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# Experiment in Compiler Construction

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# What is the course about

- Knowledge about compiler is introduced in 2 courses :
  - IT3322 – Compiler construction: Theory course
  - IT4182 - Experiment in compiler construction
- The course will require students to build a simple compiler for a tiny programming language
- Through the course, students will understand how each phase of the compiler works.
- The operation of the compiler will illustrate and clarify the knowledge presented in the theory course
- At each lesson, an **incompleted project** is provided to students. In the project, some functions or code paragraphs are left blank
- Students only need to complete the sections marked todo

# Projects

- Lexical analyzer (scanner)
- Syntax analyzer (parser)
- Symbol Table
- Semantic analyzer
- Code generator
- Interpreter

# Introduction to compiler

- Compiler vs interpreter
- Phases of a compiler

# Compiler vs interpreter

- Carry out the same purpose: translating high level language instructions into the binary form that is understandable by the computer.
- Interpreter: reads a statement (instruction), translates and then executes it, then take another
- Compiler: translates the entire program in one go and executes it (through .exe file)

# Language examples

## **Compiled**

C, C++, Objective-C

## **Interpreted**

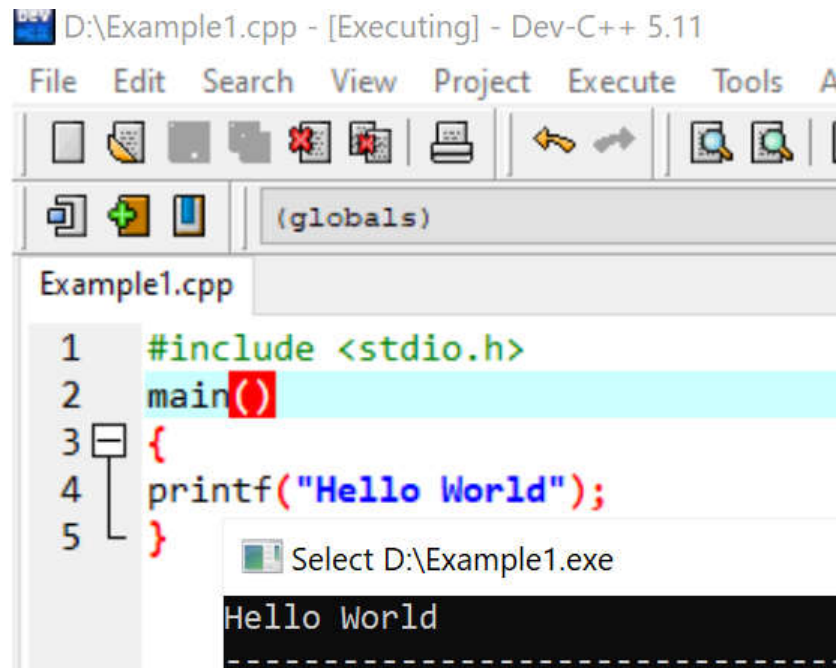
PHP, JavaScript

## **Hybrid**

Java, C#, VB.NET, Python

# Examples of Hello World program

## C language





The screenshot shows the Dev-C++ 5.11 IDE with a file named 'D:\Example1.cpp'. The code in the editor is as follows:

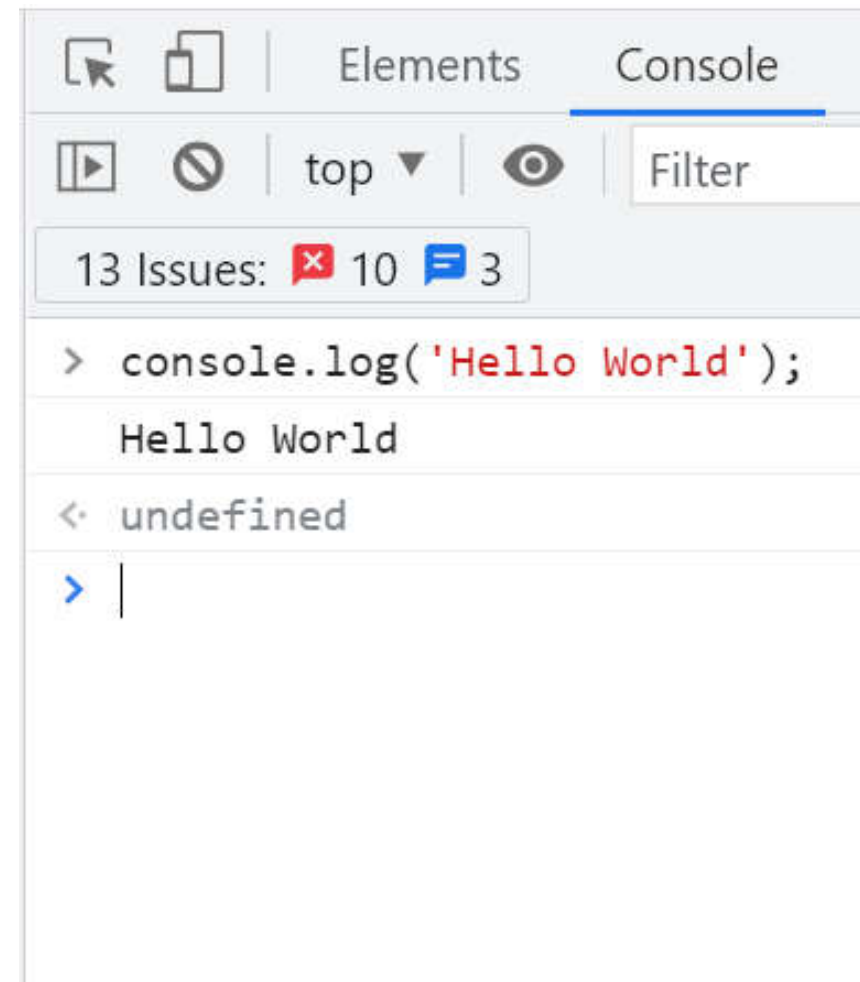
```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 main()
3 {
4     printf("Hello World");
5 }
```

Below the code editor, a small window shows the output of the program: 'Hello World'.

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## Javascript



The screenshot shows a web browser's developer console with the 'Console' tab selected. The code entered is:

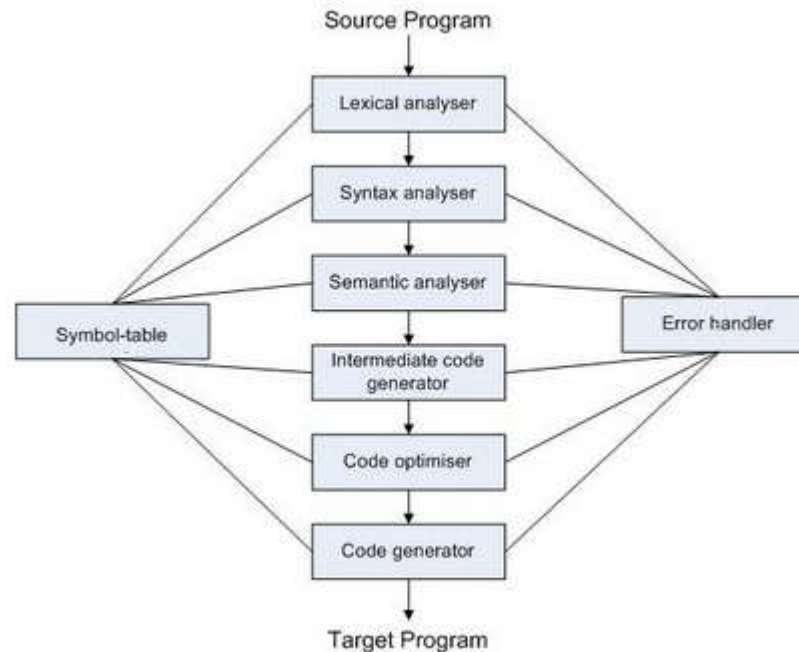
```
> console.log('Hello World');
```

The output of the code is:

```
Hello World
```

Below the output, the text 'undefined' is visible, indicating the return value of the `console.log` function.

