

# **Language Processing Systems**

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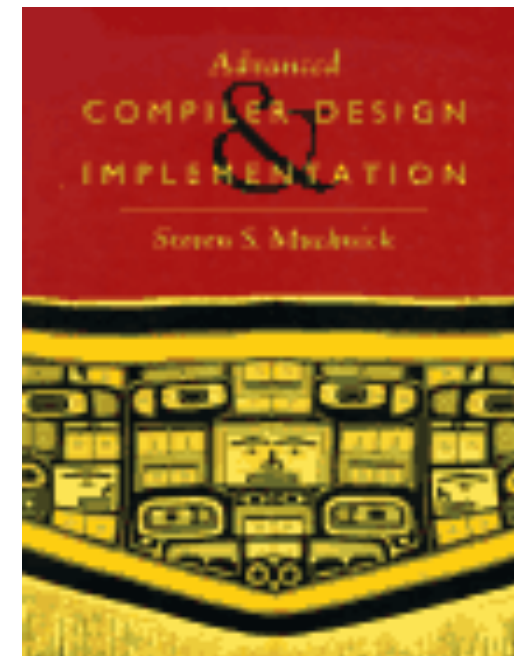
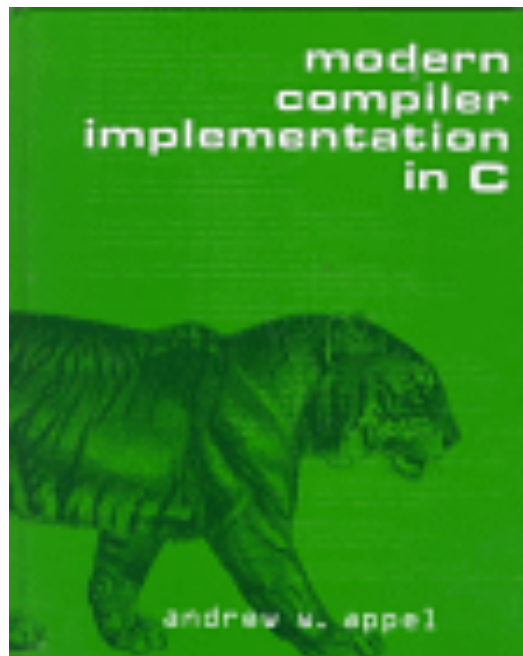
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# Books

- Andrew W. Appel : *Modern Compiler Implementation in C*
- A. Aho, R. Sethi and J. Ullman, *Compilers: Principles, Techniques and Tools* (The Dragon Book), Addison Wesley
- S. Muchnick, *Advanced Compiler Design and Implementation*, Morgan Kaufman

# Books



# Goals

- Understand theory behind compiler
- Understand the structure of a compiler
- Understand how the components operate
- Understand the tools involved
  - scanner generator, parser generator, etc.
- Understanding means
  - [theory] be able to read source code
  - [practice] be able to adapt/write source code

# **The Course covers:**

- Introduction
- Mathematical background and Automata theory
- Lexical Analysis
- Syntax Analysis
- Semantic Analysis
- Intermediate Code Generation
- Code Generation
- Code Optimization (if there is time)

# Today's Outline

- Introduction to Language Processing Systems
  - Why do we need a compiler?
  - What are compilers?
  - Anatomy of a compiler



# Why study compilers?

- Better understanding of programming language concepts
- Wide applicability
  - Transforming “data” is very common
  - Many useful data structures and algorithms
- Bring together:
  - Data structures & Algorithms
  - Formal Languages
  - Computer Architecture
- Influence:
  - Language Design
  - Architecture (influence is bi-directional)

# Issues Driving Compiler Design

- Correctness
- Speed (runtime and compile time)
  - Degrees of optimization
  - Multiple passes
- Space
- Feedback to user
- Debugging

# Why Study Compilers?

- Compilers enable programming at a high level language instead of machine instructions.
  - Malleability, Portability, Modularity, Simplicity, Programmer Productivity
  - Also Efficiency and Performance

