CS 536 — Spring 2016

Programming Assignment 3 CSX Parser

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You are to write a Java CUP parser specification to implement a CSX parser. A grammar that defines CSX's syntax appears below. You should examine the grammar carefully to learn the structure of CSX constructs. In most cases, structures are very similar to those of Java and C++. Note that at this stage you need not understand exactly what each construct *does*, but rather just what each construct *looks like*.

The CSX grammar listed below encodes the fact that the unary ! and type cast operators have the highest precedence. The * and / operators have the next highest precedence. The + and – operators have the third highest precedence. The relational operators (==, !=, <, <=, >= and >) have the fourth highest precedence. The boolean operators (&& and | |) have the lowest precedence. Thus !A+B*C==3 | | D!=F is equivalent to the following fully-parenthesized expression: ((((!A)+(B*C))==3) | | (D!=F)). All binary operators are left-associative, except the relational operators which do not associate at all (i.e., A==B==C is illegal). The unary operators are (of course) right-associative. Be sure that your parser properly reflects these precedence and associativity rules. Note that the increment and decrement operators (++ and --) are not part of expressions. Rather, they are only used at the statement level.

```
program
                            class id
                                     { memberdecls }
memberdecls
                            fielddecl
                                       memberdecls
                            methoddecls
fielddecls
                            fielddecl
                                       fielddecls
methoddecls
                            methoddecl
                                           methoddecls
optionalSemi
methoddecl
                            void id (
                                                 { fielddecls
                                                                stmts } optionalSemi
                            void id ( argdecls ) { fielddecls
                                                               stmts } optionalSemi
                            type id ( )
                                               { fielddecls
                                                              stmts } optionalSemi
                            type id (argdecls) { fielddecls
                                                              stmts } optionalSemi
                            argdecl , argdecls
argdecls
                            argdecl
argdecl
                            type
                                   id
                            type
                                   id
                                       [ ]
fielddecl
                            type
                                   id
                            type
                                   id
                                             expr
                            type
                                   id
                                           intlit
                            const id
```

```
stmts
                           stmt
                                 stmts
                           λ
                           if
stmt
                                 ( expr ) stmt
                           if
                                 ( expr ) stmt else stmt
                           while ( expr ) stmt
                           id: while (expr) stmt
                           name = expr;
                           name ++ ;
                           name -- ;
                           read ( readlist ) ;
                           print ( printlist );
                           id ( );
                           id ( args ) ;
                           return
                           return expr ;
                           break id
                           continue id ;
                           {
                               fielddecls
                                           stmts } optionalSemi
type
                           int
                           char
                           bool
                           expr
args
                                    args
                           expr
                                  , readlist
readlist
                           name
                           name
printlist
                                     printlist
                           expr
                           expr
expr
                           expr
                                Ш
                                      term
                                 &&
                           expr
                                      term
                           term
                           factor
                                       factor
term
                                   <
                           factor
                                   >
                                       factor
                           factor
                                   <=
                                       factor
                           factor
                                  >=
                                       factor
                           factor
                                  ==
                                       factor
                           factor
                                 !=
                                       factor
                           factor
factor
                           factor +
                                     pri
                           factor -
                                      pri
                           pri
                           pri * unary
pri
                           pri / unary
                           unary
unary
                           ! unary
                           (type) unary
                           unit
unit
                           name
                           id (
                                 )
                           id ( args )
                           intlit
```

Using Java CUP to Build a Parser

You will use Java CUP, a Java-based parser generator, to build your CSX parser. You'll have to rewrite the CSX grammar into the format required by Java CUP. This format is defined in "CUP User's Manual," available in the "Useful Programming Tools" section of the class homepage. A sample CUP specification corresponding to CSX lite (a small subset of CSX) is at www.cs.wisc.edu/~fischer/cs536.s16/course/proj3/startup/java/lite.cup. The file lite.cup is also included in the Eclipse archive for project 3.