# Phases of a compiler



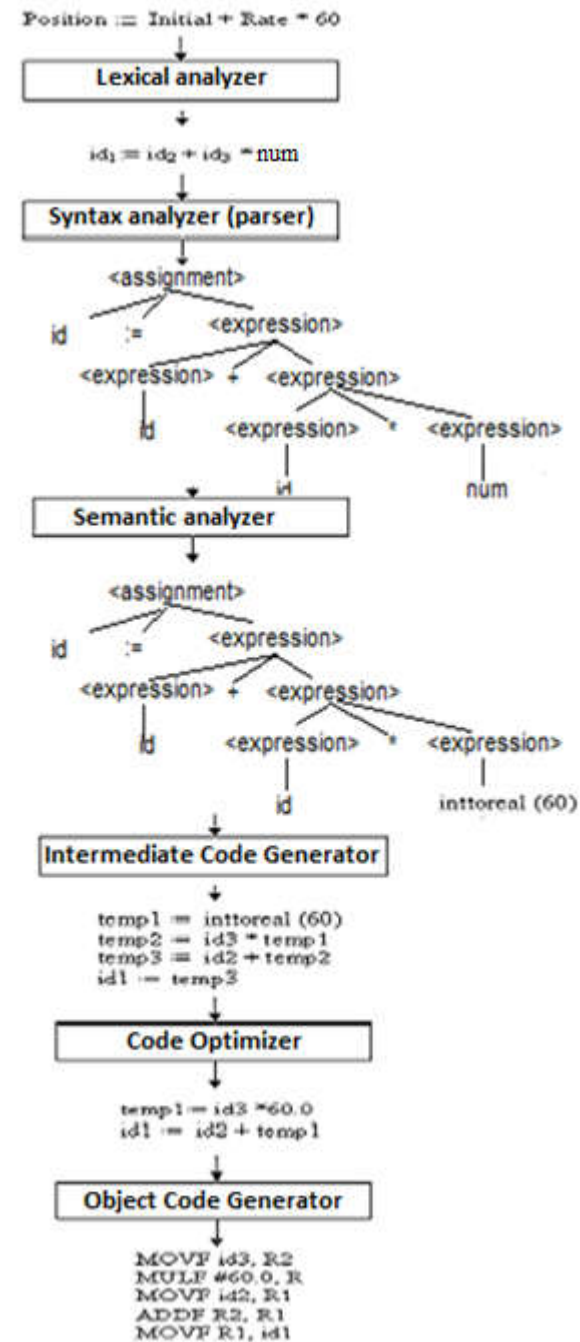
2 major phases

Analysis: Lexical analysis, syntax analysis, semantic analysis

Synthesis: Intermediate code generation, code optimization, code generation



# Translation of a statement



# Analysis phase

## Syntax rules (grammar)

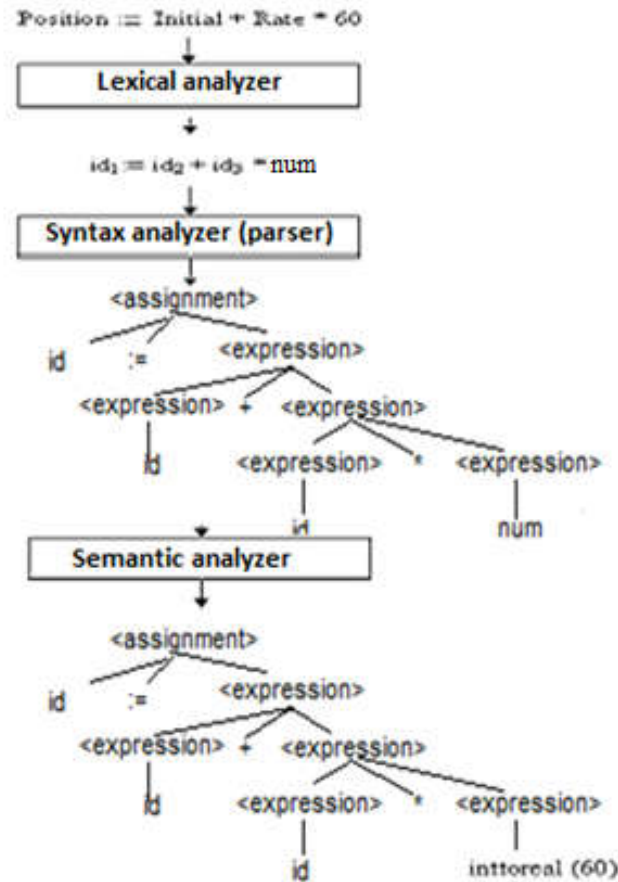
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id := <expression>

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<expression> →  
<expression> \* <expression>

