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**DEVELOP A LEXICAL ANALYZER TO RECOGNIZE A FEW PATTERNS IN C.  
(EX. IDENTIFIERS, CONSTANTS, COMMENTS, AND OPERATORS, ETC.) USING  
LEX TOOL.**

**AIM:**

To develop a Lexical Analyzer using the LEX tool that recognizes different tokens in a given C program snippet, including Identifier, Constants, Comments, Operators, Keywords, Special Symbols.

**ALGORITHM:**

1. Start
2. Define token patterns in LEX for:
  - Keywords (e.g., int, float, if, else)
  - Identifiers (variable/function names)
  - Constants (integer and floating-point numbers)
  - Operators (+, -, =, ==, !=, \*, /)
  - Comments (// single-line, /\* multi-line \*/)
  - Special Symbols ({, }, (, ), ;, ,)
3. Read input source code.
4. Match the code tokens using LEX rules.
5. Print each recognized token with its type.
6. End

**PROGRAM:**

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
%}
%option noyywrap
%%
// Keywords
"int"|"float"|"char"|"double"|"if"|"else"|"return"|"for"|"while"|"do" {
printf("Keyword: %s\n", yytext);
}
// Identifiers (starting with a letter or underscore, followed by letters, digits, or underscores)
[a-zA-Z_][a-zA-Z0-9_]* {
printf("Identifier: %s\n", yytext);
}
// Constants (integer and floating-point numbers)
[0-9]+(\.[0-9]+)? {
printf("Constant: %s\n", yytext);
}
// Operators
"+"|"-"|"*"|"/"|"="|"=="|"!="|"<"|">"|"&&"|"||"|"++"|"--" {
printf("Operator: %s\n", yytext);
}
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}  
// Single-line comments  
"//".* {  
printf("Comment: %s\n", yytext);  
}  
// Multi-line comments  
"/*"([^\*]|\\*+[^*/])*\*+ "/" {  
printf("Multi-line Comment: %s\n", yytext);  
}  
// Special symbols  
";", "|", "(", ")", "{", "}", "[", "]", " " {  
printf("Special Symbol: %s\n", yytext);  
}  
// Ignore whitespaces and newlines  
[ \t\n] ;  
%%  
int main() {  
printf("Enter a C code snippet:\n");  
yylex();  
return 0;  
}
```

## OUTPUT:

```
lex lexer.l  
cc lex.yy.c -o lexer  
./a.out
```

### Sample Input

```
int main() {  
int a = 10;  
float b = 20.5;  
/* This is a multi-line comment */  
if (a > b) {  
a = a + b;  
}  
return 0;  
}
```

```

lex lexer.l
$ cc lex.yy.c -o lexer
$ ./lexer
Enter a C code snippet:
int main() {
int a = 10;
float b = 20.5;
/* This is a multi-line comment */
if (a > b) {
a = a + b;
}
return 0;
}
Keyword: int
Identifier: main
Special Symbol: (
Special Symbol: )
Special Symbol: {
Keyword: int
Identifier: a
Operator: =
Constant: 10
Special Symbol: ;
Keyword: float
Identifier: b
Operator: =
Constant: 20.5
Special Symbol: ;
Multi-line Comment: /* This is a multi-line comment */
Keyword: if
Special Symbol: (
Identifier: a
Operator: >
Identifier: b
Special Symbol: )
Special Symbol: {
Identifier: a
Operator: =
Identifier: a
Operator: +
Identifier: b
Special Symbol: ;
Special Symbol: }
Keyword: return
Constant: 0
Special Symbol: ;
Special Symbol: }

```

## RESULT:

Thus the above program reads a C code snippet, tokenizes it using LEX rules, recognizes and categorizes keywords, identifiers, constants, operators, comments, and special symbols, and then displays each token along with its type.