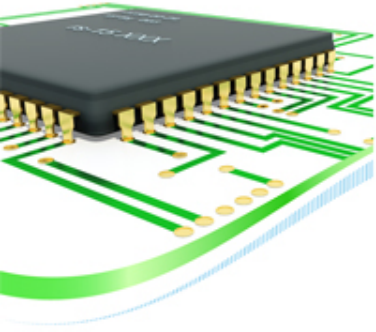


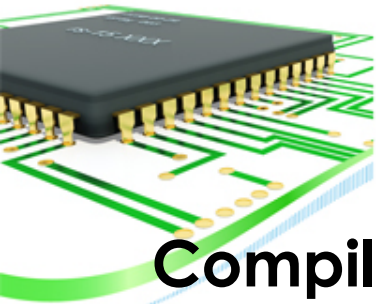
Language Processors Introduction



Definition



A language processor is a tool that translates formal inputs, which conform to a language, to target representations intended.



Widely Referred Types

Compiler

Simply stated, a compiler is a program that can read a program in one language – the source language – and translate it into an equivalent program in another language – the target language.

Aho, A.V, Ullman J.D, Sethi R., Lam M.S; Dragon Book

A compiler is simply a computer program that translates other computer programs to prepare them for execution.

Cooper, K.D., Torczon, L.; Engineering A Compiler

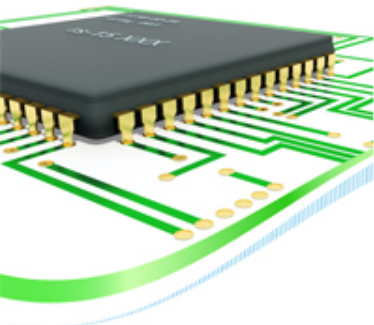
Interpreter

An interpreter is another common kind of language processor. Instead of producing a target program as a translation, an interpreter appears to directly execute the operations specified in the source program on inputs supplied by the user.

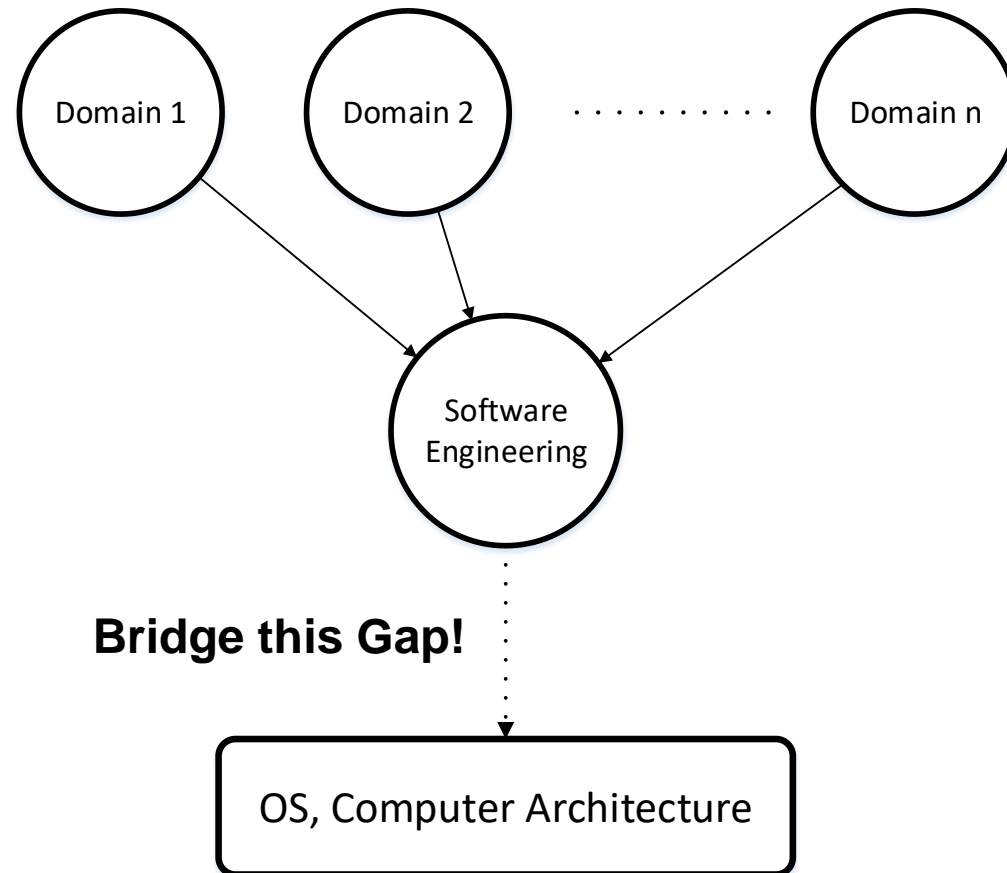
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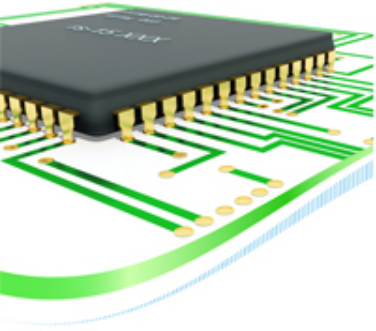
An Interpreter takes as input an executable specification and produces as output the result of executing the specification.

