

ANSI C grammar, Lex specification

In 1985, Jeff Lee published this Lex specification together with a [Yacc grammar](#) for the April 30, 1985 ANSI C draft. Tom Stockfisch reposted both to net.sources in 1987; that original, as mentioned in the answer to [question 17.25](#) of the comp.lang.c FAQ, can be ftp'ed from ftp.uu.net, file [usenet/net.sources/ansi.c.grammar.Z](#).

I intend to keep this version as close to the current C Standard grammar as possible; please let me know if you discover discrepancies.

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D	[0-9]
L	[a-zA-Z_]
H	[a-zA-F0-9]
E	[Ee][+-]?{D}+
FS	(f F I L)
IS	(u U I L)*

```
%{  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include "y.tab.h"
```

```
void count\(\);  
%}
```

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%%  
"/ * " { comment\(\); }
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"auto"	{ count(); return(AUTO); }
"break"	{ count(); return(BREAK); }
"case"	{ count(); return(CASE); }
"char"	{ count(); return(CHAR); }
"const"	{ count(); return(CONST); }
"continue"	{ count(); return(CONTINUE); }
"default"	{ count(); return(DEFAULT); }
"do"	{ count(); return(DO); }
"double"	{ count(); return(DOUBLE); }
"else"	{ count(); return(ELSE); }
"enum"	{ count(); return(ENUM); }
"extern"	{ count(); return(EXTERN); }
"float"	{ count(); return(FLOAT); }
"for"	{ count(); return(FOR); }
"goto"	{ count(); return(GOTO); }
"if"	{ count(); return(IF); }
"int"	{ count(); return(INT); }
"long"	{ count(); return(LONG); }
"register"	{ count(); return(REGISTER); }

"return"	{ count(); return(RETURN); }
"short"	{ count(); return(SHORT); }
"signed"	{ count(); return(SIGNED); }
"sizeof"	{ count(); return(SIZEOF); }
"static"	{ count(); return(STATIC); }
"struct"	{ count(); return(STRUCT); }
"switch"	{ count(); return(SWITCH); }
"typedef"	{ count(); return(TYPDEF); }
"union"	{ count(); return(UNION); }
"unsigned"	{ count(); return(UNSIGNED); }
"void"	{ count(); return(VOID); }
"volatile"	{ count(); return(VOLATILE); }
"while"	{ count(); return(WHILE); }
{L}({L} {D})*	{ count(); return(check_type()); }
0[xX]{H}+{IS}?	{ count(); return(CONSTANT); }
0{D}+{IS}?	{ count(); return(CONSTANT); }
{D}+{IS}?	{ count(); return(CONSTANT); }

L?'(WW.|[^WW'])+' { count(); return(CONSTANT); }

{D}+{E}{FS}? { count(); return(CONSTANT); }

{D}*"."{D}+({E})?{FS}? { count(); return(CONSTANT); }

{D}+"."{D}*({E})?{FS}? { count(); return(CONSTANT); }

L?W"(WW.|[^WW"])*W" { count(); return(STRING_LITERAL); }

"..." { count(); return(ELLIPSIS); }

">>=" { count(); return(RIGHT_ASSIGN); }

"<<=" { count(); return(LEFT_ASSIGN); }

"+=" { count(); return(ADD_ASSIGN); }

"-=" { count(); return(SUB_ASSIGN); }

"*=" { count(); return(MUL_ASSIGN); }

"/=" { count(); return(DIV_ASSIGN); }

"%=" { count(); return(MOD_ASSIGN); }

"&=" { count(); return(AND_ASSIGN); }

"^=" { count(); return(XOR_ASSIGN); }

"|=" { count(); return(OR_ASSIGN); }

">>"	{ count(); return(RIGHT_OP); }
"<<"	{ count(); return(LEFT_OP); }
"++"	{ count(); return(INC_OP); }
"--"	{ count(); return(DEC_OP); }
"->"	{ count(); return(PTR_OP); }
"&&"	{ count(); return(AND_OP); }
" "	{ count(); return(OR_OP); }
"<="	{ count(); return(LE_OP); }
">="	{ count(); return(GE_OP); }
"=="	{ count(); return(EQ_OP); }
"!="	{ count(); return(NE_OP); }
";"	{ count(); return(';'); }
("{" "<%")	{ count(); return('{'); }
("}" "%>")	{ count(); return('}'); }
","	{ count(); return(','); }
":"	{ count(); return(':'); }
"="	{ count(); return('='); }
"("	{ count(); return('('); }
")"	{ count(); return(')'); }

"[" "<:")	{ count(); return('['); }
"]" ">:")	{ count(); return(']'); }
"."	{ count(); return('.'); }
"&"	{ count(); return('&'); }
"!"	{ count(); return('!'); }
"~"	{ count(); return('~'); }
"_"	{ count(); return('_'); }
"+"	{ count(); return('+'); }
"*"	{ count(); return('*'); }
"/"	{ count(); return('/'); }
"%"	{ count(); return('%'); }
"<"	{ count(); return('<'); }
">"	{ count(); return('>'); }
"^"	{ count(); return('^'); }
" "	{ count(); return(' '); }
"?"	{ count(); return('?'); }
[WtWvWnWf]	{ count(); }
.	{ /* ignore bad characters */ }

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%%
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```
yywrap()  
{  
    return(1);  
}
```

```
comment()  
{  
    char c, c1;
```

```
loop:  
    while ((c = input()) != '*' && c != 0)  
        putchar(c);  
  
    if ((c1 = input()) != '/' && c != 0)  
    {
```



```
        unput(c1);  
        goto loop;  
    }
```

```
    if (c != 0)  
        putchar(c1);  
}
```

```
int column = 0;
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```
void count()  
{  
    int i;  
  
    for (i = 0; yytext[i] != '\0'; i++)  
        if (yytext[i] == '\n')  
            column = 0;  
        else if (yytext[i] == '\t')
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        column += 8 - (column % 8);
    else
        column++;

    ECHO;
}
```

```
int check_type()
{
    /*
    * pseudo code --- this is what it should check
    *
    *   if (yytext == type_name)
    *       return(TYPE_NAME);
    *
    *   return(IDENTIFIER);
    */
}
```

```
/*  
 *   it actually will only return IDENTIFIER  
 */  
  
    return(IDENTIFIER);  
}
```