

An Overview of Compilation

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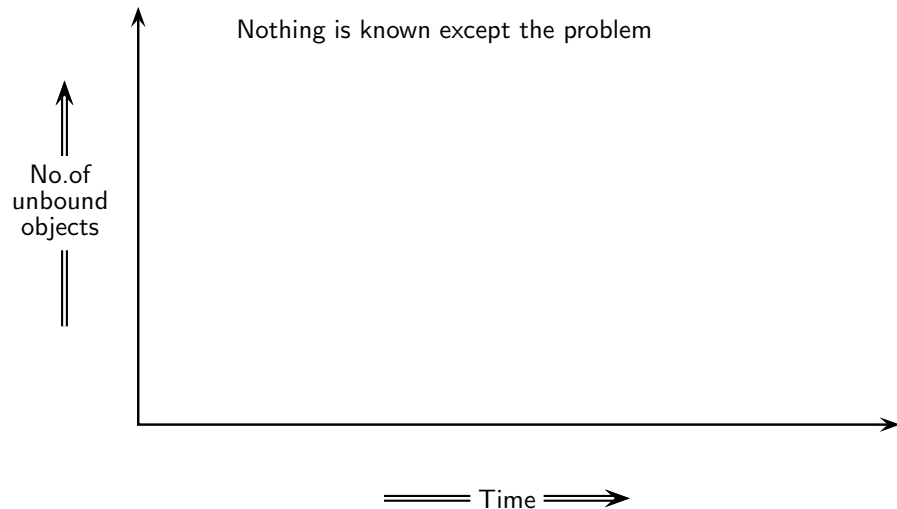
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- compilation sequence
- compilation models



