

## Lesson Review

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**TRUE/FALSE:** Write **T** if the statement is correct, otherwise **F** if the statement is wrong.

  T   1. Syntax refers to the structure or form of a program, while semantics refers to its meaning.

  T   2. Syntax and semantics are two fundamental components of any programming language.

  F   3. Tokens, keywords, and identifiers are part of the *semantic* structure of a language.

  T   4. Formal grammar, such as BNF and EBNF, are used to define the syntax of a programming language.

  T   5. Parsing is the process of analyzing the syntax of a program to determine its structure.

  T   6. An abstract syntax tree is a representation of the syntactic structure of a program, often used during compilation.

  F   7. Operational semantics describes the *meaning* of a program by relating it to the *syntax*.

  T   8. Denotational semantics defines the meaning of a program in terms of mathematical functions.

  T   9. Axiomatic semantics defines the meaning of a program by specifying the relationships between program statements and logical assertions.

  T   10. Lexical analysis is the first phase of compilation, responsible for breaking the source code into tokens.

## QUIZ QUESTIONS

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**MULTIPLE CHOICE:** Select and write letter of the best answer on the left side of the number.

\_C\_ 1. Which of the following BEST describes the relationship between syntax and semantics in a programming language?

- A. Syntax refers to the meaning of a program, while semantics refers to its structure.
- B. Syntax and semantics are interchangeable terms.
- C. Syntax defines the structure of a program, while semantics defines its meaning.
- D. Syntax is concerned with the compiler, while semantics is concerned with the interpreter.

\_C\_ 2. What are the two primary components of a programming language?

- A. Compiler and interpreter
- B. Hardware and software
- C. Syntax and semantics
- D. Variables and data types

\_D\_ 3. Which of the following is NOT a part of the lexical structure of a programming language?

- A. Tokens
- B. Keywords
- C. Identifiers
- D. Abstract Syntax Tree

\_B\_ 4. What do tokens represent in the lexical structure?

- A. The meaning of a program
- B. The smallest individual units of a program
- C. The overall structure of a program
- D. The errors in a program

\_C\_ 5. What is the purpose of keywords in a programming language?

- A. To define variables
- B. To perform mathematical operations
- C. To serve as reserved words with specific meanings in the language

- D. To represent user-defined names
- \_A\_ 6. What are identifiers used for in programming?
  - A. Naming variables, functions, and other program entities
  - B. Defining the structure of the language
  - C. Specifying operations to be performed
  - D. Representing constant values
- \_C\_ 7. What are BNF and EBNF used for?
  - A. Defining the semantics of a programming language
  - B. Specifying the lexical structure of a programming language
  - C. Describing the formal grammar or syntax of a programming language
  - D. Implementing a compiler
- \_C\_ 8. What is the role of parsing in the compilation process?
  - A. To analyze the meaning of a program
  - B. To break down the program's source code into tokens
  - C. To construct an Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) representing the program's structure
  - D. To generate machine code
- \_D\_ 9. Which of the following is NOT a common approach to defining the semantics of a programming language?
  - A. Operational semantics
  - B. Denotational semantics
  - C. Axiomatic semantics
  - D. Lexical semantics
- \_C\_ 10. Which approach to semantics uses logical axioms and rules to specify program behavior?
  - A. Operational semantics
  - B. Denotational semantics
  - C. Axiomatic semantics
  - D. Lexical semantics

## Laboratory Exercises

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### Skills Challenge

#### 1. Identifying Tokens and Lexemes

**Objective:** To understand the lexical structure of a programming language and identify different token types.

**Task:** Analyze the following code snippet, you can choose a language such as Python or Java

```
x = 10;  
y = "hello";  
if (x > 5):  
    print(y);
```

Identify and list all the tokens present in the code, classifying them into categories like identifiers, keywords, operators, literals, and delimiters. For each token, specify its lexeme

|            | Token | Lexem |
|------------|-------|-------|
| Identifier | x     | x     |
| Operator   | =     | =     |
| Literal    | 1     | 1     |
|            | 0     | 0     |

|            |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
| Delimiter  | ; | ; |
| Identifier | y | y |
| Literal    | " | " |
|            | h | h |
|            | e | e |
|            | 1 | 1 |
|            | 1 | 1 |
|            | o | o |
|            | " | " |
| Keyword    | i | i |
|            | f | f |
| Delimiter  | ( | ( |
| Identifier | x | x |
| Operator   | > | > |
| Literal    | 5 | 5 |
| Delimiter  | ) | ) |
| Delimiter  | : | : |
| Identifier | p | p |
|            | r | r |

|            |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
|            | i | i |
|            | n | n |
|            | t | t |
| Delimiter  | ( | ( |
| Identifier | y | y |
| Delimiter  | ) | ) |
| Delimiter  | ; | ; |

## 2. BNF/EBNF Grammar for Simple Expressions

**Objective:** To learn how to define the syntax of a simple language using formal grammars.

**Task:** Develop a BNF or EBNF grammar for arithmetic expressions involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, along with integer literals and single-letter variables. Consider operator precedence.

```

<expr> ::= <term> { "+" | "-" <term> }
<term> ::= <factor> { "*" | "/" <factor> }
<factor> ::= <number> | <variable> | "(" <expr> ")"
<number> ::= digit { digit }
<variable> ::= letter
digit ::= "0" | "1" | ... | "9"
letter ::= "a" | "b" | ... | "z" | "A" | ... | "Z"

```

### 3. Constructing Abstract Syntax Trees (ASTs)

- **Objective:** To understand the process of parsing and representing code in a tree structure.
- **Task:** Draw the Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) for the following expression, based on the grammar

+  
/ \  
x \*  
/ \  
y 5