CA4003 Compiler Construction Assignment Language Definition

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1 Overview

The language is not case sensitive. A nonterminal, X, is represented by enclosing it in angle brackets, e.g. $\langle X \rangle$. A terminal is represented without angle brackets. A **bold typeface** is used to represent terminal symbols in the language and reserved words, whereas a non-bold typeface is used for symbols that are used to group terminals and nonterminals together. Source code should be kept in files with the .ccl extension, e.g. hello_world.ccl .

2 Syntax

The reserved words in the language are var, const, return, integer, boolean, void, main, if, else, true, false, while and skip.

The following are tokens in the language: , ; : = { } () + - $\sim || \&\& == != <<=>>=$

Integers are represented by a string of one or more digits ('0'-'9') that do not start with the digit '0', but may start with a minus sign ('-'), e.g. 123, -456.

Identifiers are represented by a string of letters, digits or underscore character ('_') beginning with a letter. Identifiers cannot be reserved words.

Comments can appear between any two tokens. There are two forms of comment: one is delimited by /* and */ and can be nested; the other begins with // and is delimited by the end of line and this type of comments may not be nested.

```
\models \langle \text{decl\_list} \rangle \langle \text{function\_list} \rangle \langle \text{main} \rangle
                                                                                                                                                                       (1)
                                                   (\langle \text{decl} \rangle; \langle \text{decl\_list} \rangle \mid \epsilon)
                                                                                                                                                                       (2)
                       \langle decl\_list \rangle
                              \langle decl \rangle
                                           \models \langle \text{var\_decl} \rangle \mid \langle \text{const\_decl} \rangle
                                                                                                                                                                       (3)
                      ⟨var_decl⟩
                                           \models var identifier:\langle type \rangle
                                                                                                                                                                       (4)
                  \langle const\_decl \rangle
                                                   const identifier:\langle \text{type} \rangle = \langle \text{expression} \rangle
                                                                                                                                                                       (5)
               ⟨function_list⟩
                                                   (\langle \text{function} \rangle \langle \text{function\_list} \rangle \mid \epsilon)
                                                                                                                                                                       (6)
                      \langle function \rangle \models
                                                   ⟨type⟩ identifier (⟨parameter_list⟩)
                                                                                                                                                                       (7)
                                                    \langle decl\_list \rangle
                                                    (statement_bock)
                                                   return (\langle expression \rangle \mid \epsilon);
                                                    }
                             \langle \text{type} \rangle \models \text{integer} \mid \text{boolean} \mid \text{void}
                                                                                                                                                                       (8)
           \langle parameter\_list \rangle
                                                                                                                                                                       (9)
                                                  \langle \text{nemp\_parameter\_list} \rangle \mid \epsilon
\(nemp_parameter_list\)
                                                   identifier: \(\text{type}\) | identifier: \(\text{type}\), \(\text{nemp_parameter_list}\)
                            \langle main \rangle
                                                   main {
                                                                                                                                                                    (10)
                                                    \langle decl\_list \rangle
                                                    (statement_block)
                                                    }
                                                   (\langle statement \rangle \langle statement\_block \rangle) \mid \epsilon
        ⟨statement_block⟩
                                                                                                                                                                     (11)
                   \langle \text{statement} \rangle \models
                                                   identifier = \langle expression \rangle;
                                                                                                                                                                    (12)
                                                   identifier (\langle arg\_list \rangle);
                                                    { \( \statement_block \) } |
                                                   if \( \text{condition} \) \{ \( \text{statement_block} \) \} else \{ \( \text{statement_block} \) \}
                                                   while (condition) { (statement_block) } |
                                                   skip;
                  \langle \text{expression} \rangle \models \langle \text{fragment} \rangle \langle \text{binary\_arith\_op} \rangle \langle \text{fragment} \rangle
                                                                                                                                                                    (13)
                                                    (\langle expression \rangle)
                                                   identifier ((arg_list)) |
                                                    \language fragment \rangle
         \langle \text{binary\_arith\_op} \rangle \models + \mid -
                                                                                                                                                                    (14)
```

$$\langle \text{fragment} \rangle \models \text{identifier} \mid \text{-identifier} \mid \text{number} \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid (15)$$

 $\langle \text{expression} \rangle$

$$\langle \text{condition} \rangle \models \sim \langle \text{condition} \rangle \mid$$

$$(\langle \text{condition} \rangle) \mid$$

$$\langle \text{expression} \rangle \langle \text{comp_op} \rangle \langle \text{expression} \rangle \mid$$
(16)

$$\langle \text{condition} \rangle (\mid \mid \&\&) \langle \text{condition} \rangle$$
 $\langle \text{comp_op} \rangle \models == | != | < | <= | > | >=$
(17)

$$\langle \text{arg_list} \rangle \models \langle \text{nemp_arg_list} \rangle \mid \epsilon$$
 (18)

$$\langle \text{nemp_arg_list} \rangle \models \text{identifier} \mid \text{identifier}, \langle \text{nemp_arg_list} \rangle$$
 (19)

3 Semantics

Declaration made outside a function (including main) are global in scope. Declarations inside a function are local in scope to that function. Function arguments are *passed-by-value*. Variables or constants cannot be declared using the void type. The skip statement does nothing.

The operators in the language are:

Operator	Arity	Description
=	binary	assignment
+	binary	arithmetic addition
-	binary	arithmetic subtraction
-	unary	arithmetic negation
\sim	unary	logical negation
	binary	logical disjunction (logical or)
&&	binary	logical conjunction (logical and)
==	binary	is equal to (arithmetic and logical)
!=	binary	is not equal to (arithmetic and logical)
<	binary	is less than (arithmetic)
<=	binary	is less than or equal to (arithmetic)
>	binary	is greater than (arithmetic)
>=	binary	is greater than or equal to (arithmetic)

The following table gives the precedence (from highest to lowest) and associativity of these operators.

Operator(s)	Associativity	Notes
~	right to left	logical negation
-	right to left	arithmetic negation
+ -	left to right	addition & subtraction
<<=>>=	left to right	arithmetic comparison operators
== !=	left to right	equality & inequality operators
&&	left to right	logical conjunction
	left to right	logical disjunction
	right to left	assignment

4 Examples

Three versions of the simplest non-empty file demonstrating that the language is case insensitive.

```
      main
      Main
      MAIN

      {
      {
      {

      }
      }
      }
```

A simple file demonstrating comments.

```
main
{
    // a simple comment
    /* a comment /* with /* several */ nested */ comments */
}
```

The simplest program that uses functions.

```
void func ()
{
   return ();
```

```
main
  func ();
  A simple file demonstrating the different scopes.
var i:integer;
integer test_fn (x:integer)
  var i:integer;
  i = 2;
  return (x);
main
  var i:integer;
  i = 1;
  i = test_fn(i);
  A file demonstrating the use of functions.
integer multiply (x:integer, y:integer)
  var result:integer;
  var minus_sign : boolean;
  // figure out sign of result and convert args to absolute values
  if (x < 0 \&\& y >= 0)
    minus_sign = true;
    x\,=\,-x\,;
  }
```

```
else
  if y < 0 \&\& x >= 0
    minus_sign = true;
    y = -y;
  else
    if (x < 0) \&\& y < 0
      minus\_sign = false;
      x = -x;
      y = -y;
    _{\rm else}
      minus_sign = false;
  }
}
result = 0;
while (y > 0)
  result = result + x;
 y = y - 1;
if minus_sign == true
  result = -result;
else
  skip;
  return (result);
```

```
main
{
    var arg_1:integer;
    var arg_2:integer;
    var result:integer;
    const five:integer = 5;

    arg_1 = -6;
    arg_2 = five;

    result = multiply (arg_1, arg_2);
}
```