# Lexical Analysis (a.k.a. Scanning)

#### Class Position

- Class Position encapsulates the concept of a position in a source file.
  - used primarily for error reporting
- The position is characterized by an ordered pair of integers
  - line number relative to the source file
  - character number relative to that line
- Note: Position objects are immutable once created they can't be modified.
- Key methods
  public int getLineNumber()
  public int getCharNumber()

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#### Class Source

- Class Source is essentially an iterator that steps through the characters in a source file one character at a time.
   At any point during the iteration you can examine the current character and its position within the source file before advancing to the next character.
- Class Source
  - Encapsulates the source file reader
  - Maintains the position of each character in the source file
  - Input: a Reader (usually a FileReader)
  - Output: individual characters and their position within the file

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#### Class Source: Key Methods

```
/**

* Returns the current character (as an int) in the source

* file. Returns EOF if the end of file has been reached.

*/
public int getChar()

/**

* Returns the position (line number, char number) of the

* current character in the source file.

*/
public Position getCharPosition()

/**

* Advance to the next character in the source file.

*/
public void advance() throws IOException
```

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#### Testing Class Source

```
String fileName = args[0];
FileReader fileReader = new FileReader(fileName);
Source source = new Source(fileReader);

while (source.getChar() != Source.EOF)
{
   int c = source.getChar();
   if (c == '\n')
        System.out.print("\n");
   else if (c != '\r')
        System.out.print((char) c);

System.out.println("\t" + source.getCharPosition());
   source.advance();
}

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```

## Results of Testing Class Source (Input File is Source. java)

```
p line 1, character 1
a line 1, character 2
c line 1, character 3
k line 1, character 4
a line 1, character 5
g line 1, character 6
e line 1, character 7
line 1, character 7
line 1, character 9
d line 1, character 10
u line 1, character 11
. line 1, character 11
. line 1, character 12
c line 1, character 13
i line 1, character 14
t line 1, character 15
a line 1, character 16
...
```

## Symbol (a.k.a. Token Type) • The term symbol will be used to refer to the basic lexical units returned by the scanner. From the perspective of the parser, these are the terminal symbols. • Symbols include - reserved words ("while", "if", ...) - operators and punctuation (":=", "+", ";", ...), - identifier - intLiteral - special symbols (EOF, unknown)

public enum Symbol

{
 // reserved words
 BooleanRW("Boolean"),
 IntegerRW("Integer"),
 ...
 whileRW("while"),
 writeRW("write"),
 writelnRW("writeln"),

 // arithmetic operator symbols
 plus("+"),
 minus("-"),
 times("\*"),
 divide("/"),

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```
Enum Class Symbol
(continued)

...

// literal values and identifier symbols
intLiteral("Integer Literal"),
charLiteral("Character Literal"),
stringLiteral("String Literal"),
identifier("Identifier"),

// special scanning symbols
EDF("End-of-File"),
unknown("Unknown");

... // constructor and helper methods
}

See source file for details.
```

Token

The term token will be used to refer to a symbol together with additional information including

the position (line number and character number) of the symbol in the source file

the text associated with the symbol

The additional information provided by a token is used for error reporting, constraint analysis, and code generation, but not to determine if the program is syntactically correct.

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#### **Examples: Text Associated with Symbols**

• "average" for an identifier

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- "100" for an integer literal
- "Hello, world." for a string literal
- "while" for the reserved word "while"
- "<=" for the operator "<="

The text associated with user-defined symbols such as identifiers or literals is more significant than the text associated with language-defined symbols such as reserved words or operators.

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```
/**

* Returns the token's symbol.

*/
public Symbol getSymbol()

/**

* Returns the token's position within the source file.

*/
public Position getPosition()

/**

* Returns the string representation for the token.

*/
public String getText()
```

#### Implementing Class Token

Class Token is implemented in two separate classes:

 An abstract, generic class that can be instantiated with any Symbol enum class

 A concrete class that instantiates the generic class using the Symbol enum class for CPRL

public class Token extends AbstractToken<Symbol>

Class AbstractToken is reusable on compiler projects other than a compiler for CPRL.

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#### Class Scanner: Key Methods

```
/**

* Returns a copy of the current token in the source file.

*/
public Token getToken()

/**

* Returns a reference to the current symbol in the source file.

*/
public Symbol getSymbol()

/**

* Advance to the next token in the source file.

