

## Bytecode interpreter. v1.0

### Changes.

**v1.0.** Added the `popa` opcode (77). Removed all colors from previous changes. Current changes are shown in blue.

**v.015** fix two uses of `stack` in the description of the frame pointer stack pointer and the description of opcode 44. Replaced “`stack stack`” in two places with “`stack`”. Changes are shown in orange.

**v.014** actually change the bytecode for `print` to be `148 + type`. Changes are shown in green.

**v.013** changed names of `pushi` and `pushf` to those names from `pushs`. Expanded the `print<type>` and `pushv<type>` opcodes to cover the different types, e.g., `printc`, `printf`, etc. Added the `swp` bytecode and its semantics. Changes are shown in green.

**v.012** add `poke>type>` and `peek` instructions. Put `ret` and `call` bytecodes back in.

**v0.11** - remove the `ret` and `call` bytecodes. They are redundant because of compiler code generation changes in v0.12 of the compiler.

The bytecode interpreter will read a bytecode file produced by your compiler, and execute it. The interpreter has 6 major data structures:

**A runtime stack (rstack):** All operations are executed against values in the runtime stack. All variables exist on the runtime stack. To make your life easier, each datum takes exactly one position in the runtime stacks. Since data are of different lengths, this is accomplished by having the stack be represented by a vector, where each element of the vector points to an object holding the actual data item. The object should have a field to hold the value of the data item, and a field to hold the type of the data items. Data items are of type `char`, `short`, `int` or `float`.

The stack is initially empty.

**A runtime stack pointer (sp).** This points to the top of the runtime stack. Its value should initially be -1.

**A stack of frame pointers (fpstack):** This is a stack of indices into the start of the frame for a procedure call. It points to the first element in the functions stack frame.

**A frame pointer stack pointer (fpsp):** This points to the top of the frame stack. Its initial value should be -1.

**A program counter (pc).** The program counter contains the address of the next instruction to be executed. Its value is initially zero.

**Program memory (mem).** Program memory holds the program that is read into the interpreter. It is an array of bytes.

The program consists of bytecodes and data that follows certain bytecodes. The first byte of the program contains the initial bytecode in the `main` routine. In general, execution proceeds by executing the byte code pointed to by the `PC`, updating the `PC` based on the instruction executing, and continuing until the program executes. The `halt` instruction will terminate the execution of the program.

## The instructions to be executed.

### *comparison bytecodes*

**cmpe:** 132, or 10000100

meaning: compare the top two elements on the runtime stack and make the new top of the runtime stack 1 if the elements are equal, and 0 otherwise.

```
rstack[sp-1] = rstack[sp-1] == rstack[sp]
sp--;
```

**cmplt:** 136, or 10001000

meaning: compare the top two elements on the runtime stack and make the new top of the runtime stack 1 if the next to the top element is less than the top element, and 0 otherwise.

```
rstack[sp-1] = rstack[sp-1] < rstack[sp]
sp--;
```

**cmpgt:** 140, or 10001100

meaning: compare the top two elements on the runtime stack and make the new top of the runtime stack 1 if the next to the top element is greater than the top element, and 0 otherwise.

```
rstack[sp-1] = rstack[sp-1] > rstack[sp]
sp--;
```

### *control flow bytecodes*

**jmp:** 36, or 00100100

meaning: jump to the location at the top of the runtime stack.

```
pc = rstack[sp]
sp = sp-1;
```

**jmpc:** 40, or 00101000

meaning: jump to the location at the top of the runtime stack if the next to the top of the runtime stack contains the integer value 1 (true)

```
if (rstack[sp-1] == 1) pc = rstack[sp]
sp = sp-2
```

**call:** 44, or 00101100

meaning: save the frame stack pointer for the current frame in the fpstack (frame pointer stack). Jump to the location of the function being called, whose address is on the top of the runtime stack.

```
fpstack[++fpp] = sp - rstack[sp]; // subtract off argument stack
                                // entries
```

```
sp--;
```

```
pc = rstack[sp-1] //set the PC to the address of the label to be
                  // jumped to
```

