MyJIT: Documentation

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About MyJIT

MyJIT is a library that allows to generate machine code at run-time and afterwards execute it. The project has started as a part of the Just-in-Time compiler of the Schemik (http://schemik.sourceforge.net) programming language and as a replacement for the GNU lightning library (http://www.gnu.org/software/lightning/) fixing some of its design issues. However, it has evolved into a more powerful tool. Therefore, MyJIT has a very similar instruction set as GNU lightning but it differs in some key aspects. The most important features which make MyJIT different or which should be highlighted are:

- support for an unlimited number of registers
- thread-safety
- support for the i386, AMD64, and SPARC processors
- convenient debugging
- easy to use and easy to extend design
- support for optimizations
- the library is fully embeddable
- particular backward compatibility with GNU lightning

2 Instruction Set

The instruction set of the MyJIT intermediate language is inspired by GNU lightning and in some aspects resembles architecture of RISC processors. Each operation has up to four operands which can be immediate values (numbers, constants) or registers. The number of available registers is virtually unlimited.

All general purpose registers and integer values are treated as signed integers and have the same size which corresponds to the register size of the CPU. Note that i386 and SPARC processors have 32 bit wide registers and AMD64 has 64 bit wide registers. In order to overcome this inconsistency, MyJIT provides the jit_value type which has the same size as the CPU's general purpose register. In specific cases, e.g., if smaller or unsigned value is needed and it is appropriate, you may specify the size or type of the value. This topic is discussed later.

All floating-point numbers and registers are internally treated as double precision values. However, if necessary, the value can be converted into a single precision value.

Typically, name of each instruction consists of three parts:

- name of the operation (e.g., add for addition, mul for multiplication, etc.)
- the name of the operation is often accompanied with the suffix r or i indicating whether the operation is taking merely registers or if it also takes an immediate value as its argument
- name of the operation can be equipped with additional flag delimited by the underscore (typically, this is used to identify operations handling unsigned numbers)

2.1 Registers

MyJIT supports arbitrary number of register. If the number of used registers is higher than the number of available hardware registers, MyJIT emulates them. Nevertheless, to achieve the best performance, it is a good practice not to use too many registers. All registers are denoted by positive integers including zero. To refer to these registers you should use macros R(x) and FR(x) identifying general purpose and floating point registers, respectively. Note that registers R(x) and FR(x) are completely different register and do not occupy the same space.

Besides, MyJIT has two special purpose registers---R_FP and R_OUT. R_FP serves as the frame pointer and is used to access dynamically allocated memory on the stack. The R_OUT can be used to handle the return values more efficiently. It can be used to read the return value right after the

return from the function. Otherwise, the value of the register is undefined. Furthermore, it can be used right before the return from the function to set the return value more efficiently. If the value is set earlier, it can lead to undefined behavior. However, in most cases register allocator can optimize this which makes this register almost obsolete.

2.2 Notation

In order to describe instruction set, we are using symbols reg and freg to denote general purpose and floating-point registers, respectively. Analogously, imm and fimm denote immediate integer values and floating-point values. Particular instructions (e.g., load and store operations) have an extra operand which specifies the size (number of bytes) of data they work with. This operand shall be denoted by size and fsize. The value passed by the operand size can be 1, 2, 4, or 8. However, only the AMD64 port supports operation processing 8 bytes long values. The value passed by the operand fsize can be either 4 or 8. In other words, fsize denotes precision of the value.

2.3 Instructions

2.3.1 Transfer Operations

These operations allow to assign a value into a register. The first operand is always a register and the second one can be either an immediate value or register.

```
movi reg, imm 01 := 02
movr reg, reg 01 := 02
fmovr freg, freg 01 := 02
fmov freg, fimm 01 := 02
```

