

1. Brief Look At Java virtual Machine (JVM)

(a) JVM Virtual Main Memory

i. Function Code Area

A. JVM Code for method functions

ii. Runtime Stack – Control function calls

A. At function call – a stack frame is pushed

B. At function return – it's stack frame is popped

- Stack Frames:
 - Stack Frame 1 - main
 - var. area
 - operand stack
 - SF 2 -
 - var area
 - operand stack
 - SF 3 -
 - var area
 - operand stack
 - SF 4 -
 - var area
 - operand stack
- Var Area contains:
 - function parameters memory cells
 - Function local vars memory cells
- Operation Stack (evaluation stack):
 - used to evaluate expressions
 - example: x=E;

iii. Heap Area

A. Dynamically created arrays and class objects are collected here

B. Garbage collector will collect unused array/class objects here

C. Example Code:

- ```
void example()
{
 int i=0;
 while(i<100)
 {
 S;
 i++;
 }//while
}//example
```
- The example function becomes (after Java compiler): {this sits in the Function Code Area}  
{left column is the virtual memory address}  
0 iconst\_0 //push constant 0 onto operand stack  
1 istore\_0 //pop top of stack and store into address 0 in var area  
{literally translates to “integer store into variable i”}

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2 iload_0 //push value at address 0 onto stack
3 bipush 100 //push "byte integer" constant 0 onto stack {byte integer
push}
5 if_icmpge 14 //pop top 2 values from stack; {"if (stack[top-
1]>stack[top]) then goto 14"}
8+x iinc 0 1 //increment value at address 0 by 1
11+x goto 2 //
14+x return //

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- Code for S goes between address 5 and 8+x
- x = the # of bytes taken by S

D. Every JVM instruction = 1 byte

E. An operand occupies 1 or 2 bytes depending on instructions

F. JVM is an example of stack-based VM. Uses operand stacks to evaluate expressions. No registers.

G. Another example: Common Intermediate Language, used for Microsoft's .NET framework

## 2. Compilation Stages:

(a) High-level source program

(b) Lexical analysis – can produce Lexical Errors (if illegal tokens are found)

- Extract tokens like identifiers, constant literals, delimiters/punctuation symbols, operators, keywords/reserved words
- Tokens = lexical items, "lexemes"
- void = keyword
- example = identifier
- ( = delimiter
- ) = delimiter
- { = delimiter
- int = keyword
- i = identifier
- = = operator
- 0 = constant literal
- ++ = operator
- ; = delimiter

(c) Stream of tokens

(d) Syntactic analysis – can produce Syntax Errors (if grammatical errors are found)

"Parsing"

- Analyzes grammatical structure and the identified structure is expressed in tree form
- The precise description of grammar is given in context-free grammars
- BNF (Backus-Naur Form) grammar

(e) Parse tree

i. Sample Tree:

<function def>

A. <return type>

- void

B. <function name>

- example

C. <parameter list>

- empty

D. <body>

- <var declaration>
  - <var type>
    - int
  - <var name>
    - i
  - <assignment operator>
    - =
  - <expression>
    - 0
- <while loop>
  - .....

ii. Type checking (for statically typed languages) – can produce type-checked parse tree

A. Type errors

(f) Semantic analysis – intermediate code generation

i. Semantic analysis checks non-grammatical properties

(g) Intermediate code