# Implementing `capture` on CompCert

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# Defining `capture` function

#### Commit:

https://github.com/aqjune/CompCert-intptr/commit/3d7eeb35825b706c246376fa3a2f00086f7fbe43

## What is `capture`?

```
C char *ptr = malloc();
int i = (int)ptr;
```



Low-level lang.

```
char *ptr = malloc();
capture(ptr); // lowers
int i = (int)ptr;
```

### Development

#### GitHub repo:

https://github.com/aqjune/CompCert-intptr/tree/add\_realize

#### **Current Status:**

- "capture" external function added (done)
- Inserting capture when lowering C is on progress
- Proof is on progress (some Qed, some admit/Admitted)

## Defining `capture` External Function

"EF\_realize"

```
Inductive external_function : Type :=

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I EF_debug (kind: positive) (text: ident) (targs: list typ)

(** Transport debugging information from the front-end to the generated assembly. Takes zero, one or several arguments like [EF_annot].

Unlike [EF_annot], produces no observable event. *)

I EF_realize.

(** Realize a memory chunk. *)

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```

(`realize` = past name of `capture`)

### Defining `capture` External Function

```
(** The type signature of an external function. *)
475
476
          Definition ef sig (ef: external function): signature :=
477
            match ef with
478
479
               EF external name sq => sq
               EF builtin name sq => sq
480
               EF runtime name sg => sg
481
               EF_vload chunk => mksignature (Tptr :: nil) (Some (type_of_chunk chunk)) cc_default
EF_vstore chunk => mksignature (Tptr :: type_of_chunk chunk :: nil) None cc_default
EF_malloc => mksignature (Tptr :: nil) (Some Tptr) cc_default
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               EF_free => mksignature (Tptr :: nil) None cc_default
EF_memcpy sz al => mksignature (Tptr :: Tptr :: nil) None cc_default
EF_annot text targs => mksignature targs None cc_default
485
486
487
               EF_annot_val text targ => mksignature (targ :: nil) (Some targ) cc_default
488
               EF inline asm text sg clob => sg
489
              EF debug kind text targs => mksignature targs None cc default
490
             | EF_realize => mksignature (Tptr :: nil) None cc_default
491
492
                                                 common/AST.v
```

+ some aspects of the 'realize' function (ex : will the function be inlined by compiler?)

## Semantics of `capture`

Currently defined as no-op.

```
1462
          Definition external_call (ef: external_function): extcall_sem :=
1463
            match ef with
1464
               EF_external name sg => external_functions_sem name sg
1465
               EF builtin name sg => external functions sem name sg
              EF_runtime name sg => external_functions_sem name sg
EF_vload chunk => volatile_load_sem chunk
EF_vstore chunk => volatile_store_sem chunk
EF_malloc => extcall_malloc_sem
EF_free => extcall_free_sem
1466
1467
1468
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1470
               EF_memcpy sz al => extcall_memcpy_sem sz al
1471
               EF_annot txt targs => extcall_annot_sem txt targs
1472
               EF_annot_val txt targ => extcall_annot_val_sem txt targ
1473
               EF_inline_asm txt sg clb => inline_assembly_sem txt sg
1474
               EF debug kind txt targs => extcall debug sem
1475
                                         => extcall realize sem
1476
              EF realize
1477
```

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## Semantics of `capture`

```
Receives a pointer
Currently defined as no-op.
                                                                               (block, offset)
                (** ** Semantics of block realization (realize) *
       1380
                                                                                No event
       1381
       1382
               Inductive extcall_realize_sem (ge: Senv.t):
                              list val -> mem -> trace -> val -> mem -> Prop :=
       1383
                  | extcall realize sem intro: forall
       1384
                                                                 m E⊙ Vundef m.
                      extcall realize sem ge (Vptr b lo :: nil)
                                                                                (* nop *)
       1385
       1386
       1387
               Lemma extcall_realize_ok:
                                                                  Returns void
                                                                                    No memory change
       1388
                  extcall properties extcall realize sem
                                     (mksignature (Tptr :: nil) None cc_default).
       1389
       1390
               Proof.
```

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## Execution of `capture`

