

Chapter 10/11/12/13

High Level Programming Languages Variables and Operators The runtime stack

Emphasis on how C-like languages are converted to LC-3 assembly

A High-Level Languages

- Gives symbolic names to values
 - don't need to know which register or memory location
- Provides abstraction of underlying hardware
 - operations do not depend on instruction set
 - example: can write "a = b * c", even though LC-3 doesn't have a multiply instruction
- Provides expressiveness
 - use meaningful symbols that convey meaning
 - simple expressions for common control patterns (if-then-else)
- Enhances code readability
- Safeguards against bugs
 - can enforce rules or conditions at compile-time or run-time
- If it can be specified in a high-level language then it MUST be do-able in assembly!

Compilation vs. Interpretation

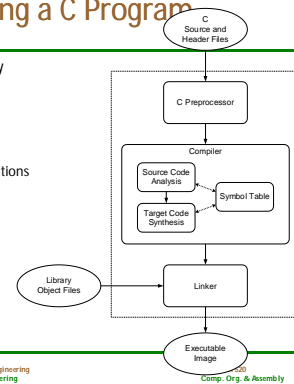
- Different ways of translating high-level language
- Interpretation
 - interpreter = program that executes program statements
 - generally one line/command at a time
 - limited processing
 - easy to debug, make changes, view intermediate results
 - languages: BASIC, LISP, Perl, Java, Matlab, C-shell
- Compilation
 - translates statements into machine language
 - does not execute, but creates executable program
 - performs optimization over multiple statements
 - change requires recompilation
 - can be harder to debug, since executed code may be different
 - languages: C, C++, Fortran, Pascal

Get W from the keyboard.
 $X = W + W$
 $Y = X + X$
 $Z = Y + Y$
Print Z to screen.

How many arithmetic operations when interpreted? When compiled with optimization?

Compiling a C Program

- Entire mechanism is usually called the "compiler"
- Preprocessor
 - macro substitution
 - conditional compilation
 - "source-level" transformations
 - output is still C
- Compiler
 - generates object file
 - machine instructions
- Linker
 - combine object files (including libraries) into executable image



Compiler

- Source Code Analysis
 - "front end"
 - parses programs to identify its pieces
 - variables, expressions, statements, functions, etc.
 - depends on language (not on target machine)
- Code Generation
 - "back end"
 - generates machine code from analyzed source
 - may optimize machine code to make it run more efficiently
 - Consider automated HTML generation...
 - very dependent on target machine
- Symbol Table
 - map between symbolic names and items
 - like assembler, but more kinds of information

A Simple C Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define STOP 0

/* Function: main
/* Description: counts down from user input to STOP */
main()
{
    /* variable declarations */
    int counter; /* an integer to hold count values */
    int startPoint; /* starting point for countdown */

    printf("Enter a positive number: ");
    scanf("%d", &startPoint);

    /* output count down */
    for (counter=startPoint; counter >= STOP; counter--)
        printf("%d\n", counter);
}
```

Preprocessor Directives

- `#include <stdio.h>`
 - Before compiling, copy contents of **header file** (stdio.h) into source code.
 - Header files typically contain descriptions of functions and variables needed by the program.
 - no restrictions -- could be any C source code
- `#define STOP 0`
 - Before compiling, replace all instances of the string "STOP" with the string "0"
 - Called a **macro**
 - Used for **values** that won't change during execution, but might change if the program is reused. (Must recompile.)
- Every C program must have exactly one function called `main()`.
 - Be careful with what you `#include!`
 - `main()` determines the initial PC.



Output with printf

- Variety of I/O functions in *C Standard Library*.
- Must include `<stdio.h>` to use them.
- `printf`: Can print arbitrary expressions, including formatted variables

```
printf("%d\n", startPoint - counter);
```
- Print multiple expressions with a single statement

```
printf("%d %d\n", counter, startPoint - counter);
```
- Different formatting options:
 - `%d` decimal integer
 - `%x` hexadecimal integer
 - `%c` ASCII character
 - `%f` floating-point number



Examples of Output

- This code:

```
printf("%d is a prime number.\n", 43);  
printf("43 plus 59 in decimal is %d.\n", 43+59);  
printf("43 plus 59 in hex is %x.\n", 43+59);  
printf("43 plus 59 as a character is %c.\n", 43+59);
```
- produces this output:
 - 43 is a prime number.
 - 43 + 59 in decimal is 102.
 - 43 + 59 in hex is 66.
 - 43 + 59 as a character is f.



Input with scanf

- Many of the same formatting characters are available for user input.
- `scanf("%c", &nextChar);`
 - reads a single character and stores it in `nextChar`
- `scanf("%f", &radius);`
 - reads a floating point number and stores it in `radius`
- `scanf("%d %d", &length, &width);`
 - reads two decimal integers (separated by whitespace), stores the first one in `length` and the second in `width`
- Must use address-of operator (`&`) for variables being modified.
 - We'll revisit pass by reference/value in a future lecture



Data Types

- Variables are used as names for data items.
- Each variable has a **type**, type qualifiers, and a storage class which tells the compiler how the data is to be interpreted (and how much space it needs, etc.).
- `int counter;`
- Basic data types:
 - **Integral**: `int` (at least 16 bits) **Qualifiers**: signed, unsigned, long
 - **Floating-point**: `float` (at least 32 bits), `double`
 - **Character**: `char` (at least 8 bits)
 - **Enumerated**: `enum` hobbits (bilbo, frodo, samwise, pippen, merry)
- Storage class: automatic, static, register
- Derived data types: pointers, arrays, structures
- Exact size can vary, depending on processor
 - `int` is supposed to be "natural" integer size;
 - for LC-3, that's 16 bits - 32 bits for most modern processors



High level languages have rules that specify the data type of result

- Addition/Subtraction: If mixed types, smaller type is "promoted" to larger.
 - `x + 4.3` answer will be float
- Division: If mixed type, the default result is a truncated signed integer
 - For `int x = 5:` `(x / 3 == 1)` is true! Not 1.6! Not 2! 1!
 - For `float f = 5:` `(f / 3 == 1)` is false!
 - For `int x = 5:` `((float)x / 3 == 1)` is false!
- The rules can be overridden by typecasting the operands or result!
 - the compiler does this for you automatically to match the destination type!
 - `int si = 2.5 / 3` is 0
 - `float f = 2.5 / 3` is 0.833333 [Note automatic typecasting of 3]
- Without typecasting you are stuck with the limitations of the data type the compiler assigned for the storage/calculation of your intermediate value

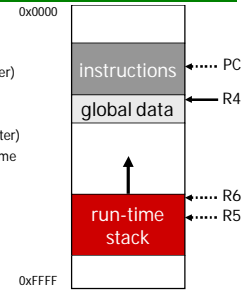


Variables and Scope

- Where are variables stored? Where can they be accessed? Why?
- All C variables are defined as being in one of two storage classes
 - Automatic storage class (on the stack, uninitialized)
 - Static storage class (in the global memory area, initialized to 0)
- Compiler infers scope from where variable is declared unless specified
 - programmer doesn't have to explicitly state (but can!)
 - automatic int x;
 - static int y;
- Global: accessed anywhere in program (default static)
 - Global variable is declared outside all blocks
- Local: only accessible in a particular region (default automatic)
 - Variable is local to the block in which it is declared
 - block defined by open and closed braces { }
 - can access variable declared in any "containing" block

Allocating Space for Variables

- **Global data section**
 - All global variables stored here (actually all static variables)
 - R4 points to beginning (global pointer)
- **Run-time stack**
 - Used for local variables
 - R6 points to top of stack (stack pointer)
 - R5 points to top frame on stack (frame pointer)
 - New frame for each block (goes away when block exited)
- Offset = distance from beginning of storage area
 - Global: `LDR R1, R4, #4`
 - Local: `LDR R2, R5, #-3`

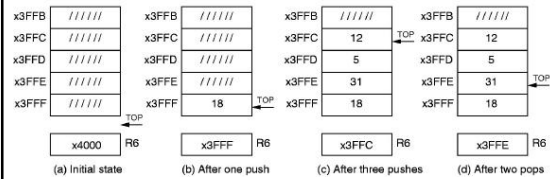


Stack Data Structure

- Abstract Data Structures
 - are defined simply by the rules for inserting and extracting data
- The rule for a Stack is LIFO (Last In - First Out)
 - Operations:
 - Push (enter item at top of stack)
 - Pop (remove item from top of stack)
 - Error conditions:
 - Underflow (trying to pop from empty stack)
 - Overflow (trying to push onto full stack)
 - We just have to keep track of the address of top of stack (TOS)

A software stack

- Implemented in memory
 - The Top Of Stack moves as new data is entered
 - Here R6 is the TOS register, a pointer to the Top Of Stack



Example