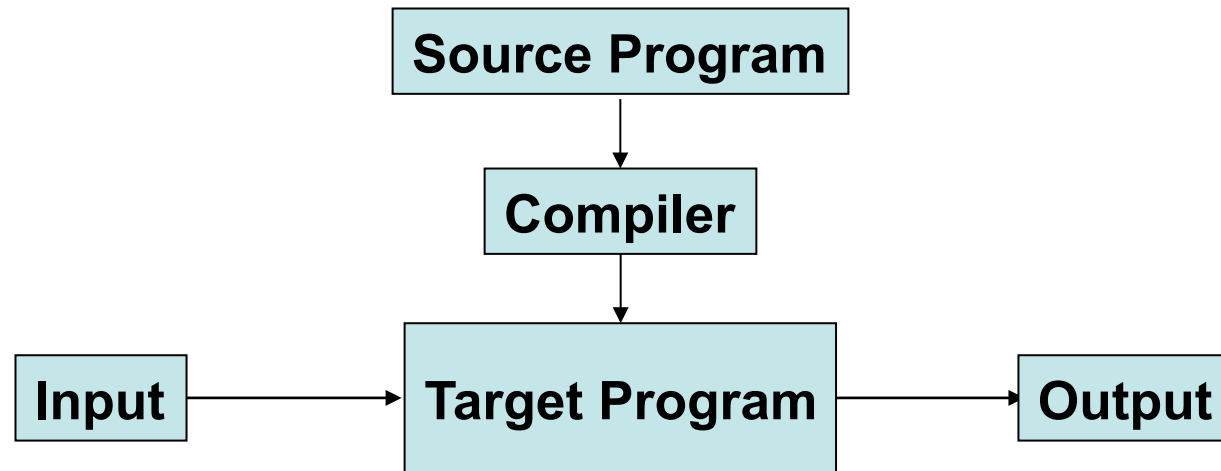
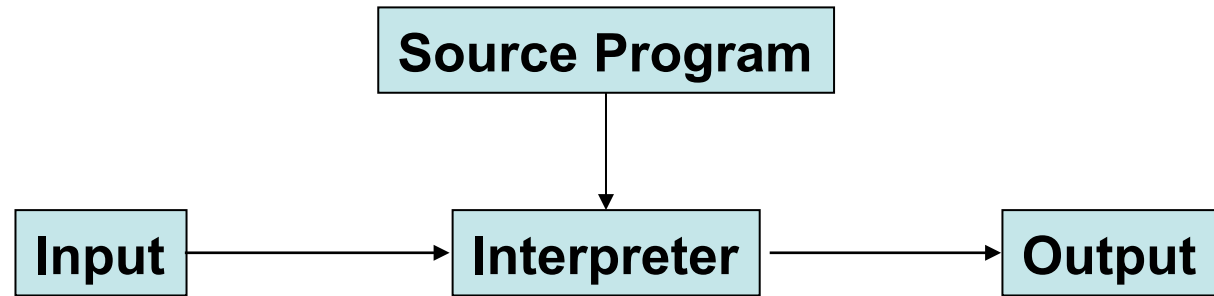
# **Compilers Construction touches many topics in Computer Science**

- Theory
  - Finite State Automata, Grammars and Parsing, data-flow
- Algorithms
  - Graph manipulation, dynamic programming
- Data structures
  - Symbol tables, abstract syntax trees
- Systems
  - Allocation and naming, multi-pass systems, compiler construction
- Computer Architecture
  - Memory hierarchy, instruction selection, interlocks and latencies
- Security
  - Detection of and Protection against vulnerabilities
- Software Engineering
  - Software development environments, debugging
- Artificial Intelligence
  - Heuristic based search

# **Related to Compilers**

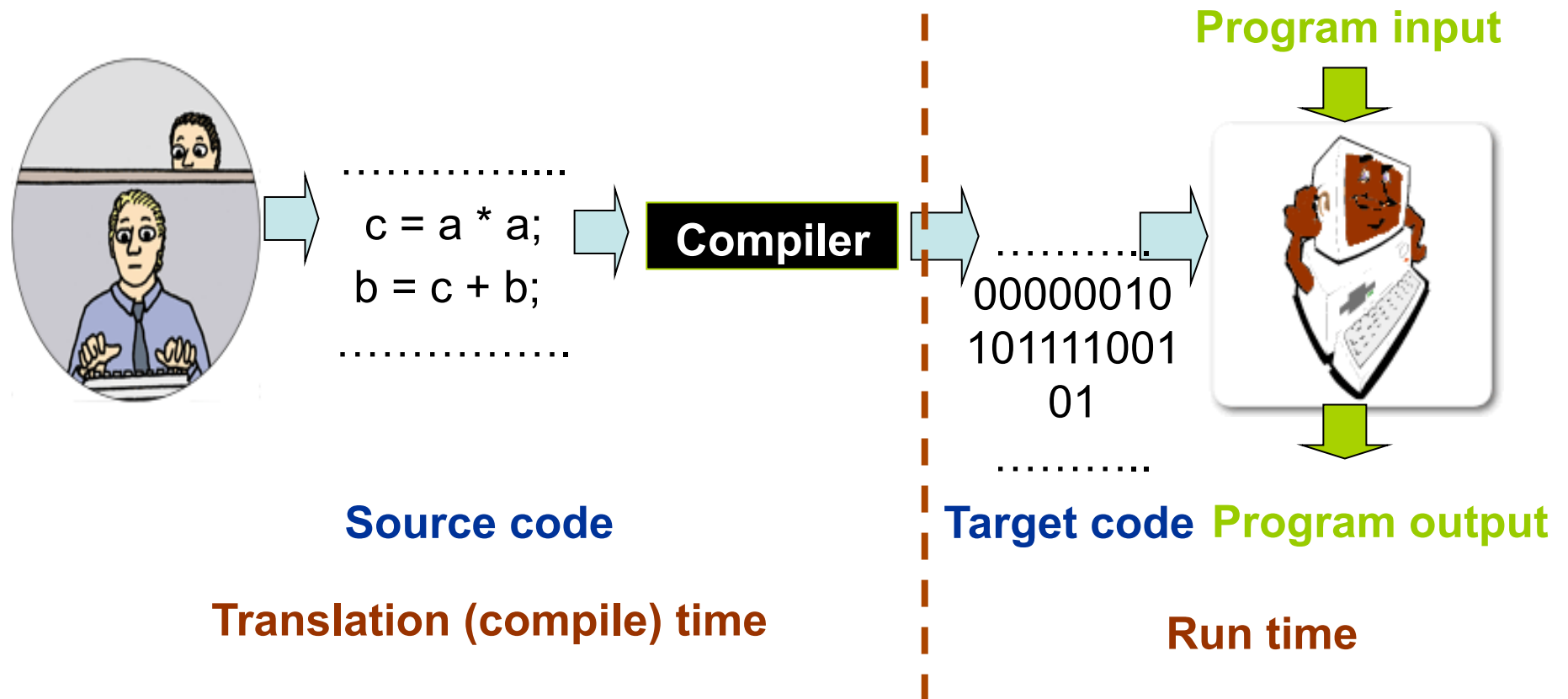
- Interpreters (direct execution)
- Assemblers
- Preprocessors
- Text formatters (non-WYSIWYG)
- Analysis tools

