***ANP (Programming Language Specification)***

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***Abstract:***

**ANP** is a general purpose language with numerical and string variables, arrays, loops and user-defined functions.

The motivation behind the development of the language was to actualize a programming language which could take standard programming constructs such as conditional statements, loops or functions and apply a user-friendly flavor and syntactical approach to it.

Some of its syntax was inspired from the more comprehensive syntax grammar in other programming languages.

**Lexical Aspects:**

1. **Identifier:**

It is a sequence of alphabets, digits and underscores that starts with an alphabet or an underscore.

1. **Constant:**

It is a sequence of one or more digits which will constitute one of the following:

**2.1.** **Integer**

Starts and ends with a digit and does not contain ‘.’ In between.

2.2 **Decimal**

Starts with a digit and ends with digit with a ‘.’ In between. **E.g. (12.134)**

**OR**

Starts with ‘.’ and is followed and completed by a sequence of digits. **E.g. (.15)**

1. **S\_Literal:**

It is a sequence of characters (excluding a quotation mark) and escape sequences surrounded by quotation marks (i.e. “”).

Each escape sequences are the following:

1. **\n (newline)**
2. **\r (Carriage Return)**
3. **\t (Horizontal Tab)**
4. **\b (Backspace)**
5. **\f (form feed)**
6. **\v (Vertical Tab)**
7. **\0 (Null)**
8. **\’ (single quote)**
9. **\” (double quote)**
10. **\\ (backslash)**
11. **C\_Literal:**

It is a printable character or escape sequence surrounded by single quotation marks.

Keywords are **char break const continue double default else float int str if long case func for until write read readLine return**

Separators are **; { } ( ) [ ] , :**

**Token and Expression Table:**

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| Token | Description | **Example** | **Expression** |
| Keyword |  | **char break const continue double default else float int str if long case func for until write read readLine return** |  |
| Pre-processor Directive |  | **Use “iostream”** |  |
| Separator |  | **; { } ( ) [ ] , :** |  |
| Identifier |  | **num1, arr** |  |
| Constant |  | **0.12 , 12** |  |
| S\_Literal |  | **“This is a String \n”** |  |
| Operator |  | **+ / \* &** |  |
| C\_Literal |  | **‘c’ , ‘\r’ , ‘;’** |  |