<expression> → id

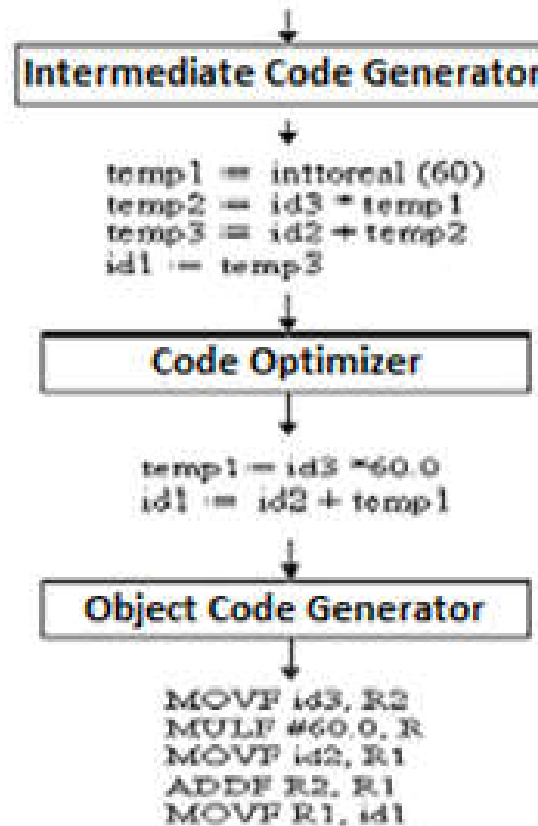
<expression> → num



## Symbol table

Name	Attributes
Position	...
Initial	...
Rate	...

# Synthesis phase



# KPL programming language

- A tiny programming language used in writing a simple compiler
- Issued by University of Kyoto
- A subset of Pascal language

```
Program Example2; (* Factorial *)

Var n : Integer;

Function F(n : Integer) : Integer;
    Begin
        If n = 0 Then F := 1 Else F := N
        * F (N - 1);
    End;

Begin
    For n := 1 To 7 Do
        Begin
            Call WriteLn;
            Call WriteI(F(i));
        End;
End. (* Factorial *)
```



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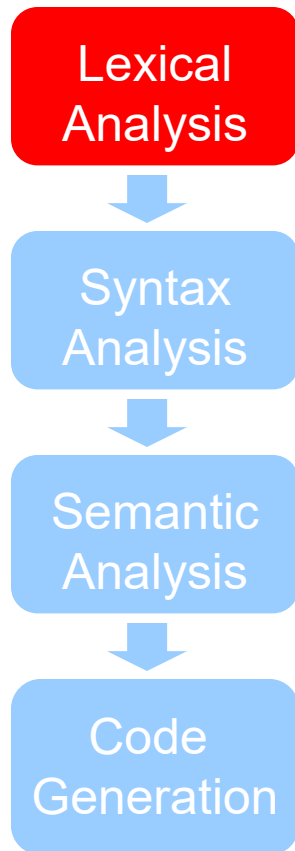
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## Scanner design

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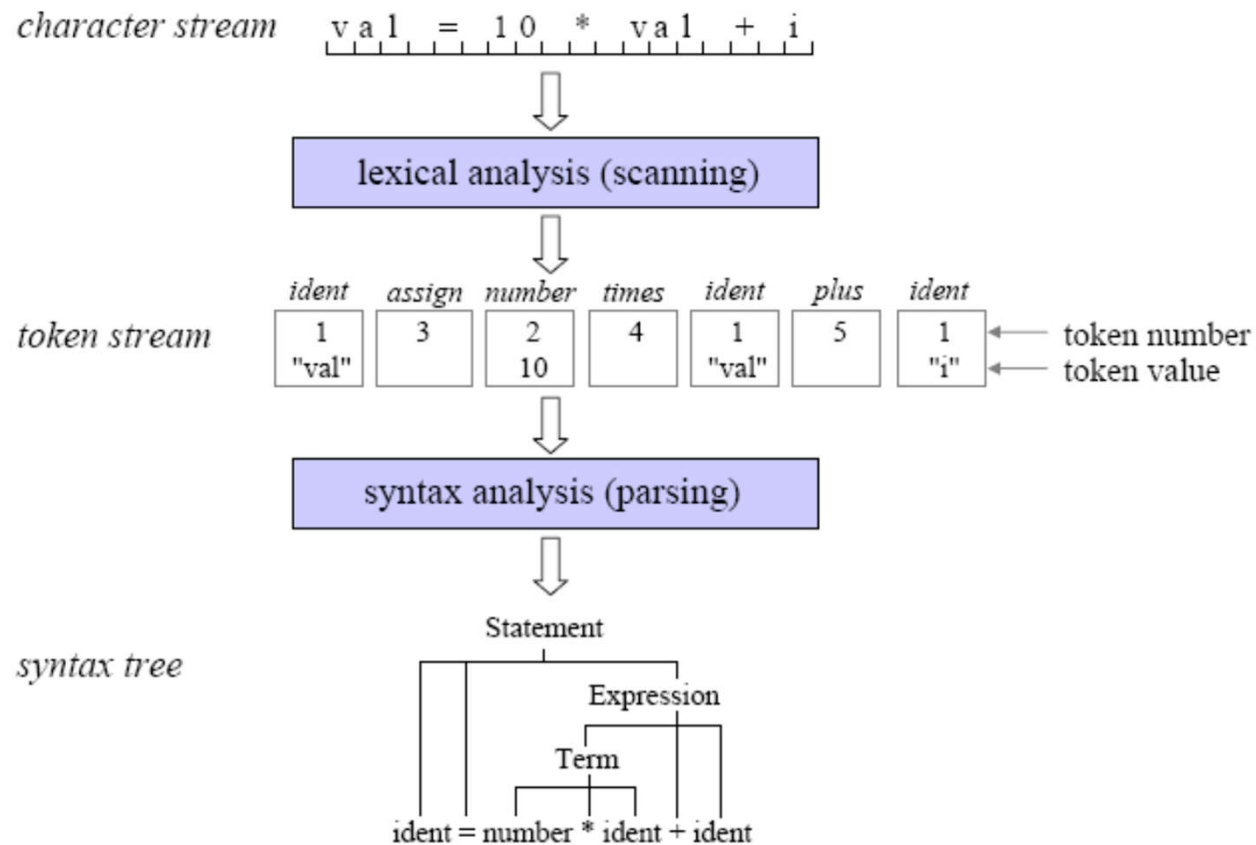
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# What is a scanner?

