

bawk



“bad awk”: a powerful text processing language



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Motivation

- Robust text processing language with intuitive C-like syntax
- Make it easy to analyze, read, and write to files
- Data-driven
- More verbose than awk
- Abstract away boilerplate code that repeatedly executes same actions over lines of a file
- Addition of mutable multidimensional arrays, easily mutable configuration variables

Tutorial – Run a bawk Program

```
hello.bawk
```

```
BEGIN {}
```

```
LOOP {
```

```
    print($0);
```

```
}
```

```
END {}
```

```
input.txt
```

```
hello
```

```
world
```

```
./bawk.sh hello.bawk input.txt
```

```
./bawk.sh [.bawk file] [input file]
```

```
al@numel:~/plt/PLT-f18$ ./bawk.sh test.bawk hello.txt  
hello  
world
```

Tutorial – Program Structure

```
BEGIN {  
    # function declarations and global variable declarations  
}  
LOOP {  
    # loop over each line of a file; execute these statements for each  
line  
}  
END {  
    # execute these statements after we're done with the file  
}  
CONFIG { # optional  
    # set the field (word) separator & record (line) separator  
}
```

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Types

```
int a;  
bool b;  
string s;  
rgx r;  
string[] s_arr;  
int[][][] arr;
```

Operators

```
field access ($)  
string concatenation (&)  
rgx, string, boolean comparison  
integer operations  
logical operations  
array access
```

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Functions & Control Flow

```
int function (int a, int b) {  
    while (a != b) {  
        if (a > b) {  
            a = a - b;  
        }  
        else {  
            b = b - a;  
        }  
    }  
    return a;  
}
```

Control Flow

```
int i = 0;  
arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];  
  
for ( i=0; i < 10; i++) {  
    print(int_to_string(arr[i]));  
}
```

- “if” statements do not require matching “else” blocks

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Other Special Keywords

- NF – Number of Fields
- RS – Record Separator
- FS – Field Separator

Built-in Functions

- type conversion functions
e.g. `int_to_string`
- array functions
insert, delete, contains,
length, `index_of`
- `print`
- `nprint`

Key Features – File Looping

```
LOOP {  
    # everything in here is executed  
    # once for each line of the file  
}
```

- Continues looping until entire file is read through
- CONFIG block sets how the file will be looped through
 - Line separators are set with “RS”
 - Field separators are set with “FS”

Key Features – Field Access (\$)

Access a specified field of a line

Sample Line: Another layer of indirection

Set in CONFIG block:

- FS = Field Separator
 - FS = “,”
- RS = Record Separator
 - RS = “\r\n”

print(\$0):

>> Another layer of indirection

print(\$1):

>> Another

print(\$2):

>> layer

Key Features – Infinitely nested mutable arrays

```
int [][][] m;
```

```
m = [ [ [1, 2], [3, 4] ], [ [5, 6], [7, 8] ] ];
```

```
m[0][0][0] = 0;
```

```
# m = [ [ [0, 2], [3, 4] ], [ [5, 6], [7, 8] ] ];
```

```
delete(m, 1);
```

```
# m = [ [ [0, 2], [3, 4] ] ]
```

```
insert(m, 1, [ [9, 10], [11, 12] ] );
```

```
# m = [ [ [0, 2], [3, 4] ], [ [9, 10], [11, 12] ] ];
```

Key Features – Regex

- POSIX regex pattern matching with wrapper functions
- Allows text filtering and expression comparisons

```
pattern = 'i .[a-zA-Z]* plt';
```

```
if (feeling ~ pattern) {
```

