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The following are my code snippets and comments for each parse-function I implemented. Since there are a lot of modifications based on original code, I just list a few functions that make me struggle while debugging.

## Symbols.cpp/ScopeTable()

The function is the constructor of **ScopeTable** and create elements in it. Before figuring out to add current table its parent's children list, I was confused by my abnormal printed symbol table.

```
SymbolTable::ScopeTable::ScopeTable(ScopeTable* parent) noexcept
: mParent(parent)
{
    // PA2: Implement
    if (parent) parent->mChildren.push_back(this);
    mSymbols.clear();
    mChildren.clear();
}
```

## Symbols.cpp/search(name)

The function searches for the corresponding identifier through traveling the linked scope tables. I did not realize I can use "mParent" variable to DFS the achieve the goal in the first time.

```
Identifier* SymbolTable::ScopeTable::search(const char* name) noexcept
{
    // PA2: Implement
    Identifier* ident = nullptr;

    ident = searchInScope(name);

    if (!ident)
        if (mParent)
              ident = mParent->search(name);

    return ident;
}
```

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## Parse.cpp/getVariable(name)

This function attempts to get the corresponding identifier first. If the returned pointer is a null pointer, it reports a semantic error and returns the dummy variable instead. I misunderstood the meaning of "return the identifier for the dummy @@variable", resulting in using **createIdentifier()** instead.

```
Identifier* Parser::getVariable(const char* name) noexcept
{
    // PA2: Implement properly

    Identifier* ident = nullptr;
    std::string vName(name);
    ident = mSymbols.getIdentifier(name);

    if (!ident)
    {
        reportSemantError("Use of undeclared identifier '" + vName + "\'");
        ident = mSymbols.getIdentifier("@@variable");
    }
    return ident;
}
```

## Parse.cpp/charToInt(), intToChar()

These two functions attempt to convert expressions' types. It is my first time to use **dynamic\_cast**, which causes me more efforts to learn how to use it. I just post one of these two functions because they are very similar.

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```
std::shared_ptr<ASTExpr> Parser::charToInt(std::shared_ptr<ASTExpr> expr) noexcept
{
   if (expr->getType() == Type::Int)
       return expr;
   else if (expr->getType() == Type::Char)
       ASTConstantExpr* constCharToInt;
       constCharToInt = dynamic_cast<ASTConstantExpr*>(expr.get());
       ASTToCharExpr* intToInt;
       intToInt = dynamic_cast<ASTToCharExpr*>(expr.get());
       if (constCharToInt)
           constCharToInt->changeToInt();
            return expr;
       else if (intToInt)
           return intToInt->getChild();
       else
           std::shared_ptr<ASTToIntExpr> toInt;
           toInt = make_shared<ASTToIntExpr>(expr);
            return toInt;
    }
       return expr;
```