

Interpretation and Compilation of Languages

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Lecture 8

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Today: Evaluation Strategies + Parameter Passing

1. Evaluation strategies, parameter passing
 - JAVA
 - OCAML
 - Python
 - C
 - C++
2. Compiling call by value and call by reference
 - illustrated with C++

when **declaring** a function

```
function f(x1, ..., xn) =  
    ...
```

variables x_1, \dots, x_n are called the **formal parameters** of f

and when **calling** this function

```
f(e1, ..., en)
```

expressions e_1, \dots, e_n are called the **actual parameters** of f

in a language with in-place modifications, an assignment

```
e1 := e2
```

modifies a memory location designated by e1

the expression e1 is limited to certain constructs,
and assignments such as

```
42 := 17  
true := false
```

do not make sense

an expression that is legal on the left-hand side of an assignment is called
a **left value**

the evaluation strategy of a language defines the order in which computations are performed

this can be defined using a formal semantics (see lecture 2)

the compiler must obey the evaluation strategy

in particular, the evaluation strategy **may** specify

- **when** actual parameters are evaluated
- the evaluation **order** of operands and actual parameters

some aspects of evaluation may be **left unspecified**

this allows the compiler to perform more aggressive optimizations
(such as reordering computations)

we distinguish

- **eager evaluation**: operands / actual parameters are evaluated before the operation / the call

examples: C, C++, Java, OCaml, Python

- **lazy evaluation**: operands / actual parameters are evaluated only when needed

examples: Haskell, Clojure

but also Boolean operators `&&` and `||` in most languages

an imperative language has to adopt an eager evaluation, to ensure that side effects are performed consistently with the source code

for instance, the Java code

```
int r = 0;
int id(int x) { r += x; return x; }
int f(int x, int y) { return r; }

{ System.out.println(f(id(40), id(2))); }
```

prints 42 since both arguments of `f` are evaluated

an exception is made for Boolean operations `&&` and `||` in most languages, which is really useful

```
void insertionSort(int[] a) {  
    for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++) {  
        int v = a[i], j = i;  
        for (; 0 < j && v < a[j-1]; j--)  
            a[j] = a[j-1];  
        a[j] = v;  
    }  
}
```

non-termination is also a side effect

for instance, the Java code

```
int loop() { while (true); return 0; }  
int f(int x, int y) { return x+1; }  
  
{ System.out.println(f(41, loop())); }
```

does not terminate, even if argument *y* is not used

a **purely functional** language (= without imperative features) may adopt any evaluation strategy, since an expression will always evaluate to the same value (this is called **referential transparency**)

in particular, it may adopt a lazy evaluation

the Haskell program

```
loop () = loop ()  
f x y = x  
main = putChar (f 'a' (loop ()))
```

terminates (and prints a)

the semantics also defines the way parameters are passed in a function call

several approaches:

- call by value
- call by reference
- call by name
- call by need

(we also say **passing by value**, etc.)

new variables receive the **values** of actual parameters

```
function f(x) =  
  x := x + 1  
  
main() =  
  int v := 41  
  f(v)  
  print(v)    // prints 41
```

formal parameters denote the **same left values** as actual parameters

```
function f(x) =  
  x := x + 1  
  
main() =  
  int v := 41  
  f(v)  
  print(v)    // prints 42
```

actual parameters are **substituted** to formal parameters, textually, and thus are evaluated only if necessary

```
function f(x, y, z) =  
    return x*x + y*y  
  
main() =  
    print(f(1+2, 2+2, 1/0)) // prints 25  
    // 1+2 is evaluated twice  
    // 2+2 is evaluated twice  
    // 1/0 is never evaluated
```


actual parameters are evaluated only if necessary,
and **at most once**

```
function f(x, y, z) =  
    return x*x + y*y  
  
main() =  
    print(f(1+2, 2+2, 1/0)) // prints 25  
    // 1+2 is evaluated once  
    // 2+2 is evaluated once  
    // 1/0 is never evaluated
```

a few words on JAVA

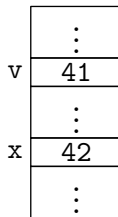
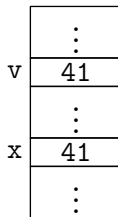
Java uses an eager evaluation, with **call by value**

evaluation order is left-to-right

a value is

- either of a primitive type (Boolean, character, machine integer, etc.)
- or a pointer to a heap-allocated object

```
void f(int x) {  
    x = x + 1;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int v = 41;  
    f(v);  
    // v is still 41  
}
```

