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# Scanning and Parsing

In order to create the lexer and parser component of the assignment, JavaCC using JJTree was required. This was used to perform automatic code generation, which implements a specified grammar.

## Using JJTree & JavaCC

Minimp grammar was provided in Bachus-Naur form. In order for JJTree and JavaCC to implement the grammar programmatically, the grammar was translated from Bachus-Naur form into the Java-like grammar that JJTree supports.

#### Discussion

The original grammar provided contained errors. As a result, the grammars could not be translated. In order to determine a solution for this, LL1 parse tables were generated on given grammars by hand. These were used in conjunction with reference materials on python grammar to attempt to repair the errors and create a correct grammatical structure. This data was submitted for review by the instructor, and updated assignment files were received which contained additional errors. The same process was undertaken to find and eliminate the errors. Ultimately, *ExpressionList* on line 23 was found to still be invalid and was corrected to accept only integers, expressions (in parentheses), or identifiers.

### JJTree Usage

JJTree accepts a context-free grammar as input, and generates a *.jj* file which is used within JavaCC. This process generates the node classes used to create abstract syntax trees. This process also generates abstract syntax tree classes for each grammar. The output is stored within the same folder as the *.jj* file, and processed by JavaCC.

#### Discussion

Several issues were encountered supporting indentation for minimp. The grammar was updated, and code was introduced to track the scope of nested statements based on indentation using a counter. Keeping track of the level of indentation allows the parser to determine whether a code block is one statement with a scope, or whether it should be broken up into several statements within several scopes.

### JavaCC Usage

JavaCC was used to generate the tokenizer and parser automatically, given the *.jj* file input from JJTree.

#### Discussion

The updated grammar inside AnotherStatement() had some issues with choosing the wrong branch in the parsing tree when several layers of indentation deep in if statements. Parsing does not complete; a logical error occurs as an empty statement will eventually be returned. Why the parser returns an empty statement was unable to be determined.

# Compilation & Testing

Mimpc is the main program, which accepts the source file input and parses it. If errors occur during this process, error codes are returned which provide additional diagnostic information.

## Error Codes

The following error codes were implemented:

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| **Error** | **Description** | **Code** |
| VALID\_SOURCE\_FILE | Source file is valid, everything is OK. | 0 |
| INVALID\_SOURCE\_FILE | The source file specified is invalid, contains errors, or is corrupt. | -1 |
| FILE\_NOT\_FOUND | The file specified is not found. | -2 |
| INVALID\_ARGUMENTS | The arguments specified to mimpc are invalid. | -3 |

## Creating mimpc.java

All the generated classes were compiled using the Java compiler after automatic code generation. This created a class which tokenizes and parses an input file. A wrapper class was required to accept an input file for tokenizing and parsing, which uses the generated tokenizer, parser, and abstract syntax tree classes.

#### Discussion

After having completed debugging of all the automatically generated classes, compilation occurred without incident.

## Testing

If the tokenizing and parsing is successful (file is valid), an abstract syntax tree is generated.

If tokenizing or parsing is unsuccessful, an error occurs which describes where the file is nonconforming to the specified tokens or grammar.

All tests were built into an automated testing suite consisting of a shell script that runs each test and saves the output.

### Test Cases

Test cases were created that covered all valid token types. Additional test cases were created that cover all 26 specified grammars. Complex cases were also created that cover multiple grammars, including nested grammars.

**All test cases, covering every grammar and usage of nested statements were captured and recorded, and tested successfully. Please refer to Appendix A.**

