# xudf eXtended User Definable Format version 0.1.0

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#### 1 Introduction

The XUDF (eXtended User Definable Format) is an extension of the OCTA UDF (User Definable Format) for describing the input/output data for various simulators of computational physics. Although the philosophy of the OCTA UDF is interesting, but to read/write the OCTA UDF file, one needs the proprietary library. This avoids developments of free software / open source software. We hope the libraries and utilities to handle these format to be free. Besides, the official OCTA UDF handling library is not fast and difficult for users. The OCTA UDF syntax itself has some ambiguity and this confuses the users. The XUDF is written to be a free, open utility to handle the OCTA UDF files. You can convert OCTA UDF files into XUDF files, and then you can convert them into some script languages and handle it by ease.

Currently the XUDF provides the preprocessor for XUDF macro (and also for OCTA UDF) and the converters for script languages (Lua, Python, Ruby, Perl). You can also convert the OCTA UDF into the script languages directly, and then use it by your simulator.

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#### 2 Install xudf

You can build ans install xudf from the source package. xudf is using GNU Autoconf/Automake, thus you can build and install it easily, just like the other free softwares.

First, extract the source package xudf-0.1.0.tar.gz. To extract it, do

```
$ zcat xudf-0.1.0.tar.gz | tar xvf -
```

or if you are using GNU tar, do

\$ tar zxvf xudf-0.1.0.tar.gz

Now change the directory to the source tree and bild it.

- \$ cd xudf-0.1.0
- \$ ./configure
- \$ make

If the make is completed without errors, then install it.

- \$ su -
- # make install

By default, xudf will be installed under /usr/local. For further information, invoke the following command.

\$ ./configure --help

This will print the options for the configure script.

# 3 About XUDF (eXtended User Definable Format)

In this section, we show a simple XUDF files as examples. The XUDF files are similar to the OCTA UDF files since the XUDF is based on the OCTA UDF.

#### 3.1 Primitive Data Types

The XUDF supports following primitive data types.

```
int
            A 32-bit integer.
long
            A 32-bit integer (this is the same as int).
short
            A 16-bit integer.
float
            A single-precision floating point real number.
            A single-precision floating point number (this is the same as float).
single
            A selectable, enumerated string (this is the same as string).
select
            A double-precision floating point number.
double
string
            A string, sequence of characters.
KEY
            A string specifier for the variable (actually this is the same as string).
ID
            A integer specifier for the variable (actually this is the same as int).
```

#### 3.2 Definition and Value of Variables

```
First, we show the simplest XUDF file.
```

```
def {
     i: int
}
data {
     i: 123
}
```

This XUDF file means that we define the int type variable i and its value is 123. The definition of the variables are in the def block;

```
def {
    name: type
    ...
}
```

where *name* is the name of the variable and *type* is the type of the variable. The value for the variable is set in the data block;

```
data {
    name: value
    ...
}
```

where value is data which is set to the variable name.

#### 3.3 Arraies and Structures

More complex data structures, arraies and structures can be used in the XUDF.

```
def {
    a[]: int
    s: {
        b: double
        c: string
    }
}
data {
    a[]: [ 1 2 3 4 5 ]
    s: {
        1.234
        "abcde"
    }
}
```

In this case, a is an array of int and s is a structure of which members are b (double type) and c (string type). The array type variable can be defined by adding [] after its name (multidimensional array can be defined by adding [] twice or more). The structure type variable can be defined by combining variable definitions.

```
def {
    array_name[]: type
    structure_name: {
        name: type
        ...
    }
}
```

The data value definitions for an array and a structure is as follows.

```
data {
    array_name[]: [ data1, data2, data3, ... ]
    structure_name: { data1, data2, data3, ... }
}
```

The array type or the structure type can be nested. The following is a bit complicated but collect XUDF.

```
def {
    a[]: {
        b: {
            c: int
            d[]: double
        }
        e[][]: int
    }
}
```

#### 3.4 Class Definitions

The class definition is useful if there are many structures of which member is the same.

```
def {
     class vector: {
         x: double
         y: double
         z: double
    }

    r: vector
    v: vector
}

data {
    r: { 1.0 2.0 3.0 }
    v: { 4.0 5.0 6.0 }
}
```

In this XUDF file, we define a new class named vector. The calss definition is just like the structure variable definition except for that there are class specifier class. The defined class can be used as the variable type, like the other primitive variable types (int, double, ...).

```
def {
    class class_name: {
        name: type
        ...
```

```
}
```

#### 3.5 Select Definitions

The *select* type variable is enumerated string type variable.

```
def {
          b: select {
               "true"
               "false"
        }
}
data{
        b: "true"
}
```

In this example XUDF, b is a select variable which can take the value "true" or "false". The select variable can be treated as a variant of string variable.