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The Need





Yet Another One?

**New languages, new language processors...
Do we really need to invent a new one?**

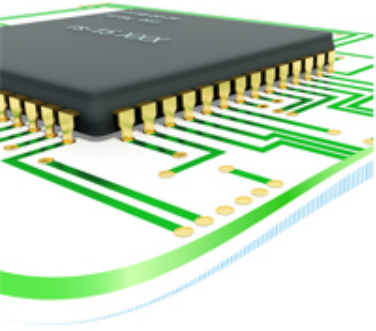
Reasons

- **Evolutionary**
- **Technical**
- **Practical**
- **Commercial**
- **...**

**400+ imperative
languages noted so far.**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_programming_languages

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- ... and even political-economic

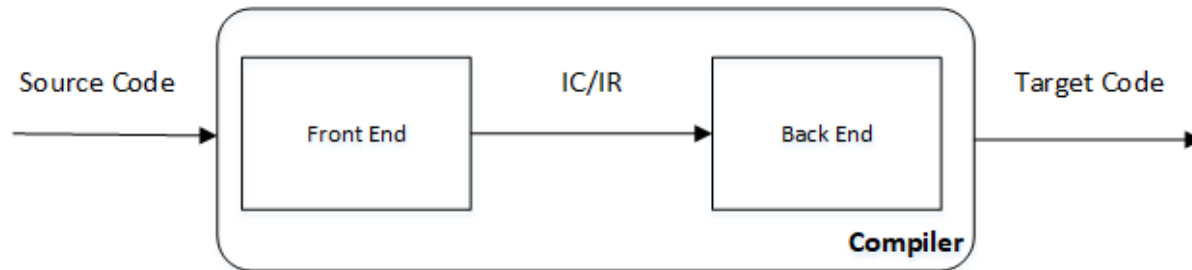
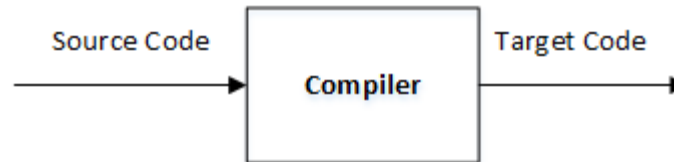
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Goodman, S. E. (1979). Software in the Soviet Union: Progress and Problems. Advances in Computers Volume 18, 231–287. doi:10.1016/s0065-2458(08)60585-9



