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## 1 Nomenclature

- **AST** - Abstract Syntax Tree, a tree representation of a specific piece of code.
- **Token** - A discrete unit that is understood by the parser. It is generated from a **lexeme** and also stores information such as position in source file, token type (e.g. number, identifier, reserved keyword etc)
- **LL(1)** - A type of parser that implements left-recursive, leftmost derivation with 1 lookahead character (meaning it does not need to backtrack)
- **Leftmost derivation** - It takes the first derivation of a production rule reading from right-to-left
- **Lookahead character** - The character that is peeked from a stream without being consumed.
- **Lexeme** - A sequence of characters in the source file that is converted into a **Token**
- **Grammar** - A set of production rules that defines a language
- **Nonterminal** - Something within a production rule that can be further expanded by another production rule.
- **Terminal** - Something within a production rule that cannot be further expanded by another production rule.
- **Lexical analyser** - The first stage of the translator that converts the source file into a stream of Tokens.
- **Syntax analyser** - Implemented by the parser, it is the second stage of the translator that generates an AST from the Token stream from the **Lexical analyser**.
- **Parser** - The stage that implements the syntax and semantic analysis stages of the interpreter.
- **Semantic analyser** The stage responsible for evaluating the semantics of the AST and validating it.

## 2 Analysis

### 2.1 Introduction

Currently, GCSE and A-level computer science students for the AQA exam board are required to use AQA's pseudo-code specification to write simple programs and procedures in their exams. For many, this is the first time encountering a programming language, and some may find it overwhelming, particularly with the lack of availability of troubleshooting, necessitating the cumbersome and error-prone act of tracing the program by hand. My proposal is to make an interpreter for the AQA pseudo-code specification that works through the command line, either by executing raw text files or my starting up a REPL<sup>1</sup>. It will be written in C++ as this allows for the low-level memory control required for optimisation which will be particularly useful for the REPL mode.

The entire process will be pipelined, with the source file being passed into a parser that interacts with a lexical analyser<sup>2</sup> to generate a token<sup>3</sup> stream from lexeme<sup>4</sup> interpretation. The parser stage will use a predictive parser<sup>5</sup> to generate an abstract syntax tree<sup>6</sup> (AST hereafter) that will act as an intermediate internal representation of the program before execution. I intend for this to operate through a CLI<sup>7</sup> as this will prove the easiest to incorporate into other projects.

The creation of compilers and interpreters has been, for the most part, standardised since the need for programming languages. Therefore, plentiful scholarly articles, books, websites and tools are available to aid in their creation. I have been making use of books: *Crafting Interpreters* [2] and *Compilers: Principles, Techniques and Tools* [3] in order to learn the standards for writing interpreters and compilers to design an appropriate and functional solution to this problem. In order to maximise the workload for myself I will not be making use of tools such as parser generators<sup>8</sup>. Additionally, the AQA pseudocode has a rigid specification available on their website [1] and so the objectives of this project will largely be implementing the features listed in the specification.

From my research, there are three main ways to execute a program from source. The first of which is the typical compiler, that takes in the source file and through several intermediate stages generates machine code that can be executed, typically in the form of some executable binary. This typically only works on one machine as the instruction set is specific to that hardware. The second method is known as transpiling and involves taking the source file, generating an intermediate representation, and then creating another source file in another language for which a compiler or interpreter exists and running that in the backend. This is typically relatively easy to implement as the heavy lifting and machine-specific optimisations are performed by the already existing translator and are good for when a language needs a translator quickly or for conversion between programming languages. The third is by an interpreter, which are much like compilers in that they take in the source code and generate an intermediate representation of it, however, they instead 'interpret' the intermediate representation and execute it then. This means the translator has to be run each time the program needs to be executed. Since the required optimisations of a compiler are currently beyond my capabilities, I settled with an interpreter.

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<sup>1</sup>read, execute, print, loop

<sup>2</sup>a lexical analyser, or lexer, generates a token stream by interpreting the source file

<sup>3</sup>the internal, unique representation for a lexeme, typically consisting of a token type and attribute value

<sup>4</sup>a single, typically whitespace-separated, word in the input stream

<sup>5</sup>predictive parsing is a type of recursive descent parsing, a top-down parser constructing a parse tree from the top-down through a recursive implementation without backtracking

<sup>6</sup>an AST is an abstract representation of the entire program through a tree data structures.

<sup>7</sup>command-line interface

<sup>8</sup>a parser generator is a tool that takes a grammar and generates a corresponding parser

The interpreter can be broken down into 3 stages, the first of which is referred to as lexing, or lexical analysis. Attempting to execute a language from its source file would be very challenging, as each discrete unit within the language must be identified both individually and in relation to all other discrete units. The most obvious solution is to break the source file into an array of these discrete units, which are referred to as Tokens. A token consists of a type, such as `identifier` or `FOR`, and a lexeme. A lexeme is a string that shows how that token appears in the source file, so all tokens with type `FOR` have the lexeme `FOR`. Tokens will also store the line number in which they appear to display future error messages as this information would be lost when converting from the character stream (the source file) to the token stream after lexical analysis. The complete language of accepted tokens can be modelled by a regular language.

The second stage is referred to as parsing. In this stage, an intermediate representation of the program is built from the output of the lexing stage (the token stream). It generates an array of `Statement` objects that each execute parts of the program in different ways. `Statement` objects also contain `Expression` objects that evaluate to some literal. Note that all `Statement` objects can only be executed and all `Expression` objects can only be evaluated. Both objects are implemented through polymorphism in this implementation to enforce the overriding of certain common procedures, like `Statement::execute()` and `Expression::evaluate()`. Since both `Statement` and `Expression` objects can grow dynamically and recursively, they are implemented as a tree structure where the children exist as aggregates of the base `Expression` class to the parent, avoiding memory allocation problems since the size of the parent would not be known at compile time. The purpose of the parser is simply to construct this intermediate representation, known as an abstract syntax tree, or AST, not to interpret it.

The third and final stage of this is called the interpreter. This takes in the list of statements from the parser and calls `Statement::execute()` on each one. The different behaviours of each statement are contained within each implementation of the `Statement::execute()` method. When executing statements, expressions are typically evaluated, which are evaluated through a post-order traversal of the expression's tree structure, returning a single literal, which may be of `typeNumericLiteral`, `StringLiteral`, or `BooleanLiteral`. Fundamentally, the `Statement` objects inform the interpreter on how to manipulate and transform the data contained in the `Expression` objects.

## 2.2 Objectives

### 2.2.1 How the solution to the problem will be achieved

1. Have the user run the executable via the CLI, passing in a source file as a command-line argument.
2. The source file will be passed to a lexer that generates a token stream.
3. Have the parser interface with a lexical analyser object through a *GetNextToken()* function.
4. Make the lexical analyser search for tokens using regular expressions (again, using the C++ STL) and generate a token.
5. Have the lexical analyser check to see if the token it generates is a reserved keyword or exists already on the symbol table <sup>9</sup>.
6. Have the lexical analyser pass the generated token to the Parser by reference.
7. The Parser will then use recursive-descent parsing to generate an AST.
8. The interpreter will later use the AST to evaluate the semantics of the program and execute it (this is an interpreter so there is no need to generate a compiled binary, avoiding the need for code generation or machine-independent and machine-dependent code optimisations).

### 2.2.2 Features of the language to be implemented

1. Variable Assignment

```
1  foo <- "bar"
```

2. Standard arithmetic operations: +, -, \*, /,
3. Relational operators: <=, >=, <, >, =, !=,
4. WHILE loops

```
1  WHILE <Expression> DO
2      <Statement>
3  ENDWHILE
```

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<sup>9</sup>internally there will be no way to distinguish between the two at this point - reserved keywords will be pushed to the symbol table upon its creation and each reserved keyword will have a special case invoked in order to evaluate them during semantic analysis

## 5. FOR loops

```
1   FOR <iterator> <- <From> TO <End> STEP <increment> DO
2       <Statement>
3   ENDFOR
```

## 6. IF statements

```
1   IF <Expression> THEN
2       <Statement>
3   ELSE IF <Expression> THEN
4       <Statement>
5   ...
6   ELSE
7       <Statement>
8   ENDIF
```

## 7. PRINT statements

```
1   PRINT <Expression>
```

## 8. USERINPUT statements

## 9. Subroutines (and return statements)

```
1   SUBROUTINE <identifier>(<params>)
2       <Statement>
3   ENDSUBROUTINE
```

## 10. String concatenation

## 11. Implicit type conversions, e.g. "hello"+5 becomes "hello5"

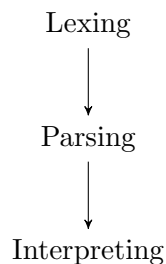
## 12. Explicit type conversions, e.g. STRING\_TO\_NUMERIC()

### 3 Documented Design

#### 3.1 An Overview

The process of executing from a source file without compilation can be broken down into three discrete stages. The first, called lexical analysis, implemented by a lexical analyser or lexer, takes an input character stream and outputs a token stream. This is then passed onto the syntax analysis stage, implemented by a parser that takes the token stream and generates an intermediate representation of this code, which will be an AST in this implementation. The parser will catch any syntax errors and exit the program, displaying its error type and location to the user. Code may then be optimised and machine-dependent optimisation may be performed, although I will not be implementing these last two as this is an interpreter, not a compiler, and therefore optimisation would not be necessary. An interpreter then executes each statement and evaluates each expression through a post-order traversal to the root, which is the ASTs return value. It repeats this until all statements have been executed.

Modelling the interpreter through diagrams is challenging as such a machine fundamentally has little state beyond the lexical analyser (lexer). The behaviour of the parser can be represented through a series of EBNF production rules but an attempt to use a flowchart for a machine that computes so dynamically would prove to be near impossible.



#### 3.2 Lexing

Lexing takes the source file and converts it into a stream of token objects, which are individual units of information that can be parsed. In their most primitive forms, tokens contain a type and an (optional) value. For example,

```

1 FOR i <- 1 TO 10 STEP 5
2   PRINT "hello world"
3   PRINT "iteration: "
4   PRINT i
5 ENDFOR
  
```

would be broken into:

```

1 <FOR> <identifier, i> <ASSIGN> <number, 1> <TO> <STEP> <5> <NEWLINE>
2 <PRINT> <string, "hello world"> <NEWLINE>
3 <PRINT> <string, "iteration: "> <NEWLINE>
4 <PRINT> <identifier, i> <NEWLINE>
5 <ENDFOR> <EOF>
  
```

where each <...> encapsulates a Token object with its associated fields. It should be noted that no syntax or semantic errors are caught in this stage, only invalid character sequences, as it is merely concerned with converting the code to a form that the parser can understand.



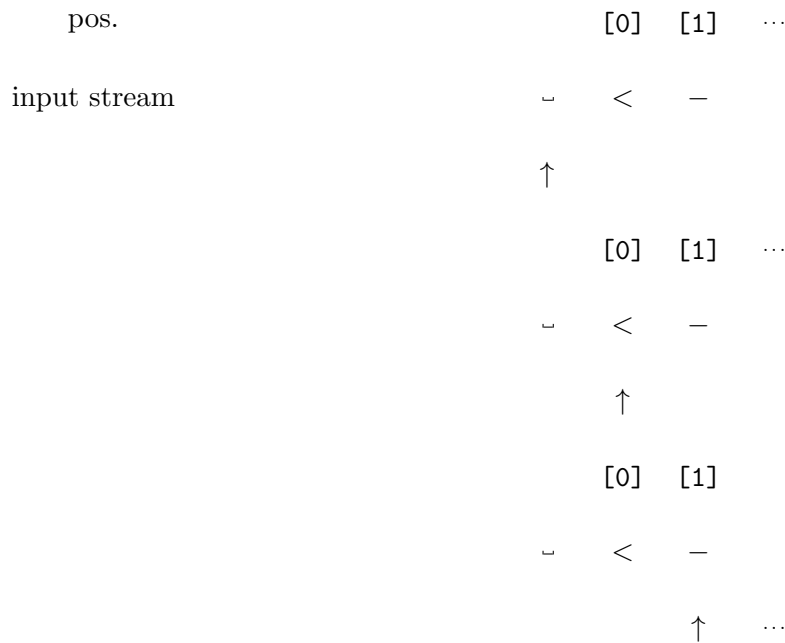
A lexer object will be created on launch to aid in the abstraction and separation of functionality throughout the project. A class diagram for the lexer object can be seen below.

