

# CMPS104A: Bison Tutorial

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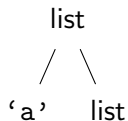
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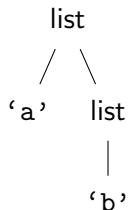
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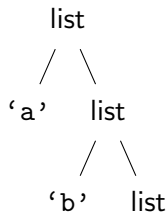
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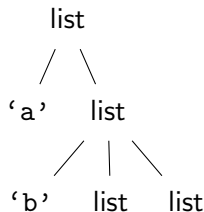
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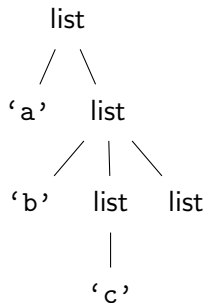
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# Parsing with bison

```
atom → 'a' | 'b' | 'c'  
list → '(' [ list | atom ]... ')'
```

```
atom : 'a' | 'b' | 'c'  
    ;
```

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    ;
list : '(' members ')'
    ;
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    ;
members : members list
        | members atom
        |
    ;
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# Understanding states bison --report=state

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```

members → go to state 3

# Understanding states bison --report=state

## state 1

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list : '(' . members ')'
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```

members → go to state 3

\$default → reduce using rule 4 (members)

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'(' → shift, and go to state 1

')' → shift, and go to state 5

'a' → shift, and go to state 6

'b' → shift, and go to state 7

'c' → shift, and go to state 8

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list → go to state 9



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`'c'` → shift, and go to state 8

`list` → go to state 9

`atom` → go to state 10

# Shift/Reduce conflicts

```
E : E '+' E  
    | '1'
```

# Shift/Reduce conflicts

```
E : E '+' E  
    | '1'
```

## state 5

```
E : E . '+' E
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'+' → shift, and go to state 4

'+' → reduce, using rule 1

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'+' → shift, and go to state 4

'+' → reduce, using rule 1

\$default → reduce, using rule 1

# Shift/Reduce conflicts

```
%left '+'  
E : E '+' E  
  | '1'
```



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```

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  | E '*' E  
  | '1'
```

# Shift/Reduce conflicts

```
E : E '+' E
    | E '*' E
    | '1'
```

## state 6

```
E : E . '+' E
    | E '+' E .
    | E . '*' E
```

# Shift/Reduce conflicts

```
E : E '+' E
    | E '*' E
    | '1'
```

## state 6

```
E : E . '+' E
    | E '+' E .
    | E . '*' E
```

'+' → shift, and go to state 4

'\*' → shift, and go to state 5

'\*' → reduce, using rule 1

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# Shift/Reduce conflicts

%left '+'

%left '\*'

E : E '+' E

| E '\*' E

| '1'

# Shift/Reduce conflicts

```
%left '+'
```

```
%left '*'
```

```
E : E '+' E
```

```
    | E '*' E
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```
    | '1'
```

## state 6

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'\*' → shift, and go to state 5

\$default → reduce, using rule 1

# Reduce/Reduce conflicts

```
list : '(' members ')'
members : members lists
        | members atoms
        |
atoms : atom 'a' | 'b' | 'c'
      |
lists : lists list
      |
```

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'>' → reduce using rule 6 (lists)

'>' → reduce using rule 10 (atoms)

# Parsing with bison

```
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          ;
members   : members list
          | members atom
          ;
atom      : 'a' | 'b' | 'c'
          ;
```

Input: (a (b (c) ()))

Output:

# Parsing with bison: Hello, World!

```
list      : '(' members ')',    {printf("A list!\n");}  
          ;  
members   : members list  
          | members atom  
          |  
          ;  
atom      : 'a' | 'b' | 'c'  
          ;
```

Input: (a (b (c) ()))

Output: A list!

A list!

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# Parsing with bison: Counting atoms

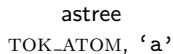
```
start      : list                      {printf("Atoms: %d\n", $1);}
          ;
list       : '(' members ')'          {$$ = $2; }
          ;
members    : members list             {$$ = $1 + $2; }
          | members atom              {$$ = $1 + 1; }
          |                           {$$ = 0; }
          ;
atom       : 'a' | 'b' | 'c'
```

Input: (a (b (c) ()))

Output: Atoms: 3

# Creating trees with adopt()

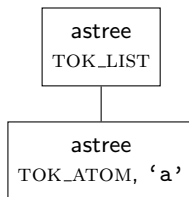
```
astree* a = new_astree (TOK_ATOM, ..., 'a');
```



A rectangular box representing an `astree` node. Inside the box, the text `astree` is on the top line, and `TOK_ATOM, 'a'` is on the bottom line.

