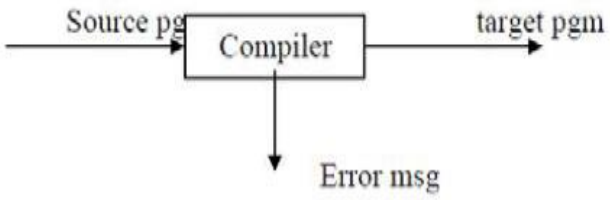
COMPILER

Compiler is a translator program that translates a program written in (HLL) the source program and translate it into an equivalent program in (MLL) the target program. As an important part of a compiler is error showing to the programmer.



STRUCTURE OF THE COMPILER DESIGN

Phases of a compiler: A compiler operates in phases. A phase is a logically interrelated operation that takes source program in one representation and produces output in another representation. The phases of a compiler are shown in below

There are two phases of compilation.

a. Analysis (Machine Independent/Language Dependent)

b. Synthesis(Machine Dependent/Language independent)

Compilation process is partitioned into no-of-sub processes called **'phases'**.

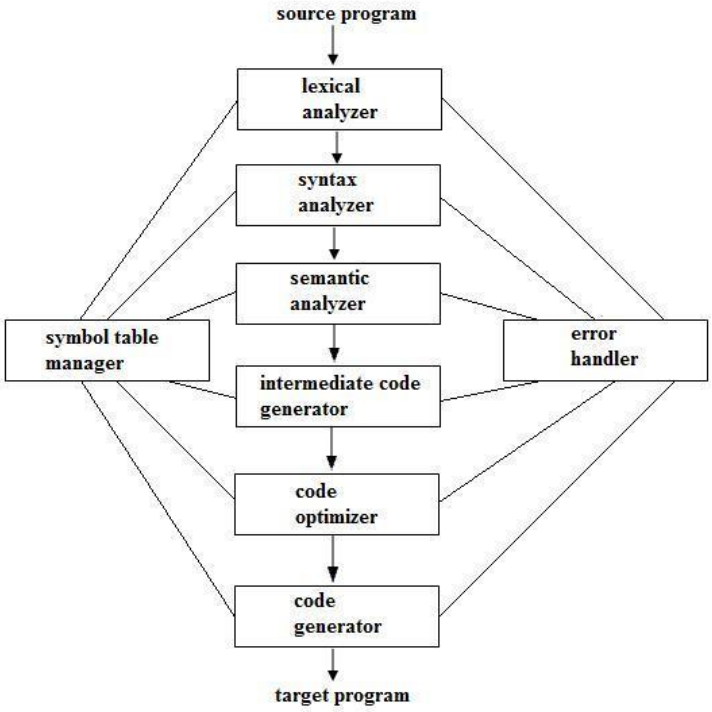


Fig 1.5 Phases of a compiler

Lexical Analysis:-

LA or Scanners reads the source program one character at a time, carving the source program into a sequence of automic units called **tokens.**

Syntax Analysis:-
The second stage of translation is called Syntax analysis or parsing. In this phase expressions, statements, declarations etc… are identified by using the results of lexical analysis. Syntax analysis is aided by using techniques based on formal grammar of the programming language.

Intermediate Code Generations:-
An intermediate representation of the final machine language code is produced. This phase bridges the analysis and synthesis phases of translation.

Code Optimization :-
This is optional phase described to improve the intermediate code so that the output runs faster and takes less space.

Code Generation:-
The last phase of translation is code generation. A number of optimizations to reduce the length of machine language program are carried out during this phase. The output of the code generator is the machine language program of the specified computer.