Once you've rewritten the CSX grammar we've provided and entered it into a file (say csx.cup), you can test whether the grammar can be parsed by a CUP-generated parser. The build file for project 3 contains a target *Cup* that runs Java CUP on file lite.cup. (You can edit build.xml to make target Cup process a Java CUP file other than lite.cup.) Running

```
ant Cup
```

will initiate execution of Java CUP.

Alternatively, at the command line level you can enter

```
java java cup.Main < csx.cup
```

Using the grammar we've provided, Java CUP will generate a message *** Shift/Reduce conflict found in state #XX

where XX is a number that depends on the exact structure of the grammar you enter. This message indicates that the grammar we've provided is almost, but not quite, in a form acceptable to CUP. This is a common occurrence. Most context-free grammars used to define programming languages can be handled by CUP, sometimes after minor modification.

The difficulty in this grammar is the well-known "dangling else" problem. That is, given the statement

```
if (a) if (b) a=true; else b=true;
```

does the else statement belong to the outer or inner if? The grammar we've provided allows either association. The *correct* association is to match the else part with the nearest unmatched if. You will have to modify the grammar we've provided to enforce this "nearest match" rule.

Initially, you may remove the if-then production, keeping the if-then-else production. This will temporarily solve the shift/reduce conflict, allowing you to build and test a working parser.

At some point you will need to add back the if-then production. You can solve the resulting shift/reduce conflict in either of two ways. The problem is that the then-part of an if-then-else should **not** be allowed to generate an if-then statement. That is, using the above example, if we start with

```
if (a) stmt else b=true;
```

we have the else-part controlled by the value of variable a. But if stmt then generates

```
if (b) a=true;
```

then it appears that variable b controls execution of the else-part. So we must rewrite the grammar so that stmt in the then-part of an if-then-else can never generate anything that ends with an if-then statement.

Alternatively, Java CUP allows us to use a grammar with a shift/reduce conflict if we properly ask it to (see section 3 of the Java CUP manual (expect option)). A shift operation takes precedence over a reduce operation, which (if done carefully) can correctly solve the dangling else problem.

You may rewrite the CSX grammar in any way you wish, adding or changing productions and nonterminals. You **can't** change the CSX language itself (i.e., the sequences of tokens considered valid).

Once your grammar is in the right format and generates no error messages, Java CUP will create a file parser.java that contains the parser it has generated. It will also create a file sym.java that contains the token codes the parser is expecting. Use sym.java with JLex in generating your scanner to guarantee that both the scanner and parser use the same token codes.

The generated parser, named parse, is a member of class parser. It will call Scanner.next_token() to get tokens. Class Scanner (provided by us) creates a Yylex object (a JLex scanner) and calls yylex() as necessary to provide tokens. Be sure to call Scanner.init(in) prior to parsing with in, the FileInputStream you wish to scan from.

If there is a syntax error during parsing, parse() will throw a SyntaxErrorException; be sure to catch it. It will also call syntax_error(token) to print an error message. We provide a simple implementation of syntax_error in lite.cup (the Java CUP parser specification for CSX-lite). You may improve it if you wish (perhaps to print the offending token). You should test your parser on a variety of simple inputs, both legal and illegal, to verify that your parser is operating correctly.

Generating Abstract Syntax Trees

So far your parser reads input tokens and determines whether they form a syntactically correct program. You now must extend your parser so that it builds an abstract syntax tree (AST). The AST will be used by the type checker and code generator to complete compilation of a CSX program.

Abstract syntax tree nodes are defined as Java classes, with each particular kind of AST node corresponding to a particular class. Thus the AST node for an assignment statement corresponds to the class asgNode. The classes comprising AST nodes are not independent. All of them are direct or indirect subclasses of the following:

ASTNode is the base class from which all other classes for AST nodes are created. AST-Node is what is termed an *abstract superclass*. This means objects of this class are never created. Rather the definition serves to define the fields and methods shared by all subclasses.

