Compiler Construction 2011

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Text Book:

Compiler Principles, Techniques, & Tools Second Edition: Aho, Lam, Sethi and Ullman

- Book can be used for background reading.
- Book can also be used for your personal lecture preparation.
- Further reading/learning must be accomplished using the sources description provided on the course web page.

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Course Web Site:

http://www.aue.auc.dk/~akbar/2011/complierconst-2011.html

Sources details, schedule and all necessary information is provided here.

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What is to be achieved

Basic principles of compiler construction and tools so that one can utilize these concepts may be to implement a compiler project or utilized the acquired knowledge for more general software engineering problems.

How:

- Discussion of the theory.
- Discussion on the various aspects of the theory.
- Examples.
- Solutions to selected Exercises with your participation.

Un-expected:

- *Modification (Normally additional stuff) of the text provided on the course web page.*

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Introduction

Compiler is a tool: which translate notations from one system to another, usually from source code (high level code) to machine code (object code, target code, low level code).

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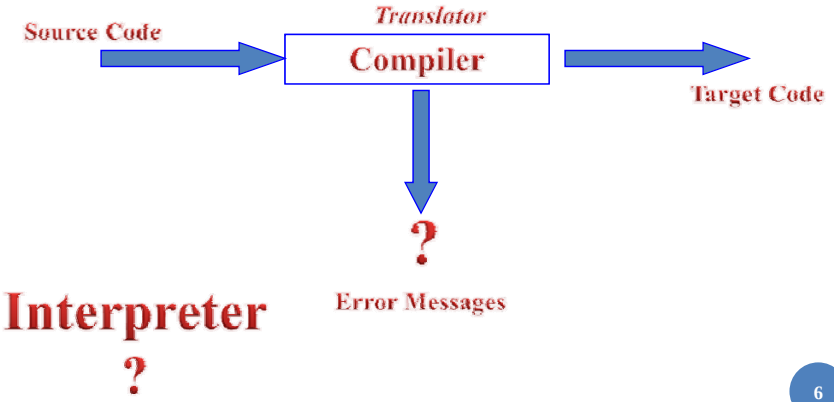
Compiler



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What is Involved

- Programming Languages
- Formal Languages
- Regular Expressions & Automata Theory
- Applications

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Programming Languages

- We use natural languages to communicate
- We use programming languages to speak with computers

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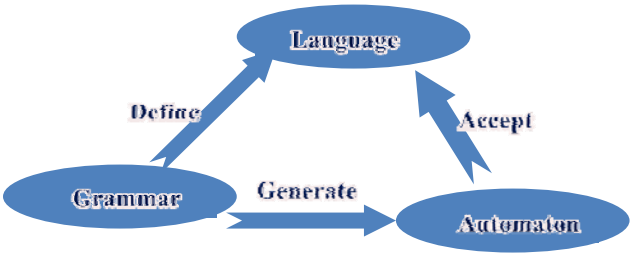
Formal Languages



Regular Expressions & Finite Automata

Applications

Editors

Word-processors

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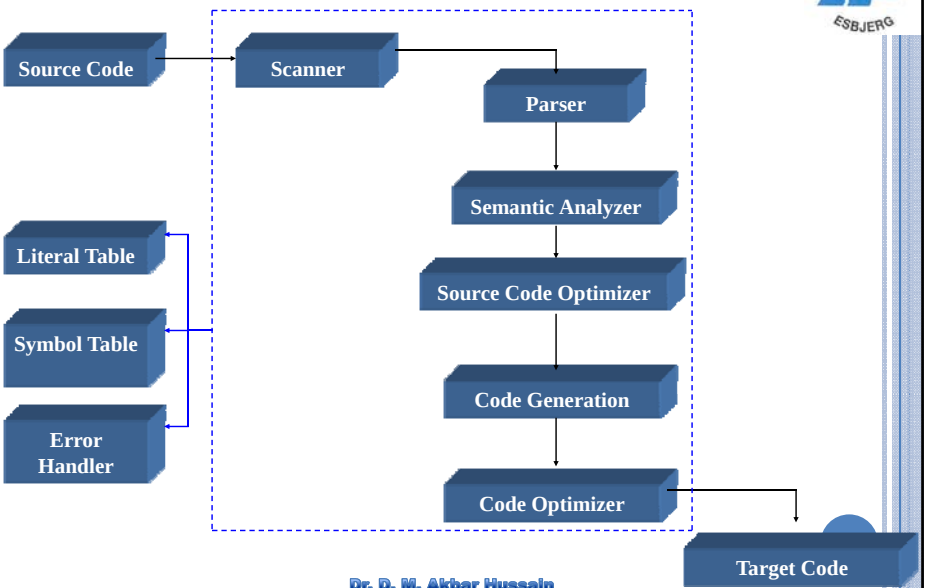
Translation Flow



