



So you want to build a compiler?

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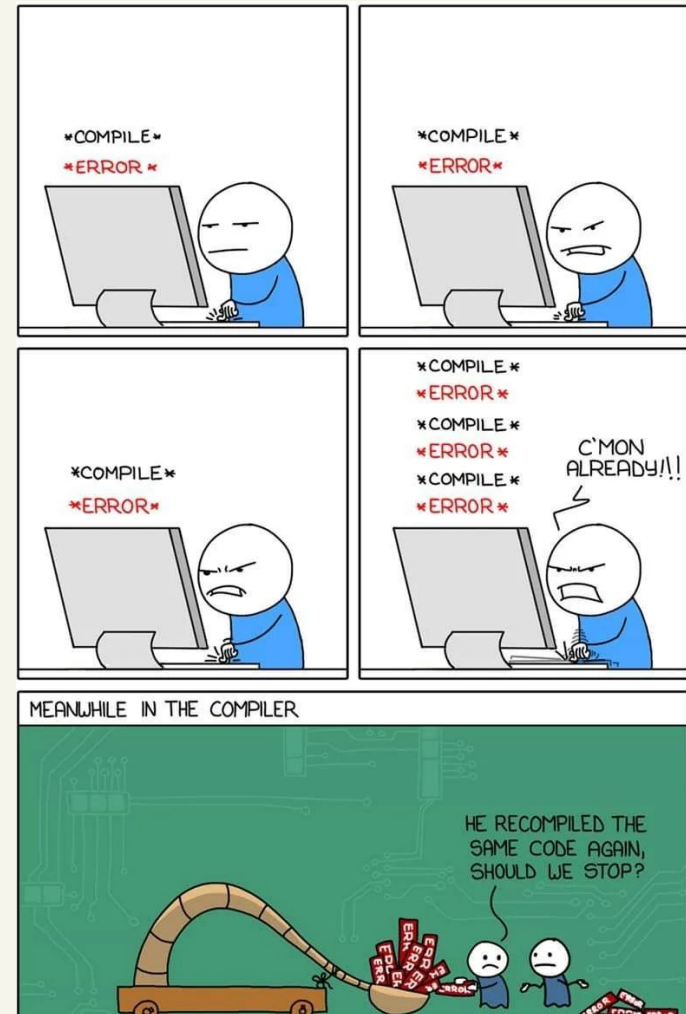


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Me: Changed one line in the code

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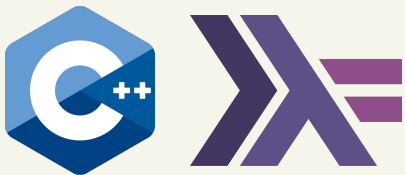
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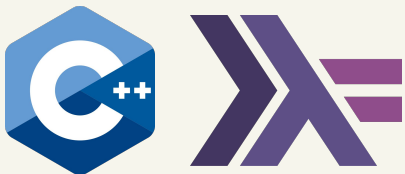


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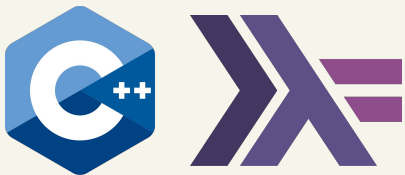


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JIT Compilers & Bytecode

Just-in-time (JIT) compilation involves compiling code **on the fly** into a faster form (typically machine code)

Some languages compile to and then interpret a "bytecode" first and then execute that instead

JIT compilation is also often used with bytecode



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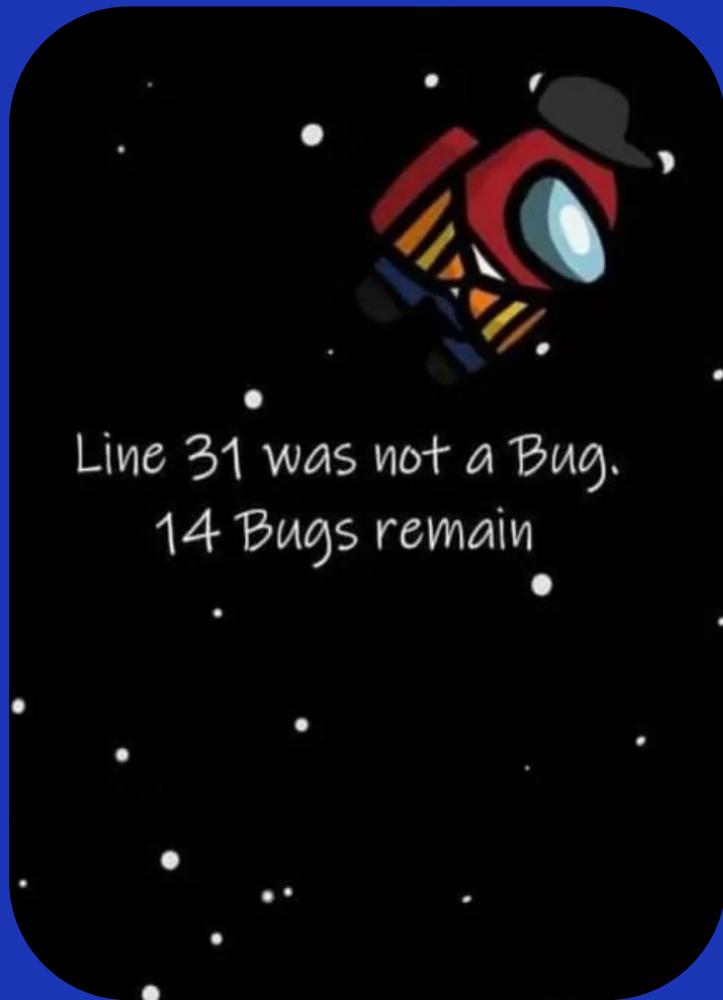
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Part 2:

Building a Compiler



Our Language

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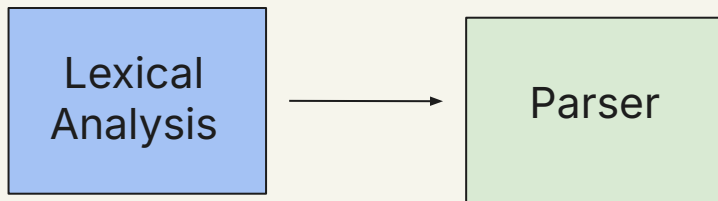
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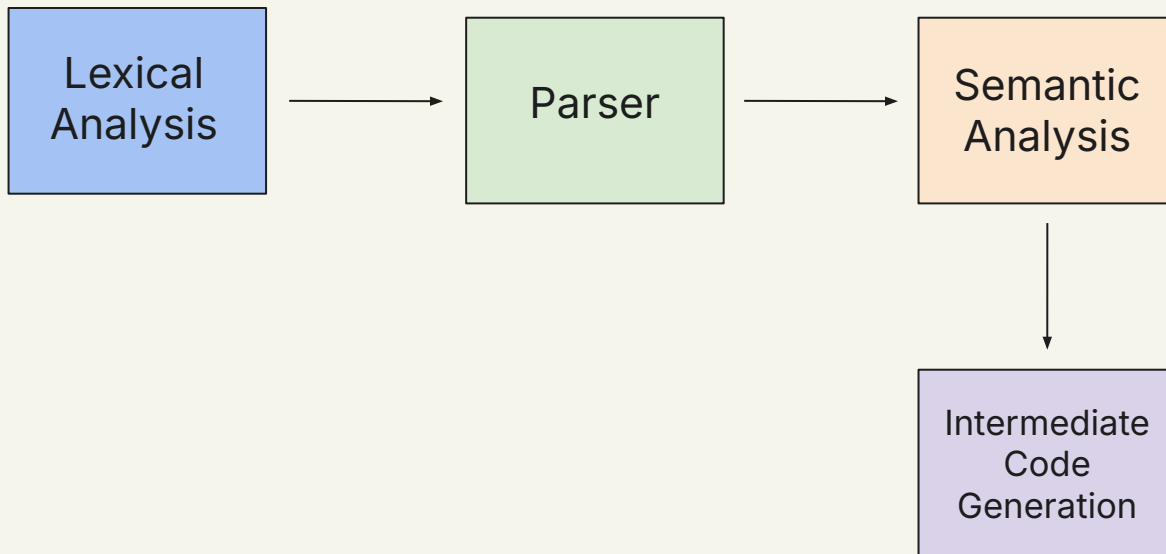
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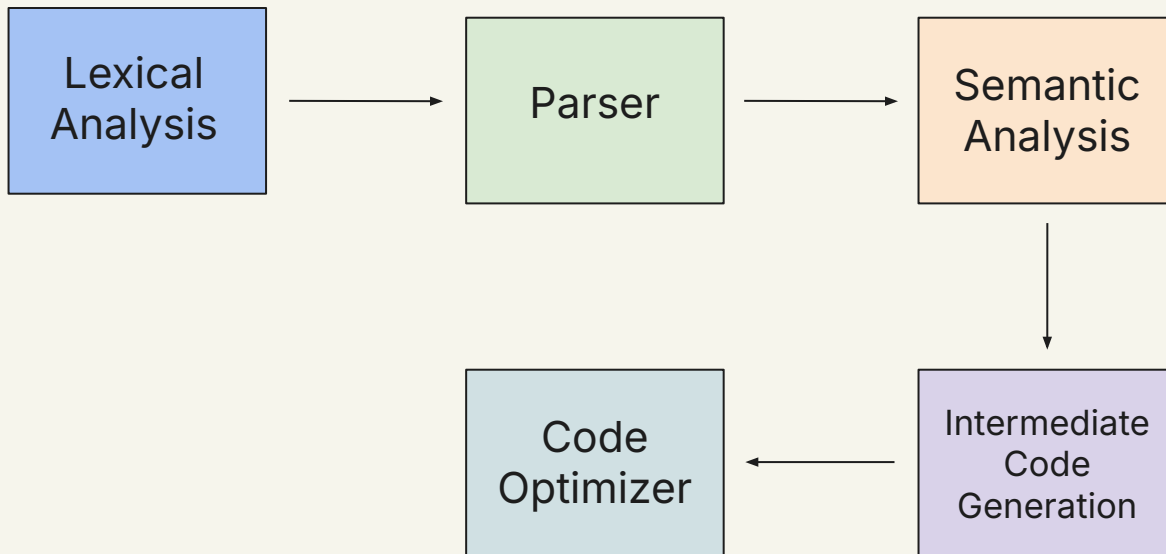
