

Cloud Deployment DSL Compiler

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Project Overview

The Cloud Deployment DSL Compiler is a domain-specific language compiler designed to parse, analyze, and generate deployment plans for cloud infrastructure. It simplifies specifying providers, regions, services, resource requirements, and optimization goals.

Motivation & Objective

Automate cloud deployment configurations through a simple DSL.

Provide a compiler pipeline that transforms DSL scripts into optimized JSON plans.

Demonstrate compiler design principles (Lexical, Syntax, Semantic, Optimization, Target Code).

Compiler Architecture

The compiler consists of the following stages:

- 1) Lexical Analysis – Tokenises DSL input (lexer.l)**
- 2) Syntax Analysis – Validates grammar and builds AST (parser.y)**
- 3) Semantic Analysis – Constructs logical model using AST (ast.c/.h)**
- 4) Optimisation – Refines deployment based on constraints (optimiser.c)**
- 5) Code Generation – Outputs optimised JSON plan (codegen.c)**
- 6) Execution Control – Handles file I/O and compiler flow (main.c)**

File: lexer.l (Lexical Analyser)

- **Uses Flex to scan and convert input text into tokens.**
 - **Recognises keywords such as DEPLOYMENT, PROVIDER, REGION, SERVICE, etc.**
 - **Handles identifiers, numbers, and string literals.**
 - **Passes tokens to Yacc parser with semantic values.**

Files: ast.c / ast.h (AST Management)

- **Defines C structures for Deployment, Service, Constraint, and Environment.**
- **Provides helper functions to create, connect, and print AST nodes.**
- **Manages dynamic memory allocation and relationships between deployment components.**

File: parser.y (Syntax Analyser)

- **Defines grammar for the Cloud DSL using Yacc.**
- **Parses tokens into structured Abstract Syntax Tree (AST).**
- **Manages hierarchical constructs like DEPLOYMENT, SERVICE, and OPTIMIZE blocks.**
- **Calls AST construction functions defined in ast.c.**

File: optimiser.c **(Optimisation Phase)**

- **Analyses constraints (cost, latency) and adjusts deployment parameters.**
 - **Example: increases service replicas to reduce latency while staying within cost limits.**
- **Demonstrates compiler optimisation phase.**

File: codegen.c (Code Generation)

- **Generates JSON deployment plan from optimised AST.**
- **Converts internal data structures into structured JSON.**
- **Handles formatting and ensures readable, valid output.**

File: main.c (Compiler Driver)

- **Acts as the entry point of the compiler.**
- **Opens input .ddl file and invokes lexer, parser, optimiser, and code generator.**
- **Outputs final deployment plan to terminal or JSON file.**

Example Input and Output

Input DSL (sample_env.ddl):

```
DEPLOYMENT MyApp {  
  PROVIDER aws;  
  REGION us-east-1;  
  SERVICE web {  
    IMAGE "nginx:latest";  
    CPU 2;  
    MEM 1024;  
    REPLICAS 2;  
  };  
  OPTIMIZE { COST 500; LATENCY 80; };  
}
```

Output JSON:

```
{  
  "deployment": "MyApp", "provider": "aws", "region": "us-east-1", ...  
}
```


Team Contributions

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Results & Future Scope

Results:

- **Successfully parses DSL and generates JSON plans.**
- **Implements core compiler phases.**

Future Enhancements:

- **Add more keywords (SECURITY, STORAGE, NETWORK).**
- **Provide GUI front-end for DSL input.**
- **Enable real cloud API integration (AWS, Azure).**

High-level architecture and connectivity Explanation

The compiler follows a classical pipeline:-

***Lexical analysis (Flex) — lexer.l reads the input .ddl file and converts text into tokens (keywords, identifiers, numbers, strings, symbols).**

***Parsing (Yacc/Bison) — parser.y consumes tokens and applies grammar rules to recognize program structure (deployment, services, env blocks, constraints). Semantic actions in the parser build the AST using functions in ast.c.**

***AST (Semantic model) — ast.h / ast.c define the data structures (Deployment, Service, EnvVar, Constraint) and helper functions to construct and manipulate them.**

***Optimization — optimizer.c takes the AST and applies optimization passes (example: increase replica counts to satisfy constraints).**

***Code generation — codegen.c serializes the optimized AST into a JSON-formatted deployment plan.**

***Main driver — main.c ties everything together: opens input, calls parser, runs optimizer, calls emitter, cleans up.**

At each stage data flows via C data structures (pointers to structs), so components are linked by function calls and shared headers.

Conclusion

This project demonstrates how compiler design concepts can be applied to real-world automation. It transforms a high-level deployment description language into a structured, optimised plan, bridging the gap between human-readable scripts and machine-deployable configurations.