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Etensible Compiler-“STAT”

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ABSTRACT

A compiler is a computer program or a set of program which converts the data from source code to object code, source code mean human understandable form whereas object means machine understandable form i.e.binary language. The compilers made till now are used to transform the a specific language and provides only the features which are added in it while designing the compilers, no other features are supported by the compiler other than those mentioned while designing it. This problem can be solved using extensible compilers. The basic idea used here is to extend a programming language by adding new syntax, features etc. through adding extension modules which act as plug-ins for the compiler. Certain challenges are faced while building such compiler like creation of extensible that are simultaneously powerful, to allow effective extensions, convenient to make these extensions easy to write; and composable, to make it possible to use independently-written extensions together.

INTRODUCING "STAT"

I have made an extensible compiler and named it as “STAT”.

So in the development that follows, I'll actually be doing a top-down development of BOTH the language and its compiler. The BNF description will grow along with the compiler.

GETTING STARTED

Given the BNF above, write a parser that just recognizes the brackets:

{Parse and Translate a Program}

Procedure Prog;

begin

Match (' p ') ;

Header ;

Prolog ;

Match (' . ') ;

Epi log;

end;`

The procedure Header just emits the startup code required by the assembler:

{Write Header Info}

procedure Header ;

begin

WriteLn ('WARMST', TAB, 'EQU \$A01E ') ;

end ;

The procedures Prolog and Epilog emit the code for identifying the main program, and for returning to the OS:

{ Write the Prolog }

procedure Prolog ;

begin

PostLabel ('MAIN ') ;

end;

{Write the Epi log }

procedure Epilog ;

begin

EmitLn ('DC WARMST') ;

EmitLn ('END MAIN ') ;

```

end ;
The main program just calls Prog, and then looks
for a clean ending:
{ Main Program }
begin
Init ;
Prog ;
if Look <> CR then Abort ( ' Unexpected data
after " . " ' );
end .

```

At this point, STAT will accept only one input
"program," the null program:

PROGRAM . (or 'p.' in our shorthand.)

DECLARATIONS

The next step is to process the code for the main
program. To parse this definition of a main block,
change procedure Prog to read:

```

{ Parse and Translate a Program }
procedure Prog ;
begin
Match ( ' p ' );
Header ;
Main ;
Match ( ' . ' );
end ;

```

and add the new procedure:

```

{ Parse and Translate a Main Program }
procedure Main ;
begin
Match ( ' b ' );
Prolog ;
Match ( ' e ' );
Epi log ;
end ;

```

Now, the only legal program is:

PROGRAM BEGIN END . (or 'pbe.')

The next step is to decide what we mean by a
declaration.

DECLARATIONS AND SYMBOLS

<data declaration> ::= VAR <var-list>

Note that since there is only one variable type,
there is no need to declare the type. The procedure
Prog becomes:

```

{ Parse and Translate a Program }
procedure Prog ;
begin
Match ( ' p ' );
Header ;
TopDecls ;
Main ;
Match ( ' . ' );
end ;
Now, add the two new procedures:
{ Process a Data Declaration }
procedure Decl ;
begin
Match ( ' v ' );
GetChar ;
end ;
{ Parse and Translate Global Declarations }
procedure TopDecls ;
begin
while Look <> ' b ' do
case Look of
' v ' : Decl ;
else Abort ( ' Unrecognized Keyword ' ' ' + Look
+ ' ' ' );
end ;
end ;
{ Parse and Translate a Data Declaration }
procedure Decl ;
var Name: char ;
begin

```

INITIALIZERS

```

Match ( ' v ' );
Alloc (GetName) ;
end ;

```

The procedure Alloc just issues a command to the
assembler to allocate storage:

```

{ Alloc Storage for a Variable }
procedure Alloc (N: char) ;
begin
WriteLn (N, ' : ', TAB, 'DC 0 ');
end ;
Adding this syntax to Decl gives this new version:
{ Parse and Translate a Data Declaration }
procedure Decl ;

```

```

var Name: char ;
begin
Match ( ' v ' ) ;
Al loc (GetName) ;
while Look = ' , ' do begin
GetChar ;
Al loc (GetName) ;
end ;
end ;

Change Alloc as follows:
{ Al locate Storage f o r a Var iable }
procedure Al loc (N: char) ;
begin
Write (N, ' : ', TAB, 'DC ') ;
if Look = '=' then begin
Match ( '=' ) ;
WriteLn (GetNum) ;
end
else
WriteLn ( ' 0 ' ) ;
end ;

```

EXECUTABLE STATEMENTS

Now an almost usable language is made! What's missing is the executable code that must go into the main program. But that code is just assignment statements and control statements ... all stuff we have done before. So it shouldn't take us long to provide for them, as well.