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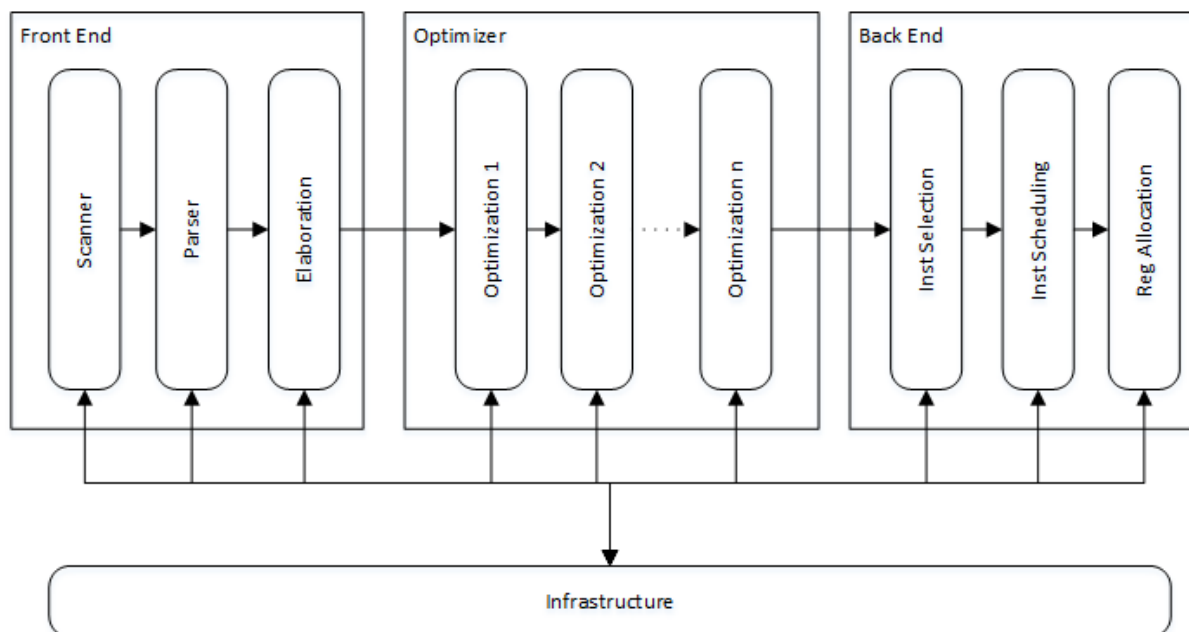
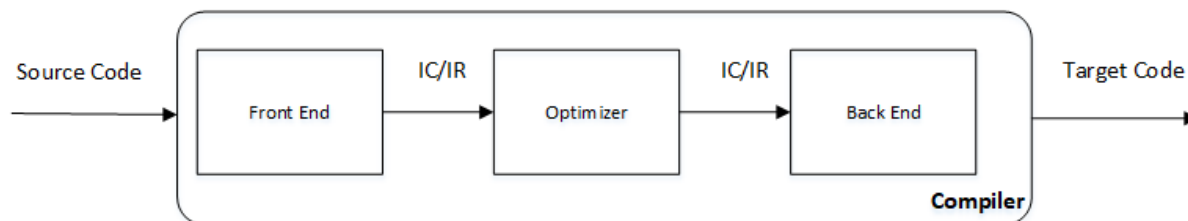
Compiler as an example ...
Details according to the need and taste.