```
512
       Definition do external (ef: external function):
              world -> list val -> mem -> option (world * trace * val * mem) :=
513
514
         match ef with
515
           EF external name sg => do external function name sg ge
           EF_builtin name sg => do_external_function name sg ge
516
           EF_runtime name sg => do_external_function name sg ge
517
           EF_vload chunk => do_ef_volatile_load chunk
518
           EF_vstore chunk => do_ef_volatile_store chunk
519
           EF malloc => do ef malloc
520
           EF free => do ef free
521
           EF memcpy sz al => do ef memcpy sz al
522
523
           EF annot text targs => do ef annot text targs
           EF annot val text targ => do ef annot val text targ
524
           EF inline asm text sg clob => do inline assembly text sg ge
           EF_debug kind text targs => do_ef_debug kind text targs
526
           EF realize => do ef realize
527
528
         end.
```

## Execution of `capture`

```
Definition do_ef_realize

(w: world) (vargs: list val) (m: mem) : option (world * trace * val * mem) :=

match vargs with

Vptr b lo :: nil =>

Some (w, E<sub>0</sub>, Vundef, m)

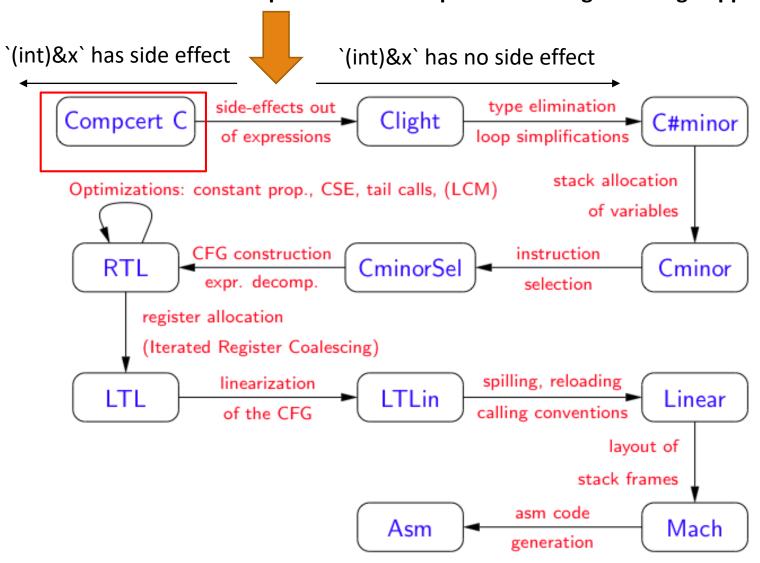
end.
```

## Modifying CompCert C semantics

#### Commit:

https://github.com/aqjune/CompCert-intptr/commit/2882abcdcf20a6449c424ad4a74311bf41a00a31

#### Insert `capture` whenever pointer -> integer casting happens!



## Languages in CompCert

## Reduction Semantics of CompCert C

```
cfrontend/Cexec.v
693 | Fixpoint step_expr (k: kind) (a: expr) (m: mem): reducts expr :=

- Def. of `kind`:
    358 | Inductive kind : Type := LV | RV. (cfrontend/Csem.v)

- Def. of `expr` : cfrontend/Csyntax.v

- Def. of `mem` : common/Memory.v

- Def. of `reducts` : (next slide)
```

## Reduction Semantics of CompCert C

```
633
       Inductive reduction: Type :=
                                [(l': expr)||(m': mem)
634
                (rule: string)||(r': expr)||(m': mem)|
635
                                                       (t: trace)
636
           Callred (rule: string) (1/d: fundet) (args: list val)
                                                                   (tyres: type) (m': mem)
637
           Stuck red/
                                                   Mem. After reduction Created trace after reduction
       Reduction name
                         Expr. After reduction
       (explanatory)
```

### Reduction Semantics of CompCert C

#### cfrontend/Cexec.v

```
(** The result of stepping an expression is a list [ll] of possible reducts.
    Each element of [ll] is a pair of a context and the result of reducing
    inside this context (see type [reduction] above).
    The list [ll] is empty if the expression is fully reduced
    (it's [Eval] for a r-value and [Eloc] for a l-value).
    *)

Definition reducts (A: Type): Type := list ((expr -> A) * reduction).

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    inside this context (see type [reduction] above).

