

CS46K Programming Languages

Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs

Chapter 1 Introduction

LECTURE 1: INTRODUCTION

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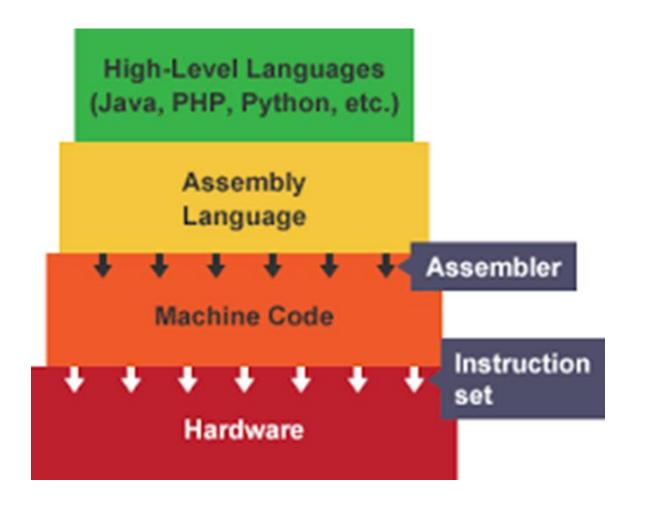


Objectives

- Introduction to Programming Languages
- Programming Paradigms
- •Interpretation of Computer Programs: Compilation and Interpretation
- Scripting Languages versus programming languages



Introduction to Programming Languages



Machine Code Unreadable

```
# \
    pushl
           %ebp
            %esp, %ebp
                               # ) reserve space for local variables
    movl
    subl
            $16, %esp
            getint
    call
                               # read
            %eax, -8(%ebp)
    movl
                               # store i
    call
            getint
                               # read
           %eax, -12(%ebp)
                               # store j
    movl
           -8(%ebp), %edi
                               # load i
A: movl
           -12(%ebp), %ebx
                               # load j
    movl
           %ebx, %edi
    cmpl
                               # compare
                               # jump if i == j
    jе
            -8(%ebp), %edi
                               # load i
    movl
    movl
            -12(%ebp), %ebx
                               # load j
            %ebx, %edi
    cmpl
                               # compare
    jle
                               # jump if i < j
            -8(%ebp), %edi
                               # load i
    movl
            -12(%ebp), %ebx
                               # load j
    movl
            %ebx, %edi
                               #i=i-j
    subl
            %edi, -8(%ebp)
                               # store i
    movl
    jmp
            -12(%ebp), %edi
B: movl
                               # load j
            -8(%ebp), %ebx
                               # load i
    movl
            %ebx, %edi
                               #j=j-i
    subl
            %edi, -12(%ebp)
    movl
                              # store j
   jmp
   movl
            -8(%ebp), %ebx
                               # load i
                               # push i (pass to putint)
    push
            %ebx
            putint
    call
                               # write
    addl
            $4, %esp
                               # pop i
                               # deallocate space for local variables
    leave
            $0, %eax
                               # exit status for program
    mov
                               # return to operating system
    ret
```

Assembly Language GCD Code

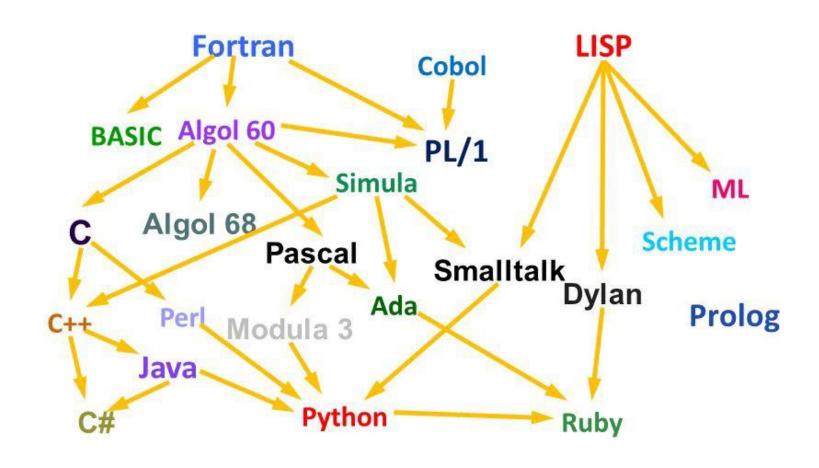


Most Popular Programming Languages 2021



A family tree of languages

Some of the 2400 + programming languages

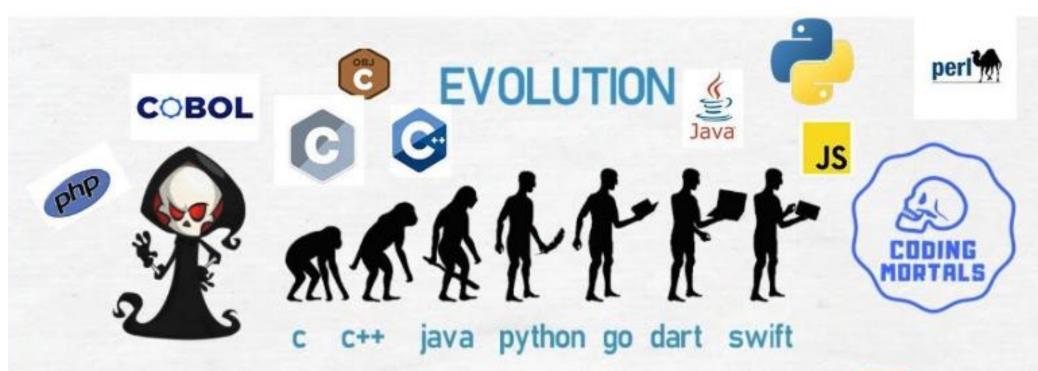




Why are there so many programming languages?

- 1. Evolution
- 2. Socio-Economic Reasons
- 3. Orientation toward special purposes
- 4. Orientation toward special hardware





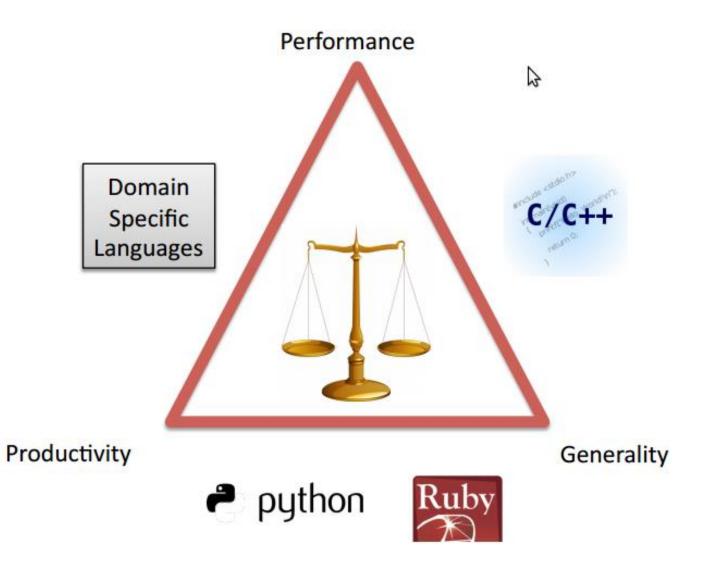














What makes a language successful?

- 1. easy to learn (BASIC, Pascal, LOGO, Scheme)
- 2. easy to express things, easy use once fluent, "powerful" (C, Common Lisp, APL, Algol-68, Perl)
- 3. easy to implement (BASIC, Forth, Python)
- 4. possible to compile to very good (fast/small) code (Fortran, C)
- backing of a powerful sponsor (COBOL, PL/1, Ada, Visual Basic, C#)
- wide dissemination at minimal cost (Pascal, Turing, Java, JavaScript)





Why do we have programming languages? What is a language for?

