



The Design and Implementation of the Jikes RVM Optimizing Compiler

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Tutorial Goals

- Educate current or future users of the Jikes RVM optimizing compiler
- Share experiences and perspectives on compiler design and implementation for OO languages



Tutorial Outline

- Background
- Compiler structure
- Selected optimizations
- Compiler/VM interactions
- Perspectives



What is the Jikes RVM?

- Open source version of the code developed by Jalapeño project at IBM Research
- Research virtual machine, not a full JVM™
 - missing libraries (e.g., AWT, Swing, J2EE), JVM protocols (e.g. JVMPI), multiple namespaces for class loaders, "language lawyer" issues, etc.
- Executes Java™ programs typically used in research on fundamental VM design issues
- Provides flexible testbed to prototype new VM technologies and experiment with different design alternatives
- Runs on AIX™/PowerPC™, Linux®/IA-32
 - Linux/PowerPC (with limited functionality/support)
- Industrial-strength performance for many benchmarks



Open Source Highlights

- Announced at OOPSLA (Oct 15, 2001), v2.0.0
 - Minor releases in Nov, Jan, Mar, June, July (v2.0.1, 2.0.2, 2.0.3, 2.1.0, 2.1.1)
 - Accepting contributions since June, 2002
 - 6 contributions in 3 months
- As of Sept 4, 2002 (10+ months)
 - 3,600+ downloads, 1,550+ different sites, 90+ universities, 60+ in US
 - 100+ mailing list subscribers, 900+ messages
- Many users' pubs in top conferences
- Courses at UT-Austin, Wisconsin, UCSB, and New Mexico using Jikes RVM
 - teaching resources available on web site
- Used for a broad range of research topics
 - GC, instruction scheduling, fault tolerant computing, specialization, IR transformations, scheduling multi-threaded apps, OO runtime systems, mobile code security, verification, adaptive optimization, embedded computing, ...
- Growing Jikes RVM into an *independent* open source project
 - Non-IBM members on Core Team



2002 Jikes RVM Users' Pubs

- POPL'02
 - Exploiting Prolific Types for Memory Management and Optimizations by Shuf, Gupta, Bordawekar, and Singh
- SPAA'02
 - The Pensieve Project: A Compiler Infrastructure for Memory Models by C.-L. Wong, Z. Sura, X. Fang, S.P. Midkiff, J. Lee, and D. Padua
- ECOOP'02
 - Thin Guards: A Simple and Effective Technique for Reducing the Penalty of Dynamic Class Loading by Matthew Arnold and Barbara G. Ryder
 - Atomic Instructions in Java by David Hovemeyer, Bill Pugh, and Jamie Spacco
- SIGMETRICS'02
 - Error-Free Garbage Collection Traces: How To Cheat and Not Get Caught by Hertz, Blackburn, Moss, and McKinley
- MSP'02
 - Older-first Garbage Collection in Practice: Evaluation in a Java Virtual Machine by Stefanovic, Hertz, Blackburn, McKinley and Moss
- PLDI'02
 - Beltway: Getting Around Garbage Collection Gridlock by Blackburn, Jones, McKinley, and Moss
 - Static Load Classification for Improving the Value Predictability of Data-Cache Misses by Burtscher, Diwan, and Hauswirth
 - Efficient and Precise Datarace Detection for Multithreaded Object-Oriented Programs by Choi, Lee, Loginov, O'Callahan, Sarkar, Sridharan
- LCTES'02/SCOPES'02
 - When to Use a Compilation Service? by Jeffrey Palm, Han Lee, Amer Diwan, and J. Eliot Moss
- ISMM'02
 - In or Out? Putting Write Barriers in Their Place by Steve Blackburn and Kathryn McKinley
 - An Adaptive, Region-based Allocator for Java by Feng Qian and Laurie Hendren
 - Understanding the Connectivity of Heap Objects by Martin Hirzel, Johannes Henkel, Amer Diwan, Michael Hind
- LRPC'02
 - Automatic Implementation of Programming Language Consistency Models by Sura, Wong, Fang, Lee, Midkiff, and Padua
- Java Grande'02
 - Immutability Specification and its Application by Igor Pechtchanski and Vivek Sarkar
- OOPSLA'02
 - Creating and Preserving Locality of Java Applications at Allocation and Garbage Collection Times by Shuf, Gupta, Franke, Appel, Singh
 - GCspy: An Adaptable Heap Visualisation Framework by Tony Printezis and Richard Jones

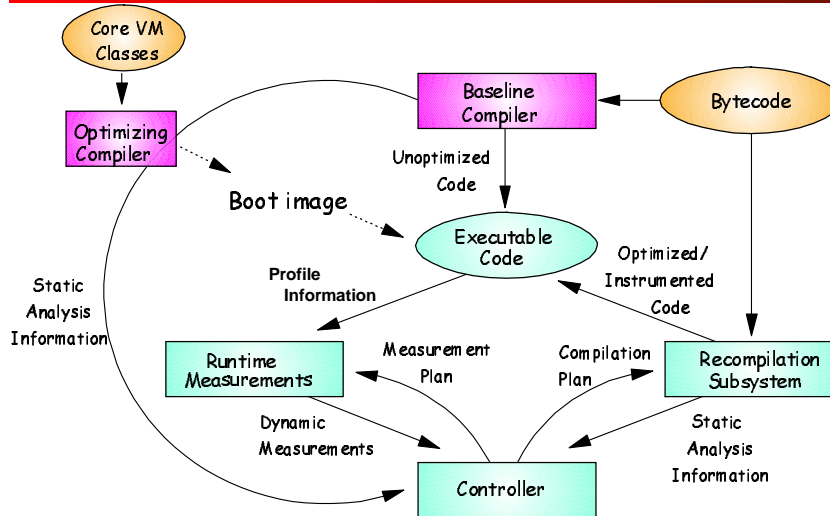


Jikes RVM Technical Highlights

- Implemented in Java programming language (~250KLOC)
 - Reduces seams between VM and applications
 - VM can be dynamically optimized
- Compile-only strategy
 - Multiple compilers, mixing code is seamless
- Lightweight (m:n) thread implementation
 - Java threads are multiplexed on OS threads, important for scalability, GC transition
 - Quasi-preemptive scheduling (using compiler-generated yield points)
- Adaptive optimization system
 - Yieldpoint-based sampling, cost/benefit model, what to recompile and what opt. level
 - Online feedback-directed inlining
- Type-accurate (exact) parallel GC/allocation
 - semispace and mark-sweep, generational and nongenerational, hybrids, GCToolkit (UMass)



Compilers in Context



Optimizing Compiler Design Requirements

Input: Bytecode

- No need for lexical analysis, parsing, verification

Output: Machine code + Mapping information [+Analysis results]

Mapping information

GC maps, source code maps, exception tables

Characteristics

- High-quality code generation
- Fast compile-time
- Type-exact GC support
- Support for Java features
 - Exception semantics, dynamic class loading, multithreading, etc.
- Adaptive and feedback-directed optimization



Optimizing Compiler at a Glance

- 3 levels of Intermediate Representation (IR)
 - Java type information preserved
 - Java-specific operators and optimizations
- Multiple optimization levels
 - many classical optimizations
 - some novel optimizations
- Approx. 100K lines machine-independent code
 - 10K lines machine-dependent each for PPC, IA32
- Template-driven generation of instruction formats, command-line arguments, instruction selection, IA32 Assembler
- Interfaces to adaptive optimization system



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- ✓ Background
- **Compiler structure**
 - Intermediate representation
 - Phases
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Intermediate Representation

- "Three-address" like register transfer language
 - Not a stack machine
- Operand 1 ... Operand k = OPERATOR (Operand k+1 ... Operand n)
 - Operands: registers, constants, guards, memory locations, methods, ...

