## Chapter 8 (Part 1)

#### **High Level Programming Languages**



## Layers of a Computing System



# **Chapter Goals**

- Describe the translation process and distinguish between assembly, compilation, interpretation, and execution
- Name four distinct programming paradigms and name a language characteristic of each
- Describe the following constructs: stream input and output, selection, looping, and subprograms
- Construct Boolean expressions and describe how they are used to alter the flow of control of an algorithm
- . . . Some Hands-On

## Compilers

- Compiler A program that translates a high-level language program into machine code
- High-level languages provide a richer set of instructions that makes the programmer's life even easier

## Compilers



Figure 8.1 Compilation process

## Interpreters

- Interpreter A translating program that translates and executes the statements in sequence
  - Unlike an assembler or compiler which produce machine code as output, which is then executed in a separate step
  - An interpreter translates a statement and then immediately executes the statement
  - Interpreters can be viewed as simulators



- Introduced in 1996 and swept the computing community by storm
- Portability was of primary importance
- Java is compiled into a standard machine language called Bytecode
- A software interpreter called the JVM (Java Virtual Machine) takes the Bytecode program and executes it

- What is a paradigm?
- A set of assumptions, concepts, values, and practices that constitute a way of viewing reality



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- Imperative or procedural model
  - FORTRAN, COBOL, BASIC, C, Pascal, Ada, and C++
- Functional model
  - LISP, Scheme (a derivative of LISP), and ML

- Logic programming
  - PROLOG
- Object-oriented paradigm
  - SIMULA and Smalltalk
  - C++ is as an imperative language with some object-oriented features
  - Java is an object-oriented language with some imperative features

## Functionality of Imperative Languages

- Sequence Executing statements in sequence until an instruction is encountered that changes this sequencing
- Selection Deciding which action to take
- Iteration (looping) Repeating an action
   Both selection and iteration require the use of a Boolean expression

## **Boolean Expressions**

- Boolean expression A sequence of identifiers, separated by compatible operators, that evaluates to *true* or *false*
- Boolean expression can be
  - A Boolean variable
  - An arithmetic expression followed by a relational operator followed by an arithmetic expression
  - A Boolean expression followed by a Boolean operator followed by a Boolean expression

## **Boolean Expressions**

 Variable A location in memory that is referenced by an identifier that contains a data value

Thus, a Boolean variable is a location in memory that can contain either *true* or *false* 

## **Boolean Expressions**

- A relational operator between two arithmetic expressions is asking if the relationship exists between the two expressions
- For example,
   xValue < yValue</li>

Relationship	Symbol
equal to	= or ==
not equal to	<> or != or /=
less than or equal to	<=
greater than or equal to	>=
less than	<
greater than	>

# **Strong Typing**

- Strong typing The requirement that only a value of the proper type can be stored into a variable
- Data type A description of the set of values and the basic set of operations that can be applied to values of the type

# **Data Types**

- Integer numbers
- Real numbers
- Characters
- Boolean values
- Strings

#### Integers

- The range varies depending upon how many bytes are assigned to represent an integer value
- Some high-level languages provide several integer types of different sizes
- Operations that can be applied to integers are the standard arithmetic and relational operations

#### Reals

- Like the integer data type, the range varies depending on the number of bytes assigned to represent a real number
- Many high-level languages have two sizes of real numbers
- The operations that can be applied to real numbers are the same as those that can be applied to integer numbers

### Characters

- It takes one byte to represent characters in the ASCII character set
- Two bytes to represent characters in the Unicode character set
- Our English alphabet is represented in ASCII, which is a subset of Unicode

## Characters

- Applying arithmetic operations to characters doesn't make much sense
- Comparing characters does make sense, so the relational operators can be applied to characters
- The meaning of "less than" and "greater than" when applied to characters is "comes before" and "comes after" in the character set

#### Boolean

- The Boolean data type consists of two values: true and false
- Not all high-level languages support the Boolean data type
- If a language does not, then you can simulate Boolean values by saying that the Boolean value *true* is represented by 1 and *false* is represented by 0

