# A SIMPLE COMPILER IMPLEMENTATION

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# 1. Project Objective

The objective of this project is to design and implement a simple compiler for a custom minilanguage called MiniLang, which supports fundamental programming constructs such as:

- Variable declarations
- Arithmetic expressions
- Conditional statements
- Loops
- Print statements

This project provides hands-on experience with the core compilation phases: Lexical Analysis, Syntax Analysis, Semantic Analysis, and Intermediate Code Generation.

# 2. MiniLang Grammar Description

The following is a simplified context-free grammar (CFG) used in the MiniLang compiler:

```
\rightarrow { statement }
program
              → declaration
statement
                assignment
                if statement
                while statement
                print statement
declaration → 'int' IDENTIFIER ';'
assignment → IDENTIFIER '=' expression ';'
if statement \rightarrow 'if' '(' expression ')' block [ 'else' block ]
while statement \rightarrow 'while' '(' expression ')' block
print statement → 'print' '(' expression ')' ';'
             → '{' { statement } '}'
block
               → arithmetic expression [ COMPARATOR arithmetic expression ]
expression
arithmetic expression \rightarrow term { ('+' | '-') term }
            \rightarrow factor { ('*' | '/') factor }
term
            → IDENTIFIER | NUMBER | '(' expression ')'
factor
```

# 3. Compiler Phases Overview

## 3.1 Lexical Analyzer

- Implemented using Java regex patterns
- Recognizes keywords, identifiers, numbers, operators, punctuation
- Outputs a list of tokens

#### 3.2 Syntax Analyzer

- Recursive-descent parser
- Implements CFG rules to validate the structure of statements
- Reports syntax errors with clear messages

## 3.3 Semantic Analyzer

- Tracks declared variables using a symbol table
- Detects:
  - o Undeclared variable usage
  - Redeclaration of the same variable
- Terminates with a message if semantic errors are found

#### 3.4 Intermediate Code Generation

- Generates 3-address code
- Supports expressions like: a = b + c \* 2;
- Handles nested operations with temporary variables

