

Lab session 3a: Compiler construction

(Bison/Yacc) parser + scanner (Flex) for Mini Pascal

The third lab session of the course *Compiler Construction* consists of two parts: part3a (this document) and part 3b. The deadline for lab 3 (both components) is Friday Dec. 22nd, 23:59.

Part 3a consists of one exercise: making a parser + scanner that accepts a program written in the programming language **Mini Pascal**. This small programming language is a miniature subset of the programming language Pascal.

The parser for **Mini Pascal** must be made using **Bison**, and the scanner must be made with **Flex**. The grammar of **Mini Pascal** is included as an appendix to this document. Note that keywords (which are terminals of the grammar) are written in boldface letters (e.g. the keyword **while**). Moreover, some non-keyword terminals are also given in boldface. They are listed in the following table.

boldface token	description
id	Case sensitive identifiers: starts with a letter, possibly followed by letters and digits.
num	Number, can be a real number or an integer
assignop	The assignment operator is written in Pascal as :=
relop	comparison operators: can be <, <=, >, >= or <> (latter means not equal)
addop	Addition operator: can be + or -
mulop	multiplication operators: can be *, /, div, or mod. The latter two are only for integers.

Submitting your work to Themis:

You are expected to submit a **tar**-file to Themis, which contains all the files needed to build your parser. You need to include a **Makefile**, since Themis will build your parser using the command **make**. Your code will be tested by Themis. Your program must produce the output **ACCEPTED** for valid input (i.e. a syntactically correct miniPas program). For incorrect input, your parser should produce **PARSE ERROR (%d)**, where **%d** is replaced by the input line number where the error was encountered. After error reporting, your program should stop (terminate). Of course, a real frontend of a compiler would produce much more informative error messages. However, since we use Themis as a assessment tool, we have to restrict ourselves to minimal error reporting. Feel free to make a better version once you passed Themis' test cases.

input:

```
{ Pascal implementation of Euclid's algorithm.
}

PROGRAM euclid (input, output);

FUNCTION gcd_recursive(u, v : integer) : integer;
BEGIN
  IF u mod v <> 0 THEN
    gcd_recursive := gcd_recursive(v, u mod v)
  ELSE
    gcd_recursive := v
  END;

{ main program starts here }
BEGIN
  readln(a, b);
  writeln(gcd_recursive(a,b))
END.
```

output:

ACCEPTED

input:

```
PROGRAM euclid (input, output);

function gcd_iterative(u, v : integer) : ;
var t : integer;
begin
  while v <> 0 do
    begin
      t := u;
      u := v;
      v := t mod v
    end;
    gcd_iterative := abs(u)
  end;

BEGIN
  readln(a, b);
  writeln(gcd_iterative(a,b))
END.
```

output:

PARSE ERROR (3)

Mini PASCAL Grammar

program →
 program *id* (*identifier_list*) ;
 declarations
 subprogram_declarations
 compound_statement
 .

identifier_list →
 id
 | *identifier_list* , **id**

declarations →
 declarations **var** *identifier_list* : *type* ;
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type →
 standard_type
 | **array** [**num** .. **num**] **of** *standard_type*

standard_type →
 integer
 | **real**

subprogram_declarations →
 subprogram_declarations *subprogram_declaration* ;
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subprogram_declaration →
 subprogram_head *declarations* *compound_statement*

subprogram_head →
 function **id** *arguments* : *standard_type* ;
 | **procedure** **id** *arguments* ;

arguments →
 (*parameter_list*)
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parameter_list →
 identifier_list : *type*
 | *parameter_list* ; *identifier_list* : *type*

compound_statement →
 begin
 optional_statements
 end

optional_statements →
statement_list
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statement_list →
statement
 | *statement_list* ; *statement*

statement →
variable assignop expression
 | *procedure_statement*
 | *compound_statement*
 | **if** *expression* **then** *statement* **else** *statement*
 | **while** *expression* **do** *statement*

variable →
id
 | **id** [*expression*]

procedure_statement →
id
 | **id** (*expression_list*)

expression_list →
expression
 | *expression_list* , *expression*

expression →
simple_expression
 | *simple_expression* **relop** *simple_expression*

simple_expression →
term
 | *sign term*
 | *simple_expression* **addop** *term*

term →
factor
 | *term* **mulop** *factor*

factor →
id
 | **id** (*expression_list*)
 | **num**
 | (*expression*)
 | **not** *factor*

sign →
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