

Language Processors

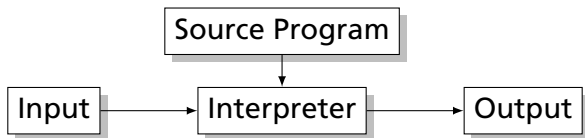
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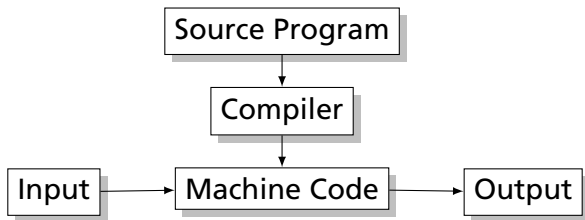
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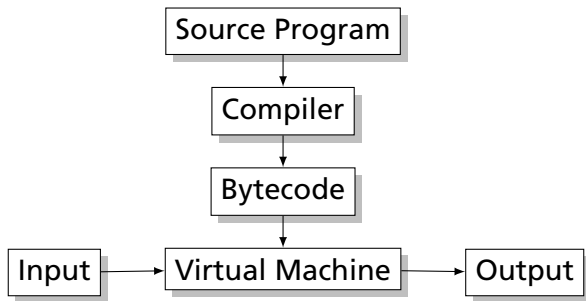
Interpreter