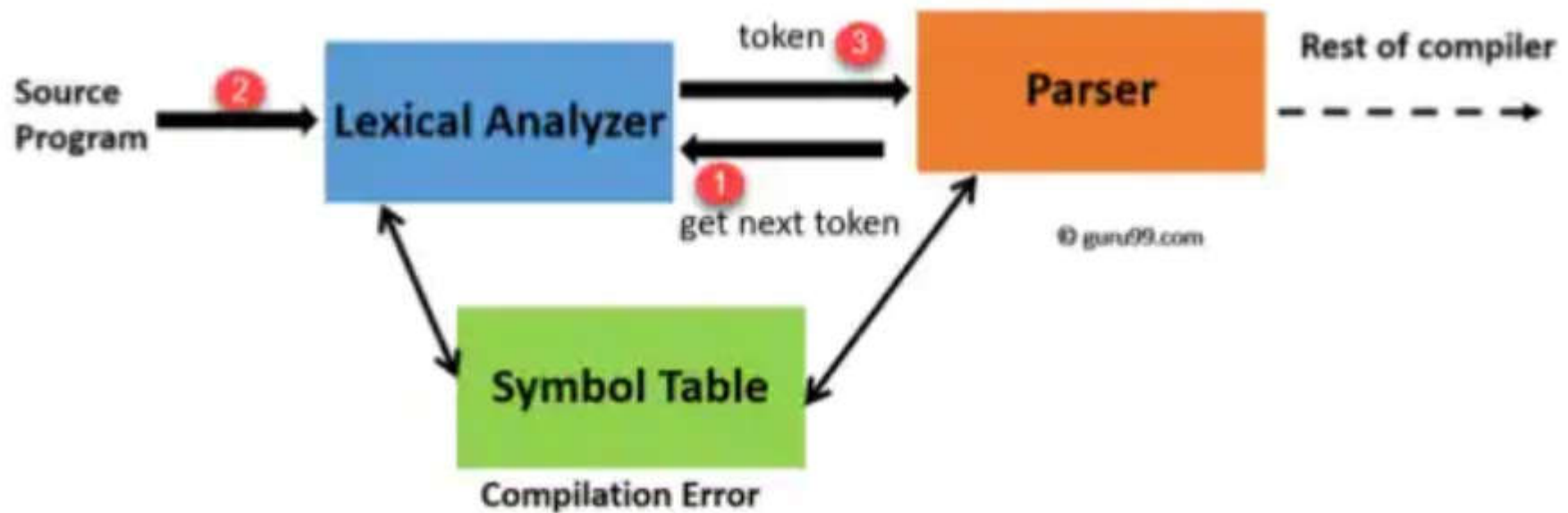


- The compiler's component/module that perform the job of lexical analysis (scanning) is called *scanner*.
- Compiler's first phase

# What is a scanner?



# Scanner – Parser interaction





# Tasks of a scanner

- Skip meaningless characters: blank, tab, new line character, comment.
- Recognize illegal character
- Return error message
- Recognize different types of token
  - identifier
  - keyword
  - number
  - special character
  - ...

