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CS 348: Module 02: Compilers

Overview: Phases of a Compiler

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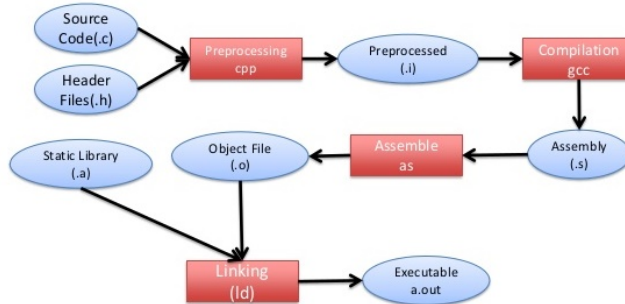
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- C Pre-Processor (CPP)
- C Compiler
- Assembler
- Linker



Compilation Flow Diagrams for gcc

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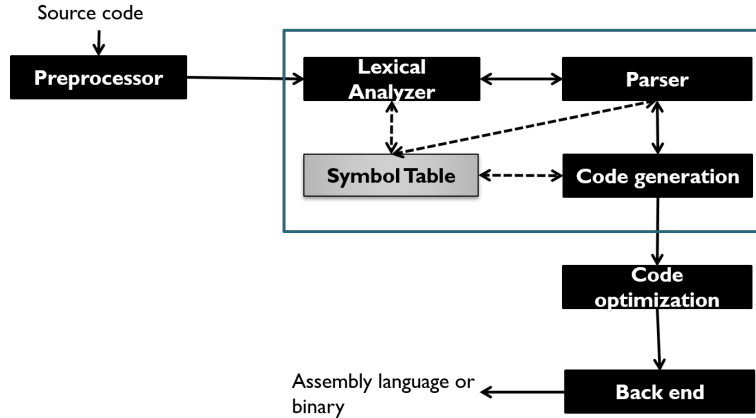
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Four Pass Compiler



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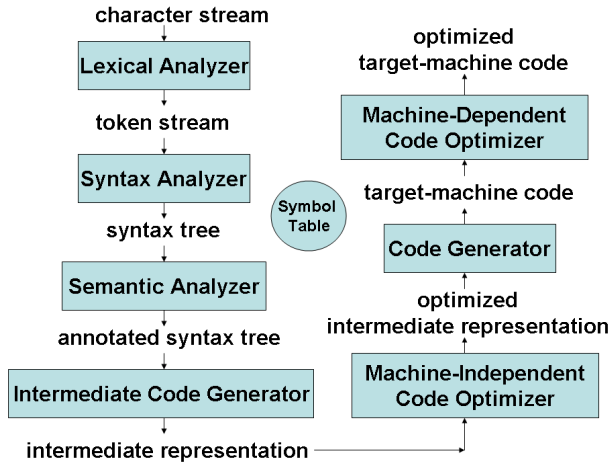
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fahrenheit = centigrade * 1.8 + 32

Lexical Analyzer

<id,1> <assign> <id,2> <multop>
<fconst, 1.8> <addop> <iconst,32>

Syntax Analyzer

fahrenheit = *centigrade* * 1.8 + 32
totalAmount = *principalAmount* * 10 + *principalAmount*
finalVelocity = *acceleration* * *time* + *initialVelocity*

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$$f = c * 1.8 + 32$$

$$b = a * 10 + a$$

$$v = a * t + u$$

$$id = id * num + num$$

$$id = id * num + id$$

$$id = id * id + id$$

$$E = E * E + E$$

$$(E = ((E * E) + E))$$



Syntax Analysis Phase

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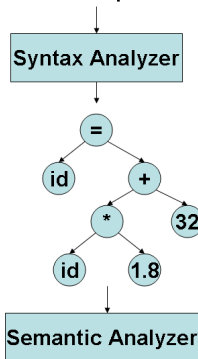
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`<id,1> <assign> <id,2> <multop>`
`<fconst, 1.8> <addop> <iconst,32>`



