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1 Lexical analysis (scanner)

1.1 About

The first step of creating compiler for IFJ20 was implementing the scanner. The scanner is implemented as a ravenous finite state automaton (see Figure 4), which performs tokenization of input file. In scanner.c this is implemented as one big repetitive while loop which reads 1 character after another from stdin and jumps between predefined states, in switch case, in scanner.h by rules specified in automaton. If scanner reads an invalid character it stops it's action and returns 1, which indicates error in lexical analysis, otherwise returns valid token, which is then processed in parser, and waits for another function call from parser to get another token from input.

1.2 Token

Token is predefined structure in scanner. h containing 2 core parts: TokenType & TokenAttribute

1.2.1 Token types

- EOF
- EOL
- Empty when scanner encounters comment
- Identifier
- Keyword
- Integer
- String
- Float
- Boolean with BOOLEAN extension
- Arithmetic operators (+, -, *, /)
- Relational operators (==, !=, >, <, >=, <=)
- Logical operators (&&, ||, !)
- Assignment operators (=, :=, +=, ...) some of which are supported only thanks to UNARY extension
- Brackets ((,), {, })
- Delimiters (comma, semicolon)

1.2.2 Token attribute

- String
- Integer
- Float
- Boolean BOOLEAN extension
- Keyword there are many predefined keywords in scanner.h, most of them are reserved keywords defined by IFJ20 specifications and EMPTY keyword when none of the above attributes should be used.

1.3 Usage

The main function of scanner will be <code>getToken()</code>, which behavior is described in 1.1. The parser calls <code>getToken()</code> function which takes token as it's parameter. If the reading was successful, token is filled with valid information about what it represents and then returns from function. Function <code>getToken()</code> distinguishes between 4 return codes it can return:

- 0 if reading was successful and token is returned
- 1 if lexical error (determined by automaton)
- 2 if given token equals to NULL

• 99 - if internal problem (ex. malloc failure)

If returned code does not equals to 0, program should stop it's action, clean after itself and inform user about what happened.

2 Syntax analysis (parser)

2.1 About

Second most important part of our compiler is parser. Parser takes token stream from scanner and, depending on rules specified in LL table (see Figure 2), transforms them into Abstract Syntax Tree (AST), which in our case is Binary Search Tree (BST). In parser.c this is implemented as various functions which acts as LL rules (see. Figure 1). If token stream taken from parser has invalid syntax, parser stops it's action and returns 2, which indicates error in syntax analysis, also it can perform some necessities from semantic analysis and call semantic_analysis() from semantic.c file and precedent_analys() function from precedent.h.

2.1.1 Syntax analysis - Top-Down parsing

For a syntax analysis we decided to use Top-Down parsing, which seemed optimal for our case, with recursive descent parsing. The top-down parsing performs construction of BST from root and then proceeds towards it's leaves.

2.1.2 Recursive Descent Parsing

This parsing technique consists of few function, one for each non-terminal in the grammar, and recursively parses the input to make a BST tree.

2.1.3 Parsing using precedent syntax analysis

Because some expressions contain arithmetic and logical operators, we have to check priority for those operators and evaluate correct order in which we perform those operations. Priority for those operators are specified by precedent table (see Figure 3). Precedent syntax analysis is not part of parser files but is implemented in standalone precedent files. At start it takes token from parser and then, one by one, gets next tokens and determines how to correctly evaluate them. After that they are generated to stdin.

2.2 Functions

In this section we only specify calling other parser's functions, not generator neither semantic analysis functions.

