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Editor’s Notes

Announcing a $10,000 Contest for the Best Article or Application Voted by the Members

Dear Member:

By now those of you in the United States have received a questionnaire and announcement concerning “Pascal News.” The reader survey is a very important element in our ability to contain the cost of this newsletter. When we solicit advertisers, they want to know about the members: Who we are, What we do, How much we spend. I realize these are very probing questions and you may feel they are too personal. To separate your name from your information, the subscription card is a selfmailer and the return envelope for the survey will assure your anonymity. Thank you in advance for your help.

Let me explain the announcement of our name change from “Pascal News” to “Pascal & Modula-2.” Pascal has encouraged and endorsed rational programming. The language aids in the segmentation of a job into small parts through procedures and functions. I have enjoyed learning and using this language, but Pascal does have limitations.

Many limitations are part of the design of a teaching language. Pascal is a very nice base, a core, to which extensions have been added by every implementor. We have accepted this and published reports of large extension packages, UCSD Pascal, Concurrent Pascal and Path Pascal.

These extensions were added to a language created for teaching programming principles. This design goal allows a general purpose language, but not an all purpose language. Nicklaus Wirth recognized these limitations and created a language that would contain Pascal’s good features and satisfy the goal of an all purpose language.

Modula-2, created in 1977, is that language. In this issue, you will read Modula-2 product announcements. In these announcements, and in other articles, claims are made that Pascal is finished, that Modula-2 should replace Pascal in all cases. Maybe. I believe Pascal can and should remain in the position for which it was designed. The premier teaching language is Pascal. The easy transition from Pascal to Modula-2 makes Modula-2 an excellent second year language. Restrictions are necessary in the introduction to programming and Modula-2’s flexibility does not focus a student to basic principles.

Of course I may be “all wet,” but I believe Pascal should remain.

Pascal’s teaching tool strength, Modula-2’s all purpose ability, and the relatively painless transition between them make Pascal and Modula-2 proper subjects for the Pascal Users Group. Pascal News should reflect this wider interest in content and name. The new name, “Pascal & Modula-2,” keeps Pascal as the first name and can be found in the same place in periodical indices as “Pascal News.” This should make the libraries happy.

The new logo places Pascal within Modula-2, a reference to Modula-2’s ability for operating system programming, above Pascal, and its ability for machine specific programming, below Pascal. I hope you welcome the change and contribute to the discussion and promotion.

This brings me to the contest for $10,000. It really is a promotion. There are many ways to promote this newsletter and I have tried a few. One way is to keep the members we have now. I have promised four issues per year and this is the fourth of 1983. A renewal notice was sent out in January and I thank you for your subscription. In October the reader survey and subscription card were mailed and I hope you renew promptly. I placed a small ad in “PC” magazine. It is in their Blue Book section and will run from September 1983 through March 1984 and should attract new members. Announcement of our name change and subscription information was sent to fifteen magazines. Unfortunately there are many Pascalers who do not know of the Pascal Users Group.

I am now very familiar with the costs of this newsletter and can say that income closely matches costs. I also know that if membership exceeds 5,000, we will have a surplus. What would we do with this money? Well, I propose that it be used for a promotion, and I cannot think of a better promotion than to vote for the best article or application published in “Pascal & Modula-2.”

I do not know whether the prize will be winner take all or first, second and third place division of the money. Your letters will help me form the rules.

The first rule is we must have 5000 members. Fewer members and we cannot afford this contest.

Now, you may recognize a little circularity here. The promotion attracts members and increased membership allows the promotion. Because of my other responsibilities (wife, home, job and country) I need your help to announce this contest in all quarters. If all 4000 members will send one letter (i.e. to friends, to users groups, to fellow students, to magazines) to announce this contest and one new member joins per letter, well, I think you get the idea.

Rule number two—all contestants must be members.

One more idea. If this contest generates enough material and money the newsletter will be published more often. Please send your ideas.
A typesetting program called TeX, created by Donald Knuth, is available for the cost of distribution. 15,000 lines of Pascal code puts TeX in the nontrivial category.


Continuing information is provided by the TeX Users Group (TUG). Membership is $30. TeX Users Group, c/o American Mathematical Society, PO Box 1571 Annex Station, Providence, Rhode Island 02901, USA.

"Small Talk," a language from the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center was revealed in the August 1981 issue of "Byte" magazine. The Small Talk virtual machine, a software interface to the real machine, was given to four companies. They agreed to debug the virtual machine and share information.

I found it interesting that Tektronics implemented the virtual machine in Pascal. I understand that Tektronics internal programming uses Pascal or Modula-2. The papers regarding the Small Talk research are assembled in the book "Small Talk-80 Bits of History, Words of Advice." This book and "Small Talk-80 The Language and its Implementation" are available from Addison-Wesley.

Andy Michel informs me of a version of "C," the Bell Labs language implemented in Pascal. Very interesting.

A large part of this issue is devoted to a compiler creator. With a language specification this program will write the compiler. I have been told this program is very valuable. Using it, a contract for a compiler was satisfied and a handsome profit gained. (Sounds good to me.)

Robert Gustafson in a letter complains about the typesetting of this newsletter. Expense, time and typographical errors are his concern. When printing more than 2500 copies, typesetting reduces overall expenses. Typsetting consumes 3 weeks' time, not an unreasonable amount for a quarterly.

Typographical errors are a problem and programs are photographed from originals to avoid them. A better way to assure correct information and dark, clean type is to capture the author's original keystrokes. Floppy disks and mag tape will do the job, but I would have to convert the many magnetic formats to one the typesetter could use.

Computer networks may be a better solution. Networks force all submissions to a common format. From this, the typesetter will make only one conversion to his format. If there is a consensus, I will establish a bulletin board and file system on the most popular network.

Please send your ideas. This is a one-man operation and I appreciate and need your help.

I hope you enjoy this issue.

Charlie
Dear Charlie:

I have been a subscriber to Pascal News for a long time. According to the date on my mailing label, it looks like I will continue to be a subscriber well into the distant (85) future.

I agree with many of the notes published in PN #26 concerning your contributions to the well being of Pascal News, particularly the general management and timely publication.

However, I believe that PN is doomed to die because of one change you have made. Previously, the magazine was printed using the original letters submitted by PN correspondents. This was an inexpensive method of getting the information out to the readers. Your current system of rekeyboarding all of the correspondance can only be costing you dollars without increasing the utility of the information. Also, as people decide they can do without PN for $25/year, your circulation will decrease. One of the previous attractions of PN was that since it was so cheap, it reached everyone. A reduced circulation will cause contributors to look for other distribution media. I realize you are saving money on postage, but since PN is sent out bulk rate, the savings are only a small fraction of the cost of typesetting.

Because the buyers are saving money on postage, but since PN is sent out bulk rate, the savings are only a small fraction of the cost of typesetting. Since these typesetting costs are the same whether you send out 1 copy or 3000 copies, I predict that you will not be able to compete with other publications in the field and PN will die.

If you return to direct printing of correspondent copy you will be in good company. The DECUS special interest group newsletters (RSX SIG for example) are printed from yechy LA36 printer copy. I read them cover to cover as soon as they arrive. There are also a lot of expensive stock market newsletters which are printed from typewriter copy. These sell for big bucks because the buyers are interested in TIMELY information, not typography and art work suitable only for decorating a coffee table.

By concentrating on quick publication, I believe you will find advertisers willing to pay for space in PN. Also, when it comes to selling advertising space, 3000 subscribers are much better than 300! Another important criterion for an advertiser is knowing that what is sent to you will appear unchanged in the publication.

I have noticed that there are a number of typographical errors in the typeset issues of PN. These are inevitable in a keyed-once, proof-read-once publication (I know the statistics, one of our programming systems typesets approximately 40% of the municipal bond issues in the U.S. Errors here are a no-no. As a consequence, we have done quite a bit with automatic proofreading and word processor telecommunications). If you use advertiser copy directly, there can be no problems later with omissions of important parts of the copy or inadvertent changes to prices, etc.

You might consider including a questionnaire in the next issue of PN. I’m sure that the majority of your current subscribers would be much more enthusiastic about paying $9/year for the latest information from your correspondents and advertisers printed “as is” than $25/year for the present “remassaged” format. If you choose an even lower price, advertisers will pay more for the resulting increased circulation. Simple economics!

Sincerely,

Robert D. Gustafson
President
Simulation Specialists Inc.
609 West Stratford Place
Chicago, IL 60657

Ps. May I humbly suggest that you do not print the output of line printers or dot matrix printers. It is just too hard to read.

August 22, 1983

Dear Mr. News:

This is to request address correction from that found on the label:

Jeff Davis [81]
135 Turtle Creek
#1 Roper Mt. Rd.
Greenville, SC 29603

to the following:

Jeff Davis
6549 Quiet Hours Apt. #201
Columbia, MD 21045

I am entering this using an editor found in “Software Tools in Pascal,” one of the best books on toolbuilding I’ve ever read, and printing out using a copy of “Prose” from an early copy of Pascal News recompiled on an Apple II! As you see, my interest is in learning by building tools in Pascal.

By the way, there is a local bulletin Board system (my next tool may be a spelling checker?) called Magus which is actually an operating system written in Pascal by Craig Vaughn that is worthy of note. I’ll suggest that he submit an article describing it and see what his reaction is.

As a last comment, I had been out of the country for a few years and only recently re-subscribed. How’s Modula-2 doing in the states? I’ve ordered their documentation but version for my computer (Apple II) somewhat tardy.

Thanks and it’s great to be back in touch with Pascal reality again!

Sincerely,

Jeff Davis

June 29, 1983

Dear Editor:

I enclose a short article, Two Pascal Devices, for publication in Pascal News. I shall appreciate your acknowledgement and, if you use the article, a copy of the issue in which it is printed.

Sincerely yours,

Harley Flanders
Professor of Mathematics
Florida Atlantic University
Boca Raton, FL 33431

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July 5, 1983

Dear Mr. News:

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We also have a Texas Instruments DS 990 minicomputer with a Pascal compiler which we would like to use for electrical and electronic engineering support and development. Any information on available Pascal electronics packages would be helpful.

Very truly yours,

Miller Electric Mfg. Co.
Bruce A. Casner
Project Engineer
P.O. Box 1079
Appleton, WI 54912

May 31, 1983

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P.O. Box 1079
Appleton, WI 54912
June 2, 1983

Could you send me any information you have on Apple and JRT Pascal? Also, I would be very appreciative if you could recommend any books for someone who knows BASIC and 6502 Assembler.

Thank you.

Larry Houston
169 West 8th Street
Peru, IN 46970

January 28, 1983

Mr. Gaffney:
I read about Pascal News from a UNIX NetNews (a network of UNIX installations sharing news) article. Could you send me the back editions containing the Lisp compiler-interpreter (written in Pascal)? Enclosed is $15 for the year of back issues containing the Lisp compiler. Send me a bill for shipping if $15 does not cover it all. I am glad to see you continuing this magazine.

Respectfully,
Fred R. Finster
8549 Evanston Ave. N.
Seattle, WA 98103

December 20, 1982

Dear Charles Gaffney (Charlie),
I have been informed that PUG (Australia) has distributed its last issue (#24) of Pascal News, and that the subscription list and balance of funds has been transferred to the U.S.
According to my records, I was paid up through 1984 (renewed for 3 years mid-1981). However, I understand that there will probably need to be an adjustment, so please could you apply my outstanding subscription toward whatever extension is appropriate.
Please, if possible, inform me what the final position is; I am very keen to maintain my continuity of membership, as I think PUG is very worthwhile.

Thanks a lot.

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Foster
5/138 Clarence Road
Indooroopilly
Queensland, Australia 4068

February 15, 1983

Dear Mr. Shaw:
I know that your job keeping going the PUG is a great one. As we create the Mexican Wang Users Group with 200 members now, after 4 years about 4 people do the whole work.
Our company with 32 people has an obligation to use an accumulative half hour daily to do some investigation; that is why we are interested in implementing the Pascal in our machine, a Wang 2200-YS.80.

I believe that our specifications were wrong when we asked for the Portable Pascal P4, because we have not been able to get started.

Dr. Niklaus Wirth wrote me that the PUG has an 360 IBM compiler. I would like to know how can we be able to get it, because our computer with very little modification can run IBM assembler programs.
If I can do anything to help the PUG please let me know.

Thanking you in advance for all the trouble I may cause, looking forward to your answer.

Sincerely,
Miguel M. Soriano Lopez
Technical Director
Data, S.A.
Av. Homero No. 1425-1201
Mexico 5, D.F.

June 5, 1981

Dear Mr. Soriano,
It was a pleasure to hear from you after so many years. I fondly remember that stay in Mexico in 1963.
I guess the best way to "get in touch" with me is by writing, as you did. However, I do not see a chance for me to visit Mexico in the near future, as I am quite committed and busy at my position here at ETH.

Good luck for your Pascal compiler project. Are you aware of the compiler for the 360, also available from PUG? Perhaps it would be easier to use that compiler instead of the P, because your machine is—as you write—similar to the 360.

Sincerely yours,
Prof. Niklaus Wirth
Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule
Institut fur Informatik
ETH-Zentrum
CH-8092 Zurich

August 31, 1983

Dear Charlie:
I use Pascal at the National University of Mexico in a Burroughs 7500 or on a PDP-11, and at my work I am trying to install the Pascal-P you send me last year.

Several doubts I had, I asked Dr. Wirth, who answer me and recommended that will be easy to implement the IBM-370 version, which is more similar to my Wang 2200-YS-80 machine.

On the 25th Pascal News is a report about an IBM-370 Pascal. I will like to know if Joseph A. Minor of Cornell Computer Services would like to work together with me, to give to the PUG a Pascal compiler for the Wang VS. Only in Mexico there are more than 200 installations; I believe that at the USA are several hundreds who may be Pascaler’s, if the PUG will have it.

I hope to hear from you soon, thanking you for the trouble I may cause you.

Sincerely,
Miguel M. Soriano Lopez

May 26, 1983

Dear Editor:
I would appreciate it if you would publish the enclosed announcement of the availability of the Edison System Report entitled "Programming a Personal Computer" in the Pascal News.

Yours sincerely,
Per Brinch Hansen
Henry Salvatori Professor of Computer Science
University of Southern California
University Park
Los Angeles, CA 90089
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 11, 1983

Cleveland, Ohio: The ten year old publication, Pascal News is changing its format and name to Pascal and Modula 2, according to publisher, Charles Gaffney.

For those unfamiliar with computer terminology, Pascal is a small and general purpose computer programming language, originally designed 10 years ago by Professor Niklaus Wirth of Switzerland as a teaching language. Because Pascal is easy to learn and read, and can be efficiently translated by computers, it was adapted for use in business. However, it does have certain restrictions. To meet the increased demand for an all purpose programming language, Wirth designed Modula 2. The structure of Pascal is included in Modula 2, affording simple and quick transition for programmers.

Pascal News was originally established to be a forum of correspondence for the Pascal Users Group (PUG). Because of the close linkage between these languages, and the rapid growth in the day to day use of computers, Gaffney expanded the publication to include articles and correspondence about Modula 2.

"Modula 2 is a newer language on the cutting edge of computer science," said Gaffney. "Its design allows Pascal to settle into original standards, and removes the pressure to be all things to all people."

Modula 2, sold only under license, will be protected from incompatible revision. The new availability of Modula 2 from at least 4 vendors demands a forum for new users as well as Pascal users. Pascal and Modula 2, sponsoring the Pascal Users Group and organizing the Modula 2 Users Group, will provide that forum.

Pascal News has over 4,000 subscribers in 41 countries, according to Gaffney who is confident the new publication will continue to serve these user groups. Pascal and Modula 2 will provide application software, software tools, articles on programming philosophy, the use of Pascal as a teaching tool, the promotion and application of each language, as well as an important open forum where users contribute informal correspondence of general interest to the group.
1. THE FORWARD DECLARATION

It was brought to my attention by H. S. Wilf that the reserved word forward is not necessarily included in all versions of Pascal. If we examine Jensen and Wirth's book, we find forward discussed on page 82 of the User Manual, but not in Appendix C, Syntax, pages 110-115, nor in the railroad diagrams, pages 116-118; however, in Appendix E, Error Number Summary, page 120, while nowhere in the Report, pages 133-167.

Suppose we have a program in which several procedures call each other recursively. The usual way to handle this is via a series of forward declarations. It is possible to accomplish the same thing without using forward at all. Suppose, for example, that we have the declarations

```
procedure B; forward;
procedure C; forward;
Procedure A;
<declarations>
begin
<statements A1> ; B; <statements A2>
end;
```

The following single procedure declaration does the same.

```
var CONTROL: char;
procedure ABC;
<declarations>
begin
case CONTROL of
' A' : begin <statements A1>; CONTROL := B, ABC;
' B' : begin <statements A2> end;
' C' : begin <statements C1> ; A; <statements C2>
end;
end;
end; (ABC)
```

The statement calling ABC must initialize CONTROL to the first entry value. Clearly, many variations on this theme are possible.

2. THE EXIT PROCEDURE

UCSD Pascal restricts the goto statement so it only allows jumps within a block. Hence goto cannot be used to exit a nested sequence of procedures. The Exit procedure was introduced into UCSD to make up for this shortcoming; however, it fails to do the job if the nested sequence happens to include recursive calls of a procedure. This can be quite inconvenient at times. Suppose, for example, one is searching an array, and the search proceeds by testing an element, then, if unsuccessful, it partitions the array and tests the pieces recursively. Of course, once the sought element is found, the search should be stopped. But the search procedure may be deeply nested at that time.