```

#include <stdio.h>
int itsGlobal = 0;

main()
{
    int itsLocal = 1; /* local to main */
    printf("Global %d Local %d\n", itsGlobal, itsLocal);
    {
        int itsLocal = 2; /* local to this block */
        itsGlobal = 4; /* change global variable */
        printf("Global %d Local %d\n", itsGlobal, itsLocal);
    }
    printf("Global %d Local %d\n", itsGlobal, itsLocal);
}

```

Output

```

Global 0 Local 1
Global 4 Local 2
Global 4 Local 1

```

Variables and Memory Locations

- In our examples, a variable is always stored in memory.
 - For each assignment, one must get the operands (possibly requiring memory loads), perform the operation, and then store the result to memory.
- Optimizing compilers try to keep variables allocated in registers.
 - C allows the user to provide hints to the compiler
 - register int x;
- Like the assembler, the compiler needs a symbol table
- In the assembler
 - Identifiers (names) are labels associated with memory addresses
- In the compiler
 - Name, Type, Location, Scope

Compiler Symbol Table

| Name | Type | Offset | Scope |
|-----------|------|--------|--------|
| inGlobal | int | 0 | global |
| inLocal | int | 0 | main |
| outLocalA | int | -1 | main |
| outLocalB | int | -2 | main |

Example: Compiling to LC-3

```

#include <stdio.h>
int inGlobal;

main() {
    int inLocal;
    int outLocalA;
    int outLocalB;

    inLocal = 5;
    inGlobal = 3;

    /* perform calculations */
    outLocalA = inLocal++ & ~inGlobal;
    outLocalB = (inLocal + inGlobal) - (inLocal - inGlobal);

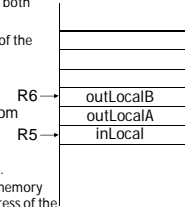
    /* print results */
    printf("The results are: outLocalA = %d, outLocalB = %d\n",
        outLocalA, outLocalB);
}

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The stack frame

- Local variables are stored in a stack frame associated with the current scope
 - As we change scope, we effectively change both the top and the bottom of the stack
 - R6 is the stack pointer – holds the address of the top of the stack
 - R5 is the frame pointer – holds address of the base of the current frame.
- Symbol table "offset" gives the distance from the base of the frame.
 - A new frame is pushed on the run-time stack each time a block is entered.
 - Because stack grows downward (towards memory address x0000) the base is the highest address of the frame, and variable offsets are negative.



Operators

- Programmers manipulate variables using the operators provided by the high-level language.
- You need to know what these operators assume
 - Function
 - Precedence & Associativity
 - Data type of result
- You are assumed to know all standard C/C++ operators, including bitwise ops:

| Symbol | Operation | Usage |
|--------|-------------|--------|
| ~ | bitwise NOT | ~x |
| << | left shift | x << y |
| >> | right shift | x >> y |
| & | bitwise AND | x & y |
| ^ | bitwise XOR | x ^ y |
| | bitwise OR | x y |

Control Structures

- If it can be done in "C" it must be able to be done in assembly
- Conditionals
 - making a decision about which code to execute, based on evaluated expression
 - if
 - if-else
 - switch
- Iteration
 - executing code multiple times, ending based on evaluated expression
 - while
 - for
 - do-while

Implementing IF-ELSE

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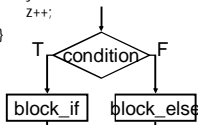
int x,y,z;
....
if (x){
    y++;
    z--;
} else {
    y--;
    z++;
}

```

