



# Tutorial 1: Getting started with MCore

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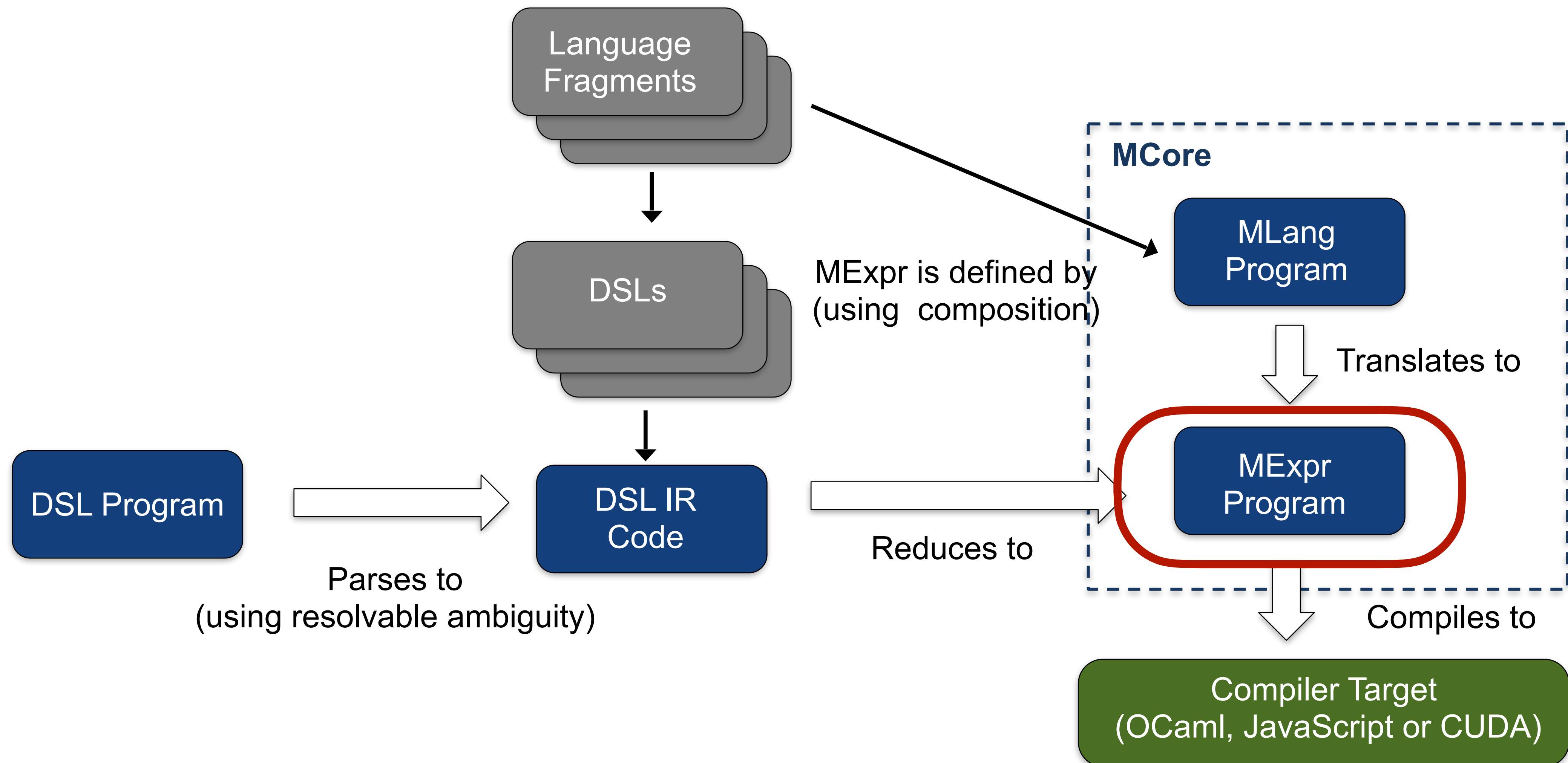
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# Overview of the Toolchain





# Hello World

In a file, we state that what comes next is a Miking expression (mexpr)

```
mexpr  
print "Hello world!\n"
```

Everything in MExpr is an expression

```
mi compile hello.mc  
./hello  
  
Hello world!
```

Compile and run

Is there a better way than just printing when testing your programs?