The BNF definition given earlier for the main program included a statement block, which we have so far ignored:

<main> ::= BEGIN <block> END

For now, we can just consider a block to be a series of assignment statements:

< block > ::= (Assignment)_

Let's start things off by adding a parser for the block. We'll begin with a stub for the assignment statement:

```

{ Parse and Translate an Assignment Statement }
procedure Assignment ;
begin
GetChar ;
end ;
{ Parse and Translate a Block of Statements }

```

```

procedure Block ;
begin
while Look <> ' e ' do
Assignment ;
end ;
Modify procedure Main to call Block as shown
below:
{ Parse and Translate a Main Program }
procedure Main ;
begin
Match ( ' b ' ) ;
Prolog ;
Block ;
Match ( ' e ' ) ;
Epi log ;
end ;
{ Clear the Primary Register }
procedure Clear ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'CLR D0 ' ) ;
end ;
{ Negate the Primary Register }
procedure Negate ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'NEG D0 ' ) ;
end ;
{ Load a Constant Value to Primary Register }
procedure LoadConst ( n : i n t e g e r ) ;
begin
Emit ( 'MOVE # ' ) ;
WriteLn ( n, ' ,D0 ' ) ;
end ;
{ Load a Var iable to Primary Register }
procedure LoadVar (Name: char) ;
begin
if not InTable (Name) then Undefined (Name) ;
EmitLn ( 'MOVE ' + Name + ' (PC),D0 ' ) ;
end ;
{ Push Primary onto Stack }
procedure Push ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'MOVE D0,□(SP) ' ) ;
end ;
{ Add Top of Stack to Primary }
procedure PopAdd ;

```

```

begin
EmitLn ( 'ADD (SP)+ ,D0 ' );
end ;
{ Subtract Primary from Top of Stack }
procedure PopSub ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'SUB (SP)+ ,D0 ' );
EmitLn ( 'NEG D0 ' );
end ;
{ Multiply Top of Stack by Primary }
procedure PopMul ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'MULS (SP)+ ,D0 ' );
end ;
{ Divide Top of Stack by Primary }
procedure PopDiv ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'MOVE (SP)+ ,D7 ' );
EmitLn ( 'EXT. L D7 ' );
EmitLn ( 'DIVS D0,D7 ' );
EmitLn ( 'MOVE D7,D0 ' );
end ;
{ Store Primary to Variable }
procedure Store (Name: char) ;
begin
if not InTable (Name) then Undefined (Name) ;
EmitLn ( 'LEA ' + Name + ' (PC) ,A0 ' );
EmitLn ( 'MOVE D0 ,( A0) ' )
end ;
The error handler Undefined simply calls Abort:
{ Report an Undefined Identifier }
procedure Undefined ( n : string ) ;
begin
Abort ( ' Undefined Identifier ' + n ) ;
end ;
The BNF for the assignment statement is:
<assignment> ::= <ident> = <expression>
<expression> ::= <first term> ( <addop> <term>
)*
<first term> ::= <first factor> <rest>
<term> ::= <factor> <rest>
<rest> ::= ( <mulop> <factor> )*
<first factor> ::= [ <addop> ] <factor>
<factor> ::= <var> | <number> | ( <expression> )
The following code implements the BNF:
{ Parse and Translate a Math Factor }
procedure Expression ; Forward ;
procedure Factor ;
begin
if Look = ' ( ' then begin
Match ( ' ( ' );
Expression ;
Match ( ' ) ' );
end
else if IsAlpha ( Look ) then
LoadVar (GetName)
else
LoadConst (GetNum) ;
end ;
{ Parse and Translate a Negative Factor }
procedure NegFactor ;
begin
Match ( '□' );
if IsDigit ( Look ) then
LoadConst(□GetNum)
else begin
Factor ;
Negate ;
end ;
end ;
{ Parse and Translate a Leading Factor }
procedure FirstFactor ;
begin
case Look of
'+ ' : begin
Match ( '+ ' );
Factor ;
end ;
'□' : NegFactor ;
else Factor ;
end ;
end ;
{ Recognize and Translate a Multiply }
procedure Multiply ;
begin
Match ( ' _ ' );
Factor ;
PopMul ;
end ;
{ Recognize and Translate a Divide }

