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from student s, attend a, lecture l, professor p
where s.sno = a.asno and a.alno = l.lno and
      l.lpno = p.pno and p.pname ='Sokrates'
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Parser creates abstract syntax tree (AST) ٠



Semantic Analysis: resolve references, type inference, eliminate syntactic sugar

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class Iterator:
    def open()
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class Output(Iterator):
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      while True:
          row = child.next()
          if row is None: break
          print(row)
class TableScan(Iterator):
      i = 0
 def next():
      if i >= len(table): return None
      row = table[i]
      i += 1
      return row
class Selection(Iterator):
  def next():
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          if row is None: return None
          if pred(row): return row
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class HashJoin(Iterator):
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def open():
  ht = {}
  # build hashtable with left size
 while True:
    l = left.next()
   if l is None: break
    ht.insert(l)
  q = queue()
def next():
    # we still have tuples left
    if q: return q.pop()
    # we need to get a new tuple
    while True:
        r = right.next()
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        # compute matches for current
        for m in ht.lookup(r):
          q.push(m+r)
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