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Problem No. 1: Write a lex program that accept the verbs [am, is, are, was, were]

Solution:

Code : –

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
}%

%%
[/t]+
is |
am |
are |
was |
were      {printf(" %s : is a verb", yytext);}
[a-zA-Z]+ {printf("%s : is not a verb", yytext);}
%%

int main()
{
yylex();
}
```

Code Processing –

Step 1 : Open terminal in Linux and create a lex file named **verb.l**

> **touch verb.l**

Step 2 : After Writing the code save it and type command in terminal :

> **lex verb.l**

Step 3 : It will create a lex.yy.c file. Then next type command in terminal :

> **cc lex.yy.c -o verb -ll**

Step 4 : Then it will create an executable file named **verb.exe**.

Step 5 : Next type command in terminal and run the exe file :

> **./verb**

Output & Explanation:

This program is divided into 3 parts.

- Header section,
- Rules section,
- Main function.

1. The `% { % }` block is used to include C/C++ code that should be copied directly into the generated C file.
2. Here, `#include <stdio.h>` is included, which allows the program to use standard I/O functions such as `printf`.
3. This `%%` is a delimiter that separates the definitions section from the rules section. In this case, there's no specific code or definitions provided before the rules section, so it directly starts with the rules.
4. In the rules section, this section contains patterns (regular expressions) and the corresponding actions that should be executed when a pattern is matched.
5. The next lines `is | am | are | was | were` are patterns that match the specific verbs you are interested in. If any of these words are encountered, the program executes the action specified: `{printf(" %s : is a verb", yytext);}`.
6. `yytext` is a built-in variable in Lex that contains the matched text.
7. The `printf` function prints the matched verb followed by the message `is a verb`.
8. The second `%%` marks the end of the rules section and the beginning of user code, which is typically the main function.
9. Inside `main()`, the `yylex()` function is called. `yylex()` is automatically generated by Lex and is responsible for reading the input and applying the rules you've defined. When a match is found, the corresponding action is executed.

```
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(spyder@kali)-[~/media/spyder/Portable PC/]
└─$ lex verb.l
(spyder@kali)-[~/media/spyder/Portable PC/]
└─$ cc lex.yy.c -o verb -ll
(spyder@kali)-[~/media/spyder/Portable PC/]
└─$ ./verb
am
am : is a verb
is
is : is a verb
are
are : is a verb
was
was : is a verb
were
were : is a verb

no
no : is not a verb
ok
ok : is not a verb
bye
bye : is not a verb
```

Problem No. 2: Write a lex Program that gives output in Start and Stop word.

Solution:

Code : –

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
%}
start      printf("Start Command received\n");
stop      printf("Stop Command received\n");
%%
```

Code Processing –

Step 1 : Open terminal in Linux and create a lex file named **start.l**

> **touch start.l**

Step 2 : After Writing the code save it and type command in terminal :

> **lex start.l**

Step 3 : It will create a lex.yy.c file. Then next type command in terminal :

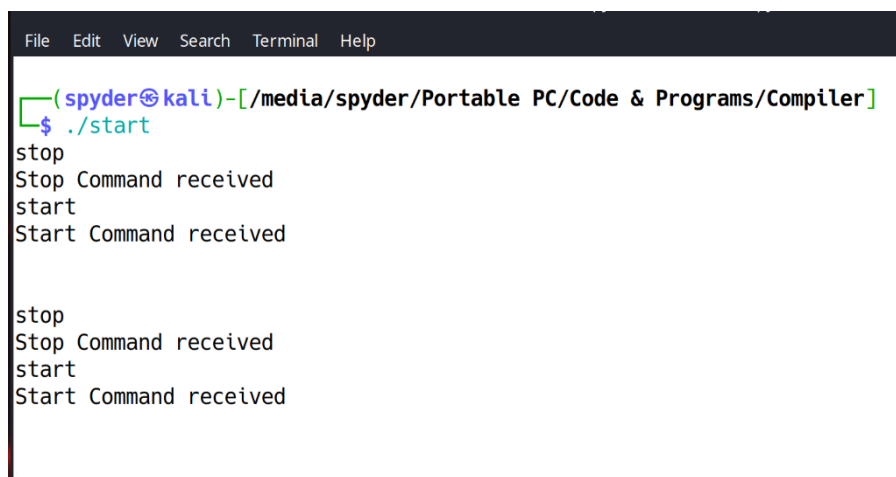
> **cc lex.yy.c -o start -ll**

Step 4 : Then it will create an executable file named **start.exe**.

