GitHub: https://github.com/JuheonChu/lumber_84

Code Modernization and Documentation

Dickinson CS student research Group

Outline

- **Project 1:** Modernization of the corporate codebase via the conversion of C codebase into Java, Python, and .NET

  by Boosung, Maximo, William, Shahir, Fox.

- **Project 2:** Scan the corporate codebase and produce documentation and specifications that can facilitate training new developers.

  by John, Pranav, Ahnaf, Youssif

Project Scheme

- Aims to discover the optimal approach to initiate them.
- Divide the team into multiple subgroups to experiment with various approaches.

Subgroups

Subgroup 1: Maximo, Shahir, Fox

Design and implement a backend system to support code analysis.

Subgroup 2: John, Pranav, Ahnaf, Youssif

Construct an NLP pipeline to generate documentation based on codebases.

Subgroup 3: Boosung, William

Experimentation with existing open-source platforms such as Copilot.

Subgroup 1 (Maximo & Shahir & Fox)

Subgroup 2 (John, Pranav, Ahnaf, Youssif)

Approach

- Construct an NLP pipeline to generate documentation based on the input codebases.

Objective

- Address Project 1 & Project 2 details as denoted in Outline.

Motivation

- Delve into NLP, Programming Language Structure, and low-level programming languages (e.g. Assembly language, Low C/C++, BASIC)

Project settings

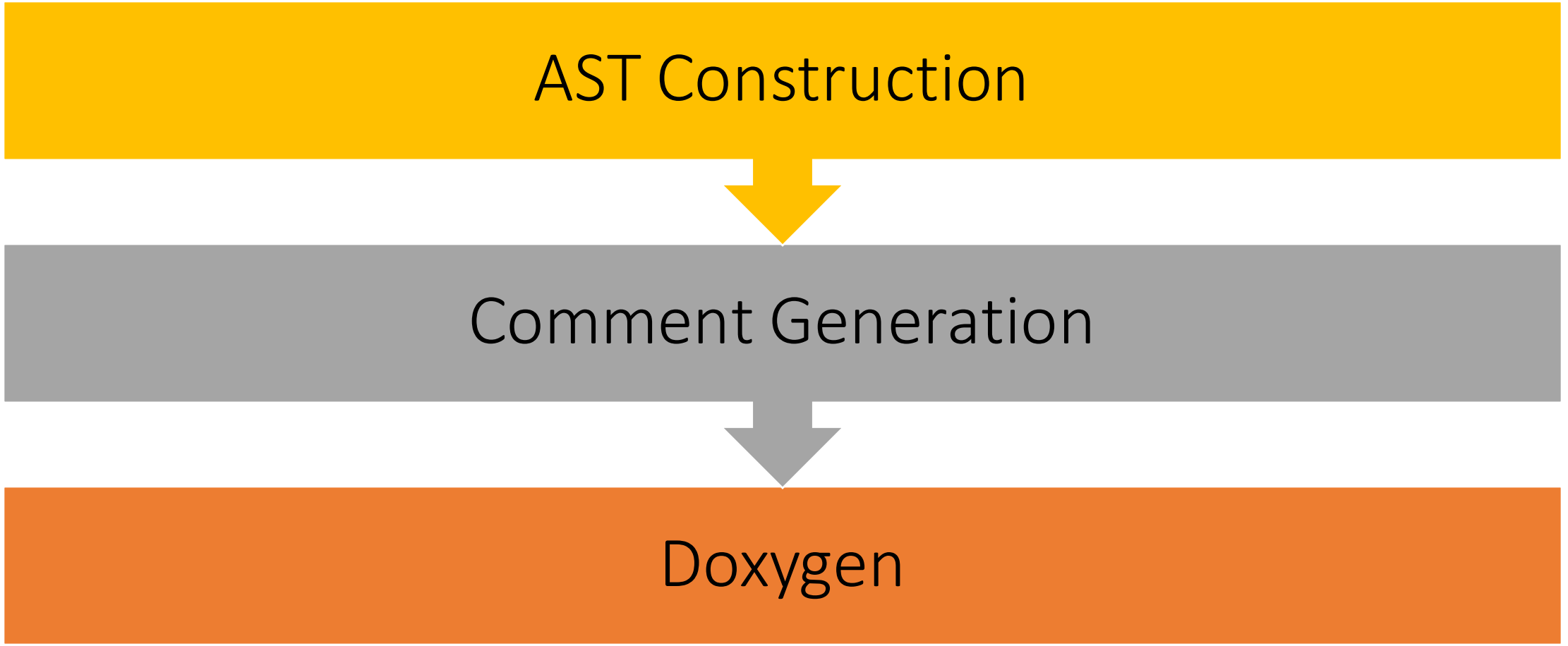
Software: WSL Ubuntu (John), Multipass (Ahnaf), Pranav & Youssif (Docker, Jupyter), NLTK, graphviz

