

$$x = y + z$$

x = y + z

x = x + 5

`x = y + z`

`x = x + 5`

`x = x + 10`

**x = y + z**

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**x = x + 10**

**x = x + 100**

**x = y + z**

**x = x + 5**

**x = x + 10**

**x = x + 100**

**x += 5**

**x = y + z**

**x = x + 5**

**x = x + 1**

**x = x + 10**

**x = x + 100**

**x += 5**

$x = y + z$

$x = x + 5$

$x = x + 10$

$x = x + 100$

$x = x + 1$

$x = x + 1$

$x += 5$

**x = y + z**

**x = x + 5**

**x = x + 10**

**x = x + 100**

**x = x + 1**

**x = x + 1**

**x = x + 1**

**x += 5**

`x = y + z`

`x = x + 5`

`x = x + 10`

`x = x + 100`

`x = x + 1`

`x = x + 1`

`x = x + 1`

`x += 5`

`x++`

`x += 5`

and

`x++`

are

**syntactic abstractions**

of `x = y + z`

When the compiler sees:

$x += 42$

... it rewrites it as:

$x = x + 42$

before proceeding.

When the compiler sees:  
count++

... it rewrites it as:  
count = count + 1

before proceeding.

In Racket,

cond

is a syntactic abstraction  
of an if expression.

In Racket, this:

```
(define (lookup var env)
      ...)
```

is a syntactic abstraction of:

```
(define lookup
  (lambda (var env)
    ...))
```

Earlier, we learned about "currying" a function:

```
(lambda (x y) (+ x y))
```

```
(lambda (x)
  (lambda (y)
    (+ x y)))
```

That means that

functions with  $> 1$  argument

can be a syntactic abstraction  
of one-argument functions!

Local variables bind a value  
to a name.

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Function parameters do, too!

```
(define get-value
  (lambda (match)
    (if match
        (cdr match)
        (error ...))))
```

```
(get-value (assoc var env))
```

With a local variable in Python:

```
def lookup(var, env):
    match = assoc(var, env)
    if match:
        return match[1]
    else:
        raise ValueError(...)
```

With a local variable in Racket:

```
(define lookup
  (lambda (var env)
    (let ((match (assoc var env)))
      (if match
          (cdr match)
          (error ...))))
```

```
def lookup(var, env):                      # Python
    match = assoc(var, env)
    if match:
        return match[1]
    else:
        raise ValueError(...)

(define lookup                               # Racket
  (lambda (var env)
    (let ((match (assoc var env)))
      (if match
          (cdr match)
          (error ...))))
```

The syntax of Racket's let expression:

```
<let-expression> ::= (let <binding-list> <body>)
<binding-list> ::= ()
                  | (<binding> . <binding-list>)
<binding> ::= (<var> <exp>)
<body> ::= <exp>
```