

# CMPT 379

## Compilers

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# Setting up

```
static llvm::Module *TheModule;
```

This global variable contains all the generated code.

```
static llvm::LLVMContext TheContext;
```

The calls to Builder will sometimes use TheContext.

```
static llvm::IRBuilder<> Builder(TheContext);
```

This is the method used to construct the LLVM intermediate code (IR).

Make sure your yacc actions incrementally generate instructions in the right order

# Types in LLVM

```
llvm::Type *getLLVMType(decafType ty) {  
    switch (ty) {  
        case voidTy: return Builder.getVoidTy();  
        case intTy: return Builder.getInt32Ty();  
        case boolTy: return Builder.getInt1Ty();  
        case stringTy: return Builder.getInt8PtrTy();  
        default: throw runtime_error("unknown type");  
    }  
}
```

# Constants in LLVM

```
llvm::Constant *getZeroInit(decafType ty) {  
    switch (ty) {  
        case intTy: return Builder.getInt32(0);  
        case boolTy: return Builder.getInt1(0);  
        default: throw runtime_error("unknown type");  
    }  
}  
  
llvm::Value *StringConstAST::Codegen() {  
    const char *s = StringConst.c_str();  
    llvm::Value *GS =  
        Builder.CreateGlobalString(s, "globalstring");  
    return Builder.CreateConstGEP2_32(GS, 0, 0, "cast");  
}
```

# Local Variables in LLVM

```
llvm::AllocInst *defineVariable(  
    llvm::Type *llvmTy,  
    string ident)  
{  
    llvm::AllocInst *Alloca =  
        Builder.CreateAlloca(llvmTy, 0, ident.c_str());  
    syms.enter_symtbl(ident, Alloca);  
    return Alloca;  
}
```

## Using the Variable:

```
llvm::Value *V = syms.access_symtbl(Name);  
return Builder.CreateLoad(V, Name.c_str());
```

# Declaring a Function in LLVM

```
llvm::Type *returnTy = /* initialize return type */  
std::vector<llvm::Type *> args;  
/* args := initialize the vector of argument types */  
llvm::Function *func = llvm::Function::Create(  
    llvm::FunctionType::get(returnTy, args, false),  
    llvm::Function::ExternalLinkage,  
    Name,  
    TheModule  
);  
syms.enter_symtbl(Name, func);
```

# Promoting Types in LLVM

- What if the variable is of type i1 (boolean)
- But the function only takes i32 (int)
- We have to promote the type i1 to i32
- LLVM can do that for you using the ZExt instruction

```
llvm::Value *promo =  
    Builder.CreateZExt(*i, Builder.getInt32Ty(), "zexttmp");
```

# Basic Blocks in LLVM

**// Create a new basic block which contains a sequence of LLVM instructions**

```
llvm::BasicBlock *BB =  
    llvm::BasicBlock::Create(  
        TheContext,  
        "entry",  
        func);
```

**// insert into symbol table**

```
syms.enter_symtbl(string("entry"), BB);
```

**// All subsequent calls to IRBuilder will place instructions in this location**

```
Builder.SetInsertPoint(BB);
```



# Useful Tricks in LLVM

- Finding the current function you are in:

```
llvm::Function *func =  
    Builder.GetInsertBlock()->getParent();
```

- External function

```
llvm::Function::Create(  
    llvm::FunctionType::get(returnTy, args, false),  
    llvm::Function::ExternalLinkage,  
    Name,  
    TheModule);
```

# Control Flow in LLVM

# “Backpatching” in LLVM

- Inside IfStmt->Codegen:
  - Set up a new symbol table for code locations
  - Create a new BasicBlock called iftrue
  - Create a new BasicBlock called iffalse
  - Create a new BasicBlock called end
  - Subsequent code generation anywhere else can insert code into these code locations
  - Can be used for break, continue, short-circuits, etc.

# “Backpatching” in LLVM

Setting up the branching between Basic Blocks:

```
/* val contains the Expr value for the conditional */  
Builder.CreateCondBr(val, IfTrueBB, EndBB);  
Builder.SetInsertPoint(IfTrueBB);  
IfTrueBlock->Codegen();
```

After the IfStmt we continue with the end Basic Block:

```
Builder.CreateBr(EndBB);  
/* pop the symbol table after IfStmt Codegen is done */  
Builder.SetInsertPoint(EndBB);
```

# Static Single Assignment in LLVM

- For normal control flow using CreateBr and CreateCondBr no need for Phi functions
- LLVM produces the Phi functions automatically using algorithms we will study in class

# Static Single Assignment in LLVM

- For short circuit of boolean expressions you have to write the PHI function yourself

```
llvm::PHINode *val =  
    Builder.CreatePHI(type, 2, "phival");  
/* type is an LLVM::Type */  
val->addIncoming(L, CurBB);  
val->addIncoming(opval, OpValBB);  
/* CurBB and OpValBB are the two basic blocks  
that are incoming blocks for the PHI function */
```