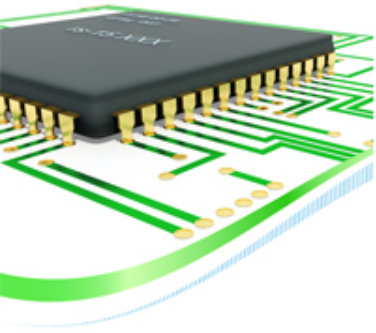


IC: Intermediate Code
IR: Intermediate Representation

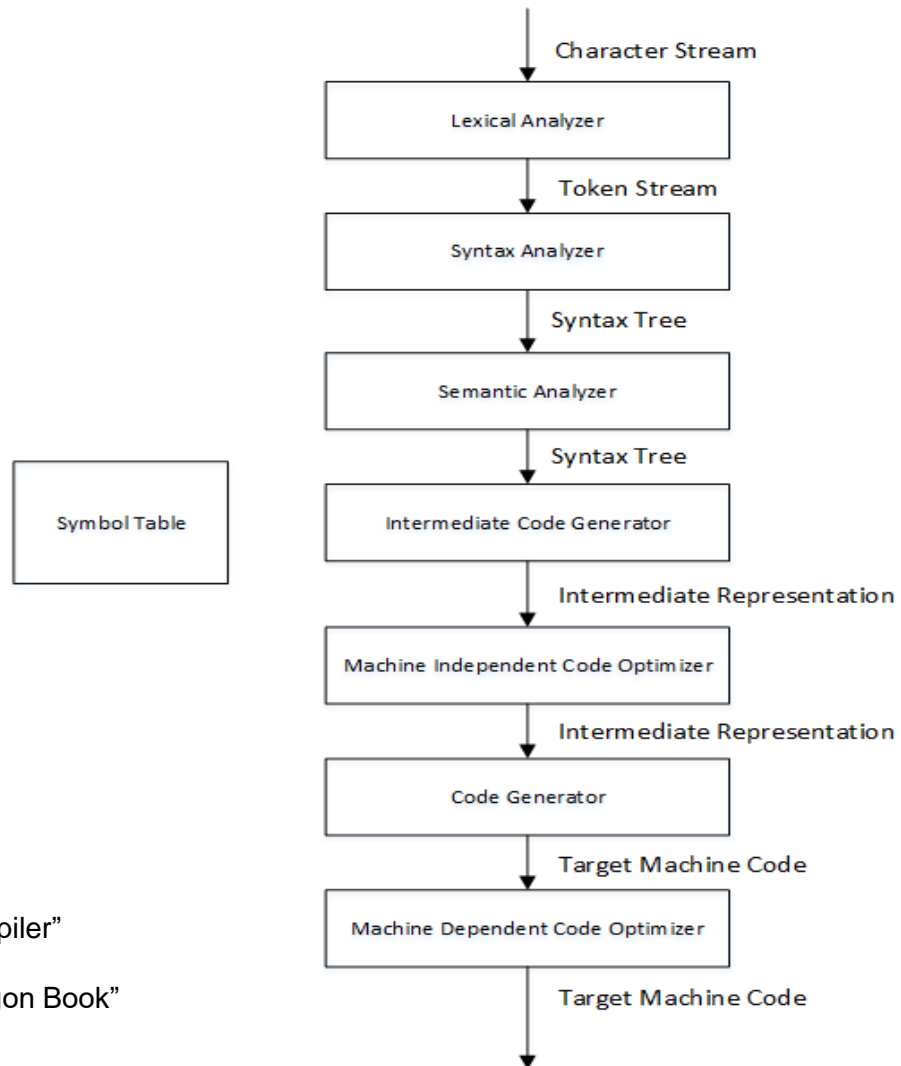


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Architecture

- Programmers see the computer through the window provided by the designers at the level of its functional architecture.
- This window is provided by you, the designer. (1)

• The term *architecture* is used here to describe the attributes of a system as seen by the programmer, i.e., the conceptual structure and functional behavior, as distinct from the organization of the data flow and controls, the logical design, and the physical implementation. (2)

1. From Prof. Dr. Bozşahin's CENG444 course lecture.
2. Amdahl, Gene & Blaauw, Gerrit & Brooks, Jr, Frederick. (2000). Architecture of the IBM System/360. IBM Journal of Research and Development. 44. 21-36. 10.1147/rd.82.0087.



Architecture

```
int f(int p)
{
    if (p>1)
        return p*f(p-1);

    return 1;
}
```

Identical semantics mapped different
Instruction Set Architectures (ISA)

Translation requires sound knowledge on
the target ISA

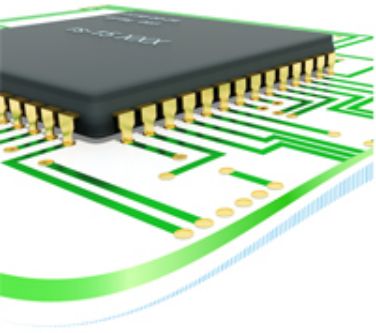
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        if (p>1)
00007FF79EF5233E 83 BD E0 00 00 01 cmp     dword ptr [p],1
00007FF79EF52345 7E 1C      jle     f+43h (07FF79EF52363h)
        return p*f(p-1);
00007FF79EF52347 8B 85 E0 00 00 00 mov     eax,dword ptr [p]
00007FF79EF5234D FF C8      dec     eax
00007FF79EF5234F 8B C8      mov     ecx,eax
00007FF79EF52351 E8 75 EF FF FF call    f (07FF79EF512C8h)
00007FF79EF52356 8B 8D E0 00 00 00 mov     ecx,dword ptr [p]
00007FF79EF5235C 0F AF C8 imul    ecx,eax
00007FF79EF5235F 8B C1      mov     eax,ecx
00007FF79EF52361 EB 05      jmp     f+48h (07FF79EF52368h)

    return 1;
00007FF79EF52363 B8 01 00 00 00 mov     eax,1
}
00007FF79EF52368 48 8D A5 C8 00 00 lea     rsp,[rbp+0C8h]
00007FF79EF5236F 5F          pop     rdi
00007FF79EF52370 5D          pop     rbp
00007FF79EF52371 C3          ret
```

x64 - CISC

