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Chapter 1

LaTeX to Markdown Converter

1.1 Overview

This project is a C++ application that converts LaTeX documents into Markdown format. It uses Flex and Bison for lexical analysis and parsing. The parser processes various LaTeX constructs, such as sections, lists, tables, and more, and converts them into equivalent Markdown representations.

1.2 Features

- Convert LaTeX sections and subsections to Markdown headers.
- Handle ordered and unordered lists.
- Support for tables, figures, and verbatim text.
- Conversion of LaTeX formatting (bold, italic) to Markdown.
- Output Markdown to a file.

1.3 Project Structure

- `main.cpp`: The main entry point of the application.
- `ast.h / ast.cpp`: Defines and implements the Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) for LaTeX documents.
- `converter.h / converter.cpp`: Contains the logic for converting AST nodes into Markdown format.
- `parser.y / lexer.l`: Defines the Flex and Bison rules for lexical analysis and parsing LaTeX.
- `README.md`: This file, providing an overview and documentation of the project.

1.4 Dependencies

- Flex (Fast Lexical Analyzer Generator)
- Bison (GNU Parser Generator)
- C++11 or later (for certain features)

1.5 Installation

1. Install Flex and Bison:

- On Debian-based systems: `sudo apt-get install flex bison`
- On Red Hat-based systems: `sudo yum install flex bison`

2. Clone the repository:

```
git clone <repository_url>
cd <repository_directory>
```

1.6 Make

```
make
```

1.7 Usage

```
./compiler input.tex output.md
```

1.8 Example Latex Code

```
\section{Introduction}
This is a sample document.
```

```
\begin{itemize}
  \item Item 1
  \item Item 2
\end{itemize}
```

```
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline
Header 1 & Header 2 \\
\hline
Data 1 & Data 2 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
```

Chapter 2

Class Index

2.1 Class List

Here are the classes, structs, unions and interfaces with brief descriptions:

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3.1 File List

Here is a list of all documented files with brief descriptions:

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Class Documentation

4.1 ASTManager Class Reference

[ASTManager](#) class manages the AST, including creating and printing nodes.

```
#include <ast.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- **ASTManager ()**
Constructors and Destructor.
- **~ASTManager ()**
Default constructor.
- **ASTNode * newNode (NodeType type)**
Destructor.
- **ASTNode * newNode ()**
Create a new node with a specified type.
- **ASTNode * newNode (const string &data)**
Create a default node.
- **void print (ASTNode *root, int tabs=0) const**
Create a new node with data.

4.1.1 Detailed Description

[ASTManager](#) class manages the AST, including creating and printing nodes.

4.1.2 Member Function Documentation

4.1.2.1 newNode()

```
ASTNode * ASTManager::newNode (  
    NodeType type)
```

Destructor.

Node creation methods

4.1.2.2 print()

```
void ASTManager::print (
    ASTNode * root,
    int tabs = 0) const
```

Create a new node with data.

Prints the AST starting from the root node

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- ast.h
- ast.cpp

4.2 ASTNode Class Reference

[ASTNode](#) class represents a node in the AST.

```
#include <ast.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- [ASTNode](#) ()
Child nodes.
- **ASTNode** (NodeType type, const string &data="", const string &attributes="")
Default constructor.
- [~ASTNode](#) ()
Parameterized constructor.
- void [addChild](#) ([ASTNode](#) *child)
Destructor to clean up children nodes.
- void **print** (int tabs=0) const
Prints the node and its children with indentation based on the depth in the tree.

Public Attributes

- NodeType **node_type**
- string **data**
Type of the node (e.g., SECTION_H, ITEM_H)
- string **attributes**
Data associated with the node (e.g., text content)
- vector< [ASTNode](#) * > **children**
Additional attributes (e.g., label, reference)

4.2.1 Detailed Description

[ASTNode](#) class represents a node in the AST.

4.2.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

4.2.2.1 ASTNode()

```
ASTNode::ASTNode ()
```

Child nodes.

Constructors

4.2.2.2 ~ASTNode()

```
ASTNode::~~ASTNode ()
```

Parameterized constructor.

Destructor

4.2.3 Member Function Documentation

4.2.3.1 addChild()

```
void ASTNode::addChild (  
    ASTNode * child)
```

Destructor to clean up children nodes.