- 1. way of thinking -- way of expressing algorithms
- 2. languages from the user's point of view
- 3. abstraction of virtual machine -- way of specifying what you want
- 4. the hardware to do without getting down into the bits
- 5. languages from the implementator's point of view





Computer Scientist Group Language as ...

declarative

functional Lisp/Scheme, ML, Haskell

dataflow Id, Val

logic, constraint-based Prolog, spreadsheets, SQL

imperative

von Neumann C, Ada, Fortran, ...

object-oriented Smalltalk, Eiffel, Java, ...

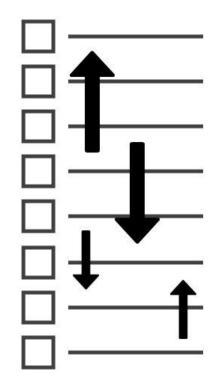
scripting Perl, Python, PHP, ...

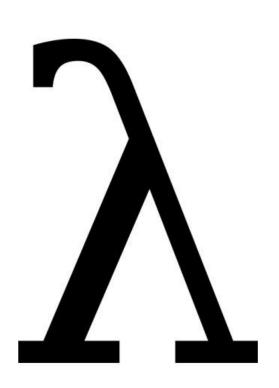


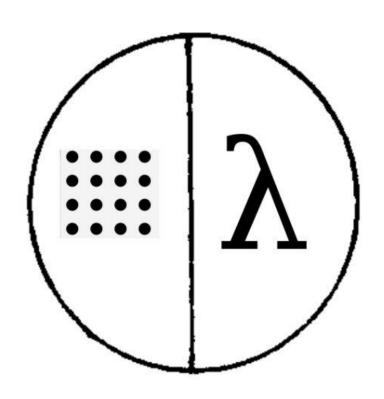
Imperative

Functional

Object-Oriented



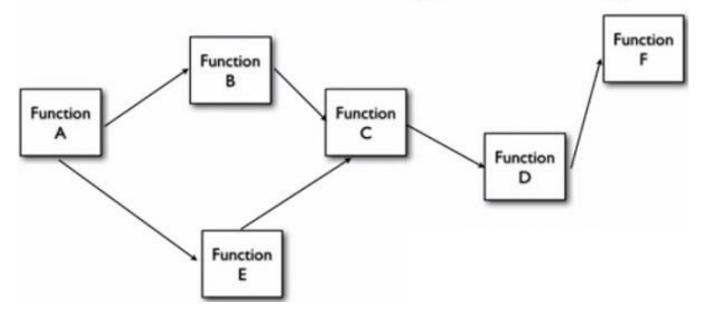






Declarative Languages

Functional Programming



Driven by Functional Call

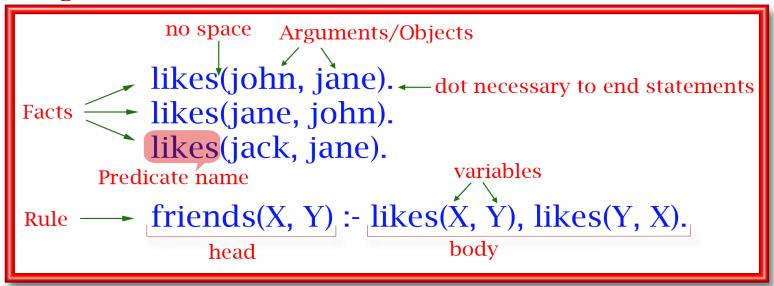




Declarative Languages

Logic Programming

Program Window



Driven by Logic Reasoning

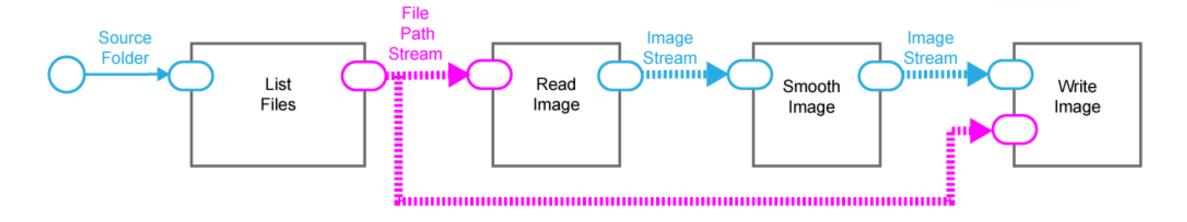




Declarative Languages

Data Flow Programming





Driven by Data Flow

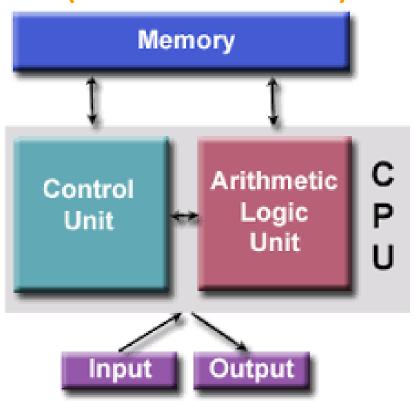




Imperative Languages

Von Neumann Programming

(Accumulator Model)

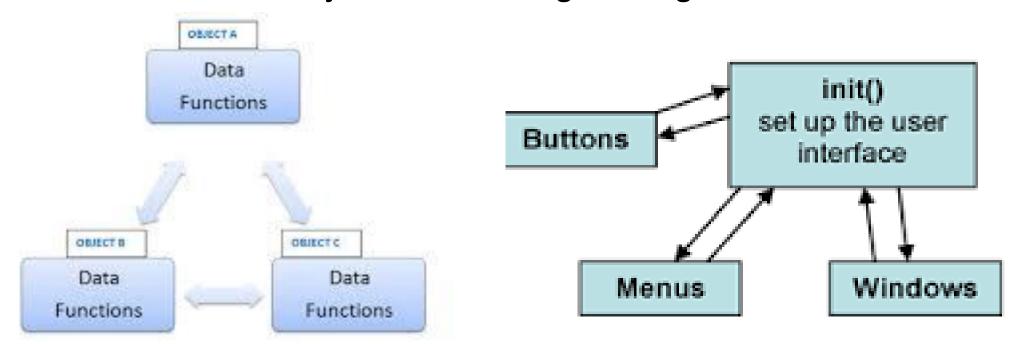






Imperative Languages

Object-Oriented Programming



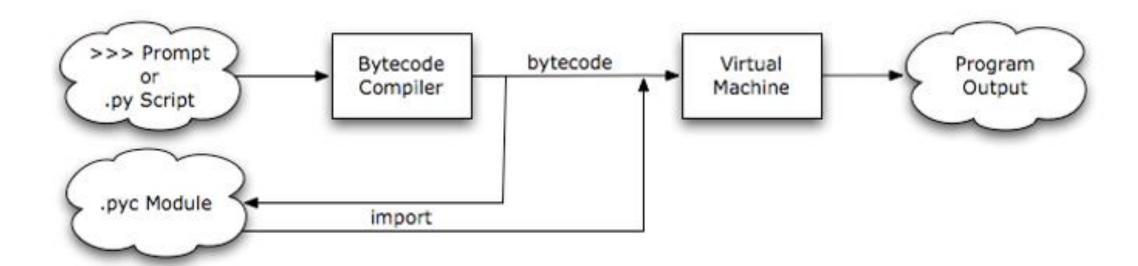
Event-Driven Programming





Imperative Languages

Scripting Programming



Programming on Another Program (Virtual Machine)



```
// C
int gcd(int a, int b) {
    while (a != b) {
        if (a > b) a = a - b;
        else b = b - a;
    return a;
                                                 (* OCaml *)
let rec gcd a b =
    if a = b then a
    else if a > b then gcd b (a - b)
         else gcd a (b - a)
gcd(A,B,G) :- A = B, G = A.
                                                 % Prolog
gcd(A,B,G) := A > B, C is A-B, gcd(C,B,G).
gcd(A,B,G) := B > A, C is B-A, gcd(C,A,G).
```



The Interpretation of Computer Programs



Purpose of Compilation and Interpretation

Convert a language to another language or machine language for execution.