A clumsy way out is to introduce a Boolean variable FOUND and rewrite the body of the search procedure as follows:

```
procedure SEARCH;
<declarations>
begin
if not FOUND then <statements of SEARCH>
end;
```

The (external) call of SEARCH must be replaced by

```
FOUND := False; SEARCH
```

This is costly because it adds an extra test to each call of SEARCH. The following is an alternative using Exit. Assume that we are searching for X and that A denotes a test value.

```
procedure DUMMY
procedure SEARCH;
begin
<statements of SEARCH>
if A = X then Exit(DUMMY) else ... SEARCH
end;
```

Remember the UCSD rule is that Exit(PROC) is a jump to immediately after the most recent call of PROC, passing through all more recently called procedures along the way, and doing some incidental housekeeping, like closing files those procedures opened.

Reference

1.0 Introduction

Zuse is a translator writing system written in Pascal which produces translators which are themselves written in Pascal. It is quite simple to use and alleviates much of the tedium inherent in writing a translator from scratch. It is named after Konrad Zuse whose visionary work on the programming language Plankalkul in the mid 1940s should be an inspiration to everyone.

This user's manual assumes that you are already familiar with the principles of translator writing and syntax-directed translation. Such terms as "BNF grammar" and "LL(1) parser" are used freely without explanation. If you lack this background you should refer to one of the standard texts on translator writing (Aho and Ullman, "Principles of Compiler Design", Addison-Wesley 1977; Lewis, Rosenkrantz, and Stearns, "Compiler Design Theory", Addison-Wesley 1976; Pyster, "Compiler Design and Construction", Van Nostrand Reinhold 1980).

Zuse has been designed to be highly portable across different Pascal implementations. Only a handful of lines of code have been written using implementation-dependent features; e.g., Zuse presumes that type char is the ascii character set. This manual describes Zuse as it is implemented on Unix. A separate document describing any deviations from this manual should be obtained from whoever is responsible for Zuse's installation at your computer center.

1.2 How to use Zuse

Zuse actually consists of two programs: generate.o - an executable program which accepts a translation grammar as input and generates several files which will be needed for the translator eventually produced; and skeleton.o - a partial translator written in Pascal which must be augmented by files produced both by you and by generate.o in order to become a complete Pascal program which can be compiled. Figure 1 shows the creation of a translator, skeleton.o. Figure 2 shows the execution of that translator to translate source string x. When creating a translator, all of the files except for the user-defined translation grammar and LLsup.i are part of or generated by Zuse. When executing the translator, only the source string which is to be translated needs to be provided by the user. LLgram is produced by Zuse. The particular manner in which Zuse creates the necessary files is described in later sections of this manual.

Zuse's two programs are used in the sequence listed below to create a translator:

1) Write a context-free grammar which specifies the syntax of the source language. The grammar should be prepared as a file using any text editor. It can be stored under any file name. Because of the parsing method supported by Zuse, the grammar must be an extended LL(1) grammar. The permissible extensions are specified in later sections. This grammar will eventually be used to produce a top-down left-to-right parser.

2) Embed action code into the grammar which specifies the steps to be taken by the translator during parsing. A language definition with both a syntactic specification and action code is referred to as a "translation grammar". The translation grammar specifies the actions to be taken during the parsing of a string. These actions produce a translation of the source string.

3) Prepare Pascal code which defines all supporting routines which will be called by the action code, including the lexical analyzer - LLNextToken. These routines, which will be needed when skeleton.p is compiled, should be stored in the file LLsup.i.

4) Execute generate.o on the translation grammar just prepared. Generate.o expects the grammar to come from the standard input file so you must redirect your file:

```bash
generate.o < MyFile
```

Any errors it uncovers will be reported on the standard output file. Generate.o creates several Pascal text files which must be embedded into skeleton.p along with LLsup.i. Skeleton.p has been peppered with "include" directives so that these files will automatically be included during its compilation.

One additional file will be created - LLgram. It is a modified version of the grammar specified in step 2, which has been compressed to facilitate use by skeleton.o, the compiled form of skeleton.p. Skeleton.o reads LLgram before translation begins.

5) Compile skeleton.p. If you are using the Pascal compiler "pi", then just type:

```bash
pi skeleton.p; mv obj skeleton.o
```

If you have another Pascal compiler, then invoke it in the standard way. Assuming there were no errors in the specifica-
tation of the grammar and the definition of the routines in LL(1),, the resulting object code, skeleton.o, will be a working translator. If there are errors in the grammar, then all the steps just listed will have to be repeated. If the translation grammar is correct, but the support routines are incorrect, then they must be corrected and skeleton.p must be recompiled. You must repeat this process until you are satisfied that the translator is correct.

6) Add error processing capabilities. Skeleton.o will detect any syntactic error in a source string. The detection and processing of semantic errors is left entirely in your hands as the translator writer. Skeleton.o's default error recovery is to terminate the translation, causing an appropriate message to be printed. Zuse also supports optional sophisticated error processing facilities which allow you to specify a number of possible recoveries when a parsing error is detected. These are explained in section 7.

1.3 Manual organization

This user manual itself is organized into sections based on the steps just listed in section 1.2. A running example is used throughout to illustrate concepts as they are introduced.

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2.0 Write A Context-Free Grammar

The first step in generating a translator is to prepare a context-free grammar which specifies the syntax of the language to be translated. A context-free grammar G classically has four components:

- nonterminals - the grammatical categories
- terminals - the alphabet of the language
- axion - a nonterminal which begins all derivations
- productions - the rewriting rules

In fact, Zuse uses a somewhat different structure dictated by the need to distinguish between different types of terminals. Two classes of terminals will be defined: "groups" and "literals". Details about them are presented in section 2.1.

The grammar specification is divided into declarations and productions. Each vocabulary symbol used in the grammar must be declared, indicating what type of symbol it is. Just as in Pascal, a symbol must be declared before it can be referenced. But before describing how to write the grammar, the language which will be the basis for a running example throughout the manual will be described.

2.1 The language EXPRESSIONS

At this point the language which will serve as the running example throughout the manual will be introduced. The language EXPRESSIONS contains possibly empty sequences of arithmetic expressions terminated by semicolons. Its grammar is called G_EXPRESSIONS. The operators are four basic arithmetic operations on integer values:

\[ + - * / \]

Operands are unsigned integer literals. Some sample strings of EXPRESSIONS are:

\[(3+4)*(5-6); 4-6; 4 / 6;\]

\[12 / 3;\]

The arithmetic operators follow common precedence rules; i.e., *, and / are performed before + and -, with operations being performed left to right within precedence. Parenthesization can override any default precedence.

The translation of a member of EXPRESSIONS will be its numeric value. Hence, the translator in this case will be an expression interpreter. For the three examples above, the translations are:

\[-7 -2 0\]

\[4\]

\[3\]

You will type in an expression from the terminal, and your interpreter will print its value immediately below your input. If you type an invalid expression, then an appropriate error message will be printed just below the incorrect input. Hence, in this case there really is no "object code" for the translation, since the display of the expression's value on the terminal is the only desired output.

2.2 Lexical structure of Zuse grammars

2.2.1 Tokens

Zuse grammars have much the same lexical structure as Pascal programs. Within a grammar a "token" is a sequence of printable characters which has no embedded blanks, tabs, or newlines. In certain cases it may be necessary to surround a token with single quotes:

```
'... token ...
```

because the unquoted token is part of the metalanguage used by Zuse to specify the grammar. For example, each production ends with a semicolon. Hence, it is impossible to have a literal semicolon as a terminal symbol on the right-hand side of a production unless it is surrounded by quotes:

```
X = ... ';' ...
```

In other contexts where there is no ambiguity, the semicolon can be used without quotes.

Tokens may start in any column. Blanks, tabs, and newlines are token separators. Blank lines may be freely inserted anywhere in a grammar. For convenience in later discussion, the word "spacer" will be uniformly used to mean any positive number of blanks, tabs, and newlines.

Zuse is sensitive to upper and lower case letters. For example, the following three symbols could all be declared as distinct nonterminals in your grammar:

```
PROGRAM program ProgKah
```

so be very careful, especially if your Pascal compiler does not make such distinctions for identifiers declared in Pascal programs. Even if your compiler would treat the three symbols written above as the same identifier, Zuse will not.

The maximum permissible length of a symbol is 12. If you write a symbol longer than the permitted maximum, generate.o will print an error message and disregard all characters of that symbol beyond the maximum.

2.2.2 Comments

A comment may be inserted anywhere a spacer is allowed. In Zuse comments have the form:

```
(* ... comment .. *)
```

This is one of the two formats for comments used in Pascal. The other form of Pascal comment, { ... }, is not allowed in Zuse because the curly brackets are used for other purposes as described later.

2.3 Declarations

Every symbol used in the grammar must be declared, although the order of declaration is not significant. A symbol can only be declared once. Zuse will tell you if you declare a symbol more than once or reference an undeclared symbol in a production.

The same basic format is used for all declarations:

```
XSPECIFIER LIST_OF_SYMBOLS
```
The SPECIFIER, which is part of the same token as 'X', and so cannot be separated from it by a spacer, indicates the type of component being declared:

n N = nonterminal
a A = axiom
l L = literal
g G = group

Note that either lower or upper case letters can be used. There are three other specifiers used for declaring other types of symbols, which are described later.

### 2.3.1 Terminals

Terminal symbols represent the lexemes of the source string. They are divided into two kinds — "literals" and "groups". For example, in a grammar for Pascal, we might find terminals declared for the keywords such as "do", "program", "begin", and "var", for operators such as "+", "<>", and "=", and for the identifiers and integers. Any sequence of characters with no embedded spacers can be declared as either a literal or a group.

A literal represents itself; i.e., it is a symbol which literally appears in a source string. The terminals "< >", "=" and "=" are examples of literals. Reading a Pascal program, we would expect to find literal occurrences of these symbols.

The other form of terminal is a group, which represents a collection of lexically related symbols such as the integers or identifiers.

The grammar, G_EXPRESSION, has seven literal symbols which can be declared by:

```plaintext
%1 + - * / ( )
```

The order in which the literals are declared is not important, but every literal which will be used in a production must be declared.

The "%1" could appear anywhere on the line ("%1" could have been used instead, but not "%1" since no embedded spacers are allowed), followed by the list of literal symbols. Elements of the list are separated by one or more spacers.

Literals can be declared over several lines, using any number of separate literal declarations. The sequence of declarations:

```plaintext
%1 + ( * additive ops )
- %1 * ( * multiplicative ops )
%1 / %1 ( * note ";" doesn't need quotes here )
```

is equivalent to the earlier declaration.

At the translator-writer’s discretion, the lexical analyzer can group symbols into a syntactic category rather than relying on the grammar to do so directly. Doing so can sometimes simplify the grammar significantly; this is usually true for integers.

Since EXPRESSIONS contains positive integers, they will be used to illustrate the concept of a lexical group.

There is such a large number of distinct integers that it is impossible to enumerate them, yet they can certainly be considered indivisible lexical units. To make it possible to write a grammar which does not detail how integers are structured and does not attempt the impossible task of enumerating them, the notion of a token group is introduced. The entire set of integers can be declared by:

```plaintext
%g INTEGER
```

Having done so, you can use the symbol INTEGER in productions to stand for any integer wherever a terminal symbol is legal. The lexical analyzer LLNextToken must contain logic to recognize and classify integers within the source string. The classification details are discussed in section 5.

It is important to realize that the word "INTEGER" used in the above declaration has no special meaning to Zuse. The symbol "gzorp" could just as easily have been used:

```plaintext
%g gzorp (* stands for the integers *)
```

"INTEGER" was chosen because it is a good mnemonic, but other equally good (but distinct) mnemonics such as "integer", "int", and "integer" could have been selected instead.

#### 2.3.2 Axiom

In addition to declaring the terminal symbols, you must also declare the nonterminals and indicate which nonterminal is the grammar axiom. The axiom of G_EXPRESSIONS, "Ax" is declared by:

```plaintext
%a Ax
```

or

```plaintext
%A Ax
```

This declaration can appear anywhere in the declaration section. It also has the effect of declaring "Ax" to be a nonterminal, so it should not be redeclared as a nonterminal elsewhere. If you forget to declare an axiom, generate.o will remind you.

#### 2.3.3 Nonterminals

A nonterminal is any token containing no embedded spacer.

They are declared using the specifier ‘n’ (or ‘N’):

```plaintext
%n Asop Mdop E T E-list P T-list
```

Nonterminal names are separated by one or more spacers. Note that nonterminals E-list and T-list include a hyphen, making them illegal Pascal identifiers, but perfectly valid nonterminals. All nonterminals are shown here on a single line, but they could just as well have been written over several lines as was done for the grammar literals.

#### 2.3.4 Terminating the declarations

When all declarations have been stated, the declaration section is terminated by ‘%’.

Hence, the entire declaration section for G_EXPRESSIONS could look like:

```plaintext
%a Ax
%n Asop Mdop E T E-list P T-list
%g INTEGER
%1 + - * / ( )
```

#### 2.4 Productions

##### 2.4.1 Alternative productions

Once the declaration section is complete, the grammar productions must be specified. They follow the "%" which ends the declaration section. All productions with the same left-hand side, called alternative productions, must be declared together.

The format for declaring the set of alternative productions for some nonterminal X is:

```plaintext
%a Ax
%b Asop Mdop E T E-list P T-list
%g INTEGER
%a Ax
%1 + - * / ( )
```

where "%a" separates the left and right-hand sides of the production. LIST_OF_SYMBOLS is a possibly empty sequence of vocabulary symbols, and "%" terminates each alternative production. All nonterminals, literals, and groups used in a production must appear in a declaration. Members of the list of symbols are separated by one or more spacers.

The productions for G_EXPRESSIONS are:

```plaintext
As = ; (* empty production *)
= E ; 'Ax ; (* note the use of a quoted ; *)
```

LIST_OF_SYMBOLS is:
E = T E-list ;
E-list = Asop T E-list ;
= ; (* another empty production *)
T = P T-list ;
T-list = Mdop P T-list ;
= ;
P = ( E ) ;
= INTEGER ;
Asop = + ;
= - ;
Mdop = * ;
= / ;

Note the use of both literals and groups in the symbol lists on the right-hand side of productions and the use of the quoted semicolon in the second alternative production for "Am". The literal semicolon must be quoted to distinguish it from the end of the production marker. On the other hand, the declaration of the literal semicolon did not require quotes because a semicolon has no special significance in declarations.

2.4.2 Selection set conflicts

Because Zuse is based on LL(1) parsing, the selection set of each production must be computed. This tells skeleton.o which alternative production to select when it needs to expand a non-terminal while building the parse tree top-down for a source string. Generate.o will compute the selection set of each production for you. This computation is very tedious and error-prone when done manually, and its automatic computation is one of the more pleasant features of Zuse.

The grammar for G_EXPRESSIONS given above is LL(1); i.e., there are no conflicts in the computed selection sets of alternative productions. Sometimes, however, you will write a grammar in which the selection sets of two alternative productions are not disjoint. Generate.o will always inform you when this occurs by printing a message stating which alternatives have the conflict, and which selection set element they share. The message will appear on the standard output device during the processing of the grammar. However, even if there are conflicts, generate.o will still produce a valid parser. It uses a default tie-breaking strategy whenever conflicts arise: If two alternative productions have a selection set element in common, the production which appears first in the grammar will be selected. The conflicting token will be erased from the selection set of the later occurring alternative.

This tie-breaking strategy is fine provided it is consistent with how you envisioned the parse to proceed. However, Zuse provides an easy way to override the default tie-breaker whenever the default choice is inappropriate. This is nicely illustrated by the classic ambiguity involving the optional "else" clause of an if-statement.

The ambiguity arises when considering nested if-statements:

if p then if r then s else t

can be parsed so that the else-clause is associated with either the first or the second if-statement, as reflected by the two physical nestings:

if p then if r then s else t

or

if p then if r then s else t

The first nesting is common to most languages including Pascal. The problem is getting the parser to understand which nesting is meant.

The ambiguity is reflected in a grammar which is not quite LL(1). Two alternative productions both contain the literal "else":

IF_STMT = if PRED then STMT ELSE_PT ;
ELSE_PT = else STMT ;
=

The selection set of each alternative of ELSE_PT contains "else". The presence of other tokens in these selection sets would depend on the other features of the language in which this statement is embedded. According to the default tie-breaking strategy of Zuse, the first alternative would be used. This corresponds to (1) above.

To illustrate the statement of specific selection set elements, suppose that the order of the two alternatives were reversed. To achieve the same nesting, you would have to write:

ELSE_PT = ;
= else STMT Zelse ; (* choose this prod *)

A specific selection set element can be written as part of a production. This list of terminals, begun by "(" , and separated by one or more spaces appears just before the semicolon ending the production. Specifying " } else " tells skeleton.o to use the second alternative no matter which other alternative productions might also have "else" in their selection sets. Any production can be written with a selection set, although no two alternatives should specify the same selection set element.

Since you can specify selection set elements, you must also have a way to indicate which production to select when the end of the source string has been reached. None of the declared terminal symbols is appropriate. "@" is a pre-defined group used in a grammar to signify "end of source". It can only be used in a selection set and in synchronization specifications (section 7.2), never as an ordinary terminal on the right-hand side of a production. Note that since "@" means "end of source", it should not be used in other contexts. If you have a language in which "@" is a token, then declare a group such as "AT-SIGN" and have the lexical analyzer associate "@" with "AT-SIGN".

Occasionally you may want to force the selection of a production no matter what the next token's value really is. This is normally used for error processing in which a production really contains nothing more than a specification of the error recovery strategy you want to employ. Forcing the selection of a production will ensure that the desired error recovery strategy is adopted. Otherwise, if the error occurred in the token which would have caused you to select the production with the recovery strategy, that strategy will not be applied. This is discussed in more detail in the section 7 on error processing.

