

MiniTS: A Compiler for a TypeScript-Inspired Class-Based Language: User Manual

Team Members:**Russell Liu**russl8@my.yorku.ca

219616150

Jeffrey Jiangjeffj4@my.yorku.ca

218756668

Table of Contents

Table of Contents	2
1 Input Languages	4
1.1 Structure of a Program	4
<i>Input Language:</i>	4
<i>Key Constructs</i>	4
1.2 List of Advanced Programming Features	6
<i>Feature 1: Inheritance</i>	6
<i>Feature 2: For-Loops</i>	6
<i>Feature 3: Scoping</i>	6
<i>Feature 4: Function Declaration & Invocation</i>	7
<i>Feature 5: Lists</i>	8
2 Output Structure	9
Program has no semantic errors	9
Program has semantic errors	9
3 Compiler Workflow and Architecture	11
VariableBindingVisitor	11
TypeCheckerVisitor	11
4 Justification of Output	12
4.1 Variable declarations and assignments must match their declared type	12
4.1.1 <i>Primitive Variables</i>	12
4.1.2 <i>Lists</i>	13
4.2 Function return expressions must match their declared return type	14
4.3 Function argument types must match parameter types	15
4.4 Binary and unary expressions must use valid operand types	16
4.4.1 <i>Arithmetic (+, -, /, *, %): Both sides must be integers</i>	16
4.4.2 <i>Logical (&&, , !): Operands must be boolean</i>	17
4.4.3 <i>Relational (<=, <, >, >=): Both sides must be integers.</i>	17
4.4.4 <i>Equality (==, !=) – Both sides must be of the same type</i>	18
4.5 If-statement and while-loop conditions must be boolean	18
4.6 For-loop expressions must be of specific types	19
4.7 Variables must be declared before use	20
4.8 Variables cannot be declared more than once in the same scope	21
4.9 Functions and Classes cannot be redefined	21
4.9.1 <i>Function redeclaration error</i>	21
4.9.2 <i>Class redeclaration error</i>	22
4.10 Function calls must match their declarations	23
4.10.1 <i>Functions must be declared to be invoked</i>	23
4.10.2 <i>Function calls must include all parameters from declaration</i>	23

4.10.3 Function parameters must match declration parameter types	24
5 Summary of Submitted Examples	25
5.1 Highlights of Example Input 1	25
5.2 Highlights of Example Input 2	25
5.3 Highlights of Example Input 3	25
5.4 Highlights of Example Input 4	25
5.5 Highlights of Example Input 5	25
5.6 Highlights of Example Input 6	25
5.7 Highlights of Example Input 7	25
5.8 Highlights of Example Input 8	25
5.9 Highlights of Example Input 9	25
5.10 Highlights of Example Input 10	26
6 Miscellaneous Features	26
6.1 Formatted HTML Report	26
6.2 Multiple Input File Support	26
6.3 Error Highlighting	27
6.4 Code Metrics	27
7 Limitations	28
Not Supported:	28
Just Out of Scope (due to time constraints):	28

1 Input Languages

1.1 Structure of a Program

```

class Superclass {
    c : list[char] = "hello";
    i : int = 0;
}
class Overview extends Superclass {
    function f (i : int, j : int) : int {
        return i + j;
    }

    for (j : int = 1; j <= 5; j = j + 1) {
        i = f(i, j); // i = 1+2+3+4+5 = 15
    }

    j : int = 0;
    if(i == 15) {
        j = i;
    }
}

```

Figure 1: Structure of input program

Input Language:

A typical input program accepted by the compiler is class-based. Meaning that it consists of one or more class definitions, each of which can inherit from a superclass. Within these classes, users can:

1. Declare and assign variables
2. Define functions
3. Use control flow statements such as loops and conditionals.

Key Constructs

Classes and Inheritance

Programs are organized around classes. All statements and functions **must** be declared within a class. A class can inherit attributes and functions from another by extending it.