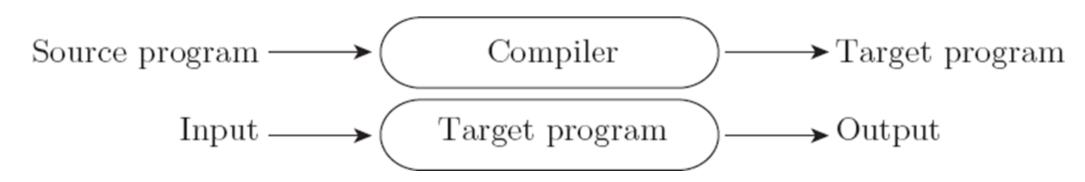


Pure Compilation

C-> Machine Code; C-> Java?



The compiler translates the high-level source program into an equivalent target program (typically in machine language), and then goes away:



Is it OK to compile C into Java?

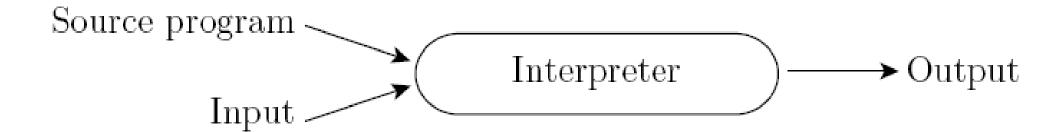






Pure Interpretation

- 1. Interpreter stays around for the execution of the program
- 2. Interpreter is the locus of control during execution





Comparison

- •Interpretation:
 - Greater flexibility
 - Better diagnostics (error messages)

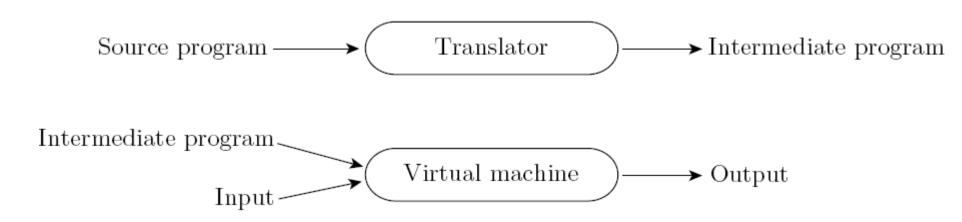
- Compilation
 - Better performance





Hybrids

- Common case is compilation or simple pre-processing, followed by interpretation
- Most modern language implementations include a mixture of both compilation and interpretation





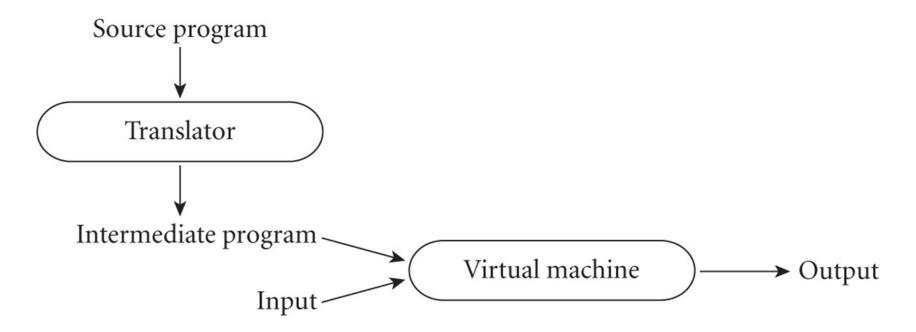




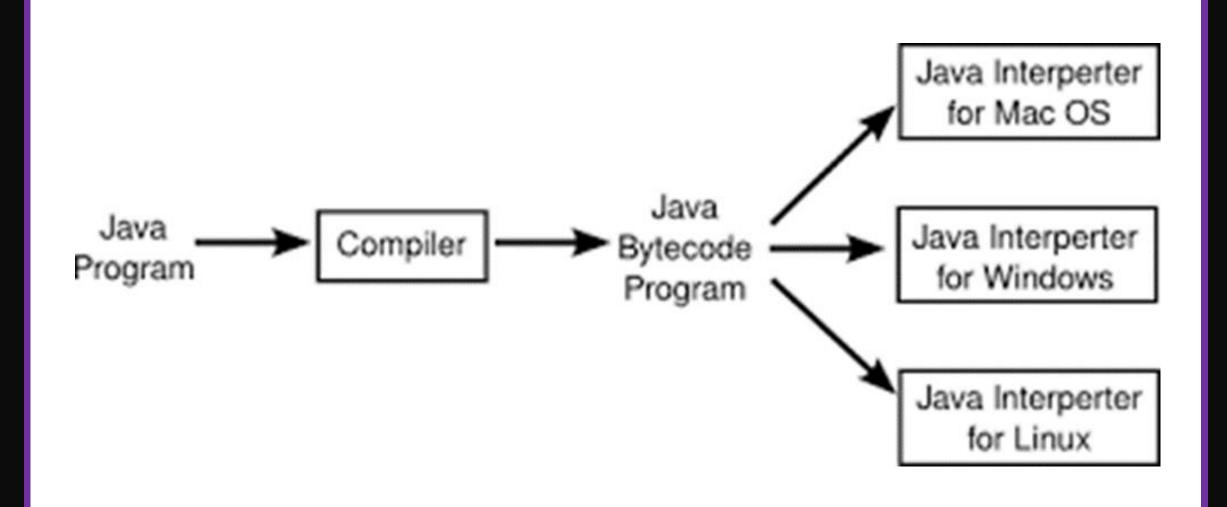
Virtual Machines

Step 1: Compilation from Java to Byte Code

Step 2: Executing the byte code on a machine with native codes







The Interpretation of Computer Programs



Compilation Strategies

- Every language may use one or more compilation strategies.
- •Examples are shown for certain language, but it may not be the only language to use that strategy.





(A) Preprocessor

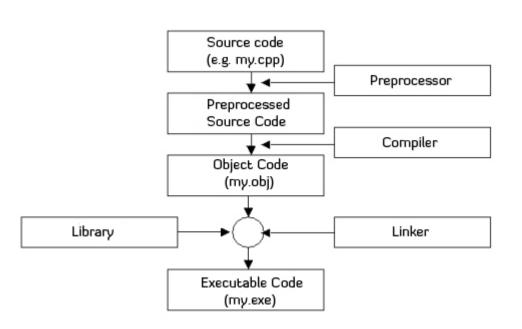
Tokens

- Removes comments and white space
- •Groups characters into tokens (keywords, identifiers, numbers, symbols)
- Expands abbreviations in the style of a macro assembler
- Identifies higher-level syntactic structures (loops, subroutines)





C/C++ Preprocessor



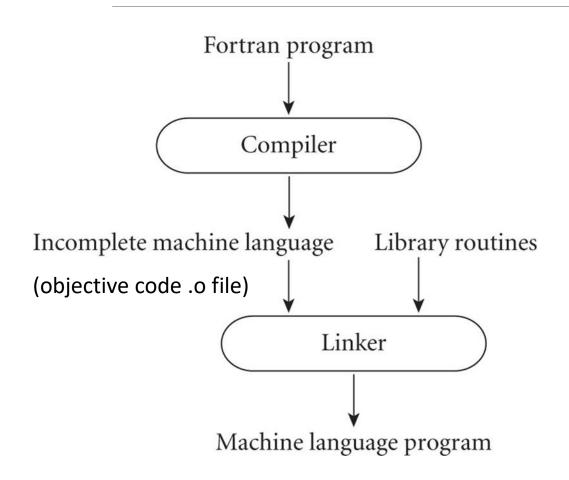
Different preprocessor directives (commands) perform different tasks. We can categorize the Preprocessor Directives as follows:

- Inclusion Directives (#include)
- Macro Definition Directives (#define #undef)
- Conditional Compilation Directives (#if, #elif, #endif, #ifdef, #ifndef)
- Other Directives (#error, #line, #pragma)





(B) Library of Routines and Linking

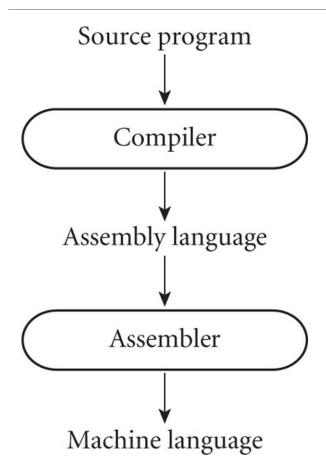


•Compiler uses a linker program to merge the appropriate library of subroutines (e.g., math functions such as sin, cos, log, etc.) into the final program:





(C)Post-compilation Assembly

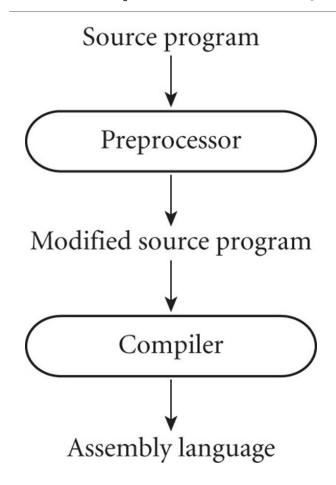


- Facilitates debugging (assembly language easier for people to read)
- Isolates the compiler from changes in the format of machine language files (only assembler must be changed, is shared by many compilers)





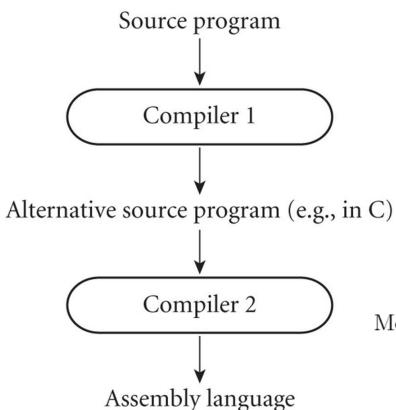
(D) The C Preprocessor (conditional compilation)



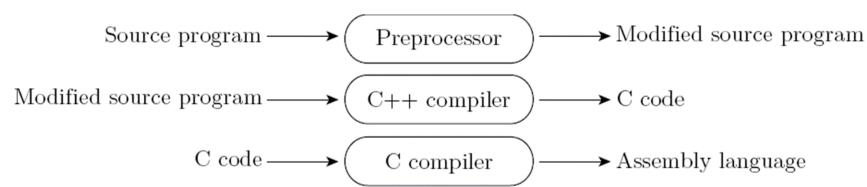
•Preprocessor deletes portions of code, which allows several versions of a program to be built from the same source



(E) Source-to-Source Translation (C++)



•C++ implementations based on the early AT&T compiler generated an intermediate program in C, instead of an assembly language: (combination of A and E)





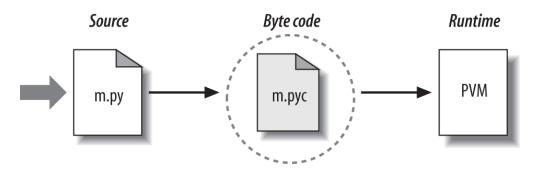
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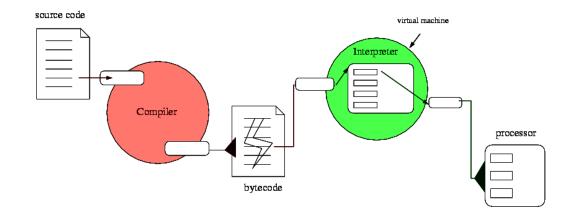
(F) Compilation of Interpreted Languages





•The compiler generates code that makes assumptions about decisions that won't be finalized until runtime. If these assumptions are valid, the code runs very fast. If not, a dynamic check will revert to the interpreter.







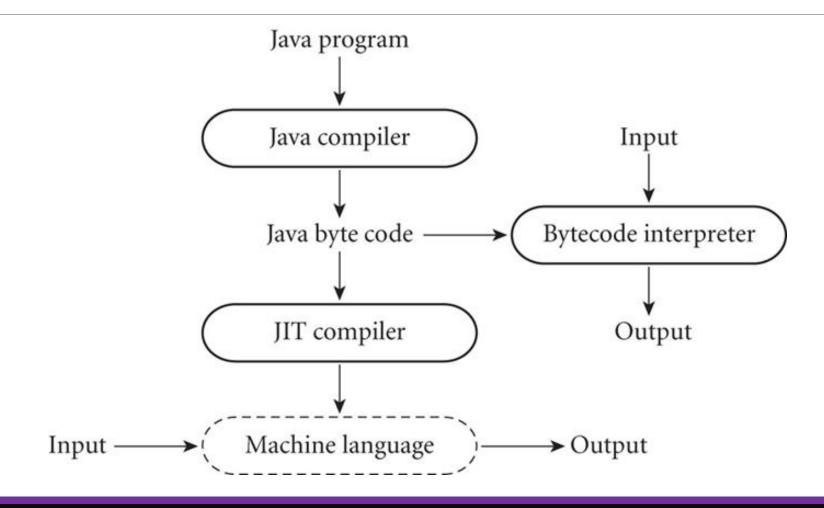
(G) Dynamic and Just-in-Time Compilation

- •In some cases a programming system may deliberately delay compilation until the last possible moment.
- •Lisp or Prolog invoke the compiler on the fly, to translate newly created source into machine language, or to optimize the code for a particular input set.
- •The Java language definition defines a machine-independent intermediate form known as byte code. Byte code is the standard format for distribution of Java programs.
- •The main C# compiler produces .NET Common Intermediate Language (CIL), which is then translated into machine code immediately prior to execution.

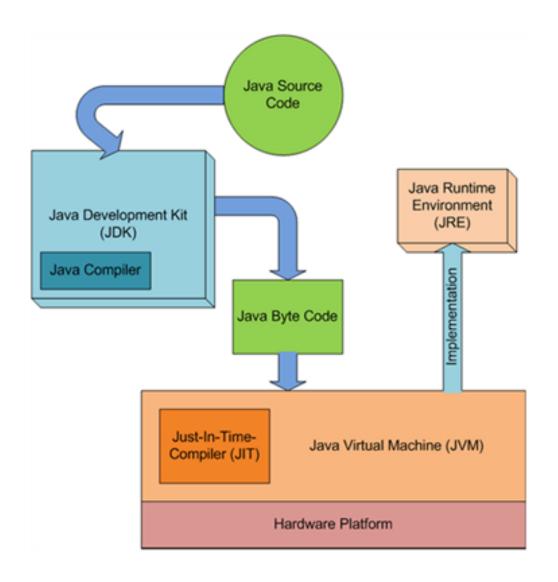




Java JIT







Just-In Time Compilation Wait until you can no longer wait!