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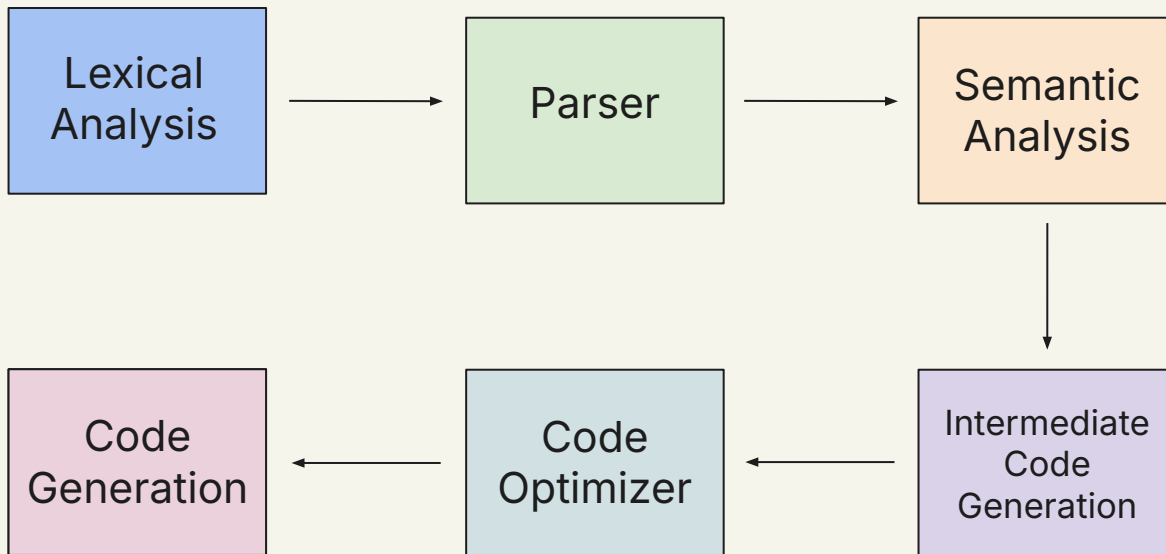
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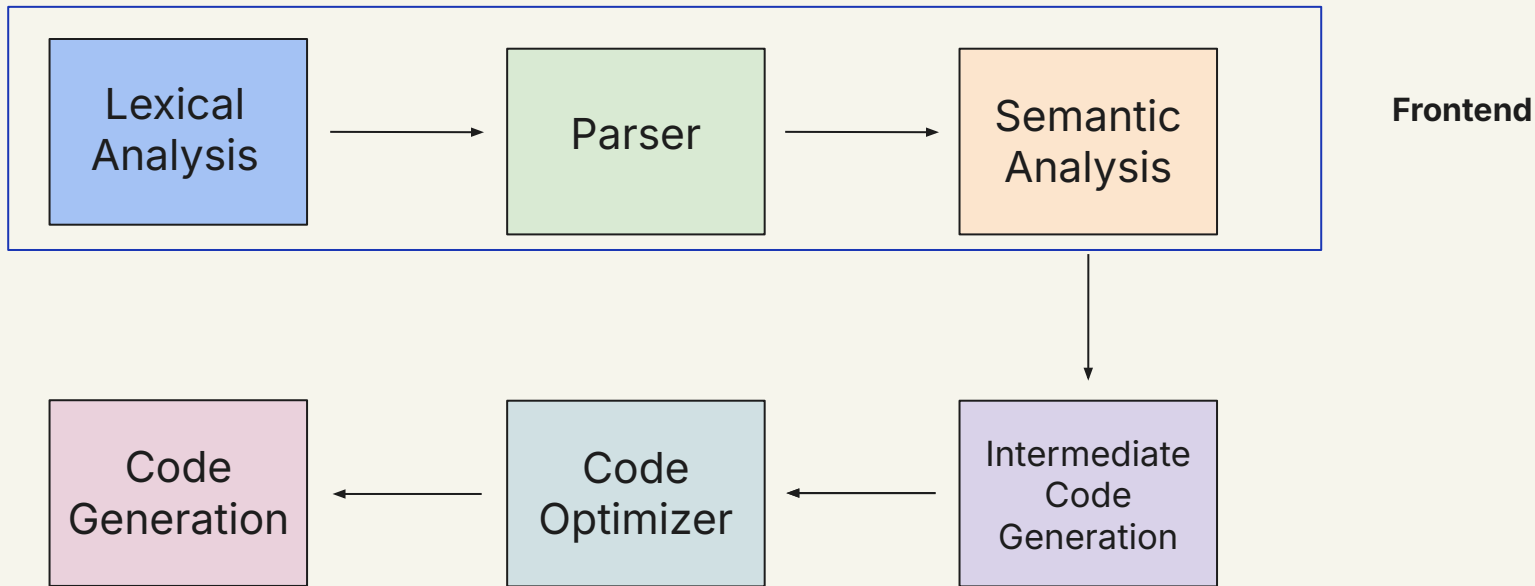
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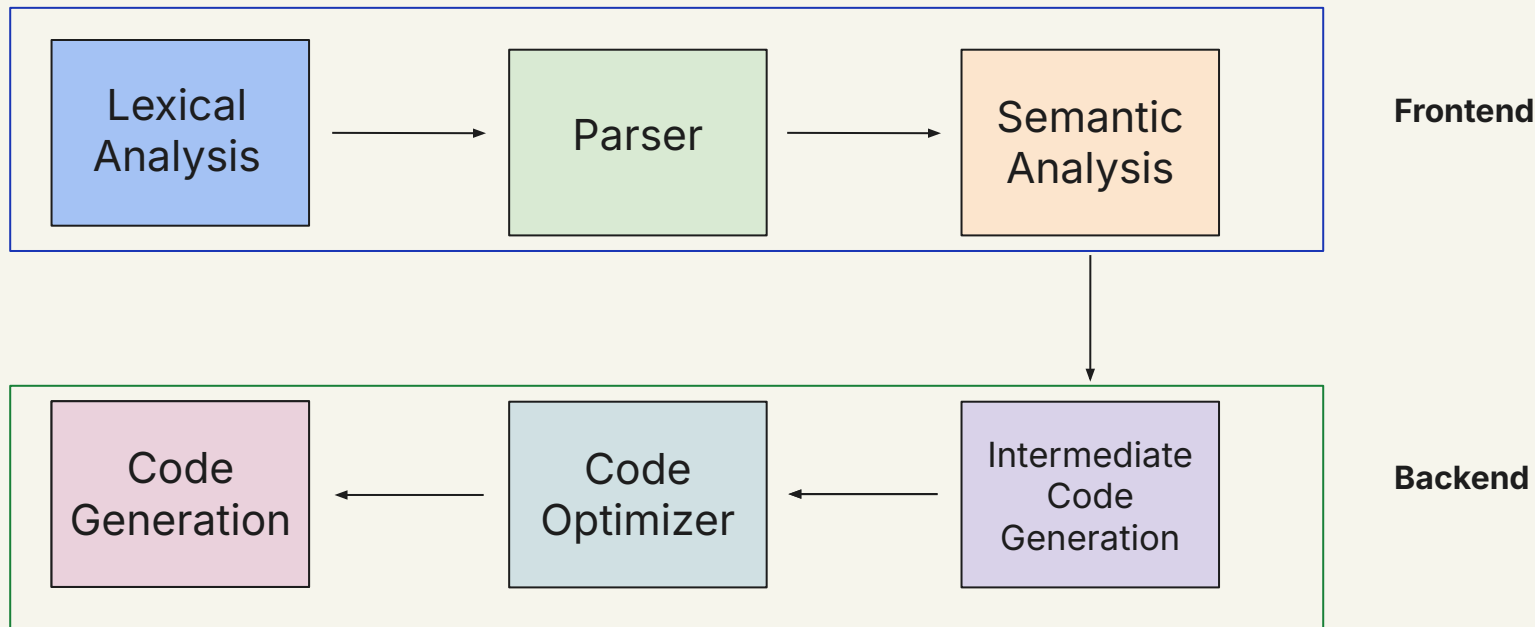
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LLVM