Variable Declarations and Assignments

Variables are strongly typed and can optionally be initialized during assignment. The supported types are **int**, **char**, **bool**, and **list** parameterized by int, char, or bool.

Scoping

Variables follow lexical scoping rules: variables declared inside a function or block (such as a for loop or if statement) are local to that block. Class-level variables are accessible within all methods of the class and by its subclasses unless shadowed.

Functions

Functions support zero or more parameters and **must** specify a return type. All parameters and return values must be explicitly typed.

Control Flow

The language currently supports for loops, while loops, and if statements.

Class: Superclass		
Variables		
Variable Name	Type	Value
c	LIST_CHAR	[h, e, l, l, o]
i	INT	0
Class: Overview		
Variables		
Variable Name	Type	Value
i	INT	15
j	INT	15
c	LIST_CHAR	[h, e, l, l, o]
Functions		
Function Name	Return Type	Parameters
f	INT	i : INT, j : INT

Figure 2: Evaluated variables of input program (Refer to Figure 1)

1.2 List of Advanced Programming Features

Feature 1: Inheritance

Example file(s): *inventory.txt*

Inheritance enables automatic access to **all** variables and functions defined in the superclass. To inherit attributes from another class, append the keyword *extends* *<ClassName>* to the class declaration.

```
class A {
    i : int = 0;
}
class B extends A { // Inherits attributes from class A
    j : int = i + 1; // j = 1
}
```

Feature 2: For-Loops

Example file(s): *task_manager.txt*

The for loop follows the structure:

```
for (<declaration>; <boolean_expression>; <assignment>) {
    // Loop body
}
```

Example:

```
j : int = 0;
for (i: int = 0; i < 5; i = i + 1) {
    k : int = j + i;
}
```

Feature 3: Scoping

Example file(s): *gaming.txt*

Variables are scoped to the block in which they are declared. Identifiers can be reused in different scopes without conflict. Functions and loops both introduce new scopes.

a) Scoping in Loops

```
class Main {
    x: int = 100;

    function loopTest(): int {
        for (x: int = 0; x < 10; x = x + 1) {
            // 'x' here is local to the loop
        }
    }
    x = 10; // refers to the class-level 'x'
}
```

The loop-level x shadows the class-level x only within the loop body.

b) Scoping in Functions

```
class Main {
    x: int = 42;
    function print(x: int): int {
        return x; // Refers to the parameter
    }
    x = print(x); // x == 42
}
```

The parameter x shadows the outer x for the entire function body.

Feature 4: Function Declaration & Invocation

Example file(s): *fleet.txt, student.txt*

Functions are declared using the following syntax:

```
function functionName(param1: type, param2: type): returnType {
    // function body
}
```

Example:

```
function f(i: int): bool {
    return i == 0;
}
x: bool = f(1);
```

Feature 5: Lists

Example file(s): weather.txt

Lists can be declared and initialized using the following syntax:

```
var: list[type] = [...];  
var = [...];
```

Example:

```
a: list[int] = [1, 2, 4];  
b: list[char] = "this is a string";  
c: list[char] = ['s', 't', 'r', 'i', 'n', 'g'];
```

Supported list types include list[int], list[char], and list[bool]. Also, it is worth pointing out that a character list can be declared in two different ways.

2 Output Structure

The HTML display differs depending on whether or not the program has semantic errors.

Program has no semantic errors

Input File Path
C:\Users\russe\Github\EECS4302Compiler\src\tests\finalSubmission\section2\noErrors.