JDK

```
javac, jar, debugging tools,
javap
```

JRE

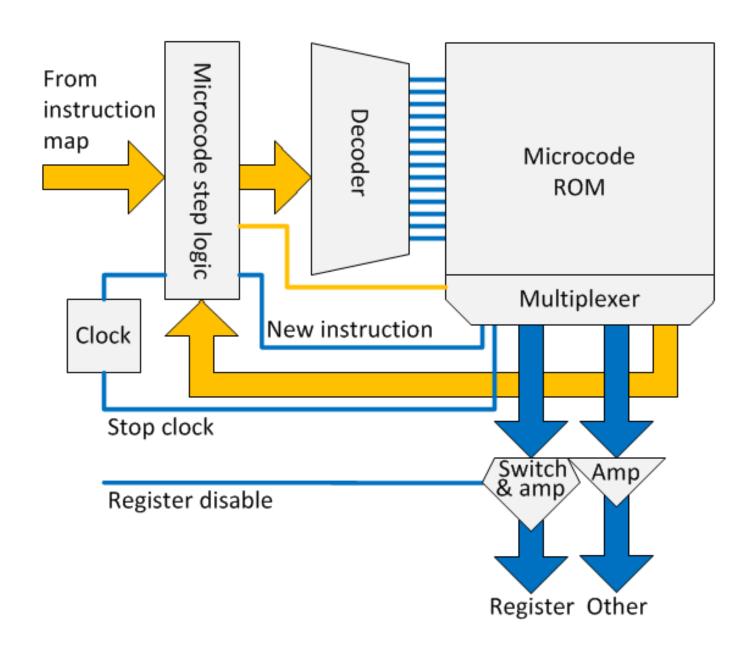
```
java, javaw, libraries,
rt.jar
```

JVM

Just In Time Compiler (JIT)

(H) Microcode Instruction is Translated to Microcode

- Assembly-level instruction set is not implemented in hardware; it runs on an interpreter.
- Interpreter is written in low-level instructions (microcode or firmware), which are stored in read-only memory and executed by the hardware.



Program Environment



Unix Tools

Still Widely Used in Linux-based Systems

Туре	Unix examples
Editors	vi,emacs
Pretty printers	cb, indent
Pre-processors (esp. macros)	cpp, m4, watfor
Debuggers	adb, sdb, dbx, gdb
Style checkers	lint, purify
Module management	make
Version management	sccs, rcs
Assemblers	as
Link editors, loaders	Id, Id-so
Perusal tools	More, less, od, nm
Program cross-reference	ctags





Source Code Editor Notepad, Notepad++

```
log.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
.LOG
8:30 AM 11/1/2015
Dear Diary
8:31 AM 11/1/2015
The class went usual.
9:05 AM 11/1/2015
```

```
*D:\source\notepad4ever.cpp - Notepad++
🗏 Notepad_plus.cpp 🖾 📙 notepad4ever.cpp 🔼
      #include <GPL.h>
      #include <free software.h>
      void notepad4ever()
    □ {
          while (true)
              Notepad++;
 10
11
```



Integrated Development Environment

Multi-Language IDEs	Mac	Linux	PC	C/C++	PHP	Python	Java	Ruby	HTML	Perl	NET	css	JavaScript	Price
Eclipse	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	FOSS
NetBeans	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	FOSS
Komodo	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	\$295
Geany	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	FOSS
Aptana	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	Yes*	No	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	FOSS
BlackAdder	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	\$60