- Parser Main function of compiler, prepares symtable and stack for further usage, then calls program
- Program Strips comments and EOLs and then calls prolog(), eolM() and functionsBlock()
- Prolog Checks whether file starts with package main
- EolM Checks whether prologue is ended with EOL and then calls eolR
- EolR Strips EOLs
- FunctionsBlock Checks that token is KEYWORD func and calls function () and functionNext (), after that checks that main function was found only once
- Function Checks that next tokens are KEYWORD func and IDENTIFIER, if so then it saves it's name to functions symtable. Then it looks for (and calls arguments (). If arguments () was successful and current token is) it calls functionReturn () and commandBlock ()
- FunctionNext Checks if there are any other functions, if so, calls function () and functionNext()
- Arguments Checks whether token is IDENTIFIER, if so calls type () and argumentNext()

- ArgumentNext If token is comma, then perform action as arguments () function
- Type Checks whether token equals to KEYWORD int, float 64, string or bool
- FunctionReturn If token is (calls functionReturnType (), otherwise continue because return () could be omitted.
- FunctionReturnType-If token equals to KEYWORD, calls type() and functionReturnTypeNext() and then looks for), if it equals to), continue with program
- FunctionReturnTypeNext Checks that token is COMMA, another token should be KEYWORD and calls type () and functionReturnTypeNext ()
- CommandBlock Checks that token is {, then gets another which should be EOL, if so strips remaining EOLs. If next token does not equal to }, calls commands () and then checks that token equals to }, then look for one required EOL, if it's not after if statement, and strip remaining EOLs
- Commands Calls command(), checks that command is ended with EOL, strips remaining EOLs and then determines whether token equals to }, if so returns result, otherwise calls commands()
- Command Contains switch statement which determines next action. If token equals to IDENTIFIER calls statement (). If token equals to KEYWORD go to another switch statement determining what kind of action we should perform based on passed KEYWORD:

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- IF-calls commandBlock() and ifElse() functions
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- FOR calls for Define () and then checks that token equals to; , after that calls commandBlock ()
- RETURN calls returnCommand()
- default invalid KEYWORD passed
- Statement Contains another switch statement which distinguishes between those token types:

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- ( - calls funcCallArguments () function and checks that token equals to EOL
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- = calls assignment () function
- := calls generator's and precedent's functions
- +=, -=, *=, /= calls unary () function
- default calls multipleID(), then checks that token equals to = and calls assignment()
- MultipleID Checks that token equals to COMMA, increases number of IDs, then checks that next token is IDENTIFIER and calls multipleID()
- Assignment calls expressionNext () after some necessary checks
- Unary Only checks that token is unary type
- ExpressionNext Checks whether token equals to COMMA, then checks that number of IDs 1 is greater than 0, then calls expressionNext() function
- FuncCallArguments performs some checks on arguments and then calls expressionNext()
- If Else If token is KEYWORD and equals to ELSE then it calls if Else Expanded () function
- IfElseExpanded If token equals to IF KEYWORD then calls commandBlock() and ifElse() functions, otherwise calls commandBlock() only
- ForDefine Checks that token's type equals to IDENTIFIER, if so checks whether next token equals to :=
- For Assign Determines whether token is IDENTIFIER and next token is =
- ReturnCommand Checks that token is KEYWORD RETURN and calls returnStatement
- ReturnStatement loops through return values and assigns them

2.3 Usage

The only function which program should call is program(), which calls other functions as it progresses through token stream (see 4.2). If no syntax error is found while parsing tokens, go through stack of symtables and calls semantic analyzer's function semantic_analysis (see 3). Parser is able to return various codes:

- 0 if everything was successful
- 1 if lexical error

- 2 if syntax error
- 3 if semantic error in program (undefined function, variable, . . .)
- 4 if semantic error in type assignment to new variable
- 5 if semantic error in type compatibility (arithmetics, ...)
- 6 if semantic error in program (invalid number of params or return values)
- 7 if other semantic error
- 9 if zero division
- 99 if internal error
- −1 if internal warning

3 Semantic analysis

3.1 About

Semantic analysis is run after parser checks correct syntax of sequence of tokens and checks the semantic of it. For example valid data types, valid return types and existence of passed identifiers. Semantic analysis is performed right away in parser, but when we evaluate function call we use semantic_analysis function defined in semantic.c file.