# Interpreter vs Compiler



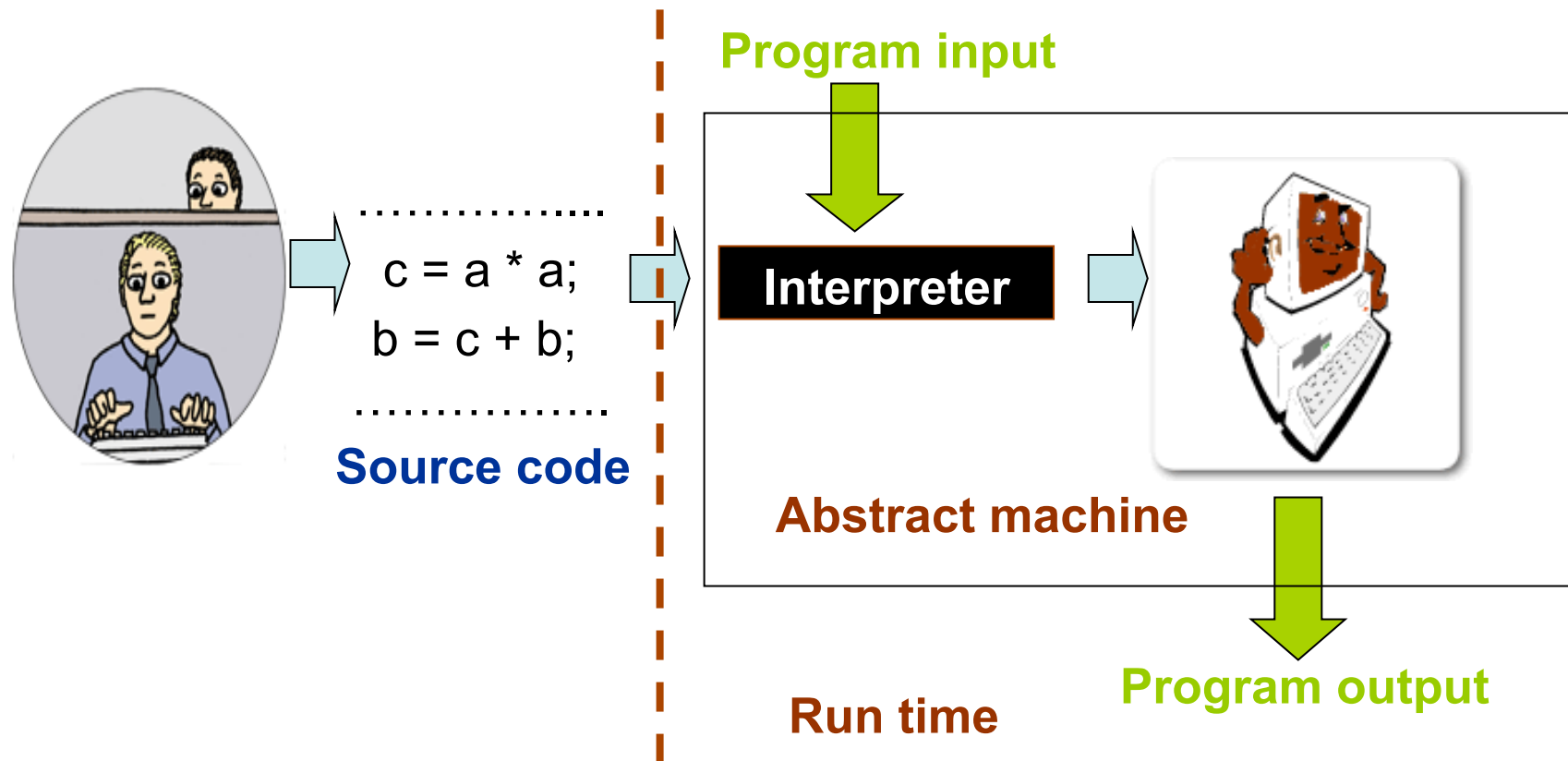
# Compilers

Read C/C++/Java program → optimization → translate into machine code



# Interpreters

Read input program → interpret the operations

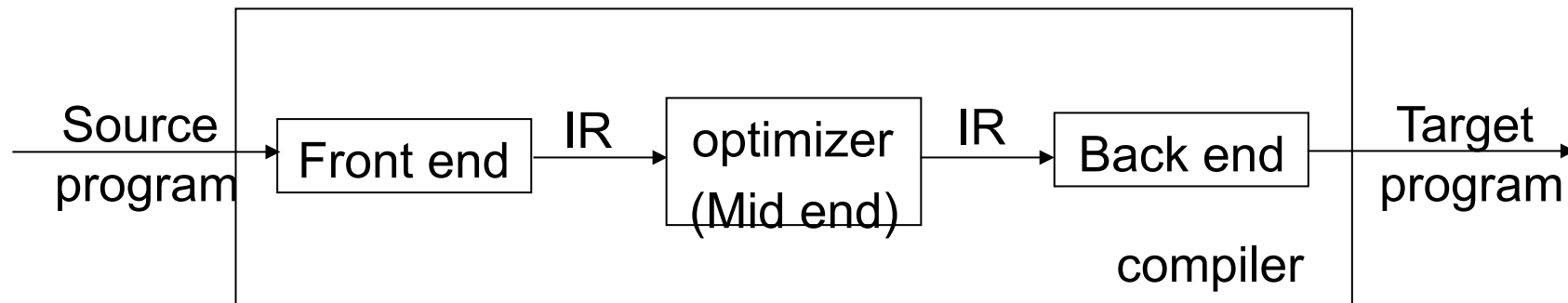




# Objectives of compilers

- Fundamental principles
  - Compilers shall preserve the meaning of the input program --- it must be correct
    - Translation should not alter the original meaning
  - Compilers shall do something of value
    - They are not just toys
- How to judge the quality of a compiler
  - Does the compiled code run with high speed?
  - Does the compiled code fit in a compact space?
  - Does the compiler provide feedbacks on incorrect program?
  - Does the compiler allow debugging of incorrect program?
  - Does the compiler finish translation with reasonable speed?
- What kind of compilers do you like?
  - Gnome compilers, Sun compilers, Intel compilers, Java compilers, C/C++ compilers, .....

# Compiler structure



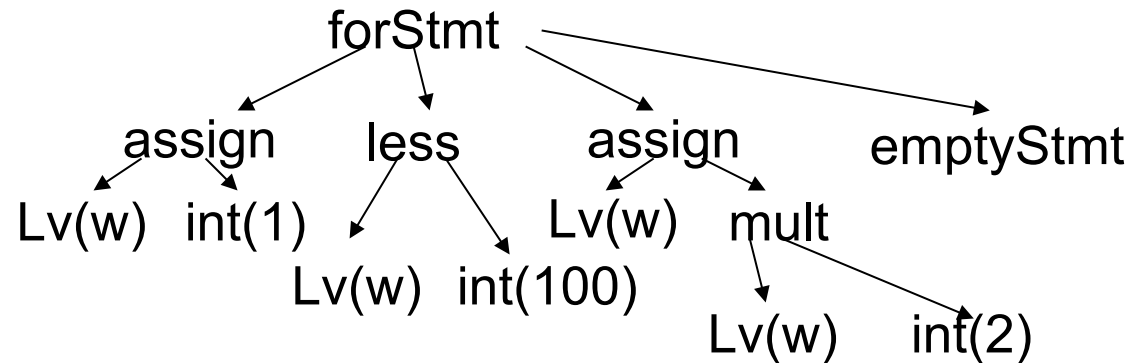
- Front end --- understand the source program
  - Scanning, parsing, context-sensitive analysis
- IR --- intermediate (internal) representation of the input
  - Abstract syntax tree, symbol table, control-flow graph
- Optimizer (mid end) --- improve the input program
  - Data-flow analysis, redundancy elimination, computation re-structuring