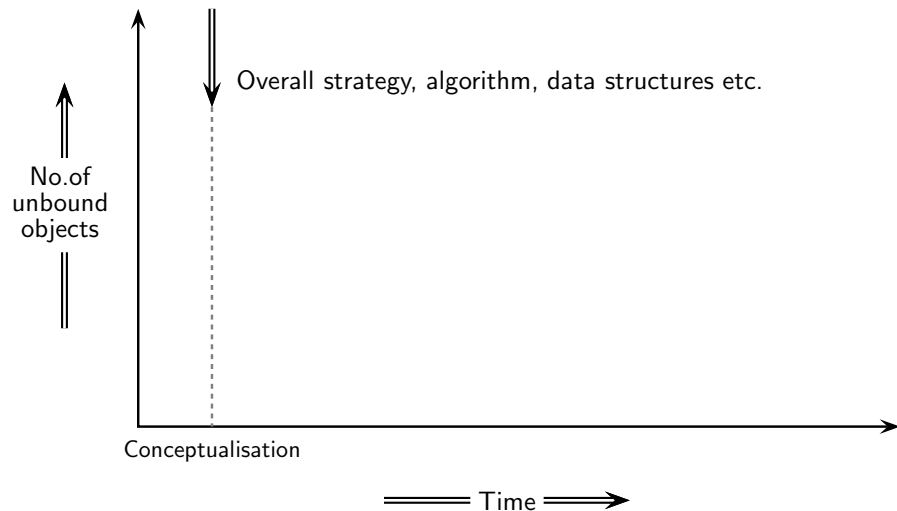
Part 1

Introduction to Compilation

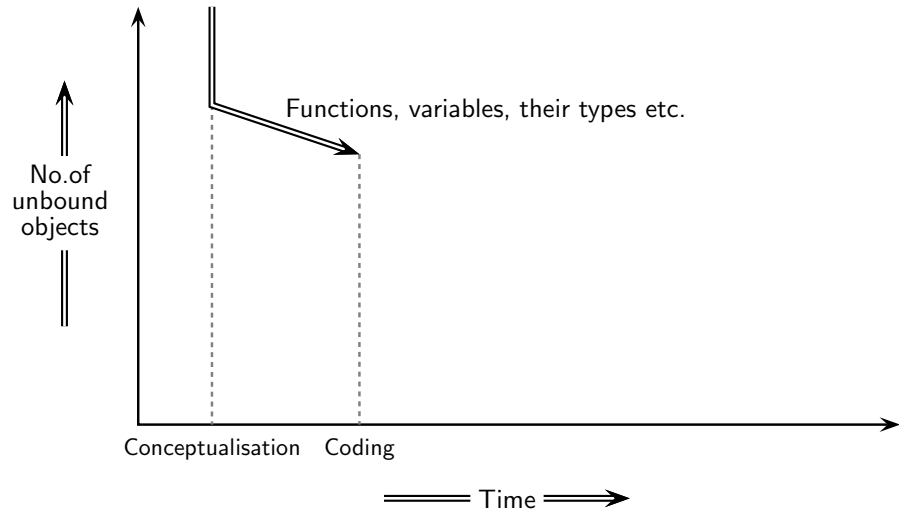
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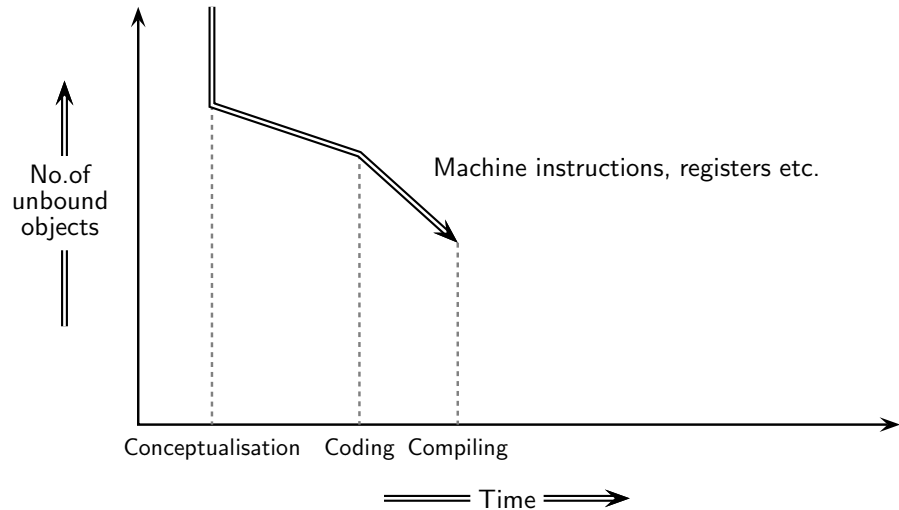
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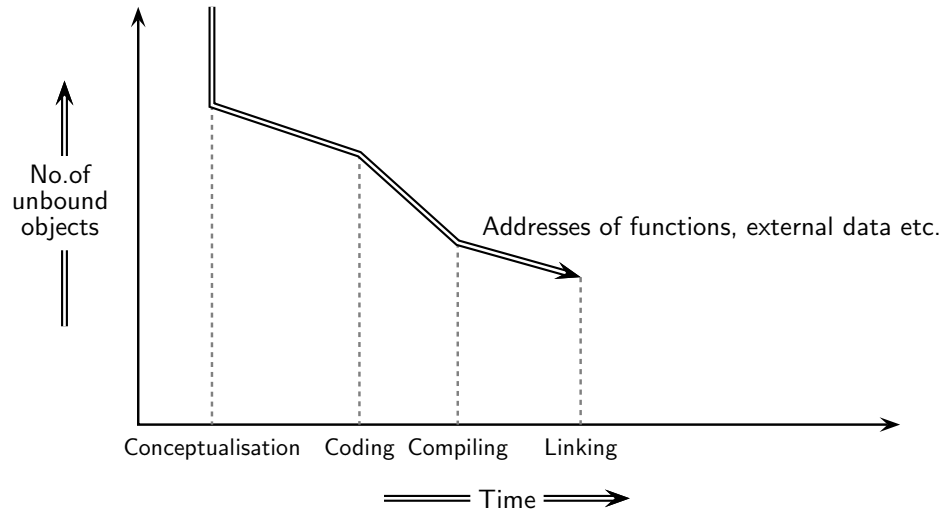
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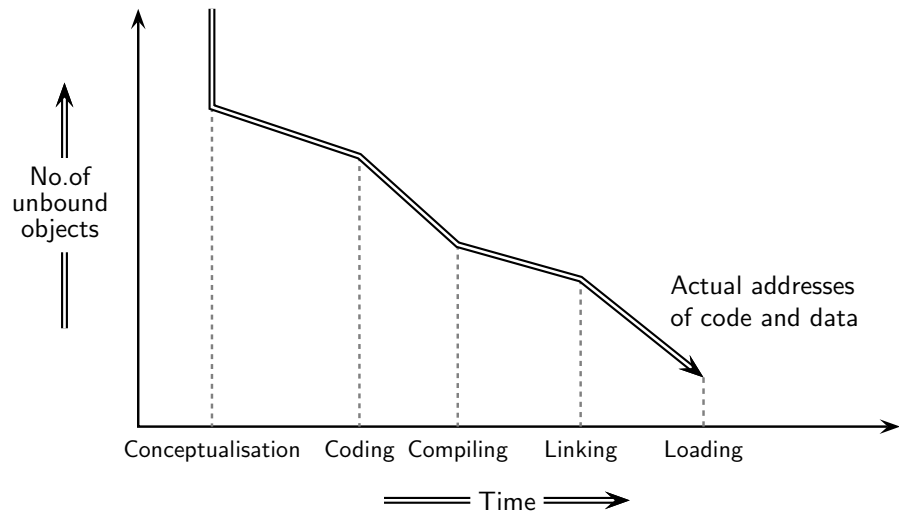
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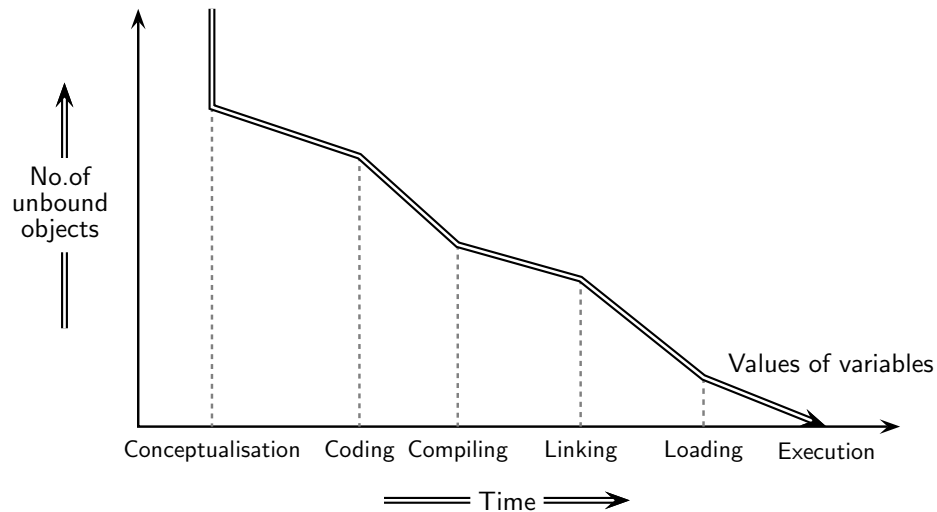
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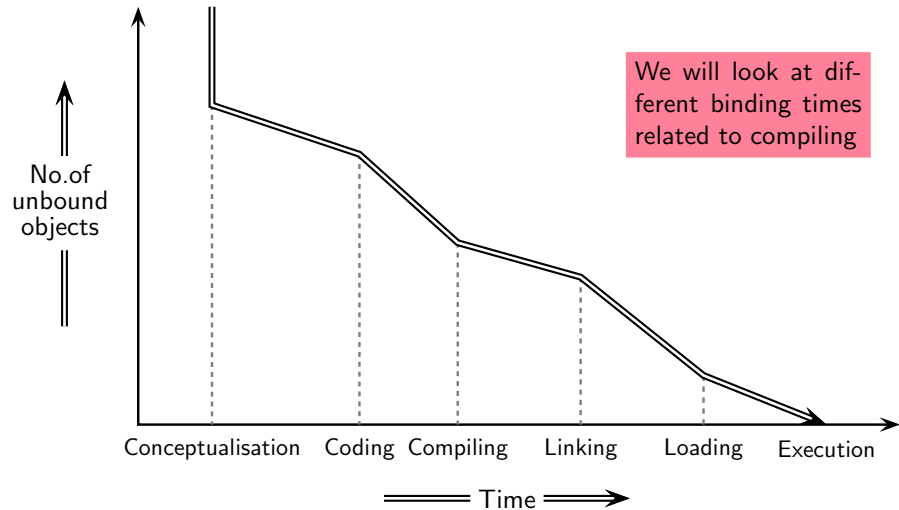
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Implementation Mechanisms

