

**Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI): CS-1319-1**

Assignment - 3: Parser for nanoC  
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1. You must submit your assignment using the naming convention **group\_A3.x** where **x** is one of **tar**, **zip** or **rar** and **group** is your group number.
  2. To receive full credit, your program must be correct and your **.pdf** file must explain your program adequately.
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## 1 Phrase Structure Grammar of nanoC

### 1. Expressions:

*/\* The grammar is structured in a hierarchical way with precedences resolved. Associativity is handled by left or right recursion as appropriate. \*/*

*primary-expression:*

*identifier    // Simple identifier*  
*constant    // Integer or character constant*  
*string-literal*  
*( expression )*

*postfix-expression:    // Expressions with postfix operators. Left assoc. in C; non-assoc. here*

*primary-expression*  
*postfix-expression [ expression ]    // 1-D array access*  
*postfix-expression ( argument-expression-list<sub>opt</sub> )    // Function invocation*  
*postfix-expression -> identifier    // Pointer indirection. Only one level*

*argument-expression-list:*

*assignment-expression*  
*argument-expression-list , assignment-expression*

*unary-expression:*

*postfix-expression*  
*unary-operator unary-expression    // Expr. with prefix ops. Right assoc. in C; non-assoc. here*  
*// Only a single prefix op is allowed in an expression here*

*unary-operator: one of*

*& \* + - !    // address op, de-reference op, sign ops, boolean negation op*

*multiplicative-expression:    // Left associative operators*

*unary-expression*  
*multiplicative-expression \* unary-expression*  
*multiplicative-expression / unary-expression*  
*multiplicative-expression % unary-expression*

*additive-expression:    // Left associative operators*

*multiplicative-expression*  
*additive-expression + multiplicative-expression*  
*additive-expression - multiplicative-expression*

*relational-expression:    // Left associative operators*

*additive-expression*

*relational-expression* < *additive-expression*  
*relational-expression* > *additive-expression*  
*relational-expression* <= *additive-expression*  
*relational-expression* >= *additive-expression*

*equality-expression*:   // *Left associative operators*  
*relational-expression*  
*equality-expression* == *relational-expression*  
*equality-expression* != *relational-expression*

*logical-AND-expression*:   // *Left associative operators*  
*equality-expression*  
*logical-AND-expression* && *equality-expression*

*logical-OR-expression*:   // *Left associative operators*  
*logical-AND-expression*  
*logical-OR-expression* || *logical-AND-expression*

*conditional-expression*:   // *Right associative operator*  
*logical-OR-expression*  
*logical-OR-expression* ? *expression* : *conditional-expression*

*assignment-expression*:   // *Right associative operator*  
*conditional-expression*  
*unary-expression* = *assignment-expression*   // *unary-expression must have lvalue*

*expression*:  
*assignment-expression*

2. **Declarations** *declaration*:   // *Simple identifier, 1-D array or function declaration of built-in type*  
*type-specifier* *init-declarator* ;   // *Only one element in a declaration*

*init-declarator*:  
*declarator*   // *Simple identifier, 1-D array or function declaration*  
*declarator* = *initializer*   // *Simple id with init. initializer for array / fn/ is semantically skipped*  
*type-specifier*:   // *Built-in types*

*void*  
*char*  
*int*

*declarator*:  
*pointer<sub>opt</sub>* *direct-declarator*   // *Optional injection of pointer*

*direct-declarator*:  
*identifier*   // *Simple identifier*  
*identifier* [ *integer-constant* ]   // *1-D array of a built-in type or ptr to it. Only +ve constant*  
*identifier* ( *parameter-list<sub>opt</sub>* )   // *Fn. header with params of built-in type or ptr to them*

*pointer*:  
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*parameter-list*:  
*parameter-declaration*  
*parameter-list* , *parameter-declaration*

