

# 1. Objective

This project implements a lexical analyzer using Lex (Flex) for a simple programming language. The scanner identifies identifiers (ID), numbers (NUM), and comments, and handles several lexical errors.

## 2. Key Features & Decisions

- **ID Rule:** Starts with a letter, followed by letters/digits. It may include @, \$, or \_ followed by digits.
- **NUM Rule:** Integer and float numbers, with optional scientific notation (e.g., 1.23e+4).
- **Comments:** /\* . . . \*/ style. If unclosed by EOF, an error is reported.
- **Error Handling:**
  - **Unclosed comments**
  - **Invalid identifiers** (e.g., a#)
  - **Invalid numbers** (e.g., 23e+)
  - **Unrecognized characters**

## 3. How to Run the Program

On the Ubuntu 18.04 Bash, these are the commands in the correct order to write, execute, compile, and test the program.

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mark@Mark-Dell5501: ~/lexical_analyzer
mark@Mark-Dell5501:~$ cd lexical_analyzer
mark@Mark-Dell5501:~/lexical_analyzer$ nano scanner.l
mark@Mark-Dell5501:~/lexical_analyzer$ flex scanner.l
mark@Mark-Dell5501:~/lexical_analyzer$ gcc lex.yy.c -o scanner -lfl
mark@Mark-Dell5501:~/lexical_analyzer$ nano input.txt
mark@Mark-Dell5501:~/lexical_analyzer$ ./scanner < input.txt
Token: ID, Lexeme: validID
Token: NUM, Lexeme: 123
Token: NUM, Lexeme: 12.34e+10
Token: ID, Lexeme: abc@12
Token: ID, Lexeme: a
Error: there's an invalid identifier at line 5, position 2: #
Token: ID, Lexeme: wrong
Error: there is an invalid number at line 7, position 1: 23e+
Error: There is an unclosed comment at line 9
mark@Mark-Dell5501:~/lexical_analyzer$

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**Test File (input.txt):**

```
validID  
123  
12.34e+10  
abc@12  
a#  
wrong  
23e+  
/* unclosed comment starts here
```

**Expected Output after compilation (from image):**

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Token: NUM, Lexeme: 12.34e+10  
Token: ID, Lexeme: abc@12  
Token: ID, Lexeme: a  
Error: there's an invalid identifier at line 5, position 2: #  
Token: ID, Lexeme: wrong  
Error: there is an invalid number at line 7, position 1: 23e+ Error: There is an unclosed comment  
at line 9
```