

CS 3240 - Project I

Names

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Chapter 1

The Project

1.1 Introduction

A scanner generator was designed and implemented in JAVA. An object-oriented approach was followed, however use of libraries and high level tools was avoided. The application is capable of parsing a lexical specification in an established format and, in a minimum number of steps, output a functional table-driven deterministic finite automaton- (DFA-)driven scanner. This scanner's functionality is focused upon the task of analyzing plaintext input, which may or may not follow a recognized syntax. Tokens are identified on the fly, validated, and stored within a predefined XML schema. While no semantic actions or compilation are actually being performed at this stage, refinement of methods demonstrates clear potential for this project.

1.1.1 The Goal

Despite the clear inefficiency of writing lexical analysis software in a high-level language, especially in the just-in-time interpreter realm of Java, it is important to note the elegance in approach which can be achieved. While the pursuit of perfection by means of preprocessing and optimization are important to language, there remains value in alternative routes. A Java-based scanner may suffer in performance and flexibility, but the potential for rapid prototyping, availability of a large library and countless APIs can offer significant benefit.

1.2 Architecture

The application is powered by a main driver class which is responsible for making procedural and functional calls to the other modules. It runs as a console application and provides realtime feedback on parsing and lexical analysis tasks. The driver maintains interaction with the user and handles file i/o.

1.2.1 Automata

All scanner-related logic within the application relies upon finite automata of various classifications and structures. The fundamental building block is the State object. This contains attributes describing an individual state of an automaton. In the interest of minimizing memory overhead, transitions between these states exist in their respective parent automata. This also maintains an organized set of object references and lends a greater degree of control over traversal.

At the top of the inheritance hierarchy is the FiniteAutomata interface, a framework around which more specific objects are designed. The interface itself guarantees sets of characters (representing the chosen alphabet), and states, with separate designations for initial and final states. From this extends the remaining two interfaces, named DFA, for Deterministic Finite Automata, and NFA, for the Nondeterministic variety. These build upon the existing structure by defining transitions. Specifically, the NFA interface makes allowances for epsilon transitions and multiple starting states. The final level in the hierarchy are the actual automata classes: the MapBasedDFA, TableDrivenDFA, MapBasedNFA, and a customized NFA structure, MinimalNFA, to be used by the parser integrated within the scanner generator.

1.3 Use Case

Upon running the application, a file containing a plaintext lexical specification is loader by the driver class. Such a file is required to take the following form:

```
%% Definitions for character classes will be contained in this section.
$DIGIT      [0-9]
$NON-ZERO  [^0] IN $DIGIT
$SMALLCASE  [a-z]
$LETTER     [A-Za-z]
%% Token definitions will be contained in this section using regexes
$IDENTIFIER $LETTER ($LETTER| $DIGIT)*
```

A hard-coded, recursive descent parser traverses the input file from top to bottom, using regular expressions to identify and define character classes. Due to this approach, the lexical specification is required to have been written in such a way as to exclude left-recursion in definitions, as this could cause looping and will not be interpreted correctly. It then continues on to read each of the lines containing an Identifier, instantiating and populating a dedicated micro-NFA. Upon successful completion of parsing, these miniature NFAs (as demonstrated by small numbers of states) are combined, forming a master NFA containing the entire language's grammatical and lexical specifications. While this crude NFA is technically sufficiently well-developed to function as a scanner on its own, it is then converted into a map-based DFA, greatly simplifying execution. This product is then further refined into a table-driven DFA, at which point it is

minimized, removing any duplicate paths or unnecessarily complex routes. At this point in execution, the automaton has been sufficiently optimized and can be deemed a customized scanner, built to recognize the chosen regular language.

Chapter 2

Documentation

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Model Documentation

Model Detail

This document provides a complete overview of all element details. For simpler and more focused reports, simply copy this initial template and turn off the sections not required.

