

Oat v. 1 Language Specification

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1 Grammar

The following grammar defines the Oat syntax. In the grammar, *id* denotes an identifier, *n* denotes a non-negative integer, and *s* denotes a string literal. All binary operations are *left associative* with precedence levels indicated numerically. Higher precedence operators bind tighter than lower precedence ones.

<i>prog</i>	::= 	<i>decl</i> ₁ .. <i>decl</i> _{<i>i</i>}	<i>prog</i>
<i>decl</i>	::= 	<i>gdecl</i> <i>fdecl</i>	global declarations
<i>gdecl</i>	::= 	global <i>id</i> = <i>gexp</i> ;	global variable declarations
<i>fdecl</i>	::= 	<i>t id</i> (<i>args</i>) <i>block</i>	function declaration
<i>args</i>	::= 	<i>arg</i> ₁ , .., <i>arg</i> _{<i>i</i>}	args
<i>arg</i>	::= 	<i>t id</i>	arg
<i>block</i>	::= 	{ <i>stmt</i> ₁ .. <i>stmt</i> _{<i>i</i>} }	blocks
<i>t</i>	::= 	<i>int</i> <i>bool</i> <i>ref</i>	types
<i>ref</i>	::= 	<i>string</i> <i>t</i> [<i>i</i>]	reference types

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<i>gexp</i>	::= <i>n</i> <i>s</i> <i>t null</i> <i>true</i> <i>false</i> <i>new t [] {gexp₁, .., gexp_i}</i>	global initializers
<i>stmt</i>	::= <i>lhs = exp;</i> <i>vdecl;</i> <i>return exp;</i> <i>return ;</i> <i>id(exp₁, .., exp_i);</i> <i>if_stmt</i> <i>for(vdecls; exp_opt; stmt_opt) block</i> <i>while(exp) block</i>	statements
<i>if_stmt</i>	::= <i>if(exp) block else_stmt</i>	if statements
<i>else_stmt</i>	::= ϵ <i>else block</i> <i>else if_stmt</i>	else
<i>lhs</i>	::= <i>id</i> <i>exp₁[exp₂]</i>	lhs expressions
<i>vdecls</i>	::= <i>vdecl₁, .., vdecl_i</i>	decl list
<i>vdecl</i>	::= <i>var id = exp</i>	local declarations

exp ::= expressions

- | *id*
- | *n*
- | *s*
- | *t null*
- | *true*
- | *false*
- | *exp₁ [exp₂]*
- | *id(exp₁, .., exp_i)*
- | *new t[] {exp₁, .., exp_i}*
- | *new t[exp₁]*
- | *exp₁ bop exp₂*
- | *uop exp*
- | (*exp*)

bop ::= (left associative) binary operations

- | * precedence 100
- | + precedence 90
- | - precedence 90
- | << precedence 80
- | >> precedence 80
- | >>> precedence 80
- | < precedence 70
- | <= precedence 70
- | > precedence 70
- | >= precedence 70
- | == precedence 60
- | != precedence 60
- | & precedence 50
- | | precedence 40
- | [&] precedence 30
- | [|] precedence 20

uop ::= unary operations

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