Errors Encountered in different

phases

- Lexical phase errors:
- Spelling errors.
- Exceeding length of identifier or numeric constants
- Appearance of illegal characters
- Syntax analysis phase errors:
- Errors in structure
- Missing operators
- Unbalanced Parenthesis

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Semantic errors:

- Incompatible types of operands
- Undeclared variables
- Not matching of actual arguments with formal arguments
- Unreachable code

The Analysis-Synthesis Model of Compilation

- There are two parts to compilation:
 - Analysis determines the operations implied by the source program which are recorded in an Intermediate Representation.
 - Synthesis takes the Intermediate Representation and translates the operations into the target program

The Grouping of Phases

- Compiler front and back ends:
 - Front end: analysis (machine independent)
 - Back end: synthesis (machine dependent)
- Compiler *passes*:
 - A collection of phases is done only once (single pass) or multiple times (multi pass)
 - Single pass: usually requires everything to be defined before being used in source program
 - Multi pass: compiler have to keep entire program representation in memory

Compiler writing tools

- Systems to help with compiler writing process
 - Compiler-compilers, Compiler-generators, Translator writing.
- SCANNER GENERATORS produce lexical analyzers automatically.
- PARSER GENERATORS produce syntactic analyzers automatically.
- SYNTAX DIRECTED TRANSLATION ENGINES automated systems for generating intermediate code.
- AUTOMATIC CODE GENERATORS constructs a machine language for the target machine.