

Suggested Practical List

1. Write a Lex program to count the number of lines and characters in the input file.
 2. Write a Lex program to count the number of vowels and consonants in a given string
 3. Write a Lex program that implements the Caesar cipher: it replaces every letter with the one three letters after in alphabetical order, wrapping around at Z. e.g. a is replaced by d, b by e, and so on z by c.
 4. Write a Lex program that finds the longest word (defined as a contiguous string of upper and lower case letters) in the input.
 5. Write a Lex program that distinguishes keywords, integers, floats, identifiers, operators, and comments in any simple programming language.
 6. Write a Lex program to count the number of words, characters, blank spaces and lines in a C file.
 7. Write a Lex specification program that generates a C program which takes a string "abed" and prints the following output
abed
abc
a
 8. Write a Lex program to recognize a valid arithmetic expression.
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9. Write a YACC program to find the validity of a given expression (for operators + - * and /) A program in YACC which recognizes a valid variable which starts with a letter followed by a digit. The letter should be in lowercase only.
 10. Write a program in YACC to evaluate an expression (simple calculator program for addition and subtraction, multiplication, division).
 11. Write a program in YACC to recognize the string „abbb”, „ab”, „a” of the language (a b n , n>=1).
 12. Write a program in YACC to recognize the language (an b , n>=10). (output to say input is valid or not)
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Please provide me a file where it is guiding me to how to each practical and also provide its code and how to run each practical
this is the compiler design subject

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Let's set you up properly for this compiler-design circus. 🧩⚙️

I'll give you:

- How to run Lex & YACC programs
- For each practical (1–12):
 - What it does
 - Full code (Lex file .l and/or YACC file .y)
 - Compile & run commands

You can copy everything into files on your system.

0. Basic setup – how to run Lex & YACC

Your lab machine will usually have **lex / yacc** or **flex / bison** installed.

I'll write commands using the **classic tools**:

- Lex: `lex file.l` → generates `lex.yy.c`

- Yacc: yacc -d file.y → generates y.tab.c and y.tab.h
- Compile: cc lex.yy.c y.tab.c -lfl -ly -o progrname

If your system uses **flex/bison** instead:

- Replace lex → flex
- Replace yacc → bison -d
- Replace -lfl → -ly

I'll also assume **Linux / WSL / Ubuntu**.

PRACTICAL 1

Lex program to count number of lines and characters in the input file

File: p1_lines_chars.l

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```
%{
#include <stdio.h>

int lines = 0;
int chars = 0;
%}

%%
\n      { lines++; chars++; } /* newline = one char + one line */
.      { chars++; }          /* any other single character */

int main(void)
{
    yylex(); /* start scanning */
    printf("Total lines      : %d\n", lines);
    printf("Total characters : %d\n", chars);
    return 0;
}

int yywrap(void)
{
    return 1;
}
```

Compile & run

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```
lex p1_lines_chars.l
cc lex.yy.c -l1 -o p1
./p1 < input.txt
```

PRACTICAL 2

Lex program to count vowels and consonants in a given string

File: p2_vowels_cons.l

c

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```
%{
#include <stdio.h>

int vowels = 0;
int consonants = 0;
%}

%%
[aeiouAEIOU]      { vowels++; }
[A-Za-z]          { consonants++; } /* every letter not vowel is consonant
.|\\n              { /* ignore others */ }

int main(void)
{
    printf("Enter a string:\n");
    yylex();

    printf("Vowels      : %d\n", vowels);
    printf("Consonants : %d\n", consonants);
    return 0;
}

int yywrap(void)
{
```

```

    return 1;
}

```

Compile & run

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```

lex p2_vowels_cons.l
cc lex.yy.c -l1 -o p2
./p2

```

Type a string, press **Enter**, then **Ctrl+D** (on Linux) to end input.

PRACTICAL 3

Lex program implementing Caesar cipher (shift by 3)

Replace each letter with the one 3 letters after it (wrap around at `z` and `Z`).