Model

Type: **Package**
Status: Proposed. Version . Phase 1.0.
Package:
Detail: *Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011*
GUID: {A2CAB543-AE41-41b2-AA74-9A3C4473AC21}

automata

Type: **Package**
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: Model
Detail: *Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011*
GUID: {6F93D628-E594-4eb0-B698-1B4C7C821F09}

automata - (Logical diagram)

Created By: Paul on 11/3/2011
Last Modified: 11/3/2011
Version: 1.0. *Locked:* False
GUID: {9662D210-B41A-41c1-BD80-877881D0FA1A}

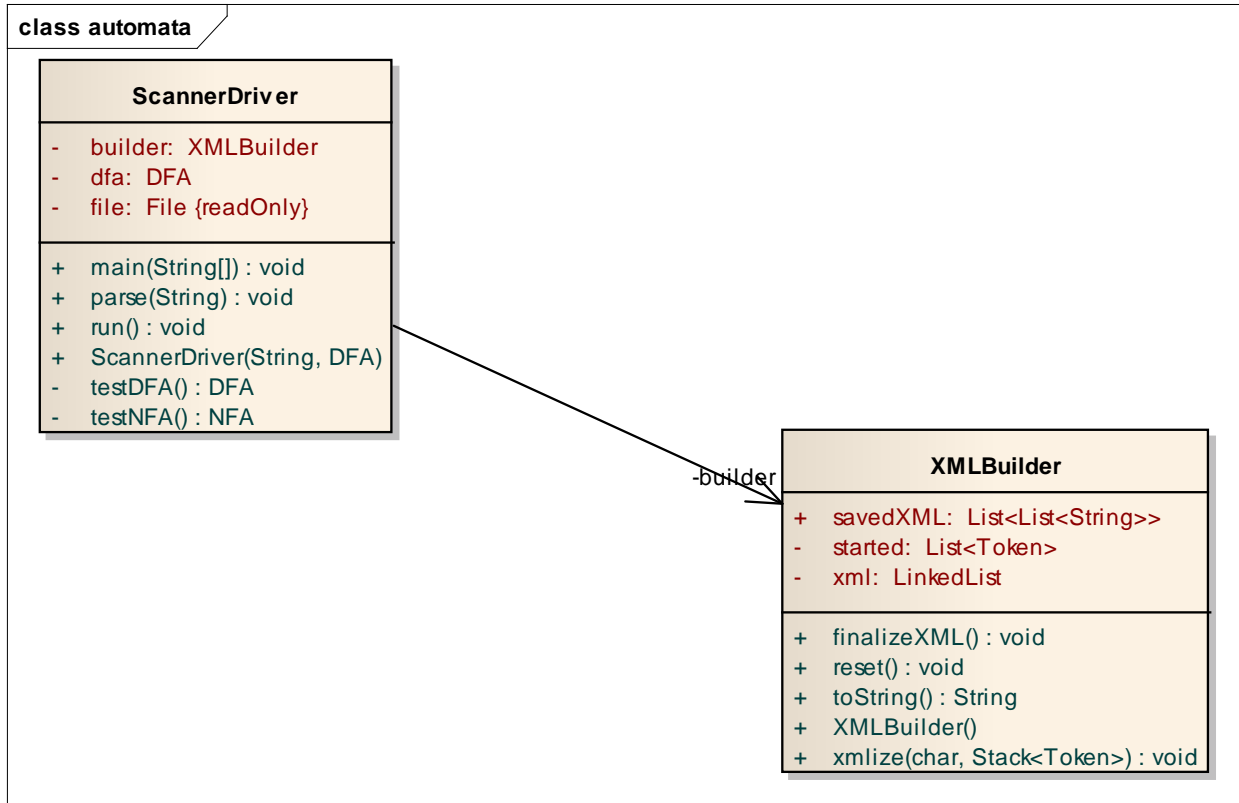


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ScannerDriver

Type: Class
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: automata **Keywords:**
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.
GUID: {70B6573E-416E-4bbe-9BAF-8306F46B146E}

The Main driver class. Creates a DFA based on given classes and regular expressions, then verifies that a given file contains valid tokens. It can also generate an XML-structure of the tokens, showing how the characters form into compounding tokens.

Custom Properties

- isActive = False

Connections

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
Association Source -> Destination	Public ScannerDriver	Private dfa DFA	
Association	Public	Private builder	

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
Source -> Destination	ScannerDriver	XMLBuilder	

Attributes

Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
builder XMLBuilder Private		<i>Default:</i>
dfa DFA Private		<i>Default:</i>
file File Private Const		<i>Default:</i>

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
Static main() void Public	Creates the DFA and ScannerDriver using the files containing the regexes and the tokens. If no arguments are supplied, the sample cases are used and are expected to be in the same directory.	String[] [in] args 1st argument is used as the name of the file containing all of the tokens
parse() void Public		String [in] word
run() void Public		
ScannerDriver() Public	Creates and initializes the ScannerDriver	String [in] fileName The name of the file containing all of the tokens DFA [in] dfa The DFA to use while scanning
Static testDFA() DFA Private	A temporary DFA used for testing.	

