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Tasks of Code Generation



Generation of machine instructions

- selecting the right instructions
- selecting the right addressing modes

Translation of control structures (if, while, ...) into jumps

Allocation of stack frames for local variables

Maybe some optimizations

Output of the object file

Common Strategy of Code Generation



1. Study the target machine

registers, data formats, addressing modes, instructions, instruction formats, ...

2. Design the run-time data structures

layout of stack frames, layout of the global data area, layout of heap objects, ...

3. Implement the code buffer

instruction encoding, instruction patching, ...

4. Implement register allocation

irrelevant in MicroJava, because we have a stack machine

5. Implement code generation routines (in the following order)

- load values (to the expression stack)
- process designators (x.y, a[i], ...)
- translate expressions
- manage labels and jumps
- translate statements
- translate methods and parameter passing



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Architecture of the MicroJava VM (mJVM)



What is a virtual machine (VM)?

- A software CPU
- instructions are interpreted (or "jitted")
- examples: Java VM, Smalltalk VM, Pascal P-Code

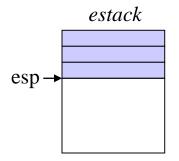
MicroJava programs

mJVM

e.g. Intel processor

The mJVM is a stack machine

- no registers
- instead it has an *expression stack* (onto which values are loaded)



word array (1 word = 4 bytes) need not be big (e.g. 32 words » 32 registers)

esp ... expression stack pointer

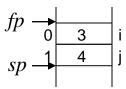
How a Stack Machine Works



Example

statement i = i + j * 5;

assume the following values of i and j



Simulation

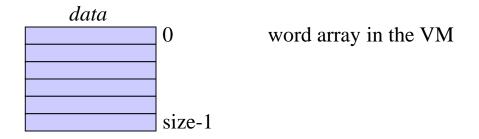
instructions	stack	
load0	3	load variable from address 0 (i.e. i)
load1	3 4	load variable from address 1 (i.e. j)
const5	3 4 5	load constant 5
mul	3 20	multiply the two topmost stack elements
add	23	add the two topmost stack elements
store0		store the topmost stack element to address 0

At the end of every statement the expression stack is empty!

Data Areas of the mVM



Global variables



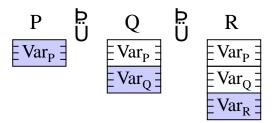
- area of fixed size
- global variables live during the whole program
- every variable occupies 1 word (4 bytes)
- global variables are addressed by word numbers e.g. *getstatic 2* loads the variable at address 2 from *data* to *estack*

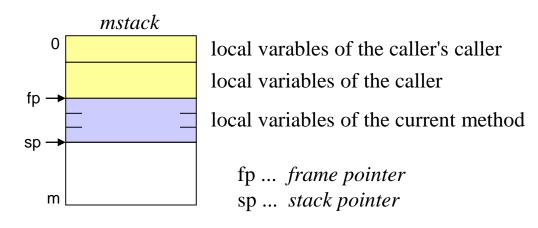
Data Areas of the mJVM



Local variables

- are allocated in a *stack frame*
- every method invocation has its own stack frame
- frames are managed in a stack-like way





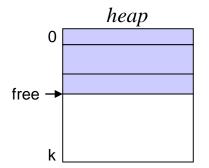
- local variables are addressed relative to fp
- every variable occupies 1 word (4 bytes)
- local variables are addressed by word numbers e.g. *load0* loads the variable at offset 0 from *fp* to *estack*

Data Areas of the mVM



Heap

• contains class objects and array objects



word array in the VM

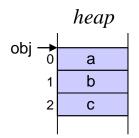
- New objects are allocated at the position *free* (and *free* is incremented); this is done by the VM instructions *new* and *newarray*
- Objects are never deallocated in MicroJava (no garbage collector)
- Pointers are word addresses relative to the beginning of the heap

Data Areas of the mJVM



class objects

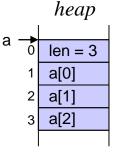
```
class T {
  int a, b;
  char c;
}
T obj = new T;
```



- every field occupies 1 word (4 bytes)
- addressed by word numbers relative to obj

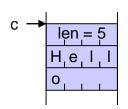
array objects

int[] a; a = new int[3];



- array length is stored in the array object
- every element occupies 1 word (4 bytes)

char[] c = new char[5];



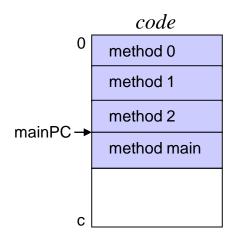
- *char* arrays are byte arrays
- but their length is a multiple of 4 bytes