*/
public void advance() throws IOException
```

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#### Method advance()

```
try
{
    skipWhiteSpace();

    // currently at starting character of next token
    position = source.getCharPosition();
    text = null;

    if (source.getChar() == Source.EOF)
    {
        // set symbol but don't advance source
        currentToken.setSymbol(Symbol.EOF);
    }

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```

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### Scanner (Lexical Analyzer)

- Class Scanner is essentially an iterator that steps through the tokens in a source file one token at a time.
   At any point during the iteration you can examine the current token, its text, and its position within the source file before advancing to the next token.
- Class Scanner

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- Consumes characters from the source code file as it constructs the tokens
- Removes extraneous white space and comments
- Reports any errors
- Input: Individual characters (from class Source)
- Output: Tokens (to be consumed by the parser)

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### Method advance() (continued)

```
else if (Character.isLetter((char) source.getChar()))
{
   String idString = scanIdentifier();
   symbol = getIdentifierSymbol(idString);

   if (symbol == Symbol.identifier)
       text = idString;
   }
else if (Character.isDigit((char) source.getChar()))
{
   text = scanIntegerLiteral();
   symbol = Symbol.intLiteral;
}

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```

```
Method advance()

(continued – scanning "+" and "-" symbols)

else
{
    switch((char) source.getChar())
    {
        case '+':
            currentToken.setSymbol(Symbol.plus);
            source.advance();
            break;
        case '-':
            currentToken.setSymbol(Symbol.minus);
            source.advance();
            break;
        ...

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```

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Method advance()
(continued - scanning ">" and ">= " symbols)

case '>':
    source.advance();
    if ((char) source.getChar() == '=')
    {
        currentToken.setSymbol(Symbol.greaterOrEqual);
        source.advance();
    }
    else
        currentToken.setSymbol(Symbol.greaterThan);
        break;
    ...
```

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```
protected String scanIntegerLiteral() throws IOException
{
    // assumes that source.getChar() is the first digit
    // of the integer literal
    clearScanBuffer();
    do
        {
             scanBuffer.append((char) source.getChar());
                 source.advance();
            }
            while (Character.isDigit((char) source.getChar()));
            return scanBuffer.toString();
    }
```

Tips on Scanning an Identifier

 Use a single method to scan all identifiers, including reserved words.

/\*\*
 \* Scans characters in the source file for a valid identifier.
 \*/
private String scanIdentifier() throws IOException

• Use an "efficient" search routine to determine if the identifier is a user-defined identifier or a reserved word.

\*\* Returns the symbol associated with an identifier

\* (Symbol.arrayRW, Symbol.ifRW, Symbol.identifier, etc.)

\*/
private Symbol getIdentifierSymbol(String idString)

See handout "Searching for Reserved Words".

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#### **Lexical Errors**

- There are several kinds of errors that can be detected by the scanner when processing a source file. Examples include
  - failure to properly close a character or string literal (e.g., encountering an end-of-line before a closing quote)
  - encountering a character that does not start a valid symbol (e.g., '#' or '@'), etc.
- Scanner method error()

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```
private ScannerException error(String errorMsg)
{
   return new ScannerException(getPosition(), errorMsg);
}
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## Handling Lexical Errors in Method advance()

```
catch (ScannerException e)
{
    ErrorHandler.getInstance().reportError(e);

    // set token to either EOF or unknown
    if (source.getChar() == Source.EOF)
    {
        if (getSymbol() != Symbol.EOF)
            currentToken.setSymbol(Symbol.EOF);
     }
    else
        currentToken.setSymbol(Symbol.unknown);
}
```

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```
Testing Class Scanner

String fileName = args[0];
FileReader fileReader = new FileReader(fileName);

Source source = new Source(fileReader);
Scanner scanner = new Scanner(source);
Token token;

do
{
token = scanner.getToken();
printToken(token);
scanner.advance();
}
while (token.getSymbol() != Symbol.EOF);
```

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```
Results of Testing Class Scanner
    (Input File is Correct_01.cprl in ScannerTests)
 line: 2
line: 2
             char: 1
                          token: Reserved Word -> and
             char: 11
                          token: Reserved Word -> array
                          token: Reserved Word -> begin
  line: 2
             char: 31
                         token: Reserved Word -> Boolean
  line: 9
             char: 31
                         token: Reserved Word -> while
 line: 9
line: 10
             char: 41
char: 1
                         token: Reserved Word -> write token: Reserved Word -> writeln
  line: 13
             char: 1
                          token: +
  line: 13
             char: 6
                          token: -
  line: 13
             char: 11
                          token:
 line: 13
line: 16
             char: 16
                          token: /
             char: 1
                          token: =
  line: 16
             char:
                          token: !=
 line: 16
line: 16
            char: 10
char: 14
                          token: <
                         token: <=
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```