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Scanners

As you know by now Scanners play an important role for compilers, so you will need to implement one for your final project. Scanners can be used outside of compilers too though, therefore we are going to implement one for another use case while keeping in mind that we are going to use the same scanner for our final project.

Text Editors and Syntax Highlighting

You are going to make a text editor, well not a full text editor but rather a syntax highlighter which is still an important feature of syntax highlighters. You need to read a code which is written in C language and highlight some of its keywords as the following:

| Token | Output Format |
|---|--------------------|
| Reserved Key Words* | Bold and Blue |
| identifiers* | Orange |
| Integer numbers* | Violate |
| Real numbers* | Italic and Violate |
| Strings | Red |
| Characters | Green |
| Special Characters (This also includes ones in strings or ones that come alone) | Italic and Green |
| Comments | Gray |

Reserved Key Words

These are the keywords that we'll need on the first part of the project. If there are any missing we won't check it for this part of the project but you will need all of them for the following phases of the project. One thing to keep in mind is to keep these Key Words separate because you are going to need them in your project as you might know. The key words are as the following:

| auto | double |
|----------|----------|
| int | struct |
| const | float |
| short | unsigned |
| break | else |
| long | switch |
| continue | for |
| signed | void |
| case | enum |
| register | typedef |
| default | goto |
| sizeof | volatile |
| char | extern |
| return | union |
| do | if |
| static | while |

Identifiers

The names you use should be used as identifiers are the same as the names you might use as identifiers in c and c++.

Numbers

Here are some examples for numbers:

| Туре | Example |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Decimal Integer | 42 |
| Hexidecimal | 0x2A |
| Float | 42.42 |
| Float using Scientific notation | 42e+1 |

Please take into consideration other types of notation for the same type such as 42E1 for float numbers using Scientific notation.

Strings and Chars

Strings start with " and end with " and should be contained in one line.

Chars start with ' and end with '.

Special Chars are the ones that start with \ like \n.

Comments

Comments have to types: ones that start with // and ones that start with /* and end with and */ and can span in multiple lines.

Things To Consider:

Things you may want to consider are mainly taught in the class by your teacher, for example, you might want to consider making IDs for each of your text that you are identifying besides their text for further use.