

Announcements 04/07/2026

- ▶ Assignment 6: Due tonight
- ▶ Assignment 7: Due on 04/14
- ▶ Exam 2: 04/16
 - Same format as Exam 1
 - Take-home
- ▶ Today
 - Iniquity

CMSC 430: Introduction to Compilers

Iniquity: function definitions and
calls

Iniquity

- ▶ Iniquity adds **recursive functions**, which will allow us to compute over arbitrarily large data with finite-sized programs.

```
(define (len xs)
  (if (empty? xs)
      0
      (add1 (len (cdr xs)))))
```

```
(len (cons 10 (cons 20 (cons 30 ' ())))))
```

AST

```
;; type Prog = (Prog (Listof Defn) Expr)  
(struct Prog (ds e))
```

```
; type Defn = (Defn Id (Listof Id) Expr)  
(struct Defn (f xs e))
```

```
(struct App (f es))
```

match and

- If the first expr does not match, the entire and expr does not match.
- Otherwise, the result is the same as an and expression with the remaining exprs

```
(match (read-byte)
  [(and 99 x) (add1 x)]
  [_ #f])
```

```
(match 100
  [(and x (and 100 y)) (add1 y)])
```

apply

- ▶ **apply proc list** applies **proc** using the content of **list** as the (by-position) arguments.

```
(define (f x y) (+ x y))  
(apply f '(1 2))  
3
```

```
(apply + '(1 2 3))  
6
```

Parser

```
(parse ' (define (f x) x)
      ' (f 10))
```

```
' #s (Prog (#s (Defn f (x) #s (Var x)))
          #s (App f (#s (Lit 10))))
```

Parser

- Can have multiple definitions

```
(parse ' (define (f x) x)
      ' (define (g x y) (+ x y))
      ' (f 10))
```

- Definitions can be empty

```
(parse '(+ 1 2))
```

```
' #s(Prog () #s(Prim2 + #s(Lit 1) #s(Lit 2)))
```

Designing our own calling convention

- ▶ **Function calls are like “let at a distance”**

```
(f 3 4)    (define (f x y)
            (+ x y))
```

is like

```
(let ((x 3) (y 4))
    (+ x y))
```

Designing our own calling convention

▶ A first attempt (doesn't work)

```
( f 3 4 )    (define (f x y)
              (+ x y))
```

(Push 3)

(Push 4)

(Call 'f)

(Pop)

(Pop)

(Label 'f)

(compile-e (parse '(+ x y)) '(y x))

(Ret)

Designing our own calling convention

- ▶ **Return point before arguments (still doesn't work)**

(f 3 4)

(Lea 'rax 'r)

(Push 'rax)

(Push 3)

(Push 4)

(Jmp 'f)

(Label 'r)

(Pop)

(Pop)

(define (f x y)

(+ x y))

(Label 'f)

(compile-e (parse '(+ x y)) '(y x))

(Ret)

Designing our own calling convention

- ▶ **Return point before arguments (works!)**

```
(f 3 4)    (define (f x y)
            (+ x y))
```

```
(Lea 'rax 'r)
(Push 'rax)
(Push 3)
(Push 4)
(Jmp 'f)
(Label 'r)
```

```
(Label 'f)
(compile-e (parse '(+ x y)) '(y x))
(Pop)
(Pop)
(Ret)
```

Idea: arguments passed on the stack, return point *before* arguments, caller pushes, *callee pops*

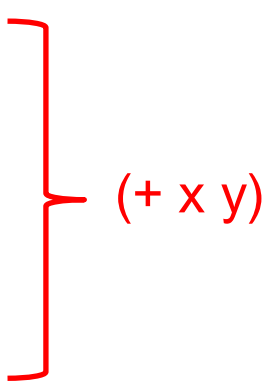
compile-define

```
;; Defn -> Asm
(define (compile-define d)
  (match d
    [(Defn f xs e)
     (seq (Label (symbol->label f))
          (compile-e e (reverse xs))
          (Add rsp (* 8 (length xs))) ; pop args
          (Ret))]))
```

compile-define Example

```
(compile-define  
  (parse-define ' (define (f x y) (+ x y))))
```

```
(Label 'label_f_5e96933745) ← Entry point for f  
(Mov 'rax (Mem 'rsp 8))  
(Push 'rax)  
(Mov 'rax (Mem 'rsp 8))  
(Pop 'r8)  
(Add 'rax 'r8)  
(Add 'rsp 16)  
(Ret)
```

 (+ x y)

compile-app

- **The return address is placed above the arguments, so callee pops**

```
(define (compile-app f es c)
  (seq (Lea rax 'ret)
       (Push rax)
       (compile-es es (cons #f c))
       (Jump (symbol->label f))
       (Label 'ret))))
```

(f 3 4)

| |
|------|
| 'ret |
| 3 |
| 4 |

compile-app Example

▶ (compile-e (parse-e '(f 3 4)) '())

(Lea 'rax (Mem 'ret))

(Push 'rax)

(Mov 'rax 48)

(Push 'rax)

(Mov 'rax 64)

(Push 'rax)

(Jmp 'label_f)

(Label 'ret)

(f 3 4)

| |
|------|
| 'ret |
| 3 |
| 4 |