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# **TINYC COMPILER FRONTEND**

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### Instructions

The aim of the project is to design universal compiler frontend for the TinyC programming language as used in the NI-GEN course that can be given to its students so they can focus on the middle- and back-end work. The frontend should be implemented in C++. It should parse the TinyC language into an abstract syntax tree whose representation should follow established Object Oriented Programming principles. It should be available either as a library with the AST classes directly usable by students, or as a standalone executable that will output the parsed AST in a standardized JSON format (including source location information).

The thesis should:

- 1) Analyze the landscape of language parsers and language agnostic AST representations (such as babel/parser for JavaScript)
- 2) Design and document AST representation for TinyC and its JSON format.
- 3) Design, document, implement and test the TinyC parser.
- 4) Discuss further development of the project.

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## Abstrakt

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## List of abbreviations

DFA	Deterministic Finite Automaton
FA	Finite Automaton
LPS	Labelled Prüfer Sequence
NFA	Nondeterministic Finite Automaton
NPS	Numbered Prüfer Sequence
XML	Extensible Markup Language
XPath	XML Path Language
XSLT	eXtensible Stylesheet Language Transformations
W3C	World Wide Web Consortium

# Chapter 1

## 2nd exercise

Each (sub)chapter should have some introductory text.

### 1.1 Microtypography

A text – especially a professional one such as this work - must be divided into paragraphs. Each paragraph should relate to one topic or idea... Paragraphs must be visually separated from each other. There are several suitable styles for this, which we described in the last lecture. Paragraphs can be set in different ways. In professional texts, the “block” typesetting is common. It is necessary to change the interword spaces appropriately. Their recommended size is 0.25–0.33 square.

### 1.2 Source code

The main part of our program’s operation can be found in Listing 1.1. It is worth noting that the main function has a return type of `int`, which is, of course, very atypical, and therefore, it is worth documenting. We will only include code samples in the work when it really brings something new, not just for the sake of having a code sample.