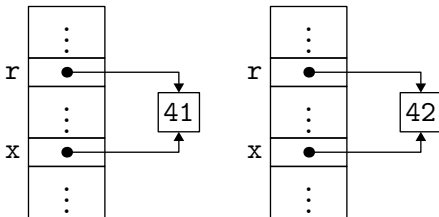


an object is allocated on the heap

```
class C { int f; }
```

```
void incr(C x) {  
    x.f += 1;  
}
```

```
void main () {  
    C r = new C();  
    r.f = 41;  
    incr(r);  
    // r.f now is 42  
}
```

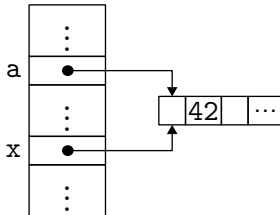
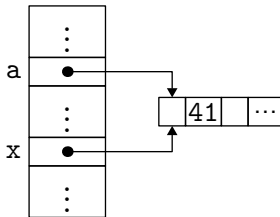


this is still **call by value**,
with a value that is an (implicit) pointer to an object

an array is an object

```
void incr(int[] x) {
    x[1] += 1;
}

void main () {
    int[] a = new int[17];
    a[1] = 41;
    incr(a);
    // a[1] now is 42
}
```



we can emulate call by name in Java, by replacing parameters with functions; for instance, the function

```
int f(int x, int y) {  
    if (x == 0) return 42; else return y + y;  
}
```

can be turned into

```
int f(Supplier<Integer> x, Supplier<Integer> y) {  
    if (x.get() == 0)  
        return 42;  
    else  
        return y.get() + y.get();  
}
```

and called like this

```
int v = f(() -> 0, () -> { throw new Error(); });
```

more efficiently, we can **simulate call by need** in Java

```
class Lazy<T> implements Supplier<T> {  
    private T cache = null;  
    private Supplier<T> f;  
  
    Lazy(Supplier<T> f) { this.f = f; }  
  
    public T get() {  
        if (this.cache == null) {  
            this.cache = this.f.get();  
            this.f = null; // allows the GC to reclaim f  
        }  
        return this.cache;  
    }  
}
```

(this is memoization)

and we use it like this

```
int w = f(new Lazy<Integer>(() -> 1),  
          new Lazy<Integer>(() -> { ...takes time... }));
```

a few words on OCAML

OCaml has an eager evaluation, with **call by value**

evaluation order is left unspecified

a value is

- either of a primitive type (Boolean, character, machine integer, etc.)
- or a pointer to a heap-allocated block (array, record, non constant constructor, etc.)

left values are array elements

```
a.(2) <- true
```

and mutable record fields

```
x.age <- 42
```

OCaml's “mutable variables” (aka references) are records

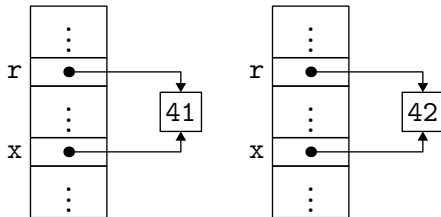
```
type 'a ref = { mutable contents: 'a }
```

and operations `:=` and `!` are defined as

```
let (!) r = r.contents  
let (:=) r v = r.contents <- v
```

a reference is allocated on the heap

```
let incr x =  
  x := !x + 1  
  
let main () =  
  let r = ref 41 in  
  incr r  
  (* !r now is 42 *)
```