Input File Contents

```

1 | class noErrors {
2 |
3 |     x : int = 0;
4 |
5 |     for (i : int = 0; i < 5 ; i = i + 1) {
6 |         for (j : int = 0; j < 5; j = j + 1) {
7 |             x = x + 1;
8 |         }
9 |     }
10 |
11 |     y : list[int] = [x, 1];
12 |
13 | }
```

Compilation Status

PASS : Compilation Successful

Classes, Functions, and Variables
Class: noErrors
Variables

Variable Name	Type	Value
x	INT	25
i	INT	5
y	LIST_INT	[x, 1]
j	INT	5

Code Metrics

Total Lines: 13
Non-Empty Lines: 9
Comment Lines: 0
If Statements: 0
While Loops: 0
Variables Declared: 4
Errors Found: 0

If the program is free of semantic errors, the compilation status will display "PASS". The output will also list the final evaluated values of all variables and functions.

Program has semantic errors

Input File Path
C:\Users\russe\Github\EECS4302Compiler\src\tests\finalSubmission\section2\hasErrors.

Input File Contents

```

1 | class hasErrors {
2 |
3 |     // FAIL: type mismatch
4 |     i : list[char] = '2';
5 |
6 |     function f () : int {
7 |
8 |         // FAIL: assignment to undeclared variable
9 |         g = 2;
10 |
11 |         // FAIL: returning a bool
12 |         // when function declaration returns int
13 |         return True;
14 |     }
15 | }
```

Compilation Status

FAIL : >= 1 Errors

Classes, Functions, and Variables
Class: hasErrors
Error Details

Error with declaration at [4, 19], CHAR cannot be assigned to a list

Assignment to an undeclared variable in [9, 3]: g

Type mismatch at [13, 10]: expected function return type of INT but got BOOL

Functions

Function Name	Return Type	Parameters
f	INT	()

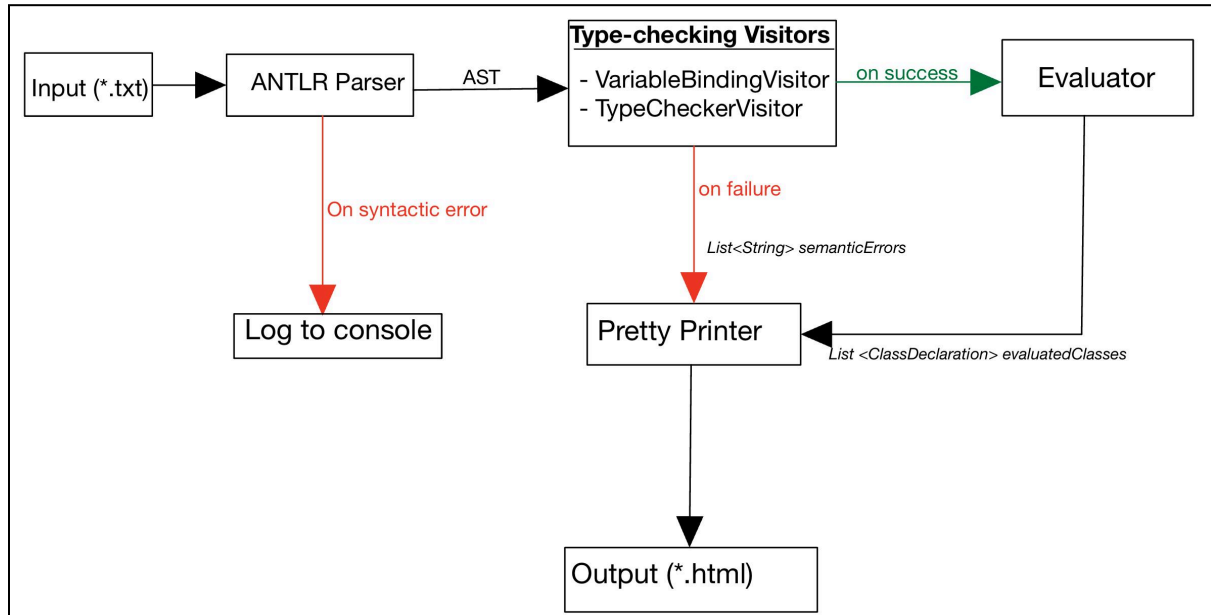
Code Metrics

The compiler checks for semantic errors such as:

- Type mismatches
- References to undeclared variables
- Variable redeclarations
- Inconsistent list types
- Other issues (as covered in Section 4)

Any detected errors will be displayed on the right-hand side of the UI. Corresponding lines in the input will be highlighted on the left for easy reference.