3 levels of Operators

- **HIR (High-Level IR)**
 - Operators similar to Java bytecode
 - eg. `ARRAYLENGTH`, `NEW`, `GETFIELD`, `BOUNDS_CHECK`, `NULL_CHECK`
- **LIR (Low-Level IR)**
 - Introduces details of Jikes RVM runtime and object layout
 - eg. `GET_TIB` (vtable), `GET_JTOC` (static), `INT_LOAD` (for getfield)
 - Expands complicated HIR operators such as `TABLE_SWITCH`
- **MIR (Machine-Specific IR)**
 - Introduces details of target machine --- similar to assembly code
 - Register allocation performed on MIR



HIR Example

Java Source

```
public static void main() {
    System.out.println("Hello world");
}
```

Bytecode

```
Method void main()
  @getstatic@2-Field java.io.PrintStream out->
  3d@3-String "Hello world">
  5 invokevirtual #4-Method void println(java.lang.String)
  8 return
```

HIR

(Ljava/lang/String)

```

LABEL0
EG ir_prologue
G yieldpoint_prologue
0 get t0i(java.io.PrintStream,d)<menoc java.lang.System.out>
EG null_check t1v(GUARD)t0i(java.io.PrintStream,d)
5 EG LR<unused>-virtual"java.io.PrintStream.println
ang/String;V"t1v(GUARD)t0i(java.io.PrintStream ,d),
onstant@12944TOC
G yieldpoint_epilogue
return
BB(ENTRY)

```

EPotential exception throwing instruction (PEI)

GPotential garbage collection point



LIR Example

LIR

```

LABEL0
EG ir_prologue
G yieldpoint_prologue
0 int_load t0i(java.io.PrintStream,d)=JTOC(int)23156
<menoc java.lang.System.out>
5 EG null_check t1v(GUARD)t0i(java.io.PrintStream,d)
materialize_constant t2i(java.lang.String)=JTOC(int)stringonstant @129445
get_obj_5b: t3i((Ljava.lang.Object;)t0i(java.io.PrintStream,d)t1v(GUARD)
5 int_load t4i((Ljava.lang.Object;)t3i((Ljava.lang.Object;)t0i(java.io.PrintStream,d)t1v(GUARD)
5 EG call LR4i((Ljava.io.PrintStream.println
ang/String;V"t1v(GUARD)
t2i(java.lang.String)JTOC
G yieldpoint_epilogue
return
bbeBB(ENTRY)

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MIR Example (PowerPC)

```

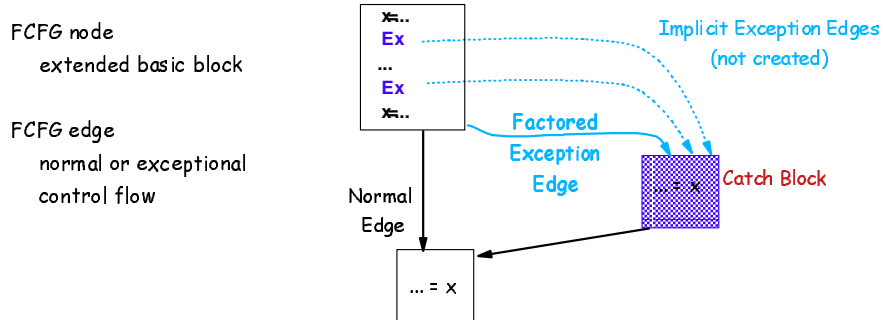
LABEL0
ppc_mfspr      R0(int)LR(int)
ppc_lrl3(int)PR(int),40
ppc_stwu      FP(int)<-FP(int),16
ppc_lwR14(int)PR(int),28
ppc_lwz      R13(int)R13(int),52
ppc_cmpl     C2(int)R14(int)0
ppc_ldl      R14(int)5091
ppc_stw      R0(int)FP(int)24
ppc_stwR14(int)FP(int)4
EG ppptrap<FP(int)R13(int)<STACK          OVERFLOW>
EG ppc_LRC2(int)ppc_LABEL2TOC
0   ppc_lwz   R3(java.io.PrintStream,d)TOC(int)23156,
      java.lang.System.out>
EG ppc_lwR4(Ljava.lang.Object;R3(java.io.Prin      tStream,d),12
5   ppc_lwz   R4(I)R4(Ljava.lang.Object;)160
ppc_addis    R5(int)TOC(int)1
ppc_lwz      R5(java.lang.String)R5(int)51776<menloc      JTOC@51776>
5   ppc_mtspr CTR(int)R4(I)
..ETC..

```



Intermediate Representation

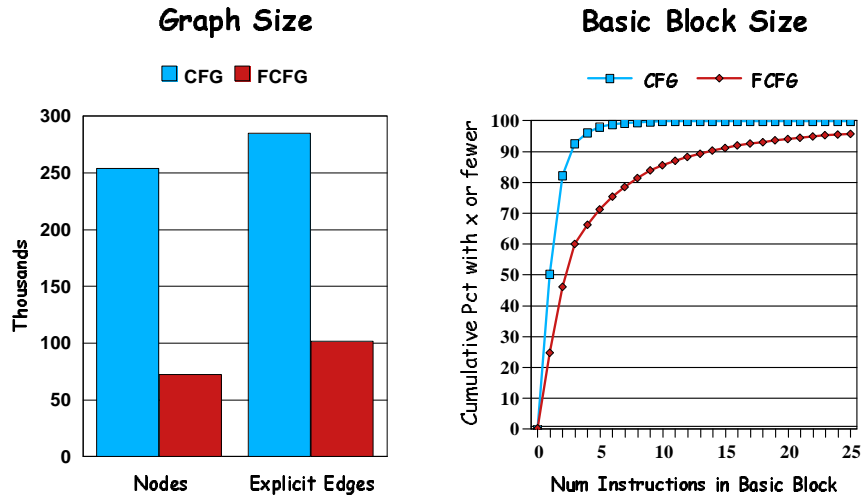
Factored Control Flow Graph (FCFG) [PASTE 99]



- reduces number of nodes, edges
- improves scope of local (basic block) analyses
- post-dominance does not hold in a basic block
- straightforward to adapt forward and backward dataflow analyses
- all transformations preserve both normal and exceptional control flow
- approach can be extended to represent superblocks (not currently implemented)



FCFG Size Metrics



Auxiliary IR Structures

- Computed on demand; not usually maintained
 - Def/Use Chains
 - Dominator Tree, PostDominator Tree
 - Loop Structure Tree
 - Heap Array SSA form
 - Value Numbers / Value Graph
 - Dataflow Equations, Solutions
 - Dependence Graph
 - Interference Graph
 - Register Allocator Analysis Results

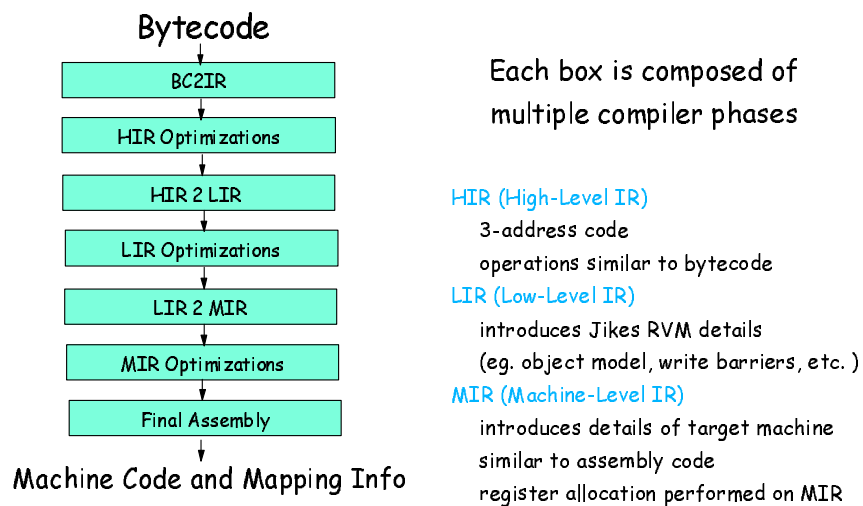


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Optimizing Compiler Architecture



Implementation Details

A look inside the compiler: Compiler Phases

- Each compiler phase extends `OPT_CompilerPhase`
- `OPT_CompilerPhase.perform`: mutates `OPT_IR`