NetBeans IntelliJIDEA





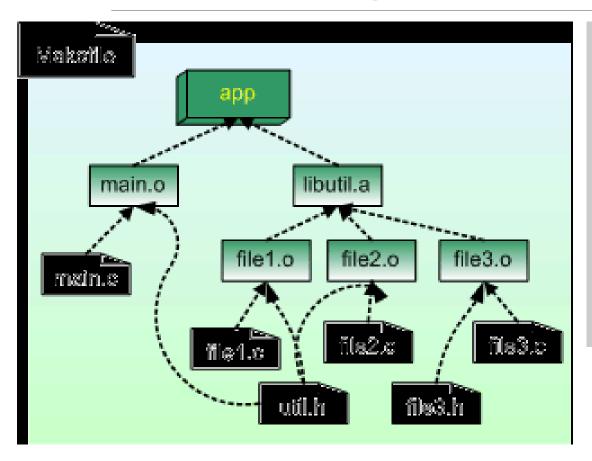


Developer Xcode





make: Program Builder



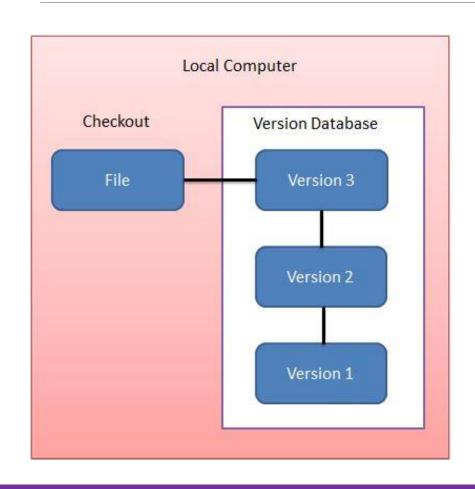
```
# define default target (first target = default)
# it depends on 'hello.o' (which will be created if necessary)
# and hello func.o (same as hello.o)
hello: hello.o hello func.o
        gcc -Wall hello.o hello func.o -o hello
# define hello.o target
# it depends on hello.c (and is created from it)
# also depends on hello api.h which would mean that
# changing the hello.h api would force make to rebuild
# this target (hello.o).
# gcc -c: compile only, do not link
hello.o: hello.c hello api.h
        gcc -Wall -c hello.c -o hello.o
# define hello func.o target
# it depends on hello func.c (and is created from)
# and hello api.h (since that's its declaration)
hello func.o: hello func.c hello api.h
       gcc -Wall -c hello func.c -o hello func.o
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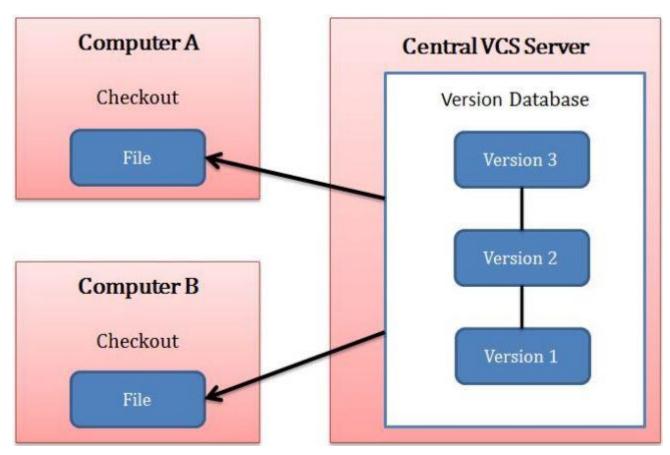




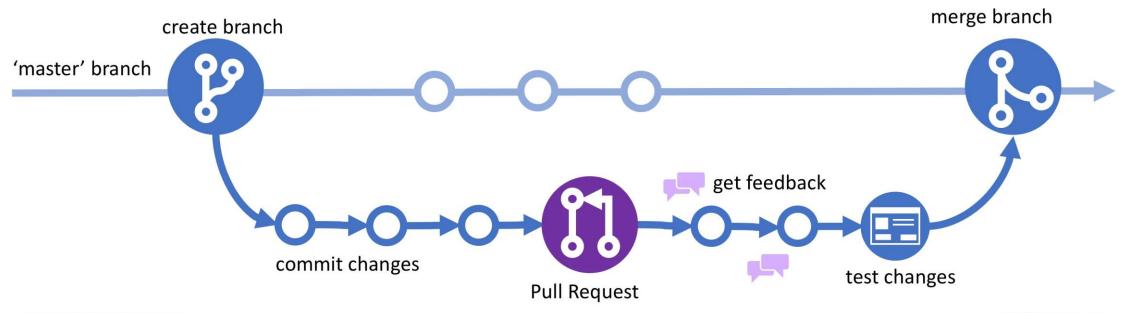
Version Control

GNU RCS Revision Control System VS Github





GitHub Flow

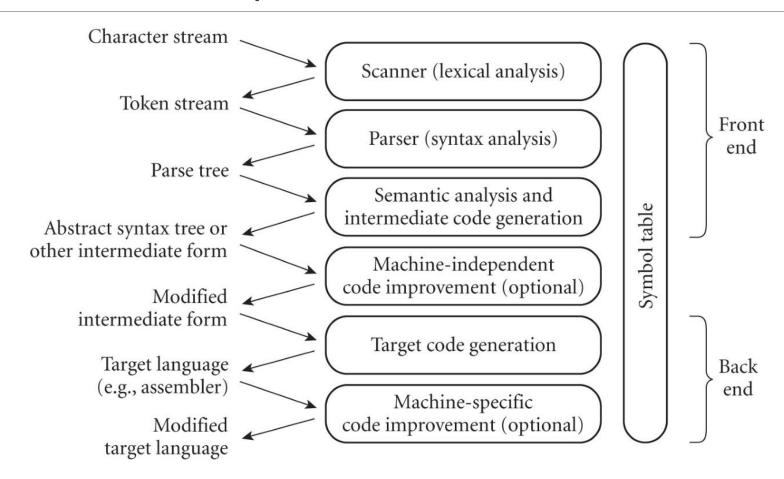


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Compilation: The Analysis of Computer Program Structures



Phases of Compilation







Scanning

Lexical Analysis

- •divides the program into "tokens", which are the smallest meaningful units; this saves time, since character-bycharacter processing is slow
- •we can tune the scanner better if its job is simple; it also saves complexity (lots of it) for later stages
- you can design a parser to take characters instead of tokens as input, but it isn't pretty
- scanning is recognition of a regular language, e.g., via DFA

DFA: Deterministic Finite Automaton





Deterministic Finite Automaton

Non-Random Finite State Machine

In Computer Science, a deterministic finite automaton (DFA)—also known as a deterministic finite accepter (DFA) and a deterministic finite state machine (DFSM)—is a finite-state machine that accepts and rejects finite strings of symbols and only produces a unique computation (or run) of the automaton for each input string.

The following example is of a DFA M, with a binary alphabet, which requires that the input contains an even number of 0s.

 $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ where

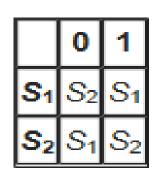
Input

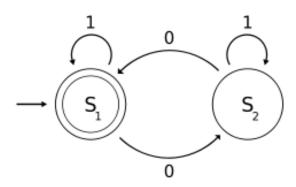
- $Q = \{S_1, S_2\},$
- State

- $\Sigma = \{0, 1\},$
- q₀ = S₁.
- $F = \{S_1\}$, and

δ is defined by the following state transition table:

State Transition







Parsing is recognition of a context-free language, e.g., via **PDA**

- Parsing discovers the "context free" structure of the program
- •Informally, it finds the structure you can describe with syntax diagrams (the "circles and arrows" in a Pascal manual)

Syntax Analysis

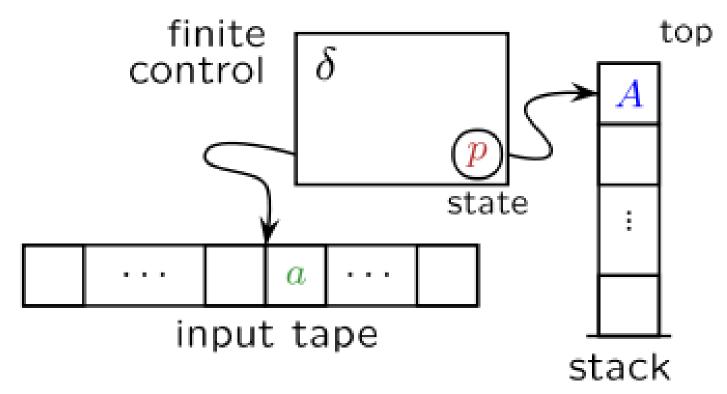
PDA: Push Down Automaton





Push Down Automaton

In computer science, a pushdown automaton (PDA) is a type of automaton that employs a stack.



States are stored in stack.





Semantic analysis is the discovery of meaning in the program

The compiler actually does what is called **STATIC** semantic analysis. That's the meaning that can be figured out at compile time

Some things (e.g., array subscript out of bounds) can't be figured out until run time. Things like that are part of the program's DYNAMIC semantics (Exception and Error)

Semantic Analysis





Intermediate form (IF) done after semantic analysis (if the program passes all checks)

- •IFs are often chosen for machine independence, ease of optimization, or compactness (these are somewhat contradictory)
- •They often resemble machine code for some imaginary idealized machine; e.g. a stack machine, or a machine with arbitrarily many registers
- Many compilers actually move the code through more than one IF

Semantic Analysis



Last Two Phases

- •Optimization takes an intermediate-code program and produces another one that does the same thing faster, or in less space
 - The term is a misnomer; we just improve code
 - The optimization phase is optional
- •Code generation phase produces assembly language or (sometime) relocatable machine language

Code Optimization
Code Generation



Machine-specific Optimization and Symbol Table

- •Certain machine-specific optimizations (use of special instructions or addressing modes, etc.) may be performed during or after target code generation
- •Symbol table: all phases rely on a symbol table that keeps track of all the identifiers in the program and what the compiler knows about them
- This symbol table may be retained (in some form) for use by a debugger, even after compilation has completed

Code Generation

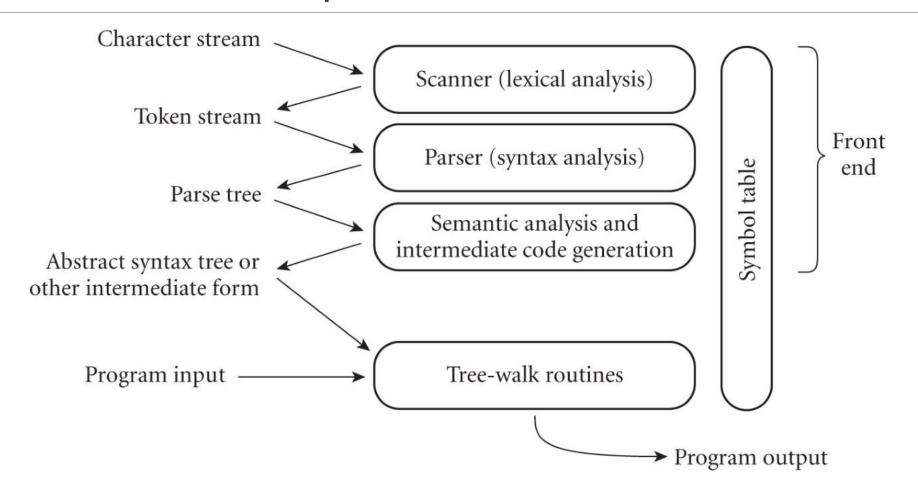
Symbol Table



Compilation: The Analysis of Computer Program Structures



Front-End Compiler







Lexical and Syntax Analysis

GCD Program (in C)

```
int main() {
int i = getint(), j = getint();
while (i != j) {
 if (i > j) i = i - j;
 else j = j - i;
putint(i);
```



Lexical and Syntax Analysis

- •GCD Program Tokens
 - Scanning (lexical analysis) and parsing recognize the structure of the program, groups characters into tokens, the smallest meaningful units of the program