Programming Languages: BASIC, C/C++, Python, Java, ANTLR4

Deep Learning models: Hugging Face Transformer language models (e.g. GPT, BERT)

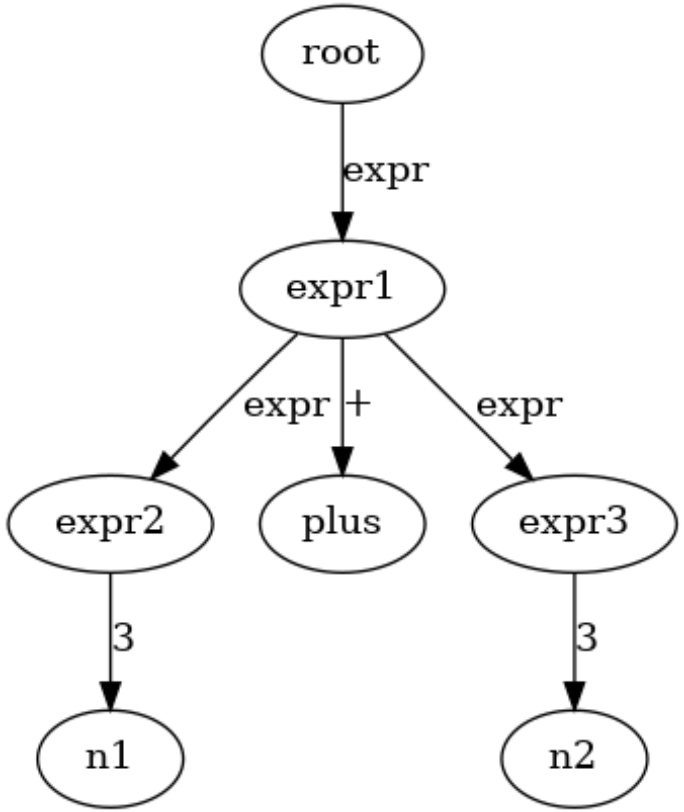
Subgroup Meeting: Weekly subgroup meeting to discuss the direction of our progress.

Project Workflow

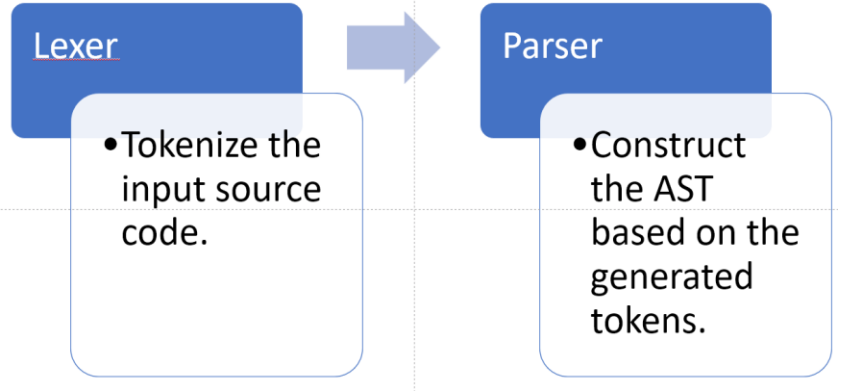


Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) Construction (John & Ahnaf)

- We aim to construct the Abstract Syntax Tree to store tokens that implicate pivotal program logics.



