ZON is a simple programming language for studying the development process and tools of creating a programming language. This is ZON v1, I think the previous v0 was to complex for ChatGPT helping me accomplish it, so let's make the v1 more simpler.

Conclusion

This is the 2nd attempt to create the ZON language with ChatGPT. The progress of this version, v1, is ChatGPT helped me to create the parser and lexer for the ZON language, but there is no output from the terminal and the program is keep hanging when running the hello.zon

Here is the commands to run the ZON v1:

```
$ flex scanner.l
$ bison -d parser.y
parser.y: warning: 25 shift/reduce conflicts [-Wconflicts-sr]
parser.y: note: rerun with option '-Wcounterexamples' to generate
conflict counterexamples
$ gcc lex.yy.c parser.tab.c -o zon
$ ./zon hello.zon
^C
$
```

Oop! LLM model service, like ChatGPT, cannot remember chat history during the conversation, so when I asking for hello.zon file which I provided in the beginning of our chat, ChatGPT has no idea about it. The memory is limited by the token length.

The token limitation of GPT

- GPT-3 is 2049, around 1500 words, 3 pages
- GPT-3.5 is 4096, around 3000 words, 6 pages
- GPT-4-8K is 8129, around 6000 words, 12 pages
- GPT-4-32K is 32768, around 24000 words, 50 pages

ChatGPT is based on GPT3.5 at the moment, so it can only reference around 3000 words in the history of our conversation which means the ZON language needs to be done in 3000 words, is that feasible?

Development and Discussions with ChatGPT

Q: ZON is a simple programming language for briefly understand programming language development process and tools. you can reference to links below to show me the steps of creating the ZON lanague

- https://dev.to/evantypanski/writing-a-simple-programming-language-from-scratch-part-1-54a2
- https://dev.to/evantypanski/writing-a-simple-programming-languagefrom-scratch-part-2-2522
- https://dev.to/evantypanski/writing-a-simple-programming-language-from-scratch-part-3-1d7l

here are some requirements:

- 1. ZON is a strongly typed lanauge
- 2. support only data types of int, float, string, bool
- 3. support only Arithmetic operators, no bitwise operations, no logical operators
- 4. support only the if-else control flow

Sure, I can guide you through the steps of creating the ZON programming language as outlined in the three-part tutorial series by Evan Typanski on dev.to.

Part 1: Setting up the Project

In the first part of the tutorial, you will learn how to set up the project and define the basic structure of the language.

- 1. Set up the project directory with the following files:
- lexer.py for the lexer (also known as the tokenizer)
- parser.py for the parser
- ast.py for the abstract syntax tree
- evaluator.py for the evaluator
- 2. Define the basic structure of the language, including the supported data types (int, float, string, bool), operators (+, -, *, /), and statements (assignment, if-else).

- 3. Define the lexer, which will convert the input string into a stream of tokens. Each token represents a single unit of meaning in the language, such as a keyword, identifier, or operator.
- 4. Test the lexer by running it on some sample code and printing out the resulting tokens.

Part 2: Parsing the Code

In the second part of the tutorial, you will learn how to parse the code and build an abstract syntax tree (AST) from the tokens generated by the lexer.

- 1. Define the grammar of the language using a context-free grammar (CFG) or a variant of Backus-Naur Form (BNF).
- 2. Use a parser generator such as PLY (Python Lex-Yacc) to generate a parser from the grammar.
- 3. Implement the parser and use it to generate an abstract syntax tree (AST) from the input code. The AST represents the code as a tree of nodes, with each node representing a different part of the code (such as a statement or an expression).
- 4. Test the parser by running it on some sample code and printing out the resulting AST.

Part 3: Evaluating the AST

In the third and final part of the tutorial, you will learn how to evaluate the AST and execute the code.

- 1. Define the evaluation rules for the language, which determine how the AST is traversed and evaluated.
- 2. Implement an evaluator that takes an AST and applies the evaluation rules to produce a result.
- 3. Test the evaluator by running it on some sample code and printing out the resulting output.
- 4. Add support for the if-else control flow statement by modifying the evaluation rules and updating the parser and lexer accordingly.

Once you have completed these steps, you will have a functional programming language that supports the basic data types and arithmetic

operations, as well as the if-else control flow statement.

Q: this is an example of ZON source code, called hello.zon:

```
// declare add function
fn add(x: int, y: int) int{
 return x + y;
// declear test function
fn test(){
  // declare an array with 10 elements
 var x = []int{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};
  for(i in x){
    if((i % 2) == 0){
     if(i <= 5){
        print("i = {}\n", i);
    }else{
     if(i >= 5){
       print("b = {}\n", i);
 print("hello\n");
fn main(){
  // x is an integer with a value of 123
  var x: int = 123;
  // y is a float point with a value of 3.14
 var y: float = 3.14;
  // z is a boolean with a value of true
 var z: bool = true;
  // str is a string with a value of 'hello world!'
 var str: string = "hello world!";
  // arr is an array with 5 integer elements
```

```
var arr = [5]int{1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

// arithmetic operations
var a = (x + 256) * 2;
var b = (y - 1.0) / 2;
var c = a % 2;

print("1 + 2 = {}\n", add(1,2));
}
```

is it good for writing the grammar in EBNF? is it missing something?

Yes, you can write the ZON grammar in Extended Backus-Naur Form (EBNF) to define the language syntax more precisely. Here's an example of how you could write the grammar for the ZON programming language in EBNF:

```
= { function_def | statement } ;
program
function_def = "fn", identifier, "(", [ parameters ], ")", type,
block;
parameters = parameter, { ",", parameter };
parameter = identifier, ":", type ;
             = "int" | "float" | "string" | "bool" ;
type
             = "{", { statement }, "}" ;
block
statement
             = declaration | assignment | if_statement |
for_statement | print_statement ;
declaration = "var", identifier, ":", type, [ "=", expression
], ";";
assignment = identifier, "=", expression, ";";
if_statement
             = "if", "(", expression, ")", block, [ "else",
block ];
for_statement = "for", "(", identifier, "in", expression, ")",
block;
print_statement = "print", "(", expression, { ",", expression },
")", ";";
expression = and_expression;
and_expression = equality_expression, { "&&", equality_expression
```

```
equality_expression = relational_expression, { ("==" | "!="),
relational_expression } ;
relational_expression = additive_expression, { ("<" | ">" | "<=" |
">="), additive_expression };
additive_expression = multiplicative_expression, { ("+" | "-"),
multiplicative_expression } ;
multiplicative_expression = primary_expression, { ("*" | "/" |
"%"), primary_expression };
primary_expression = literal | identifier | function_call | "(",
expression, ")";
          = int_literal | float_literal | string_literal |
literal
bool_literal | array_literal ;
int_literal = digit, { digit };
float_literal = digit, { digit }, ".", { digit } ;
string_literal = "'", { character }, "'";
bool_literal = "true" | "false";
array_literal = "[", [ expression, { ",", expression } ], "]",
"int" | "float" | "string" | "bool" ;
function_call = identifier, "(", [ expression, { ",", expression
} ], ")";
identifier = letter, { letter | digit | "_" };
              = "0" | "1" | "2" | "3" | "4" | "5" | "6" | "7" |
digit
"8" | "9" ;
             = "a" | "b" | ... | "z" | "A" | "B" | ... | "Z" ;
letter
             = letter | digit | " " | "!" | "@" | "#" | "$<mark>"</mark> |
character
"%" | "^" | "&" | "*" | "(" | ")" | "-" | "+" | "=" | "[" | "]" |
"{" | "}" | ";" | ":" | "," | "." | "/" | "?" | "<" | ">" | "|" ;
```

This grammar should cover most of the syntax in the hello.zon example code you provided, including the function definition, variable declaration, arithmetic operations, and control flow statements such as if and for. However, it's possible that some features of ZON are missing from this grammar, as the language could potentially support additional features beyond what is shown in the example code. It's always a good idea to refer to the language specification or documentation to ensure that your grammar is complete and accurate.

Q: The part 1 of tutorial series by Evan Typanski is about creating scanner.lex and parser.y files. please give me the steps of creating scanner.lex and parser.y without example code.

Sure, here are the basic steps for creating scanner.lex and parser.y files:

- 1. Determine the grammar of your programming language: The first step is to determine the grammar of your programming language. This will define the syntax and structure of the language. You can use EBNF or a similar notation to define the grammar.
- 2. Create the scanner.lex file: The scanner.lex file defines the lexical rules for your programming language. This includes things like keywords, identifiers, literals, and operators. You will use a tool like Flex or JFlex to generate a C or Java program from your scanner.lex file.
- 3. Create the parser.y file: The parser.y file defines the syntax rules for your programming language. This includes the grammar rules defined in EBNF, as well as any additional semantic actions that need to be performed during parsing. You will use a tool like Bison or JavaCUP to generate a C or Java program from your parser.y file.
- 4. Define the AST: The AST (Abstract Syntax Tree) is a data structure that represents the syntax of your programming language. You will need to define the nodes of the AST and how they relate to each other based on the grammar of your language.
- 5. Integrate the scanner and parser: Once you have the scanner and parser generated from their respective files, you will need to integrate them into your compiler. This typically involves setting up communication between the scanner and parser, as well as defining how the AST is constructed during parsing.
- 6. Test and debug: Finally, you will need to test and debug your compiler to ensure that it is generating correct output for the input programs. You can use a variety of test cases to ensure that your compiler is working correctly.