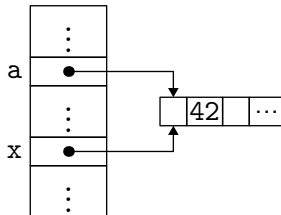
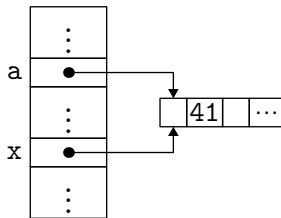


this is still **call by value**,
with a value that is an (implicit) pointer to a mutable data

an array is allocated on the heap

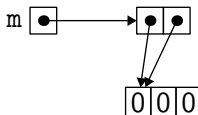
```
let incr x =
  x.(1) <- x.(1) + 1

let main () =
  let a = Array.make 17 0 in
  a.(1) <- 41;
  incr a
  (* a.(1) now is 42 *)
```



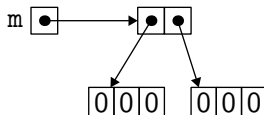
to build a matrix, do not write

```
let m = Array.make 2 (Array.make 3 0)
```



but

```
let m = Array.make_matrix 2 3 0
```



we can **simulate call by name** in OCaml, by replacing parameters with functions

for instance, the function

```
let f x y =  
  if x = 0 then 42 else y + y
```

can be turned into

```
let f x y =  
  if x () = 0 then 42 else y () + y ()
```

and called like this

```
let v = f (fun () -> 0) (fun () -> failwith "oops")
```

we can also **simulate call by need** in OCaml

we first introduce a type to represent lazy computations

```
type 'a value = Value of 'a
              | Frozen of (unit -> 'a)
```

```
type 'a by_need = 'a value ref
```

and a function to evaluate a computation when it is not yet done

```
let force l = match !l with
  | Value v -> v
  | Frozen f -> let v = f () in l := Value v; v
```

(this is memoization)

then we define function `f` as follows

```
let f x y =  
  if force x = 0 then 42 else force y + force y
```

and we call it with

```
let v = f (ref (Frozen (fun () -> 1)))  
          (ref (Frozen (fun () -> ...takes time...)))
```

note: OCaml has a `lazy` construct that does something similar
(but in a more subtle and more efficient way)

a few words on Python

Python has an eager evaluation, with **call by value**

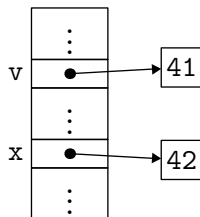
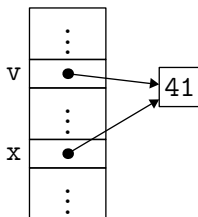
evaluation order is left-to-right
(but right-to-left for an assignment)

a value is a pointer to a heap-allocated object

an integer is an **immutable** object

```
def f(x):
    x += 1

v = 41
f(v)
print(v) # prints 41
```

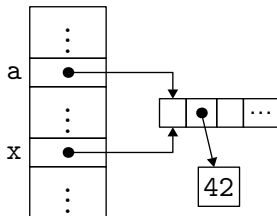
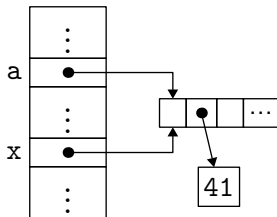


this is still **call by value**,
with a value that is an (implicit) pointer to an object

an array is a mutable object

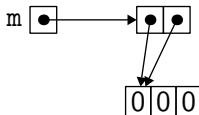
```
def incr(x):
    x[1] += 1

a = [0] * 17
a[1] = 41
incr(a)
# a[1] now is 42
```



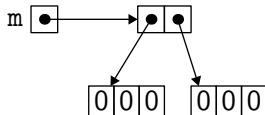
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```
m = [[0] * 3] * 2
```



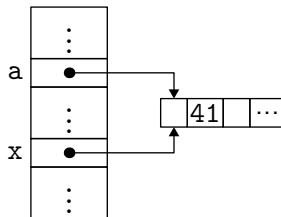
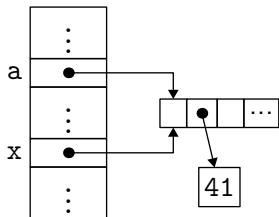
but

