

Jack

- Comments:

`/** API block comment */`

`/* block comment */`

`// in-line comment`

- White space (ignored)

```
/** Hello World program. */
class Main {
    function void main() {
        /* Prints some text using the standard library. */
        do Output.printString("Hello world!");
        do Output.println();      // New line
        return;
    }
}
```

- A Jack program is a collection of one or more Jack classes, one of which must be named Main
- The Main class must have at least one function, named main
- Program's entry point: Main.main

Jack data types:

Primitive:

- int
- char
- boolean

Class types:

- OS: Array, String, ...
- Additional ADT's can be defined and used, as needed

Flow of control:

- if / if...else
- while
- do

Arrays:

- Array is implemented as part of the standard class library
- Jack arrays are not typed

```
// Inputs some numbers and computes their average
class Main {
    function void main() {
        var Array a;
        var int length;
        var int i, sum;
        let length = Keyboard.readInt("How many numbers? ");
        let a = Array.new(length); // constructs the array
        let i = 0;
        while (i < length) {
            let a[i] = Keyboard.readInt("Enter a number: ");
            let sum = sum + a[i];
            let i = i + 1;
        }
        do Output.printString("The average is ");
        do Output.printInt(sum / length);
        return;
    }
}
```

OS services:

- Keyboard.readInt
- Output.printString
- Output.printInt
- More...

the only way to access field values from outside the class is through accessors

Jack subroutines:

- methods
 - constructors
 - functions
-
- this: a reference to the current object (base address)
 - a constructor must return the (base address of) the newly created object
 - a subroutine must terminate with a return command

Syntax elements:

- White space / comments
- keywords
- Symbols
- Constants
- Identifiers

keyword: 'class' | 'constructor' | 'function' |
 'method' | 'field' | 'static' | 'var' | 'int' |
 'char' | 'boolean' | 'void' | 'true' | 'false' |
 'null' | 'this' | 'let' | 'do' | 'if' | 'else' |
 'while' | 'return'

symbol: '{' | '}' | '(' | ')' | '[' | ']' | '.' | ',' | ';' | '+' | '-' | '*' |
 '/' | '&' | '|' | '<' | '>' | '=' | '~'

integerConstant: a decimal number in the range 0 ... 32767

StringConstant: "" a sequence of Unicode characters,
 not including double quote or newline ""

identifier: a sequence of letters, digits, and
 underscore ('_') not starting with a digit.

Primitive types

- int: Non-negative 2's-complement 16-bit integer, i.e. an integer in the range 0,..., 32767
- boolean: true or false
- char: Integer values representing characters

Class types

- OS types: String, Array
- User-defined types: Fraction, List, ...

Jack subroutines

- Constructors: create new objects
- Methods: operate on the current object
- Functions: static methods

Subroutine types and return values

- Method and function type can be either void, a primitive data type, or a class name
- Each subroutine must end with return value or return.

Constructors

- 0, 1, or more in a class
- Common name: new
- The constructor's type must be the name of the constructor's class
- The constructor must return a reference to an object of the class type.

Variable kinds:

- field variables:

object properties, can be manipulated by the class constructors and methods

- static variables:

class-level variables, can be manipulated by the class subroutines

- local variables: used by subroutines, for local computations
- parameter variables:

used to pass values to subroutines, behave like local variables

Variables must be ...

- Declared before they are used
- Typed.

| Statement | Syntax | Description |
|-----------|--|--|
| let | <pre>let <i>varName</i> = <i>expression</i>; or let <i>varName</i>[<i>expression1</i>] = <i>expression2</i>;</pre> | An assignment operation (where <i>varName</i> is either single-valued or an array). The variable kind may be <i>static</i> , <i>local</i> , <i>field</i> , or <i>parameter</i> . |
| if | <pre>if (<i>expression</i>) { <i>statements1</i> } else { <i>statements2</i> }</pre> | <p>Typical <i>if</i> statement with an optional <i>else</i> clause.</p> <p>The curly brackets are mandatory even if <i>statements</i> is a single statement.</p> |
| while | <pre>while (<i>expression</i>) { <i>statements</i> }</pre> | <p>Typical <i>while</i> statement.</p> <p>The curly brackets are mandatory even if <i>statements</i> is a single statement.</p> |
| do | <pre>do <i>function-or-method-call</i>;</pre> | Used to call a function or a method for its effect, ignoring the returned value. |
| return | <pre>Return <i>expression</i>; or return;</pre> | <p>Used to return a value from a subroutine.</p> <p>The second form must be used by functions and methods that return a void value. Constructors must return the expression <i>this</i>.</p> |

A *Jack expression* is one of the following:

- A *constant*
- A *variable name* in scope. The variable may be *static*, *field*, *local*, or *parameter*
- The *this* keyword, denoting the current object (cannot be used in functions)
- An *array element* using the syntax *Arr[expression]*, where *Arr* is a variable name of type *Array* in scope
- A *subroutine call* that returns a non-void type
- An expression prefixed by one of the unary operators - or ~:
 - *expression*: arithmetic negation
 - ~ *expression*: boolean negation (bit-wise for integers)
- An expression of the form *expression op expression* where *op* is one of the following binary operators:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| + | - | * | / | Integer arithmetic operators |
| & | | | | Boolean And and Boolean Or (bit-wise for integers) operators |
| < | > | = | | Comparison operators |
- (*expression*): An expression in parenthesis

```
statement: ifStatement |
           whileStatement |
           letStatement

statements: statement*

ifStatement: 'if' '(' expression ')'
            '{' statements '}'

whileStatement: 'while' '(' expression ')'
               '{' statements '}'

letStatement: 'let' varName '=' expression ';'

expression: term (op term)?

           term: varName | constant

varName:    a string not beginning with a digit

constant:   a decimal number

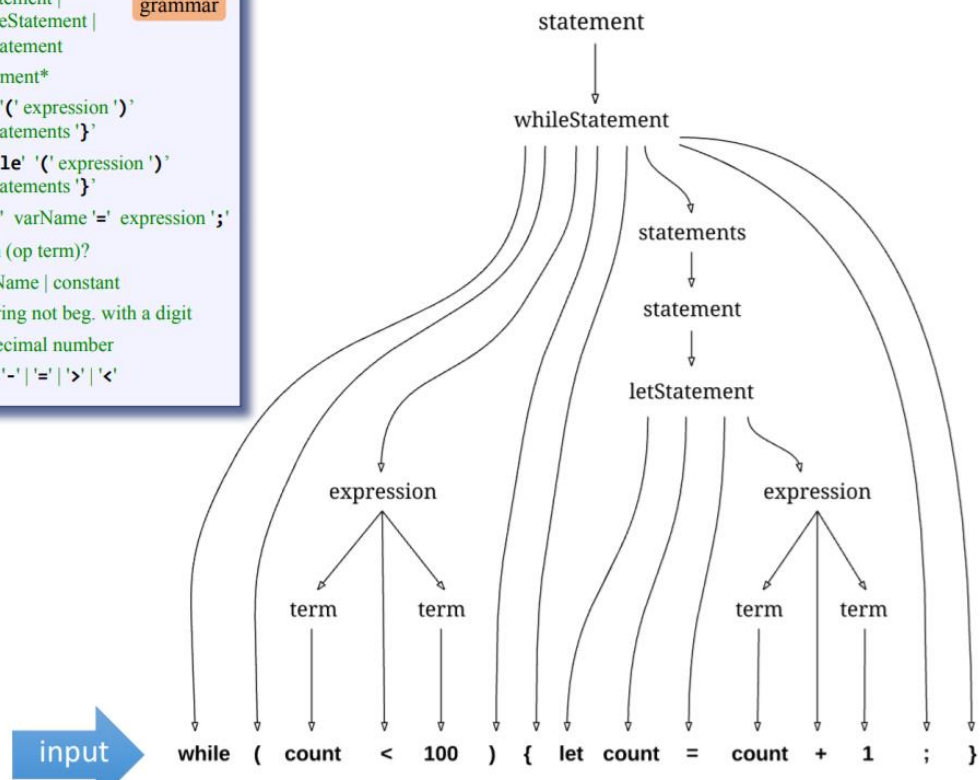
           op: '+' | '-' | '=' | '>' | '<'
```

grammar

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grammar

```

<whileStatement>
  <keyword> while </keyword>
  <symbol> ( </symbol>
  <expression>
    <term>
      <identifier> count </identifier>
    </term>
    <symbol> < </symbol>
    <term>
      <intConstant> 100 </intConstant>
    </term>
  </expression>
  <symbol> ) </symbol>
  <symbol> { </symbol>
  <statements>
    <letStatement>
      <keyword> let </keyword>
      <identifier> count </identifier>
      <symbol> = </symbol>
      <expression>
        <term> <identifier> count </identifier> </term>
        <symbol> + </symbol>
        <term> <intConstant> 1 </intConstant> </term>
      </expression>
      <symbol> ; </symbol>
    </letStatement>
  </statements>
  <symbol> } </symbol>
</whileStatement>

```

parser output

Same parse tree,
in XML

If the parser encounters a *terminalElement* *xxx* of type
keyword, symbol, integer constant, string constant, or identifier,

the parser generates the output:

```

<terminalElement>
  xxx
</terminalElement>

