



CSE 401 – Compilers

MiniJava Scanner

Automatic Scanner Generation

ForMiniJava

- We use the jflex tool to automatically create a scanner from a specification file,
Scanner/minijava.jflex
- We use the CUP tool to automatically create a parser from a specification file,
Parser/minijava.cup
- Token classes are shared by jflex and CUP.
CUP generates code for the token classes specified by the Symbol class
- The MiniJava ant build.xml file automatically rebuilds the scanner (or parser) whenever its specification file changes



Symbol Class

Tokens are represented as instances of class Symbol

```
class Symbol {  
    Int sym; // which token class?  
    Object value; // any extra data for this lexeme  
    ...  
}
```

A different integer constant is defined for each token class in the sym helper class

```
class sym {  
    static int CLASS = 1;  
    static int IDENTIFIER = 2;  
    static int COMMA = 3;  
    ...  
}
```

Can use this in printing code for Symbols; see `symbolToString` in `minijava.jflex`



Token Declarations in CUP

- Declare new token classes in Parser/minijava.cup, using terminal declarations
 - include Java type if Symbol stores extra data
- Examples

```
/* reserved words: */
```

```
terminal CLASS, PUBLIC, STATIC, EXTENDS;
```

```
...
```

```
/* operators: */
```

```
terminal PLUS, MINUS, STAR, SLASH, EXCLAIM;
```

```
...
```

```
/* delimiters: */
```

```
terminal OPEN_PAREN, CLOSE_PAREN;
```

```
terminal EQUALS, SEMICOLON, COMMA, PERIOD;
```

```
...
```

```
/* tokens with values: */
```

```
terminal String IDENTIFIER;
```

```
terminal Integer INT_LITERAL;
```



jflex Token Specifications

- Helper definitions for character classes and re's

letter = [a-z A-Z]

eol = [\r\n]

- Simple token definitions are of the form:

regexp { *Java stmt* }

regexp can be (at least):

- a string literal in double-quotes, e.g. "class", "<="
- a reference to a named helper, in braces, e.g. {letter}
- a character list or range, in square brackets, e.g. [a-z A-Z]
- a negated character list or range, e.g. [^\r\n]
- . (which matches any single character)
- *regexp regexp, regexp|regexp, regexp**, *regexp+*, *regexp?*, (*regexp*)



jflex Specifications (cont.)

- *Java stmt* (the accept action) in a token specification is typically:
 - `return symbol(sym.CLASS);` for a simple token
 - `return symbol(sym.CLASS,yytext());` for a token with extra data based on the lexeme `stringyytext()`
 - empty for whitespace