Adds a child node to the current node

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- ast.h
- ast.cpp

4.3 converter Class Reference

Converter class for traversing AST nodes and converting them to a Markdown-like format.

```
#include <converter.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- [converter](#) ()
Mapping of node types to their string representations.
- `std::string` [traversal](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root)
Traversal method for converting the entire AST starting from the root node.
- `std::string` [traverseSection](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Traversal methods for different node types, based on their type.
- `std::string` [traverseSubSection](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles SECTION nodes.
- `std::string` [traverseSubsubSection](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles SUBSECTION nodes.
- `std::string` [traverseList](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles SUBSUBSECTION nodes.
- `std::string` [traverseVerbatim](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles LIST nodes (e.g., itemize, enumerate)
- `std::string` [traverseFont](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles VERBATIM nodes (e.g., code blocks)
- `std::string` [traverseDate](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles font formatting nodes (e.g., bold, italic)
- `std::string` [traverseTitle](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles DATE nodes.
- `std::string` [traverseChildren](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root)
Handles TITLE nodes.
- `std::string` [getMapping](#) (int type)
Handles traversal of child nodes.
- `std::string` [traverseReference](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Traversal methods for additional node types.
- `std::string` [traverseLabel](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles REFERENCE nodes.
- `std::string` [traverseFigure](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles LABEL nodes.
- `std::string` [traverseParagraph](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles FIGURE nodes.
- `std::string` [traverseString](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles PARAGRAPH nodes.
- `std::string` [traverseHref](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles STRING nodes.
- `std::string` [traverseTable](#) ([ASTNode](#) *root, int type)
Handles HREF (hyperlink) nodes.
- `void` [printMarkdown](#) (const `std::string` &s, const `std::string` &filename)
Handles TABLE nodes (e.g., tabular environments)

4.3.1 Detailed Description

Converter class for traversing AST nodes and converting them to a Markdown-like format.

4.3.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

4.3.2.1 converter()

```
converter::converter ()
```

Mapping of node types to their string representations.

Constructor initializes the mapping of node types to their Markdown representations.

Constructor Section (Markdown heading level 2)

Subsection (Markdown heading level 3)

Subsubsection (Markdown heading level 4)

Unordered list (Markdown list item)

Ordered list (Markdown list item with number)

List item (Markdown list item) - for ordered lists

Bold text (Markdown bold)

Italic text (Markdown italic)

Underline text (HTML underline tag)

Paragraph (not directly used in Markdown)

Anchor label (not used in Markdown)

Anchor reference (not used in Markdown)

Table (not used directly in Markdown)

Image placeholder (Markdown image)

Image (Markdown image)

Figure caption (Markdown caption for images)

Generic string content

Date (Markdown date representation)

Title (Markdown heading level 1)

Verbatim text (Markdown code block)

Horizontal rule (Markdown horizontal rule)

Hyperlink (Markdown link placeholder)

4.3.3 Member Function Documentation

4.3.3.1 getMapping()

```
std::string converter::getMapping (
    int type)
```

Handles traversal of child nodes.

Retrieves the string representation for a given node type from the mapping.

Retrieves the string representation for a given node type from the mapping

4.3.3.2 printMarkdown()

```
void converter::printMarkdown (
    const std::string & s,
    const std::string & filename)
```

Handles TABLE nodes (e.g., tabular environments)

Writes the converted Markdown content to a specified file.

Outputs the converted Markdown content to a specified file

4.3.3.3 traversal()

```
std::string converter::traversal (
    ASTNode * root)
```

Traversal method for converting the entire AST starting from the root node.

Converts the entire AST starting from the root node. Return empty string if root is null

Directly return item data

Handle section nodes

Handle subsection nodes

Handle subsubsection nodes

Handle list nodes

Handle verbatim nodes

Handle font formatting nodes

Handle title nodes

Handle date nodes

Handle figure nodes

Handle reference nodes

Handle horizontal rules

Handle paragraph nodes

Handle hyperlink nodes

Handle table nodes

Handle unknown or other node types

4.3.3.4 traverseChildren()

```
std::string converter::traverseChildren (
    ASTNode * root)
```

Handles TITLE nodes.

Traverses and processes all child nodes.

4.3.3.5 traverseDate()

```
std::string converter::traverseDate (
    ASTNode * root,
    int type)
```

Handles font formatting nodes (e.g., bold, italic)

Converts DATE nodes to Markdown format.

4.3.3.6 traverseFigure()