Code Area of the mVM



Code

- byte array of fixed size
- methods are allocated consecutively
- *mainPC* points to the *main()* method



byte array in the VM

special registers of the VM

fp frame pointer

sp stack pointer (mstack)

esp stack pointer (estack)

pc program counter



Bytecodes (similar to Java bytecodes)

- very compact: most instructions are just 1 byte long
- untyped (the Java VM encodes operand types in instructions)

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	load0	iload0	fload0	reason: the Java bytecode verifier can use
	load1	iload1	fload1	the operand types to check the integrity of
	add	iadd	fadd	the program

Instruction format

very simple compared to Intel, PowerPC or SPARC

```
Code = {Instruction}. opcode ... 1 byte operand ... 1, 2 or 4 bytes
```

Examples

0 operands	add	has 2 implicit operands on the stack
1 operand	load 7	
2 operands	enter 0, 2	method entry



Addressing modes

How can operands be accessed?

• **Immediate** const 7 for constants

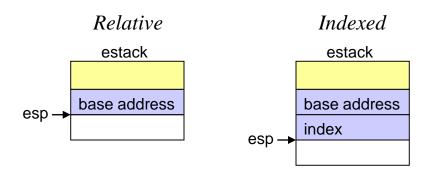
• Local load 3 for local variables on *mstack*

• **Static** getstatic 3 for global variables in *data*

• Stack add for loaded values on estack

• **Relative** getfield 3 for object fields (load heap[pop() + 3])

• **Indexed** aload for array elements (load heap[pop() + 1 + pop()])





Load/store of local variables

load b	 , val	Load push(local[b]);
load <n></n>	 , val	$\frac{\text{Load }(n = 03)}{\text{push(local[n]);}}$
store b	, val 	<pre>Store local[b] = pop();</pre>
store <n></n>	, val 	$\frac{\text{Store}}{\text{local}[n] = \text{pop}()};$

operand lengths

b ... byte

s ... short (2 bytes)

w ... word (4 bytes)

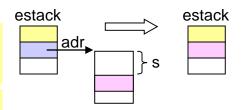
Load/store of global variables

getstatic s	 , val	Load static variable push(data[s]);
putstatic s	, val 	Store static variable data[s] = pop();



Load/store of object fields

getfield s	, adr , val	<pre>Load object field adr = pop(); push(heap[adr+s]);</pre>
putfield s	, adr, val 	<pre>Store object field val = pop(); adr = pop(); heap[adr+s] = val;</pre>

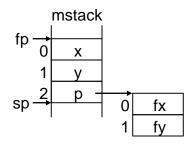


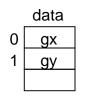
Loading constants

const w	 , val	Load constant push(w);
const <n></n>	 , val	Load constant (n = 05) push(n);
const_m1	 , val	Load minus one push(-1);

Examples: Loading and Storing







	code	bytes	stack
x = y;	load1	1	у
	store0	1	-
gx = gy;	getstatic 1	3	gy
31 3),	putstatic 0	3	-
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p.fx = p.fy;	load2	1	р
	load2	1	рр
	getfield 1	3	p p.fy
	putfield 0	3	-

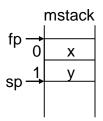


Arithmetic

add	, val1, val2 , val1+val2	Add push(pop() + pop());
sub	, val1, val2 , val1-val2	<pre>Subtract push(-pop() + pop());</pre>
mul	, val1, val2 , val1*val2	<pre>Multiply push(pop() * pop());</pre>
div	, val1, val2 , val1/val2	<pre>Divide y = pop(); push(pop() / y);</pre>
rem	, val1, val2 , val1%val2	<pre>Remainder y = pop(); push(pop() % y);</pre>
neg	, val , -val	Negate push(-pop());
shl	, val, x , val1	<pre>Shift left x = pop(); push(pop() << x);</pre>
shr	, val, x , val1	Shift right x = pop(); push(pop() >> x);

Examples: Arithmetic Operations





	code	bytes	stack
x + y * 3	load0	1	X
	load1	1	ху
	const3	1	x y 3
	mul	1	x y*3
	add	1	x+v*3

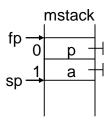


Object creation

new s	 , adr	New object allocate area of s words; initialize area to all 0; push(adr(area));
newarray b	, n , adr	New array n = pop(); if (b == 0) allocate byte array with n elements (+ length word); else if (b == 1) allocate word array with n elements (+ length word); initialize array to all 0; store n as the first word of the array; push(adr(array));

