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INTRODUCTION

The Mini Compiler has been built for the Python Language.
The constructs handled for the python language are if, if-else and for.

Python is a high-level, interpreted, interactive and object-oriented scripting language. Python is designed to be highly readable. It uses English keywords frequently whereas other languages use punctuation, and it has fewer syntactic constructions than other languages. It provides very high-level dynamic data types and supports dynamic type checking.

A compiler is a program that translates a source program written in some high-level programming language into machine code for some computer architecture. The generated machine code can be later executed many times against different data each time.

Sample Input:

test.py

```
b = 3
c = 5
a = b + c
d = b*5
f = a/6
q = a + (b - d) / f * 4
```

Sample Output:

Symbol table:

Parsing	is successful						
SYMBOL	TABLE:						
Symbol	Table Number:	0.0		 			
SNo	l Token	1	Value	Line No	Column No	1	Scope
1	t6		a+t5	 6	4		0
2	t3		b-d	6	9		0
3	t4		t3/f	6	8		0
4	t2		a/6	5	4		0
5	t5		t4*4	6	8		0
6	d		b*5	4	0		0
7	а		b+c	3	0		0
8	t1		b*5	4	4		0
9	f		a/6	5	0		0
10	q		a+(b-d)/f*4	6	0		0
11	t0		b+c	3	4		0
12	С		5	2	0		0
13	b		3	1	0		0

Intermediate Code:



ARCHITECTURE

In terms of the syntax and semantics, we have handled the following for the python language:

- Single line and multi line comments are ignored by the lexical analyzer
- Blank lines are ignored by the lexical analyzer
- Import statements have been handled
- Syntax and semantic analysis has been handled to take care of the if, if-else, if-elif-else conditional constructs and the looping construct for.
- Support has been provided to handle the arithmetic operators like '+', '-', '*', '/' and '%'
- Support has been provided to handle the relational operators like '<', '>', '<=', '>=', '==' and '!='

- Support has been provided to handle the logical operators 'not', 'and', 'or'.
 Notably the operators 'and' and 'or' have been implemented as short circuit
 operators and the intermediate code generated supports the short circuit
 functionality as well.
- Support has been provided to recognize keywords and return the appropriate token. Some of the keywords handled includes the following exhaustive list:
 - import
 - o True
 - False
 - o not
 - o and
 - o or
 - o if
 - o else
 - elif
 - o for
 - \circ in

Care has also been taken to ensure that keywords cannot be used as identifiers. A syntax error is generated in such a scenario

- Support has been provided to handle the assignment operator '='
- Support has been provided to handle punctuators and separators like ';', ':', ',', '[', ']', '(', ')'
- Support has been provided to handle the range function with all its variations possible
- Support has been provided to handle indentation by the use of tabs and spaces. A stack has been used to handle indentation accurately and to generate the Indent and Dedent tokens properly. Care has also been taken to take care of specific cases like generation of required number of Dedent tokens at the end of the file, generation of required number of Dedent tokens when there is a decrease in indentation but there is no set of spaces or tabs to match as such.
- Support has been provided to recognize identifiers properly. The length of the identifiers has been limited to 79 characters for readability purposes as per the conventions that python follows. If the length of an identifier is greater

than 79 characters, then an error message is displayed and the identifier is truncated to the first 79 characters

- Support has been provided to handle numbers and strings accurately
- Support has also been provided to handle numbers written in the scientific notation. In such cases the corresponding floating number is generated. For example, 3.1415E+3 is converted to floating point number 3141.500000 where the default precision after the decimal point is 6 digits.
- Support has been provided to handle precedence and associativity of operators as followed by the python language

LITERATURE SURVEY

- The official grammar as used by Python 3.9 version, provided in the official python documentation: https://docs.python.org/3/reference/grammar.html
- A comprehensive introduction to YACC https://www.cs.ccu.edu.tw/~naiwei/cs5605/YaccBison.html
- More resources for YACC https://silcnitc.github.io/yacc.html#yylex
- Python documentation: https://docs.python.org/3/reference/expressions.html
- Information about Lexical analysis for Python as provided by the official python documentation: https://docs.python.org/3/reference/lexical_analysis.html#indentation

CONTEXT FREE GRAMMAR:

The following is the Context Free Grammar used to implement our project:

```
simple_statement : small_statement next_simple_statement;
next_simple_statement : T_Newline
            | T_semicolon T_Newline
            | T_semicolon small_statement next_simple_statement
small_statement : expr_statement
         | import_statement
import_statement : T_import T_identifier;
expr_statement : assignment_statement
        or_test
assignment_statement : T_identifier T_assignment assignment_expr;
assignment_expr : or_test
       | T_list T_left_par T_right_par
       | T_left_sq_b T_right_sq_b
or_test : or_test T_or and_test
          | and_test
```

```
and_test : and_test T_and not_test
           | not_test
not_test : T_not not_test
     | comparison
comparison: comparison T_LT arith_exp
     | comparison T_GT arith_exp
     | comparison T_EQ arith_exp
     | comparison T_GTE arith_exp
     | comparison T_LTE arith_exp
     | comparison T_NEQ arith_exp
     | comparison T_in arith_exp
     | arith_exp
arith_exp : arith_exp T_plus arith_exp2
             | arith_exp T_minus arith_exp2
             | arith_exp2
arith_exp2 : arith_exp2 T_star factor
     | arith_exp2 T_divide factor
```

```
| arith_exp2 T_modulus factor
      | factor
factor: T_plus factor
      | T_minus factor
     | term
term : T_identifier
      | constant
      | list_index
      | T_left_par or_test T_right_par
constant : T_number
      | T_string
      |T_True
      | T_False
list_index : T_identifier T_left_sq_b or_test T_right_sq_b;
compound_statement : if_statement
          | for_statement
```

```
if_statement : T_if test T_colon suite elif_statement optional_else;
test : or_test;
suite : simple_statement
   | T_Newline T_Indent suite1
suite_for : simple_statement
             | T_Newline T_Indent suite1
suite1 : statement T_Dedent
    | statement repeat_statement T_Dedent
repeat_statement : statement repeat_statement
          statement
          | T_Newline repeat_statement
          | T_Newline
elif_statement : {;}
        | T_elif test T_colon suite elif_statement
```

```
optional_else: {;}
        | T_else T_colon suite
for_statement : T_for exprlist T_in testlist T_colon suite_for
exprlist : first_exprlist last_exprlist;
first_exprlist : T_identifier;
last_exprlist : {;}
        |T_comma
        | T_comma first_exprlist last_exprlist
testlist : range_fn;
range_fn : T_range T_left_par range_term T_right_par
    | T_range T_left_par range_term T_comma range_term T_right_par
    | T_range T_left_par range_term T_comma range_term T_comma
range_term T_right_par
range_term : T_identifier
```

| T_number | list_index

DESIGN STRATEGY

SYMBOL TABLE CREATION:

- For every different scope value, a separate symbol table is created.
 Thus we have a symbol table per scope
- Everytime an identifier is encountered that falls under a particular scope, the symbol table associated with that scope is accessed and a new record for this identifier is created accordingly.
- Similarly to retrieve values of identifiers on encountering them, the symbol table corresponding to the scope is accessed and the value is retrieved by accessing the record corresponding to this identifier.

• INTERMEDIATE CODE GENERATION:

- Intermediate code generation has been implemented by associating attributes with the non terminals used in the grammar rules.
- Based on the grammar rule, the equivalent intermediate code is generated by concatenating the different strings received from the attributes. This is then propagated upwards through the attributes associated with the non terminals in the grammar rules
- In each of these action rules, records are inserted into the quadruple data structure with appropriate information.
- The symbol table is updated with the temporaries generated

CODE OPTIMIZATION

• The quadruple data structure created due to the generation of intermediate code is taken as input for the optimization phase. This

phase performs the different optimizations and gives the resulting quadruple data structure as the output.

- The following code optimizations have been performed:
 - Constant folding
 - Expressions that can be evaluated at compile time as the arguments forming the expressions are constants, are evaluated and the resulting value is assigned to the appropriate variable.
 - Algebraic identities are also constant folded by this optimization. Algebraic identities are equations that are always true regardless of the value assigned to the variables
 - Example for algebraic identity constant folding:

$$\circ$$
 a + 0 = 0 + a = a

- Constant propagation
 - If the value of the variable is a constant that is known at compile time, this value is propagated and substituted whenever this variable is encountered.
 - This is usually followed by constant folding
- Common Subexpression Elimination
 - An occurrence of an expression E is called a common subexpression, if E is previously computed and the values in E have not changed since the previous computation.
 - All such future occurrences of the expression can be eliminated as there is no need to recompute the value of the expression
 - The Variables that are assigned to these future occurrences of the expression are assigned to the temporary that holds the value of the original expression E
- Strength Reduction
 - Here an expensive operation is replaced by a cheaper operation.