3.2 Function

• Semantic_analysis - Check if is function is present in Global Stack, if so check if number of return values equals number of variables and then cycle through them and check their types, otherwise set number of IDs to 0

4 Code Generator

4.1 About

Code generator's functions are called from parser when specific criterion is met and it generates *IFJcode20* code depending on what we are currently generating and it sends it to stdout. If everything were generated correctly we are able to send it to interpreter (which was written by our dear professors) and run it.

4.2 Functions

- GenerateHeader generates header required by ic20int and jump to main function
- GenerateFunction generates beginning of function or entire function code if it's internal function (if internal, label starts with _, otherwise \$)
- GenerateFuncArguments generates function's arguments and pops them from stack
- GenerateFuncCall generates call for specified function
- GenerateFuncReturn generates pushes of return values to stack
- GenerateFuncEnd generates end of function (return to last instruction and frame pop)
- GenerateDefinitions generates definition of variable
- GenerateAssignments generates variable's assignment
- GeneratorPrint generates internal function for printing, outputs 1 argument to stdout
- GenerateIfScope generates if, else if, else scope
- GenerateIfScopeEnd generates end for if statement
- GenerateForBeginning generates counter variable definition
- GenerateForExpression generates assignment + expression of for loop
- GenerateForCondition generates condition for ending for loop
- GenerateForAssignment generates label of for assignment
- GenerateForAssignmentEnd generates jump to for expression (after assignment is done)

- GenerateForScope generates beginning of for loop scope
- GenerateForScopeDefinitions generates definitions of for loop
- GenerateForScopeEnd generates end of for loop scope
- IgnoreIfScope determines whether if, else if or else scope will be ignored and not generated
- GeneratorSaveID adds identifier to end of list for definition or assignment
- GeneratorGetID gets last added identifier
- GenerateUsedInternalFunctions generates used internal functions (if none, don't generate)
- GeneratorPrintCheck check that printArguments is true, if so pop + print the value to stdout, otherwise do nothing
- Generator Unary Prepare pushes ID to local frame
- GenerateUnaryExpression generates instructions base on given unary type
- GenerateCodeInternal generates internal code (internal function code, header)
- SetUpCodeInternal sets up code variable for generating internal function code
- IsFuncInternal checks that given name is really internal function

4.3 Usage

In contrast with scanner or parser we don't call just one function here, which would then proceed to call other functions, but we have to call corresponding function to where we are currently in parser and what we need to generate. For that function names should be great indicator to know what to use.

5 Algorithms and data structures

Due to specifications in assignment we had to create some special data structures.

5.1 Binary Search Tree (BST)

We have implemented an Abstract Syntax Tree, which type is BST. Thanks to second homework from IAL, all of us had to implement this, so we scraped everything from those homeworks and created new file which suits our needs in this case. More about this could be found in symtable header and c file.

5.2 Symbol stack

We also need a stack for symbols to use in our compiler. It has few functions that performs *initialization*, *pushing*, *poping and freeing* the stack. For more detailed info see symstack files

5.3 Dynamic string

Because scanner needs to save characters to string, we are unable to use just plain C char data type, so we downloaded str header and c file from jednoduchy_intrpreter archive which was passed down upon us from our dear professors. This allowed us using it as dynamic string. We also tweaked this file a bit, so it suits our exact needs.

6 Teamwork

6.1 Versioning system

We decided that the best option for hosting our code and so will be using github repository, so we created one, set rules about merging to master and started developing in our own branches on parts of compiler that were assigned to us. Every time someone wanted to push some changes to master, he created *pull request* and other teammates had to do review on this code before merging.

6.2 Communication

For communication between teammates and few meetings, we decided for using Discord, where we created our own server. The decision was pretty simple, because all of us already have been using discord and were comfortable with it.

