Language Definition of C-

C- is a subset of the C programming language, called also C-Minus. The description for this language is largely due to Kenneth Louden's *Compiler Construction: Principles and Practice*. C- is C without pointers, with only integers, without some of the control constructs, and with no records.

Lexical Conventions of C-

- 1. Its keywords are as follows:
 - a. else if int return void while
 - b. All keywords are reserved, and must be written in lower case.
- 2. The following are special symbols in the language:

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a. + - * / < <= > >= == != = ; , ( ) [ ] { }
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- 3. Other tokens are *ID* and *NUM*, defined as follows
 - a. an ID consists of a letter, followed by zero or more letters, digits, or underscores
 - b. *ID*s are case-sensitive
 - c. a *NUM* is an integer literal (a digit followed by 0 or more digits)
- 4. White space consists of blanks, newlines, and tabs. White space must separate *ID*s, *NUM*s, and keywords; otherwise, it is ignored.
- 5. Comments are surrounded by /* */. Comments cannot be placed within tokens. They may not be nested.

C- Syntax

The grammar for C- may be specified as follows:

- 1. $program \rightarrow declaration-list$
- 2. declaration-list \rightarrow declaration | declaration
- 3. $declaration \rightarrow var-declaration \mid fun-declaration$
- 4. var-declaration \rightarrow type-specifier **ID** ; / type-specifier **ID** [**NUM**] ;
- 5. type-specifier → int / void
- 6. fun-declaration \rightarrow type-specifier **ID** (params) compound-stmt
- 7. params → param-list / void
- 8. $param-list \rightarrow param-list$, $param \mid param$
- 9. $param \rightarrow type-specifier ID \mid type-specifier ID \mid 1$
- 10. compound-stmt \rightarrow { local-declarations statement-list }
- 11. local-declarations \rightarrow local-declarations var-declaration $\mid \epsilon$
- 12. statement-list \rightarrow statement-list statement | ϵ

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13. statement → expression-stmt | compound-stmt | selection-stmt | iteration-stmt |
    return-stmt
14. expression-stmt \rightarrow expression ; /;
15. selection-stmt\rightarrow if (expression) statement | if (expression) statement
    else statement
16. iteration-stmt \rightarrow while (expression) statement
17. return-stmt → return ; / return expression ;
18. expression \rightarrow var = expression \mid simple-expression
19. var \rightarrow ID / ID [ expression ]
20. simple-expression \rightarrow additive-expression relop additive-expression | additive-
    expression
21. relop \rightarrow <= / < / > / >= / == / !=
22. additive-expression \rightarrow additive-expression addop term | term
23. addop \rightarrow + / -
24. term → term mulop factor | factor
25. mulop \rightarrow * / /
26. factor \rightarrow (expression) / var / call / NUM
27. call \rightarrow ID ( args )
28. args \rightarrow arg-list / \varepsilon
29. arg-list \rightarrow arg-list , expression | expression
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Ecample C- Program

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/* A C- program to compute gcd using Euclid's Algorithm. */
int gcd ( int u, int v )
{
   if ( v == 0 )
      return u;
   else
      return gcd (v, u-u/v*v);
      /* u-u/v*v == u mod v */
}

void main(void)
{
   int x;
   int y;
   x = input();
   y = input();
   output(gcd(x,y));
}
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