

# Control Flow

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## Boolean Expressions

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We will consider expressions defined by the following grammar:

$E \rightarrow E \text{ or } E \mid E \text{ and } E \mid \text{not } E \mid ( E ) \mid \text{id relop id} \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false}$

Where **relop** is: <, <=, =, !=, >, or >=

Evaluation is typically left to right.

The following expression: **a or b and not c**

Translates to three address code as follows:

```
t1 := not c
t2 := b and t1
t3 := a or t2
```

## Three-address code for Booleans

PRODUCTION	SEMANTIC RULES
$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ or } E_2$	$E_1.true := E.true;$ $E_1.false := newlabel;$ $E_2.true := E.true;$ $E_2.false := E.false;$ $E.code := E_1.code \parallel gen(E_1.false';) \parallel E_2.code$
$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ and } E_2$	$E_1.true := newlabel;$ $E_1.false := E.false;$ $E_2.true := E.true;$ $E_2.false := E.false;$ $E.code := E_1.code \parallel gen(E_1.true';) \parallel E_2.code$
$E \rightarrow \text{not } E_1$	$E_1.true := E.false;$ $E_1.false := E.true;$ $E.code := E_1.code$
$E \rightarrow ( E_1 )$	$E_1.true := E.true;$ $E_1.false := E.false;$ $E.code := E_1.code$
$E \rightarrow id_1 \text{ relop } id_2$	$E.code := gen('if' id_1.place \text{relop} op id_2.place 'goto' E.true) \parallel$ $gen('goto' E.false)$
$E \rightarrow \text{true}$	$E.code := gen('goto' E.true)$
$E \rightarrow \text{false}$	$E.code := gen('goto' E.false)$

Fig. 8.24. Syntax-directed definition to produce three-address code for booleans.

## Example

Consider:  $a < b \text{ or } c < d \text{ and } e < f$

Then:

```

if a < b goto Ltrue
goto L1
L1: if c < d goto L2
    goto Lfalse
L2: if e < f goto Ltrue
    goto Lfalse

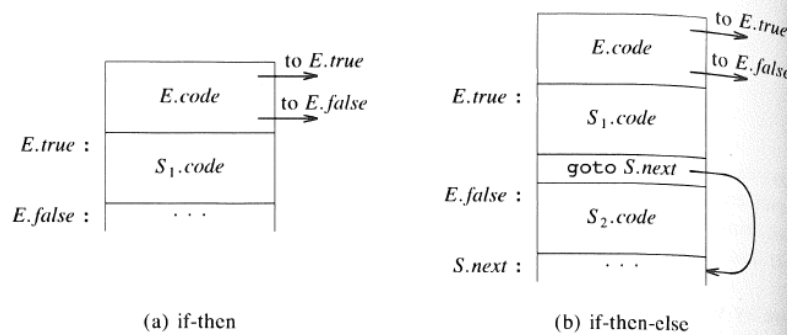
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## Flow-of-control Statements

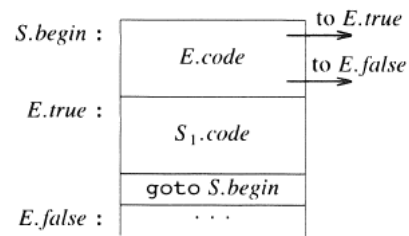
Consider:

$$S \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{if} \ E \ \mathbf{then} \ S_1 \\ | \ \mathbf{if} \ E \ \mathbf{then} \ S_1 \ \mathbf{else} \ S_2 \\ | \ \mathbf{while} \ E \ \mathbf{do} \ S_1 \end{array}$$

## Code for If-Then/Else



## Code for While



(c) while-do

## Translation Scheme for Control Flow Expressions

PRODUCTION	SEMANTIC RULES
$S \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } S_1$	$E.true := \text{newlabel};$ $E.false := S.next;$ $S_1.next := S.next;$ $S.code := E.code \parallel$ $\quad \text{gen}(E.true ':') \parallel S_1.code$
$S \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2$	$E.true := \text{newlabel};$ $E.false := \text{newlabel};$ $S_1.next := S.next;$ $S_2.next := S.next;$ $S.code := E.code \parallel$ $\quad \text{gen}(E.true ':') \parallel S_1.code \parallel$ $\quad \text{gen}('goto' S.next) \parallel$ $\quad \text{gen}(E.false ':') \parallel S_2.code$
$S \rightarrow \text{while } E \text{ do } S_1$	$S.begin := \text{newlabel};$ $E.true := \text{newlabel};$ $E.false := S.next;$ $S_1.next := S.begin;$ $S.code := \text{gen}(S.begin ':') \parallel E.code \parallel$ $\quad \text{gen}(E.true ':') \parallel S_1.code \parallel$ $\quad \text{gen}('goto' S.begin)$

Fig. 8.23. Syntax-directed definition for flow-of-control statements.

## Example

Consider: 