6.3 Who did what

- Dominik Horky Team Leader, parser, generator, symtable, LL grammar, makefile
- Roman Janiczek Parser, symtable, code review, github guru
- Lukas Hais Scanner, scanner's automaton, code review, documentation, presentation
- Jan Pospisil Precedent, expression, generator

7 Overview

7.1 Compiling

We have decided to write our own makefile, which we used for compiling our source code, because none of us had experience with using *CMake* and also it was specified in assignment to be able to compiler our program with make command in terminal. We also added some other parts as make debug used when debugging code, make tests which make tests for *symtable* and make clean that deletes everything that other make * commands created.

7.2 About project

This project seemed at first as too big bite to swallow, but as we progressed through it with blindly writing code, finding research materials online and watching IFJ/IAL lectures, we were able to slowly make some parts work. The main problem in our group was probably that we missed a lot of deadlines that we prepared for ourselves throughout time we had until final deadline, so in the end we found ourselves with little to no time and a few broken things either not working correctly or not working at all, but probably performed well in the end.

```
cprogram> \rightarrow cprolog> <eol_m> <functions>
2.
         \langle prolog \rangle \rightarrow package main
3.
         <eol m> \rightarrow EOL <eol r>
         \langle eol_r \rangle \rightarrow EOL \langle eol_r \rangle
4.
5.
         <eol_r> \rightarrow eps
6.
         <functions> \rightarrow <func> <function_n>
7.
         <function_n> -> <func> <function_n>
8.
         <function_n> → eps
         <func> \rightarrow func ID ( <arguments> ) <func_return> <cmd_block>
9.
         <arguments> \( \) ID <type> <arguments_n>
10.
11.
         \langle arguments_n \rangle \rightarrow , ID \langle type \rangle \langle arguments_n \rangle
12.
         \langle arguments_n \rangle \rightarrow eps
13.
         <type> \rightarrow int
         <type> → float64
14.
15.
         \langle type \rangle \rightarrow string
16.
         <type> → bool
17.
         \langle arguments \rangle \rightarrow eps
18.
         < func return > \rightarrow ( < f type > )
19.
         f_type \rightarrow type < r_type_n >
20.
         <f_type> → eps
21.
         <r_type_n> \rightarrow , <type> <r_type_n>
         <r_type_n> → eps
22.
23.
         < func_return > \rightarrow eps
         <cmd_block> \rightarrow { EOL <commands>} EOL
24.
25.
         <commands> \rightarrow <cmd> =EOL <commands> =
26.
         <commands> → eps
         <cmd> → ID <statement>
27.
28.
         <statement> → <id mul> = <assignment>
         <id_mul> \rightarrow , ID <id_mul>
29.
30.
         <id_mul> \rightarrow eps
31.
         <assignment> → <expression> <expr n>
         \langle expr_n \rangle \rightarrow , \langle expression \rangle \langle expr_n \rangle
32.
         <expr_n> → eps
33.
34.
         \langle assignment \rangle \rightarrow ID ( \langle arguments_fc \rangle )
35.
         <statement> - ( <arguments_fc> )
        <statement> → := <expression>
<statement> → <unary> <expression>
36.
37.
38.
         <unary> \rightarrow +=
39.
         <unary> → -=
40.
         <unary> → *=
41.
         <unary> → /=
42.
         \arguments_fc> \rightarrow \ensuremath{\mbox{expression}} \ensuremath{\mbox{expr}_n} >
43.
         \langle arguments\_fc \rangle \rightarrow eps
44.
         <cmd> \rightarrow if <expression> <cmd_block> <if_else>
         <if_else> -> else <if_else_st>
45.
         <if_else> → eps
46.
47.
         \verb| <if_else_st> \rightarrow <cmd_block> \\
48.
         \langle if_else_st \rangle \rightarrow if \langle expression \rangle \langle cmd_block \rangle \langle if_else \rangle
49.
         <cmd> \rightarrow for <for definition>; <expression>; <for assignment> <cmd block>
         <for definition> \rightarrow ID := <expression>
50.
51.
         <for_definition> \rightarrow eps
52.
         \langle for_assignment \rangle \rightarrow ID \langle id_mul \rangle = \langle assignment \rangle
53.
         < for_assignment> \rightarrow eps
54.
         <cmd> \rightarrow <return cmd>
55.
         <return cmd> -- return <return_stat>
        <return_stat> → <expression>
<return_stat> → eps
56.
57.
58.
        <return_cmd> → eps
```