ASTNode contains two instance variables: linenum and colnum. They represent the line and column numbers of the tokens from which the AST node was built. Thus for asgNode, the AST node for assignment statements, linenum and colnum would correspond to the position of the assignment's target variable, since that's where the assignment statement begins.

ASTNode also has two constructors that set linenum and colnum. These constructors are called by constructors of subclasses to set these two fields (to either explicit or default values).

The method isNull is used to determine if a particular AST node is "null"; that is, if it corresponds to λ. Only special "null nodes" will define their isNull function to return true; other AST nodes will inherit the definition in ASTNode.

The abstract method accept will be defined in each concrete ASTNode subclass. It acts as a "traffic cop" dispatching methods organized using the *Visitor pattern* (see section 7.7.2 of the class text).

An example of an AST node that we will build as a CSX program is parsed is:

classNode corresponds to the start symbol of all CSX programs, program. classNode is a subclass of ASTNode, so it inherits all of ASTNode's fields and members. It contains a constructor, as all AST nodes will. This constructor sets the fields of the class. It also calls AST-Node's constructor to set linenum and colnum. Method accept when called with a visitor class (a set of translation or analysis methods organized on a per-AST node basis) will visit the method in class u defined for AST class classNode (since this is a reference to it). class-Node corresponds to a non-λ construct, so it is content to inherit and use ASTNode's definition of isNull.

classNode contains two fields, defined as public final. These correspond to the two subtrees a classNode will contain: the name of the class (an identifier), and the declarations (fields and methods) within the class. The type declarations tell us *precisely* the kind of subtrees that are permitted. Thus if we tried to assign a subtree corresponding to an integer literal to className, we'd get a Java type error, because the AST node corresponding to integer literals (intLitNode) is different that the type className expects (which is identNode). The fields will not change once they are set, so they are made final.

We can now see why we've created so many different classes for AST nodes. Each different kind of node has its own class, and it is wrong to assign a class corresponding to one kind of AST node to a field expecting a reference to a different kind of AST node.

We list below (in Table 1) all the AST classes that we use. For each class, we list the field names in that class and the type of each field. This type will usually be a reference to a particular AST class object. In some cases a field may reference a special kind of AST node, a "null node," that corresponds to λ. That is, if a subtree is empty, we'll use a null node to represent that fact. For example, in a CSX class, field declarations are optional. If a class chooses to have no fields, the fields field in memberDeclsNode will point to a nullFieldDeclsNode. As you

might expect, null nodes have no internal fields. They simply serve as placeholders so that all subtrees that are expected are always present. Without null nodes, you'd have to routinely check if an AST reference is null before you use it, which is tedious and error-prone.

Some AST nodes are always leaves (e.g., identNode); others have one or more subtrees. Thus the asgNode has two subtrees, one for the name being assigned to (target) and the other for the expression being assigned (source).

The AST nodes identNode, intLitNode, charLitNode and strLitNode do not have subtrees, but do contain the string value, integer value, character value, or string value returned by the scanner (in token objects). Leaf nodes like trueNode and boolTypeNode have no fields (other than linenum and colnum inherited from their superclass). This simply means that for such nodes we need no information beyond their class.

Null nodes are used to represent null subtrees. Java's strict type rules make it necessary to create several different classes for null nodes. However, we have made it easy to reference a null node of the correct type. If you want a null node that can be assigned to a field of class XXX, then XXX.NULL is the null node you want. For example, if you want to assign a null node to a field expecting a stmtsOption, then stmtsOption.NULL is the value you should use.

It is better to reference a null node than to store a null value. If all object references in AST nodes point to *something* then we never have to check a reference before we use it.

Besides astNode, we will use a number of other abstract superclasses to build our AST. One of these is stmtNode. We will never actually create a node of type stmtNode. But then why do we bother to define it?