The definition and set of select variables is as follows.

#### 3.6 Headers

We can store the data or the information about the simulation in the special block, the header block.

```
header {
    def {
        EngineType: string
        EngineVersion: string
        IOType: string
        ProjectName: string
        Comment: string
}
```

```
data {
     EngineType : "my simulator"
     EngineVersion : "0.1.0"
     IOType : "in"
     ProjectName : "my project"
     Comment : "an input file for my simulator 0.1.0"
}
```

We put the def block and the data block in the header block. The variables which can be defined in the def block in the header block is as follows.

#### EngineType

(string)

The type (or name) of the simulation engine which uses the file.

#### EngineVersion

(string)

The version of the simulation engine.

#### IOType (string)

The input/output type for the file ("in" for input, "out" for output, "in/out" for both input and output).

#### ProjectName

(string)

The name of the project which developed the simulation engine.

#### Comment (string)

The comment about the file.

#### 3.7 Records

Sometimes we need to use sequential data sets or similar data sets. The **record** block can be used for such a purpose.

```
def {
    n: int
    t: double
}

record "record 0" {
    data {
        n: 0
        t: 0.0
    }
}

record "record 1" {
    data {
```

```
n: 1
t: 0.5
}

record "record 2" {
    data {
        n: 2
        t: 1.0
    }
}
```

In this XUDF, we have three record blocks. Each record block has the data block. The value in the data block in the record block refers the same variable, but they are isolated and distinguished by the record identifier.

The record definition is as follows.

```
record "record_identifier" {
    data {
        name: value
        ...
    }
}
```

where "record\_identifier" is an identifier which distinguishes records.

### 4 The XUDF Preprocessor (xudfpp)

#### 4.1 Overview of the XUDF preprocessor (xudfpp)

The XUDF preprocessor, xudfpp is the preprocessor for the OCTA UDF and the XUDF files. It processes the backslashed command (for example, \begin{def} ... \end{def}) into the plain XUDF format (in this case, def { ... }). It also remove the comments (/\* ... \*/ and // ...) and processes some ambiguous / inappropriate OCTA UDF syntax into the strict XUDF sytax. It is useful to convert the OCTA UDF files into the XUDF files, or use some macro expansions for the XUDF.

In most cases, the users do not need to invoke xudfpp directly. Just like the C preprocessor cpp, xudfpp will be called from the other programs, automatically. The OCTA UDF to Perl / Python / Ruby / Lua converters (udf2pl, udf2py, udf2rb, udf2lua) call xudfpp automatically.

#### 4.2 Introduction to (xudfpp)

Currently, xudfpp supports only some simple macro expansions. The most useful expansion is one for \begin{...} ... \end{...} block normally used in the OCTA UDF files (the OCTA UDF uses these syntax to define blocks such as the data block or the definition block). xudfpp processed \begin{...} ... \end{...} blocks into the XUDF blocks. For example, the OCTA UDF file

```
// OCTA UDF input
  \begin{def}
      a: double
      b[]: int
  \end{def}
  \begin{data}
      a: 1.23
      b[]: [4, 5, 6]
  \end{data}
will be converted to the following XUDF file.
  def {
  a : double
  b []: int
  data {
  a: 1.23
  b[]:[456]
  }
```

As expressed, several parts are processed. First, the comment at the first line is removed. Second, the \begin{...} ... \end{...} block is converted into the XUDF block syntax, Third, the commas in array data (b) is removed (because the XUDF do not allow commas there).