```
m = [[0] * 3 for _ in range(2)]
```



the integers being **immutable objects**, we can forget they are heap-allocated objects

for instance, we can identify the following two representations



the execution models of Java, OCaml, and Python are **very close**:
call by value only, and atomic (64 bits) values

even if their surface languages (syntax and static typing) are way different

a few words on Python

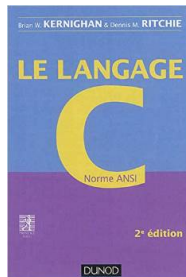
C is an imperative language that is considered low-level, notably because pointers and pointer arithmetic are explicit

conversely, C can be considered as a high-level assembly language

a book that is still relevant:

The C Programming Language

by Brian Kernighan and Dennis Ritchie



the C language has an eager evaluation, with **call by value**
evaluation order is left unspecified

- we have primitive types such as `char`, `int`, `float`, etc.
- a type τ^* for pointers to values of type τ
 - if p is a pointer of τ^* , then $*p$ stands for the value pointed to by p , of type τ
 - if e is a left value of type τ , then $\&e$ is a pointer to its memory location, with type τ^*
- we have records, called *structures*, such as

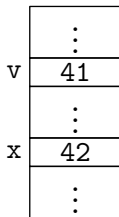
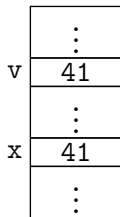
```
struct L { int head; struct L *next; };
```

if e has type `struct L`, we write `e.head` for a field access

in C, a left value is either

- x , a variable
- $*e$, the dereferencing of a pointer
- $e.x$, a structure field access
if e is itself a left value
- $t[e]$, that is sugar for $*(t+e)$
- $e \rightarrow x$, that is sugar for $(*e).x$

```
void f(int x) {  
    x = x + 1;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int v = 41;  
    f(v);  
    // v is still 41  
}
```



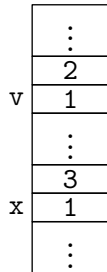
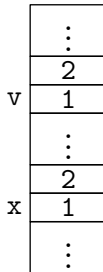
call by value means that **structures are copied** when passed to functions or returned

structures are also copied when variables of structure types are assigned, *i.e.* assignments such as `x = y`, where `x` and `y` have type `struct S`

```
struct S { int a; int b; };
```

```
void f(struct S x) {
    x.b = x.b + 1;
}
```

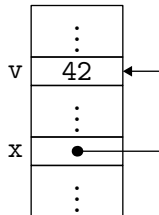
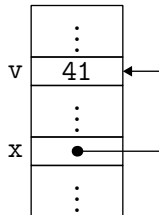
```
int main() {
    struct S v = { 1, 2 };
    f(v);
    // v.b is still 2
}
```



we can **simulate** a call by reference by passing an explicit pointer

```
void incr(int *x) {  
    *x = *x + 1;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int v = 41;  
    incr(&v);  
    // v now is 42  
}
```



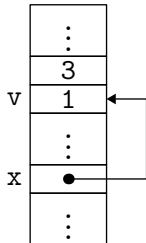
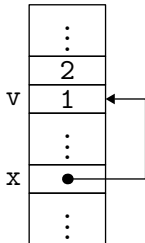
but this is still **call by value**

to avoid copies, we often use pointers to structures

```
struct S { int a; int b; };
```

```
void f(struct S *x) {  
    x->b = x->b + 1;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    struct S v = { 1, 2 };  
    f(&v);  
    // v.b now is 3  
}
```



explicit pointer manipulation can be dangerous

```
int* p() {  
    int x;  
    ...  
    return &x;  
}
```

this function returns a pointer to a memory location on the stack (the stack frame of `p`) that is not meaningful anymore, and that is going to be reused for another stack frame

we call this a **dangling reference**

notation $t[i]$ is syntactic sugar for $*(t+i)$ where

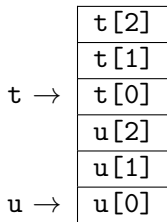
- t is a pointer to a memory location containing consecutive integers
- $+$ stands for **pointer arithmetic** (adding $4i$ to t for an array of 32 bit integers)

the first element of the array is thus $t[0]$, that is $*t$

we cannot assign arrays, only pointers

so we can't write