Examples: Object Creation



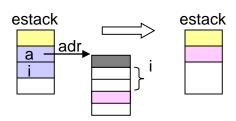


	code	bytes	stack	k
Person p = new Person;	new 4	3	p	// assume: size(Person) = 4 words
	store0	1	-	
int[] a = new int[5];	const5	1	5	
	newarray 1	2	а	
	store1	1	-	



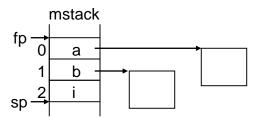
Array access

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aload	, adr, i , val	<pre>Load array element i = pop(); adr = pop(); push(heap[adr+1+i]);</pre>		
astore	,adr, i, val 	<pre>Store array element val = pop(); i = pop(); adr = pop(); heap[adr+1+i] = val;</pre>		
baload	, adr, i , val	Load byte array element i = pop(); adr = pop(); x = heap[adr+1+i/4]; push(byte i%4 of x);		
bastore	,adr, i, val 	<pre>Store byte array element val = pop(); i = pop(); adr = pop(); x = heap[adr+1+i/4]; set byte i%4 in x to val; heap[adr+1+i/4] = x;</pre>		
arraylength	, adr , len	<pre>Get array length adr = pop(); push(heap[adr]);</pre>		



Example: Array Access





	code	bytes	stack
a[i] = b[i+1];	load0	1	а
	load2	1	a i
	load1	1	a i b
	load2	1	aibi
	const1	1	aibi 1
	add	1	a i b i+1
	aload	1	a i b[i+1]
	astore	1	-



Stack manipulation

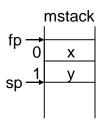
pop	, val	Remove topmost stack element
		dummy = pop();

Jumps

jmp s		Jump unconditionally pc = s;
j <cond> s</cond>	, x, y 	Jump conditionally (eq,ne,lt,le,gt,ge) $y = pop(); x = pop();$ if (x cond y) pc = s;

Example: Jumps



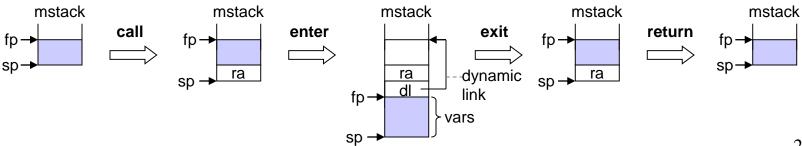


	code	bytes	stack
if $(x > y)$	load0	1	X
	load1	1	х у
	jle	3	-



Method call

call	S	 Call method PUSH(pc+3); pc = s;	PUSH and POP work on <i>mstack</i>
enter	b1, b2	 Enter method pars = b1; vars = b2; // in words PUSH(fp); fp = sp; sp = sp + vars; initialize frame to 0; for (i=pars-1; i>=0; i) local[i] = pop();	
exit		 Exit method sp = fp; fp = POP();	
return		 Return pc = POP();	





Input/output

read	 , val	<pre>Read x = readInt(); push(x);</pre>
print	, val, width	<pre>Print w = pop(); writeInt(pop(), w);</pre>
bread	 , val	<pre>Read byte ch = readChar(); push(ch);</pre>
bprint	, val, width	<pre>Print w = pop(); writeChar(pop(), w);</pre>

input from System.in output to System.out

Miscellaneous

trap	b		Throw exception
		•••	print error message b;
			stop execution;

Example



void main()		adre	aaaa
int a, b, max, sum;		aare	sses
{	0: enter 0, 4	a	0
if (a > b)	3: load0	b	1
	4: load1	max	
	5: jle 13 ——	sum	
max = a;	8: load0	Suili	5
	9: store2		
	10: jmp 15 —	\neg	
else max = b;	13: load1 ◆		
	14: store2		
while (a > 0) {	► 15: load0 ←		
	16: const0		
	17: jle 33 ——		
sum = sum + a * b;	20: load3		
	21: load0		
	22: load1		
	23: mul		
	24: add		
	25: store3		
a = a - 1;	26: load0		
	27: const1		
	28: sub		
	29: store0		
}	−30: jmp 15		
}	33: exit ◆		
	34: return		



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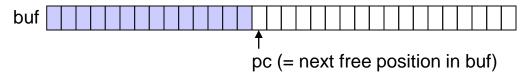
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Code Buffer



Data structure

byte array in memory, because some instructions have to be patched later.