# Tasks of a scanner

- Recognize tokens of different types
  - identifier
  - keyword
  - number
  - special character
  - ...
- Pass recognized tokens to the *parser* (the module that perform the job of syntatic analysis)

# Lexical rules of KPL

- Only use unsigned integer
- The KPL identifier is made with a combination of **lowercase** or **uppercase letters**, **digits**. An identifier must **start with a letter**.
- Only allows character constants. A character constant is enclosed with a pair of single quote marks.
- The language do not use string constant.
- - is use for subtraction only. The language does not allow unary minus.
- The relational operator “not equal to” is represented by !=

# KPL's alphabet

- Letter:     a b c ... x y z  
              A B C ... X Y Z
- Digit: 0 1 2 ... 8 9
- Special character:
  - + - \* /
  - > < ! =
  - [space] ,(comma) . : ; ‘ \_
  - ( )

# KPL's tokens

- Keywords

PROGRAM, CONST, TYPE, VAR, PROCEDURE,  
FUNCTION, BEGIN, END, ARRAY, OF, INTEGER, CHAR,  
CALL, IF, THEN, ELSE, WHILE, DO, FOR, TO

- Operators

$:=$  (assign)

$+$  (addition),  $-$  (subtraction),  $*$  (multiplication),  $/$  (division)

$=$  (comparison of equality),  $\neq$  (comparison of difference),  $>$  (comparison of greatness),  $<$  (comparison of lessness),  $\geq$  (comparison of greatness or equality),  $\leq$  (comparison of lessness or equality)

