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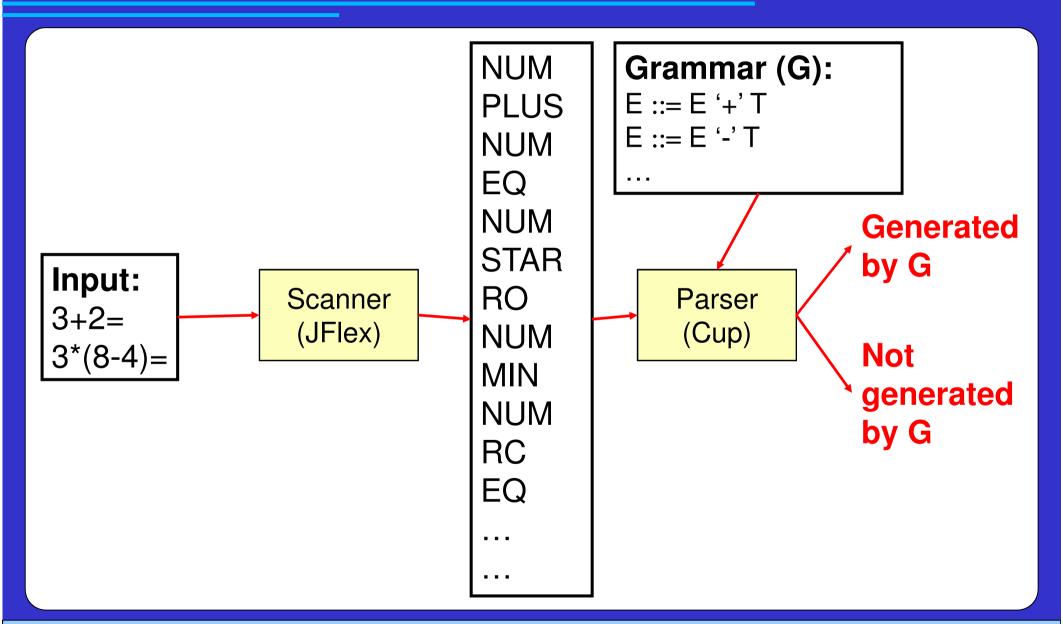


Parser and syntax analyzer

- Given a non-ambiguous grammar and a sequence of input symbols, a parser is a program that verifies whether the sequence can be generated by means of a derivation from the grammar.
- A syntax analyzer (parser) is a program capable of associating to the input sequence the correct parse tree.
- Parsers can be classified as
 - top-down (parse tree is built from the root to the leaves)
 - bottom-up (parse tree is built from the leaves to the root) : CUP



Scanning and parsing



Context-Free Grammar Definition

A CF grammar is described by

- T, NT, S, PR
- T: Terminals / tokens of the language
- NT: Non-terminals
 - Denote sets of strings generated by the grammar
- S: Start symbol
 - S ∈ NT
- PR: Production rules
 - Indicate how T and NT are combined to generate valid strings
 - PR: NT ::= T | NT



Example

Derivation:

A sequence of grammar rule applications and substitutions that transform a starting non-terminal into a sequence of terminals (tokens).

```
assign_stmt ::= ID EQ expr S;
expr ::= expr operator term;
expr ::= term;
term ::= ID;
term ::= FLOAT;
term ::= INT;
operator ::= PLUS;
operator ::= MIN;
```



How bottom-up parsing works: Shift/Reduce tecnique

- A stack, initially empty, is used to keep track of symbols already recognized.
- Terminal symbols are pushed in the stack (shift), until the top of the stack contains a handle (right hand side of a production): the handle is then substituted by the corresponding nonterminal (reduce).
- Note that the reduce operation may only be applied to the top of the stack.
- Parsing is successful only when at the end of the input stream the stack contains only the start symbol



Parse Trees and Shift/Reduce

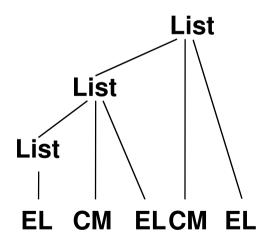
Input String:

a1, a2, a3

Scanner:

a1, a2, a3 \rightarrow EL CM EL CM EL

Parse Tree



Recursive Left Grammar

List ::= List CM EL

List ::= EL

Action: Stack:

3

Shift: EL

Reduce: List

Shift: List CM

Shift: List CM EL

Reduce: List

Shift: List CM

Shift: List CM EL

Reduce: List



Introduction to CUP

- Cup is a parser generator that transforms the definition of a context-free grammar in a Java program that parses sequences of input symbols according to the grammar itself.
- Besides defining syntax rules, it is possible to specify actions to be executed whenever a production is reduced.
- The parser must be integrated by a scanner: some conventions simplify the integration of Cup-generated parses with JFlexgenerated scanners.
- Official manual: http://www2.cs.tum.edu/projects/cup/



Source file format

- A Cup source file has a syntax very similar to Java programs.
- It can be ideally divided in the following sections:
 - Setup
 - Terminals and non-Terminals
 - Precedences (Next lesson)
 - Rules
- Comments are allowed following Java syntax (included in /* and */, or preceded by //)



Setup section

- This section contains all the directives needed for the parser
- Inclusion of Cup library and other libraries: import java_cup.runtime.*;
- User code: (Next lesson)
 - Ridefinition of Cup internal methods
 - Integration with scanner other than JFlex



- It contains the definition of
 - Terminals: passed by JFlex
 - Non-Terminals
 - The grammar start symbol
- Start symbol
 - start with <non_terminal_name>;
 - It is the root of the parse tree
 - Only one occurrence of this keyword is allowed