Abstract Syntax Tree



ANTLR4 Pipeline

Grammar Definition (BASIC.g4)

- Define a regular expression that can analyze the BASIC programming framework to construct the Abstract Syntax Tree.
- Experimented with a simple BASIC code.

```
1 REM A simple BASIC program to add two numbers
2 PRINT "Enter your name: ";
3 INPUT NAME$
4 PRINT "Hello, " + NAME$ + "! Let's add two numbers."
5 PRINT "Enter the first number: ";
6 INPUT NUM1
7 PRINT "Enter the second number: ";
8 INPUT NUM2
9 SUM = NUM1 + NUM2
10 PRINT "The sum of " + STR$(NUM1) + " and " + STR$(NUM2) + " is: " + STR$(SUM)
11 END
```

Example Code

Grammar

```
statement
    : remStatement
    | printStatement
    | inputStatement
    | assignmentStatement
    | endStatement
    ;

remStatement
    : REM .*? NEWLINE
    ;

printStatement
    : PRINT expression (';')?
    ;

inputStatement
    : INPUT variable
    ;

assignmentStatement
    : variable '=' expression
    ;

endStatement
    : END
    ;
```

Statement

```
variable : IDENTIFIER ('$')? ; // Optional $ for string variables

number : NUMBER ;

REM : 'REM' ;
PRINT : 'PRINT' ;
INPUT : 'INPUT' ;
END : 'END' ;
IDENTIFIER : [a-zA-Z] [a-zA-Z0-9]* ;
NUMBER : [0-9]+ ;
STRING : '"' .*? '"' ; // A simple string matcher, adjust as needed
WS : [ \t]+ -> skip ; // Whitespace
NEWLINE: '\r'? '\n' ;
```

Variable

```
expression
    : expression '+' expression        # Add
    | STRING                           # String
    | variable                         # VariableExpression
    | 'STR$' '(' expression ')'        # ConvertToString
    ;
```

Expression

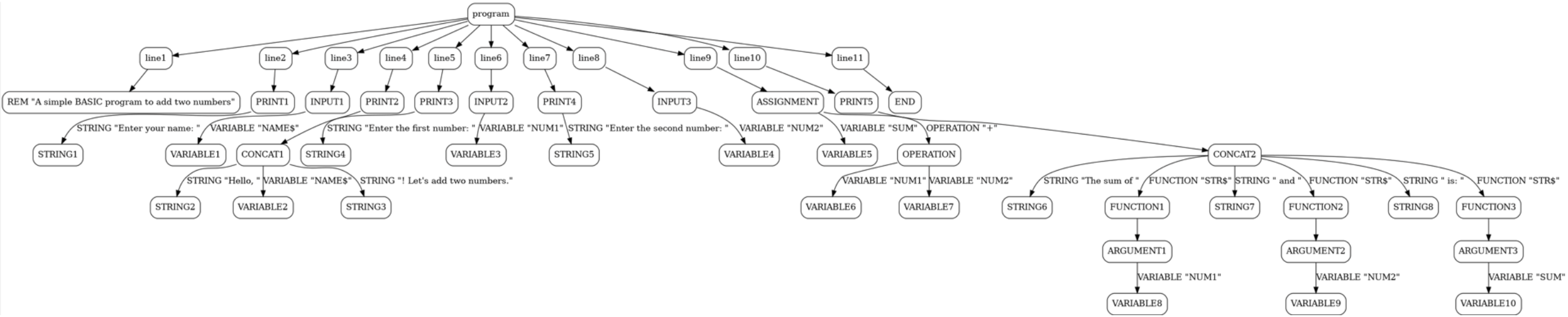
Tokenized AST

- As a result of ANTLR4 pipeline, we are able to get a tokenized Abstract Syntax Tree.

```
parsed_output = '''(program (line (number 1) (statement
(remStatement REM A simple BASIC program to add two numbers \n 2 PRINT
"Enter your name: " ; \n 3 INPUT NAME $ \n 4 PRINT "Hello, " + NAME $ +
"! Let's add two numbers." \n 5 PRINT "Enter the first number: " ; \n 6
INPUT NUM1 \n 7 PRINT "Enter the second number: " ; \n 8 INPUT NUM2 \n 9
SUM = NUM1 + NUM2 \n 10 PRINT "The sum of " + STR$ ( NUM1 ) + " and " +
STR$ ( NUM2 ) + " is: " + STR$ ( SUM ) \n 11 END \n)) \n) <EOF>)'''
```