```
int main ( ) {
int i = getint ( ) , j = getint ( ) ;
while ( i != j ) {
if ( i > j ) i = i - j ;
else j = j - i ;
}
putint ( i ) ;
}
```



Lexical and Syntax Analysis

- Context-Free Grammar and Parsing
 - Parsing organizes tokens into a parse tree that represents higher-level constructs in terms of their constituents
 - Potentially recursive rules known as context-free grammar define the ways in which these constituents combine





Context-Free Grammar and Parsing

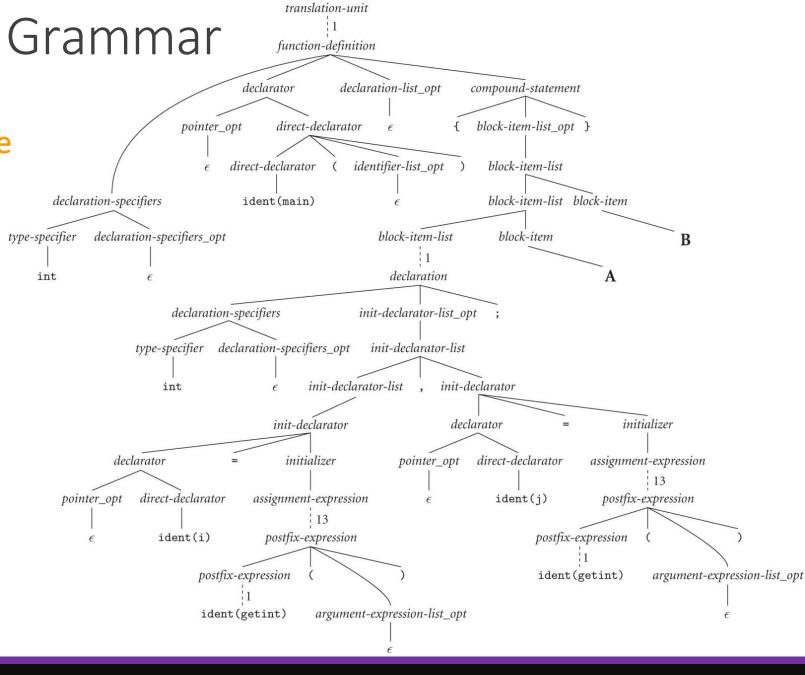
Example (while loop in C)

