

# SICPy §4

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A SICPy<sup>1</sup> program is a *module*, defined using Backus-Naur Form<sup>2</sup> as follows:

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<i>module</i> ::= <i>statement</i> ...	statement sequence
<i>statement</i> ::= <i>name</i> = <i>expression</i>	single assignment
<i>name</i> [ , <i>name</i> ] ... = <i>expression</i>	tuple assignment
<i>function</i>	function declaration
<u>return</u> <i>expression</i>	return statement
<i>if-statement</i>	conditional statement
<i>while-statement</i>	while statement
<i>for-statement</i>	for statement
<i>try-statement</i>	try statement
<i>expression</i>	expression statement
<u>break</u>   <u>pass</u>   <u>continue</u>	
<i>function</i> ::= <u>def</u> <i>name</i> ( <i>parameters</i> ) :	function declaration
<i>statement</i> ...	function parameters
<i>parameters</i> ::= $\epsilon$   <i>name</i> [ , <i>name</i> ] ...	
<i>if-statement</i> ::= <u>if</u> <i>expression</i> :	
<i>statement</i> ...	
[[ <u>elif</u> <i>expression</i> :	
<i>statement</i> ... ] ...	
<u>else</u> :	
<i>statement</i> ... ]	conditional statement
<i>while-statement</i> ::= <u>while</u> <i>expression</i> :	
<i>statement</i> ...	while statement
<i>for-statement</i> ::= <u>for</u> <i>expression</i> <u>in</u> <i>expression</i> :	
<i>statement</i> ...	for statement
<i>try-statement</i> ::= <u>try</u> :	
<i>statement</i> ...	
<u>except</u> <i>expression</i> :	
<i>statement</i> ...	
[ <u>except</u> <i>expression</i> :	
<i>statement</i> ... ] ...	try statement
<i>expression</i> ::= <i>number</i>	primitive number expression

<sup>1</sup>SICPy is an adaptation of Source - the official language of the textbook Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs, JavaScript Adaptation.

<sup>2</sup>We adopt Henry Ledgard's BNF variant that he described in A human engineered variant of BNF, ACM SIGPLAN Notices, Volume 15 Issue 10, October 1980, Pages 57-62. In our grammars, we bold and underline keywords, [ ] for optional syntaxes, italics for syntactic variables,  $\epsilon$  for nothing, *x*|*y* for *x* or *y*, and *x*... for zero or more repetitions of *x*.

	<u>True</u>   <u>False</u>	primitive boolean expression
	<u>None</u>	primitive list expression
	<i>string</i>	primitive string expression
	<i>name</i>	name expression
	<i>expression</i> <i>binary-operator</i> <i>expression</i>	binary operator combination
	<i>unary-operator</i> <i>expression</i>	unary operator combination
	<i>expression</i> ( <i>expressions</i> )	function application
	<u>lambda</u> <i>name</i> [ , <i>name</i> ] ... : <i>expression</i>	lambda expression
	<i>expression</i> <u>if</u> <i>expression</i> <u>else</u> <i>expression</i>	conditional expression
	<i>list-expression</i>	list expression
	{ <i>expression</i> : <i>expression</i> [ , <i>expression</i> : <i>expression</i> ] ... }	literal dict expression
	( <i>tuple-expression</i> )	tuple expression
	<i>expression</i> [ <i>expression</i> ]	list/ dictionary access
	( <i>expression</i> )	parenthesised expression
<i>list-expression</i>	::= [ <i>expressions</i> ]	literal list expression
	[ <i>expression</i> <u>for</u> <i>expression</i> <u>in</u> <i>expression</i> [ <u>if</u> <i>expression</i> ] ]	list comprehension expression
<i>tuple-expression</i>	::= $\epsilon$   <i>expression</i> , <i>expressions</i>	<i>tuple expression</i>
<i>binary-operator</i>	::= +   -   *   /   %   ==	
	>   <   >=   <=   and   or	
<i>unary-operator</i>	::= not   +   -	
<i>expressions</i>	::= $\epsilon$   <i>expression</i> [ , <i>expression</i> ] ...	argument expressions