### 1.3 Tables

```
#include<iostream>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello, world!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

■ **Code listing 1.1** The main function of our program

..... Appendix A

# TinyC Grammar

## A.1 Program Structure

$\langle PROGRAM \rangle ::= \langle PROGRAM\_ITEM \rangle \langle PROGRAM \rangle \mid \varepsilon$

$\langle PROGRAM\_ITEM \rangle ::= \langle NON\_VOID\_TYPE \rangle \text{ identifier } \langle NON\_VOID\_DECL\_TAIL \rangle$   
| `void`  $\langle VOID\_DECL\_TAIL \rangle$   
|  $\langle STRUCT\_DECL \rangle$   
|  $\langle FUNPTR\_DECL \rangle$

## A.2 Function and Variable Declarations

$\langle NON\_VOID\_DECL\_TAIL \rangle ::= \langle VARIABLE\_TAIL \rangle$   
|  $\langle FUNCTION\_DECLARATION\_TAIL \rangle$

$\langle VOID\_DECL\_TAIL \rangle ::= \text{ identifier } \langle FUNCTION\_DECLARATION\_TAIL \rangle$   
|  $\langle STAR\_PLUS \rangle \text{ identifier } \langle FUNC\_OR\_VAR\_TAIL \rangle$

$\langle FUNC\_OR\_VAR\_TAIL \rangle ::= \langle VARIABLE\_TAIL \rangle$   
|  $\langle FUNCTION\_DECLARATION\_TAIL \rangle$

$\langle VARIABLE\_TAIL \rangle ::= \langle OPT\_ARRAY\_SIZE \rangle \langle OPT\_INIT \rangle \langle MORE\_GLOBAL\_VARS \rangle$   
;

$\langle FUNCTION\_DECLARATION\_TAIL \rangle ::= ( \langle OPT\_FUN\_ARGS \rangle ) \langle FUNC\_TAIL \rangle$

$\langle FUNC\_TAIL \rangle ::= \langle BLOCK\_STMT \rangle$   
| ;

$\langle MORE\_GLOBAL\_VARS \rangle ::= , \text{ identifier } \langle OPT\_ARRAY\_SIZE \rangle \langle OPT\_INIT \rangle$   
 $\langle MORE\_GLOBAL\_VARS \rangle$   
|  $\varepsilon$

$$\langle OPT\_FUN\_ARGS \rangle ::= \langle FUN\_ARG \rangle \langle FUN\_ARG\_TAIL \rangle$$

$$| \varepsilon$$

$$\langle FUN\_ARG\_TAIL \rangle ::= , \langle FUN\_ARG \rangle \langle FUN\_ARG\_TAIL \rangle$$

$$| \varepsilon$$

$$\langle FUN\_ARG \rangle ::= \langle TYPE \rangle \text{ identifier}$$

### A.3 Statements

$$\langle STATEMENT \rangle ::= \langle BLOCK\_STMT \rangle$$

$$| \langle IF\_STMT \rangle$$

$$| \langle SWITCH\_STMT \rangle$$

$$| \langle WHILE\_STMT \rangle$$

$$| \langle DO\_WHILE\_STMT \rangle$$

$$| \langle FOR\_STMT \rangle$$

$$| \langle BREAK\_STMT \rangle$$

$$| \langle CONTINUE\_STMT \rangle$$

$$| \langle RETURN\_STMT \rangle$$

$$| \langle EXPR\_STMT \rangle$$

$$\langle BLOCK\_STMT \rangle ::= \{ \langle STATEMENT\_STAR \rangle \}$$

$$\langle STATEMENT\_STAR \rangle ::= \langle STATEMENT \rangle \langle STATEMENT\_STAR \rangle$$

$$| \varepsilon$$

$$\langle IF\_STMT \rangle ::= \text{if} ( \langle EXPR \rangle ) \langle STATEMENT \rangle \langle ELSE\_PART \rangle$$

$$\langle ELSE\_PART \rangle ::= \text{else} \langle STATEMENT \rangle$$

$$| \varepsilon$$

$$\langle SWITCH\_STMT \rangle ::= \text{switch} ( \langle EXPR \rangle ) \{ \langle CASE\_DEFLT\_STMT\_STAR \rangle$$

$$\}$$

### A.4 Switch Statement Structure

$$\langle CASE\_DEFLT\_STMT\_STAR \rangle ::= \langle CASE\_STMT \rangle \langle CASE\_DEFLT\_STMT\_STAR \rangle$$

$$| \varepsilon$$

$$| \langle DEFAULT\_CASE \rangle \langle CASE\_STMT\_STAR \rangle$$

$$\langle CASE\_STMT\_STAR \rangle ::= \langle CASE\_STMT \rangle \langle CASE\_STMT\_STAR \rangle$$

$$| \varepsilon$$

$$\langle CASE\_STMT \rangle ::= \text{case integer\_literal} : \langle CASE\_BODY \rangle$$

$\langle CASE\_BODY \rangle ::= \langle STATEMENT\_STAR \rangle$

$\langle DEFAULT\_CASE \rangle ::= \text{default} : \langle CASE\_BODY \rangle$

## A.5 Loop Statements

$\langle WHILE\_STMT \rangle ::= \text{while} ( \langle EXPR \rangle ) \langle STATEMENT \rangle$

$\langle DO\_WHILE\_STMT \rangle ::= \text{do} \langle STATEMENT \rangle \text{while} ( \langle EXPR \rangle ) ;$

$\langle FOR\_STMT \rangle ::= \text{for} ( \langle OPT\_EXPR\_OR\_VAR\_DECL \rangle ; \langle OPT\_EXPR \rangle ; \langle OPT\_EXPR \rangle ) \langle STATEMENT \rangle$

$\langle OPT\_EXPR\_OR\_VAR\_DECL \rangle ::= \langle EXPR\_OR\_VAR\_DECL \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid \varepsilon$

$\langle OPT\_EXPR \rangle ::= \langle EXPR \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid \varepsilon$

## A.6 Control Statements

$\langle BREAK\_STMT \rangle ::= \text{break} ;$

$\langle CONTINUE\_STMT \rangle ::= \text{continue} ;$

$\langle RETURN\_STMT \rangle ::= \text{return} \langle OPT\_EXPR \rangle ;$