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The
```

A: either expr or exprlist

```
(expr -> A) part : context
```

- Applying "expr" field of the second term to the context makes a full expr.

Why list ?  $\rightarrow$  C is Nondeterministic! (ex: \*f(&x) = 1 + 2)

#### Ptr2Int Casting in CompCert C

```
Fixpoint step_expr (k: kind) (a: expr) (m: mem): reducts expr :=
768
           | RV, Ecast r1 ty =>
769
               match is val ry with
               | Some(v<sub>l</sub>, ty<sub>l</sub>) =>
770
                   match (is_ptrtoint_cast ty1 ty) with
771
                    | true =>
772
                                                                                        Currently no-op
                       (_,t,_,m') <- do_ef_realize w (v1 :: nil) m;
773
                       v < - sem cast v_1 ty v_2 ty v_3
774
775
                      topred (Rred "red cast" (Eval v ty) m' Eo)
                    I false =>
776
777
                       v <- sem cast v<sub>1</sub> ty<sub>1</sub> ty m;
778
                      topred (Rred "red cast" (Eval v ty) m E<sub>O</sub>)
779
                   end
780
                None =>
                   incontext (fun x => Ecast x ty) (step_expr RV r1 m)
781
782
               end
```

## Ptr2Int Casting in CompCert C (Sem.)

#### cfrontend/Csem.v

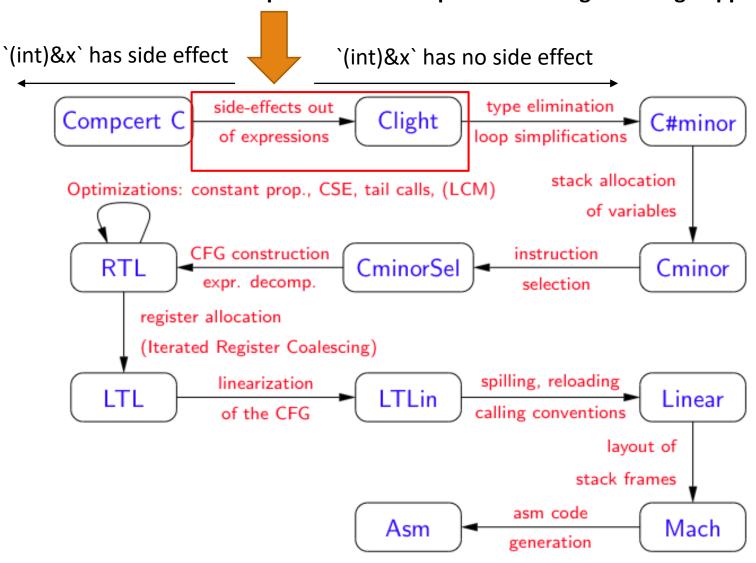
```
Inductive rred: expr -> mem -> trace -> expr -> mem -> Prop :=
257
          | red cast: forall ty v1 ty1 m v,
258
               sem cast v1 ty1 ty m = Some v ->
259
              is ptrtoint cast ty; ty = false ->
               rred (Ecast (Eval v<sub>1</sub> ty<sub>1</sub>) ty) m
260
261
                 En (Eval v ty) m
262
          | red cast ptrtoint : forall ty v1 ty1 m v b offset m',
               sem cast v_1 ty t_1 ty t_2 = Some t_3 ->
263
              is ptrtoint cast ty1 ty = true ->
264
              νη = Vptr b offset ->
265
              realize block m b m' ->
266
                                                      Currently no-op
              rred (Ecast (Eval v<sub>l</sub> ty<sub>l</sub>) ty) m
267
                 En (Eval v ty) m'
268
```

## Lowering CompCert C to Clight

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## Languages in CompCert

### CompCert C → Clight

#### cfrontend/SimplExpr.v

```
| Fixpoint transl_expr (dst: destination) (a: Csyntax.expr) : mon (list statement * expr) :=

274 | | | | Csyntax.Ecast r<sub>1</sub> ty =>
275 | do (sl<sub>1</sub>, a<sub>1</sub>) <- transl_expr For_val r<sub>1</sub>;
276 | ret (finish dst (append_realize_tail a<sub>1</sub> ty sl<sub>1</sub>) (Ecast a<sub>1</sub> ty))
```

#### Works to do

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- 1. Implicit Casts
- There are expressions that do implicit cast in CompCert C
- These should be covered

- 2. Proof
- Currently the most problematic point : Proof that uses 'side-effect-lessness' of casting
- 3. Deploy int-ptr memory model
- Lots and lots of work...

#### (Implicit ptr -> int casting; should be fixed!)