```
0x10000309c <+0>: sub     sp, sp, #0x20
0x1000030a0 <+4>: stp     x29, x30, [sp, #0x10]
0x1000030a4 <+8>: add     x29, sp, #0x10
0x1000030a8 <+12>: str     w0, [sp, #0x8]
0x1000030ac <+16>: ldr     w8, [sp, #0x8]
0x1000030b0 <+20>: subs    w8, w8, #0x1
0x1000030b4 <+24>: cset    w8, le
0x1000030b8 <+28>: tbznz   w8, #0x0, 0x1000030e4 ; <+72> at main.cpp
0x1000030bc <+32>: b       0x1000030c0 ; <+36> at main.cpp:13:14
0x1000030c0 <+36>: ldr     w8, [sp, #0x8]
0x1000030c4 <+40>: str     w8, [sp, #0x4]
0x1000030c8 <+44>: ldr     w8, [sp, #0x8]
0x1000030cc <+48>: subs    w0, w8, #0x1
0x1000030d0 <+52>: bl      0x10000309c ; <+0> at main.cpp:11
0x1000030d4 <+56>: ldr     w8, [sp, #0x4]
0x1000030d8 <+60>: mul     w8, w8, w0
0x1000030dc <+64>: stur    w8, [x29, #-0x4]
0x1000030e0 <+68>: b       0x1000030f0 ; <+84> at main.cpp:16:1
0x1000030e4 <+72>: mov     w8, #0x1
0x1000030e8 <+76>: stur    w8, [x29, #-0x4]
0x1000030ec <+80>: b       0x1000030f0 ; <+84> at main.cpp:16:1
0x1000030f0 <+84>: ldur    w0, [x29, #-0x4]
0x1000030f4 <+88>: ldp     x29, x30, [sp, #0x10]
0x1000030f8 <+92>: add     sp, sp, #0x20
0x1000030fc <+96>: ret
```

ArmV8 - RISC



Architecture

```
int f(int p)
{
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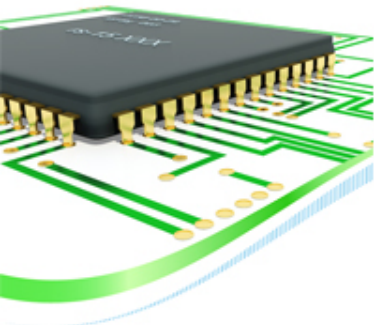
    return 1;
}
```

Identical semantics mapped different
Instruction Set Architectures (ISA)

ISA can also be defined at software level
that may be interpreted or translated further
targeting another lower level ISA.

```
15 ssr 1[1 0x00000001]                ; Prologue f S0n(i0ni0n)
16 ssr 29[90 0x0000005a]              ; Debug expression prologue p>1
17 pmw base pointer offset -3
18 psh int8 1 0x01
19 cvt_i_t -1 regs
20 gre_i
21 czf
22 ssr 3[1 0x00000001]
23 jz 37
24 ssr 29[109 0x0000006d]              ; Debug expression prologue p*f(p-1);
25 pmw base pointer offset -3
26 psh signature entry point 1
27 pmw base pointer offset -4
28 pmw base pointer offset -3
29 psh int8 1 0x01
30 cvt_i_t -1 regs
31 sub_i
32 clf 1
33 ssr 6
34 mul_i
35 ssr 5[1 0x00000001]
36 jmp 41
37 ssr 29[138 0x0000008a]              ; Debug expression prologue 1;
38 psh int8 1 0x01
39 cvt_i_t -1 regs
40 ssr 5[1 0x00000001]
41 ssr 2[1 0x00000001]                ; Epilogue f S0n(i0ni0n)
42 rtf 1
```

A sample stack machine



```

int f(int p)
{
    if (p>1)
        return p*f(p-1);

    return 1;
}

```

Architecture

Identical semantics mapped different
Instruction Set Architectures (ISA)

Application Binary Interface (ABI) as OS
dependent architectural manifestation.

```

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00007FF79EF52371 C3          ret

```

```

00005555555551cd: push    %rbp
00005555555551ce: mov     %rsp,%rbp
00005555555551d1: sub     $0x10,%rsp
00005555555551d5: mov     %edi,-0x4(%rbp)
14          if (p>1)
00005555555551d8: cmpl    $0x1,-0x4(%rbp)
00005555555551dc: jle     0x5555555551f1 <_Z1fi+40>
15          return p*f(p-1);
00005555555551de: mov     -0x4(%rbp),%eax
00005555555551e1: sub     $0x1,%eax
00005555555551e4: mov     %eax,%edi
00005555555551e6: call    0x5555555551c9 <_Z1fi>
00005555555551eb: imul    -0x4(%rbp),%eax
00005555555551ef: jmp     0x5555555551f6 <_Z1fi+45>
17          return 1;
00005555555551f1: mov     $0x1,%eax
00005555555551f6: leave   %eax
00005555555551f7: ret

