COMP 520 Compiler Design Individual Assignment #2 Language Specifications

Overview:

Given the lexical and syntactic choices from the first assignment, your second assignment is to implement the relevant semantics for each language construct. Note that as you implement your compiler, some decisions may be more difficult to implement than you first thought or we might have missed out a key detail you need. In these cases, bring them up in class and we can discuss possible changes. By the end of this assignment you will have produced your first full compiler!

Specifications

A program in **minilang** consists of a list of variable declarations followed by a list of statements.

Declarations

Variable declarations must follow the following 2 rules or a compile time error "INVALID..." with explanation must be thrown.

• Variable identifiers must be defined before being used

var a : int; b = 5; // INVALID: "b" is not declared

• Variable identifiers must not be redeclared (regardless of type)

var a : int; var a : int; // INVALID: "a" is already declared

For this assignment, we will be using int, float from C to represent integer and floating point types.

Variable Initialization

Variables are initialized with the following default values:

- int: 0
- float: 0.0
- string: "" (the empty string)

Statements

• Read into a variable according to C scanf semantics. UPDATE (Feb 1st): Use %d for integers, %f for floats, and %s for strings (buffer size of 1024). Assume the input conforms to the requirements.

read x;

• **Print** an expression according to C printf semantics

print x * x;

• Assignment into a variable. Assignment compatibility is as follows:

int := int
float := float
float := int
string := string

Note that floats may not be assigned to ints.

• If statement, with optional else branch. The condition <expression> must be an integer

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if <expression> then
        <stmts>
[else
        <stmts>]
endif
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• While loop. The condition <expression> must be an integer

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while <expression> do
        <stmts>
done
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Expressions

Literals

Literals in minilang have their corresponding types. i.e. an integer literal is of type int, etc.

Binary Operations

Given a binary expression <expr1> <op> <expr2> where <op> is one of +, -, *, /:

- int <op> int is VALID and results in type int
- float <op> float is VALID and results in type float
- int <op> float (and vice-versa) is VALID and results in type float
- string + string is VALID and results in type string. The semantics of this operation are string concatenation.
- string * int (and vice-versa) is VALID and results in type string. The semantics of this operation are string repetition.

"derp" * 3 -> "derpderpderp"

Note that a runtime check to ensure the integer is ≥ 0 will be required. A value of 0 results in the empty string. A negative value produces a runtime exception.

Unary Operations

Given a unary minus expression - <expression>

- <expression> must be either of type int or of type float
- the resulting expression has the same type as <expression>