```
abstract class OPT_CompilerPhase {
    abstract void perform(OPT_IR ir)
}
```
- Compilation: composition of `OPT_CompilerPhase.perform`s()
- `OPT_OptimizationPlanner.java`: defines compiler actions as a `Vector` of `OPT_CompilerPhase`s
- 1. Define a new phase

```
class myPhase extends OPT_CompilerPhase {
    void perform() {
        manipulate the IR ....
    }
}
```
- 2. Add it in appropriate place in `OPT_OptimizationPlanner.java`:

```
addComponent(/* Vector */ masterPlan, new myPhase());
```



Implementation Details

A Sample Compiler Phase

A Phase to print the IR:

```
class MyIRPrinter extends OPT_CompilerPhase {
    final void perform(OPT_IR ir) {
        System.out.println("START OF IR FOR METHOD " + ir.method);
        for (Enumeration e = ir.forwardInstrEnumerator(); e.hasMoreElements(); ) {
            OPT_Instruction s = (OPT_Instruction)e.nextElement();
            System.out.println(s);
        }
        System.out.println("END OF IR FOR METHOD " + ir.method);
    }
}
```

```
addComponent(/* Vector */ masterPlan, new MyIRPrinter());
```



Bytecode to HIR (BC2IR)

[Java Grande 99]

- Abstract interpretation of bytecodes
- Translates stack instructions to 3-address instructions
- Builds FCFG
- Aggressive, profile-driven interprocedural inlining
- Bytecode subroutines (JSRs) inlined
- On-the-fly dataflow optimizations
 - constant and type propagation, constant folding, branch optimizations, unreachable code elimination
- Yield points inserted after HIR is generated

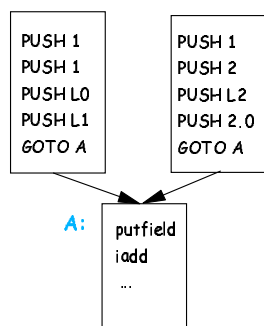


BC2IR

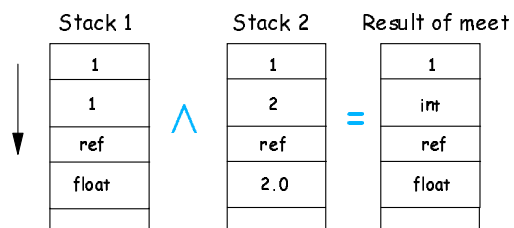
[Java Grande 99]

- Abstract interpretation of bytecode stream
- Translate stack abstraction to typed register transfer language

Input program



Abstract Interpretation at A



HIR to LIR Conversion (HIR2LIR)

- Introduces Jikes RVM details into IR
 - VM services
 - allocation, locks, type checks, write barriers
 - Object model
 - field, array, and static layout; method invocation
 - Other lower-level expansion
 - switches, compare/branch, exception checks



LIR to MIR Conversion (LIR2MIR)

BURS (Bottom-Up Rewrite System)

[Fraser,Hanson,Proebsting 92, Sarkar,Serrano,Simons 01]

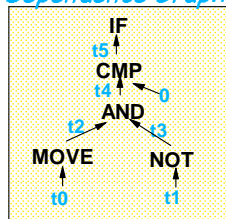
Table-Based Retargetable Instruction Selection

Pattern	Action
reg: REGISTER	<return reg0 = REGISTER>
reg: MOVE(reg)	<return reg0 = reg1>
reg: CMP(AND(reg,NOT(reg)))	<emit "andc reg0, reg1, reg2">
stm: IF(reg,!=,LABEL)	<emit "bne LABEL">

LIR

