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Implementation of Attribute Systems via a *Visitor*

- class with a method for every non-terminal in the grammar
- ```
public abstract class Regex {
 public abstract void accept(Visitor v);
}
```
- attribute-evaluation works via *pre-order* / *post-order* callbacks
- ```
public interface Visitor {
    default void pre(OrEx re) {}
    default void pre(AndEx re) {}
    ...
    default void post(OrEx re) {}
    default void post(AndEx re) {}
}
```
- we pre-define a depth-first traversal of the syntax tree
- ```
public class OrEx extends Regex {
 Regex l, r;
 public void accept(Visitor v) {
 v.pre(this); l.accept(v); v.inter(this);
 r.accept(v); v.post(this);
 }
}
```

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### Example: Def-Use Analysis

- *a statement* may have two attributes containing valid identifiers: one ingoing (inherited) set and one outgoing (synthesised) set
- *an expression* only has an ingoing set

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## Example: Leaf Numbering

```
public abstract class AbstractVisitor implements Visitor {
 public void pre(OrEx re) { pr(re); }
 public void pre(AndEx re) { pr(re); }
 ... /* redirecting to default handler for bin exprs */
 public void post(OrEx re) { po(re); }
 public void post(AndEx re) { po(re); }
 abstract void po(BinEx re);
 abstract void in(BinEx re);
 abstract void pr(BinEx re);
}

public class LeafNum extends AbstractVisitor {
 public Map<Regex, Integer> pre = new HashMap<>();
 public Map<Regex, Integer> post = new HashMap<>();
 public LeafNum(Regex r) { pre.put(r, 0); r.accept(this); }
 public void pre(Const r) { post.put(r, pre.get(r)+1); }
 public void pr(BinEx r) { pre.put(r.l, pre.get(r)); }
 public void in(BinEx r) { pre.put(r.r, post.get(r.l)); }
 public void po(BinEx r) { post.put(r, post.get(r.r)); }
}
```

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