```
std::string converter::traverseFigure (
    ASTNode * root,
    int type)
```

Handles LABEL nodes.

Converts FIGURE nodes to Markdown format.

4.3.3.7 traverseFont()

```
std::string converter::traverseFont (
    ASTNode * root,
    int type)
```

Handles VERBATIM nodes (e.g., code blocks)

Converts font formatting nodes (e.g., bold, italic) to Markdown format.

4.3.3.8 traverseHref()

```
std::string converter::traverseHref (
    ASTNode * root,
    int type)
```

Handles STRING nodes.

Converts HREF nodes (hyperlinks) to Markdown format.

4.3.3.9 traverseList()

```
std::string converter::traverseList (  
    ASTNode * root,  
    int type)
```

Handles SUBSUBSECTION nodes.

Converts LIST nodes (either ITEMIZE or ENUMERATE) to Markdown format. Create indentation based on nesting level

Handle unordered list

Handle ordered list

4.3.3.10 traverseParagraph()

```
std::string converter::traverseParagraph (  
    ASTNode * root,  
    int type)
```

Handles FIGURE nodes.

Converts PARAGRAPH nodes to Markdown format.

4.3.3.11 traverseReference()

```
std::string converter::traverseReference (  
    ASTNode * root,  
    int type)
```

Traversal methods for additional node types.

Converts REFERENCE nodes to Markdown format.

4.3.3.12 traverseSection()

```
std::string converter::traverseSection (  
    ASTNode * root,  
    int type)
```

Traversal methods for different node types, based on their type.

Converts a SECTION node to Markdown format.

4.3.3.13 traverseSubSection()

```
std::string converter::traverseSubSection (  
    ASTNode * root,  
    int type)
```

Handles SECTION nodes.

Converts a SUBSECTION node to Markdown format.

4.3.3.14 traverseSubsubSection()

```
std::string converter::traverseSubsubSection (  
    ASTNode * root,  
    int type)
```

Handles SUBSECTION nodes.

Converts a SUBSUBSECTION node to Markdown format.

4.3.3.15 traverseTable()

```
std::string converter::traverseTable (  
    ASTNode * root,  
    int type)
```

Handles HREF (hyperlink) nodes.

Converts TABLE nodes to Markdown format. Iterate through all rows in the table

Iterate through all cells in the row

Extract cell data and add it to the row string

Add cell data to the row with formatting

Trim the last pipe character and add a newline after the row

Remove trailing " | "

Iterate through all cells in the row

Extract cell data and add it to the row string

Add cell data to the row with formatting

Trim the last pipe character and add a newline after the row

Adding formatting (e.g., column separators)

Add a separator line after the header (first row)

Create a separator line of dashes

Insert after the first row

4.3.3.16 traverseTitle()

```
std::string converter::traverseTitle (  
    ASTNode * root,  
    int type)
```

Handles DATE nodes.

Converts TITLE nodes to Markdown format.

4.3.3.17 traverseVerbatim()

```
std::string converter::traverseVerbatim (  
    ASTNode * root,  
    int type)
```

Handles LIST nodes (e.g., itemize, enumerate)

Converts VERBATIM nodes (code blocks) to Markdown format.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- converter.h
- converter.cpp

Chapter 5

File Documentation

5.1 ast.h

```
00001 #ifndef _AST_H
00002 #define _AST_H
00003
00004 #include <iostream>
00005 #include <string>
00006 #include <vector>
00007 #include <stack>
00008 #include <map>
00009 #include <algorithm>
00010
00011 using namespace std;
00012
00014 enum NodeType {
00015     AST_H,
00016     DOCUMENT_H,
00017     SECTION_H,
00018     SUBSECTION_H,
00019     SUBSUBSECTION_H,
00020     TEXTBF_H,
00021     TEXTIT_H,
00022     UNDERLINE_H,
00023     STRING_H,
00024     ENUMERATE_H,
00025     ITEMIZE_H,
00026     ITEM_H,
00027     PAR_H,
00028     TABULAR_H,
00029     ROW_H,
00030     CELL_H,
00031     FIGURE_H,
00032     CAPTION_H,
00033     INCLUDE_GRAPHICS_H,
00034     LABEL_H,
00035     REF_H,
00036     HLINE_H,
00037     SQRT_H,
00038     TITLE_H,
00039     DATE_H,
00040     VERBATIM_H,
00041     HRULE_H,
00042     HREF_H,
00043     TEXT_H,
00044     CODE_H
00045 };
00046
00048 inline string nodeTypeToString(NodeType type) {
00049     switch (type) {
00050         case AST_H: return "AST_H";
00051         case SECTION_H: return "SECTION_H";
00052         case SUBSECTION_H: return "SUBSECTION_H";
00053         case ITEMIZE_H: return "ITEMIZE_H";
00054         case ENUMERATE_H: return "ENUMERATE_H";
00055         case ITEM_H: return "ITEM_H";
00056         case TEXTBF_H: return "TEXTBF_H";
00057         case TEXTIT_H: return "TEXTIT_H";
00058         case UNDERLINE_H: return "UNDERLINE_H";
00059         case PAR_H: return "PAR_H";
00060         case LABEL_H: return "LABEL_H";
```

```

00061         case REF_H: return "REF_H";
00062         case TABULAR_H: return "TABULAR_H";
00063         case FIGURE_H: return "FIGURE_H";
00064         case INCLUDE_GRAPHICS_H: return "INCLUDE_GRAPHICS_H";
00065         case CAPTION_H: return "CAPTION_H";
00066         case STRING_H: return "STRING_H";
00067         case DOCUMENT_H: return "DOCUMENT_H";
00068         case ROW_H: return "ROW_H";
00069         case CELL_H: return "CELL_H";
00070         case SQRT_H: return "SQRT_H";
00071         case HLINE_H: return "HLINE_H";
00072         case SUBSUBSECTION_H: return "SUBSUBSECTION_H";
00073         case TITLE_H: return "TITLE_H";
00074         case DATE_H: return "DATE_H";
00075         case VERBATIM_H: return "VERBATIM_H";
00076         case HRULE_H: return "HRULE_H";
00077         case HREF_H: return "HREF_H";
00078         case TEXT_H: return "TEXT_H";
00079         case CODE_H: return "CODE_H";
00080         default: return "UNKNOWN_NODE_TYPE";
00081     }
00082 }
00083
00084 class ASTNode {
00085 public:
00086     NodeType node_type;
00087     string data;
00088     string attributes;
00089     vector<ASTNode *> children;
00090
00091     ASTNode();
00092     ASTNode(NodeType type, const string &data = "", const string &attributes = "");
00093     ~ASTNode();
00094
00095     void addChild(ASTNode *child);
00096
00097     void print(int tabs = 0) const;
00098 };
00099
00100 class ASTManager {
00101 public:
00102     ASTManager();
00103     ~ASTManager();
00104
00105     ASTNode* newNode(NodeType type);
00106     ASTNode* newNode();
00107     ASTNode* newNode(const string& data);
00108
00109     void print(ASTNode* root, int tabs = 0) const;
00110 };
00111
00112 extern ASTManager astManager;
00113
00114 #endif

```

5.2 converter.h

```

00001 #ifndef CONVERTER_H
00002 #define CONVERTER_H
00003
00004 #include "ast.h"
00005 #include <string>
00006 #include <map>
00007
00008 class converter {
00009 private:
00010     std::map<int, std::string> myMapping;
00011
00012 public:
00013     converter();
00014
00015     std::string traversal(ASTNode* root);
00016
00017     std::string traverseSection(ASTNode* root, int type);
00018     std::string traverseSubSection(ASTNode* root, int type);
00019     std::string traverseSubsubSection(ASTNode* root, int type);
00020     std::string traverseList(ASTNode* root, int type);
00021     std::string traverseVerbatim(ASTNode* root, int type);
00022     std::string traverseFont(ASTNode* root, int type);
00023     std::string traverseDate(ASTNode* root, int type);
00024     std::string traverseTitle(ASTNode* root, int type);
00025     std::string traverseChildren(ASTNode* root);

```

```
00030
00032     std::string getMapping(int type);
00033
00035     std::string traverseReference(ASTNode* root, int type);
00036     std::string traverseLabel(ASTNode* root, int type);
00037     std::string traverseFigure(ASTNode* root, int type);
00038     std::string traverseParagraph(ASTNode* root, int type);
00039     std::string traverseString(ASTNode* root, int type);
00040     std::string traverseHref(ASTNode* root, int type);
00041     std::string traverseTable(ASTNode* root, int type);
00042
00044     void printMarkdown(const std::string& s, const std::string& filename);
00045 };
00046
00047 #endif
```


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