- Back end --- generate executable for target machine
  - Instruction selection and scheduling, register allocation

# Front end

- Source program  
for (w = 1; w < 100; w = w \* 2);
- Input: a stream of characters
  - ‘f’ ‘o’ ‘r’ ‘(’ ‘w’ ‘=’ ‘1’ ‘;’ ‘w’ ‘<’ ‘1’ ‘0’ ‘0’ ‘;’ ‘w’ ...
- Scanning--- convert input to a stream of words (tokens)
  - “for” “(“ “w” “=“ “1” “;” “w” “<“ “100” “;” “w” ...
- Parsing---discover the syntax/structure of sentences
  - forStmt: “for” “(” expr1 “;” expr2 “;” expr3 “)” stmt
  - expr1 : localVar(w) “=” integer(1)
  - expr2 : localVar(w) “<” integer(100)
  - expr3: localVar(w) “=” expr4
  - expr4: localVar(w) “\*” integer(2)
  - stmt: “;”

# Intermediate representation

- Source program  
for (w = 1; w < 100; w = w \* 2);
- Parsing --- convert input tokens to IR
  - Abstract syntax tree --- structure of program



# Mid end --- improving the code

Original code

```
int j = 0, k;  
while (j < 500) {  
    j = j + 1;  
    k = j * 8;  
    a[k] = 0;  
}
```

Improved code

```
int k = 0;  
while (k < 4000) {  
    k = k + 8;  
    a[k] = 0;  
}
```

- Program analysis --- recognize optimization opportunities
  - Data flow analysis: where data are defined and used
  - Dependence analysis: when operations can be reordered
- Transformations --- improve target program speed or space
  - Redundancy elimination
  - Improve data movement and instruction parallelization