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Components of a Compiler

- Lexical Analysis
- Syntax Analysis
- Semantic Analysis

- Intermediate Code Generation
- Code Optimization
- Code Generation

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Lexical Analysis (LA)

Maradona kicks the ball

Token Generation:

- Maradona
- kicks
- the
- ball

Who performs this ?

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Lexical Analysis

X = Y + 30

Token Generation:

- x — id_1
- = — operator
- Y — id_2
- + — operator
- 30 — literal/constant

What other functions Scanner can perform ?

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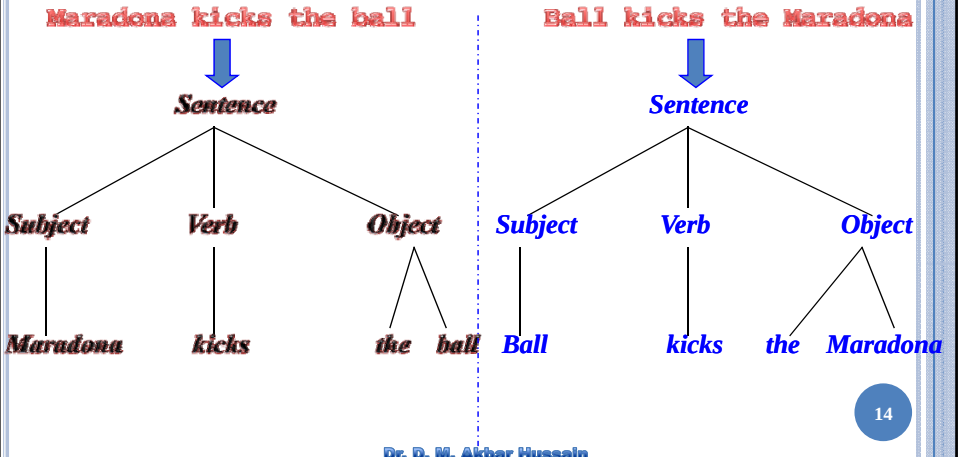
Syntax Analysis (SA)

Structure of the program is determined by SA. Some thing similar to grammatical analysis.