Source Program



Translator



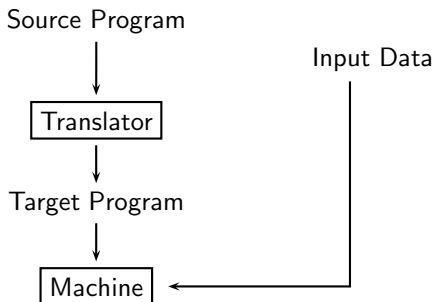
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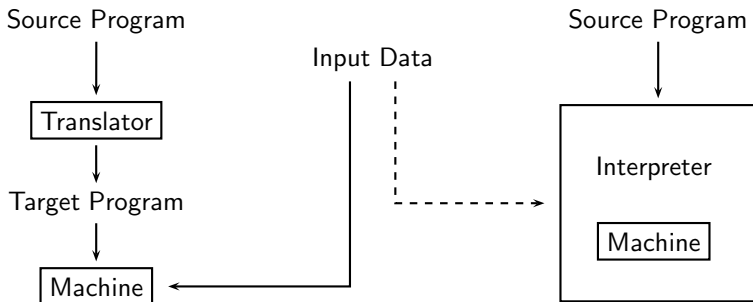
Machine



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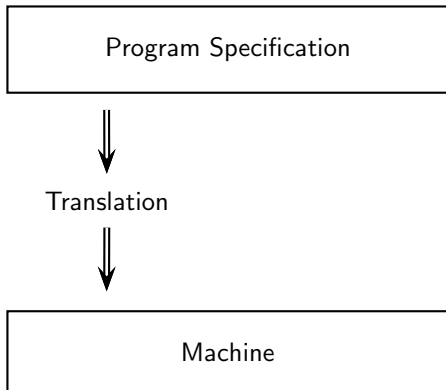
Program Specification

Machine



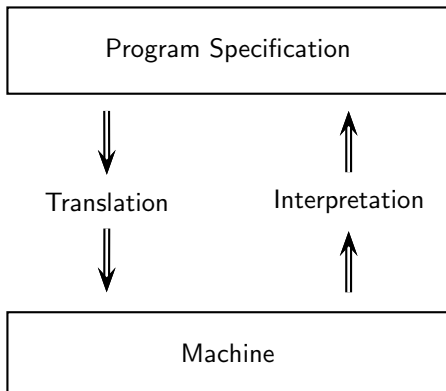
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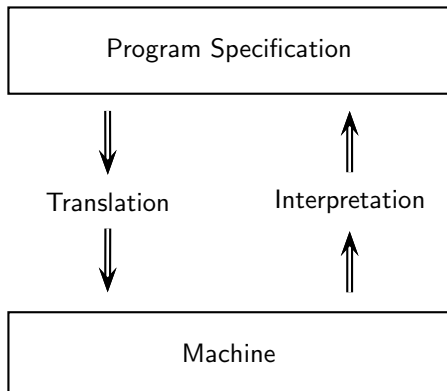
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State : Variables
Operations: Expressions,
Control Flow

