

# ARM Compiler

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# Problem Statement

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- Read expressions and statements from a text file
- Generate ARM assembly instructions that can be run directly on Keil uVision IDE. The assembly instructions are specific to a generic ARM Cortex M4 device/board.

# Tools used

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Language : Python

Package : PLY

Lexer : Lex

Parser : Yacc

# Implementation

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- PLY stands for Python Lex and Yacc.

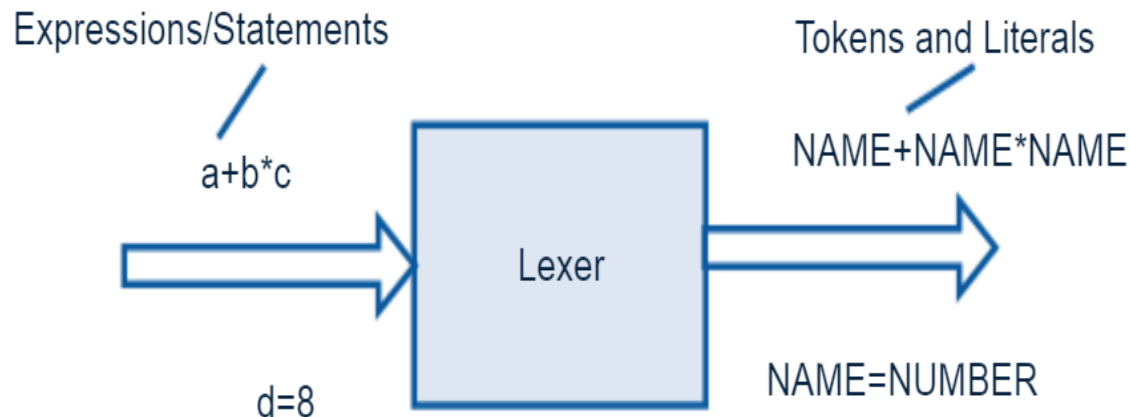
## **Why PLY?**

- A powerful, easy-to-use tool
- PLY provides extensive diagnostics[1]
- PLY provides most of the standard lex/yacc features including support for empty productions, precedence rules, error recovery, and support for ambiguous grammars.[1]
- It uses LR-parsing which is reasonably efficient and well suited for larger grammars.

# Lexing

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- Tokens are defined either using regular expressions or functions in the code for the lexer.
- The lexer splits up the input file into these tokens.



# Lexing--Example

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t_NAME = r'[a-zA-Z_][a-zA-Z0-9_]*'
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def t_NUMBER(t):
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    r'\d+' t.
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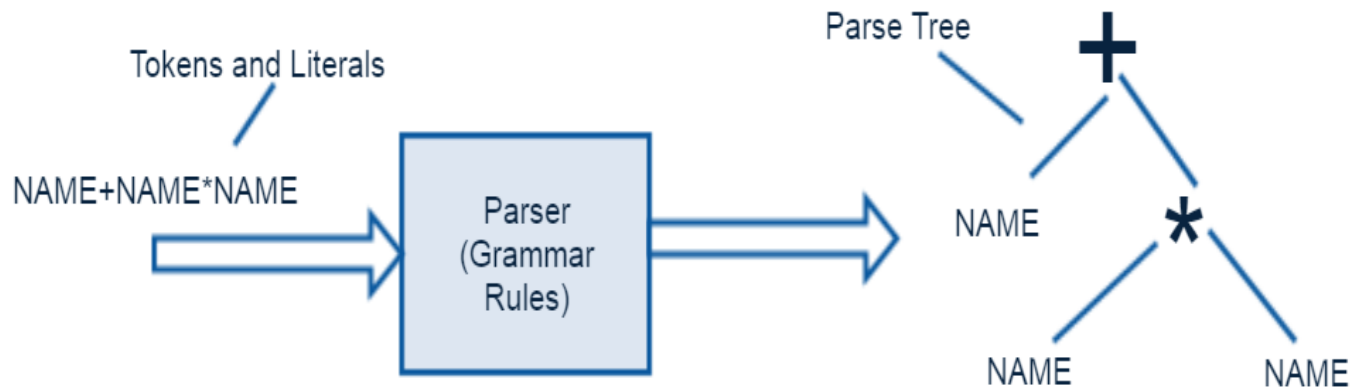
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    value = int(t.value)
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    return t
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# Parsing

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- Grammar rules are defined within functions.
- Tokens are imported from the lexer.
- PLY uses LR parsing aka Shift Reduce parsing.
- Results propagate up through the grammar in a bottom up fashion.



# Parsing--Example

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assign : NAME EQUALS expr

expr :NUMBER

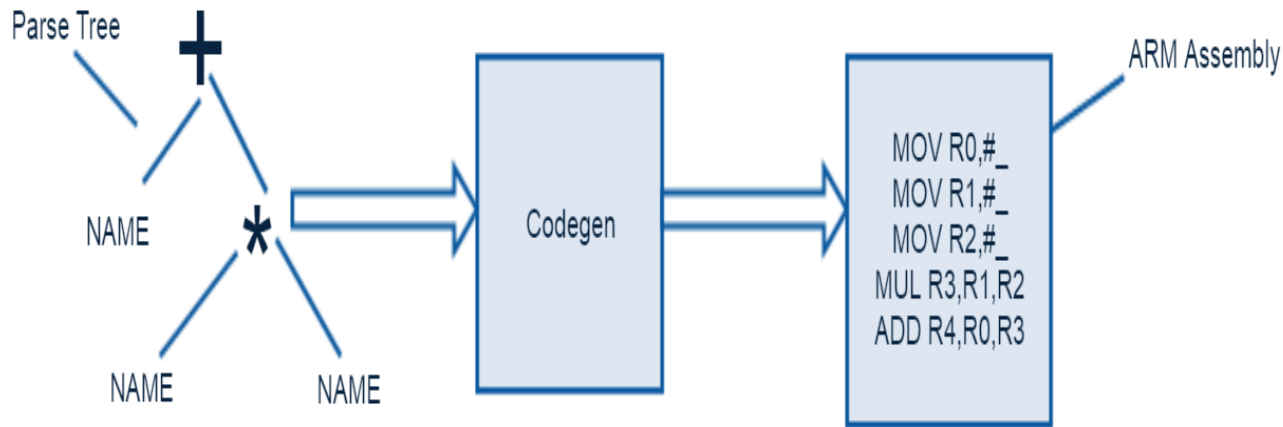
def p\_expr(p):

"""expr : expr PLUS expr | expr MINUS expr """



# Code Generation

Assembly instructions specific to ARM Cortex M4 are generated and written to an assembly file



# References

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[1] <http://www.dabeaz.com/ply/PLYTalk.pdf>

[2] <https://github.com/dabeaz/ply/>