**Built-in unit tests!**



# Unit testing

Two parts that are checked  
if equal

```
mexpr  
utest addi 1 2 with 3 in  
( )
```

```
mi compile myprog.mc --test  
./myprog  
.
```

Includes unit testing by  
adding test flag.

Prints a dot for each  
successful test

```
mexpr  
utest addi 1 2 with 55 in  
( )
```

```
** Unit test FAILED: FILE "myprog.mc" 4:0-4:25 **  
LHS: 3  
RHS: 55
```

After running, shows the  
different values.





# Intrinsics

Built-in functions, always available

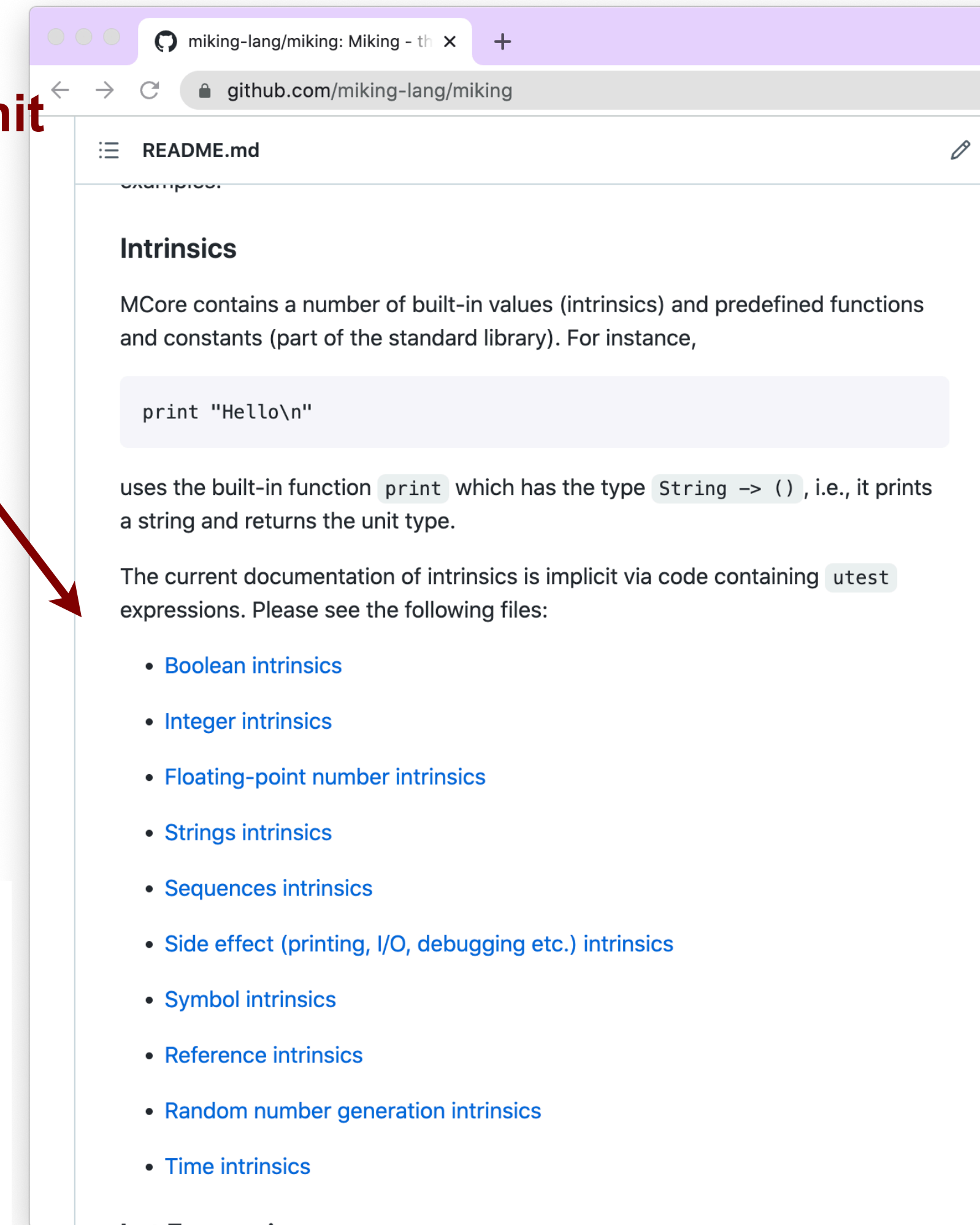
Examples:  
integer  
intrinsics

```
-- Integer operations: add sub mul div mod
-- int -> int -> int
utest 10 with addi 6 4 in      -- addition
utest 20 with subi 30 10 in   -- subtraction
utest 33 with muli 3 11 in    -- multiplication
utest 4 with divi 9 2 in      -- division
utest 1 with modi 9 2 in     -- modulo
```