```
void p() {  
    int t[3];  
    int u[3];  
    t = u;    // <- error  
}
```



since `t` and `u` are (stack-allocated) arrays and arrays assignment is not possible

when passing an array, we only pass a pointer (by value, as always)

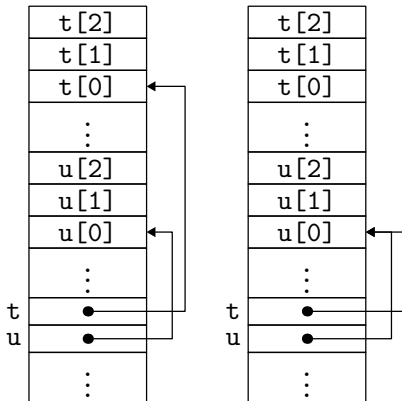
we can write

```
void q(int t[3], int u[3]) {
    t = u;
}
```

and this is exactly the same as

```
void q(int *t, int *u) {
    t = u;
}
```

and pointer assignment is possible



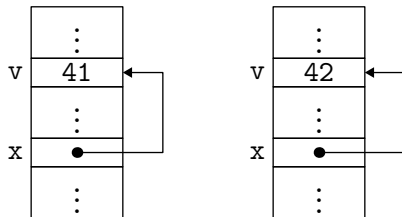
a few words on C++

in C++, we have (among other things) all the types and constructs of C with an eager evaluation

passing is **call by value** by default

but we also have **call by reference**
indicated with symbol & at the formal parameter site

```
void f(int &x) {  
    x = x + 1;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int v = 41;  
    f(v);  
    // v now is 42  
}
```



this is the compiler that

- passed a pointer to `v` at the call site
- dereferenced the pointer `x` in function `f`

the actual parameter has to be a left value

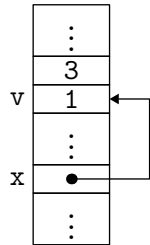
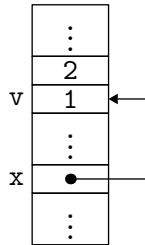
```
void f(int &x) {  
    x = x + 1;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    f(41); // <- error (not a left value)  
}
```

we can pass structures by reference

```
struct S { int a; int b; };
```

```
void f(struct S &x) {  
    x.b = x.b + 1;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    struct S v = { 1, 2 };  
    f(v);  
    // v.b now is 3  
}
```

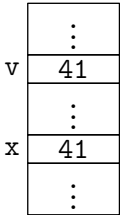
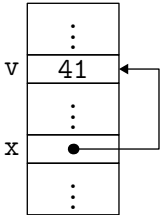
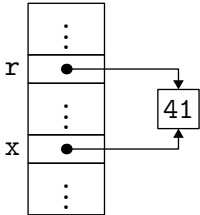


we can pass pointers by reference

for instance to insert an element into a mutable tree

```
struct Node { int elt; Node *left, *right; };

void add(Node* &t, int x) {
    if (t == NULL) t = create(NULL, x, NULL);
    else if (x < t->elt) add(t->left, x);
    else if (x > t->elt) add(t->right, x);
}
```

			
Java	integer by value	—	pointer by value (object)
OCaml	integer by value	—	pointer by value (ref, array, etc.)
Python	—	—	pointer by value (object)
C	integer by value	pointer by value	pointer by value
C++	integer by value	pointer by value integer by reference	pointer by value or by reference

compiling call by value and call by reference

(this might also be useful for your project)

let us consider a tiny fragment of C++ with

- integers
- functions (without return value)
- call by value and call by reference

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 E & \rightarrow & n \\
 & | & x \\
 & | & E + E \mid E - E \\
 & | & E * E \mid E / E \\
 & | & - E
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 C & \rightarrow & E == E \mid E != E \\
 & | & E < E \mid E <= E \mid E > E \mid E >= E \\
 & | & C \&\& C \\
 & | & C \parallel C \\
 & | & ! C
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 S & \rightarrow & x = E; \\
 & | & \text{if } (C) S \\
 & | & \text{if } (C) S \text{ else } S \\
 & | & \text{while } (C) S \\
 & | & f(E, \dots, E); \\
 & | & \text{printf}("%d\\n", E); \\
 & | & \text{int } x, \dots, x; \\
 & | & B
 \end{array}$$

$$B \rightarrow \{ S \dots S \}$$

$$F \rightarrow \text{void } f(X, \dots, X) B$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 X & \rightarrow & \text{int } x \\
 & | & \text{int } \&x
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 P & \rightarrow & F \dots F \\
 & & \text{int main}() B
 \end{array}$$

