

Weeding

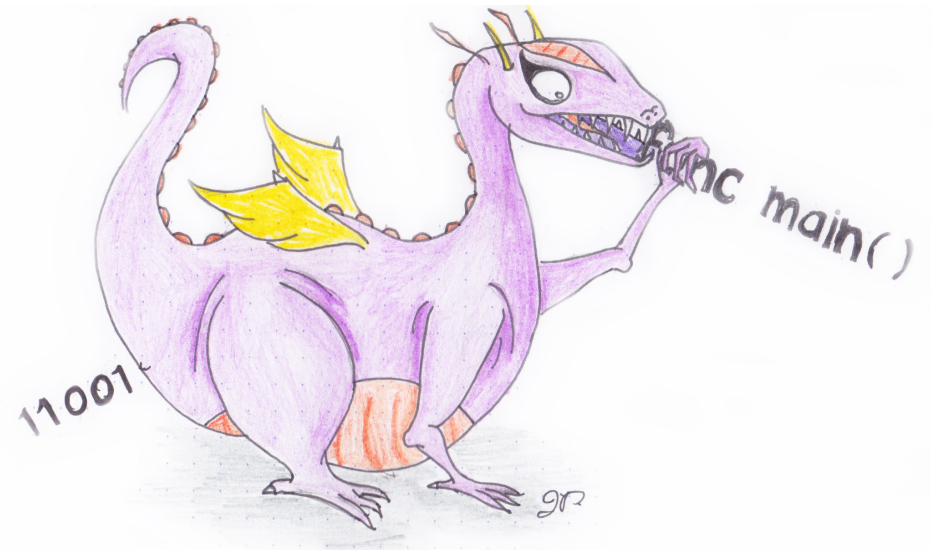
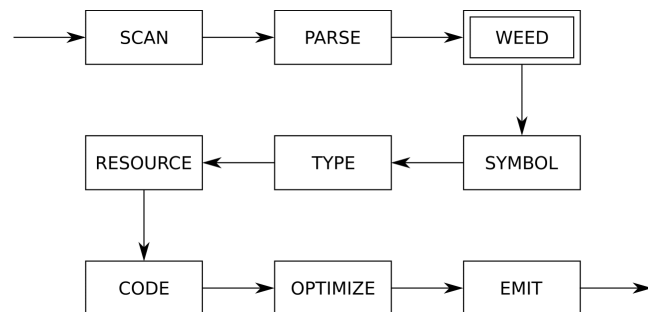
COMP 520: Compiler Design (4 credits)

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Weeding

LALR(1) grammars (those used by `bison`) accept a subset of context-free languages.

Sometimes, programming languages require more power, such as when

- Our language is not context-free;
- Our language is not LALR(1) (for now let's ignore the fact that `bison` also now supports GLR); or
- An LALR(1) grammar is too big and complicated.

In these cases we can use a parsing trick

- Use a more liberal grammar which accepts a slightly larger language; and
- A separate phase can then `weed` out the bad parse trees.

JOOS Cast Expressions

The JOOS grammar calls for casts calls for a rule

```
castexpression : '(' identifier ')' unaryexpressionnotminus
```

But this is not LALR(1)!

State 194

```

88 assignment: tIDENTIFIER . '=' expression
116 castexpression: '(' tIDENTIFIER . ')' unaryexpressionnotminus
118 postfixexpression: tIDENTIFIER . [tINSTANCEOF, tEQ, tLEQ, tGEQ, tNEQ, tAND, tOR,
                                     ')', '<', '>', '+', '-', '*', '/', '%']
127 receiver: tIDENTIFIER . ['.']

')'  shift, and go to state 232
'='  shift, and go to state 192

')'      [reduce using rule 118 (postfixexpression)]
'.'      reduce using rule 127 (receiver)
$default reduce using rule 118 (postfixexpression)

```

When the next token is `)`, we can either reduce the identifier to an expression to form a parenthetical expression, or shift to form the cast.

JOOS Cast Expressions

Instead, we can use a more general rule which avoids the shift-reduce conflict

```
castexpression : '(' expression ')' unaryexpressionnotminus
```

This rule is LALR(1), so `bison` can generate the corresponding parser. However, it will also accept invalid cast expressions like `(4) x`.