```
while a < b do
  if c < d then
    x := y + z
  else
    x := y - z
```

Then: 

```
L1: if a < b goto L2
      goto Lnext
L2: if c < d goto L3
      goto L4
L3: t1 := y + z
      x := t1
      goto L1
L4: t2 := y - z
      x := t2
      goto L1
Lnext:
```

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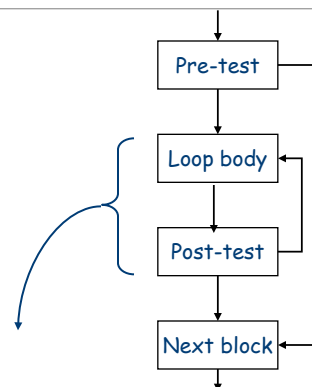
### Loops

Evaluate condition before loop (if needed)

Evaluate condition after loop

Branch back to the top (if needed)

Merges test with last block of loop body



while, for, do, and until all fit this basic model

## Break statements

Many modern programming languages include a break

Exits from the innermost control-flow statement

- Out of the innermost loop
- Out of a case statement

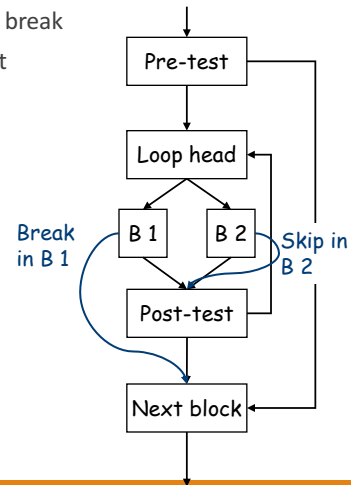
Translates into a jump

Targets statement outside control-flow construct

Creates multiple-exit construct

Skip in loop goes to next iteration

Only make sense if loop has > 1 block



## Code Shape Case Statement

- Implement as cascaded if-then-else statements
- Implement it as a jump table
- Implement it as a binary search
- Compiler must choose best implementation strategy

## Cascaded If-Then-Else Statements

```

switch (e1) {
  case 0: block0;
          break;
  case 1: block1;
          break;
  case 3: block3;
          break;
  default: blockd;
           break;
}

```

```

t1 ← e1
if (t1 = 0)
  then block0
else if (t1 = 1)
  then block1
else if (t1 = 2)
  then block2
else if (t1 = 3)
  then block3
else blockd

```

- Cost depends on where your case actually occurs
- O(number of cases)

## Jump Table

```

switch (e1) {
  case 0: block0;
          break;
  case 1: block1;
          break;
  case 2: block2;
          break;
  ...
  case 9: block9;
          break;
  default: blockd;
           break;
}

```

Label
LB <sub>0</sub>
LB <sub>1</sub>
LB <sub>2</sub>
LB <sub>3</sub>
LB <sub>4</sub>
LB <sub>5</sub>
LB <sub>6</sub>
LB <sub>7</sub>
LB <sub>8</sub>
LB <sub>9</sub>

```

t1 ← e1
if (0 > t1 or t1 > 9)
  then jump to LBd
else
  t2 ← @Table + t1 × 4
  t3 ← memory(t2)
  jump to t3

```

- Lookup address in a table and jump to it
- Uniform (constant) cost

## Binary Search

```

switch (e1) {
  case 0: block0
    break;
  case 15: block15
    break;
  case 23: block23
    break;
  ...
  case 99: block99
    break;
  default: blockd
    break;
}

```

Value	Label
0	LB <sub>0</sub>
15	LB <sub>15</sub>
23	LB <sub>23</sub>
37	LB <sub>37</sub>
41	LB <sub>41</sub>
50	LB <sub>50</sub>
68	LB <sub>68</sub>
72	LB <sub>72</sub>
83	LB <sub>83</sub>
99	LB <sub>99</sub>

