

ANTLR 4

tutorial + PA#1



Introduction

- ▶ ANTLR(Another Tool for Language Recognition)
 - ▶ A powerful parser generator
 - ▶ Parser for reading, processing, executing, or translating structured text or binary files.
 - ▶ Widely used to build languages, tools, and frameworks.
- ▶ ANTLR
 - ▶ Input: a grammar file (*e.g.*, Hello.g4)
 - ▶ Output: parser code in Java (*e.g.*, Hello*.java)



Install ANTLR (version 4.9.2) – Java tools

▶ ANTLR (www.antlr.org)

▶ <https://www.antlr.org/download/antlr-4.9.2-complete.jar>

▶ Installation JRE/JDK & ANTLR

```
$ sudo apt update
$ sudo apt upgrade
$ sudo apt install default-jre
$ sudo apt install default-jdk
$ sudo apt install curl
```

```
$ cd /usr/local/lib
$ sudo curl -O https://www.antlr.org/download/antlr-4.9.2-complete.jar -o
antlr-4.9.2-complete.jar
$ sudo ln -s antlr-4.9.2-complete.jar antlr-complete.jar
```

```
$ vi ~/.bashrc
export CLASSPATH=".:usr/local/lib/antlr-complete.jar:$CLASSPATH"
alias antlr4='java -jar /usr/local/lib/antlr-complete.jar'
alias grun='java org.antlr.v4.gui.TestRig'
```

→ Add 3 lines at the end of ~/.bashrc

3 \$ source ~/.bashrc → Reflect the effect to the current shell



Example Grammar File (*.g4)

```
/* Example grammar for Expr.g4 */  
grammar Expr;           // name of grammar
```

//parser rules - start with lowercase letters

```
prog: (expr NEWLINE)* ;  
expr: expr ('*' | '/') expr  
      | expr ('+' | '-') expr  
      | INT  
      | '(' expr ')';
```

//lexer rules - start with uppercase letters

```
NEWLINE : [\r\n]+ ;  
INT      : [0-9]+ ;  
WS       : [ \t\r\n]+ -> skip;
```



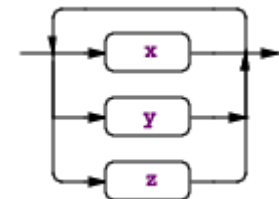
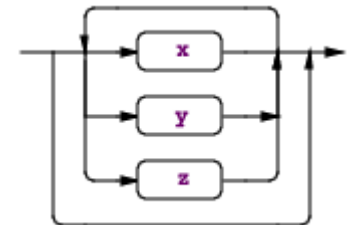
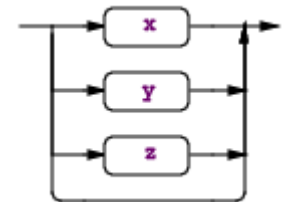
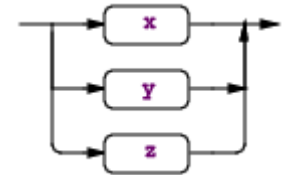
Regular Expressions

- ▶ . matches any single character
- ▶ * matches zero or more copies of preceding expression
- ▶ + matches one or more copies of preceding expression
- ▶ ? matches zero or one copy of preceding expression
 - ▶ -?[0-9]+ : signed numbers including optional minus sign
- ▶ [] matches any character within the brackets
 - ▶ [AbcI], [A-Z], [A-Za-z], [^I23A-Z] ← exclude [I23A-Z]
- ▶ ^ matches the beginning of line
- ▶ \$ matches the end of line
- ▶ \ escape metacharacter e.g. * matches with *
- ▶ | matches either the preceding expression or the following
 - ▶ abc|ABC
- ▶ () groups a series of regular expression
 - ▶ (I23)(I23)*



Regular expression (subrules)