File: `p3_caesar.l`

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```

%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
%}

%%
.  {
    char c = yytext[0];
    if (c >= 'a' && c <= 'z') {
        c = ((c - 'a' + 3) % 26) + 'a';
    } else if (c >= 'A' && c <= 'Z') {
        c = ((c - 'A' + 3) % 26) + 'A';
    }
    putchar(c); /* print transformed character */
}
%%

int main(void)
{

```

```

printf("Enter text to encrypt (Ctrl+D to end):\n");
yylex();
return 0;
}

int yywrap(void)
{
    return 1;
}

```

Compile & run

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```

lex p3_caesar.l
cc lex.yy.c -l1 -o p3
./p3

```

Type a sentence → Ctrl+D → encrypted version appears.

PRACTICAL 4

Lex program that finds longest word in the input

Word = contiguous sequence of **letters** (upper or lower).

File: p4_longest_word.l

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```

%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

char longest[1000] = "";
int maxlen = 0;
%}

%%
[A-Za-z]+ {
    int len = yyleng;
    if (len > maxlen) {
        maxlen = len;
    }
}
```

```

        strcpy(longest, yytext);
    }
}

.| \n      { /* ignore non-words */
%%

int main(void)
{
    printf("Enter text (Ctrl+D to end):\n");
    yylex();
    printf("Longest word : %s\n", longest);
    printf("Length       : %d\n", maxlen);
    return 0;
}

int yywrap(void)
{
    return 1;
}

```

Compile & run

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```

lex p4_longest_word.l
cc lex.yy.c -ll -o p4
./p4

```

PRACTICAL 5

Lex program that distinguishes keywords, integers, floats, identifiers, operators, comments

We'll assume a **C-like tiny language**.

File: p5_tokenizer.l

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```

%{
#include <stdio.h>

```

```
%}

KEYWORD  "if"|"else"|"while"|"for"|"int"|"float"|"return"|"void"
IDENT    [A-Za-z_][A-Za-z0-9_]*
INTCONST [0-9]+
FCONST   [0-9]+."[0-9]+
OP       [+\\-*/=<>!]+
WS       [ \t]+

%%

{KEYWORD}  { printf("KEYWORD      : %s\n", yytext); }
{FCONST}   { printf("FLOAT CONST  : %s\n", yytext); }
{INTCONST} { printf("INT CONST    : %s\n", yytext); }
{IDENT}    { printf("IDENTIFIER   : %s\n", yytext); }
"//".*     { printf("COMMENT      : %s\n", yytext); }
"/*"([^\n]|\\\n+[^\n/])"**"/" { printf("COMMENT (block)\n"); }

{OP}        { printf("OPERATOR     : %s\n", yytext); }
{WS}        { /* skip whitespace */ }
\n         { /* ignore */ }
.          { printf("OTHER        : %s\n", yytext); }
%%

int main(void)
{
    printf("Enter code (Ctrl+D to end):\n");
    yylex();
    return 0;
}

int yywrap(void)
{
    return 1;
}
```

Compile & run

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```
lex p5_tokenizer.l
cc lex.yy.c -lfl -o p5
./p5
```

PRACTICAL 6

Lex program to count words, characters, blanks, and lines in a C file

File: p6_wc_cfile.l

```
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%{
#include <stdio.h>

int words = 0;
int chars = 0;
int blanks = 0;
int lines = 0;

int in_word = 0;
%}

%%

[ \t]+      { chars += yyleng; blanks += yyleng; in_word = 0; }
\n          { chars++; lines++; in_word = 0; }
[A-Za-z_0-9]+ {
    chars += yyleng;
    if (!in_word) {
        words++;
        in_word = 1;
    }
}
.          { chars++; in_word = 0; }

%%

int main(void)
{
    yylex();
    printf("Lines      : %d\n", lines);
    printf("Words      : %d\n", words);
    printf("Characters : %d\n", chars);
    printf("Blanks     : %d\n", blanks);
    return 0;
}

int yywrap(void)
```

```
{
    return 1;
}
```

Compile & run

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```
lex p6_wc_cfile.l
cc lex.yy.c -l1 -o p6
./p6 < somefile.c
```

PRACTICAL 7

Lex spec to generate program that prints

For input string "abcd" it should print:

text

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```
abcd
abc
ab
a
```

We'll just make a Lex program that **reads a word** and prints this pattern.

