# Appendix A The Compiler Project

There are several general approaches for a compiler project in an academic course on compiler construction. One approach is to give detailed explanations and a complete implementation for a compiler for one source language but then concentrate the project around writing a compiler for a different source language. Another approach is to give explanations and a **partial** implementation for a compiler for a particular source language and then to concentrate the project around finishing the incomplete work and possibly extending the source language or targeting a different computer architecture. This book uses the latter approach.

The overall project of developing a compiler for CPRL is divided into 11 smaller projects (numbered 0-10) as described below. For most of the projects, the GitHub repository has lots of both complete and skeletal code to help you get started plus CPRL test programs that can be used to check your work. For each project you should test your compiler with both correct and incorrect CPRL programs as explained in the project descriptions.

## **Organizational Structure of the Compiler Project**

The compiler project is structured into four separate organizational modules, with explicit dependencies among the modules.

- The compiler module is independent of the other three.
- The CVM module depends only on the compiler module.
- The assembler module depends on both the compiler and CVM modules.
- The CPRL module depends on both the compiler and CVM modules, but it has no dependency on the assembler module.

These four organizational modules correspond to four Java modules as implemented in Java version 9 or later, and the Java modules are defined in four module-info.java files to make the dependencies explicit. Note that you are not required to use Java modules for the compiler project. Traditional CLASSPATH dependencies or IDE-specific dependencies among the organizational units will work just fine, but you will need to remove the four module-info.java files if you are not using Java modules.

For the Eclipse IDE, the four modules can be structured as four projects within a single workspace. Similarly, for IntelliJ IDEA, the four modules can be structured as four modules within a single IDEA project. While it is possible to place all packages in a single module, I recommend the four-module structure since it separates the architecture in a way that makes the dependencies transparent. The GitHub repository contains handouts that can assist you in creating the four modules using either Eclipse or IntelliJ IDEA. If you are using an IDE other than Eclipse or IntelliJ IDEA, there should be a similar way to organize the compiler project into different organizational units within that IDE.

Note that package names and module names follow recommended practices.

- Names use a reverse Internet domain-name convention.
- Each module name corresponds to the name of its principal exported package.

Following is a description of the four modules for the compiler project.

#### 1. The Compiler Module

Module edu.citadel.compiler (a.k.a. the compiler module) contains classes that are not directly tied to the CPRL programming language and therefore are useful on any compiler-related project. Examples include classes such as Position and Source defined in package edu.citadel.compiler plus utility classes/functions such as ByteUtil defined in package edu.citadel.compiler.util. There is also a package named test.compiler that contains a couple of test programs for the principal classes in this module. This module has no dependencies on the other modules. Its Java module definition is as follows.

```
module edu.citadel.compiler
{
    exports edu.citadel.compiler;
    exports edu.citadel.compiler.util;
}
```

#### 2. The CVM Module

Module edu.citadel.cvm (a.k.a. the CVM module) contains classes that implement the CVM, the CPRL virtual machine. It also implements a disassembler that converts object code into CVM assembly language. This module has a dependency only on the compiler module as described in item 1 above. Its Java module definition is as follows.

```
module edu.citadel.cvm
{
    exports edu.citadel.cvm;
    requires edu.citadel.compiler;
}
```

#### 3. The Assembler Module

Module edu.citadel.assembler (a.k.a. the assembler module) contains classes that implement an assembler for CVM assembly language. The assembler optionally performs several standard optimizations, such as converting ADD 1 to INC. This module has a dependency on both the compiler and CVM modules as described in items 1 and 2 above. Its Java module definition is as follows.

```
module edu.citadel.assembler
{
   exports edu.citadel.assembler;
   exports edu.citadel.assembler.ast;
   requires edu.citadel.cvm;
   requires transitive edu.citadel.compiler;
}
```

