SPLCompiler

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Design Idea

Lexical Analysis

We use Flex which is a fast lexical analyzer generator. We firstly specify the token patterns to match and actions to apply for each token. Flex can take my specification and generate a combined NFA that recognizes all the patterns, then convert it to an equivalent DFA, minimize the automaton as much as possible, finally generate C code that implements the lexer. Hence we will use Flex in the project to do Lexical Analysis.

Syntax Analysis

We use Bison which is a parser generator. we provide the input of a grammar specification and Bison will generate an LALR parser to recognize sentences in that grammar. Bison generates a parser, which accepts the input token stream from Flex, to recognize code in the specified context-free grammar (CFG).

Implementation

Parse Tree Construction

To build a parse tree, we define a struct and corresponding methods in <code>splc.1</code>, and use these methods in <code>splc.y</code>.

The key code in splc.1:

```
typedef struct tree_node tree_node;
typedef struct child_list_node child_list_node;

tree_node* make_tree_node(const char*, int, int);
child_list_node* make_child_list_node(tree_node*);
void add_child(tree_node*, tree_node*);
void show_tree(tree_node*, int);

struct tree_node {
  const char *name;
  int line_no;
  int is_terminate;
  child_list_node *child_first_ptr;
};

struct child_list_node {
  tree_node *tree_node;
}
```

```
child_list_node *next_child;
};
. . .
tree_node* make_tree_node(const char *name, int line_no, int is_terminate) {
    tree_node* node = (tree_node*)malloc(sizeof(tree_node));
    node->name = name;
    node->line_no = line_no ? line_no : yylineno;
    node->child_first_ptr = (child_list_node*)NULL;
    node->is_terminate = is_terminate;
    return node;
}
child_list_node* make_child_list_node(tree_node *tree_node) {
    child_list_node *list_node =
(child_list_node*)malloc(sizeof(child_list_node));
    list_node->tree_node = tree_node;
    list_node->next_child = (child_list_node*)NULL;
    return list_node;
}
void add_child(tree_node *father, tree_node *child) {
    child_list_node *new_child = make_child_list_node(child);
    new_child->next_child = father->child_first_ptr;
    father->child_first_ptr = new_child;
}
```

Error Recovery

Lexical Error

For lexical error, we define some regular expressions to recognize invalid symbols and return a **INVALID** symbol which is a tterminals for syntax analysis.

```
{lexical_err}|. {
    fprintf(stdout, "Error type A at Line %d: unknown lexeme %s\n", yylineno,
yytext);
    return INVALID;
}
```

Syntax Error

For syntax error, we use the error recovery mechanism in Bison: we firstly define the error production expression and then modify the yyerror() method.

A example of error recovery in splc.y

```
%{
    #include "lex.yy.c"
    void yyerror(const char*);
    int has_error = 0;
%}
...
Program:
    ExtDefList {
          $$ = make_tree_node("Program", $1->line_no, 0);
          add_child($$, $1);
```

Conclusion

In this project, we applied the knowledge of theoretical lessons to practice and benefited a lot. Every teammate has made a huge contribution to this project.