Next we show the useful macro expansion. You can define constant value as a new macro command, using \definie{...}{...} syntax. The first argument for \define corresponds to the new macro identifier and the second argument corresponds to its value. The simple example is as follows.

```
def {
    a: double
    b: {
        c: double
        d: double
    }
}
data {
    a: \pi
    b: {
        1.234
      \pi
    }
}
```

The new macro command, \pi, will be expanded into 3.141592 defined in the first line.

```
def {
  a : double
  b : {
  c : double
  d : double
}
}
data {
  a : 3.141592
  b : {
  1.234
  3.141592
}
}
```

#### 4.3 Invoking xudfpp

The format for running the xudfpp program is:

#### \$ xudfpp [input] [output] option ...

The input file (*input*) and the output file (*output*) can be specified. If both files are specified, xudfpp uses them as the input/output files. If only one file (*input*) is specified, xudfpp takes it as the input file and print the processed data into the standard output stream. If no file is specified, xudfpp reads data from the standard input stream and then process it and print into the standard output stream.

xudfpp supports the following options:

#### -I directory

Add the directory directory to the head of the list of directories to be searched for header files. If you use more than one -I option, the directories are scanned in left-to-right order.

-D name Define the name name as a macro with null string.

#### -D name=definition

Define the name *name* as a macro with definition definition. Currently, xudfpp does NOT permit the override of macro definitions, and once the macro with a name *name* is defined, it cannot be redefined or removed.

```
-help
-h Show summary of options.
-version
-v Show version of program.
```

#### 4.4 Macro Processing by xudfpp

#### $4.4.1 \setminus \{blocks\}$

The OCTA UDF type block, begins with \begin{...} and ends with \end{...} is processed into the XUDF block.

```
The \begin part,
  \begin{type}
is processed into
  type {
unless the type is record or global_def. For the record block,
  \begin{record}{"record_identifier"}
is processed into the following form.
  record "record_identifier" {
For the global_def block,
  \begin{global_def}
is processed into the following form.
```

```
global {
```

This is because the XUDF do not support global\_def block (instead, the global block is used).

```
The \end part,
\end{type}
is simply replaced by
}
```

#### 4.4.2 \include{...} (inclusion of file)

The \include syntax, sometimes used in the OCTA UDF, is processed as follows. The \include syntax,

```
\include{"file_to_include"}
```

is removed by the xudfpp. xudfpp then opens the file named file\_to\_include and processes it. If the processing of the opend file (file\_to\_include) is completed (if the xudfpp reaches the end of the file), xudfpp continues to process the original file.

#### $4.4.3 \setminus \{\ldots\}$ (macro definition)

The \define syntax, which is newly introduced to the xudfpp, defines new macros.

```
\define{identifier}{value}
```

defines new macro command, \identifier. the new command \identifier is expanded into the value, value. The \define syntax itself is removed by the xudfpp.

The new macro command can be used wherever, once it is defined.

```
\ identifier is expanded into \ value
```

Note that the redefinition and the removal of the macro is not supported currently. Once the macro is defined, all the following new macro definition is expanded.

#### $4.4.4 \le EY > and \le D > (variable types)$

The OCTA UDF supports two special variable types, <KEY> and <ID> (though they are not often used). The XUDF does not support such a syntax, thus the xudfpp removes < and >. That is, the variable type definition including < and >

```
<type>
```

is processed into the following form.

```
type
```

#### 4.4.5 , (commas)

In the OCTA UDF, commas are allowed to be used as the separator for data. The XUDF do not support these ambiguous syntax and xudfpp removes these commas. The array definition with commas

```
[ element1, element2, element3, element4, ... ] is processed into the array definition which do not contains commas. [ element1 element2 element3 element4 ... ]
```

#### $4.4.6 /* \dots */$ and $// \dots$ (comments)

The C style comments and the C++ style comments are removed by the xudfpp.

The C comment begins with /\* and ends with \*/.

```
/* comments ...
...
...
*/
```

The xudfpp removes it.

The C++ comments begnis with // and ends with the end of the line.

```
// comments ...
```

The xudfpp removes it, too.

# 5 The XUDF to Script Language Converter (xud2pl,xudf2py,xudf2rb,xudf2lua)

## 5.1 Overview of the XUDF to Script Language Converter (xudf2pl,xudf2py,xudf2rb,xudf2lua)

The XUDF to script language converter (xudf2pl,xudf2py,xudf2rb,xudf2lua) converts the XUDF files into some popular script language files. The XUDF files cannot be handled directly from programs, and the converter is useful to use the XUDF files as the input of the programs.

Currently there are 4 languages supported by the XUDF – Perl, Python, Ruby and Lua. The XUDF files processed by the converter have the data as the hash table (this may be called as dictionary or associated list, in some languages).