- The cost being talked about here is with respect to the evaluation of the expression by the underlying hardware
- Example:
 - o a*2 => a<<1
 - \circ a/2 => a>>1

ERROR HANDLING:

The following error handling strategies have been used:

- If a keyword is used as an identifier, an error is prompted to the user
- If there is mismatch with respect to the indentation, an error is prompted to the user.
- If the length of an identifier exceeds 79 characters, an error message prompting this is shown to the user and the identifier is truncated to the first 79 characters
- If an undeclared variable is used as part of an expression, a syntax error is thrown prompting the use of an undeclared variable
- If an invalid operator like the increment, decrement operator etc is used as part of an expression, a syntax error is thrown

IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

• SYMBOL TABLE CREATION:

- The symbol table has been implemented as a vector of vector of unordered map from string to a node. A node represents a record in the symbol table and is a class consisting of attributes like identifier name, line number, value associated with the identifier, scope value and the column number.
- Each vector inside the outermost vector corresponds to a particular scope. Each such vector is a collection of unordered map containers where each container corresponds to a symbol table of a particular scope value

- The unordered map is basically a hashed container where the actual records of the symbol table are stored. The identifier is used to get the hash value and it is mapped to a node.
- The node and symbol table have been implemented as classes with the appropriate attributes, appropriate constructors to initialize the members and functions to provide the functionality of inserting into the symbol table and a few other helper functions

INTERMEDIATE CODE GENERATION:

- First the union corresponding to yylval is modified to aid in the generation of intermediate code.
- The union has the following 4 fields:
 - indentation level of type int: This is used to keep track of the indentation and increase or decrease the scope count accordingly
 - text of type char*: All the tokens and non terminals that have a char * value associated with it, use this field
 - structure inter_code having the following 4 fields:
 - char *addr: This is used to store the name of the temporary created as part of the action corresponding to a grammar rule
 - char *code: This is used to store the intermediate code generated as part of the action corresponding to a grammar rule
 - char *true_I: This is used to store the label created that corresponds to the true case
 - char *false_I: This is used to store the label created that corresponds to the false case
 - structure range_icg having the following 4 fields:
 - char *start_r: This is used to store the start value corresponding to the range function
 - char *end_r: This is used to store the end value corresponding to the range function
 - char *step_r: This is used to store the step value corresponding to the range function
 - char *sym_tab_info: This is used to store the information that will be used to update the symbol table
- The intermediate code generation is done by using a vector of strings inside each action corresponding to a grammar rule. The strings are

then concatenated to get one string, which is assigned to the attribute code and propagated upwards. The other fields like addr, true_l and false_l are also appropriately filled and propagated up the grammar rules. This simulates the synthesized attributes concept learnt by us in Compiler Design class.

- A doubly linked list is used to implement the quadruple data structure which is used to store the intermediate code generated. This doubly linked list is essentially a collection of nodes where each node corresponds to one record in the quadruple data structure. A node of the quadruple data structure has the following attributes:
 - char *op: This field stores the operator
 - char *arg1: This field stores the argument 1 value
 - char *arg2: This field stores the argument 2 value
 - char *res: This field stores the variable or temporary that holds the result
 - node *next: This field stores a pointer to the next record in the doubly linked list. Stores NULL if it is the last node in the list.
 - node *prev: This field stores a pointer to the previous record in the doubly linked list. Stores NULL if it is the first node in the list.

• CODE OPTIMIZATION:

- The code optimization phase takes the quadruple data structure as input and provides the optimized quadruple data structure as the output.
- The input quadruple data structure is stored in a list of dictionaries.
 Each element of this list (dictionary) corresponds to a record in the quadruple data structure. The dictionary has fields like 'op', 'arg1', 'arg2' and 'res' to store the appropriate attributes from the records of the quadruple data structure
- Constant folding:
 - Uses the list of dictionaries created.
 - Traverses them and performs folding on encountering constants as arguments
- Constant propagation:
 - Uses the list of dictionaries created.
 - Traverses them and performs constant propagation when a favourable case is encountered.

