

Compilers
Introductory Project
Spring 2017
Due Monday, February 6th, 2017

The purpose of this assignment is to get you back into the Java programming groove, and to give you a practical introduction to some of the theoretical topics you will see over the next several weeks. This is *not* a trivial assignment! Start early, and come by my office to ask questions. For this project you will create a SimpleLogic parser. That is, you will write a program that takes as input a SimpleLogic program, and determines if that program contains any syntax errors.

1 SimpleLogic Programming Language

1.1 Tokens

The legal tokens in SimpleLogic are:

| Token name | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| Left Brace | { |
| Right Brace | } |
| Left Parenthesis | (|
| Right Parenthesis |) |
| Equals | = |
| Not | ! |
| Semicolon | ; |
| Keyword if | if |
| Keyword else | else |
| Keyword true | true |
| Keyword false | false |
| Identifier | Sequence of letters that is not a keyword Examples: x, foo, bigshot |

Note that all letters are lower-case in a valid SimpleLogic program.

1.2 SimpleLogic Statements

A SimpleLogic statement is either an assignment statement, an if statement, or a block statement.

1.2.1 Assignment statement

An assignment statement is of the form:

`<Identifier> = <expression>;`

where `<Identifier>` is just an identifier token as described above, and an `<expression>` is either an identifier token, the keyword `true`, the keyword `false`, `!<expression>`, or `(<expression>)`. Thus all of the following are valid assignment statements:

```
x = y;
foo = (true);
w = z;
elsex = w;
z = ((z));
w = (!((!z)));
```

And *none* of the following are valid assignment statements:

```
x = if;
else = y;
true = false;
true = true;
x = ;
y = ((false));
z = x!;
```

1.2.2 if statement

An if statement is of the form

`if (<expression>) <statement> else <statement>`

where `<expression>` is an expression as defined above (identifier, boolean literal, negation, parentheses allowed), and a `<statement>` is any SimpleLogic statement. Thus the following are all legal SimpleLogic statements:

```
if (z) x = false; else x = true;
if (true) w = false; else w = true;
if (!x) y = !y else y = (!((!z)));
```

Note that whitespace (tabs, spaces, end of line characters) are allowed between SimpleLogic tokens, so the following is a valid SimpleLogic statement:

```
if (x)
  if (!y)
    x = y;
  else
    w = !z;
else
  q = r;
```

Note that in simpleLogic, the else part of an if statement **is required!**. This actually makes you job much easier, as you will see when we discuss the dangling else problem.

1.2.3 Block Statement

A block Statement consists of a list of zero or more statements within braces. So, the following is a legal block statement:

```
{ x = true;
  y = z;
  z = w;
}
```

The following is also a legal block statement:

```
{
  x = true;
  if (z)
  {
    w = y;
    y = true;
  }
  else { }
}
```

Finally, the following is also a legal block statement:

```
{}
```

A program in the SimpleLogic programming language consists of a single statement (which could be a block statement, and could have arbitrarily many statements nested inside of it).

1.3 Examples

1.3.1 Valid SimpleLogic Programs

```
{ x = true;
  { y = z;
    w = carpark;
  }
  if (foolsgold)
    train = wreck;
  else
  {
    cat = dog;
  }
}
```

and

```
{ }
```

and

```
x = true;
```

1.3.2 Invalid SimpleLogic Programs

Missing a }:

```
{ x = true;
  { y = z;
    w = carpark;
  }
```

Missing two ;'s:

```
{ x = true;
  y = z;
  if (y) x = 3 else x = 4 }
```

Numbers are not valid in identifiers:

```
{ x = ident1fi3r; }
```

If test requires parentheses:

```
if x y = 3; else y = 4;
```

2 Assignment

Write a java program `MiniParser.java` that takes as a command line parameter the name of the input file. Your program should either write “valid program” or “invalid program” to standard out, depending upon whether the input file contains a syntactically correct SimpleLogic program. Your program does not need to identify what the errors are, or how many errors there are – it just needs to return if the entire program is valid or not. Your program should never throw an exception! Your program should also *only* print out “valid program” or “invalid program” and *nothing else!* (An end-of-line (“\n”) after valid / invalid program is OK!)

2.1 Assignment Hints

- You should probably first write a function / set of functions that get the next token before moving on to the actual parsing.
- I used a 1-token buffer to do the parsing. Come see me if you are not sure what I am talking about here!

- Recursion is your friend!
- Make sure your code works on all the provided examples!

This is not a trivial assignment. Start Early! Today would be good. Also, come by my office with questions. I have not spelled out exactly how to do this assignment, so I am *expecting* you to come by my office for help!