State : Memory,
Registers
Operations: Machine
Instructions



High and Low Level Abstractions

Input C statement

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Spim Assembly Equivalent

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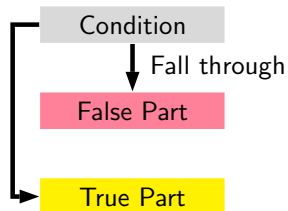


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NOT Condition

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True Part

False Part

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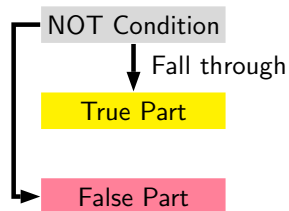


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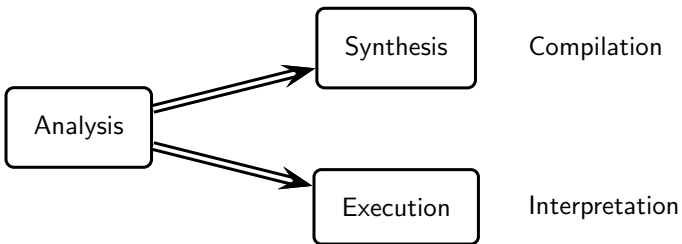
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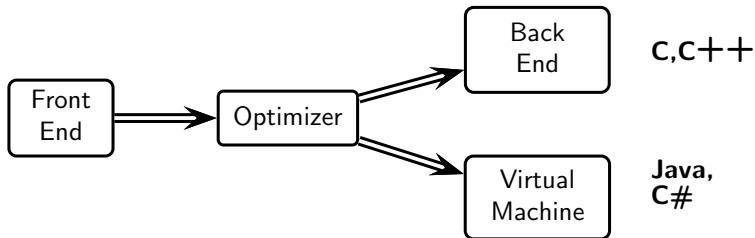
Interpretation Instructions \Rightarrow Actions Implied by Instructions



Language Implementation Models



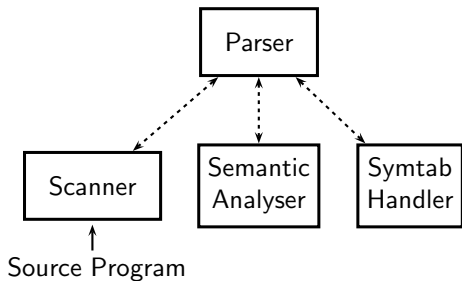
Language Processor Models



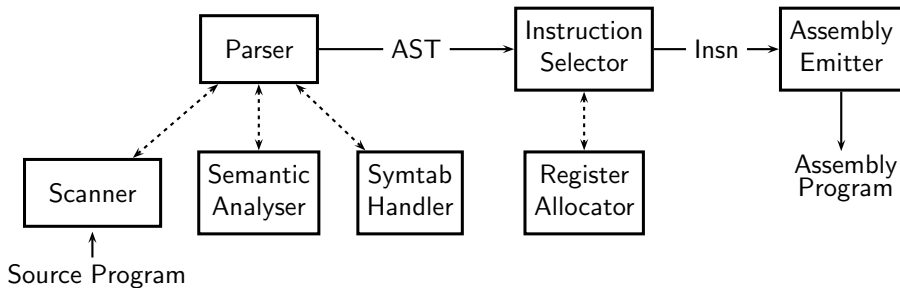
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An Overview of Compilation Phases

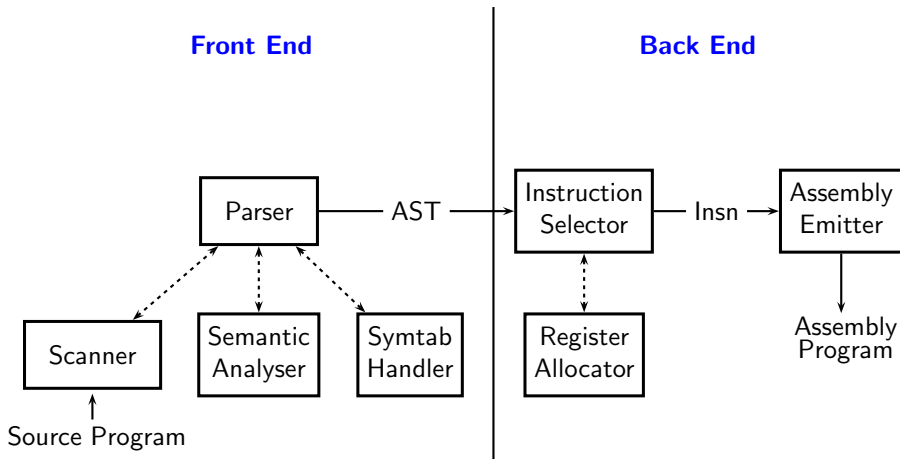
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Translation Sequence in Our Compiler: Parsing

