Project Approach

While trying to understand how to write and what to write for our week 5 discussion post, I ended up going ahead and starting on project three. As a lot of the course content for week five and week six went hand in hand. To be able to understand the some of these concepts, I thought working with project three for a hands-on approach would allow me to get a better understanding of what week five's discussion post was asking. It also allowed me to get a head start of project three.

Reviewing the content for week six gave me a better grasp of how to construct the interpreter, and how the semantic rules are structured in the bison file (parser.y). I think the videos in the content for week six is where I got a lot of help for project three, which ultimately helped me complete the discussion post for week five. While following along with the course content and applying the concepts to project three, made me really want to finish project three before writing my discussion post (at least finish enough to compile my program and receive a calculated result). Once I got project three able to read and compiled a program that met discussion five's instructions, I started further work on project three.

I ran into a few issues (will discuss further in the lessons learned section) that required a little more time and research from outside sources. However, for the most part I was able to get most of the information from our course content, mainly in week five and six.

Test Cases

Test Case 1:

- Integer, Boolean, Real
- Logical ops: and not
- Arithmetic ops: + * / rem **
- Relational ops: > < >= <= /= =
- If/Else statements (nested)
- Case statements
- Reduce statements
- Multiple command line inputs/parameters
- Multiple variables

Test Num.	х	У	Z	Result
Test 1	0	3	false	7
Test 2	1	2	false	25
Test 3	2	2	false	0
Test 4	3	1	false	3
Test 5	4	4	false	18
Test 6	5	11	true	30
Test 7	5	11	false	23
Test 8	6	0	true	22.5

Screen Shots for Test Case 1:

Test 1

(Passing parameters x=0, y=3, z=false) This test should enter the first two if conditions and then move into the case statement. Where x=0, and returns the 'when 0' case (Line 22). We have:

even_num + odd_num

$$(0*(0+1))+((2*3)+1)=7$$

• Test 2

(Passing parameters x=1, y=2, z=false) This test should enter the first two if conditions and then move into the case statement. Where x=1, and returns the 'when 1' case (Line 23). We have:

odd_num ** even_num

((2 * 2) + 1) ** ((1 + (1 * 1) = 25)

Test 3

(Passing parameters x=2, y=2, z=false) This test should enter the first two if conditions and then move into the case statement. Where x=2, and returns the 'when 2' case (Line 24). We have:

even_num rem x

(1 + (1 * 1)) rem (2) = 0

(Passing parameter x=3, y=1, z=false) This test should enter the first two if conditions and then move into the case statement. Where x=3, and returns the 'others' case (Line 25). We have:

odd_num/y

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((2*1)+1)/(1)=3
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Test 5

(Passing parameters x=4, y=4, z=false)
This test should enter the first if
condition, then move to the next if
statement where it will hit the else
condition. From there, it should go into
the next if condition (Line 28), where it
will then calculate the reduce statement
(Line 29).

Reduce statement == 3 * 6 = 18

$$(4) + 2 = 6$$

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(Passing parameters x=5, y=11, z=true) This test should enter the first if condition, then move to the next if statement where it will hit the else condition. From there, it will move to the next else condition, then into the next if condition (Line 37). Where z is true, and will return even _num.

$$(5*(5+1)) = 30$$

Test 7

(Passing parameter x=5, y=11, z=false) This test should enter the first if condition, then move to the next if statement where it will hit the else condition. From there, it will move to the next else condition, then into the following else condition (Line 38). Where z is false, and will return odd_num.

$$((2 * 11) + 1) = 23$$

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n@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_1.txt 6 0 true
                                 // Function testing:
-- Integer, Boolean, Real
-- Logical ops: and not
-- Arithmetic ops: +* / rem **
-- Relational ops: > < >= <= /= =
-- If/Else statements (nested)
-- Case statements
-- Reduce statements
-- Multiple command line inputs/parameters
-- Multiple variables
       function test 1 x: integer, y: integer, z: boolean returns integer;
  even num:integer is x * (x + 1);
  odd_num: integer is (2 * y) + 1;
  real_num: real is odd_num * 22.5;
                     reat_num.

begin

if (y > 0) then

if (x <= 3 and y <= 3) then

case x is

when 0 => even_num + odd_num;

when 1 => odd_num ** even_num;

when 2 => even_num rem x;

others => odd_num / y;ZeroDivisionError

endcase;

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                                                 real_num;
endif;
end;
Compiled Sucessfully!
Result = 22.5
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(Passing parameters x=6, y=0, z=true) This test should enter the first else condition (Line 43). As, y is zero and it will return real_num.