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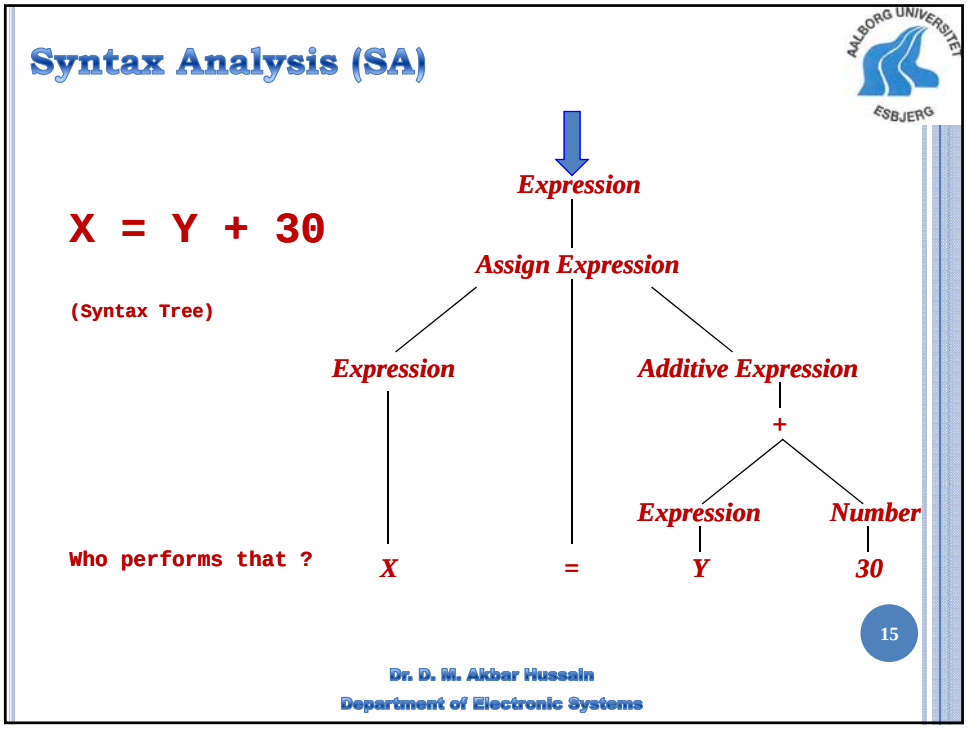
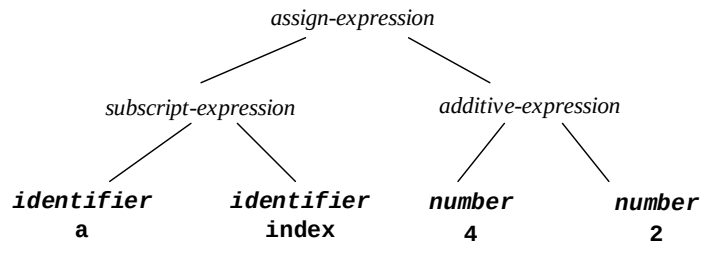
Syntax Analysis (SA)



Syntax Analysis (SA)

Some time syntax tree is also called as Abstract Syntax tree and could be a "trimmed" version of the parse tree with only essential information:

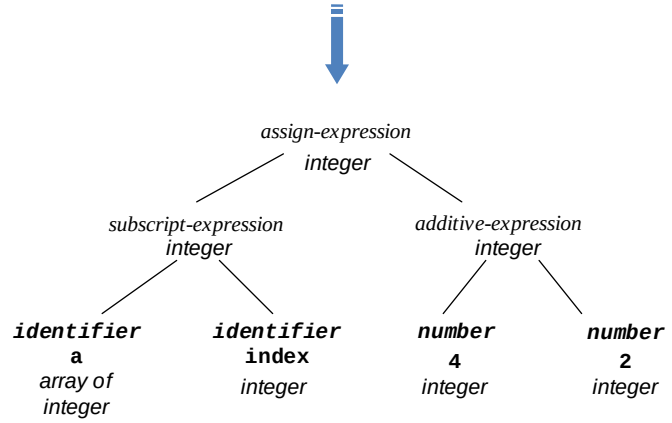
For Example: a[index] = 4 + 2



Semantic Analyzer

This attaches meaning to tokens; For example to the same expression

a[index] = 4 + 2



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Intermediate Code Generation

Same example: X = Y + 30

Temp1 = 30

Temp2 = Y

Temp3 = Temp2 + Temp1

X = Temp3

Three Address Code

P-Code

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Code Optimization

Same example: X = Y + 30

Temp1 = 30

Temp2 = Y

X = Temp2 + Temp1

Propagation ?

Constant folding ?

Common Sub-expression Elimination ?

Strength of Operation ?

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Propagation

```
int x = 10;
int y = 7 – (x/2);
return y * (100/x + 200);

int x = 10;
int y = 7 – (10/2);
return y * (100/10 + 200);
```

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Constant Folding

```
y = 10;
for (i=0; i<10; i++)
        x = (y + 2) + i;

y = 10;
for (i=0; i<10; i++)
        x = 12 + i;
```

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Common Sub-expression Elimination

```
A = x + b + c;
B = 1 + y + b + c;
C = b + c + z;

X = b + c;
A = x + X;
B = 1 + y + X;
C = X + z;
```

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Strength Reduction

2 * x » x + x

x * x » shift left 1

Mathematical Identities
a * b + a * c » a * (b + c)

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Code Generation

Same example: X = Y + 30

Movei Y, r1

Addi 30, r1

Storei r1, X

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Algorithmic Tools

- **Token:**
  - Using Regular Expressions.
- **Scanner:**
  - Implementation of finite state machine to recognize tokens.
- **Parser:**
  - An Automaton (i.e. uses a stack), based on grammar rules in a standard format (BNF -- Backus Naur Form).
- **Semantic Analyzer and Code Generator:**
  - Recursive evaluators based on semantic rules for attributes (properties of language constructs).