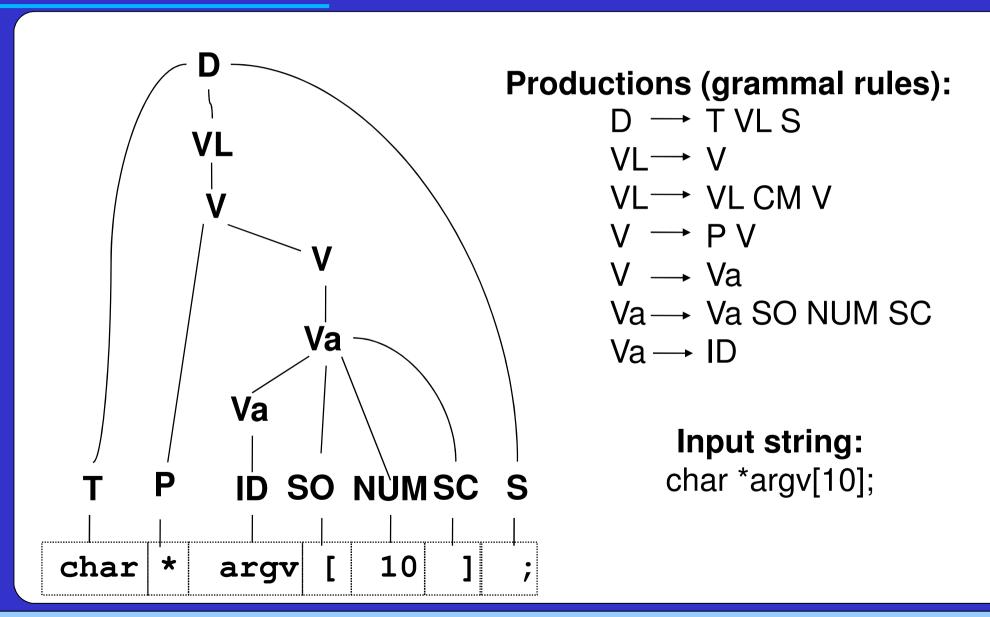
Terminals

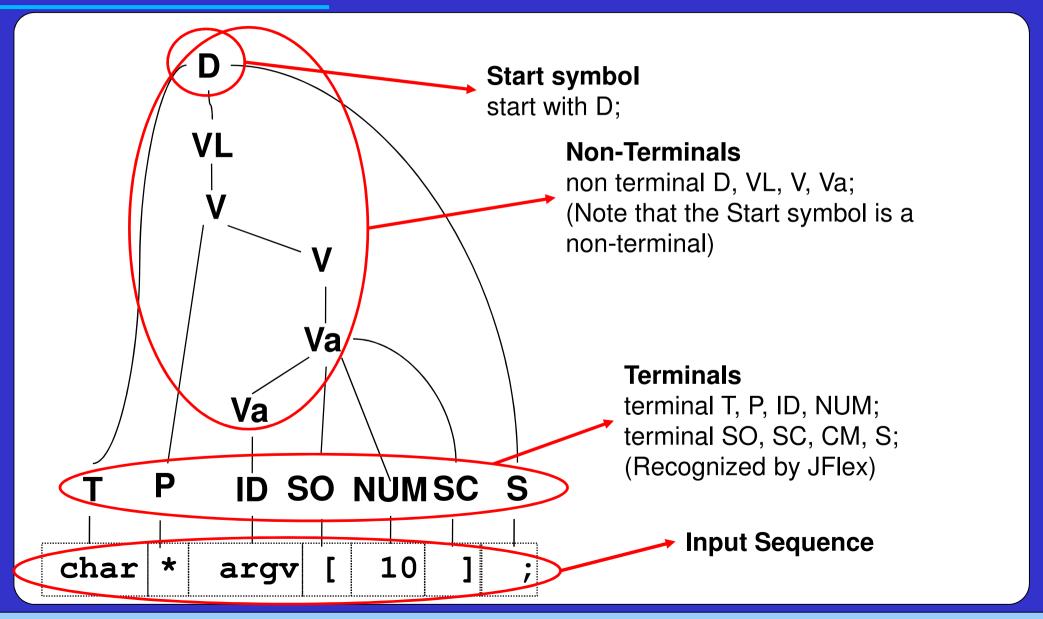
- terminal <terminal_1>,...,<terminal_n>;
 - <terminal>: name containing letters, '_', '.' and digits (the first character must be a letter)
- Terminals are recognized by Jflex

Non-Terminals

- non terminal <non_terminal_1>,...,<non_terminal_n>;
 - <non_terminal>: name containing letters, '_', '.' and digits (the first character must be a letter).







Rules section

The Rules section contains one or more productions in the form:

```
<non_terminal> ::= Right_Hand_Side ;
```

- where Right_Hand_Side is a sequence of 0 or more symbols.
- To each prodution, an action can be associated, which must be enclosed between {: and :}
 - Note: the action is executed just before the reduce operation takes place

Example:



Rules section (2)

If more than one production exist for a given non-terminal, they must be grouped and separated by '|'.

NB: the use of the "|" character generates two separates rules. It is important to remember that the code between {: and :} is executed only when a giver rule is matched.

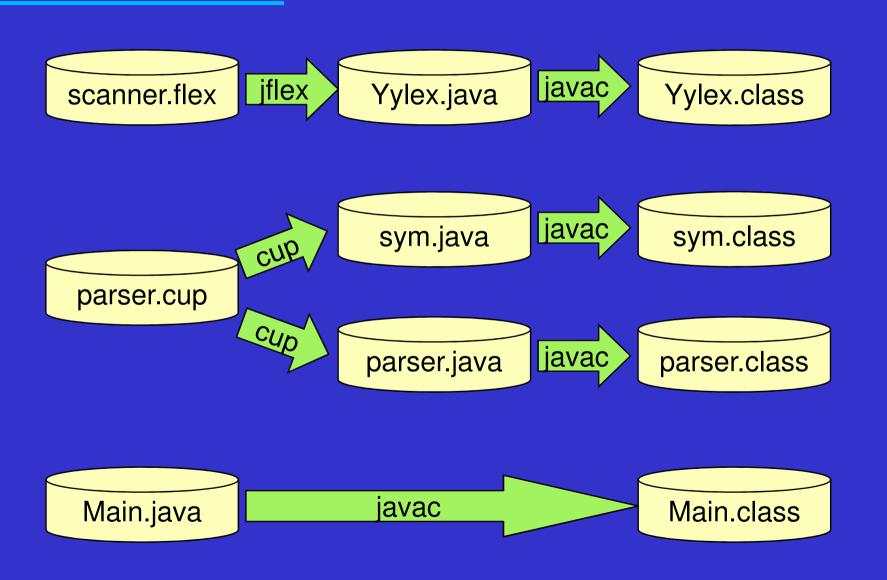
Rules section: Example

```
import java_cup.runtime.*;
terminal T, P, ID, NUM, S, CM, SO, SC;
non terminal D, V, VL, Va;
start with D;
                                        Productions:
                                   D \rightarrow TVLS
D ::= T VL S ;
                                  V \longrightarrow V
                                   VL→ VL CM V
VL::=V
                                   V \rightarrow PV
     | VL CM V ;
                                   V \rightarrow Va
V ::= P V
                                   Va → Va SO NUM SC
     | Va ;
                                   Va→ ID
Va::= Va SO NUM SC
```

