# CA4003 Compiler Construction Assignment Language Definition

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#### 1 Overview

The language is not case sensitive. A nonterminal, X, is represented by enclosing it in angle brackets, e.g.  $\langle X \rangle$ . A terminal is represented without angle brackets. A **bold typeface** is used to represent terminal symbols in the language and reserved words, whereas a non-bold typeface is used for symbols that are used to group terminals and nonterminals together. Source code should be kept in files with the .ccl extension, e.g. hello\_world.ccl .

## 2 Syntax

The reserved words in the language are var, const, return, integer, boolean, void, main, if, else, true, false, while and skip.

The following are tokens in the language: , ; : = { } ( ) + - ~ || && == != < <= >>=

Integers are represented by a string of one or more digits ('0'-'9') that do not start with the digit '0', but may start with a minus sign ('-'), e.g. 123, -456.

Identifiers are represented by a string of letters, digits or underscore character ('\_') beginning with a letter or underscore character. Identifiers cannot be reserved words.

Comments can appear between any two tokens. There are two forms of comment: one is delimited by /\* and \*/ and can be nested; the other begins with // and is delimited by the end of line and this type of comments may not be nested.

```
\models \langle \text{decl\_list} \rangle \langle \text{function\_list} \rangle \langle \text{main} \rangle
                                                                                                                                                              (1)
                                                (\langle \text{decl} \rangle; \langle \text{decl\_list} \rangle \mid \epsilon)
                                                                                                                                                              (2)
                     \langle decl\_list \rangle
                                         \models \langle \text{var\_decl} \rangle \mid \langle \text{const\_decl} \rangle
                            \langle decl \rangle
                                                                                                                                                              (3)
                                         | var identifier:⟨type⟩
                     \langle var_decl \rangle
                                                                                                                                                              (4)
                  \langle const\_decl \rangle
                                         \models const identifier:\langle type \rangle = \langle expression \rangle
                                                                                                                                                              (5)
                                                (\langle \text{function} \rangle \langle \text{function\_list} \rangle \mid \epsilon)
              \( \text{function_list} \)
                                                                                                                                                              (6)
                     \( \text{function} \)
                                                 ⟨type⟩ identifier (⟨parameter_list⟩)
                                                                                                                                                              (7)
                                                 {
                                                 \langle decl\_list \rangle
                                                 ⟨statement_bock⟩
                                                 return (\langle expression \rangle \mid \epsilon);
                                                 }
                           \langle \text{type} \rangle \models \text{integer} \mid \text{boolean} \mid \text{void}
                                                                                                                                                              (8)
          \langle parameter\_list \rangle
                                                \langle \text{nemp\_parameter\_list} \rangle \mid \epsilon
                                                                                                                                                              (9)
\langle nemp\_parameter\_list \rangle
                                                 identifier: \langle type \rangle | identifier: \langle type \rangle , \langle nemp_parameter_list \rangle
                          \langle main \rangle
                                                main {
                                                                                                                                                            (10)
                                                 ⟨decl_list⟩
                                                 (statement_block)
                                                 }
                                                (\langle statement \rangle \langle statement block \rangle) \mid \epsilon
       ⟨statement_block⟩
                                                                                                                                                            (11)
                  \langle statement \rangle \models
                                                identifier = \langle expression \rangle;
                                                                                                                                                            (12)
                                                 identifier (\langle arg\_list \rangle);
                                                 { \( \statement_block \) } |
                                                 if (condition) { (statement_block) } else { (statement_block) }
                                                 while (condition) { (statement_block) } |
                                                 skip;
                 \langle \text{expression} \rangle \models \langle \text{fragment} \rangle \langle \text{binary\_arith\_op} \rangle \langle \text{fragment} \rangle
                                                                                                                                                            (13)
                                                 (\langle expression \rangle)
                                                 identifier ((arg_list)) |
                                                 (fragment)
         \langle \text{binary\_arith\_op} \rangle \models + | -
                                                                                                                                                            (14)
```

$$\langle \text{fragment} \rangle \models \text{identifier} \mid \text{-identifier} \mid \text{number} \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid (15)$$
  