3 Compiler Workflow and Architecture



The compiler processes .txt files containing class-based programs and produces .html outputs. It begins with the ANTLR parser, which constructs an Abstract Syntax Tree (AST). If syntax errors are detected, the compiler logs them to the console and halts further processing.

If parsing succeeds, the AST (with the program node as root) is traversed by *two* semantic analysis visitors in sequence:

VariableBindingVisitor

Records declared variables in memory and ensures no undeclared variables are used.

TypeCheckerVisitor

Validates type correctness for each node, such as preventing boolean values from being assigned to integer variables.

If any semantic errors are found, evaluation is skipped, and the errors are passed to the Pretty Printer to generate an HTML summary.

If no errors are found, the AST is passed to the Evaluator, which assumes semantic validity and sends each class's variable summary to the Pretty Printer for final HTML generation.

4 Justification of Output

The output highlights several type checking criteria applied during compilation. In the code samples below, semantic errors are marked in red, and inline comments explain the reason behind each error.

Below each code block, an error log is displayed, providing further detail about the type checking failure, such as:

- mismatched types
- undeclared variables
- incorrect usage of expressions

4.1 Variable declarations and assignments must match their declared type

4.1.1 Primitave Variables

Declarations and assignments must match their declared types. For example, boolean expressions such as `==` and `<=` can only be assigned to boolean variables, and arithmetic expressions can only be assigned to integer variables.

```
6 | class f41a {  
7 |     x: int = 5;  
8 |  
9 |     // FAIL: assigning bool to int  
10 |     x = True;  
  
11 | }
```

Class: f41a

Error Details

Type mismatch at [10, 3]: expected INT = INT assignment but got INT = BOOL

4.1.2 Lists

The same concept applies to list declarations and assignment statements. One difference is that for ensuring list type-safety, each item in the list must be checked against the declared type.

```
6 | class f41b {  
7 |     a: list[char] = "this is valid";  
8 |  
9 |     // FAIL: bool in a char list  
10 |     a = ['h', True];  
  
11 | }
```

Class: f41b

Error Details

Error in [10, 13] Cannot assign list[BOOL] to list[CHAR]

4.2 Function return expressions must match their declared return type

To ensure the type-safety of functions, the expression following their return statement is checked against the type it was declared with.

```
8 | class f42 {
9 |
10 |    // FAIL: returning int
11 |    // but declared bool return value
12 |    function g(): bool {
13 |        return 1;
14 |    }
15 |
16 |    // FAIL: returning list[char]
17 |    // but declared list[int] return value
18 |    function h(): list[int] {
19 |        return "ab";
20 |    }
21 | }
```

Class: f42

Error Details

Type mismatch at [13, 14]: expected function return type of BOOL but got INT

Type mismatch in list declaration at [19, 14] CHAR found in list[INT]

4.3 Function argument types must match parameter types

This check ensures that each parameter used in a function invocation matches the type specified in the declaration.

```
12 | class f43 {  
13 |     function areZero(n: int, m: int): bool {  
14 |         return n == 0 && m == 0;  
15 |     }  
16 |  
17 |     // FAIL: wrong arg type in first parameter  
18 |     b: bool = areZero(True, 0);  
  
19 | }
```

Class: f43

Error Details

Error at [18, 21]: parameter n must be type INT but recieved BOOL

4.4 Binary and unary expressions must use valid operand types

4.4.1 Arithmetic (+, -, /, *, %): Both sides must be integers

```
10 | class f44a {  
11 |     x: int = 1;  
12 |     y: bool = True;  
13 |  
14 |     // FAIL: arithmetic expression with bool value  
15 |     z: int = x + (1 && y);  
  
16 | }
```