ID ;



Integrating JFlex and Cup





Integrating JFlex and Cup

- Parser and scanner must agree on the values associated to each token (terminal)
- When the scanner recognizes a token, it must pass a suitable value to the parser. This is done by means of the Symbol class, whose constructors are:
 - public Symbol(int sym_id)
 - public Symbol(int sym_id, int left, int right)
 - public Symbol(int sym_id, Object o)
 - public Symbol(int sym_id, int left, int right, Object o)
 - The class Symbol can be found in the cup installation directory:
 - Java_cup/runtime/Symbol.java
- When a terminal is defined by means of the terminal keyword, Cup associated an integer value to that token.
 - This mapping is contained in the file sym.java generated by cup during compiling process

Integrating JFlex and Cup (2)

If in the parser the following list of terminal symbols has been declared:

```
terminal T, P, ID, NUM, PV, CM, SO, SC, S;
```

• They can be used inside the scanner and passed to the parser in the following way:



Scanner modifications

- Include the Cup library (java_cup.runtime.*) in the code section
- Activate Cup compatibility by means of the %cup directive in the Declarations section

```
import java_cup.runtime.*;
...
%%
%cup
...
%%
[a-z]+ { return new Symbol(sym.EL); }
"," { return new Symbol(sym.CM); }
```

List \rightarrow List CM EL List \rightarrow EL

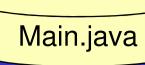


parser.cup

The Cup parser

```
import java_cup.runtime.*;
                                                       List → List CM EL
terminal EL, CM;
non terminal List, EList;
                                                       List \rightarrow EL
start with EList;
EList ::= List
                 {: System.out.println("List found"); :} |
                  {: System.out.println("Empty list"); :}
List ::= List CM EL
List ::= EL
```



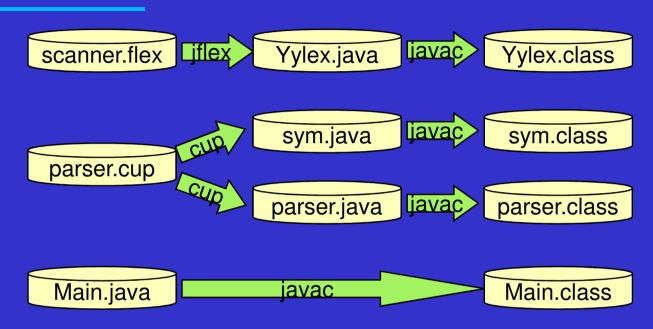


Main

```
import java.io.*;
public class Main {
   static public void main(String argv[]) {
        try {
        /* Instantiate the scanner and open input file argv[0] */
            /* Instantiate the parser */
            /* Start the parser */
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
```

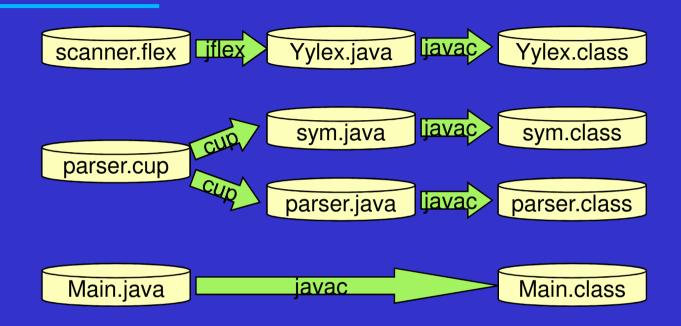


Compiling



- jflex scanner.jflex
- java java_cup.Main parser.cup
 - In the case of shift/reduce or reduce/reduce conflits:
 - java java_cup.Main -expect <number_of_conflicts> parser.cup
 - java java_cup.MainDrawTree parser.cup
 - Can be used in LABINF or at home installing a modified version of parser
 - The parse tree is drawn (useful for debugging)

Compiling



- javac Yylex.java sym.java parser.java Main.java
 - Or javac *.java
 - For the compilation of all the files of the project
- java Main <file>
 - To execute the program using <file> a input