Sometimes we want to be able to reference one of a number of kinds of AST nodes, but not just any node. Thus in a stmtNode we want to reference any kind of AST node corresponding to a statement, but not AST nodes corresponding to non-statements. We solve this problem by declaring a reference to have type stmtNode. We make all classes corresponding to statements (like asgNode or whileNode) subclasses of stmtNode. The rules of Java say that a reference to a class S may be assigned an object of any subclass of S. This is because a subclass of S contains everything S does (and perhaps more). Thus an asgNode may be assigned to a field expecting a stmtNode without error. However an AST node that is not a subclass of stmtNode (e.g., boolTypeNode) may not be legally assigned to a field expecting a stmtNode.

Although the set of class definitions in ast.java looks complex, the main benefit of using them is that it becomes very difficult to insert AST nodes in the wrong place. If you try, you'll get an error message complaining that the type of node you are trying to assign to an AST node's field is illegal. In Table 2, below, we list all the abstract AST nodes that appear in ast.java and their subclasses.

Java class	Fields Used	Type of Fields	Null node allowed?
classNode	className	identNode	No
	members	memberDeclsNode	No
memberDeclsNode	fields	fieldDeclsOption	Yes
	methods	methodDeclsOption	Yes
fieldDeclsNode	thisField	declNode	No
	moreFields	fieldDeclsOption	Yes

Table 1. Classes Used to Define AST Nodes in CSX

Java class	Fields Used	Type of Fields	Null node allowed?
varDeclNode	varName	identNode	No
	varType	typeNode	No
	initValue	exprNodeOption	Yes
constDeclNode	constName	identNode	No
	constValue	exprNode	No
arrayDeclNode	arrayName	identNode	No
	elementType	typeNode	No
	arraySize	intLitNode	No
intTypeNode			
boolTypeNode			
charTypeNode			
voidTypeNode			
methodDeclsNode	thisDecl	methodDeclNode	No
	moreDecls	methodDeclsOption	Yes
methodDeclNode	name	identNode	No
	args	argDeclsOption	Yes
	returnType	typeNode	No
	decls	fieldDeclsOption	Yes
	stmts	stmtsNode	No
argDeclsNode	thisDecl	argDeclNode	No
	moreDecls	argDeclsOption	Yes
arrayArgDeclNode	argName	identNode	No
	elementType	typeNode	No
valArgDeclNode	argName	identNode	No
	argType	typeNode	No
stmtsNode	thisStmt	stmtNode	No
	moreStmts	stmtsOption	Yes
asgNode	target	nameNode	No
	source	exprNode	No
incrementNode	target	nameNode	No
decrementNode	target	nameNode	No
ifThenNode	condition	exprNode	No
	thenPart	stmtNode	No
	elsePart	stmtOption	Yes
whileNode	label	exprNodeOption	Yes
	condition	exprNode	No
	loopBody	stmtNode	No

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Java class	Fields Used	Type of Fields	Null node allowed?
readNode	targetVar	nameNode	No
	moreReads	readNodeOption	Yes
printNode	outputValue	exprNode	No
	morePrints	printNodeOption	Yes
callNode	methodName	identNode	No
	args	argsNodeOption	Yes
returnNode	returnVal	exprNodeOption	Yes
breakNode	label	identNode	No
continueNode	label	identNode	No
blockNode	decls	fieldDeclsOption	Yes
	stmts	stmtsOption	Yes
argsNode	argVal	exprNode	No
	moreArgs	argsNodeOption	Yes
strLitNode	strval	String	No
binaryOpNode	leftOperand	exprNode	No
	rightOperand	exprNode	No
	operatorCode	int	No
unaryOpNode	operand	exprNode	No
	operatorCode	int	No
castNode	resultType	typeNode	No
	operand	exprNode	No
fctCallNode	methodName	identNode	No
	methodArgs	argsNodeOption	Yes
identNode	idname	String	No
nameNode	varName	identNode	No
	subscriptVal	exprNodeOption	Yes
intLitNode	intval	int	No
charLitNode	charval	char	No
trueNode	none		
falseNode	none		
null nodes	none		
(many kinds)			