```
t2=r0
t3=NOT t1
t4=t2AND3
t5=CMR40
if !t5GOTCL1
```

Dependence Graph



MIR

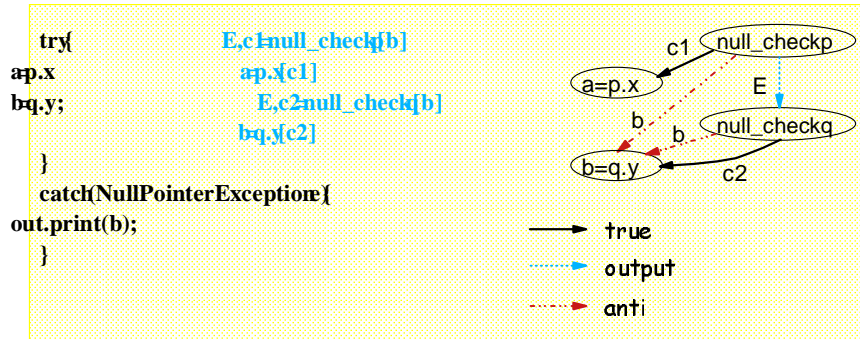
```
andd5t0t1
bndabell
```



Dependence Graph

[LCPC 99]

- Model exceptions, synchronization and memory with aliasing as defs and uses of abstract locations



Register Allocation

- Decomposed into machine-independent core and machine dependent utilities
- Basic Linear Scan [TOPLAS 99]
 - single linear-time scan of variable live ranges
 - faster and simpler than graph coloring
- Embellishments
 - live interval holes
 - heuristics to reduce copies
 - smart (?) spill heuristic
 - interface for architecture restrictions (IA32)



Final Assembly

- Machine Code Generation
 - Separate assemblers for PPC, IA32
- GC Maps
- Exception Tables
- Machine Code Info for
 - online profiling, stackframe inspection, debugging, dynamic linking, lazy compilation
 - encodes inlining decisions



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 - Level 0 [Dataflow basics]
 - Level 1 [Flow-insensitive, inlining, commoning]
 - Level 2 [Heap Array SSA, GCP]
- Compiler/VM Interactions
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Standard Optimization Levels

■ Level 0

- On-the-fly constant and type propagation, constant folding, branch optimizations, field analysis, unreachable code elimination, trivial inlining
- Instruction selection
- Register allocation and coalescing

■ Level 1

- Full inlining (including preexistence and other speculative inlining)
- Static splitting, tail recursion elimination
- Local redundancy elimination (CSE, loads, checks)
- Flow-Insensitive: constant, copy, type propagation, sync removal, scalar replacement of aggregates, code reordering, dead code elimination

■ Level 2

- Loop normalization & unrolling
- Scalar SSA: dataflow, global value numbers, global CSE, redundant conditional branch elimination
- Heap Array SSA: load/store elimination, global code placement

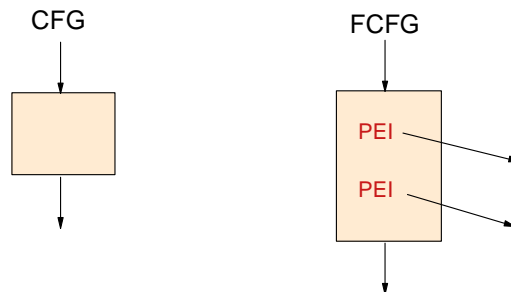


Analysis using the FCFG

[PASTE '99]

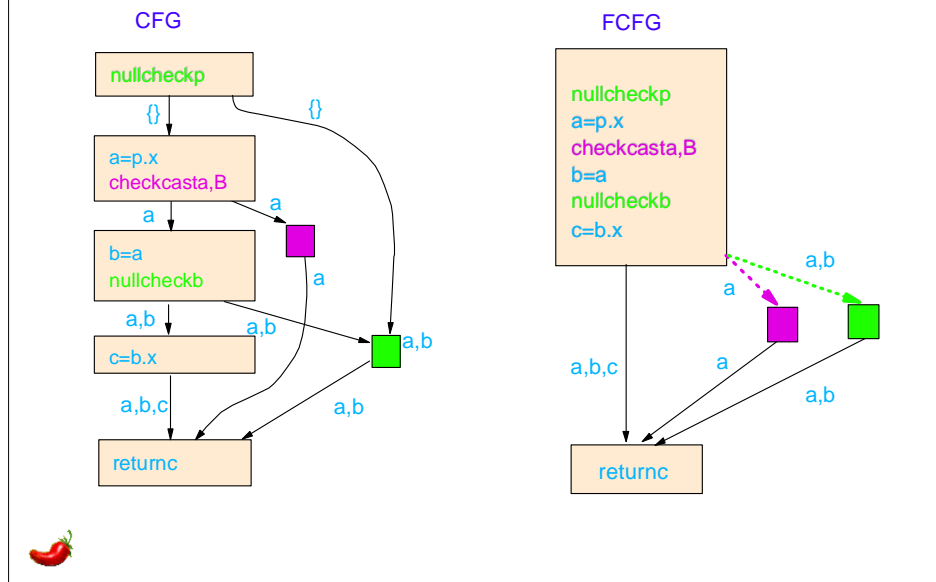
How is analysis performed on the FCFG?

- FCFG does not guarantee *post-dominance* relation among instructions in a basic block



Forward Analysis with FCFG

Reaching Definitions



Forward Analysis Summary

CFG=(N,E)

- Compute & propagate *Gen/Kill* for each basic block

$O(|Inst|+k(N+E))$

FCFG=(N',E')

- Compute & propagate *Gen/Kill* for each out edge of a basic block

$O(|Inst|+k(N'+E'))$

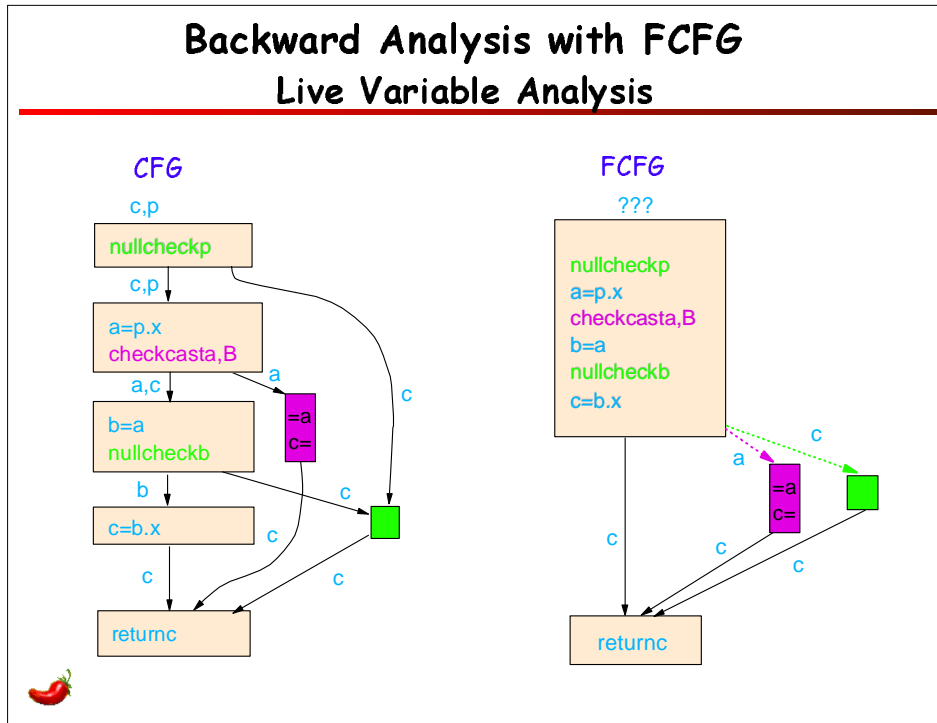
$N > N', E > E'$

k is height of data flow lattice

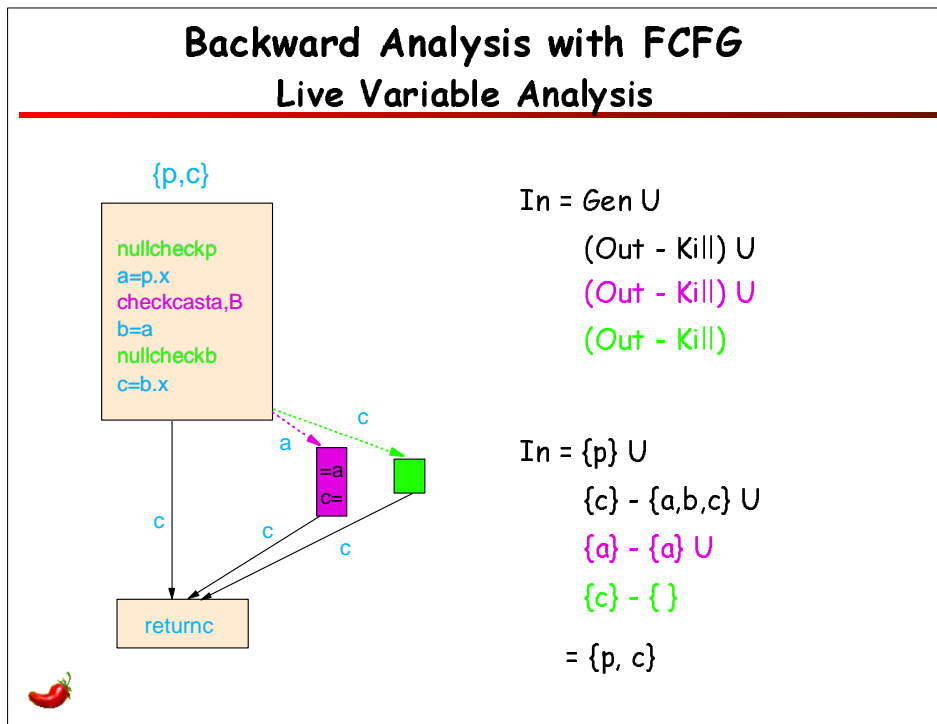
No loss of precision compared to CFG



Backward Analysis with FCFG Live Variable Analysis



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Backward Global Analysis Summary

CFG

- Compute *Gen* and *Kill* for each basic block

$O(|Inst|+k(N+E))$

FCFG

- Compute *Gen* and *Kill* for each basic block
- Compute *Kill* for each *PEI* region

$O(|Inst|+k(N'+E'))$

$N > N', E > E'$

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FCFG Analysis Summary

[PASTE '99]

- No loss of precision compared to CFG
- Modifications to CFG-based analysis:
 - Local (within a basic block)
 - Forward: none
 - Backward: minor, at PEIs
 - Global (among basic blocks)
 - Forward/Backward: some
 - Interprocedural (among CFGs)
 - Forward/Backward: "Global" modifications + minor



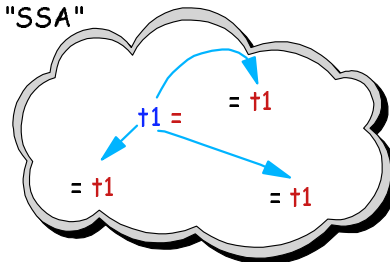
Dataflow Framework

- Class library for specifying and solving dataflow equations
- Analysis creates an equation system
- Framework reaches sound solution via standard iterative worklist
 - Automatically evaluates in topological order
- Used to perform analysis for load elimination and dead store elimination optimizations



Flow-Insensitive Optimizations

- JLS 4.5.4: "Every variable must have a value before its value is used"
- Easy to identify variables with a single static assignment
- Register-list data structure:
 - track a symbolic reg's defs & uses
 - mark symbolic register with 1 def "SSA"
- fast, conservative versions of
 - dead code elimination
 - copy propagation
 - array bounds checks
 - type propagation



Simple Escape Analysis

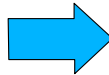
- Use register lists to help identify objects that do not *escape* (i.e., the object is not live when the current method exits)
- An object *o*, pointed to by a symbolic register *r*, does not escape if
 1. *r* is "SSA",
 2. *r*'s def is a "new" allocation, and
 3. all uses of *r* do not cause *o* to escape
- escape analysis aids optimizations to deal with short-lived objects



Scalar Replacement of Aggregates

- Enabled by escape analysis
- Often applies to Enumerations
- Similar transformation used for small arrays