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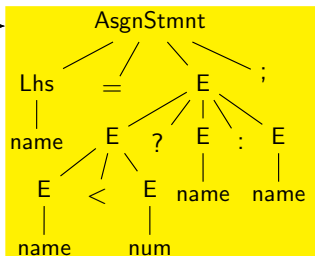
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Parse Tree

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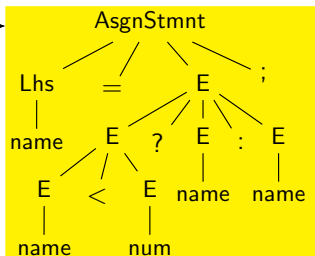
- Grammar rules, terminals, non-terminals
- Order of application of grammar rules
eg. is it (a = b<10?) followed by (b:c)?
- Values of terminal symbols
eg. string "10" vs. integer number 10.



Translation Sequence in Our Compiler: Semantic Analysis

a=b<10?b:c;

Input



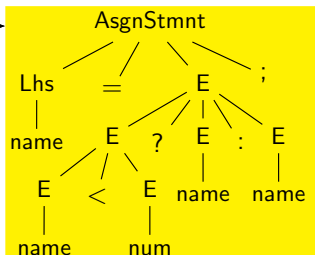
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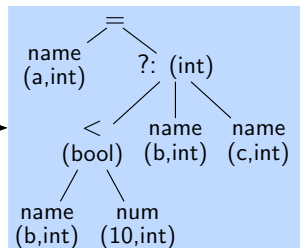
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Abstract Syntax Tree
(with attributes)

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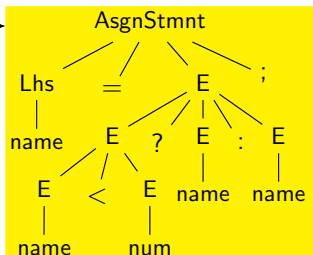
- Symbol tables
Have variables been declared? What are their types?
What is their scope?
- Type consistency of operators and operands
The result of computing `b<10?` is `bool` and not `int`



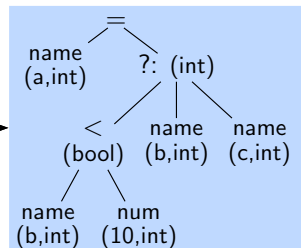
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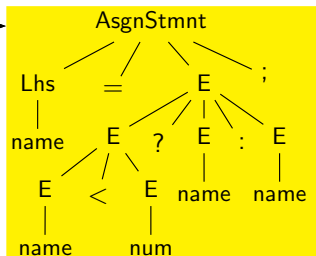
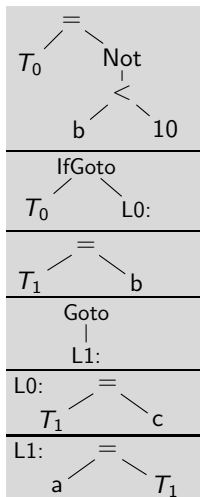


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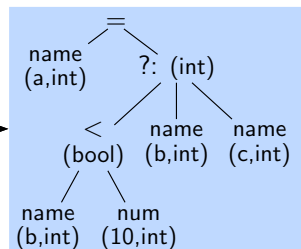
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Tree List



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Issues:

- Convert to maximal trees which can be implemented without altering control flow
Simplifies instruction selection and scheduling, register allocation etc.
- Linearise control flow by flattening nested control constructs

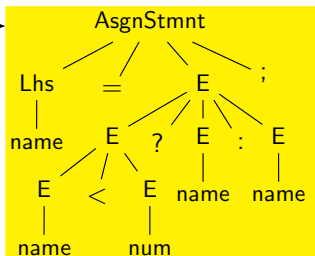
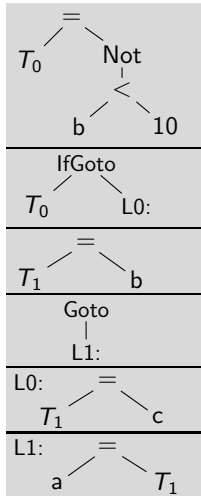


Translation Sequence in Our Compiler: Instruction Selection

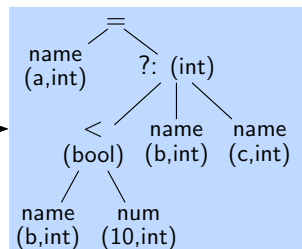
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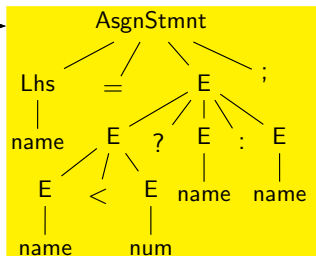
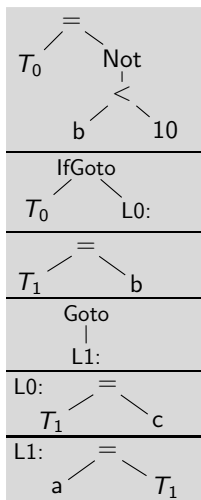