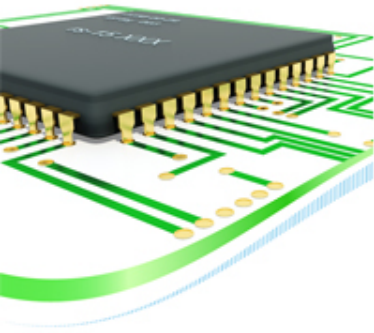
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x64 – Windows ABI

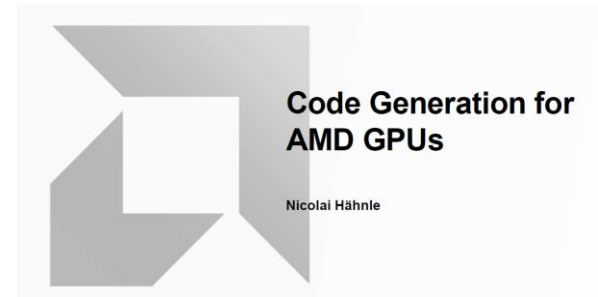
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x64 – Linux ABI

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Architecture



RDNA ISA

- ~106 32-bit scalar registers
- 256 vector registers
 - 32x32-bit or 64x32-bit depending on wave mode
- Register files are arrays
 - Successive registers can be combined to 64-bit and larger values
 - Some alignment requirements apply
 - Indirect indexing is possible
- Large set of scalar and vector ALU instructions
- Scalar branch instructions
- Full set of vector memory instructions
 - Full scatter/gather capabilities
 - Image format conversion and texture sampling
 - Raytracing acceleration
- Scalar loads for constant data

```
v_cmp_nle_f32    vcc, 0, v12
v_cndmask_b32    v19, -v20, v20, s[0:1]
v_add_f32        v20, |v16|, |v15|
v_cmp_le_f32     s[0:1], 0, v15
v_cndmask_b32    v13, v13, v18, vcc
v_mul_f32        v24, v10, v10
v_cndmask_b32    v14, v14, v19, vcc
v_sub_f32        v17, 1.0, v20
v_cndmask_b32    v10, -v21, v21, s[0:1]
```

```
s_add_i32        s11, s11, 1
...
s_cmpk_lg_i32    s28, 0x100
s_branch_scc0    .LBB0_8
BB0_4:
...
s_cmp_gt_u32     s11, 11
...
s_branch_scc0    .LBB0_6
```

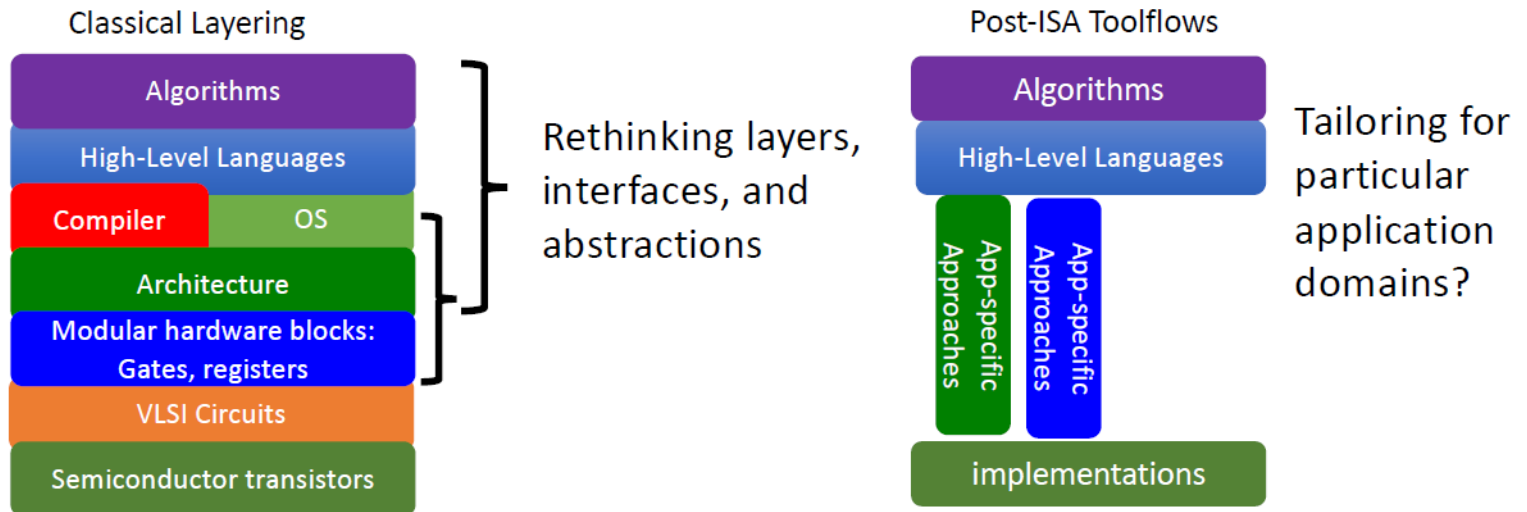
```
s_load_b128      s[20:23], s[24:25], 0x30
v_mul_f32        v7, s0, v1
v_mul_f32        v8, s1, v8
...
s_waitcnt        lgknCnt(0)
image_sample_lz   v[9:10], v[7:8], s[4:11], s[20:23]
dmask:0x3 dim:SQ_RSRC_IMG_2D
```