```

LDR R0, R5, #0
BRZ ELSE
; x is not zero
LDR R1, R5, #-1 ; incr y
ADD R1, R1, #1
STR R1, R5, #-1
LDR R1, R5, #02 ; decr z
ADD R1, R1, #1
STR R1, R5, #-2
JMP DONE ; skip else code
; x is zero
ELSE LDR R1, R5, #-1 ; decr y
ADD R1, R1, #-1
STR R1, R5, #-1
LDR R1, R5, #-2 ; incr z
ADD R1, R1, #1
STR R1, R5, #-2
DONE . . . ; non-statement

```

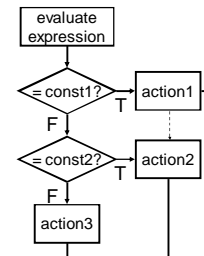


Switch

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switch (expression) {
 case const1:
 action1; break;
 case const2:
 action2; break;
 default:
 action3;
}

```



Alternative to long if-else chain.  
Case expressions must be constant.  
If break is not used, then case "falls through" to the next.

## Implementing WHILE

```

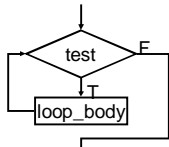
x = 0;
while (x < 10) {
 printf("%d", x);
 x = x + 1;
}

```

```

AND R0, R0, #0
STR R0, R5, #0 ; x = 0
; test
LOOP LDR R0, R5, #0 ; load x
ADD R0, R0, #-10
BRzp DONE
; loop body
LDR R0, R5, #0 ; load x
...
<printf>
...
ADD R0, R0, #1 ; incr x
STR R0, R5, #0
JMP LOOP ; test again
DONE ; next statement

```



## Implementing FOR

```

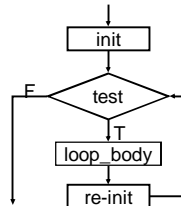
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
 printf("%d ", i);

```

```

; init
AND R0, R0, #0
STR R0, R5, #0 ; i = 0
; test
LOOP LDR R0, R5, #0 ; load i
ADD R0, R0, #-10
BRzp DONE
; loop body
LDR R0, R5, #0 ; load i
...
<printf>
...
; re-init
ADD R0, R0, #1 ; incr i
STR R0, R5, #0
JMP LOOP ; test again
DONE ; next statement

```



## Example: Compiling to LC-3

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| inLocal   | int  | 0      | main   |
| outLocalA | int  | -1     | main   |
| outLocalB | int  | -2     | main   |

## Example: Code Generation

```

; main
; initialize variables
; inLocal = 5; inGlobal = 3;
AND R0, R0, #0
ADD R0, R0, #5 ; inLocal = 5
STR R0, R5, #0 ; (offset = 0)

AND R0, R0, #0
ADD R0, R0, #3 ; inGlobal = 3
STR R0, R4, #0 ; (offset = 0)

```

## Example (continued)

```

; first statement:
; outLocalA = inLocal++ & ~inGlobal;

LDR R0, R5, #0 ; get inLocal
ADD R1, R0, #1 ; increment
STR R1, R5, #0 ; store

LDR R1, R4, #0 ; get inGlobal
NOT R1, R1 ; ~inGlobal
AND R2, R0, R1 ; inLocal & ~inGlobal
STR R2, R5, #-1 ; store in outLocalA
; (offset = -1)

```

## Example (continued)

```

; next statement:
; outLocalB = (inLocal + inGlobal)
; - (inLocal - inGlobal);

LDR R0, R5, #0 ; inLocal
LDR R1, R4, #0 ; inGlobal
ADD R0, R0, R1 ; R0 is sum
LDR R2, R5, #0 ; inLocal
LDR R3, R5, #0 ; inGlobal
NOT R3, R3
ADD R3, R3, #1
ADD R2, R2, R3 ; R2 is difference
NOT R2, R2 ; negate
ADD R2, R2, #1
ADD R0, R0, R2 ; R0 = R0 - R2
STR R0, R5, #-2 ; outLocalB (offset = -2)

```

## Practice problems

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- 10.3, 10.8, 12.1, 12.5