Method	Notes	Parameters
Static testNFA() NFA Private	A temporary NFA used for testing.	

XMLBuilder

Type: Class
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: automata **Keywords:**
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.
GUID: {7C0CB7EA-2CB5-41f6-9FD1-566802DE43D0}

Generates and stores XML-like structures to represent the tokens that are read and parsed.

Custom Properties

- isActive = False

Connections

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
<u>Association</u> Source -> Destination	Public ScannerDriver	Private builder XMLBuilder	

Attributes

Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
savedXML List<List<String>> Public		<i>Default:</i>
started List<Token> Private		<i>Default:</i>

Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
xml LinkedList Private		<i>Default:</i>

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
finalizeXML() void Public	Finalizes the current xml tree and saves it internally that can be printed or saved later	
reset() void Public	Resets all of the temporary structures. Still keeps the finalized xml structures used for printing.	
toString() String Public		
XMLBuilder() Public		
xmlize() void Public	Adds the given tokens and character to the current xml tree	char [in] character The character within the tokens Stack<Token> [in] tokens The tokens associated with the character.

automata

Type: **Package**
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: automata
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011
GUID: {99C05C17-A01D-4002-B163-2C73A3C6C287}

automata - (Logical diagram)

Created By: Paul on 11/3/2011
Last Modified: 11/3/2011
Version: 1.0. Locked: False
GUID: {24718268-7E22-400f-B962-4665FCEB15DB}

