# Programming in C/C++ Exercises set four: lexical scanners

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# Exercise 23, Embedded patterns

We were tasked to construct a program that uses a scanner for printing all the sorted words found in a piece of text.

#### **Code listings**

```
Listing 1: main.ih
1 #include "Scanner.h"
2 #include <set>
3 #include <fstream>
5 using namespace std;
                          Listing 2: main.cc
1 #include "main.ih"
2
3 int main(int argc, char **argv)
4 {
5
       set<string> myset;
6
       if (argc == 1)
7
8
            Scanner scanner(cin, cout);
9
10
            while (scanner.lex())
```

```
11
            {
12
                myset.insert(scanner.matched());
13
14
     }
15
       else
16
17
            for (int idx = 1; idx != argc; ++idx)
18
19
                ifstream input;
20
                input.open(argv[idx]);
21
                Scanner scanner(input, std::cout);
22
23
                //read
24
                while (scanner.lex())
25
26
                    myset.insert(scanner.matched());
27
28
            }
29
30
       //print
31
       for(string const &idx : myset)
32
33
            cout << idx << '\n';
34
35 }
                          Listing 3: lexer.ll
1 NONBLANK [a-zA-Z]
2
3 %%
5 {NONBLANK}+ return WORD;
6
7 .|\n // ignore
                         Listing 4: Scanner.h
1 // Generated by Flexc++ V1.08.00 on Thu,
2 //16 Feb 2017 13:53:05 +0100
```

```
4 #ifndef Scanner_H_INCLUDED_
5 #define Scanner_H_INCLUDED_
7 = \text{num} \{ \text{WORD} = 256 \};
9 // $insert baseclass h
10 #include "Scannerbase.h"
11
12
13 // $insert classHead
14 class Scanner: public ScannerBase
15 {
16
       public:
17
           explicit Scanner(std::istream &in = std::cin,
18
                             std::ostream &out = std::cout)
      ;
19
20
           Scanner(std::string const &infile,
21
                    std::string const &outfile);
22
23
           // $insert lexFunctionDecl
24
           int lex();
25
26
       private:
27
           int lex__();
28
           int executeAction__(size_t ruleNr);
29
30
           void print();
31
           void preCode();
                                 // re-implement this
32
                                 // function for code
33
                                 // that must be
34
                                 // executed before the
35
                                 // patternmatching starts
36
37
           void postCode(PostEnum__ type);
38
           // re-implement this function for code that
39
           // must be exec'ed after the rules's actions.
40 };
41
42 // $insert scannerConstructors
```

```
43 inline Scanner::Scanner(std::istream &in,
44
                           std::ostream &out)
45 :
46
       ScannerBase(in, out)
47 {}
48
49 inline Scanner::Scanner(std::string const &infile,
50
                            std::string const &outfile)
51 :
52
       ScannerBase(infile, outfile)
53 {}
54
55 // $insert inlineLexFunction
56 inline int Scanner::lex()
57 {
58
       return lex__();
59 }
60
61 inline void Scanner::preCode()
62 {
63
       // optionally replace by your own code
64 }
65
66 inline void Scanner::postCode(PostEnum__ type)
67 {
68
       // optionally replace by your own code
69 }
70
71 inline void Scanner::print()
72 {
73
       print__();
74 }
75
76
77 #endif // Scanner_H_INCLUDED_
```

# **Exercise 24, Non-greedy matching**

We made a lexical scanners that performs non-greedy matching.

