

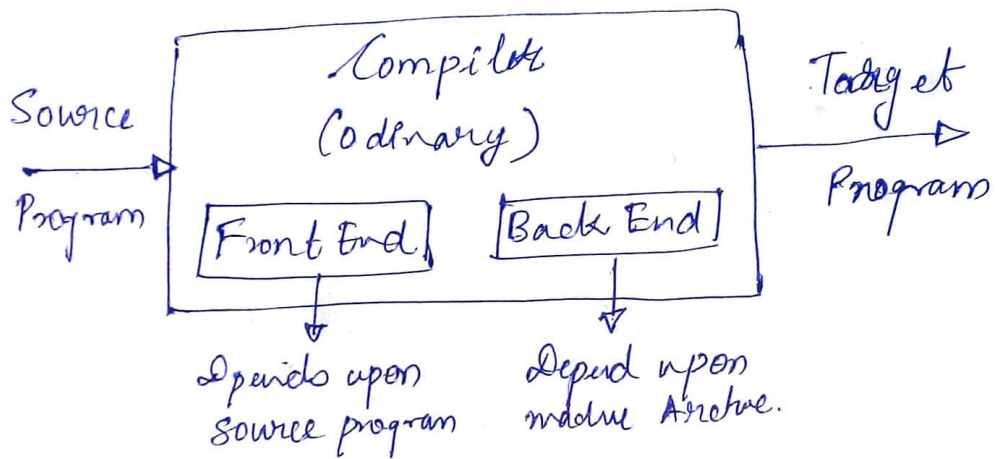
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Revision

Day - 1

Q.1 Differentiate between front end and back end of the compiler.

Ans:



~ There are mainly 6 phases of a compiler which are:

1. Lexical Analyser
 2. Syntax Analyser
 3. Semantic Analyser
 4. Intermediate Code generator
 5. Code optimiser
 6. Target code generator
- Arrows from the list point to the Front End and Back End of the compiler:
- Phases 1, 2, and 3 are grouped by a bracket and an arrow pointing to "Front End".
 - Phases 4, 5, and 6 are grouped by a bracket and an arrow pointing to "Back End".

Front end of a compiler

- ~ It consists of those phases which work upon the source language.
- ~ The front end depends upon the high-level language
eg:- C, C++, Python - in which the source program is written.
- ~ This part is mostly system independent.

Back end of a compiler

- ~ It consists of those phases which work to produce target language.
- ~ The back end depends upon the low-level language eg:- Binary/Machine Language, Assembly language.
- ~ Back end is usually dependent upon the system architecture to produce efficient code.

Q2. Define Lexem, Token and Pattern.

Ans

Lexem/Token: Token is a sequence of characters that can be treated as a single logical entity
eg:- Identifier, keywords, operator etc.

Patterns: Patterns are rules that describe the set of strings associated with the tokens.

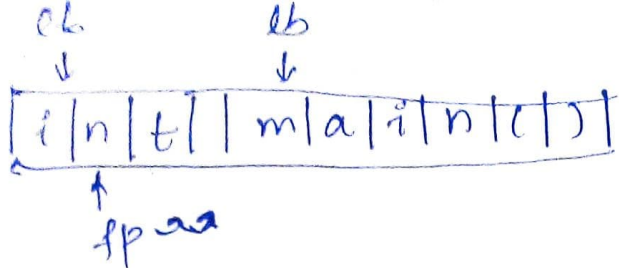
Lexeme: A lexeme is a sequence of characters in the source program that is matched by the pattern for a token.

eg:- for, while, ~~3.14~~ 3.14 "hello world"

Q3. Describe the Input Buffering Scheme in Lexical Analyser.

Ans Input Buffering Scheme

- ~ It is the ~~source~~ buffering scheme employed to ~~an~~ efficiently manage memory.
- ~ The source program is written ~~in~~ and saved in the hard disk.
- ~ To execute it it must be brought to the main memory.
- ~ LexAnalyser scans the source code with two pointers say "lp" & "fp" (lexeme begin & forward pointer) & bring them into a buffer.
- The buffer is used because ~~direct~~ a system call to just bring one character to the main memory is ~~delicious~~ tedious & expensive.
- ~ with buffer chunks of source code can be brought in to main memory.



One buffer scheme

- ~ This is used when the source size is small in blocks.
- ~ If buffer overflows it will corrupt the earlier data.

