Compiler Part 1 - Compiler Internals

Interpreter, a program itself, takes input program (e.g. Python) and takes a program input. Interpreter then spits out a program output.

Compiler gets input program and outputs intermediate language (e.g. Machine Code). This then goes to interpreter which needs a program input to take out a program output

Transpiler/ transpiled - High level to high level language

Compiler has multiple phases-

- 1. Tokenizer/Lexer tokens are like individual words (if, while, for)
- 2. Parser Group tokens together and represent to a tree data structure, output Abstract Syntax Tree(AST), EX 1
- 3. TypeChecker Goes through the given code and checks if it is typed well or there is some errors (Annotated AST)
- 4. Code Generator Can be broken up depending on your language you are using, the harder part of the compiler

Optimization?

Context Free Grammar/Grammar – BNF (Backus-Naur Form), expressions that are made to represent given tasks or units

Language Design Creation – Integers, Booleans, Declare and Initialize Variables, Perform arithmetic/logical operations, EX 2

AND doesn't have a symbol because it is common we just write one after the other unlike OR

Meta Language – What we are writing the compiler in (Java)

Object Language – Our Language

Target Language – What we are compiling to (JavaScript)

You can make a target language as same as the object language

Emacs*

56:00 Minute for coding

Compiler Part 2 – Tokenization/Lexing

Defining tokens shortly after grammar (ifToken)

HashTables/Hash Code



Compiler Part 3 - Parsing

Interface Type, Stmt, Exp, Op, Program, AST

Recursive Decent Parsing

S-expressions (LISP language) - (while(< 7.4)

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Problems in Parsing 1)Left Recursion exp ::= num | exp+exp 2) Precedence 1+3 *2
Compiler Part 4 - Type Checking
Types – describe data and operations for the data
Ill-typed = program with type errors, well-typed = without
                                                 Examples
(EX 1) if (1 < 2){
        return 7
        }else{
        Return 3;
(EX 2)
Var is a variable
Num is Number
type ::= 'int' | 'bool'
vardecc ::= '(' 'vardec' type var expression ')'
loop ::= '(' 'while' expression statement ')'
assign ::= '(' '=' var expression ')'
expression ::= num | true | false | '(' op expression expression ')'
op ::= '+' | '-'| '&&'|'||'|'<'
//
program ::= vardec*
(vardec int x 7)
(vardec bool y true)
(vardec int a (+ 1 2))
(vardec bool b (&& false true))
(vardec int x 0)
(while (< x 10)
(= x (+ x 1)))
(EX 3) Possible Tokens with given code from EX 2:
IdentifierToken(String), NumberToken(int), IntToken, BoolToken, LeftParenToken, VardecToken,
RightParenToken, TrueToken, FalseToken, WhileToken, SinglesEqualToken, PlusToken, MinusToken,
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LogicAndToken, LogicOrToken, LessThanToken