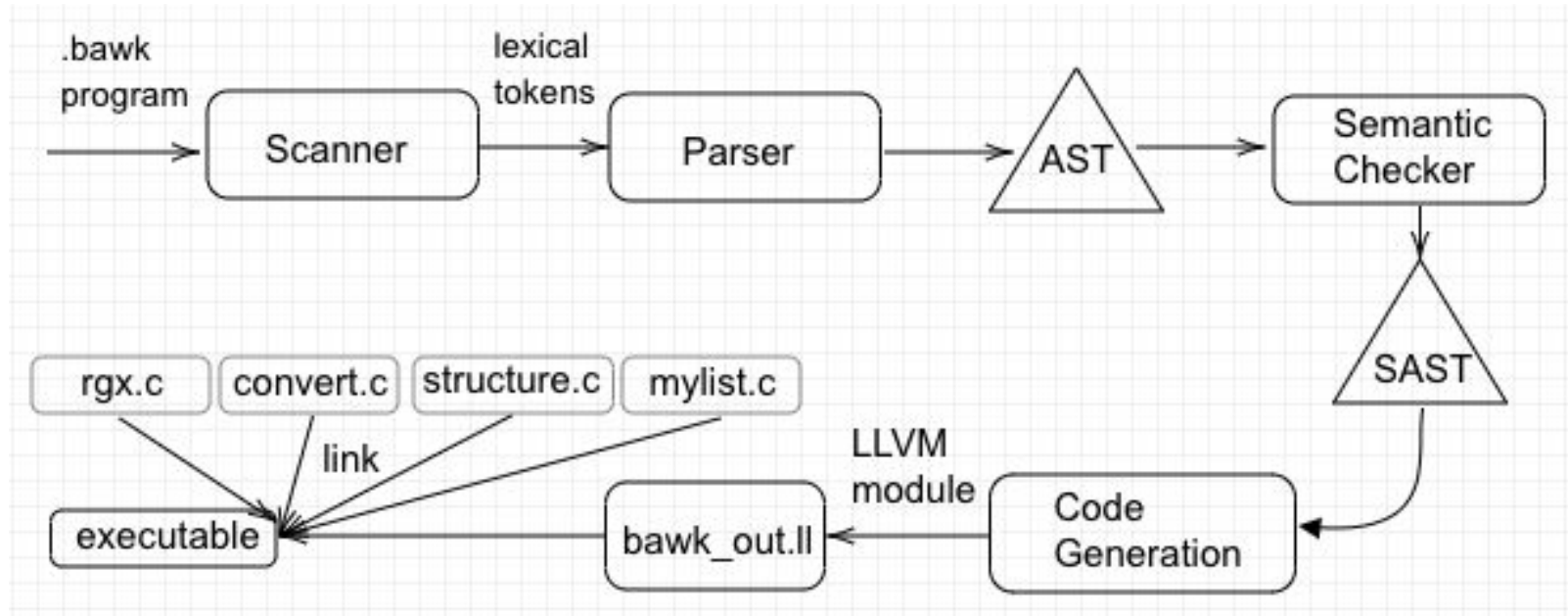
```
    print(feeling);
```

```
}
```

would match on “I love plt”, “I hate plt”, “I despise plt”, “I fear plt”, “I enjoy plt”

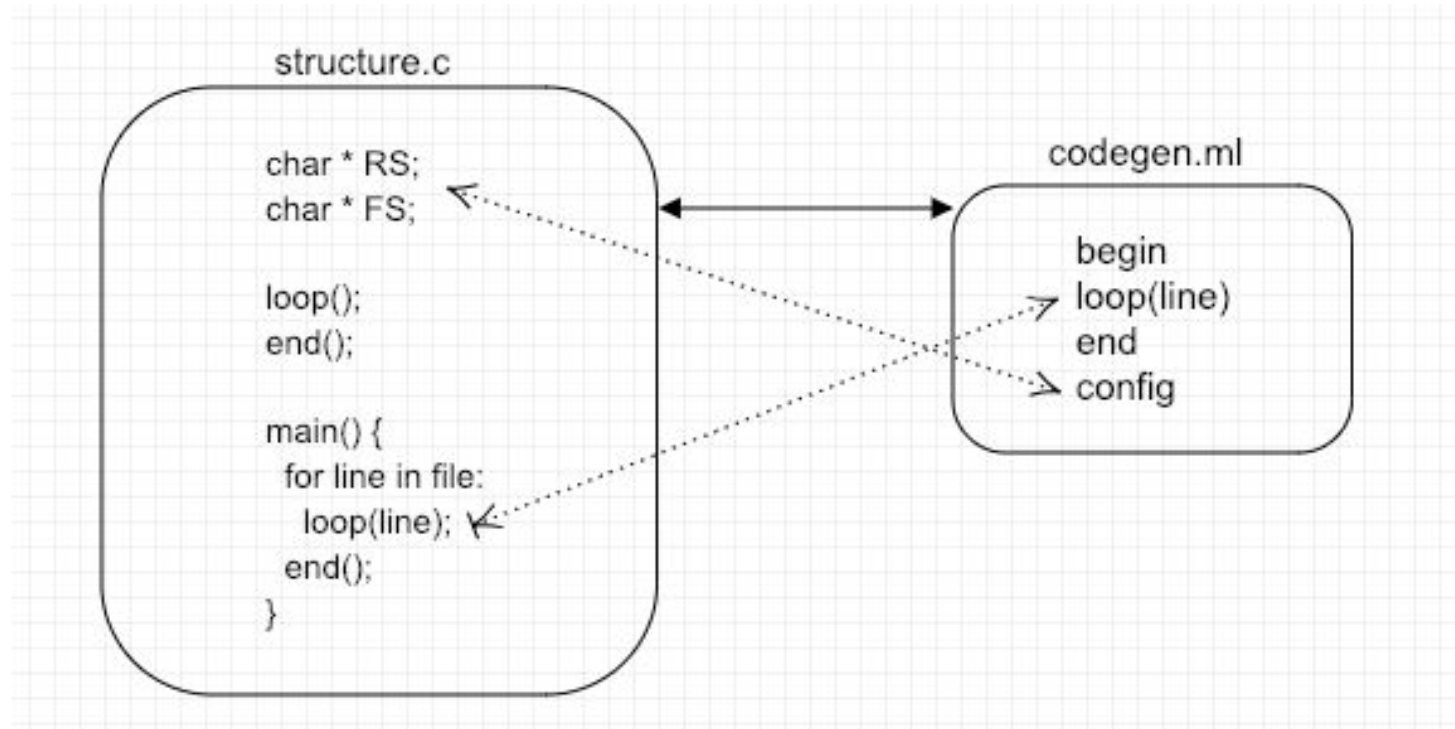
would not match on “I plt”, “I do not love plt”