In order to force the selection of a production, a pre-defined group element "any" is introduced. (All letters of "any" must be lower case.) Like "@", it should only be used in selection sets and in specifying synchronization. It is used to force the selection of a production from among a set of alternatives.

Suppose the current token is w and "any" is in the selection set of production p. If no previously occurring alternative to p has w in its selection set, then p will be selected, even if the current token is illegal.

2.4.3 Lласеlсt

In a complex grammar it may be hard for you to anticipate what the selection set of particular productions will be. To help you debug your grammar, as well as for documentation, generate.o will optionally produce a reformatted grammar for you in file "Lласеlсt". The reformatted grammar will be produced if you specify "Es" as a declaration anywhere in the declaration section. The reformatted grammar will contain the productions numbered in increasing order by line number from the original grammar. All error processing code will have been removed for easier readability, and all action code will have been replaced by the string "(a..!)". Most important is the addition of the entire selection set of each alternative after all conflicts have been resolved. The messages stating selection set conflicts which were reported on the standard output during the execution of generate.o will be included at the front of Lласеlсt. Appendix A contains Lласеlсt for G_EXPRESSIONS and Appendix B contains Lласеlсt for a preprocessor for FORTRAN.

2.4.4 Terminating the productions

The grammar productions are terminated in a manner similar to the way the declarations are, by writing "ZL" where the beginning of a production is expected.
3.0 Embed Action Routines

3.1 Format

Once the grammar has been defined, you must add action code which specifies how the translation will proceed. Although this step can be done while the grammar is being written, it is often more convenient and more reliable to first develop the grammar, embedding action code only after the grammar is complete.

Action code may appear anywhere among the list of vocabulary symbols on the right-hand side of a production. The code is actually a sequence of Pascal statements enclosed by curly brackets:

```"{}" Pascal statements '")'
```

The first character after '{' must be an 'a' to indicate that it is action code. Other characters, discussed in section 7, are used for other types of code.

Rewriting the grammar productions for _G_EXPRESSIONS_ to include action code yields:

```pascal
Ax = ; (* empty production *)
  = {a init} E {a writeln(poppopand);} ';
  Ax ; (* note the use of a quoted ; *)
E = T E-list ;
E-list = Aop {a pushoptor($1.operator)} T
  {a r := poppopand; l := poppopand; popoptor(op);}
  if op = '+' then pushpopand(1+r)
  else pushpopand(1-r)
E-list ;
  = ; (* another empty production *)
T = P T-list ;
T-list = Ndop {a pushopand($1.operator)} P
  {a r := poppopand; l := poppopand; popoptor(op);}
  if op = '*' then pushpopand(1*r)
  else pushpopand(1 div r)
T-list ;
  = ;
P = ( E ) ;
  = INTEGER {a pushopand($1/operator)} ;
Aop = + {a $0/operator := '4'};
  - {a $0/operator := '-'};
Ndop = * {a $0/operator := '*'};
  / {a $0/operator := '/'};
```

Several aspects of this revised grammar warrant explanation. For the moment ignore those strange looking identifiers which begin with "t". They refer to special variables which will be explained in section 3.5.

Action code specifies how the translation is to take place. All aspects of that specification are left in your hands. You can either write all of your code directly in the grammar or you can call separately declared procedures and functions from within the action code, or mix the two styles. The grammar above is written in a mixed style. The action code in the first alternative for _T-list_ has two assignment statements followed by a procedure call, followed by an _if-then-else_ statement. The action code for the second alternative of _P_ has just a single procedure call. You must decide which _support_ routines (as those user-defined routines called from action code are called) to define and what they will do. _G_EXPRESSIONS_ has five support routines referenced in the action code:

```pascal
init pushopand popopand pushoptor popoptor
```

The declaration of these five routines must be included in _LLsup.i_, which contains the _support_ routines, before _skeleton.p_ can be compiled. However, at this point you only need to know what these routines do so that you can properly write the action code.

The action code will map the infix expressions into two stacks -- "opandstk" (operand stack) and "optorstk" (operator stack) -- where the operands and operators of the expression will be held, respectively. The algorithm to evaluate infix expressions using two stacks is quite standard, and it is assumed that you are familiar with it. The code defining these five functions is specified in section 4. "Init" initializes the two stacks and two integer variables, "topopand" and "topoptor", which point to the top of "opandstk" and "optorstk", respectively. "Popopand" and "pushpopand" pop and push elements onto opandstk, while "popoptor" and "pushoptor" are the analogous routines for optorstk.

3.2 Variable, constant, type, and file declarations

3.2.1 Variable declarations

Two variables are referenced in the action code -- "t" and "r". These variables hold temporary values of the left and right operands of some operator. Because _Pascal_ requires the declaration of each variable which is referenced, there must be some provision for declaring these variables. Note that these variables cannot have already declared them because the particular set of variables needed for the action routines will vary from translator to translator. To permit user-declared variables, an additional declaration type is permitted in grammars in the declaration section:

```pascal
Xv Pascal variable declarations
```

If a 'v' (or 'V') specifier is used in a declaration, then the variable declaration is copied verbatim into file "lvvar.i". Note that each declaration ends with a semicolon. If more than one variable is declared, they are copied in the order in which they appear in the grammar.

_G_EXPRESSIONS_ needs several declarations:

```pascal
Xv op: char; (* the operator popped from optorstk *)
Xv toptorstk: integer; (* top of optorstk *)
Xv popandstk: array[1..stksize] of integer;
Xv opandstk: array[1..stksize] of char;
Xv l,r,t: integer; (* temps *)
```

These six variable declarations can appear anywhere in the declaration section. Since the order of variable declarations is not important in _Pascal_, they can be declared in any order. Note that several variables can be declared using a single "Xv" as in the declaration of toptorstk and popandstk.

3.2.2 Constant declarations

The integer constant "stksize" is referenced in the declaration of opandstk and optorstk above. This constant and any others which you need for your action code can be specified through a _constant_ declaration in the grammar. A 'c' or 'C' specifier is used to specify a constant declaration. _G_EXPRESSIONS_ needs:

```pascal
% stksize = 20; (* maximum depth of stk *)
```

Constant declarations will be placed into the file "llconst.i" for inclusion into _skeleton.p_. They will appear in _llconst.i_ in the same order as they appear in your grammar. It is your responsibility to guarantee that a constant is defined before it is referenced.

3.2.3 Type declarations

Although they are not needed for this example, you can declare new types using the 't' or 'T' specifier. For example, if we wanted our interpreter to only work on nonnegative numbers, we might declare:

```pascal
% NonNegative = 0..maxint;
```
and substitute NonNegative for integer in the variable declarations:

...  
IV toptorstk: NonNegative; (* top of optorstk *)
topandstk: NonNegative; (* top of opandstk *)
...

Type declarations will be placed into the file "LLType.i" for inclusion into skeleton.p. They will appear in Lltype.i in the same order as they appear in your grammar. It is your responsibility to guarantee that a type is defined before it is referred.

3.2.4 File declarations

The purpose of skeleton.o is either to interpret the input or to map it into some object code. It therefore must have a file from which the source string is read and, in the latter case, a file where the object code is placed. In addition, a complex compiler may also need several other files. The file declarations themselves can be handled as ordinary variable declarations. For example, if we wanted to write a C compiler, the object code could be placed in a file called "object" which was declared by:

IV object: file of char;

The action code which produced the object code would write to this file.

An additional problem arises, however, because Pascal also requires that each file be listed in the program statement. Hence a %f declaration is introduced. The program heading for skeleton.p has the form:

program skeleton( input, output, LLgram %include LLfile.i);

If you wish to augment skeleton.p with new files, their names should be listed in a %f declaration, begun by a comma, and separated by commas. If we wanted to add an object and a message file to skeleton.p we would declare those variables by:

IV object: file of char;
message: file of char;

and also declare the files by:

If ,object, message

The former would be included into the variable declaration section of skeleton.p, while the latter would yield the program statement:

program skeleton( input, output, LLgram ,object, message );

3.3 Naming conventions

Because Pascal is a block-structured language, the scope of declarations in skeleton.p is very important. You might accidentally select a name for one of your variables, types, constants, or support routines which already has been declared in skeleton.p at the same lexical level. This would cause a compile-time error when you tried to compile skeleton.p. To minimize the risk of such collisions all identifiers in skeleton.p which are at the same lexical level as those identifiers which you will declare for inclusion within it begin with the characters "LL". For example, the main procedure of skeleton.p is called "LLMain". If you simply avoid declaring identifiers which begin with "LL" you should never encounter any difficulties.

3.4 Parsing action

Skeleton.o will construct a parse tree for the source string in a top-down left-to-right manner. The axiom you declared in the grammar will be the root of the parse tree. It will compare the first token of the source string against the selection sets of the alternative productions for the axiom. Assuming it finds a production with the required selection set element, it will expand the axiom by hanging tree nodes from it corresponding to the right-hand of the selected production. It will then examine the leftmost child of the axiom which was just added. There are three types of nodes that child can be, depending on the kind of symbol from the right-hand side of a production which it stands for: nonterminal, terminal, and action. The translator's response will depend on which type of node it finds.

If the child is a nonterminal node, the same process which was just applied to the axiom will be repeated for the child. The alternative productions of the nonterminal will be scanned to find one whose selection set matches the current token. Failure to find such an alternative indicates that the source string has a syntactic error, and error processing as detailed in section 7 will be initiated.

On the other hand, if the child is a terminal, the parser will use the first token of the source string against that terminal. If they "match"; i.e., they are equal, the parser will advance to the right sibling of that node, and advance to the next token in the source string. At this point the whole process will be repeated with the particular action taken depending on whether the tree node is a nonterminal action code, or a terminal.

If the child is action code, that code will be executed. Presumably this code will manipulate the variables declared in the grammar by "%v" declarations in order to effect the desired translation. Once this code completes execution, the parser will advance to the right sibling of that tree node, but will not advance to the next token in the source string since nothing in the parse tree has been "matched" against it.

When the right-most child of a parent nonterminal has been visited in the manner just described, the parse of that nonterminal is considered complete. Parsing continues with the right sibling of that parent node. This process iterates until an error is uncovered, in which case the error recovery policy dictates what then happens, or until the end of the source string is reached, or until the entire parse tree has been constructed. If the end of the source string is reached before the entire parse tree has been constructed or conversely, the string is not in the source language and error processing is initiated.

The order in which nodes are added to the tree and then examined dictates when action code will be executed. For example, in G_EXPRESSIONS if the second production is selected when expanding axiom A, then the first thing the parser will do is call init, the action routine which initializes the data structures necessary to compute the value of the expression. Once initialization is complete, the parser will attempt to expand E into a complete expression. Based on the other action code which will be executed during that expansion, the value of the expression will be on the top of opandstk when E has been completely expanded. At that point another action code is executed which causes operators to be popped and their values to be returned to the desired. The parser then moves on to the semicolon, and finally to . If this interpreter is to operate correctly, the other action code embedded in the remaining productions must ensure that the value of the string derived from E is stored atop opandstk. To understand how this is done, the use of synthesized attributes to pass information throughout the parse tree must be examined.

3.5 Attributes

The last feature of the action code which warrants explanation is the appearance of those strange variable names with a "\$" in them. They arise from the use of attributes to pass information through the tree.

Each node of the parse tree has associated with it a variable or "attribute" which can be used within action code to compute the translation of the source string. For G_EXPRESSIONS this attribute will be used to pass information about integers and operators in the source string. Because the use of the attribute will vary so greatly with the source language and its intended translation, it would be awkward to predefine the data type which each attribute has. Therefore, each grammar writer must declare the attribute data type using a type declaration:

It %LAttribute = type-declaration

The reserved name "%LAttribute" must be used for this purpose.

Since any Pascal type declaration can be used, a record can be declared to actually provide several distinct attributes. Hence, the restriction to a single attribute per parse tree node is not actually a hindrance. For example, G_EXPRESSIONS needs
some way to store both integer values and char values, leading to
the declaration:

It LLAttribute = record
  operator: char;
  operand: integer
end;

In fact, if you would prefer different nodes to have different
attributes, rather than having each node have all attributes,
this is readily achieved through a variant record:

It LLAttribute = record
  case selector-type of
    selectorl: (fieldl);
    selector2: (field2);
    ...
  end;

In order to refer to an attribute, the action code must use a
special naming scheme involving "$n". "$n" has a special meaning
when used inside action code. If n is an unsigned positive in-
teger, then "$n" refers to the attribute of the n-th vocabulary
symbol on the right-hand side of the production in which the "$n"
appears. "$0" refers to the attribute of the left-hand side of
the production. In other contexts, "$n" has no special meaning.
For example, the first alternative for E-list:

E-list = Asop (a pushoptor($1.operator)) T
  (a r := popopand;
   l := popopand;
   popoptor(op);
   if op = '+' then
     pushoperand(l+r)
   else
     pushoperand(l-r);
  )
contains action code which has "$1.operator" in it. In this
case, $1.operator refers to the value of the operator field of
the attribute of Asop which is the first symbol on the right-hand
side of that production.

To better understand the way in which information is passed
up the tree, consider the parsing of "$3+4;". The derivation will
begin constructing the parse tree:

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ax</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(a init)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

Init will be called to initialize the data structures, in this
case, setting topoptor and topopand to be zero showing that no
elements have been stacked yet. Then the parser will expand E, T
and P in turn giving:

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ax</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(a init)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(a init)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(a init)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTEGER (a pushopand($1.operator))</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

At this point the parser will visit the node labeled INTEGER and
match it against the current token "3" in the source string. The
lexical analyzer should classify "$n" as an INTEGER so that the
match will succeed. The current token also has an attribute.
The lexical analyzer will assign the integer value 3 to the
operand field of that token's attribute.

Next the parser advances to visit the action code which is
to the right of the node labeled INTEGER. This action code will
be executed causing $1.operand to be pushed onto the operand
stack. The first vocabulary symbol starting from the left end
among its siblings is the node labeled INTEGER which was just
matched against "3" in the source string. Hence, the integer
value 3 is pushed onto the operand stack.

At this point the right-most child of the node labeled P has
been processed. Hence, the parser would next visit the node la-
beled T-list. The second alternative for T-list will be selected
causing T-list to expand into the empty production.

Redrawing the parse tree, eliminating nodes already visited
which can play no further role in the translation already gives:

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ax</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(a init)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Asop (a pushoptor($1.operator)) T (a ..) E-list</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

The first alternative production is selected for Asop because the
current token is "$n". The action code in that production assigns
$0.operator the character value '+'. $0 refers to the attribute
on the left-hand side of the production, which corresponds to the
node labeled Asop. When that action code is executed, the opera-
tor field of the node labeled Asop is assigned the value '+'.

The next node visited is the action code to the right of
Asop. It refers to $1.operator. This is the value just assigned
to the operator field of Asop’s attribute.

This scenario continues a while longer until the entire
parse tree is formed, but by now the basic information passing
mechanism using attributes should be clear.

There is a simple restriction on the use of attributes in
action code which is dictated by the order in which the parse
tree is constructed. An attribute must have a value before it
can be referenced in action code. Since skeleton.o parses top-
down left-to-right, $n in action code A only has a value if the
n-th vocabulary symbol occurs to the left of A. For example:

```
X = Y1 (a .. x := $2 ..) Y2 Y3
```

would be nonsensical because the value of $2; i.e., the attribute
of Y2, will not be known when the action code referencing it is
executed.

Although the reference to $2 makes no sense in the above
production, the very similar:

```
X = Y1 (a .. $2 := x ..) Y2 Y3
```

which assigns a value to $2 is perfectly reasonable. The attrib-
ute of Y2 would be assigned a value which could then be passed
down the parse tree when Y2 was expanded (assuming it were a non-
terminal). This gives you the power of both synthesized and in-
herited attributes.

In fact, there is no logical reason why you should not be
able to assign a value to the attribute of any vocabulary symbol
anywhere in the production from any action code in the produc-
tion. However, generate.o has a restriction on assigning values
to attributes forced by design decisions for generate.o. You can assign a value to the vocabulary symbol to the immediate right of the action code which contains the assignment — but not to any symbol further to the right. Hence, the production just above is legal, but the similar:

\[ X = Y_1 \ (a.. \ y_3 := x \ldots ) \ Y_2 \ Y_3 \]

is not legal because the symbol to the immediate right of the action code is the second vocabulary symbol, not the third one.

4.0 Define support routines

The support routines referenced in the action code must be defined before skeleton.p can be compiled. They can freely reference any variables, constants, types, or files declared by the translator-writer in the grammar. For the example, the five routines are:

```
procedure init;
begin
  topandstk := 0;
  toptorstk := 0;
end;
```

```
function popopand: integer;
begin
  if topandstk = 0 then begin
    writeln('operand stack underflow');
    LLFatal; {terminate translation}
  end
  else begin
    popopand := opandstk[topandstk];
    topandstk := topandstk - 1;
  end;
end;
```

```
procedure pushopand(element: integer);
begin
  if topandstk = stksize then begin
    writeln('operand stack overflow');
    LLFatal; {terminate translation}
  end
  else begin
    pushopand := opandstk[topandstk];
    opandstk[topandstk] := element;
    toptorstk := toptorstk + 1;
  end;
end;
```

```
procedure popoptor(var result: char);
begin
  if toptorstk = 0 then begin
    writeln('operator stack underflow');
    LLFatal; {terminate translation}
  end
  else begin
    result := optorstk[toptorstk];
    toptorstk := toptorstk - 1;
  end;
end;
```

```
procedure pushoptor(element: char);
begin
  if toptorstk = stksize then begin
    writeln('operator stack overflow');
    LLFatal; {terminate translation}
  end
  else begin
    pushoptor := optorstk[toptorstk];
    optorstk[toptorstk] := element;
  end;
end;
```

These five function and procedure declarations should be placed in LLsup1.p.

