

COMPILERS QUIZ 3: CONDITIONALS AND LOOPS IN FORTH

In this part, you are expected to complete all features from quiz 2 (both take-home and in-class) and implement the following features on top of it.

1 String comparison

Add `s=` and `s!=` for string comparison. `lex<`, `lex>`, `lex<=`, and `lex>=` for lexicographic string comparison.

2 Booleans

Add `b=`, `b!=` for comparing Booleans.

3 Some list manipulation

```
len
  [ x1  xn ] S to n S
listn
  n xn  x1 S to [ x1  xn ] S.
list
  Turns all values in stack into a list.
```

4 Stored procedures

We introduce programs as values.

We add two special words `{` and `}`. The general form is:

```
{ <program> }
```

where `<program>` is an arbitrary program. This is treated as a single value that is stored on the stack.

The program

```
{ "Hello" print }
```

has no effect.

Add a `run` command to run the stored procedure on top of the stack.

```
{ "Hello" print } run
```

prints Hello to screen.

Using this new type of value, you can implement the following program:

```
get 0 >
{ "Positive" print }
{ "Not positive" print }
```

if

which will check whether the user entered number is positive or not and print the correct message.

Here,

print prints the top value in stack in a human-readable way.
if expects stack to be ELSE THEN b S where ELSE and THEN are stored procedures and b is a Boolean value. If b is true, THEN is executed, else ELSE is executed. Notice that before THEN or ELSE is executed, stack should just be S.

Implement some loop constructs:

repeat

Stack should be P N S where N is a natural number and P is a stored procedure. Execute P, N times. Remove P and N from the stack at the beginning of execution.

while

Stack should be B C S where B and C are stored procedures. C should produce a Boolean, if that is true, then B is executed after removing true from the stack, if that is false, terminate the loop and remove false from the stack. At the beginning, both B and C are removed from the stack so that C's execution does not see B and C on the stack.

```
10 { "." print } repeat
```

prints 10 dots to the screen.

```
10 { dup 0 > } { dup print dec } while
```

will print a countdown from 10 to 1. dec decrements the number by 1.