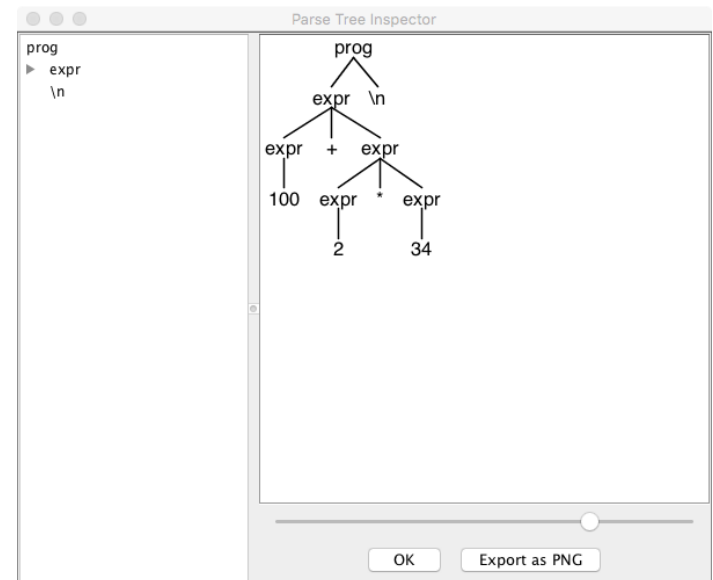
- ▶ $(x|y|z)$: match any alternative within the subrule exactly
- ▶ $(x|y|z)?$: match nothing or any alternative within subrule
- ▶ $(x|y|z)^*$: match an alternative within subrule zero or more times
- ▶ $(x|y|z)^+$: match an alternative within subrule one or more times.



Running ANTLR Parser Generator

- ▶ Writing a grammar file
 - ▶ E.g., `Expr.g4` (slide 4)
- ▶ Process with ANTLR
 - ▶ `$ antlr4 Expr.g4`
- ▶ Compile java programs
 - ▶ `$ javac Expr*.java`
- ▶ Run a generated parse
 - ▶ `$ grun Expr prog -gui`
 - ▶ `$ grun Expr prog -tree`

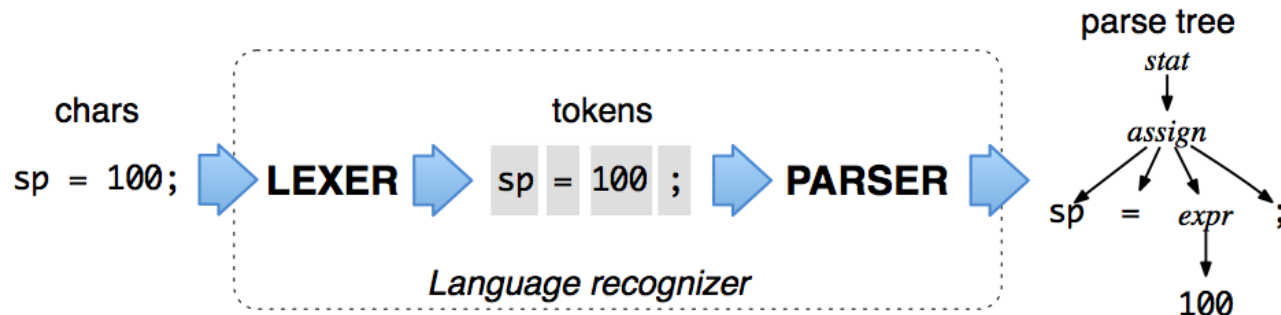
```
$ antlr4 Expr.g4
$ javac Expr*.java
$ grun Expr prog -gui
100 + 2*34
^D
```



```
(prog (expr (expr 100) + (expr (expr 2) * (expr 34))) \n)
```

Parse Tree

- ▶ ANTLR-generated parser builds a data structure
 - ▶ Parse tree (or syntax tree)
 - ▶ “organization of input” according to grammar



