# The Language StarsepLang

BNF Converter

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### The lexical structure of StarsepLang

#### Identifiers

Identifiers *Ident* are unquoted strings beginning with a letter, followed by any combination of letters, digits, and the characters \_ ' reserved words excluded.

#### Literals

Integer literals *Integer* are nonempty sequences of digits.

Double-precision float literals *Double* have the structure indicated by the regular expression digit+ '.' digit+ ('e' ('-')? digit+)? i.e.\ two sequences of digits separated by a decimal point, optionally followed by an unsigned or negative exponent.

String literals *String* have the form "x"}, where x is any sequence of any characters except "unless preceded by  $\setminus$ .

#### Reserved words and symbols

The set of reserved words is the set of terminals appearing in the grammar. Those reserved words that consist of non-letter characters are called symbols, and they are treated in a different way from those that are similar to identifiers. The lexer follows rules familiar from languages like Haskell, C, and Java, including longest match and spacing conventions.

The reserved words used in StarsepLang are the following:

Fn	bool	elif	else
false	float	for	if
in	int	let	loop
return	string	true	typeof
void	while		

The symbols used in StarsepLang are the following:

## Comments

Single-line comments begin with #, //. Multiple-line comments are enclosed with /\* and \*/.

# The syntactic structure of StarsepLang

Non-terminals are enclosed between < and >. The symbols -> (production), | (union) and  $\mathbf{eps}$  (empty rule) belong to the BNF notation. All other symbols are terminals.

```
Program
                     [TopDef]
TopDef
               ->
                     Type Ident ( [Arg] ) Block
|TopDef|
                     TopDef
                     TopDef [TopDef]
Arg
                     Type Ident
               ->
[Arg]
                     \mathbf{eps}
                     Arg
                     Arg , [Arg]
Block
                     \{ /Stmt/ \}
               ->
Stmt
                     Block
               ->
                     Oper;
                     while Expr\ Block
                     for Oper ; Expr ; Oper\ Block
                     \quad \text{for } \mathit{Ident} \ \text{in } \mathit{Expr} \ \mathit{Block}
                     {\tt loop}\ Block
                     IfStmt
                     IfElseStmt
|Stmt|
                     \mathbf{eps}
                     Stmt |Stmt|
Oper
                     Type [Item]
                     let /Item/
                     Ident AssOp Expr
                     Ident ++
                     Ident --
                     return Expr
                     return
                     Ident ( [Expr] )
Item
                     Ident
                     Ident = Expr
[Item]
                     Item
                     Item , [Item]
IfStmt
                     \mathit{IfStmt} elif \mathit{Expr} \mathit{Block}
                     if Expr Block
IfElseStmt
                     \mathit{IfStmt} else \mathit{Block}
Type
                     int
                     string
                     bool
                     float
                     void
                     typeof ( \mathit{Expr} )
                     {\tt Fn} < {\it Type} >
                     Fn < [Type] \rightarrow Type >
[Type]
                     Type
                     Type , [Type]
Expr8
                     Ident ( [Expr] )
                     (Expr)
Expr7
                     Ident
               ->
                     Integer
                     Double^4
                     String
                     false
                     true
                     Expr8
Expr6
                     - Expr7
                     ! Expr7
                     Expr7
```