Lexer	Token
-mSrc: filestream -mKeywords: hashMap[string, TOKEN_TYPE] -mLine: int  +Lexer(filepath: string): void +GetNextToken(): Token +GetAllTokens(): Token[] -InitKeywords(): void	-mTag: TOKEN_TYPE -mValue: void* -mLexeme: string -mLine: int+  +Token(tag: TOKEN_TYPE, line: int): void +GetValue(): void* +GetType(): TOKEN_TYPE +GetLine(): int +GetLexeme(): string

The '-' and '+' in the class diagram represent private and public access respectively for fields and methods. `mSrc` is the file stream object (and as this is to be written in C++ it will be an `std::ifstream` object) that will be read from. I will be using this file stream object rather than reading the entire file contents to a string and then manipulating that as the programs to be run on this may be quite large in size and may quickly overfill the programs allocated space in memory, requiring buffering to be used. This is beyond the scope of this project and it, therefore, made more sense to use the C++ standard template library instead. The field `mKeywords` is a hashmap<sup>10</sup> that contains strings as the keys and `TOKEN_TYPE`s as the values. When the identifier state is accepted by the FSA, the lexer first checks to see if it is a reserved keyword. If it is, the hashmap creates a 'hit' and returns the appropriate `TOKEN_TYPE` for that reserved keyword e.g. `TOKEN_TYPE::IF`. Otherwise, the lexer returns a new token of type `TOKEN_TYPE::IDENTIFIER` and sets the appropriate value (which is the lexeme itself in this case).

The primary functionality of the lexical analysis stage is contained within the `Lexer::GetNextToken()` function. It uses the file stream and iterates over it until it finds a character that could match a valid token. The lexical analyser only examines one character at a time. When finding a valid character, it peeks ahead the furthest it can before the lexeme would no longer be a valid token, and takes the valid lexeme it peeked furthest ahead for, consuming all the characters and returning a new token object with type set appropriately and lexeme attached. This process can be modelled by a finite state machine and the accompanying state transition diagram can be seen beneath the source code below. An example of how the lexical analyser would process the input stream `_ < -` can be demonstrated below.

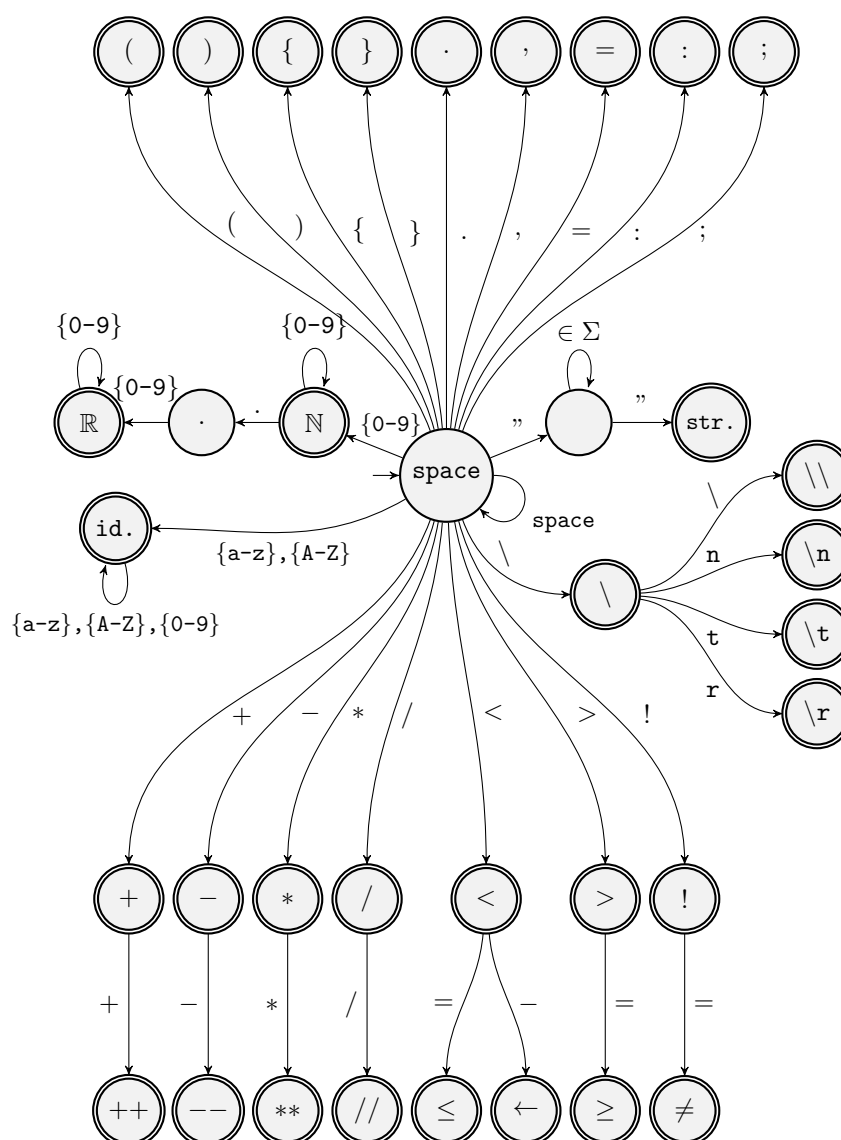
<sup>10</sup>a hashmap is a dictionary of key-value pairs with  $O(1)$  lookup time



In the example above, the character currently being examined is ' ' <sup>11</sup>, which is ignored. The next is "<", and so the lexical analyser moves into the < state. While this is an accepting state, the analyser then checks to see if the following character in the input stream is = or -. In this case, it is a -, which causes it to move to the < - state. This is an accepting state and there are no longer valid lexemes with < - as a prefix. The `Lexer::GetNextToken()` function, therefore, returns a new `Token` object of type `Assignment`.

Below shows the FSA representation of the `Lexer::GetNextToken()` function. The starting state is visible at the centre, the state transitions (edges) represent the input characters from the file stream and the double-circled states are accepting states that would generate a valid token. The lexer does not return a new token immediately upon hitting an accepting state, as there may be another state beyond that. It first checks all further possible inputs before returning a valid token.

<sup>11</sup> \_ is just a space character but has this symbol used here in order to be visible



In this stage, the token stream is transformed into an AST guided by the grammars that define the language. In the previous stage, regular expressions can be used to describe completely the ordering of characters that would be accepted by the lexical analysis stage. In this stage, however, we must allow for recursion, necessitating the use of context-free grammars to model the translation of the token stream due to the weaker expressivity of regular expressions being insufficient for an FSA<sup>12</sup>. Below shows an example of an input character stream, the corresponding token stream from the lexical analysis stage and the AST we intend to generate. Note that whitespace is ignored in the lexical analysis stage and is present in the token stream for readability. The context-free grammars that describe the language must satisfy two main conditions in order for an LL(1)<sup>13</sup> parser to be

<sup>13</sup>LL(1) parsers are a category of recursive descent parsers that follow have the principles of operations of: being left-recursive, following the leftmost derivation, whilst using up to one lookahead character

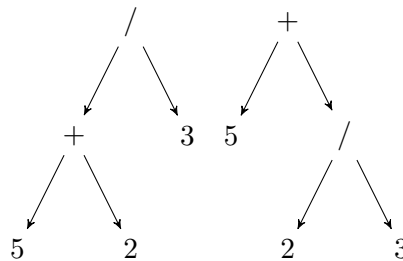
feasible. *Compilers: Principles, Techniques, and Tools* details algorithms for converting the invalid production rules into ones that can be used with an LL(1) parser which I have followed. These production rules are listed below in EBNF<sup>14</sup> and are the standard for expressions in many language parser implementations.

```

1  expression ::= equality
2  equality   ::= comparison (==|!=) comparison)
3  comparison ::= term ((" ">"|" "<"|" "<="|" ">=") term)*
4  term      ::= factor (("+"|" "-") factor)*
5  factor    ::= unary | "-" unary
6  unary     ::= ("-" | "!") unary | literal
7  literal   ::= NUMERICLITERAL | STRINGLITERAL | TRUE | FALSE | NULL | "("
              expression ")"

```

This type of parsing, LL(1) have two requirements for the production rules: they must not be left-recursive or be ambiguous. This means that the leftmost derivation (the first derivation tried as the first 'L' stands for left-to-right) must not directly or indirectly include the production rule itself in it. This would mean that the parser would recursively run forever until it reached a stack overflow. The production rules listed satisfy this requirement. Ambiguity in the context of these grammars means that there are multiple derivation paths throughout a series of production rules that satisfy an expression. For example:  $5 + 2/3$  could be interpreted in two ways:

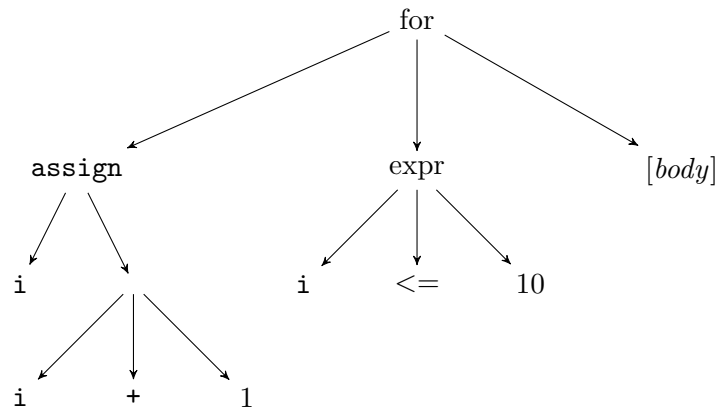


The first of which evaluates to 1.333... while the second evaluates to 5.666.... This means that the expression would not only be syntactically ambiguous but also semantically ambiguous when left in its infix form. This would not be possible to parse in an LL(1) parser as-is and necessitates the elimination of ambiguity in the production rules, which can be seen in the listed grammars.

<sup>14</sup>BNF with the extended operations in regex

The AST generated the following simple code snippet by the parser can be seen below;

```
1 FOR i <- TO 10 DO
2   [body]
3 ENDFOR
```



Expressions all evaluate through the `Expression::evaluate()` function to a literal type.

Statement objects describe how the interpreter should evaluate the expressions and implement the behaviour of the program. Like expression, they will be implemented through polymorphism according to the following EBNF production rules.

```
1  stmt ::= func_declaration | var_declaration | if | while | for | print |
   return
2  func_declarataion ::= SUBROUTINE IDENTIFIER RIGHT_PAREN IDENTIFIER | (
   IDENTIFIER ',') + LEFT_PAREN block ENDSURBROUTINE
3  var_declaration ::= IDENTIFIER ASSIGN expr
4  block ::= (stmt)*
5  if ::= IF expr THEN block
6         (ELSE IF expr THEN block)*
7         (ELSE block)?
8         ENDIF
9  while ::= WHILE expr DO block ENDWHILE
10 for ::= FOR IDENTIFIER ASSIGN expr TO expr (STEP expr)? DO block ENDWHILE
11 print ::= PRINT expr
12 return ::= RETURN expr
```

Each terminal for the `stmt` production rule in the EBNF above is implemented as a subclass of `Statement`. Like `Expression`, since `Statement` objects can grow dynamically and recursively, all `Statement` and `Expression` children of `Statement` nodes are stored as aggregate pointers within the objects. This is because C++ is a statically-typed language meaning the size of objects must be known at compile time and the size of a dynamically growing structure cannot be known trivially at compile time. Furthermore, the fragmentation of the program representation and ASTs throughout main memory as opposed to storing it contiguously makes the implementation of the interpreter more efficient as a large block of memory does not have to be available or freed, assuming it is possible.

