

# Language Processors

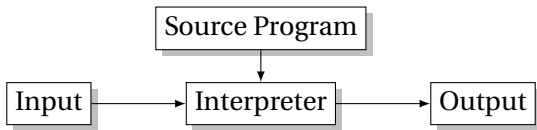
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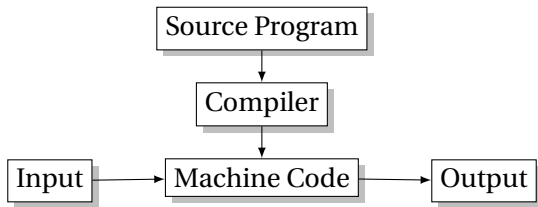
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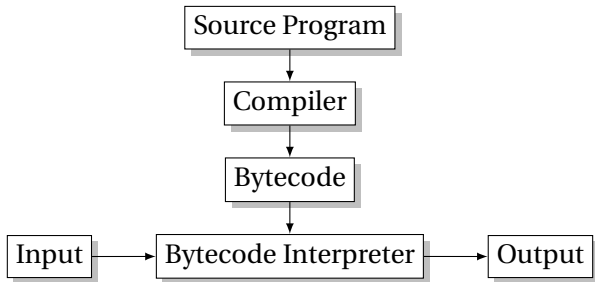
# Interpreter