```
class A {
    int x;
    int y;
}
void foo() {
    A a = new A();
    a.x = 1;
    a.y = a.x + 2;
    System.out.println(a.y);
}
```



```
void foo() {
    int t1 = 1;
    int t2 = t1 + 2;
    System.out.println(t2);
}
```



Inlining Mechanism

- Inline any method (via bytecode) into any context
- Occurs during IR generation in concert with on-the-fly optimizations
- BC2IR generates IR into a 'context'
 - enclosing catch blocks
 - initialization of locals (parameters)
 - how to 'return' a value
- Most of IR generation oblivious to inlining

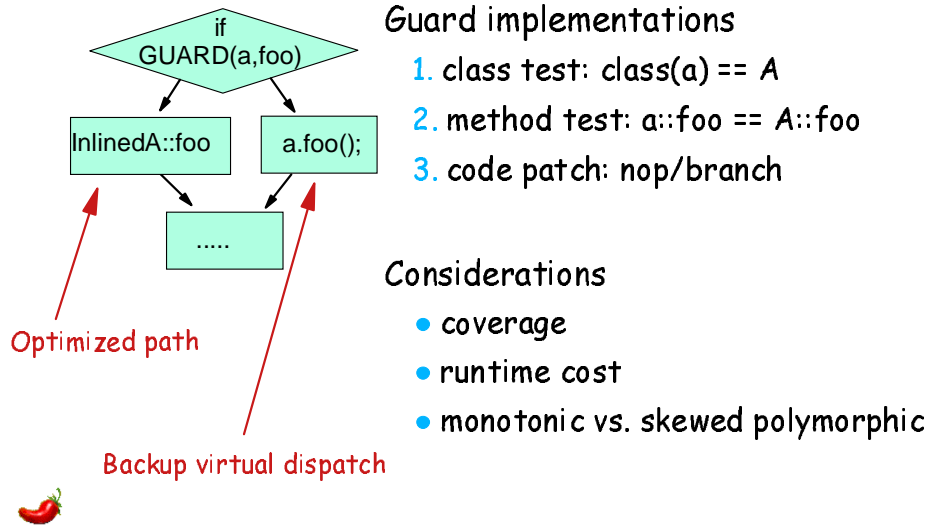


Speculative (Guarded) Inlining

- Guarded inlining of invokevirtual/invokeinterface
- Two reasons for speculation
 - Class Hierarchy Analysis
 - constrained by potential for dynamic class loading
 - guard with class/method test or code patch
 - avoid guards with preexistence
 - Profile-directed
 - Online context-insensitive profile data
 - guard with class/method test



Guarded Inlining Example



More on Preexistence

[Detlefs & Agesen '98]

Goal

CHA-based inlining without guards & without requiring on stack replacement on invalidation

```
int foo(A a) {  
    .....  
    a.m1();  
}
```

Key insight

if inlining `m1` without a guard is valid when `foo` is invoked, it will be valid when the inlined code is executed.



Commoning

- Key ideas
 - separate exception checks from computation
 - make as many operations as possible 'ALU' operations:
 - instanceof
 - object-model manipulations
 - exception checks
- Allows standard algorithms for CSE, PRE, etc. to be applied to more interesting computations



Heap Array SSA

[SAS 2000]

- Augments traditional (scalar) SSA transformations
 - Global value numbering
 - Classical forward optimizations
- Extension of type-based alias analysis with SSA flow-sensitivity
- Used for sparse analysis/optimization of heap values
 - Redundant Load Elimination
 - Dead Store Elimination



Heap Array SSA Form

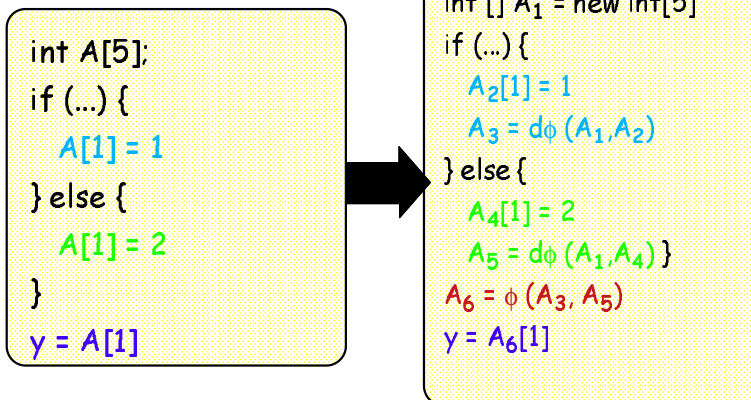
- SSA representation that handles scalars, arrays, and object references in a uniform model
- Three kinds of ϕ functions
 - ϕ : standard control flow merge
 - $d\phi$: definition of memory state
 - $u\phi$: use of a memory state



Array SSA example

[Knope and Sarkar 98]

Extend scalar SSA form to handle named arrays



Heap Arrays

- Model every field with a 1-D Heap Array x
 - GETFIELD $p.x \rightarrow$ read of $x[p]$
 - PUTFIELD $q.x \rightarrow$ write of $x[q]$
- Leverages type system for disambiguation
- Model n -dim array with an $n+1$ -dimensional Heap Array for each array type
 - eg. Java programming language allows only one-dimensional arrays
 - `double a = new double [];`
 - read (aload) of `a[i]` \rightarrow read of `double` `[a, i]`



Heap Array SSA example

Introduce "Heap" array x for each field x

```
class Z { int x; };  
...  
Z a = new Z()  
if (...) {  
    a.x = 1  
} else {  
    a.x = 2  
}  
y = a.x
```



```
class Z { int x; };  
...  
Z.x1[a1] = new Foo()  
if (...) {  
    Z.x2[a1] = 1  
    Z.x3 = dφ (Z.x1, Z.x2)  
} else {  
    Z.x4[a1] = 2  
    Z.x5 = dφ (Z.x1, Z.x4)  
}  
Z.x6 = φ (Z.x3, Z.x5)  
y = Z.x6[a1]
```



Heap Array SSA Load Elimination Algorithm

1. Build Heap Array SSA form
2. Global Value Numbering (DS & DD)
3. Perform index propagation
4. Scalar replacement analysis
5. Scalar replacement transformation



Load Elimination Example

Original Program

```
p := new Z
q := new Z
r := p
...
p.x := ...

q.x := ...
... := r.x
```



Transformed Program

```
p := new Z
q := new Z
r := p
...
T1 := ...
p.x := T1
q.x := ...
... := T1
```



Definitely Same / Definitely Different

- Assign each scalar, s , a value number $\nu(s)$
 - Global Value Numbering [AWZ 88]
- Definitely Same (DS)
 - if $\nu(x) = \nu(y)$, x and y have the same value wherever both are defined
- Definitely Different (DD): harder to compute
 - pointers from different allocation sites
 - preexisting objects [Detlefs & Agesen 99]
 - integers from data dependence analysis



Index Propagation Example

Compute $\mathcal{A}(H) = \{v \in \text{Value Numbers} \mid H[v] \text{ is available}\}$

Heap Array SSA representation