 $\langle \text{expression} \rangle$ 

$$\langle \text{condition} \rangle \models \sim \langle \text{condition} \rangle \mid$$

$$(\langle \text{condition} \rangle) \mid$$

$$\langle \text{expression} \rangle \langle \text{comp\_op} \rangle \langle \text{expression} \rangle \mid$$
(16)

$$\langle \text{condition} \rangle ( \mid \mid \&\&) \langle \text{condition} \rangle$$
 $\langle \text{comp\_op} \rangle \models == | != | < | <= | > | >=$ 
(17)

$$\langle \arg \lim \rangle \models \langle \operatorname{nemp\_arg\_list} \rangle \mid \epsilon$$
 (18)

$$\langle \text{nemp\_arg\_list} \rangle \models \text{identifier} \mid \text{identifier}, \langle \text{nemp\_arg\_list} \rangle$$
 (19)

### 3 Semantics

Declaration made outside a function (including main) are global in scope. Declarations inside a function are local in scope to that function. Function arguments are *passed-by-value*. Variables or constants cannot be declared using the void type. The skip statement does nothing.

The operators in the language are:

Operator	Arity	Description	
=	binary	assignment	
+	binary	arithmetic addition	
-	binary	arithmetic subtraction	
_	unary	arithmetic negation	
~	unary	logical negation	
	binary	logical disjunction (logical or)	
&&	binary	logical conjunction (logical and)	
==	binary	is equal to (arithmetic and logical)	
!=	binary	is not equal to (arithmetic and logical)	
<	binary	is less than (arithmetic)	
<=	binary	is less than or equal to (arithmetic)	
>	binary	is greater than (arithmetic)	
>=	binary	is greater than or equal to (arithmetic)	

The following table gives the precedence (from highest to lowest) and associativity of these operators.

Operator(s)	Associativity	Notes
$\sim$	right to left	logical negation
-	right to left	arithmetic negation
+ -	left to right	addition & subtraction
< <= > >=	left to right	arithmetic comparison operators
== !=	left to right	equality & inequality operators
&&	left to right	logical conjunction
	left to right	logical disjunction
=	right to left	assignment

## 4 Examples

Three versions of the simplest non-empty file demonstrating that the language is case insensitive.

```
      main
      Main
      MAIN

      {
      {
      {

      }
      }
      }
```

A simple file demonstrating identifier names.

```
main
{
  var _time:integer;
  var start:integer;

  start = 0;
  _time = start;
}
```

```
A simple file demonstrating comments.
main
  // a simple comment
  /* a comment /* with /* several */ nested */ comments */
   The simplest program that uses functions.
void func ()
  return ();
_{\mathrm{main}}
  func ();
  A simple file demonstrating the different scopes.
var i:integer;
integer test_fn (x:integer)
  var i:integer;
  i = 2;
  return (x);
}
main
  var i:integer;
  i = 1;
  i = test_fn (i);
```

```
A file demonstrating the use of functions.
integer multiply (x:integer, y:integer)
  var result:integer;
  var minus_sign : boolean;
  // figure out sign of result and convert args to absolute values
  if (x < 0 \&\& y >= 0)
    minus_sign = true;
    x = -x;
  }
  else
    if y < 0 \&\& x >= 0
      minus_sign = true;
      y = -y;
    }
    else
      if (x < 0) \&\& y < 0
        minus_sign = false;
        x\,=\,-x\,;
        y = -y;
      }
      else
        minus\_sign = false;
  }
  result = 0;
  while (y > 0)
```

```
result = result + x;
   y = y - 1;
  if minus_sign == true
    result = -result;
  else
  {
    skip;
    return (result);
}
main
  var arg_1:integer;
  var arg_2:integer;
  var result:integer;
  const five:integer = 5;
  arg_{-}1 = -6;
  arg_2 = five;
  result = multiply (arg_1, arg_2);
```