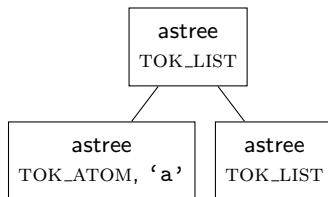
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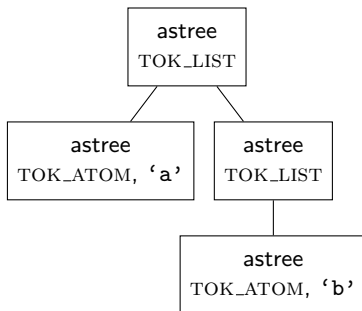
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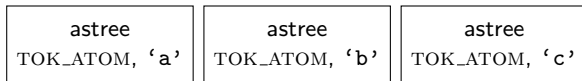
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astree* b = new_astree (TOK_ATOM, ..., 'b');  
adopt1(y, b);
```



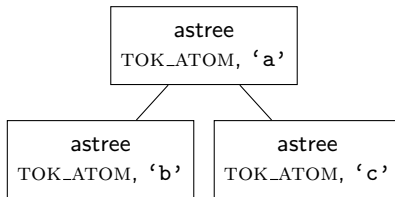
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astree* c = new_astree (TOK_ATOM, ..., 'c');
```



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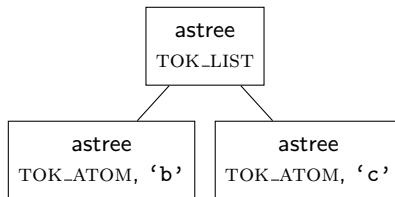
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astree* c = new_astree (TOK_ATOM, ..., 'c');  
adopt2(a, b, c);
```





# Creating trees with adopt()

```
astree* a = new_astree (TOK_ATOM, ..., 'a');  
astree* b = new_astree (TOK_ATOM, ..., 'b');  
astree* c = new_astree (TOK_ATOM, ..., 'c');  
adopt1sym(a, b, TOK_LIST);  
adopt1sym(a, c, TOK_LIST);
```



# Parsing with bison: Creating a tree with adopt()

```
start      : list                {dump($1,0);}
           ;
list       : '(' members ')' {$$ = $2; }
           ;
members    : members list      {$$ = adopt1($1, $2); }
           | members atom      {$$ = adopt1($1, $2); }
           |                   {$$ = new_astree(TOK_LIST,""); }
           ;
atom       : 'a'                {$$ = new_astree(TOK_ATOM,"a"); }
           | 'b'                {$$ = new_astree(TOK_ATOM,"b"); }
           | 'c'                {$$ = new_astree(TOK_ATOM,"c"); }
           ;
```

# Creating abstract syntax trees with classes

```
class Node {  
public:  
    virtual void dump(int depth);  
};
```

# Creating abstract syntax trees with classes

```
class Atom : public Node {
    char symbol;
public:
    Atom(char symbol) {
        this->symbol = symbol;
    }
    void dump(int depth) {
        printf ("%satom (%c)\n", depth*2, "", this->symbol);
    }
};
```

# Creating abstract syntax trees with classes

```
class List : public Node {
    std::vector<Node*> members;
public:
    List() {}
    Node* add(Node* n) {
        this->members.push_back(n);
        return this;
    }
    void dump(int depth) {
        printf ("%*slist\n", depth*2, "");
        for (int i = 0; i < this->members.size(); ++i) {
            this->members.at(i)->dump(depth+1);
        }
    }
};
```

# Parsing with bison: Creating a tree with classes

```
start      : list                {$1->dump(0);}
            ;
list       : '(' members ')'    {$$ = $2; }
            ;
members    : members list      {$$ = ((List*)$1)->add($2); }
            | members atom     {$$ = ((List*)$1)->add($2); }
            |                  {$$ = new List(); }
            ;
atom       : 'a'                {$$ = new Atom('a');}
            | 'b'                {$$ = new Atom('b');}
            | 'c'                {$$ = new Atom('c');}
            ;
```

Bison manual

<http://gnu.org/software/bison/manual/bison.html>