Class: f44a

Error Details

Type mismatch in logical expression '&&' at [15, 17]: expected (BOOL && BOOL) but got (INT && BOOL)

Type mismatch in arithmetic expression '+' at [15, 12]: expected (INT + INT) but got (INT + BOOL)

4.4.2 Logical (&&, ||, !): Operands must be boolean

```
9 | class f44b {  
10 |     p: int = 1;  
11 |  
12 |     // FAIL: p + 2 is an integer expression,  
13 |     // expected bool  
14 |     q: bool = (p + 2) && ( True && (True && False ));  
  
15 | }
```

Class: f44b

Error Details

Type mismatch in logical expression '&&' at [14, 13]: expected (BOOL && BOOL) but got (INT && BOOL)

4.4.3 Relational (<=, <, >, >=): Both sides must be integers.

```
9 | class f44c {  
10 |     a: int = 1;  
11 |     b: char = '2';  
12 |  
13 |     // FAIL: b is char, expected int  
14 |     c: bool = (2 + 2 + a) < b;  
  
15 | }
```

Class: f44c

Error Details

Type mismatch in relational expression '<' at [14, 13]: expected (INT < INT) but got (INT < CHAR)

4.4.4 Equality (==, !=) – Both sides must be of the same type

```

11 | class f44d {
12 |     x: int = 1;
13 |     y: bool = True;
14 |
15 |     // FAIL: expected that LHS
16 |     // and RHS are the same type
17 |     e: bool = x == ((!y));
18 | }

```

Class: f44d

Error Details

Type mismatch in equality expression '==' at [17, 13]: expected (INT == INT) or (BOOL == BOOL) but got (INT == BOOL)

4.5 If-statement and while-loop conditions must be boolean

```

14 | class f45 {
15 |
16 |     // FAIL: condition not boolean
17 |     if (1) { x: int = 1; }
18 |
19 |     x: int = 0;
20 |
21 |     // FAIL: condition not boolean
22 |     while (5 + 5) {
23 |         x = x + 1;
24 |     }
25 | }

```

Class: f45

Error Details

Type mismatch in logical expression at [17, 7], if-statement condition must be boolean but got INT

Type mismatch in logical expression at [22, 10], while-loop condition must be boolean but got INT

4.6 For-loop expressions must be of specific types

```
13 | class f46 {  
14 |  
15 |     function g(): int {  
16 |  
17 |         // FAIL: 'i' is not a boolean expression  
18 |         for (i: int = 0; i; i = i + 1) {  
  
19 |     }  
20 |     return 0;  
21 | }  
22 |  
23 | }
```

Class: f46

Error Details

Error in forloop expression at [18, 22], for-loop condition must be a boolean expression, instead got INT

4.7 Variables must be declared before use

```
7 | class f47 {  
8 |  
9 |    // FAIL: b does not exist before line 11  
10 |    a: int = b + 1;  
  
11 |    b: int = 2;  
12 | }
```

Class: f47

Error Details

Variable 'b' not declared, line=10 col=12

Type mismatch in arithmetic expression '+' at [10, 12]: expected (INT + INT) but got (null + INT)

4.8 Variables cannot be declared more than once in the same scope

```
14 | class f48 {  
15 |     x: int = 1;  
16 |  
17 |     // FAIL: redeclaration of variable in same scope  
18 |     x: bool = True;  
  
19 | }
```

Class: f48

Error Details

Variable x already declared, line=18 col=3

4.9 Functions and Classes cannot be redefined

4.9.1 Function redeclaration error

```
6 | class f49 {  
7 |     function f(): int { return 0; }  
8 |  
9 |     // FAIL: redeclaration of function  
10 |     function f(): int { return 1; }
```