2.3.2 Binary Arithmetic Operations

Each binary arithmetic operation has exactly three operands. First two operands are always registers and the last one can be an immediate value or register. These operations are fully compatible with those in the GNU lightning instruction set.

```
addr
                          01 := 02 + 03
       reg, reg, reg
addi
                          01 := 02 + 03
       reg, reg, imm
addxr
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := 02 + (03 + carry)
                          01 := 02 + (03 + carry)
addxi
     reg, reg, imm
                          01 := 02 + 03, set carry
addcr
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := 02 + 03, set carry
addci reg, reg, imm
```

```
01 := 02 - 03
subr
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := 02 - 03
subi
       reg, reg, imm
                          01 := 02 - (03 + carry)
subxr
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := 02 - (03 + carry)
subxi
       reg, reg, imm
                          01 := 02 - 03, set carry
subcr
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := 02 - 03, set carry
subci reg, reg, imm
                          01 := 03 - 02
rsbr
       reg, reg, reg
rsbi
                          01 := 03 - 02
       reg, reg, imm
mulr
                          01 := 02 * 03
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := 02 * 03
muli
       reg, reg, imm
                          01 := high bits of 02 * 03
hmulr
       reg, reg, reg
hmuli
                          01 := high bits of 02 * 03
      reg, reg, imm
divr
                          01 := 02 / 03
       reg, reg, reg
divi
                          01 := 02 / 03
       reg, reg, imm
                          01 := 02 % 03
modr
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := 02 % 03
modi
       reg, reg, imm
andr
                          01 := 02 & 03
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := 02 & 03
andi
       reg, reg, imm
                          01 := 02 | 03
огг
       reg, reg, reg
ori
       reg, reg, imm
                          01 := 02 | 03
                          01 := 02 ^ 03
XOLL
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := 02 ^ 03
хогі
       reg, reg, imm
lshr
                          01 := 02 << 03
       reg, reg, reg
lshi
       reg, reg, imm
                          01 := 02 << 03
                          01 := 02 >> 03
rshr
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := 02 >> 03
rshi
       reg, reg, imm
rshr_u reg, reg, reg
                          01 := 02 >> 03 (unsigned variant)
rshi_u reg, reg, imm
                          01 := 02 >> 03 (unsigned variant)
```

Operations subx and addx have to directly follow subc and addc otherwise the result is undefined. Note that you can use the unsigned flag with the rshr operation to propagate the first bit accordingly.

There are also equivalent operations for floating-point values.

```
faddr freg, freg, freg 01 := 02 + 03
faddi freg, freg, fimm 01 := 02 + 03
fsubr freg, freg 01 := 02 - 03
```

```
fsubi
        freg, freg, fimm
                              01 := 02 - 03
frsbr
        freg, freg, freg
                              01 := 03 - 02
                              01 := 03 - 02
frsbi
       freg, freg, fimm
fmulr
        freg, freg, freg
                              01 := 02 * 03
fmuli
        freq, freq, fimm
                              01 := 02 * 03
                              01 := 02 / 03
fdivr
        freg, freg, freg
                              01 := 02 / 03
fdivi
        freg, freg, fimm
```

2.3.3 Unary Arithmetic Operations

These operations have two operands, both of which have to be registers.

```
negr reg 01 := -02
notr reg 01 := -02
fnegr freg 01 := -02
```

2.3.4 Load Operations

These operations transfer data from the memory into a register. Each operation has 3 or 4 operands. The last operand is an immediate value indicating the "size" of the data processed by this operation, i.e., a number of bytes copied from the memory to the register. It can be one of the following values: 1, 2, 4, or 8. Furthermore, the size cannot be larger than the size of the register. If the size of the data copied from the memory is smaller than the size of the register, the value is expanded to fit the entire register. Therefore, it may be necessary to specify additional sign flag.

```
ldr
         reg, reg, size
                                    01 := *02
ldi
                                    01 := *02
         reg, imm, size
         reg, reg, size
                                    01 := *02
                                                      (unsigned variant)
ldr u
ldi u
         reg, imm, size
                                    01 := *02
                                                      (unsigned variant)
ldxr
                                    01 := *(02 + 03)
         reg, reg, reg, size
ldxi
                                    01 := *(02 + 03)
         reg, reg, imm, size
         reg, reg, reg, size
                                    01 := *(02 + 03) (unsigned variant)
ldxr_u
                                    01 := *(02 + 03) (unsigned variant)
ldxi_u
         reg, reg, imm, size
fldr
         freg, reg, fsize
                                    01 := *02
fldi
         freg, imm, fsize
                                    01 := *02
fldxr
         freg, reg, reg, fsize
                                    01 := *(02 + 03)
fldxi
         freg, reg, imm, fsize
                                    01 := *(02 + 03)
```