# 4. Complete Source Code

## SimpleLexer.java

```
package compiler;
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;
import java.util.regex.*;
public class SimpleLexer {
  // 1. Token Types
  public enum LexType {
                   // Reserved words: int, if, else, while, print
    KEYWORD,
    IDENTIFIER, // Variable names
    NUMBER, // Integer literals
    ASSIGN OP, // =
    SEMICOLON, //;
    OPERATOR, //+, -, *, /
    COMPARATOR, // <, >
    LEFT PAREN, // (
    RIGHT PAREN, //)
    LEFT BRACE, // {
    RIGHT BRACE // }
  }
  // 2. Token Representation
  public static class LexToken {
    LexType lexType;
    String lexValue;
    public LexToken(LexType lexType, String lexValue) {
      this.lexType = lexType;
      this.lexValue = lexValue;
    @Override
    public String toString() {
      return "(" + lexType + ", " + lexValue + ")";
  // 3. Regular Expression Patterns
```

```
private static final Map<LexType, String> PATTERNS = new LinkedHashMap<>();
  private static final Set<String> RESERVED WORDS = Set.of("int", "if", "else", "while",
"print");
  static {
    PATTERNS.put(LexType.KEYWORD,
                                        "\\b(int|if|else|while|print)\\b");
    PATTERNS.put(LexType.IDENTIFIER, "\\b[a-zA-Z] [a-zA-Z0-9]*\\b");
    PATTERNS.put(LexType.NUMBER,
                                        "\\b\\d+\\b"):
    PATTERNS.put(LexType.ASSIGN OP, "=");
    PATTERNS.put(LexType.SEMICOLON, ";");
    PATTERNS.put(LexType.OPERATOR, "[+\\-*/]");
    PATTERNS.put(LexType.COMPARATOR, "[<>]");
    PATTERNS.put(LexType.LEFT PAREN, "\\(");
    PATTERNS.put(LexType.RIGHT PAREN, "\\)");
    PATTERNS.put(LexType.LEFT BRACE, "\\{");
    }
 // 4. Lexical Analyzer Function
  public static List<LexToken> lexAnalyze(String sourceCode) {
    List<LexToken> lexTokens = new ArrayList<>();
    String combinedPattern = PATTERNS.values().stream()
         .reduce((p1, p2) \rightarrow p1 + "|" + p2)
         .orElseThrow(() -> new RuntimeException("No patterns defined"));
    Pattern pattern = Pattern.compile(combinedPattern);
    Matcher matcher = pattern.matcher(sourceCode);
    while (matcher.find()) {
      String matchedText = matcher.group();
      LexType matchedType = null;
      for (Map.Entry<LexType, String> entry : PATTERNS.entrySet()) {
        if (matchedText.matches(entry.getValue())) {
           matchedType = entry.getKey();
           break:
      }
      // Convert identifiers to keywords if matched
      if (matchedType == LexType.IDENTIFIER &&
RESERVED WORDS.contains(matchedText)) {
        matchedType = LexType.KEYWORD;
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}
    if (matchedType != null) {
       lexTokens.add(new LexToken(matchedType, matchedText));
  return lexTokens;
// 5. Main Method (Reads File and Prints Tokens)
public static void main(String[] args) {
  String fileName = "src/input.minilang";
  StringBuilder sourceBuilder = new StringBuilder();
  try (BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(fileName))) {
     String line;
     while ((line = br.readLine()) != null) {
       sourceBuilder.append(line).append("\n");
    // Lexical Analysis
     List<LexToken> tokens = lexAnalyze(sourceBuilder.toString());
     System.out.println(" Lexical Tokens:");
     for (LexToken token: tokens) {
       System.out.println(token);
    // Syntax Analysis
     SimpleParser parser = new SimpleParser(tokens);
     parser.parse();
  } catch (FileNotFoundException e) {
     System.err.println("X Error: File not found - " + fileName);
  } catch (IOException e) {
     System.err.println("X Error reading file: " + e.getMessage());
  } catch (Exception e) {
     System.err.println("X Unexpected error: " + e.getMessage());
     e.printStackTrace();
```

#### SimpleParser.java

```
package compiler;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.Set;
import java.util.HashSet;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import static compiler.SimpleLexer.*;
public class SimpleParser {
  private final List<LexToken> tokens;
  private int currentIndex = 0;
  private final Set<String> declaredVariables = new HashSet<>();
  private int tempCounter = 0;
  private List<String> threeAddressCode = new ArrayList<>();
  private String newTemp() {
    return "t" + (tempCounter++);
  public SimpleParser(List<LexToken> tokens) {
     this.tokens = tokens;
  // Entry Point
  public void parse() {
    while (!isAtEnd()) {
       parseStatement();
    System. out. println(" ✓ Syntax Analysis: Passed.");
    // Print generated 3-address code (if you're using code generation)
    if (!threeAddressCode.isEmpty()) {
       System.out.println("Generated 3-Address Code:");
       for (String line : threeAddressCode) {
         System.out.println(line);
    // Print the Symbol Table (Declared Variables)
```