Class: f49

Error Details

Error at [10, 3]: function f already declared

4.9.2 Class redeclaration error

```
13 | class fail {}  
14 |  
15 | // FAIL: redeclaration of class  
16 | class fail {}
```

Error Details

Error at [16, 1]: class fail already exists

4.10 Function calls must match their declarations

4.10.1 Functions must be declared to be invoked

```
7 | class f410a {  
8 |  
9 | // FAIL: function does not exist  
10 | x: int = foo(1);
```

Class: f410a

Error Details

Error at [10, 11]: function foo does not exist

4.10.2 Function calls must include all parameters from declaration

```
13 | class f410b {  
14 |     function sum(a: int, b: int): int { return a + b; }  
15 |  
16 | // FAIL: not enough parameters  
17 | s: int = sum(1);
```

Class: f410b

Error Details

Error at [17, 11]: function sum requires 2 parameters. Currently has 1

4.10.3 Function parameters must match declaration parameter types

```
20 | class f410c {  
21 |     function sum(a: int, b: int): int { return a + b; }  
22 |  
23 |     // FAIL: parameter type mismatch  
24 |     b: int = sum(True, 2);  
  
25 | }
```

Class: f410c

Error Details

Error at [24, 16]: parameter a must be type INT but recieved BOOL

5 Summary of Submitted Examples

The examples are contained in **src/tests/finalSubmission/section5**.

Many of the input files cover multiple items. In general all files include:

- Variable Declaration
- Variable Assignment
- Class Declaration(s)
- Type-checking
- Expression evaluation

5.1 Highlights of Example Input 1

- bank_account.txt
 - Variable Comparison Operators, and logic

5.2 Highlights of Example Input 2

- calculator.txt
 - Decision Nodes: If statements, conditional expressions, and branching

5.3 Highlights of Example Input 3

- employee.txt
 - Boolean logic, truth values like True/False, logical operations

5.4 Highlights of Example Input 4

- fleet.txt
 - Variable scoping, function declaration, if statements, conditional execution, variable modification

5.5 Highlights of Example Input 5

- gaming.txt
 - Scoping of local vs class variable

5.6 Highlights of Example Input 6

- inventory.txt
 - Inheritance, parent-child class relationship

5.7 Highlights of Example Input 7

- library.txt
 - while-loop, boolean loop and exit condition

5.8 Highlights of Example Input 8

- student.txt
 - Variable operations, function call, function returning

5.9 Highlights of Example Input 9

- task_manager.txt
 - for-loop, incrementing loop condition verification

5.10 Highlights of Example Input 10

- weather.txt
 - Character list, list assignments, list manipulation

6 Miscellaneous Features

6.1 Formatted HTML Report

- Clean, easy to read report with clear results
- Original input file, file path, variables, functions, and classes are listed
- Code Metrics

Compilation Report

Input File Path

C:\Users\jovani\git\EECS480C\compiler-1\src\tests\examples\calculator.txt

Input File Contents

```

1 | // FEATURE DEMONSTRATED: Conditional Statements
2 | // KEY CONCEPTS: If statements, conditional execution, branching logic
3 |
4 | class Calculator {
5 |     value : int = 25;
6 |     threshold : int = 20;
7 |
8 |     function evaluate(testValue : int) : char {
9 |         result : char = 'L';
10 |
11 |         // Check for high category
12 |         if (testValue >= 30) {
13 |             result = 'H';
14 |         }
15 |
16 |         // Check for medium category
17 |         if (testValue >= 20) {
18 |             result = 'M';
19 |         }
20 |
21 |         return result;
22 |     }
23 |
24 |     function compare(input : int) : bool {
25 |         // Simple comparison against threshold
26 |         isGreater : bool = input > threshold;
27 |         return isGreater;
28 |     }
29 |
30 |     // Conditional evaluations
31 |     category : char = evaluate(25); // Returns 'M' (medium)
32 |     comparison : bool = compare(30); // Returns True (30 > 20)
33 | }
34 |
35 | // FINAL STATE: value=25, threshold=20, category='M', comparison=true