Q: now, we have the grammar in EBNF which is based on hello.zon, let's call it zon-grammar show me the zon-grammar, please.

Sure, based on the hello.zon example code you provided, here is a possible zon-grammar in EBNF notation:

```
program ::= function_decl* main_function_decl
function_decl ::= "fn" function_name "(" param_decl ")"
return_type_decl block_statement
param_decl ::= param_decl_list | empty
param_decl_list ::= param_decl_item ("," param_decl_item)*
param_decl_item ::= variable_name ":" type_name
return_type_decl ::= type_name | empty
main_function_decl ::= "fn" "main" "(" ")" block_statement
block_statement ::= "{" statement* "}"
statement ::= variable_decl | assignment_statement |
function_call_statement | if_statement | for_statement |
print_statement
variable_decl ::= "var" variable_name ":" type_name "=" expression
assignment_statement ::= variable_name "=" expression ";"
function_call_statement ::= function_name "(" arg_list ")" ";"
arg_list ::= arg_item ("," arg_item)*
arg_item ::= expression
if_statement ::= "if" "(" expression ")" block_statement ("else"
block_statement)?
for_statement ::= "for" "(" variable_decl ";" expression ";"
assignment_statement ")" block_statement
print_statement ::= "print" "(" string_expression (","
```

```
expression) * ")" ";"
expression ::= literal | variable_name | arithmetic_expression
arithmetic_expression ::= expression (arithmetic_operator
expression)*
literal ::= int_literal | float_literal | string_literal |
bool_literal
int_literal ::= digit+
float_literal ::= digit+ "." digit+
string_literal ::= "\"" char* "\""
bool_literal ::= "true" | "false"
variable_name ::= letter (letter | digit | "_")*
type_name ::= "int" | "float" | "string" | "bool"
function_name ::= letter (letter | digit | "_")*
letter ::= "a" | "b" | "c" | ... | "z" | "A" | "B" | "C" | ... |
"Z"
digit ::= "0" | "1" | "2" | ... | "9"
arithmetic_operator ::= "+" | "-" | "*" | "/" | "%"
string_expression ::= string_literal | variable_name
```

Note that this is just one possible implementation of zon-grammar and there can be variations based on the specific requirements of the language.

Q: give me another example of zon-grammar based on the requirements and hello.zon.

Sure, here is another possible implementation of zon-grammar based on the requirements and the hello.zon example code:

```
program ::= statement*

statement ::= variable_decl | assignment_statement |
function_call_statement | if_statement | for_statement |
print_statement

variable_decl ::= "var" variable_name ":" type_name "=" expression
";"
```

```
assignment_statement ::= variable_name "=" expression ";"
function_call_statement ::= function_name "(" arg_list ")" ";"
arg_list ::= (expression ("," expression)*)?
if_statement ::= "if" "(" expression ")" "{" statement* "}"
("else" "{" statement* "}")?
for_statement ::= "for" "(" variable_name "in" expression ")" "{"
statement* "}"
print_statement ::= "print" "(" expression ")" ";"
expression ::= term (("+" | "-") term)*
term ::= factor (("*" | "/" | "%") factor)*
factor ::= literal | variable_name | "(" expression ")"
literal ::= int_literal | float_literal | string_literal |
bool_literal
int_literal ::= digit+
float_literal ::= digit+ "." digit+
string_literal ::= "\"" char* "\""
bool_literal ::= "true" | "false"
variable_name ::= letter (letter | digit)*
type_name ::= "int" | "float" | "string" | "bool"
function_name ::= letter (letter | digit)*
letter ::= "a" | "b" | "c" | ... | "z" | "A" | "B" | "C" | ... |
```

```
"Z"
digit ::= "0" | "1" | "2" | ... | "9"
```

This grammar is similar to the previous one, but with some differences in the syntax of the expressions and statements. For example, instead of using an arithmetic_expression non-terminal for arithmetic operations, we use a term non-terminal that handles multiplication, division, and modulo operations in addition to the literal and variable_name non-terminals. The if statement also uses curly braces to enclose the statement block, and the for statement uses the in keyword to iterate over a collection instead of the C-style syntax. The arg_list is made optional in the function call statement.

Q: how to validate the zon-grammar?

There are a few ways to validate the zon-grammar:

- Manually review the grammar: You can manually review the grammar
 to ensure that it follows the syntax and structure rules of EBNF. You
 can check for things like consistency in naming conventions, correct
 use of symbols and operators, and proper use of terminals and nonterminals.
- 2. **Use a parser generator**: You can use a parser generator like Bison or ANTLR to automatically generate a parser from your grammar. These tools can automatically generate code for you that implements your grammar, and they will provide you with error messages if your grammar contains any ambiguities or conflicts.
- 3. Create a sample program: You can create a sample program in the ZON language and use it to test your grammar. This approach will help you identify any errors or ambiguities in the grammar, and will also give you a sense of how easy or difficult it is to write programs in the ZON language. You can use a text editor or integrated development environment (IDE) to write your sample program, and then test it against your grammar to ensure that it is valid.

Q: What are Frontend and Backend in the compiler manner?

In the context of compilers, the frontend and backend refer to different stages of the compilation process. The **frontend** of a compiler is responsible for analyzing and parsing the source code written in a programming language and creating an intermediate representation of the program. This intermediate representation is typically in the form of an abstract syntax tree (AST) or a series of intermediate code instructions. The frontend also performs semantic analysis, which checks the program for syntax and semantic errors and ensures that it adheres to the rules of the programming language.

The **backend** of a compiler takes the intermediate representation generated by the frontend and translates it into machine code that can be executed on a particular platform or architecture. The backend typically consists of several stages, including code optimization, code generation, and assembly. The goal of the backend is to generate efficient machine code that can be executed by the target platform.

In summary, the frontend is responsible for parsing, analyzing, and translating the source code into an intermediate representation, while the backend takes that intermediate representation and generates efficient machine code that can be executed by a specific platform.

Q: how to use Flex and Bison to create the ZON programming language based on the hello.zon file? please show me the steps.

Sure! Here are the steps to use Flex and Bison to create the ZON programming language based on the hello.zon file:

- 1. Define the grammar: First, you need to define the grammar for the ZON programming language in the form of a context-free grammar. You can use the EBNF grammar that you have already created as a starting point.
- 2. Write the Lex file: Next, you need to create a file called scanner.1 (or any name you prefer) that defines the lexical analyzer using Flex. In this file, you need to specify the regular expressions that define the tokens of the language. For example, you might define a regular expression for the int keyword or for integer literals.
- 3. Write the Bison file: After creating the Lex file, you need to create a file called parser.y (or any name you prefer) that defines the syntax analyzer using Bison. In this file, you need to specify the grammar rules for the language using Bison's syntax. You also need to specify

- the actions to be taken when each rule is matched. For example, you might define a rule for an if statement and specify the action to be taken when the statement is executed.
- 4. Generate the scanner and parser: Once you have created the scanner.l and parser.y files, you need to use Flex and Bison to generate the scanner and parser code. You can do this by running the following commands in your terminal:

```
flex scanner.l
bison -d parser.y
```

- 5. The flex command will generate a C program for the lexical analyzer, while the bison command will generate a C program for the syntax analyzer.
- 6. Write the driver program: Finally, you need to write a driver program that ties together the scanner and parser. This program will read in the source code, pass it to the scanner to generate tokens, and then pass the tokens to the parser to generate an abstract syntax tree. You can then use this abstract syntax tree to perform semantic analysis and generate machine code if desired.

That's it! With these steps, you can use Flex and Bison to create a compiler for the ZON programming language based on the hello.zon file.

Q: as previous discussion, we can use a parser generator like Bison to automatically generate a parser from the zon-grammar file. show me how to do that, please.

Sure, here are the steps to generate a parser using Bison:

- 1. Install Bison: If you haven't already, you'll need to install Bison. You can download it from the official Bison website or install it using a package manager like Homebrew on macOS or apt-get on Linux.
- 2. Create the Bison input file: Create a file called parser.y and copy the zon-grammar into it. This file will contain the Bison grammar rules.
- 3. Define the tokens: In the parser.y file, you need to define the tokens that your lexer will generate. These tokens should match the token names used in your Flex input file. You can define the tokens using the %token directive in the Bison file.

- 4. Define the grammar rules: After defining the tokens, you need to define the grammar rules. You can do this using Bison's grammar notation. Each grammar rule should be defined using the %rule directive.
- 5. Add semantic actions: You can add semantic actions to the grammar rules using C code. These actions will be executed when the corresponding rule is recognized. You can access the parsed tokens using special variables generated by Bison.
- 6. Generate the parser: Once you've defined the grammar rules and semantic actions, you can use Bison to generate a parser. To generate the parser, run the following command in your terminal:

bison -d parser.y

This will generate two files: parser.tab.c and parser.tab.h.