### **Code listings**

```
Listing 5: main.ih
1 #include "Scanner.ih"
2 #include "Scannerbase.h"
                          Listing 6: main.cc
1 #include "main.ih"
2
3 int main()
4 try
5 {
6 Scanner scanner;
8
       while (scanner.lex())
9
10 }
11 catch (...)
13
      return 1;
14 }
                          Listing 7: lexer.ll
1 %x house
2 %x post
4 NONBLANK
               [a-zA-Z\setminus -]
5
6 %%
7 house/(hold|boat) {
8
                begin(StartCondition__:house);
9
                std::cout << matched() << '\n';</pre>
10
                return WORD;
11
              }
12
13 house
14
                begin(StartCondition__::house);
15
                more();
16
```

```
17
18 <house>
19 {
20
     hold|boat {
21
               begin(StartCondition__::INITIAL);
22
                std::cout << matched() << '\n';</pre>
23
               return WORD;
24
25
26
     {NONBLANK}* {
27
                begin(StartCondition__::INITIAL);
28
                std::cout << matched() << '\n';</pre>
29
                return WORD;
30
              }
31 }
32
33 {NONBLANK} *house {
34
               begin(StartCondition__::post);
35
               more();
36
37
38 <post>
39 {
40
     {NONBLANK}*
41
                begin(StartCondition__::INITIAL);
42
                std::cout << matched() << '\n';</pre>
43
                return WORD;
44
45 }
46
47 \n
             // ignore
                         Listing 8: Scanner.h
1 // Generated by Flexc++ V2.03.04 on Thu,
2 // 16 Feb 2017 12:00:34 +0100
4 #ifndef Scanner_H_INCLUDED_
5 #define Scanner_H_INCLUDED_
7 // $insert baseclass_h
```

```
8 #include "Scannerbase.h"
10 enum Tokens
11 {
12
     WORD = 1
13 };
14
15 // $insert classHead
16 class Scanner: public ScannerBase
17 {
18
       public:
19
           explicit Scanner(std::istream &in = std::cin,
20
                        std::ostream &out = std::cout);
21
22
           Scanner(std::string const &infile,
23
           std::string const &outfile);
24
25
           // $insert lexFunctionDecl
26
           int lex();
27
28
       private:
29
           int lex__();
30
           int executeAction__(size_t ruleNr);
31
32
           void print();
33
           void preCode();
                               // re-implement this
34
                      // function for code
35
                      // that must be
36
                                // executed before the
37
                      // patternmatching starts
38
39
           void postCode(PostEnum__ type);
40
           // re-implement this function for code that
41
           // must be exec'ed after the rules's actions.
42 };
43
44 // $insert scannerConstructors
45 inline Scanner::Scanner(std::istream &in, std::ostream
       &out)
46 :
```

```
47
       ScannerBase(in, out)
48 {}
49
50 inline Scanner::Scanner(std::string const &infile, std
      ::string const &outfile)
51 :
52
       ScannerBase(infile, outfile)
53 {}
54
55 // $insert inlineLexFunction
56 inline int Scanner::lex()
57 {
58
       return lex__();
59 }
60
61 inline void Scanner::preCode()
62 {
63
       // optionally replace by your own code
64 }
65
66 inline void Scanner::postCode(PostEnum__ type)
67 {
68
       // optionally replace by your own code
69 }
70
71 inline void Scanner::print()
72 {
73
       print__();
74 }
75
76
77 #endif // Scanner_H_INCLUDED_
```

#### Exercise 26

See exercise 28.

# Exercise 27, tokens

Why are there so many operators?

#### Lexer

#### Listing 9: lexer.ll

```
1 %x cComment
2 %x string
3 %x header
4
5 SPACE
              [ \t\n]
6 ALPHA
              [a-zA-Z]
7 NUM
              [0-9]
8 ALPHANUM {ALPHA} | {NUM}
10 // Anything but ALPHANUM tab and newline
11 SYMBOL [^{ALPHANUM}\t\n]
12
13 %%
14
15 ({ALPHA}|"_")({ALPHANUM}|"_")* return IDENT;
16 {NUM}+
                                  return INT;
17 ({NUM}+"."{NUM}+) (E-?{NUM})? return DOUBLE;
18
19 // Singular operators taken care off at the end
20 "<<"
                                   return SHL_OP;
21 ">>"
                                   return SHR_OP;
22 "&&"
                                   return AND;
23 "||"
                                   return OR;
24 "<="
                                   return LESS_EQUALS;
25 ">="
                                   return GREATER EQUALS;
26 "=="
                                   return EQUALS;
27 "!="
                                   return NOT_EUQALS;
28 "+="|"-="|"<<="
                                   return ASSIGNMENT_OP;
29 ">>="|"*="|"/="
                                   return ASSIGNMENT_OP;
30 "->"
                                   return POINTER;
31
32 "'"("\")?({ALPHANUM}|{SYMBOL}|"\")+"'"
33 {
34
     return CONSTANT;
35 }
36
```

```
37 \setminus EOL comment is ignored (but not the newline)
38 \text{ "}//\text{".*} 
                                 redo(1);
39
40 "/*"
41
                        begin(StartCondition__::cComment);
42
                        more();
43
44 <cComment>"*/"
                        begin(StartCondition__::INITIAL);
45
46
                        // ignore
47
48 <cComment>{SPACE} | .
                           more();
49
50 R?\"
51
                        begin(StartCondition__::string);
52
                        more();
53
54 <string>\"
55
                        begin(StartCondition__::INITIAL);
56
                        return STRING;
57
58
59 // Needs stitching as seen in exercise 26/28
60 <string>\"{SPACE}*\"
                                 return STRING_SEG;
61 <string>\n
                                 more();
62 <string>.
                                 more();
63
64 "#include <"|"#include \""
65 {
66
       begin(StartCondition__::header);
67
       more();
68
69
70 < header > \"| \>
71
                        begin(StartCondition__::INITIAL);
72
                        return HEADER;
73
74 <header>.
                    more();
75
76 \n
                    return ENDLINE;
```

```
77 [ \t] // ignore
78 . return matched()[0];
```

## Exercise 28, scanner that scans text

We were asked to design a scanner thats scan a piece of text.