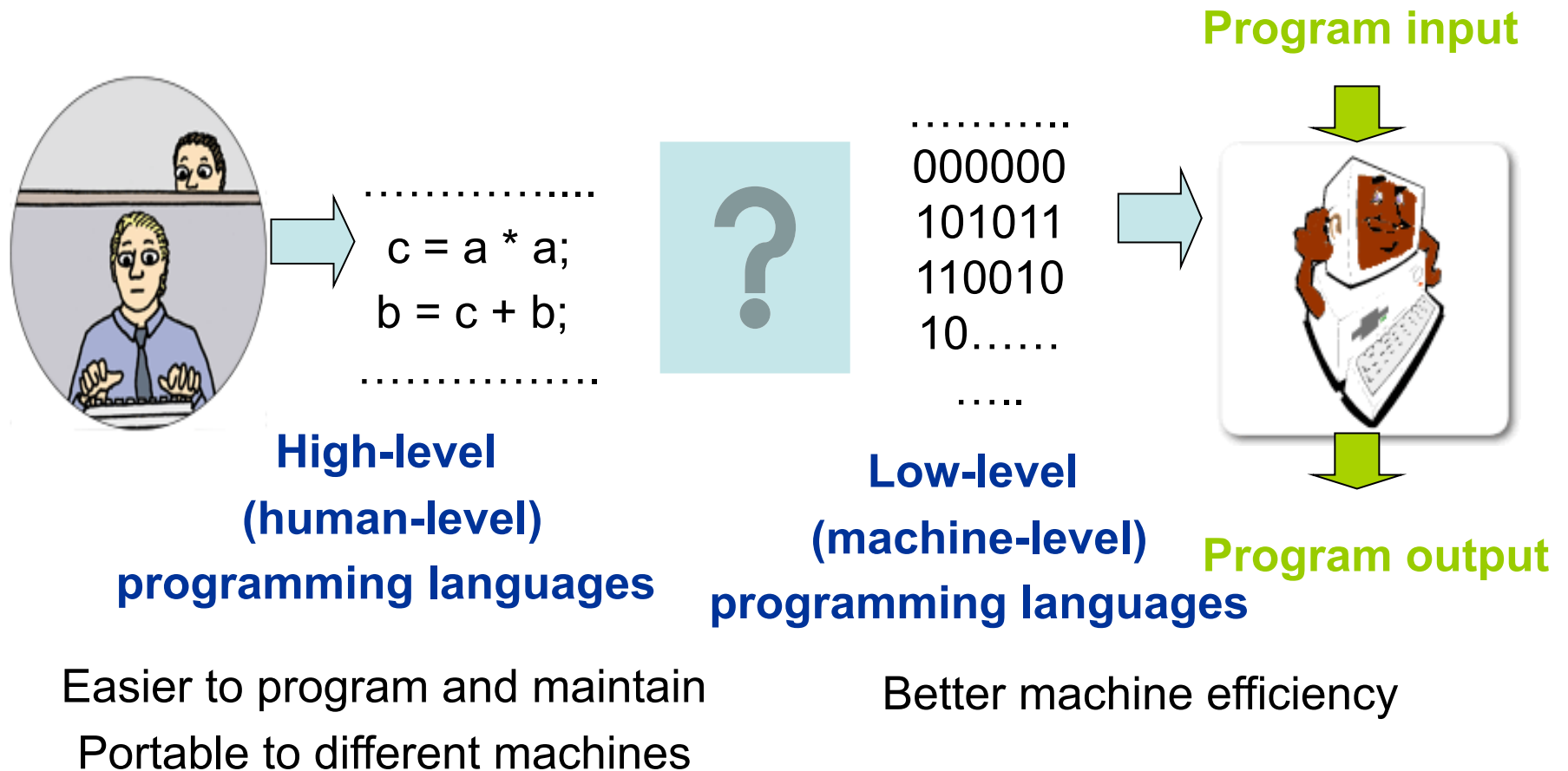
# Back end --- code generation

- Memory management
  - Every variable must be allocated with a memory location
  - Address stored in symbol tables during translation
- Instruction selection
  - Assembly language of the target machine
  - Abstract assembly (three/two address code)
- Register allocation
  - Most instructions must operate on registers
  - Values in registers are faster to access
- Instruction scheduling
  - Reorder instructions to enhance parallelism/pipelining in processors

# Programming language implementation

- Programming languages
  - Tools for describing data and algorithms
    - Instructing machines what to do
    - Communicate between computers and programmers
  - Different programming languages
    - FORTRAN, Pascal, C, C++, Java, Lisp, Scheme, ML, ...
- Compilers/translators
  - Translate programming languages to machine languages
  - Translate one programming language to another
- Interpreters
  - Interpret the meaning of programs and perform the operations accordingly

# Levels of Programming Languages





# **Power of a Language**

- Can use to describe any action
  - Not tied to a “context”
- Many ways to describe the same action
  - Flexible

# How to instruct a computer

- How about natural languages?
  - English??
  - “Open the pod bay doors, Hal.”
  - “I am sorry Dave, I am afraid I cannot do that”
  - We are not there yet!!
- Natural Languages:
  - Powerful, but...
  - Ambiguous
    - Same expression describes many possible actions



# Programming Languages

- Properties
  - need to be precise
  - need to be concise
  - need to be expressive
  - need to be at a high-level (lot of abstractions)