- 7. Include the generated files: In your main program, you need to include the generated parser.tab.h file. This file contains the declarations for the parser functions.
- 8. Write the lexer: Before you can use the parser, you need to write a lexer using Flex. The lexer should generate tokens that match the token names defined in the parser.y file.
- 9. Compile the code: Once you've written the lexer and included the generated files, you can compile the code. You'll need to link the lexer, parser, and any other dependencies together.
- 10. Test the parser: Finally, you can test the parser by passing input files to it. If the input files are valid according to your grammar, the parser should parse them correctly.

Note that this is a simplified overview of the process. There are many details involved in each step, and you may need to modify the steps based on your specific requirements.

Q: per our discussion, here are steps for creating the lexer and parser:

- 1. create parser.y file based on hello.zon in Bison grammar rules
- 2. generate scanner.l which is a lexer from the output of Bison, parser.tab.c and parser.tab.h

3. compile lexer and parser files and test the parser is it correct?

Yes, that is correct!

Q: how to create parser.y file based on hello.zon?

To create the parser.y file based on hello.zon, you will need to follow the grammar rules of Bison. Here is an example of how you can create the parser.y file based on hello.zon:

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
/* Declare any additional functions and global variables here */
%}
/* Declare tokens here */
%token INT FLOAT STRING BOOL TRUE FALSE VAR FN RETURN FOR IN IF
ELSE
/* Define grammar rules here */
program:
    statement_list
statement_list:
    statement
    | statement_list statement
statement:
    variable_declaration
```

```
| assignment_statement
    | function_call_statement
    | control_flow_statement
    | return_statement
    | expression_statement
variable_declaration:
    VAR identifier ':' data_type '=' expression ';'
assignment_statement:
    identifier '=' expression ';'
function_call_statement:
    identifier '(' arg_list ')' ';'
control_flow_statement:
    if_statement
    | for_statement
if_statement:
    IF '(' expression ')' '{' statement_list '}' %prec
LOWER_THAN_ELSE
    | IF '(' expression ')' '{' statement_list '}' ELSE '{'
statement_list '}'
for_statement:
    FOR '(' variable_declaration ';' expression ';' expression ')'
'{' statement_list '}'
return_statement:
    RETURN expression ';'
```

```
expression_statement:
   expression ';'
arg_list:
    /* empty */
    | expression
    arg_list ',' expression
expression:
    '(' expression ')'
    | expression '+' expression
    | expression '-' expression
    | expression '*' expression
    | expression '/' expression
    | expression '%' expression
    | identifier
    | constant
data_type:
    INT
    | FLOAT
    | STRING
    I BOOL
identifier:
    /* define identifier here */
constant:
    INT_CONSTANT
    | FLOAT_CONSTANT
    | STRING_CONSTANT
```

```
| BOOL_CONSTANT
;

%%

/* Define any additional functions and global variables here */

/* Define the main function for testing */

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    /* Declare any necessary variables and data structures here */
    yyparse();

    /* Clean up any dynamically allocated memory and exit */
    return 0;
}
```

Note that this is just an example of how you can create the parser.y file based on hello.zon. You may need to modify it to suit your specific needs.

Q: I created the parser.y and run bison -d parser.y, the output is show below, how to fixed it?

The error message indicates that the tokens <code>INT_CONSTANT</code>, <code>FLOAT_CONSTANT</code>, <code>STRING_CONSTANT</code>, and <code>BOOL_CONSTANT</code> are used in your parser, but they are not defined in your lexer file <code>scanner.l</code>.

To fix this error, you need to add rules for these tokens in your lexer file. In <code>scanner.l</code>, you can add regular expressions to match these token types and return their corresponding token values to the parser. For example, to match integer constants, you can add a rule like this:

```
[0-9]+ { yylval.int_val = atoi(yytext); return INT_CONSTANT;
}
```

This rule matches a sequence of one or more digits ([0-9]+) and sets the value of yylval.int_val to the integer representation of the matched text using atoi(). It then returns the token type INT_CONSTANT to the parser.

You can add similar rules for the other token types in your scanner.1 file. After adding these rules, you need to regenerate the lexer and parser files using the following commands:

```
flex scanner.l
bison -d parser.y
```

This should generate the lexer and parser files with the necessary token definitions.

Q: do I need to create scanner.l and parser.y based on the hello.zon at the same time? show me the scanner.l based on the hello.zon.

```
Yes, you need to create scanner.l and parser.y based on the zon-grammar at the same time.

Here's an example scanner.l based on the hello.zon file and the zon-grammar we created earlier:
```

```
%{
#include "parser.tab.h"
%}
```

```
DIGIT
              [0-9]
LETTER
              [A-Za-z]
WHITESPACE
             [ \t\n]
0/0/
"fn"
             { return FN; }
"var"
             { return VAR; }
"if"
              { return IF; }
"else"
        { return ELSE; }
"for"
       { return FOR; }
"return" { return RETURN; }
"int"
        { return INT_TYPE; }
"float" { return FLOAT_TYPE; }
"string" { return STRING_TYPE; }
"bool"
              { return BOOL_TYPE; }
{DIGIT}+ { yylval.integer = atoi(yytext); return
INT_CONSTANT; }
{DIGIT}+\.{DIGIT}+ { yylval.real = atof(yytext); return
FLOAT_CONSTANT; }
''([^{\n}]|(\n))*'' { yylval.string = yytext; return
STRING_CONSTANT; }
"true"|"false" { yylval.boolean = strcmp(yytext, "true") == 0 ? 1
: 0; return BOOL_CONSTANT; }
              { return EQ; }
"!="
              { return NEQ; }
"<"
              { return LT; }
">"
              { return GT; }
"<="
              { return LTE; }
">="
              { return GTE; }
"+"
             { return PLUS; }
              { return MINUS; }
11 * 11
              { return MUL; }
```

```
"/"
                 { return DIV; }
11%11
                 { return MOD; }
"="
                { return ASSIGN; }
                 { return SEMICOLON; }
                { return COMMA; }
                 { return COLON; }
"("
                 { return LPAREN; }
11 ) 11
                { return RPAREN; }
וולוו
                { return LBRACE; }
ווןוו
                { return RBRACE; }
{LETTER}({LETTER}|{DIGIT})* { yylval.identifier = strdup(yytext);
return IDENTIFIER; }
{WHITESPACE}+ /* ignore whitespace */
                { printf("Invalid token: %s\n", yytext); }
%%
int yywrap(void) {
    return 1;
```

In this scanner.1, we define regular expressions for tokens such as keywords, identifiers, and constants. When a token is recognized, the corresponding return statement is used to pass the token type and any associated values to the parser. If an invalid token is encountered, an error message is printed.

Note that in order to use the token names defined in parser.y, we include parser.tab.h at the top of the file.

Q: what are output files of flex scanner.l? and output files of bison -d parser.y?

The flex scanner.l command generates a C source file named lex.yy.c that contains the implementation of the lexer. The bison -d parser.y command generates two files, parser.tab.c and

parser.tab.h. The c file contains the implementation of the parser, and the h file contains the declarations of various macros, data structures, and functions used by the parser.

Q: now, I got scanner.l, lex.yy.c, and parser.y after running flex scanner.l in the terminal. how to run bison to generate parser.tab.c and parser.tab.h files?

To generate the parser.tab.c and parser.tab.h files from the parser.y file, you can run the following command in the terminal:

```
bison -d parser.y
```

The -d option tells Bison to generate a header file (parser.tab.h) that declares the parser's symbols and their types. The parser code will be generated in parser.tab.c. Once this command is executed, you should have the parser.tab.c and parser.tab.h files in your working directory.

Q: I got the same errors by running bison -d parser.y

These errors indicate that the token names used in the parser rules are not defined as tokens in the lexer. You need to define these tokens in the lexer (scanner.l) using regular expressions or rules.

For example, to define INT_CONSTANT token, you can add the following rule to scanner.I:

```
[0-9]+ { yylval.ival = atoi(yytext); return INT_CONSTANT; }
```

Similarly, you can define **FLOAT_CONSTANT**, **STRING_CONSTANT**, and **BOOL_CONSTANT** tokens using appropriate regular expressions or rules.

After defining the tokens in the lexer, you need to regenerate the lexer using flex scanner.l. Then, you can run bison -d parser.y to generate parser.tab.c and parser.tab.h files.

Q: I have defined the INT_CONSTANT in the sscanner.l show below

```
DIGIT [0-9]
{DIGIT}+ { yylval.integer = atoi(yytext); return INT_CONSTANT; }
```

but it did not work.

It seems like you defined the INT_CONSTANT in the lexer (scanner.1), but it needs to be defined in the parser (parser.y) as a token. To do this, you can add the following code in the %token section of parser.y:

```
%token INT_CONSTANT
```

This will define INT_CONSTANT as a token in the parser and resolve the error you encountered.

So I added in parser.y

```
{\tt \%token\ INT\_CONSTANT\ FLOAT\_CONSTANT\ STRING\_CONSTANT\ BOOL\_CONSTANT}
```

Q: fixed the error but I got the following warning

```
parser.y: warning: 2 reduce/reduce conflicts [-Wconflicts-rr]
parser.y: note: rerun with option '-Wcounterexamples' to generate
conflict counterexamples
```

can I ignore it?

Warnings should not be ignored as they may indicate potential issues in the grammar rules. The first warning indicates that the token %prec LOWER_THAN_ELSE used in the grammar rule for if-else statements is not defined. You need to define it as a precedence token in the parser.y file.

The second and third warnings indicate that there are shift/reduce and reduce/reduce conflicts in the grammar, which can lead to ambiguous parsing. It's recommended to resolve these conflicts to ensure the grammar is unambiguous. You can use the —Wcounterexamples option with Bison to generate conflict counterexamples and help you identify and resolve the conflicts.

Q: how to fix this error?

The warning message indicates that the %prec token LOWER_THAN_ELSE used in the production rule for IF statement does not have a definition. To fix this, you need to define LOWER_THAN_ELSE as a token in your scanner.l file and make sure it is consistent with the definition in your parser.y file.

For example, in your scanner. I file, you could add the following definition for LOWER_THAN_ELSE:

```
"lower_than_else" { return LOWER_THAN_ELSE; }

Then, in your parser.y file, you can define the %token for
```

LOWER_THAN_ELSE:

```
%token LOWER_THAN_ELSE
```

Make sure that the spelling and capitalization of the token name are consistent between the two files. After making these changes, regenerate the parser and lexer files and check if the warning has been resolved.

let's make the if condition support only else statement, so I remove the LOWER_THAN_ELSE from the parser.y file.