```

```

procedure Divide ;
begin
Match ( ' / ' );
Factor ;
PopDiv ;
end ;
{ Common Code Used by Term and Fi rstTerm }

procedure Term1 ;
begin
while IsMulop ( Look ) do begin
Push ;
case Look of
' _ ' : Multiply ;
' / ' : Divide ;
end ;
end ;
end ;
{ Parse and Translate a Math Term }

procedure Term;
begin
Factor ;
Term1 ;
end ;

{ Parse and Translate a Leading Term }

procedure Fi rstTerm ;
begin
FirstFactor ;
Term1 ;
end ;

{ Recognize and Translate an Add }

procedure Add ;
begin
Match ( '+ ' );
Term;
PopAdd ;
end ;

{ Recognize and Translate a Subt ract }

procedure Subt ract ;
begin
Match ( ' - ' );
Term;
PopSub ;
end ;

{ Parse and Translate an Expression }

procedure Expression ;

```

```

begin
Fi rstTerm ;
while Is Addop ( Look ) do begin
Push ;
case Look of
'+ ' : Add ;
'- ' : Subt ract ;
end ;
end ;
end ;
{ Parse and Translate an Assignment Statement }

procedure Assignment ;
var Name: char ;
begin
Name := GetName ;
Match ( '=' );
Expression ;
Store (Name) ;
end ;
On compiling this we find a reasonable-looking
code, representing a complete program that will
assemble and execute. We have a compiler!

```

BOOLEANS

The next step should also be familiar to you. We must add Boolean expressions and relational operations. To begin, we're going to need some more recognizers:

```

{ Recognize a Boolean Orop }

function IsOrop ( c : char ) : boolean ;
begin
IsOrop := c in [ ' | ', ' ~ ' ] ;
end ;

{ Recognize a Relop }

function IsRelop ( c : char ) : boolean ;
begin
IsRelop := c in [ '= ', '# ', '< ', '> ' ] ;
end ;

Also, we're going to need some more code
generation routines:

{ Complement the Primary Register }

procedure NotIt ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'NOT D0' ) ;
end ;

```

```

{ AND Top of Stack with Primary }
procedure PopAnd ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'AND (SP)+ ,D0 ' );
end ;
{ OR Top of Stack with Primary }
procedure PopOr ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'OR (SP)+ ,D0 ' );
end ;
{ XOR Top of Stack with Primary }
procedure PopXor ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'EOR (SP)+ ,D0 ' );
end ;
{ Compare Top of Stack with Primary }
procedure PopCompare ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'CMP (SP)+ ,D0 ' );
end ;
{ Set D0 If Compare was = }
procedure SetEqual ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'SEQ D0 ' );
EmitLn ( 'EXT D0 ' );
end ;
{ Set D0 If Compare was != }
procedure SetNEqual ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'SNE D0 ' );
EmitLn ( 'EXT D0 ' );
end ;
{ Set D0 If Compare was > }
procedure SetGreater ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'SLT D0 ' );
EmitLn ( 'EXT D0 ' );
end ;
{ Set D0 If Compare was < }
procedure SetLess ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'SGT D0 ' );
EmitLn ( 'EXT D0 ' );
end ;
\end{listing}

```

A list of this gives us the tools we need . The BNF for the Boolean expressions is :

```
\begin{verbatim}
<boolExpr> ::= <boolTerm> (<orop>
<boolTerm>)__
<boolTerm> ::= <notFactor> (<andop>
<notFactor>)__
<notFactor> ::= [ '!' ] <relation>
<relation> ::= <expression> [ <relop>
<expression> ]
\end{verbatim}
```

Sharp-eyed readers might note that this syntax does not include the non-terminal "boolFactor" used in earlier versions . It was needed then because I also allowed for the Boolean constants TRUE and FALSE. But remember that in STAT there is no distinction made between Boolean and arithmetic types . . . they can be freely intermixed . So there is really no need for these predefined values . . . we can just use 1 and 0 , respectively .

