Phase I Report

**Grammar modifications**

The grammar provided initially was not LL(1), as it suffered from left-recursion in multiple rules. Our grammar changed frequently over the course of Phase I, but left-factoring to remove initial recursion occurred relatively early on.

The initial grammar provided is included in the specification PDF – however, the specific rules which suffered from direct left recursion were as follows:

EXPR -> CONST | VALUE | EXPR BINARY\_OPERATOR EXPR | ‘(‘ EXPR ‘)’

INDEX\_EXPR -> INTLIT | ID | INDEX\_EXPR INDEX\_OPER INDEX\_EXPR

These were easily left-factored:

EXPR -> (CONST | VALUE | '(' EXPR ')') (BINARY\_OPERATOR EXPR)\*  
INDEX\_EXPR -> (INTLIT | ID) (INDEX\_OPER INDEX\_EXPR)\*

The major problems we had to deal with were mainly confusion over the responsibility in the context of our compiler of lexer versus parser grammars (as can be seen above – all rules were lex rules initially), indirect left-recursion, and input collisions on parser rules.

**Lex rules**

Our grammar incorporates all of the lex rules from the provided specification:

NEQ -> '<>'

LESSER -> '<'

LESSEREQ -> '<='

GREATER -> '>'

GREATEREQ -> '>='

AND -> '&'

OR -> '|'

ASSIGN -> ':='

COMMA -> ','

COLON -> ':'

SEMI -> ';'

LPAREN -> '('

RPAREN -> ')'

LBRACK -> '['

RBRACK -> ']'

PLUS -> '+'

MINUS -> '-'

MULT -> '\*'

DIV -> '/'

EQ -> '='

ID -> ('a'..'z'|'A'..'Z'|'\_') ('a'..'z'|'A'..'Z'|'0'..'9'|'\_')\*

INTLIT -> MINUS? '0'..'9'+;

FIXEDPTLIT -> INTLIT+ '.' ('0'..'9')\* | '.' ('0'..'9')+

In addition, our final lex grammar also contained a few modifications and additions outside the scope of the specification:

1. Keywords are all tokens in and of themselves. This prevents collision between the ID rule and keywords of Tiger, as the keywords are defined earlier in the grammar and have precedence.

THEN\_KEY -> 'then'ENDIF\_KEY -> 'endif'ELSE\_KEY -> 'else'WHILE\_KEY -> 'while'ENDDO\_KEY -> 'enddo'FOR\_KEY -> 'for'ID\_KEY -> 'id'TO\_KEY -> 'to'DO\_KEY -> 'do'BREAK\_KEY -> 'break'RETURN\_KEY -> 'return'

FUNCTION\_KEY -> 'function'BEGIN\_KEY -> 'begin'END\_KEY -> 'end'VOID\_KEY -> 'void'MAIN\_KEY -> 'main'TYPE\_KEY -> 'type'ARRAY\_KEY -> 'array'OF\_KEY -> 'of'INT\_KEY -> 'int'FIXEDPT\_KEY -> 'fixedpt'VAR\_KEY -> 'var'  
IF\_KEY -> 'if'

1. Comments and formatting escape character sequences are treated as ignored tokens. This prevents their use in other tokens, solving many issues with stray whitespace, tab characters, or return characters treated as part of parse rules.

COMMENT -> '/\*' (options {greedy=false;}:.)\* '\*/' {$channel=HIDDEN;}  
  
TAB -> '\t' {$channel=HIDDEN;}  
NEWLINE -> '\n' {$channel=HIDDEN;}  
CARRAGE\_RET -> '\r' {$channel=HIDDEN;}  
WHITESPACE -> ' ' {$channel=HIDDEN;}