#### **Code listings**

#### Listing 10: main.h

```
1 #ifndef MAIN_H
2 #define MAIN_H
4 #include <vector>
5 #include <algorithm>
6 #include <unistd.h>
7 #include <fcntl.h>
8 #include <sys/types.h>
9 #include <sys/stat.h>
10 #include <fstream>
11
12 #include "Scanner.h"
13
14 std::string dequote(std::string const &str);
15
16 void makeRaw(std::string &str);
17 char escapeChar(char rawChar);
18 bool isEscape(char rawChar);
19 void deEscape(std::string &str);
20
21 class Writer
22 {
23
     std::vector<std::string> d_literals;
24
25
     std::string d_path;
26
     std::string d tempPath;
27
     std::string d_gslPath;
28
29
     int d_tempFD;
     int d_gslFD;
30
```

```
31
32
     public:
33
       Writer(std::string const &path);
34
       ~Writer();
35
36
       void addString(std::string const &str);
37
       void writeCode(std::string const &str);
38
39
     private:
40
       void grab(std::string const &str,
41
         std::size_t index);
42 };
43
44 bool checkDelimeter(std::string const &delim,
     std::string const &str);
46 void processString(std::string &str, Writer &writer,
47
     void (*func)(std::string &) = [](std::string &) {});
48
49 #endif
                         Listing 11: main.ih
1 #include "main.h"
3 using namespace std;
                         Listing 12: main.cc
1 #include "main.ih"
3 int main(int argc, char **argv)
5
     if (argc <= 1)
6
7
       cerr << "Please give your c/c++ file path.\n";</pre>
8
       return 1;
9
10
11
     ifstream input;
12
     input.open(argv[1]);
13
     Scanner scanner (input, cout);
```

```
14
     Writer writer(argv[1]);
15
16
     string str;
17
     string delimeter;
18
     while (int token = scanner.lex())
19
20
       switch (token)
21
22
         // Case for normal string
23
         case (STRING):
24
           str += scanner.matched();
25
           processString(str, writer);
26
           break;
27
28
         // Case for raw string
29
         case (RSTRING):
30
           str += scanner.matched();
31
           if (!checkDelimeter(delimeter, str))
32
             break;
           str = str.substr(0,
33
34
              str.find last of(')')) + '\"';
35
           processString(str, writer, makeRaw);
36
           delimeter = string{};
37
           break;
38
39
         case (RSTRING_START):
40
           str += scanner.matched();
41
           delimeter = str.substr(2, str.length() - 1);
42
           str = "\"";
43
           break;
44
45
         case (STRING_SEG):
46
           {
47
              string temp(scanner.matched());
48
             // remove second starting quote
49
             temp = temp.substr(0, temp.length() - 1);
             // add until first closing quote
50
51
              str += temp.substr(0,
52
                temp.find_last_of('\"'));
53
           }
```

```
54
           break;
55
56
          // Anything else
57
         default:
58
            writer.writeCode(scanner.matched());
59
            break;
60
       }
61
     }
62 }
                      Listing 13: checkdelimeter.cc
1 #include "main.ih"
3 bool checkDelimeter(string const &delim,
     string const &str)
5 {
6
     string temp(str.substr(
       str.find_last_of(')') + 1,
7
8
       str.length());
     temp = temp.substr(0,
9
       str.find_last_of('"'));
10
11
     return temp == delim;
12 }
                        Listing 14: deescape.cc
1 #include "main.ih"
2
3 void deEscape(string &str)
4 {
5
     for (auto idx = str.begin();
6
       idx != str.end(); ++idx)
7
8
       if (isEscape(*idx))
9
10
          *idx = escapeChar(*idx);
11
          idx = str.insert(idx, '\\') + 1;
12
13
     }
14 }
```

