

# PL/0 User's Manual

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## I. How to compile and run the PL/0 compiler

### A. Compiling PL/0 compiler

1. Download PL/0 compiler
2. Open terminal window
3. Navigate to PL/0 compiler directory
4. Terminal command: make

### B. Running PL/0 compiler

1. Place text file named 'input.txt' containing PL/0 code into project directory
2. Open terminal window
3. Navigate to compiled PL/0 compiler directory
4. Terminal command: ./compiler

## II. How to use the PL/0 compiler once it is running

### A. Using PL/0 compiler:

*After a user has compiled and ran the PL/0 compiler the only user action required is any input required from the PL/0 code contained in 'input.txt'.*

1. Console output: lexeme list used during code compilation process
2. Console output (if 'input.txt' contains errors): Error # and description of error  
Revise 'input.txt' file and re-run PL/0 compiler
3. Console output (if 'input.txt' contains NO errors): "No errors, program is syntactically correct."
4. Console input: Numerical input required from PL/0 code in 'input.txt'
5. Console output: Answer according to PL/0 code in 'input.txt'

### III. How to use the PL/0 language

PL/0 uses the EBNF Grammar convention (Section IV-A) for writing code.

General Program structure:

- 1) Define constants
- 2) Declare variables
- 3) Declare procedures (uses same structure as programs)
- 4) Declare statements
- 5) A period marking the end of a program

#### A. Datatypes

All PL/0 datatypes are integers. They have a maximum digit length of 5. PL/0 datatypes must be identified with an identifier. Identifiers have a maximum length of 11. They must start with an alphabetic character and may contain alphanumeric characters and underscores.

##### 1. Constants

Constants can **NOT** be changed after they are defined. Multiple constants can be defined.

Ex: const foo = 0, bar = 1, foo1 = 12345;

##### 2. Variables

Variables can be changed after they are defined. The only variable type PL/0 supports are integers. Multiple integers can be declared.

Ex: int foo, bar, foo1

#### B. Procedures

Procedures are identified by an identifier. They are called by the reserved word call. Procedures follow a similar structure to programs. PL/0 supports multiple procedures and recursion.

Procedure Call Ex:

```
procedure fact;
  var ans1;
  begin
    ans1:= n;
    n:= n-1;
    if n = 0 then f := 1;
    if n > 0 then call fact;
    f:=f*ans1;
  end;
begin
  n:=3;
  call fact;
  write f;
end.
```

Recursive Procedure Ex:

```
procedure fact;
  var ans1;
  begin
    ans1:= n;
    n:= n-1;
    if n = 0 then f := 1;
    if n > 0 then call fact;
    f:=f*ans1;
  end;
```

## C. Statements

PL/0 supports a variety of statements including repetition and selection. Statements must be separated by semi-colons.

### 1. Repetition

To repeat instructions multiple times a while loop can be used.

Ex:

```
while i > loopEnd do
  begin
    s:= s+i;
    i:= i-1;
  end;
```

### 2. Selection

To execute different sets of code according to certain conditions an if, then, else set of statements may be used.

```
if x<0 then
  y:=0-x
else
  y:=x;
```

## IV. References

### A. PL/0 EBNF Grammar

```
program ::= block "." .
block ::= const-declaration var-declaration procedure-declaration statement.
constdeclaration ::= [ "const" ident "=" number { "," ident "=" number } ";" ].
var-declaration ::= [ "var" ident { "," ident } ";" ].
procedure-declaration ::= { "procedure" ident ";" block ";" }
statement ::= [ ident ":" expression
               | "call" ident
               | "begin" statement { ";" statement } "end"
               | "if" condition "then" statement [ "else" statement ]
               | "while" condition "do" statement
               | "read" ident
               | "write" ident
               | e ] .
condition ::= "odd" expression
            | expression rel-op expression.
rel-op ::= "=" | "<" | "<=" | ">" | ">=" .
expression ::= [ "+" | "-" ] term { ("+" | "-") term } .
term ::= factor { ("*" | "/" ) factor } .
factor ::= ident | number | "(" expression ")" .
number ::= digit { digit } .
ident ::= letter { letter | digit } .
digit ::= "0" | "1" | "2" | "3" | "4" | "5" | "6" | "7" | "8" | "9" .
letter ::= "a" | "b" | ... | "y" | "z" | "A" | "B" | ... | "Y" | "Z" .
```

### B. Lexical Conventions

*Reserved Words:* const, var, procedure, call, begin, end, if, then, else, while, do, read, write, odd.

*Special Symbols:* '+', '-', '\*', '/', '(', ')', '=', ',', '.', '<', '>', ';', ':', '...'

*Identifiers:* identsym = letter (letter | digit)\*

*Numbers:* numbersym = (digit)<sup>+</sup>

*Invisible Characters:* tab, white spaces, newline

*Comments denoted by:* /\* ... \*/