CodeGen.scala

Generating MIPS code given a AST

MIPS Registers

MIPS instruction uses 5 bits for register addressing, so there can be $2^5 = 32$ registers

| Number | Name | Use | Preserved across function calls? | |
|---------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 0 | \$zero | constant 0 | | |
| 1 | \$at | assembler temporary | no | |
| 2, 3 | \$v0, \$v1 | function return values | no | |
| 4 - 7 | \$a0 - \$a3 | function arguments | no | |
| 8 - 15 | \$t0 - \$t7 | temporaries | no | |
| 16 - 23 | \$s0 - \$s7 | temporaries | yes | |
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MIPS Review

Concerning Cint_lit

| In the code generation phase, we need to dump the all the literals in | .data | section |
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Concerning Cstring_lit

The same here, for strings it similar layout, except that for non-printable characters we need to use their ASCII representation. Also, we should not forget 0 to tell assembler that string ended.

What does .align mean?

Concerning .align

The "word"s should be in a *word boundary* meaning in MIPS which is a 32 bit we need to have words as 4 bytes, next word as the next 4 bytes and etc.

ClassameTable

| Table of class names used in the program | | | | | |
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Dispatch table for Symbol

Object prototype for Symbol or attribute table

| How to use class prototype to create the new object | | | | | |
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Offsets

We use the combination of offsets and labels to use the static data (i.e. dispatch table, class table and etc.).

Note that addresses are in bytes in MIPS