Odd_num * 22.5

((2*0)+1)*22.5 = 22.5

Test Case 2:

- Integer, Boolean
- Logical ops: and
- Relational ops: > <
- If/Else statements
- Case statements
- Command line inputs/parameters
- Multiple variables

Test Num.	а	Result	
Test 1	0	0	
Test 2	1	0	
Test 3	2	1	
Test 4	3	0	
Test 5	4 0		
Test 6	5	0	
Test 7	6	0	

Test Case 2 Screen Shots:

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jen@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_2.txt 0</pre>
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                         function test_2 a: integer returns boolean;
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f: boolean is false;
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                           begin
                                               if ((a < 5)) and (a > 0)) then
                                                                    case a is
                                                                                       when 0 => f;
when 1 => f;
                                                                                     when 2 => t;
when 3 => f;
when 4 => f;
others => f;
                                                                   endcase;
                                                                     false;
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27 end;
                                                 endif;
Compiled Sucessfully!
Result = 0
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jen@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_2.txt 1</pre>
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      // Function testing:
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  3 -- - Command line inputs/parameters
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5 -- - If/Else statement
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   6 -- - Case statemant
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      function test_2 a: integer returns boolean;
   t: boolean is true;
   f: boolean is false;
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       begin
            if ((a < 5)) and (a > 0)) then
                 case a is
                      when 0 => f;
when 1 => f;
                      when 2 => t;
when 3 => f;
when 4 => f;
                      others => f;
                 endcase;
            else
                  false;
            endif;
      end;
Compiled Sucessfully!
Result = 0
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Test 3

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jen@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_2.txt 2</pre>
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                                                                                                               condition, then
   5 -- - If/Else statement
                                                                                                               enter the case
  6 -- - Case statemant
7 -- - Logical ops: and
8 -- - Relational ops: > <
                                                                                                               condition. Where a
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      function test_2 a: integer returns boolean;
           t: boolean is true;
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           f: boolean is false;
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      begin
           if ((a < 5)) and (a > 0)) then
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                case a is
                    when 0 => f;
when 1 => f;
                    when 2 => t;
when 3 => f;
                    when 4 => f;
                    others => f;
                endcase;
           else
                false;
           endif;
      end;
Compiled Sucessfully!
Result = 1
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jen@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_2.txt 3</pre>
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             // Function testing:
// Command line inputs/parameters
// Boolean, Integer
// Integer
// Case statement
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                              function test_2 a: integer returns boolean;
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                                                 t: boolean is true;
                                                f: boolean is false;
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                            begin
                                                if ((a < 5)) and (a > 0)) then
                                                                  case a is
when 0 => f;
                                                                                  when 1 => f;
when 2 => t;
when 3 => f;
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27 end;
                                                                                  when 4 => f;
others => f;
                                                                  endcase;
                                                else
                                                                    false;
                                               endif;
  Compiled Sucessfully!
Result = 0
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jen@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_2.txt 4
                                                                                                                      (Passing parameter
                                                                                                                      a=4) This test should
   2 // Function testing:

3 -- - Command line inputs/parameters

4 -- - Boolean, Integer
                                                                                                                      enter the if
                                                                                                                      condition, then enter
   5 -- If/Else statement
6 -- Case statemant
7 -- Logical ops: and
8 -- Relational ops: > <
                                                                                                                      the case condition.
                                                                                                                      Where a meets
                                                                                                                      'when 4' (Line 21)
       function test_2 a: integer returns boolean;
                                                                                                                      will return f (f=false).
           t: boolean is true;
f: boolean is false;
 begin
           if ((a < 5)) and (a > 0)) then
                 case a is
                     when 0 => f;
                     when 1 => f;
when 2 => t;
when 3 => f;
when 4 => f;
                     others => f;
                endcase;
            else
                false;
            endif;
Compiled Sucessfully!
Result = 0
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en@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_2.txt 5
                                                                                                     (Passing parameter a=5)
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     the if condition, then
                                                                                                     enter the case condition.
     -- - Case statemant
-- - Logical ops: and
-- - Relational ops: > <
                                                                                                     Where a meets 'others'
                                                                                                     (Line 22) will return f
                                                                                                     (f=false).
     function test_2 a: integer returns boolean;
          t: boolean is true;
f: boolean is false;
         if ((a < 5)) and (a > 0)) then
              case a is
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                  when 0 => f;
                  when 1 => f;
                  when 2 => t;
when 3 => f;
when 4 => f;
                  others => f;
             endcase;
              false;
          endif;
Compiled Sucessfully!
Result = 0
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jen@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_2.txt 6</pre>
                                                                                                                                    (Passing parameter a=6)
                                                                                                                                    This test should enter
       // Function testing:
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3 -- Command line inputs/parameters
4 -- Boolean, Integer
5 -- If/Else statement
6 -- Case statemant
7 -- Logical ops: and
8 -- Relational ops: > <
                                                                                                                                    the else condition (Line
                                                                                                                                    24) will return f
                                                                                                                                    (f=false).
  11 function test_2 a: integer returns boolean;
             t: boolean is true;
f: boolean is false;
       begin
             if ((a < 5)) and (a > 0)) then
                   case a is
                        when 0 => f;
                       when 1 => f;
when 2 => t;
when 3 => f;
when 4 => f;
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                        others => f;
                  endcase;
                   false;
             endif;
Compiled Sucessfully!
Result = 0
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Test Case 3:

Testing for this test case will cover:

- Integer, Boolean, Real
- Logical ops: and not or
- Arithmetic ops: + * / rem **
- Relational ops: > < >= <= /= =
- If/Else statements (nested)
- Case statements
- Reduce statements
- Multiple command line inputs/parameters
- Multiple variables

Test Num.	а	b	С	t_f	Result
Test 1	5	10	18	false	9.3
Test 2	20	0	0	true	7.5
Test 3	0	3	7	False	-27
Test 4	5	0	50	True	5

Test Case 3 Screen Shots:

Test 1

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en@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_3.txt 5 10 18 false
                                                                                                                                    (Passing parameters
                                                                                                                                    a=5, b=10, c=18,
      2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 112 13 14 15 16 22 1 22 24 25 26 27 33 34 35 36
                                                                                                                                    t_f=false) This test
                                                                                                                                   should enter the first if
                                                                                                                                    condition (Line 19) and
              - Case statements
- Reduce statements (nested)
- Multiple command line inputs/parameters
- Multiple variables
                                                                                                                                   return:
                                                                                                                                   ((a * c) + (c rem a)) / b
      function test_3 a: integer, b: integer, c: integer, t_f: boolean returns real;
    r_1: real is 3.0;
    r_2: real is 2.5;
    r_3: real is 1.0;
                                                                                                                                   ((5 * 18) + (18 rem 5)) /10
      begin if ((a > 0 and a <= 10) and (b > 0) and (c /= 0 and c >= 10)) then ((a * c) + (c rem a)) / b;
                                                                                                                                    ((90) + (3)) / 10 = 9.3
                if ((a = 20) or (c < 10) and not (c > 5)) then
                          reduce +
                          endreduce;
                     endreduce;
                     case t_f is
when 0 => (a - b) ** (b rem c);
others => 5;
                     endcase;
           endif;
endif;
end;
Compiled Sucessfully!
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• Test 2