Table 1. Classes Used to Define AST Nodes in CSX

Building ASTs in Java CUP

We'll need to build ASTs for CSX programs we have parsed. One of the reasons we're using Java CUP to build our parser is that it's easy to build ASTs using CUP. CUP allows us to embed *actions*, in the form of Java code, in the productions CUP parses. When a production containing

Abstract AST Node	Subclasses	Abstract AST Node	Subclasses
argDeclNode	arrayArgDeclNode	argDeclsOption	argDeclsNode
	valArgDeclNode		nullArgDeclsNode
argsNodeOption	argsNode	declNode	varDeclNode
	nullArgsNode		constDeclNode
			arrayDeclNode
exprNode	binaryOpNode	stmtNode	asgNode
	castNode		blockNode
	charLitNode		breakNode
	falseNode		callNode
	fctCallNode		continueNode
	identNode		ifThenNode
	intLitNode		printNodeOption
	nameNode		readNodeOption
	strLitNode		returnNode
	trueNode		whileNode
	unaryOpNode		incrementNode
			decrementNode
exprNodeOption	exprNode	fieldDeclsOption	fieldDeclsNode
	nullExprNode		nullFieldDeclsNode
methodDeclsOption	methodDeclsNode	printNodeOption	printNode
	nullMethodDeclsNode		nullPrintNode
readNodeOption	readNode	stmtOption	stmtNode
	nullReadNode		nullStmtNode
stmtsOption	stmtsNode	typeNode	boolTypeNode
	nullStmtsNode		charTypeNode
			intTypeNode
			voidTypeNode
typeNodeOption	typeNode		
	nullTypeNode		

Table 2 Abstract Classes Used in AST Nodes and Their Subclasses

an action is matched by parse(), the associated action is automatically executed. For example in the following rule (drawn from lite.cup)

the production $stmt \rightarrow \{$ fielddecls $stmts \}$ optionalSemi is specified. Moreover, whenever this production is matched, the constructor blockNode is called (since blockNode corresponds to block statements). The constructor for blockNode wants four things: ASTs nodes

corresponding to the declarations and statements in the block, and a line and column number to associate with the block. The special suffixes :1, :f and :s represent references (automatically maintained by CUP) to the tokens and ASTs for the {, fielddecls and stmts that have already been parsed. The ASTs have already been built by the time this production is matched. We define the line and column of the block to be the line and column of the leftmost symbol in the block, which is the {. Since, 1 references the token corresponding to {, 1.linenum represents the line number already stored for the {.

After blockNode builds a new AST node for the block and links in its subtrees, the result is assigned to RESULT. RESULT is a special symbol, maintained by CUP, that represents the left-hand side non-terminal (stmt). As productions are matched, AST subtrees are built and merged into progressively larger trees. Finally, when the first production (corresponding to an entire program) is matched, the root of the complete AST can be returned by the parser. The bookkeeping required to maintain AST pointers as productions are matched is automatically done by CUP, using the RESULT and : name notation.

The objects referenced for each terminal and non-terminal symbol in the grammar are defined using terminal and non terminal directives. The lines

```
terminal CSXIdentifierToken IDENTIFIER;
terminal CSXToken SEMI, LPAREN, RPAREN, ASG, LBRACE, RBRACE;
```

tell Java CUP that the tokens for ';', '(', ')', etc. will all be instances of class CSXToken, while the IDENTIFIER token will be an instance of class CSXIdentifierToken. The lines

```
non terminal csxLiteNode prog;
non terminal stmtsOption stmts;
```

say that the nonterminal prog will reference class csxLiteNode, while the nonterminal stmts will reference stmtsOption.

The member function parse(), which is the CUP-generated parser, returns an object of type Symbol. For successful parses, this will be the start symbol (program) of the derivation. The value field of the returned Symbol will contain the AST corresponding to program.

