SIL (SIMPLE IMPERATIVE LANGUAGE)

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OBJECTIVES:

- Imperative Programming Paradigm
- Loosely typed Language
- Simple Syntax
- Von Neumann architecture
- Simple runtime
- Able to handle complex expressions
- Support for loops (while), condition statement(if-else)

OVERVIEW

- Language SIL is a high level, user friendly, imperative language.
- It has a simple syntax.
- Supports operators, conditional statements, data types, iterations.
- The compiler of SIL is very intelligent and does maximum processing, syntax checking.
- The runtime is very simple, fast and efficient.

INSPIRATION

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Python

TOOLS USED

Tools used to build the compiler and runtime interpreter are:

- Lexical Analysis and Parsing: ANTLR 4.7
- Intermediate code generation: ANTLR 4.7 and Java 8
- Runtime environment: Java 8

FEATURES

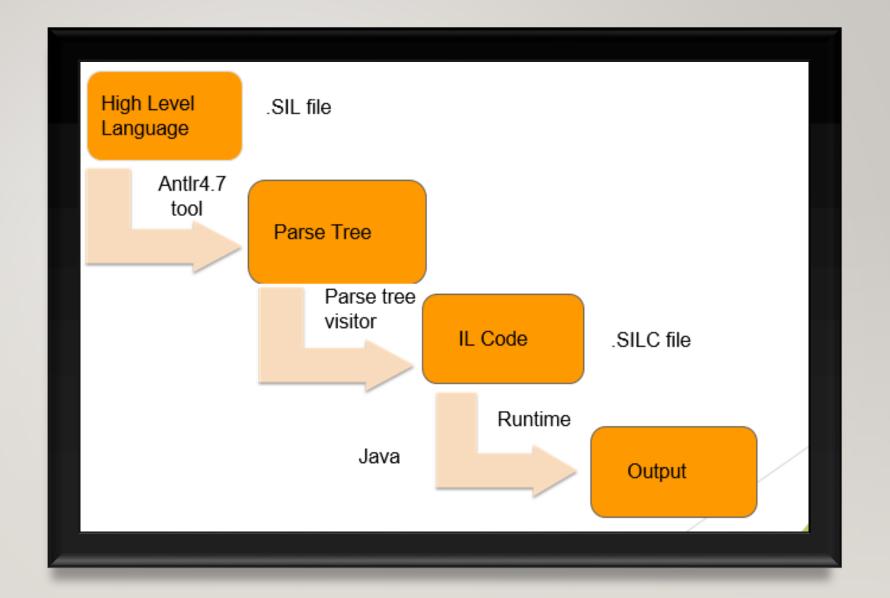
Our language contains the following features:

- Variables
 - The compiler can easily identify the variables and it is loosely typed.
- Data types: The following primitive data types are supported.
 - Integer
 - Boolean
- Operators: Following operators are supported in the order of the priority
 - Assignment: =
 - Arithmetic: *, /, +, -
 - Conditional: ==, ~=, >, <, >=, <=

FEATURES (CONTINUED...)

- Complex expressions
 - Handle complex expressions such as : a = a * b + a / b c
- Conditional operations
 - Implements conditional statement if, nested if, else
 - Handles dangling else problem
 - Else Statement is not mandatory
 - Condition checks in *IF* can be expressions, variables or boolean literals like *true* and *false*
- Iterative operations
 - Implements a loop similar to *while* loop in Java.

WORKING PROCEDURE:

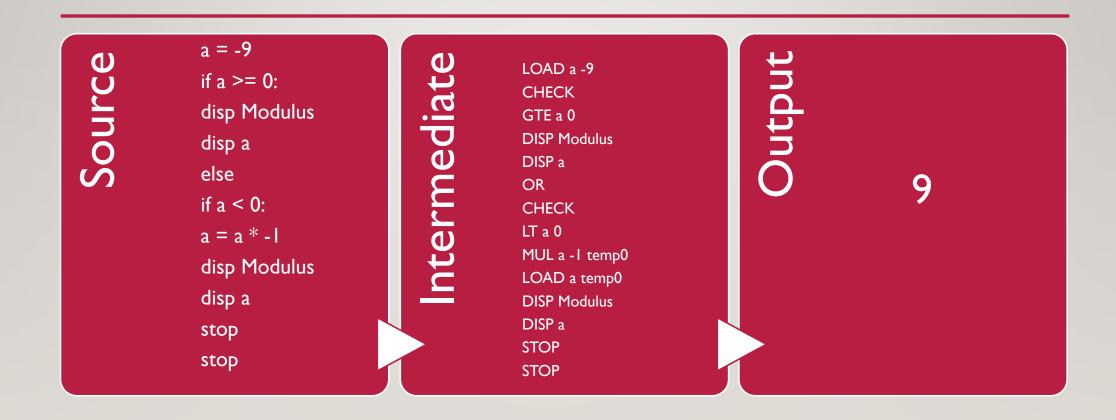


GRAMMAR

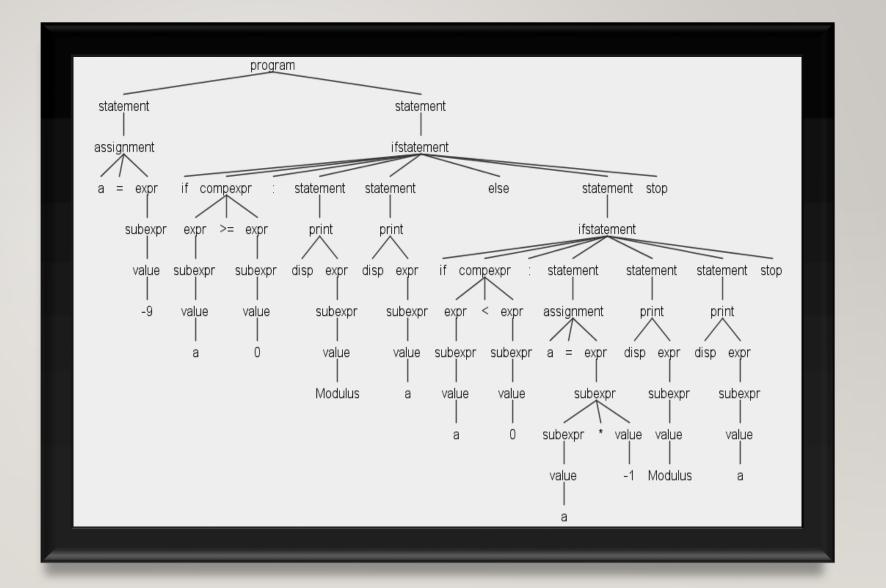
- Grammar is written in Extended Backus-Naur form (EBNF).
- SIL follows the basic grammar shown below

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Program → Statement
Statement → IF Stmt | WHILE Stmt | Assignment Stmt | Print Stmt
If Stmt → IF Condition: Statement+ (ELSE Statement+)? STOP
WHILE Statement → WHILE Condition: Statement+ END
Assignment Stmt → Variable = Expression
Print Stmt → DISP Expression
Condition → Expression
Expression → Number
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TRANSITION OF CODE



PARSETREE



SIL COMPILER

- The Input .sil file is fed into the compiler
- ANTLR performs lexical analysis and parsing using the grammar file which then generates the parse tree on the basis of the defined grammar.
- A visitor class is used to traverse through the nodes of the tree.
- For each syntactic rules, created by ANTLR in the SILBaseVisitor class.
- We have overridden the SILBaseVisitor class methods in MyVisitor class to generate the intermediate code.
- Once all the nodes are traversed, the intermediate file .silc will be generated.

SIL RUNTIME

- Runtime is written in Java
- .silc intermediate file is given as input which generates the final output.
- The intermediate language is read line by line.
- Each line of intermediate code is divided into lexical tokens.
- The first token in a line determines the actions to be performed. Based on it, appropriate function call is made.
- Symbol table is used for value storage.

CHALLENGES

- Learning Antlr4 tool was one of the major challenge we faced.
- Another major challenge was to build the entire runtime from scratch.
- Implementation of nested condition and condition within iteration

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