Step 5 : Next type command in terminal and run the exe file :

> **./start**

Output & Explanation:



```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
(spyder@kali)-[~/media/spyder/Portable PC/Code & Programs/Compiler]
└─$ ./start
stop
Stop Command received
start
Start Command received

stop
Stop Command received
start
Start Command received
```

This Lex program is designed to recognize the words "start" and "stop" in each text and produce corresponding outputs. The program is structured as follows:

- **Header Section:** Includes necessary libraries.
- **Definition Section:** Initially attempted to define macros for start and stop commands.
- **Rules Section:** Should contain patterns to match the words "start" and "stop" and print the appropriate messages.

Explanation :-

1. In the Header Section the `{ % }` block is used to include C/C++ code that should be copied directly into the generated C file.
2. Here, `#include <stdio.h>` is included, which allows the program to use standard I/O functions like `printf`.
3. In the definition section, two macros or symbolic names are defined: `start` and `stop`.
4. The macro `start` is defined to execute the command `printf("Start Command received");` whenever the word "start" is encountered in the input.
5. Similarly, the macro `stop` is defined to execute the command `printf("Stop Command received");` whenever the word "stop" is encountered in the input.
6. The `%%` marks the beginning of the rules section. Typically, this is where you would write the patterns and corresponding actions.
7. This section should include patterns for matching the start and stop commands and associate them with the defined actions.
8. To make the provided code functional, you need to move the start and stop macros into the rules section and associate them with patterns.
9. Now, when the program is run, it will scan the input text. If it encounters the word "start", it will print "Start Command received". If it encounters the word "stop", it will print "Stop Command received".

Problem No. 3: Write a lex Program to count number of characters & number of lines.

Solution:

Code : –

```
%{
#include <stdio.h>
int num_lines=0, num_char=0;
}%

%%
\n          {++num_lines; ++num_char;}
.           {++num_char;}
out         {printf("there are %d lines and %d
characters\n", num_lines,num_char);}

%%

int main()
{
yylex();
return 0;
}
```

Code Processing –

Step 1 : Open terminal in Linux and create a lex file named **counter.l**
> **touch counter.l**

Step 2 : After Writing the code save it and type command in terminal :
> **lex counter.l**

Step 3 : It will create a lex.yy.c file. Then next type command in terminal :
> **cc lex.yy.c -o counter-ll**

Step 4 : Then it will create an executable file named **counter.exe**.

Step 5 : Next type command in terminal and run the exe file :
> **./counter**

Output & Explanation:

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
(spyder@kali)-[~/media/spyder/Portable PC/Code & Programs/Compiler]
└─$ lex counter.l
(spyder@kali)-[~/media/spyder/Portable PC/Code & Programs/Compiler]
└─$ cc lex.yy.c -o counter -ll
(spyder@kali)-[~/media/spyder/Portable PC/Code & Programs/Compiler]
└─$ ./counter
Compiler Design is the process of creating a Compiler,
which is a program that translate source code written
in a high-level programming language into machine code
or another target language.
out
There are 4 lines and 192 characters.
```

Explanation :-

1. The `{ % }` block is used to include C/C++ code that should be copied directly into the generated C file.
2. Two global variables are defined: `num_lines` and `num_char`.
3. The `%%` marks the beginning of the rules section where patterns and their corresponding actions are defined.
4. This pattern `\n` matches a newline character in the input.
5. `++num_lines;` increments the `num_lines` counter by 1, counting the new line.
6. `++num_char;` increments the `num_char` counter by 1, counting the newline character as part of the total characters.
7. This pattern `'.'` matches any single character in the input except a newline.
8. The action `{++num_char;}` increments the `num_char` counter by 1, counting each character. This pattern `out` matches the word "out"
9. The action `{printf("there are %d lines and %d characters\n", num_lines, num_char);}` prints the current count of lines and characters.
10. It outputs the number of lines stored in `num_lines` and the number of characters stored in `num_char` when the word "out" is encountered.
11. The second `%%` marks the end of the rules section and the beginning of the user-defined code section, which typically contains the main function. Inside the `main()` function, the `yylex()` function is called. `yylex()` is automatically generated by Lex and is responsible for scanning the input, applying the defined patterns, and executing the corresponding actions.