Military Institute of Science and Technology
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Course Name: Compiler

Term Paper

Syntax Directed Translation plays a central role in bridging the gap between parsing and code generation in compiler design. Its principles, mechanisms, and applications of Syntax Directed Translation are functionally dependent on the syntax-directed definitions and translation schemes work, followed by their role in semantic analysis and intermediate code generation. Now, read the following scenario as provided practical example and critically answer the questions with analysis, challenges and limitations of SDT in modern compiler construction. You need to site appropriate references, if required in APA style.

Scenario:
A software company is developing a new compiler for a domain-specific programming language used in embedded systems. The design team needs to ensure that arithmetic expressions, type checking, and control structures are correctly translated into an intermediate representation for further optimization and machine code generation. To achieve this, they are considering **Syntax Directed Translation (SDT)** as the core mechanism for semantic analysis and code generation.

Question:
As a compiler design specialist, prepare a comprehensive paper on how Syntax Directed Translation can be applied to this scenario. Specifically:

1. **Explain** the concepts of syntax-directed definitions and translation schemes in the context of compiler construction.
2. **Illustrate** with examples how SDT can be used for arithmetic expression evaluation, type checking, and control-flow statement translation.
3. **Analyze** the strengths and limitations of SDT when applied to real-world compiler design challenges.
4. **Propose** improvements or hybrid approaches (e.g., integrating syntax-directed translation with attribute grammar or modern parsing techniques) to enhance efficiency.

Note: Associated rubrics and the corresponding blooms' taxonomy with CLO and PLO are attached herewith. The submission deadline is 13th Week.

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Rubric for Term Paper Question:

Criteria	*CLO*	*Bloom's Level*	*Marks*	*Description of Achievement*
Introduction & Explanation of Concepts	CLO1	Understand	**10**	- **Excellent (9–10):** Clearly explains SDT, syntax-directed definitions, and translation schemes with accurate terminology and examples. - **Good (7–8):** Adequate explanation, minor gaps in clarity. - **Satisfactory (5–6):** Basic explanation, limited examples. - **Poor (0–4):** Lacks understanding of SDT principles.
Application with Examples (Arithmetic expressions, Type Checking, Control Flow)	CLO2	Apply	**15**	- **Excellent (13–15):** Provides correct, detailed, and relevant examples demonstrating SDT applications. - **Good (10–12):** Examples are relevant but less detailed. - **Satisfactory (7–9):** Limited or partially correct examples. - **Poor (0–6):** No clear application shown.
Critical Analysis of Strengths & Limitations	CLO3	Analyze	**15**	- **Excellent (13–15):** Insightful analysis of SDT advantages and limitations with strong reasoning. - **Good (10–12):** Some analysis but not in-depth. - **Satisfactory (7–9):** General points stated, limited critical thinking. - **Poor (0–6):** No real analysis provided.

Criteria	*CLO*	*Bloom's Level*	*Marks*	*Description of Achievement*
Proposed Improvements/Hybrid Approaches	CLO4	Create	**10**	- **Excellent (9–10):** Innovative and well-argued proposals (e.g., integration with attribute grammars, modern parsing). - **Good (7–8):** Some reasonable proposals, minor depth issues. - **Satisfactory (5–6):** General suggestions without depth. - **Poor (0–4):** No practical proposals.
Organization, Language, and References	–	–	**10**	- **Excellent (9–10):** Well-structured paper, clear language, proper APA references. - **Good (7–8):** Mostly well-structured, few language/reference issues. - **Satisfactory (5–6):** Acceptable structure, limited references. - **Poor (0–4):** Poorly written, no references.

Assessment Matrix for Term Paper Question: ***Syntax Directed Translation***

CLOs for the Question

- **CLO1 (Understand):** *Explain* the role of syntax-directed translation in compiler construction.
- **CLO2 (Apply):** *Illustrate* translation schemes for expressions, type checking, and control-flow structures.
- **CLO3 (Analyze):** *Critically analyze* the advantages and challenges of SDT in modern compiler design.
- **CLO4 (Create):** *Propose* improved or hybrid methods to optimize syntax-directed translation in real compiler scenarios.

CLO–PLO Mapping (OBE Style)

CLO	Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Relevant PLO(s)	Justification
CLO1	Understand	**PLO1: Knowledge**	Students gain fundamental understanding of SDT and its role in compiler design.
CLO2	Apply	**PLO2: Problem Analysis**	Students apply SDT to solve problems in expression evaluation and control-flow translation.
CLO3	Analyze	**PLO3: Design/Development of Solutions**	Students analyze strengths/limitations of SDT to evaluate design trade-offs in compiler construction.
CLO4	Create	**PLO4: Modern Tool Usage / PLO5: Investigation**	Students propose innovative or hybrid approaches, showing creativity in compiler techniques.

Rubric with CLO-PLO Weighting

Criteria	**CLO**	**Bloom's Level**	**PLO Mapping**	**Marks**
Introduction & Explanation of Concepts	CLO1	Understand	PLO1	10
Application with Examples	CLO2	Apply	PLO2	15
Critical Analysis of Strengths & Limitations	CLO3	Analyze	PLO3	15
Proposed Improvements/Hybrid Approaches	CLO4	Create	PLO4, PLO5	10
Organization, Language, and References	–	–	PLO10 (Communication)	10
Total	–	–	–	**60**

CLO–PLO Attainment Mapping (Matrix Format)

CLOs ↓ / PLOs →	**PLO1: Knowledge**	**PLO2: Problem Analysis**	**PLO3: Design/Development**	**PLO4: Modern Tool Usage**	**PLO5: Investigation**	**PLO10: Communication**
CLO1	✓	–	–	–	–	–
CLO2	–	✓	–	–	–	–
CLO3	–	–	✓	–	–	–
CLO4	–	–	–	✓	✓	–
Organization & Writing	–	–	–	–	–	✓