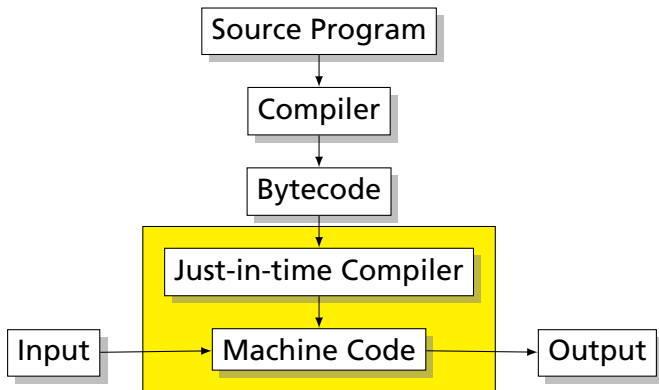
Compiler



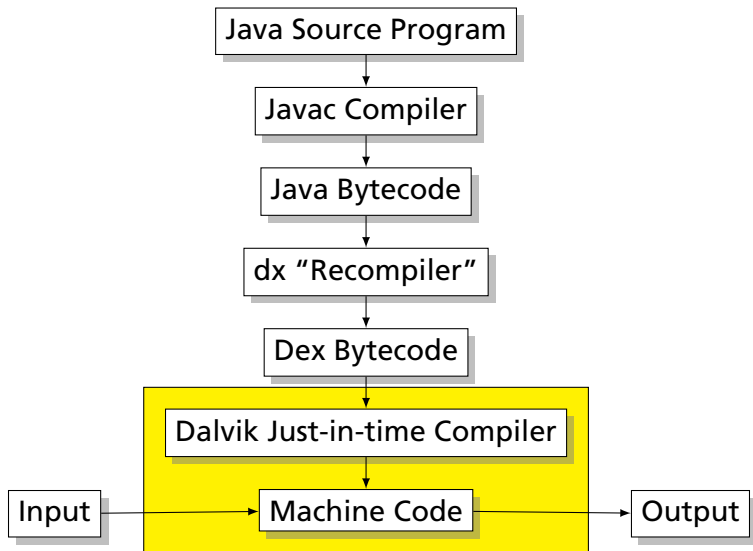
Bytecode Interpreter



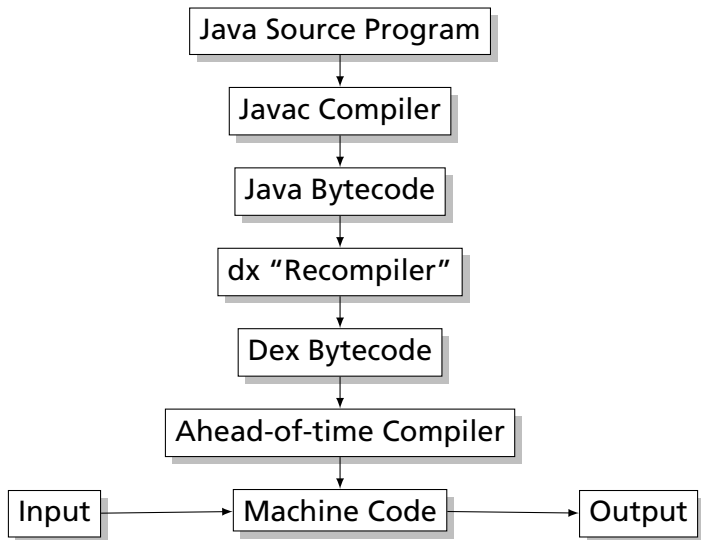
Just-In-Time Compiler



Android 4.4 KitKat and earlier



Android 5.0 Lollipop





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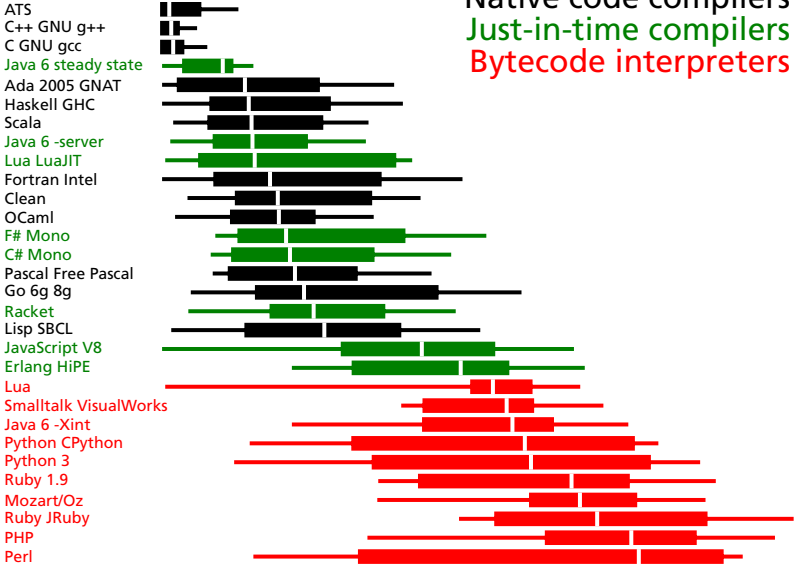
I know you've gotten to me when I go to Chipotle and think, hey, this is just a 5-stage pipeline English to burrito compiler



You, Michael Turner and 7 others

Language Speeds Compared

Native code compilers
 Just-in-time compilers
 Bytecode interpreters



Source: <http://shootout.alioth.debian.org/>

Compiling a Simple Program

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

Just a sequence of characters

Lexical Analysis Gives Tokens

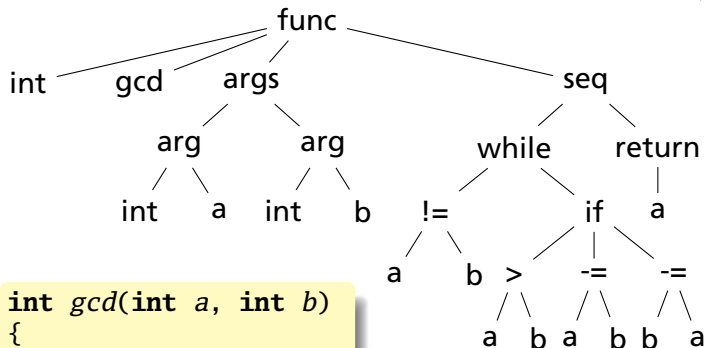
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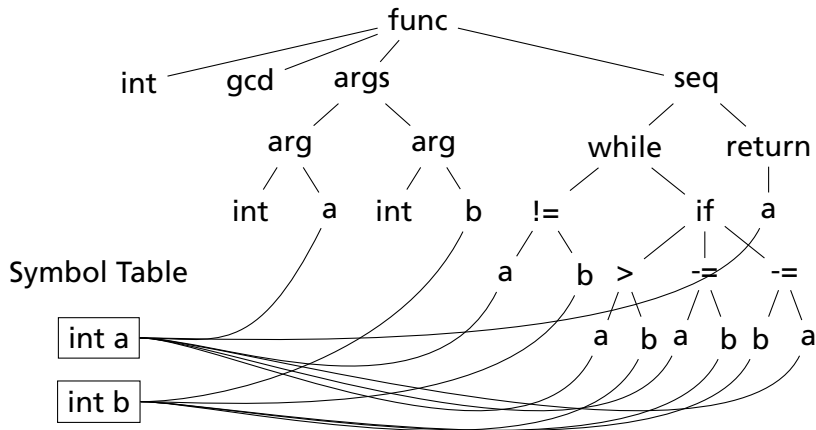
A stream of tokens. Whitespace, comments removed.

Parsing Gives an Abstract Syntax Tree



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Semantic Analysis: Resolve Symbols; Verify Types



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
```

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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
```

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