

Discussion Week of 4/22: Inheritance, Exceptions, and Code Generation

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1 Inheritance

1. Recall the *stub* trick from lecture, an implementation strategy for multiple inheritance. Suppose we have the following:

```
class Base {
public:
    int foo;
    virtual int f() {
        std::cout << this << std::endl; return this->foo;
    }
};

class Base2 {
public:
    int bar;
    virtual int g() {
        std::cout << this << std::endl; return this->bar;
    }
};

class Derived : public Base, public Base2 {
public:
    int baz;
    virtual int h() {
        std::cout << this << std::endl; return this->baz;
    }
};
```

To overcome this issue, compilers will move the `this` pointer so that each method sees what it expects. For simplicity, they actually create stub methods that will move the `this` pointer before calling the original method. For example, the compiler may generate

```
Base2::g'() { move_this_pointer(); g(); }
```

- (a) Roughly sketch the class layout of the above classes (using the same 4-byte offset convention from the inheritance lecture). For `Derived`, assume `h()` is stored inside its own version of `Base`'s vtable.

- (b) What will the following print (assuming there is no padding)?

```
Derived a;
std::cout << &a << std::endl; // Suppose this prints 0x10.
a.f();
a.g();
a.h();
```

2 Exceptions and Code Generation

In this question we'll look at how the `setjmp/longjmp` exception mechanism can be implemented. Consider a 32-bit computer architecture with 5 registers (`r0`, ..., `r4`): `r0-2` are used for function parameters, `r3` is used for the return address, and `r4` is used to store the return value. Implement `setjmp(jmp_buf*)` and `longjmp(jmp_buf*, int)` in assembly (AT&T syntax). Assume that the `jmp_buf` is large enough, and that the second argument to `longjmp` is never 0.

```
setjmp:
    movl    ; Hint: setjmp() cannot modify any registers until
    movl    ; it has saved them.
    movl    ;
    movl    ;
    xorl    ; Set the return value register to 0.
    retl    ; Return to the address stored in r3.

longjmp:
    movl    ; Set the return value up front before r1 disappears.
    movl    ; Skip recovering r0 to preserve the jmp_buf pointer.
    movl    ;
    movl    ; Recover the return address passed into setjmp().
    movl    ; Finally, recover r0. We handled the others already.
    retl    ; Return "again" from setjmp() by jumping to (r3).
```

1. Is it possible to `longjmp` to the same `jmp_buf` multiple times?
2. Write a program which throws an exception, handles it, and returns to the exception site from the exception handler using `setjmp/longjmp`.

```
void f() {
    jmp_buf jb1, jb2;
```

```
}
```