

CISC 458

Tutorial 2

Phase I

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Modifying the Compiler

- For the first phase, all of the changes will occur in the following three files:
 - `stdIdentifiers` (keywords)
 - `scan.ssl` (scanner S/SL source)
 - `parser.pt` (driver program)
- All files are in the `parser` subdirectory
- **Note:** All directories are relative to the working directory.
 - Working Directory: `~/cisc458/ptsrc`

- Contains a list of the keywords and predeclared identifiers.
- Read from the library directory `lib/pt/` when you run the compiler.
- You will need to edit this file to:
 - Add support for new keywords.
 - Remove old keywords that are not needed.
 - Change the old predeclared identifiers to the new ones.
- Be careful not to mix keywords and predeclared identifiers!
 - The scanner logic in `parser.pt` is sensitive to the order of items in the `stdIdentifiers` file.

- Contains the S/SL program that implements the scanner.
- You will need to insert and remove character classes and token definitions to match the requirements of the new language **Quby**.
- Compile with `ssl scan.ssl` to produce `scan.def` and `scan.sst`.
 - **Note:** “make scanner” does this for you.
 - Do not edit `scan.def` and `scan.sst`!

- After compiling `scan.ssl`, definitions generated in `scan.def` need to be consistent with those in `parser.pt`.
 - Replace contents between the following paraphrased comments with the lines in your new `scan.def`.

```
{ == Pasted contents of scan.def, ... }  
... content ...  
{ == End of contents of scan.def }
```

- Whenever you change the number of identifiers in `stdIdentifiers`, you have to update the `numberStdIdentifiers` constant in `parser.pt`.
- Needs to be compiled using the original `ptc`.
 - **Note:** “make scanner” does this for you.

Running the Scanner

Building the Scanner

- Build the scanner using the “make scanner” command.
- Running just “make” will enable the parser and everything that follows, which means the test programs must be valid **Quby** programs.
 - **Not recommended!** make **will fail!**
 - For make to succeed, you will need to modify all the other phases as well!
- Make sure to run the command in the working directory rather than the parser subdirectory.
 - Working Directory: ~/cisc458/ptsrc

Running the Scanner

- We only need to run the first phase of the compiler:

```
ptc -o1 -t1 -L lib/pt test.pt
```

- -o1 tells the compiler to run the first pass/phase only.
 - -t1 tells the compiler to trace the execution of the scanner pass.
 - -L specifies the custom library path.
 - test.pt is the source file to compile (eg. **Quby** syntax).
- ptc --help gives a detailed explanation of the parameters.

Examining the Output

- We use `ssltrace` to convert the output to a human-readable format:

```
ssltrace "ptc -o1 -t1 -L lib/pt test.pt"  
lib/pt/scan.def -i
```

- **IMPORTANT**: Make sure the library path (`-L`) is the **DIRECT** path to the library, relative to the current directory.
 - "`~`" will not work as the home directory.
- `lib/pt/scan.def` is where `ssltrace` should look for the names associated with the token numbers.
 - This directory should also be relative to the current directory.
- `-i` gives the trace of accepted input.

Example: tracing accepted input tokens

- test.pt

```
'kj'
```

- `ssltrace "ptc -o1 -t1 -L lib/pt test.pt"`
`lib/pt/scan.def -i`

```
[ (lQuote)
  [ (lLetter)
    [ (lLetter)
      ? (lLetter)
        [ (lLetter)
          [ (lLetter)
            ? (lLetter)
              [ (lQuote)
                [ (lNewLine)
                  [ (lNewLine)
                    [ (lEndFile)
```

Example: tracing emitted output tokens

- test.pt

```
'kj'
```

- ssltrace "ptc -o1 -t1 -L lib/pt test.pt"
lib/pt/scan.def -e

```
.pStringLiteral  
% Output token text 'kj'  
.pNewLine  
.pEndFile
```

- Type `ssltrace --help` for more options.