Emitting instructions

simple, because MicroJava has a simple instruction format

instruction codes are declared in class Code

```
static final int
                   e.g., emitting load 7
  load
            = 1.
  load0
                    Code.put(Code.load);
  load1
            = 3,
                    Code.put(7);
  load2
            = 4,
  load3
            = 5,
                   e.g.: emitting load2
  store
            = 6.
  store0
            = 7,
                    Code.put(Code.load0 + 2);
  store1
            = 8.
  store2
            = 9.
  store3
            = 10.
  getstatic = 11,
  ...;
```



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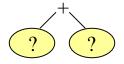
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Operands During Code Generation



Example

we want to add two values



desired code pattern

load operand 1 load operand 2 add

Depending on the operand kind we must generate different load instructions

operand kind instruction to be generated

constant const val

• local variable load a

• global variable getstatic a

• object field getfield a

array element aload

• loaded value on the stack ---

We need a descriptor, which gives us all the necessary information about operands

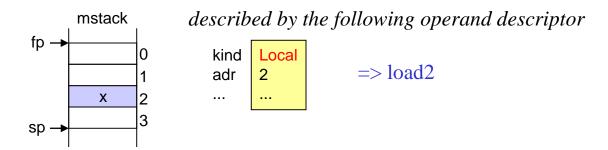
Operand Decriptors



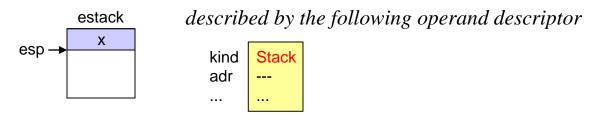
Descriptors holding information about variables, constants and expressions

Example

Local variable x in a stack frame



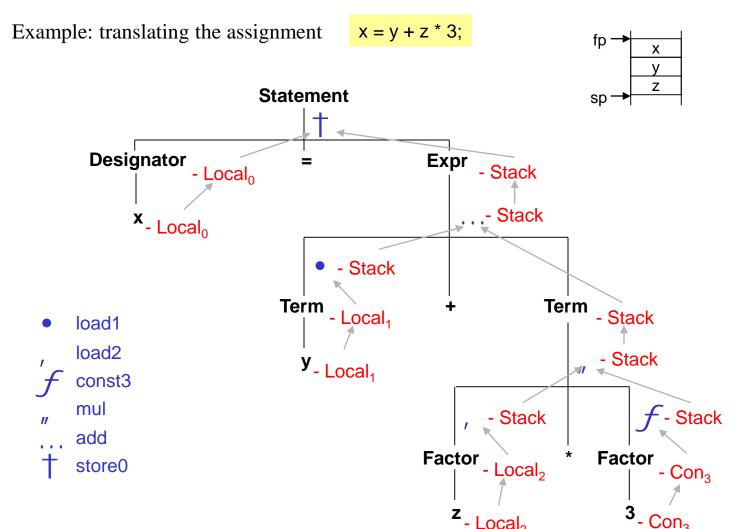
After loading the value with *load2* it is on *estack* now



Example: Processing of Operands



Most parsing methods return operands (as a result of their translation process)



Operand Kinds



operand kind	operand code	info about operands	
constant	$\mathbf{Con} = 0$	constant value	
local variable	Local = 1	address	mstack fp → adr
global variable	Static = 2	address	data adr
value on the stack	Stack = 3		estack esp
object field	$\mathbf{Fld} = 4$	offset	estack esp adr offset
array element	Elem = 5		estack adr len idx idx
method	Meth = 6	address, method obj.	

Class Operand



```
class Operand {
  static final int Con = 0, Local = 1, Static = 2, Stack = 3, Fld = 4, Elem = 5, Meth = 6;
  int
         kind;
                   // Con, Local, Static, ...
  Struct type;
                 // type of the operand
  int
         val:
                  // Con: constant value
                   // Local, Static, Fld, Meth: address
  int
         adr:
  Obj
         obj:
                  // Meth: method object
```

Constructors for creating operands

```
public Operand (Obj obj) {
   type = obj.type; val = obj.val; adr = obj.adr;
   switch (obj.kind) {
      case Obj.Con:      kind = Con; break;
      case Obj.Var:      if (obj.level == 0) kind = Static; else kind = Local;
            break;
      case Obj.Meth:      kind = Meth; this.obj = obj; break;
      default:      error("cannot create operand");
   }
}

public Operand (int val) {
   kind = Con; type = Tab.intType; this.val = val;
}
```

creates an operand from a symbol table object

creates an operand from a constant value

Loading Values



given: a value described by an operand descriptor (Con, Local, Static, ...)

