

02247 Compiler Construction

What is a compiler?

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<http://www.swamiiyer.net/cs451/slides.html>)*

Compilers are organized in several phases/modules



Figure: Compiler as a black-box



Figure: Compiler components: Front and Back End

Front End Phases



Figure: Compiler components: Front End

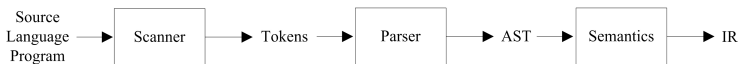


Figure: Front End phases

Back End Phases

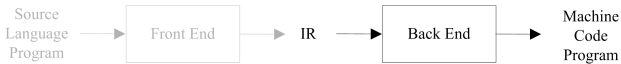


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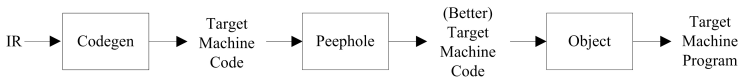


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The Moddle End: Optimizer



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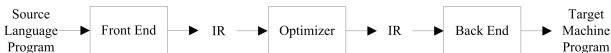


Figure: Compiler components: Front, Middle, and Back End

Front End phases

Example Input

```
float exp(float b, int n){  
    // compute exp(b,n) naively  
    // assuming n>=0  
    float result = 1;  
    while (n!=0){  
        result = result * b;  
        n = n-1;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

Front End phases

Scanner (Lexical Analysis)

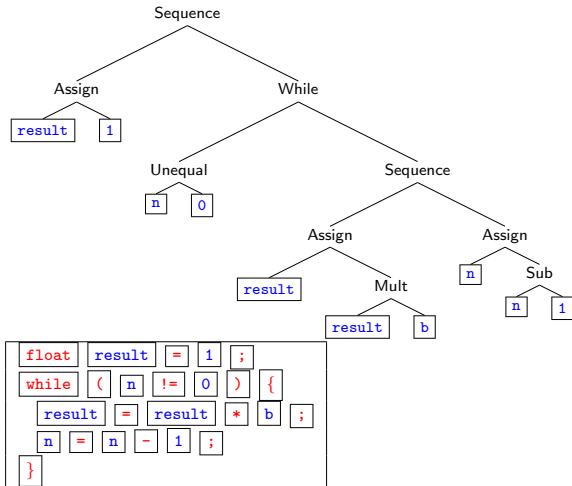
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The scanner recognizes

- Keywords and Symbols
- User-defined identifiers for variables, functions, ...
- Constants like 0
- Filters comments and whitespaces

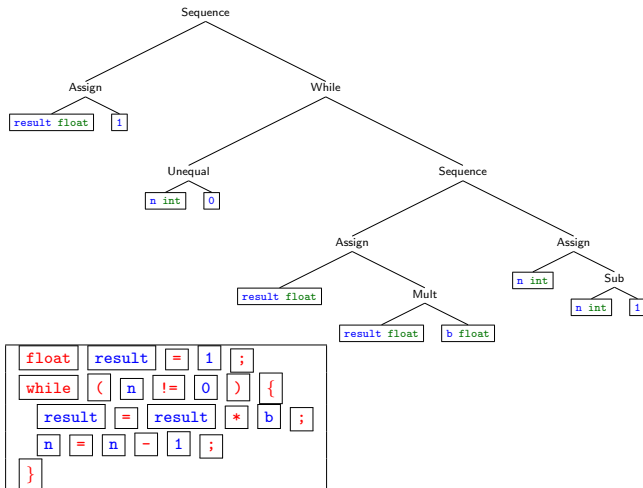
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Parser (Syntax Analysis)



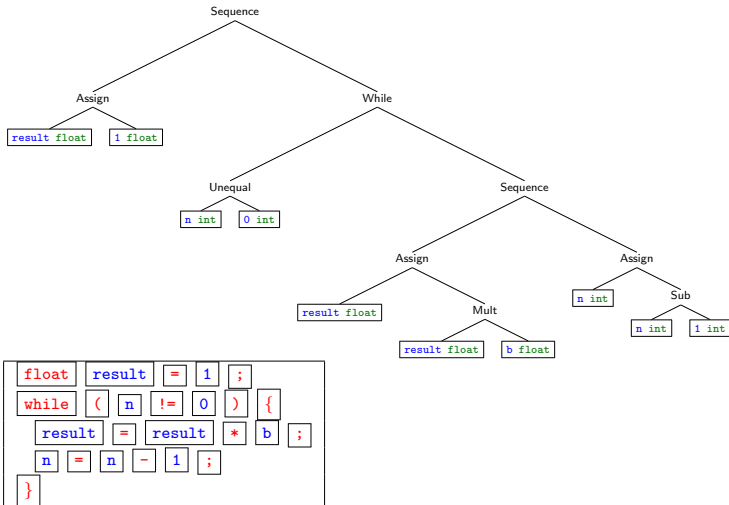
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Type Checking (Semantic Analysis)



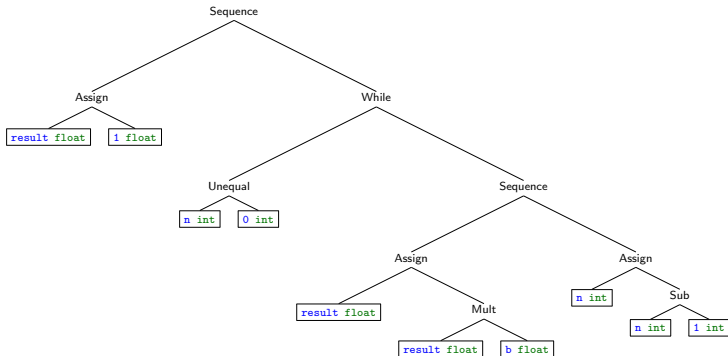
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Code Generation

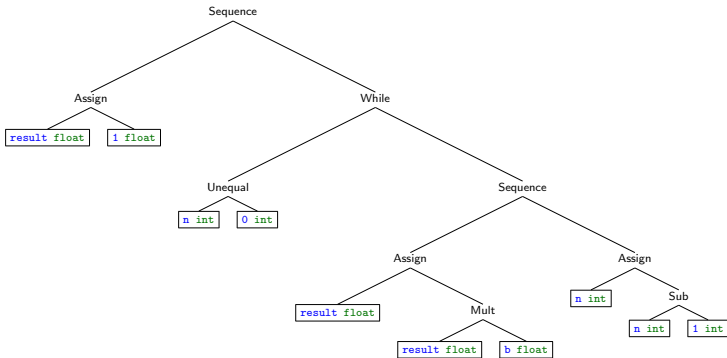


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result:=1
loop:  if n compare.int 0 goto end
      result := result mult.float b
      n:= n sub.int 1
      goto loop
end:   ...
  
