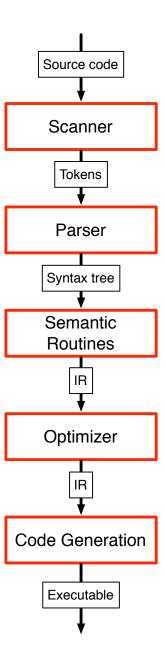
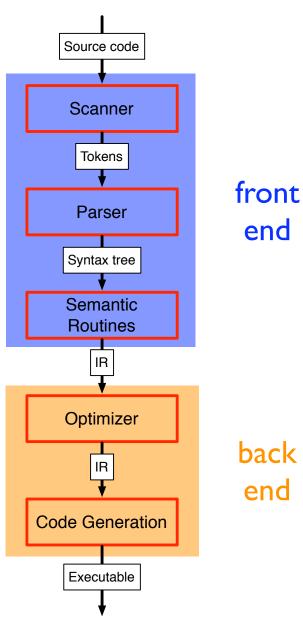
Last time

- What are compilers?
- Phases of a compiler



Extra: Front-end vs. Back-end

- Scanner + Parser + Semantic actions + (high level) optimizations called the *front-end* of a compiler
- IR-level optimizations and code generation (instruction selection, scheduling, register allocation) called the back-end of a compiler
- Can build multiple front-ends for a particular back-end
 - e.g., gcc & g++, or many front-ends which generate CIL
- Can build multiple back-ends for a particular front-end
 - e.g., gcc allows targeting different architectures



Agenda

- Announcements
- Go over project
- MICRO compiler: a small example

Announcements

- Will post problem sets on website (~I per week)
 - First one will go up next week
- Not required (but highly recommended!)
 - Reflective of the kinds of problems that will be on the exams
 - Solutions will be posted one week later
- Feel free to come to office hours to discuss problem sets



The MICRO compiler: a simple example

High level structure

- Single pass compiler: no intermediate representation
 - Scanner tokenizes input stream, but is called by parser on demand
 - As parser recognizes constructs, it invokes semantic routines
 - Semantic routines build symbol table on-the-fly and directly generate code for a 3-address virtual machine

The Micro language

- Tokens are defined by regular expressions
 - Tokens: BEGIN, END, READ, WRITE, ID, LITERAL, LPAREN, RPAREN, SEMICOLON, COMMA, ASSIGN_OP, PLUS_OP, MINUS_OP, SCANEOF
- Implicit identifier declaration (no need to predeclare variables): ID = [A-Z][A-Z0-9]*
- Literals (numbers): LITERAL = [0-9]+
- Comments (not passed on as tokens): --(Not(\n))*\n
- Program:
 - BEGIN {statements} END

The Micro language

- One data type—all IDs are integers
- Statement:

```
ID := EXPR
```

- Expressions are simple arithmetic expressions which can contain identifiers
- Note: no unary minus
- Input/output

```
READ(ID, ID, ...)
```

WRITE(EXPR, EXPR, ...)

Scanner

- Scanner algorithm provided in book (pages 28/29)
- What the scanner can identify corresponds to what the finite automaton for a regular expression can accept
- Identifies the next token in the input stream
 - Read a token (process finite automaton until accept state found)
 - Identify its type (determine which accept state the FA is in)
 - Return type and "value" (e.g., type = LITERAL, value = 5)

Recognizing tokens

- Skip spaces
- If the first non-space character is:
 - letter: read until non-alphanumeric. Check for reserved words ("begin," "end"). Return reserved word or (ID and variable name)
 - digit: read until non-digit. Return LITERAL and number
 - ();, +: return single character
 - :: next must be =. Return ASSIGN_OP
 - -: if next is also skip to end of line, otherwise return MINUS_OP
- "unget" the next character that had to be read to find end of IDs, reserved words, literals and minus ops.