wanted: code that loads the value onto the expression stack

```
public static void load (Operand x) { // method of class Code
  switch (x.kind) {
    case Operand.Con:
       if (0 \le x.val \& x.val \le 5) put(const0 + x.val);
       else if (x.val == -1) put(const_m 1);
       else { put(const_); put4(x.val); }
       break:
    case Operand. Static:
       put(getstatic); put2(x.adr); break;
     case Operand.Local:
       if (0 \le x.adr & x.adr \le 3) put((load0 + x.adr));
       else { put(load); put(x.adr); }
       break:
     case Operand.Fld: // assert: object base address is on the stack
       put(getfield); put2(x.adr); break;
     case Operand. Elem: // assert: base address and index are on stack
       if (x.type == Tab.charType) put(baload); else put(aload);
       break;
     case Operand.Stack: break; // nothing (already loaded)
     default: error("cannot load this value");
  x.kind = Operand.Stack;
```

Case analysis

depending on the operand kind we have to generate different load instructions

resulting operand is always a *Stack* operand

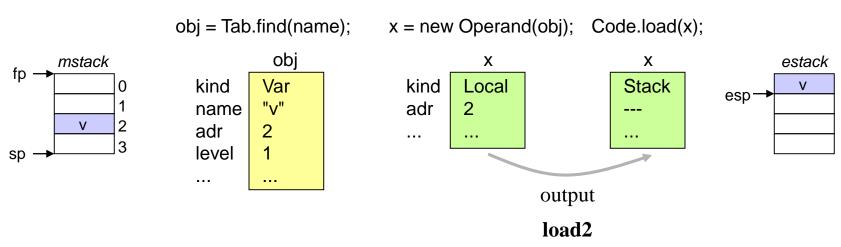
Example: Loading Variables



Description by an ATG

```
Factor <- x> (. String name; .)
= ident <- name> (. Obj obj = Tab.find(name); // obj.kind = Var | Con
Operand x = new Operand(obj); // x.kind = Local | Static | Con
Code.load(x); // x.kind = Stack
.) .
```

Visualisation

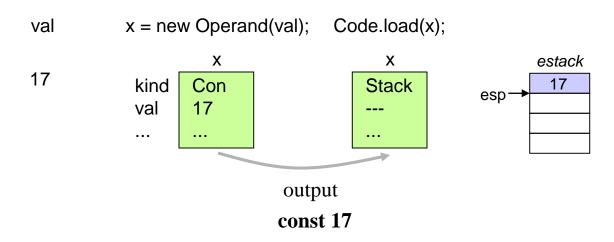


Example: Loading Constants



Description by an ATG

Visualisation



Loading Object Fields



var.f

Context conditions (make sure that your compiler checks them)

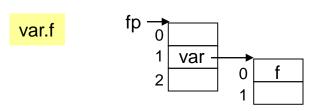
```
Designator<sub>0</sub> = Designator<sub>1</sub> "." ident .
The type of Designator<sub>1</sub> must be a class.
ident must be a field of Designator<sub>1</sub>.
```

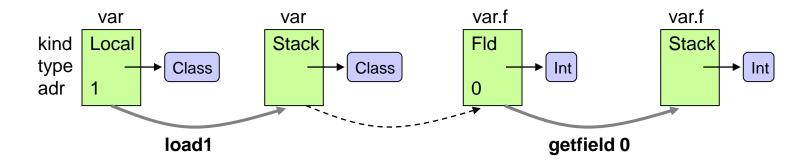
Description by an ATG

```
Designator <- x>
                         (. String name, fName; .)
= ident <- name>
                         (. Obj obj = Tab.find(name);
                            Operand x = new Operand(obj); .)
                                                                         looks up fName in the
  { "." ident <- fName>
                         (. if (x.type.kind == Struct.Class) {
                                                                         field list of x.type
                              Code.load(x);
                              Obj fld = Tab.findField(fName, x.type);
                                                                         creates a Fld operand
                              x.kind = Operand.Fld;
                              x.adr = fld.adr;
                              x.type = fld.type;
                            } else error(name + " is not an object"); .)
```

Operand Sequence







Loading Array Elements



a[i]