## Strings

- A string is a sequence of characters considered as one data value
- For example: "This is a string."
  - Containing 17 characters: one uppercase letter, 12 lowercase letters, three blanks, and a period
- The operations defined on strings vary from language to language
  - They include concatenation of strings and comparison of strings in terms of lexicographic order

## Declarations

 Declaration A statement that associates an identifier with a variable, an action, or some other entity within the language that can be given a name so that the programmer can refer to that item by name

#### **Declarations**

Language	Variable Declaration
Ada	sum : Float := 0;set up word with 0 as contents
	numl: Integer;set up a two-byte block for numl
	num2: Integer;set up a two-byte block for num2
	num3: INTEGER;set up a two-byte block for num3
	num1:= 1;
VB.NET	Dim sum As Single = 0.0F ' set up word with 0 as contents
	Dim numl As Integer ' set up a two-byte block for numl
	Dim num2 As Integer ' set up a two-byte block for num2
	Dim num3 As Integer ' set up a two-byte block for num3
	num1 = 1
C++/Java	float sum = 0.0; // set up word with 0 as contents
	int numl; // set up a block for numl
	int num2; // set up a block for num2
	int num3; // set up a block for num3
	num1 = 1;

## Declarations

- Reserved word A word in a language that has special meaning
- Case-sensitive Uppercase and lowercase letters are considered the same

## **Assignment statement**

- Assignment statement An action statement (not a declaration) that says to evaluate the expression on the righthand side of the symbol and store that value into the place named on the lefthand side
- Named constant A location in memory, referenced by an identifier, that contains a data value that cannot be changed

## **Assignment Statement**

	Constant Declaration
Ada	Comma : constant Character := ',';
	Message : constant String := "Hello";
	Tax_Rate : constant Float := 8.5;
VB.NET	Const WORD1 As Char = ","c
	Const MESSAGE As String = "Hello"
	Const TaxRate As Double = 8.5
C++	const char COMMA = ',';
	<pre>const string MESSAGE = "Hello";</pre>
	const double TAX_RATE = 8.5;
Java	final char COMMA = ',';
	<pre>final String MESSAGE = "Hello";</pre>
	final double TAX_RATE = 8.5;

## **Input/Output Structures**

- In our pseudocode algorithms we have used the expressions *Read* and *Write*
- High-level languages view input data as a stream of characters divided into lines

## **Input/Output Structures**

- The key to the processing is in the data type that determines how characters are to be converted to a bit pattern (input) and how a bit pattern is to be converted to characters (output)
- We do not give examples of input/output statements because the syntax is often quite complex and differs so widely among high-level languages

#### **A Little Hands On**



#### **Hello World**

<html> <body> <script type="text/javascript"> document.write("Hello World!") </script> </body> </html>

#### **An External JavaScript**

<html> <head> <script src="xxx.js"></script> </head> <body> </body> </html>

## **Declaring Variables**

You can create a variable with the var statement:

var strname = some value

You can also create a variable without the var statement:

strname = some value

You can assign a value to a variable like this:

var strname = "Hello World!"

Or like this:

strname = "Hello World!"

#### **Control Statements**

comment	<script type="text/javascript"> //Write a "Good morning" greeting if //the time is less than 10</th></tr><tr><td>declare</td><td>var d=new Date() var time=d.getHours()</td></tr><tr><td>control</td><td><pre>if (time<10) {    document.write("<b>Good morning</b>") } </script>
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#### Homework

- Read Chapter Eight, Sections 8.1 8.3 (Up to Control Structures)
- "PLAY" with JavaScript http://www.w3schools.com/js/js\_howto.asp

#### **Mid-Term**

- Due Back: Tonight
- No Lateness!!!



#### There will be no class on Monday, 10/30

#### **Good Night**



"WHY CAN'T THEY MAKE A SPELL CHECKER THAT KNOWS HOW TO CHECK SPELLS???"