

# CS31003: Compilers

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# Our sample

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- We used this example to understand phases of a compiler
- This is a simple block with declaration and expression statements

```
{  
    int x;  
    int y;  
    x = 2;  
    y = 3;  
    x = 5 + y * 4;  
}
```

# Flex Specs for our sample

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## Flex Specification

- C Declarations and definitions
- Definitions of Regular Expressions
- Definitions of Rules & Actions
- C functions

```
%{  
/* C Declarations and Definitions */  
%}  
  
/* Regular Expression Definitions */  
INT      "int"  
ID       [a-z][a-z0-9]*  
PUNC     [;]  
CONST    [0-9]+  
WS       [ \t\n]  
  
%%  
{INT}    { printf("<KEYWORD, int>\n"); /* Keyword Rule */ }  
{ID}     { printf("<ID, %s>\n", yytext); /* Identifier Rule */}  
"+"      { printf("<OPERATOR, +>\n"); /* Operator Rule */ }  
"*"      { printf("<OPERATOR, *>\n"); /* Operator Rule */ }  
"="      { printf("<OPERATOR, =>\n"); /* Operator Rule */ }  
"{"      { printf("<SPECIAL SYMBOL, {>\n"); /* Scope Rule */ }  
"}"      { printf("<SPECIAL SYMBOL, }>\n"); /* Scope Rule */ }  
{PUNC}   { printf("<PUNCTUATION, ;>\n"); /* Statement Rule */ }  
{CONST}  { printf("<INTEGER CONSTANT, %s>\n",yytext); /* Literal Rule */ }  
{WS}     /* White-space Rule */ ;  
%%  
  
main() {  
    yylex(); /* Flex Engine */  
}
```

# Flex I/O for our sample

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## I/P Character Stream

```
{  
    int x;  
    int y;  
    x = 2;  
    y = 3;  
    x = 5 + y * 4;  
}
```

## O/P Token Stream

```
<SPECIAL SYMBOL, {>  
<KEYWORD, int> <ID, x> <PUNCTUATION, ;>  
<KEYWORD, int> <ID, y> <PUNCTUATION, ;>  
<ID, x> <OPERATOR, => <INTEGER CONSTANT, 2> <PUNCTUATION, ;>  
<ID, y> <OPERATOR, => <INTEGER CONSTANT, 3> <PUNCTUATION, ;>  
<ID, x> <OPERATOR, => <INTEGER CONSTANT, 5> <OPERATOR, +>  
<ID, y> <OPERATOR, *> <INTEGER CONSTANT, 4> <PUNCTUATION, ;>  
<SPECIAL SYMBOL, }>
```

- The output is generated as one token per line. It has been rearranged here for better readability.
- Every token is a doublet showing the token class and the specific token information.

# Wrong Flex Specs for our sample

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## Flex Specification

- Rules for ID and INT have been swapped.
- No keyword can be tokenized as keyword now.

```
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%}
/* Regular Expression Definitions */
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CONST    [0-9]+
WS       [ \t\n]

%%
{ID}      { printf("<ID, %s>\n", yytext); /* Identifier Rule */}
{INT}     { printf("<KEYWORD, \"int\">\n"); /* Keyword Rule */ }
"+"       { printf("<OPERATOR, +>\n"); /* Operator Rule */ }
"*"       { printf("<OPERATOR, *>\n"); /* Operator Rule */ }
"="       { printf("<OPERATOR, =>\n"); /* Operator Rule */ }
{"("      { printf("<SPECIAL SYMBOL, {>\n"); /* Scope Rule */ }
{")"}     { printf("<SPECIAL SYMBOL, }>\n"); /* Scope Rule */ }
{PUNC}    { printf("<PUNCTUATION, ;>\n"); /* Statement Rule */ }
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**O/P Token Stream**