Context conditions

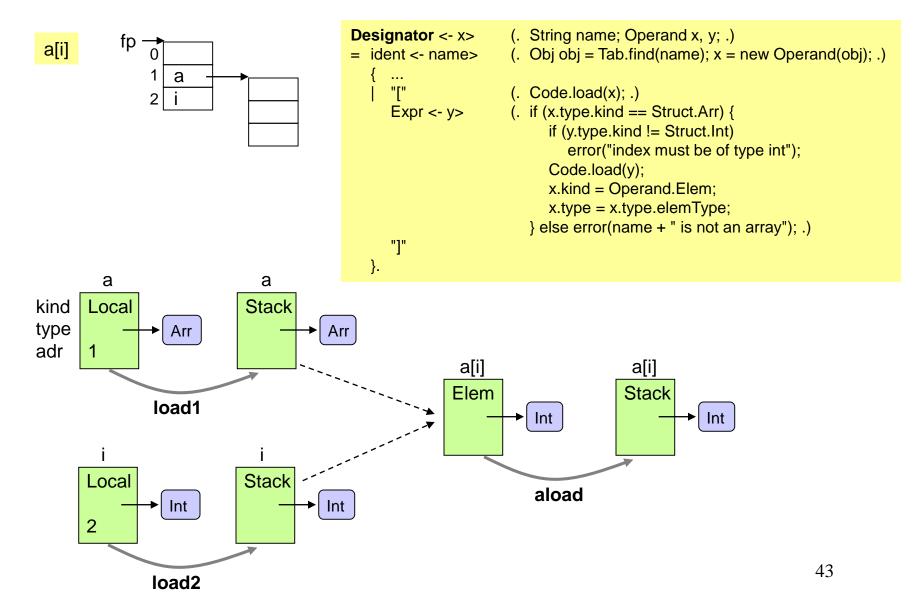
```
Designator<sub>0</sub> = Designator<sub>1</sub> "[" Expr "]" .
The type of Designator<sub>1</sub> must be an array.
The type of Expr must be int.
```

Description by an ATG

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Compiling Expressions



```
Scheme for x + y + z
load x
load y
add
load z
add
```

Context conditions

```
Expr = "-" Term.
```

• *Term* must be of type *int*.

$Expr_0 = Expr_1 Addop Term.$

• $Expr_1$ and Term must be of type int.

Description by an ATG

```
Expr <- x>
                        (. Operand x, y; int op; .)
= ( Term <- x>
     "-" Term <- x>
                        (. if (x.type != Tab.intType) error("operand must be of type int");
                           if (x.kind == Operand.Con) x.val = -x.val;
                           else {
                              Code.load(x); Code.put(Code.neg);
                           } .)
                         (. op = Code.add; .)
                         (. op = Code.sub; .)
                         (. Code.load(x); .)
                        (. Code.load(y);
     Term <- y>
                           if (x.type != Tab.intType || y.type != Tab.intType)
                              error("operands must be of type int");
                           Code.put(op); .)
  }.
```

Compiling Terms



$Term_0 = Term_1 Mulop Factor.$

• *Term*₁ and *Factor* must be of type *int*.

Compiling Factors



Factor = "new" ident.

• *ident* must denote a class.

Factor = "new" ident "[" Expr "]".

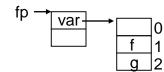
- *ident* must denote a type.
- The type of *Expr* must be *int*.

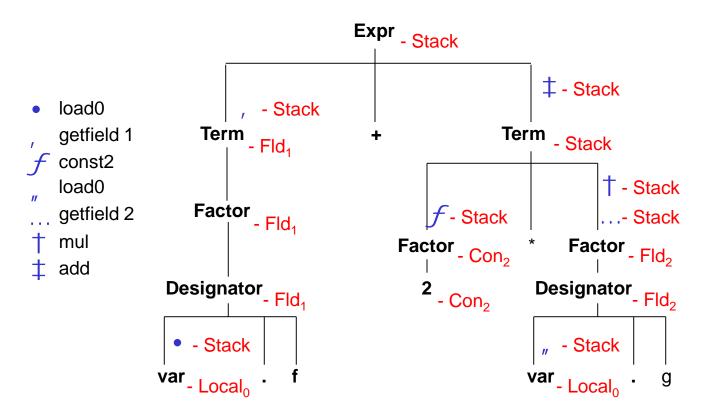
```
Factor <- x>
                        (. Operand x; int val; String name; .)
                        // function calls see later
= Designator <- x>
  number <- val> (. x = new Operand(val); )
  charCon <- val>
                        (. x = new Operand(val); x.type = Tab.charType; .)
  "(" Expr <- x> ")"
"new" ident <- name>(. Obj obj = Tab.find(name); Struct type = obj.type; .)
                        (. if (obj.kind != Obj.Type) error("type expected"); .)
   Expr <- x> "]"
                        (. if (x.type != Tab.intType) error("array size must be of type int");
                           Code.load(x);
                           Code.put(Code.newarray);
                           if (type == Tab.charType) Code.put(0); else Code.put(1);
                          type = new Struct(Struct.Arr, type); .)
                        (. if (obj.kind != Obj.Type || type.kind != Struct.Class)
                             error("class type expected");
                           Code.put(Code.new ); Code.put2(type.nFields);
                        (. x = new Operand(); x.kind = Operand.Stack; x.type = type; .)
```

Example



var.f + 2 * var.g







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Code Patterns for Assignments



4 cases depending on the kind of the designator on the left-hand side

localVar = expr;	globalVar = expr;	obj.f = expr;	a[i] = expr;
load expr store localVar	load expr putstatic globalVar	load obj load expr putfield f	load a load i load expr astore

the blue instructions are already generated by *Designator*!