```
void fib(int n, int &r) {  
    if (n <= 1)  
        r = n;  
    else {  
        int tmp;  
        fib(n - 2, tmp);  
        fib(n - 1, r);  
        r = r + tmp;  
    }  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int f;  
    fib(10, f);  
    printf("%d\n", f);  
}
```

scoping defines the places in the code where a variable is visible

here, if the body of function f mentions a variable x , then

- either x is a parameter of f
- or x is declared upper in a block (including the current block)

beside, a variable can **shadow** another variable with the same name

```
void f(int n) {  
    printf("%d\n", n);    // prints 34  
    if (n > 0) {  
        int n; n = 89;  
        printf("%d\n", n); // prints 89  
    }  
    if (n > 21) {  
        printf("%d\n", n); // prints 34  
        int n; n = 55;  
        printf("%d\n", n); // prints 55  
    }  
    printf("%d\n", n);    // prints 34  
}  
  
int main() {  
    f(34);  
}
```

here, scoping only depends on the program source (this is called **lexical scoping**) and it can be solving during type checking

the abstract syntax keeps track of this analysis,
by identifying each variable in a unique way

before

abstract syntax out of the parser

```

abstract class Expr {...}
class UseVar extends Expr
  { String name; ... }
...
abstract class Stmt {...}
class DeclVar extends Stmt
  { String name; ... }
...

```

variables are strings (names)

after

abstract syntax after type checking

```

abstract class TExpr {...}
class TUseVar extends TExpr
  { Var x; ... }
...
abstract class TStmt {...}
class TDeclVar extends TStmt
  { Var x; ... }

```

now Var is a unique identifier object

the abstract syntax tree now corresponds to something like this:

```
void f(int n0) {  
    printf("%d\n", n0);  
    if (n0 > 0) {  
        int n1; n1 = 89;  
        printf("%d\n", n1);  
    }  
    if (n0 > 21) {  
        printf("%d\n", n0);  
        int n2; n2 = 55;  
        printf("%d\n", n2);  
    }  
    printf("%d\n", n0);  
}
```


or more precisely like this:

```
void f(int ●) {
  printf("%d\n", ●);
  if (● > 0) {
    int ●; ● = 89;
    printf("%d\n", ●);
  }
  if (● > 21) {
    printf("%d\n", n0);
    int ●; ● = 55;
    printf("%d\n", ●);
  }
  printf("%d\n", ●);
}
```

n	int	...
---	-----	-----

n	int	...
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n	int	...
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there are languages where scoping is **dynamic** i.e. depends on the execution of the program

example: `bash`

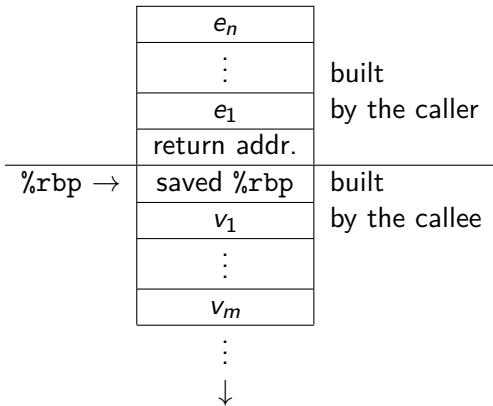
we need to allocate variables in memory and to be able to access them at runtime

here we allocate all the variables on the stack

each on-going function call is implemented with a portion of the stack, called a **stack frame**, that contains

- actual parameters
- the return address
- local variables

the stack frame of a call $f(e_1, \dots, e_n)$ of a function f with n parameters