A set of reusable compiler and toolchain technologies

- Backend for almost any instruction set
 - ARM, MIPS, x86, and even PowerPC
- Lots of optimizers
- Extensible, strongly typed intermediate representation
- JIT Compilation



LLVM



C

C++

Go

Rust

Toy

Front-end

Clang

Gollvm

rustc

toyc



LLVM IR

Middle-end

LLVM optimizer

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Back-end

LLVM static compiler

x86

ARM

RISC-V

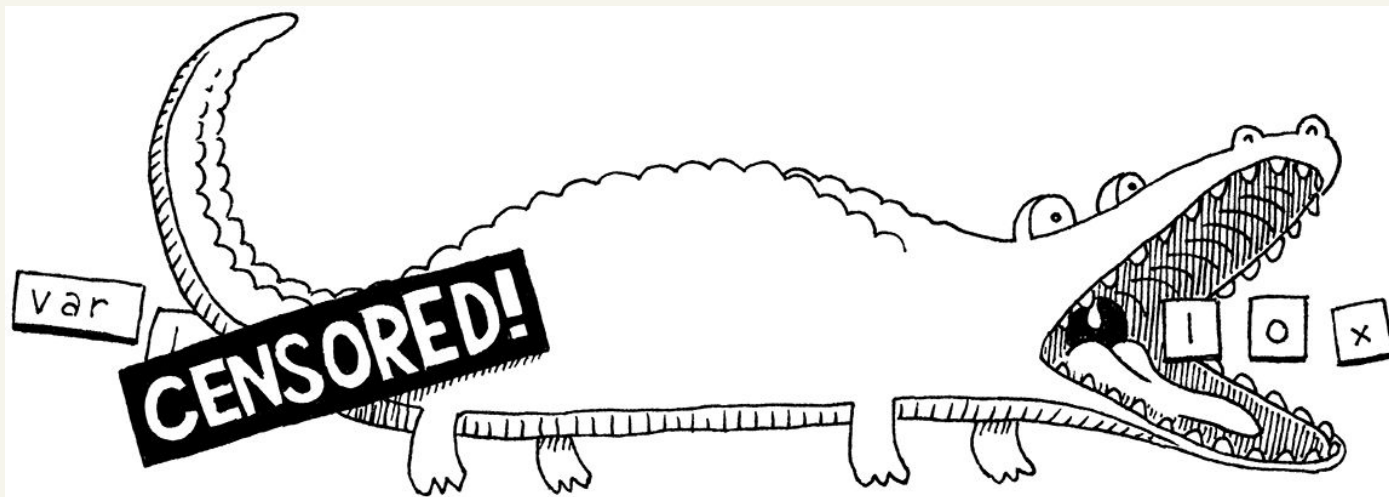
MIPS

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Lexical Analysis/Scanning



```
var language = "lox" ;
```

Token Data Structure

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struct Token {  
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For string and number
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    RETURN,  
    BREAK,  
    CONTINUE,  
    INT,  
    BOOL,  
    VOID,  
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    FALSE,  
  
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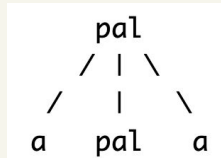
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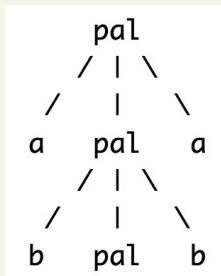
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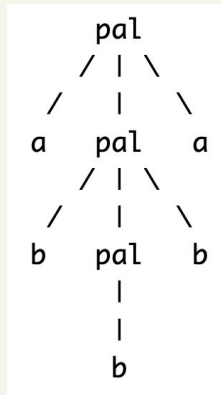
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 $b \rightarrow "b"$



Context

Context-Free Grammar (CFG):

A grammar where each rule is of the form:

$$A \rightarrow \gamma$$

(Replace a single non-terminal with a string, regardless of context.)