In C terminology, we could always use the defines :

```
\begin{verbatim}
#define TRUE 1
#define FALSE 0
\end{verbatim}
```

(That is , if STAT had a preprocessor .) Later on, when we allow for declarations of constants, these two values will be predefined by the language .The reason that I'm harping on this is that I've already tried the alternative, which is to include TRUE and FALSE as keywords. The problem with that approach is that it then requires lexical scanning for EVERY variable name in every expression. As long as keywords can't be in expressions, we need to do the scanning only at the beginning of every new statement . . . quite an improvement . So using the syntax above not only simplifies the parsing , but speeds up the scanning as well, given that we're all satisfied with the syntax above , the corresponding code is shown below :

```

\begin{lstlisting}{}}

{ Recognize and Translate a Relational " Equals "
procedure Equals ;
begin
Match ( '=' );
Expression ;
PopCompare ;
SetEqual ;
end ;

{ Recognize and Translate a Relational " Not Equals "
procedure NotEquals ;
begin
Match ( '#' );
Expression ;
PopCompare ;
SetNEqual ;
end ;

{ Recognize and Translate a Relational " Less Than "
procedure Less ;
begin
Match ( '<' );
Expression ;
PopCompare ;
SetLess ;
end ;

{ Recognize and Translate a Relational " Greater Than "
procedure Greater ;
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begin
Match ( '>' );
Expression ;
PopCompare ;
SetGreater ;
end ;

{ Parse and Translate a Relation
procedure Relation ;
begin
Expression ;
if IsRelop ( Look ) then begin
Push ;
case Look of
'=' : Equals ;
'#' : NotEquals ;
'<' : Less ;
'>' : Greater ;
end ;
end ;
end ;

{ Parse and Translate a Boolean Factor with Leading NOT
procedure NotFactor ;
begin
if Look = '!' then begin
Match ( '!' );
Relation ;
NotIt ;
end
else
Relation ;
end ;

{ Parse and Translate a Boolean Term
procedure BoolTerm ;
begin
NotFactor ;
while Look = '&' do begin
Push ;
Match ( '&' );
NotFactor ;
PopAnd ;
end ;
end ;

{ Recognize and Translate a Boolean OR
procedure BoolOr ;
begin
Match ( '|' );
BoolTerm ;
PopOr ;
end ;

{ Recognize and Translate an Exclusive Or
procedure BoolXor ;
begin
Match ( '~~' );
BoolTerm ;
PopXor ;
end ;

```

```
{ Parse and Translate a Boolean Expression }

procedure BoolExpression ;
begin
BoolTerm ;
whi le IsOrOp ( Look ) do begin
Push ;
case Look of
' | ' : BoolOr ;
' ~ ' : BoolXor ;
end ;
end ;
end ;
```

```
Block ;
i f Look = ' l ' then begin
Match ( ' l ' ) ;
L2 := NewLabel ;
Branch ( L2 ) ;
PostLabel ( L1 ) ;
Block ;
end ;
PostLabel ( L2 ) ;
Match ( ' e ' ) ;
end ;
```

{ Parse and Translate a WHILE Statement }

```
procedure DoWhile ;
var L1 , L2 : st r ing ;
begin
Match ( 'w ' ) ;
L1 := NewLabel ;
L2 := NewLabel ;
PostLabel ( L1 ) ;
BoolExpression ;
BranchFalse ( L2 ) ;
Block ;
Match ( ' e ' ) ;
Branch ( L1 ) ;
PostLabel ( L2 ) ;
end ;
```

To tie everything together, we need only modify procedure Block to recognize the "keywords" for the IF and WHILE. As usual, we expand the definition of a block like so:

<block> ::= (<statement>)*

where

<statement> ::= <if> | <while> | <assignment>

The corresponding code is:

```
{ Parse and Translate a Block of Statements }

procedure Block ;
begin
while not ( Look in [ ' e ' , ' l ' ] ) do begin
case Look of
' i ' : DoI f ;
' w ' : DoWhile ;
else Assignment ;
end ;
end ;
end ;
```

CONTROL STRUCTURES

We're almost home. With Boolean expressions in place, it's a simple matter to add control structures.