# High-level Abstract Description to Low-level Implementation Details



President



My poll ratings are low,  
lets invade a small nation



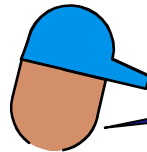
General



Cross the river and take  
defensive positions



Sergeant



Forward march, turn left  
Stop!, Shoot

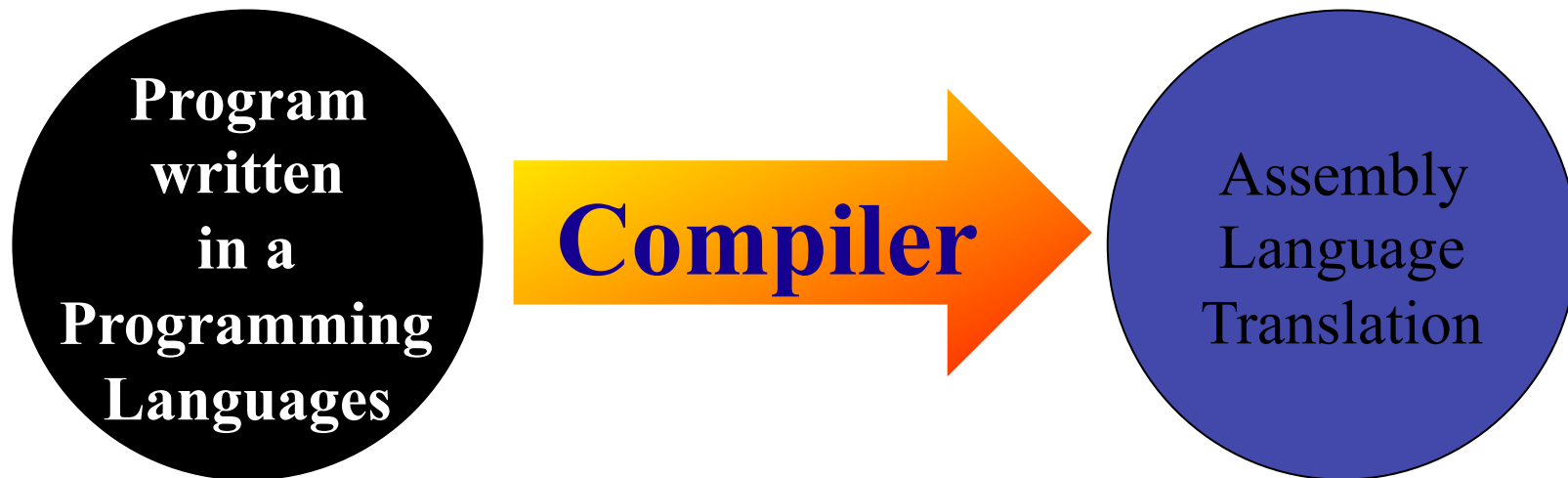


Foot Soldier



# 1. How to instruct the computer

- Write a program using a programming language
  - High-level Abstract Description
- Microprocessors talk in assembly language
  - Low-level Implementation Details



# **1. How to instruct the computer**

- Input: High-level programming language
- Output: Low-level assembly instructions
- Compiler does the translation:
  - Read and understand the program
  - Precisely determine what actions it require
  - Figure-out how to faithfully carry-out those actions
  - Instruct the computer to carry out those actions

# Input to the Compiler

- Standard imperative language (Java, C, C++)
  - State
    - Variables,
    - Structures,
    - Arrays
  - Computation
    - Expressions (arithmetic, logical, etc.)
    - Assignment statements
    - Control flow (conditionals, loops)
    - Procedures

# Output of the Compiler

- State
  - Registers
  - Memory with Flat Address Space
- Machine code – load/store architecture
  - Load, store instructions
  - Arithmetic, logical operations on registers
  - Branch instructions



# Example (input program)

```
int sumcalc(int a, int b, int N)
{
    int i, x, y;
    x = 0;
    y = 0;
    for(i = 0; i <= N; i++) {
        x = x + (4*a/b)*i + (i+1)*(i+1);
        x = x + b*y;
    }
    return x;
}
```