```
| RV, Eassign l<sub>1</sub> r<sub>2</sub> ty =>
813
                match is loc l1, is val r2 with
814
                | Some(b, ofs, ty_1), Some(v_2, ty_2) =>
815
                     check type_eq tyl ty;
816
                     do v <- sem_cast v_2 ty<sub>2</sub> ty<sub>1</sub> m;
817
818
                     do w',t,m' <- do assign loc w ty, m b ofs v;
                     topred (Rred "red assign" (Eval v ty) m' t)
819
                | _, _ =>
  incontext2 (fun x => Eassign x r2 ty) (step_expr LV l1 m)
820
821
                                 (fun x => Eassign l<sub>1</sub> x ty) (step expr RV r<sub>2</sub> m)
822
823
                end
```

(Implicit ptr -> int casting when returning a value (at the end of a function); should be fixed!)

```
| Kreturn k => | Go v' <- sem_cast v ty f.(fn_return) m; | do m' <- Mem.free_list m (blocks_of_env ge e); | ret "step_return_2" (Returnstate v' (call_cont k) m') | cfrontend/Cexec.v
```

#### (Implicit ptr -> int casting when calling a function; should be fixed!)

```
RV, Ecall r_1 rargs ty =>
                                      match is val r1, is val list rargs with
                         868
                                        Some(vf, tyf), Some vtl =>
                         869
                                          match classify fun tyf with
                         870
                                           | fun case f tyargs tyres cconv =>
                         871
                                               do fd <- Genv.find funct ge vf;
                         872
                                               do vargs <- sem cast arguments vtl tyargs m;
                         873
                                               check type eq (type of_fundef fd) (Tfunction tyargs tyres cconv);
                         874
                                              topred (Callred "red call" fd vargs ty m)
                         875
                                              => stuck
                         876
                                          end
cfrontend/Cexec.v
                         878
                                          incontexto (fun x => Ecall x rargs ty) (step expr RV r m)
                         879
                                                      (fun x => Ecall r_1 x ty) (step exprlist rargs m)
                         880
                         881
                                       end
                                   | RV, Ebuiltin ef tyargs rargs ty =>
                         882
                                      match is val list rargs with
                         883
                                        Some vtl =>
                         884
                                          do vargs <- sem cast arguments vtl tyargs m;
                         885
                                          match do external ef w vargs m with
                         886
                                            None => stuck
                         887
                                            Some(w',t,v,m') => topred (Rred "red builtin" (Eval v ty) m' t)
                         888
                         889
                                           end
                         890
                                          incontext (fun x => Ebuiltin ef tyargs x ty) (step exprlist rargs m)
                         891
                         892
                                       end
```

(Parenthesis operator; I don't know what it exactly is..)

```
859
           | RV, Eparen r<sub>1</sub> tycast ty =>
                match is val ry with
860
                | Some (v<sub>1</sub>, ty<sub>1</sub>) =>
861
                    do v <- sem_cast v1 ty1 tycast m;
862
                    topred (Rred "red paren" (Eval v ty) m Eo)
863
864
                | None =>
                    incontext (fun x => Eparen x tycast ty) (step expr RV r<sub>1</sub> m)
865
866
                end
```

### Appendix I. extcall\_properties

#### Record extcall\_properties (sem: extcall\_sem) (sg: signature): Prop

- 1. The return value of an external call must agree with its signature.
- 2. External calls cannot invalidate memory blocks. (Remember that freeing a block does not invalidate its block identifier.)
- 3. External calls cannot increase the max permissions of a valid block.
- 4. They can decrease the max permissions, e.g. by freeing.
- 5. External call cannot modify memory unless they have [Max, Writable] permissions.
- 6. External calls must commute with memory extensions, in the following sense.
- 7. External calls must commute with memory injections, in the following sense.
- 8. External calls produce at most one event.
- 9. External calls must be receptive to changes of traces by another, matching trace.
- 10. External calls must be deterministic up to matching between traces.

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#### Appendix II. Reduction semantics

#### Common/Events.v

```
661
       Definition topred (r: reduction) : reducts expr :=
662
          ((fun (x: expr) => x), r) :: nil.
663
664
       Definition stuck : reducts expr :=
         ((fun (x: expr) => x), Stuckred) :: nil.
665
666
       Definition incontext {A B: Type} (ctx: A -> B) (ll: reducts A) : reducts B :=
667
668
          map (fun z => ((fun (x: expr) => ctx(fst z x)), snd z)) ll.
669
670
       Definition incontexto {A1 A5 B Type}
                              (ctx_1: A_1 \rightarrow B) (ll_1: reducts A_1)
671
                              (ctx_2: A_2 \rightarrow B) (ll_2: reducts A_2): reducts B :=
672
673
         incontext ctx1 ll1 ++ incontext ctx2 ll2.
```