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nsLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_3.txt 20 0 0 true
                                                                                                                        (Passing parameters a=20,
      // Function testing:
-- Integer, Boolean, Real
-- Logical ops: and not or
-- Arithmetic ops: + - * / rem **
-- Relational ops: > < >= <= /=
-- If/Else statements (nested)
                                                                                                                        b=0, c=0, t_f=true) This test
                                                                                                                        should enter the first else
                                                                                                                        condition, then hit the next if
             - Case statements
- Reduce statements (nested)
- Multiple command line inputs/parameters
- Multiple variables
                                                                                                                        condition (Line 22). Where it
                                                                                                                        will return:
      reduce *
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     begin if ((a > 0 and a <= 10) and (b > 0) and (c /= 0 and c >= 10)) then ((a * c) + (c rem a)) / b; ZeroDivisionError
                                                                                                                             2.5
               if ((a = 20) \text{ or } (c < 10) \text{ and not } (c > 5)) \text{ then}
                   reduce +
                       r_3;
endreduce;
                                                                                                                                  1.0
                   endreduce;
               else
case t_f is
                                                                                                                        = 1.0 + (2.5 * 3.0) = 7.5
                    when 0 => (a - b) ** (b rem c);
others => 5;
                    endcase:
          endif;
endif;
end;
Compiled Sucessfully!
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n@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_3.txt 0 3 7 false
                                                                                                                                   (Passing parameters a=0,
      // Function testing:
-- Integer, Boolean, Real
-- Logical ops: and not or
-- Arithmetic ops: + - * / rem **
-- Relational ops: > < >= <= /=
-- If/Else statements (nested)
                                                                                                                                   b=3, c=7, t_f=false) This test
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- Case statements
- Reduce statements (nested)
- Multiple command line inputs/parameters
- Multiple variables
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                                                                                                                                   enter the case statement.
                                                                                                                                   While t_f=false, it will hit
      'when 0' (Line 32) and
                                                                                                                                   return:
           if ((a > 0 and a <= 10) and (b > 0) and (c /= 0 and c >= 10)) then ((a * c) + (c rem a)) / b;
                                                                                                                                   (a - b) ** (b rem c)
                if ((a = 20) or (c < 10) and not (c > 5)) then
                      r_1;
r_2;
reduce +
                                                                                                                                   (0-3)+(3 \text{ rem } 7)
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                         r_3;
endreduce;
                    endreduce;
                         when 0 => (a - b) ** (b rem c);
others => 5;
          othe
endcase;
endif;
endif;
end;
Compiled Sucessfully!
Result = -27
```

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DensLaptop:-/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < test_cases/test_3.txt 5 0 50 true
                                                                                                       (Passing parameters a=5,
     b=0, c=50, t_f=true) This test
                                                                                                       should enter the first else
                                                                                                       condition, then into the next
                                                                                                       else condition. Where it will
                                                                                                       enter the case statement.
                                                                                                       While t_f=true, it will hit
     function test_3 a: integer, b: integer, c: integer, t_f: boolean returns real;
    r_1: real is 3.0;
    r_2: real is 2.5;
    r_3: real is 1.0;
                                                                                                       'others' (Line 33) and return:
     begin

if ((a > 0 and a <= 10) and (b > 0) and (c /= 0 and c >= 10)) then

((a * c) + (c rem a)) / b;ZeroDivisionError
         r_3;
endreduce;
                 endreduce;
                 e
case t_f is
when 0 => (a - b) ** (b rem c);
others => 5;
        othe
endcase;
endif;
endif;
endif;
end;
Compiled Sucessfully!
Result = 5
```

Test Case 4:

Testing for this test case will test errors for:

- Lexical errors 3 errors
 - line 21: Unknown symbol " '\$' "
- Syntax errors 2 errors
 - ➤ line 13: Expecting ':' and parameter type
 - line 22: Expecting ';' after ENDIF.
- Semantic errors 6 errors
 - line 17, 19, 21: var_1 and var_2 are undeclared variables

Test Case 4 (fixed errors)

Lessons Learned

Project three was not only the most difficult project for the course so far, it was also the most time consuming, and required more thought. While that may sound bad, I really enjoy projects that challenge me and require some critical thinking, and problem solving.

Starting project three seemed pretty easy. The videos and course content really help explain how the parser.y, symbols.h, and the value.cc files communicate. At first when looking at the syntax for the semantic actions in the parser.y file, I got a little confused on the structure and had to read more about what the rules were doing and how to construct them on my own. Once I figured that out, I went ahead and got the easier rules out of the way. As I figured writing the if statement and the case statement would probably take more time.

After I got the relational, logical, and mathematical operations finished I did a couple of tests to make sure they were working. Unfortunately, I don't have any screen shots at this stage of the project. However, running the semantic4.txt that was included in our skeleton code worked great! The math operators were calculating the correct result and it was reading the program fine. Although, the only operators the program tested was "(b + 2) * (2 + 4)" and that returned a Boolean. So, no parameters, variables, and only a couple basic math operations. Needless to say, when started testing more complex programs that required command line arguments, Boolean variables, and math operators (specifically "rem") things started breaking.

