



# Build your own Interpreter

Learn about tokenization, ASTs, tree-walk interpreters and more.

Start Building



This challenge is free to try when it's in beta. We keep challenges in beta for a few weeks to gather feedback.

This challenge follows the book [Crafting Interpreters](#) by Robert Nystrom.

In this challenge you'll build an interpreter for [Lox](#), a simple scripting language. Along the way, you'll learn about tokenization, ASTs, tree-walk interpreters and more.

Before starting this challenge, make sure you've read the "Welcome" part of the book that contains these chapters:

- [Introduction](#) (chapter 1)
- [A Map of the Territory](#) (chapter 2)
- [The Lox Language](#) (chapter 3)

These chapters don't involve writing code, so they won't be covered in this challenge. This challenge will start from chapter 4, [Scanning](#).

## Stages

 Scanning: Empty file

VERY EASY

 Scanning: Parentheses

MEDIUM

 Scanning: Braces

EASY








Scanning: Other single-character tokens	MEDIUM
Scanning: Lexical errors	MEDIUM
Scanning: Assignment & equality Operators	MEDIUM
Scanning: Negation & inequality operators	MEDIUM
Scanning: Relational operators	MEDIUM
Scanning: Division operator & comments	MEDIUM
Scanning: Whitespace	MEDIUM
Scanning: Multi-line errors	MEDIUM
Scanning: String literals	HARD
Scanning: Number literals	HARD
Scanning: Identifiers	HARD
Scanning: Reserved words	MEDIUM

### Parsing Expressions











Booleans & Nil	HARD
Number literals	MEDIUM
String literals	MEDIUM
Parentheses	MEDIUM
Unary Operators	MEDIUM
Arithmetic operators (1/2)	MEDIUM
Arithmetic operators (2/2)	MEDIUM
Comparison operators	MEDIUM
Equality operators	MEDIUM
Syntactic errors	MEDIUM

### Evaluating Expressions

Literals: Booleans & Nil	HARD
Literals: Strings & Numbers	MEDIUM

 Parentheses	MEDIUM
 Unary Operators: Negation & Not	MEDIUM
 Arithmetic Operators (1/2)	MEDIUM
 Arithmetic Operators (2/2)	MEDIUM
 String Concatenation	MEDIUM
 Relational Operators	MEDIUM
 Equality Operators	MEDIUM
 Runtime Errors: Unary Operators	MEDIUM
 Runtime Errors: Binary Operators (1/2)	MEDIUM
 Runtime Errors: Binary Operators (2/2)	MEDIUM
 Runtime Errors: Relational Operators	MEDIUM

### Statements & State

 Print: Generate output	MEDIUM
 Print: Multiple statements	MEDIUM
 Expression statements	EASY
 Variables: Declare variables	EASY
 Variables: Runtime Errors	EASY
 Variables: Initialize variables	EASY
 Variables: Redeclare variables	EASY
 Assignment operation	MEDIUM
 Block syntax	MEDIUM
 Scopes	MEDIUM



There are few sites I like as much that have a step by step guide. The real-time feedback is so good, it's creepy!



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I think the instant feedback right there in the git push is really cool. Didn't even know that was possible!



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Programming challenges for seasoned developers.



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