# Appendix A

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| **Test File** | **Test Description** | **Minimp Grammars Covered** | **Nested Statements** |
| mult\_1.mim | Tests multiple mathematical expressions combined that is assignment for a variable | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Statement | No |
| mult\_2.mim | Tests an if condition statement with assignment and mathematical operations | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  IfStatement  Indent  IndentCopy  IndentEnter  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Sequence  Statement | Yes (2 levels) |
| mult\_3.mim | Tests an if condition, while, and print statement as well as mathematical expressions assigned to a variable | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  IfStatement  Indent  IndentCopy  IndentEnter  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  PrintStatement  Program  Sequence  Statement  WhileStatement | Yes (2 levels) |
| mult\_4.mim | Tests nested if condition statements, an if condition statement is nested inside the scope of an if condition statement | AdditionalExpression  AdditionFactor  AnotherStatement  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  IfStatement  Indent  IndentCopy  IndentEnter  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Sequence  Statement |  |
| print\_1.mim | Tests print statement with an integer value | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  PrintStatement  Program  Statement | No |
| print\_2.mim | Tests print statement with an identifier that has been assigned an integer | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  PrintStatement  Program  Statement | No |
| print\_3.mim | Tests print statement with a mathematical expression using two integers | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  PrintStatement  Program  Statement | No |
| print\_4.mim | Tests print statement with a mathematical expression with addition and multiplication | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  PrintStatement  Program  Statement | No |
| while\_1.mim | Tests a simple while statement where a variable is incremented by one for each iteration | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  Indent  IndentEnter  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Sequence  Statement  WhileStatement | Yes (2 levels) |
| while\_2.mim | Tests a nested while statement a while statement is nested inside the scope of a parent while statement | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  Indent  IndentEnter  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Sequence  Statement  WhileStatement | Yes (3 levels) |
| factorial.mim | A generalized test that combines and tests many of the grammars. Involves defining a factorial function that computes the factorial iteratively using a while statement | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  ArgList  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  DefStatement  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  ExpressionList  FunctionCallStatement  Indent  IndentEnter  MoreArgs  MoreExpressions  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  PrintStatement  Program  ReturnStatement  Sequence  Statement  WhileStatement | Yes (3 levels) |
| multtab.mim | A complex test that tests multiple levels of indentation to verify that mutl-tab source files are correctly parsed. It involves almost all of the statements, nested if condition statements, prinrt statemetns, and while statements | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  ExpressionList  FunctionCallStatement  IfStatement  Indent  IndentCopy  IndentEnter  MoreExpressions  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  PrintStatement  Program  Sequence  Statement  WhileStatement | Yes (4 levels) |
| comparison\_1.mim | Tests the < and > comparison operators with multiple if condition statements | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  IfStatement  Indent  IndentCopy  IndentEnter  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Sequence  Statement | Yes (2 levels) |
| comparison\_2.mim | Tests the <= and >= comparison operators with multiple if condition statements | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  IfStatement  Indent  IndentCopy  IndentEnter  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Sequence  Statement | Yes (2 levels) |
| comparison\_3.mim | Tests the == comparison operator using an if condition statement | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  IfStatement  Indent  IndentCopy  IndentEnter  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Sequence  Statement | Yes (2 levels) |
| math\_1.mim | Tests the mathematical addition expression | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Statement | No |
| math\_2.mim | Tests a combination of the mathematical addition and subtraction expressions | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Statement | No |
| math\_3.mim | Tests the mathematical multiplication expression | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Statement | No |
| math\_4.mim | Tests the mathematical division expression | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Statement | No |
| math\_5.mim | Tests a combination of the mathematical multiplication and division expressions | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  Statement | No |
| func\_1.mim | Tests a simple function definition statement, the function returns an integer | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  ArgList  Comparison  DefStatement  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  Indent  IndentEnter  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  ReturnStatement  Sequence  Statement | Yes (2 levels) |
| func\_2.mim | Tests a simple function definition statement with one argument, the function returns the argument provided | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  ArgList  Comparison  DefStatement  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  Indent  IndentEnter  MoreArgs  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  ReturnStatement  Sequence  Statement | Yes (2 levels) |
| func\_3.mim | Tests a function definition statement with more arguments, the function calculates the sum of the arguments and returns the value | AdditionFactor  AdditionalExpression  AnotherStatement  ArgList  AssignmentStatement  CallStatement  Comparison  DefStatement  ElementAccess  ElementExpression  Expression  Indent  IndentEnter  MoreArgs  MoreStatements  MultiplicationExpression  MultiplicationFactor  PrimitiveExpression  Program  ReturnStatement  Sequence  Statement | Yes (2 levels) |