File: p7_pattern.l

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```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
%}

%%
[A-Za-z]+  {
    int len = yyleng;
    while (len > 0) {
        printf("%.*s\n", len, yytext);
        len--;
    }
}
```

```

        }
    }
\n      { /* ignore */ }
.
{ /* ignore non-Letters */ }
%%

int main(void)
{
    printf("Enter a string (e.g., abcd):\n");
    yylex();
    return 0;
}

int yywrap(void)
{
    return 1;
}

```

Compile & run

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```

lex p7_pattern.l
cc lex.yy.c -l1 -o p7
./p7

```

Enter abcd → you get the required pattern.

PRACTICAL 8

Lex program to recognize a valid arithmetic expression

We'll handle **simple expressions** like:

- 12+3*5-7
- 45/5+2

No parentheses here, just numbers and + - * /.

File: p8_valid_expr.l

c

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```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>

int last_type = 0; /* 1 = number, 2 = operator */
int invalid = 0;
%}

%%
[0-9]+ {
    if (last_type == 1) {
        /* two numbers in a row: invalid */
        invalid = 1;
    }
    last_type = 1;
}

[+\-*/] {
    if (last_type != 1) {
        /* operator cannot come first or after another operator */
        invalid = 1;
    }
    last_type = 2;
}

[ \t\n] { /* ignore spaces/newlines */ }

. { invalid = 1; } /* any other char makes it invalid */
%%

int main(void)
{
    printf("Enter expression: ");
    yylex();

    /* expression cannot end with operator */
    if (last_type != 1) invalid = 1;

    if (!invalid)
        printf("Valid arithmetic expression\n");
    else
        printf("Invalid arithmetic expression\n");
}
```

```

    return 0;
}

int yywrap(void)
{
    return 1;
}

```

Compile & run

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```

lex p8_valid_expr.l
cc lex.yy.c -l1 -o p8
./p8

```

Now the **YACC** gang. For these, we usually use **both** a Lex file and a YACC file.

You can reuse almost the same Lex for 9 & 10.

Common Lex for expression YACC programs (9 & 10)

File: expr.l

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```

%{
#include "y.tab.h"
#include <stdio.h>
%}

%%
[0-9]+      {
    yylval = atoi(yytext);
    return NUMBER;
}

[+\\-*\\/()]  { return yytext[0]; }

```

```
\n          { return '\n'; }

[ \t]      { /* skip whitespace */ }

.          { /* ignore other chars */ }

%%

int yywrap(void)
{
    return 1;
}
```

Compile with the corresponding YACC files below.

PRACTICAL 9

*YACC program to check validity of expression (+, -, , /)

File: p9_valid_expr.y

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```
%{

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int yyerror(const char *s);
int yylex(void);

%}

%token NUMBER

%%

input   : expr '\n'     { printf("Valid expression\n"); }
        | '\n'
        ;

expr   : expr '+' term
        | expr '-' term
        | term
        ;

term   : term '*' factor
```

```

| term '/' factor
| factor
;

factor : NUMBER
| '(' expr ')'
;
%%

int main(void)
{
    printf("Enter expression:\n");
    if (yyparse() == 0) {
        /* handled in grammar action */
    }
    return 0;
}

int yyerror(const char *s)
{
    printf("Invalid expression: %s\n", s);
    return 0;
}

```

Compile & run

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```

yacc -d p9_valid_expr.y
lex expr.l
cc lex.yy.c y.tab.c -ll -ly -o p9
./p9

```

If syntax is wrong, YACC triggers `yyerror()` → prints "Invalid expression".

(Extra mini-task from your sheet)

Valid variable: lowercase letter followed by digit

If your teacher treats this as a separate YACC practical, you can use:

`var.l`

```
%{  
#include "y.tab.h"  
%}  
  
%%  
[a-zA-Z][0-9] { return VAR; }  
\n { return '\n'; }  
. { return yytext[0]; }  
%%  
  
int yywrap(void){ return 1; }
```

var.y

```
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%{  
#include <stdio.h>  
int yyerror(const char *s);  
int yylex(void);  
%}  
  
%token VAR  
  
%%  
input : VAR '\n' { printf("Valid variable\n"); }  
| '\n' { printf("Invalid variable\n"); }  
;  
%%  
  
int main(void)  
{  
printf("Enter variable (e.g., a5):\n");  
yyparse();  
return 0;  
}  
  
int yyerror(const char *s)  
{  
printf("Invalid variable: %s\n", s);
```

```
    return 0;
}
```

Compile similarly with `yacc -d var.y`, `lex var.l`, etc.

PRACTICAL 10

YACC program to evaluate an expression (simple calculator)

Reuse `expr.l` from above.

File: `p10_calc.y`