Context-Sensitive Grammar (CSG):

A grammar where rules are of the form:

$$\alpha A \beta \rightarrow \alpha \gamma \beta$$

(Replace a non-terminal **only when it appears in a specific context.**)

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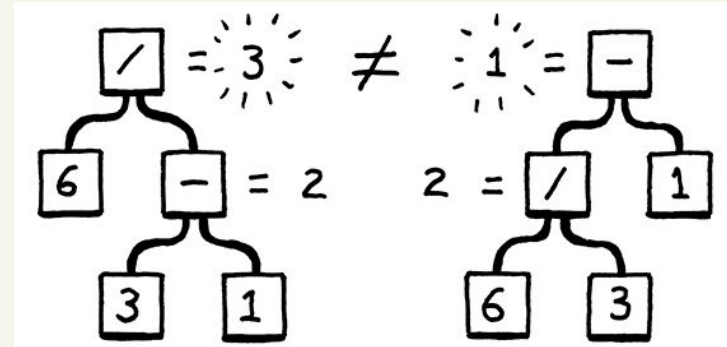
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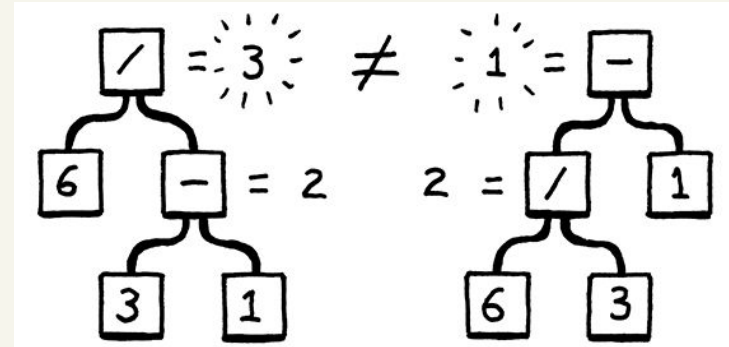
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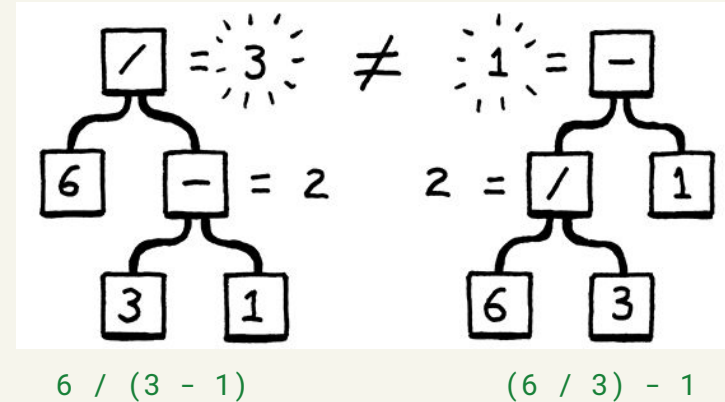
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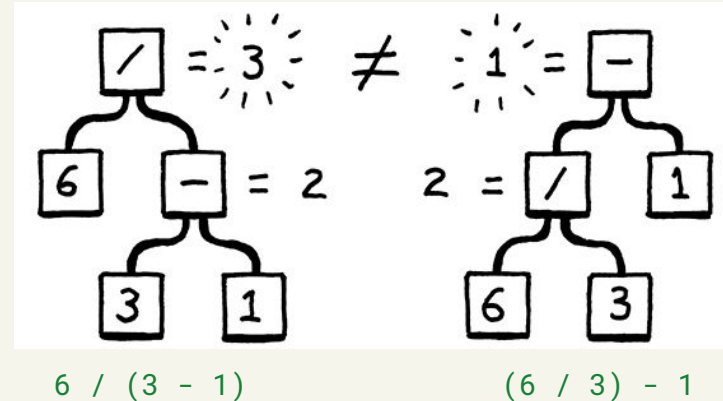
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A grammar is said to be *ambiguous* if the grammar has more than one parse tree for a given string of tokens.

Operators

Operator Associativity

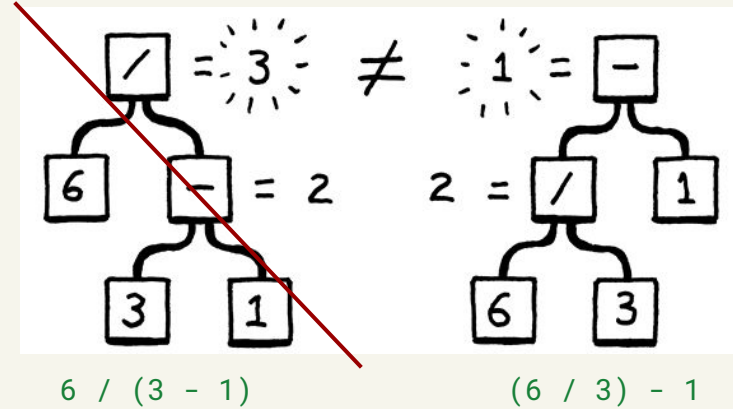
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- A portable, high-level assembly language
- Can be optimized with a variety of transformations
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Operator Precedence

Operators



Tokens



Backus–Naur Form (BNF) Grammar

```
Program → (Var | Func)*  
  
  Var → Type ID ( '[' DEC ' ' )? ';'   
  Type → int | bool | void  
  
  Func → def Type ID '(' Params? ')' Block  
  Params → Type ID ( ',' Type ID )*  
  
  Block → '{' Var* Stmt* '}'  
  
  Stmt → Loc '=' Expr ';'   
        | FuncCall ';'   
        | if '(' Expr ')' Block (else Block)?   
        | while '(' Expr ')' Block   
        | return Expr? ';'   
        | break ';'   
        | continue ';
```

```
  Expr → Expr BINOP Expr   
        | UNOP BaseExpr   
        | BaseExpr  
  
  BaseExpr → '(' Expr ')'   
            | Loc   
            | FuncCall   
            | Lit  
  
  Loc → ID ( '[' Expr ' ' )?   
  
  FuncCall → ID '(' Args? ')'   
  Args → Expr ( ',' Expr )*   
  
  Lit → DEC | HEX | STR | true | false
```

Parsing

Many Types

1. Top-Down parsing
 - a. Predictive parsing/Recursive Descent Parsing
 - i. The most common kind of hand-crafted parser
2. Bottom-Up parsing
3. Table-based parsing???

