



Homework 1: scanner

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Introduction

We will construct a *lexical analyzer*, also called a *scanner* for the specified source language.

The source language

The source language is documented in the file `Pym_language.pdf`. Some sample programs of this language are in the folder `Sample_Pym_programs`.

Implementing the scanner

- Use the algorithm of scanner discussed in class, which is also documented in the file `simple_scanner_algorithm.pdf`.
- Do not use some automatically generated scanner code.
- You can use C or C++ to implement the scanner, but C is recommended, because the helping code given by the teacher will be C code.
- Design your program with reasonable modules. A possible choice is having the following files
 - `tools.h` : include the declarations of tools for general purpose.
 - `tools.c` : the definitions of general-purpose tools.
 - `token.h` : declaration of token types, and related function prototypes.

- `token.c` : token related function definitions.
- `list.h` : declarations related to the list data structure.
- `list.c` : function definitions for the list data structure.
- `automata.h` : declaration of some DFA.
- `automata.c` : definitions for the DFA. The DFA can be defined as a function according to the *simple scanner algorithm*.
- `scanner.c` : the main function, the driver of the program.

Expected behavior of the scanner

- Test your scanner with the provided some Pym programs as the source. You can use the programs in the folder `Sample_Pym_programs` . Or you can use some Pym program that you create.
- When a source program is correct,
 - some token list should be generated, which will be used by the parser in the future.
 - The generated token list should be printed.
 - For each token, its token type should be printed. If the string cannot be decided by its type, like ID or Number, or String the string should also be printed.
- When some error occurs, the corresponding error message should be printed. At least, one error message is printed for the first lexical error found by the compiler.

For example, suppose a Pym source file `sample.pym` contains the following code

```
temperature = 115
while temperature > 3\7: # first while loop code
    printnum(temperature)
    printstr(" is too hot.\n")
    temperature = temperature - 1
printstr("The tea is cool enough.")
```

When the scanner runs, the screen printing could be like the sample run listed below, where the lines starting with a smile face :) is a sentence output by the program in the conversation, and line starting with >>> is input from the user; each token is printed in a line, where the starting line number is optional.

:) Hello, what is the name of the Pym source file?

```
>>> sample.pym.
```

:) The listed of tokens are printed as follows:

```
1 ID temperature
1 ASSN
1 NUM 115
1 NEWLINE
2 WHILE
2 ID temperature
2 GT
2 NUM 3\7
2 COLON
2 NEWLINE
3 INDENT
3 ID printnum
3 LPR
3 ID temperature
3 RPR
3 NEWLINE
4 ID printstr
4 LPR
4 STR " is too hot.\n"
4 RPR
4 NEWLINE
5 ID temperature
5 ASSN
5 ID temperature
5 SUB
5 NUM 1
5 NEWLINE
6 DEDENT
6 ID printstr
6 LPR
6 STR "The tea is cool enough."
6 RPR
6 NEWLINE
6 EOF
```

Note that you can choose to let your program to accept the source file name as a command-line argument. For example, if the executable file of your scanner is `myscanner` , you can do:

```
myscanner sample.pym
```

How to submit

- Upload your files at the webpage address of this homework on Moodle.
- The uploaded files can include only the following:
 - The source files (.c, .cpp or .h files),
 - An optional document file (.txt, .md, .docx) describing your work, like: what features of the homework are achieved; what are the remaining problems; how did you solve the difficulties that you met, some screen record of compiling and running the program; the bonus features that you have implemented, ...
- About homework submission in a group:
 - At most 3 students can form a group to submit the homework together. You can surely do the homework alone.
 - One group only need to submit the homework by once by one student. The other members do not need to (better not) submit the homework again; or, just submit one .txt file saying who are the members of the group and who submitted the homework.
 - In each file that you submit, record the registered names in Chinese (if you are not an international student) and English letters (PinYin), classes of each student, last 5 digits of student ID, as comments. For example:

```

/*  homework 1. Group members:
    李白      Li, Bai
    杜甫      Du, Fu
    李清照    Li, QingZhao
*/

```

- Deadline: Saturday Nov 14 2020
- Plagiarism is not allowed

References

1. "Among the Automata" <https://www.theparisreview.org/blog/2012/05/22/among-the-automata/>