Two buffer scheme

- ~ Two buffers are used alternatively.
- ~ If one buffer reaches eof the other buffer can be used.

Q4. Uses of Symbol Table

Ans ~ The symbol table is a data structure containing a record for each variable with fields for the attributes of the name.

- ~ These attributes may provide information about the storage allocated for a name - its type, scope, procedure name, arguments, return type etc.

- ~ The data structure must be efficient to find, retrieve and store data efficiently.

~ This symbol table is used with each of two stages.

Q5. Explain any four compiler writing tools.

~ These are the four compiler writing tools.

1. Parser Generator:

~ Helps to write a software which can parse other languages.

Input : rules for a language

Output : syntax.

2. Scanner Generator

~ The input to a scanner generator is regular expression.

~ While the output is a lexical analyser.

3. Syntax Directed Translation Engine

~ Helps in generating the regex engine with :

Input : parse tree

Output : Intermediate code generator.

4. Data flow Analysis Engine

~ This tool is used for advanced code optimization, which will help to realize the possibilities of code refactoring when and where required.

Q6. Discuss the importance of bootstrapping to develop a compiler.

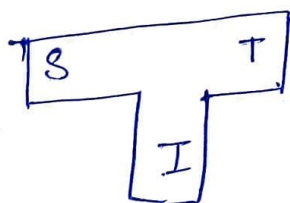
Ans

~ Bootstrapping is the process in which a simple language is used to translate more complicated program.

~ This in turn may help to handle an even more complicated program.

~ It helps in producing a self-hosting compiler - the one that can compile its own source code.

~ The compiler is defined by three languages
(i) Source Language (ii) Target Language (iii) Implementation Language.



- ~ Thus bootstrap significantly reduces the complexity of writing a ~~high level~~ high level compiler.
- ~ The above is true given that we already possess the lower level cascaded compilers.

Q7. Define cross compiler & compiler compiler.

Ans.

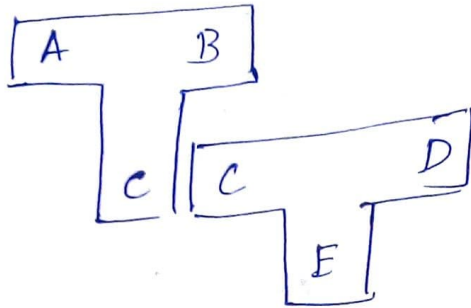
Cross compiler

- ~ These are those types of compiler that that can generate code for multiple platforms.
- ~ For this the frontend is same but the backend is modified to enable code generation for various platforms (being platform agnostic)
- eg:- GNU cross compiler
Flutter - it uses a build engine to develop binary for linux, windows, android and ios.

Compiler Compiler

~ A bootstrapped compiler compiles the compiler.

eg:-



~ Here E is the compiler compiler

~ The ultimate source language is A & the ultimate target language is D.

~ C compiles A to generate B.

~ E compiles C to generate D.

~ This is the process of bootstrapping and it helps in compiling the compiler.

Q8. Explain the different Phases in the design of a compiler.

A8. There are mainly 6 phases in the design of a compiler:

1.) Lexical Analyser

- ~ This phase analyses the source code and converts it into tokens.
- ~ At the same time it uses the symbol table to ~~reduce~~ store those tokens with their respective ids for later use.

input: source code output: tokens, lexems

2.) Syntax Analyser

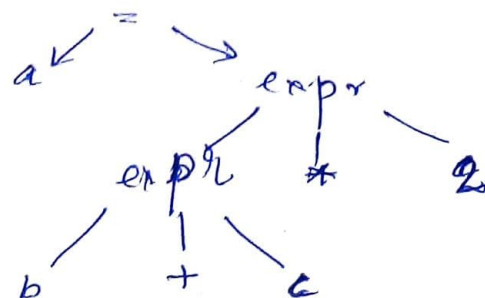
- ~ This phase checks for the syntax error in the given source code.
- ~ It takes input from the lexical analyser and generates a syntax tree