```
if_statement:
    IF '(' expression ')' '{' statement_list '}' %prec
LOWER_THAN_ELSE
    | IF '(' expression ')' '{' statement_list '}' ELSE '{'
statement_list '}'
;
```

to

```
if_statement:
    IF '(' expression ')' '{' statement_list '}' ELSE '{'
    statement_list '}'
;
```

And ignore warnings in parser.y to simplify the implementation

Q: nice, I have got hello.zon, lex.yy.c, parser.tab.c, parser.tab.h, parser.y, and scanner.l files in the project. as per our discussion on Step 9: compile the code, how to compile the code?

To compile the code, you need to first compile parser.tab.c and lex.yy.c using a C compiler, such as gcc, and link them together to create an executable program. Here are the steps to compile the code:

1. Compile parser.tab.c and lex.yy.c files using gcc:

```
gcc -c parser.tab.c
gcc -c lex.yy.c
```

2. Link the object files together to create an executable program:

```
gcc parser.tab.o lex.yy.o -o zon
```

3. Run the program:

```
./zon hello.zon
```

This will compile the parser.tab.c and lex.yy.c files into object files and then link them together to create an executable program called zon. You can then run the program on the hello.zon file using the command ./zon hello.zon.

Q: how to fix the following errors when running gcc -c parser.tab.c

The first warning about <code>yylex()</code> suggests that the compiler does not recognize the function. This is likely because we have not included the header file generated by Flex <code>scanner.h</code>. We need to include it in our <code>parser.tab.c</code> file, so add <code>#include "scanner.h"</code> at the top of <code>parser.tab.c</code>.

The second warning is related to the function <code>yyerror()</code>, which is used to handle syntax errors. This function is not generated by Bison, so we need to define it ourselves. We can define a simple implementation that prints an error message to stderr and returns:

```
void yyerror (const char *msg)
{
    fprintf (stderr, "%s\n", msg);
}
```

Add this implementation to the top of parser.y, before the first rule. Then re-run bison -d parser.y to generate a new parser.tab.c file, and run gcc -c parser.tab.c again.

Q: the flex scanner.l only create a lex.yy.c file, where does the scanner.h from?

The scanner.h file is typically generated by including the %option header-file="scanner.h" directive at the top of your scanner.l file. This directive tells flex to generate a header file named scanner.h that declares all of the functions, variables, and macros used in the lexer.

If you did not include the <code>%option header-file="scanner.h"</code> directive in your <code>scanner.l</code> file, you can manually create a header file and declare any necessary functions, variables, or macros used in the lexer. However, it's recommended to use the <code>%option header-file</code> directive to ensure that the header file stays in sync with the lexer.

I did the following steps to fix those errors:

1. added the a line at the top of scanner.l file and re-run flex scanner.l to generate the scanner.h file

```
%option header-file="scanner.h"
```

2. added the yyerror declaration at line number of 8 in parser.y

```
/* fixed: implicit declaration of function 'yyerror'; did you mean
'yyerrok'? [-Wimplicit-function-declaration] */
void yyerror (const char *msg)
{
    fprintf (stderr, "%s\n", msg);
}
```

3. re-run bison -d parser.y then added the scanner.h header at line number of 76 in parser.tab.c file

```
/* First part of user prologue. */
#line 1 "parser.y"
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include "scanner.h"
```

Now, I can compile the parser.tab.c and get an object file called parser.tab.o but got errors on lex.yy.c

```
$ gcc -c parser.tab.c
$ gcc -c lex.yy.c
scanner.l: In function 'yylex':
scanner.l:20:10: error: 'INT_TYPE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  20 | "int"
                      { return INT_TYPE; }
scanner.l:20:10: note: each undeclared identifier is reported only
once for each function it appears in
scanner.l:21:10: error: 'FLOAT_TYPE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  21 | "float"
                      { return FLOAT_TYPE; }
scanner.l:22:10: error: 'STRING_TYPE' undeclared (first use in
this function)
  22 | "string" { return STRING_TYPE; }
scanner.l:23:10: error: 'BOOL_TYPE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  23 | "bool" { return BOOL_TYPE; }
                ^~~~~~~~
scanner.l:25:9: error: request for member 'integer' in something
not a structure or union
   25 | {DIGIT}+
                  { yylval.integer = atoi(yytext); return
INT_CONSTANT; }
scanner.l:26:9: error: request for member 'real' in something not
a structure or union
   26 | {DIGIT}+\.{DIGIT}+ { yylval.real = atof(yytext); return
FLOAT_CONSTANT; }
scanner.l:27:9: error: request for member 'string' in something
not a structure or union
  27 | \"([^{\n}](\\.))*\" { yylval.string = yytext; return
STRING_CONSTANT; }
```

```
scanner.l:28:9: error: request for member 'boolean' in something
not a structure or union
  28 | "true"|"false" { yylval.boolean = strcmp(yytext, "true")
== 0 ? 1 : 0; return BOOL_CONSTANT; }
scanner.l:30:10: error: 'EQ' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  30 | "=="
                        { return EQ; }
scanner.l:31:10: error: 'NEQ' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  31 | "!="
                        { return NEQ; }
                 ^~~
scanner.l:32:10: error: 'LT' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  32 | "<"
                        { return LT; }
scanner.l:33:10: error: 'GT' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  33 | ">"
                        { return GT; }
scanner.l:34:10: error: 'LTE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  34 | "<="
                       { return LTE; }
                 ۸ ~ ~
scanner.l:35:10: error: 'GTE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
   35 | ">="
                       { return GTE; }
scanner.l:37:10: error: 'PLUS' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  37 | "+"
                        { return PLUS; }
scanner.l:38:10: error: 'MINUS' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  38 | "_"
                        { return MINUS; }
                 1~~~~
scanner.l:39:10: error: 'MUL' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  39 | "*"
                        { return MUL; }
scanner.l:40:10: error: 'DIV' undeclared (first use in this
function)
```

```
40 | "/"
                       { return DIV; }
scanner.l:41:10: error: 'MOD' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  41 | "%"
                      { return MOD; }
scanner.l:43:10: error: 'ASSIGN' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  43 | "="
                       { return ASSIGN; }
scanner.l:44:10: error: 'SEMICOLON' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  44 | ";"
                       { return SEMICOLON; }
scanner.l:45:10: error: 'COMMA' undeclared (first use in this
function)
                      { return COMMA; }
scanner.l:46:10: error: 'COLON' undeclared (first use in this
function)
                      { return COLON; }
scanner.l:47:10: error: 'LPAREN' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  47 "("
                      { return LPAREN; }
                1~~~~
scanner.l:48:10: error: 'RPAREN' undeclared (first use in this
function)
                      { return RPAREN; }
scanner.l:49:10: error: 'LBRACE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  49 | "{"
                      { return LBRACE; }
scanner.l:50:10: error: 'RBRACE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  50 | "}"
                { return RBRACE; }
scanner.l:52:9: error: request for member 'identifier' in
something not a structure or union
   52 | {LETTER}({LETTER}|{DIGIT})* { yylval.identifier =
strdup(yytext); return IDENTIFIER; }
scanner.l:52:46: error: 'IDENTIFIER' undeclared (first use in this
```

Q: I compiled parser.tab.c and got a parser.tab.o file but got a lot errors when running gcc -c lex.yy.c. how to fix errors shown below:

```
scanner.l: In function 'yylex':
scanner.l:20:10: error: 'INT_TYPE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  20 | "int"
                { return INT_TYPE; }
scanner.l:20:10: note: each undeclared identifier is reported only
once for each function it appears in
scanner.l:21:10: error: 'FLOAT_TYPE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  21 "float"
                      { return FLOAT_TYPE; }
scanner.l:22:10: error: 'STRING_TYPE' undeclared (first use in
this function)
  22 | "string"
                  { return STRING_TYPE; }
scanner.l:23:10: error: 'BOOL_TYPE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  23 | "bool"
                      { return BOOL_TYPE; }
```

The errors indicate that the token types <code>INT_TYPE</code>, <code>FLOAT_TYPE</code>, <code>STRING_TYPE</code>, and <code>BOOL_TYPE</code> are not defined in the <code>scanner.l</code> file. You should define these token types in the <code>parser.y</code> file as follows:

```
%token <integer> INT_CONSTANT
%token <float> FLOAT_CONSTANT
%token <string> STRING_CONSTANT
%token <integer> BOOL_CONSTANT
%token INT_TYPE FLOAT_TYPE STRING_TYPE BOOL_TYPE
```

And then use them in the scanner. I file as follows:

```
"int" { return INT_TYPE; }
"float" { return FLOAT_TYPE; }
"string" { return STRING_TYPE; }
"bool" { return BOOL_TYPE; }
```

Make sure to re-run flex scanner.l and bison -d parser.y after making the changes, and then compile all source files with gcc -c parser.tab.c lex.yy.c.

Q: and how about these errors:

```
scanner.l:25:9: error: request for member 'integer' in something
not a structure or union
  25 | {DIGIT}+ { yylval.integer = atoi(yytext); return
INT_CONSTANT; }
scanner.l:26:9: error: request for member 'real' in something not
a structure or union
   26 | {DIGIT}+\.{DIGIT}+ { yylval.real = atof(yytext); return
FLOAT_CONSTANT; }
scanner.l:27:9: error: request for member 'string' in something
not a structure or union
  27 | \"([^{\n}](\\.))*\" { yylval.string = yytext; return
STRING_CONSTANT; }
scanner.l:28:9: error: request for member 'boolean' in something
not a structure or union
  28 | "true" | "false" { yylval.boolean = strcmp(yytext, "true")
== 0 ? 1 : 0; return BOOL_CONSTANT; }
```

These errors are occurring because the yylval union members are not defined in the scanner. You need to include the parser.tab.h file in the scanner to get access to the yylval union.

To fix these errors, add the following line to the top of scanner.1:

```
%{
#include "parser.tab.h"
%}
```

This will include the parser.tab.h file and make the yylval union members available to the scanner.

Q: this is the scanner.1 file

```
%option header-file="scanner.h"
%{
#include "parser.tab.h"
%}
DIGIT
             [0-9]
LETTER [A-Za-z]
WHITESPACE [\t\n]
"fn"
       { return FN; }
       { return VAR; }
"var"
"if"
             { return IF; }
"else"
             { return ELSE; }
       { return FOR; }
"for"
"return"
             { return RETURN; }
"int"
             { return INT_TYPE; }
           { return FLOAT_TYPE; }
"float"
"string"
          { return STRING_TYPE; }
"bool"
             { return BOOL_TYPE; }
{DIGIT}+ { yylval.integer = atoi(yytext); return
INT_CONSTANT; }
{DIGIT}+\.{DIGIT}+ { yylval.real = atof(yytext); return
FLOAT_CONSTANT; }
''([^{\n}]|(\n))*'' { yylval.string = yytext; return
STRING_CONSTANT; }
"true"|"false" { yylval.boolean = strcmp(yytext, "true") == 0 ? 1
: 0; return BOOL_CONSTANT; }
"=="
              { return EQ; }
```

```
"!="
                { return NEQ; }
" < "
                { return LT; }
">"
                { return GT; }
"<="
                { return LTE; }
">="
                { return GTE; }
"+"
                { return PLUS; }
                { return MINUS; }
11 * 11
                { return MUL; }
                { return DIV; }
110/11
                { return MOD; }
"="
                { return ASSIGN; }
                { return SEMICOLON; }
                { return COMMA; }
                { return COLON; }
                { return LPAREN; }
")"
                { return RPAREN; }
וולוו
                { return LBRACE; }
ווןוו
                { return RBRACE; }
{LETTER}({LETTER}|{DIGIT})* { yylval.identifier = strdup(yytext);
return IDENTIFIER; }
{WHITESPACE}+ /* ignore whitespace */
                { printf("Invalid token: %s\n", yytext); }
int yywrap(void) {
    return 1;
```

And this is the parser.y file

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
#include <string.h>
/* Declare any additional functions and global variables here */
/* fixed: implicit declaration of function 'yyerror'; did you mean
'yyerrok'? [-Wimplicit-function-declaration] */
void yyerror (const char *msg)
    fprintf (stderr, "%s\n", msg);
%}
/* Declare tokens here */
%token INT FLOAT STRING BOOL TRUE FALSE VAR FN RETURN FOR IN IF
ELSE
/* FIX: error: symbol 'INT_CONSTANT' is used, but is not defined
as a token and has no rules */
%token INT_CONSTANT FLOAT_CONSTANT STRING_CONSTANT BOOL_CONSTANT
/* Define grammar rules here */
program:
    statement_list
statement_list:
    statement
    | statement_list statement
statement:
    variable_declaration
    | assignment_statement
```

```
| function_call_statement
    | control_flow_statement
    | return_statement
    | expression_statement
variable_declaration:
    VAR identifier ':' data_type '=' expression ';'
assignment_statement:
    identifier '=' expression ';'
function_call_statement:
    identifier '(' arg_list ')' ';'
control_flow_statement:
   if_statement
    | for_statement
if_statement:
    IF '(' expression ')' '{' statement_list '}' ELSE '{'
statement_list '}'
for_statement:
   FOR '(' variable_declaration ';' expression ';' expression ')'
'{' statement_list '}'
return_statement:
    RETURN expression ';'
expression_statement:
```

```
expression ';'
arg_list:
   /* empty */
    | expression
    | arg_list ',' expression
expression:
    '(' expression ')'
    | expression '+' expression
    | expression '-' expression
    | expression '*' expression
    expression '/' expression
    expression '%' expression
    | identifier
    | constant
data_type:
   INT
    | FLOAT
    | STRING
    | B00L
identifier:
    /* define identifier here */
constant:
   INT_CONSTANT
    | FLOAT_CONSTANT
    | STRING_CONSTANT
    | BOOL_CONSTANT
```

```
/* Define any additional functions and global variables here */
/* Define the main function for testing */
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    /* Declare any necessary variables and data structures here */
    yyparse();
    /* Clean up any dynamically allocated memory and exit */
    return 0;
}
```

is there any problem?

There seem to be a couple of issues with the code:

- 1. In scanner.1, the regular expression for string constants is not properly capturing the matched string. It should be \"([^\\\n]) (\\.))*\" { yylval.string = strdup(yytext); return STRING_CONSTANT; } to allocate memory for the string value and assign it to yylval.string.
- 2. In parser.y, the identifier rule is empty and needs to be defined. It should be identifier: IDENTIFIER;
- 3. In parser.y, the INT_CONSTANT, FLOAT_CONSTANT, STRING_CONSTANT, and BOOL_CONSTANT tokens are used, but they are not declared as tokens in the %token section. They need to be added: %token INT_CONSTANT FLOAT_CONSTANT STRING_CONSTANT BOOL_CONSTANT.
- 4. In parser.y, the yyerror function is declared, but it is not defined. It needs to be implemented to handle syntax errors in the input.

Q: give me the correct scanner.l and parser.y in separably response. starting from scanner.l, I will ask for parser.y later.

Sure, here's the corrected scanner.1 file:

```
%option header-file="scanner.h"
%{
#include "parser.tab.h"
#include <string.h>
%}
DIGIT
              [0-9]
LETTER [A-Za-z]
WHITESPACE [\t\n]
0000
"fn"
       { return FN; }
"var"
             { return VAR; }
"if"
              { return IF; }
"else"
              { return ELSE; }
"for"
             { return FOR; }
"return"
              { return RETURN; }
"int"
             { return INT_TYPE; }
"float"
             { return FLOAT_TYPE; }
"string"
           { return STRING_TYPE; }
"bool"
              { return BOOL_TYPE; }
{DIGIT}+ { yylval.integer = atoi(yytext); return
INT_CONSTANT; }
{DIGIT}+\.{DIGIT}+ { yylval.real = atof(yytext); return
FLOAT_CONSTANT; }
''([^{\n}]|(\n))*'' { yylval.string = strdup(yytext); return
STRING_CONSTANT; }
"true"|"false" { yylval.boolean = strcmp(yytext, "true") == 0 ? 1
: 0; return BOOL_CONSTANT; }
"=="
              { return EQ; }
"!="
              { return NEQ; }
"<"
              { return LT; }
" > "
              { return GT; }
```

```
"<="
                 { return LTE; }
">="
                 { return GTE; }
11+11
                { return PLUS; }
\Pi = \Pi
                { return MINUS; }
11 * 11
                { return MUL; }
                { return DIV; }
11%11
                 { return MOD; }
"="
                { return ASSIGN; }
                { return SEMICOLON; }
                { return COMMA; }
                { return COLON; }
                { return LPAREN; }
")"
                { return RPAREN; }
וולוו
                { return LBRACE; }
וון
                { return RBRACE; }
{LETTER}({LETTER}|{DIGIT})* { yylval.identifier = strdup(yytext);
return IDENTIFIER; }
{WHITESPACE}+ /* ignore whitespace */
                { printf("Invalid token: %s\n", yytext); }
%%
int yywrap(void) {
    return 1;
```