Compiling Assignments



Context condition

```
Statement = Designator "=" Expr ";".
```

- Designator must denote a variable, an array element or an object field.
- The type of *Expr* must be <u>assignment compatible</u> with the type of *Designator*.

Description by an ATG

```
Assignment

= Designator <- x> // this call may already generate code

"=" Expr <- y> (. if (y.type.assignableTo(x.type))

Code.assign(x, y); // x: Local | Static | Fld | Elem

// assign must load y

else

error("incompatible types in assignment");

.)

";".
```

Assignment compatibility

y is assignment compatible with x

- if x and y have the same type (x.type == y.type), or
- x and y are arrays with the same element type, or
- x has a reference type (class or array) and y is null



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Conditional and Unconditional Jumps



Unconditional jumps

jmp address

Conditional jumps

```
... load operand1 ...
... load operand2 ...
jeg address
```

if (operand1 == operand2) jmp address

```
jeq jump on equal
jne jump on not equal
jlt jump on less than
jle jump on less or equal
jgt jump on greater than
jge jump on greater or equal
```

```
static final int

eq = 0,

ne = 1,

It = 2,

le = 3,

gt = 4,

ge = 5;
```

in class Code

Creation of jump instructions

```
Code.put(Code.jmp);
Code.put2(address);
```

```
Code.put(Code.jeq + operator);
Code.put2(address);
```

Forward and Backward Jumps



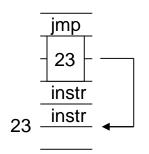
Backward jumps

17		•
	jmp	
	17	

target address is already known (because the instruction at this position has already been generated)

Forward jumps

jmp - ?	target address still unknown ightharpoonup leave it empty ightharpoonup remember "fixup address"



patch it when the target address becomes known (fixup)

Conditions



Conditions

```
if (a > b) ... load a load b

Condition jle ...
```

- Problem: the mVM has no compare instructions
 Condition cannot generate a compare operation
- instead, *Condition* returns the compare <u>operator</u>; the comparison is then done in the jump instruction

```
Condition <- op>

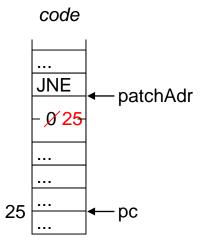
Expr <- x>
Relop <- op>
Expr <- y>
(. Code.load(x); .)

(. Code.load(y);
if (!x.type.compatibleWith(y.type)) error("type mismatch");
if (x.type.isRefType() && op != Code.eq && op != Code.ne)
error("invalid compare"); .)
```

Methods for Generating Jumps



```
class Code {
  private static final int
    eq = 0, ne = 1, It = 2, Ie = 3, Ie = 4, Ie = 5;
  private static int[] inverse = {ne, eq, ge, gt, le, lt};
  // generate an uncoditional jump to adr
  void putJump (int adr) {
    put(imp); put2(adr);
  // generate a conditional false jump (jump if not op)
  void putFalseJump (int op, int adr) {
    put(jeq + inverse[op]); put2(adr);
  // patch the jump address at adr so that it leads to pc
  void fixup (int patchAdr) {
    put2(patchAdr, pc);
```



new method of class Code



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while Statement



Desired code pattern

```
while (Condition)

Statement

top:
... code for Condition ...
falseJump end
... code for Statement ...
jump top
end: ...
```

Description by an ATG

Example

```
while (a > b) a = a - 2;
10 load0 ←
                     top
 11
     load1
     jle 22
     load0
 15
 16 const2
 17
     sub
 18
     store0
 19
     jmp 10
                     fixup
 22
```

if Statement

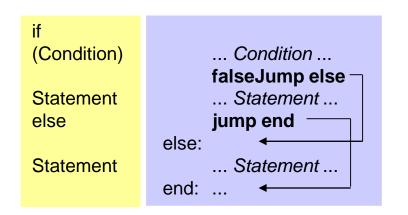


Desired code pattern

```
if
(Condition)

Statement

... Condition ...
falseJump end
... Statement ...
end: ...
```