Again, like `Expression`, the visitor pattern shall be used to allow the `Interpreter` to be able to distinguish between different `Statement` subclass types whilst only holding a pointer to the subclass object of type `Statement*` without violating the Liskov substitution principle[4] by, for

example, attempting to perform a `std::dynamic_cast`<sup>15</sup> to each subclass until one is successful.

### 3.4 Interpreting

Interpreting the AST is a relatively simple process. A post-order traversal is performed from the root of the tree until it is collapsed into a single value, which is what the program exits with. The interpreter implements the visitor design pattern as the type of each child node may not be known external to the child itself - all **expression** nodes derive from **Expression** and are stored as pointers within classes. This implementation of the visitor design pattern consists of the following:

1. The interpreter calls the `accept()` method of the node, which is declared in the **Expression** base class, passing in a pointer to itself.
2. The dynamically-dispatched implementation of that class is called through a vtable-lookup
3. The node calls a specific method in the interpreter by dereferencing the provided pointer that evaluates that specific subclass and returns a new **Expression** node.

The interpreter also contains a stack that consists of environments which are added upon hitting a new scope. The environments will also contain symbol tables which are implemented as a hashmap of strings to **Literal** objects. For simplicity, all function calls are inlined<sup>16</sup>. Below is the class outline for the interpreter. Each of the "Visit" methods are called from the **Expression::accept()** method inside the **Interpreter::evaluate()** method such that they match the appropriate type of the **Expression** node.

Interpreter
+evaluate(expr: Expression*): Expression* +VisitGroupExpression(expr: GroupExpression*): Expression* +VisitBinaryExpression(expr: BinaryExpression*): Expression* +VisitUnaryExpression(expr: UnaryExpression*): Expression* +VisitBooleanLiteralExpression(expr: BooleanLiteral*): Expression +VisitNumericLiteralExpression(expr: NumericLiteral*): Expression +VisitStringLiteralExpression(expr: StringLiteral*): Expression +interpret(node: Expression*): void

<sup>15</sup>in the c++ stl

<sup>16</sup>Semantically, this means the function body has the parameter references changed for the specific call's arguments and placed at the function call with a new scope surrounding it

## 4 Technical Solution

### 4.1 Tokens

```
1 #pragma once
2
3
4 enum class TOKEN_TYPE
5 {
6     IF=0, ELSE, ELSEIF, ENDIF,
7     FOR, ENDFOR, WHILE, ENDWHILE, TO, STEP,
8     RETURN, CONTINUE, BREAK,
9     AND, OR, NOT, TRUE, FALSE,
10    SUBROUTINE, ENDSUBROUTINE, CLASS, ENDClass, PRINT, INPUT,
11    LEFT_PAREN, RIGHT_PAREN, LEFT_BRACE, RIGHT_BRACE, LEFT_SQUARE, RIGHT_SQUARE,
12    PLUS, MINUS, STAR, SLASH,
13    STAR_STAR, PLUS_PLUS, MINUS_MINUS, EQUAL_EQUAL, SLASH_SLASH,
14    DOT, COMMA, COLON, SEMICOLON, EQUAL,
15    EXCLAMATION, NOT_EQUAL,
16    ASSIGNMENT,
17    GREATER_THAN, GREATER_EQ_THAN,
18    LESS_THAN, LESS_EQ_THAN,
19    IDENTIFIER, STRING, INTEGER, REAL, CHAR,
20    NEWLINE,
21    END_OF_FILE, ERROR, SPACE, THEN, DO
22 };
23
24 class Token
25 {
26 public:
27     Token(TOKEN_TYPE tag, std::string lexeme);
28     Token(TOKEN_TYPE tag);
29
30     Token() {};
31     Token(const Token& t1);
32
33
34     TOKEN_TYPE GetType() const;
35
36     std::string GetLexeme();
37     int GetLine() const;
38
39     friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const Token& token);
40
41 private:
42     TOKEN_TYPE mType;
43     std::string mLexeme;
44 };
```

Listing 1: token.h

TOKEN\_TYPE is an enumerable type that stores every possible token type in the language. A token consists of a tag of type TOKEN\_TYPE and string (for non-keyword identifiers) for the lexeme. It does little more than hold data with some helper methods and abstraction through enumerable types.

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <string>
3
4 #include "token.h"
5
6 Token::Token(TOKEN_TYPE type, std::string lexeme) {
7     mType = type;
8     mLexeme = lexeme;
9 }
10
11
12 Token::Token(TOKEN_TYPE type) { mType = type; }
13
14 Token::Token(const Token& t1) {
15     mType = t1.mType;
16     mLexeme = t1.mLexeme;
17 }
18
19
20 TOKEN_TYPE Token::GetType() const { return mType; }
```

Listing 2: token.cpp

## 4.2 Environments

Environments store local variables in a hashtable of strings to `Value` objects, where `Value` objects are dynamic variables making this interpretation of the AQA pseudocode a dynamically-typed language.

```
1 #pragma once
2
3
4
5 #include <unordered_map>
6 #include "token.h"
7
8 class Environment;
9
10 typedef std::unordered_map<std::string, class Value> map;
11
12 enum class VALUE_TYPE {
13     BOOLEAN, NUMBER, STRING, FUNCTION
14 };
15
16 union value {
17     double number;
18     std::string* string;
19     bool boolean;
20     Function* function;
21 };
22
23 class Value {
24 public:
25     Value(double val);
26     Value(std::string val);
27     Value(bool val);
```



```

28     Value(Function* fun);
29     Value() {};
30     ~Value();
31
32     VALUE_TYPE valueType;
33     value    literal;
34
35 };
36
37 class Environment {
38 public:
39
40
41     void Declare(std::string name, double val);
42     void Declare(std::string name, bool val);
43     void Declare(std::string name, std::string val);
44     void Declare(std::string name, Function* fun);
45
46     bool Assign(std::string name, double val);
47     bool Assign(std::string name, bool val);
48     bool Assign(std::string name, std::string val);
49     bool Assign(std::string name, Function* fun);
50
51     void SetParent(Environment* par);
52     Environment();
53     Environment(Environment* par);
54
55
56     Value Get(std::string name);
57
58
59
60 private:
61     Environment* parent;
62     map variables;
63 };

```

Listing 3: environment.h

`parent` is a pointer to the scope surrounding this one. When a variable specified fails to be found within this scope, it checks its parents moving up until it hits the global scope. Since this is dynamically typed, would-be failed assignments are treated as variable declarations. As expected, `Declare()` declares a new object on the current scope, `Assign()` redefines one, although only `Declare()` is externally used due to variable semantics in this implementation.

```

1 #include <string>
2 #include <unordered_map>
3 #include <vector>
4
5 class Function;
6 class Expression;
7 class Interpreter;
8 class Visitor;
9
10 #include "token.h"
11 #include "nodes.h"
12 #include "environment.h"

```

```
13 #include "interpreter.h"
14 #include "visitor.h"
15 #include "callable.h"
16
17 Value::Value(double val) {
18     valueType = VALUE_TYPE::NUMBER;
19     literal.number = val;
20 }
21
22
23 Value::Value(std::string val) {
24     valueType = VALUE_TYPE::STRING;
25     literal.string = new std::string(val);
26 }
27
28 Value::Value(bool val) {
29     valueType = VALUE_TYPE::BOOLEAN;
30     literal.boolean = val;
31 }
32
33 Value::Value(Function* fun) {
34     valueType = VALUE_TYPE::FUNCTION;
35     literal.function = fun;
36 }
37
38
39 Value::~~Value() {
40     if (valueType == VALUE_TYPE::STRING) {
41         delete literal.string;
42     }
43 }
44
45 void Environment::SetParent(Environment* par) {
46     parent = par;
47 }
48
49 Environment::Environment() {
50     parent = nullptr;
51 }
52 Environment::Environment(Environment* par) {
53     parent = par;
54 }
55
56 void Environment::Declare(std::string name, double val) {
57     if (!Assign(name, val)) {
58         variables[name] = val;
59     }
60 }
61
62 void Environment::Declare(std::string name, bool val) {
63     if (!Assign(name, val)) {
64         variables[name] = val;
65     }
66 }
67
68 void Environment::Declare(std::string name, std::string val) {
69     if (!Assign(name, val)) {
```

```
70     variables[name] = val;
71 }
72 }
73
74 void Environment::Declare(std::string name, Function* fun) {
75     if (!Assign(name, fun)) {
76         variables[name] = fun;
77     }
78 }
79
80
81 bool Environment::Assign(std::string name, double val) {
82     if (variables.contains(name)) {
83         variables[name] = Value(val);
84         return true;
85     }
86     if (parent != nullptr) {
87         parent->Assign(name, val);
88     }
89 }
90
91 bool Environment::Assign(std::string name, bool val) {
92     if (variables.contains(name)) {
93         variables[name] = Value(val);
94         return true;
95     }
96     if (parent != nullptr) {
97         return parent->Assign(name, val);
98     }
99 }
100 }
101
102 bool Environment::Assign(std::string name, std::string val) {
103     if (variables.contains(name)) {
104         variables[name] = Value(val);
105         return true;
106     }
107     if (parent != nullptr) {
108         return parent->Assign(name, val);
109     }
110 }
111 }
112
113 bool Environment::Assign(std::string name, Function* fun) {
114     if (variables.contains(name)) {
115         variables[name] = Value(fun);
116         return true;
117     }
118     if (parent != nullptr) {
119         return parent->Assign(name, fun);
120     }
121 }
122
123 Value Environment::Get(std::string name) {
124     if (variables.contains(name)) {
125         return variables[name];
126     }
127 }
```

```

127
128     if (parent != nullptr) {
129         return parent->Get(name);
130     }
131
132 }
```

Listing 4: environment.cpp

### 4.3 Lexing

```

1 #include <unordered_map>
2 #include <fstream>
3 #pragma once
4
5
6 class Lexer
7 {
8 public:
9     Lexer(const std::string &filePath);
10    ~Lexer();
11    Token GetNextToken();
12    void GetAllTokens(std::vector<Token>& tokens);
13 private:
14     void InitKeyWords();
15
16 private:
17     std::ifstream mSrc;
18     std::unordered_map<std::string, TOKEN_TYPE> mKeyWords;
19     int mCurrent;
20 };
```

Listing 5: lexer.h

The `mSrc` field in the `Lexer` class holds the source file which is read from. `mKeyWords` holds reserved keywords in a hashtable of string and `TOKEN_TYPE` pairs. The `mCurrent` holds the current cursor position as the file is read from. Upon construction, the hashtable is set up and `mSrc` is initialised as below.

The `GetNextToken()` function follows the FSA described earlier, attempting to reach an accepting state, and returning the next token. The `GetAllTokens()` function iteratively calls the `GetNextToken()` function and appends the returned tokens to a queue structure that is implemented through a dynamic array (`std::vector`). `InitTokens()` is a helper method that initialises the reserved words hashtable. Keywords are detected by checking to see if the hashtable returns a hit when passing in the lexeme of any identifier. This satisfies **Objective 2.2.1.2**, **Objective 2.2.1.4**, **Objective 2.2.1.5**, and **Objective 2.2.1.6**.