- This is usually followed by constant folding
- Common Subexpression Elimination:
 - Uses the list of dictionaries created
 - Creates a deep copy of this list to work with while traversing the actual list. This is because it is unsafe to remove records from an iterable while iterating through it
- Strength Reduction:
 - Uses the list of dictionaries created

• ERROR HANDLING:

- Everytime an error is encountered, the error message that is prompted to the user contains the exact line number and the column number where the error has occurred. This is achieved by using the first_line, first_column, last_line, last_column fields associated with yylloc.
- To retrieve the value of an identifier, the symbol table associated with that scope is checked to see if the identifier has been previously declared. If not, an error is prompted.
- yyleng is used to keep track of the length of the string that has matched the regular expression mentioned in the lex file. This is used to check if the length of an identifier exceeds 79 characters or not. If it does, the identifier is truncated to the first 79 characters

• Instructions on how to build and run our program

- First the yacc utility is used to compile the yacc file: yacc -d -t -verbose test1_y.y
 - Here -d is used to generate the y.tab.h file which is used by the lex file
 - Here -t is used to track the generation of tokens
 - Here --verbose is used to generate the y.output file
- Next the lex utility is used to compile the lex file: lex test1_I.I
- The generated files are linked along with helper cpp program: g++ std=c++11 lex.yy.c y.tab.c test1.cpp -ll -ly -w
- The executable is run with the required input: ./a.out < test.py

 The intermediate code and the quadruple data structure generated are stored in separate text files. This is used by the optimisations python program which is run using the following command: python3 optimisations.py

RESULTS AND POSSIBLE SHORTCOMINGS:

- All the different cases mentioned in the Architecture section have been handled and the working of the mini - compiler is as expected for these cases
- The basic constructs such as if, if-else, if-elif-else and for have been handled
- The Intermediate code generation is quite comprehensive with respect to the different cases it can handle accurately
- The optimization phase is quite comprehensive as well, with respect to the different optimizations it can perform
- The mini-compiler built by us is obviously not complete and can't be used as an alternative to the original python compiler and interpreter. This is because the number of constructs, different variations and cases we could handle were restricted due to the time constraints involved.
- There are quite a few cases for which the original python compiler would work but our mini compiler wouldn't work
- All the constructs and expressions used can only be compile time dependent.
 Run time dependency couldn't be introduced as support for input from the user has not been provided.

SNAPSHOTS

Test cases to show cases handled by Intermediate Code Generation:

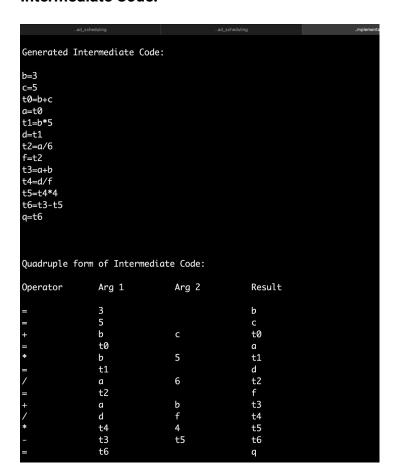
 Test Case 1: Test case involves arithmetic expressions. The intermediate code generated follows the rule of precedence and associativity as followed by python

```
b = 3
c = 5
a = b + c
d = b*5
f = a/6
q = a + b - d / f * 4
```

Symbol Table:

```
Parsing is successful
SYMBOL TABLE:
Symbol Table Number: 0.0
SNo
                                                                                              | Line No |
            l Token
                                                                    Value
                                                                                                                                          Column No
                                                                                                                                                                                    Scope
                                                           t3-t5
                                                                                                                                                          4
4
12
4
12
0
0
4
0
0
4
0
0
                                                                                                                      \begin{smallmatrix} 6 & 6 & 6 & 5 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ \end{smallmatrix}
                                                          a+b
d/f
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
                        t3
                                                                                                                                                                                  00000000000
                       t4
t2
t5
                                                           a/6
                                                           t4*4
                                                           b*5
                        a
t1
f
                                                           b+c
                                                           b*5
                                                           a/6
                                                           a+b-d/f*4
                        q
t0
                                                           b+c
```

Intermediate Code:



2. **Test Case 2**: Test case to show intermediate code generation for if, elif and else constructs

```
a = 5

if a>5:

b = 6

elif a<9:

b = 7

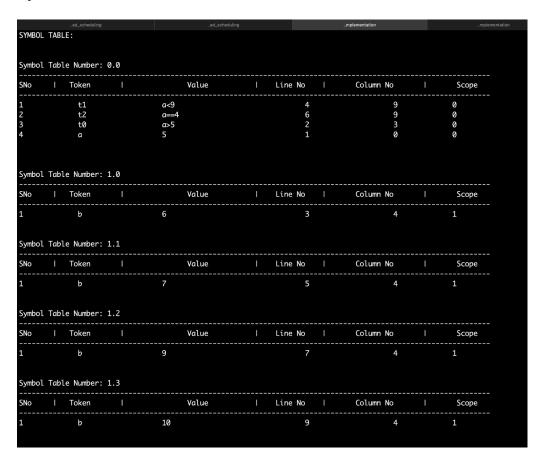
elif a == 4:

b = 9

else:

b = 10
```

Symbol table:



Intermediate Code Generated:

```
Generated Intermediate Code:

a=5
t0=a>5
ift0gotoL0
gotoL1
L0:
b=6
goto L6
L1:
t1=a<9
ift1gotoL2
gotoL3
L2:
b=7
goto L6
L3:
t2=a=4
ift2gotoL4
gotoL5
L4:
b=9
goto L6
L5:
b=10
L6:
```

Intermediate Code in Quadruple Format:

Operator	Arg 1	Arg 2	Result
oper acor	AIG I	Alg 2	Result
=	5		а
>	а	5	t0
Label			LØ
if	t0		LØ
Label			L1
goto			L1
=	6		b
<	а	9	t1
Label			L2
if	t1		L2
Label			L3
goto			L3
=	7		b
==	а	4	t2
Label			L4
if	t2		L4
Label			L5
goto			L5
=	9		b
=	10		b
Label			L6
goto			L6

3. **Test Case 3:** Test Case to show intermediate code generation for the 'for' looping construct

Symbol Table:

```
Parsing is successful
SYMBOL TABLE:
Symbol Table Number: 0.0
SNo
       l Token
                                        Value
                                                        | Line No
                                                                                Column No
                                                                                                        Scope
                                                                                                       0
             а
Symbol Table Number: 1.0
        l Token
                                                                                                        Scope
                                                       | Line No |
                                                                                Column No
                                        Value
                                  5
i<10
i+2
             i
t1
t0
b
                                                                                         4
0
0
4
```

Intermediate Code Generated:

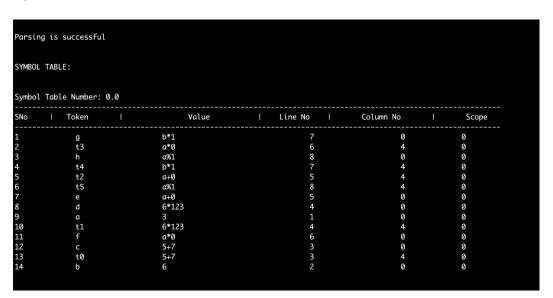
```
Generated Intermediate Code:
a=8
i=5
L0:
b=6
b=0
t0 = i + 2
i=t0
t1=i < 10
if t1 goto L0
goto L1
L1:
Quadruple form of Intermediate Code:
Operator
                       Arg 1
                                                                     Result
                                                                    a
b
i
t0
                       8
                       6
5
i
                       t0
                                                                     i
t1
L0
L0
L1
L1
                                              10
Label
                       t0
Label
goto
```

Test cases to show the Optimizations performed:

1. Test Case 1: Constant Folding Optimization

a = 3 b = 6 c = 5 + 7 d = 6*123 e = a + 0 f = a * 0 g = b*1 h = a%1

Symbol Table:



Intermediate Code Generated (Before Optimization):

Intermediate Code after Optimization:

2. Test Case 2: Constant Propagation Optimization

```
a = 5
b = 6
c = a + b
d = a*b
e = b - a
f = b/a
```

Symbol Table:

Parsing	g is successfu	l				
SYMBOL	TABLE:					
Symbol	Table Number:	0.0				
SNo	l Token	l Value	I Line No	I Column No	l Scope	e
1	t3	b/a	6	4	0	
2	t2	b-a	5	4	0	
3	d	a*b	4	0	0	
4	а	5	1	0	0	
5	t1	a*b	4	4	0	
6	f	b/a	6	0	0	
7	e	b-a	5	0	0	
8		a+b	3	0	0	
9	t0	a+b	3	4	0	
10	b	6	2	0	0	

Intermediate Code Generated (Before Optimization):

