PL/0 User’s Guide

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**1 .0 How to Compile and Run the PL/0 Compiler**

* 1. **Setting Up the Platform to Run the Compiler**

1. Download the source code folder for the compiler.
2. If the system doesn’t have GCC and GNU installed, install them to compile the source code in the compiler.
3. Read the readme file on that comes with the compiler source code to understand how the compiler works
   1. **Compiling the source code for the compiler**
4. Open the command prompt and navigate to the folder where the source files are.
5. Type “gcc -o ./compiler ./src/compiler.c ./src/errorHandler.c ./src/icg.c ./src/P-machine.c ./src/parser.c ./src/scanner.c”
6. This compiles the source files and makes an executable compiler file.
7. Test to see if a compiler.exe file was actually made by typing “./compiler”.
8. The output should tell you there are missing arguments and show the expected input along with what each input does.

**2.0 How to Use the PL/0 Compiler Once it is Running**

**2.1 Running the Compiler with a PL/0 file**

The compiler needs at least 1 argument to run correctly and that is the .pl0 file. To do this you must execute the compiler with the file. For example: “./compiler ./GoodPL0files/test.pl0” should print out “No errors, program is syntactically correct.” To the command prompt.

**2.2** **Running the Compiler with a PL/0 file and arguments**

The compiler also takes in 3 commands the user can pick to output.

1. “-l” prints out the list of lexemes tokens that are associated with the PL/0 file.
2. “-a” prints out the object code associated with the PL/0 file.
3. “-v” prints out the Virtual Machine execution trace.

These commands can be run in any order and any combination. For example: “./compiler -a -l ./GoodPL0files/test.pl0” should print out:

**3.0 How to Use the PL/0 Language**

PL/0 works with constants, variables, and procedures.

**3.1 Comments**

Users can declare comments using the “/\*” character to sequence and “\*/” to end the comment

Example: “/\* This is a comment \*/”

**3.2 Data Types**

There are 3 data types that are supposed by the PL/0 language.

1. Contants: Example: “const foo”
2. Integers: Example: “int foo”
3. Procedures: Example: “Procedure foo”

Each of these data types must have an identifier. In the examples that identifier is “foo”.

**3.2.1 Constants**

Constants are integer types and may only be defined once in the program. You can define more than one constant at a time. Once an constant is defined in the program you cannot change their value.

Example: “const foo1 = 1, foo2 = 2”

**3.2.2 Integers**

Integers are like constants however they are changeable once they are defined.

Example:

“int foo := 2;

foo := foo + 2;”

This changes foo to 4.

**3.2.3 Procedures**

Procedures are the functions or methods in a program. Procedures can be nested in one another also.

Example:

“procedure foo;

begin

Int x := 3;

end;”

**3.3 Expressions**

Expressions in the PL/0 language are basic mathematical expressions. They consist of multiple symbols including: +, -, \*, /, (, and ).

**3.4 Input and Output**

The PL/0 machine works with input and output using the read and write commands.

Example: “Read x;”, “Write x”;

Read takes x in as input from the command prompt. Write sends the value of x to the command prompt.

**3.5 Assignment**

To assign a value to a variable the PL/0 language accepts “:=” to set stuff equal to. Notice on constants however the PL/0 language uses a regular “=”.

Example: “foo := 2”.

**3.6 Conditional Statements**

The PL/0 machine supports if-then else and while do statements

**3.6.1 If-Then Else**

If-then else statements can be call with the following syntax

Example: “If foo1 > foo2 then

foo1 := foo2;

else

foo1 := 0;”

**3.6.2 While do**  
While statements work similar to If-then statements and can be used with the following syntax.

Example: “while foo1 > foo2 do

foo1 := foo1 + foo2;”

**3.7 Call**

Call is used for procedures and is the only way to call the function.

Example: “call foo”;

**3.8 Recursion**

The PL/0 compiler supports recursion. Here is a basic factorial example of the program.

Example:

“int f, n;

Procedure fact;

Int ans1;

Begin

ans1 := n;

n := n -1;

if n < 0 then f := -1

else if n = 0 then f:= 1

else call fact;

f := f \* ans1;

end;

begin

n := 3;

call fact;

write f;

end.”