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System.out.println("Declared Variables (Symbol Table):");
  for (String var : declaredVariables) {
    System.out.println("- " + var);
// ====== STATEMENTS ======
private void parseStatement() {
  if (match(LexType.KEYWORD, "int")) {
    parseDeclaration();
  } else if (check(LexType.IDENTIFIER)) {
    parseAssignment();
  } else if (match(LexType.KEYWORD, "if")) {
    parseIfStatement();
  } else if (match(LexType.KEYWORD, "while")) {
    parseWhileStatement();
  } else if (match(LexType.KEYWORD, "print")) {
    parsePrintStatement();
  } else {
    error("Expected a valid statement.");
private String consumeIdentifier(String errorMessage) {
  if (check(LexType.IDENTIFIER)) {
    String name = peek().lexValue;
    advance();
    return name;
  } else {
    error(errorMessage);
    return null; // unreachable
private String parseExpressionWithCode() {
  String left = parseTermWithCode();
  while (match(LexType.OPERATOR, "+", "-")) {
    String op = previous().lexValue;
    String right = parseTermWithCode();
    String temp = newTemp();
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threeAddressCode.add(temp + " = " + left + " " + op + " " + right);
    left = temp;
  return left;
private String parseTermWithCode() {
  String left = parseFactorWithCode();
  while (match(LexType.OPERATOR, "*", "/")) {
     String op = previous().lexValue;
     String right = parseFactorWithCode();
     String temp = newTemp();
    threeAddressCode.add(temp + " = " + left + " " + op + " " + right);
    left = temp;
  return left;
private String parseFactorWithCode() {
  if (match(LexType.NUMBER) || match(LexType.IDENTIFIER)) {
    return previous().lexValue;
  } else if (match(LexType.LEFT PAREN)) {
    String expr = parseExpressionWithCode();
    consume(LexType.RIGHT PAREN, "Expected ')' after expression.");
    return expr;
  } else {
    error("Expected number, variable, or expression.");
    return null;
private void parseDeclaration() {
  String varName = consumeIdentifier("Expected variable name after 'int'.");
  if (declared Variables.contains(varName)) {
    error("Variable "" + varName + "" already declared.");
  declaredVariables.add(varName);
  consume(LexType.SEMICOLON, "Expected';' after declaration.");
private void parseAssignment() {
  String varName = consumeIdentifier("Expected variable name.");
  if (!declaredVariables.contains(varName)) {
```

```
error("Variable "" + varName + "" not declared.");
  }
  consume(LexType. ASSIGN OP, "Expected '=' in assignment.");
  String result = parseExpressionWithCode();
  threeAddressCode.add(varName + " = " + result);
  consume(LexType.SEMICOLON, "Expected ';' after assignment.");
}
private void parseIfStatement() {
  consume(LexType.LEFT PAREN, "Expected '(' after 'if'.");
  parseExpression();
  consume(LexType.RIGHT PAREN, "Expected ')' after condition.");
  parseBlock();
  if (match(LexType.KEYWORD, "else")) {
    parseBlock();
}
private void parseWhileStatement() {
  consume(LexType.LEFT PAREN, "Expected '(' after 'while'.");
  parseExpression();
  consume(LexType.RIGHT PAREN, "Expected ')' after condition.");
  parseBlock();
}
private void parsePrintStatement() {
  consume(LexType.LEFT PAREN, "Expected '(' after 'print'.");
  if (check(LexType.IDENTIFIER)) {
    String varName = peek().lexValue;
    if (!declaredVariables.contains(varName)) {
       error("Semantic Error: Variable "" + varName + "" not declared.");
     }
  }
  parseExpression();
  consume(LexType.RIGHT PAREN, "Expected')' after expression.");
  consume(LexType.SEMICOLON, "Expected ';' after print statement.");
}
private void parseBlock() {
  consume(LexType.LEFT BRACE, "Expected '{' to start block.");
  while (!check(LexType.RIGHT_BRACE) && !isAtEnd()) {
    parseStatement();
```

```
consume(LexType.RIGHT_BRACE, "Expected')' to close block.");
// ===== EXPRESSIONS ======
private void parseExpression() {
  parseArithmetic();
  if (match(LexType.COMPARATOR)) {
    parseArithmetic();
private void parseArithmetic() {
  parseTerm();
  while (match(LexType.OPERATOR, "+", "-")) {
    parseTerm();
private void parseTerm() {
  parseFactor();
  while (match(LexType.OPERATOR, "*", "/")) {
    parseFactor();
private void parseFactor() {
  if (match(LexType.IDENTIFIER) || match(LexType.NUMBER)) {
    return;
  } else if (match(LexType.LEFT PAREN)) {
    parseExpression();
    consume(LexType.RIGHT PAREN, "Expected')' after expression.");
  } else {
    error("Expected number, variable, or expression.");
// ====== UTILITY FUNCTIONS ======
private boolean match(LexType type, String... values) {
  if (check(type)) {
    String lexeme = peek().lexValue;
```