# Example (Output assembly code)

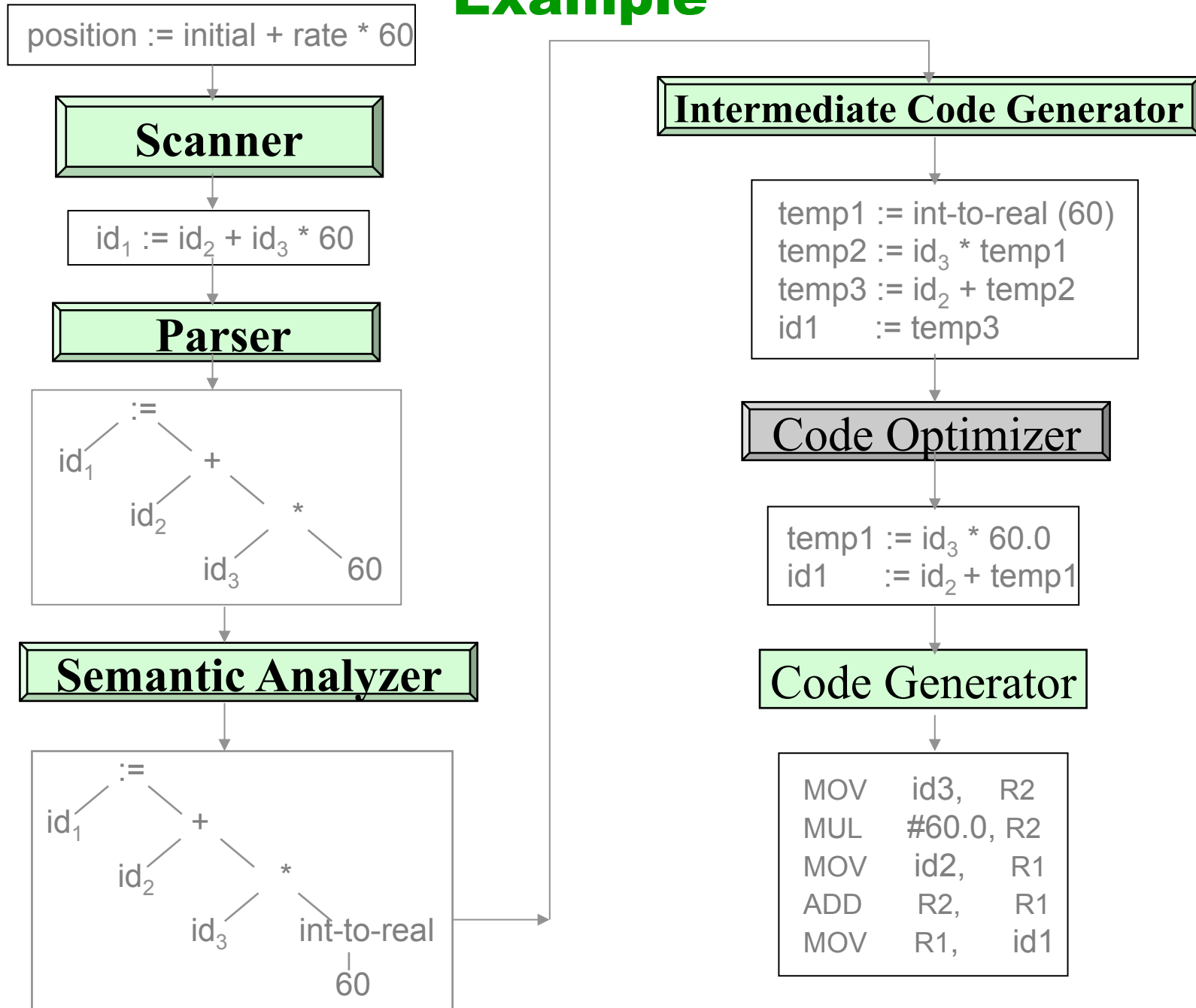
```
sumcalc:
    pushq    %rbp
    movq     %rsp, %rbp
    movl     %edi, -4(%rbp)
    movl     %esi, -8(%rbp)
    movl     %edx, -12(%rbp)
    movl     $0, -20(%rbp)
    movl     $0, -24(%rbp)
    .L2:     movl     $0, -16(%rbp)
    movl     -16(%rbp), %eax
    cmpl     -12(%rbp), %eax
    jg       .L3
    movl     -4(%rbp), %eax
    leal     0(,%rax,4), %edx
    leaq     -8(%rbp), %rax
    movq     %rax, -40(%rbp)
    movl     %edx, %eax
    movq     -40(%rbp), %rcx
    cltd
    idivl    (%rcx)
    movl     %eax, -28(%rbp)
    movl     -28(%rbp), %edx
    imull    -16(%rbp), %edx
    movl     -16(%rbp), %eax
    incl     %eax
    imull    %eax, %eax
    addl     %eax, %edx
    leaq     -20(%rbp), %rax
    addl     %edx, (%rax)
    movl     -8(%rbp), %eax
    movl     %eax, %edx
    imull    -24(%rbp), %edx
    leaq     -20(%rbp), %rax
    addl     %edx, (%rax)
    leaq     -16(%rbp), %rax
    incl     (%rax)
    jmp      .L2
.L3:       movl     -20(%rbp), %eax
    leave
    ret
```

```
.size      sumcalc, .-sumcalc
.section
.Lframe1:
    .long    .LECIE1-.LSCIE1
.LSCIE1:   .long    0x0
    .byte    0x1
    .string   ""
    .uleb128 0x1
    .sleb128 -8
    .byte    0x10
    .byte    0xc
    .uleb128 0x7
    .uleb128 0x8
    .byte    0x90
    .uleb128 0x1
    .align   8
.LECIE1:   .long    .LEFDE1-.LASFDE1
    .long    .LASFDE1-.Lframe1