For STAT, we'll only allow two kinds of them, the IF and the WHILE:

```
<if> ::= IF <bool-expression> <block> [ELSE
<block>] ENDIF
```

```
<while> ::= WHILE <bool-expression> <block>
ENDWHILE
```

Code for conditional and unconditional branches:

```
{ Branch Unconditional }

procedure Branch ( L : st r ing ) ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'BRA ' + L ) ;
end ;

{ Branch False }

procedure BranchFalse ( L : st r ing ) ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'TST D0 ' ) ;
EmitLn ( 'BEQ ' + L ) ;
end ;
```

{ Recognize and Translate an IF Construct }

```
procedure Block ; Forward ;
procedure DoI f ;
var L1 , L2 : st r ing ;
begin
Match ( ' i ' ) ;
BoolExpression ;
L1 := NewLabel ;
L2 := L1 ;
BranchFalse ( L1 ) ;
```

OK, add the routines I've given, compile and test them. You should be able to parse the singlecharacter versions of any of the control constructs. It's looking pretty good! As a matter of fact, except for the single-character limitation we've got a virtually complete version of STAT.

LEXICAL SCANNING

Now we have to convert the program. To begin with, let's simply allow for whitespace. This involves only adding calls to SkipWhite at the end of the three routines, GetName, GetNum, and Match. A call to SkipWhite in Init primes the pump in case there are leading spaces. Next, we need to deal with newlines. This is really a two-step process, since the treatment of the newlines with single-character tokens is different from that for multi-character ones. We can eliminate some work by doing both steps at once, but I feel safer taking things one step at a time. Insert the new procedure:

```
{ Skip Over an End of Line }
procedure NewLine ;
begin
while Look = CR do begin
GetChar ;
if Look = LF then GetChar ;
SkipWhite ;
end ;
end ;
\end{ lstlisting }
\begin{ lstlisting } { }
{ Type Declaration }
type Symbol = string [ 8 ] ;
SymTab = array [ 1 .. 1 0 0 0 ] of Symbol ;
TabPtr = ^SymTab ;
{ Variable Declarations }
var Look : char ; { Lookahead Character }
Token : char ; { Encoded Token }
Value : string [ 16 ] ; { Unencoded Token }
ST: Array [ 'A' .. 'Z' ] of char ;
{ Definition of Keywords and Token Types }
const NKW = 9;
```

```
NKW1 = 10;
const KWlist : array [ 1 .. NKW ] of Symbol =
( ' IF ' , ' ELSE ' , ' ENDIF ' , ' WHILE ' ,
' ENDWHILE ' ,
' VAR ' , ' BEGIN ' , ' END ' , ' PROGRAM ' ) ;
const KWcode: string [ NKW1 ] = ' xilewevbep '
;
```

Next, add the three procedures, also from Part VII :

```
{ Table Lookup }
function Lookup ( T : TabPtr ; s : string ; n : integer )
var i : integer ;
found : Boolean ;
begin
found := false ;
i := n ;
while ( i > 0 ) and not found do
if s = T^ [ i ] then
found := true
else
dec ( i ) ;
Lookup := i ;
end ;
.{
Get an Identifier and Scan it for Keywords }
procedure Scan ;
begin
GetName ;
Token := KWcode[ Lookup ( Addr ( KWlist ) ,
Value , NKW ) + 1 ] ;
end ;
.{
Match a Specific Input String }
procedure MatchString ( x : string ) ;
begin
if Value <> x then Expected ( ' ' ' + x + ' ' ' )
;
end ;
```

MULTI-CHARACTER VARIABLE NAMES

First, add the new typed constant:

NEntry: integer = 0;

Then change the definition of the symbol table as follows:

```

const MaxEntry = 100;
var ST : array [ 1 .. MaxEntry ] of Symbol ;
(Note that ST is NOT declared as a SymTab. That
declaration is a phony one to get Lookup to work.
A SymTab would take up too much RAM space,
and so one is never actually allocated.)