Tokenized AST

AST Contsruction

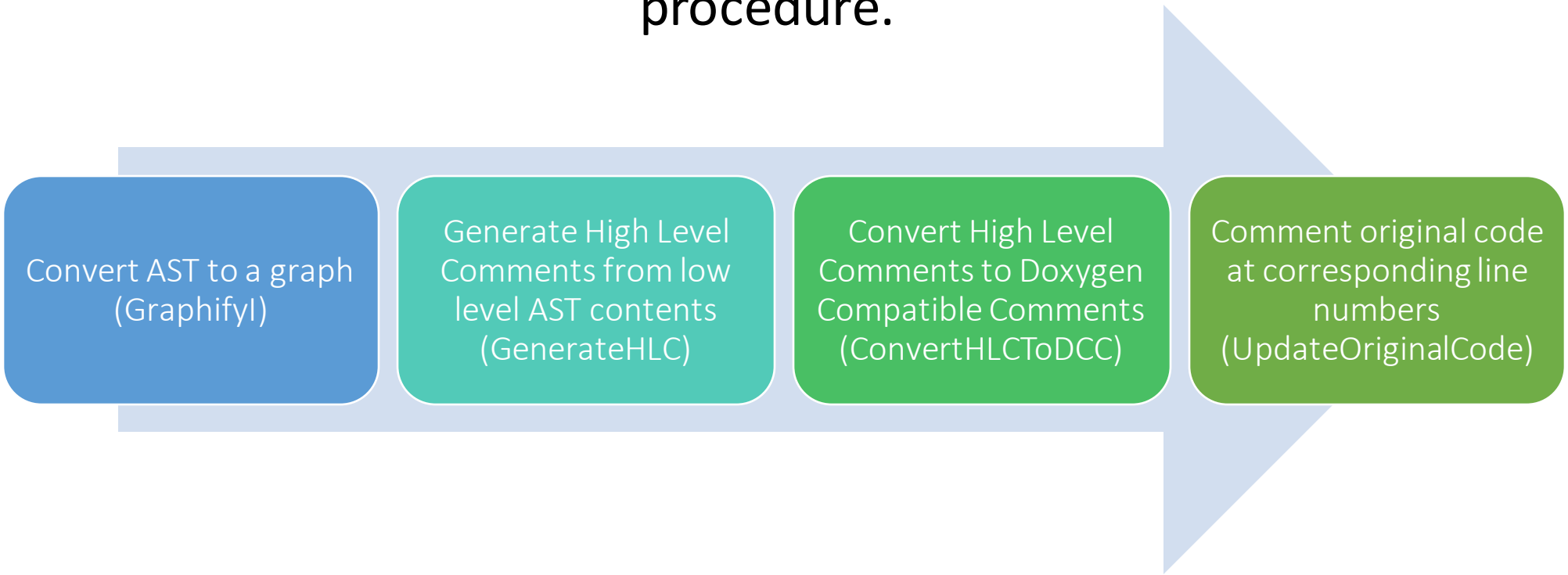


Challenges

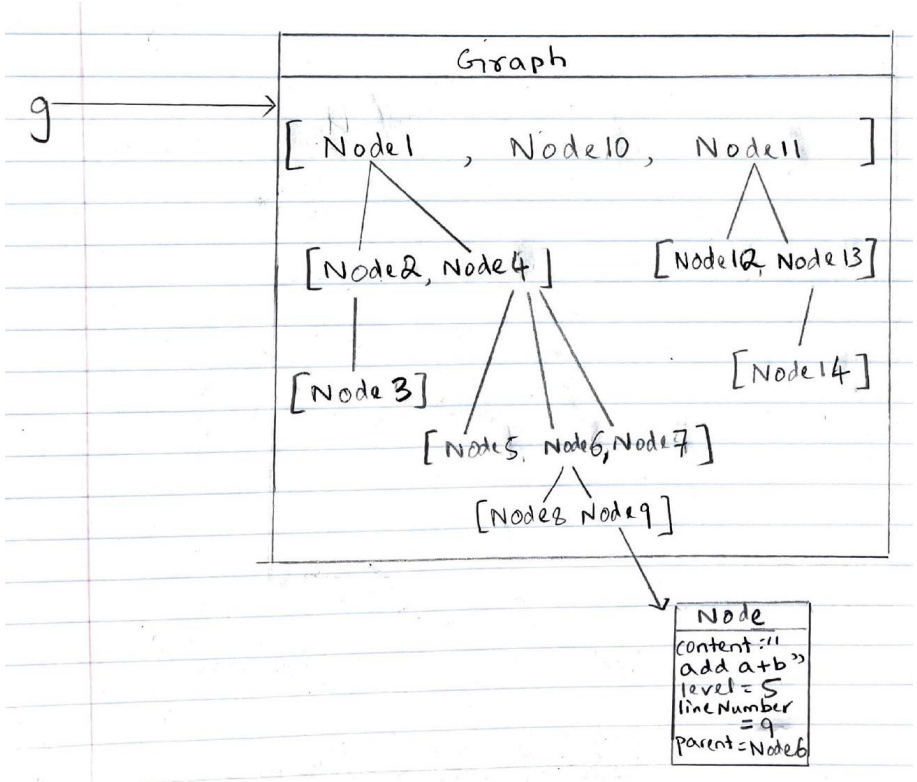
- Standardize the Python code to construct the AST based on how Pranav & Youssif formatted (Slide 17).
- The bullet point above will be our task next week.