```

1 Token Lexer::GetNextToken() {
2     if (mSrc.eof()) { return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::END_OF_FILE); }
3
4     switch(mSrc.get()) {
5         case ' ': return GetNextToken();
6         case '(': return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::LEFT_PAREN);
7         case ')': return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::RIGHT_PAREN);
8         case '{': return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::LEFT_BRACE);
9         case '}': return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::RIGHT_BRACE);
```

```

10     case '[': return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::LEFT_SQUARE);
11     case ']': return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::RIGHT_SQUARE);
12     case '.': return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::DOT);
13     case ',': return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::COMMA);
14     case ':': return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::COLON);
15     case ';': return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::SEMICOLON);
16     case '=': return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::EQUAL);
17     case '\n':
18         return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE);
19
20     case '+':
21         if (mSrc.peek() == '+') { mSrc.ignore(); return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::
PLUS_PLUS); }
22         else { return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::PLUS); }
23     case '-':
24         if (mSrc.peek() == '-') { mSrc.ignore(); return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::
MINUS_MINUS); }
25         else { return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::MINUS); }
26     case '*':
27         if (mSrc.peek() == '*') { mSrc.ignore(); return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::
STAR_STAR); }
28         else { return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::STAR); }
29     case '/':
30         if (mSrc.peek() == '/') { mSrc.ignore(); return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::
SLASH_SLASH); }
31         else { return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::SLASH); }
32
33     case '<':
34         if (mSrc.peek() == '-') { mSrc.ignore(); return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::
ASSIGNMENT); }
35         else if (mSrc.peek() == '=') { mSrc.ignore(); return Token(TOKEN_TYPE
::LESS_EQ_THAN); }
36         else { return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::LESS_THAN); }
37     case '>':
38         if (mSrc.peek() == '=') { mSrc.ignore(); return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::
GREATER_EQ_THAN); }
39         else { return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::GREATER_THAN); }
40     case '!':
41         if (mSrc.peek() == '=') { mSrc.ignore(); return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::
NOT_EQUAL); }
42         else { return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::NOT); }
43
44
45
46
47     case '"':
48     {
49         std::string lexeme;
50         while (mSrc.peek() != '"') { lexeme.push_back(mSrc.get()); }
51         mSrc.ignore();
52         return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::STRING, lexeme);
53     }
54
55     default:
56         mSrc.unget();
57         if (isdigit(mSrc.peek())) {
58             std::string lexeme;

```

```

59         while (isdigit(mSrc.peek())) { lexeme.push_back(mSrc.get()); }
60         if (mSrc.peek() != '.') { return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::INTEGER, lexeme
); }
61         mSrc.ignore();
62         lexeme.push_back('.');
63         while (isdigit(mSrc.peek())) { lexeme.push_back(mSrc.get()); }
64         return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::REAL, lexeme);
65     }
66
67     if (isalpha(mSrc.peek())) {
68         std::string lexeme;
69         while (isalnum(mSrc.peek())) { lexeme.push_back(mSrc.get()); }
70         Token(TOKEN_TYPE::IDENTIFIER, lexeme);
71         if (mKeyWords.contains(lexeme)) { return Token(mKeyWords[lexeme]);
}
72         return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::IDENTIFIER, lexeme);
73     }
74     return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::END_OF_FILE);
75 };
76
77 }
78
79
80
81 void Lexer::GetAllTokens(std::vector<Token>& tokens) {
82     while (!mSrc.eof() && !mSrc.fail() )
83         tokens.push_back(GetNextToken());
84     if (tokens.back().GetType() != TOKEN_TYPE::END_OF_FILE) {
85         tokens.push_back(TOKEN_TYPE::END_OF_FILE);
86     }
87 }
88
89 void Lexer::InitKeyWords() {
90     mKeyWords["IF"] = TOKEN_TYPE::IF;
91     mKeyWords["ELSE"] = TOKEN_TYPE::ELSE;
92     mKeyWords["ELSEIF"] = TOKEN_TYPE::ELSEIF;
93     mKeyWords["ENDIF"] = TOKEN_TYPE::ENDIF;
94     mKeyWords["THEN"] = TOKEN_TYPE::THEN;
95
96     mKeyWords["FOR"] = TOKEN_TYPE::FOR;
97     mKeyWords["STEP"] = TOKEN_TYPE::STEP;
98     mKeyWords["TO"] = TOKEN_TYPE::TO;
99     mKeyWords["ENDFOR"] = TOKEN_TYPE::ENDFOR;
100    mKeyWords["DO"] = TOKEN_TYPE::DO;
101
102    mKeyWords["WHILE"] = TOKEN_TYPE::WHILE;
103    mKeyWords["ENDWHILE"] = TOKEN_TYPE::ENDWHILE;
104
105    mKeyWords["RETURN"] = TOKEN_TYPE::RETURN;
106    mKeyWords["CONTINUE"] = TOKEN_TYPE::CONTINUE;
107    mKeyWords["BREAK"] = TOKEN_TYPE::BREAK;
108
109    mKeyWords["AND"] = TOKEN_TYPE::AND;
110    mKeyWords["OR"] = TOKEN_TYPE::OR;
111
112    mKeyWords["NOT"] = TOKEN_TYPE::NOT;
113    mKeyWords["TRUE"] = TOKEN_TYPE::TRUE;

```

```
114     mKeyWords["FALSE"] = TOKEN_TYPE::FALSE;
115
116     mKeyWords["SUBROUTINE"] = TOKEN_TYPE::SUBROUTINE;
117     mKeyWords["ENDSUBROUTINE"] = TOKEN_TYPE::ENDSUBROUTINE;
118
119     mKeyWords["CLASS"] = TOKEN_TYPE::CLASS;
120     mKeyWords["ENDCLASS"] = TOKEN_TYPE::ENDCLASS;
121
122     mKeyWords["PRINT"] = TOKEN_TYPE::PRINT;
123     mKeyWords["INPUT"] = TOKEN_TYPE::INPUT;
124 }
```

Listing 6: lexer.cpp

## 4.4 AST implementation

```
1 #pragma once
2
3 class Expression;
4 class Printer;
5
6 class Statement {
7 public:
8     Statement();
9     virtual Statement* accept(Visitor* Interpreter)=0;
10 };
11
12 class PrintStatement : public Statement {
13 public:
14     PrintStatement(Expression* expression);
15
16     Statement* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
17     Expression* expr;
18 };
19
20 class ExpressionStatement : public Statement {
21 public:
22     ExpressionStatement(Expression* expression);
23
24     Statement* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
25     Expression* expr;
26 };
27
28 class VariableDeclarationStatement : public Statement {
29 public:
30     VariableDeclarationStatement(Token identifier, Expression* value);
31
32     Statement* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
33     Token name;
34     Expression* val;
35 };
36
37 class FunctionDeclarationStatement : public Statement {
38 public:
39     FunctionDeclarationStatement(Token name, std::vector<Token> params, std::vector<Statement*> bdy);
```

```
40
41     Statement* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
42     Token identifier;
43     std::vector<Token> parameters;
44     std::vector<Statement*> body;
45 };
46
47
48 class ReturnStatement : public Statement {
49 public:
50     ReturnStatement(Expression* expr);
51     Statement* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
52
53     Expression* returnValue;
54 };
55
56 class BlockStatement : public Statement {
57 public:
58     BlockStatement(std::vector<Statement*> stmts);
59     Statement* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
60
61     std::vector<Statement*> statements;
62 };
63
64 class IfStatement : public Statement {
65 public:
66     IfStatement(Expression* cond, Statement* brnch, Statement* elseBrnch);
67
68     Statement* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
69
70     Expression *condition;
71     Statement *branch, *elseBranch;
72 };
73
74 class WhileStatement : public Statement {
75 public:
76     WhileStatement(Expression* cond, Statement* bdy);
77
78     Statement* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
79
80     Expression* condition;
81     Statement* body;
82 };
83
84 class ForStatement : public Statement {
85 public:
86     ForStatement(Token it, Expression* begin, Expression* finish, Statement* bdy);
87
88     Statement* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
89
90     Token iterator;
91     Expression* start;
92     Expression* end;
93     Statement* body;
94 };
95
96
```



```
97 class Expression : public Statement {
98 public:
99     Expression();
100     virtual Expression* accept(Visitor* interpreter)=0;
101 };
102
103 class BooleanLiteral : public Expression {
104 public:
105     BooleanLiteral(bool mVal);
106     Expression* accept(Visitor* interpreter);
107
108     bool val;
109 };
110
111 class StringLiteral : public Expression {
112 public:
113     StringLiteral(const std::string& _val);
114     Expression* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
115     std::string val;
116 };
117
118
119 class NumericLiteral : public Expression {
120 public:
121     NumericLiteral(Token _num);
122     NumericLiteral(double _val);
123     Expression* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
124
125     double val;
126 };
127
128 class GroupExpression : public Expression {
129 public:
130     GroupExpression(Expression* _expr);
131     ~GroupExpression() ;
132
133     Expression* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
134
135     Expression* expr;
136 };
137
138 class UnaryExpression : public Expression {
139 public:
140     UnaryExpression(Token _operation, Expression* _expr);
141     ~UnaryExpression();
142     Expression* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
143
144     Token operation;
145     Expression* expr;
146 };
147
148 class CallExpression : public Expression {
149 public:
150     CallExpression(Expression* callee, std::vector<Expression*> args);
151
152     Expression* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
153
```

```

154     Expression* callee;
155     std::vector<Expression*> args;
156 };
157
158 class BinaryExpression : public Expression {
159 public:
160     BinaryExpression(Expression* _left, Token _operation, Expression* _right);
161     ~BinaryExpression();
162     Expression* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
163
164
165     Expression* left, *right;
166     Token operation;
167 };
168
169 class VariableExpression : public Expression {
170 public:
171     VariableExpression(Token identifier);
172
173     Expression* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
174
175     Token name;
176 };
177
178 class VariableAssignmentExpression : public Expression {
179 public:
180     VariableAssignmentExpression(Token identifier, Expression* expr);
181     Expression* accept(Visitor* interpreter) override;
182
183     Token name;
184     Expression* val;
185 };

```

Listing 7: nodes.h

Each terminal of the context-free grammars that describe the language has a class that derives from either `Statement` or `Expression`. They then implement the tree structure by containing either immediate values or pointers to other nodes that can later be traversed.

```

1  #include <string>
2  #include <iostream>
3  #include <memory>
4  #include <vector>
5
6  class Statement;
7  class Expression;
8  class Visitor;
9  class Interpreter;
10 class Function;
11
12 #include "token.h"
13 #include "nodes.h"
14 #include "interpreter.h"
15 #include "callable.h"
16
17
18 Expression::Expression() {};
19

```

```
20
21
22
23 BooleanLiteral::BooleanLiteral(bool _val) { val = _val; }
24 Expression* BooleanLiteral::accept(Visitor* interpreter) { return interpreter->
    VisitBooleanLiteralExpression(this); }
25
26
27
28 StringLiteral::StringLiteral(const std::string& _val) { val = _val; }
29 Expression* StringLiteral::accept(Visitor* interpreter) { return interpreter->
    VisitStringLiteralExpression(this); }
30
31
32
33 NumericLiteral::NumericLiteral(Token _num) { val = (std::stod(_num.GetLexeme()));
    }
34 NumericLiteral::NumericLiteral(double _val) { val = _val; }
35 Expression* NumericLiteral::accept(Visitor* interpreter) { return interpreter->
    VisitNumericLiteralExpression(this); }
36
37
38
39 GroupExpression::GroupExpression(Expression* _expr) { expr = _expr; }
40 GroupExpression::~~GroupExpression() { delete expr; }
41 Expression* GroupExpression::accept(Visitor* interpreter) { return interpreter->
    VisitGroupExpression(this); }
42
43
44
45 UnaryExpression::UnaryExpression(Token _operation, Expression* _expr) {
46     operation = _operation;
47     expr = _expr;
48 }
49 UnaryExpression::~~UnaryExpression() {
50     delete expr;
51 }
52
53 Expression* UnaryExpression::accept(Visitor* interpreter) { return interpreter->
    VisitUnaryExpression(this); }
54
55 CallExpression::CallExpression(Expression* _callee, std::vector<Expression*>
    arguments) {
56     callee = _callee;
57     args = arguments;
58 }
59
60 Expression* CallExpression::accept(Visitor* interpreter) { return interpreter->
    VisitCallExpression(this); }
61
62
63 BinaryExpression::BinaryExpression(Expression* _left, Token _operation, Expression
    * _right) {
64     left = _left;
65     operation = _operation;
66     right = _right;
67 }
```