2.3.5 Store Operations

These operations transfer data from the register into the memory. Each operation has 3 or 4 operands. The last operand is an immediate value and indicates the "size" of the data, see "Load Operations" for more details. The first operand can be either an immediate or register. Other operands must be registers.

```
*01 := 02
str
        reg, reg, size
sti
                                     *01 := 02
        imm, reg, size
                                     *(01 + 02) := 03
stxr
        reg, reg, reg, size
                                     *(01 + 02) := 03
        imm, reg, reg, size
stxi
fstr
                                     *01 := 02
        reg, freg, fsize
fsti
        imm, freg, fsize
                                     *01 := 02
        reg, reg, freg, fsize
                                     *(01 + 02) := 03
fstxr
fstxi
        imm, reg, freg, fsize
                                     *(01 + 02) := 03
```

2.3.6 Compare Instructions

These operations compare last two operands and store one or zero (if the condition was met or not, respectively) into the first operand. All these operations have three operands. The first two operands have to be registers and the last one can be either a register or an immediate value.

```
ltr
       reg, reg, reg
                         01 := (02 < 03)
lti
                         01 := (02 < 03)
      reg, reg, imm
ltr_u reg, reg, reg
                         01 := (02 < 03) (unsigned variant)
lti_u reg, reg, imm
                         01 := (02 < 03) (unsigned variant)
ler
                         01 := (02 <= 03)
       reg, reg, reg
                         01 := (02 <= 03)
lei
      reg, reg, imm
                         01 := (02 <= 03) (unsigned variant)
ler_u reg, reg, reg
lei u
      reg, reg, imm
                         01 := (02 <= 03) (unsigned variant)
                         01 := (02 > 03)
gtr
      reg, reg, reg
                         01 := (02 > 03)
gti
      reg, reg, imm
                         01 := (02 > 03) (unsigned variant)
gtr_u
      reg, reg, reg
      reg, reg, imm
                         01 := (02 > 03) (unsigned variant)
gti_u
      reg, reg, reg
                         01 := (02 >= 03)
ger
```

```
01 := (02 >= 03)
gei
       reg, reg, imm
ger_u reg, reg, reg
                          01 := (02 >= 03) (unsigned variant)
gei_u reg, reg, imm
                          01 := (02 \ge 03) (unsigned variant)
                          01 := (02 == 03)
egr
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := (02 == 03)
eqi
       reg, reg, imm
                          01 := (02 != 03)
ner
       reg, reg, reg
                          01 := (02 != 03)
nei
       reg, reg, imm
```

2.3.7 Conversions

Register for integer and floating-pint values are independent and in order to convert value from one type to another you have to use one of the following operations.

The operation truncr rounds the value towards zero and is the fastest one. Operations floorr and ceilr rounds the value towards negative or positive infinity, respectively. roundr rounds the given value to the nearest integer.

2.3.8 Function declaration

The following operations and auxiliary macros help to create a function, read its arguments, and return value.

- Operation prolog imm has one operand which is an immediate value, which is a reference to a pointer of the function defined by the intermediate code. In other words, MyJIT generates machine code for a function which resides somewhere in the memory. The address of the functions is handed by this reference. See the "Getting started" section, for more details and for an illustrative example.
- Operations retr reg, reti imm, fretr freg, fsize, and freti freg, fsize set the return value and return control to the calling procedure (or function).
- Operation declare_arg imm, imm is not an actual operation but rather an auxiliary function which declares the type of the argument and its size (in this order); declare_arg can take the following types of arguments

JIT_SIGNED_NUM -- signed integer number

- JIT_UNSIGNED_NUM -- unsigned integer number
- JIT_FLOAT -- floating-point number
- JIT_PTR -- pointer
- To read an argument there are getarg reg, imm and getarg freg, imm operations having two arguments. The destination register where the input argument will be stored and the immediate value which identifies position of the argument.
- Operation allocal imm reserves space on the stack which has at least the size specified by its operand. Note that the stack space may be aligned to some higher value. The macro returns an integer number which is an *offset from the frame pointer R_FP!*

2.3.9 Function calls

Each function call is done in three steps. The call is initiated by the operation prepare having no argument. In the second step, arguments are passed to a function using putarg or fputarg. (The arguments are passed in the normal order not in reverse, cf. GNU Lightning.) Afterwards, the function is called with the call operation. To retrieve the returned value you can use operations retval or fretval.

