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Experiment No: 1

Introduction to Lex Tool

Aim: Write a lex program to validate identifier token from given input.

Theory:

The first phase in a compiler reads the input source and converts strings in the source to tokens. Using regular expressions, we can specify patterns to lex that allow it to scan and match strings in the input. Each pattern in lex has an associated action. Typically an action returns a token, representing the matched string, for subsequent use by the parser. To begin with, however, we will simply print the matched string rather than return a token value. We may scan for identifiers using the regular expression.

Program:

```
%{
#include <stdlib.h>
%}

%%
[a-zA-Z_][a-zA-Z0-9_]* {printf("Valid Identifier\n");}
[0-9_][a-zA-Z0-9_]* {printf("Invalid Identifier\n");}
[ \t\n]+ ;
. {printf("\nlex err\n");}

%%

int yywrap(void) {
    return 1;
}
```

Conclusion:

The lex program to validate identifier token has been successfully executed.