#### The CPRL Module

Module edu.citadel.cprl (a.k.a. the CPRL module) contains the classes that implement the CPRL compiler. Complete source code is provided for the other three modules described above, but only portions of the source code are provided for this module. Although students will need to refer occasionally to the other three modules in order to understand the roles their classes play in developing the CPRL compiler, all new development will take place only in this **module.** This module has a dependency on the Compiler and CVM modules as described in items 1 and 2 above. Its Java module definition is as follows.

```
module edu.citadel.cprl
  {
     exports edu.citadel.cprl;
     exports edu.citadel.cprl.ast;
     requires edu.citadel.cvm;
     requires transitive edu.citadel.compiler;
Since abstract syntax trees are not introduced until Project 4, the line
exports edu.citadel.cprl.ast;
can be commented out or ignored out for Projects 0-3 below.
```

## Overview of the Book's GitHub Repository

In addition to the standard license and readme files, the top level of the GitHub Repository at https://github.com/SoftMoore/CPRL-Java-3rd contains four directories (a.k.a. folders). The Book directory contains PDF documents of several sections from the book including the Table of Contents, the Preface, and this Appendix. The Handouts directory contains several useful handouts. The PowerPoint directory contains PowerPoint slides that could be useful for college instructors that adopt this book as a course textbook. The slides correspond directly to the book chapters. The Project directory contains all files used for the compiler projects, as described below.

Warning: Several of the source files in the Project directory for latter projects are replacements or enhancements for the same files in earlier projects. For example, there are three versions of class Parser and two versions of class IdTable. Don't try to download the source files and import all of them at the same time into the IDE for your compiler project. Follow the project instructions for each project in the order presented.

# **Project 0: Getting Started**

This is not a real project but more of an initialization of your working environment for the remaining compiler projects. Expand the green "Code" button on the GitHub Repository page, download the repository as a zip file, and unzip it into a directory on your computer. Under the Project directory you will see 9 subdirectories as follows.

```
Project
```

- bin
- examples
- src-Assembler
- src-CVM
- src-Compiler
- src-ParserV1
- src-ParserV2
- src-ParserV3
- src-Scanner

Directories with names beginning "src..." contain Java source files for the compiler project.

• Directory bin contains sample Bash shell scripts and Windows command scripts for running and testing various stages of the compiler. There are two subdirectories named "bash" and "windows" that contain the Bash and Windows script files, respectively. For each Windows ".cmd" script file there is a corresponding Bash script file without the ".cmd" suffix; e.g., cprlc.cmd and cprlc. Pick the collection of script files for your operating system and programming environment. For the Bash script files, you will need to run "chmod +x script" to make them executable.

As an example of the contents of bin for Windows, there is a script cprlc.cmd that will run the CPRL compiler on a source file whose name is entered via standard input. Similarly, there is a script assemble.cmd for running the assembler on ".asm" files, a script disassemble.cmd for running the disassembler on ".obj" files, and a script cprl.cmd for executing a single compiled/assembled CPRL program on the CVM.

To compile all CPRL source files in the current working directory use cprlc \*.cprl.

There are two scripts for testing correct programs. Script testCorrect.cmd can be used to test a single CPRL program, and script testCorrect\_all.cmd can be used to test all CPRL programs in the current directory. Both test scripts execute ".obj" files on the CVM and compare the output with expected output. Starting with Project 6 you can also use script testIncorrect\_all.cmd to compile all incorrect CPRL programs in the current directory and compare the results to the expected results.

Additionally, there are script files for testing the scanner and parser in the earlier projects.

You will need to edit the file cprl\_config.cmd (or cprl\_config for bash) so that the COMPILER\_PROJECT\_PATH variable "points to" the directories containing the Java class files for your project.

Most of the other script files use cprl\_config.cmd to set the module path appropriately. For example, my personal setup for Java uses an Eclipse workspace

with four Java projects in four separate directories named edu.citadel.assembler, edu.citadel.compiler, edu.citadel.cprl, and edu.citadel.cvm, and all Java class files are in subdirectories of these four directories named bin, the default Eclipse name; i.e., all Java class files are in subdirectories named edu.citadel.assembler\bin, edu.citadel.compiler\bin, edu.citadel.cprl\bin, and edu.citadel.cvm\bin. When cprl\_config.cmd is executed, it sets COMPILER PROJECT PATH to include these four bin directories.