#### Listing 15: dequote.cc

```
1 #include "main.ih"
3 string dequote(string const &str)
 4 {
 5
     size_t start = str.find(' \setminus "') + 1;
     return str.substr(start,
        str.length() - (start + 1));
                        Listing 16: escapechar.cc
 1 #include "main.ih"
 2
 3 char escapeChar(char rawChar)
 4 {
 5
     switch (rawChar)
 6
 7
       case('\?'):
 8
          return '?';
9
       case('\a'):
10
          return 'a';
11
       case('\b'):
12
          return 'b';
13
       case('\f'):
14
          return 'f';
15
       case('\n'):
16
          return 'n';
17
       case('\r'):
18
          return 'r';
19
       case('\t'):
20
          return 't';
21
        case('\v'):
22
          return 'v';
23
     }
24
     return rawChar;
25 }
                         Listing 17: isescape.cc
```

1 #include "main.ih"

```
3 bool isEscape(char rawChar)
4
5
     switch(rawChar)
6
7
       case('\''):
8
          return true;
9
       case('\"'):
10
         return true;
11
       case('\?'):
12
         return true;
13
       case('\\'):
14
          return true;
15
       case('\a'):
16
          return true;
17
       case('\b'):
18
          return true;
19
       case('\f'):
20
         return true;
21
       case('\n'):
22
         return true;
23
       case('\r'):
24
         return true;
25
       case('\t'):
26
         return true;
27
       case('\v'):
28
         return true;
29
30
     return false;
31 }
                        Listing 18: makeraw.cc
1 #include "main.ih"
3 void makeRaw(string &str)
4 {
5
     for (auto idx = str.begin();
       idx != str.end(); ++idx)
7
       if (*idx == '\\')
```

```
idx = str.insert(idx, '\\') + 1;
10 }
11 }
                     Listing 19: processstring.cc
1 #include "main.ih"
3 void processString(string &str, Writer &writer,
4 void (*func)(std::string &))
5 {
6 string temp(dequote(str));
7
    func(temp);
8
  deEscape(temp);
9
    writer.addString(temp);
10
     str = string{};
11 }
```

#### Lexer and scanner

#### Listing 20: lexer.ll

```
1 %x cComment
2 %x string
3 %x rawString
4 %x header
5
6 SPACE
                   [ \t\n]
7
8 %%
9
10 "/*"
11
                   begin(StartCondition__::cComment);
12
                   more();
13
14 <cComment>"*/"
15
                   begin(StartCondition__::INITIAL);
16
                   return COMMENT;
17
18 <cComment>{SPACE} | . more();
19
20 "//".*\n
```

```
21
                  redo(1);
22
                  return COMMENT;
23
24
25 \"
26
                  begin (StartCondition__::string);
27
                  more();
28
29 < string > \"
30
                  begin(StartCondition__::INITIAL);
31
                 return STRING;
32
33 <string>\"{SPACE}*\" return STRING_SEG;
34 < string > n // ignore
35 <string>. more();
36
37 "R\""([^()\"]{1,16})?"(" {
38
                    begin(StartCondition__::rawString);
39
                    return RSTRING_START;
40
41 <rawString>")"([^()\"]{1,16})?"\"" {
                    begin(StartCondition__::INITIAL);
42
43
                    return RSTRING;
44
                  }
45 <rawString>.|\n more();
46
47 "#include <"|"#include \"" {
48
                  begin(StartCondition__::header);
49
                  more();
50
51 <header>\"|\>
52
                  begin(StartCondition__::INITIAL);
53
                 return HEADER;
54
55 <header>.
                more();
56
57 {SPACE}
                return OTHER;
58 .
               return OTHER;
```