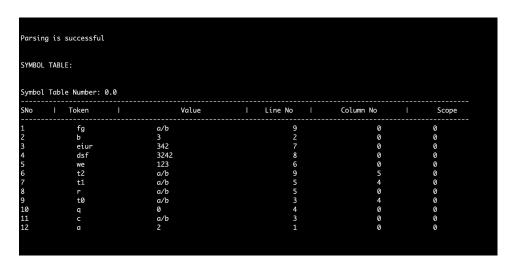
Intermediate Code after Optimization:

```
Intermediate Code generated after Constant Propagation Optimization a = 5 \\ b = 6 \\ t0 = 11 \\ c = t0 \\ t1 = 30 \\ d = t1 \\ t2 = 1 \\ e = t2 \\ t3 = 1.2 \\ f = t3
Intermediate Code in Quadruple format after Constant Propagation Optimization Operator \qquad Arg1 \qquad Arg2 \qquad Result \\ = \qquad 5 \qquad \qquad a \\ = \qquad 6 \qquad \qquad b \\ = \qquad 11 \qquad \qquad t0 \\ = \qquad 6 \qquad \qquad b \\ = \qquad 11 \qquad \qquad t0 \\ = \qquad 1 \qquad d \\ = \qquad 1 \qquad d \\ = \qquad 1 \qquad t2 \\ = \qquad 1 \qquad 2 \qquad e \\ = \qquad 1.2 \qquad \qquad e \\ = \qquad 1.2 \qquad \qquad 6 \\ = \qquad 1.2 \qquad \qquad 6
```

3. Test Case 3: Common Subexpression Elimination Optimization

```
a = 2
b = 3
c = a/b
q = 0
r = a/b
we = 123
eiur = 342
dsf = 3242
fg = a/b
```

Symbol Table:



Intermediate Code Generated (Before Optimization):

```
Generated Intermediate Code:

a=2
b=3
t0=a/b
c=t0
q=0
t1=a/b
r=t1
we=123
eiur=342
dsf=3242
t2=a/b
fg=t2

Quadruple form of Intermediate Code:

Operator Arg 1 Arg 2 Result

= 2 a a b t0
c a b t0
= t0 c
= 0 q
/ a b t1
= t1 r
= 123 we
= 342 eiur
= 3242 dsf
/ a b t2
= 3242 dsf
/ a b t2
= t2 fg
```

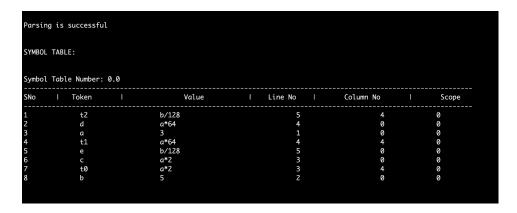
Intermediate Code after Optimization:

4. Test Case 4: Strength Reduction Optimization

```
a = 3
b = 5
c = a*2
```

```
d = a*64
e = b/128
```

Symbol Table:



Intermediate Code Generated (Before Optimization):

Intermediate Code after Optimization:

CONCLUSION

By means of this project, we have learnt how to build a compiler for a high level language like Python. Being limited by the duration of the semester, we did not build a full fledged compiler. We handled a list of constructs like if, else and for. Besides, we generated Intermediate Code in Quadruple format and four optimizations were implemented.

We would like to thank the Dept. of CSE for giving us this opportunity to implement our own compiler. This gave us a feel for how compilers run any code that we write. Special thanks to Prof. Madhura V for her insightful lectures and project guidance from time to time.

FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

- We would like to handle more constructs that python supports like the while and do while constructs, switch construct, provide support for functions, classes.
- We would also like to support a few more data types specific to python like sets, dictionaries, tuples etc.

REFERENCES / BIBLIOGRAPHY

- A lot of the concepts have been learnt from the resources provided for the Compiler Design Course by PES University
- The material provided explicitly for the CD project with respect to the Lex / YACC learning material has been quite useful in learning the basics
- The official Python documentation has been our primary resource to refer to all things about Python
- A few references used are as follows:
 - The official grammar as used by Python 3.9 version, provided in the official python documentation: https://docs.python.org/3/reference/grammar.html
 - A comprehensive introduction to YACC -<u>https://www.cs.ccu.edu.tw/~naiwei/cs5605/YaccBison.html</u>
 - More resources for YACC https://silcnitc.github.io/yacc.html#yylex
 - Python documentation: <u>https://docs.python.org/3/reference/expressions.html</u>
 - Information about Lexical analysis for Python as provided by the official python documentation:
 https://docs.python.org/3/reference/lexical_analysis.html#indentation
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