Note: The script files are written to use MODULEPATH, so you will need to edit all of the script files if you want to use CLASSPATH instead.

Also, you will need to ensure that the directory containing the script files is included in your PATH environment variable so that the operating system can find them when you enter their names on the command line.

You can set the global PATH environment variable permanently for your computer, or you can either execute setPath.cmd (Windows) or source setPath (bash) as appropriate to set the PATH environment variable temporarily for the current terminal session. For windows, simply change to the Windows subdirectory of bin and execute setPath.cmd. For Linux, change to the Bash subdirectory of bin and execute either "source setPath" or ". setPath".

- Directory examples contains examples of correct and incorrect CPRL programs that
  can be used to test various parts of your compiler. There are three subdirectories of
  examples as follows.
  - Correct contains numerous correct CPRL programs. The programs are organized into five subdirectories for testing different projects as you progress though the compiler implementation. For example, there is a subdirectory containing only test programs for CPRL/0, the zero subset of CPRL (no subprograms or composite types) as outlined in Project 6 below. Testing should be performed cumulatively; i.e., you should always retest the CPRL/0 example programs when working on later projects.
  - Incorrect contains numerous incorrect CPRL programs that will be used for testing error detection and recovery. Similar to the correct programs, these programs are organized into five subdirectories for testing different projects as you progress through the compiler implementation.
  - ScannerTests contains both correct and incorrect files that can be used for testing
    your scanner as described in Project 1 below. These are not necessarily complete
    CPRL programs. For example, one of the files contains every valid symbol in
    CPRL including all reserved words, all operators, and numerous programmerdefined identifiers and literals.

You are strongly encouraged to develop additional test programs as you work though the remaining projects described below.

• Directory src-Compiler contains the source code for the compiler module as described above. These classes are used by the other three modules, and they are potentially

- reusable on other compiler projects. All classes in this directory are complete and require no additional work for use on the compiler project. **Import the Java source code for this module into your preferred IDE for Java (e.g., Eclipse).** All code should compile without any errors.
- Directory src-CVM contains classes that implement the CVM, the virtual machine that
  will be used on subsequent projects to run CPRL programs. These classes are
  described in the CVM module above. All classes in this directory are complete and
  require no additional work for use on the compiler project. Import the Java source
  code for this module into your preferred IDE for Java (e.g., Eclipse). All
  code should compile without any errors.
- Directory src-Assembler contains classes that implement an assembler for the CVM. You will run the assembler on assembly language files generated by your compiler to create machine code files that can be executed on the CVM. These classes are described in the assembler module above. All classes in this directory are complete and require no additional work for use on the compiler project. **Import the Java source code for this module into your preferred IDE for Java (e.g., Eclipse).** All code should compile without any errors.

### **Project 1: Scanner**

- Using the concepts from Chapter 5, implement a scanner for CPRL.
- Import the source files from directory src-Scanner into your preferred IDE. Directory src-Scanner contains several classes in package edu.citadel.cprl. It has complete implementations for classes Symbol, Token, and TokenBuffer plus a partial implementation of class Scanner. Directory src-Scanner also contains a test driver named TestScanner in package test.cprl that can be used together with the testScanner.cmd (or testScanner for bash) script file to "wrap" your scanner and run it against the scanner example test files.
- Complete the implementation for class Scanner.
- Test your scanner with the scanner-specific test examples and multiple correct CPRL examples.

# **Project 2: Language Recognition**

- Using the concepts from Chapter 6, implement a parser that performs language recognition for the full CPRL language (not just the zero subset) based on the language definition and context-free grammar given in Chapter 4, Appendix C, and Appendix D.
- Import the source files from directory src-ParserV1 into your preferred IDE. Directory src-ParserV1 contains complete implementations of classes IdType, IdTable, ScopeLevel, and Scope in package edu.citadel.cprl as described in Chapter 6, and it contains a partial implementation of class Parser that performs only language recognition. Directory src-ParserV1 also contains a test driver named

TestParser in package test.cprl that can be used together with the script file testParser.cmd (or testParser for bash) to "wrap" both your scanner and parser together and run them against the example test files. The "incorrect" example subdirectories contain text files showing the results that you should expect when running this version of the parser against the incorrect test examples.