And here's the corrected parser.y file:

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

/* Declare any additional functions and global variables here */
```

```
void yyerror(const char *msg)
    fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", msg);
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
%}
/* Declare tokens here */
%token INT_TYPE FLOAT_TYPE STRING_TYPE BOOL_TYPE
%token <integer> INT_CONSTANT
%token <real> FLOAT_CONSTANT
%token <string> STRING_CONSTANT
%token <boolean> BOOL_CONSTANT
%token IDENTIFIER
%token VAR FN RETURN FOR IN IF ELSE
%token EQ NEQ LT GT LTE GTE PLUS MINUS MUL DIV MOD ASSIGN
%token SEMICOLON COMMA COLON LPAREN RPAREN LBRACE RBRACE
0/0/
/* Define grammar rules here */
program:
    statement_list
statement_list:
    statement
    | statement_list statement
statement:
    variable_declaration
    | assignment_statement
    | function_call_statement
    | control_flow_statement
```

```
| return_statement
| expression_statement
;

variable_declaration:
    VAR identifier COLON data_type ASSIGN expression SEMICOLON
;

assignment_statement:
    identifier ASSIGN expression SEMICOLON
;

function_call_statement:
```

Q: show me the corrected parser.y file again, please

Sure, here is the corrected parser.y file:

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
/* Declare any additional functions and global variables here */
/* fixed: implicit declaration of function 'yyerror'; did you mean
'yyerrok'? [-Wimplicit-function-declaration] */
void yyerror (const char *msg)
    fprintf (stderr, "%s\n", msg);
%}
/* Declare tokens here */
%token INT FLOAT STRING BOOL TRUE FALSE VAR FN RETURN FOR IN IF
ELSE
%token <integer> INT_CONSTANT
```

```
%token <real> FLOAT_CONSTANT
%token <string> STRING_CONSTANT
%token <boolean> BOOL_CONSTANT
/* Define grammar rules here */
program:
    statement_list
statement_list:
    statement
    | statement_list statement
statement:
    variable_declaration
    | assignment_statement
    | function_call_statement
    | control_flow_statement
    | return_statement
    | expression_statement
variable_declaration:
    VAR identifier ':' data_type '=' expression ';'
assignment_statement:
    identifier '=' expression ';'
function_call_statement:
    identifier '(' arg_list ')' ';'
```

```
control_flow_statement:
   if_statement
    | for_statement
if_statement:
   IF '(' expression ')' '{' statement_list '}' ELSE '{'
statement_list '}'
for_statement:
   FOR '(' variable_declaration ';' expression ';' expression ')'
'{' statement_list '}'
return_statement:
   RETURN expression ';'
expression_statement:
    expression ';'
arg_list:
   /* empty */
    | expression
    | arg_list ',' expression
expression:
    '(' expression ')'
    | expression '+' expression
    | expression '-' expression
    | expression '*' expression
    | expression '/' expression
    | expression '%' expression
    | identifier
    | constant
```

```
data_type:
    INT
    | FLOAT
    | STRING
    I BOOL
identifier:
    /* define identifier here */
constant:
    INT_CONSTANT
    | FLOAT_CONSTANT
    | STRING_CONSTANT
    | BOOL_CONSTANT
/* Define any additional functions and global variables here */
/* Define the main function for testing */
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    /* Declare any necessary variables and data structures here */
    yyparse();
    /* Clean up any dynamically allocated memory and exit */
    return 0;
```

Note that the %token directives now include type information for each constant token. Also, the identifier non-terminal rule is still empty and

needs to be defined.

Re-generate files via Flex and Bison:

1. run flex and bison

```
$ rm lex.yy.c parser.tab.* scanner.h
$ ls
hello.zon parser.y scanner.l
$ flex scanner.l
$ bison -d parser.y
parser.y: warning: 33 shift/reduce conflicts [-Wconflicts-sr]
parser.y: warning: 2 reduce/reduce conflicts [-Wconflicts-rr]
parser.y: note: rerun with option '-Wcounterexamples' to generate
conflict counterexamples
$ ls
hello.zon lex.yy.c parser.tab.c parser.tab.h parser.y
scanner.h scanner.l
```

- 2. added the scanner.h header at line number of 76 in parser.tab.c file
- 3. compile lexer and parser

```
parser.tab.c:927:3: note: in expansion of macro
'YY_IGNORE_MAYBE_UNINITIALIZED_BEGIN'
         YY_SYMBOL_PRINT (yymsg, yykind, yyvaluep, yylocationp);
parser.tab.c:331:5: error: expected end of line before 'ignored'
 331 Pragma ("GCC diagnostic push")
parser.tab.c:927:3: note: in expansion of macro
'YY_IGNORE_MAYBE_UNINITIALIZED_BEGIN'
         YY_SYMBOL_PRINT (yymsg, yykind, yyvaluep, yylocationp);
parser.tab.c:334:5: error: expected end of line before 'pop'
 334 | # endif
parser.tab.c:929:3: note: in expansion of macro
'YY_IGNORE_MAYBE_UNINITIALIZED_END'
         YY_IGNORE_MAYBE_UNINITIALIZED_BEGIN
parser.tab.c:937:1: error: unknown type name 'YYSTYPE'
 937
parser.tab.c: In function 'yyparse':
parser.tab.c:967:5: error: unknown type name 'YYSTYPE'
 967
parser.tab.c:968:5: error: unknown type name 'YYSTYPE'
           /* The semantic value stack: array, bottom, top. */
parser.tab.c:969:5: error: unknown type name 'YYSTYPE'
           YYSTYPE yyvsa[YYINITDEPTH];
 969
parser.tab.c:978:3: error: unknown type name 'YYSTYPE'
 978 /* The variables used to return semantic value and
location from the
parser.tab.c:445:48: error: 'YYSTYPE' undeclared (first use in
this function)
 445 | N elements. */
parser.tab.c:93:40: note: in definition of macro 'YY_CAST'
   93 | # define YY_REINTERPRET_CAST(Type, Val)
```

```
parser.tab.c:1054:35: note: in expansion of macro 'YY_CAST'
               union yyalloc *yyptr =
1054
parser.tab.c:276:21: note: in expansion of macro 'YY_CAST'
                   : YY_CAST (YYSIZE_T, -1)))
parser.tab.c:445:38: note: in expansion of macro 'YYSIZEOF'
 445 N elements. */
parser.tab.c:1054:54: note: in expansion of macro 'YYSTACK_BYTES'
1054
               union yyalloc *yyptr =
parser.tab.c:445:48: note: each undeclared identifier is reported
only once for each function it appears in
 445 N elements. */
parser.tab.c:93:40: note: in definition of macro 'YY_CAST'
   93 | # define YY_REINTERPRET_CAST(Type, Val)
parser.tab.c:1054:35: note: in expansion of macro 'YY_CAST'
1054
               union yyalloc *yyptr =
parser.tab.c:276:21: note: in expansion of macro 'YY_CAST'
 276
                   : YY_CAST (YYSIZE_T, -1)))
parser.tab.c:445:38: note: in expansion of macro 'YYSIZEOF'
 445 N elements. */
parser.tab.c:1054:54: note: in expansion of macro 'YYSTACK_BYTES'
1054
               union yyalloc *yyptr =
parser.tab.c:1254:11: warning: implicit declaration of function
'yydestruct' [-Wimplicit-function-declaration]
1254
             else
```

Q: define the identifier in the parser.y

Sure, you can define identifier in the parser.y file using the following syntax:

```
identifier:

IDENTIFIER

;
```

You can add this definition to the bottom of the file, after the constant rule. The IDENTIFIER token will be recognized by the lexer and passed to the parser as a terminal symbol.

Q: got this error

You need to add the IDENTIFIER token to the %token section in your parser.y file:

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdib.h>
#include <string.h>

/* Declare any additional functions and global variables here */

/* fixed: implicit declaration of function 'yyerror'; did you mean 'yyerrok'? [-Wimplicit-function-declaration] */
void yyerror (const char *msg)
{
    fprintf (stderr, "%s\n", msg);
}

/* Declare tokens here */
%token INT FLOAT STRING BOOL TRUE FALSE VAR FN RETURN FOR IN IF
ELSE
```

```
%token IDENTIFIER /* Add this line */
/* FIX: error: symbol 'INT_CONSTANT' is used, but is not defined
as a token and has no rules */
%token INT_CONSTANT FLOAT_CONSTANT STRING_CONSTANT BOOL_CONSTANT
0/0/
/* Define grammar rules here */
program:
    statement_list
statement_list:
    statement
    | statement_list statement
statement:
    variable_declaration
    | assignment_statement
    | function_call_statement
    | control_flow_statement
    | return_statement
    | expression_statement
variable_declaration:
    VAR identifier ':' data_type '=' expression ';'
assignment_statement:
    identifier '=' expression ';'
function_call_statement:
    identifier '(' arg_list ')' ';'
```