```

where *terminalElement* is:

```

keyword,
symbol,
integerConstant,
stringConstant,
identifier

```

Examples:

```

<keyword> method </keyword>
<symbol> { </symbol>
<integerConstant> 42 </integerConstant>
<stringConstant> xkcd </stringConstant>
<symbol> { </symbol>

```

the parser generates the output:

```
<nonTerminal>
  Recursive output for the non-terminal body
</nonTerminal>
```

where *nonTerminal* is:

```
class, classVarDec, subroutineDec,
parameterList, subroutineBody,
varDec; statements, LetStatement,
ifStatement, whileStatement,
doStatement, returnStatement;
expression, term, expressionList
```

Example: if the input is `return x;`

```
<returnStatement>
  <keyword>
    return
  </keyword>
  <expression>
    <term>
      <identifier> x </identifier>
    </term>
  </expression>
  <symbol> ; </symbol>
</returnStatement>
```

| Routine | Arguments | Returns | Function |
|---------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Constructor | input file / stream | | Opens the input .jack file and gets ready to tokenize it. |
| hasMoreTokens | — | boolean | Are there more tokens in the input? |
| advance | — | | Gets the next token from the input, and makes it the current token. This method should be called only if hasMoreTokens is true. Initially there is no current token. |
| tokenType | — | KEYWORD, SYMBOL, IDENTIFIER, INT_CONST, STRING_CONST | Returns the type of the current token, as a constant. |

| Routine | Arguments | Returns | Function |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|--|
| <code>keyword</code> | — | CLASS, METHOD, FUNCTION, CONSTRUCTOR, INT, BOOLEAN, CHAR, VOID, VAR, STATIC, FIELD, LET, DO, IF, ELSE, WHILE, RETURN, TRUE, FALSE, NULL, THIS | Returns the keyword which is the current token, as a constant. This method should be called only if <code>tokenType</code> is KEYWORD. |
| <code>symbol</code> | — | char | Returns the character which is the current token. Should be called only if <code>tokenType</code> is SYMBOL. |
| <code>identifier</code> | — | string | Returns the identifier which is the current token. Should be called only if <code>tokenType</code> is IDENTIFIER. |
| <code>intVal</code> | — | int | Returns the integer value of the current token. Should be called only if <code>tokenType</code> is INT_CONST. |
| <code>stringVal</code> | — | string | Returns the string value of the current token, without the two enclosing double quotes. Should be called only if <code>tokenType</code> is STRING_CONST. |

| Routine | Arguments | Returns | Function |
|------------------------------------|---|---------|--|
| Constructor | Input stream/file Output stream/file | | Creates a new compilation engine with the given input and output. The next routine called must be <code>compileClass</code> . |
| <code>CompileClass</code> | — | — | Compiles a complete class. |
| <code>CompileClassVarDec</code> | — | — | Compiles a static variable declaration, or a field declaration. |
| <code>CompileSubroutineDec</code> | — | — | Compiles a complete method, function, or constructor. |
| <code>compileParameterList</code> | — | — | Compiles a (possibly empty) parameter list. Does not handle the enclosing “()”. |
| <code>compileSubroutineBody</code> | — | — | Compiles a subroutine’s body. |
| <code>compileVarDec</code> | — | — | Compiles a var declaration. |
| <code>compileStatements</code> | — | — | Compiles a sequence of statements. Does not handle the enclosing “{}”. |

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CompilationEngine API

CompilationEngine: generates the compiler’s output.

| Routine | Arguments | Returns | Function |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|---|
| <code>compileLet</code> | — | — | Compiles a <code>let</code> statement. |
| <code>compileIf</code> | — | — | Compiles an <code>if</code> statement, possibly with a trailing <code>else</code> clause. |
| <code>compileWhile</code> | — | — | Compiles a <code>while</code> statement. |
| <code>compileDo</code> | — | — | Compiles a <code>do</code> statement. |
| <code>compileReturn</code> | — | — | Compiles a <code>return</code> statement. |

| Routine | Arguments | Returns | Function |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| CompileExpression | -- | -- | Compiles an expression. |
| CompileTerm | -- | -- | Compiles a <i>term</i> . If the current token is an <i>identifier</i> , the routine must distinguish between a <i>variable</i> , an <i>array entry</i> , or a <i>subroutine call</i> . A single look-ahead token, which may be one of “[“, “(“, or “.”, suffices to distinguish between the possibilities. Any other token is not part of this term and should not be advanced over. |
| CompileExpressionList | -- | -- | Compiles a (possibly empty) comma-separated list of expressions. |