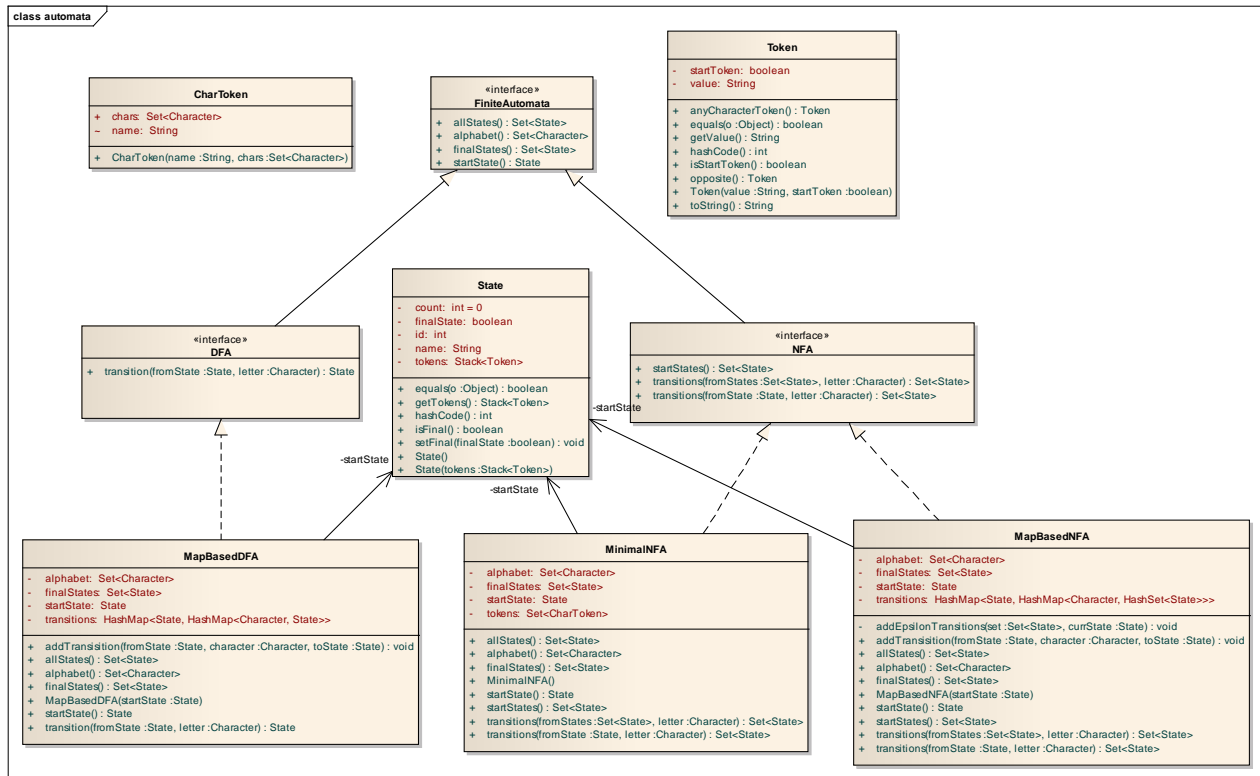


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CharToken

Type:

Class

Status:

Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.

Package:

automata **Keywords:**

Detail:

Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.

GUID:

{04C3816C-8356-4ff5-B382-CDF5691420B8}

Custom Properties

- isActive = False

Attributes

Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
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Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
chars Set<Character> Public		<i>Default:</i>
name String Package		<i>Default:</i>

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
CharToken() Public		String [in] name Set<Character> [in] chars

MapBasedDFA

Type: Class
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: automata **Keywords:**
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.
GUID: {758A5AE4-2DC7-455c-8967-8BE425D61693}

A HashMap based DFA. Used mainly for temporary testing before we have actual table-based DFA.

Custom Properties

- isActive = False

Connections

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
<u>Association</u> Source -> Destination	Public NFAConverter	Private dfa MapBasedDFA	
<u>Realization</u> Source -> Destination	Public MapBasedDFA	Public DFA	
<u>Association</u>	Public	Private startState	

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
Source -> Destination	MapBasedDFA	State	

Attributes

Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
alphabet Set<Character> Private		<i>Default:</i>
finalStates Set<State> Private		<i>Default:</i>
startState State Private		<i>Default:</i>
transitions HashMap<State, HashMap<Character, State>> Private		<i>Default:</i>

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
addTransision() void Public	Adds a transition to the DFA. If the character has never been seen before, the internal DFA alphabet will be expanded to include the character. If there is already a transition on the given character from the given from state, this new transition will overwrite the old one. The from state does not have to already exist in the DFA, however, the transition will be useless if it does not.	State [in] fromState The state the transition goes from Character [in] character State [in] toState The state the transition goes to

Method	Notes	Parameters
	@param letter The character the transition is over	
allStates() Set<State> Public		
alphabet() Set<Character> Public		
finalStates() Set<State> Public		
MapBasedDFA() Public	Must start out with a given start state.	State [in] startState The start state to begin with
startState() State Public		
transition() State Public		State [in] fromState Character [in] letter

MapBasedNFA

Type: **Class**
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: automata *Keywords:*
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.
GUID: {F634EDE2-878C-4714-9257-F0B4F21AF56F}

A HashMap based NFA. Used mainly for temporary testing before we have actual table-based NFA. An epsilon transition is represented by a transition over a "null" character

Custom Properties

- isActive = False

Connections

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
Realization Source -> Destination	Public MapBasedNFA	Public NFA	
Association Source -> Destination	Public MapBasedNFA	Private startState State	

Attributes

Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
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Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
alphabet Set<Character> Private		<i>Default:</i>
finalStates Set<State> Private		<i>Default:</i>
startState State Private		<i>Default:</i>
transitions HashMap<State, HashMap<Character, HashSet<State>>> Private		<i>Default:</i>

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
addEpsilonTransitions() void Private	A recursive helper function that adds all the states coming from a given state over epsilon transitions.	Set<State> [in] set The set to add all the states to State [in] currState The state to start from (it is assumed that this was already added to the states)
addTransisition() void Public	Adds a transition to the NFA. If the character has never been seen before, the internal NFA alphabet will be expanded to include the character. If there is already a transition on the given character from the given from state, the toState will be added to the set of states going from the fromState over the character. The from state does not have to already exist in the DFA, however, the transition will be useless if	State [in] fromState The state the transition goes from Character [in] character State [in] toState The state the transition goes to