$\langle EXPR\_STMT \rangle ::= \langle EXPR\_OR\_VAR\_DECL \rangle ;$

## A.7 Expressions and Variable Declarations

$\langle EXPR\_OR\_VAR\_DECL \rangle ::= \langle VAR\_DECLS \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid \langle EXPRS \rangle$

$\langle VAR\_DECLS \rangle ::= \langle VAR\_DECL \rangle \langle VAR\_DECLS\_TAIL \rangle$

$\langle VAR\_DECLS\_TAIL \rangle ::= , \langle VAR\_DECL \rangle \langle VAR\_DECLS\_TAIL \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid \varepsilon$

$\langle VAR\_DECL \rangle ::= \langle TYPE \rangle \text{identifier} \langle OPT\_ARRAY\_SIZE \rangle \langle OPT\_INIT \rangle$

$\langle OPT\_ARRAY\_SIZE \rangle ::= [ \langle E9 \rangle ]$   
 $\quad \mid \varepsilon$

$\langle OPT\_INIT \rangle ::= = \langle EXPR \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid \varepsilon$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{EXPRS} \rangle &::= \langle \text{EXPR} \rangle \langle \text{EXPRS\_TAIL} \rangle \\ \langle \text{EXPRS\_TAIL} \rangle &::= , \langle \text{EXPR} \rangle \langle \text{EXPRS\_TAIL} \rangle \\ &\quad | \varepsilon\end{aligned}$$

## A.8 Types

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{TYPE} \rangle &::= \langle \text{BASE\_TYPE} \rangle \langle \text{STAR\_SEQ} \rangle \\ &\quad | \langle \text{TYPENAME} \rangle \langle \text{STAR\_SEQ} \rangle \\ &\quad | \text{void} \langle \text{STAR\_PLUS} \rangle \\ \langle \text{NON\_VOID\_TYPE} \rangle &::= \langle \text{BASE\_TYPE} \rangle \langle \text{STAR\_SEQ} \rangle \\ &\quad | \langle \text{TYPENAME} \rangle \langle \text{STAR\_SEQ} \rangle \\ \langle \text{BASE\_TYPE} \rangle &::= \text{int} \\ &\quad | \text{double} \\ &\quad | \text{char} \\ \langle \text{TYPE\_FUN\_RET} \rangle &::= \langle \text{FUN\_RET\_TYPES} \rangle \langle \text{STAR\_SEQ} \rangle \\ \langle \text{FUN\_RET\_TYPES} \rangle &::= \text{void} \\ &\quad | \langle \text{BASE\_TYPE} \rangle \\ &\quad | \langle \text{TYPENAME} \rangle \\ \langle \text{STAR\_PLUS} \rangle &::= * \langle \text{STAR\_SEQ} \rangle \\ \langle \text{STAR\_SEQ} \rangle &::= * \langle \text{STAR\_SEQ} \rangle \\ &\quad | \varepsilon\end{aligned}$$

## A.9 Struct Declarations

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{STRUCT\_DECL} \rangle &::= \text{struct identifier} \langle \text{OPT\_STRUCT\_BODY} \rangle ; \\ \langle \text{OPT\_STRUCT\_BODY} \rangle &::= \{ \langle \text{STRUCT\_FIELDS} \rangle \} \\ &\quad | \varepsilon \\ \langle \text{STRUCT\_FIELDS} \rangle &::= \langle \text{STRUCT\_FIELD} \rangle \langle \text{STRUCT\_FIELDS} \rangle \\ &\quad | \varepsilon \\ \langle \text{STRUCT\_FIELD} \rangle &::= \langle \text{TYPE} \rangle \text{identifier} ;\end{aligned}$$

## A.10 Function Pointer Declarations

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{FUNPTR\_DECL} \rangle &::= \text{typedef} \langle \text{TYPE\_FUN\_RET} \rangle ( * \text{identifier} ) ( \\ &\quad \langle \text{OPT\_FUNPTR\_ARGS} \rangle ) ;\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle OPT\_FUNPTR\_ARGS \rangle &::= \langle FUNPTR\_ARGS \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon \\
\langle FUNPTR\_ARGS \rangle &::= \langle TYPE \rangle \langle FUNPTR\_ARGS\_TAIL \rangle \\
\langle FUNPTR\_ARGS\_TAIL \rangle &::= , \langle TYPE \rangle \langle FUNPTR\_ARGS\_TAIL \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

## A.11 Expressions

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle EXPR \rangle &::= \langle E9 \rangle \langle EXPR\_TAIL \rangle \\
\langle EXPR\_TAIL \rangle &::= = \langle EXPR \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon \\
\langle E9 \rangle &::= \langle E8 \rangle \langle E9\_Prime \rangle \\
\langle E9\_Prime \rangle &::= || \langle E8 \rangle \langle E9\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon \\
\langle E8 \rangle &::= \langle E7 \rangle \langle E8\_Prime \rangle \\
\langle E8\_Prime \rangle &::= \&\& \langle E7 \rangle \langle E8\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon \\
\langle E7 \rangle &::= \langle E6 \rangle \langle E7\_Prime \rangle \\
\langle E7\_Prime \rangle &::= | \langle E6 \rangle \langle E7\_Prime \rangle | \varepsilon \\
\langle E6 \rangle &::= \langle E5 \rangle \langle E6\_Prime \rangle \\
\langle E6\_Prime \rangle &::= \& \langle E5 \rangle \langle E6\_Prime \rangle | \varepsilon \\