#### Listing 21: Scanner.h

```
1 // Generated by Flexc++ V2.03.04 on Tue,
2 // 14 Feb 2017 14:13:27 +0100
4 #ifndef Scanner_H_INCLUDED_
5 #define Scanner_H_INCLUDED_
7 // $insert baseclass_h
8 #include "Scannerbase.h"
10 enum Token
11 {
12
     STRING = 1,
13
     RSTRING\_START = 2,
14
     RSTRING = 3,
15
     STRING\_SEG = 4,
16
     COMMENT = 5,
17
     HEADER = 6,
     OTHER = 7
18
19 };
20
21 // $insert classHead
22 class Scanner: public ScannerBase
23 {
24
       public:
25
           explicit Scanner(std::istream &in = std::cin,
26
                        std::ostream &out = std::cout);
27
28
           Scanner(std::string const &infile, std::string
       const &outfile);
29
30
           // $insert lexFunctionDecl
31
           int lex();
32
33
       private:
34
           int lex__();
35
           int executeAction__(size_t ruleNr);
36
37
           void print();
```

```
38
           void preCode();  // re-implement this
39
                 // function for code
40
                 // that must be
41
                               // executed before the
42
                 // patternmatching starts
43
44
           void postCode(PostEnum__ type);
45
           // re-implement this function for code that
           // must be exec'ed after the rules's actions.
46
47 };
48
49 // $insert scannerConstructors
50 inline Scanner::Scanner(std::istream &in,
51
              std::ostream &out)
52 :
53
      ScannerBase(in, out)
54 {}
55
56 inline Scanner::Scanner(std::string const &infile,
57
             std::string const &outfile)
58 :
59
      ScannerBase(infile, outfile)
60 {}
61
62 // $insert inlineLexFunction
63 inline int Scanner::lex()
64 {
65
     return lex__();
66 }
67
68 inline void Scanner::preCode()
70
       // optionally replace by your own code
71 }
72
73 inline void Scanner::postCode(PostEnum__ type)
74 {
75
       // optionally replace by your own code
76 }
77
```

```
78 inline void Scanner::print()
79 {
80
       print__();
81 }
82
83
84 #endif // Scanner_H_INCLUDED_
   Writer
                     Listing 22: writer.addString.cc
1 #include "main.ih"
3 void Writer::addString(string const &str)
4 {
5
     auto location = find(d_literals.begin(),
       d_literals.end(), str);
6
8
     size_t index;
9
     if (location != d_literals.end())
10
11
       index = location - d_literals.begin();
12
       grab(str, index);
13
     }
14
     else
15
    {
16
       d_literals.push_back(str);
17
       string temp = str + ' \n';
18
       write(d_gslFD, temp.c_str(),
19
         sizeof(char) * temp.size());
20
21
       index = d_literals.size();
22
       grab(str, index);
23
     }
24 }
                       Listing 23: writer.constr.cc
1 #include "main.ih"
3 Writer::Writer(string const &path)
```

```
4:
5
     d_path(path),
6
     d_tempPath(path)
7 {
8
     d_tempPath += ".tmp";
9
10
       size_t idx = path.find_last_of('.');
11
       if (idx == string::npos)
12
         d_gslPath = path + ".gsl";
13
       else
14
         d_gslPath = path.substr(0,
15
            path.find_last_of('.')) + ".gsl";
16
     }
17
18
     if ((d_tempFD = open(d_tempPath.c_str(),
19
         O_CREAT | O_WRONLY)) < 0)
20
       cerr << "Couldn't open file " <<</pre>
21
         d_tempPath << '\n';</pre>
22
23
     if ((d_gslFD = open(d_gslPath.c_str(),
24
         O CREAT | O WRONLY)) < 0)
25
       cerr << "Couldn't open file "</pre>
26
         << d gslPath << '\n';
27 }
                       Listing 24: writer.grab.cc
1 #include "main.ih"
3 Writer::~Writer()
4 {
5
     struct stat stats;
     stat(d_path.c_str(), &stats);
7
     fchmod(d_tempFD, stats.st_mode);
     remove(d_path.c_str());
9
     rename(d_tempPath.c_str(), d_path.c_str());
10
     close(d_tempFD);
11
     close(d_gslFD);
12 }
```

```
Listing 25: writer.writecode.cc
```

```
1 #include "main.ih"
2 #include <errno.h>
3
4 void Writer::writeCode(string const &str)
   write(d_tempFD, str.c_str(),
       sizeof(char) * str.size());
   Input
                         Listing 26: test.cc
1 #include <header1>
2 #include "header2"
4 R"dsfs(weird chars
5 here)dsfs"
7 // Comment here
9 "string here"
10
11 /* cstyle
12 comment
13 here */
14
15 "compound strings\n"
16 "ahoy?"
17
18 // "STRING IN COMMENTS"
20 return of "string here"
21
22 and "compound strings\nahoy?" is back
   Output
                         Listing 27: test.cc
```

1 #include <header1>

```
2 #include "header2"
4 grabbed(1, "test.gsl")
6 // Comment here
8 grabbed(2, "test.gsl")
10 /* cstyle
11 comment
12 here */
13
14 grabbed(3, "test.gsl")
15
16 // "STRING IN COMMENTS"
17
18 return of grabbed(1, "test.gsl")
19
20 and grabbed(2, "test.gsl") is back
                        Listing 28: test.gsl
1 weird\tchars\nhere
2 string here
3 compound strings\\nahoy\?
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