Parsers and Grammars

- Language syntax is usually specified with context-free grammars (CFGs)
- Backus-Naur form (BNF) is the standard notation
- Written as a set of rewrite rules:
 - Non-terminal ::= (set of terminals and non-terminals)
 - Terminals are the set of tokens
 - Each rule tells how to compose a non-terminal from other non-terminals and terminals

Micro grammar

```
BEGIN statement_list END
               ::=
program
                    statement { statement }
statement_list ::=
                    ID := expression; | READ( id_list) | WRITE( expr_list)
statement
                    ID {, ID}
id list
               ::=
                    expression {, expression}
expr_list
               ::=
expression
                    primary {add_op primary}
               ::=
primary
                     (expression) | ID | LITERAL
               ::=
                    PLUSOP | MINUSOP
add_op
               ::=
                    program SCANEOF
system_goal
               ::=
```

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BEGIN statement; {statement} END

drop {statement }

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replace statement

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BEGIN ID := expression; END

replace expression

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replace 1st primary

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How do we go in reverse?

- How do we parse a program given a CFG?
- Start at goal term, rewrite productions from left to right
 - If it is a terminal, make sure we match input token
 - Otherwise, there is a syntax error
 - If it is a non-terminal
 - If there is a single choice for a production, pick it
 - If there are multiple choices for a production, choose the production that matches the next token(s) in the stream
 - e.g., when parsing statement, could use production for ID, READ or WRITE
 - Note that this means we have to look ahead in the stream to match tokens!

Quiz: how much lookahead?

```
BEGIN statement_list END
               ::=
program
                    statement { statement }
statement list ::=
                    ID := expression; | READ( id_list) | WRITE( expr_list)
statement
                    ID {, ID}
id list
               ::=
                    expression {, expression}
expr_list
               ::=
                    primary {add_op primary}
expression
               ::=
                     (expression) | ID | LITERAL
primary
               ::=
                    PLUSOP | MINUSOP
add_op
               ::=
system_goal
                    program SCANEOF
               ::=
```

Recursive descent parsing

- Idea: parse using a set of mutually recursive functions
 - One function per non-terminal
 - Each function attempts to match any terminals in its production
 - If a rule produces non-terminals, call the appropriate function

```
statement() {
   token = peek at match();
   switch(token) {
   case ID:
     match(ID); //consume ID
     match(ASSIGN); //consume :=
      expression(); //process non-terminal
      break;
   case READ:
     match(READ); //consume READ
     match(LPAREN); //match (
      id list(); //process non-terminal
     match(RPAREN); //match )
      break:
   case WRITE:
     match(WRITE);
     match(LPAREN); //match (
      expr list(); //process non-terminal
      match(RPAREN); //match )
      break;
  match(SEMICOLON);
```

```
statement ::= ID := expression; | READ( id_list) | WRITE( expr_list)
```

Recursive descent parsing (II)

- How do we parse id_list ::= ID {, ID}
 - One idea: this is equivalent to id_list ::= ID | ID, id_list

```
id_list() {
    match(ID); //consume ID
    if (peek_at_match() == COMMA) {
        match(COMMA)
        id_list();
    }
}
```

This is equivalent to the following loop

```
id_list() {
    match(ID); //consume ID
    while (peek_at_match() == COMMA) {
        match(COMMA)
        match(ID);
    }
}
```

 Note: in both cases, if peek_at_match() isn't COMMA, we don't consume the next token!

General rules

- One function per non-terminal
- Non-terminals with multiple choices (like statement) use case or if statements to distinguish
 - Conditional based on first set of the non-terminal, the terminals that can distinguish between productions
- An optional list (like id_list) uses a while loop
 - Conditional for continuing with loop is if next terminal(s) are in first-set
- Full parser code in textbook on pages 36-38

Semantic processing

- Want to generate code for a 3-address machine:
 - OP A, B, C performs A op B \rightarrow C
- Temporary variables may be created to convert more complex expressions into three-address code
 - Naming scheme: Temp&1, Temp&2, etc.