Architecture

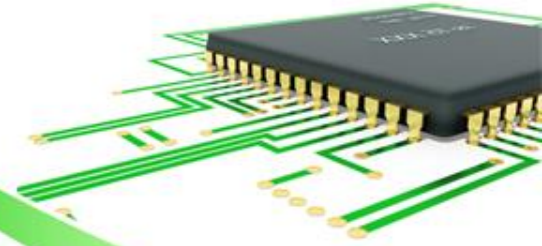
Application specific architectures have deep impact

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Lexical Analysis

- Reserved words, tokens
- Regular expressions
- NFA, DFA structures
- Optimized structures, strategies
- Generators and recognizers
- Experiment

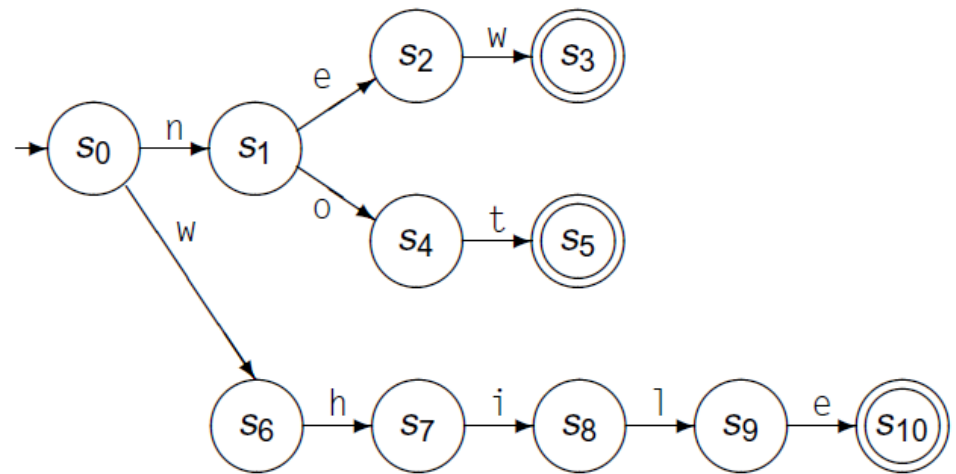
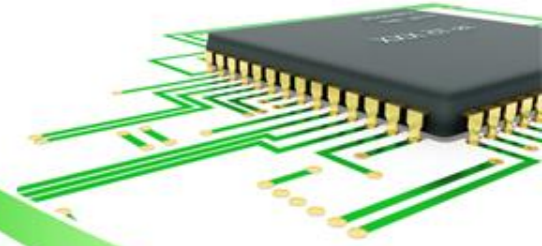


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Syntactic Analysis

- Context Free Grammars, BNF
- Derivations, sentential forms
- Parse trees, AST
- Parsing strategies
- Parsing algorithms
- Experiment