Comment Generation (Pranav & Youssif)

Assuming the existence of an AST in a desired format (with proper indentation and line numbers), we seek to adopt the following procedure.



Step 1: Converting AST to a Graph (GraphifyI)



- Method named GraphifyI operates on an AST file in txt format, converting every line to a custom Node in the format

"__content,lineNumber" to node object Node(content, level, lineNumber, parent) (here, ___ denotes number of indentations done, which determines the level of the node).

- Subsequently, GraphifyI adds these nodes to a Graph object 'g', which is shown in the object diagram on the left

Code can be found at https://github.com/JuheonChu/lumber_84/tree/main/pranav

```java
package lumberTry;

public class SchoolClass {

	int studentNumber;
	int classRoom;
	String teacherName;

	public SchoolClass(int studentNumber, int classRoom, String teacherName) {
		this.classRoom = classRoom;
		this.studentNumber = studentNumber;
		this.teacherName = teacherName;
	}

	public void addStudent() {
		studentNumber ++;
	}

	public void classRoomNum(int classRoomNumber) {
		classRoom = classRoomNumber;
	}

	public static void main(String args[]) {
		SchoolClass CS = new SchoolClass(20,118,"Goble William");
		CS.addStudent();

	}

}
```

```
PackageName,1
ClassDeclaration,3
        StudentNumberDeclaration,5
        ClassRoomDeclaration,6
        TeacherNameDeclaration,7
        Constructor,9
                classRoomInitial,10
                studentNumberInitial,11
                teacherNameInitial,12
        methodAddStudent,15
                AddStatement,16
        methodClassRoomNum,19
                AddStatement,20
        methodMain,23
                NewSchoolClass,24
                addStudentCall,25
```

```
Level 1: PackageName (Line 1)
Level 1: ClassDeclaration (Line 3)
  Level 2: StudentNumberDeclaration (Line 5)
  Level 2: ClassRoomDeclaration (Line 6)
  Level 2: TeacherNameDeclaration (Line 7)
  Level 2: Constructor (Line 9)
    Level 3: classRoomInitial (Line 10)
    Level 3: studentNumberInitial (Line 11)
    Level 3: teacherNameInitial (Line 12)
  Level 2: methodAddStudent (Line 15)
    Level 3: AddStatement (Line 16)
  Level 2: methodClassRoomNum (Line 19)
    Level 3: AddStatement (Line 20)
  Level 2: methodMain (Line 23)
    Level 3: NewSchoolClass (Line 24)
    Level 3: addStudentCall (Line 25)
```