It is noted that the XUDF to script language converter does NOT use the xudfpp automatically. If you want the data processed by the xudfpp automatically, use the UDF to script language converter (udf2pl, udf2py, udf2rb, udf2lua) instead. It preprocesses and converts the input file into the script language file.

## 5.2 Introduction to the XUDF to Script Language Converter

The 4 lauguages (Perl, Python, Ruby and Lua) is supported currently. In this section, we show the conversion of the simple XUDF file into the Perl script. The following is the example input XUDF file.

```
def {
    r: {
        x: double
        y: double
        z: double
    }
    a: {
        b: int
        c[]: double
    }
}
data {
    r: {
        1.0
        2.0
        3.0
    }
    a: {
        1.23
        [ 45 67 89 ]
```

```
}
}
```

If we convert it by using xudf2p1, we get the following perl script as output.

```
# generated by xudf2pl
%record = ();
%data = (
"r" \Rightarrow \{ "x" \Rightarrow 1.0, "y" \Rightarrow 2.0, "z" \Rightarrow 3.0, \},
"a" \Rightarrow \{ "b" \Rightarrow 1.23, "c" \Rightarrow [45, 67, 89, ], \}
},
);
```

Here the variable %data is the hash table which contains all the data in the input XUDF file. It has the same structure as the input XUDF file. For example, The variables r and a in the input XUDF is the structure type, and they are the structured variable (strictly speaking, it is the hash table) in the output Perl script. The array variable c is also expressed as the array in the output Perl script.

To access these variables from Perl, first evaluate the output Perl script. Then these variables are stored in the memory and are accessible from Perl. For example, the following script print the variables r.x and a.c[0] in the output Perl script (output.pl)

```
require 'output.pl';
print $data{"r"}{"x"},"\n";
```

print \$data{"a"}{"c"}[0],"\n";

#!/usr/bin/perl

If you use the other converters (xudf2py,xudf2rb,xudf2lua), the resulting output is each script language, and it can be handled just like the case of Perl.

For Python, the output script converted by xudf2py is

```
# generated by xudf2py
record = {}
data = {
'r' : { 'x' : 1.0, 'y' : 2.0, 'z' : 3.0, },
'a' : { 'b' : 1.23, 'c' : [ 45, 67, 89, ],
},
```

and the script which print the variables r.x and a.c[0] is as follows.

```
#!/usr/bin/python
```

```
from output import *
print data["r"]["x"]
print data["a"]["c"][0]
```

```
For Ruby, the output script converted by xudf2rb is
   # generated by xudf2rb
  record = {}
   data = {
   "r" \Rightarrow \{ "x" \Rightarrow 1.0, "y" \Rightarrow 2.0, "z" \Rightarrow 3.0, \},
   "a" \Rightarrow \{ "b" \Rightarrow 1.23, "c" \Rightarrow [45, 67, 89, ], \}
  },
and the script which print the variables r.x and a.c[0] is as follows.
  #!/usr/bin/ruby
   load "output.rb"
  print $data["r"]["x"]
  print $data["a"]["c"][0]
For Lua, the output script converted by xudf2lua is
   -- generated by xudf2lua
  record = {}
  data = {
  r = \{ x = 1.0, y = 2.0, z = 3.0, \},
  a = \{ b = 1.23, c = \{ 45, 67, 89, \},
  }
and the script which print the variables r.x and a.c[0] is as follows.
   #!/usr/bin/lua
   loadfile("output.lua")()
  print(data.r.x)
  print(data.a.c[1])
Note that the array index of Lua starts from 1, not 0.
```

#### 5.3 Invoking xudf2pl,xudf2py,xudf2rb,xudf2lua

The format for running the xudf2pl,xudf2py,xudf2rb,xudf2lua program is:

```
$ xudf2pl [input] [output] option ...
$ xudf2py [input] [output] option ...
$ xudf2rb [input] [output] option ...
$ xudf2lua [input] [output] option ...
```

The input file (*input*) and the output file (*output*) can be specified. If both files are specified, the converter uses them as the input/output files. If only one file (*input*) is specified, the converter takes it as the input file and print the processed data into the standard output stream. If no file is specified, the converter reads data from the standard input stream and then process it and print into the standard output stream.

xudf2pl,xudf2py,xudf2rb,xudf2lua supports the following options:

```
--help
```

-h Show summary of options.