Description by an ATG

Example

```
if (a > b) max = a; else max = b;
    load0
10
    load1
11
12
    jle 20
15
    load0
16
    store2
17
    jmp 22
                      fixup(adr)
    load1 ·
20
21
    store2
                      fixup(adr2)
22
```



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Procedure Call



Code pattern

```
m(a, b); load a parameters are passed on the estack load b call m
```

Description by an ATG

```
      Statement
      (. Operand x, y; .....)

      = Designator <- x>
      (. Code.put(Code.call);

      Code.put2(x.adr);
      if (x.type != Tab.noType) Code.put(Code.pop); .)

      | "=" Expr <- y> ";"
      (. .....)

      | .....
```

Function Call



Code pattern

```
c = m(a, b); load a parameters are passed on the estack load b call m store c function value is returned on the estack
```

Description by an ATG

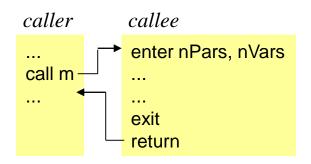
Standard functions

ord('a')

- ActPars loads 'a' onto the estack
- the loaded value gets the type of *ordObj* (= *intType*) and *kind* = *Operand.Stack*

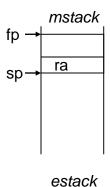
Stack Frames





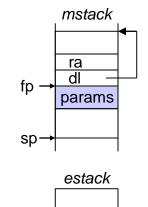
enter ... creates a stack frame
exit ... removes a stack frame

Method entry



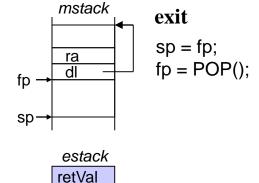
enter nPars, nVars

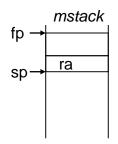
PUSH(fp); // dynamic link
fp = sp;
sp = sp + nVars;
initialize frame to 0;
for (i=nPars-1; i>=0; i--)
 local[i] = pop();



Method exit

params





Method Declaration



```
MethodDecl
                          (. Struct type; String name; int n; .)
    Type <- type>
                          (. type = Tab.noType; .)
     "void"
                          (. curMethod = Tab.insert(Obj.Meth, name, type);
  ident <- name>
                            Tab.openScope(); .)
                          (. curMethod.nPars = n;
  "(" FormPars <- n> ")"
                            if (name.equals("main")) {
                               Code.mainPc = Code.pc;
                               if (curMethod.type != Tab.noType) error("method main must be void");
                               if (curMethod.nPars != 0) error("main must not have parameters");
                            } .)
  { VarDecl }
                          (. curMethod.locals = Tab.curScope.locals;
                            curMethod.adr = Code.pc;
                            Code.put(Code.enter);
                            Code.put(curMethod.nPars);
                            Code.put(Tab.curScope.nVars); .)
  { Statement }
                          (. if (curMethod.type == Tab.noType) {
                               Code.put(Code.exit); Code.put(Code.return );
                            } else { // end of function reached without a return statement
                               Code.put(Code.trap); Code.put(1);
                             Tab.closeScope(); .)
```

Formal Parameters



- are entered into the symbol table (as variables of the method scope)
- their number is counted

```
FormPar (. Struct type; String name; .)

= Type <- type>
ident <- name> (. Tab.insert(Obj.Var, name, type); .)
.
```

Actual Parameters



- load them to *estack*
- check if they are assignment compatible with the formal parameters
- check if the numbers of actual and formal parameters match

```
ActPars < m>
                         (. Operand m, ap; .)
= "("
                         (. if (m.kind != Operand.Meth) { error("not a method"); m.obj = Tab.noObj; } .)
                           int aPars = 0:
                           int fPars = m.obj.nPars;
                           Obj fp = m.obj.locals; .)
                         (. Code.load(ap); aPars++;
    Expr <- ap>
                           if (fp != null) {
                              if (!ap.type.assignableTo(fp.type)) error("parameter type mismatch");
                              fp = fp.next;
    { "," Expr <- ap>
                         (. Code.load(ap); aPars++;
                            if (fp != null) {
                              if (!ap.type.assignableTo(fp.type)) error("parameter type mismatch");
                              fp = fp.next;
                           } .)
                         (. if (aPars > fPars)
                              error("too many actual parameters");
                           else if (aPars < fPars)
                              error("too few actual parameters"); .)
```

return Statement



Object File



Contents of the object file in MicroJava

- information for the loader
 - code size (in bytes)
 - size of the global data area (in words)
 - address of the *main* method
- code

0	"MJ"
2	codeSize
6	dataSize
0	mainPc
4	code

The object file format in other languages is usually much more complex.