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## What is a chunk?

- It is a bunch of declarations of the same type (for types and functions). Each declaration of variable uses a chunk. For example :

```
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/* declarations of a and b are not in the same chunk. */
 var a := 1
 var b := 2
/* declarations of foo and bar are in another chunk. */
 function foo () : int = 1
 function bar () : int = 2
/* declaration of c is in a fourth one. */
 var c := 3
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## How are the chunks implemented?

- A list of Decs is used in the LetExp class. It is declared in the 'ast/decs-list' class:

```
/// DecsList.
class DecsList: public Ast
{
public:
 typedef std::list<Decs*> decs_type;
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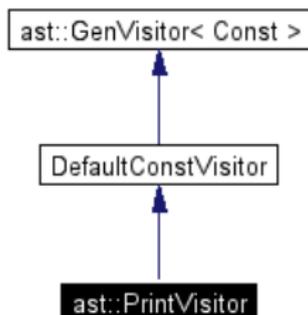
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## xalloc: example

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// get index for new ostream data
static const int iword_index = std::ios_base::xalloc();

// define manipulator that sets this data
std::ostream& fraction_spaces (std::ostream& o)
{
 o.iword(iword_index) = true;
 return o;
}

std::ostream& operator<< (std::ostream& o,
 const Fraction& f)
{
 if (o.iword(iword_index))
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