```
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%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int yyerror(const char *s);
int yylex(void);

%}

%token NUMBER
%left '+' '-'
%left '*' '/'

%%
input   : expr '\n'      { printf("Result = %d\n", $1); }
        | '\n'
        ;

expr   : expr '+' expr  { $$ = $1 + $3; }
       | expr '-' expr  { $$ = $1 - $3; }
       | expr '*' expr  { $$ = $1 * $3; }
       | expr '/' expr  { $$ = $1 / $3; }
       | '(' expr ')'   { $$ = $2; }
       | NUMBER          { $$ = $1; }
       ;
%%

int main(void)
{
```

```

printf("Enter expression:\n");
yyparse();
return 0;
}

int yyerror(const char *s)
{
    printf("Error: %s\n", s);
    return 0;
}

```

Compile & run

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```

yacc -d p10_calc.y
lex expr.l
cc lex.yy.c y.tab.c -ll -ly -o p10
./p10

```

Input: 2+3*4 → Output: Result = 14

PRACTICAL 11

YACC program to recognize strings of the form $a^n b^n$ ($n \geq 1$)

Your sheet mentions strings like "abbb", "abb", etc. Typical language is $\{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$.

Lex file: anbn.l

c

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```

%{
#include "y.tab.h"
%}

%%
"a"     { return 'a'; }
"b"     { return 'b'; }
\n      { return '\n'; }
[ \t]   { /* skip */ }
.       { return yytext[0]; }

```

```
%%
```

```
int yywrap(void){ return 1; }
```

YACC file: p11_anbn.y

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```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
int yylex(void);
int yyerror(const char *s);
%}

%%
input   : S '\n'      { printf("Valid string of a^n b^n\n"); }
| '\n'          { printf("Invalid string\n"); }
;

S      : 'a' 'b'
| 'a' S 'b'
;
%%

int main(void)
{
    printf("Enter string over {a,b}:\n");
    yyparse();
    return 0;
}

int yyerror(const char *s)
{
    printf("Invalid string: %s\n", s);
    return 0;
}
```

Compile & run

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```
yacc -d p11_anbn.y
lex anbn.l
```

```
cc lex.yy.c y.tab.c -ll -ly -o p11
./p11
```

Examples:

- ab → valid
 - aabb → valid
 - aaabbb → valid
 - abb or aab → invalid
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PRACTICAL 12

YACC program to recognize language { $a^n b \mid n \geq 10$ }

That means: at least **10 'a'**s followed by single 'b'.

Lex file: a10b.l

C

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```
%{
#include "y.tab.h"
%}

%%
"a"      { return 'a'; }
"b"      { return 'b'; }
\n      { return '\n'; }
[ \t]    { /* skip */ }
.       { return yytext[0]; }

%
int yywrap(void){ return 1; }
```

YACC file: p12_a10b.y

C

Copy code

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
int yylex(void);
int yyerror(const char *s);
%}
```

```

%%

input   : S '\n'      { printf("Valid (a^n b, n>=10)\n"); }
| '\n'      { printf("Invalid string\n"); }
;

S       : TEN more_a 'b'
;

TEN    : 'a''a''a''a''a''a''a''a''a''a' /* exactly 10 'a's */
;

more_a : more_a 'a'
| /* empty, so n can be exactly 10 */
;
;

%%

int main(void)
{
    printf("Enter string (a^n b, n>=10):\n");
    yyparse();
    return 0;
}

int yyerror(const char *s)
{
    printf("Invalid string: %s\n", s);
    return 0;
}

```

Compile & run

bash

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```

yacc -d p12_a10b.y
lex a10b.l
cc lex.yy.c y.tab.c -ll -ly -o p12
./p12

```

Examples:

- aaaaaaaaaaab (10 a's + b) → valid
- aaaaaaaaaaaaab (11 a's + b) → valid

- aaaaaaaaaab (8 a's + b) → invalid
 - aaaaaaaaaaaabb → invalid
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That's the full "do all your practicals" kit:

- [Do your 1](#) 