Parsing

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    (1+2+x)*(x+(1+2))  
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```

```
case DecafScanning::TokenType::DEF:
  return parseFuncDefinition();
```

```
function parseFunction():
  match("def")
  matchIdentifier()
  match("(")
  matchIdentifier()
  match(")")
  match("{")
  parseExpr()
  match("}")
```

Simplified [pseudo-code](#)

Parsing

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    if (!LHS)
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```
std::unique_ptr<AST::Expr> Parser::parsePrimaryExpr() {
    // Parse basic, not bin-op expressions
    switch (peek().value().type) {
        default:
            return nullptr; // Todo: Throw an error
        case DecafScanning::TokenType::IDENTIFIER:
            return identifierExpr();
        case DecafScanning::TokenType::NUMBER:
            return numberExpr();
        case DecafScanning::TokenType::OPEN_PAREN:
            return groupingExpr();
    }
}
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```
def parseExpr(min_prec=0):
    left = parsePrimary()

    while currentToken is operator and precedence(currentToken) >= min_prec:
        op = currentToken
        prec = precedence(op)
        assoc = associativity(op)

        # Left-associative: use prec + 1 for right-hand side
        next_min_prec = prec + 1 if assoc == 'left' else prec
        match(op)
        right = parseExpr(next_min_prec)

        left = BinaryExpr(op, left, right)

    return left
```

“Precedence Climbing”

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```
// 1 is lowest precedence.
m_binopPrecedence[DecafScanning::TokenType::TIMES] = 4;
m_binopPrecedence[DecafScanning::TokenType::DIVIDE] = 4;
m_binopPrecedence[DecafScanning::TokenType::PLUS] = 3;
m_binopPrecedence[DecafScanning::TokenType::MINUS] = 3;
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m_binopPrecedence[DecafScanning::TokenType::LESS_THAN_EQUAL] = 2;
m_binopPrecedence[DecafScanning::TokenType::GREATER_THAN_EQUAL] = 2;
m_binopPrecedence[DecafScanning::TokenType::EQUAL_EQUAL] = 1;
```

“Precedence Climbing”

Parsing

Debug Info: Abstract Syntax Tree

```

binary operation: *
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    ↳ binary operation: +
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Intermediate Code Generation

Intermediate Representation

- Convert AST into a low-level, abstract representation of your program
 - Independent of source language and machine architecture
 - Used for optimization and target code generation

LLVM IR



Intermediate Representation

- Binary format (sometimes called “bitcode”)
- A portable, high-level assembly language
- Can be optimized with a variety of transformations
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```
@.str = internal constant [14 x i8] c"Hello, world\0A\00"

declare i32 @printf(ptr, ...)

define i32 @main(i32 %argc, ptr %argv) nounwind {
entry:
    %tmp1 = getelementptr [14 x i8], ptr @.str, i32 0, i32 0
    %tmp2 = call i32 (ptr, ...) @printf( ptr %tmp1 ) nounwind
    ret i32 0
}
```

Intermediate Code Generation

```
def codegen(numAST)
  emit(numAST->val)

def codegen(varAST)
  emit(namedValues(varAST->name))

def codegen(binAST)
  L = codegen(binAST->left)
  R = codegen(binAST->right)

  switch(binAST->operand.type):
    emit("addtmp" | "subtmp" | "multmp" | "cmptmp" L, R)
```

Intermediate Code Generation

```
def codegen(functionAST)
  # All values in our toy language are doubles
  # A function takes in a vector of N doubles and returns one double as an output
  setFunctionType("double(double,double,...)")

  # For increased readability, make all variable names matched the parsed identifiers
  nameArguments(functionAST->args)

  # Read all the argument names into named values map (so we know what variables are available
  # in our assembly)
  namedValues.clear()
  namedValues = functionAST->args

  # Create an entry point for our function
  createBlockAndSetInsertionPoint()
  emit(codegen(functionAST->body))
```

Intermediate Code Generation

```
llvm::Value *NumberExpr::codegen() {  
    return llvm::ConstantFP::get(*CodeGenerator::context, llvm::APFloat(value));  
}  
  
llvm::Value *VariableExpr::codegen() {  
    // Look this variable up in the function.  
    llvm::Value *V = CodeGenerator::namedValues[name];  
    if (!V)  
        std::cout << "Unknown variable name" << std::endl; // To-do: Log error  
    return V;  
}
```

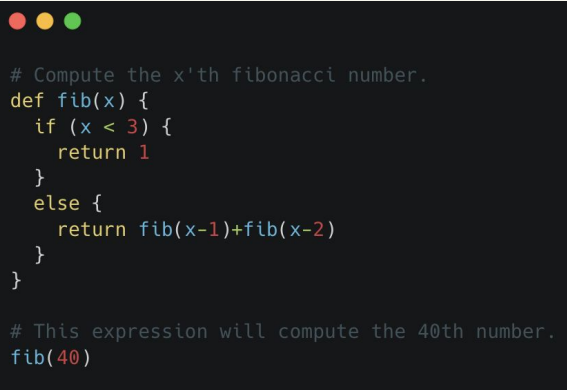
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```
llvm::Value *BinaryExpr::codegen() {
    llvm::Value *L = LHS->codegen();
    llvm::Value *R = RHS->codegen();
    if (!L || !R)
        return nullptr;

