





Assignments

- The syntax of an assignment (treated as a statement but not an expression) used for the assignment calculator being developed in this course is as follows: *aVariable* := *anExpression*;
- anExpression may have variables.
 For example, x := x * x + 4 * x + 4 ;
- If we know the value of variable x, we can calculate the expression x * x + 4 * x + 4.
 For example, when x is 2, the expression is 2 * 2 + 4 * 2 + 4, which can be easily calculated.
- But, how do we know the value of variable *x*?



Assignments x := 16 ;
How should we deal with it?
So far, we have learned several data structures, such as built-in tuples and lists.
One data structure makes it possible to keep variable *x* and know (or maintain) the value of *x*.
It suffices to make an association between variable *x* and the value of *x*.
We can use dictionaries to do so.

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i116 Basic of Programming - 8. Assignment calculator: assignments & parse trees Parse trees for assignment calculator	
<pre>varX = VarParseTree('x') varY = VarParseTree('y') two = NumParseTree(2) as1 = AssignParseTree(varX,two) as2 = AssignParseTree(varX,two) e1 = MulParseTree(varX,varX) e2 = MulParseTree(varX,varY) as3 = AssignParseTree(varX,e1) as4 = AssignParseTree(varX,e2) e3 = MulParseTree(varX,varY) as5 = AssignParseTree(varX,e3) pgm1 = SCompParseTree(as1,as3) pgm2 = SCompParseTree(pgm1,as3) pgm3 = SCompParseTree(pgm2,as3) pgm4 = SCompParseTree(pgm3,as2) pgm5 = SCompParseTree(pgm4,as4) pgm6 = SCompParseTree(pgm5,as5) print(pgm6)</pre>	x := 2 ; x := x * x ; x := x * x ; x := x * x ; y := 2 ; y := y * y ; x := x * y ;