```

void g(int a, int b) {
    if (...) {
        int c;
        ...
    }
    if (...) {
        int d;
        ...
        int e;
        ...
    }
}

int main() {
    g(100, 10);
}

```

b	10
a	100
	return addr.
%rbp →	saved %rbp
c, d	...
e	...

setting `%rbp` this way allows us to easily retrieve the location of a variable, with a constant offset (e.g. `%rbp + 16` or `%rbp - 8`)

indeed, the top of the stack may change when

- we store temporary values
- we prepare a function call

for each variable, the compiler chooses a position in the stack frame

```
class Var {  
    String name;  
    int ofs; // position wrt %rbp
```

```
type var = {  
    name: string;  
    ofs: int;  
    (* position wrt %rbp *)
```

assuming 64-bit integers (to make things simpler),

- for parameters, these are +16, +24, etc.
- for local variables, these are -8, -16, etc.,
with several options, some of which more economical

let us show now how to compile micro C++ to x86-64

let us focus on **call by value** only for the moment

we adopt a simple compilation scheme, where the results of intermediate computations are stored on the stack (we'll talk about register allocation in lectures 7&8)

we note $C(e)$ the assembly code produced by the compiler for an expression e

principles: after the execution of $C(e)$,

- the value of expression e is in register `%rdi` (arbitrary choice)
- the top of the stack is unchanged
- caller-saved registers can be clobbered

constants

$$C(n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{movq } n \text{ \%rdi}$$

operations

$$C(e_1 + e_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{array}{l} C(e_1) \\ \text{pushq } \%rdi \\ C(e_2) \\ \text{popq } \%rsi \\ \text{addq } \%rsi, \%rdi \end{array}$$

of course, this is extremely inefficient; for $1+2$, we get

```
movq    $1, %rdi
pushq   %rdi
movq    $2, %rdi
popq    %rsi
addq    %rsi, %rdi
```

even though we have 16 registers!

for a **variable**, we use indirect addressing, since the position wrt `%rbp` is a constant that the compiler knows

$$C(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{movq } \text{ofs}(\%rbp), \%rdi$$

(reminder: we only consider call by value for the moment)

Boolean expressions are compiled in a similar way

$$C(e_1 = e_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{array}{l} C(e_1) \\ \text{pushq } \%rdi \\ C(e_2) \\ \text{popq } \%rsi \\ \text{cmpq } \%rdi, \%rsi \\ \text{sete } \%dil \\ \text{movzbq } \%dil, \%rdi \end{array}$$

caveat: more complex for operators `&&` and `||`, that must be evaluated lazily *i.e.* e_2 is not evaluated in $e_1 \ \&\& \ e_2$ (resp. $e_1 \ || \ e_2$) if e_1 is false (resp. true)

a statement s is compiled into a piece of assembly code $C(s)$

principles: after the execution of $C(s)$,

- the top of the stack is unchanged
- caller-saved registers can be clobbered

e.g. $C(\text{print}(e)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C(e)$
 call print_int

```
print_int:
    pushq %rbp
    movq  %rsp, %rbp
    andq  $-16, %rsp  # 16-byte stack alignment
    movq  %rdi, %rsi
    movq  $.Sprint_int, %rdi
    movq  $0, %rax
    call  printf
    movq  %rbp, %rsp
    popq  %rbp
    ret

.data
.Sprint_int:
    .string "%d\n"
```

for a call to function f , we need to

1. push actual parameters
2. call the code at label f
3. pop the parameters

$$C(f(e_1, \dots, e_n)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{array}{l} C(e_n) \\ \text{pushq } \%rdi \\ \vdots \\ C(e_1) \\ \text{pushq } \%rdi \\ \text{call } f \\ \text{addq } \$8n, \%rsp \end{array}$$

in an assignment $x = e$; , the left value is limited to a variable x and we know where this variable is located on the stack

$$C(x = e) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C(e) \\ \text{movq } \%rdi, \text{ ofs}(\%rbp)$$

up to now, parameters were passed **by value**

i.e. the formal parameter is a **new variable** that receives the value of the actual parameter

in C++, the qualifier & indicates a call **by reference**

in this case, the formal parameter stands for the **same variable** as the actual parameter, which must be a variable (a left value, in the general case)