```
p := new Z
q := new Z
r := p
Z.x1 [p] := ...
Z.x2 =  $\phi$ (Z.x0, Z.x1)
Z.x3 [q] := ...
Z.x4 =  $\phi$ (Z.x2, Z.x3)
... = Z.x4 [r]
Z.x5 =  $\omega$ (Z.x3, Z.x4)
```

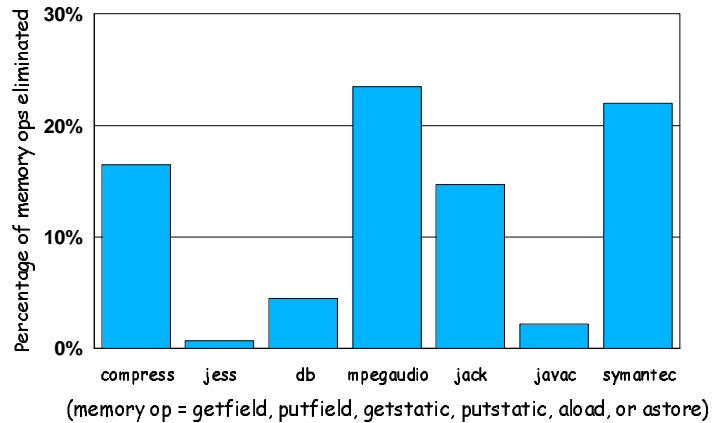
Dataflow Solution

```
DD (p,q) = true
DS (p,r) = true
■  $\mathcal{A}(Z.x_0) = \{\}$ 
■  $\mathcal{A}(Z.x_1) = \{\nu(p)\}$ 
■  $\mathcal{A}(Z.x_2) = \{\nu(p)\}$ 
■  $\mathcal{A}(Z.x_3) = \{\nu(q)\}$ 
■  $\mathcal{A}(Z.x_4) = \{\nu(p), \nu(q)\}$ 
■  $\mathcal{A}(Z.x_5) = \{\nu(p), \nu(q)\}$ 
```



Dynamic Results

[SAS '00]



Loop Normalization

Increase opportunities for Code placement

- **Partial Loop Peeling:** Replicate initial segment of loops
 - Increases code motion opportunities for instructions that must not be executed speculatively (Stores, PEIs)
 - Subsumes while -> until transformation
- **Loop Peeling:** Prepend loops with a copy of the loop body
 - Renders PEIs in the loop body as non-exceptional instructions if dominated by their copy
 - Makes irreducible loops reducible
- **Landing Pad Insertion:** Insert new blocks on critical edges
 - Only between blocks with very different execution frequencies



Loop Unrolling

Two strategies: *Counted Loops* and *Naive Unrolling*

- Unrolling of counted loops. No loop exits between copies:
 - Pattern matching to identify counted loops
 - Insert pre loop to align iterations with unroll factor
 - Replicate loop body n times and run with an n times larger stride
- Naive Unrolling. Loop can exit between copies:
 - Generally applicable for any loop
 - Used as a fall back if unrolling for counted loops is not applicable
- Aggressiveness controlled by adaptive system
 - Unroll more loops in hot methods



Global Common Subexpression Elimination

- Walks the dominator tree to eliminate fully redundant instructions
- Uses global value numbering to determine semantically equivalent computations
- If the same value is computed multiple times on a path in the dominator tree, the result of the first definition is reused instead of being recomputed



Global Code Placement

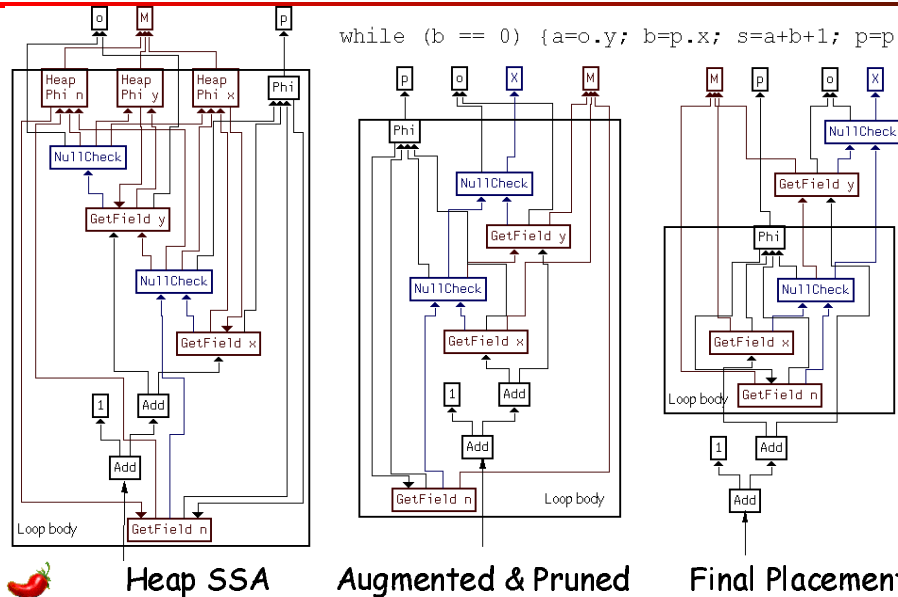
Find a less frequent block for an instruction

- Subsumes loop invariant code motion
- Runs on HIR and LIR using dynamic feedback (block frequencies)
- Views Heap SSA Form as a dependence graph
- Augments the graph with *dependencies that model Java's ordering constraints* for loads, stores, and PEIs, and prunes non-essential and not-observable dependencies
- Uses scalar, heap, and exception dependencies to determine earliest and latest positions for instructions
- Searches the dominator path between earliest and latest for a target block with minimal execution frequency



Global Code Placement Example

```
while (b == 0) {a=o.y; b=p.x; s=a+b+1; p=p.n}
```



Global Code Placement Algorithm

Earliest (inst) = original block of inst, if inst can't be moved
else select (Def(inst), inst)

Def (inst) = { Earliest (dep) | inst depends on dep}

speculative select (B,inst) = b in B with largest dominator depth
non speculative select (B,inst) = earliest x that is dominated by all b
in B and is post-dominated by inst.

Latest (inst) = original block of inst, if inst can't be moved
else common dominator (Use (inst))

Use (inst) = { finalPos (dep) | dep depends on inst}

finalPos (inst) = node with minimal execution frequency on dominator
tree path from Earliest (inst) to Latest (inst).



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Inlining of Runtime Services: Allocation (1)

HIR:

```
t1 = new java.lang.Object
return t1
```

HIR2LIR implements "new" by calling `VM_Runtime.quickNewScalar`

```
public static Object quickNewScalar(int size, Object[] tib, boolean hasFinalizer)
  throws OutOfMemoryError {
  Object ret = VM_Allocator.allocateScalar(size, tib);
  if (hasFinalizer) VM_Finalizer.addElement(ret)
  return ret;
}
```

Semispace version of `VM_Allocator.allocateScalar`

```
public static Object allocateScalar (int size, Object[] tib)
  throws OutOfMemoryError {
  VM_Address region = getHeapSpaceFast(size);
  Object newObj = VM_ObjectModel.initializeScalar(region, tib, size);
  return newObj;
}
```



Inlining of Runtime Services: Allocation (2)

compiler inlines "hot paths", resulting in (optimized) LIR:

```
get_class_tib      t6si([Ljava.lang.Object;) = java.lang.Object
int_load          123si(VM_Address) = PR(VM_Processor), -36
int_load          125si(VM_Address) = 123si(VM_Address,d,p), 8
int_add           t30si(VM_Address,d,p) = PR(VM_Processor), -40
boolean_cmp       t31si(int) = 125si(VM_Address), t30si(VM_Address), <=U
int_ifcmp         t31si(int), 0, ==, LABEL3, Probability: 0.5
LABEL1
int_store         125pi(VM_Address), PR(VM_Processor), -36
LABEL2
int_add           t45si(VM_Address) = 125pi(VM_Address), 12
int_store         t6si([Ljava.lang.Object:), t45si(java.lang.Object), -12
return           t45si(java.lang.Object)
LABEL3
ref_load          t62si([I] = JTOC(VM_Address), 20616, <mem loc: JTOC @20616>
call             125pi(VM_Address) LR = t62si([I], static"VM_Chunk.slowPath1
                (I)LVM_Address:", <unused>, 8 JTOC
goto             LABEL2
```



Dynamic Type Checking

[JVM'01]

- Support instanceof, checkcast, invokeinterface, and astore bytecodes
- Key ideas:
 - exploit compile-time knowledge to customize dynamic type checking code sequence
 - co-design of VM data structures & inline opt code
 - short inline sequences for common case; uncommon case handled by out-of-line VM routines

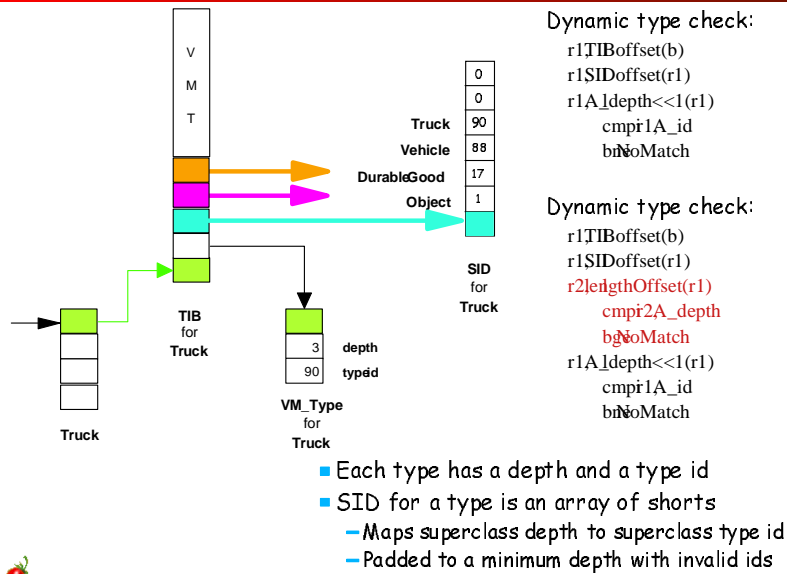


Testing for a Proper Class

- A is known to be a proper class (ie not an interface)
 - checkcast and instanceof bytecodes
 - Most significant case (along with astore)
- Superclass Identifier Display (SID) [Cohen '91]
 - A class's display contains its type id and the type ids of its ancestors
 - The display is ordered (indexed) by their depth
- Dynamic type check:
 - Compare depth SID entry of object to type id of A
 - if A_depth >= minimum (6) then array bounds check required



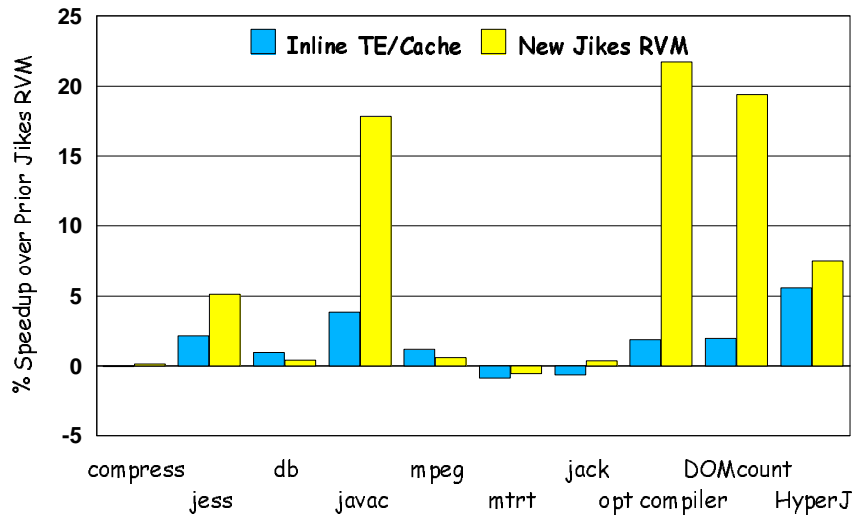
Superclass Identifier Display (SID)



Experimental Evaluation

- Three dynamic type checking schemes implemented
 - Prior Jikes RVM: out-of-line type equality, cache last success
 - Inline TE/Cache: inlined type equality and type cache check
approximate IBM SDK [Ishizaki et al.'00]
 - New Jikes RVM [JVM '01]
- All three include same basic optimizations
 - final classes & null handled inline
 - null and type propagation
 - compile time folding of instanceof & checkcast
- Experimental setup
 - AIX/PowerPC, 1 processor 604e with 768MB
 - Jikes RVM adaptive system
 - copying, non-generational garbage collector

Performance Impact of Dynamic Type Checking



Space Considerations

- Data Structures (per *Type* costs) are modest
- Code costs are highly variable
 1. Which sequences are inlined?
 2. Where are the sequences inlined (be selective based on profiling)?
 3. Some sequences are both *definitive* and *smaller* than calls to runtime
 - a. Type equality test in restricted cases
 - b. Proper subclass using SID
 - c. A few array cases



Support for Runtime Services

- Compilers must generate more than just code
- Map from machine code to original bytecodes.
 - Required at PEI's and GC points, optionally others