#### • Complete the implementation for class Parser.

- Do not implement error recovery for this project; i.e., when an error is encountered, simply report the error and exit compilation as described in Chapter 6. Some of the parser methods are fully implemented; study those as examples for the incomplete parser methods.
- Test with all correct and incorrect examples. At this point the parser should accept all
  correct programs and reject all incorrect programs except those with type errors
  and/or miscellaneous errors. Detection of type errors and miscellaneous errors will be
  implemented in subsequent projects. Use the text files showing expected results as
  guides.

## **Project 3: Error Recovery**

- Using the concepts from Chapter 7, add error recovery to your parser.
- Directory src-ParserV2 contains only one class in package edu.citadel.cprl, a partial implementation of class Parser that demonstrates how to add error recovery to the parser methods. Do **not** import this class into your IDE since you already have an implementation for class Parser. Instead, use the class provided in this directory as a guide to manually edit your existing parser in order to add error recovery. Use the test driver and script files from the previous project to run your parser against the example test programs. The "incorrect" example subdirectories contain text files showing the results that you should expect when running this version of the parser against the incorrect test examples.
- Edit your parser from the previous project to implement error recovery as described in Chapter 7.
- Test with all correct and incorrect examples. At this point the parser should accept and reject exactly the same example programs as for the previous project, but this time your parser should report more than one error for some of the incorrect programs. Use the text files showing expected results as guides.

# **Project 4: Abstract Syntax Trees**

• Using the concepts from Chapter 8, add generation of abstract syntax trees to your parser. Most parsing methods should return AST objects or lists of AST objects. From now on we will start referring to our implementation as a "compiler" even though it doesn't yet generate code.

• Directory src-ParserV3 contains full or partial implementations of more than 40 AST classes in package edu.citadel.cprl.ast. Approximately half of the AST classes are implemented completely, while the remaining AST classes have only partial implementations. You should import the AST classes into your IDE. For now there are empty bodies or partially incomplete bodies for methods checkConstraints() and emit() in the AST classes that are not fully implemented.

Directory src-ParserV3 also contains full or partial implementations of several classes in package edu.citadel.cprl as follows.

- A complete implementation for class Compiler. For this project we will continue to use TestParser, but in the next project you will start using class Compiler instead of TestParser to test your work.
- Complete implementations for classes LoopContext and SubprogramContext. As
  described in Chapter 8, these classes are used to track entry to and exit from loops
  and subprograms. Use LoopContext when parsing loop statements and exit
  statements. Use SubprogramContext when parsing procedure declarations,
  function declarations, and return statements.
- Complete implementations for classes Scope and IdTable. As described in Chapter 8, IdTable now stores scopes with references to an identifier's declaration. These two classes replace the implementations of Scope and IdTable that we have been using in the previous two projects. Use the complete version of IdTable to check for declaration and scope errors. With this new implementation for IdTable your parser will now be able to detect additional scope errors when we implement subprograms in Project 7.
- A complete implementation for class Type and implementations for its subclasses ArrayType, StringType, and RecordType. The implementations for these three subclasses will compile, but at this point they are incorrect. You will correct the implementations for these three classes as part of projects 8, 9, and 10. The correct implementations for ArrayType, StringType, and RecordType are straightforward after studying the relevant chapters in the book; i.e., Chapters 14, 15, and 16.
- A partial implementation for class Parser. As described in Chapter 8, most parsing methods now return AST objects or a lists of AST objects. Do **not** import this class into your IDE since you already have an implementation for class Parser. Instead, use the class provided in this directory as a guide to manually edit your existing parser in order to add generation of AST classes.
- Edit your parser from the previous project to add generation of AST classes or lists of AST classes.
- Test your parser with all correct and incorrect examples. The "incorrect" example subdirectories contain text files showing the results that you should expect when running this version of the parser against the incorrect test examples. The major differences in test results between versions 2 and 3 of your parser are that version 3 should also detect exit statements that are not nested within loops.

