



1st Milestone

Compiler project

(System Programming)

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2. Lexical Analysis (Principle)

A language is considered as a finite set of strings over some finite set of alphabets. Computer languages are considered as finite sets, and mathematically set operations can be performed on them. Finite languages can be described by means of regular expressions.

When the lexical analyzer reads the source-code, it scans the code letter by letter; and when it encounters a whitespace, operator symbol, or special symbols, it decides that a word is completed.

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The lexical grammar of a programming language is a set of formal rules that govern how valid lexemes in that programming language are constructed. For example, the rules can state that a string is any sequence of characters enclosed in double-quotes or that an identifier may not start with a digit. The rules in the lexical grammar are often expressed with a set of **regular definitions**.

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- Goals of the lexical analysis
 01. Divide the character stream into meaningful sequences called lexemes.
 02. Label each lexeme with a token that is passed to the parser (syntax analysis).
 03. Update the symbol tables with all identifiers (and numbers).
 04. Remove non-significant blanks and comments.
 05. Provide the interface between the source program and the parser.

3. Lexical Analysis (Output -> example)

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1      PROGRAM 1
1      BASICS 17
2      VAR 2
3      X 17
3      Y 17
3      A 17
3      B 17
3      C 17
3      Z 17
4      BEGIN 3
5      READ 7
5      ( 15
5      X 17
5      Y 17
5      Z 17
5      B 17
5      ) 16
6      A 17
6      = 12
6      X 17
6      + 13
6      B 17
6      ; 11
7      C 17
7      = 12
7      X 17
7      + 13
7      Z 17
7      ; 11
8      C 17
8      = 12
8      C 17
8      * 18
8      B 17
8      ; 11
9      Z 17
9      = 12
9      A 17
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9      + 13
9      B 17
9      + 13
9      C 17
9      + 13
9      Y 17
9      ; 11
10     WRITE 8
10     ( 15
10     A 17
10     C 17
10     Z 17
10     ) 16
11     END. 5
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