```
for (String v : values) {
       if (lexeme.equals(v)) {
          advance();
          return true;
  return false;
private boolean match(LexType type) {
  if (check(type)) {
     advance();
     return true;
  return false;
private void consume(LexType type, String errorMessage) {
  if (check(type)) {
     advance();
  } else {
     error(errorMessage);
private boolean check(LexType type) {
  return !isAtEnd() && peek().lexType == type;
private LexToken peek() {
  return tokens.get(currentIndex);
private LexToken advance() {
  if (!isAtEnd()) currentIndex++;
  return previous();
}
private LexToken previous() {
  return tokens.get(currentIndex - 1);
```

```
private boolean isAtEnd() {
    return currentIndex >= tokens.size();
}

private void error(String message) {
    System.err.println(" X Syntax Error: " + message + " at token: " + (isAtEnd() ? "EOF" : peek()));
    System.exit(1);
}
```

## input.minilang file

The input.minilang file contains source code written in the MiniLang programming language, a simplified language often used in compiler design assignments.

#### Purpose:

- To serve as input to a MiniLang compiler or interpreter
- Used to test different compiler phases: lexical analysis, parsing, semantic analysis, and code generation

# 5. Input Code Examples and Outputs

Example 1: Arithmetic with Precedence

MiniLang Code:

```
int a;
int b;
a = 2 + 3 * 4;
b = (2 + 3) * 4;
print(a);
print(b);
```

```
✓ Lexical Tokens:
(KEYWORD, int)
(IDENTIFIER, a)
(SEMICOLON,;)
(KEYWORD, int)
(IDENTIFIER, b)
(SEMICOLON,;)
(IDENTIFIER, a)
(ASSIGN OP, =)
(NUMBER, 2)
(OPERATOR, +)
(NUMBER, 3)
(OPERATOR, *)
(NUMBER, 4)
(SEMICOLON,;)
(IDENTIFIER, b)
(ASSIGN OP, =)
(LEFT PAREN, ()
(NUMBER, 2)
(OPERATOR, +)
(NUMBER, 3)
(RIGHT PAREN, ))
(OPERATOR, *)
(NUMBER, 4)
(SEMICOLON,;)
(KEYWORD, print)
(LEFT_PAREN, ()
(IDENTIFIER, a)
(RIGHT PAREN, ))
(SEMICOLON,;)
```

```
(KEYWORD, print)
(LEFT PAREN, ()
(IDENTIFIER, b)
(RIGHT PAREN, ))
(SEMICOLON,;)
Syntax Analysis: Passed.
Generated 3-Address Code:
t0 = 3 * 4
t1 = 2 + t0
a = t1
t2 = 2 + 3
t3 = t2 * 4
b = t3
Declared Variables (Symbol Table):
- a
- b
```

#### Example 2: If-Else Statement

#### MiniLang Code:

```
int a;
a = 5;
if (a > 3) {
   print(a);
} else {
   a = a + 1;
}
```

```
Lexical Tokens:

(KEYWORD, int)

(IDENTIFIER, a)

(SEMICOLON, ;)

(IDENTIFIER, a)

(ASSIGN_OP, =)

(NUMBER, 5)

(SEMICOLON, ;)

(KEYWORD, if)

(LEFT_PAREN, ()

(IDENTIFIER, a)

(COMPARATOR, >)

(NUMBER, 3)
```

```
(RIGHT PAREN, ))
(LEFT BRACE, {)
(KEYWORD, print)
(LEFT PAREN, ()
(IDENTIFIER, a)
(RIGHT PAREN, ))
(SEMICOLON,;)
(RIGHT BRACE, })
(KEYWORD, else)
(LEFT BRACE, {)
(IDENTIFIER, a)
(ASSIGN OP, =)
(IDENTIFIER, a)
(OPERATOR, +)
(NUMBER, 1)
(SEMICOLON,;)
(RIGHT BRACE, })
Syntax Analysis: Passed.
Generated 3-Address Code:
a = 5
t0 = a + 1
a = t0
Declared Variables (Symbol Table):
- a
```

#### Example 3: While Loop

#### MiniLang Code:

```
int count;
count = 3;
while (count > 0) {
    print(count);
    count = count - 1;
}
```

```
✓ Lexical Tokens:
(KEYWORD, int)
(IDENTIFIER, count)
(SEMICOLON, ;)
(IDENTIFIER, count)
(ASSIGN_OP, =)
```

```
(NUMBER, 3)
(SEMICOLON,;)
(KEYWORD, while)
(LEFT PAREN, ()
(IDENTIFIER, count)
(COMPARATOR, >)
(NUMBER, 0)
(RIGHT PAREN, ))
(LEFT BRACE, {)
(KEYWORD, print)
(LEFT PAREN, ()
(IDENTIFIER, count)
(RIGHT_PAREN, ))
(SEMICOLON,;)
(IDENTIFIER, count)
(ASSIGN OP, =)
(IDENTIFIER, count)
(OPERATOR, -)
(NUMBER, 1)
(SEMICOLON,;)
(RIGHT_BRACE, })
Syntax Analysis: Passed.
Generated 3-Address Code:
count = 3
t0 = count - 1
count = t0
Declared Variables (Symbol Table):
- count
```

# 6. Error Handling Demonstration

Example 1: Undeclared Variable

```
x = 10;
```

#### Output:

```
✓ Lexical Tokens:
(IDENTIFIER, x)
(ASSIGN_OP, =)
(NUMBER, 10)
(SEMICOLON, ;)
✓ Syntax Error: Variable 'x' not declared. at token: (ASSIGN_OP, =)
```

#### Example 2: Redeclaration

```
int x;
int x;
```

#### Output:

```
✓ Lexical Tokens:
(KEYWORD, int)
(IDENTIFIER, x)
(SEMICOLON, ;)
(KEYWORD, int)
(IDENTIFIER, x)
(SEMICOLON, ;)
✓ Syntax Error: Variable 'x' already declared. at token: (SEMICOLON, ;)
```

#### Example 3: Missing Semicolon

#### MiniLang Code:

```
int a a = 5;
```

```
Lexical Tokens:

(KEYWORD, int)

(IDENTIFIER, a)

(IDENTIFIER, a)

(ASSIGN_OP, =)

(NUMBER, 5)
```

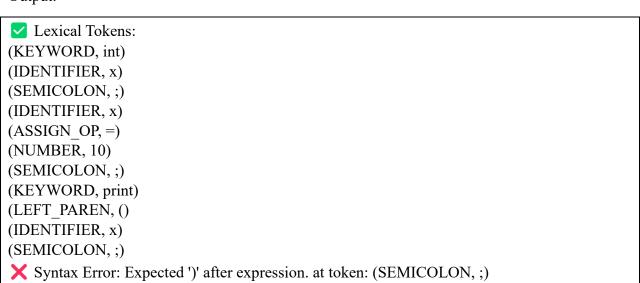
```
(SEMICOLON, ;)

X Syntax Error: Expected ';' after declaration. at token: (IDENTIFIER, a)
```

Example 4: Invalid Print Statement (missing closing parenthesis)

MiniLang Code:

```
int x;
x = 10;
print(x;
```



# 7. Symbol Table

The symbol table is printed at the end of successful parsing and includes all variables declared in the source file.

#### Example:

Declared Variables (Symbol Table):

- a
- b
- total

## 8. Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates the fundamental stages of compiler construction for a simple language. Through implementing the Lexical, Syntax, Semantic, and Code Generation phases, I have gained practical knowledge in:

- Grammar design
- Recursive-descent parsing
- Symbol table management
- Error handling
- Intermediate code generation