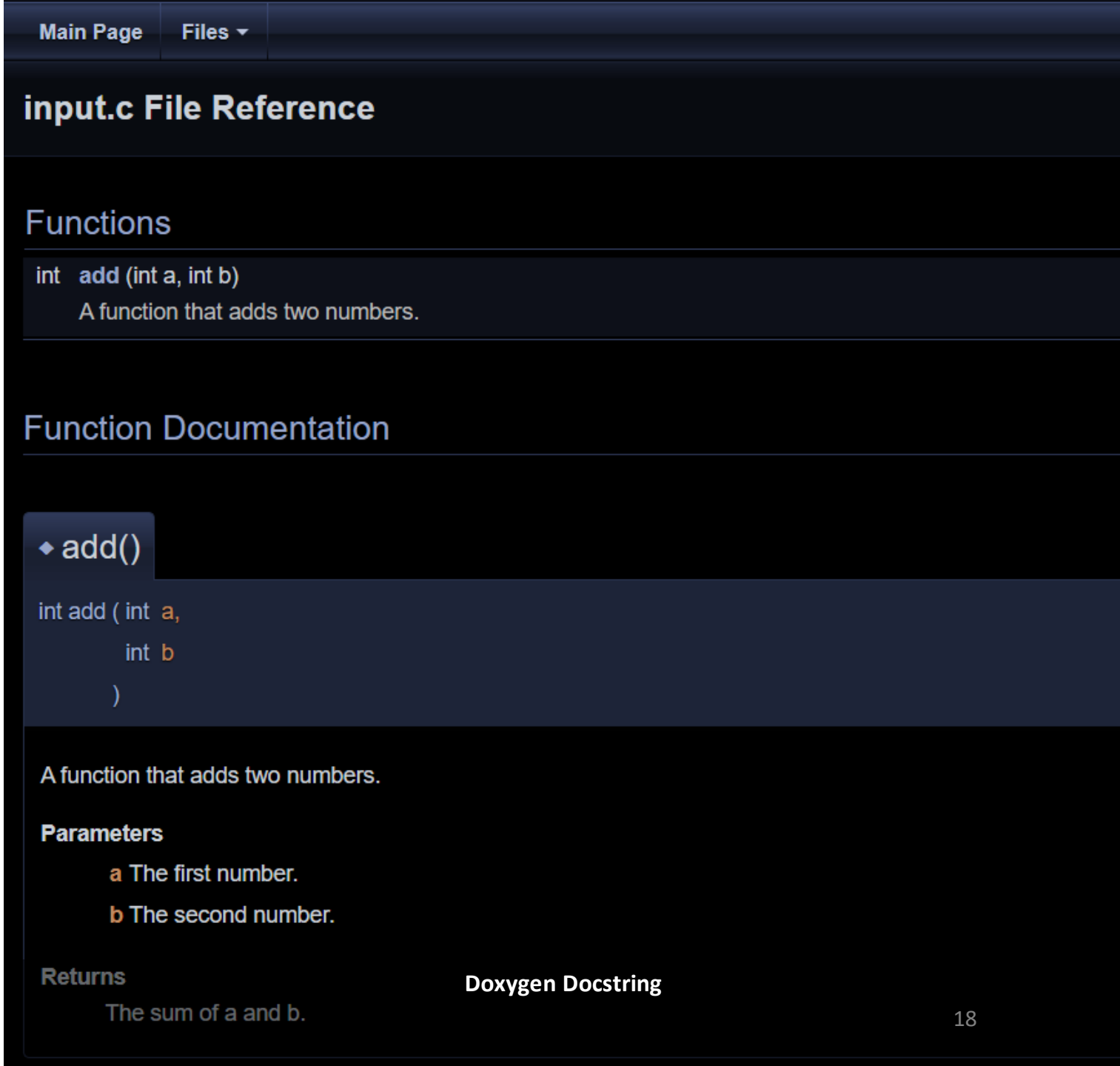
Currently, we have obtained successful results by testing GraphifyI on a dummy AST

SWOT Analysis of GraphifyI

- Strengths: Captures both the hierarchy and sequence of program instructions via a custom data structure tailor-made for ASTs!
- Weaknesses: Requires AST to be formatted in a particular format
- Opportunities: Code for GraphifyI can be generalized for a wide range of files where both sequence and hierarchy are important
- Threats: Coming up with an efficient traversal method may be difficult

Document Generation

- When DocString is generated at Step 2, we will be able to generate a documentation that outlines the code.



Doxygen Docstring

Progress

John & Ahnaf are researching regular expressions to define a grammar that tokenizes corporate BASIC codebases & constructs AST.

Pranav & Youssif are nailing down to construct the GraphifyI function and further investigating to apply Spacy library to generate Doxygen-formatted Docstrings.

Subgroup 3 (William and Boosung)

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Approach

- Propose a translation pipeline using Copilot or GPT4 specified to the use-case per codebase.