\langle E5 \rangle &::= \langle E4 \rangle \langle E5\_Prime \rangle \\
\langle E5\_Prime \rangle &::= == \langle E4 \rangle \langle E5\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | != \langle E4 \rangle \langle E5\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon \\
\langle E4 \rangle &::= \langle E3 \rangle \langle E4\_Prime \rangle \\
\langle E4\_Prime \rangle &::= < \langle E3 \rangle \langle E4\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | <= \langle E3 \rangle \langle E4\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | > \langle E3 \rangle \langle E4\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | >= \langle E3 \rangle \langle E4\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\langle E3 \rangle &::= \langle E2 \rangle \langle E3\_Prime \rangle \\
\langle E3\_Prime \rangle &::= \ll \langle E2 \rangle \langle E3\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \gg \langle E2 \rangle \langle E3\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon \\
\langle E2 \rangle &::= \langle E1 \rangle \langle E2\_Prime \rangle \\
\langle E2\_Prime \rangle &::= + \langle E1 \rangle \langle E2\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | - \langle E1 \rangle \langle E2\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon \\
\langle E1 \rangle &::= \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \langle E1\_Prime \rangle \\
\langle E1\_Prime \rangle &::= * \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \langle E1\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | / \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \langle E1\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \% \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \langle E1\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

## A.12 Primary Expressions

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle &::= + \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \\
&\quad | - \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \\
&\quad | ! \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \\
&\quad | \sim \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \\
&\quad | ++ \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \\
&\quad | -- \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \\
&\quad | * \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \\
&\quad | \& \langle E\_UNARY\_PRE \rangle \\
&\quad | \langle E\_CALL\_INDEX\_MEMBER\_POST \rangle \\
\langle E\_CALL\_INDEX\_MEMBER\_POST \rangle &::= \langle F \rangle \langle E\_CALL\_IDX\_MEM\_POST\_Prime \rangle \\
\langle E\_CALL\_IDX\_MEM\_POST\_Prime \rangle &::= \langle E\_CALL \rangle \langle E\_CALL\_IDX\_MEM\_POST\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \langle E\_INDEX \rangle \langle E\_CALL\_IDX\_MEM\_POST\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \langle E\_MEMBER \rangle \langle E\_CALL\_IDX\_MEM\_POST\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \langle E\_POST \rangle \langle E\_CALL\_IDX\_MEM\_POST\_Prime \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon \\
\langle E\_CALL \rangle &::= ( \langle OPT\_EXPR\_LIST \rangle ) \\
\langle OPT\_EXPR\_LIST \rangle &::= \langle EXPR \rangle \langle EXPR\_TAIL\_LIST \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon \\
\langle EXPR\_TAIL\_LIST \rangle &::= , \langle EXPR \rangle \langle EXPR\_TAIL\_LIST \rangle \\
&\quad | \varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

$\langle E\_INDEX \rangle ::= [ \langle EXPR \rangle ]$

$\langle E\_MEMBER \rangle ::= . \text{identifier}$   
 $\quad \mid \sim \text{> identifier}$

$\langle E\_POST \rangle ::= ++$   
 $\quad \mid --$

$\langle F \rangle ::= \text{integer\_literal}$   
 $\quad \mid \text{double\_literal}$   
 $\quad \mid \text{char\_literal}$   
 $\quad \mid \text{string\_literal}$   
 $\quad \mid \text{identifier}$   
 $\quad \mid ( \langle EXPR \rangle )$   
 $\quad \mid \langle E\_CAST \rangle$

$\langle E\_CAST \rangle ::= \text{cast} < \langle TYPE \rangle > ( \langle EXPR \rangle )$

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└─ src	
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└─ thesis.....	zdrojová forma práce ve formátu $\text{\LaTeX}$
└─ text.....	text práce
└─ thesis.pdf.....	text práce ve formátu PDF