System Architecture



- C libraries implement arrays, built-in conversion functions, regex, and main function

System Architecture



Testing

- Pass and fail tests for each stage of development
 - Lexer, parser, semantic checking, code generation
- Aim to pinpoint every feature of our language
- Check that the correct output / error messages are being generated
- Range from small tests (ex: basic operations) to larger tests (ex: file reading)
- Use `bawk.sh [./bawk file] [input file]` to run single test
- Use `testall.sh` to run all tests -> to automate running over 150 tests

Testing

```
[al@numel:~/bawk$ ./bawk.sh tests/pass-helloworld.bawk input.txt  
Hello World!
```

```
[al@numel:~/bawk$ ./testall.sh  
pass-dollar1...OK pass-global2...OK pass-ops3...OK pass-strarr6...OK fail-blocks1...OK  
pass-add1...OK pass-dollar2...OK pass-global3...OK pass-ops4...OK pass-strarr7...OK fail-conversion1...OK fail-func1...OK  
pass-add2...OK pass-dynamicarr1...OK pass-helloworld...OK pass-print...OK pass-strarr8...OK fail-conversion2...OK fail-func2...OK  
pass-arith1...OK pass-dynamicarr2...OK pass-helloworldloop...OK pass-printbegin...OK pass-strarr9...OK fail-conversion3...OK fail-func3...OK  
pass-arith2...OK pass-dynamicarr3...OK pass-helloworldloopend...OK pass-rgx1...OK pass-string1...OK fail-conversion4...OK fail-func4...OK  
pass-arith3...OK pass-dynamicarr4...OK pass-if1...OK pass-rgx2...OK pass-string2...OK fail-conversion5...OK fail-func5...OK  
pass-arith4...OK pass-dynamicarr5...OK pass-if2...OK pass-rgx3...OK pass-string3...OK fail-dead1...OK fail-func6...OK  
pass-arith5...OK pass-dynamicarr6...OK pass-if3...OK pass-rgx4...OK pass-string4...OK fail-decl1...OK fail-func7...OK  
pass-arrayliterals...OK pass-dynamicarr7...OK pass-if4...OK pass-rgx5...OK pass-while1...OK fail-decl2...OK fail-func8...OK  
pass-bool1...OK pass-fib...OK pass-if5...OK pass-rgx6...OK pass-while2...OK fail-decl3...OK fail-func9...OK  
pass-bool2...OK pass-for1...OK pass-if6...OK pass-rgxarr1...OK fail-dollarbegin...OK fail-global1...OK  
pass-boolarr1...OK pass-for2...OK pass-if7...OK pass-rgxarr2...OK fail-dynamicarr1...OK fail-global2...OK  
pass-boolarr2...OK pass-func1...OK pass-intarr1...OK pass-rgxarr3...OK fail-array1...OK fail-helloworldbegin...OK  
pass-boolarr3...OK pass-func2...OK pass-intarr2...OK pass-rgxarr4...OK fail-array2...OK fail-if1...OK  
pass-boolarr4...OK pass-func3...OK pass-intarr3...OK pass-rgxarr5...OK fail-array3...OK fail-expr2...OK fail-if2...OK  
pass-boolarr5...OK pass-func4...OK pass-intarr4...OK pass-rgxarr6...OK fail-arrayassign1...OK fail-expr3...OK fail-if3...OK  
pass-boolarr6...OK pass-func5...OK pass-intarr5...OK pass-rgxarr7...OK fail-arrayassign2...OK fail-expr4...OK fail-length...OK  
pass-boolarr7...OK pass-func6...OK pass-intarr6...OK pass-rgxarr8...OK fail-arrayassign3...OK fail-expr5...OK fail-print1...OK  
pass-boolarr8...OK pass-func7...OK pass-intarr7...OK pass-rgxarr9...OK fail-assign1...OK fail-for1...OK fail-print2...OK  
pass-boolarr9...OK pass-func8...OK pass-intarr8...OK pass-strarr1...OK fail-assign2...OK fail-for2...OK fail-return1...OK  
pass-comment...OK pass-func9...OK pass-intarr9...OK pass-strarr2...OK fail-assign3...OK fail-for3...OK fail-RS...OK  
pass-config1...OK pass-gcd...OK pass-local1...OK pass-strarr3...OK fail-assign4...OK fail-for4...OK fail-scope1...OK  
pass-config2...OK pass-global1...OK pass-local2...OK pass-strarr4...OK fail-assign5...OK fail-for5...OK fail-structure1...OK  
pass-config3...OK pass-ops1...OK pass-ops2...OK pass-strarr5...OK fail-assign6...OK fail-for6...OK fail-structure2...OK  
pass-ops2...OK pass-ops2...OK pass-ops2...OK fail-assign7...OK fail-for7...OK fail-while1...OK  
pass-ops2...OK pass-ops2...OK pass-ops2...OK fail-FS...OK fail-while2...OK
```


Demo

```
./bawk.sh demo/demo.bawk demo/shuffled.txt
```