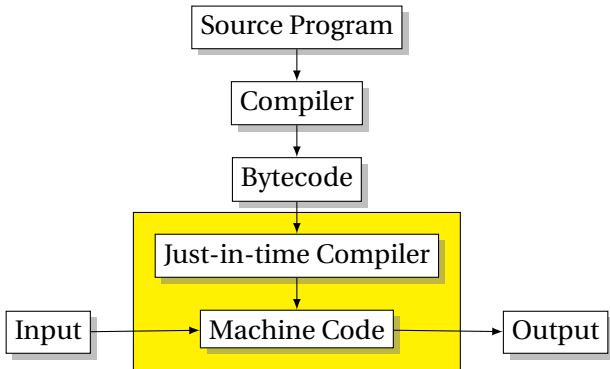
# Compiler



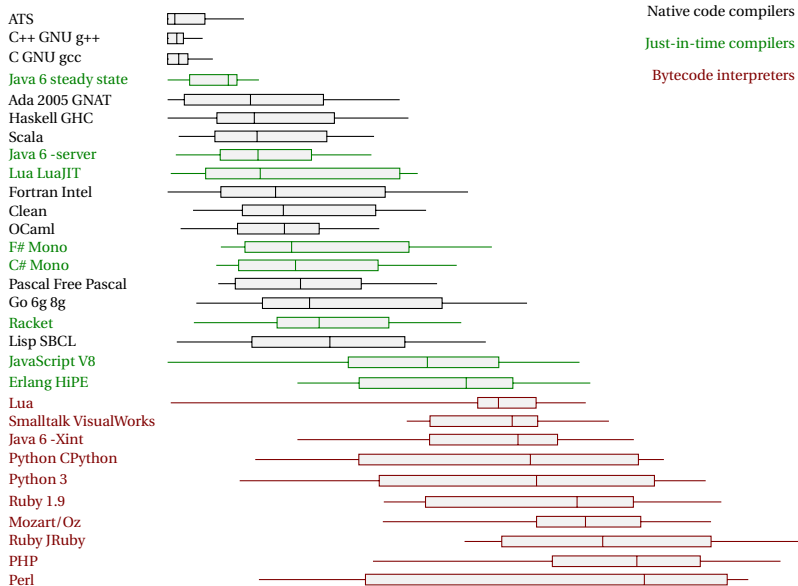
# Bytecode Interpreter



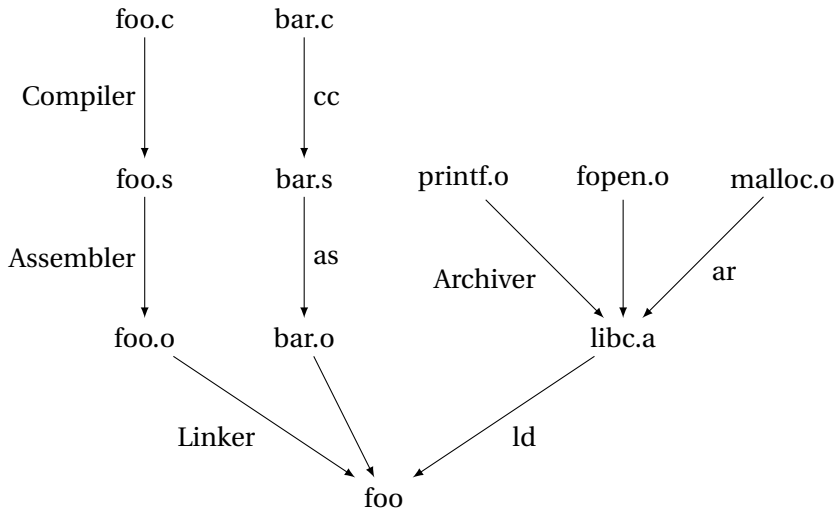
# Just-In-Time Compiler



# Language Speeds Compared



# Separate Compilation



# Preprocessor

“Messages” the input before the compiler sees it.

- ▶ Macro expansion
- ▶ File inclusion
- ▶ Conditional compilation



## The C Preprocessor

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define min(x, y) \
    ((x)<(y))? (x):(y)
#ifdef DEFINE_BAZ
int baz();
#endif
void foo()
{
    int a = 1;
    int b = 2;
    int c;
    c = min(a,b);
}
```

cc -E example.c gives

```
extern int printf(char*,...);
/* ... many more declarations
from stdio.h */

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    int b = 2;
    int c;
    c = ((a)<(b))? (a):(b);
}
```

## Compiling a Simple Program

```
int gcd(int a, int b)
{
    while (a != b) {
        if (a > b) a -= b;
        else b -= a;
    }
    return a;
}
```

## What the Compiler Sees

```
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}
```

```
i n t s p g c d ( i n t s p a , s p i
n t s p b ) n l { n l s p s p w h i l e s p
( a s p ! = s p b ) s p { n l s p s p s p i
f s p ( a s p > s p b ) s p a s p - = s p b
; n l s p s p s p s p e l s e s p b s p - = s p
a ; n l s p s p } n l s p s p r e t u r n s p
a ; n l } n l
```

Text file is a sequence of characters

## Lexical Analysis Gives Tokens

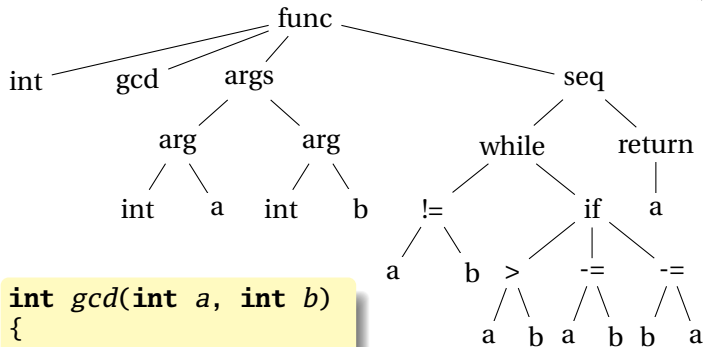
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  while (a != b) {
    if (a > b) a -= b;
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  }
  return a;
}
```



int	gcd	(	int	a	,	int	b	)	{	while	(	a		
!=	b	)	{	if	(	a	>	b	)	a	-=	b	;	else
b	-=	a	;	}	return	a	;	}						

A stream of tokens. Whitespace, comments removed.

# Parsing Gives an Abstract Syntax Tree



```
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}
```



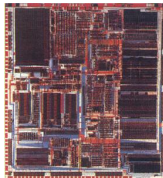
## Translation into 3-Address Code

```
L0: sne    $1,  a,  b
      seq   $0, $1, 0
      btrue $0, L1   # while (a != b)
      sl    $3,  b,  a
      seq   $2, $3, 0
      btrue $2, L4   # if (a < b)
      sub   a,   a,  b # a -= b
      jmp   L5
L4: sub   b,   b,  a # b -= a
L5: jmp   L0
L1: ret   a
```

```
int gcd(int a, int b)
{
  while (a != b) {
    if (a > b) a -= b;
    else b -= a;
  }
  return a;
}
```

Idealized assembly language w/  
infinite registers

# Generation of 80386 Assembly



```
gcd:  pushl %ebp                # Save BP
      movl %esp,%ebp
      movl 8(%ebp),%eax        # Load a from stack
      movl 12(%ebp),%edx       # Load b from stack
.L8:  cmpl %edx,%eax
      je   .L3                # while (a != b)
      jle .L5                # if (a < b)
      subl %edx,%eax          # a -= b
      jmp .L8
.L5:  subl %eax,%edx          # b -= a
      jmp .L8
.L3:  leave                   # Restore SP, BP
      ret
```