Examples:  
string  
intrinsics

```
-- String operations
-- See seq.mc as well. Strings are sequences.
utest concat "This " "is" with "This is" in
utest get "Hello" 1 with 'e' in
utest subsequence "This is all" 3 6 with "s is a" in
utest subsequence "This is all" 3 6 with ['s',' ','i','s',' ',' ','a'] in
```

Click on links to see unit tests for different intrinsics



<https://github.com/miking-lang/miking>



# Functions and Let expressions

```
let x = addi 1 2 in
x
```

Binds a value. Note - no side effects (not an assignment)

Type inference: double has type `Int -> Int`

Functions are defined using lambdas - anonymous functions

```
let double = lam x. muli x 2 in
utest double 5 with 10 in
()
```

Functions with several arguments are defined using currying

```
let foo = lam x. lam y. addi x y in
utest foo 2 3 with 5 in
()
```

Type inference: function `foo` has type `Int -> Int -> Int`



# If - expressions

If expression (not an if statement)

```
let x = 5 in
let answer = if (lti x 10) then "yes" else "no" in
utest answer with "yes" in
()
```

If expression is actually  
just syntactic sugar for the  
core construct match  
(which is more expressive)

```
if x then e1 else e2
```

```
match x with true then e1 else e2
```



# Recursive functions

Start and  
end of a set  
of recursive  
functions

```
recursive
let fact = lam n.
  if eqi n 0
  then 1
  else muli n (fact (subi n 1))
in


utest fact 0 with 1 in
utest fact 4 with 24 in
()
```






# Tuples and Records

**Tuples are so called product types  
(elements with potentially different types)**



```
let t = (add1 1 2, "hi", 80) in
utest t.0 with 3 in
utest t.1 with "hi" in
utest t.2 with 80 in
()
```

**Name the elements using records**



```
let r1 = {age = 42, name = "foobar"} in
utest r1.age with 42 in
utest r1.name with "foobar" in
()
```

**Tuples are actually just syntactic  
sugar for records**



# Data Types and match expressions

Algebraic data type (sum type)

```
type Tree in
con Node : (Tree, Tree) -> Tree in
con Leaf : (Int) -> Tree in
```

Example of two constructors:  
Node and Leaf

```
let tree = Node(Node(Leaf 4, Leaf 2), Leaf 3) in
```

Example of a tree

```
recursive
  let count = lam tree.
    match tree with Node(left, right) then
      addi (count left) (count right)
    else match tree with Leaf v then v
    else error "Unknown node"
in
```

Example: count (sum up) values in  
the leaves.

Note how the match construct  
deconstructs the tree nodes



# Sequences

```
utest "foo" with ['f','o','o'] in ()
```

Strings are actually sequences

```
utest concat [1,3,5] [7,9] with [1,3,5,7,9] in ()
```

Concatenation of two sequences

```
utest match "foobar" with "fo" ++ rest then rest else ""  
with "obar" in
```