```
control_flow_statement:
   if_statement
    | for_statement
if_statement:
   IF '(' expression ')' '{' statement_list '}' ELSE '{'
statement_list '}'
for_statement:
    FOR '(' variable_declaration ';' expression ';' expression ')'
'{' statement_list '}'
return_statement:
    RETURN expression ';'
expression_statement:
    expression ';'
arg_list:
    /* empty */
    | expression
    | arg_list ',' expression
expression:
    '(' expression ')'
    | expression '+' expression
    | expression '-' expression
    | expression '*' expression
    | expression '/' expression
    | expression '%' expression
```

```
identifier
     constant
data_type:
    INT
    | FLOAT
    | STRING
    | BOOL
identifier:
    IDENTIFIER  /* Add this line */
constant:
    INT_CONSTANT
    | FLOAT_CONSTANT
    | STRING_CONSTANT
    | BOOL_CONSTANT
%%
/\star Define any additional functions and global variables here \star/
/* Define the main function for testing */
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    /* Declare any necessary variables and data structures here */
    yyparse();
    /* Clean up any dynamically allocated memory and exit */
    return 0;
```

Update the parser.y as ChatGPT provided

Added #include "scanner.h" to fix the error in parser.tab.c:

```
$ bison -d parser.y
parser.y: warning: 25 shift/reduce conflicts [-Wconflicts-sr]
parser.y: note: rerun with option '-Wcounterexamples' to generate
conflict counterexamples
$ gcc -c parser.tab.c
$ gcc -c lex.yy.c
scanner.l: In function 'yylex':
scanner.l:21:10: error: 'INT_TYPE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  21 | "int"
                      { return INT_TYPE; }
                1~~~~~~
scanner.l:21:10: note: each undeclared identifier is reported only
once for each function it appears in
scanner.l:22:10: error: 'FLOAT_TYPE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  22 | "float" { return FLOAT_TYPE; }
                ^~~~~~~~~
scanner.l:23:10: error: 'STRING_TYPE' undeclared (first use in
this function)
  23 | "string"
                  { return STRING_TYPE; }
scanner.l:24:10: error: 'BOOL_TYPE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  24 | "bool"
                      { return BOOL_TYPE; }
```

To fix this, find and replace INT, FLOAT, STRING, BOOL in parser.y:

```
%token INT_TYPE FLOAT_TYPE STRING_TYPE BOOL_TYPE
data_type:
```

```
INT_TYPE
| FLOAT_TYPE
| STRING_TYPE
| BOOL_TYPE
;
```

But still has some errors.

Q: this is the parser.y file

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
/* Declare any additional functions and global variables here */
/* fixed: implicit declaration of function 'yyerror'; did you mean
'yyerrok'? [-Wimplicit-function-declaration] */
void yyerror (const char *msg)
    fprintf (stderr, "%s\n", msg);
%}
/* Declare tokens here */
%token INT_TYPE FLOAT_TYPE STRING_TYPE BOOL_TYPE TRUE FALSE VAR FN
RETURN FOR IN IF ELSE
%token IDENTIFIER /* Add this line */
/* FIX: error: symbol 'INT_CONSTANT' is used, but is not defined
as a token and has no rules */
%token INT_CONSTANT FLOAT_CONSTANT STRING_CONSTANT BOOL_CONSTANT
/* Define grammar rules here */
```

```
program:
   statement_list
statement_list:
    statement
    | statement_list statement
statement:
   variable_declaration
    | assignment_statement
    | function_call_statement
    | control_flow_statement
    | return_statement
    | expression_statement
variable_declaration:
   VAR identifier ':' data_type '=' expression ';'
assignment_statement:
    identifier '=' expression ';'
function_call_statement:
   identifier '(' arg_list ')' ';'
control_flow_statement:
   if_statement
    | for_statement
if_statement:
    IF '(' expression ')' '{' statement_list '}' ELSE '{'
```

```
statement_list '}'
for_statement:
    FOR '(' variable_declaration ';' expression ';' expression ')'
'{' statement_list '}'
return_statement:
    RETURN expression ';'
expression_statement:
   expression ';'
arg_list:
    /* empty */
    | expression
    arg_list ',' expression
expression:
    '(' expression ')'
    | expression '+' expression
    | expression '-' expression
    | expression '*' expression
    | expression '/' expression
    | expression '%' expression
    | identifier
    | constant
data_type:
    INT_TYPE
    | FLOAT_TYPE
    | STRING_TYPE
    | BOOL_TYPE
```

```
identifier:
   IDENTIFIER /* Add this line */
constant:
   INT_CONSTANT
    | FLOAT_CONSTANT
    | STRING_CONSTANT
    | BOOL_CONSTANT
/* Define any additional functions and global variables here */
/* Define the main function for testing */
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    /* Declare any necessary variables and data structures here */
   yyparse();
    /* Clean up any dynamically allocated memory and exit */
    return 0;
```

got errors when running gcc -c lex.yy.c in the terminal, is the command correct? how to fix these errors?

```
scanner.l:27:9: error: request for member 'real' in something not
a structure or union
  27 | {DIGIT}+\.{DIGIT}+ { yylval.real = atof(yytext); return
FLOAT_CONSTANT; }
scanner.l:28:9: error: request for member 'string' in something
not a structure or union
  28 \mid \"([^\\n]|(\.))*\"  { yylval.string = strdup(yytext);
return STRING_CONSTANT; }
scanner.l:29:9: error: request for member 'boolean' in something
not a structure or union
  29 | "true"|"false" { yylval.boolean = strcmp(yytext, "true")
== 0 ? 1 : 0; return BOOL_CONSTANT; }
scanner.l:31:10: error: 'EQ' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  31 | "=="
                      { return EQ; }
scanner.l:31:10: note: each undeclared identifier is reported only
once for each function it appears in
scanner.l:32:10: error: 'NEQ' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  32 | "!="
                      { return NEQ; }
scanner.l:33:10: error: 'LT' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  33 | "<"
                       { return LT; }
scanner.l:34:10: error: 'GT' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  34 | ">"
                       { return GT; }
scanner.l:35:10: error: 'LTE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  35 | "<="
               { return LTE; }
```

```
scanner.l:36:10: error: 'GTE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  36 | ">=" { return GTE; }
scanner.l:38:10: error: 'PLUS' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  38 | "+"
              { return PLUS; }
scanner.l:39:10: error: 'MINUS' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  39 | "-" { return MINUS; }
scanner.l:40:10: error: 'MUL' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  40 | "*" { return MUL; }
scanner.l:41:10: error: 'DIV' undeclared (first use in this
function)
 41 | "/"
                    { return DIV; }
scanner.l:42:10: error: 'MOD' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  42 | "%"
              { return MOD; }
scanner.l:44:10: error: 'ASSIGN' undeclared (first use in this
function)
 44 | "=" { return ASSIGN; }
              ^~~~~
scanner.l:45:10: error: 'SEMICOLON' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  45 | ";" { return SEMICOLON; }
scanner.l:46:10: error: 'COMMA' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  46 | "," { return COMMA; }
scanner.l:47:10: error: 'COLON' undeclared (first use in this
function)
```

```
47 | ":"
                        { return COLON; }
scanner.l:48:10: error: 'LPAREN' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  48 | "("
                        { return LPAREN; }
                1~~~~~
scanner.l:49:10: error: 'RPAREN' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  49 | ")"
                        { return RPAREN; }
                1~~~~
scanner.l:50:10: error: 'LBRACE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  50 | "{"
                        { return LBRACE; }
                 1~~~~
scanner.l:51:10: error: 'RBRACE' undeclared (first use in this
function)
  51 | "}"
                        { return RBRACE; }
scanner.l:53:9: error: request for member 'identifier' in
something not a structure or union
  53 | {LETTER}({LETTER}|{DIGIT})* { yylval.identifier =
strdup(yytext); return IDENTIFIER; }
```

The command <code>gcc -c lex.yy.c</code> is correct for compiling the Lexgenerated scanner. However, it seems that there are errors in the scanner definition file <code>scanner.l</code> that need to be fixed before compiling. The errors indicate that the scanner is trying to access members of <code>yylval</code>, which is not defined as a structure or union. This suggests that the <code>%union</code> declaration in <code>parser.y</code> may be missing or incorrect. Additionally, there are errors related to undefined tokens, such as <code>EQ</code>, <code>NEQ</code>, <code>LT</code>, <code>GT</code>, <code>LTE</code>, <code>GTE</code>, <code>PLUS</code>, <code>MINUS</code>, and <code>MUL</code>. These tokens should be defined in the parser file using <code>%token</code>.

To fix the errors, try adding the following <code>%union</code> declaration to <code>parser.y</code> before the <code>%token</code> declarations:

```
%union {
  int integer;
```

```
float real;
char* string;
int boolean;
}
```

Then, add the missing tokens to the %token declarations, like this:

```
%token INT_CONSTANT FLOAT_CONSTANT STRING_CONSTANT BOOL_CONSTANT EQ NEQ LT GT LTE GTE PLUS MINUS MUL
```

Finally, re-run the command flex scanner.l to regenerate the lex.yy.c file and then compile it using gcc -c lex.yy.c.