    switch (op.type) {
        case TokenType::PLUS:
            return CodeGenerator::builder->CreateFAdd(L, R, "addtmp");
        case TokenType::MINUS:
            return CodeGenerator::builder->CreateFSub(L, R, "subtmp");
        case TokenType::TIMES:
            return CodeGenerator::builder->CreateFMul(L, R, "multmp");
        case TokenType::LESS_THAN:
            L = CodeGenerator::builder->CreateFCmpULT(L, R, "cmptmp");
            // Convert bool 0/1 to double 0.0 or 1.0
            return CodeGenerator::builder->CreateUIToFP(L, llvm::Type::getDoubleTy(*CodeGenerator::context),
                "booltmp");
        // default:
        // return LogErrorV("invalid binary operator");
    }

    return nullptr; // To-do fix switch default
}
```

Intermediate Code Generation



```
# Compute the x'th fibonacci number.
def fib(x) {
  if (x < 3) {
    return 1
  }
  else {
    return fib(x-1)+fib(x-2)
  }
}

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Debug Info: Unoptimized function

```
define double @fib(double %x) {
entry:
  %cmptmp = fcmp ult double %x, 3.000000e+00
  %booltmp = uitofp i1 %cmptmp to double
  %ifcond = fcmp one double %booltmp, 0.000000e+00
  br i1 %ifcond, label %then, label %else

then:
  br label %ifcont                                ; preds = %entry

else:
  %subtmp = fsub double %x, 1.000000e+00           ; preds = %entry
  %calltmp = call double @fib(double %subtmp)
  %subtmp1 = fsub double %x, 2.000000e+00
  %calltmp2 = call double @fib(double %subtmp1)
  %addtmp = fadd double %calltmp, %calltmp2
  br label %ifcont

ifcont:
  %iftmp = phi double [ 1.000000e+00, %then ], [ %addtmp, %else ] ; preds = %else, %then
  ret double %iftmp
}
```

JIT Compilation

- Compile code “on-the-fly” as it is needed
 - Rather than compiling whole programs to disk ahead of time as a traditional compiler does (Ahead-of-time compilation)

addModule

```
auto RT = DecafJIT::JIT::JIT_>getMainJITDylib().createResourceTracker();  
auto TSM = llvm::orc::ThreadSafeModule(std::move(DecafCodeGen::CodeGenerator::module_), std::move(DecafCodeGen::CodeGenerator::context));  
DecafJIT::JIT::exitOnError(DecafJIT::JIT::JIT_>addModule(std::move(TSM), RT));
```

lookup

```
auto exprSymbol = DecafJIT::JIT::exitOnError(DecafJIT::JIT::JIT_>lookup("__anon_expr"));
```

JIT Compilation

```
// Get the symbol's address and cast it to the right type (takes no
// arguments, returns a double) so we can call it as a native function.
// double (*FP)() = exprSymbol.getAddress().toPtr<double (*)>();
double (*FP)() = (double (*)(intptr_t))exprSymbol.getAddress();
double result = FP();
// fprintf(stderr, "Evaluated to %f\n", FP());
// Delete the anonymous expression module from the JIT.
DecafJIT::JIT::exitOnError(RT->remove());
return result;
```

Optimization

We can now produce IR! But it's not great....

- Let's optimize to get nice, efficient code

Optimization

$$(1 + 2 + x) * (x + (1 + 2))$$

"3-Address Code"

```
t1 = 1 + 2  
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LLVM IR

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%addtmp1 = fadd double %addtmp, %x
ret double %addtmp1
```

```
%addtmp = fadd double %x, 3.000000e+00
%multtmp = fmul double %addtmp, %addtmp
ret double %multtmp
```



Optimization

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Other Optimizations

Dead Code Elimination

Remove unused or “dead” code

Strength Reduction* / Peephole Optimization

Replace expensive operations with cheaper ones

```
t = x * 2
```

```
t = x << 1 # Bit shift instead of multiplication
```

Other Optimizations

Loop-Invariant Code Motion

Move computations out of loops if they don't change per iteration

```
for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
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Move outside loop

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And so much more... *seriously*....

LLVM Optimizations

```
std::unique_ptr<llvm::FunctionPassManager> CodeGenerator::FPM = std::make_unique<llvm::FunctionPassManager>();  
std::unique_ptr<llvm::LoopAnalysisManager> CodeGenerator::LAM = std::make_unique<llvm::LoopAnalysisManager>();  
std::unique_ptr<llvm::FunctionAnalysisManager> CodeGenerator::FAM = std::make_unique<llvm::FunctionAnalysisManager>();  
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    br label %ifcont                                ; preds = %entry

