

## Compilers

Recursive Descent Parsing

## Recursive Descent

- The parse tree is constructed
- From the top
- From left to right
- Terminals are seen in order of appearance in the token stream:

$t_{2} t_{5} t_{6} t_{8} t_{9}$
- Consider the grammar

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{~T} \mid \mathrm{T}+\mathrm{E} \\
& \mathrm{~T} \rightarrow \text { int } \mid \text { int } * \mathrm{~T} \mid(\mathrm{E})
\end{aligned}
$$

- Token stream is: $\left(\mathrm{int}_{5}\right)$
- Start with top-level non-terminal E
- Try the rules for E in order
$\mathrm{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{T} \mid \mathrm{T}+\mathrm{E}$
$\mathrm{T} \rightarrow$ int $\mid$ int $* ~ T \mid(E)$
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$\left(\right.$ int $\left._{5}\right)$
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Mismatch: int does not match (
Backtrack ...
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 parse for the string id +id in the given grammar. Moves that are followed by backtracking are given in red.

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\begin{array}{l|l}
\mathrm{E} & \text { Recursive Descent } \\
\mathrm{E}^{\prime} & \\
-\mathrm{E}^{\prime} & \mathrm{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{E}^{\prime} \mid \mathrm{E}^{\prime}+\mathrm{E} \\
\text { id } & \mathrm{E}^{\prime} \rightarrow-\mathrm{E}^{\prime}|\mathrm{id}|(\mathrm{E}) \\
(\mathrm{E}) & \\
\mathrm{E}^{\prime}+\mathrm{E} & \\
-\mathrm{E}^{\prime}+\mathrm{E} & \\
i d+\mathrm{E} & \mathrm{E} \\
\mathrm{id}+\mathrm{E}^{\prime} & \mathrm{E} \\
\mathrm{id}+-\mathrm{E}^{\prime} & \mathrm{E}^{\prime} \\
i d+i d & \text { id }
\end{array}
$$

E
E'
$E^{\prime}+E$
id + E


$$
\text { id }+E^{\prime}
$$

$$
i d+i d
$$

E
$E^{\prime}+E$id $+E$
id $+\mathrm{E}^{\prime}$
id + id