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Portability Consideration

- **Front End**: Scanner, Parser, Semantic Analyzer and source code optimizer depend primarily on source language.
- **Back End**: Code generator and target code optimizer depend primarily on target language (machine architecture).
- Passes ?

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Data structures

- Syntax tree: Kind of a link list structure
- Literal table: "Hello, world!", 3.141592653589793, etc.
- Symbol table: Names for variables, functions, classes, typedefs, constants.

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Error handling

- One of the difficult part of a compiler to design.
- Must handle a wide range of errors
- Must handle multiple errors.
- Must not get stuck.
- Must not get into an infinite loop.

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Kinds of Errors

```
if (x == 0) y + = z + r; }
```

Syntax:

```
int x = "Hello, world!";
```

Semantic:

```
int x = 2;
...
double y = 3.14159 / (x - 2);
```

Runtime:

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Error Handling Requirements

- A compiler must handle syntax and semantic errors, but not runtime errors (whether a runtime error will occur is a million dollar question).
- Sometimes a compiler is required to generate code to catch runtime errors and handle them in some graceful way (either with or without exception handling). This too is often difficult.

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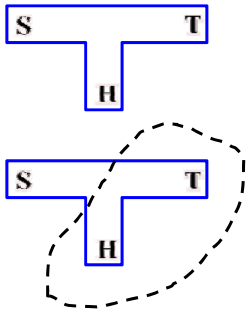
Porting & Bootstrapping

- Tool Chain:
- T-Diagram:



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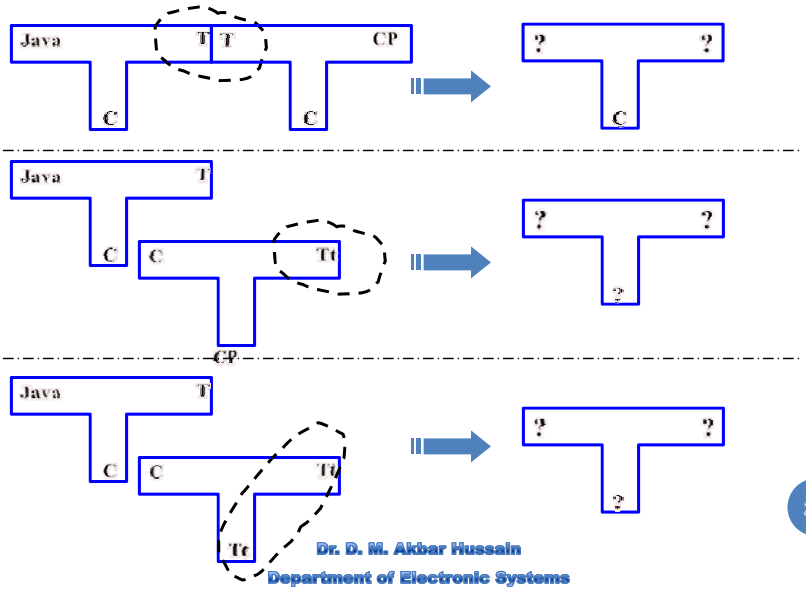