Method	Notes	Parameters
	it does not. @param letter The character the transition is over	
allStates() Set<State> Public		
alphabet() Set<Character> Public		
finalStates() Set<State> Public		
MapBasedNFA() Public	Must start out with a given start state.	State [in] startState The start state to begin with
startState() State Public		
startStates() Set<State> Public		
transitions() Set<State> Public		Set<State> [in] fromStates Character [in] letter
transitions() Set<State> Public	Returns all the states that can occur after transitioning over a given character on a state. This also includes epsilon transitions that occur after the transition. If there is no such transition, null is returned. @return All states that occur after the transition (+epsilon trans)	State [in] fromState The state to look from Character [in] letter The letter to transition over

MinimalNFA

Type: Class
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: automata **Keywords:**
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.
GUID: {DB074A81-8DA1-414c-BB02-0080365D7A51}

Custom Properties

- isActive = False

Connections

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
Realization Source -> Destination	Public MinimalNFA	Public NFA	

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
Association Source -> Destination	Public MinimalNFA	Private startState State	

Attributes

Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
alphabet Set<Character> Private		<i>Default:</i>
finalStates Set<State> Private		<i>Default:</i>
startState State Private		<i>Default:</i>
tokens Set<CharToken> Private		<i>Default:</i>

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
allStates() Set<State> Public		
alphabet() Set<Character> Public		
finalStates() Set<State> Public		
MinimalNFA() Public		
startState() State Public		

Method	Notes	Parameters
startStates() Set<State> Public		
transitions() Set<State> Public		Set<State> [in] fromStates Character [in] letter
transitions() Set<State> Public		State [in] fromState Character [in] letter

State

Type:

Status:

Package:

Detail:

GUID:

Class

Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.

automata *Keywords:*

Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.

{0D22CBB8-D246-41c4-8707-32B907111EA8}

Tokens are stored in the state in a stack. The top token is the most general token applying to the State, and the bottom token is the most specific/smallest token.

Custom Properties

- isActive = False

Connections

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
<u>Association</u> Source -> Destination	Public NFACConverter	Private startState State	
<u>Association</u> Source -> Destination	Public MinimalNFA	Private startState State	
<u>Association</u> Source -> Destination	Public MapBasedNFA	Private startState State	
<u>Association</u> Source -> Destination	Public MapBasedDFA	Private startState State	

Attributes

Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
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Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
count int Private Static		<i>Default:</i> 0
finalState boolean Private		<i>Default:</i>
id int Private		<i>Default:</i>
name String Private		<i>Default:</i>
tokens Stack<Token> Private		<i>Default:</i>

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
equals() boolean Public		Object [in] o
getTokens() Stack<Token> Public		
hashCode() int Public		
isFinal() boolean		

Method	Notes	Parameters
Public setFinal() void Public		boolean [in] finalState
State() Public		
State() Public		Stack<Token> [in] tokens

Token

Type:

Status:

Package:

Detail:

GUID:

Class

Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.

automata *Keywords:*

Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.

{AC47BE95-6D8A-4682-9B15-70C4E69E6E58}

Custom Properties

- isActive = False

Attributes

Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
startToken boolean Private		<i>Default:</i>
value String Private		<i>Default:</i>

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
Static anyCharacterToken() Token		

Method	Notes	Parameters
Public equals() boolean Public		Object [in] o
getValue() String Public		
hashCode() int Public		
isStartToken() boolean Public		
opposite() Token Public		
Token() Public		String [in] value boolean [in] startToken
toString() String Public		

DFA

Type:

Status:

Package:

Detail:

GUID:

Interface **FiniteAutomata**

Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.

automata *Keywords:*

Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.

{686D66DC-86C5-41f7-A1B6-E53E605F232A}

Connections

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
Association Source -> Destination	Public ScannerDriver	Private dfa DFA	
Association Source -> Destination	Public DFAMinimizer	Private originalDFA DFA	
Realization Source -> Destination	Public MapBasedDFA	Public DFA	
Generalization Source -> Destination	Public DFA	Public FiniteAutomata	

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
transition() State Public	Returns the list of state resulting in moving from the fromState to the	State [in] fromState Character [in] letter

Method	Notes	Parameters

FiniteAutomata

Type: **Interface**
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: automata **Keywords:**
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.
GUID: {41729338-720C-4f60-871B-F190FDA05205}

Connections

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
Generalization Source -> Destination	Public NFA	Public FiniteAutomata	
Generalization Source -> Destination	Public DFA	Public FiniteAutomata	

