GPL: GPL is a Programming Language

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Why Graphs?

- Many algorithms are based on graphs – shortest path, breadth first search, topological sort
- Real-world networks are interesting objects of study in themselves
- Many languages can deal with graphs reasonably well, but often in an inflexible or cumbersome way.



What is GPL?

- General-purpose graph programming language
- Make graphs simple to work with
 - Manipulate data naturally in an adjacency list setting
 - Many common algorithms built in: no hassle
 - \circ Interpreted for ease of use
- To graphs what MATLAB is to matrices

Features of GPL

- Interpreter based
- Procedural
- Weakly-typed
- Visualizable
- Easy to use
- Enforces Good Programming Practices
- Awesome

Syntax

- Simple: Nothing too crazy
- Spare: Skip the curly brackets
- Intuitive: Not hard to figure out
- Traditional: Stick to standards of other interpreted languages

Graph-Centric

• Three atomic data types

- String: Symbols are important
- Number: Quantitites are important
- Graph: Collections of things and their binary relationships are most important!

• Graph has a set of Nodes and Edges

- Encapsulated: No unsupervised access
- Manipulate from Graph level, for simplicity and safety
- Graph can be visualized
 - Beauty of Swing representation unparalleled
 - $\,\circ\,$ 3D... representation of a perfectly flat surface

Built-in Libraries

- Graph Algorithms (CLRS style)
 MST, BFS, BFS with target node, DFS
- Network Algorithms
 - PageRank
 - Matrices and Vectors that can manipulate stored quantities

Development Environment

- Eclipse: IDE for Java backend development
- 'Liu'Lex: custom-written lexical analyzer
- Jacc: Java-native version of yacc
- Perl: Interpreted Shell

Say Hello to Graph World?

Graph h = ["h", "e", "l", "l", "o"] String s = h.printNodes() print(s)

Output: h e I I o

Sample Code

```
def printNumber(Number n)
  print("Number is passed to printNumber ")
  print(n)
end
Number i = 2
Number j = 2
while (i>0)
  printNumber(i)
  i = i-1
end
i = 4
if (i\%2 == 0)
  print("i is even ")
elsif (i\%3 == 0)
  print("i is divisible by 3 ")
else
  print("i is neither even nor divisible by 3 ")
end
Graph h = ["h", "e", "l", "l", "o"]
print(h.printNodes())
h.addEdge(1,2,1)
h.addEdge(1,3,1)
h.addEdge(1,4,1)
h.addEdge(1,5,1)
h.addEdge(3,4,1)
h.addEdge(4,2,1)
h.bfs(1)
h.dfs(1)
h.topologicalSort()
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Translator Architecture



Integration and Testing

- Unit tested every back end method.
- Every time a method was checked in or any change was made, we made it a point to run the tests so that the application is always in a stable state.
- Integration with the parser was made due to our script which enabled us to test the back end with the front end and run our test suite.
- We also had a command line interpreter to quickly check the state of the parser and how it behaves.