

CSE 443  
Compilers

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# Today

- Class will focus on PRO2:
  - ▶ structure of Bison's .y file
  - ▶ yylex and yyparse
  - ▶ the union
  - ▶ symbol tables (read esp. section 2.7.1)
  - ▶ general advice

# Structure of Bison's .y file

[http://dinosaur.compilertools.net/bison/bison\\_6.html#SEC34](http://dinosaur.compilertools.net/bison/bison_6.html#SEC34)

"A Bison grammar file has four main sections, shown here with the appropriate delimiters:

```
%{  
C declarations  
%}
```

*Bison declarations*

```
%%  
Grammar rules  
%%
```

*Additional C code*

Comments enclosed in `/* ... */` may appear in any of the sections."

# grammar.y

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>

/* EXTERN DECLARATIONS */
extern char * yytext;
extern int yylex();

/* FORWARD DECLARATIONS */
void yyerror(const char* p);

%}

/* DIRECTIVES */
%error-verbose

/* TOKENS */
%token ID 101

/* ASSOCIATIVITY AND PRECEDENCE DECLARATIONS */
%right ...
%left low precedence operators
%left ...
%left high-precedence operators

/* SYNTAX TREE NODE TYPE DECLARATIONS */
%union{
    struct Basic basic;
    struct ConstantValue k;
    struct ExpressionTypeInfo t;
}

%type <basic> ID
%type <k> C_INTEGER
%type <t> expression

%start program

%%

/* GRAMMAR RULES W/ACTIONS */

program
    : definition_list sblock {}
    ;

%%

void yyerror(const char* p){
    // do something reasonable
}
```

```
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C declarations
%}
```

*Bison declarations*

```
%%
Grammar rules
%%
```

*Additional C code*

# yylex and yyparse

yylex is defined in lexer by Flex, called by yyparse.

yyparse is defined in parser by Bison, called by your code.

# "the union"

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# other possible unions

```
enum ConstantType { POINTER, INTEGER, BOOLEAN, CHARACTER, STRING };
```

```
struct ConstantValue {  
    struct SymbolTableEntry * actualType;  
    int lineNo;  
    int colNo;  
    enum ConstantType type;  
    union {  
        void * ptr;  
        int i;  
        bool b;  
        char c;  
        char * s;  
    } value;  
    ...  
    ...  
};
```

```
void printConstantValue(FILE * destination, struct ConstantValue * constant) {  
    if (constant != NULL) {  
        switch (constant->type) {  
            case POINTER:  
                fprintf(destination, " := %p", constant->value.ptr);  
                break;  
            case INTEGER:  
                fprintf(destination, " := %d", constant->value.i);  
                break;  
            ...  
            default:  
                internal_compiler_error("illegal variant used in ConstantValue");  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Suggestive - your code need not do exactly this.