These routines reference a procedure not previously described:

```
LLFatal
```

LLFatal is a predefined procedure which will terminate the translation after printing an appropriate message. It is used when a catastrophic translation error occurs, such as overflowing optorstk. It is also called as the default error recovery when a syntactic error is detected by skeleton.p and no user-defined recovery has been specified in the grammar. You can freely call it within your action code. It takes no arguments.

5.0 Lexical Analyzer

Once the support routines are complete, the lexical analyzer -- LLNextToken -- must be constructed. The lexical analyzer needed for translating EXPRESSIONS has been broken down into two routines, LLNextToken and nextchar. The latter is called by LLNextToken to obtain the next character from the source text and to take care of bookkeeping chores such as writing the lines of source text out to a listing file and updating a line counter.

Several predefined error processing routines will need to know the line number of the source text where the error occurred. This information must be kept in the pre-defined integer variable LLLineCount. Skeleton.p will initialize this counter to 0 for you before parsing begins. It is your responsibility to update it properly through LLNextToken.

```
procedure nextchar; {assign next character from source to curchar}
begin
  if not eof then begin
    if LastWasEoln then begin
      LLLineCount := LLLineCount + 1;
      LastWasEoln := false;
    end
    if eol then
      LastWasEoln := true;
    read(curchar);
    if curchar = ' ' then begin
      nextchar;
      for i := 1 to LLStringLength do
        PrintValue[i] := curchar;
      PrintValue[i] := 'end-of-file';
      nextchar;
    end
    else if (curchar = '@') and eof then begin
      PrintValue[i] := '@';
      if curchar in ['0', '9'] then begin
        i := 1;
        TableIndex := LLFind('INTEGER', group);
        for i := 1 to LLStringLength do
          PrintValue[i] := curchar;
        attribute.operand := ord(curchar) - ord('0');
        nextchar;
        while curchar in ['0', '9'] do begin
          i := i + 1;
          PrintValue[i] := curchar;
          attribute.operand := attribute.operand * 10 +
            curchar;
        end;
        nextchar;
        end
      end
    else if curchar = '8' then begin
      curchar := '0';
      nextchar;
      TableIndex := LLFind('INTEGER', group);
      for i := 1 to LLStringLength do
        PrintValue[i] := curchar;
      attribute.operand := attribute.operand * 10 +
        curchar;
      nextchar;
    end;
  end
else
  {curchar should become the first non-blank}
  if not eol then begin
    curchar := nextchar;
    {clear PrintValue field}
    for i := 1 to LLStringLength do
      PrintValue[i] := 'end-of-file';
    nextchar;
  end
end;
```

procedure LLNextToken; {get next token from candidate}
```
begin
  i := integer;
  begin with LLCurtok do begin
    if i = 1 to LLStringLength do
      PrintValue[i] := attribute.operand;
    attribute.operand := ord(curchar) - ord('0');
    nextchar;
    while curchar in ['0', '9'] do begin
      i := i + 1;
      PrintValue[i] := attribute.operand;
      attribute.operand := attribute.operand * 10 +
        curchar;
    end;
    nextchar;
  end
else if (curchar = '8') and eof then begin
  PrintValue[i] := attribute.operand;
  TableIndex := LLFind('INTEGER', group);
  for i := 1 to LLStringLength do
    PrintValue[i] := attribute.operand;
  nextchar;
end
end
```

There are a handful of simple conventions which must be followed in constructing LLNextToken so that it communicates with the parser properly.

First, despite its appearance above LLNextToken does have a parameter. Because this routine must be referenced within skeleton.p long before the point where LLsup1.p is inserted into
it, LLNextToken has a forward declaration in skeleton.p:

```pascal
procedure LLNextToken( var LLCurTok: LLTok );
```

All direct communication between the lexical analyzer and the parser is through the parameter LLCurTok. The type LLTok is pre-defined in skeleton.p to be:

```pascal
LLTok = record
  PrintValue: LLStrings;
  attribute: LLAtribute;
  TableIndex: integer;
end;
```

LLStrings is pre-defined to be:

```pascal
LLStrings = packed array[1..LLStringLength] of char;
```

where LLStringLength is a pre-defined constant equal to 12. LLAtribute is the user-declared type discussed in section 3.5.

LLNextToken has one major function — to fill-in the three fields of LLCurTok. LLNextToken should assign a value to the attribute associated with the current token. The particulars of this assignment will vary with the declaration of LLAtribute, the particular token encountered, and the translator being implemented. LLNextToken must assign to the PrintValue field of LLCurTok the string which you want to be printed when the built-in error-processing routines are called. For ordinary literals and groups, this is the value which the user-declared type discussed in section 3.5.

For non-printable terminals, such as an implicit end-of-statement marker as is found in FORTRAN, the string 'end-of-stmt' might be assigned to LLCurTok.PrintValue instead.

LLNextToken must also assign a value to the TableIndex field of the current token. Skeleton.p has an internal symbol table (not to be confused with any symbol table which you might produce for your translator) to keep information about the terminal symbols of the grammar. This table is designed to minimize parsing time. The table structure is best described if you are familiar with communication with that table will be through the pre-defined routine "LLFind":

```pascal
function LLFind( item: LLStrings; which: LLStyle ); integer;
```

Its first argument is the literal or group name which this token corresponds to. For literals this value normally equals LLCurTok.PrintValue. For groups, LLFind should be called with the group name rather than the literal value of the token. The second argument is either the enumerated constant "group" or "literal" depending on the token type. LLFind returns the index into the symbol table where that argument can be found. If the token cannot be found, the index value 0 is returned, indicating the token is illegal. You can process an illegal token at this level. If the index value is found, you are free to perform whatever actions you wish.

The special case when the end of the source string is reached is handled quite simply. LLFind should be called with the first character of item equal to "\n" and the remaining characters blank. "\n" is a group. The value returned by LLFind should be assigned to LLCurTok.TableIndex. LLCurTok.PrintValue could be assigned the string 'end-of-file' or some other appropriate string, and LLCurTok.attribute should be left undefined.

Note that there are two user-defined variables referenced in nextchar. They must be declared in the grammar along with the other variables used for the other support routines in LLsup.i:

```pascal
Xv LastWasEoln: boolean;
curchar: char;
```

In order for LLNextToken to work properly the first time it is called, curchar and LastWasEoln must already have a value. Hence, an action routine which assigns these two variables a value must be called before skeleton.o references LLCurTok. To do so a special user-defined procedure, "LLInitialize" will always be executed before parsing really begins. After LLInitialize has been executed, LLNextToken will be called automatically causing LLCurTok to become defined so that parsing can begin. LLInitialize can also be used to reset the source file if it is not that standard input, or to reset or rewrite any supplemental files declared in the grammar.

Since LLInitialize will automatically be called, you should be sure to include a declaration for it in LLsup.i, even if it doesn't really do anything useful in your translator.

```pascal
procedure LLInitialize;
```

```pascal
begin
  LastWasEoln := true;
  nextchar {must be called to ensure LLNextToken works} end;
```

All support routines including LLNextToken are placed into LLsup.i.

If you are using a true Pascal compiler such as Berkeley's "pc", which requires separate compilation and linkage to routines written in C, (as opposed to "p", which generates P-code, not machine code, and hence does not support separate compilation), you may want to consider writing a small C program to do the actual reading and writing and linking that with the compiled version of skeleton.p. Depending on the nature of the I/O, a C version of "nextchar" could perform significantly faster than a Pascal version. Since such a large percentage of the total time is spent reading and writing, this could dramatically affect the overall run-time of skeleton.o. Whether this particular strategy will work depends heavily on the quirks of your Pascal compiler and the I/O performed in skeleton.o.

6.0 Execute generate.o and compile skeleton.p

6.1 Normal translation

At this point all pieces necessary to construct the translator are complete. Generate.o should now be executed redirecting the input from your grammar file:

```
generate.o < MyFile
```

Generate.o will print a few informational messages as it processes. In particular, it will tell you how many vocabulary symbols and productions are in your grammar. It has extensive error checking capabilities; for example, it will flag a reference to an undeclared vocabulary symbol, a second declaration of the same symbol, or the appearance of an ill-formed production. When generate.o finishes, it will return to the shell from which it was called.

At this point you should compile skeleton.p using the Pascal compiler:

```
pl skeleton.p; sv obj skeleton.o
```

All files except LLsup.i that must be included in skeleton.p will have been generated when you executed generate.o. Assuring there are no fatal error messages from the Pascal compiler, the object code should be an executable version of your translator.

The Pascal compiler may issue warnings that certain procedures which begin with "LLSkip*" have not been referenced — LLSkipToken, LLSkipNode, and LLSkipBoth. Do not be bothered by these warnings. These three procedures are pre-defined for error processing. If you use the default error recovery, they will not be referenced (which should be the case for G_EXPRESSIONS now). Later, when you add error recovery information into your grammar, you will probably reference one or more of the routines, in which case the warnings will disappear.

You may receive two other warnings as well which you can safely ignore. The compiler may warn you that fields "table" and "grammar" of LLgram are not referenced. It is just a quirk of pl's analysis routines that it thinks these fields are never referenced. They, in fact, are referenced.

If other warning or error messages appear, they probably indicate a problem with your action code, or possibly with a grammar declaration for a variable, constant, or type. Fortunately, the Berkeley Pascal compiler pinpoints which included file it was compiling when the error was detected. You should use the following strategy to isolate errors produced during the compilation of skeleton.p:
Errors in the action, patch, and synchronization code will show up as problems in the file LLaact.i which was produced by generator.o. (Patch and synchronization code are used in error recovery, and have a form similar to action code. For more information on them see section 7.2.) For convenience in discussing LLaact.i, we will refer to any action, patch, or synchronization code as "embedded code".

LLlact.i is actually the declaration of procedure LLLTakAcAction which structures the calls to all embedded code. LLLTakAcAction has the following structure:

```pascal
procedure LLLTakAction(CaseIndex: integer);
begin
  case CaseIndex of
    1: begin embedded-code-sequence-1 end;
    2: begin embedded-code-sequence-2 end;
    ... 
    n: begin embedded-code-sequence-n end;
  end;
end;
```

where the i-th embedded-code-sequence is a copy of the i-th embedded code sequence in the grammar beginning the count from the first production. So, for example, if the compiler reports an error in embedded-code-sequence-2 in LLlact.i, then the erroneous code can be found in the 2nd embedded code sequence in your grammar.

If you discover any errors in your translator, the corrective action necessary will depend on the severity of the error. An error in the grammar will require you to modify it, reexecute generate.o, and recompile skeleton.o. However, if the grammar is correct, but one of the support routines or LLNextToken has a bug in it, then only skeleton.o needs to be recompiled after the bug is corrected.

Once skeleton.o is compiled without error, you should execute skeleton.o. The source string should come from whatever file you specified in LLNextToken. For our example this is the standard input, so we would type either:

```pascal
skeleton.o -- work interactively

or
skeleton.o < MyFile -- read from file
```

Since, in this case, skeleton.o writes to the standard output, as you complete an expression and type a carriage return, the interpreter will display the expression's value on the screen. An erroneous expression will cause an error message to be displayed, and the interpreter to terminate execution. In the next section, you will learn how to specify any of several different error recovery policies instead.

### 6.2 Verbose mode

For convenience in debugging your translator, there is a version of the skeletal translator which includes facilities for tracing the parsing actions it takes in translating a candidate string -- skel.debug.p. These trace features are not available in skeleton.p. Samples of the "verbose" output of skel.debug.p which has the tracing features on are given in both Appendices A and B.

#### 7.0 Error processing

A translator constructed according to the instructions presented so far will process correct input properly. However, if a string which is not in the source language is given to it, the translator will simply report the error and halt. Because of the viable prefix property of LL(1) parsers, a syntactic error is detected at the leftmost position in the source string for which there is no legitimate continuation. In most circumstances such poor error recovery (i.e., quitting) is unacceptable. Zuse has a number of other pre-defined error recovery strategies which you can specify in the grammar. These fall into two major categories: patches and synchronizations.

#### 7.1 Patching errors

When a syntactic error is discovered, there are three easy recovery strategies other than quitting which can be tried:

- skip past the current token from the source string, but continue the parse from the same place in the parse tree.
- skip past the current node in the parse tree, (consider it to have been matched), but continue the parse with the same token in the source string.
- skip past both the current token and the current node in the parse tree.

None of these may prove adequate, in which case the more sophisticated recovery strategy of synchronization must be used. However, local patching is often sufficient.

In order to specify a recovery strategy other than quitting, you must include what is called "patch" code in the grammar. A patch routine looks exactly like an action routine except that instead of beginning with "a[" it starts with "p].

A patch routine can follow any terminal symbol, and applies to the symbol which precedes it. In our example, one of the alternatives for "p" can be patched quite nicely:

```pascal
P = ( E ) {LLLSkipToken};
```

During normal parsing, patch routines are not executed. In this respect they differ from action routines which are always executed when it is their "turn" in the derivation. The parser simply skips over patch routines because they are not needed for normal processing.

The parser can detect a syntactic error in one of two ways. If the next symbol in the sentential form is a terminal and the current token does not match it, that is an error. Similarly, if the next symbol is a nonterminal, but no alternative production for that symbol has a selection set which includes the current token, that is also an error. Patching addresses only the first type of error, synchronization addresses both.

When the parser detects an error during the matching of a terminal in the sentential form against the current token in the source string, it checks whether there is patch code associated with that terminal symbol. Patch code is always associated with the terminal symbol it follows. In this example, patch code is associated with the right parenthesis since the "p[... ]" code follows ")" in the production.

If there is no patch code, the parser quits with a fatal error message. On the other hand, if a patch is present, the parser executes the patch code. This should alter the source string by removing the current token, or treat the terminal in the sentential form as if it had been matched and advance it, or both. The parse then resumes. The patch code in the production above stops when a closing parenthesis is expected in an expression but none is found, then the current token should be skipped and the next one examined. The overall effect of this is to remove tokens until a right parenthesis is found in the source string. If the end of the source string is reached before "]", the translator will quit with a fatal error message.

LLLSkipBoth, LLLSkipToken, and LLLSkipNode are three parameterless pre-defined procedures designed to facilitate patch recovery. They are declared in skeleton.o by:

```pascal
procedure LLLSkipBoth
procedure LLLSkipToken
procedure LLLSkipNode
LLLSkipToken just removes the current token. LLLSkipNode leaves
the current token in the source string unchanged, but advances
the pointer to the current node in the parse tree, essentially
ignoring the node in the parse tree which did not match the
current token. LLSkipBoth skips past both the current token and
the current node of the parse tree. All routines cause a message
to be printed both to LLMessagesFile and to the terminal explain­
ing the nature of the error and the recovery taken.

LLSkipBoth can be helpful when you encounter a token which
is often misplaced. For example, the following Pascal constant
declaration "any" has been specified. It has been added to ensure
that part of the source string immediately sur­rounding the
current token is affected. Furthermore, parsing always resumes in the
sentential form where it left off before the error was detected. Even if an entire section of the
sentential form has been "contaminated" by the error, it is not possible us­ing a patch to skip forward in the sentential form to a more ap­propriate point such as that corresponding to the beginning of
the next statement. The need to synchronize with a point later
in the sentential form motivates the recovery strategy described
in the next section.

7.2 Synchronization

Synchronization is a more sophisticated recovery strategy
which allows you to skip arbitrarily many tokens in the source and
parse arbitrarily many symbols in the sentential form before
resuming the parse. It is needed when an error is so severe that
local patching is inadequate and the whole "area" surrounding the
error must be abandoned as non-repairable.

Synchronization recovery is specified in the grammar. As
with action and patch code, synchronization information is sur­rounded by curly brackets, except that it begins with "{s". The productions for "Ax" can be modified from:

Ax : =
\[\{\text{a \ initialize}\} Ax\]

- \{\text{a \ writeIn(popopand); }\}

- \{\text{a \ writeIn(popopand); }\} \text{; } \text{Ax} \text{;} \text{Xany} ;

Although only a terminal can be associated with patch code, any
vocabulary symbol can be associated with a synchronization
specification by placing the specification immediately after it.
For our example nonterminal E is associated with the synchroni­
ization specification.

Besides including synchronization recovery, the second al­ternative production has been changed so that the selection set
element "any" has been specified. It has been added to ensure
that the second alternative production for Ax will always be
selected whenever Ax must be expanded and the end of the source
string has not yet been reached (the selection set of the first
alternative is []). This is necessary because error recovery
(both patch and synchronization) specified in a production only
applies if that production has been previously selected. An er­ror
in the token used to select a production will cause error
recovery information specified for the first vocabulary symbol on
the right-hand side of that production to be ignored — unless the
selection set of that production has been augmented by "any".
"any" will cause the synchronization recovery which follows the E
to be applicable, even if the token used for selecting from among
the alternatives for Ax is erroneous.

Synchronization information is not written in Pascal, but in
a special format specifically designed to express that form of
recovery. The general format is:

\[
\{\text{Ax} \text{ recovery } ; " \text{ Pascal code } ; " \text{ recovery } ; " \text{ Pascal code } \}
\]

where each clause of the recovery specification, separated by
comas, has the form:

- token "any" integer
- or
token "any" "Ax"

The Pascal code which follows the semicolon will be described
shortly, but first the simpler form used in G_EXPRESSIONS which
has only one clause and no Pascal code will be explained.

Synchronization elements are just like patch code in that
they do not affect parsing until a syntactic error is detected.
The synchronization information is simply ignored until then.
However, when the parser detects a syntactic error, one of
several things can happen depending on the circumstances. If
there is no user-defined recovery governing the parser's actions
at this point, the parser treats the error as fatal and simply
terminates execution. On the other hand, if the parser was at­
tempting to match a terminal symbol against a terminal in the
sentential form which has patch code associated with it, then
this local recovery will be taken whether synchronization is
specified or not. Under all other circumstances, synchronization
recovery is activated.

To illustrate how synchronization works, suppose you were to
attempt to parse the expression "3-++5", which has an error at the
"-". When the parser looks for an operand after the first "-", it will
find the operator "a" instead. The parse tree at this point,
with uninteresting portions elided will be:

Ax
\[\{\text{a \ initialize} \} Ax\]

\[\{\text{a \ writeIn(popopand); }\}

\[\{\text{a \ writeIn(popopand); }\} \text{; } \text{Ax} \text{;} \text{Xany} ;

The parser will have successfully expanded Asop, have executed
the action code following it, and be attempting to expand T when
the error is detected. The current token value is "-" but the
selection set for the sole alternative production for T is ['{',
INTEGER}]. Since T is a nonterminal, no local patch is possible.
However, synchronization can be performed even though there is no
synchronization specification directly following T.

T is a descendent of E-list, which in turn is a descendent
of E. E is followed by a synchronization element. The synchroni­
zation policy of a nonterminal is implicitly inherited by its
descendants. Any descendent nonterminal can explicitly override
that synchronization policy by establishing one of its own, and
any descendent terminal can override that synchronization policy
through patch code, but by failing to establish a recovery of its
own, a symbol inherits its recovery policy from its parent.

The effect of this synchronization is to instruct the parser to erase that part of the parse tree hanging under the E, and to skip tokens in the source string until a semicolon is found. Failure to find a semicolon before the end of the source string is reached is fatal. However, if a semicolon is found, the parser will resynchronize the parse with the node in the parse tree corresponding to the second vocabulary symbol among the siblings of E, since it is the E where the governing synchronization is located. In this case the second vocabulary symbol is ':'

The total effect of the synchronization is to skip over tokens until the end of an expression is found and to resume parsing at that point in the parse tree where the end of an expression is expected. This decision is based on the premise that if an error is discovered in an expression for which no local patch is defined, then the best policy is to simply skip past the rest of that expression and resume parsing with the expression separator.

In the more general case there will be several clauses in the synchronization specification:

"{'" token "}"" intl ""," ... tokenk "}" intk )""

Having several clauses allows the parser to resynchronize at different places depending on the sequence of tokens encountered in the source string. When synchronization recovery is initiated, the parser will skip tokens in the source string until it finds one which matches one of token1 through tokenk. When it does so, it will use that clause for synchronization, continuing the parse at the point indicated by the integer in that clause.

The advantage of being able to synchronize in different places becomes clear when we consider error recovery for a Pascal compiler. When an error occurs in a statement, the translator-writer may wish to skip to different points in the source string and parse tree depending on the circumstances. For example the variable declaration:

```pascal
var t,3u = integer;
```

contains two syntax errors. The ill-formed token '3u' appears where an identifier is required, and '=' is used where ':' is expected. If the only error were the appearance of 3u, then one reasonable recovery would be to skip to the ':'. However, since that symbol is missing, we should skip to the ':'. Instead, assuming the production in effect for the parsing of these type declarations originally were:

```pascal
VarDecl = {IdList : TypeConstruc; ':'}
```

It should become:

```pascal
VarDecl = {IdList [as ';' => 4, ':' => 2] : TypeConstruc ;}
```

to implement this strategy.

Occasionally, you will not wish to synchronize on a symbol which occurs in the production in which the synchronization element appears; rather, you will want to skip past the whole right-hand side, as if the parser had completed the derivation of the entire right-hand side. To indicate this, a '*' is used in place of an integer in a clause of the synchronization element. For example, if the synchronization element of the alternative production for Ax were replaced by:

```pascal
{ as => *, ';' => 2 }
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then the string:

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3/4
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would cause the parser to recover by terminating normally even though no semicolon is present in the source. All of the children of Ax would be skipped. Since Ax is the rightmost child of Axion, all the entire parse tree would be considered generated by the parser at this point. Hence, the translation would terminate normally. Using the original synchronization element, the parser would have terminated execution with a fatal error when it was unable to find a semicolon.

An important synchronization feature is the ability to optionally include Pascal code after a semicolon in the synchronization specification. This code is occasionally necessary in order to "clean up" any data structures which would otherwise be left in an inconsistent state by the synchronization. For example, if action code on the right-hand side of a production is skipped during resynchronization, then attributes and variables which that action code would have assigned values will not have the proper values. This Pascal code will be executed after determining which clause of the synchronization specification will be used. It can assign values, clear stacks, reset counters, and perform any other housekeeping chores so that when parsing resumes, all data structures are in a consistent state. Different clean-ups are possible depending on which clause is selected. The code can examine LLCurTok to determine which clause was selected and then take the appropriate action. For example, the synchronization specification:

```pascal
TypeDecl = 
  TypeID '*'
  {s ']' => 2, ':' => 3, any => * ;
    with LLCurTok do
    if TableIndex = LLFind ('(',') literal) then
      ... recovery appropriate for ':' ...
    else if TableIndex = LLFind ('(',') literal) then
      ... recovery appropriate for ']' ...
    else
      ... other recovery ...}
```

permits the translator to take different action when recovering from quite different situations:

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type
  speed : integer; {should be 'm' -- assume it is}
  high,low = real; {only one type identifier can be declared per declaration -- but can set up symbol table to accept high and low anyhow}
  g 123 = char; {perhaps this is an embedded blank in type identifier -- don't really know what to do, so skip to end of declaration and "throw out" type identifier g found so far}
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There is one final embellishment on the specification of synchronization information which is often quite useful. Consider a production for a Pascal Program:

```pascal
Program =
  Header LabelPart ConstPart TypePart VarPart FuncProcPart ExecStat ;
```

One reasonable synchronization recovery strategy is:

```pascal
Program =
  Header LabelPart ConstPart TypePart VarPart FuncProcPart ExecStat ;
```

This synchronizes the program on each major block section as determined by a keyword. Although this specification is adequate, it appears highly redundant. To abbreviate the specification of recovery information common to several vocabulary symbols, Zuse allows you to write synchronization code which is global to the entire right-hand side. This code, written in the same syntax as other synchronization specifications, must appear as the first symbol on the right-hand side of the production:

```pascal
Program =
  {s PROGRAM => 1, LABEL => 2, CONST => 3, TYPE => 4, 
   VAR => 5, FUNCTION => 6, PROCEDURE => 6, BEGIN => 7}
LabelPart
  {s LABEL => 2, CONST => 3, TYPE => 4, VAR => 5, 
   FUNCTION => 6, PROCEDURE => 6, BEGIN => 7}
ConstPart
  {s CONST => 3, TYPE => 4, VAR => 5, FUNCTION => 6, 
   PROCEDURE => 6, BEGIN => 7}
TypePart
  {s TYPE => 4, VAR => 5, FUNCTION => 6, PROCEDURE => 6, 
   BEGIN => 7}
VarPart
  {s VAR => 5, FUNCTION => 6, PROCEDURE => 6, BEGIN => 7}
FuncProcPart
  {s FUNCTION => 6, PROCEDURE => 6, BEGIN => 7}
ExecStat ;
```

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synchronization specified in this production applies to each
vocabulary symbol with the following stipulation. Recall that it
is illegal to attempt to synchronize to the left of the current
vocabulary symbol where the error is detected. Consistent with this
view, when attempting to synchronize based on a global synchroni-
ization, skeleton.o will ignore a synchronization clause which
would cause it to resynchronize to the left of the current vocabu-

lary symbol. For example, the text:

PROGRAM test(input, output);
  LABEL 10;
  CONST pi : 3.14159;
  LABEL 20;
  TYPE
    speed = real;
...
contains an error in the declaration of the constant pi and er-
eroneously has a second label declaration section. Assuming the
error recovery just specified was applicable, skeleton.o would
skip past the rest of the constant declarations, past the second
label section, and resynchronize on the keyword TYPE. The second
label declaration section would be skipped because when the error
was detected, the parser would be processing ConstPart, which is
the third vocabulary symbol on the right-hand side, but LABEL
causes resynchronization on the second symbol.

Of course, there is not always a single synchronization
strategy that is appropriate for every vocabulary symbol in a
production. To accommodate this fact, you can override global
synchronization by explicitly specifying either patch or another
synchronization code after any vocabulary symbol:

Program =
  (s PROGRAM => 1, LABEL => 2, CONST => 3, TYPE => 4,
    VAR => 5, FUNCTION => 6, PROCEDURE => 6, BEGIN => 7)
  Header LabelPart ConstPart TypePart VarPart FuncProcPart
  ExecStmt
  {s => 8}

If an error would occur in ExecStmt, then skeleton.o would skip
tokens until it found a period. It would then resynchronize on
the eighth vocabulary symbol. The recovery of all other vocabu-

lary symbols would still be governed by the global synchroniza-
tion specification.

Zuse Installation Instructions
Version 1.0
Arthur Pyster
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Zuse is very easy to install if you are running UNIX with the
Berkeley Pascal compilers (pi or pc). It was designed to be
highly portable so that if you do not have these compilers, I ex-
pect you will still be able to compile Zuse without too much dif-
culty. Every line of Zuse which is (as best as can be deter-
mined) not standard Pascal has been marked with a comment brack-
eted by (* .. *). All other comments use the curly bracket del-
imitters { ... }. Hence, it should be quite easy to browse through
the source code with a text editor and examine each non-standard
feature.

Zuse consists of two Pascal programs -- generate.o and
skeleton.p. Generate.o should be compiled with the resulting ob-
ject code saved under the name generate.o (or whatever suits your
cranny). Skeleton.p is a skeletal Pascal program which is aug-
mented by a person writing a translator in the manner described in
the Zuse Users' Manual. Hence, a user of Zuse will need ac-

cess to generate.o and skeleton.p.

To create Zuse in the current directory, just type:

tar xv
  pi [options] generate.p
  mv obj generate.o

where [options] are whatever compiler options you desire. You
may need to qualify the tar command with the tape drive number
you mount the distribution tape on. When you execute tar, a
number of files other than generate.p and skeleton.p will be
placed in your current directory. In particular, you will also
find:

  skel.debug.p -- debugging version of skeleton.p
  RawInstall -- pre-nroff form of this document
  Install -- post-nroff form of this document
  RawUser -- pre-nroff form of Users' Manual
  FortGrammar -- grammar for structured FORTRAN preprocessor
  FortLsup.i -- support routines for FORTRAN preprocessor
  ExpGrammar -- grammar for arithmetic expression evaluator
  ExpLsup.i -- support routines for expression evaluator

The pre-nroff documents do not use either the -me or the -ms
nroff macro libraries. They are entirely self-contained, so you
can recreate either document by typing:

  nroff RawInstall > MyInstall
  nroff RawUser > MyUser

To create the FORTRAN preprocessor under the name Struct.o, just
type:

  generate.o < FortGrammar
  cp FortLsup.i Lsup.i
  pi [options] skeleton.p
  mv obj Struct.o

To create the expression evaluator under the name express.o, just
type:

  generate.o < ExpGrammar
  cp ExpLsup.i Lsup.i
  pi [options] skeleton.p
  mv obj express.o

A word of caution is necessary. Whenever you run generate.o, the
file LLgram is created. It contains a crunched version of the
grammar input to generate.o and is peculiar to the particular
translator being created with Zuse. When a translator created
with Zuse (such as Struct.o or express.o) is executed, it reads
in LLgram in order to initialize its parser. Hence, LLgram must
be in the current directory. This also means that you cannot
readily have more than one translator produced by Zuse in the
same directory, since each one will require its own version of
LLgram. For the classroom environment for which Zuse was
developed, this is no problem. However, for more varied appli-
cations, this restriction can be inconvenient. With a modest bit
of surgery, this restriction is readily removed. Rename LLgram
to whatever file name is convenient after running generate.o, and
change the line:

  reset(LLgram);

in skeleton.p to

  reset(LLgram, YourName);

where YourName is the Unix file name where you moved LLgram.

1. program skeleton(input, output, LLgram
  2. include 'lilfile.i';
  3. (* UNIX *)
  4. )
  5. (skeletal compiler to parse a candidate string)
  7. Version: 1.0
  8. Author: Arthur Pyster
  9. Copyright (c): The Regents of the University of California
  10. Purpose: This program is a skeletal compiler which is
      fleshed out by the inclusion of a file supplied
      by the user:
  11. Lsup - support routines called directly
  12. or indirectly as action routines
  13. including LLNextToken

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and 5 files provided by "generate", the
parser generator:

- **LLfile** - file dcls specified in grammar
- **LLvar** - var dcls required for action routines
- **LLconst** - const dcls specified in grammar and misc. constants
- **LLtype** - type dcls specified in grammar
- **LLact** - LLTakeAction procedure which calls action routines as dictated by grammar rules

The file LLgram, produced by generate.c, must be read in. It contains an encoded form of the grammar, error data, and the symbol table.

Error messages are written to the standard output unit.

# include "LLconst.i"

**LLTok** = packed record

- **PrintValue** = LLStrings; (the literal token value)
- **TableIndex** = integer; (index where token is in symbol table)
- **attribute** = LLAttribute;
- **value** = associated with the token by LLSentence # can be used by an action routine

end;

**LLStyle** = (literal, nonterminal, group, action, patch); (a terminal which stands for itself);

- **kind** = LLStyle of
- **action** = an action routine call
- **patch** = an action routine to patch syntactic errors

**LLRight** = record

- **Gawedness** = integer;
- **synchIndex** = integer;
- **WhichChild** = integer;
- **case Kind** = LLStyle of
- **action** = patch;
- **nonterminal** = ProdStart of
- **literal** = group of

end;

**LLSentence** = record

- **LastChild** = boolean;
- **Top** = integer; (point to parent)
- **parent** = integer;
- **attribution** = LLAttribute;
- **data** = LLRight;

end;

**LLTop**; (top of stack pointer)

**LLLexer**

- **LLFile** = file dcls specified in grammar
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- **action** = patch;
- **nonterminal** = ProdStart of
- **literal** = group of

end;

**LLSentence** = record

- **LastChild** = boolean;
- **Top** = integer; (point to parent)
- **parent** = integer;
- **attribution** = LLAttribute;
- **data** = LLRight;

end;