```

68 BinaryExpression::~~BinaryExpression() {
69     delete left;
70     delete right;
71 }
72
73 Expression* BinaryExpression::accept(Visitor* interpreter) { return interpreter->
    VisitBinaryExpression(this); }
74
75
76 Statement::Statement() {};
77
78 PrintStatement::PrintStatement(Expression* expression) { expr = expression; }
79
80 Statement* PrintStatement::accept(Visitor* interpreter) {
81     interpreter->VisitPrintStatement(this);
82     return nullptr;
83 }
84
85 ExpressionStatement::ExpressionStatement(Expression* expression) { expr =
    expression; }
86
87 Statement* ExpressionStatement::accept(Visitor* interpreter) {
88     interpreter->VisitExpressionStatement(this);
89     return nullptr;
90 }
91
92
93 VariableDeclarationStatement::VariableDeclarationStatement(Token identifier,
    Expression* value) {
94     name = identifier;
95     val = value;
96 }
97
98 Statement* VariableDeclarationStatement::accept(Visitor* interpreter) {
99     interpreter->VisitVariableDeclarationStatement(this);
100     return nullptr;
101 }
102
103 FunctionDeclarationStatement::FunctionDeclarationStatement(Token name, std::vector
    <Token> params, std::vector<Statement*> bdy) {
104     identifier = name;
105     parameters = params;
106     body = bdy;
107 }
108
109 Statement* FunctionDeclarationStatement::accept(Visitor* interpreter) {
110     interpreter->VisitFunctionDeclarationStatement(this);
111     return nullptr;
112 }
113
114 ReturnStatement::ReturnStatement(Expression* value) { returnValue = value;}
115
116 Statement* ReturnStatement::accept(Visitor* interpreter) {
117     interpreter->VisitReturnStatement(this);
118     return nullptr;
119 }
120

```

```
121 VariableExpression::VariableExpression(Token identifier) { name = identifier; }
122 Expression* VariableExpression::accept(Visitor* interpreter) { return interpreter
    ->VisitVariableExpression(this); }
123
124
125 VariableAssignmentExpression::VariableAssignmentExpression(Token identifier,
    Expression* value) {
126     name = identifier;
127     val = value;
128 }
129
130 Expression* VariableAssignmentExpression::accept(Visitor* interpreter) { return
    interpreter->VisitVariableAssignmentExpression(this); }
131
132
133 BlockStatement::BlockStatement(std::vector<Statement*> stmts) { statements = stmts
    ; }
134
135 Statement* BlockStatement::accept(Visitor* interpreter) {
136     interpreter->VisitBlockStatement(this);
137     return nullptr;
138 }
139
140
141 IfStatement::IfStatement(Expression* cond, Statement* brnch, Statement* elseBrnch)
    {
142     condition = cond;
143     branch = brnch;
144     elseBranch = elseBrnch;
145 }
146
147 Statement* IfStatement::accept(Visitor* interpreter) {
148     interpreter->VisitIfStatement(this);
149     return nullptr;
150 }
151
152
153 WhileStatement::WhileStatement(Expression* cond, Statement* bdy) {
154     condition = cond;
155     body = bdy;
156 }
157
158 Statement* WhileStatement::accept(Visitor* interpreter) {
159     interpreter->VisitWhileStatement(this);
160     return nullptr;
161 }
162
163 ForStatement::ForStatement(Token it, Expression* begin, Expression* finish,
    Statement* bdy) {
164     iterator = it;
165     start = begin;
166     end = finish;
167     body = bdy;
168 }
169
170 Statement* ForStatement::accept(Visitor* interpreter) {
171     interpreter->VisitForStatement(this);
```

```

172     return nullptr;
173 }

```

Listing 8: nodes.cpp

The `accept()` method present in each node class is used to dynamically determine the type of node at runtime. This is vital to the implementation of the visitor pattern mentioned earlier whereby the interpreter calls `accept()` on the `Expression` or `Statement` class passing in a pointer to itself and the appropriate definition for whatever type the node is called the correct visit method in the interpreter.

## 4.5 Parsing

The parser is very similar to the lexer in the sense that it builds a structure based on the sequence of input units it sees, with the difference being that each nonterminal is broken into a class and the generated structure can dynamically and recursively grow. This satisfies **Objective 2.2.1.7**.

```

1  #pragma once
2
3  class Parser {
4  public:
5      Parser(std::vector<Token>& tokens);
6      std::vector<Statement*> Parse();
7  private:
8      Expression* expression();
9      Expression* equality();
10     Expression* assignment();
11     Expression* comparison();
12     Expression* term();
13     Expression* factor();
14     Expression* unary();
15     Expression* call();
16     Expression* finishCall(Expression* callee);
17     Expression* primary();
18
19     Statement* declaration();
20     Statement* statement();
21     Statement* variableDeclaration();
22     Statement* functionDeclaration();
23     Statement* returnStatement();
24     Statement* printStatement();
25     Statement* expressionStatement();
26     Statement* blockStatement(TOKEN_TYPE endingToken);
27     Statement* ifStatement();
28     Statement* whileStatement();
29     Statement* forStatement();
30
31     Token previous();
32     Token get();
33     Token peek();
34     void advance();
35
36     void enforce(Token token);
37     bool eof();
38     bool end_of_file;
39     std::vector<Token> mTokens;

```

```

40     int mCurrent;
41 };

```

Listing 9: parser.h

mTokens holds the queue of tokens, mCurrent holds the pointer to the front of the queue, eof() returns true if the end of file has been reached, enforce() generates a syntax error if the next token is not of a specified token type, get() gets the next token, advance() increments mCurrent, peek() returns the next token without incrementing mCurrent, and previous() returns the last token consumed. This satisfies **Objective 2.2.1.3**.

```

1
2
3
4 #include <vector>
5 #include <memory>
6 #include <iostream>
7 #include <string>
8
9 class Expression;
10 class Visitor;
11 class Interpreter;
12
13 #include "token.h"
14 #include "nodes.h"
15 #include "parser.h"
16
17 Parser::Parser(std::vector<Token>& tokens) {
18     mTokens = tokens;
19     mCurrent = 0;
20 }
21
22 std::vector<Statement*> Parser::Parse() {
23     std::vector<Statement*> statements;
24     while (!eof()) {
25         statements.push_back(declaration());
26         enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE);
27     }
28     return statements;
29 }
30
31 Statement* Parser::declaration() {
32     if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::SUBROUTINE) {
33         return functionDeclaration();
34     }
35     if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::IDENTIFIER && mTokens[mCurrent+1].GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::ASSIGNMENT) {
36         return variableDeclaration();
37     }
38     return statement();
39 }
40
41 Statement* Parser::variableDeclaration() {
42     Token name = get();
43     advance();
44     Expression* val = expression();
45     return new VariableDeclarationStatement(name, val);

```

```

46 }
47
48 Statement* Parser::functionDeclaration() {
49     advance();
50     Token identifier = get();
51     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::LEFT_PAREN);
52     std::vector<Token> parameters;
53     while (peek().GetType() != TOKEN_TYPE::RIGHT_PAREN) {
54         if (parameters.size() > 127) {
55             throw std::invalid_argument("Cannot have more than 127 parameters");
56         }
57         Token param = get();
58         parameters.push_back(param);
59         if (peek().GetType() != TOKEN_TYPE::RIGHT_PAREN) {
60             enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::COMMA);
61         }
62     }
63     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::RIGHT_PAREN);
64
65     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE);
66     std::vector<Statement*> body = static_cast<BlockStatement*>(blockStatement(
67         TOKEN_TYPE::ENDSUBROUTINE))>statements;
68     return new FunctionDeclarationStatement(identifier, parameters, body);
69 }
70
71 Statement* Parser::returnStatement() {
72     Expression* expr = nullptr;
73     if (peek().GetType() != TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE) {
74         expr = expression();
75     }
76     return new ReturnStatement(expr);
77 }
78
79 Statement* Parser::statement() {
80     while (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE) {
81         advance();
82     }
83     if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::IF) {
84         advance();
85         return ifStatement();
86     }
87     if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::WHILE) {
88         advance();
89         return whileStatement();
90     }
91     if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::PRINT) {
92         advance();
93         return printStatement();
94     }
95     if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::RETURN) {
96         advance();
97         return returnStatement();
98     }
99     /*if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::FOR) {
100         advance();
101         return forStatement();
102     }*/

```



```

102     if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::LEFT_BRACE) {
103         advance(); advance();
104         Statement* stmt = blockStatement(TOKEN_TYPE::RIGHT_BRACE);
105         return stmt;
106     }
107     return expressionStatement();
108 }
109
110 Statement* Parser::ifStatement() {
111     Expression* condition = expression();
112     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::THEN);
113     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE);
114
115     std::vector<Statement*> branch;
116     while ((peek().GetType() != TOKEN_TYPE::ELSE || peek().GetType() != TOKEN_TYPE
::ENDIF) && !eof()) {
117         branch.push_back(declaration());
118         if (mTokens[mCurrent+1].GetType() != TOKEN_TYPE::END_OF_FILE) {
119             enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE);
120         }
121     }
122
123     Statement* elseBranch = nullptr;
124     if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::ELSE) {
125         advance();
126         elseBranch = blockStatement(TOKEN_TYPE::ENDIF);
127     }
128     if (!eof()) { enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE); }
129     return new IfStatement(condition, new BlockStatement(branch), elseBranch);
130 }
131
132 Statement* Parser::whileStatement() {
133     Expression* condition = expression();
134     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::DO);
135     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE);
136     Statement* body = blockStatement(TOKEN_TYPE::ENDWHILE);
137     if (!eof()) { enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE); }
138     return new WhileStatement(condition, body);
139 }
140
141 Statement* Parser::forStatement() {
142     Token identifier = get();
143     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::ASSIGNMENT);
144     Expression* from = expression();
145     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::TO);
146     Expression* to = expression();
147     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::DO);
148     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE);
149     Statement* body = blockStatement(TOKEN_TYPE::ENDFOR);
150     return new ForStatement(identifier, from, to, body);
151 }
152
153
154 Statement* Parser::blockStatement(TOKEN_TYPE endingToken) {
155     std::vector<Statement*> stmts;
156     while (peek().GetType() != endingToken && !eof()) {
157         stmts.push_back(declaration());

```

```
158         if (mTokens[mCurrent+1].GetType() != TOKEN_TYPE::END_OF_FILE) {
159             enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::NEWLINE);
160         }
161     }
162     enforce(endingToken);
163     return new BlockStatement(stmts);
164 }
165 }
166
167 Statement* Parser::printStatement() {
168     Expression* expr = expression();
169     return new PrintStatement(expr);
170 }
171
172 Statement* Parser::expressionStatement() {
173     Expression* expr = expression();
174     return expr;
175 }
176
177
178
179
180
181 Expression* Parser::expression() {
182     Expression* expr = assignment();
183
184     return expr;
185 }
186
187 Expression* Parser::assignment() {
188     Expression* expr = equality();
189     if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::ASSIGNMENT) {
190         Token equals = previous();
191         advance();
192         Expression* value = assignment();
193
194         if (dynamic_cast<VariableExpression*>(expr) != nullptr) {
195             Token name = ((VariableExpression*)expr)->name;
196             return new VariableAssignmentExpression(name, expr);
197         }
198     }
199     return expr;
200 }
201 }
202
203 Expression* Parser::equality() {
204     Expression* expr = comparison();
205
206     while (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::NOT_EQUAL || peek().GetType() ==
207            TOKEN_TYPE::EQUAL) {
208         Token operation = get();
209         Expression* right = comparison();
210         expr = new BinaryExpression(expr, operation, right);
211     }
212     return expr;
213 }
```