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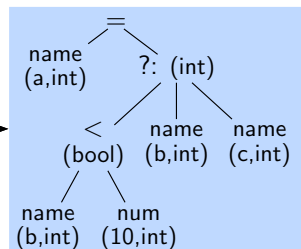
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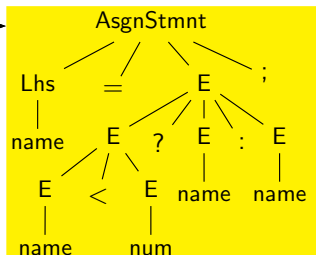
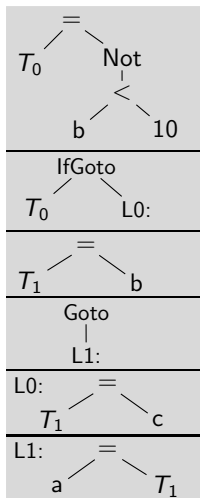


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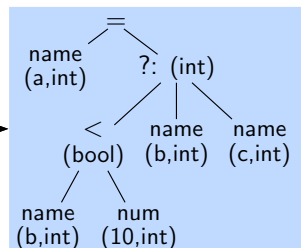
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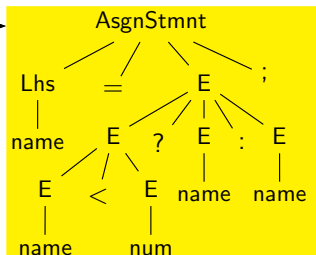
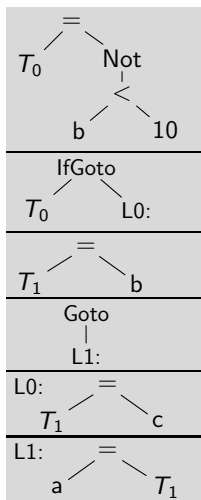


Translation Sequence in Our Compiler: Emitting Instructions

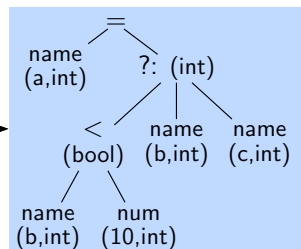
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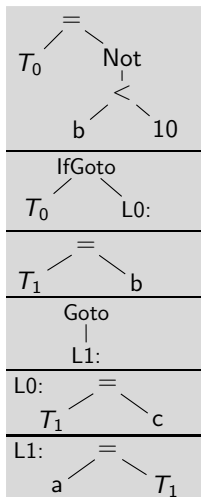


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AsgnStmt

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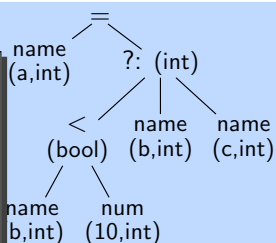
- Offsets of variables in the stack frame
- Actual register numbers and assembly mnemonics
- Code to construct and discard activation records

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Part 3

Compilation Models

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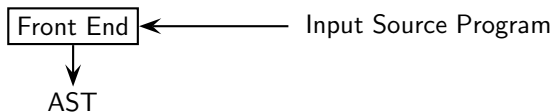
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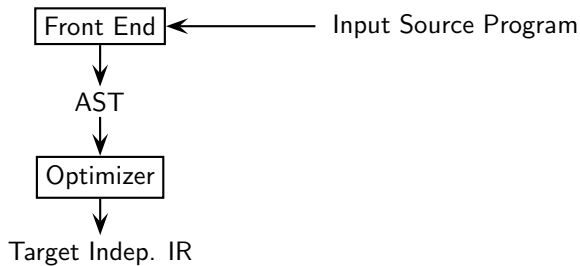
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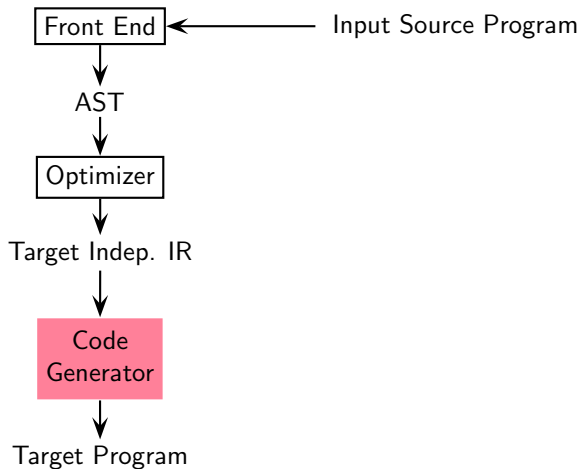
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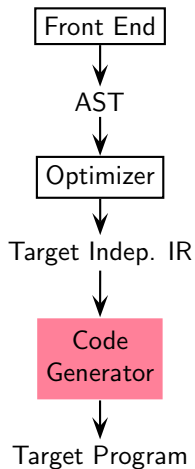
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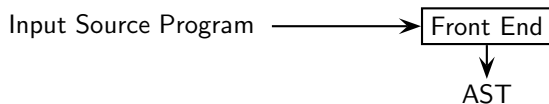