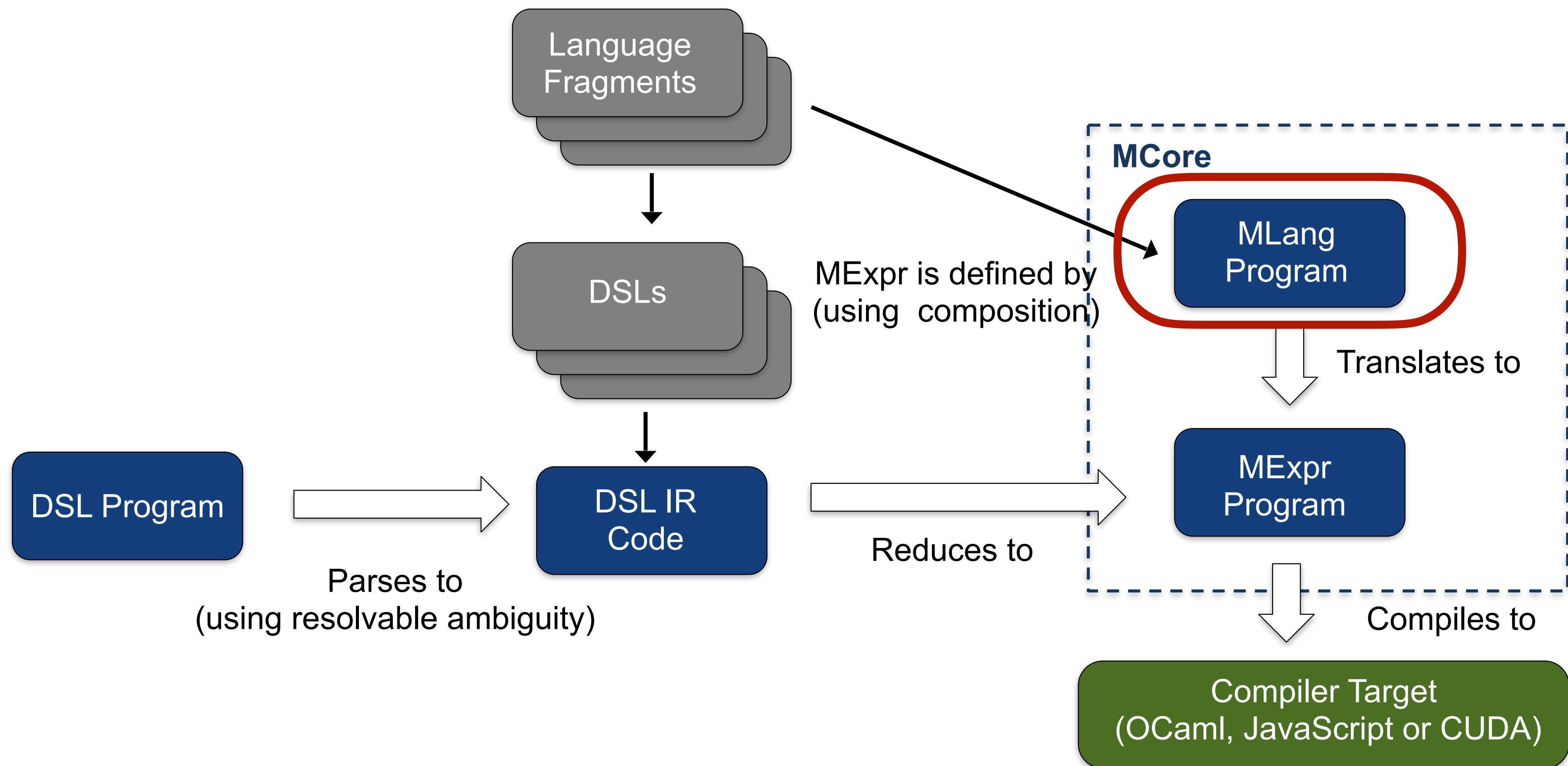
Matching on sequences

There are other  
constructs, such as  
Tensors, References etc.

<https://github.com/miking-lang/miking>



# Overview of the Toolchain







# MLang: Language Fragments and Composition

**syn: defines  
extensible  
constructors**

**sem: define  
extensible  
functions**

```
lang Arith
  syn Expr =
    | Num Int
    | Add (Expr, Expr)

  sem eval =
    | Num n -> Num n
    | Add (e1,e2) ->
      match eval e1 with Num n1 then
        match eval e2 with Num n2 then
          Num (addi n1 n2)
        else error "Not a number"
      else error "Not a number"
end
```

```
lang MyBool
  syn Expr =
    | True()
    | False()
    | If (Expr, Expr, Expr)

  sem eval =
    | True() -> True()
    | False() -> False()
    | If(cnd,thn,els) ->
      let cndVal = eval cnd in
      match cndVal with True() then eval thn
      else match cndVal with False() then eval els
      else error "Not a boolean"
end
```

**Independent  
language  
fragment, using  
the same syn and  
sem names**

```
mexpr
use Arith in
utest eval (Add (Num 2, Num 3)) with Num 5 in
()
```

**use: using a language  
fragment in an  
expression**

```
lang ArithBool = Arith + MyBool

mexpr
use ArithBool in
utest eval (Add (If (False(), Num 0, Num 5), Num 2))
  with Num 7 in
()
```

**Composing  
together language  
fragments**