```
214 Expression* Parser::comparison() {
215     Expression* expr = term();
216     while (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::LESS_EQ_THAN ||
217            peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::LESS_THAN ||
218            peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::GREATER_THAN ||
219            peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::GREATER_EQ_THAN) {
220         Token operation = get();
221         Expression* right = term();
222         expr = new BinaryExpression(expr, operation, right);
223     }
224     return expr;
225 }
226
227 Expression* Parser::term() {
228     Expression* expr = factor();
229     while (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::PLUS || peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE
::MINUS) {
230
231         Token operation = get();
232         Expression* right = factor();
233         expr = new BinaryExpression(expr, operation, right);
234     }
235     return expr;
236 }
237
238 Expression* Parser::factor() {
239     Expression* expr = unary();
240     while (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::SLASH || peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE
::STAR) {
241         Token operation = get();
242         Expression* right = unary();
243         expr = new BinaryExpression(expr, operation, right);
244     }
245     return expr;
246 }
247
248 Expression* Parser::unary() {
249     if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::EXCLAMATION || peek().GetType() ==
TOKEN_TYPE::MINUS) {
250         Token operation = get();
251         Expression* right = unary();
252         return new UnaryExpression(operation, right);
253     }
254     return call();
255 }
256
257 Expression* Parser::call() {
258     Expression* expr = primary();
259     while (true) {
260         if (peek().GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::LEFT_PAREN) {
261             expr = finishCall(expr);
262         }
263         else {
264             break;
265         }
266     }
267 }
```

```

268     return expr;
269 }
270
271 Expression* Parser::finishCall(Expression* callee) {
272     std::vector<Expression*> args;
273     advance();
274     while (peek().GetType() != TOKEN_TYPE::RIGHT_PAREN) {
275         if (args.size()>127) {
276             throw std::invalid_argument("Cannot have over 127 args")
277         }
278         args.push_back(expression());
279         if (peek().GetType() != TOKEN_TYPE::RIGHT_PAREN) {
280             enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::COMMA);
281         }
282     }
283
284     enforce(TOKEN_TYPE::RIGHT_PAREN);
285     return new CallExpression(callee, args);
286 }
287
288 Expression* Parser::primary() {
289     std::cout<<static_cast<int>(peek().GetType())<<std::endl;
290     switch (peek().GetType())
291     {
292     case TOKEN_TYPE::FALSE:
293         advance();
294         return new BooleanLiteral(false);
295     case TOKEN_TYPE::TRUE:
296         advance();
297         return new BooleanLiteral(true);
298     case TOKEN_TYPE::IDENTIFIER:
299         return new VariableExpression(get());
300     case TOKEN_TYPE::INTEGER:
301         return new NumericLiteral(Token(get()));
302     case TOKEN_TYPE::REAL:
303         return new NumericLiteral(Token(get()));
304     case TOKEN_TYPE::STRING:
305         return new StringLiteral(get().GetLexeme());
306     case TOKEN_TYPE::LEFT_PAREN:
307         advance();
308         Expression* expr = expression();
309         enforce(Token(TOKEN_TYPE::RIGHT_PAREN));
310         return new GroupExpression(expr);
311     }
312     return nullptr;
313 }
314
315 Token Parser::previous() { return mTokens[mCurrent-1]; }
316 Token Parser::get() {
317     if (!eof()) {
318         mCurrent++;
319         return previous();
320     }
321     return Token(TOKEN_TYPE::END_OF_FILE);
322 }
323 Token Parser::peek() { return mTokens[mCurrent]; }
324 void Parser::advance() { mCurrent++; }

```

```

325 void Parser::enforce(Token token) {
326
327     if (mTokens[mCurrent].GetType() != token.GetType()) {
328         std::cout<<"Syntax Error: Expected: "<<static_cast<int>(token.GetType())<<
std::endl;
329     }
330     advance();
331 }
332 bool Parser::eof() {
333     if (mCurrent >= mTokens.size()-1) { return true; }
334     return false;
335 }

```

Listing 10: parser.cpp

## 4.6 Visitor interface

There are two classes that implement the visitor pattern. Therefore, in order to be able to use the same `accept()` method from the nodes classes, I used an interface from which the two classes derive. The `accept()` method will take in a pointer of type `Visitor` instead and use polymorphism through dynamic dispatch again to determine the right visit method to call.

```

1  #pragma once
2
3  #include "nodes.h"
4
5  class Visitor{
6  public:
7      virtual NumericLiteral* VisitNumericLiteralExpression(NumericLiteral*
numericLiteral) = 0;
8      virtual StringLiteral* VisitStringLiteralExpression(StringLiteral*
stringLiteral) = 0;
9      virtual BooleanLiteral* VisitBooleanLiteralExpression(BooleanLiteral*
booleanLiteral) = 0;
10
11     virtual Expression* VisitGroupExpression(GroupExpression* groupExpression) =
0;
12     virtual Expression* VisitUnaryExpression(UnaryExpression* unaryExpression) =
0;
13     virtual Expression* VisitCallExpression(CallExpression* callExpression) = 0;
14     virtual Expression* VisitBinaryExpression(BinaryExpression* binaryExpression)
= 0;
15
16     virtual Expression* VisitVariableExpression(VariableExpression*
variableExpression) = 0;
17     virtual Expression* VisitVariableAssignmentExpression(
VariableAssignmentExpression* variableAssignmentExpression) = 0;
18
19     virtual void VisitExpressionStatement(ExpressionStatement* expressionStatement
) = 0;
20     virtual void VisitPrintStatement(PrintStatement* printStatement) = 0;
21     virtual void VisitVariableDeclarationStatement(VariableDeclarationStatement*
variableStatement) = 0;
22     virtual void VisitFunctionDeclarationStatement(FunctionDeclarationStatement*
functionDeclaration) = 0;
23     virtual void VisitReturnStatement(ReturnStatement* returnStatement) = 0;

```

```

24     virtual void VisitBlockStatement(BlockStatement* blockStatement) = 0;
25     virtual void VisitIfStatement(IfStatement* ifStatement) = 0;
26     virtual void VisitWhileStatement(WhileStatement* whileStatement) = 0;
27     virtual void VisitForStatement(ForStatement* forStatement) = 0;
28
29
30 };

```

Listing 11: Visitor.h

In C++, the `virtual` keyword indicates that the method has no definition in the base class. The `= 0` following the class definition indicates that the methods must be overridden and defined in all derived classes.

## 4.7 Interpreting

```

1  #pragma once
2
3  #include "nodes.h"
4  #include "visitor.h"
5  #include "ASTprinter.h"
6  #include "environment.h"
7
8  class ReturnException : public std::exception {
9  public:
10     ReturnException(Expression* expr);
11
12     Expression* value;
13 };
14
15
16 class Interpreter : public Visitor {
17 public:
18     Interpreter();
19     void Interpret(std::vector<Statement*> statements);
20
21
22     NumericLiteral* VisitNumericLiteralExpression(NumericLiteral* numericLiteral)
23     override;
24     StringLiteral* VisitStringLiteralExpression(StringLiteral* stringLiteral)
25     override;
26     BooleanLiteral* VisitBooleanLiteralExpression(BooleanLiteral* booleanLiteral)
27     override;
28
29     Expression* VisitGroupExpression(GroupExpression* groupExpression) override;
30     Expression* VisitUnaryExpression(UnaryExpression* unaryExpression) override;
31     Expression* VisitCallExpression(CallExpression* callExpression) override;
32     Expression* VisitBinaryExpression(BinaryExpression* binaryExpression) override;
33
34     Expression* VisitVariableExpression(VariableExpression* variableExpression)
35     override;
36     Expression* VisitVariableAssignmentExpression(VariableAssignmentExpression*
37     variableAssignmentExpression) override;
38
39     void VisitExpressionStatement(ExpressionStatement* expressionStatement)
40     override;

```

```

35     void VisitPrintStatement(PrintStatement* printStatement) override;
36     void VisitVariableDeclarationStatement(VariableDeclarationStatement*
variableStatement) override;
37     void VisitFunctionDeclarationStatement(FunctionDeclarationStatement*
functionDeclarationStatement) override;
38     void VisitReturnStatement(ReturnStatement* returnStatement) override;
39     void VisitBlockStatement(BlockStatement* blockStatement) override;
40     void VisitIfStatement(IfStatement* ifStatement) override;
41     void VisitWhileStatement(WhileStatement* whileStatement) override;
42     void VisitForStatement(ForStatement* forStatement) override;
43
44
45     Expression* evaluate(Expression* expr);
46     void execute(Statement* stmt);
47     void executeBlock(std::vector<Statement*> stmts, Environment* env);
48
49 public:
50     Environment* globals;
51
52
53 private:
54     Printer printer;
55     Environment* environment;
56
57
58 };

```

Listing 12: Interpreter.h

Since this derives from `Visitor`, all the pure virtual functions have been declared as overridden. The `evaluate()` function takes in an AST and reduces it to a single node that can be interpreted. The `execute()` function takes in a `statement` and executes it according to the rules defined in the visit methods. `executeBlock()` executes a series of statements. `environment` stores the current environment that holds all local variables and `printer` is used as an interface `stdout`. Each visit method is called from the dynamically selected definition of `accept()`. They execute or evaluate parts of the program at a time - i.e. the `visitWhileStatement()` method executes the `WhileStatement` object passed into it. This satisfies **Objective 2.2.1.8**.

```

1  #include <string>
2  #include <iostream>
3  #include <vector>
4  #include <cmath>
5  #include <stdexcept>
6
7  class Statement;
8  class Expression;
9  class Visitor;
10 class Interpreter;
11 class Printer;
12 class Environment;
13 class Value;
14 class Function;
15
16 #include "token.h"
17 #include "nodes.h"
18 #include "visitor.h"
19 #include "interpreter.h"

```

```

20 #include "ASTprinter.h"
21 #include "environment.h"
22 #include "callable.h"
23
24
25
26 ReturnException::ReturnException(Expression* expr) { value = expr; }
27
28 Interpreter::Interpreter() {
29     globals = new Environment();
30     environment = globals;
31 }
32
33 void Interpreter::Interpret(std::vector<Statement*> statements) {
34     environment = new Environment();
35     for (Statement* stmt : statements) {
36         execute(stmt);
37     }
38 }
39
40
41 NumericLiteral* Interpreter::VisitNumericLiteralExpression(NumericLiteral*
    numericLiteral) { return numericLiteral; }
42 StringLiteral* Interpreter::VisitStringLiteralExpression(StringLiteral*
    stringLiteral) { return stringLiteral; }
43 BooleanLiteral* Interpreter::VisitBooleanLiteralExpression(BooleanLiteral*
    booleanLiteral) { return booleanLiteral; }
44
45 Expression* Interpreter::VisitGroupExpression(GroupExpression* groupExpression) {
    return groupExpression->expr; }
46
47 Expression* Interpreter::VisitUnaryExpression(UnaryExpression* unaryExpression) {
48     Expression* right = evaluate(unaryExpression->expr);
49     if (unaryExpression->operation.GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::MINUS) {
50         return new NumericLiteral(-1*((NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
51     }
52     return new NumericLiteral(((NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
53 }
54
55 Expression* Interpreter::VisitCallExpression(CallExpression* callExpression) {
56     Expression* callee = evaluate(callExpression->callee);
57
58     std::vector<Expression*> arguments;
59     for (Expression* arg : callExpression->args) {
60         arguments.push_back(evaluate(arg));
61     }
62
63     if (reinterpret_cast<Function*>(callee) == nullptr) {
64         throw std::invalid_argument("Can only call subroutines");
65     }
66
67
68
69     Function* subroutine = reinterpret_cast<Function*>(callee);
70
71     if (arguments.size() != subroutine->Arity()) {
72         throw std::runtime_error("Expected " + std::to_string(subroutine->Arity())

```