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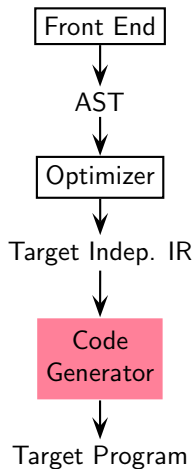


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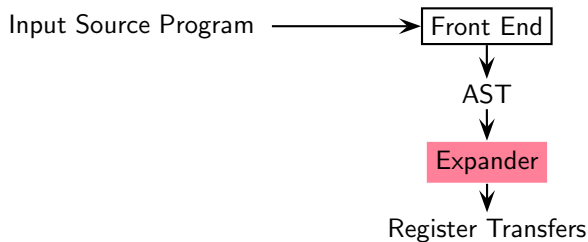


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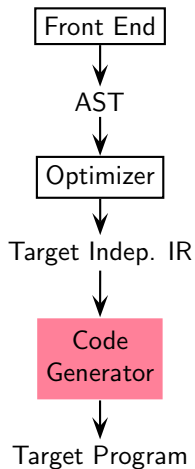


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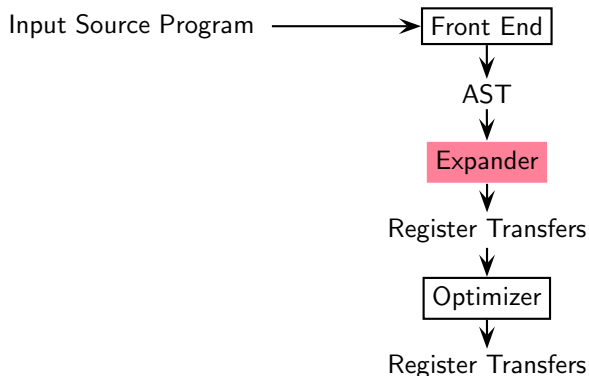


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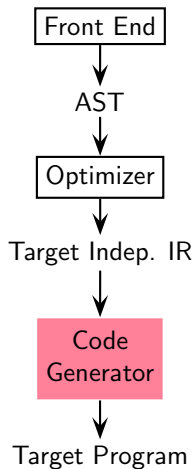


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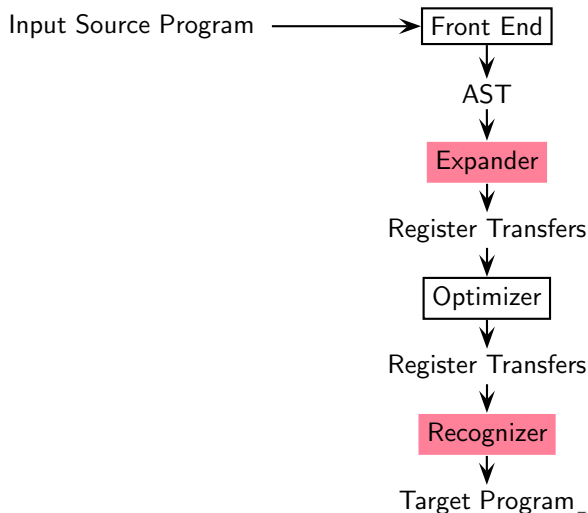


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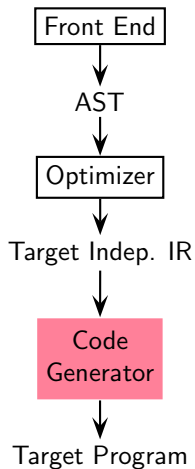


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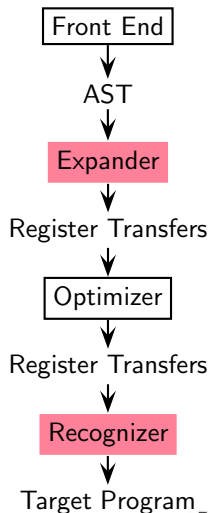
Aho Ullman: Instruction selection

- over optimized IR using
- cost based tree tiling matching

Davidson Fraser: Instruction selection

- over AST using
- simple full tree matching based algorithms that generate
- naive code which is
 - ▶ target dependent, and is
 - ▶ optimized subsequently

