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# RECOGNIZE A VALID VARIABLE WHICH STARTS WITH A LETTER FOLLOWED BY ANY NUMBER OF LETTERS OR DIGITS USING LEX AND YACC

## Problem Statement:

Recognizes a valid variable name. The variable name must start with a letter (either uppercase or lowercase) and can be followed by any number of letters or digits. The program should validate whether a given string adheres to this naming convention.

## AIM:

To develop a LEX and YACC program that recognizes a valid variable name in C programming, which:

- Starts with a letter (a-z or A-Z)
- Followed by any number of letters or digits (a-z, A-Z, 0-9, \_)
- Does not allow invalid characters (e.g., 123abc, @var, x!y)

## ALGORITHM:

Step 1: A Yacc source program has three parts as follows: Declarations %% translation rules  
%% supporting C routines

Step 2: Declarations Section: This section contains entries that:

Include standard I/O header file.

Define global variables.

Define the list rule as the place to start processing.

Define the tokens used by the parser.

Step 3: Rules Section: The rules section defines the rules that parse the input stream. Each rule of a grammar production and the associated semantic action.

Step 4: Programs Section: The programs section contains the following subroutines.  
Because these subroutines are included in this file, it is not necessary to use the yacc library when processing this file.

Main- The required main program that calls the yyparse subroutine to start the program.  
yyerror(s) -This error-handling subroutine only prints a syntax error message.

yywrap -The wrap-up subroutine that returns a value of 1 when the end of input occurs. The  
calc.lex file contains include statements for standard input and output, as programmer file

information if we use the -d flag with the yacc command. The y.tab.h file contains definitions for

the tokens that the parser program uses.

Step 5: calc.lex contains the rules to generate these tokens from the input stream.

#### PROGRAM:

Lex.l

```
%{
#include "yac.tab.h"
#include <stdio.h>

int yywrap(void) {
return 1;
}

}%

%%

[a-zA-Z_][a-zA-Z0-9_]* { return IDENTIFIER; }
\n { return 0; }
. { return yytext[0]; }

%%
```

Yac.y

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

extern char *yytext;
int yylex(); int
yyerror(char *msg);
}%
```

```
%token IDENTIFIER
```

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%%
```

```
variable: IDENTIFIER { printf("Valid variable name: %s\n", yytext); }
;
```

```
%%
```

```
int main() {      printf("Enter a
variable name:\n");
    yyparse();
    return 0;
}
```

```
int yyerror(char *msg) {
printf("Error: %s\n", msg);
return 0; }
```

OUTPUT :

```
yacc -d parser.y
lex lexer.l
cc lex.yy.c y.tab.c -o var_checker
./a.out
```

```
Enter a variable name: myVar1
Valid variable: myVar1
Enter a variable name: Hello123
Valid variable: Hello123
```

Implementation	
Output/Signature	

RESULT:

Thus the above program reads an input string, checks whether it follows the rules for a valid variable name, and produces the following output.