    .quad    .LFB2
    .quad    .LFE2-.LFB2
    .byte    0x4
    .long    .LCFI0-.LFB2
    .byte    0xe
    .uleb128 0x10
    .byte    0x86
    .uleb128 0x2
    .byte    0x4
    .long    .LCFI1-.LCFI0
    .byte    0xd
    .uleb128 0x6
    .align   8
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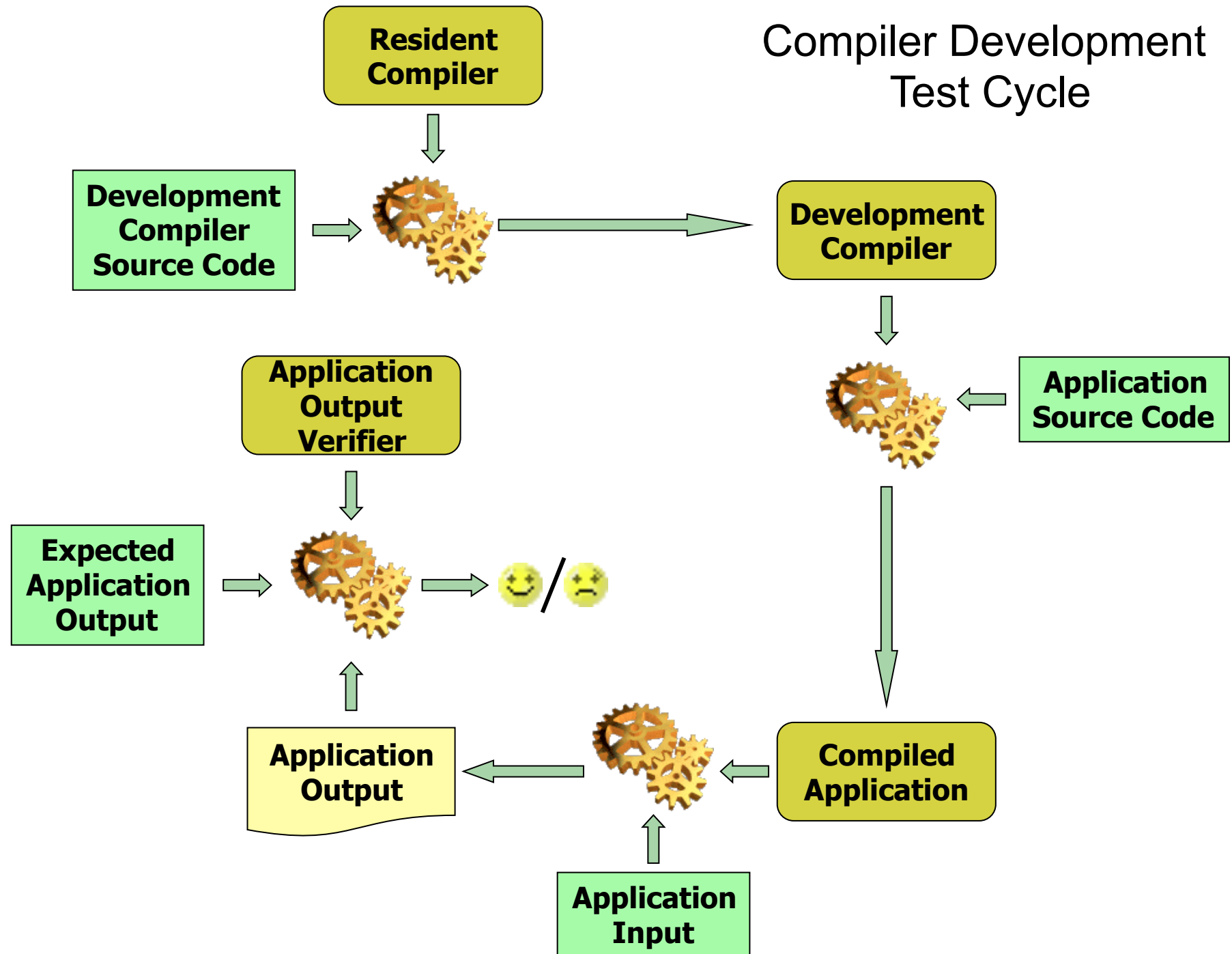
# Compiler Example



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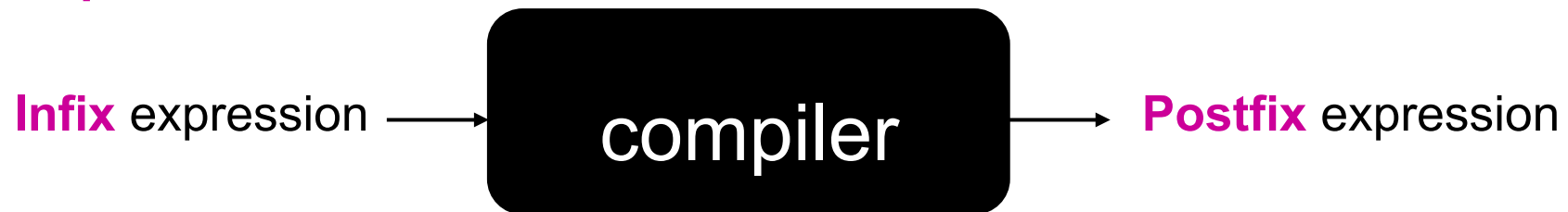


# Compiler Development Test Cycle



# A Simple Compiler Example

Our goal is to build a very simple compiler its source program are expressions formed from digits separated by plus (+) and minus (-) signs in **infix** form. The target program is the same expression but in a **postfix** form.



**Infix** expression: Refer to expressions in which the operations are put between its operands.

**Example:**  $a+b*10$

**Postfix** expression: Refer to expressions in which the operations come after its operands.

**Example:**  $ab10*+$

# Infix to Postfix translation

1. If  $E$  is a digit then its postfix form is  $E$
2. If  $E = E_1 + E_2$  then its postfix form is  $E_1`E_2`+$
3. If  $E = E_1 - E_2$  then its postfix form is  $E_1`E_2`-$
4. If  $E = (E_1)$  then  $E$  and  $E_1$  have the same postfix form

Where in 2 and 3  $E_1`$  and  $E_2`$  represent the postfix forms of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively.

**END**