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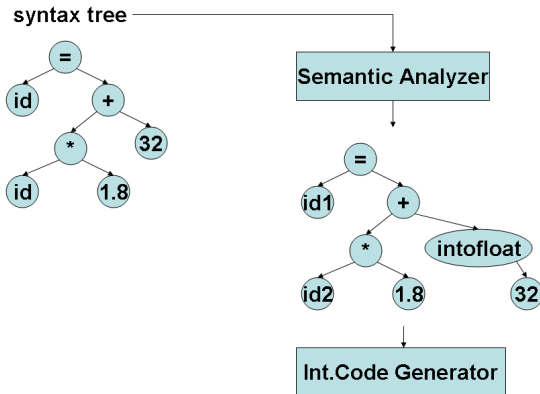
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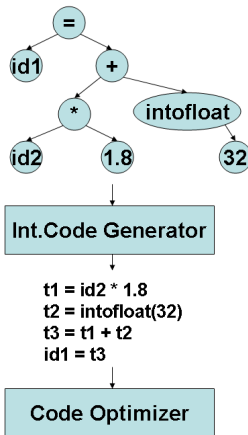
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```
t1 = id2 * 1.8  
t2 = intofloat(32)  
t3 = t1 + t2  
id1 = t3
```

Code Optimizer

```
t1 = id2 * 1.8  
id1 = t1 + 32.0
```

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Code Generation and Optimization: Practice Example

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* $A+B*C+D$

- $t0=A$
- $t1=B$
- $t2=C$
- $t3=t1*t2$
- $t4=t0+t3$
- $t5=D$
- $t6=t4+t5$

* $t0=A$

* $t1=B$

* $t2=C$

* $t1=t1*t2$

* $t0=t0+t1$

* $t1=D$

* $t0=t0+t1$

* $t0=A$

* $t1=B$

* $t1=t1*C$

* $t1=t0+t1$

* $t1=t1+D$



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- Data Flow and Control Flow Analysis
- Register Allocation and Assignment
- Code Generation



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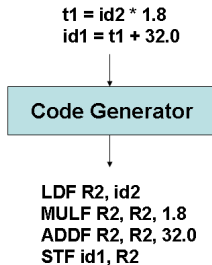
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Sample pass through Phases

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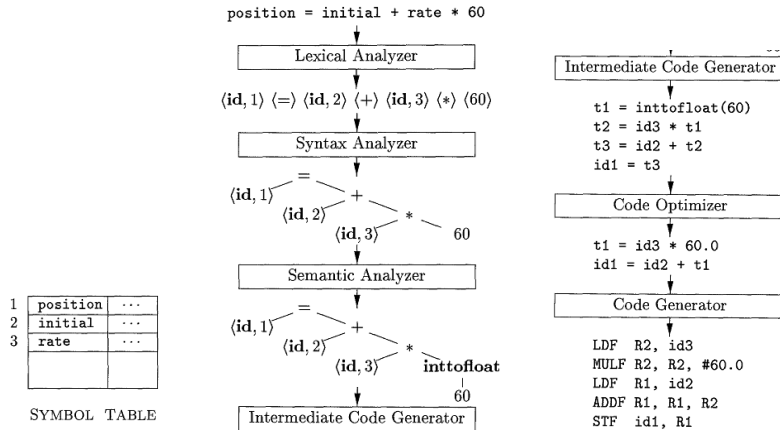
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Source: Dragon Book

Figure: Translation of an assignment statement



A Typical Compiler Techniques

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Summary

Promote high level languages by
minimizing the execution overhead

Support HPC systems

Compiler

Support several source languages

Potential to translate correctly
infinite set of programs written in
the source language.

Support several target machines

Collection of compilers

Software engineering techniques

Generate optimal target code from
source program ??



Languages by Translation Types

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Language	Compilation	Typing	Framework
C	Static	Weak ¹ , Static	No
C++	Static	Strong ² , Static ³	No ⁴
Java	Static	Strong, Static ⁵	Yes ⁶
Python	Dynamic ⁷	Strong, Dynamic	Yes ⁸

¹ For example, void* breaking typing

² If typical C features are not used

³ Dynamic w/ Polymorphism

⁴ RTTI for `dynamic.cast`

⁵ Dynamic w/ Polymorphism

⁶ Java Virtual Machine – JVM

⁷ Interpreter

⁸ Python Virtual Machine – PVM



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- Recap on the outline of C Compilation Process
- Brief discussion on Phases of a Compiler to understand
 - Front-end flow: Language to TAC
 - Back-end flow: TAC to Machine
- Outline of languages with translation types