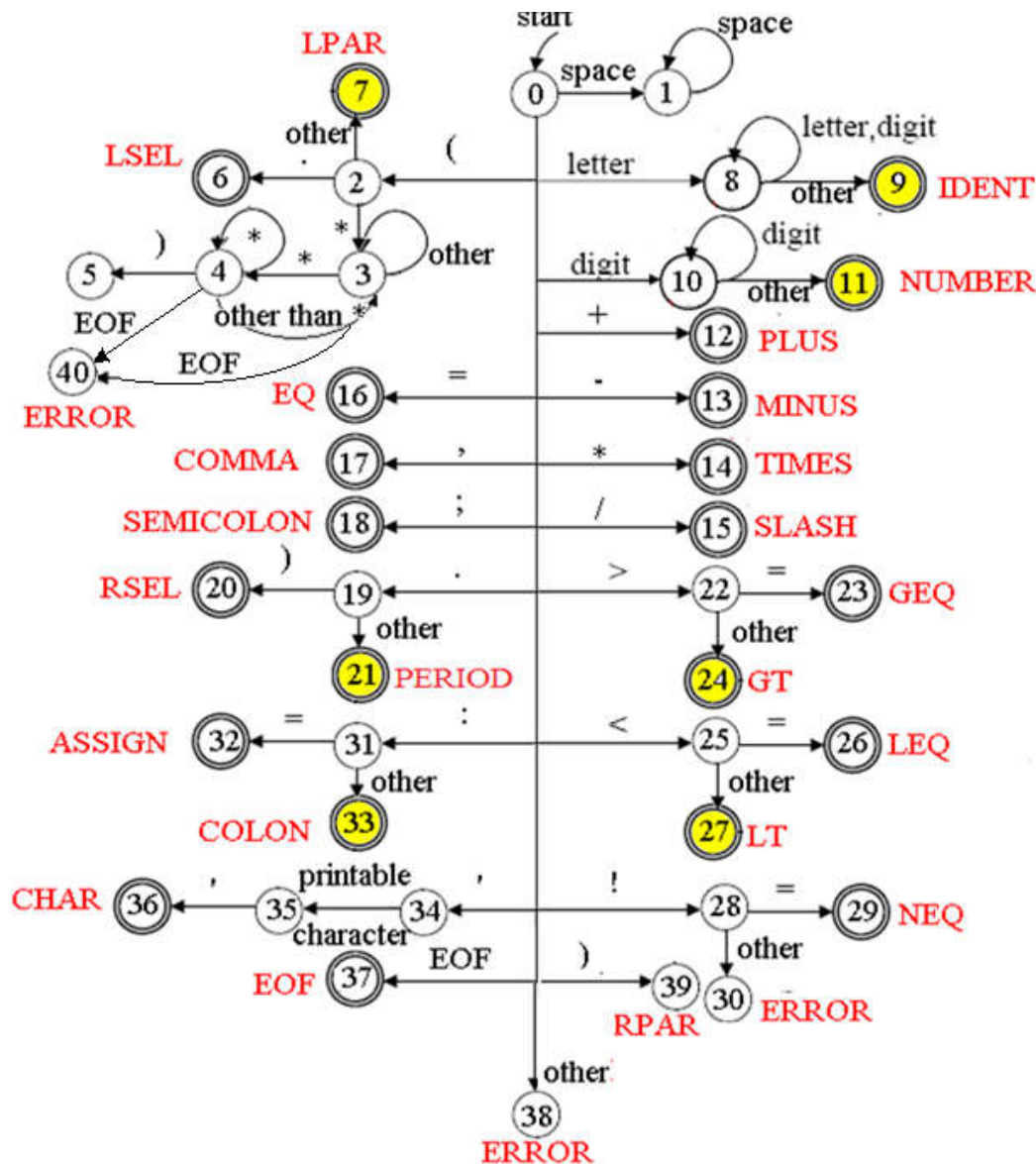
# KPL's tokens

- Special characters  
; (semicolon), . (period), : (colon), , (comma), ( (left parenthesis), ) (right parenthesis), ' (singlequote)
- Also  
(. and .) to mark the index of an array element  
(\* and \*) to mark the comment
- Others  
identifier, number, illegal charater

# Recognizing KPL's tokens

- All KPL's tokens make up a regular language.
- They can be described with regular grammar
- They can be recognized by a Deterministic Finite Automaton (DFA)
- The scanner is a big DFA
- The incompleted project does not use DFA. But the diagram is helpful for you to check if your scanner cover all token in KPL or not.
- Use of DFA in function skipComment also useful to process the error of unclosed comments
- I will explain how to use DFA to build a scanner in Unit 5 of the theory course. After learning that unit, you can build a new scanner project with DFA

# Recognizing KPL's tokens



- After every token is recognized, the scanner starts in state 0 again
- If an illegal character is met, the scanner would change to the state -1 which tell the scanner to stop scanning and return error messages.



# KPL scanner - organization

#	Filename	Task
1	Makefile	Project
2	scanner.c	Main
3	reader.h, reader.c	Read the source code
4	charcode.h, charcode.c	Classify character
5	token.h, token.c	Classify and recognize token, keywords
6	error.h, error.c	Manage error types and messages

# KPL scanner – reader

```
// Read a character from input stream  
int readChar(void);
```

```
// Open input stream  
int openInputStream(char *fileName);
```

```
// Close input stream  
void closeInputStream(void);
```

```
// Current line number and column number  
int lineNo, colNo;
```

```
// Current character  
int currentChar;
```

# KPL scanner – charcode

```
typedef enum {  
    CHAR_SPACE,           // space  
    CHAR_LETTER,          // character  
    CHAR_DIGIT,           // digit  
    CHAR_PLUS,            // '+'  
    CHAR_MINUS,           // '-'  
    CHAR_TIMES,           // '*'  
    CHAR_SLASH,           // '/'  
    CHAR_LT,              // '<'  
    CHAR_GT,              // '>'  
    CHAR_EXCLAMATION,     // '!'  
    CHAR_EQ,              // '='  
    CHAR_COMMA,           // ','  
    CHAR_PERIOD,          // '.'  
    CHAR_COLON,           // ':'  
    CHAR_SEMICOLON,       // ';'   
    CHAR_SINGLEQUOTE,     // '\''  
    CHAR_LPAR,            // '('  
    CHAR_RPAR,            // ')'   
    CHAR_UNKNOWN          // invalid character  
} CharCode;
```

# KPL scanner – charcode

- In *charcode.c*, we define *charCodes* array that associates every ASCII character with an unique predefined *CharCode*.
- *getc()* function may return EOF (or -1) which is not an ASCII character.

# KPL scanner – token

```
typedef enum {
    TK_NONE,          // Invalid token - Error
    TK_IDENT,         // Identifier token
    TK_NUMBER,        // Number token
    TK_CHAR,          // Character constant token
    TK_EOF,           // End of program token
    // keywords
    KW_PROGRAM, KW_CONST, KW_TYPE, KW_VAR,
    KW_INTEGER, KW_CHAR, KW_ARRAY, KW_OF,
    KW_FUNCTION, KW_PROCEDURE,
    KW_BEGIN, KW_END, KW_CALL,
    KW_IF, KW_THEN, KW_ELSE,
    KW_WHILE, KW_DO, KW_FOR, KW_TO,
    // Special character
    SB_SEMICOLON, SB_COLON, SB_PERIOD, SB_COMMA,
    SB_ASSIGN, SB_EQ, SB_NEQ, SB_LT, SB_LE, SB_GT, SB_GE,
    SB_PLUS, SB_MINUS, SB_TIMES, SB_SLASH,
    SB_LPAR, SB_RPAR, SB_LSEL, SB_RSEL
} TokenType;
```