**LLTop**; (top of stack pointer)
222.
223.
224. procedure LLSkipBoth; [skip over both sentential form node and current
225. token, used when replacement is assumed to be
226. correct, and attribute of replacement does not need
227. to be set; otherwise use LLReplace)
228. begin
229. write(LLLineCount); ' -- ');{ Bhar
230. LHS;
231. write(' replaced by '); { Bhar
232. LLProcString(LLSymbolTable[LLStack[LLSentPtr].data.TableIndex].key);
233. writeln;
234. LLSentPtr := LLSentPtr + 1;
235. LLNextToken(LLToken);
236. end;
237.
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239. procedure LLFatal; (to recover from syntactic error, terminate compilation)
240. begin
241. write(LLLineCount); ' -- '); { Bhar
242. LHS;
243. writeln(' found. Translation terminated.'); { Bhar
244. goto 1000;
245. end; {LLFatal
246.
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248. # include 'LLauto';{ UNIX #)
249. (* UNIX *) (supporting routines)
250.
251.
252. # include 'LAct.i';{ UNIX #)
253. (action code produced by parser generator)
254.
255.
256. procedure LLMain;
257. const
258. LocOfNull = 0; {location of null string in symbol table)
259.
260. type
261. intset = set of 1 .. LLTableSize;
262.
263. synctype =
264. record
265. token: integer; {index to Table entry for token)
266. start: integer; {how far in LLsentential form to goto)
267. end;
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270. prod =
271. record
272. rhs: integer; {TableIndex of rhs)
273. rsa: integer; {index into RhsArray where rhs begins)
274. cards: integer; {loop counter)
275. select: intset;
276. cardsel: integer;
277. end;
278.
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280. var
281. ThisRs: integer; {index into RhsArray)
282. RhsArray: array[1..LLRhsSize] of LLRight; {the elements of productions)
283. synchdata: array[0..LLSynchSize] of synctype;
284. axiom: integer; {pointer to first production whose lhs is the axiom)
285. productions: array[1..LLProdSize] of prod;
286.
287. procedure readgram; (read grammar from disk)
288. var
289. 1: integer;
290. end;
291.
292. procedure BuildRight(whichprod: integer); {build selection set)
293.
294. var
295. ChildCount: integer; {which # child in rhs is this?)
296. 1: integer;
297. end;
298.
299. begin with productions[whichprod] do begin
300. rhs := ThisRs+1;
301. ChildCount := 0;
302. for i := 1 to ThisRs-cards do
303. if i > LLRhsSize then with RhsArray[i] do begin
304. ThisRs := ThisRs+1;
305. get(LLgram);
306. temp := LLgram.".grammar; {the type of symbol)
307. get(LLgram); {info for that particular symbol type)
308. case chr(temp) of
309. 'I': begin
310. ChildCount := ChildCount+1;
311. WhichChild := ChildCount;
312. kind := literal;
313. TableIndex := LLgram.".grammar;
314. get(LLgram);
315. CaseIndex := LLgram.".grammar;
316. synchindex := LLgram.".grammar;
317. 'a': begin
318. kind := action;
319. CaseIndex := LLgram.".grammar;
320. ChildCount := ChildCount+1;
321. WhichChild := ChildCount;
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324. kind := nonterminal;
325. ProdStart := LLgram.".grammar;
326. get(LLgram);
327. CaseIndex := LLgram.".grammar;
328. get(LLgram);
329. synchindex := LLgram.".grammar;
330. end;
331. end;
332. ChildCount := ChildCount+1;
333. WhichChild := ChildCount;
334. kind := group;
335. TableIndex := LLgram.".grammar;
336. get(LLgram);
337. CaseIndex := LLgram.".grammar;
338. get(LLgram);
339. synchindex := LLgram.".grammar;
340. 'p': begin
341. kind := patch;
342. CaseIndex := LLgram.".grammar;
343. end;
344. end; {with RhsArray
345. else begin
346. 'grammar in LLgram is screwed up)
347. writeln( 'Catastrophic error -- The grammar used to '); { Bhar
348. writeln( 'Check to make sure that "generate-0" did not '); { Bhar
349. writeln( 'produce any error messages when it processed '); { Bhar
350. writeln( 'your grammar. '); { Bhar
351. goto 1000;
352. end;
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355. end; {with productions)
356. end; {BuildRight)
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360. procedure BuildSelect(whichprod: integer); {build selection set)
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362. i: integer; {loop counter)
363. TableIndex: integer; {where in Table can element be found?}
364. begin with productions[whichprod] do begin
365. select := [];
366. for i := 1 to cardsel do begin
367. get(LLgram);
368. TableIndex := LLgram.".grammar;
369. select := select + [TableIndex];
370. end; {for i}
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372. end; {with [gram)
373. end; {BuildSelect
374.
375. begin (readgram)
376. (read in symbol table)
377. reset(LLgram);
378. if LLTableSize > 0 then begin
379. LLSymbolTable[I].key := LLgram.".table;
380. get(LLgram);
381. if LLSymbolTable[I].kind = 'g' then
382. LLSymbolTable[I].kind := group
383. else begin
384. LLSymbolTable[I].kind := literal;
385. end;
386. for i := 1 to LLProdSize do begin
387. get(LLgram);
388. LLSymbolTable[I].key := LLgram.".table;
389. get(LLgram);
390. if LLSymbolTable[I].kind = 'g' then
391. LLSymbolTable[I].kind := group
392. else begin
393. LLSymbolTable[I].kind := literal;
394. end; {for i}
395.
396. (read in grammar)
397. ThisRhs := 0;
398. get(LLgram);
399. axiom := LLgram.".grammar;
400. for i := 1 to LLProdSize do with productions[i] do begin
401. get(LLgram); lha := LLgram.".grammar;
402. get(LLgram); cards := LLgram.".grammar;
403. BuildRight();
404. get(LLgram); cardsel := LLgram.".grammar;
405. BuildSelect();
406. end; {with productions)
407. (now read in synchronization info)
408. for i := 1 to LLSynchSize do begin
409. get(LLgram);
410. synthdata[token := LLgram.".grammar; (LastSymbolTable location)
411. get(LLgram);
412. synthdata[Sent := LLgram.".grammar; (where do i skip too)
413. end; {for i}
414. end; {readgram
415.
416. procedure parse; {parse the candidate)
417.
418.
419. temp := LLSynngs;
420. LocOfAny: integer; {location of "any" in LLsymbolTable
421. 1: integer; {loop counter)
422.
423. procedure erase;
424. (has rhs of prod has been matched? if so then erase rhs)
425. label 10;

write(' Translation terminated.');

goto 1000;  

end;  

if LLChatTokTableIndex <> OldCurrentTokIndex then begin  
write(' Skipping to '';

LLString(LLChatTokIndex);  

write(' in line ', LLLineCount);  

end;  

if LLChatTok[LLSentPtr].data.CaseIndex <> 0 then begin  
{execute code after '"'};  

LLTakeAction(LLStack[LLSentPtr].data.CaseIndex);  

end;  

if sent <> max then begin  
{skip to correct symbol in rhs}  

while LLChatTok[LLSentPtr].data.whichChild <> sent do  

LLSentPtr := LLChatTok + 1;  

if LLChatTok[LLSentPtr].parent <> 0 then begin  
{execute code after '"'};  

LLAdvance := false;  

end;  

end;  

if not LLChatTok[LLSentPtr].data.whichChild <> 0 then begin  
{skip to rightmost node and signal reduction}  

while not LLChatTok[LLSentPtr].Last child do  

LLSentPtr := LLChatTok + 1;  

end;  

goto 100;  

end;  

end;  

if not LLChatTok[LLSentPtr].data.whichChild <> 0 then begin  
{execute code after '"'};  

LLAdvance := false;  

end;  

end;  

end;  

until false;  

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{exit point for loop}

end;  

end;  

{syncrhonize}

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begin [textsync]  

while LLChatTok[LLSentPtr].data.synchIndex <> 0 do  

{do not sync info here}  

if LLChatTok[LLSentPtr].parent <> 0 then begin  

{there really is a parent}  

LSentPtr := LLChatTok[LLSentPtr].parent  

end;  

else  

LLFatal;  

end;  

{syncrhonize}

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begin [parse]  

LLSentPtr := 1;  

{initialize sentform to be axiom}  

LLChatTok := 1;  

with LLChatTok[LLSentPtr].data do begin  

ProdStart := axiom;  

LastChild := true;  

kind := nonterminal;  

synchIndex := 0;  

end;  

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program generate (input, output, LLgram, ConstFile, VarFile,
    ActFile, typefile, FileFile, Lselect);
  (May 8, 1981)
  Version: 1.0
  Author: Arthur Pyster

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  Purpose: Accept the specification of a context-free translation
  grammar from standard input file and output either
  6 or 7 files:
  1. LLram - a processed form of the grammar which
     will be read by SKELETON
  2. Liver - a commented form of the grammar which will be
     included in SKELETON.
  3. LLconst - a constant declarations which will be
     included in SKELETON.
  4. Llife - a Pascal file declaration program
     statement which will be included in SKELETON.
  5. Lact - the TAKEACT procedure, included in
     SKELETON, which calls action
     code created by the grammar.
  6. Lselect = on request (ex grammar), formatted
     selection sets.
  7. end;
  28.
  29. label 1000; (emergency exit for unrecoverable error)
  30. const
  31. StringSize = 12; (max length of vocabulary symbols)
  32. ProdSize = 160; (max number of productions)
  33. SynchSize = 40; (max number of synchronization elements)
  34. RhsSize = 30; (max number of the elements of productions)
  35. TableSize = 135; (max number of nonterminals, literals, and groups)
  36. EndOfSource = 9; (end of candidate marker)
  37.
  38. type
  39. setofchar = set of char;
  40. newset (the current knowledge of whether production or symbol
     is nullable)
  41. multitype = (bocure, never, null);
  42. intset = set of l..TableSize;
  43. strings = packed array[l..TableSize] of char;
  44. nonneg = 0..maxint; (non-negative integers)
  45. positive = 1..maxint; (positive integers)
  46. synctype = (synchronization info)
  47. packed record
  48. TableIndex: integer; (which literal or group)
  49. sent: nonneg; (where do we go in sentential form)
  50. end;
  51. style = (action, group, literal, nonterminal, patch); (unary:
     a terminal one made for itself.
  52. group: a terminal which is a lexical group of strings,
     but syntactically just a single symbol.
  53. action: action code
  54. patch: action code called to repair a syntax error)
  55.
  56. RhsElement = (info about symbol of grammar)
  57. record
  58. SynchIndex: nonneg; (for vocabulary symbols points to place in
     syncharray where synch data about this symbol is
     located; not used for others)
  59. CaseSelect: nonneg;
  60. (for vocabulary symbols this is the synch code Lact
     index; for action code this is the Lact Index)
  61. case kind: style of
  62. nonterminal, literal, group: (TableIndex: nonneg;
  63. WhichVocabSymbol: nonneg);
  64. (index to symbol table entry and relative count of
     vocabulary symbols on rhs of production)
375. function firstdc( candidate: strings ): boolean;
376. (has the candidate been declared yet?)
377. var
378. i: integer; (loop counter)
379. continue: boolean;
380. where: nonneg;
381. begin
382. firstdc := true;
383. where := find(candidate);
384. if where > 0 then begin
385. firstdc := false;
386. write( linecount: 3, ', ' = ')' );
387. case SymbolTable[where].kind of
388. nonterminal: write( 'nonterminal' );
389. literal: write( 'literal' );
390. group: write( 'group' );
391. end;
392. write('"');
393. i := 1;
394. continue := true;
395. while continue do begin
396. if i = Stringizer then begin
397. continue := false
398. else if candidate[i] = ' ' then
399. continue := false
400. else
401. write(candidate[i]);
402. i := i + 1;
403. end; (while)
404. writeln( '"' already declared. Second dcl ignored.' );
405. ErrorFree := false; (fatal error)
406. end; (if)
407. end; (firstdc)
408.
409. begin (declarations)
410. CardSymbols := [0: (no symbols declared yet]
411. spacers := [' ', ch(9)]; (blank and tab) (* ASCII *)
412. axiom := 0; (*initial axiom is null) 
413. temp := AllBlanks;
414. temp[1] := EndOfSource; (insert end of candidate symbol)
415. insert(temp, group); (* insert any")
417. insert(temp, group); (*nonterminals)
418. rewrite(VarFile, 'LhsPart'); (* UNIX *)
419. rewrite(VarFile, 'LhsPart'); (* UNIX *)
420. rewrite(VarFile, 'LhsPart');
421. readable;
422. skipspaces; (find first non-space in dcl section)
423. if ch <> 'T' then begin
424. ErrorFree := false;
425. writeln( 'T' already declared. Second dcl ignored. ' );
426. until selector is nonterminal)
427. back; (When CopyAction returns ch will be second '%.'
428. when CopyAction returns ch will be second '%.'
429. until selector is nonterminal)
430. end; (if ch)
431. PrintSelect := false; (presume no selection set printed)
432. repeat write (process one declaration at a time until end of del)
433. readable; (read selector)
434. selector := ch;
435. end if selector is 'T' then begin (not end of dcl section)
436. if selector in ['A', 'Z'] then (change case to l.c.)
437. case selector := chr(ord(selector) + 32); (* ASCII *)
438. end if selector is 'T' then begin (print selection sets)
439. PrintSelect := false;
440. rewrite(LhsEselect); (prepare to write formatted gramm)
441. repeat
442. readable;
443. until ch = 'T';
444. end if selector in ['a', 'g', 'l', 'm'] then begin
445. readable; (skip past selector)
446. skipspaces;
447. if firstdc then begin
448. case selector of
449. 'a': begin
450. insert( next, nonterminal);
451. SymbolTable[find(next)].mullbale := notset;
452. end;
453. 'g':
454. if axiom = 0 then begin dcl axiom for first time
455. insert( next, nonterminal);
456. SymbolTable[find(next)].mullbale := notset;
457. axiom := find(next);
458. end;
459. else (axiom being redeclared) writeln( linecount: 3, ', ' = ')' );
460. "; "time. Second dcl ignored." );
461. 'l': insert( next, literal);
462. 'g': insert( next, group);
463. end; (case)
464. skipspaces;
465. until ch = 'T'
466. end;
467. else if selector in ['f', 'v', 't', 'c'] then begin
468. (it is a dcl for inclusion in Lvar, Ltype, Lfile, or Lconstr)
469. readable; (skip past selector)
470. repeat
471. case selector of
472. 'c': writeln(ConFile, ch);
473. 't': writeln(TypeFile, ch);
474. 'f': writeln(FilelFile, ch);
475. end; (case)
476. else (axiom being redeclared)
477. writeln( 'T' already declared. Second dcl ignored.' );
478. 'c': writeln(ConFile, ch);
479. 't': writeln(TypeFile, ch);
480. 'f': writeln(FilelFile, ch);
481. end; (case)
482. if axiom = 0 then begin
483. case selector of
484. 'c': writeln(ConFile, ch);
485. 't': writeln(TypeFile);
486. 'v': writeln(VarFile);
487. 'f': writeln(FilelFile);
488. end; (case)
489. readable;
490. until ch = 'T'
491. end;
492. else begin (bad selector)
493. ErrorFree := false;
494. writeln( 'T' already declared. Second dcl ignored.' );
495. end; (case)
496. end;
497. else begin
498. procedure DoProductions;
499. (Procedure assumes that ch is first char after T. It reads
500. up through next T. ch will be second T)
501. procedure DoLeftHandSide; (get lhs of production)
502. var
503. where: nonneg;
504. temp: strings; (string value of lhs)
505. begin with production(CardProd) do begin
506. skipspaces; (skip initial blanks)
507. while ch = 'T' then begin
508. if SymbolTable[where].ProdStart then begin
509. insert(next, group);
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573. insert(next, group);
574. insert(next, group);
575. procedure CopyAction; {copy action, patch, or synch code to Llast}
576. (when Copyaction returns ch will equal closing bracket)
procedure DoSelectionSet; {additional selection set info is processed}

Dans automatically computes selection set for each production. However, user can add other elements for error processing such as "any", or he can tell Zone how to resolve selection set conflicts.

end; {DoRightHandSide}

begin

[Image 0x0 to 615x793]

procedure DoSpecialCode; {set up for case statement}

begin

(if ch = 'y' then do (begin storing rhs elements after last element of previous production)

CardRhs := 0; {no rhs elements yet}

while ch <> ';' do with production[CardProd] do begin

fillId(name, spacers + [';']);

if ch = 'y' then begin

else begin

ErrorFree := false;

writeln(printable(name), '%', is undeclared.');

end;

skipspace;

end; {with}

end;

DoSpecialCode;

else if ch = 't' then (action, patch, or sync routine)

end;

DoSelectionSet;

end;

var

name: string; {selection set element}
where: nonneg; {location of name in SymbolTable}

begin

[Cursor points to 'T which signals beginning of selection set info]

readchar; {skip past 'T'}

skipspace;

while ch <> ';' do with production[CardProd] do begin

fillId(name, spacers + [';']);

if ch = 'y' then begin

else begin

ErrorFree := false;

writeln(printable(name), ' is undeclared.');

end;

skipspace;

end; {with}

end;

DoSpecialCode;

procedure ComputeSelectionSets; {compute selection set of each production}

@store in select field of production

begin

matrix := packed array[1..TableSize] of intset;

var
timer: real; {keep track of time used for computation}
linecount := 0;
ProdSynchIndex := 0;
ProdCaseSelect := 0;
rhs := ThisRs+1; {begin storing rhs elements after last element of previous production}
CardRhs := 0; {no rhs elements yet}

while ch <> ';' do begin (haven't reached end of rhs yet)

if ch = 't' then (action, patch, or sync routine)

end;

var

kind: string; {kind of symbol}

begin

[Image 0x0 to 615x793]

procedure MatriX Mult; {var 1, r, result: matrix};

{multiply matrices l and r yielding result}

var

1, j, k: integer;

temp: intset;

begin

for i := 1 to CardSymbol do begin

for j := 1 to CardSymbol do begin

result[i][j] := 0;

for k := 1 to CardSymbol do begin

result[i][j] := result[i][j] + result[i][k] * temp[k];

end;

end;

end;

while change do begin {add to list of nullables}

[Image 0x0 to 615x793]
never: begin
  nullable := never;
  goto 10;
  end; (never)
  notnull: goto 10;
  null:
end; (case SymbolTable)
end; (case kind)
nullable := null;
SymbolTable[i][rhs].nullable := null;
change := true;
end; (if nullable)
10: ; (early exit for loop)
end; (for i)
do while (SymbolTable)
end(FindNullable)

procedure reflexTrans(var RT: matrix);
  (compute reflexive transitive closure of RT)
var
  i, j: integer;
done: boolean;
temp: integer;

begin
  for i := 1 to CardSymbol do (make relation reflexive)
    if SymbolTable[i][i] = 1 then
      RT[i][i] := 1;
    for j := 1 to CardSymbol do begin (j is the column index)
      if SymbolTable[i][j] = 1 then
        temp := 1;
      if SymbolTable[i][j] = 1 then
        RT[i][j] := temp;
      if SymbolTable[i][j] = 1 then
        done := true;
    until done;
end; (for j)
do while (SymbolTable)
end; (ReflexTrans)

procedure isFollowedBy(var IFR, IEO: matrix);
  (add EndOfSource info to "is followed by" relation)
var
  i: integer;
done: boolean;
doubleEndOfSource: location of EndOfSource in SymbolTable

begin
  temp: strings;
  EndOfSource padded with blanks
  temp: AllBlanks;
  temp[1] := EndOfSource;
  where := OrderedFind(temp);
  for i := 1 to CardSymbol do
    if SymbolTable[i][where] = 1 then
      EndOfSource := i;
    if isSymbolTable(i)[where] then
      IFR[i][where] := true;
  end; (for i)
do while (EndOfSource isFollowedBy)
end; (for i)
do while (EndOfSource isFollowedBy)
end; (ReflexTrans)

procedure isFollowedBy(var IFR, IEO, BW: matrix);
  (a symbol is followed by if its is a substring of some sentential form)
var
  i: integer;
done: boolean;
MatrixMulti(IO, IEO, BW); Board

begin
  temp: strings;
  EndOfSource padded with blanks
  temp: AllBlanks;
  temp[1] := EndOfSource;
  where := OrderedFind(temp);
  for i := 1 to CardSymbol do
    if SymbolTable[i][where] = 1 then
      EndOfSource := i;
    if isSymbolTable(i)[where] then
      IFR[i][where] := true;
  end; (for i)
do while (EndOfSource isFollowedBy)
end; (for i)
do while (EndOfSource isFollowedBy)
end; (ReflexTrans)

procedure isFollowedBy(var IFR, IEO: matrix);
  (a symbol is followed by if its is a substring of some sentential form)
var
  i: integer;
done: boolean;
MatrixMulti(IO, IEO, BW); Board

begin
  EndOfSource := i;
  if SymbolTable[i][where] = 1 then
    IFR[i][where] := true;
  end; (for i)
do while (EndOfSource isFollowedBy)
end; (for i)
do while (EndOfSource isFollowedBy)
end; (ReflexTrans)

procedure isFollowedBy(var IFR, IEO: matrix);
  (a symbol is followed by if its is a substring of some sentential form)
var
  i: integer;
done: boolean;
MatrixMulti(IO, IEO, BW); Board

begin
  temp: strings;
  Board
  temp: AllBlanks;
  temp[1] := EndOfSource;
  where := OrderedFind(temp);
  for i := 1 to CardSymbol do
    if SymbolTable[i][where] = 1 then
      EndOfSource := i;
    if isSymbolTable(i)[where] then
      IFR[i][where] := true;
  end; (for i)
do while (EndOfSource isFollowedBy)
end; (for i)
do while (EndOfSource isFollowedBy)
end; (ReflexTrans)