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
allStates() Set<State> Public	Returns a copy of the list of all the states in the FA	
alphabet() Set<Character> Public	Returns a copy of the alphabet of the finite automata	
finalStates() Set<State> Public	Returns a copy the set of all final states in the FA	
startState() State Public	The start state of this FA	

NFA

Type: **Interface** **FiniteAutomata**
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: automata **Keywords:**
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.
GUID: {B84DF54E-CCF4-4770-B1BD-D5219C35014F}

Connections

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
<u>Association</u> Source -> Destination	Public NFAConverter	Private nfa NFA	
<u>Generalization</u> Source -> Destination	Public NFA	Public FiniteAutomata	
<u>Realization</u> Source -> Destination	Public MinimalNFA	Public NFA	
<u>Realization</u> Source -> Destination	Public MapBasedNFA	Public NFA	

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
startStates() Set<State> Public	Returns the start state, in addition to any states reachable from the start state after epsilon transitions.	
transitions() Set<State> Public	Returns the list of possible states that come out the given fromStates across a letter transition	Set<State> [in] fromStates Character [in] letter
transitions() Set<State> Public	Returns the list of possible states that come out the given fromState across a letter transition	State [in] fromState Character [in] letter

conversion

Type: **Package**
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: automata
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011
GUID: {1E56445C-9030-46fb-BB3C-1BAC845A6C49}

conversion - (Logical diagram)

Created By: Paul on 11/3/2011
Last Modified: 11/3/2011
Version: 1.0. **Locked:** False
GUID: {3A9DBADA-AB23-494c-8A94-4232124DE06F}

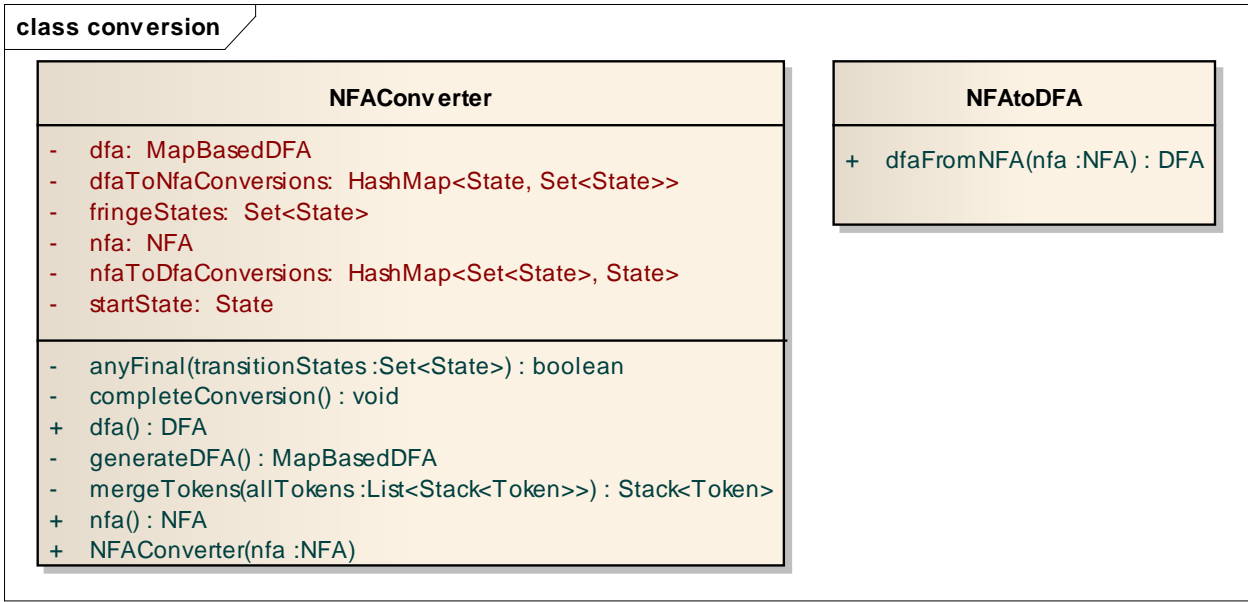


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NFAConverter

Type: Class
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: conversion *Keywords:*
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.
GUID: {D7618FE3-50D4-4381-91BB-31D98716A95E}

A utility class used by NFAtoDFA to perform the conversion.