To fix the grammar, we can use a clever action

```
castexpression : '(' expression ')' unaryexpressionnotminus {  
    if ($2->kind != idK) yyerror("identifier expected");  
    $$ = makeEXPcast($2->val.idE.name, $4);  
}  
;
```

Hacks like this only work sometimes.

Division by Constant 0

If we wish to disallow division by a constant zero, we can always rewrite our grammar

```
exp : tIDENTIFIER
    | tINTCONST
    | exp '*' exp
    | exp '/' pos
    | exp '+' exp
    | exp '-' exp
    | '(' exp ')'
```

```
pos : tIDENTIFIER
    | tINTCONSTPOSITIVE
    | exp '*' exp
    | exp '/' pos
    | exp '+' exp
    | exp '-' exp
    | '(' pos ')'
```

While this is correct, we have doubled the size of our grammar – this is not a very modular technique.

Division by Constant 0

Instead, we use the default grammar and weed out division by constant 0 using a simple modular traversal. Return 1 if an illegal division occurs, 0 otherwise.

```
int zerodivEXP(EXP *e) {
    switch (e->kind) {
        case idK:
        case intconstK:
            return 0;
        case timesK:
            return zerodivEXP(e->val.timesE.left) ||
                zerodivEXP(e->val.timesE.right);
        case divK:
            if (e->val.divE.right->kind==intconstK &&
                e->val.divE.right->val.intconstE == 0) return 1;

            return zerodivEXP(e->val.divE.left) ||
                zerodivEXP(e->val.divE.right);
        case plusK:
            return zerodivEXP(e->val.plusE.left) ||
                zerodivEXP(e->val.plusE.right);
        case minusK:
            return zerodivEXP(e->val.minusE.left) ||
                zerodivEXP(e->val.minusE.right);
    }
}
```

Requirements of JOOS Programs

- All local variable declarations must appear at the beginning of a statement sequence

```
int i;  
int j;  
i = 17;  
int b; /* illegal */  
b = i;
```

- Every branch through the body of a non-void method must terminate with a return statement

```
/* illegal */  
public boolean foo(Object x, Object y) {  
    if (x.equals(y))  
        return true;  
}
```

Also may not return from within a while-loop etc.

These are hard or impossible to express through an LALR(1) grammar.

Weeding Local Declarations

Return 1 if declarations may follow, 0 otherwise.

```
int weedSTATEMENTlocals(STATEMENT *s, int localsallowed) {
    if (s == NULL) return 0;
    switch (s->kind) {
        case skipK:
            return 0;
        case localK:
            if (!localsallowed) {
                reportError("illegally placed local declaration", s->lineno);
            }
            return 1;
        case expK:
            return 0;
        case returnK:
            return 0;
        case sequenceK:
            int onlylocalsfirst = weedSTATEMENTlocals(
                s->val.sequenceS.first, localsallowed);
            int onlylocalssecond = weedSTATEMENTlocals(
                s->val.sequenceS.second, onlylocalsfirst);
            return onlylocalsfirst && onlylocalssecond;
    }
}
```


Weeding Local Declarations

```
case ifK:
    weedSTATEMENTlocals (s->val.ifS.body, 0);
    return 0;
case ifelseK:
    weedSTATEMENTlocals (s->val.ifelseS.thenpart, 0);
    weedSTATEMENTlocals (s->val.ifelseS.elsepart, 0);
    return 0;
case whileK:
    weedSTATEMENTlocals (s->val.whileS.body, 0);
    return 0;
case blockK:
    weedSTATEMENTlocals (s->val.blockS.body, 1);
    return 0;
case superconsK:
    return 1;
}
}
```

Weeding Return Statements

Return 1 if a path returns, 0 otherwise

```
int weedSTATEMENTreturns (STATEMENT *s) {
    if (s != NULL) return 0;
    switch (s->kind) {
        case skipK:
            return 0;
        case localK:
            return 0;
        case expK:
            return 0;
        case returnK:
            return 1;
        case sequenceK:
            return weedSTATEMENTreturns (s->val.sequenceS.second);
        case ifK:
            return 0;
        case ifelseK:
            return weedSTATEMENTreturns (s->val.ifelseS.thenpart) &&
                weedSTATEMENTreturns (s->val.ifelseS.elsepart);
        case whileK:
            return 0;
        case blockK:
            return weedSTATEMENTreturns (s->val.blockS.body);
        case superconsK:
            return 0;
    }
}
```