Objective

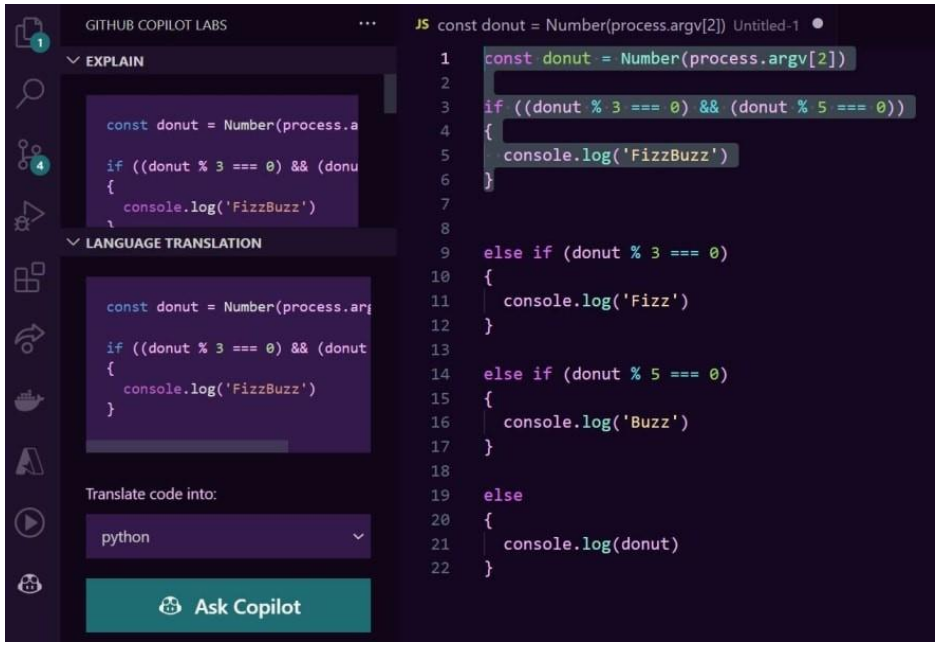
- Address Project 1 as denoted in Outline.

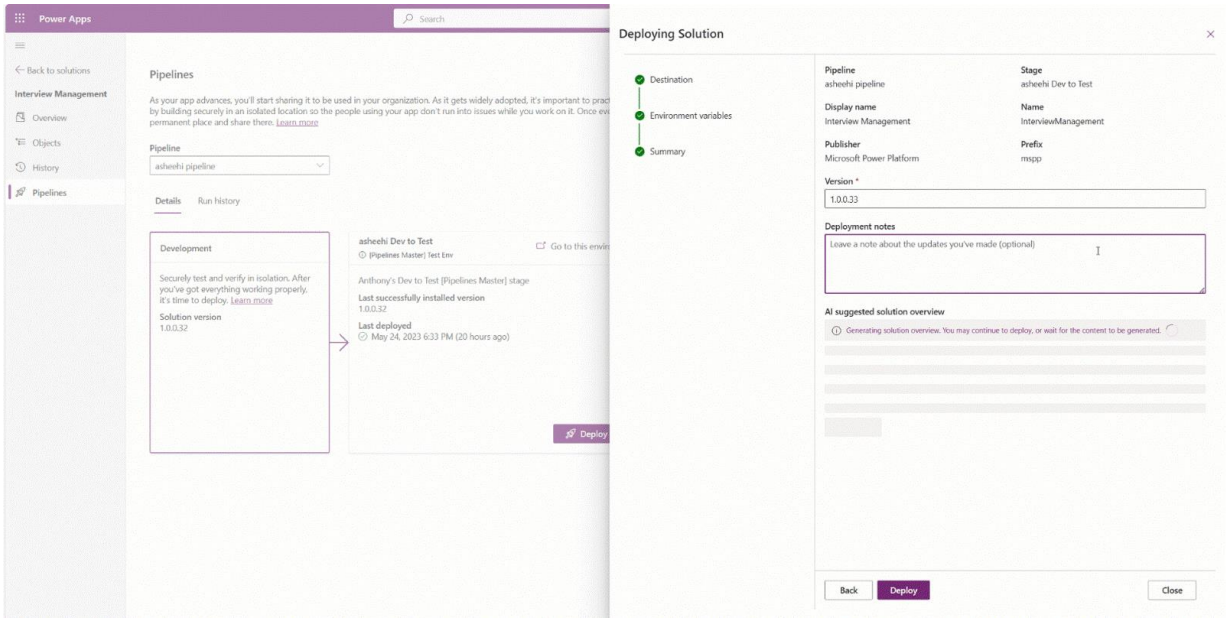
Motivation

- Microsoft Copilot is the standard used in the industry, used by over 1M developers and 20,000 organizations