## Project 5: Constraint Analysis for CPRL/0

- Using the concepts from Chapter 9, implement checkConstraints() methods in the AST classes to perform full constraint analysis for the CPRL/0 subset (everything except subprograms and composite types). In addition to the syntax and scope errors previously detected by your compiler, your compiler should also detect all type and miscellaneous errors for the CPRL/0 subset. For this project, do not implement any constraint checks for class Variable. All constraint checks for class Variable involve arrays, strings, or records, which will be covered in subsequent chapters.
- Test with all correct and incorrect CPRL/0 examples. Henceforth you will use Compiler rather than TestParser to test your implementation with the CPRL examples. To invoke the compiler, use script cprlc.cmd or cprlc as appropriate. Recall that you can use "cprlc \*.cprl" to compile all files in the current directory. At this point the compiler should accept all correct CPRL/0 examples and reject all incorrect CPRL/0 examples. The "incorrect" example subdirectories contain text files showing the results that you should expect when running this version of the parser against the incorrect test examples.

Here are some tips for working on the remaining projects.

You will eventually want to run the scripts testCorrect\_all and testIncorrect\_all in the appropriated examples subdirectory, but start by running cprlc \*.cprl.

For correct programs, if you don't get a clean compile, then work on each problem example separately. Compile individual examples using something similar to cprlc Correct 101.cprl.

Once you get a clean compile on every file, do the same thing with script assemble; i.e., start with assemble \*.asm and use assemble Correct\_101.asm (or similar) as needed. If there are problems, compare the .asm files you are generating to the .asm files downloaded from the book's GitHub repository. You can re-download the examples in the event that you overwrote yours when testing your compiler and didn't save copies in a different location.

Once you get a clean compile and a clean assemble, you can run the example's .obj file using something like cprl Correct 101.obj, or you can simply run testCorrect Correct 101.

# Project 6: Code Generation for CPRL/0

- Using the concepts from Chapter 11, implement emit() methods in the AST classes to perform code generation for CPRL/0. At this point you are actually generating assembly language for the CVM.
- Use the assembler provided in the Assembler module (see Project o above) and script file assemble.cmd (assemble for bash) to generate machine code for all correct CPRL/0 examples.

Use script files cprl.cmd, testCorrect.cmd, and testCorrect\_all.cmd (or bash equivalents) to run and test all correct CPRL/0 examples. Use script file testIncorrect\_all.cmd (or bash equivalent) to test all incorrect CPRL/0 examples.

## **Project 7: Subprograms**

- Using the concepts from Chapter 13, add constraint analysis and code generation for subprograms.
- Correct any remaining errors.
- Test all correct and incorrect Subprogram examples. Retest all correct and incorrect examples from CPRL/0.

## **Project 8: Arrays**

- Using the concepts from Chapter 14, add constraint analysis and code generation for arrays.
- Correct the implementation for class ArrayType plus any remaining errors.
- Test all correct and incorrect Arrays examples. Retest all correct and incorrect examples from CPRL/0 and Subprograms.

## **Project 9: Strings**

- Using the concepts from Chapter 15, add constraint analysis and code generation for strings. Most of the work involved in implementing strings is already provided in the GitHub repository, so this project is relatively simple. Depending on student backgrounds and course prerequisites, instructors might elect to make this the last project and assign project 10 as a reading assignment.
- Correct the implementation for class StringType plus any remaining errors.
- Test all correct and incorrect Strings examples. Retest all correct and incorrect examples from CPRL/0, Subprograms, and Arrays.

# **Project 10: Records**

- Using the concepts from Chapter 16, add constraint analysis and code generation for records. Completion of this project results in the final version of your compiler.
- Correct the implementation for class RecordType plus any remaining errors.
- Test all correct and incorrect Records examples. Retest all correct and incorrect examples from CPRL/0, Subprograms, Arrays, and Strings.