**ret:** 48, or 00110000

meaning: restore the runtime stack pointer of the function being returned to. Set the PC to the value at the top of the runtime stack, which is the address of the instruction following the call or callr statement.

```
sp = fpstack[fpp--]
pc = rstack[sp]
```

### ***stack manipulation byte codes***

pushc: 68, or 01000100

meaning: push a character literal onto the top of the runtime stack.

```
rstack[++sp] = mem[pc+1]
```

```
pc += 2;
```

pushs: 69 or 01000101

meaning: push a short literal onto the top of the runtime stack.

convert to a short `s = mem[pc+1, mem[pc+2]` (see

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/13469681/how-to-convert-4-bytes-array-to-float-in-java>)

```
rstack[++sp] = s
```

```
pc += 3;
```

pushi: 70 or 01000110

meaning: push an integer literal onto the top of the runtime stack.

convert to an int `i = mem[pc+1, mem[pc+2], mem[pc+3], mem[pc+4]` (see

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/13469681/how-to-convert-4-bytes-array-to-float-in-java>)

```
rstack[++sp] = i
```

```
pc += 5;
```

pushf: 71 or 01000111

meaning: push a float literal onto the top of the runtime stack.

convert to a float `f = mem[pc+1, mem[pc+2], mem[pc+3], mem[pc+4]` (see

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/13469681/how-to-convert-4-bytes-array-to-float-in-java>)

```
rstack[++sp] = f
```

```
pc += 5;
```

pushvc: 72, or 01001000

meaning: push a character variable's value (where the variable location is at the top of the runtime stack) onto the runtime stack.

```
rstack[sp] = rstack[rstack[sp]]
```

pushvs: 73, or 01001001

meaning: push a short variable's value (where the variable location is at the top of the runtime stack) onto the runtime stack.

```
rstack[sp] = rstack[rstack[sp]]
```

pushvi: 74, or 01001010

meaning: push an integer variable's value (where the variable location is at the top of the runtime stack) onto the runtime stack.

```
rstack[sp] = rstack[rstack[sp]]
```

pushvf: 75, or 01001011

meaning: push a floating point variable's value (where the variable location is at the top of the runtime stack) onto the runtime stack.

```
rstack[sp] = rstack[rstack[sp]]
```

popm: 76, or 01001100

meaning: pop multiple entries off of the runtime stack, discarding their values. The number of entries to pop is at the top of the runtime stack.

```
sp -= rstack[sp]
```

popv: 80, or 01010000

meaning: pop a value off of the runtime stack into a variable. The variable's location is given by the top of the stack, the value popped is the next element into the stack.

```
rstack[rstack[sp]] = rstack[sp-1]
```

```
sp -= 2
```

popa: 77, or 01001101

meaning: pop all of the top entries to frame stack point from the runtime stack but keep val top entries. The number of entries to keep is at the top of the runtime stack.

```
rstack[fpstack[fpsp] + 1] = rstack[sp - rstack[sp]]
```

```
rstack[fpstack[fpsp] + 2] = rstack[sp - rstack[sp]+1]
```

```
. . .
```

```
rstack[fpstack[fpsp] + rstack[sp]] = rstack[sp-1]
```

```
sp = fpstack[fpsp]+rstack[sp]
```

peekc: 84 or 01011000

meaning: take the character value at the offset (given by the value of the top of the stack element) from the start of the current runtime stack frame and put it into the variable whose address is given by the next to the top element of the runtime stack.

```
rstack[fpstack[fpsp] + rstack[sp-1]+1] = rstack[fpstack[fpsp]  
+rstack[sp]+1]
```