Davidson Fraser Model



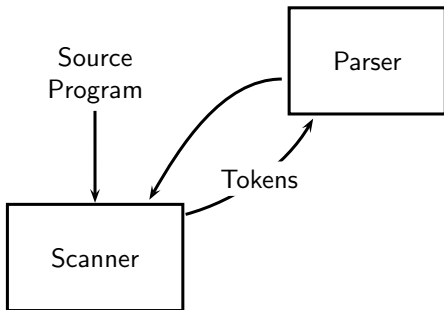
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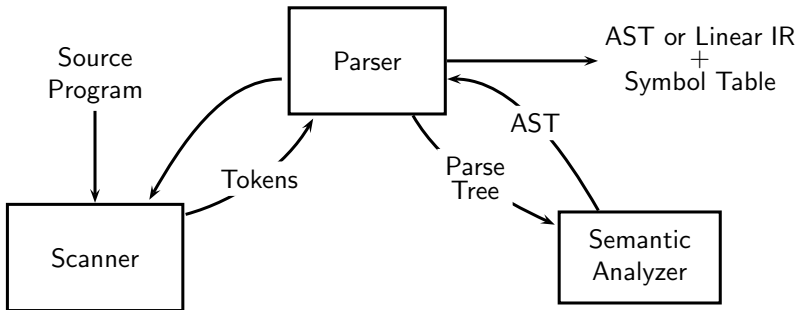
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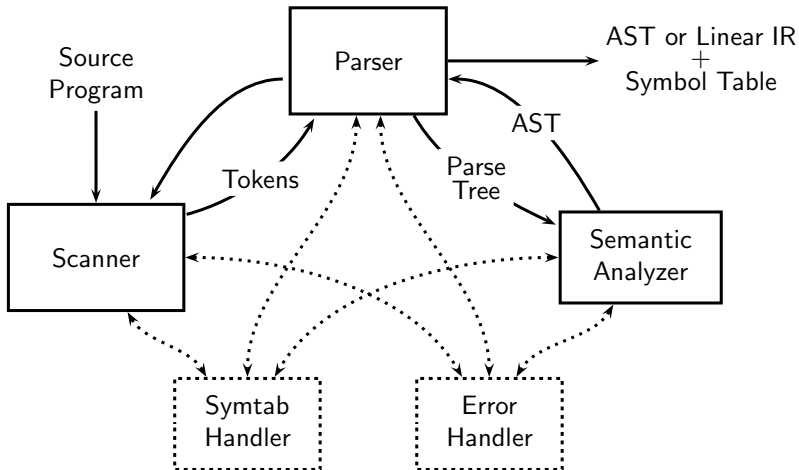
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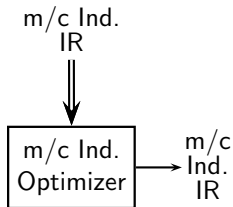
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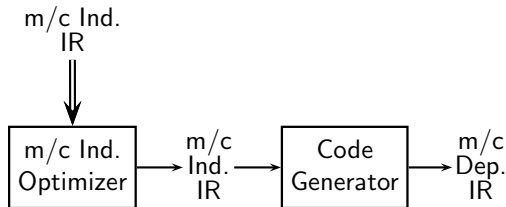
Typical Back Ends in Aho Ullman Model



- Compile time evaluations
- Eliminating redundant computations



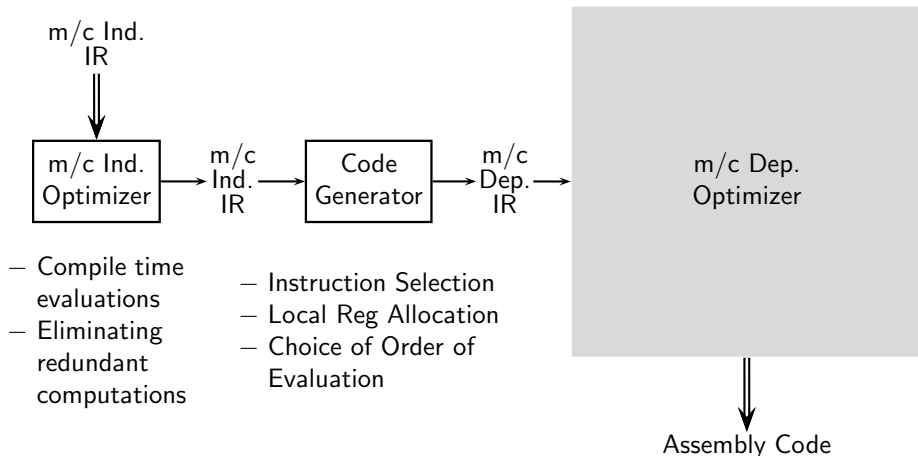
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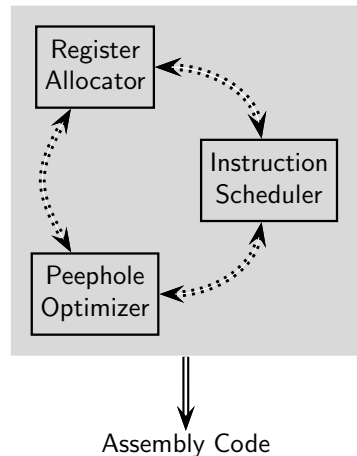
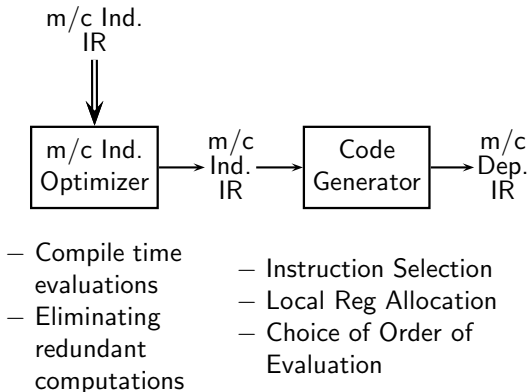
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