

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
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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

$optional_statements \rightarrow$
 $statement_list$
 $| \epsilon$

$statement_list \rightarrow$
 $statement$
 $| statement_list ; statement$

$statement \rightarrow$
 $variable \text{ assignop } expression$
 $| procedure_statement$
 $| compound_statement$
 $| \text{if } expression \text{ then } statement \text{ else } statement$
 $| \text{while } expression \text{ do } statement$

$variable \rightarrow$
 id
 $| \text{id} [expression]$

$procedure_statement \rightarrow$
 id
 $| \text{id} (expression_list)$

$expression_list \rightarrow$
 $expression$
 $| expression_list , expression$

$expression \rightarrow$
 $simple_expression$
 $| simple_expression \text{ relop } simple_expression$

$simple_expression \rightarrow$
 $term$
 $| sign \text{ term}$
 $| simple_expression \text{ addop } term$

$term \rightarrow$
 $factor$
 $| term \text{ mulop } factor$

$factor \rightarrow$
 id
 $| \text{id} (expression_list)$
 $| \text{num}$
 $| (expression)$
 $| \text{not } factor$

$sign \rightarrow$
 $+ | -$