

# Parsing for a Scripting Language (or any other sort)

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grammar:

`<while-stmt> → while ( <expr> ) <stmt>`

parsing scheme:

```
node * parse_while_stmt()
{ call lexical analyser
  error if token is not reservedword while
  call lexical analyser
  error if token is not open paren
  p1 = parse_expr();
  call lexical analyser
  error if token is not close paren
  p2 = parse_stmt();
  return make_node(nt_while_stmt, p1, p2); }
```

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grammar:

`<assign-stmt> → <variable> = <expr> ;`

parsing scheme:

```
node * parse_variable()
{ call lexical analyser
  error if token is not identifier
  symbol * s1 = symbol table entry from the token
  return make_node_s(nt_variable, s1); }

node * parse_assign_stmt()
{ p1 = parse_variable();
  call lexical analyser
  error if token is not equal sign
  p2 = parse_expr();
  call lexical analyser
  error if token is not semicolon
  return make_node(nt_assign_stmt, p1, p2); }
```

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grammar:

$\langle \text{block} \rangle \rightarrow \{ \langle \text{stmt-list} \rangle \}$

parsing scheme:

```
node * parse_print_stmt()
{ call lexical analyser
  error if token is not open curly
  p1 = parse_stmt_list();
  call lexical analyser
  error if token is not close curly
  return make_node(nt_block, p1); }
```

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grammar:

$\langle \text{stmt-list} \rangle \rightarrow \emptyset$   
 $\quad \quad \quad | \langle \text{stmt} \rangle \langle \text{stmt-list} \rangle$

parsing scheme:

```
node * parse_stmt_stmt()
{ call lexical analyser
  put back (un-read) token
  if token is close curly*
    return NULL;
  p1 = parse_stmt();
  p2 = parse_expr_list();
  return make_node(nt_expr_list, p1, p2); }
```

\* close-curly is the only thing that can ever follow a  $\langle \text{stmt-list} \rangle$ , which is lucky

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grammar:

$\langle \text{print-stmt} \rangle \rightarrow \text{print } \langle \text{expr-list} \rangle ;$

parsing scheme:

```
node * parse_print_stmt()
{ call lexical analyser
  error if token is not reservedword print
  p1 = parse_expr_list();
  call lexical analyser
  error if token is not semicolon
  return make_node(nt_print_stmt, p1); }
```

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grammar:

```
<expr-list> → ∅  
             | <expr> , <expr-list>
```

parsing scheme:

```
node * parse_print_stmt()  
{ call lexical analyser  
  put back (un-read) token  
  if (token is in follow set* for <expr-list>)  
    return NULL;  
  p1 = parse_expr();  
  call lexical analyser  
  error if token is not comma  
  p2 = parse_expr_list();  
  return make_node(nt_expr_list, p1, p2); }
```

\* Currently the follow set for <expr-list> only includes the semi-colon, but that will probably change

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grammar:

```
<stmt> → <while_stmt>  
        | <assign_stmt>  
        | <print_stmt>  
        | <block>
```

parsing scheme:

```
node * parse_stmt()  
{ call lexical analyser  
  put back (unread) token  
  if token is reservedword while  
    return parse_while_stmt();  
  else if token is reservedword while  
    return parse_while_stmt();  
  else if token is identifier  
    return parse_assign_stmt();  
  else if token is reservedword print  
    return parse_print_stmt();  
  else if token is open_curly  
    return parse_block();  
  else  
    error }
```

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consider this grammar:

```
<if-stmt> → if (( <expr> ) <stmt> { else <stmt> }
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