```

Compilation Status

PASS - Compilation Successful

Classes, Functions, and Variables

Class: Calculator

Variables

Variable Name	Type	Value
threshold	INT	20
comparison	BOOL	true
category	CHAR	'M'
value	INT	25

Functions

Function Name	Return Type	Parameters
compare	BOOL	input : INT
evaluate	CHAR	testValue : INT

Code Metrics

Total Lines: 35
 Non-Empty Lines: 27
 Comment Lines: 7
 Classes Declared: 1
 Functions Declared: 2
 If Statements: 2
 While Loops: 0
 Variables Declared: 4
 Avg Functions per Class: 2.0
 Avg Variables per Class: 4.0
 Errors Found: 0

6.2 Multiple Input File Support

- Able to call a directory containing multiple files, and compile all these files at once
- The files are processed sequentially, and all reports are generated at the end

- A combined report is also generated, which shows all the files on one report, with hyperlinks to each individual report if needed

[illegible]

6.3 Error Highlighting

- Semantic errors are highlighted in red, so they are easier to identify in the input text

<div data-bbox="201 1001 787 1411"><h3>s4-report.html</h3><div><h4>Input File Path</h4><p>C:\Users\journal\Git\EECS4382\Compiler-1\src\tests\string\4.txt</p><h4>Input File Contents</h4><pre>1 class MyClass extends BaseClass { 2 aa : char; 3 bbb : char = 'g'; 4 c : char; 5 aa = '2'; 6 bbb = 'h'; 7 8 //final aa=a 9 //final bbb=h 10 //final c=null 11 }</pre></div></div>	<div data-bbox="787 1001 1411 1411"><h3>Compilation Status</h3><div>FAIL - Compilation Failed</div><h3>Code Metrics</h3><div>Total Lines: 11 Non-Empty Lines: 10 Classes Declared: 1 Functions Declared: 0 Variables Declared: 0 If Statements: 0 For Loops: 0 While Loops: 0 Avg Functions per Class: 0.0 Avg Variables per Class: 0.0 Errors Found: 1</div><h3>Error Details</h3><div>Error at [1, 1]: superclass BaseClass does not exist</div></div>
---	--

6.4 Code Metrics

- The following metrics are tracked on a per file basis, this is calculated at report generation time
- Total Lines
- Non-Empty Lines
- Comment Lines
- Classes Declared
- Functions Declared
- Variables Declared
- If Statements
- For Loops
- While Loops

- Avg Functions per Class
- Avg Variables per Class
- Errors Found

Code Metrics

Total Lines: **38**
 Non-Empty Lines: **29**
 Classes Declared: **1**
 Functions Declared: **2**
 Variables Declared: **4**
 If Statements: **2**
 For Loops: **0**
 While Loops: **0**
 Avg Functions per Class: **2.0**
 Avg Variables per Class: **4.0**
 Errors Found: **0**

7 Limitations

Not Supported:

- **Method overloading, overriding:** For simplicity's sake, every function name must be unique.
- **Nested functions:** Functions cannot be declared inside other functions or within loops.
- **List operations:** Only list declarations and direct assignments are supported; dynamic operations like adding or removing elements are not implemented.
- **Character expressions:** Equality and relational operations involving char types are not supported. These expressions currently only work with int and bool types.
- **No anonymous/lambda functions:** All functions must be named and declared at the class level.
- **No string operations or methods:** Strings are allowed ("...") but the compiler does not currently support operations like concatenation or indexing.
- **No operator precedence enforcement in grammar**

Just Out of Scope (due to time constraints):

These features were not implemented but could be supported in future iterations:

- Object creation and dot notation (e.g., new ClassName(), object.field)
- Private variables and access modifiers
- else if / else branches
- do-while loops
- print statements