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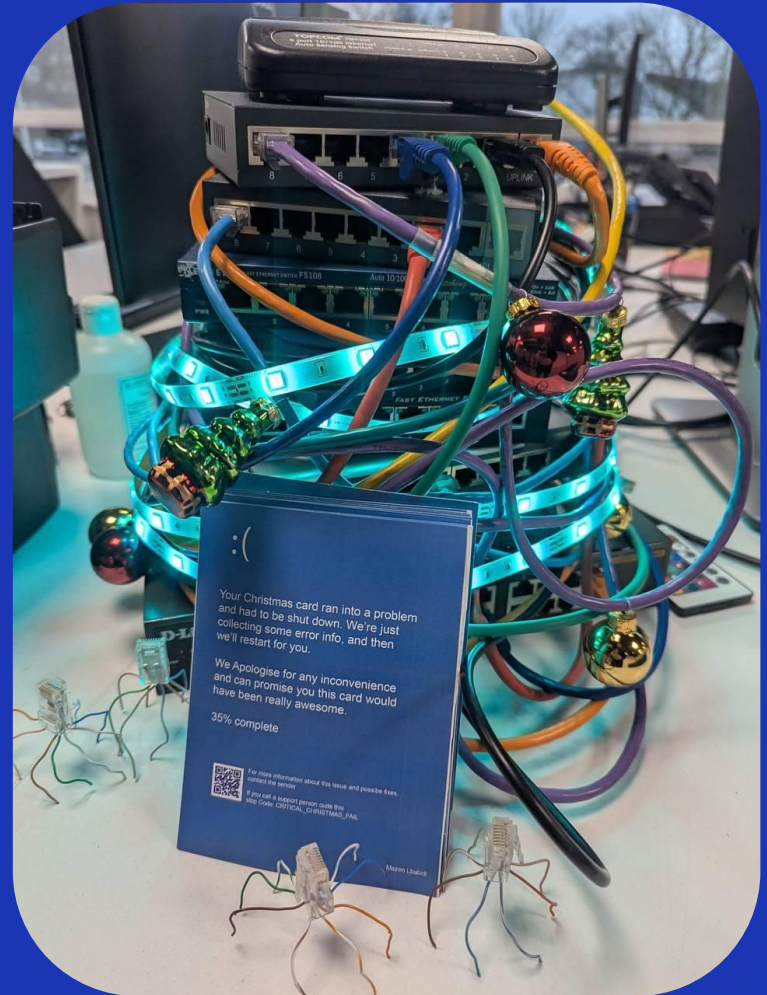
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Part 3: DEMO!



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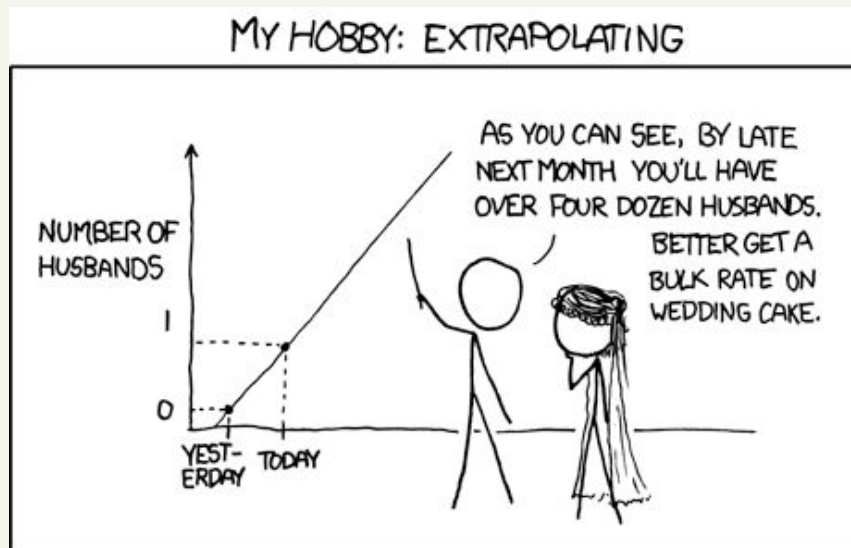
Next Time....

Remaining Topics

- JIT Compilation
- Syntax/Semantic Analysis

Additional Explorations

- Custom Code Generation
 - MIPS, Arm, etc.

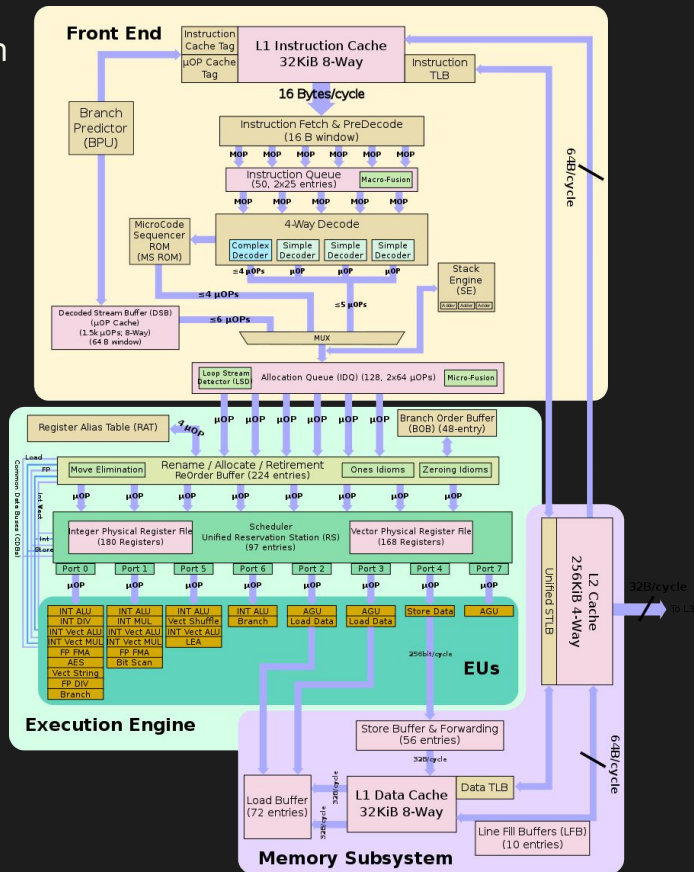


Fin.

Now go build a compiler...

Block diagram of each core

Intel Skylake chip



Context^[1]

$$L = \{ a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$$

$S \rightarrow aSBC \mid abc$

$CB \rightarrow HB$

$HB \rightarrow HC$

$HC \rightarrow BC$

$aB \rightarrow ab$

$bB \rightarrow bb$

$bC \rightarrow bc$

$cC \rightarrow cc$

(It's a bit technical, but the idea is that the grammar carefully keeps the counts of **a**, **b**, and **c** equal, which requires context.)