peeks: 85 or 01011001

meaning: take the short value at the offset (given by the value of the top of the stack element) from the start of the current runtime stack frame and put it into the variable whose address is given by the next to the top element of the runtime stack.

```
rstack[fpstack[fpsp] + rstack[sp-1]+1] = rstack[fpstack[fpsp]  
+rstack[sp]+1]
```

peeki: 86 or 01011010

meaning: take the integer value at the offset (given by the value of the top of the stack element) from the start of the current runtime stack frame and put it into the variable whose address is given by the next to the top element of the runtime stack.

```
rstack[fpstack[fpsp] + rstack[sp-1]+1] = rstack[fpstack[fpsp]  
+rstack[sp]+1]
```

peekf: 87 or 01011011

meaning: take the float value at the offset (given by the value of the top of the stack element) from the start of the current runtime stack frame and put it into the variable whose address is given by the next to the top element of the runtime stack.

```
rstack[fpstack[fpsp] + rstack[sp-1]+1] = rstack[fpstack[fpsp]  
+rstack[sp]+1]
```

pokec: 88 or 01100000

meaning: change the character value at the offset (given by the value of the top of the stack element) from the start of the current runtime stack frame and to the variable whose address is given by the next to the top element of the runtime stack.

```
rstack[fpstack[fpstack] + rstack[sp-1]+1] = rstack[fpstack[fpstack]
+rstack[sp]+1]
```

pokes: 89 or 01100001

meaning: change the short value at the offset (given by the value of the top of the stack element) from the start of the current runtime stack frame and to the variable whose address is given by the next to the top element of the runtime stack.

```
rstack[fpstack[fpstack] + rstack[sp-1]+1] = rstack[fpstack[fpstack]
+rstack[sp]+1]
```

pokei: 90 or 01100010

meaning: integer the character value at the offset (given by the value of the top of the stack element) from the start of the current runtime stack frame and to the variable whose address is given by the next to the top element of the runtime stack.

```
rstack[fpstack[fpstack] + rstack[sp-1]+1] = rstack[fpstack[fpstack]
+rstack[sp]+1]
```

pokef: 91 or 01100011

meaning: change the float value at the offset (given by the value of the top of the stack element) from the start of the current runtime stack frame and to the variable whose address is given by the next to the top element of the runtime stack.

```
rstack[fpstack[fpstack] + rstack[sp-1]+1] = rstack[fpstack[fpstack]
+rstack[sp]+1]
```

swp: 94 or 01100100

meaning: swap the top of the stack with the next to the top of the stack element.

```
tmp = rstack[sp-1]
rstack[sp-1] = rstack[sp]
rstack[sp] = tmp
```

### ***arithmetic byte codes***

meaning: perform the indicated operation on the top two stack elements, pushing the result onto the stack

add: 100, or 01100100

```
rstack[sp-1] = rstack[sp-1] + rstack[sp]
sp--;
```

sub: 104, or 01101000

```
rstack[sp-1] = rstack[sp-1] - rstack[sp]
sp--;
```

mul: 108, or 01101100

```
rstack[sp-1] = rstack[sp-1] * rstack[sp]
sp--;
```

div: 112, or 01110000

```
rstack[sp-1] = rstack[sp-1] / rstack[sp]  
sp--;
```

***special op codes***

meaning: the print opcodes print the value or variable at the top of the stack. halt terminates the interpreter.

printc, 148, or 10010100. Print the character at the top of the stack

```
System.out.println(rstack[sp--]);
```

prints, 149, or 10010101. Print the float at the top of the stack

```
System.out.println(rstack[sp--]);
```

printi, 150, or 10010110. Print the integer at the top of the stack

```
System.out.println(rstack[sp--]);
```

printf, 151, or 10010111. Print the float at the top of the stack.

```
System.out.println(rstack[sp--]);
```

halt, 0, or 00000000

Terminate the program. Print pc, sp, rstack, fp sp, fpstack. Print empty if a stack is empty.