

# Oat v. 1 Language Specification

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## 1 Grammar

The following grammar defines the Oat syntax. All binary operations are *left associative* with precedence levels indicated numerically. Higher precedence operators bind tighter than lower precedence ones.

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

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| <i>gexp</i>      | <pre> ::=   integer   string   ref null   true   false   new t [] {gexp<sub>1</sub>, .., gexp<sub>n</sub>} </pre>   | <p>global initializers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64-bit integer literals</li> <li>C-style strings</li> </ul> |
| <i>stmt</i>      | <pre> ::=   lhs = exp;   vdecl;   return exp;   return ;   id(exp<sub>1</sub>, .., exp<sub>n</sub>);   if_stmt   for(vdecls; exp_opt; stmt_opt) block   while(exp) block </pre> | statements  |
| <i>if_stmt</i>   | <pre> ::=   if(exp) block else_stmt </pre>  | if statements   |
| <i>else_stmt</i> | <pre> ::=   ε   else block   else if_stmt </pre>  | else  |
| <i>lhs</i>       | <pre> ::=   id   exp1[exp2] </pre>  | lhs expressions   |
| <i>vdecls</i>    | <pre> ::=   vdecl<sub>1</sub>, .., vdecl<sub>n</sub> </pre>   | decl list   |
| <i>vdecl</i>     | <pre> ::=   var id = exp </pre>   | local declarations  |

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| <i>exp</i> | <pre> ::=     <i>id</i>     <i>integer</i>     <i>string</i>     <i>ref null</i>     <i>true</i>     <i>false</i>     <i>exp</i><sub>1</sub> [<i>exp</i><sub>2</sub>]     <i>id</i>(<i>exp</i><sub>1</sub>, .., <i>exp</i><sub><i>n</i></sub>)     <i>new t</i> [] {<i>exp</i><sub>1</sub>, .., <i>exp</i><sub><i>n</i></sub>}     <i>new t</i> [<i>exp</i><sub>1</sub>]     <i>exp</i><sub>1</sub> <i>bop</i> <i>exp</i><sub>2</sub>     <i>uop</i> <i>exp</i>     (<i>exp</i>)</pre> | <p>expressions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64-bit integer literals</li> <li>C-style strings</li> </ul>   |
| <i>bop</i> | <pre> ::=     *     +     -     &lt;&lt;     &gt;&gt;     &gt;&gt;&gt;     &lt;     &lt;=     &gt;     &gt;=     ==     !=     &amp;           [&amp;]     [ ]</pre>   | <p>(left associative) binary operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>precedence 100 (multiplication)</li> <li>precedence 90 (addition)</li> <li>precedence 90 (subtraction)</li> <li>precedence 80 (shift left)</li> <li>precedence 80 (shift right logical)</li> <li>precedence 80 (shift right arithmetic)</li> <li>precedence 70 (less-than)</li> <li>precedence 70 (less-than or equal)</li> <li>precedence 70 (greater-than)</li> <li>precedence 70 (greater-than or equal)</li> <li>precedence 60 (equal)</li> <li>precedence 60 (not equal)</li> <li>precedence 50 (logical and)</li> <li>precedence 40 (logical or)</li> <li>precedence 30 (bit-wise and)</li> <li>precedence 20 (bit-wise or)</li> </ul> |
| <i>uop</i> | <pre> ::=     -     !     ~</pre>  | <p>unary operations</p>   |