

CSE 655, Core Interpreter Project, Part 1 (Tokenizer)
Autumn 2011, 9:30 section
Due: 11:59 P.M., Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Note: This is the first part of the *Core* interpreter project. In this part, you have to implement the *tokenizer*.

Grade: This part of the project is worth 40 points. The rest of the project will be worth 60 points.

Important Notes:

1. In production number (12) of the Core grammar (available in the course slides), replace “*or*” by “`|`”.
2. *Whitespace*: Whitespace (one or more bytes with numeric value (ASCII encoding) in the set {9, 10, 13, 32}) is required between each pair of tokens, except if one (or both) of the tokens is a special symbol, in which case the whitespace between them is optional. Whitespace is not allowed in the *middle* of any token. Any positive number of whitespaces is *allowed* between any pair of tokens.
Note that something like “`===XY`” (no whitespaces) *is* legal and will be interpreted as the token “`==`” followed by the token “`=`” followed by the token “`XY`”. But you may want to *first* get your tokenizer working correctly under the assumption that there will be one or more whitespaces between each pair of tokens and *then* take care of the more general case.
3. Ideally, to keep our grader’s workload reasonably low, your code should run on *stdsun* or *stdlogin*. Hence, if you develop it on a different computer, please port it to *stdsun* or *stdlogin* and make sure it runs on that environment before submitting. If, however, you have a strong preference for using something that is available on the lab PCs (such as Eclipse), that is also acceptable. Make sure you specify in detail, in your README file, how your code is supposed to be compiled and run, stating clearly which platform is to be used. If you used either *stdsun* or *stdlogin*, state clearly which one you used. Please note that the environment in which your code compiles and runs should be something standard and available for general use on the CSE lab machines, not something you installed on your computer. (The graders have a limited amount of time to grade the labs and cannot spend a lot of time figuring out unusual environments.)

Goal: The goal of this part of the project is to implement a *Tokenizer* for the language *Core*. The complete grammar for the language is the same as the one we have been discussing in class *with the exception that instead of the keyword “`or`”, you should use “`|`”* (in production (12) of that grammar). Of course, the tokenizer shouldn’t be concerned with the full grammar of the language. All it should care about is the set of legal tokens of the language. In other words, as long as the input stream contains only legal tokens, your tokenizer should work without complaining. The legal tokens of the Core language are:

- *Reserved words (11 reserved words):*
`program, begin, end, int, if, then, else, while, loop, read, write`
- *Special symbols (19 special symbols):*
 `; , = ! [] && | | () + - * != == < > <= >=`
- Integers (unsigned, possibly with leading zeros)
- Identifiers: start with uppercase letter, followed by zero or more uppercase letters and ending with zero or more digits.

For the purposes of this project, we will number these tokens 1 through 11 for the reserved words, 12 through 30 for the special symbols, 31 for integer, and 32 for identifier. One other useful token is the EOF

token (for end-of-file); let us assume that is token number 33. The tokenizer should read in a stream of legal tokens (ending with the EOF token) which may (or may not!) be a legal Core program, and produce a corresponding stream of token *numbers* as its output. This will tell you whether your tokenizer is identifying all tokens correctly. For example, given a program that begins with “program int X; begin X”, the Tokenizer should produce a stream of numbers that begins with:

1 4 32 12 2 32

corresponding to the tokens, “program”, “int”, “X”, “;”, “begin”, and “X”. If the tokenizer comes across an illegal token in the input stream, it should print an appropriate error message and stop.

Details: You may write the tokenizer in any of the following languages: *C++*, *Resolve C++*, *Java*, *C#*, *Ruby*. Do not use *Scheme* or *LISP*. If you want to use some other language, talk to me first to make sure it is acceptable; one important consideration is that the grader must be comfortable enough with the language you want to use and be able to use it reasonably on stdsun or stdlogin (or a CSE lab PC), to be able to grade your lab.

Your program should read its input from a file whose name will be specified as a *command line argument*. Hence, if your executable is named `Tokenizer` and the input file is `coreProgram`, you should be able to run the program by saying:

> `Tokenizer coreProgram`

where “>” is the Unix prompt. Your program should output to the standard output stream.

Minimally, your program should contain a `Tokenizer` class and a `main()` function, which should create a `Tokenizer` object, repeatedly call the appropriate methods of the `Tokenizer` class to get the tokens from the input stream one after the other, and output the returned token numbers to the output stream, *one number per line*. Of course, your program should include any additional classes/functions that it needs to operate properly.

For this part, you do not have to implement two separate methods, one for *getting* the current token and one for *skipping* it (i.e., moving what is meant by the “current” token along to the next token in line); but you might as well do so since you will have to do that for the next part of the project.

What To Submit And When: On or before 11:59 P.M., October 26, you should submit the following:

1. An ASCII text file named `README` that specifies the names of all the files you are submitting and a brief (1-line) description of each saying what the file contains; plus, instructions to the grader on how to compile your program and how to execute it, and any special points to remember during compilation or execution. If the grader has problems with compiling or executing your program, he will e-mail you *at your name dot number at osu.edu email address*; you must respond within 48 hours to resolve the problem. If you do not, the grader will assume that your program does not, in fact, compile/execute properly.
2. Your source files and makefiles (if any). DO NOT submit object files.
3. A text file called `Runfile` containing a single line of text that shows how to run your program from the command line, but *without* the required argument stating the path and name of the input file.
 - For example, if you are using Java and class `TokenizerTest` contains `main`, file `Runfile` should contain the line of text `java TokenizerTest`
 - Or, for example, if your makefile produces an executable file call `mytoktest`, `Runfile` contains `mytoktest`
4. A documentation folder or file (either hypertext (HTML) or ASCII text). This folder or file should

include at least the following: A description of the overall design of the tokenizer, in particular, of the `Tokenizer` class; a brief “user manual” that explains how to use the `Tokenizer`; and a brief description of how you tested the `Tokenizer` and a list of known remaining bugs (if any). The documentation does not have to be as extensive as you did for the CSE560 project, but don’t completely forget the lessons you learned in that class.

Submit your lab by creating a Compressed (zipped) Folder and placing this folder in the Lab 1 Carmen Dropbox. (In Windows, right-click on the folder and select Send To.) Be sure to click to the end of the process in Carmen and to double-check that your submission has occurred. Your most recent submission is your official submission.

Correct functioning of the `Tokenizer` is worth 50% (partial credit in case it works for some cases but not all. Documentation is 20%. Quality of code (how readable it is, how well organized it is, etc.) is 30%.

The grading system imposes a heavy penalty on late assignments: up to 24 hours late - 10% off the score received; up to 48 hours late - 25% off; up to 72 hours late - 50% off; more than 72 hours late - forget it!

The lab you submit must be your own work. Minor consultation with your classmates is okay (ideally, any such consultation should take place in the Carmen Discussion area so that other students can contribute to and benefit from it) but the lab should essentially be your own work.