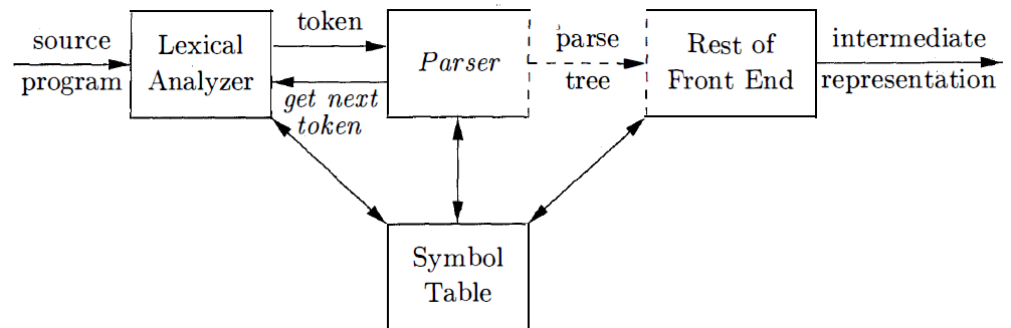
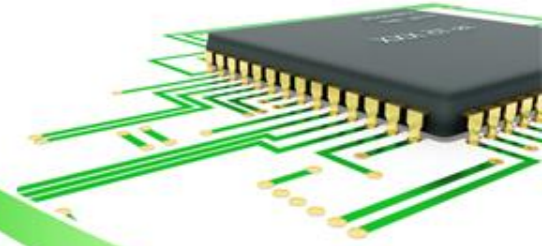


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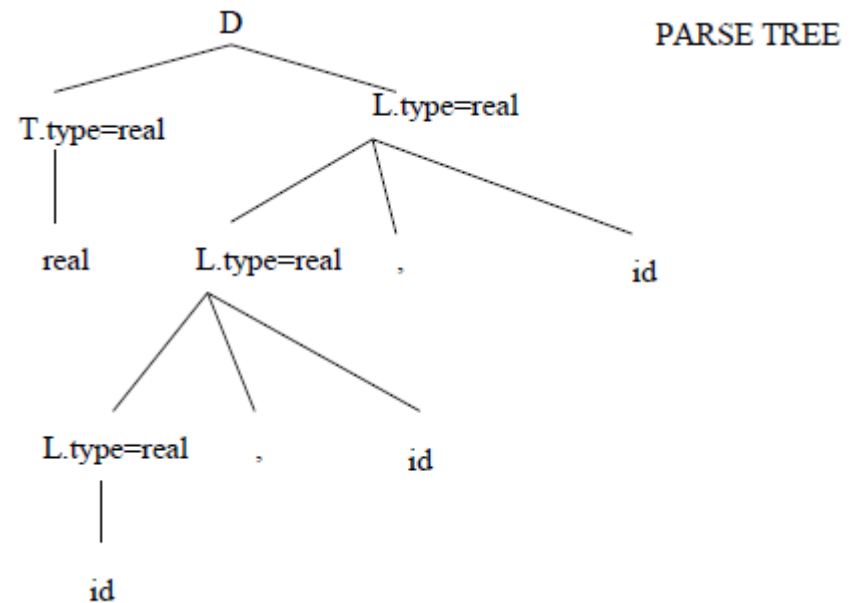


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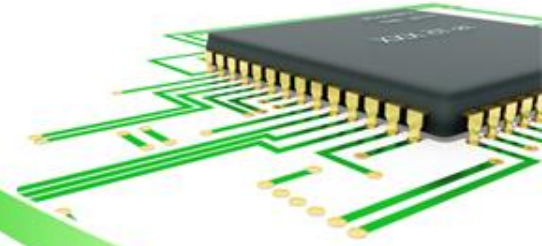
Semantic Analysis

- Meaning and typical patterns
- Type systems
- Attributes, SDD
- Representing “the meaning”
- Experiment





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Towards Back End Processing

- Target architectures
- ABIs, calling conventions
- Intermediate code
- Optimizations
- Register allocation
- Compiler runtime
- Finally, writing target!
- Experiment

Synthesis

Code Generation

Back End

```
push    %rbp
mov     %rsp,%rbp
sub     $0x10,%rsp
mov     %edi,-0x4(%rbp)
cmpl    $0x1,-0x4(%rbp)
jle     0x555555551f1 <_z1fi+40>
mov     -0x4(%rbp),%eax
sub     $0x1,%eax
mov     %eax,%edi
call    0x555555551c9 <_z1fi>
imul    -0x4(%rbp),%eax
jmp     0x555555551f6 <_z1fi+45>
mov     $0x1,%eax
leave
ret
```

... and a few words on

- Data flow analysis
- Static single assignment forms
- Instruction scheduling