To fix this, add missing tokens in parser.y:

```
%token DIV MOD ASSIGN SEMICOLON COMMA COLON LPAREN RPAREN LBRACE
```

re-compile

```
$ bison -d parser.y
parser.y: warning: 25 shift/reduce conflicts [-Wconflicts-sr]
parser.y: note: rerun with option '-Wcounterexamples' to generate
conflict counterexamples
# add #include "scanner.h" into parser.tab.c
$ vi parser.tab.c
$ gcc -c parser.tab.c
$ gcc -c lex.yy.c
scanner.l: In function 'yylex':
scanner.l:53:9: error: 'YYSTYPE' has no member named 'identifier'
53 | {LETTER}({LETTER}|{DIGIT})* { yylval.identifier =
strdup(yytext); return IDENTIFIER; }
```

Q: the parser.y is

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
```

```
/* Declare any additional functions and global variables here */
/* fixed: implicit declaration of function 'yyerror'; did you mean
'yyerrok'? [-Wimplicit-function-declaration] */
void yyerror (const char *msg)
    fprintf (stderr, "%s\n", msg);
%}
%union {
    int integer;
   float real;
   char* string;
   int boolean;
%token EQ NEQ LT GT LTE GTE PLUS MINUS MUL
%token DIV MOD ASSIGN SEMICOLON COMMA COLON LPAREN RPAREN LBRACE
RBRACE
/* Declare tokens here */
%token INT_TYPE FLOAT_TYPE STRING_TYPE BOOL_TYPE TRUE FALSE VAR FN
RETURN FOR IN IF ELSE
%token IDENTIFIER /* Add this line */
/* FIX: error: symbol 'INT_CONSTANT' is used, but is not defined
as a token and has no rules */
%token INT_CONSTANT FLOAT_CONSTANT STRING_CONSTANT BOOL_CONSTANT
%%
/* Define grammar rules here */
program:
    statement_list
```

```
statement_list:
    statement
    | statement_list statement
statement:
    variable_declaration
    | assignment_statement
    | function_call_statement
    | control_flow_statement
    | return_statement
    | expression_statement
variable_declaration:
    VAR identifier ':' data_type '=' expression ';'
assignment_statement:
    identifier '=' expression ';'
function_call_statement:
    identifier '(' arg_list ')' ';'
control_flow_statement:
    if_statement
    | for_statement
if_statement:
    IF '(' expression ')' '{' statement_list '}' ELSE '{'
statement_list '}'
```

```
for_statement:
   FOR '(' variable_declaration ';' expression ';' expression ')'
'{' statement_list '}'
return_statement:
   RETURN expression ';'
expression_statement:
   expression ';'
arg_list:
   /* empty */
   | expression
    | arg_list ',' expression
expression:
    '(' expression ')'
    | expression '+' expression
    | expression '-' expression
    expression '*' expression
    expression '/' expression
    | expression '%' expression
    | identifier
    | constant
data_type:
   INT_TYPE
    | FLOAT_TYPE
    | STRING_TYPE
    | BOOL_TYPE
identifier:
```

```
IDENTIFIER  /* Add this line */
constant:
   INT_CONSTANT
    | FLOAT_CONSTANT
    | STRING_CONSTANT
    | BOOL_CONSTANT
/* Define any additional functions and global variables here */
/* Define the main function for testing */
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   /* Declare any necessary variables and data structures here */
   yyparse();
    /* Clean up any dynamically allocated memory and exit */
    return 0;
```

And and scanner. I file is

```
%option header-file="scanner.h"

%{
#include "parser.tab.h"
#include <string.h>
%}

DIGIT [0-9]
LETTER [A-Za-z]
WHITESPACE [ \t\n]
```

```
0/0/
```

```
"fn"
               { return FN; }
"var"
               { return VAR; }
"if"
               { return IF; }
"else"
               { return ELSE; }
"for"
               { return FOR; }
"return"
               { return RETURN; }
"int"
               { return INT_TYPE; }
"float"
               { return FLOAT_TYPE; }
"string"
               { return STRING_TYPE; }
"bool"
               { return BOOL_TYPE; }
{DIGIT}+ { yylval.integer = atoi(yytext); return
INT_CONSTANT; }
{DIGIT}+\.{DIGIT}+ { yylval.real = atof(yytext); return
FLOAT_CONSTANT; }
''([^{\n}]|(\n))*'' { yylval.string = strdup(yytext); return
STRING_CONSTANT; }
"true"|"false" { yylval.boolean = strcmp(yytext, "true") == 0 ? 1
: 0; return BOOL_CONSTANT; }
               { return EQ; }
"!="
               { return NEQ; }
"<"
               { return LT; }
">"
               { return GT; }
"<="
               { return LTE; }
">="
               { return GTE; }
"+"
               { return PLUS; }
H = H
               { return MINUS; }
11 * 11
               { return MUL; }
               { return DIV; }
11%11
               { return MOD; }
"="
               { return ASSIGN; }
```

```
";"
                { return SEMICOLON; }
                { return COMMA; }
                { return COLON; }
                { return LPAREN; }
")"
                { return RPAREN; }
וולוו
                { return LBRACE; }
ווגַוו
                { return RBRACE; }
{LETTER}({LETTER}|{DIGIT})* { yylval.identifier = strdup(yytext);
return IDENTIFIER; }
{WHITESPACE}+ /* ignore whitespace */
                { printf("Invalid token: %s\n", yytext); }
int yywrap(void) {
    return 1;
```

I got an error:

how to fix it?

Update and rebuild the parser.tab.c and lex.yy.c

```
$ bison -d parser.y
parser.y: warning: 25 shift/reduce conflicts [-Wconflicts-sr]
parser.y: note: rerun with option '-Wcounterexamples' to generate
conflict counterexamples
$ vi parser.tab.c
$ gcc -c parser.tab.c
$ gcc -c lex.yy.c
$ ls
```

hello.zon lex.yy.c lex.yy.o parser.tab.c parser.tab.h parser.tab.o parser.y scanner.h scanner.l

Q: nice, I got hello.zon, lex.yy.c, lex.yy.o, parser.tab.c, parser.tab.h, parser.tab.o, parser.y, scanner.h, and scanner.l files in the project. the next is compile the hello.zon and run the output file, right? show me the command in the terminal to compile the hello.zon.

To compile the hello.zon file using the parser.y and scanner.l files, you will need to follow these steps:

1. Generate the lexical analyzer using flex by running the following command in the terminal:

flex scanner.l

This will generate a lex.yy.c file.

2. Generate the parser using bison by running the following command in the terminal:

bison -d parser.y

This will generate parser.tab.c and parser.tab.h files.

3. Compile the generated files using gcc by running the following command in the terminal:

```
gcc lex.yy.c parser.tab.c -o hello
```

This will compile the lex.yy.c and parser.tab.c files and generate an executable named hello.

4. Finally, run the hello executable by running the following command in the terminal:

./hello hello.zon

This will run the hello executable with the hello.zon file as input.

Q: what is the output of ./hello hello.zon?

The output of ./hello hello.zon depends on the contents of the hello.zon file and the implementation of the hello program. Without knowing the specifics of your program and the input file, I cannot accurately predict the output.

However, based on the name of your program, it is likely that it will output some sort of greeting or message to the user. You can try running the command yourself to see what the output is.

Q: the terminal is hang, and didn't output anything, how to debug the program?

```
$ gcc parser.tab.c lex.yy.c -o hello
$ ./hello hello.zon
^C
```

If the terminal is hanging and not producing any output, it's possible that the program is stuck in an infinite loop or waiting for user input. You can try interrupting the program by pressing Ctrl-C in the terminal. This will send a SIGINT signal to the running process and terminate it. If that doesn't work, you can use a debugger such as gdb to step through the program and see where it is getting stuck.

To use gdb, first compile your program with debugging symbols using the -g flag:

```
$ gcc -g parser.tab.c lex.yy.c -o hello
```

Then run the program with gdb:

```
$ gdb ./hello
```

This will start gdb and load your program. You can then use gdb commands to step through the program and see what's happening. For example, you can use the run command to start the program, break to set breakpoints, and step to step through the program one line at a time. You can also use print to print the value of variables and backtrace to see where the program is currently executing. Once you've identified where the program is getting stuck, you can use that information to fix the bug in your code.

Q: how to test parser and lexer?

There are different approaches to testing a parser and lexer, but one common method is to use a set of input files that cover various scenarios and edge cases, and check if the output is correct. Here are some steps you can follow:

- 1. Create a set of input files that represent different cases and edge cases for the language you are parsing. For example, if you are parsing a language that supports arithmetic expressions, you might create input files that test expressions with different operators and operands, different levels of operator precedence, parentheses, etc.
- 2. Write a test script that runs the parser and lexer on each input file and compares the output against the expected output. The expected output can be hardcoded in the test script or stored in separate files.
- 3. Use a testing framework, such as unittest in Python or Junit in Java, to organize your tests and report the results.
- 4. Run the test script and analyze the results. If a test fails, debug the parser and lexer by looking at the generated parse trees and tokens, and compare them against the expected output. You can also use debugging tools, such as gdb or lldb, to step through the code and inspect the values of variables and memory.
- 5. Once all tests pass, you can be confident that the parser and lexer are working as expected. You can also add more tests as you develop the language or make changes to the parser and lexer.

Q: show me the hello.zon file

I'm sorry, as an Al language model, I don't have access to your system files. Could you please provide the content of the hello.zon file?