

Language structure support

This interpreter supports:

- Basic structure, integer, plus string and Boolean variables
- For loops and nested for loops
- Detection of runtime errors

Output of Sample Programs

1. `prog1.txt`

```
a=40  
b=5400
```

2. `prog2.txt`

```
A=155  
B=10  
C=30  
D=14  
E=290
```

3. `prog3.txt`

```
A=17  
a=19  
Num=1
```

4. `prog4.txt`

```
a=31  
b=55  
a="helloworld"  
b="world"
```

5. `prog5.txt`

```
A="Happy Birthday !"
```

6. `prog6.txt`

```
A="a b cw x y z"
```

7. `prog7.txt`

```
A="a b c47"
```

8. prog8.txt

```
A=TRUE  
A=FALSE  
A=FALSE  
A="TRUE"
```

9. prog9.txt

```
A=1032  
B=41
```

10. prog10.txt

```
A="ABABABABABABABABABABABABABABAB"
```

11. prog11.txt

```
A=19532250  
B=4882810
```

12. prog12.txt

```
A="44444444444444444444"
```

13. prog13.txt

```
A=1038  
B=154
```

14. prog14.txt

```
A=50752
```

15. prog15.txt

```
RUNTIME ERROR: line 4
```

16. prog16.txt

```
RUNTIME ERROR: line 2
```

17. prog17.txt

```
RUNTIME ERROR: line 2
```

18. prog18.txt

```
RUNTIME ERROR: line 2
```

Prog19 - prog24 used unimplemented structures, so they are not listed here.

Benchmark

The L program used for benchmark is as follows,

```
FOR 400000 { A = 0 ; B = 1 ; FOR 15 { tmp = A ; tmp += B ; A = B ; B = tmp ; } }
```

This L program is executed by the interpreter written in Java.

And the equivalent C++ program,

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main() {
    int a;
    for (int i = 0; i < 400000; i++) {
        a = 0;
        int b = 1;
        for (int j = 0; j < 15; j++) {
            int tmp = a;
            tmp += b;
            a = b;
            b = tmp;
        }
    }
}
```

The compiler for the C++ program is g++ with no optimization.

For reference, we have also tested two interpreted languages, Python and JavaScript.

Python program:

```
for i in range(0, 400000):
    a = 0
    b = 1
    for j in range(0, 15):
        tmp = a
        tmp += b
        a = b
        b = tmp
```

JavaScript program:

```
let a
for (let i = 0; i < 400000; i++) {
  a = 0;
  let b = 1;
  for (let j = 0; j < 15; j++) {
    let tmp = a;
    tmp += b;
    a = b;
    b = tmp;
  }
}
```

The execution environment for JavaScript is Node.js, which is powered by V8 JavaScript engine.

Result

Both programs are tested 5 times and the average execution times are taken.

Language	L	C++	Python	JavaScript
Execution time	33.42s	0.02s	1.16s	0.04s

As shown above, all interpreted languages are slower than unoptimized C++, among which JavaScript performs best, thanks to the powerful V8 engine. L is the slowest, the primary reasons are as follows,

1. The L interpreter is run by JVM, which interprets the `.class` file and thus introduces extra overhead.
2. The L interpreter directly operates on the source language. All production-level interpreters introduce some kind of intermediate representations for source languages, which allow faster execution.