Parse Tree Manipulation

- ▶ Now, you have a parse tree.
 - ▶ Walk a parse tree with ANTLR tools – Listener or Visitor
- ▶ Listener
 - ▶ Walk all parse tree with DFS from the first root node
 - ▶ Make functions triggered at entering/exit of nodes
 - ▶ *e.g.*, `ExprBaseListener.java` is generated from `antlr4`
- ▶ Visitor
 - ▶ Make functions triggered at entering/exit of nodes.
 - ▶ Unlike listener, user explicitly call visitor on child nodes
 - ▶ To generate visitor class, use `-visitor` option for `antlr4`
e.g., `$ antlr4 -visitor Expr.g4`



ExprBaseVisitor.java

```
// Generated from Expr.g4 by ANTLR 4.9.2
import org.antlr.v4.runtime.tree.AbstractParseTreeVisitor;

/**
 * This class provides an empty implementation of {@link ExprVisitor},
 * which can be extended to create a visitor which only needs to handle a subset
 * of the available methods.
 *
 * @param <T> The return type of the visit operation. Use {@link Void} for
 * operations with no return type.
 */
public class ExprBaseVisitor<T> extends AbstractParseTreeVisitor<T> implements ExprVisitor<T> {
    @Override public T visitProg(ExprParser.ProgContext ctx) { return visitChildren(ctx); }
    @Override public T visitInfixExpr(ExprParser.InfixExprContext ctx) { return visitChildren(ctx); }
    @Override public T visitNumberExpr(ExprParser.NumberExprContext ctx) { return visitChildren(ctx); }
    @Override public T visitParensExpr(ExprParser.ParensExprContext ctx) { return visitChildren(ctx); }
}
```

```
/* Expr.g4 */
grammar Expr;

// parser rules
prog : (expr NEWLINE)*;
expr : expr ('*' | '/') expr # InfixExpr
      | expr ('+' | '-' ) expr # InfixExpr
      | INT                    # NumberExpr
      | '(' expr ')'           # ParsensExpr

// lexer rules
NEWLINE: [\r\n]+;
INT: [0-9]+;
WS: [ \t\r\n]+ -> skip;
```

ExprBaseVisitor.java: generated by ANTLR4 along with multiple java files and others



ExprEvalApp.java (user code)

```
public class BuildAstVisitor extends MathBaseVisitor<T> {  
  
    public T visitProg(MathParser.CompileUnitContext ctx) {  
        return visit(ctx.expr());  
    }  
  
    public T visitNumberExpr(MathParser.NumberExprContext ctx) {  
        return visit(ctx.expr());  
    }  
  
    public T visitParensExpr(MathParser.ParensExprContext ctx) {  
        return visit(ctx.expr());  
    }  
  
    public T visitInfixExpr(MathParser.InfixExprContext ctx) {  
        return visit(ctx.expr());  
    }  
  
}
```

← example class for expression evaluation

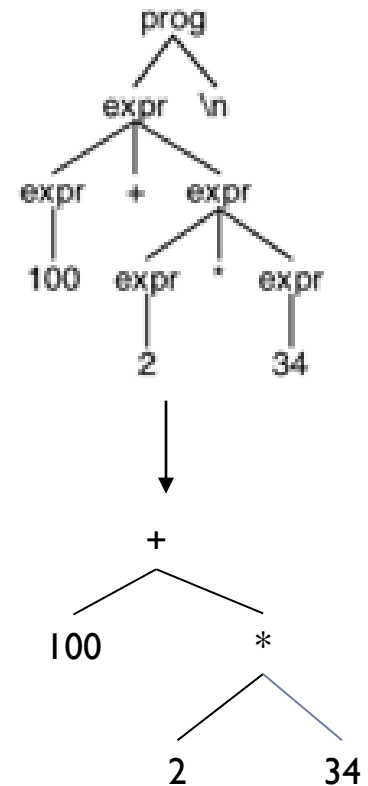
skeleton code for listener based application

```
public class ExprEvalApp {  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {  
        System.out.println("*** Expression Eval w/ antlr-listener ***");  
  
        // Get lexer  
        ExprLexer lexer = new ExprLexer(CharStreams.fromStream(System.in));  
        // Get a list of matched tokens  
        CommonTokenStream tokens = new CommonTokenStream(lexer);  
        // Pass tokens to parser  
        ExprParser parser = new ExprParser(tokens);  
        // Walk parse-tree and attach our visitor  
        BuildAstVisitor buildVisitor = new BuildAstVisitor();  
        buildVisitor.visitProg(parser.proc());  
    }  
}
```