# KPL scanner – token

```
// Structure of a token
typedef struct {
    char string[MAX_IDENT_LEN + 1];
    int lineNo, colNo;
    TokenType tokenType;
    int value;
} Token;

// Check whether a string is a keyword or not
TokenType checkKeyword(char *string);

// Create new token, provided type of token and location
Token* makeToken(TokenType tokenType, int lineNo, int
colNo);
```

# KPL scanner – error management

```
// List of error may occur in lexical analysis
typedef enum {
    ERR_ENDOFCOMMENT,
    ERR_IDENTTOOLONG,
    ERR_INVALIDCHARCONSTANT,
    ERR_INVALIDSYMBOL
} ErrorCode;

// Error message
#define ERM_ENDOFCOMMENT "End of comment expected!"
#define ERM_IDENTTOOLONG "Identification too long!"
#define ERM_INVALIDCHARCONSTANT "Invalid const char!"
#define ERM_INVALIDSYMBOL "Invalid symbol!"

// Return error message
void error(ErrorCode err, int lineNo, int colNo);
```

# KPL scanner – scanner

```
// Get next token
Token* getToken(void) {
    Token *token;
    int ln, cn;

    if (currentChar == EOF)
        return makeToken(TK_EOF, lineNo, colNo);

    switch (charCodes[currentChar]) {
    case CHAR_SPACE: skipBlank(); return getToken();
    case CHAR_LETTER: return readIdentKeyword();
    case CHAR_DIGIT: return readNumber();
    case CHAR_PLUS:
        token = makeToken(SB_PLUS, lineNo, colNo);
        readChar();
        return token;
    case ... // more cases
```



# Assignment

- Complete following function in `scanner.c`
  - `void skipBlank();`
  - `void skipComment();`
  - `Token* readIdentKeyword(void);`
  - `Token* readNumber(void);`
  - `Token* readConstChar(void);`
  - `Token* getToken(void);`

# getToken() (1)

- Program  $\Rightarrow$  getToken()  $\Rightarrow$  TokenType: token

- digit	readNumber()
- letter	readIdentKeyword()
- blank	skipBlank()
	getToken();
- (	SB_LSEL
- .	skipComment()
- *	getToken();
	SB_LPAR
- other	readConstChar()
- ‘	SB_LE
- <	=
- =	SB_LT
- other	

# getToken() (2)

- Program  $\Rightarrow$  getToken()  $\Rightarrow$  TokenType: token

- >   -	=	SB_GE
	- other	SB_GT
- !   -	=	SB_NEQ
	- other	error: INVALIDSYMBOL
- .   -	)	SB_RPAR
	- other	SB_PERIOD
- :   -	=	SB_ASSIGN
	- other	SB_SEMICOLON
- + - * / = , ; )		SB_...
- other		error: INVALIDSYMBOL

## getToken() (3) C code

```
case CHAR_COLON://:
    ln = lineNo;
    cn = colNo;
    readChar();
    if ((currentChar != EOF) &&
(charCodes[currentChar] == CHAR_EQ)) {
        readChar();
        return makeToken(SB_ASSIGN, ln,
cn); //:=
    } else return makeToken(SB_COLON,
ln, cn); //:=
```

# readNumber()

- **readNumber()  $\Rightarrow$  TokenType: token**

readChar()

|- digit

readChar()

|- other

TK\_NUMBER

- Use **atoi()** function to convert a string to an integer.

# readIdentKeyword()

- **readIdentKeyword()  $\Rightarrow$  TokenType: token**
  - readChar()
    - digit, letter readChar()  
count ++
    - other
      - count > MAX\_IDENT\_LENT  
error: IDEN\_TOO\_LONG
      - count  $\leq$  MAX\_IDENT\_LENT
        - $\equiv$  keywords KW\_...
        - $\neq$  keywords TK\_IDENT

# skipBlank()

- **skipBlank()**

- | - blank

- | - other

readChar()

return

# skipComment()

- **skipComment()**

<i>inside_comment</i>	- *	- )	return
		- other	<i>inside_comment</i>
		- EOF	error: END_OF_COMMENT
	- other		<i>inside_comment</i>
	- EOF		error: END_OF_COMMENT



# readConstChar()

- **readConstChar() ⇒ TokenType: token**

- | - character

- | - ‘

- TK\_CHAR

- | - other

- error: INVALID\_CONST\_CHAR

- | - EOF

- error: INVALID\_CONST\_CHAR