

Stage 0 - Command-Line Argument Parser (CLAP)

This is the first stage of the ByteFrost Assembler pipeline. The **Command-Line Argument Parser (CLAP)** takes as input the command-line arguments received from running the ByteFrost Assembler on a command-line shell and writes to a `CommandLineArguments` object which is stored by the `Assembler` (the `Assembler` passes a reference to this object to the CLAP).

Definitions

CLTokens

The CLAP recognizes the following Command-Line Argument Token (`CLToken`) types, which are the values of the `CLTokenType` enum:

```
enum CLTokenType = {FLAG, NUMBER, FILE, TEXT, INVALID}
```

FLAG

A command-line argument string `w` is mapped to `CLTokenType.FLAG` if

1. The length of `w` is ≥ 2 .
2. `w[0] = '-'`.
3. `w[1]...w[len(w) - 1]` \notin TEXT\$

NUMBER

A command-line argument string `w` is mapped to `CLTokenType.NUMBER` if

1. `w` \notin NUMBER\$.

FILE

A command-line argument string `w` is mapped to `CLTokenType.FILE` if

1. `w` \notin FILE\$.

TEXT

A command-line argument string `w` is mapped to `CLTokenType.TEXT` if

1. `w` \notin TEXT\$.

INVALID

A command-line argument string `w` is mapped to `CLTokenType.INVALID` if

1. `w` cannot be mapped to any `CLTokenType` that is not `CLTokenType.INVALID`.

CLFlag

The **CLFlag** struct is defined as follows:

```
struct CLFlag {
    string flagName;
    vector<CLTokenType> expected_pattern;
    bool isSet = false;
};
```

The following are flags (**CLFlags**) that are recognized by the CLAP:

-b Binary Flag

- Use: When set, this flag tells the ByteFrost Assembler to produce a **.bin** file.
- Flag name: **b**.
- Number of arguments: 0.
- Expected pattern: **{}**.

-o Output File Name Flag

- Use: When set, this flag tells the ByteFrost Assembler to produce an output file with the name specified by the following argument (**CLToken**).
- Flag name: **o**.
- Number of arguments: 1.
- Expected pattern: **{FILE}**.

Command-Line Argument Parsing

The CLAP is given the command-line arguments in the form of the tuple **(int argc, char ** argv)**. This is similar to the **vector<string> tokenStrings** sub-input in the Parser (Stage 1) parsing of **.asm** file lines.

The CLAP will first convert the command-line argument strings into a list of **CLTokens** (i.e., a **std::vector<CLToken>**).

Each command-line argument string **w** is mapped to a **CLTokenType** and then a corresponding **CLToken** object is created with the contents of **w** and the specified **CLTokenType** which is then added to a **std::vector<CLToken>**.

If an **CLTokenType.INVALID** token is encountered, the CLAP throws an error.

Once the **std::vector<CLToken>** list is generated, the CLAP will iterate over this list and treat each token as a flag, a flag argument, or as the required input argument which is the input file name.

The first non-flag and non-flag argument argument is understood to be the **input_file_name**.

When a flag argument is encountered, the CLAP will check whether the flag is a CLAP-recognized flag by checking whether the argument string exists as a key of the flag name to **CLFlag** hashmap **std::unordered_map<string, CLFlag>** in the **CommandLineArguments** object passed in as a reference

from the **Assembler** when the CLAP constructor was called. If the flag is not recognized (key doesn't exist), the CLAP will throw an error. If the flag does exist, then the corresponding **CLFlag** object will contain a **vector<CLTokenType> expected_pattern** which details the number and types of the following expected arguments. If there aren't enough **CLTokens** after this one or if their types won't match, the CLAP will throw an error. The CLAP will also set the **CLFlag** argument value fields to the values in the following **CLTokens** (e.g., if we have **-size 3**, then the **CLSizeFlag** object (which derives from **CLFlag**) will have its **size** field set to the integer **3**).

Once the CLAP finishes iterating through the **CLToken** vector and no errors have occurred, the CLAP will return and so stage 0 of the ByteFrost Assembler completes its execution.