

# The Grammar Executing Machine

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es ← newstack(); mode ← SEARCH;           `Initialization
ps ← newstack(); p0 ← ps; *ps ← " = G' E' ";
+ *ps; p ← grammar; +p; **ps ← *p; p ← *ps; ++p; *p ← EoS;
p ← grammar; i ← input; o ← "";           `',' must begin grammar
do mode = PARSE ⇒                          `Executing a Rule.
    if *p ∈ Letter ⇒                       `recursive call
        mode ← SEARCH;
        +ps; *ps ← p; p ← grammar         `descent
    [] *p = ' ' ⇒                          `input
        +p;                               `skip ' '
        if *p = *i ⇒ +i; ++p              `shift
        [] true ⇒ mode ← BACK; --p        `no match
        fi
    [] *p = ' ' ⇒                          `output
        +p; +o; *o ← *p; ++p
    [] *p = ';' ⇒                          `return
        -p; +es; *es ← p;                `record parse
        if ps < p0 ⇒ mode ← QUIT;         `stack empty: done
        [] true ⇒ p ← *ps; -ps; +p        `ascent
        fi
    fi
[] mode = BACK ⇒                          `Backtracking.
    if *p ∈ Letter ⇒ +ps; *ps ← p; p ← *es; -es
    [] *p = ' ' ⇒ -i; --p                  `unshift input terminal
    [] *p = ' ' ⇒ -o; --p                  `unshift output terminal
    [] *p = '=' ⇒ mode ← SEARCH; +p
    fi
[] mode = SEARCH ⇒                       `Searching for a Rule.
    if *p ∈ Letter ⇒ +p                   `skip nonterminal
    [] *p = ' ' ⇒ +++p                     `skip input terminal
    [] *p = ' ' ⇒ +++p                     `skip output terminal
    [] *p = ';' ⇒                          `end of rule
        +p;                               `skip ';'
        if *p = **ps ⇒ mode ← PARSE       `match, descent
        [] true ⇒ ++p                      `no match
        fi
    [] *p = EoS ⇒                          `search failed
        if ps ≠ p0 ⇒                       `continue or abort
            fi;
        p ← *ps; -ps; mode ← BACK; -p     `backtrack
    fi
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