

**Ex No: 6****Date:**

## **RECOGNIZE A VALID VARIABLE WITH LETTERS AND DIGITS USING LEX AND YACC**

**AIM:**

To recognize a valid variable which starts with a letter followed by any number of letters or digits.

**ALGORITHM:**

- Define lexical rules in variable.l with regex to match valid variables: start with a letter, followed by letters or digits. Tokenize input, distinguishing letters and digits.
- Use lexer (variable.l) to tokenize input into meaningful units like letters and digits.
- Implement grammar rules in parser (variable.y) for recognizing valid variable names using context-free grammar. Incorporate lexer tokens into parsing.
- In parser, implement error handling to detect invalid variable names. Set a flag (e.g., valid) to mark invalid identifiers.
- Check validity post-parsing; if flag remains true, indicate valid identifier. Otherwise, display message

**PROGRAM:****variable.l:**

```
% {

    #include "y.tab.h"

% }

%%

[a-zA-Z_][a-zA-Z_0-9]* return letter;

[0-9]          return digit;

.              return yytext[0];

\n            return 0;

%%

int yywrap()

{

return 1;

}
```

**variable.y:**

```
% {
    #include<stdio.h>

    int valid=1;

% }

%token digit letter

%%

start : letter s

s :    letter s
      | digit s
      |
      ;

%%

int yyerror()
{
    printf("\nIts not a identifier!\n");

    valid=0;

    return 0;
}

int main(){

    printf("\nEnter a name to test for an identifier: ");

    yyparse();

    if(valid) {

        printf("\nIt is a identifier!\n");

    } }
```

**OUTPUT:**

```
syntax error[root@localhost student]# yacc -d exp2.y
[root@localhost student]# cc y.tab.c
exp2.y:20:1: warning: return type defaults to 'int' [-Wimplicit-int]
yylex(){
^~~~~~
exp2.y:29:1: warning: return type defaults to 'int' [-Wimplicit-int]
yyerror(char *s){
^~~~~~
exp2.y:34:1: warning: return type defaults to 'int' [-Wimplicit-int]
main(){
^~~~~
[root@localhost student]# ./a.out
Enter A variable : bb
accepted
[root@localhost student]# ./a.out
Enter A variable : 3e
syntax error
[root@localhost student]#
```

**RESULT:**