Let us make few notes on function calls:

- If calling a function defined in the same instance of the compiler (e.g., recursive function), you cannot pass values through registers. Each function has its own set of registers.
- Only putargr, putargi, fputargr, and fputargi operations are allowed inside the prepare-call block, otherwise, the behavior of the library is unspecified.

List of operations related to function calls:

- prepare -- prepares function call (generic)
- putargr reg -- passes an argument to a function
- putargi imm -- passes an argument to a function
- fputargr freg, fsize -- passes the argument to a function
- fputargi fimm, fsize -- passes the argument to a function
- call imm -- calls a function
- callr req
- retval reg -- reads return value
- fretval freg, fsize -- reads return value

2.3.10 Jumps

Operations jmpi and jmpr can be used to implement unconditional jumps. Both operations have one operand, an address to jump to. To obtain this address you can use the get_label operation or use the forward declaration along with the patch operation.

- get_label is not an actual operation; it is a function that returns a jit_label value---value which corresponds to the current position in the code. This value can be passed to jmpi/call or to a branch operation.
- It may happen that one need to jump into a code which will be defined later. Therefore, one can use the forward declaration and set the address later. This means, one can declare that the operation jmpi or a branch operations jumps to the place defined by the JIT_FORWARD macro and store the pointer to the operation into some jit_op * value. To set the address later, there is the patch imm operation with an argument which is the patched operation. The following code illustrates the situation.

```
op = jmpi JIT_FORWARD
;
; some code
;
patch op
```

2.3.11 Branch Operations

Branch operations represent conditional jumps and all have three operands. The first operand is an immediate value and represents the address to jump to. The latter two are values to be compared. The last operand can be either an immediate value or register.

```
bltr
          imm, reg, reg
                              if (02 < 03) goto 01
blti
                              if (02 < 03) goto 01
          imm, reg, imm
          imm, reg, reg
                              if (02 < 03) goto 01
bltr u
                              if (02 < 03) goto 01
blti_u
          imm, reg, imm
bler
          imm, reg, reg
                              if (02 <= 03) goto 01
blei
                              if (02 <= 03) goto 01
          imm, reg, imm
bler_u
          imm, reg, reg
                              if (02 <= 03) goto 01
blei_u
                              if (02 <= 03) goto 01
          imm, reg, imm
bgtr
                              if (02 > 03) goto 01
          imm, reg, reg
bgti
                              if (02 > 03) goto 01
          imm, reg, imm
                              if (02 > 03) goto 01
bgtr_u
          imm, reg, reg
```

```
bgti_u
          imm, reg, imm
                              if (02 > 03) goto 01
bger
          imm, reg, reg
                               if (02 >= 03) goto 01
                               if (02 >= 03) goto 01
bgei
          imm, reg, imm
                               if (02 >= 03) goto 01
bger_u
          imm, reg, reg
                               if (02 >= 03) goto 01
bgei_u
          imm, reg, imm
                               if (02 == 03) goto 01
begr
          imm, reg, reg
beqi
          imm, reg, imm
                               if (02 == 03) goto 01
          imm, reg, reg
bner
                               if (02 != 03) goto 01
bnei
          imm, reg, imm
                               if (02 != 03) goto 01
bmsr
          imm, reg, reg
                               if (02 & 03) goto 01
bmsi
          imm, reg ,imm
                               if (02 & 03) goto 01
          imm, reg ,reg
bmcr
                               if !(02 & 03) goto 01
                               if !(02 & 03) goto 01
bmci
          imm, reg ,imm
boaddr
          imm, reg, reg
                              02 += 03, goto 01 on overflow
boaddi
          imm, reg, imm
                              02 += 03, goto 01 on overflow
bnoaddr
                              02 += 03, goto 01 on not overflow
          imm, reg, reg
bnoaddi
                              02 += 03, goto 01 on not overflow
          imm, reg, imm
bosubr
          imm, reg, reg
                              02 -= 03, goto 01 on overflow
bosubi
                              02 -= 03, goto 01 on overflow
          imm, reg, imm
bnosubr
          imm, reg, reg
                              02 -= 03, goto 01 on not overflow
bnosubi
                              02 -= 03, goto 01 on not overflow
          imm, reg, imm
fbltr
          imm, freg, freg
                              if (02 < 03) goto 01
fblti
          imm, freg, fimm
                               if (02 < 03) goto 01
fbler
          imm, freg, freg
                               if (02 <= 03) goto 01
fblei
          imm, freg, fimm
                               if (02 <= 03) goto 01
fbgtr
          imm, freg, freg
                              if (02 > 03) goto 01
                               if (02 > 03) goto 01
fbgti
          imm, freg, fimm
          imm, freg, freg
                               if (02 >= 03) goto 01
fbger
fbgei
          imm, freg, fimm
                               if (02 >= 03) goto 01
fbegr
          imm, freg, freg
                              if (02 == 03) goto 01
          imm, freg, fimm
                              if (02 == 03) goto 01
fbeqi
```

```
fbner imm, freg, freg if (02 != 03) goto 01 fbnei imm, freg, fimm if (02 != 03) goto 01
```

