Course Project

First Deliverable: The Lexer

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Task

The development of an interpreter for a subset of **Basic Language**.

Project Goals

- Process a **Basic Language** source code file.
- Tokenize the source code file.
- Detect syntactical error.
- Display appropriate error messages during runtime.

Deliverable Goals

- Develop a grammar for the subset of **Basic Language** that I will be using.
- Arrays for the *Keywords* and *Identifiers*
- Ability to input source code to lexer.
- Output tokens scanned.

Subset of the Basic Language

The subset of basic that I want to define for the course project is going to be kept as minimal as possible to focus on the process of developing an interpreter. With that in mind the lowest we can go is turing complete of course. For this to be true the language doesn't need much.

- Recursive Operators
  - `FOR...TO...NEXT`
- Conditional Jumps
  - `IF...THEN...{ELSE}`
  - `GOTO`
- Variables
  - `LET`

Tokens

- LET
- IF
- FOR
- GOTO
- +
- -
- *
- /
- =

Backus Normal Form of Basic Subset

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\begin{aligned}
BASIC\ PROGRAM ::= & \\
& | EXPRESSION, EXPRESSION \\
& | EXPRESSION \\
EXPRESSION ::= & \\
& | LET \\
& | IF \\
& | FOR \\
& | GOTO \\
& | IDENTIFIER + EXPRESSION \\
& | IDENTIFIER - EXPRESSION \\
& | IDENTIFIER * EXPRESSION \\
& | IDENTIFIER / EXPRESSION \\
LET ::= & \\
& | IDENTIFIER = EXPRESSION \\
IDENTIFIER ::= & \\
& | [a - zA - Z] \\
& | [a - zA - Z], [a - zA - Z] \\
IF ::= & \\
& | EXPRESSION\ then\ STATEMENT \\
& | EXPRESSION\ then\ STATEMENT\ else\ IF \\
FOR ::= & \\
& | EXPRESSION\ to\ EXPRESSION\ STATEMENT\ next \\
GOTO ::= & \\
& | [0 - 9] \\
& | [0 - 9], [0 - 9]
\end{aligned}
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