

# Languages-beta: MiniJava-Syntax \*

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*Language* "MiniJava"

[The MiniJava Reference Manual]: <http://www.cambridge.org/us/features/052182060X/mjreference/mjreference.html>

[Modern Compiler Implementation in Java: the MiniJava Project]: <http://www.cambridge.org/us/features/052182060X/>

The grammar used here is mostly a transliteration of the one provided at: <http://www.cambridge.org/us/features/052182060X/> (which differs in trivial ways from the one in the cited reference manual).

The rest of this file gives an overview of the MiniJava syntax. It is mostly in the form of a comment with embedded productions. The nonterminal symbols are hyperlinks to their actual specifications; similarly, section numbers (such as **1** below) link to the corresponding specification section.

## 1 Programs

Syntax

```
START : start ::= program
P : program ::= main-class class-declaration*
MC : main-class ::= 'class' identifier '{'
                    'public' 'static' 'void' 'main' '(' 'String' '[' ']' identifier ')' '{'
                    statement
                    '}'
                    '}'
```

## 2 Declarations

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Reports of issues: <https://github.com/plancomps/CBS-beta/issues>.

```

CD : class-declaration ::= 'class' identifier ('extends' identifier)? '{'
                           var-declaration*
                           method-declaration*
                           '}'

VD : var-declaration ::= type identifier ';'

MD : method-declaration ::= 'public' type identifier '(' formal-list? ')' '{'
                           var-declaration*
                           statement*
                           'return' expression ';'
                           '}'

T : type ::= 'int' '[' ']'
            | 'boolean'
            | 'int'
            | identifier

FL : formal-list ::= type identifier (',' formal-list)?

```

### 3 Statements

```

S : statement ::= '{' statement* '}'
              | 'if' '(' expression ')' statement 'else' statement
              | 'while' '(' expression ')' statement
              | 'System' '.' 'out' '.' 'println' '(' expression ')' ';'
              | identifier '=' expression ';'
              | identifier '[' expression ']' '=' expression ';'

```

### 4 Expressions

```

E : expression ::= expression '&&' expression
                | expression '<' expression
                | expression '+' expression
                | expression '-' expression
                | expression '*' expression
                | expression '[' expression ']'
                | expression '.' 'length'
                | expression '.' identifier '(' expression-list? ')'
                | integer-literal
                | 'true'
                | 'false'
                | identifier
                | 'this'
                | 'new' 'int' '[' expression ']'
                | 'new' identifier '(' '()'
                | '!' expression
                | '(' expression ')'

EL : expression-list ::= expression (',' expression-list)?

```

### 5 Lexemes

```

ID : identifier ::= letter (letter | digit | '_' ) *
IL : integer-literal ::= digit +
letter ::= 'a' - 'z' | 'A' - 'Z'
digit ::= '0' - '9'

```

## 6 Disambiguation

The mixture of CBS and SDF below specifies how MiniJava texts are to be disambiguated by parsers generated from the above grammar.

The specified rules are adequate to disambiguate all the example programs provided at <http://www.cambridge.org/us/feature>

### *Syntax SDF*

context-free syntax

```

expression ::= expression '*' expression {left}
expression ::= expression '+' expression {left}
expression ::= expression '-' expression {left}
expression ::= expression '<' expression {non-assoc}
expression ::= expression '&&' expression {left}

```

context-free priorities

```

{
  expression ::= expression '.' identifier '(' expression-list? ')'
  expression ::= expression '[' expression ']'
} <0> >
expression ::= '!' expression
>
expression ::= expression '*' expression
> {
  expression ::= expression '+' expression
  expression ::= expression '-' expression
} >
expression ::= expression '<' expression
>
expression ::= expression '&&' expression

```

### *Lexis SDF*

lexical restrictions

identifier -/- [a-zA-Z0-9\_]

integer-literal -/- [0-9]

lexical syntax

identifier = reserved-id {reject}

```
Lexis reserved-id ::= 'String'
                    | 'System'
                    | 'boolean'
                    | 'class'
                    | 'else'
                    | 'extends'
                    | 'false'
                    | 'if'
                    | 'int'
                    | 'length'
                    | 'main'
                    | 'new'
                    | 'out'
                    | 'println'
                    | 'public'
                    | 'return'
                    | 'static'
                    | 'this'
                    | 'true'
                    | 'void'
```