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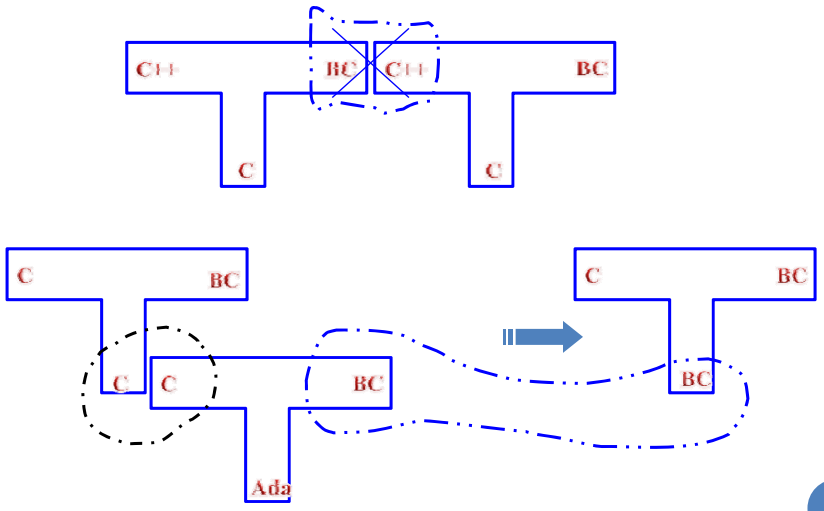
Rules



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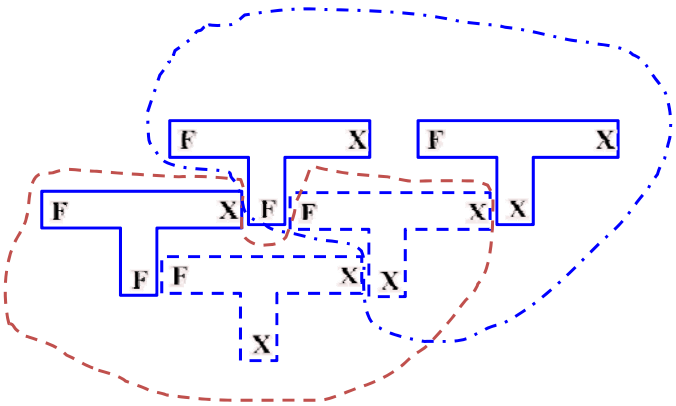
Steps of Bootstrapping



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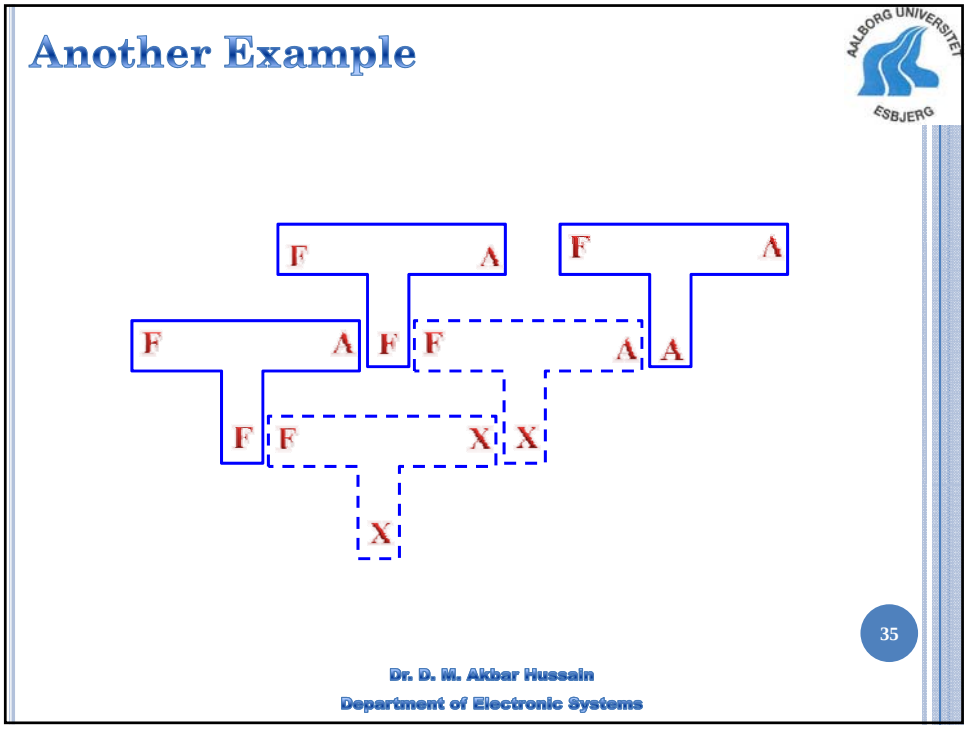
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