

Overview of the Class

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Critical Facts

Welcome to Compilers — *Compiler Design and Implementation*

Topics in the design of programming language translators, including parsing, run-time storage management, error recovery, code generation, and optimization

- Instructor: Dr. Pedro C. Diniz (pedro.diniz@tagus.ist.utl.pt)
- Office Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays 1.30 PM, 2-N9.13
- Textbook: **"The Dragon Book"** not required, but helpful.
- Web Site: <http://webdei.ml.ist.utl.pt/~ped/Teaching/2009/Compilers>
 - Projects, homework, slides...
 - I will not have handouts in class; get them from the web
 - The On-line Forum is very important.

Basics of Grading

- Exams
 - Midterm (in class) 20%
 - Final (in class) 20%
- Homeworks (5/6) 30%
- Programming Projects
 - Developing Your Own Compiler/Language
 - Lexical Analysis 5%
 - Syntactic Analysis 10%
 - Translation and Code Generation 15%
 - Website has a lot of info and code!
 - How to Get Started.
 - Links to Lex, Yacc.
 - Basic Data Structures (linked-list, arrays, graphs,...)
- Forum Participation 2% bonus!

Tentative Syllabus

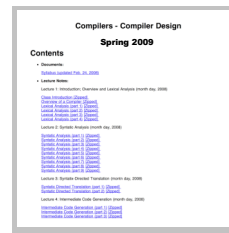
- Introduction & Overview
 - Lexical Analysis: Scanning
 - Syntactic Analysis: Parsing
 - Syntax-Directed Translation & Parse Tree
 - Intermediate Code Generation
 - Control-Flow Analysis
 - Semantic Analysis and Error Checking
 - Run-Time Environment & Storage Organization
 - Data-Flow Analysis
 - Code Generation
 - Instruction Scheduling
 - Register Allocation
 - More Optimizations (*time permitting*)
- Lecture 1
 Lecture 2
 Lecture 3
 Lecture 4
 Lecture 5
 Lecture 6
 Lecture 7
 Lecture 8
 Lecture 9
 Lecture 10
- HW 1
 Project 1
 HW 2
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 HW 3
 Project 3

Class-taking Technique for Compilers

- I will use projected material extensively
 - I will moderate my speed, *you* sometimes need to say “STOP”
- You should read the notes before coming to class
 - Not all material will be covered in class
 - Book complements the lectures
- You are responsible for material from class
 - The tests will cover both lecture and reading
 - I will probably hint at good test questions in class
- Compilers is a programming course
 - Projects are graded on functionality, documentation, and lab reports more than style (*results matter*)

On-line Material for the Class

- Class Web Site
 - <http://web.ist.utl.pt/~pedro.diniz/Teaching/2009/Compilers>



Schedule of the Class

LEIC 2º ano	Segunda-feira	Terça-feira	Quarta-feira	Quinta-feira	Sexta-feira
8:00 - 8:30					
8:30 - 9:00					
9:00 - 9:30					
9:30 - 10:00			Comp - 2NB.13 Office Hours Pedro Diniz		
10:00 - 10:30					
10:30 - 11:00					
11:00 - 11:30					
11:30 - 12:00	Comp - 1.17 Practical Class Jan Cederquist		Comp - 0.15 Practical Class Pedro Diniz		
12:00 - 12:30				Comp - 2NB.13 Office Hours Pedro Diniz	
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14:30 - 15:00	Comp - 2NB.1 Office Hours João Sacramento	Comp - A1 Lectures Pedro Diniz		Comp - A1 Lectures Pedro Diniz	
15:00 - 15:30					
15:30 - 16:00					
16:00 - 16:30					
16:30 - 17:00		Comp - 2NB.13 Office Hours Pedro Diniz			
17:00 - 17:30			Comp - 1.1 Practical Class Jan Cederquist		
17:30 - 18:00		Comp - 0.15 Practical Class Pedro Diniz			
18:00 - 18:30					
18:30 - 19:00					
19:00 - 19:30					
19:30 - 20:00					
20:00 - 20:30					

Lectures
 Practical Class
 Office Hours

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- C is typically compiled, Scheme is typically interpreted
- Java is compiled to bytecodes (code for the Java VM)
 - which are then interpreted
 - Or a hybrid strategy is used
 - Just-in-time compilation



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 - **Goals:** improved performance and language usability
 - Making it practical to use the full power of the language
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- **Examples**
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 - Emulation acceleration
 - TransMeta “code morphing”



Why Study Compilation?

- Compilers are important system software components
 - They are intimately interconnected with architecture, systems, programming methodology, and language design
- Compilers include many applications of theory to practice
 - Scanning, parsing, static analysis, instruction selection
- Many practical applications have embedded languages
 - Commands, macros, formatting tags ...
- Many applications have input formats that look like languages,
 - Matlab, Mathematica
- Writing a compiler exposes practical algorithmic & engineering issues
 - Approximating hard problems; efficiency & scalability



Intrinsic Interest

- Compiler construction involves ideas from many different parts of computer science

Artificial intelligence	Greedy algorithms Heuristic search techniques
Algorithms	Graph algorithms, union-find Dynamic programming
Theory	DFA's & PDAs, pattern matching Fixed-point algorithms
Systems	Allocation & naming, Synchronization, locality
Architecture	Pipeline & hierarchy management Instruction set use



Intrinsic Merit

- Compiler construction poses challenging and interesting problems:
 - Compilers must do a lot but also *run fast*
 - Compilers have primary responsibility for *run-time performance*
 - Compilers are responsible for making it acceptable to use the *full power* of the programming language
 - Computer architects perpetually create new challenges for the compiler by building more *complex machines*
 - Compilers must hide that complexity from the programmer
 - Success requires mastery of complex interactions



About the Instructor

- My own research
 - Compiling for Advanced Architectures Systems
 - Optimization for Embedded Systems (*space, power, speed*)
 - Program Analysis and Optimization
 - Reliability and Distributed Embedded Systems
 - Rethinking the fundamental structure of optimizing compilers
- Thus, my interests lie in
 - Interplay between Compiler and Architecture
 - Static Analysis to discern Program Behavior
 - Run-time Performance Analysis