```

73     + " arguments but " + std::to_string(arguments.size()) + " were given");
74     }
75     return subroutine->call(this, arguments);
76 }
77
78
79
80
81
82 Expression* Interpreter::VisitBinaryExpression(BinaryExpression* binaryExpression)
83 {
84     Expression* left = evaluate(binaryExpression->left);
85     Expression* right = evaluate(binaryExpression->right);
86     switch(binaryExpression->operation.GetType()) {
87         case TOKEN_TYPE::PLUS:
88             if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(left) != nullptr && dynamic_cast<
NumericLiteral*>(right) != nullptr) {
89                 return new NumericLiteral(((NumericLiteral*)left)->val + ((
NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
90             }
91             if (dynamic_cast<StringLiteral*>(left) != nullptr && dynamic_cast<
NumericLiteral*>(right) != nullptr) {
92                 double right = ((NumericLiteral*)right)->val;
93                 if (std::floor(right) == right) { return new StringLiteral(((
StringLiteral*)left)->val.append(std::to_string(int(right)))); }
94                 else { return new StringLiteral(((StringLiteral*)left)->val + (std
::to_string(right))); }
95             }
96             if (dynamic_cast<StringLiteral*>(left) != nullptr && dynamic_cast<
StringLiteral*>(right) != nullptr) {
97                 return new StringLiteral(((StringLiteral*)left)->val + (((
StringLiteral*)right)->val));
98             }
99             throw std::invalid_argument("Operands of '+' must evaluate to: (
NumericLiteral, NumericLiteral), (StringLiteral, StringLiteral), (StringLiteral
, NumericLiteral)");
100         case TOKEN_TYPE::MINUS:
101             if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(left) == nullptr || dynamic_cast<
NumericLiteral*>(right) == nullptr) { throw std::invalid_argument("Operands of
 '-' must evaluate to type NumericLiteral"); }
102             return new NumericLiteral(((NumericLiteral*)left)->val - ((
NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
103         case TOKEN_TYPE::STAR:
104             if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(left) == nullptr || dynamic_cast<
NumericLiteral*>(right) == nullptr) { throw std::invalid_argument("Operands of
 '*' must evaluate to type NumericLiteral"); }
105             return new NumericLiteral(((NumericLiteral*)left)->val * ((
NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
106         case TOKEN_TYPE::SLASH:
107             if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(left) == nullptr || dynamic_cast<
NumericLiteral*>(right) == nullptr) { throw std::invalid_argument("Operands of
 '/' must evaluate to type NumericLiteral"); }
108             return new NumericLiteral(((NumericLiteral*)left)->val / ((
NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
109         case TOKEN_TYPE::GREATER_THAN:
110             if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(left) == nullptr || dynamic_cast<

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```

NumericLiteral*>(right) == nullptr) { throw std::invalid_argument("Operands of
'>' must evaluate to type NumericLiteral"); }
110     return new BooleanLiteral(((NumericLiteral*)left)->val > ((
NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
111     case TOKEN_TYPE::LESS_THAN:
112         if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(left) == nullptr || dynamic_cast<
NumericLiteral*>(right) == nullptr) { throw std::invalid_argument("Operands of
'<' must evaluate to type NumericLiteral"); }
113         return new BooleanLiteral(((NumericLiteral*)left)->val < ((
NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
114         case TOKEN_TYPE::GREATER_EQ_THAN:
115             if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(left) == nullptr || dynamic_cast<
NumericLiteral*>(right) == nullptr) { throw std::invalid_argument("Operands of
'>=' must evaluate to type NumericLiteral"); }
116             return new BooleanLiteral(((NumericLiteral*)left)->val >= ((
NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
117             case TOKEN_TYPE::LESS_EQ_THAN:
118                 if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(left) == nullptr || dynamic_cast<
NumericLiteral*>(right) == nullptr) { throw std::invalid_argument("Operands of
'<=' must evaluate to type NumericLiteral"); }
119                 return new BooleanLiteral(((NumericLiteral*)left)->val <= ((
NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
120                 case TOKEN_TYPE::NOT_EQUAL:
121                     if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(left) == nullptr || dynamic_cast<
NumericLiteral*>(right) == nullptr) { throw std::invalid_argument("Operands of
'!=' must evaluate to type NumericLiteral"); }
122                     return new BooleanLiteral(((NumericLiteral*)left)->val != ((
NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
123                     case TOKEN_TYPE::EQUAL:
124                         if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(left) == nullptr || dynamic_cast<
NumericLiteral*>(right) == nullptr) { throw std::invalid_argument("Operands of
'=' must evaluate to type NumericLiteral"); }
125                         return new BooleanLiteral(((NumericLiteral*)left)->val == ((
NumericLiteral*)right)->val);
126                     default:
127                         return nullptr;
128                 }
129     }
130
131 void Interpreter::VisitBlockStatement(BlockStatement* blockStatement) {
132     executeBlock(blockStatement->statements, new Environment(environment));
133 }
134
135 Expression* Interpreter::VisitVariableExpression(VariableExpression*
variableExpression) {
136     Value val = environment->Get(variableExpression->name.GetLexeme());
137     switch (val.valueType) {
138         case VALUE_TYPE::BOOLEAN:
139             return new BooleanLiteral(val.literal.boolean);
140         case VALUE_TYPE::STRING:
141             return new StringLiteral(*(val.literal.string));
142         case VALUE_TYPE::NUMBER:
143             return new NumericLiteral(val.literal.number);
144         case VALUE_TYPE::FUNCTION:
145             return reinterpret_cast<Expression*>(val.literal.function);
146     }
147 }

```

```

148
149 Expression* Interpreter::VisitVariableAssignmentExpression(
    VariableAssignmentExpression* variableAssignmentExpression) {
150     Expression* value = evaluate(variableAssignmentExpression->val);
151     if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(value) != nullptr) {
152         environment->Assign(variableAssignmentExpression->name.GetLexeme(),
            dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(value)->val);
153     }
154     else if (dynamic_cast<StringLiteral*>(value) != nullptr) {
155         environment->Assign(variableAssignmentExpression->name.GetLexeme(),
            dynamic_cast<StringLiteral*>(value)->val);
156     }
157     else if (dynamic_cast<BooleanLiteral*>(value) != nullptr) {
158         environment->Assign(variableAssignmentExpression->name.GetLexeme(),
            dynamic_cast<BooleanLiteral*>(value)->val);
159     }
160     return value;
161 }
162
163
164 void Interpreter::VisitExpressionStatement(ExpressionStatement*
    expressionStatement) {
165     Expression* expr = evaluate(expressionStatement->expr);
166 }
167 void Interpreter::VisitPrintStatement(PrintStatement* printStatement) {
168     Expression* expr = evaluate(printStatement->expr);
169     printer.Print(expr);
170 }
171
172 void Interpreter::VisitVariableDeclarationStatement(VariableDeclarationStatement*
    variableStatement) {
173     Expression* value = evaluate(variableStatement->val);
174     if (dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>(value) != nullptr) {
175         environment->Declare(variableStatement->name.GetLexeme(), dynamic_cast<
            NumericLiteral*>(value)->val);
176     }
177     else if (dynamic_cast<StringLiteral*>(value) != nullptr) {
178         environment->Declare(variableStatement->name.GetLexeme(), dynamic_cast<
            StringLiteral*>(value)->val);
179     }
180     else if (dynamic_cast<BooleanLiteral*>(value) != nullptr) {
181         environment->Declare(variableStatement->name.GetLexeme(), dynamic_cast<
            BooleanLiteral*>(value)->val);
182     }
183     else {
184
185     }
186 }
187
188
189 void Interpreter::VisitFunctionDeclarationStatement(FunctionDeclarationStatement*
    functionDeclarationStatement) {
190     Function* function = new Function(functionDeclarationStatement);
191     environment->Declare(functionDeclarationStatement->identifier.GetLexeme(),
        function);
192 }
193

```

```

194
195 void Interpreter::VisitReturnStatement(ReturnStatement* returnStatement) {
196     Expression* value = nullptr;
197     if (returnStatement->returnValue != nullptr) {
198         value = evaluate(returnStatement->returnValue);
199     }
200     throw ReturnException(value);
201 }
202
203 void Interpreter::VisitIfStatement(IfStatement* ifStatement) {
204     if (dynamic_cast<BooleanLiteral*>(evaluate(ifStatement->condition))->val) {
205         execute(ifStatement->branch);
206     }
207     else if (dynamic_cast<BooleanLiteral*>(evaluate(ifStatement->condition))->val
208 == false && ifStatement->elseBranch != nullptr) {
209         execute(ifStatement->elseBranch);
210     }
211 }
212
213 void Interpreter::VisitWhileStatement(WhileStatement* whileStatement) {
214     while (dynamic_cast<BooleanLiteral*>(evaluate(whileStatement->condition))->val
215 ) {
216         execute(whileStatement->body);
217     }
218 }
219
220 void Interpreter::VisitForStatement(ForStatement* forStatement) {
221     Environment* previous = environment;
222     environment = new Environment(environment);
223     environment->Declare(forStatement->iterator.GetLexeme(), dynamic_cast<
224 NumericLiteral*>(evaluate(forStatement->start))->val);
225     while(environment->Get(forStatement->iterator.GetLexeme()).literal.number <
226 dynamic_cast<NumericLiteral*>((forStatement->end))->val) {
227         execute(forStatement->body);
228         environment->Assign(forStatement->iterator.GetLexeme(), environment->Get(
229 forStatement->iterator.GetLexeme()).literal.number+1);
230     }
231     delete environment;
232     environment = previous;
233 }
234
235 Expression* Interpreter::evaluate(Expression* expr) {
236     return expr->accept(this);
237 }
238
239 void Interpreter::execute(Statement* stmt) {
240     stmt->accept(this);
241 }
242
243 void Interpreter::executeBlock(std::vector<Statement*> stmts, Environment* env) {
244     Environment* current = environment;
245     environment = env;
246     for (Statement* stmt : stmts) {
247         execute(stmt);
248     }
249     environment = current;

```

245 }

Listing 13: Interpreter.cpp

## 4.8 Printer

For the PRINT method, a class `Printer` is used that also derives from `Visitor` to evaluate and output the result of an expression. It also has diagnostic benefits, as printing a non-evaluated expression shows the tree structure of the expression without collapsing it which is beneficial during debugging.

```

1  #pragma once
2
3
4  #include "visitor.h"
5
6  class Printer : public Visitor {
7  public:
8      void Print(Expression* expression);
9
10
11     NumericLiteral* VisitNumericLiteralExpression(NumericLiteral* numericLiteral)
        override;
12     StringLiteral* VisitStringLiteralExpression(StringLiteral* stringLiteral)
        override;
13     BooleanLiteral* VisitBooleanLiteralExpression(BooleanLiteral* booleanLiteral)
        override;
14
15     Expression* VisitGroupExpression(GroupExpression* groupExpression) override;
16     Expression* VisitUnaryExpression(UnaryExpression* unaryExpression) override;
17     Expression* VisitCallExpression(CallExpression* callExpression) override;
18     Expression* VisitBinaryExpression(BinaryExpression* binaryExpression) override
        ;
19
20     Expression* VisitVariableExpression(VariableExpression* variableExpression)
        override;
21     Expression* VisitVariableAssignmentExpression(VariableAssignmentExpression*
        variableAssignmentExpression) override;
22
23     void VisitExpressionStatement(ExpressionStatement* expressionStatement)
        override;
24     void VisitPrintStatement(PrintStatement* printStatement) override;
25     void VisitVariableDeclarationStatement(VariableDeclarationStatement*
        variableDeclarationStatement) override;
26     void VisitFunctionDeclarationStatement(FunctionDeclarationStatement*
        functionDeclarationStatement) override;
27     void VisitReturnStatement(ReturnStatement* returnStatement) override;
28     void VisitBlockStatement(BlockStatement* blockStatement) override;
29     void VisitIfStatement(IfStatement* ifStatement) override;
30     void VisitWhileStatement(WhileStatement* whileStatement) override;
31     void VisitForStatement(ForStatement* ForStatement) override;
32
33
34     Expression* print(Expression* expr);
35 };

```

Listing 14: ASTprinter.h

While statements are never printed, since the methods for visiting statements are purely virtual in the base class, they must be declared as overridden here.