*parameter-declaration*:  
*type-specifier* *pointer<sub>opt</sub>* *identifier<sub>opt</sub>*   // *Only simple ids of a built-in type or ptr to it as params*  
*initializer*:  
*assignment-expression*

### 3. Statements

*statement*:  
*compound-statement*   // *Multiple statements and / or nest block/s*  
*expression-statement*   // *Any expression or null statements*  
*selection-statement*   // *if or if-else*  
*iteration-statement*   // *for*  
*jump-statement*   // *return*  
*compound-statement*:

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    { block-item-listopt }
block-item-list:
    block-item
    block-item-list block-item
block-item:    // Block scope - declarations followed by statements
    declaration
    statement
expression-statement:
    expressionopt ;
selection-statement:
    if ( expression ) statement
    if ( expression ) statement else statement
iteration-statement:
    for ( expressionopt ; expressionopt ; expressionopt ) statement
jump-statement:
    return expressionopt ;

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#### 4. Translation Unit

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translation-unit:    // Single source file containing main()
    function-definition
    declaration
function-definition:
    type-specifier declarator compound-statement

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## 2 The Assignment

1. Write a Bison specification for defining the tokens and phase structure grammar of nanoC and generate the required y.tab.h file.
2. Write a Bison specification for the language of nanoC using the phase structure grammar given in Assignment 2. Use the Flex specification that you had developed for Assignment 2 (if required, you may fix your Flex specification).

While writing the Bison specification, you may need to make some changes to the grammar. For example, some non-terminals like

*argument-expression-list*

are shown as optional on the right-hand-side as:

*postfix-expression:*

*postfix-expression* ( *argument-expression-list*<sub>opt</sub> )

One way to handle them would be to introduce a new non-terminal, *argument-expression-list-opt*, and a pair of new productions:

*argument-expression-list-opt:*

*argument-expression-list*

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and change the above rule as:

*postfix-expression:*

*postfix-expression* ( *argument-expression-list-opt* )

3. Names of your .l and .y files should be *group\_A3.l* and *group\_A3.y* respectively. The .y or the .l file should not contain the function *main()*. Write your *main()* (in a separate file *group\_A3.c*) to test your lexer and parser.
4. Prepare a Makefile to compile the specifications and generate the lexer and the parser. Your Makefile must have a build rule such that when we run *make build*, the output is an executable named *parser*. Your *build* rule should have these commands. The *gcc* command without the *-Werror* will count as the Makefile being incorrect.
5. Prepare a test input file *group\_A3.nc* that will test all the rules that you have coded.
6. Prepare a tar-archive with the name *group\_A3.tar* containing all the files and upload to Classroom.

### 3 Credits

1. Correctness of Implementation: 70
2. Main file: 5
3. Makefile<sup>1</sup>: 5
4. Test file: 5
5. Explanation of Program: 15

### 4 Autograding Specifics

1. The autograder will first try to execute `make build`. If this succeeds **and** if after running there is an executable file named `parser` in the directory, it goes to 3, else 2.
2. It executes the following commands<sup>23</sup> in order,

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bison -d group_A3.y
flex -o lex.yy.c group_A3.l
gcc -o parser lex.yy.c group_A3.tab.c group_A3.c -lfl -Werror
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If this succeeds **and** if after running there is an executable file named `parser` in the directory, it goes to 3 else reports **Compilation Error** and halts.

3. It runs your parser on each test case and matches the output of your program with the correct output. If there is a **Runtime Error** error on any test-case, it throws an exception which is handled by flagging your program and marking that case as failed.
4. We will release a document on the expected output format of the parser at a later date.

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<sup>1</sup>If upon `make build` your Makefile overwrites the wrong file, it will be considered incorrect and if this causes a compilation error, it will be graded as such.

<sup>2</sup>The `-Werror` flag treats all warnings as errors. Thus, if your program compiles with a warning on your system, it will fail on ours. So please test your programs with this flag enabled.

<sup>3</sup>The `-lfl` flag can be substituted with `-ll`