```
let x = 10
    y = 12
    in set x = +(x,1);
    x
```

Can't write this, since we don't have ; in our language.

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```
let x = 10
    y = 12
    in let d = set x = +(x,1)
        in x
```

Instead, use a binding for a dummy variable d to sequence expressions. Initial environment is empty.

```
let x = 10
    y = 12
    in let d = set x = +(x,1)
        in x
```

Eval RHS (right-hand side) of the let expression. Purple part of program shows the current expression. Top area shows environments, with purple arrow to the current one.



```
let x = 10
    y = 12
    in let d = set x = +(x,1)
        in x
```

Extend the current environment with x and y, and eval body.



```
let x = 10
    y = 12
    in let d = set x = +(x,1)
        in x
```

Eval RHS of the let expression.



```
let x = 10
    y = 12
    in let d = set x = +(x,1)
        in x
```

It modifies the  ${\bf x}$  in the current lexical scope. We define set to always return 1.



```
let x = 10
    y = 12
    in let d = set x = +(x,1)
        in x
```

Bind d to the result 1. To eval the body, x, we look it up in the environment as usual, and find 11.



```
let x = 10
    y = 12
    in let d = set x = +(x,1)
        in x
```

**The Point:** Variables now correspond to boxes in the environment, not fixed values.

```
let x = 10
    y = 12
in let f = proc(z)+(z,x)
    in let d = set x = +(x,1)
        in (f 0)
```

An example with proc. Again, we start with the empty environment.

Eval RHS of the let expression.



Extend the current environment with x and y, and eval body.



Eval RHS of the let expression...



... which creates a closure, pointing to the current environment.



To finish the let, the environment is extended with f bound to the closure. Then evaluate the body.



Eval RHS of the let expression...



... which changes the value of x, then produces 1.



To eval the body, (f 0), we look up f in the environment to find a closure, and evaluate 0 to 0.



Extend the **closure's** environment with 0 for z, and evaluate the closure's body in that environment. The result will be 11.



**The Point:** By capturing environments, closures capture variables that may change.

Another example with proc, but with the let inside the proc.

Eval RHS of the let expression...



## z let x = 10 in let d = set x = +(x,z) in x

... which creates a closure, pointing to the current environment.



Bind the closure to f and eval the body.



Evaluate the first operand, (f 1).



Take the closure for  $f_{z}$ , extend its environment with a binding for  $z_{z}$ , and eval the closure's body.



Eval the RHS.



Add the binding for  $\mathbf{x}$  and eval the inner body.



Eval RHS...



 $\dots$  which modifies the value of  $\mathbf{x}$ .



Bind d to 1 and evaluate x, which produces 11.



First operand is 11. Now evaluate the second operand, (f 9).



```
in x
in +((f 1), (f 9))
```

Again, take the closure for f, extend the **closure's** environment with a binding for z, and eval the closure's body.



Add a binding for  ${\bf x}$  , then eval the inner body.



Again the dRHS modifies the value of x, but using the new z and x.



Bind d to 1 and evaluate x, which produces 19.



So the operands are 11and 19. The final result is 30.



**The Point:** Every evaluation of a binding expression creates a new variable (box).

An example with a procedure in a procedure.

Eval RHS of the let expression...

... which creates a closure, pointing to the current environment.



To finish the let, the environment is extended with mk bound to the closure, then evaluate the body.



Eval RHS, a function call. Look up mk...



It's a closure, so extend the closure's environment with 10, and eval the closure's body.



The body is a proc expression, so we create another closure. Note that the variable x is in the closure's environment.



Bind f to the closure, and evaluate the body.



Eval RHS of the let expression, another call to mk. Do the same thing as before...



Just as before, we extend mk's environment with (a new) x and get a closure, this time bound to g.



At this point, f and g have private versions of x.



**The Point:** Closures can capture generated variables, effectively getting private state.

## Summary:

- Variables now denote locations, not values.
- Lexical scope still works.