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  (a symbol is followed by if its is a substring of some sentential form)
var
  i: integer;
done: boolean;
MatrixMulti(IO, IEO, BW); Board

begin
  temp: strings;
  Board
  temp: AllBlanks;
  temp[1] := EndOfSource;
  where := OrderedFind(temp);
  for i := 1 to CardSymbol do
    if SymbolTable[i][where] = 1 then
      IFR[i][where] := true;
  end; (for i)
do while (EndOfSource isFollowedBy)
end; (for i)
do while (EndOfSource isFollowedBy)
end; (ReflexTrans)
begin;
end;

literal: begin
Lgram.grammar := ord('l'); put(Lgram);
Lgram.grammar := WhichTerminal[TableIndex]; put(Lgram);
Lgram.grammar := CaseSelect; put(Lgram);
Lgram.grammar := SynchIndex; put(Lgram);
end;
patch: begin
Lgram.grammar := ord('p'); put(Lgram);
Lgram.grammar := CaseSelect; put(Lgram);
end;
action: begin
Lgram.grammar := ord('a'); put(Lgram);
Lgram.grammar := CaseSelect; put(Lgram);
end;
end; {case}
end; {if}

(write out selection set info)
if PrintSelect then begin
writeln(Lselect);
write(Lselect,
  X');
end;

Lgram.grammar := CardSel; put(Lgram);
NumValue := 0; (how many selection set elements printed on
current line of Lselect)
for i := 1 to CardSymbol do
  if i in select then begin
    Lgram.grammar := WhichTerminal[i]; put(Lgram);
    if PrintSelect then begin
      if NumValue = 6 then begin
        writeln(Lselect);
        write(Lselect,
            ' '); NumValue := 0;
      end;
      NumValue := NumValue + 1;
      writeln(Lselect, PrintString(SymbolTable[i].value));
    end;
    end; {if PrintSelect}
end; {for i}
if PrintSelect then
  writeln(Lselect,
    ' '); end; {with production}

(write how large RhsArray is)
writeln(ConatFile,
  'LProdSize = ', CardProd,
  ' '); writeln(ConatFile,
  'LSynchSize = ', CardSynch,
  ' '); writeln(ConatFile,
  'LLStringLength = ', StringSize,
  ' ');
16032 PROCESSOR GETS PASCAL, PL/I, FORTRAN, AND C COMPILERS

Globally optimizing, commercial-grade compilers for PL/I, Fortran, Pascal, and C languages are now available for National Semiconductor's 16032 microprocessor. The units are available both as cross-compilers and as native compilers running under Bell Laboratories' Unix operating system—though they may easily be retargeted to other operating systems.

Translation Systems Inc. claims that tests of its Pascal programs by an independent telecommunications firm found a code density of 1.4, compared with 1.7 for National's and 2.2 for Motorola's. Theoretically, a proficient assembler programmer would write a code size of 1.

The company is currently offering original equipment manufacturer distribution licenses for a one-time fee of $97,500, plus royalties. Products in the works include compilers for RPG-II, Cobol, Basic, and a full PL/I implementation.

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'DBX'-NEW PRODUCT

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You also get a 50-page manual that describes the data structures, procedures, and principal algorithms for all three programs, and gives many suggestions for modifying them for different purposes.

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LOUISVILLE, KY — Riverside Data Inc. introduces a new publication designed to help personal computer users get more work, fun and information out of their machines.

"PLUMB — Probing the World of Personal Telecommunications" is a newsletter to help computer users explore the many services available when the computer is connected with a modem and a telephone.

PLUMB contains information of interest to computer users, regardless of their level of expertise or the brand of computer they own.

Unlike a particular software program, telecommunications is a common denominator, allowing owners of all types of machines to communicate, share ideas and "homegrown" software, and obtain a wide range of sophisticated services.

The popularity of commercial timesharing services such as The Source and CompuServe is evidence of the growing interest in personal telecommunications.

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- Financial and investment information
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- Online games

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SEATTLE, WA — SPRINTER-2, a new text processor has been developed by Scenic Computer Systems, Inc., specifically to meet the demands of producing books, reports, figures, and maintaining forward and backward references. Automatic numbering of chapters, sections, and pages reduces preparation time.

SPRINTER-2's built-in text formatting commands include automatic footnote placement and numbering, multicolumn formats, and powerful header and footer line capabilities. The real power of SPRINTER-2 lies in its Macro Formatting Language. The user can define macros (one word instructions) to carry out any sequence of the built-in commands and other macros.

The use of macros minimizes commands embedded in the text and assures consistency throughout a document. An entire document can be reliably reformatted in minutes simply by changing the macros definitions.

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SPRINTER-2 is priced at $350. The optional spelling checker is $125. Product literature or the 140-page users' manual can be obtained by contacting Scenic Computer Systems, Inc., 14852 NE 31st Circle, Redmond, WA 98052; (206) 885-5500.

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The literature also includes a great deal of information about the standard operating system, the UCSD p-System. CP/M-68K, Modula 2 and Hyper-Forth operating systems are optionally available.

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The book Programming a Personal Computer by Per Brinch Hansen has now been published. It describes the Edison System, a portable software system for small, personal computers, and illustrates how the principles of programming languages, compilers, operating systems and computer architecture are applied in the design of a complete software system.

The book includes the program text of an operating system and a compiler written in the programming language Edison and describes an instruction set tailored to the language. It also includes the text of a system kernel which interprets the portable Edison code.

Last September, a class of USC undergraduates used the book and the software to build working operating systems for IBM Personal Computers. They now have the necessary practical background to appreciate the theoretical principles of operating systems.

The book is published by Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. The Edison System is currently available for the Compaq Portable Computer and the LSI II Computer. The software is distributed by Professor Per Brinch Hansen, Computer Science Department, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

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SCREEN EDITOR
LETS USERS DEFINE
FUNCTION KEYS,
BOOSTS PRODUCTIVITY

User-definable function keys (macros) are available for the first time on a microcomputer screen editor that can run on all major hardware systems, including the IBM Personal Computer and the Apple II+™, according to Volition Systems, developer of the software. Called the Advanced System Editor (ASE), the software can be adapted to a variety of terminals and can increase productivity at the keyboard by at least 25 percent, according to Joel J. McCormack, company chairman.

ASE is now available for all versions of the UCSD Pascal™ system. It offers OEM's, software suppliers and end users important advances over the original screen-oriented editor, which as been a major strength of all UCSD Pascal development systems.

"ASE brings microcomputer users the text editing and program development resources usually associated with much larger computers," McCormack said. These include features that were not available on the original editor—the capability of editing very large files, function keys that can be easily trained, file selection by menu rather than human memory, the ability to edit a new file while still within another, and simplified keystroke sequences to accomplish the most common actions.

"Because all commands derive from arbitrary key sequences, it is easy to customize ASE to most keyboards, giving manufacturers and systems houses great flexibility in the choice of terminals," McCormack continued. In addition, he noted, ASE can take advantage of features such as the insert line capability that are found on more and more terminals today.

Application developers can define the keys they want their users to have because ASE comes with a separate configuration program enabling redefinition of commands or capabilities based on the user or application. "Coupled with macros tailored to a software developer's application packages, enhanced, more effective packages result," he said.

ASE is the only unbundled UCSD Pascal editor that is available without a full development system for distribution or incorporation into hardware and software systems.

The software is fully supported for all versions of the UCSD Pascal system. The IBM PC operates under UCSD Pascal systems as well as the Philips P2000, Digital's new Professional series, the Xerox 820, and all Texas Instruments minis and micros including the Business Systems 2000 and the Home Computer. Versions of UCSD Pascal run on all major microcomputer-based systems including those incorporating 8080's, Z-80's, LSI-II's, 6502's, 6800's, 6809's, 8086's, Z8000's, and 68000's. Apple Pascal is a UCSD Pascal derivative.

The Advanced System Editor was designed specifically to improve productivity at the keyboard during program development and text editing. It incorporates user-oriented conveniences not usually found in microcomputer editors.

"Because we are professional programmers with experience on a wide range of computers," McCormack said, "we included the features found on larger systems that we knew would speed work flow, and we eliminated bottlenecks and sources of frustration."

The overall result has been to increase the capacity of files that can be edited, automate repetitive tasks, reduce keystrokes, and boost the capabilities of the editor so that memorization is minimized and almost all work can be done without extra manipulation outside the editor.

File handling has been simplified immensely because the file size is limited by available disk space rather than by RAM memory size as was the case before, McCormack said. With ASE, a single file may fill an entire disk volume, so users are not forced to juggle split files.

User-defined function keys (macros), which are not available with the original UCSD Pascal screen editor, are another major benefit to users. These keys allow a user to automate tasks that recur within their particular program development or text editing environment. Any sequence of keystrokes, including editor commands, can be "taught" to one of eight function keys. Once taught, pressing the function key, in effect, causes the same keystroke sequence to be repeated. Such macros are easy to use, but powerful enough for complex operations. Macros can, in fact, call other function keys, and they can also be used to make a change that affects an entire group of files.

The function key remembers the sequence taught to it until the editing session ends or the key is redefined by the user. Definitions can be saved in a terminal-independent fashion within the file being edited or within libraries of definitions.

"User-definable macros yield significant time savings for any task that must be done repetitively but selectively," McCormack noted.

In addition to user-definable function keys, Volition looked for other ways of reducing keystrokes and making keyboard time more productive.

"The screen-oriented editor had already done some keystroke optimization, but we took it much further," McCormack said.

Almost all moving commands are accomplished with just one keystroke. Furthermore, they can be used in exchange or delete modes, whereas before the moving commands were only available at the outermost edit level.

Single keystroke cursor positioning commands have been added to permit additional cursor movements such as moving word by word, moving backwards by a screen, moving to the beginning or end of a line, deleting by words, or returning to the home position.

Variable tabs are also available.

ASE lets the user recall search or replacement strings with a single keystroke. The editor also enables the user to move portions of the text horizontally (opening or closing space). This feature enables users to move columns of data relative to each other.

Nested editing and menu selection of files are two important features that contribute to user satisfaction and reduce overhead. Now with ASE, both can be accomplished without having to leave the editor and go into the file.

With the previous editor, memorization was required because files were listable only by the file, and that showed only the file name, size and date last used. However, ASE is designed to reduce memorization. There is a menu available when entering the editor and when selecting files to be copied. The first line of each file is available as a memory jogger. Furthermore, a menu of the file markers is available.

"With ASE, menu selection makes the "what file?" decision a one-character, multiple-choice answer by offering the selection of editable files and, if desired, the first lines of those files," McCormack said. Use of menus is not mandatory, however.

Nested editing lets users work on one file, leave it to work on another or to retrieve information from another, then "pop" back to the precise place where they were working in the original file. Nested editing sessions can descend to a depth of six files, disk space permitting. As a result, it is possible to edit numerous files and move text from one file to another without leaving the editor.

Other features of ASE not found in the original UCSD Pascal editor include extended, or "paint-mode," exchange, and change logging. With extended exchange, characters can be exchanged, inserted or deleted anywhere on the screen. It's particularly useful to users who want to create character graphics or to rule tables because instead of being restricted to left to right movement, they can now type in any direction they want.

Change logging allows the user to maintain a dated log of what was done in each editing session. That's an especially useful record to have if a number of programmers have worked on development of a program over a period of time. It is also useful for documents that have had multiple authors.

"Most users spend the majority of their time entering or altering text with an inadequate editor, and their productivity and satisfaction suffer," McCormack said. "We believe ASE is a vastly improved tool for text manipulation."

ASE is offered for distribution and sublicensing, with substantial discounts offered for quantity purchases. Telephone support is provided. It is immediately available from Volition Systems, P.O. Box 1236, Del Mar, CA 92014, (714) 457-3865, with single copies for evaluation priced at $175.00.

ASE object and source code are available.
ASE can be adapted for use on non-standard implementations of the UCSD Pascal system.

Volition Systems works to improve the productivity of computer users and the quality of their tools. It concentrates on systems software development and on software development and hardware design. Volition specializes in Pascal, Modula-2 and related software, and it has designed hardware architectures for high-level languages under contract to other companies.

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ASE — The Advanced System Editor™

Still using the standard screen editor? If so, you're wasting your time! ASE, the Advanced System Editor, will significantly increase your editing throughput. ASE lets you:

• Reduce the number of keystrokes you have to type.
• Select files for editing without ever having to invoke the editor.
• Automate repetitive editing tasks with function keys, so you can sit back and relax while ASE does the editing for you.

If you aren't convinced that ASE is an absolute necessity, ask any ASE user or try it yourself. Once you've used ASE, you'll never want to go back!

What is ASE?

ASE is a powerful text editor suitable for both word processing and programming environments. It incorporates many improvements into the standard UCSD Pascal screen editor. ASE features include:

1) Large file editing: ASE is not limited by memory size when editing text files; you can edit files as large as an entire disk volume. Source and destination files can be specified to reside on different disks.

2) Keystroke optimization: ASE introduces a number of single-keystroke commands which speed up editing: you can move to the next word, the next character occurrence, the beginning or end of a line, or the previous screen. Most moving commands can also be used in eXchange and Delete, allowing you to delete to the next word, character occurrence, or end of the line.

3) Extended exchange: Exchange mode allows you to insert, delete, or exchange characters anywhere on the screen. Most edit commands can be invoked while in exchange mode. The typing direction in exchange mode can be changed to go up, down, or left, as well as right, making it easy to draw vertical lines and diagrams.

4) Nested editing: ASE allows you to edit another file in the middle of an edit session; when the nested edit session is finished, the editor “pops” back to the previous edit session. The copy buffer is saved across nested edit sessions, allowing you to easily move text from one file to another. Edit sessions can also be chained together, allowing you to edit a series of files without leaving the editor.

5) File menu selection: ASE displays a menu of available text files when you type “?” to a file name prompt. You no longer have to memorize all the files on your disks, or constantly flip between the filer and editor while editing a number of files. Typing “?” to the file menu prompt displays the first text line in each listed file, helping you to remember the contents of each file.

6) Function keys: Function keys can be 'trained' to remember a sequence of keystrokes; typing a function key causes it to automatically perform its routine. Function keys greatly simplify repetitive editing tasks; their power is limited only by your imagination.

ASE is available now for all versions of the UCSD Pascal system. A 100 page manual is included.

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Modula 2

THE HISTORY OF THE DISER MODULA COMPUTER

1970 is an important date in the history of computers. It was then that Pascal was implemented and began its rise to enthusiastic acceptance by the programming world. This easy-to-learn, well defined language was created by Dr. Niklaus K. Wirth of Zurich, Switzerland.

Even as major universities, software houses, and computer companies were enhancing Pascal to suit their own particular needs, Wirth was assessing those needs and positing the next generation software development tool. The early stage of this new project was the creation of the language Modula. A research tool, Modula was not a general-purpose programming language, but rather a vehicle for Wirth to explore real-time control systems and for casting new light on the subject of assembly coding.

A year's sabbatical at Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), gave Wirth further insight into the concept of modules and high-level programming languages. He went back to Switzerland in 1977 to begin the project which has brought to the world the Modula Computer.

The research environment of the Institute fur Informatik at the ETH, Zurich, Switzerland provided the freedom to enter into the design of not only a language, but concurrently the computer architecture best suited to implement the language. Initially, the language, a skillful blending of Pascal and Modula and called Modula-2, was compiled and run on a PDP-11. This was quickly followed, in 1979, by the first prototype of the new computer—then called the Lilith. By 1980, the Lilith had supported the software development Wirth had envisioned and ten Liliths were in use at the ETH.

Limited production of the Lilith began at Modula Research Institute in Provo, Utah. By 1981, twenty machines were in use with twenty more to follow in the year to come. These were situated primarily in the research and development areas of major universities and industries.

In addition to proving to be the ideal workstation for software development, 1981 saw the addition of a laser beam printer to the Lilith, the LPB-10. Extensive text editing and formatting was a natural for this system giving the user camera-ready, typeset quality copy from the printer.

A key component of this system was the Mouse. With three programmable buttons, many functions of text editing were greatly facilitated. Additional software, including bitmap graphics, coupled with the Mouse, supported various design functions.

It was time to bring this personal workstation to the marketplace. In January, 1983, the DISER Corporation was formed to begin full-fledged production of the computer, henceforth to be known as the MODULA COMPUTER.