Unparsing

For grading, testing and debugging purposes, it is necessary to display the abstract syntax tree your parser creates. A convenient way to do this is to create a collection of "unparsing methods," one for each kind of AST node. The natural place to locate these methods in within AST node classes. But this approach is problematic. Many components of our compiler operate by traversing the AST. If each compiler phase places its methods within AST classes, the classes soon become large and unreadable, cluttered with methods for many different analyses and translations.

An alternative is to use the "visitor pattern" (see section 7.7.2 of the class text). All the methods needed to implement a given compiler phase (like unparsing) are placed in a single class that is derived from class Visitor. Hence we put all unparsing methods (one for each kind of AST node) in class Unparsing, a subclass of Visitor. We start by calling the unparsing method corresponding to the root of the AST (classNode) in the main method of P3. The unparsing method for classNode can then call unparsing methods for its subtrees, unparsing their content. This works nicely until we need to unparse a subtree for which we don't know the exact type of the root. This is common, since we often define the type of a subtree to be an abstract class.

Here the cleverness of the visitor pattern becomes evident. In the Visitor class we have a special definition of visit, used by all classes (particularly abstract classes) that don't provide their own definition of visit:

```
public void visit(ASTNode n,int indent){
    n.accept(this, indent); }
```

This method calls an accept method for node n, an AST node. Each concrete (non-abstract) AST node has a definition of accept. In all cases this definition is the same! It is

```
void accept(Visitor u, int indent) { u.visit(this,indent); } The accept in the exact class we want to visit is executed. Thus in the call u.visit(this,indent) we execute the visit method corresponding to this, which has the exact AST node type we want to process.
```

Each visit method in class Unparsing prints out the structure of some AST node in conventional (text-oriented) form. (The parameter indent is the number of tabs to indent prior to printing the node's structure.) Unparsing methods "pretty print" a construct, adding new lines and tabs as appropriate to create a pleasing and easily-readable listing. For constructs that are forced to begin on a new line (like statements and declarations) you should print a line number at the beginning of the construct's unparsing using the linenum value stored in the AST node. Note that the line numbers printed *may not* be consecutive since they correspond to the original input text. Moreover, some parts of a construct that appear on a new line (like the '}' at the end of the class definition) will get a line number that appears "out of order" since the line number stored with an AST node corresponds to where the construct began.

Each abstract syntax tree node is associated with a production that can be viewed as a pattern that specifies how a node is to be displayed. For example assume we must unparse an asgNode, It's unparsing method, in class Unparsing, is

```
void visit(asgNode n,int indent){
    System.out.print(n.linenum + ":");
    genIndent(indent);
    this.visit(n.target,0);
    System.out.print(" = ");
    this.visit(n.source,0);
    System.out.println(";");
}
```

An assignment is always be printed on a new line, so we first print out the line number (using the node's linenum value) and indent using the indent parameter. We then call this.visit(n.target,0). This executes the visit method in class Unparsing for n.target, which is a nameNode. This call prints the target variable, without indenting. Next we print '=', and then call this.visit(n.source,0) to print the source expression, without indenting. Finally, we print ';'.

To unparse intLitNodes we print intval. For strLitNodes we print strval (which is the full string representation, with quotes and escapes). For charLitNodes we print charval as a quoted character in fully escaped form. For identNodes we use idname which is the text of the identifier.

Abstract syntax trees for expressions contain no parentheses since the tree structure encodes how operands are grouped. When expressions are unparsed, explicit parentheses should be added to guarantee that expressions are properly interpreted. Hence A+B*C would be unparsed as (A+(B*C)). (Fancier unparsers that only print necessary parentheses are a bit harder to write. An unparser that prints parentheses only when really necessary will get extra credit.)