```

1
2
3 #include <string>
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include <vector>
6
7 class Expression;
8 class Visitor;
9 class Printer;
10
11 #include "token.h"
12 #include "nodes.h"
13 #include "visitor.h"
14 #include "ASTprinter.h"
15
16 void Printer::Print(Expression* expression) {
17     Expression* completed = print(expression);
18     std::cout<<"\n";
19     return;
20 }
21
22
23 NumericLiteral* Printer::VisitNumericLiteralExpression(NumericLiteral*
    numericLiteral) { std::cout<<numericLiteral->val; return nullptr; }
24 StringLiteral* Printer::VisitStringLiteralExpression(StringLiteral* stringLiteral)
    { std::cout<<stringLiteral->val; return nullptr; }
25 BooleanLiteral* Printer::VisitBooleanLiteralExpression(BooleanLiteral*
    booleanLiteral) {
26     if (booleanLiteral->val) { std::cout<< "TRUE"; }
27     else { std::cout<< "FALSE"; }
28     return nullptr;
29 }
30
31 Expression* Printer::VisitGroupExpression(GroupExpression* groupExpression) {
32     std::cout<<'(';
33     print(groupExpression->expr);
34     std::cout<<')';
35     return nullptr;
36 }
37 Expression* Printer::VisitUnaryExpression(UnaryExpression* unaryExpression) {
38     if(unaryExpression->operation.GetType() == TOKEN_TYPE::MINUS) {
39         std::cout<<"-(";
40         Expression* right = print(unaryExpression->expr);
41         std::cout<<")";
42         return nullptr;
43     }
44     print(unaryExpression->expr);
45     return nullptr;
46 }
47
48 Expression* Printer::VisitCallExpression(CallExpression* callExpression) {
49
50 }
51

```

```

52
53 Expression* Printer::VisitBinaryExpression(BinaryExpression* binaryExpression) {
54     Expression* left = print(binaryExpression->left);
55     switch(binaryExpression->operation.GetType()) {
56         case TOKEN_TYPE::PLUS:
57             std::cout<<'+'; break;
58         case TOKEN_TYPE::MINUS:
59             std::cout<<'-' ; break;
60         case TOKEN_TYPE::STAR:
61             std::cout<<'*' ; break;
62         case TOKEN_TYPE::SLASH:
63             std::cout<<'/' ; break;
64         case TOKEN_TYPE::GREATER_THAN:
65             std::cout<<'>' ; break;
66         case TOKEN_TYPE::LESS_THAN:
67             std::cout<<'<' ; break;
68         case TOKEN_TYPE::GREATER_EQ_THAN:
69             std::cout<<">=" ; break;
70         case TOKEN_TYPE::LESS_EQ_THAN:
71             std::cout<<"<=" ; break;
72         case TOKEN_TYPE::NOT_EQUAL:
73             std::cout<<"!=" ; break;
74         case TOKEN_TYPE::EQUAL:
75             std::cout<<'=' ; break;
76         default:
77             break;
78     }
79     Expression* right = print(binaryExpression->right);
80     return nullptr;
81 }
82
83 Expression* Printer::print(Expression* expr) {
84     return expr->accept(this);
85 }
86
87 Expression* Printer::VisitVariableExpression(VariableExpression* expression) {
88     return nullptr; }
89
90 void Printer::VisitPrintStatement(PrintStatement* printStatement) { return; }
91 void Printer::VisitExpressionStatement(ExpressionStatement* ExpressionStatement) {
92     return; }
93
94 void Printer::VisitVariableDeclarationStatement(VariableDeclarationStatement*
95     variableDeclarationStatement) { return; }
96 void Printer::VisitFunctionDeclarationStatement(FunctionDeclarationStatement*
97     functionDeclarationStatement) { return; }
98 void Printer::VisitReturnStatement(ReturnStatement* returnStatement) { return; }
99
100 Expression* Printer::VisitVariableAssignmentExpression(
101     VariableAssignmentExpression* variableAssignmentExpression) { return nullptr; }
102
103 void Printer::VisitBlockStatement(BlockStatement* blockStatement) { return; }
104
105 void Printer::VisitIfStatement(IfStatement* ifStatement) { return; }
106 void Printer::VisitWhileStatement(WhileStatement* whileStatement) { return; }
107 void Printer::VisitForStatement(ForStatement* ForStatement) { return; }

```

Listing 15: ASTprinter.cpp

## 4.9 Putting it together

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <vector>
3
4 class Visitor;
5 class Interpreter;
6 class Printer;
7 class Function;
8
9 #include "token.h"
10 #include "lexer.h"
11 #include "nodes.h"
12 #include "parser.h"
13 #include "visitor.h"
14 #include "interpreter.h"
15 #include "ASTprinter.h"
16 #include "environment.h"
17 #include "callable.h"
18
19
20
21 int main(int argc, char** argv)
22 {
23
24     if (argc != 2)
25     {
26         std::cerr<<"Usage- ./main.exe [filename]"<<std::flush;
27         return -1;
28     }
29
30     Lexer lexer(argv[1]);
31     std::vector<Token> vectors;
32     lexer.GetAllTokens(vectors);
33
34     Parser parser(vectors);
35     std::vector<Statement*> statements = parser.Parse();
36     Interpreter interpreter;
37     interpreter.Interpret(statements);
```

Listing 16: main.cpp

If the user incorrectly uses the interpreter in the command line, they are prompted to do it correctly and the program exits. A lexer object generates the token stream through the `GetAllTokens()` function. The parser generates a list of statements through the `Parser()` method and the interpreter is called through the `interpret` method, passing in the statement list. This satisfies **Objective 2.2.1.1**.



## 5 Testing

### 5.1 Introduction

Since this project is to produce an interpreter, testing is relatively simple. Each input to the interpreter has one and only one behaviour that should be produced, therefore testing each objective is as simple as modelling a piece of code that implements that specific feature, determining the expected outcome through a brief inspection and dry-run, and executing that to see if the expected outcome matches the actual outcome. Any discrepancy between the two is an error and the code should be corrected.

### 5.2 Variable Assignment

#### 5.2.1 Input

```
1  foo <- "bar"
```

#### 5.2.2 Expectation

A variable of Identifier "foo" should be created on the current scope's environment of type `StringLiteral` and value "bar".

#### 5.2.3 Test

```
1  foo <- "bar"  
2  PRINT foo
```

results in "bar" being output to the console, satisfying **Objective 2.2.2.1**.

### 5.3 Standard arithmetic operators

#### 5.3.1 Input

```
1  PRINT 5+3  
2  PRINT 2-6  
3  PRINT 4*3  
4  PRINT 2/8
```

#### 5.3.2 Expectation

The program should print the result of the mathematical expressions

#### 5.3.3 Test

```
1  8  
2  -4  
3  12  
4  0.25
```

which satisfies **Objective 2.2.2.2**.

## 5.4 Relational Operators

### 5.4.1 Input

```
1 PRINT 5 > 3
2 PRINT 3 > 5
3 PRINT 2 < 4
4 PRINT 4 < 2
5 PRINT 2 >= 2
6 PRINT 3 >= 2
7 PRINT 2 >= 3
8 PRINT 4 <= 5
9 PRINT 4 <= 4
10 PRINT 4 <= 3
11 PRINT 6 = 6
12 PRINT 6 = 7
13 PRINT TRUE = FALSE
14 PRINT TRUE != FALSE
15 PRINT (TRUE = FALSE) = (6 < "banana")
```

### 5.4.2 Test Result

```
1 TRUE
2 FALSE
3 TRUE
4 FALSE
5 TRUE
6 TRUE
7 FLASE
8 TRUE
9 TRUE
10 FALSE
11 TRUE
12 FALSE
13 FALSE
14 TRUE
15 TRUE
```

which satisfies **Objective 2.2.2.3**.

## 5.5 While loops

### 5.5.1 Input

```
1 i <- 0
2 WHILE i < 10 DO
3     PRINT i
4     i <- i + 1
5 ENDWHILE
```

### 5.5.2 Expectation

Prints the numbers 0 to 9

### 5.5.3 Test Result

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10

0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9

which satisfies **Objective 2.2.2.4**.

## 5.6 For loops

### 5.6.1 Input

```
1  FOR i < 1 TO 10 STEP 1 DO
2      PRINT i
3  ENDFOR
```

### 5.6.2 Expectation

Prints the numbers 1 to 10

### 5.6.3 Test Result

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10

which satisfies **Objective 2.2.2.5**.

## 5.7 If statement

### 5.7.1 Input

```
1  IF TRUE THEN
2      PRINT "true"
3  ELSE
4      PRINT "not true"
5  ENDIF
6
7  IF FALSE THEN
8      PRINT "not true"
```

```
9      ELSE
10        PRINT "true"
11      ENDIF
```

### 5.7.2 Expectation

Prints "true" twice

### 5.7.3 Test Result

```
1      true
2      true
```

which satisfies **Objective 2.2.2.6**.

## 5.8 Userinput

### 5.8.1 Input

```
1      in <- USERINPUT
2      PRINT in
```

### 5.8.2 Expectation

Prints whatever the user inputs

### 5.8.3 Test Result

with input "out"

```
1      out
```

which satisfies **Objective 2.2.2.7** and **Objective 2.2.2.8**.

## 5.9 Subroutines

### 5.9.1 Input

```
1      SUBROUTINE pow(base, exp)
2          result <- 1
3          WHILE exp > 0 DO
4              result <- result * base
5              exp <- exp - 1
6          ENDWHILE
7          RETURN result
8      ENDSUBROUTINE
9
10     PRINT pow(2, 5)
```

### 5.9.2 Expectation

Prints 32

### 5.9.3 Test Result

1 32

which satisfies **Objective 2.2.2.9**.

## 5.10 String concatenation

### 5.10.1 Input

1 PRINT "hello, " + "world"

### 5.10.2 Expectation

Prints "hello, world"

### 5.10.3 Test Result

1 hello, world

which satisfied **Objective 2.2.2.10**

## 5.11 Implicit conversions

### 5.11.1 Input

1 PRINT "hello" + 5

### 5.11.2 Expectation

Prints "hello5"

### 5.11.3 Test Result

1 hello5

which satisfies **Objective 2.2.2.11**.

## 5.12 Explicit conversions

### 5.12.1 Input

1 PRINT STRING\_TO\_NUMERIC("5") \* 3

### 5.12.2 Expectation

Prints 15

### 5.12.3 Result

1 15

which satisfies **Objective 2.2.2.12**.

## 6 Evaluation

### 6.1 Self-assessment

Overall, this project meets the objectives set out in **2.2** and implements an interpreter for the AQA pseudocode specification [1] making use of an LL(1) parser. Further support could be added by extending the language with OOP<sup>17</sup> which would make the project more useful in particular for A-level students as they are introduced to multiple programming paradigms.

The interface of a CLI has been chosen to make the project as easy-to-use as possible but also as extendable as possible. I believe it would be relatively simple to be able to build a desktop application, for example in *Electron* or *Node.js*, and use it as a wrapper for the command-line tool, providing an environment for students to code in that has a friendlier GUI, perhaps with other tools such as debugging, syntax highlighting, and other developer tools.

The final improvement I would make would be to make the project available on the web, either by compiling it to *WebAssembly* and executing it through that or through a cloud computing service, such as *AWS*, *Azure*, or *GCP*, with the latter of the two options being favourable for simplicity and ease of maintenance.

### 6.2 Independent feedback

For my independent feedback I obtained the following review:

*"All of the objectives were achieved and the final application seems like a very useful tool for teaching GCSE students about pseudocode. However, it might be slightly difficult for younger students to use the command line to execute their code as it's not something typically done at GCSE level. It could be beneficial if there were extra tools such as syntax highlighting or maybe even a help method which can be called to explain how certain statements can be used."*

which is consistent with my view on the project outcome.

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<sup>17</sup>Object-oriented programming

### 6.3 Objectives

The table below details where, in this documentation, each objective is satisfied.

Objective	met in
2.2.1.1	4.9
2.2.1.2	4.3
2.2.1.3	4.5
2.2.1.4	4.3
2.2.1.5	4.3
2.2.1.6	4.3
2.2.1.7	4.5
2.2.1.8	4.7
2.2.2.1	5.2
2.2.2.2	5.3
2.2.2.3	5.4
2.2.2.4	5.5
2.2.2.5	5.6
2.2.2.6	5.7
2.2.2.7	5.8
2.2.2.8	5.8
2.2.2.9	5.9
2.2.2.10	5.10
2.2.2.11	5.11
2.2.2.12	5.12

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