Semantic action routines

- To produce code, we call routines during parsing to generate three-address code.
- These *action routines* do one of two things:
 - Collect information about passed symbols for use by other semantic action routines. This information is stored in semantic records.
 - Generate code using information from semantic records. and the current parse procedure
 - Note: for this to work correctly, we must parse expressions according to order of operations (i.e., must parse a * expression before a + expression)

Operator Precedence

- Operator precedence can be specified in the CFG
 - CFG can determine the order in which expressions are parsed
- For example:

```
expr ::= factor {+ factor}

factor ::= primary {* primary}

primary ::= (expr) | ID | LITERAL
```

 Because +-expressions are composed of *-expressions, we will finish dealing with the * production before we finish with the + production

Example

 Annotations are inserted into grammar, specifying when semantic routines should be called

```
statement ::= ID = expr #assign
expr ::= term + term #addop
term ::= ID #id | LITERAL #num
```

- Consider A = B + 2;
 - num() and id() create semantic records containing ID names and number values
 - addop() generates code for the expression, using information from the num() and id() records, and creates a temporary variable
 - assign() generates code for the assignment using the temporary variable generated by addop()

More in book

- Complete set of routines for recursive descent parser (pages 36–38)
- Semantic records for Micro (page 41, figure 2.8)
- Complete annotated grammar for Micro (page 42, figure 2.9)
- Semantic routines for Micro (pages 43–45)

Next time

- Scanners
 - How to specify the tokens for a language
 - How to construct a scanner
 - How to use a scanner generator

Backup slides

Annotated Micro Grammar (fig. 2.9)

```
::= #start BEGIN Statement-list END
Program
Statement-list ::= Statement {Statement}
               ::= ID := Expression; #assign |
Statement
                 READ ( Id-list ); |
                 WRITE (Expr-list);
               ::= Ident #read_id {, Ident #read_id }
Id-list
Expr-list
               ::= Expression #write expr {, Expression #write expr }
Expression
               ::= Primary { Add-op Primary #gen_infix}
Primary
               ::= ( Expression )
                  Ident
                  INTLITERAL #process literal
Ident
               ::= ID #process id
Add-op
               ::= PLUSOP #process op |
                  MINUSOP #process op
System-goal
              ::= Program SCANEOF #finish
```

Program ::= #start BEGIN Statement-list END

Semantic routines in Chap. 2 print information about what the parser has recognized.

At <u>#start</u>, nothing has been recognized, so this takes no action. End of parse is recognized by the final production:

System-goal ::= Program **SCANEOF** #finish

In a production compiler, the <u>#start</u> routine might set up program initialization code (i.e. initialization of heap storage and static storage, initialization of static values, etc.)

Statement-list ::= Statement {Statement}

No semantic actions are associated with this statement because the necessary semantic actions associated with statements are done when a statement is recognized.

```
Statement ::= ID := Expression; #assign |

READ ( Id-list ) ; |

WRITE ( Expr-list ) ;

Expr-list ::= Expression #write_expr {, Expression #write_expr }

Expression ::= Primary { Add-op Primary #gen_infix}

Primary ::= ( Expression ) |

Ident |

INTLITERAL #process literal
```

Different semantic actions used when the parser finds an expression. In **Expr-list**, it is handled with <u>write_expr</u>, whereas **Primary** we choose to do nothing – but could express a different semantic action if there were a reason to do so.

We know that different productions, or rules of the grammar, are reached in different ways, and can tailor semantic actions (and the grammar) appropriately.

```
Statement ::= Ident := Expression; #assign |

READ ( Id-list ) ; |

WRITE ( Expr-list ) ;

Id-list ::= Ident #read_id {, Ident #read_id }

Ident ::= ID #process_id
```

Note that in the grammar of Fig. 2.4, there is no Ident nonterminal. By adding a nonterminal Ident a placeholder is created to take semantic actions as the nonterminal is processed. The programs look syntactically the same, but the additional productions allow the semantics to be richer.

Semantic actions create a semantic record for the ID and thereby create something for <u>read_id</u> to work with.