Before I got started on my case and if statements, I wanted to get all my operators working properly. Figuring out how to read a Boolean variable was probably the easiest thing to tackle first. I figured it had something to do with how it was being labeled in the scanner. I file. I found out I was not setting a value for either of the BOOL_LITERALs in the file. In the screen shot below, you can see I was getting some pretty weird results. As this program should have returned either a '1' or a '0'.

After adding in a value for both BOOL_LITERALS, I got a more correct looking result.

```
true { ECH0; yylval.value=true; return(BOOL_LITERAL); }
false { ECH0; yylval.value=false; return(BOOL_LITERAL); }
```

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```
jen@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022_Summer/CMSC-430/Project_3$ ./compile < semantic4.txt
      function semantic4 returns boolean;
          t: boolean is true;
          a: integer is 2;
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      begin
          if (a > 10) then
              true;
          else
              false;
  10
          endif;
  11 end;
Compiled Sucessfully!
jen@JensLaptop:~/Desktop/2022 Summer/CMSC-430/Project 3$ ./compile < semantic4.txt
      function semantic4 returns boolean;
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          t: boolean is true;
          a: integer is 12;
      begin
         if (a > 10) then
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              true;
          else
              false;
  10
          endif;
  11 end;
Compiled Sucessfully!
Result = 1
```

The next step was to try and figure out why the "rem" operator was giving me crazy results. In the screen shot, the result should be returning zero as I am passing 0, 0, 0. Instead the result kept returning -214748e+09. I really do not know why this was happening, but I figured id add a condition to the operator case to return zero if both left and right were equal to zero. That seemed to have fixed the issue.

```
case MODULUS:
    if (left == 0 and right == 0) {// Condition so program doesn't error.
        result = 0;
    } else {
        result = fmod(left, right);
    }
    break;    You, last week * started proj. 3 -- still need if and case
```

Once every operator seemed to be working and returning correct results, I got started on the harder stuff. The first thing I started on was the if/else statements. This was surprisingly easier than I thought it would be. Because the expression of an if condition returns either true or false, I could just

say if the if condition is equal to '1', then return the if condition. Otherwise return the else condition. That was about it for the if statement.

The case statement on the other hand took me a few days to figure out. I kept getting an "undeclared case", or a syntax error. While I knew the problem, it was the solution to that problem I was having trouble wrapping my head around. Inevitably, I had to go back and review our course content, along with some outside research. Basically, I knew I needed a couple of functions in the value.cc files that would return the matching case condition (the "when"/"others"), it was the logic I was having a problem with. I finally figured out I could set the case condition (the variable in question), before calling the evaluate_caseStat(). Then, I created global variables in the value.cc that would house both, the case condition and the matching case statement (if there was one, or returning others statement). At this point, I thought I had finished my program and was really happy to get everything finished so early. However, while testing out other student's code I found an error in the program (a logic error), that was not returning an error, the program would still compile but I had not noticed it until I ran another student's code.

My biggest problem was being able to pass a Boolean as a parameter in the command line. After a bit of looking through my code and running some tests, I found out it was the queue I was using to push my command line argument into. My queue was a double queue, and when it saw 'true' or 'false' the program could not configure these as doubles, so it would just return '0'. I added a few print statements to see where the issue was. Was it coming from the command line itself? Or was it because of the double queue I was using? The print statements were kind of a life saver here. They allowed me to quickly narrow down the issue and figure out how to fix it. Although, fixing this issue took a lot longer than I had anticipated. At first, I figured I would just add a condition in the main that would look for "true" or "false" and return either a 1 or 0. Which in my mind should have worked, but it didn't. For the next few days, I scoured the internet for some kind of solution. Everything I found was leading me to more and more difficult, or complicated solutions. I had almost given up on fixing this issue, until I came across a forum on stackoverflow, where someone had a similar issue. The answer was in the quotations. I think the biggest lesson I learned from this project is how C++ uses quotation. Going back to my original solution to this problem (using a condition to look for "true" or "false"), I had used double quotations in stead of using single quotations when comparing chars or *chars. I also learned the difference between chars and *chars. After, all of that I could finally say my program was complete, and I was happy I did not give up trying to find a solution. This is a screen shot of the final result to read a bool from the command line: