**GCC Flags:**

**-o <f\_name>:** puts the output in “f\_name”

**-c:** compile without linking

**-lfl:** includes flex library

**-ly:** includes bison(yacc) library

**-w:** turn off all warnings

**Bison Flags:**

**-d:** writes the token type macro definitions in a separate header file named “<name>.tab.h”, which can be included in other source files

**-y:** for compatibility with POSIX(essentially Linux & UNIX)

**-v:** for creation of verbose file

**FAQ**:

**Q.** Why is extern compulsory for variables, but optional for functions?

**A.** Because functions are considered “extern” by default. Whereas in case of variables, it explicitly tells that no memory will be allocated for that variable, rather the variable will be found externally.