Testing Suggestion

- Put and run your test inside the test subdirectory.

```
### go to the test subdirectory
cd test
### make a test program test.pt there
vim test.pt
### run your own PT scanner/screener only on it
ptc -o1 -t1 -L ../lib/pt test.pt
### run it with ssltrace of scanner/screener
ssltrace "ptc -o1 -t1 -L ../lib/pt test.pt"
      ../lib/pt/scan.def
```

- **Bonus:** If working inside the test directory, there is a script called "ptc" that automatically points the compiler to the library path.

```
./ptc -o1 -t1 test.pt
```

Quick Review

After the following slides, you should be able to answer the following questions:

1. What should you edit and what should you **not** edit?
2. What is the working directory?
3. What kind of paths do `ssltrace` and `ptc` use?
4. Where should you run `make`? Should you ever just run `make` alone?
5. What options are available for debugging the scanner?

Quby- Phase I

- From `stdIdentifiers`:
 - Add the new keywords (e.g. `fun`) and remove the old ones (e.g. `procedure`).
- From `scan.ssl`:
 - Add new keyword tokens (e.g. `pFun`) and remove unused ones (e.g. `pProcedure`).
- **Important**: The order of keywords in `stdIdentifiers` and keyword tokens in `scan.ssl` **MUST** must be the same.
- Make sure to update values of `numberStdIdentifiers`.

Character Classes

- Add new Quby input character classes such as `%` and `#`.
 - Should be added to `scan.ssl`.
 - Don't forget to update `charClassMap` in `parser.pt`.
 - `charClassMap` is in the `Initialize` procedure.
- Remember to recompile `scan.ssl` and update the values in `parser.pt` with the definitions in `scan.def`!
 - **Tip:** The “make scanner” command will remind you to update them in `parser.pt` if you forget.

String Literals

- **Quby** uses double instead of single quotations for string literals:
 - Old syntax: `'content'`
 - New syntax: `"content"`
- The easiest way to do it is to change what is recognized as a quotation mark.
- Where in the source files are the quotation marks?
 - Examine the output from `ssltrace`:

```
lQuote, lLetter, ..., lLetter, lQuote
```
 - Modify the `charClassMap` to recognize `lQuote` when a double (instead of single) quotation is encountered.
 - **Hint:** A single line of code in `parser.pt`.

Syntax Tokens

- Add new Quby syntax tokens (e.g., pElsif) for the Quby keywords using, val, def, unless, elsif, break, when and module.
- Remove the old PT syntax tokens for the keywords not, until, program, const, procedure, begin and repeat, and the PT colon equals (":=").
- Update the scanning rules to handle the tokens appropriately.
 - E.g. you need to add a new rule to emit a pPercent token when an "%" character is encountered.
- Remember to recompile scan.ssl and update the values in parser.pt with the definitions in scan.def!
 - **Tip:** The "make scanner" command will remind you to update them in parser.pt if you forget.

- **Quby** uses % for comments.
 - Replaces PT { } and (* *).
- You need to modify the `Comment` rule in `scan.ssl` to reflect the new syntax
 - Make sure to emit the appropriate number of `pNewLine` tokens!

Tips & Suggestions

Suggestions

- Try to work together **as a team** to ensure that everyone understands all the changes.
 - Very important to start now, not when the smartest person in the group realizes they are overwhelmed!
- Keep track of your changes. Make frequent backups!
- Keep a copy of the original PT source beside your modified one. It can serve as a reference/guide by examining the `ssltrace` of the original compiler.

More Suggestions

- Create unit tests for each of your changes. Tests don't have to be valid programs (parser is disabled).
- Don't forget error cases!
 - Scanner should not succeed in parsing the `until` keyword.
- Create even more tests to convince yourself (and us) that your changes have not broken anything else.
- Your tests (that you submit) are required to cover all of your changes, which you should also document!
- For more specifics, tune in next tutorial, or refer to the **Project Marking Criteria** document posted by Dr. Karim on the course webpage.

Don't forget to...

- Recompile! Highly recommended to only use “make scanner”!
- `stdIdentifiers`, `scan.ssl`, `parser.pt` must be in sync! If you get an “Assertion 17” error then you’ve probably forgotten to update one of them.
- Beware not to override each other’s changes when working from different terminals in the same directory.
- Backup, Backup, Backup!
- *You will be using your solution to each phase as a basis for the next one!*
- **START EARLY!**

Next Tutorial

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