Programming Assignment #1

- ▶ Build a Java program using ANTLR **Visitor** class for Build AST(Abstract Syntax Tree)
 - ▶ Expand grammar to execute following rules
 - ▶ Assign number in a variable.
 - `a = 10;`
 - ▶ Assign a variable to another variable is not allowed.
 - You can only assign integer and real values to variables.
 - ▶ Call function in `java.lang.Math` and execute the function.
 - `min(3, 5) = 3`
 - ▶ Build AST
 - ▶ Antlr build Parse Tree when you execute.
 - ▶ Convert The Parse Tree to AST.
 - ▶ **Should use ONLY visitor, NOT listener**



Programming Assignment #1

- ▶ Build a Java program using ANTLR **Visitor** class for Build AST(Abstract Syntax Tree)
 - ▶ Print AST in terminal
 - ▶ This program should print 'ADD' 'MUL' 'SUB' 'DIV' 'ASSIGN'
not '+' '*' '-' '/' '='
 - ▶ Calculate the input
 - ▶ calculate the resulting values of expressions
 - ▶ The function call expressions will be tested with 4 function in **java.lang.Math**
 - min, max, pow, sqrt
 - ▶ If just assign expression is given as input, **just print 0**.
 - Evaluation result of 'a = 3;' should be 0

PA#1 (cont'd)

```
yongwoo@fpga2:~/antlr$ java program
3 + 4
ADD
      3.0
      4.0
    7.0
yongwoo@fpga2:~/antlr$ java program
3 + 5 * 4
ADD
      3.0
      MUL
          5.0
          4.0
    23.0
yongwoo@fpga2:~/antlr$ java program
3 * (3 + 5) * 4
MUL
      MUL
          3.0
          ADD
              3.0
              5.0
          4.0
    96.0
yongwoo@fpga2:~/antlr$
```

```
yongwoo@fpga2:~/antlr$ java program
sqrt(4)
sqrt
      4.0
    2.0
yongwoo@fpga2:~/antlr$
```

```
yongwoo@fpga2:~/antlr$ java program
a = 4
ASSIGN
      a
      4.0
    0.0
yongwoo@fpga2:~/antlr$
```



PA#1 (cont'd)

- ▶ ***AstNodes.java***

- ▶ define AST nodes to print.
- ▶ the nodes have to be defined as class.

- ▶ ***BuildAstVisitor.java***

- ▶ Build AST using MathBaseVisitor.java

- ▶ ***AstCall.java***

- ▶ define methods to print the AST nodes.
- ▶ The name of the method should be '*Call*'



PA#1 (cont'd)

- ▶ ***Evaluate.java***

- ▶ define methods to calculate the expression we get as input.
- ▶ The name of the method should be '*evaluate*'

- ▶ ***Program.java***

- ▶ Define the main method in the file.
 - In the main method,
 - build parse tree
 - accept input as command line.
 - call the method as define (call and evaluate)
 - print out resulting value.
 - calculation should be in double.
 - ▶ $5 / 2 = 2.5$ not 2.
 - **ctrl + d after you enter input.**



Reference

- ▶ The Definitive ANTLR 4 Reference - Terence Parr
- ▶ <http://antlr.org> > Dev Tools > Resources
 - ▶ Documentation
 - ▶ <https://github.com/antlr/antlr4/blob/master/doc/index.md>
 - ▶ Runtime API (look into "Java Runtime" for ANTLR4 APIs)
 - ▶ <http://www.antlr.org/api/>
- ▶ Java util package
 - ▶ www.tutorialspoint.com/java/util/index.htm

