

COMP3131/9102: Programming Languages and Compilers

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Assignment 4 Feedback

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Week 8 (2nd Lecture): Java Byte Code Generation

1. Assignment 5
2. Java bytecode verifier

Assignment 5

- Read the supporting code in Emitter.java
 - 70% of the code generator provided, including:
 - The generation of field declarations and the class initialiser `<clinit>` for all global scalar variables in `visitProgram`. But you are required to modify this method to deal with all array-related declarations and initialisations.
 - The generation of the non-arg constructor initialiser `<init>`
 - Various visit methods
 - You will mostly focus on implementing `visitBinaryExpr()` and `visitUnaryExpr()`, where almost all the expressions are translated.
 - Translating statements is straightforward as per their code templates introduced.
 - Translate declarations as described in the Monday lecture

The default constructor <init> Already Done for You

```
// cons.vc
int i = 1;
int main() {
    int x = i;
    return 1;
}
/*
public class cons {

    static int i = 1;

    cons() { } // the default constructor: <init>
               // with the hidden parameter this: <init> (cons this)
    public static void main(String argv[]) {
        global vc$ = new cons();
        // Step 1: vc$ = malloc() for cons
        // Step 2: vc$.<init>, i.e., <init>(vc$)

        int x = i;
        return 1;
    }
}
```

```
} */  
.class public cons  
.super java/lang/Object  
  
.field static i I  
  
        ; standard class static initializer  
.method static <clinit>()V  
  
        iconst_1  
        putstatic cons/i I  
  
        ; set limits used by this method  
.limit locals 0  
.limit stack 1  
        return  
.end method  
  
        ; standard constructor initializer  
.method public <init>()V  
.limit stack 1  
.limit locals 1  
        aload_0
```

```
        invokespecial java/lang/Object/<init>()V
        return
    .end method
    .method public static main([Ljava/lang/String;)V
L0:
    .var 0 is argv [Ljava/lang/String; from L0 to L1
    .var 1 is vc$ Lcons; from L0 to L1
        new cons
        dup
        invokenonvirtual cons/<init>()V
        astore_1
    .var 2 is x I from L0 to L1
        getstatic cons/i I
        istore_2
        return
L1:
        return

    ; set limits used by this method
    .limit locals 3
    .limit stack 2
    .end method
```

Class Initialisations <clinit>

- You need to generate the field declaration and initialisation code in <clinit> for global arrays — not provided in the supporting code.
- Done for you for scalar global variables

```
// arrayclinit.vc:
```

```
int a[] = {10, 20}; // a global array
```

```
int main() {  
    int i = a[1];  
    return 1;  
}
```



```
// Jasmin code:

.class public arrayclinit
.super java/lang/Object

.field static a [I

    ; standard class static initializer
.method static <clinit>()V

    iconst_2
    newarray int
    dup
    iconst_0
    bipush 10
```

```
iastore
dup
iconst_1
bipush 20
iastore
putstatic arrayclinit/a [I

; set limits used by this method
.limit locals 0
.limit stack 4
return
.end method

; standard constructor initializer
.method public <init>()V
```

```
.limit stack 1
.limit locals 1
  aload_0
  invokespecial java/lang/Object/<init>()V
  return
.end method
.method public static main([Ljava/lang/String;)V
L0:
  .var 0 is argv [Ljava/lang/String; from L0 to L1
  .var 1 is vc$ Larrayclinit; from L0 to L1
  new arrayclinit
  dup
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  astore_1
  .var 2 is i I from L0 to L1
```

```
getstatic arrayclinit/a [I
iconst_1
iaload
istore_2
return
L1:
return

; set limits used by this method
.limit locals 3
.limit stack 2
.end method
```

Assignment 5: Some Language Issues

- Java byte code requires that
 - all variables be initialised
 - all method be terminated by a return
- Both are not enforced in the VC language
- All test cases used for marking Assignment 5 will satisfy these two restrictions.

ByteCode Verification

- Loop

```
while (true) 1;
```

- Bytecode:

```
iconst_1  
pop
```

- Removing pop causes a `Java.VerifyError`:

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.VerifyError: (class: x,  
method: foo signature: (V) Inconsistent stack height 1 != 0)
```

- JVM Spec:

If an instruction can be executed along several different execution paths, the operand stack must have the same depth (§2.6.2) prior to the execution of the instruction, regardless of the path taken.

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/specs/jvms/se7/html/jvms-4.html#jvms-4.10.1.4>

- This is you are asked to generate a pop, if necessary, for an expression statement in the last lecture.

Reading

- The spec of Assignmen 5

Next Class: DFAs and NFAs (Cont'd)