

C/C++ 2015/16 programming exercise 2

This exercise is about representing the syntax of programming languages as C data structures, namely parse trees, and processing such trees.

Here is the grammar of a simple language of expressions (loosely based on Lisp syntax):

$E \rightarrow n$	(constant)
$E \rightarrow x$	(variable)
$E \rightarrow (+ L)$	(operator application for addition)
$E \rightarrow (* L)$	(operator application for multiplication)
$E \rightarrow (= x E E)$	(let binding)
$L \rightarrow E L$	(expression list)
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Constants can be integers. Variable names must start with a letter and can be up to 7 characters long. Operator application applies to a list of arguments, e.g.

(+ 2 3 5)

evaluates to 10.

In a let-binding

(= x E1 E2)

the variable `x` is bound to the value of `E1` in the evaluation of `E2`. For example,

(= x (+ 2 3 5) (* x x (+ x x)))

should evaluate to 2000. Note that there could be different scopes for the same variable, so that

(= y 2 (+ y (= y 10 y) y))

should evaluate to 14 (and not 22).

In C, the above grammar can be represented by the types in

<http://www.cs.bham.ac.uk/~hxt/2015/c-plus-plus/evalexp.h>

Your task

Write an evaluation function

```
int evalexp(struct exp *e)
```

that evaluates an expression as outlined above. You may also write a helper function that evaluates an expression list.

Given that an expression may contain variables, you will need to write a helper function

```
int evalexpenv(struct exp *e, struct env *env)
```

In addition to an expression, this evaluation function takes an *environment* as a parameter. An environment in this context is a data structure that binds variables to their values. You need to define a suitable data structure. One possibility is a list where each element contains a variable and its corresponding value.

2 points are given if your `evalexp` function works on tests without `let` bindings.

3 more points are given if your `evalexp` function also works on tests with `let` bindings.

As this exercise is not about memory allocation, you are not required to deallocate anything. However, tests need to terminate successfully. Segfault and other errors get 0 marks.

Your submission to Canvas should be a single `.c` file implementing `evalexp` along with any helper functions and structs, but without a main function.

A main file is here:

<http://www.cs.bham.ac.uk/~hxt/2015/c-plus-plus/evalexpmain.c>

Stretch exercise: 1 bonus point

Write a function

```
int parseandeval(char *p)
```

that parses a string in the language above and evaluates it (in the empty environment). For example,

```
parseandeval("(= x (+ 2 3 5) (* x x (+ x x)))")
```

should return 2000.

It is recommended that you have a look at this file to see how to parse with lookahead:

<http://www.cs.bham.ac.uk/~hxt/2015/c-plus-plus/ParserTree.c>