationAfterToken()` to find the end of if condition

```
1 bool MyASTVisitor::VisitStmt(Stmt *s) {  
2     if (isa<IfStmt>(s)) {  
3         IfStmt *ifStmt = cast<IfStmt>(s);  
4         condition = ifStmt->getCond();  
5         SourceLocation endOfCond = clang::Lexer::findLocationAfterToken(condition->  
6             getLocEnd(), tok::r_paren, m_sourceManager, m_langOptions, false);  
7         // endOfCond points ')'  
8     }  
9 }
```

findLocationAfterToken
(|, tok::r_paren)

if (a + x > 3)

findLocationAfterToken (2/2)

- You may find a location of other tokens by changing TKind parameter
 - List of useful enums for HW #3

Enum name	Token character
tok::semi	:
tok::r_paren)
tok::question	?
tok::r_brace	}

- The fourth parameter LangOptions instance is obtained from getLangOpts() of CompilerInstance (see line 99 and line 106 of the appendix)
 - You can find CompilerInstance instance in the initialization part of Clang

References

- Clang, <http://clang.llvm.org/>
- Clang API Documentation, <http://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/>
- How to parse C programs with clang: A tutorial in 9 parts,
<http://amnoid.de/tmp/clangtut/tut.html>

Appendix: Example Source Code (1/4)

- This program prints the name of declared functions and the class name of each Stmt in function bodies

```
PrintFunctions.c
1 #include <cstdio>
2 #include <string>
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <sstream>
5 #include <map>
6 #include <utility>
7
8 #include "clang/AST/ASTConsumer.h"
9 #include "clang/AST/RecursiveASTVisitor.h"
10 #include "clang/Basic/Diagnostic.h"
11 #include "clang/Basic/FileManager.h"
12 #include "clang/Basic/SourceManager.h"
13 #include "clang/Basic/TargetOptions.h"
14 #include "clang/Basic/TargetInfo.h"
15 #include "clang/Frontend/CompilerInstance.h"
16 #include "clang/Lex/Preprocessor.h"
17 #include "clang/Parse/ParseAST.h"
18 #include "clang/Rewrite/Core/Rewriter.h"
19 #include "clang/Rewrite/Frontend/Rewriters.h"
20 #include "llvm/Support/Host.h"
21 #include "llvm/Support/raw_ostream.h"
22
23 using namespace clang;
24 using namespace std;
25
26 class MyASTVisitor : public RecursiveASTVisitor<MyASTVisitor>
27 {
28 public:
```

Appendix: Example Source Code (2/4)

```
29     bool VisitStmt(Stmt *s) {
30         // Print name of sub-class of s
31         printf("\t%s \n", s->getStmtClassName() );
32         return true;
33     }
34
35     bool VisitFunctionDecl(FunctionDecl *f) {
36         // Print function name
37         printf("%s\n", f->getName());
38         return true;
39     }
40 };
41
42 class MyASTConsumer : public ASTConsumer
43 {
44 public:
45     MyASTConsumer()
46     : Visitor() //initialize MyASTVisitor
47     {}
48
49     virtual bool HandleTopLevelDecl(DeclGroupRef DR) {
50         for (DeclGroupRef::iterator b = DR.begin(), e = DR.end(); b != e; ++b) {
51             // Travel each function declaration using MyASTVisitor
52             Visitor.TraverseDecl(*b);
53         }
54         return true;
55     }
56
57 private:
58     MyASTVisitor Visitor;
59 };
60
61
62 int main(int argc, char *argv[])
63 {
```

Appendix: Example Source Code (3/4)

```
64     if (argc != 2) {
65         llvm::errs() << "Usage: PrintFunctions <filename>\n";
66         return 1;
67     }
68
69     // CompilerInstance will hold the instance of the Clang compiler for us,
70     // managing the various objects needed to run the compiler.
71     CompilerInstance TheCompInst;
72
73     // Diagnostics manage problems and issues in compile
74     TheCompInst.createDiagnostics(NULL, false);
75
76     // Set target platform options
77     // Initialize target info with the default triple for our platform.
78     TargetOptions *TO = new TargetOptions();
79     TO->Triple = llvm::sys::getDefaultTargetTriple();
80     TargetInfo *TI = TargetInfo::CreateTargetInfo(TheCompInst.getDiagnostics(), TO);
81     TheCompInst.setTarget(TI);
82
83     // FileManager supports for file system lookup, file system caching, and directory search management.
84     TheCompInst.createFileManager();
85     FileManager &FileMgr = TheCompInst.getFileManager();
86
87     // SourceManager handles loading and caching of source files into memory.
88     TheCompInst.createSourceManager(FileMgr);
89     SourceManager &SourceMgr = TheCompInst.getSourceManager();
90
91     // Preprocessor runs within a single source file
92     TheCompInst.createPreprocessor();
93
94     // ASTContext holds long-lived AST nodes (such as types and decls) .
95     TheCompInst.createASTContext();
96
97     // A Rewriter helps us manage the code rewriting task.
98     Rewriter TheRewriter;
```

Appendix: Example Source Code (4/4)

```
99     TheRewriter.setSourceMgr(SourceMgr, TheCompInst.getLangOpts());  
100    // Set the main file handled by the source manager to the input file.  
101    const FileEntry *FileIn = FileMgr.getFile(argv[1]);  
102    SourceMgr.createMainFileID(FileIn);  
103  
104    // Inform Diagnostics that processing of a source file is beginning.  
105    TheCompInst.getDiagnosticClient().BeginSourceFile(TheCompInst.getLangOpts(),&TheCompInst.getPreprocessor());  
106  
107    // Create an AST consumer instance which is going to get called by ParseAST.  
108    MyASTConsumer TheConsumer;  
109  
110    // Parse the file to AST, registering our consumer as the AST consumer.  
111    ParseAST(TheCompInst.getPreprocessor(), &TheConsumer, TheCompInst.getASTContext());  
112  
113    return 0;  
114 }  
115 }
```