2.3.12 Misc

There is an operation that allows to emit raw bytes of data into a generated code:

```
data byte imm
```

This operation emits only one byte to a generated code. For convenience there are auxiliary macros emitting a sequence of bytes, string of chars (including the trailing 0), empty area, and values of common sizes, respectively.

```
jit_data_bytes(struct jit *jit, int count, unsigned char *data)
jit_data_str(jit, str)
jit_data_emptyarea(jit, size)
jit_data_word(jit, a)
jit_data_dword(jit, a)
jit_data_qword(jit, a)
```

If you are emitting raw data into a code, it is your responsibility to properly align code. For this purpose there is an operation:

```
jit_align imm
```

This operation takes care of proper code alignment. Note that particular platforms have their specific requirements. On SPARC all instructions have to be aligned to 4 bytes, AMD64 favors alignment to 16 bytes, but it is not mandatory, etc. Safe bet is to use 16 as an operand of this operation.

To obtain reference to a data or code you can use two operations:

```
ref_data reg, imm
ref code reg, imm
```

That loads address of the label (second operand) into a register. The ref_data operation is intended for addresses of data (emitted with data_* operations) and ref_code is for address within an ordinary code. Note that address obtained with ref_code can be used only for local jumps inside a function. If necessary, for instance, if a some sort of branch table is needed, it is possible to emit address as a data with two operations.

```
data_code imm
data data imm
```

Note that mixing code and data may not be a generally good idea and may lead to various issues, e.g. poor performance, weird behavior, etc. Albeit this feature is part of the library, users are encouraged to place data to some specific part of code (for instance, to the end of code) or

use data that are not part of the code and are allocated elsewhere, for instance, with ordinary malloc.

3 Getting Started

We start with a really simple example---function returning its argument incremented by one. The source code of this example can be found in demol.c which is part of the MyJIT package.

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
// includes the header file
#include "myjit/jitlib.h"
// pointer to a function accepting one argument of type long and returning long value
typedef long (* plfl)(long);
int main()
{
        // creates a new instance of the compiler
        struct jit * p = jit_init();
        plfl foo;
      // the code generated by the compiler will be assigned to the function `foo'
        jit_prolog(p, &foo);
        // the first argument of the function
        jit_declare_arg(p, JIT_SIGNED_NUM, sizeof(long));
        // moves the first argument into the register R(0)
        jit_getarg(p, R(0), 0);
     // takes the value in R(0), increments it by one, and stores the result into the
        // register R(1)
        jit_addi(p, R(1), R(0), 1);
```

```
// returns from the function and returns the value stored in the register R(1)
    jit_retr(p, R(1));

// compiles the above defined code
    jit_generate_code(p);

// checks, if it works
    printf("Check #1: %li\n", foo(1));
    printf("Check #2: %li\n", foo(100));
    printf("Check #3: %li\n", foo(255));

// if you are interested, you can dump the machine code
    // this functionality is provided through the `gcc' and `objdump'
    // jit_dump_ops(p, JIT_DEBUG_CODE);

// cleanup
    jit_free(p);
    return 0;
}
```

We assume that the code above is quite (self-)explanatory, and thus, we do not include more comments on this. However, let us make a note on compiling programs using MyJIT. To start with MyJIT, it is sufficient to copy the myjit subdirectory into your project. Programs using the MyJIT should include the #include "myjit/jitlib.h" header file. In order to link the application and build a proper executable file, it is necessary to also compile "myjit/libjit-core.c".

For instance, to build a program with gcc you may use the following steps:

```
gcc -c -g -Winline -Wall -std=c99 -pedantic -D_XOPEN_SOURCE=600 demo1.c
gcc -c -g -Winline -Wall -std=c99 -pedantic -D_XOPEN_SOURCE=600 myjit/jitlib-core.c
gcc -o demo1 -g -Wall -std=c99 -pedantic demo1.o jitlib-core.o
```

The first command compiles the example, the second one compiles functions used by MyJIT, and the last one links the object files together and creates an execute file---demo1.

It should be emphasized that MyJIT conforms to the C99 standard and all MyJIT files should be compiled according to this standard.

We also recommend to check out the demo2.c and demo3.c examples which are also included in the MyJIT package.

4 Debugging

4.1 Debugging messages

MyJIT contains several tools simplifying development. One of them is the msg operation which prints out the given message or a value of the given register. The msg operation has one or two operands. The first one is always an immediate value which is the string to display. The second operand is optional and it must be a register. In this case the first string serves as the format string for printf and the value of the register is printed out using this string. The example of the msg operation usage:

```
jit_msg(jit, "Simple message\n");
jit_msgr(jit, "Reg 1: %l\n", R(1));
```

4.2 Warnings

One of the MyJIT's goals is to achieve maximal performance while emitting code. Thus, it does not do many checks while generating machine code from the intermediate language. Therefore, if the code in the intermediate language contains an error, it leads to a faulty machine code, and subsequently to a crash of the program. In order to avoid such errors, MyJIT contains a function:

```
void jit_check_code(struct jit *jit, int warnings);
```

Which can be called before code generation and which can point out to the most common errors. In the second argument you may specify if you want to be warned about all types of errors (JIT_WARN_ALL) or you can pick only some of them from the following list:

- JIT_WARN_DEAD_CODE -- detects unreachable code
- JIT_WARN_OP_WITHOUT_EFFECT -- displays warnings about operations without effect
- JIT_WARN_INVALID_DATA_SIZE -- displays warning if the size operand does not contain a valid value (i.e., 1, 2, 4, or 8)
- JIT_WARN_UNINITIALIZED_REG -- displays warning if an uninitialized register is used
- JIT_WARN_REGISTER_TYPE_MISMATCH -- displays warning if a general purpose register is used in place where the floating point register is expected, or vice versa

- JIT_WARN_MISSING_PATCH -- reports all jump operations with a JIT_FORWARD declaration but without corresponding patch
- JIT_WARN_UNALIGNED_CODE -- displays warning if the code follows data section without alignment
- JIT_WARN_INVALID_CODE_REFERENCE -- displays warning if ref_code or data_code is referring to a data and not to a valid code
- JIT_WARN_INVALID_DATA_REFERENCE -- displays warning if ref_data or data_data is referring to a code and not to a data
- JIT_WARN_ALL -- displays all warnings

4.3 Code listing

In real programs is MyJIT typically called from various functions and code is constructed in several steps, thus it is sometimes difficult to figure out, how the code looks like. Therefore, MyJIT provides several means allowing to inspect final code in the intermediate language as well as in the machine code. This functionality is provided through the jit_dump_ops function. In the second argument you may specify if you want to list:

- list of all operations in the intermediate language (JIT_DEBUG_OPS)
- generated machine code (JIT_DEBUG_CODE)
- combination of both -- MyJIT operations and machine code (JIT_DEBUG_COMBINED)

To make the navigation through the listing easier, we have included one auxiliary operation:

```
comment imm
```

Which has only one argument -- string which will appear only in the dumps.

NOTICE! Do not use debugging operations and functions in the production code. These operations are not efficient and may lead to a poor performance. You should rather call the printf function explicitly. The <code>jit_dump_ops</code> with the <code>JIT_DEBUG_CODE</code> is using <code>gcc</code> and <code>objdump</code> to disassemble the code, therefore, these two programs have to be present in the system, or, on OS X clang and <code>otool</code> are used. The <code>JIT_DEBUG_COMBINED</code> option requires <code>myjit-disasm</code> disassembler in the directory along with the debugged program, or the path to the disassembler has to be specified in the <code>MYJIT_DISASM</code> environment variable.

Examples of the outputs for the above mentioned source code.

4.3.1 Example of the IL listing (JIT_DEBUG_OPS)