```

Back End phases

Code Generation – Register Allocation



b in r1, n in r2, result in r3, r4 empty

r3:=1

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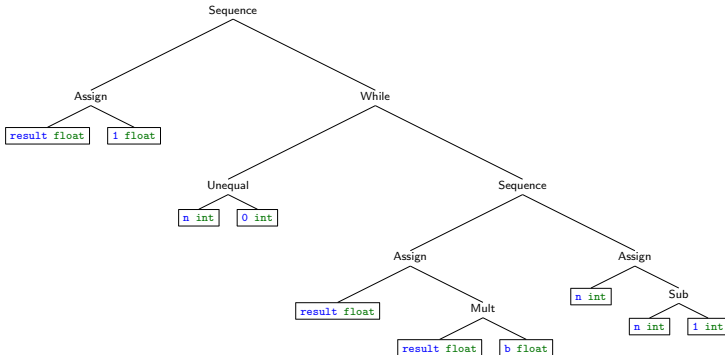
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Peephole



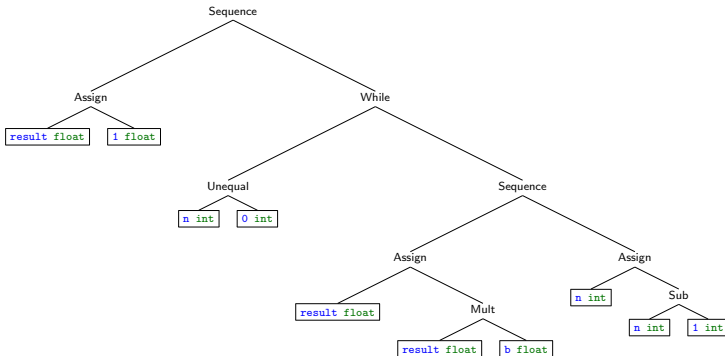
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