

# Project 1

## Implementation of a Lexer

### Due Tuesday, April 14, 2020

*Note: You need to COMPLETELY follow the instructions in this sheet.*

#### 1. Problem:

In this assignment you are requested to use the tool ANTLR to write a scanner for a small language Cactus. The language Cactus contains the following categories of token types:

1. An *identifier* is a sequence of letters and digits; the first character must be a letter. The underscore ‘\_’ counts as a letter. All identifiers are returned as a single token type.
2. The following identifiers are reserved for use as *keywords*, and may not be used otherwise:  

else fi if int main return while read write

 Each keyword is returned as a distinct token type.
3. An *integer constant* consists of a sequence of digits. All integer constants are returned as a single token type.
4. *Operators* include  

+ - \* / % == != > >= < <= && || != ( ) { } ;

 Each operator is returned as a distinct token type.
5. *Blanks, tabs, and newlines* are ignored except as they serve to separate tokens.
6. *Comments* are ignored except as they serve to separate tokens. The characters */\** introduces a comment, which terminates with the characters *\*/*. Comments do not nest.

You can follow the following steps:

1. Edit a grammar Cactus.g4 that contains the regular expressions for each of the token types as follows.

```
// The grammar for Cactus language
grammar Cactus;
```

```
// Parser rules
token : (ELSE | ... | ID | CONST | ADD | ... )*
```

```
// lexer rules
ELSE : 'else'
...
ID : ...
CONST : ...
ADD : '+'
...
WHITESPACE : ...
COMMENT : ...
```

2. Use the ANTLR tool to generate the scanner and parser java code.

```
$antlr4 Cactus.g4
```

3. Compile the generated java code.

```
$javac Cactus*.java
```

4. Use the ANTLR tool to execute the scanner and parser.

```
$grun Cactus token -tree
```

If the input is as follows:

```
/* A program to sum 1 to n */
main()
{
    int n;
    int s;
    int i;

    read n;
    if ( n < 1 ) {
        write -1;
        return;
    } else {
        s = 0;
```

```
    } fi
    i = 1;
    while ( i <= n) {
        s = s + i;
        i = i + 1;
    }
    write s;
    return;
}
```

The output should be

```
(token main ( ) { int n ; int s ; int i ; read n ; if ( n < 1 ) { write - 1 ;
return ; } else { s = 0 ; } fi i = 1 ; while ( i <= n ) { s = s + i ; i = i + 1 ; } write
s ; return ; })
```

## **2. Handing in your program:**

To turn in the assignment, upload a compressed file proj1 containing Cactus.g4, Cactus.tokens, Cactus\*.java, and Cactus\*.class to eCourse2 site.

## **4. Grading**

The grading is based on the correctness of your program. The correctness will be tested by a number of test cases designed by the instructor and teaching assistants.