```
prolog 0xbfe62858
declarg integer, 0x4
```

getarg r0, 0x0 addi r1, r0, 0x1 retr r1

$4.3.2\quad Example \ of \ the \ machine \ code \ listing \ (\verb"JIT_DEBUG_CODE")$

00000000000000000 <main>:

0: 55 гЬр push 1: 48 8b ec rbp,rsp MOV rsp,0x20 4: 48 83 ec 20 sub 8: 48 8b f7 rsi,rdi MOV b: 48 8d 46 01 lea rax,[rsi+0x1] f: 48 8b e5 rsp,rbp MOV 12: 5d рор гЬр 13: c3 ret

4.3.3 Example of the combined listing (JIT_DEBUG_COMBINED)

prolog 0x7fffa0371db0 0000: 55

0000: 55 push rbp 0001: 48 8b ec mov rbp, rsp 0004: 48 83 ec 20 sub rsp, 0x20

declare_arg integer, 0x8 getarg r0, 0x0

0008: 48 8b f7 mov rsi, rdi

addi r1, r0, 0x1

000b: 48 8d 46 01 lea rax, [rsi+0x1]

retr r1

000f: 48 8b e5 mov rsp, rbp

0012: 5d pop rbp 0013: c3 ret

5 Optimizations

Support for multiple optimizations is available since release 0.7. These optimizations may speed up your code but the code generation may take longer. Therefore, you can turn particular optimization off and on using jit_disable_optimization and jit_enable_optimization functions, respectively. Currently, there are available the following optimizations:

- JIT_OPT_OMIT_UNUSED_ASSIGNEMENTS -- compiler skips unused assignments. (Turned off by default.)
- JIT_OPT_JOIN_ADDMUL -- if possible, compiler joins adjacent mul and add (or two add's) into one LEA operation (Turned on by default.)
- JIT_OPT_OMIT_FRAME_PTR -- if possible, compiler skips prolog and epilogue of the function. This significantly speeds up small functions. (Turned on by default.)

The optimized code for above mentioned example looks like this:

00000000 <main>:

0: 8b 4c 24 04 mov ecx,DWORD PTR [esp+0x4]
4: 8d 41 01 lea eax,[ecx+0x1]
7: c3 ret

Or, like this:

00000000000000000 <main>:

0: 48 8d 47 01 lea rax,[rdi+1] 4: c3 ret

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6.1 Getting MyJIT

The source code including this documentation and examples is available at SourceForge (http://sourceforge.net/projects/myjit/files) as of other information (http://sourceforge.net/projects/myjit)

You can also checkout the latest release from the GIT repository:

git clone git://git.code.sf.net/p/myjit/maincode myjit-maincode).

6.2 Documentation

Documentation is available in the doc/ directory and on the project's website as a text file, PDF file, or as a single HTML page.

6.3 License

MyJIT is distributed under the terms of GNU Lesser General Public License v.3 or later (at your option).

Despite the fact that MyJIT is very similar to GNU Lightning, it does not share any source code with this project. However, some files come from the Mono project by Novel. (http://www.mono-project.com)

7 Notes on Development

- The primary use of this library is in our compiler of the Schemik programming language and the development of this library is driven by requirements of this compiler. Nevertheless, MyJIT is a general purpose library and its functionality is not limited.
- The library is almost complete and each release undergoes extensive testing (hundreds of tests), therefore, we hope there are no serious bugs. If you found any, please, let us know.
- Despite the fact that the library is almost complete, it is still under development and the API may slightly (but not much) change in the near future.
- Only the i386, AMD64, and SPARC platforms are supported right now, however, port to other architecture should be easy and straightforward.
- At this moment, MyJIT has support for floating point arithmetics. However, i386 port supports only processors having SSE2 unit, i.e., floating-point operations won't work on legacy CPUs without this unit.
- If you are using this library or if you want to contribute some code (e.g., port to some architecture), please, let us know.
- The documentation lacks information on internals of MyJIT. This is purely intentional because the library is still developed. We expect that the quality of the documentation will improve with the maturity of the project. If in doubts, ask in the mailing list (myjit-devel@lists.sourceforge.net If you would like to participate on documentation improvements, please let us know, we will really appreciate it.