

Reading

Read Sections 4.1 through 4.4 of our textbook *Compilers*.

Written Assignment 3

1. Exercise 4.2.1 (page 206).
2. Exercise 4.2.2, part a.
3. Exercise 4.2.3, parts (a), (b), and (c).
4. Exercise 4.3.1 (page 216).

Programming Assignment 3

A moderately simple Scheme (*MSS*) expression is similar to those of our previous language *VSS*, but supports the Boolean type in addition to the floating-point type. This includes the literals *true* and *false*, in addition to Boolean and relational operators. There is also a conditional *if* expression. Here is the grammar:

<i>prog</i>	→	<i>expr</i> ⁺
<i>expr</i>	→	DOUBLE
		BOOLEAN
		ID
		(' RATOR <i>expr</i> * ')
		(' 'def' ID <i>expr</i> ')
		(' 'if' <i>expr</i> ₁ <i>expr</i> ₂ <i>expr</i> ₃ ')
BOOLEAN	→	'true' 'false'
RATOR	→	ARITHMETIC RELATIONAL BOOLEAN
ARITHMETIC	→	'+' '-' '*' '/'
RELATIONAL	→	'=' '>' '<'
BOOLEAN	→	'&' '!' '!'

The conditional expression first evaluates its first expression *expr*₁ to obtain *testVal*. If *testVal* is true then the conditional expression evaluates to the value of *expr*₂, and if *testVal* is false then it evaluates to the value of *expr*₃ (it is a semantic error if *expr*₁ is not of Boolean type).

You may wish to distinguish between Boolean and floating-point values when evaluating expressions to ensure semantic correctness, but I do not require such runtime error checking. It is also not required that you distinguish between Boolean and floating-point expressions in your grammar (e.g., your grammar need not enforce that the conditional's test expression is of type Boolean). Also, it's not required that you implement the Boolean operators (*and*, *or*, and *not*), but you should implement the relational operators (*equal*, *greater-than*, and *less-than*).

I suggest that you revise the representation of values in your interpreter. One way is to define a *Val* class capable of wrapping a Double or a Boolean value. Your symbol table, which stores variable bindings, would bind identifiers to *Val* objects, literals and variables would evaluate to *Val* objects, and operators would input a list of *Val* arguments and output a *Val* object.

As in the previous assignment (VSS language), your interpreter evaluates the top-level expressions in order and prints the value of the last expression. For programs that contain more than one top-level expression, all but the last one are generally there for side-effect. Here are some sample runs:

```
> java run
(def a (if (< 5 7) 2 4))
(* a 6)
^Z
12.0
```

```
> java run
(def flag (= 6 (+ 3 5)))
(if flag (+ 1 2) (* 3 4))
^Z
12.0
```

This illustrates semantics involving the Boolean type:

```
true                => true
(! true)            => false
(&)                 => true    // identity for and
(& true)            => true
(& true false)     => false
(|)                 => false   // identity for or
(| false)          => false
(> 7)               => true    // each element is > than its successor
(> 7 5)            => true
(> 7 5 2)          => true
(> 7 8 5 3)        => false
(< 4 6)            => true
(= 4 (+ 2 2))      => true
(= 3 3 7)          => false
(! (< (+ 2 2) (* 2 3))) => false
(if true 3 4)      => 3.0
(if (< 6 3) 5 (* 6 3)) => 18.0
(if (= 3 (+ 2 1))
    (if true 4 5)
    (if false 6 7)) => 4.0
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