--version

-v Show version of program.

# 6 The UDF to Script Language Converter (ud2pl,udf2py,udf2rb,udf2lua)

## 6.1 Overview of the UDF to Script Language Converter (udf2pl,udf2py,udf2rb,udf2lua)

The UDF to script language converter (udf2pl,udf2py,udf2rb,udf2lua) converts the OCTA UDF files into script language files. It is the wrapper script which processes the input file by using xudfpp and then convert it with xudf2pl,xudf2rb,xudf2rb,xudf2lua.

It is convenient to use the converter to read your OCTA UDF files from your programs or process the data in the OCTA UDF files by script languages.

#### 6.2 Introduction to the UDF to Script Language Converter

The 4 lauguages (Perl, Python, Ruby and Lua) is supported currently (this is the same as the XUDF to script language converter). In this section, we show the conversion of the simple UDF file into the Perl script, as shown in the XUDF converter case. The following is the example input OCTA UDF file.

```
\begin{def}
    r: {
        x: double
        y: double
        z: double
    }
    a: {
        b: int
        c[]: double
\end{def}
\begin{data}
    r: {
        1.0,
        2.0,
        3.0
    }
    a: {
        1.23,
        [ 45, 67, 89 ]
\end{data}
```

This OCTA UDF file has the same data as the XUDF file shown in the XUDF section. If we convert it by using xudf2pl, we get the following perl script as output.

```
# generated by xudf2pl
```

```
%record = ();

%data = (
"r" => { "x" => 1.0, "y" => 2.0, "z" => 3.0, },
"a" => { "b" => 1.23, "c" => [ 45, 67, 89, ],
},
);
```

Here the variable %data is the hash table which contains all the data in the input XUDF file. It has the same structure as the input XUDF file. For example, The variables r and a in the input XUDF is the structure type, and they are the structured variable (strictly speaking, it is the hash table) in the output Perl script. The array variable c is also expressed as the array in the output Perl script.

To access these variables from Perl, first evaluate the output Perl script. Then these variables are stored in the memory and are accessible from Perl. For example, the following script print the variables r.x and a.c[0] in the output Perl script (output.pl)

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
require 'output.pl';
print $data{"r"}{"x"},"\n";
print $data{"a"}{"c"}[0],"\n";
```

If you use the other converters (xudf2py,xudf2rb,xudf2lua), the resulting output is each script language, and it can be handled just like the case of Perl.

For Python, the output script converted by xudf2py is

```
# generated by xudf2py

record = {}

data = {
  'r' : { 'x' : 1.0, 'y' : 2.0, 'z' : 3.0, },
  'a' : { 'b' : 1.23, 'c' : [ 45, 67, 89, ],
  },
 }

and the script which print the variables r.x and a.c[0] is as follows.
 #!/usr/bin/python

from output import *

print data["r"]["x"]
 print data["a"]["c"][0]

For Ruby, the output script converted by xudf2rb is
 # generated by xudf2rb

record = {}
```

```
data = {
   "r" \Rightarrow \{ "x" \Rightarrow 1.0, "y" \Rightarrow 2.0, "z" \Rightarrow 3.0, \},
   "a" \Rightarrow \{ "b" \Rightarrow 1.23, "c" \Rightarrow [45, 67, 89, ], \}
  },
   }
and the script which print the variables r.x and a.c[0] is as follows.
   #!/usr/bin/ruby
   load "output.rb"
   print $data["r"]["x"]
  print $data["a"]["c"][0]
For Lua, the output script converted by xudf2lua is
   -- generated by xudf2lua
  record = {}
  data = {
  r = \{ x = 1.0, y = 2.0, z = 3.0, \},
  a = \{ b = 1.23, c = \{ 45, 67, 89, \}, \}
   },
   }
and the script which print the variables r.x and a.c[0] is as follows.
   #!/usr/bin/lua
   loadfile("output.lua")()
  print(data.r.x)
  print(data.a.c[1])
```

Note that the array index of Lua starts from 1, not 0.

The UDF to script language converter can handle the XUDF files as input, too. This is because the converter uses xudfpp to process the input file. We get the XUDF files by processing the OCTA UDF files as well as the XUDF files.

#### 6.3 Invoking udf2pl,udf2py,udf2rb,udf2lua

The format for running the udf2pl,udf2py,udf2rb,udf2lua program is:

```
$ udf2pl [input] [output] option ...
$ udf2py [input] [output] option ...
$ udf2rb [input] [output] option ...
$ udf2lua [input] [output] option ...
```

The input file (input) and the output file (output) can be specified. If both files are specified, the converter uses them as the input/output files. If only one file (input) is specified, the converter takes it as the input file and print the processed data into the standard output stream. If no file is specified, the converter reads data from the standard input stream and then process it and print into the standard output stream.

udf2pl,udf2py,udf2rb,udf2lua supports the following options:

#### -I directory

Add the directory directory to the head of the list of directories to be searched for header files. If you use more than one -I option, the directories are scanned in left-to-right order. This option is passed to xudfpp.

-D name Define the name name as a macro with null string. This option is passed to xudfpp.

#### -D name=definition

Define the name name as a macro with definition definition. Currently, xudfpp does NOT permit the override of macro definitions, and once the macro with a name name is defined, it cannot be redefined or removed. This option is passed to xudfpp.

--help

-h Show summary of options.

--version

-v Show version of program.

xudf-file = { block }

## 7 Complete Syntax for XUDF

The syntax for the XUDF in the extended Backus-Naur format (EBNF) is shown in this section. Note that this syntax may contain bug, because currently the XUDF parser is written by hand without yacc and thus actually the following EBNF is not directly used.

```
block = def-block
      | global-block
      | data-block
      | header-block
      | unit-block
      | record-block
header-block = 'header' '{' { header-sub-block } '}'
header-subblock = def-block
                | data-block
record-block = 'record' '[' string ']' '{' { data-block } '}'
def-block = 'def' '{' { type-definition [ type-unit-definition ] } '}'
type-definition = primitive-definition
                | struct-definition
                | class-definition
type-unit-definition = '[' specifier ']'
primitive-definition = variable-name ':' specifier
variable-name = specifier { '[',']' }
struct-definition = variable-name ':' '{' { struct-element-definition } '}'
struct-element-definition = primitive-definition
                          | struct-definition
class-definition = 'class' specifier ':' '{' { struct-element-defintion } '}'
global-block = 'global' '{' { type-definition [ type-unit-definition] } '}'
data-block = 'data' '{' data-definition '}'
data-definition = { specifier ':' data-value }
data-value = number
           | string
           | struct-value
           | array-value
struct-value = '{' { data-value } '}'
```

```
array-value = '[' { data-value } ']'
unit-block = 'data' '{' { unit-definition } '}'
unit-definition = unit-constant-definition
                | unit-unit-definition
unit-constant-definition = specifier '=' number
unit-unit-definition = '[' specifier ']' '=' [ number ] '[' unit-complex ']'
unit-complex = unit
             | number
             | '(' unit-complex ')'
             | unit-complex unit-operation unit-complex
             | unit-complex '^' number
unit-operation = '+'
              | '-'
               | '*'
               | '/'
letter = 'a' | 'b' | 'c' | 'd' | 'e' | 'f' | 'g' | 'h'
       | 'i' | 'j' | 'k' | 'l' | 'm' | 'n' | 'o' | 'p'
       | 'q' | 'r' | 's' | 't' | 'u' | 'v' | 'w' | 'x'
       | 'v' | 'z'
       | 'A' | 'B' | 'C' | 'D' | 'E' | 'F' | 'G' | 'H'
       | 'I' | 'J' | 'K' | 'L' | 'M' | 'N' | 'O' | 'P'
       | 'Q' | 'R' | 'S' | 'T' | 'U' | 'V' | 'W' | 'X'
       | 'Y' | 'Z'
digit = '0' | nonzero-digit
nonzero-digit = '1' | '2' | '3' | '4' | '5' | '6' | '7' | '8'
              1 '9'
sign = '+'
    | '-'
exponent = 'e'
         1 'E'
integer = [ sign ] nonzero-digit { digit }
float = [ sign ] nonzero-digit { digit } '.' { digit } [ sign exponent { digit } ]
      | [ sign ] '0' '.' { digit } [ sign expontent { digit } ]
number = integer
       | float
specifier = specifier-starter { specifier-continuer }
specifier-starter = letter
specifier-continuer = specifier-starter
                    | digit
```

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