input: tokens/lexems output: syntax tree

eg:- $a = (b + c) * 2$

Tokens: $a, =, (, b, +, c,), *, 2$

Syntax tree

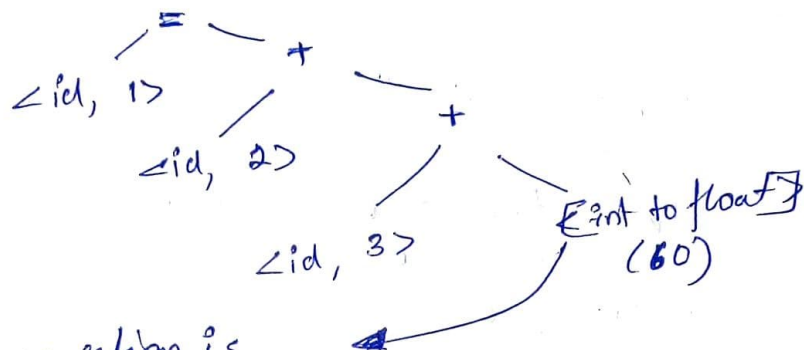


3) Semantic Analyzer

~ This phase checks for semantic errors in the source code.

input: syntax tree output: corrected code.

eg:-



This conversion is done to maintain the consistency of the program.

4) Intermediate code generation

~ This phase utilizes the temporary variable to generate code.

~ It usually generates, three-address intermediate code

eg:-
 $t_1 = \text{int_to_float}(2)$
 $t_2 = \text{id}_3 * t_1$
 $t_3 = \text{id}_2 + t_2$
 $\text{id}_1 = t_3$

5) Code optimization phase

~ This phase checks for the ~~proper~~ ~~in~~code room for optimization in the code.

- This phase is necessary to avoid utilizing excess of resources

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eg:- } t1 &= id3 + 60,0 \\ id1 &= id2 + t1. \end{aligned}$$

6.) Code Generation

- This is the final phase which generates the target code in the designed language.

eg :-

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LDE    R2, id3
MULF   R2, #60,0
LDE    R1, id2
ADDF   R1, R2
STF    id1, R1

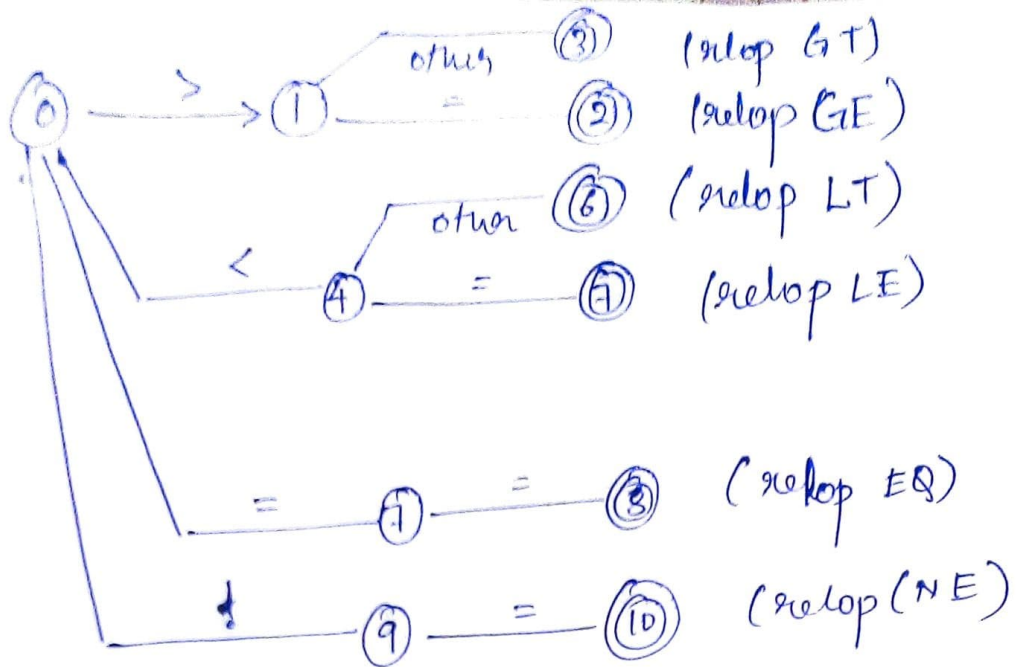
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Q9. Construct a lexical analyser for the tokens of relational operators.

Sol. The relation operators are:

>, >=	GT, GE,
<, <=	LT, LE
=, !=	EQ, NE

∴ The lexical analyser will perform as follows
check in this manner.



Q10. Construct a lexical analyser for the token conditional statements (if, else, for)

Sol

The analyser will performe checks and move to state in this manner.

