

Language Development

Structure

1. Lexical Analysis(Lazy)
2. Parser
3. Code Generation/Execution

Lexical Analysis

All methods seem to use a DFA for lexical analysis, I guess that this is for easily matching regex based tokens??? Though it does not seem to be entirely necessary. I think that I can just do some basic string checking perhaps. Think about this more.

Parser

- LL(1) This is very simplistic. It would be manageable, but not preferred, as it requires weird constraints on the grammar, making things a bit more complicated. This seems to be the Core for most good compilers `gcc`, `clang`, etc. Lets work with this for now, I think that it would be sufficient for the necessary purposes
- LL(k)/LL(*) There are significantly better, but also more complicated. They allow for more advanced grammars, but still have some of the pitfalls of the LL based parsers.
- LR(1) This is significantly better, and has fewer pitfalls of the LL parsers, but it is significantly more complicated to implement, and harder to debug, and produce debug information for the user. See if this parser can be implemented.
- LALR(1) This seems to be the standard for parse generators. It is used by both *Bison* and *Yacc*. Thus it must be pretty good. Older languages tend to utilize this method.
- PEG(Packrat) This seems to be a common implementation for parsing a specific grammar. More research needs to be done in order to learn more of its merits.