```
void fib(int n, int &r) {  
    if (n <= 1)  
        r = n;  
    else {  
        int tmp;  
        fib(n - 2, tmp);  
        fib(n - 1, r);  
        r = r + tmp;  
    }  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int f;  
    fib(10, f);          // updates the value of f  
    printf("%d\n", f); // prints 55  
}
```

to account for call by reference, we extend the type of variables to indicate whether it is passed by reference

```
class Var {  
    String name;  
    int ofs; // position wrt %rbp  
    boolean byref;
```

```
type var = {  
    name: string;  
    ofs: int;  
    (* position wrt %rbp *)  
    byref: bool;
```

(is false for a local variable)

in a call $f(e)$ the actual parameter e is not typed nor compiled the same way anymore when passed by reference

indeed, the type checker

1. checks that this is a left value
2. recalls it is passed by reference

a nice way to proceed is to add a new construct “compute a left value” in the abstract syntax of expressions

```
...  
class Addr extends TExpr {  
  Var x;
```

then we replace $f(e)$ with $f(\text{Addr}(e))$ when e is passed by reference

note: this is exactly the C operator $\&$, even if it is not part of our fragment

we have to extend the compilation of expressions:

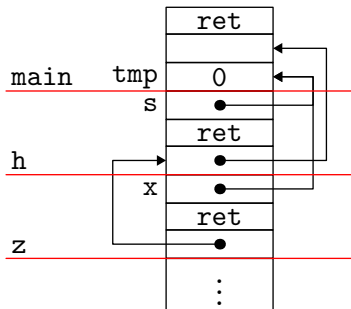
$$C(\&x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{array}{l} \text{leaq } ofs(\%rbp), \%rdi \\ \text{movq } (\%rdi), \%rdi \end{array} \quad \text{if } x.\text{byref}$$

note: the case $x.\text{byref}=\text{true}$ accounts for a variable x that is itself passed by reference

```

void z(int &x) { x = 0; }
void h(int &s) { z(s); while (s < 100) s = 2*s+1; }
int main() { int tmp; h(tmp); printf("%d\n", tmp); }

```



we also need to update the case of a variable access:

$$C(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{array}{l} \text{movq } ofs(\%rbp), \%rdi \\ \text{movq } (\%rdi), \%rdi \end{array} \quad \text{if } x.\text{byref}$$

as well as that of an assignment:

$$C(x = e) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{array}{ll} C(e) & \text{if } x.\text{byref} \\ \text{movq } ofs(\%rbp), \%rsi & \text{otherwise} \\ \text{leaq } ofs(\%rbp), \%rsi & \\ \text{movq } \%rdi, (\%rsi) & \end{array}$$

on the contrary, we do not have to update the compilation of a function call, thanks to the new operator &

we are left with the compilation of functions

```
void f(x1, ..., xn) {  
    // local variables y1,...,ym  
    body  
}
```

compute

$$fs = \max_{y_i} |y_i. ofs|$$

then

```
f:    pushq %rbp          # save %rbp
      movq  %rsp, %rbp    # and set it
      subq  $fs, %rsp     # allocate the frame
```

C(body)

```
      movq  %rbp, %rsp    # deallocate the frame
      popq  %rbp          # restore %rbp
      ret                # return to caller
```

```

void swap(int &x, int &y) {
    int tmp;
    tmp = x;
    x = y;
    y = tmp;
}

```

y (+24)	
x (+16)	
	return addr.
%rbp →	saved %rbp
tmp (-8)	...

```

swap:  pushq %rbp
        movq %rsp, %rbp
        subq $8, %rsp
        movq 16(%rbp), %rdi
        movq 0(%rdi), %rdi
        leaq -8(%rbp), %rsi
        movq %rdi, 0(%rsi)
        movq 24(%rbp), %rdi
        movq 0(%rdi), %rdi
        movq 16(%rbp), %rsi
        movq %rdi, 0(%rsi)
        movq -8(%rbp), %rdi
        movq 24(%rbp), %rsi
        movq %rdi, 0(%rsi)
        movq %rbp, %rsp
        popq %rbp
        ret

```