MODULA-2

The language Modula-2—the notation in which this system presents itself to the software engineer—is designed as a total systems programming language. An assembler is not needed. The language is suited to both high-level programming in a machine-independent manner and low-level programming of machine-dependent aspects, such as device handling and storage allocation. The entire operating system, the compiler, the utility programs, and the library modules are programmed exclusively in Modula-2.

The compiler is subdivided into four parts. Each part processes the output of its predecessor in sequential fashion and is, therefore, called a pass. The first pass performs lexical and syntactic analysis, and it collects identifiers, allocating them in a table. The second pass processes declarations, generating the so-called symbol tables that are accessed in the third pass to perform the type-consistency checking in expressions and statements. The fourth pass generates code; its output is called M-code.

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

The operating system is an "open" system. It is divided into three principle parts; the linking loader, the file system, and routines for keyboard input and text output to the display. The file system maps abstract files (sequences of words and characters) onto disk pages and provides the necessary basic routines for creating, naming, writing, reading, positioning, and deleting files. The loader and file system present themselves to the Modula-2 programmer as modules (packages) whose routines can be imported into any program. Whenever a program terminates, the basic operating system activates the command interpreter which requests the file name of the next program to be loaded and initiated.

The computer as "seen by the compiler" is implemented as a microprogrammed interpreter of the M-code. The M-code is designed with the principle goals of obtaining a high density of code and of making the process of its generation relatively systematic and straightforward. A high density of code is desirable not only in the interest of saving memory space, but also for reducing the frequency of instruction fetches. A comparison between two different, but strongly related compilers, revealed that M-code is shorter than code for the PDP-11 by a factor of almost four. This surprising figure is clear evidence of the inappropriate structure of conventional computer instruction sets, including those of most modern microprocessors that are still designed with the human assembly language coder in mind.

COMPUTER HARDWARE

The hardware consists of a central processing unit based on the Am2901 bit-slice processor, a multi-port memory with 128K words of 16 bits, a micro-code memory of 2K instructions implemented with PROMs, a controller each for the display, the disk, and interfaces for the keyboard, a cursor tracking device called the mouse, and an RS-232 serial line interface. The central processor operates at a basic clock cycle of 150 ns, the time required to interpret a micro-instruction. The most frequently occurring M-code instructions correspond to about 5 micro-instructions on the average.

The display is based on the raster scan technique using 832 lines of 640 dots each. Each of these 532,480 pixels (picture elements) is represented in main memory by one bit. If the entire screen is fully used, its bitmap occupies approximately 25% of memory. The display is refreshed through a 64-bit bus. The representation of each pixel in program accessible memory makes the display equally suitable for text, technical diagrams, and graphics in general.

In the case of text, each character is generated by copying the character's bitmap into the appropriate place of the screen's bitmap. This is done by software, supported by appropriate microcoded routines, corresponding to special M-code instructions. This solution, in contrast to hardware character generators, offers the possibility to vary the character's size, thickness (boldface), inclination (italics), and even style. In short, different fonts can be displayed.
A COMPARISON OF MODULA-2 AND PASCAL

Modula-2—The Logical Successor to Pascal

In the years following the entrance of Pascal into the realm of computer languages, Pascal became increasingly appreciated for a number of reasons:

- clear definition of data structures and algorithms
- detection of syntax programming errors
- protection against illegal values being assigned to variables
- overcoming, in most instances, the need for subsets

Designed originally as a teaching language by Dr. Niklaus K. Wirth, the language tends to lead programmers to write well-structured programs. In addition, it is relatively easy to learn and essentially self-documenting.

As its popularity grew so did its “extensions.” In particular, attempts to enhance real-time applications and I/O device handling. But these “solutions” created new problems.

While the rest of the world tried applying “fixes” to Pascal, Wirth analyzed the needs that had been identified and answered them with a complete language, Modula-2. The basic advancements fall into four categories:

1. module structure — Inherent management of complex programming problems occurs because Modula-2 supports structuring them as individual tasks.
2. separate compilation — The definition-module allows individual modules to be compiled separately without sacrificing error checking.
3. real-time primitives — Coroutines allow for real-time programming operations are defined in one or two separate modules. These modules are the only ones needing revision when a program is transported to another computer.
4. portability through encapsulated machine-dependent operations — Modula-2 programs are completely portable because machine-dependent programming operations are defined in one or two separate modules. These modules are the only ones needing revision when a program is transported to another computer.

In summary, Modula-2 is the logical successor to Pascal. It provides the solutions to Pascal’s problems:

- Pascal’s Problems
  - fixed arrays
  - global variables only
  - lack of separate compilation
  - hindering large complex programs
  - rigid order of declarations
  - Boolean expressions are not conditionally evaluated
  - limited I/O facilitation
  - does not allow low-level programming

- Modula-2’s Solutions
  - open arrays
  - local variables also
  - separate compilation
  - providing libraries of modules
  - related declarations may be grouped
  - evaluations of conditions are ordered
  - allowing branching upon satisfaction
  - standard library of I/O modules
  - controlled low-level access providing machine-level programming

VOLITION SYSTEMS

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- You like UCSD or Apple Pascal™, but have some doubts about it—everyone keeps saying the future belongs to UNIX™.

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Anyway, that’s how I felt before discovering Modula-2, Niklaus Wirth’s latest programming language. EE Times, a leading electronics newsweekly, has called Modula-2 “the successor to Pascal.” They’re right.

With Modula-2, I’m more productive writing and maintaining code, and I can do things that just weren’t possible with the Pascal system. Better yet, I’ll be able to move my programs to other operating systems, thanks to the standard library Volition Systems provides with all its Modula-2 implementations.

Because you already know Pascal, you’ll be able to pick up Modula-2 in a matter of hours and become proficient in less than a week. Furthermore, Modula-2 is based on the efficient II.0 architecture and is compatible with your existing UCSD Pascal and Apple Pascal software.

Sincerely,

Roger T. Sumner
Chief Programmer

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What is Modula-2

The Modula-2 programming language was designed by Niklaus Wirth, Pascal’s creator, as a simple but powerful alternative to assembly language. Pascal, ‘C’, and Ada. Modula-2 is easily learned by Pascal programmers, and it solves Pascal’s problems in a consistent and structured fashion. Modula-2 language features include modules, concurrent processes, separate compilation, dynamic array parameters, and low-level machine access.

Modula-2 on UCSD Pascal

Modula-2 on UCSD Pascal is a software development system based on the version II UCSD Pascal system. The Modula-2 compiler accepts the full language with minor implementation restrictions. Programs are compiled into P-code.

Separate compilation is fully supported, with up to 50 separately compiled modules per program. No linking is required—module binding is performed at run time. Modula-2 programs can call other programs as procedures. Interrupts are fully supported, allowing real-time programming in Modula-2. System-dependent library modules provide access to the UCSD Pascal file system and UCSD Pascal intrinsics. Standard library modules provide Modula-2 programs with a standard operating environment.
Standard Library

Standard library modules are implemented either as a stand-alone system or as an interface to an underlying operating system. Because all implementations present the same module interfaces, programs that use standard library modules are portable across all Modula-2 systems. Standard library facilities include:

1) Console I/O: The module InOut includes routines for reading and writing basic data types to the standard input and output files. Standard I/O defaults to the system console, but can be redirected to disk files. The module Terminal provides console input and output and keyboard polling.

2) File I/O: The module Texts provides routines for reading and writing basic data types to text streams. The module Files includes routines for reading and writing byte streams and arbitrary data types to files. Random and sequential file access is supported. Directory operations allow programs to change disk file names or delete disk files.

3) Storage management: The module Storage includes routines for dynamic variable allocation and deallocation. Storage can allocate variable-sized buffers and indicate whether a given amount of storage is available.

4) Program execution: The module Program enables a Modula-2 program to call other programs as procedures. In addition to providing code overlays, this facility simplifies the construction of large software systems; major parts can be written and tested as individual programs before being incorporated into the system as subprograms. Modula-2 programs and subprograms communicate by sharing library modules.

5) Exception handling: The module Texts, Files, and Program include facilities for program control of run-time error handling and recovery.

6) Process scheduling: The module ProcessScheduler provides process scheduling and synchronization facilities via the type SIGNAL and the procedures WAIT and SEND.

7) Strings: The module Strings includes the string operations Insert, Delete, Pos, Concat, and Length.

8) Decimal arithmetic: The module Decimals provides decimal arithmetic and COBOL-style formatting routines suitable for business applications.

9) Math functions: The module MathLib0 includes the mathematical functions sin, cos, arctan, exp, ln, and sqrt.

System Components

The Modula-2 system includes a fast one-pass compiler, library manager utility, and a module library. Standard library modules provide I/O, program execution, storage allocation, strings, math functions, and decimal arithmetic. A copy of Niklaus Wirth's new book Programming in Modula-2 is provided along with complete system documentation.

System-dependent Facilities

In addition to the standard module library, the Modula-2 system provides access to system-dependent facilities. On the Apple II and III, special modules are provided to access Apple graphics and peripheral devices, and the interrupt system connects to the Apple hardware interrupt system. A utility program is also provided which can convert Apple Pascal intrinsic units into library modules.

On the Sage, a special library module is provided for performing 32-bit arithmetical, and the interrupt system connects to the event system defined in the Sage BIOS. Note that the Sage system includes UCSD Pascal-based system software and utilities.

Modula-2 versus UCSD Pascal™ — Seven Significant Differences

1) Modules versus units — Modula-2 divides its separately compiled modules into separate definition and implementation modules, allowing version control and easier library management. UCSD Pascal bundles a unit's interface and implementation parts into one compilation, preventing version control and making library management awkward. Modula-2's import/export statements and identifier qualification (e.g. "modulenameIDENT") provide explicit scope control over identifiers obtained from other modules. UCSD Pascal offers no identifier scope control between units. Finally, Modula-2 allows the declaration of local modules to improve the organization of compilation units. UCSD Pascal does not allow local units.

2) I/O and Storage Management — Modula-2 provides all I/O and storage management routines as library modules, allowing such routines to be redefined or removed from the runtime system. UCSD Pascal I/O and storage routines are hardwired into the operating system.

3) Concurrency — Modula-2 provides co-routines as the basic form of concurrency. Co-routines are simpler and faster than UCSD Pascal semaphores, and can also be used to construct most forms of process scheduling: rendezvous, message passing, signals, or semaphores.

4) 40-level Programming — Modula-2 provides explicit language features for low-level programming: type transfer functions, absolute-address variable declarations, bitsets, address arithmetic, and interrupt handling. In UCSD Pascal, low-level programming relies on assembly language or unsafe programming tricks which violate the Pascal language.

5) Parameters — Modula-2 provides procedure types: they are a generalization of Pascal's procedure parameter, and permit the definition of procedure parameters and procedure variables (a powerful concept new to most Pascals). Modula-2 also provides open array parameters which accept arrays of any size. UCSD Pascal provides neither the procedure parameters nor conformant arrays defined in standard Pascal.

6) Statements & Expressions — Modula-2 provides a LOOP/EXIT statement, a FOR statement with arbitrary step values, and a CASE statement with an ELSE part and subranges allowed in case constants. Functions can return any type as a function result. Modula-2 defines short-circuit Boolean expression evaluation for simpler and more efficient programming. Constant expressions may appear anywhere a constant is allowed. Pascal provides none of these useful features.

7) Syntax — Modula-2 programs are more readable than Pascal. Identifiers are significant to any length (not just the first 8 characters). The INC and DEC procedures eliminate the need for "i := i + 1" statements. There is no BEGIN/END statement, because structured statements (IF, WHILE) are terminated by END.

VOLITION INTRODUCES MODULA-2 FOR IBM PC

Niklaus Wirth's new programming language, Modula-2, is commercially available on the IBM Personal Computer for the first time, according to Volition Systems in Del Mar, CA. Modula-2 comes as part of a complete software system based on a version II UCSD Pascal* operating system. The system, developed by Volition, features a fast, easy-to-use version of Modula-2 and works well even in the 64K IBM PC environment, a feat not achieved by other UCSD Pascal-based systems.

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First, the use of standard software modules and separate compilation with automatic version control can save time and money during program development and maintenance.

"In addition, program developers will welcome Modula-2's portability," McCormack predicted, "because programs written in Modula-2 for the IBM PC are directly transferable to the Apple II system. In effect, they can double
their target market with a very minimal effort."

Volition's Modula-2 system for the PC includes a comprehensive module library, Modula-2 compiler, and tutorial programs designed to bring Pascal programmers up to speed on Modula-2 in a matter of hours. The implementation makes special provisions for the needs of software developers, presenting a nicely integrated development environment. The compiler and editor communicate with each other to reduce development time, modules are dynamically linked so there is no separate linkage process required, and friendly user interface and consistent prompts are provided.

All the attractive features of Modula-2 are provided: low-level machine access, real-time control, concurrent processes, and type-secure separate compilation with automatic version control.

Real number and transcendental mathematical support is provided directly by the 8087 numerics processor. Performance using the 8087 is considerably faster than it would be without it.

"Interrupt handling is fully supported—programmers can now write real-time or multi-tasking applications in Modula-2 instead of resorting to error-prone assembly language," McCormack said.

Volition's unique development in the implementation is the standard library, a collection of modules that offers facilities normally provided by an operating system. The library provides console I/O, random access files, disk directory operations, format conversion, strings, decimal arithmetic, storage management, program execution and process scheduling. The standard library provides a portable interface to the underlying operating system.

"With Modula-2, you can develop portable software systems that run without change on a number of different operating systems," McCormack said. "This should be of obvious interest to software developers faced with writing applications which must run on all of today's popular microcomputers."

In addition to the IBM PC system, Volition currently provides Modula-2 for the Apple II (under Apple Pascal!) and for the Apple // (under SOS) and as part of a complete software system for computers based on the 8080/Z80 and 68000 processors.

Modula-2 for the IBM PC is immediately available from Volition Systems. The complete Modula-2 system includes Pascal and Modula-2 compilers, module library, the Advanced System Editor (ASE), p-NIX command shell (that provides a UNIX-like programming environment), and a complete set of utility programs.

The system is priced at $595. Educational, retailer, and distributor discounts are available.

Volition Systems concentrates on systems software development and on research and development in hardware and software. Since the company was founded in 1980, it has been a leader in the implementation and dissemination of the Modula-2 language and other high-level languages and in the design and development of advanced computer architectures.

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**MRI ANNOUNCES MODULA-2 COMPILER FOR IBM PC**

IBM PC owners can buy a full Modula-2 compiler for only $40 from the Modula Research Institute. MRI has adapted the compiler for the IBM PC from the original Modula-2 compiler developed by Niklaus Wirth at the Institute for Informatics of the ETH in Zurich. The IBM PC compiler generates intermediate M-code similar in concept to the P-code of the original Zurich Pascal compiler.

Although the 4-pass Modula-2 compiler requires more compile time than a single-pass Pascal compiler, it provides M-code that is 30% more compact than the p-code and executes at least 20% faster. Use of M-code makes it possible to use programming tools transported from Wirth's Lilith, an optimized programmer's workstation that directly executes M-codes and is also available from MRI. MRI is now developing an M-code-to-native-code translator for the IBM PC to optimize execution time on the IBM PC at the expense of code compactness.

The $40 compiler for the IBM PC runs under DOS 2.0, requires 128K of RAM and 2 floppy disk drives, and is distributed with sample programs on two single-sided IBM floppy disks. Source code for the compiler is available from MRI on IBM PC floppy or 9-track tape for an additional $160. MRI also has versions of the compiler for the 68000 and the PDP-11.

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**MODULA-2 SOFTWARE FROM VOLITION TO LAUNCH SPRINGER-VERLAG LINE**

Volition Systems Modula-2 will be the first software offering from Springer-Verlag, the international publisher of scientific, technical and medical books and journals, according to Volition Systems in Del Mar, CA.

Springer-Verlag New York Inc. will be handling Volition Systems Modula-2 software packages for worldwide distribution through the publisher's traditional retail channels. Volition's implementation of Niklaus Wirth's new Modula-2 programming language will be available for the Apple II and /e, the IBM Personal Computer and the Sage II and IV computers.

Until now, Volition has concentrated on sales of Modula-2 to OEM's, systems houses, software developers and manufacturers. "This agreement will significantly expand our marketing effort at the retail level," according to Joel J. McCormack of Volition Systems.

"We expect the broader availability of Modula-2 software will spark additional interest in this superior new programming language, particularly in the academic, scientific and technical fields where Springer's titles are highly respected," he continued.

Modula-2 software will be distributed as part of Springer's Computer Science Software Project and will be available beginning in October. Also available from Springer is Niklaus Wirth's book Programming in Modula-2, which includes a complete description of the language.

Wirth created Modula-2 (from MODulaR Language) to overcome the real-world deficiencies of Pascal, a language which he previously created. The new language uses modules to facilitate development and maintenance of large, complex software systems, making it especially useful in large industrial, commercial and scientific applications.

The Volition Systems Modula-2 is available as a complete software development system and includes a comprehensive set of standard library modules and utilities as well as tutorial programs, system documentation and Wirth's book. Springer-Verlag will package and provide support for the systems it sells through its distribution channels.

Volition Systems concentrates on systems software development and on research and development in hardware and software. Since the company was founded in 1980, it has been a leader in the implementation and dissemination of the Modula-2 language and other high-level languages and in the design and development of advanced computer architectures.

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- teaching programming concepts
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- implementing software efficiently on today's machines
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Pascal implementations exist for more than 105 different computer systems, and this number increases every month. The "Implementation Notes" section of Pascal News describes how to obtain them.

The standard reference ISO 7185 tutorial manual for Pascal is:

Pascal — User Manual and Report (Second, study edition)
by Kathleen Jensen and Niklaus Wirth.
1978 (corrected printing), 167 pages, paperback, $7.90.

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