
IN2009
Language Processors

Epilogue (Week 11)

Revision

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What's in store this week

- Revision of weeks 1-5, 7-10
- The Exam
- Any other questions

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Guide to textbook

- Chapter 1
- Chapter 2 (2.1, 2.2, 2.5)
- Chapter 3 (3.1, 3.2 [but not after page 47 FIRST and FOLLOW until page 51 Eliminating Left Recursion, 3.4])
- Chapter 4 (4.1, 4.2, 4.3)
- Chapter 5 (5.1 [but not functional symbol tables], 5.2)
- Chapter 6 (not higher-order functions, 6.1, sketch of 6.2), \\
- Chapter 7 (7.1, 7.2, 7.3 [as covered by Session 7 foils])

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Session 1 recap

Session 1

- Module details, aims, resources
- What is language processing and implementation?
- Syntax definition
- Straight-line programming language
- Abstract syntax trees
- Some Java reminders...

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Session 2 recap

Session 2

- Language processing
- Lexical analysis
- Syntax analysis
- Lexical syntax (token) examples
- Lexical syntax (token) definition
- Regular expressions
- Implementation
- Tools

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Session 3 recap

Session 3: Parsing (syntax analysis)

- syntax definition
 - context free grammars (BNF)
- parsing
- ambiguous grammars
- removal of left recursion
- top down recursive descent parsing
- extended BNF (EBNF)
- parsing using JavaCC

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Session 4 recap

Session 4: Parsing (abstract syntax)

Covered in weeks 4 and 5.

- MiniJava introduction and parsing
- Lookahead
- JavaCC grammars and semantic actions and values
- Simple expression evaluator
- Abstract syntax trees

Session 5 recap

Session 5: Semantic analysis

- Symbol tables
 - Environments
 - Hash tables
 - Symbol table for MiniJava
- Typechecking

Session 6 recap

Session 6: Activation Records (Stack Frames)

- Memory model
- Local variables
- Stack frames
 - layout
 - frame pointer and stack pointer
 - parameter passing
 - calling conventions
- Static links
- Frames implementation

Session 7 recap

Session 7: Translation to intermediate representation

- Intermediate representation
- Assembly language - a recap
- Why use IR
- Definition of an IR using trees
- Example translations
- See book for while-loops, for-loops, functions, declarations

The Exam

- 1.5 hours in length
- Answer TWO questions from a choice of three.
- Must achieve a minimum of 30% on the exam to pass the module.
 - Regardless of coursework marks.

Q. What happens if I don't get 30%?

A. You will have to resit the exam in the summer.

What will be on the exam?

Q. What topics might be on the exam?

A. Everything.

Q. What questions will be on the exam?

A. You'll find out in May/June!

Next Lecture

- Final labs were **today**...
- No lectures ever again...
 - (For this module!)
- Keep an eye on Cityspace in the next few weeks
 - Sample answers for the practical assessment 1 already published.
 - Moderated marks for assessment 1 (both parts).
 - After the end of the module, sample answers for assessment 2 (and marks).

Finally...

- I wish you the very best of luck with the exam.
 - If you have worked hard, and understood the topics we have covered, you'll do fine!
- And have a good vacation!
- It is highly likely that you won't be seeing me again for any other modules on your course...
 - This is my only teaching here right now!