Custom Properties

- isActive = False

Connections

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
Association Source -> Destination	Public NFAConverter	Private startState State	
Association Source -> Destination	Public NFAConverter	Private nfa NFA	
Association Source -> Destination	Public NFAConverter	Private dfa MapBasedDFA	

Attributes

Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
dfa MapBasedDFA Private		<i>Default:</i>
dfaToNfaConversions HashMap<State, Set<State>> Private		<i>Default:</i>
fringeStates Set<State> Private		<i>Default:</i>
nfa NFA Private		<i>Default:</i>
nfaToDfaConversions HashMap<Set<State>, State> Private		<i>Default:</i>
startState State Private		<i>Default:</i>

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
anyFinal() boolean Private		Set<State> [in] transitionStates
completeConversion() void Private		
dfa() DFA Public		
generateDFA() MapBasedDFA Private		
mergeTokens() Stack<Token> Private		List<Stack<Token>> [in] allTokens
nfa() NFA Public		
NFAConverter() Public		NFA [in] nfa

NFAtoDFA

Type: **Class**
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: conversion **Keywords:**
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.
GUID: {35162A47-4115-414e-AC2E-14D7B7438AD0}

Custom Properties

- isActive = False

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
Static dfaFromNFA() DFA Public		NFA [in] nfa

minimization

Type: **Package**
Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.
Package: automata
Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011

GUID: {65E318F1-2EAA-4d0a-BA82-6B7BDECA51B9}

minimization - (Logical diagram)

Created By: Paul on 11/3/2011

Last Modified: 11/3/2011

Version: 1.0. **Locked:** False

GUID: {ABFB90EE-FDE7-4fe4-B5DE-391906D4CFD9}

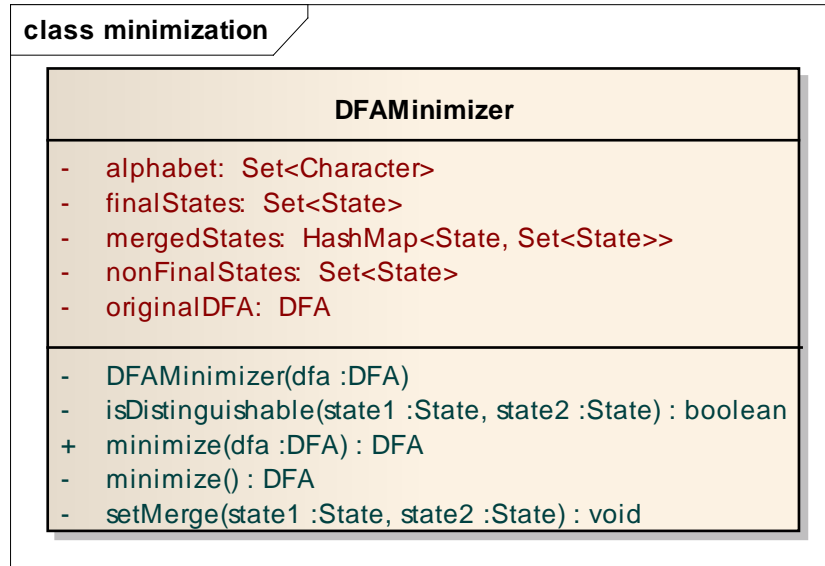


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DFAMinimizer

Type: **Class**

Status: Proposed. Version 1.0. Phase 1.0.

Package: minimization **Keywords:**

Detail: Created on 11/3/2011. Last modified on 11/3/2011.

GUID: {769920DC-FC7E-499e-A97E-37A54437639F}

Custom Properties

- isActive = False

Connections

Connector	Source	Target	Notes
<u>Association</u> Source -> Destination	Public DFAMinimizer	Private originalDFA DFA	

Attributes

Attribute	Notes	Constraints and tags
alphabet Set<Character> Private		<i>Default:</i>
finalStates Set<State> Private		<i>Default:</i>
mergedStates HashMap<State, Set<State>> Private		<i>Default:</i>
nonFinalStates Set<State> Private		<i>Default:</i>
originalDFA DFA Private		<i>Default:</i>

Operations

Method	Notes	Parameters
DFAMinimizer() Private		DFA [in] dfa
isDistinguishable() boolean Private		State [in] state1 State [in] state2

Method	Notes	Parameters
Static minimize() DFA Public		DFA [in] dfa
minimize() DFA Private		
setMerge() void Private		State [in] state1 State [in] state2