```
<SPECIAL SYMBOL, {>  
<ID, int> <ID, x> <PUNCTUATION, ;>  
<ID, int> <ID, y> <PUNCTUATION, ;>  
<ID, x> <OPERATOR, => <INTEGER CONSTANT, 2> <PUNCTUATION, ;>  
<ID, y> <OPERATOR, => <INTEGER CONSTANT, 3> <PUNCTUATION, ;>  
<ID, x> <OPERATOR, => <INTEGER CONSTANT, 5> <OPERATOR, +>  
<ID, y> <OPERATOR, *> <INTEGER CONSTANT, 4> <PUNCTUATION, ;>  
<SPECIAL SYMBOL, }>
```

- Both int's have been taken as ID!

# Flex Specs (interactive) for our sample

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```
%{
#define INT      10
#define ID       11
#define PLUS     12
#define MULT     13
#define ASSIGN   14
#define LBRACE   15
#define RBRACE   16
#define CONST    17
#define SEMICOLON 18
}%

INT      "int"
ID       [a-z][a-z0-9]*
PUNC     [;]
CONST    [0-9]+
WS       [ \t\n]

%%
{INT}    { return INT; }
{ID}     { return ID; }
"+"      { return PLUS; }
"*"      { return MULT; }
"="      { return ASSIGN; }
"{"      { return LBRACE; }
"}"      { return RBRACE; }
{PUNC}   { return SEMICOLON; }
{CONST}  { return CONST; }
{WS}     { /* Ignore
           whitespace */ }

%%
```

```
main() { int token;
        while (token = yylex()) {
            switch (token) {
                case INT: printf("<KEYWORD, %d, %s>\n",
                                token, yytext); break;
                case ID:  printf("<IDENTIFIER, %d, %s>\n",
                                token, yytext); break;
                case PLUS: printf("<OPERATOR, %d, %s>\n",
                                token, yytext); break;
                case MULT: printf("<OPERATOR, %d, %s>\n",
                                token, yytext); break;
                case ASSIGN: printf("<OPERATOR, %d, %s>\n",
                                   token, yytext); break;
                case LBRACE: printf("<SPECIAL SYMBOL, %d, %s>\n",
                                   token, yytext); break;
                case RBRACE: printf("<SPECIAL SYMBOL, %d, %s>\n",
                                   token, yytext); break;
                case SEMICOLON: printf("<PUNCTUATION, %d, %s>\n",
                                       token, yytext); break;
                case CONST: printf("<INTEGER CONSTANT, %d, %s>\n",
                                   token, yytext); break;
            }
        }
    }
```

- Input is taken from stdin. It can be changed by opening the file in main() and setting the file pointer to yyin.
- When the lexer will be integrated with the YACC generated parser, the yyparse() therein will call yylex() and the main() will call yyparse().

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#define RBRACE   16
#define CONST    17
#define SEMICOLON 18
```

## O/P Token Stream

```
<SPECIAL SYMBOL, 15, {}>
<KEYWORD, 10, int>
<IDENTIFIER, 11, x>
<PUNCTUATION, 18, ;>
<KEYWORD, 10, int>
<IDENTIFIER, 11, y>
<PUNCTUATION, 18, ;>
<IDENTIFIER, 11, x>
<OPERATOR, 14, ==>
<INTEGER CONSTANT, 17, 2>
<PUNCTUATION, 18, ;>
<IDENTIFIER, 11, y>
<OPERATOR, 14, ==>
<INTEGER CONSTANT, 17, 3>
<PUNCTUATION, 18, ;>
<IDENTIFIER, 11, x>
<OPERATOR, 14, ==>
<INTEGER CONSTANT, 17, 5>
<OPERATOR, 12, +>
<IDENTIFIER, 11, y>
<OPERATOR, 13, *>
<INTEGER CONSTANT, 17, 4>
<PUNCTUATION, 18, ;>
<SPECIAL SYMBOL, 16, }>
```

- Every token is a triplet showing the token class, token manifest constant and the specific token information.



# Flex-Bison Flow

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