```
iteration-statement \rightarrow while (expression) statement
statement, in turn, is often a list enclosed in braces:
statement \rightarrow compound-statement
compound-statement \rightarrow \{ block-item-list opt \}
where
block-item-list opt \rightarrow block-item-list
or
block-item-list opt \rightarrow \epsilon
and
block-item-list \rightarrow block-item
block-item-list \rightarrow block-item-list block-item
block-item \rightarrow declaration
block-item \rightarrow statement
```

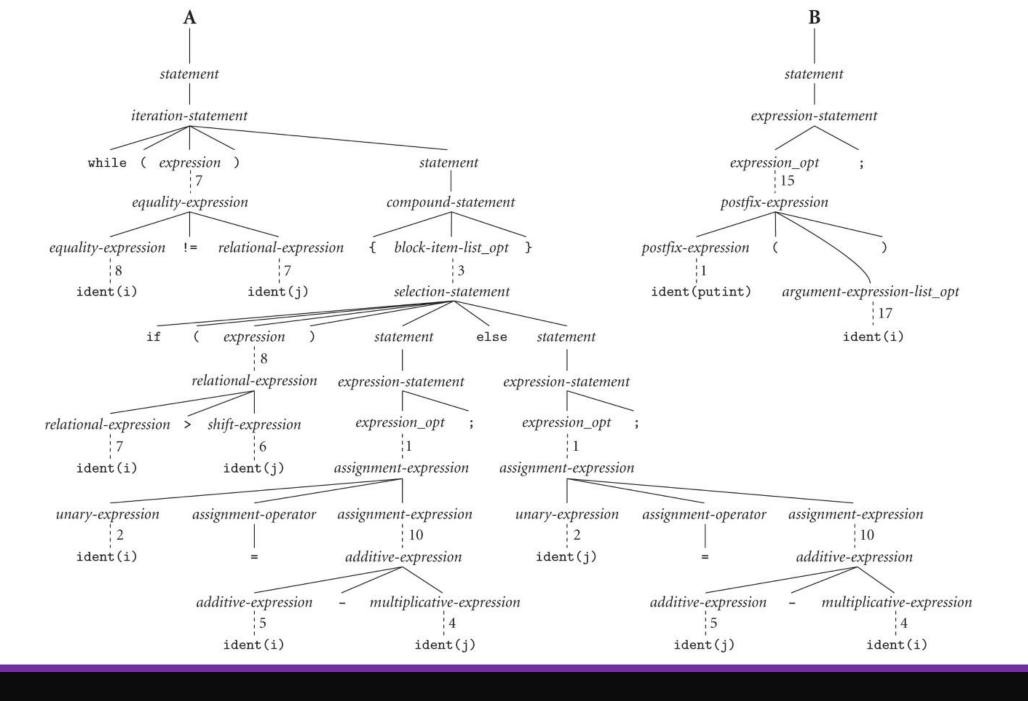


Context-Free Grammar and Parsing

GCD Program Parse Tree











GCD Program Parse Tree

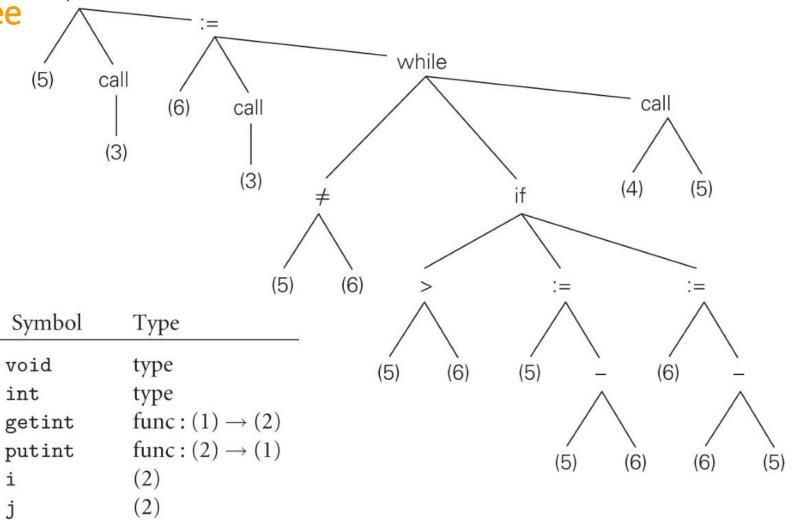
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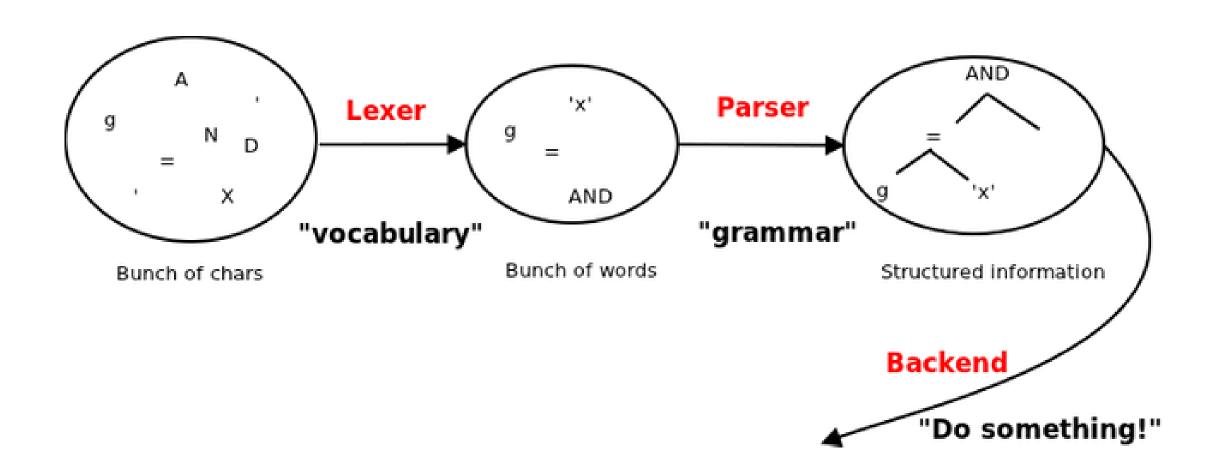
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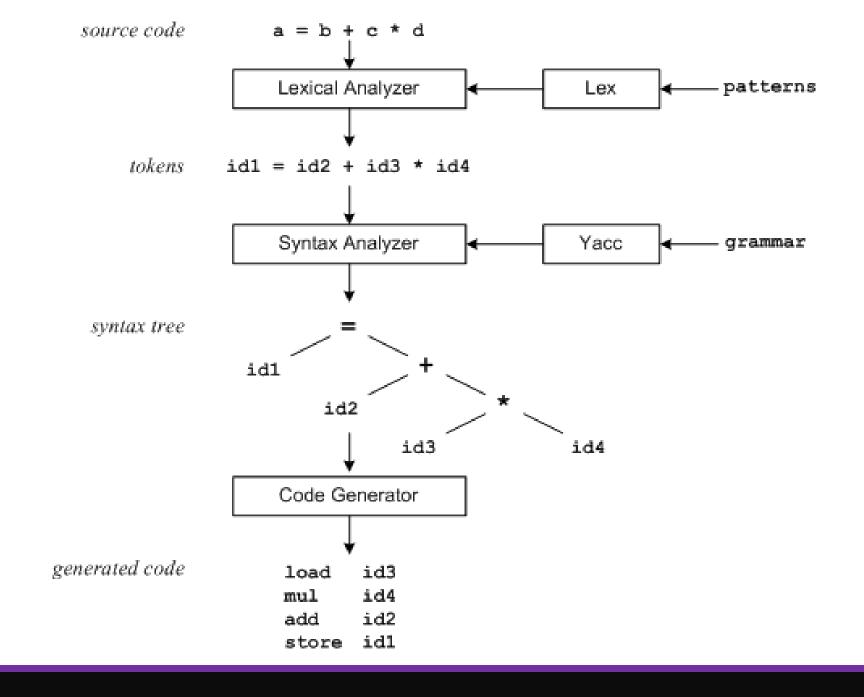


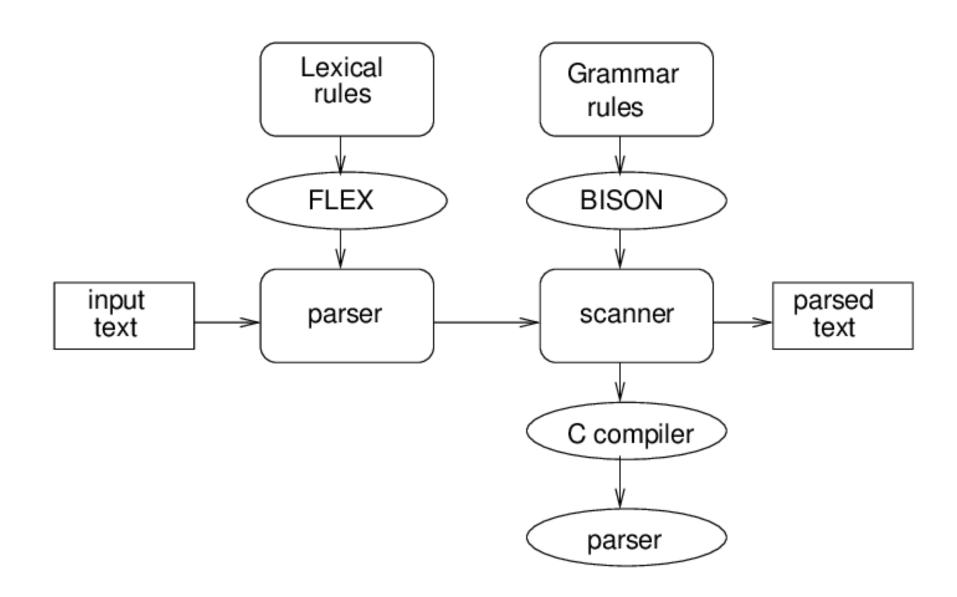




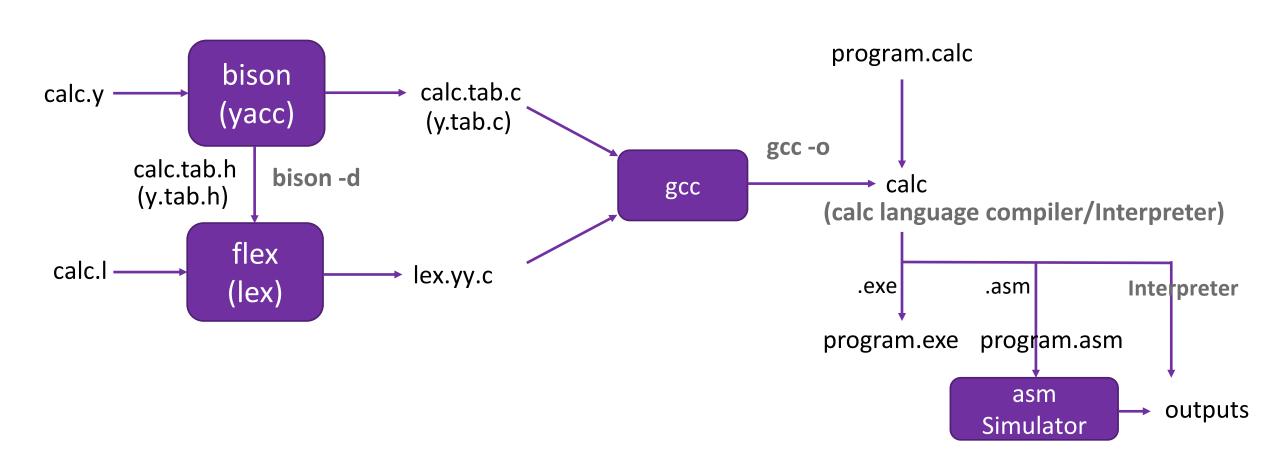
The Design of Compiler Or Interpreter

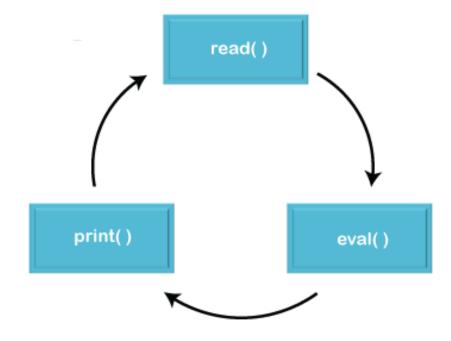




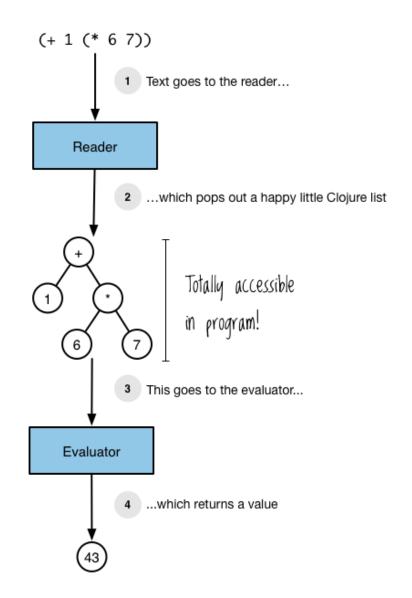


How Flex and Bison Works Together?





Read-Eval-Print Loop (REPL)





Key REPL Parts

Program Structure Representation (PSR)

Parsing: From input the PSR

Tokenization: Serializing PST as text that can be read by READ

Environment: Representation plus defining, setting and looking up

variables

Function representation

Evaluation of PSR

REPL (read, eval, print) Loop

