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- Programming in machine language requires memorization of the binary codes — difficult for program-writers
- ► Hence, the requirement of **Compilers**

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- A Compiler is a software
- Task of a compiler
 - Read a program in one language (source) and
 - Translate it into an equivalent program in machine language (target)



- Report any errors in the source program that it detects during the translation process.
- We use compilers for generating target machine language program from the input high-level language program
- Target program is used by user to generate output from input

Compiler structure



- Analysis and Synthesis
- Analysis Breaks up the source program and imposes grammatical rules on them (front-end)
 - Generates IR
 - Detects errors
 - Constructs Symbol table
- Synthesis Constructs the target program from intermediate representation & the symbol table (back-end)

The Phases of a Compiler



Lexical Analysis



- Reads the stream of characters making up the source program and groups the characters into meaningful sequences called **lexemes**
- For each lexeme, the LA produces the token, (a) passed to the syntax analyzer, (b) inserted in the symbol table

<token-name, attribute-value>

- token-name is an abstract symbol that is used during syntax analysis, and the second component attribute-value points to an entry in the symbol table for this token
- Blanks separating the lexemes would be discarded by the lexical analyzer.

Lexical Analysis

id is an abstract symbol standing for identifier and 1 points to the symbol table entry for **position**.



information about the **id**, such as its name and type

- position is mapped to a token <id, 1> where id stands for identifier and 1 points to symbol table entry for position
- *, + map into the token <+>, <*>, respectively

Syntax Analysis – Parsing



- The parser uses the **tokens** produced by the lexical analyzer to create a treelike intermediate representation
 - Depicts the grammatical structure of the token stream.
- The internal nodes represent operation and the leaf nodes represent arguments of the operation
- **Context-free grammars** are used to represent grammatical structure (say, precedence of operations)

Semantic Analysis

- Uses syntax tree and the symbol table for checking semantic consistency
- Type checking is one of the major part the analyzer checks whether each operator has matching operands



Binary arithmetic operator may be applied to

(i) either a pair of integers or (ii) to a pair of floating-point numbers.

If the operator is applied to a floating-point number and an integer, the compiler may convert the integer into a floating-point number.

position, initial, rate are floating point numbers

Lexeme 60 is an integer — it is type casted to a floating point number

Type-casting are performed in this phase The information is stored into syntax tree or in symbol table

The Phases of a Compiler



Intermediate Code Generation

- ▶ In the process of translating a source program into target code,
 - compiler constructs multiple intermediate representations
 - various forms of Intermediate code (syntax tree etc)
 - Explicit low-level or machine-like intermediate representation, which we can think of as a program for an abstract machine
- (a) IR should be easy to produce and (b) it should be easy to translate into the target machine.
- Three address code
 - Three operands per instruction
 - > At most one operator at the right hand side

Intermediate Code Generation



Notable points:

(a) Each three-address assignment instruction has **at most one operator** on the right side.

Thus, these instructions fix the order in which operations are to be done; **the multiplication precedes the addition**.

(b) The compiler must generate a **temporary name** to hold the value computed by a three-address instruction.

(c) some "three-address instructions" like the first and last in the sequence, above, have fewer than three operands

Code Optimization

- Machine independent code-optimization phase attempts to improve the intermediate code so that better code is generated in terms of time and space
- A significant amount of time is spent on this phase
- Mostly simple optimizations are tried which improves the code without slowing down compilation



- Conversion of 60 from integer to float to eliminate *inttofloat* operation
- A shorter sequence is sorted out

Code Generation



- Input : intermediate representation, Output : target code
- Registers and memory locations are selected for each variable used by the program
- Example : above generated code uses only registers R1and R2
- First operand is the destination