```

t1 ← e1
down ← 0 // lower bound
up ← 10 // upper bound + 1
while (down + 1 < up) {
  middle ← (up + down) ÷ 2
  if (Value [middle] ≤ t1)
    then down ← middle
    else up ← middle
}
if (Value [down] = t1)
  then jump to Label[down]
  else jump to LBd

```

- Need a dense set of conditions to search
- Uniform (log n) cost

## Backpatching

Main problem with generating code for Boolean expressions and flow-of-control statements in a single pass is that we may not know all the labels.

Solution: generate branching statements with targets left unspecified.

Each such statement will be placed on a list whose labels will be filled in when it is known.

The subsequent filling of goto labels is called *backpatching*.



## Translation Scheme for Boolean Expressions

$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ or } E_2$	{ $E.place := newtemp;$ $emit(E.place := ' E_1.place \text{ or } E_2.place)$ }
$E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ and } E_2$	{ $E.place := newtemp;$ $emit(E.place := ' E_1.place \text{ and } E_2.place)$ }
$E \rightarrow \text{not } E_1$	{ $E.place := newtemp;$ $emit(E.place := ' \text{not } E_1.place)$ }
$E \rightarrow ( E_1 )$	{ $E.place := E_1.place$ }
$E \rightarrow id_1 \text{ relop } id_2$	{ $E.place := newtemp;$ $emit('if' id_1.place \text{ relop.op } id_2.place \text{ goto } nextstat+3);$ $emit(E.place := ' 0');$ $emit(' goto' nextstat+2);$ $emit(E.place := ' 1')$ }
$E \rightarrow \text{true}$	{ $E.place := newtemp;$ $emit(E.place := ' 1')$ }
$E \rightarrow \text{false}$	{ $E.place := newtemp;$ $emit(E.place := ' 0')$ }

Fig. 8.20. Translation scheme using a numerical representation for booleans.

## Example

Consider:  $a < b \text{ or } c < d \text{ and } e < f$

The code produced is:

100: <b>if</b> $a < b$ <b>goto</b> 103	107: $t_2 := 1$
101: $t_1 := 0$	108: <b>if</b> $e < f$ <b>goto</b> 111
102: <b>goto</b> 104	109: $t_3 := 0$
103: $t_1 := 1$	110: <b>goto</b> 112
104: <b>if</b> $c < d$ <b>goto</b> 107	111: $t_3 := 1$
105: $t_2 := 0$	112: $t_4 := t_2 \text{ and } t_3$
106: <b>goto</b> 108	113: $t_5 := t_1 \text{ or } t_4$

Fig. 8.21. Translation of  $a < b \text{ or } c < d \text{ and } e < f$ .

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1. *makelist*(*i*) creates a new list containing only *i*, an index into the array of quadruples; *makelist* returns a pointer to the list it has made.
  2. *merge*(*p*<sub>1</sub>, *p*<sub>2</sub>) concatenates the lists pointed to by *p*<sub>1</sub> and *p*<sub>2</sub>, and returns a pointer to the concatenated list.
  3. *backpatch*(*p*, *i*) inserts *i* as the target label for each of the statements on the list pointed to by *p*.

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Modify grammar by inserting a non-terminal *M* in strategic places:

- (1)  $E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ or } M E_2$
- (2)     |  $E_1 \text{ and } M E_2$
- (3)     |  $\text{not } E_1$
- (4)     |  $( E_1 )$
- (5)     |  $\text{id}_1 \text{ relop id}_2$
- (6)     |  $\text{true}$
- (7)     |  $\text{false}$
- (8)  $M \rightarrow \epsilon$

With production  $M \rightarrow \epsilon$ , we associate the following semantic action:

$$\{ M.quad := nextquad \}$$

The variable “nextquad” holds the index of the next quadruple to follow.

## Translation Scheme

- (1)  $E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ or } M E_2$   $\{$  *backpatch* ( $E_1.falselist, M.quad$ );  
 $E.truelist := merge(E_1.truelist, E_2.truelist)$ ;  
 $E.falselist := E_2.falselist$   $\}$
- (2)  $E \rightarrow E_1 \text{ and } M E_2$   $\{$  *backpatch* ( $E_1.truelist, M.quad$ );  
 $E.truelist := E_2.truelist$ ;  
 $E.falselist := merge(E_1.falselist, E_2.falselist)$   $\}$
- (3)  $E \rightarrow \text{not } E_1$   $\{$   $E.truelist := E_1.falselist$ ;  
 $E.falselist := E_1.truelist$   $\}$
- (4)  $E \rightarrow ( E_1 )$   $\{$   $E.truelist := E_1.truelist$ ;  
 $E.falselist := E_1.falselist$   $\}$
- (5)  $E \rightarrow id_1 \text{ relop } id_2$   $\{$   $E.truelist := makelist(nextquad)$ ;  
 $E.falselist := makelist(nextquad + 1)$ ;  
 $emit('if' id_1.place \text{relop.op} id_2.place 'goto \_')$   
 $emit('goto \_')$   $\}$
- (6)  $E \rightarrow \text{true}$   $\{$   $E.truelist := makelist(nextquad)$ ;  
 $emit('goto \_')$   $\}$
- (7)  $E \rightarrow \text{false}$   $\{$   $E.falselist := makelist(nextquad)$ ;  
 $emit('goto \_')$   $\}$
- (8)  $M \rightarrow \epsilon$   $\{$   $M.quad := nextquad$   $\}$