LLVM & Clang

LLVM: Low Level Virtual Machine

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Hands On Session for LLVM & clang

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int retsum(int a, int b) {
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    # clang -Xclang -ast-dump -fsyntax-only code.cpp
    FunctionDecl <test.cc:1:1, line:3:1> retsum | int (int, int)|
      |-ParmVarDecl <col:12, col:16> col:16 used a 'int'
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      |-ParmVarDecl <col:19, col:23> col:23 used b 'int'
        CompoundStmt <col:26, line:3:1>
8
          -ReturnStmt <line:2:3, col:14>
9
            -BinaryOperator <col:10, col:14> 'int' '+'
10
              |-ImplicitCastExpr <col:10> 'int' <LValueToRValue>
11
                -DeclRefExpr <col:10> 'int' lvalue ParmVar 'a' 'int'
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         ImplicitCastExpr
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          DeclRefExpr
                             4082
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LLVM IR

```
1
    int retsum(int a, int b) {
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3
    # clang -S -emit-llvm code.cpp -00 -o code.ll
4
    ; ModuleID = 'test.cc'
5
    source filename = "test.cc"
6
    target datalayout = "e-m:e-p270:32:32-p271:32:32-p272:64:64-i64:..."
    target triple = "x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu"
8
9
    ; Function Attrs: mustprogress noinline nounwind optnone uwtable
10
    define dso_local i32 0_Z6retsumii(i32 %0, i32 %1) #0 {
11
12
      %3 = alloca i32, align 4
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13
      store i32 %0, i32* %3, align 4
14
      store i32 %1, i32* %4, align 4
15
      \%5 = 10ad i32, i32* \%3, align 4
16
      \%6 = \text{load i32}, i32* \%4, align 4
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      \%7 = add nsw i32 \%5, \%6
18
      ret i32 %7
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 - Register the Pass and build your pass into a shared library which can be loaded and used by opt tool to run pass on LLVM IR.



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5
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          PB.registerPipelineParsingCallback(
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14
          ArrayRef<PassBuilder::PipelineElement>) {
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- Clang Plugin or Standalone tool (clang LibTooling).

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```
class ClassAction : public clang::ASTFrontendAction {
      public:
      # returns a uniq ptr to your consumer.
      virtual std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer>
      CreateASTConsumer(clang::CompilerInstance &Compiler,
5
        llvm::StringRef InFile) {
        return
          # Instantiate your consumer.
8
          std::make_unique<ClassConsumer>(
9
            &Compiler.getASTContext()
10
          );
11
12
    };
13
```

Clang ClassConsumer

```
class ClassConsumer : public clang::ASTConsumer {
      public:
        explicit ClassConsumer(ASTContext *Context)
3
          : Visitor(Context) {}
        virtual void HandleTranslationUnit(clang::ASTContext &Context) {
5
          # Called on each TranslationDeclUnit
          Visitor.TraverseDecl(Context.getTranslationUnitDecl());
      private:
        # Implements the actual recursive visit strategy.
10
        ClassVisitor Visitor:
11
    };
12
```

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```
class ClassVisitor
    : public RecursiveASTVisitor<ClassVisitor> {
    public:
      explicit FindNamedClassVisitor(ASTContext *Context)
 4
         : Context(Context) {}
5
      bool VisitWhileStmt(WhileStmt *S) {
        llvm::outs() << "While Condition : ";</pre>
8
9
        if (S)
10
        VisitDecl(S->getConditionVariable());
11
        return true;
12
      # ... More Visit Logic.
13
      bool VisitDecl(clang::Decl *Declaration) {
14
        Declaration->dump();
15
        return true;
16
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    private:
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      ASTContext *Context;
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