What You Must Do

This project step is not nearly as hard as it looks, because you have CUP to help you build your parser. Still, it helps a lot to see an example of all the pieces you'll need to complete. We've created a small subset of CSX, called CSX-lite, that's defined by the following productions:

```
{ fielddecls stmts }
program
fielddecls
                             fielddecl fielddecls
                             type id;
fielddecl
                             int
type
                             bool
stmts
                             stmt
                                    stmts
                             λ
                             id
stmt
                                 =
                                     expr ;
                             if ( expr ) stmt ;
                             { fielddecls stmts } optionalSemi
                             expr
                                       unit
expr
                             expr
                                       unit
                             expr == unit
                             expr != unit
unit
                             (expr)
                             intlit
                             id
optionalSemi
                             λ
```

CSX-lite Grammar

This subset contains only simple variable declarations. The only statements are assignment, conditional (if statements) and blocks. Expressions involve only +, -, ==, and !=, as well as identifiers and integer literals. Complete CUP specifications, parsers, AST builders and unparsers for CSX-lite may be found at the class web page (Programming Assignments section) as an Eclipse archive file (cs 536 project 3.zip). The material is also available in a folder (Java Code) at the same web page.

You should look at what we've provided to make sure you understand how each step of the project works for CSX-lite. Basically, ASTs are built using calls to constructors as illustrated in lite.cup. Once an individual production is matched by the parser, a constructor for the corresponding AST node is called. You should substitute your scanner from project 2, by replacing lite.jlex with your csx.jlex file. (Be sure to update the build.xml file with the name of the new JLex file.)

Unparsing functions, one for each AST node that is built, are in Unparsing.java. We've created prototypes for each unparser you'll need. Replace implementations that warn of "not implemented yet" with appropriate unparsing actions.

Once you're clear on what's going on, add a single simple feature like a variable declaration or a while loop. This involves first adding the appropriate productions to the CUP specification. Build the parser and verify that you get no syntax errors when you parse source files containing the new construct. Next, add constructor actions to your CUP specification to build ASTs for the construct you've added. Then complete unparsing methods for the nodes you've built. Now you can verify the ASTs you built are correct by looking at the unparsing you generate. To aid in test-

ing, we've added a new target called test1 in build.xml. If you use this target, your source files will be recompiled as necessary, and then you will be prompted to enter the name of a test file. In the simpler form (the default) a box requesting a file name will appear. A more complex version creates a "file chooser" box that lists available files and allows you to click on the file you want to use. To activate this version, change the constant SIMPLE_GUI (in source file ArgsProcessor.java) from true to false.

After you have added a few constructs, you should have a good understanding of all the steps involved. Then you can incrementally add the complete set of CSX productions to your CUP specification, eventually creating a complete CSX parser and unparser.

Error Handling

In the case of syntax errors CUP will call syntax_error() to print an error message and then throw a SyntaxErrorException, indicating abnormal termination. The caller of your parser should catch this exception, which indicates that because of errors no AST could be built.

CUP does provide a simple error recovery mechanism (using "error" markers). This is described in §5 of the CUP manual. If you wish, you may experiment with syntactic error recovery *after* your parser is fully operational.

What to Hand In

As input, your parser will take a text file on the command line, which will be passed to the scanner to read and build tokens for the parser (if no file name is found on the command line, a GUI will prompt you to enter one). You should test your parser on syntactically valid and invalid programs. For invalid programs, your error messages should be clear and meaningful. For valid programs, you should show a *readable* unparsed listing of the abstract syntax tree that is created.

Create a folder (directory) and name it using your first and last name (e.g., CharlesFischer). Copy into this folder a README file, a build.xml file and all source files necessary to build an executable version of your program (.java source files, a csx.jlex file and a csx.cup file). Do not hand in any.class files. Name the class that contains your main P3.java. Upload this handin folder to the cs 536 project 3 Dropbox folder in learn@uw(https://learnuw.wisc.edu). You may compress your handin folder into a single file using zip if you wish. Partners should submit only one solution. The other partner should submit only a README file identifying the partnership.

If you wish to claim extra credit, *clearly* state (in the README file) what you've added and include examples of its operation.