Figure 1: LL grammar

	package	main	eol	func	id	()	,	int	float64	string	bool	{	}	=	:=	+=	-=	*=	/=	if	else	for	;	return	\$
PROGRAM	1																									
PROLOG	2																						+			+
EOL_M	-		3																							+
FUNCTIONS			_	6																			_			+
EOL_R			4	5																			_			+
FUNC				9																			_			_
FUNCTION_N				7																			_			8
ARGUMENTS					10		17																			1
FUNC_RETURN						18							23										_			+
CMD_BLOCK													24													+
TYPE									13	14	15	16														+
ARGUMENTS_N							12	11	1																	+
F_TYPE							20		19	19	19	19											_			\top
R_TYPE_N							22	21																		
COMMANDS			25		25									26							25		25		25	
CMD			54		27																44		49		54	
STATEMENT						35		28							28	36	37	37	37	37						
ID_MUL								29							30											
ASSIGNMENT					34																					
EXPRESSION																										
EXPR_N			33				33	32					33													
ARGUMENTS_FC							43																			
UNARY																	38	39	40	41						
IF_ELSE			46																			45				
F_ELSE_ST													47								48					
FOR_DEFINITION					50																			51		
FOR_ASSIGNMENT					52								53													\top
RETURN_CMD			58																						55	
RETURN_STAT			57																				1			

Figure 2: LL grammar table

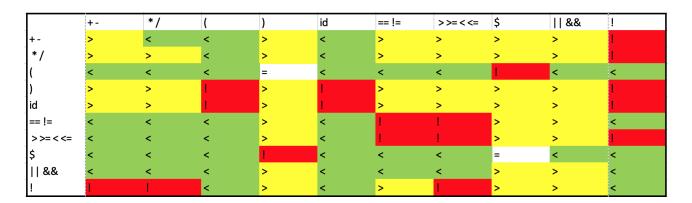


Figure 3: Precedent table

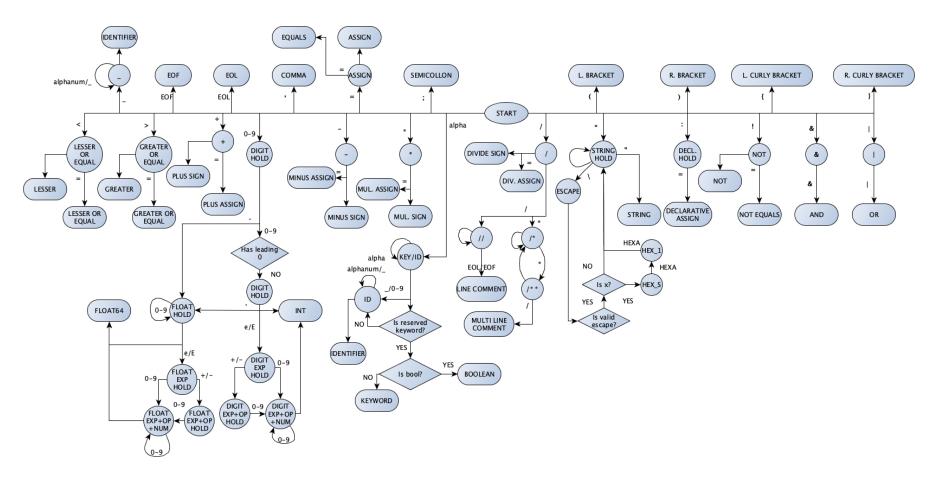


Figure 4: Scanners automaton