```

Next, we need to replace InTable:

```

{ Look f o r Symbol i n Table }
function InTable ( n : Symbol ) : Boolean ;
begin
InTable := Lookup (@ST, n , MaxEntry ) <> 0;
end ;

```

~ We also need a new procedure ,

AddEntry ,

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adds a

new ent r

y

to

the table :

```

{ Add a New Ent ry to Symbol Table }
procedure AddEntry (N: Symbol ; T : char ) ;
begin
i f InTable (N) then Abort ( ' Dupl icate I d e n t i
f i e r ' + N );
i f NEntry = MaxEntry then Abort ( 'Symbol
Table F u ll ' );
Inc ( NEntry );
ST[ NEntry ] := N;
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SType [ NEntry ] := T ;
end ;

```

This procedure is c a l l e d by Al l o c :

```

{ Al locate Storage f o r a Var iable }
procedure Al loc (N: Symbol ) ;
begin
i f InTable (N) then Abort ( ' Dupl icate Var iable
Name ' + N );
AddEntry (N, ' v ' );
...

```

Finally, we must change all the routines that currently treat the variable name as a single character.

These include Load Var and Store (just change the type from char to string), and Factor, Assignment, and Decl (just change Value[1] to Value).

One last thing: change procedure Init to clear the array as shown:

```

{ I n i t i a l i z e }
procedure I n i t ;
var i : i n t e g e r ;
begin
for i := 1 to MaxEntry do begin
ST[ i ] := ' ' ;
SType [ i ] := ' ' ;
end ;
GetChar ;
Scan ;
end ;

```

That should do it. Try it out and verify that you can, indeed, use multi-character variable names.

1.10 More Relops

We still have one remaining single-character restriction: the one on relops. Some of the relops are indeed single characters, but others require two. These are '<=' and '>='. I also prefer the Pascal '<>' for "not equals," instead of '#'. If you'll recall, in Part VII I pointed out that the conventional way to deal with relops is to include them in the list of keywords, and let the lexical scanner find them. But, again, this requires scanning throughout the expression parsing process, whereas so far we've been able to limit the use of the scanner to the beginning of a statement.I mentioned then that we can still get away with this, since the multi-character rellops are so few and

so limited in their usage. It's easy to just treat them as special cases and handle them in an ad hoc manner.The changes required affect only the code generation routines and procedures Relation and friends.First, we're going to need two more code generation routines:

```

{ Set D0 I f Compare was <= }
procedure Set Less Or Equal ;

```

```

begin
EmitLn ( 'SGE D0' );
EmitLn ( 'EXT D0' );
end ;
{ Set D0 If Compare was >= }
procedure SetGreaterOrEqual ;
begin
EmitLn ( 'SLE D0' );
EmitLn ( 'EXT D0' );
end ;
Then, modify the relation parsing routines as
shown below:
{ Recognize and Translate a Relational " Less
Than or Equal " }
procedure LessOrEqual ;
begin
Match ( '=' ) ;
Expression ;
PopCompare ;
SetLessOrEqual ;
end ;
{ Recognize and Translate a Relational " Not
Equals " }
procedure NotEqual ;
begin
Match ( '>' ) ;
Expression ;
PopCompare ;
SetNEqual ;
end ;
{ Recognize and Translate a Relational " Less Than " }
procedure Less ;
begin
Match ( '<' ) ;
case Look of
'=': LessOrEqual ;
'>': NotEqual ;
else begin
Expression ;
PopCompare ;
SetLess ;
end ;
end ;
end ;

```

```

{ Recognize and Translate a Relational " Greater Than " }
procedure Greater ;
begin
Match ( '>' ) ;
if Look = '=' then begin
Match ( '=' ) ;
Expression ;
PopCompare ;
SetGreaterOrEqual ;
end
else begin
Expression ;
PopCompare ;
SetGreater ;
end ;
end ;
That's all it takes. Now we can process all the
relops.

```

CONCLUSION

At this point we have STAT completely defined. It's not much ... actually a toy compiler. STAT has only one data type and no subroutines ... but it's a complete, usable language.

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