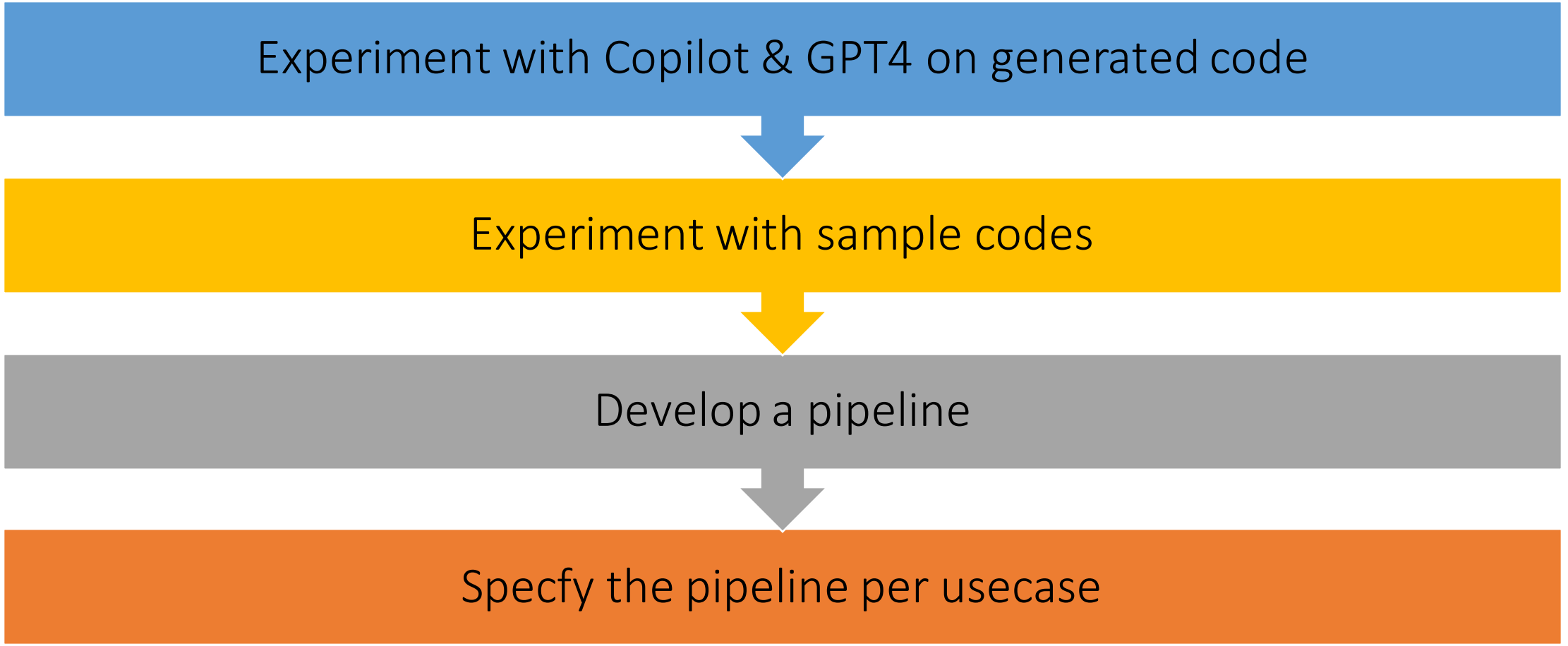
Copilot Labs and Power Platform Extension

- Copilot labs is used by enterprises like 3M, Prada Group, Kraft Heinz.
- Friend in Microsoft confirmed Copilot can operate on C and Basic code.





Project Timeline



Current Stage and Challenges

- Waiting on Copilot and ChatGPT4.0
- The intention was to run the bac.c file to see what the file's functionality is so that we can make sure our translation achieves the same thing
- However, the mbrtdef.h file is needed for the bac.c file to execute

```
ubuntu@84lumber:~/84lumber$ gcc bac.c
bac.c:4:10: fatal error: mbrtdef.h: No such file or directory
    4 | #include "mbrtdef.h"
      |          ^~~~~~~~~~~
compilation terminated.
```

- If commented out, errors occurs as they are not defined

```
bac.c:7350:18: error: expected '=', ',', ';', 'asm' or '__attribute__' before '_
8889'
 7350 | static void near _8889()
      |                  ^~~~~
bac.c:7358:18: error: expected '=', ',', ';', 'asm' or '__attribute__' before 'l
k_99'
 7358 | static void near lk_99()
      |                  ^~~~~
```

- It is an obstacle for us to develop test cases and make sure the translation performs.
- Proposal
  - If the mbrtdef.h file cannot be provided, then maybe a detailed description OR a simulated run on your computer of what the file will do can be helpful
  - Maybe access to a virtual machine with only executable permission and no read and write permission on the mbrtdef.h file