 - Includes encoding of inlining structure to present view of virtual call stack
 - Used to support dynamic linking, lazy compilation, source level debugging (accurate stack traces),
- Exception tables
- GC Maps (next slide)
- Total space cost is 2/3 of machine code (IA32)



Exact GC Support

- Compiler generates GC Map for every program point where GC may occur
- GC Map indicates exactly which physical registers and stack locations hold object references
- GC Map Generation
 - All optimizing compiler phases preserve type information until register allocation
 - 1. Before register allocation:
 - Liveness analysis: backwards dataflow to determine live references
 - 2. After register allocation:
 - Record register or stack location for each symbolic live reference
 - 3. After final assembly:
 - Encode GC map compactly and map to machine code offset

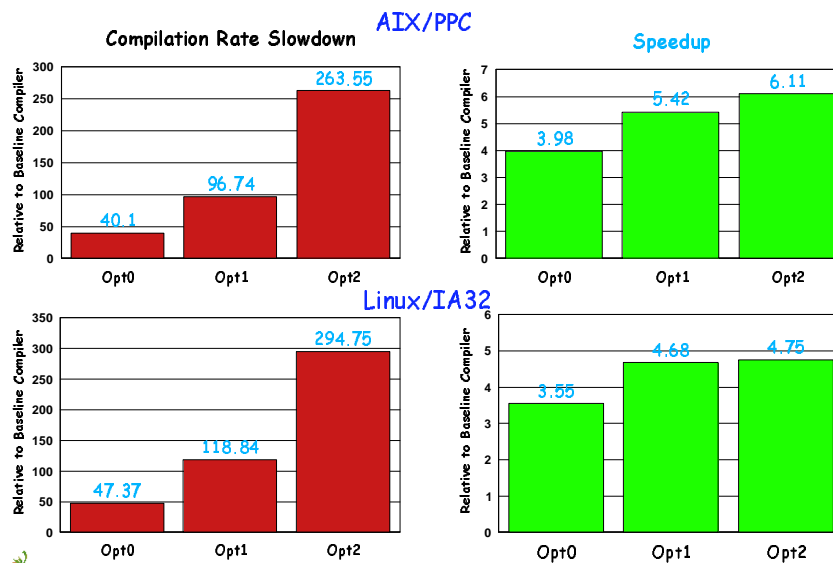


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Compiler Performance (Sep'02)



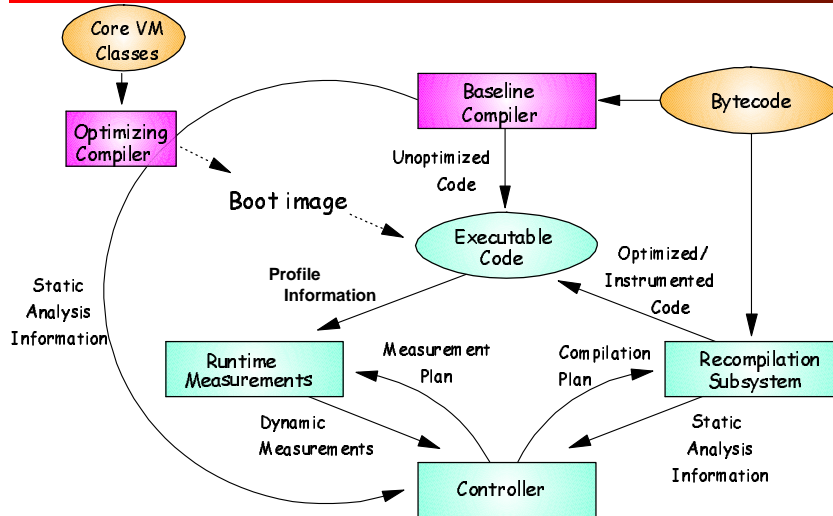
Adaptive Optimization System (AOS)

[OOPSLA'00]

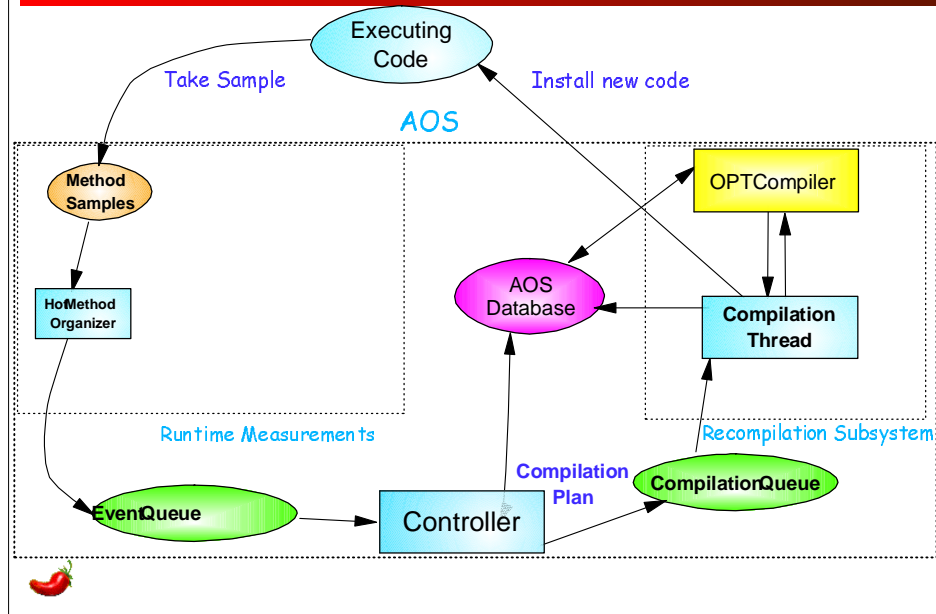
- **Goal:** provide an extensible infrastructure to support research in adaptive optimizations
- **Main components** (separate Java threads)
 - runtime measurements
 - controller
 - recompilation subsystem
- **Characteristics**
 - lower overhead sampling occurs throughout execution
 - ◆ no invocation counters
 - all methods are initially baseline compiled
 - optimizing compiler (at various levels) used to recompile a subset of methods
 - online system, exploits "characteristics" of current run



Architecture



Basic Implementation



Runtime Measurements

- Samples occur at *taken* yield points
 - infrequent (approximately 100/sec)
 - coarse-grained, low overhead
 - Samples *can* occur at
 - method prologues, epilogues, and loop back edges
- *Organizer* thread communicates sampled methods to controller
 - all methods that are samples in the recent interval



Cost/Benefit Model

- Choose $j > cur$ that minimizes $T_j + C_j$
 - cur , current opt level for method m
 - T_j , expected future execution time at level j
 - C_j , compilation cost at opt level j
- If $T_j + C_j < T_{cur}$ recompile at level j
- Assumptions
 - Method will execute for twice its current duration
 - Compilation cost and speedup are offline averages
 - Sample data determines how long a method has executed



Multi-Level Adaptive Performance

(without FDO)

5 configurations (4 non-Adaptive, 1 Adaptive)

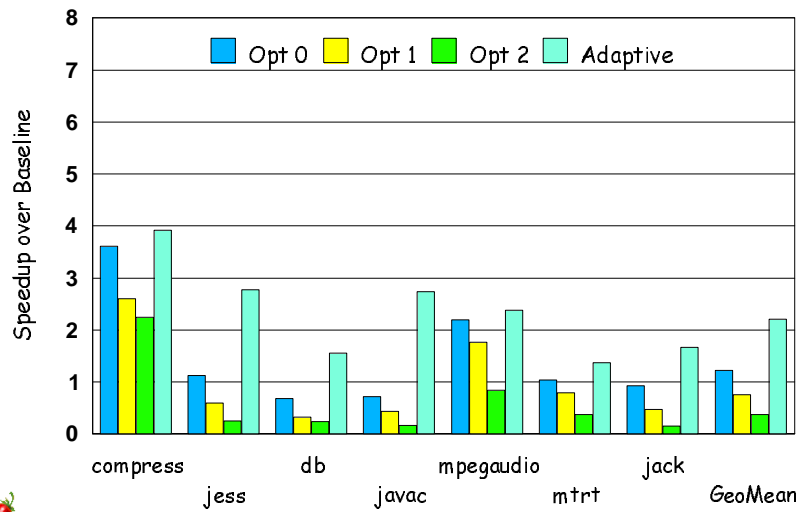
- Baseline
 - Opt 0
 - Opt 1
 - Opt 2
- } compile all methods when first called with appropriate compiler
- Adaptive, baseline compile, use cost/benefit model for optimization

Experiments

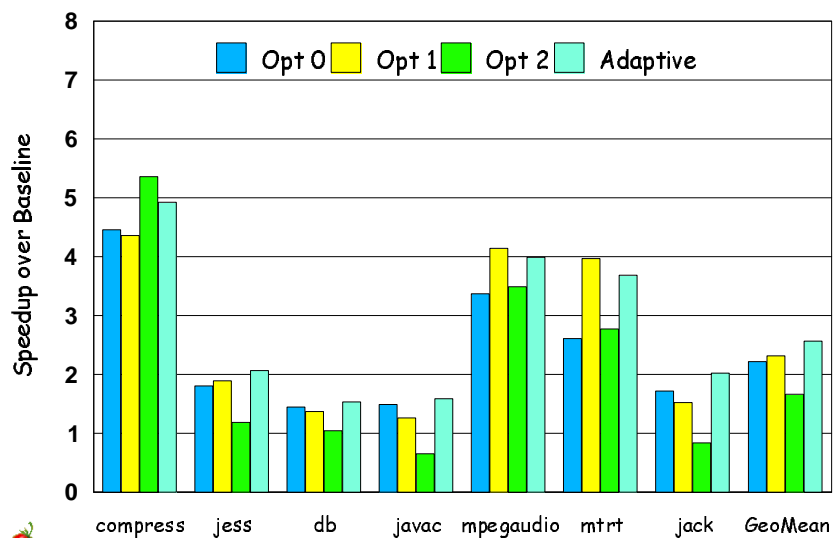
- ▶ SPECjvm98, 1 processor, AIX/PPC
- ▶ Regimes
 - First run (size 10, 100)
 - Best run of 20 runs (size 100)
- ▶ Total time
 - includes all compilation, profiling, and execution time



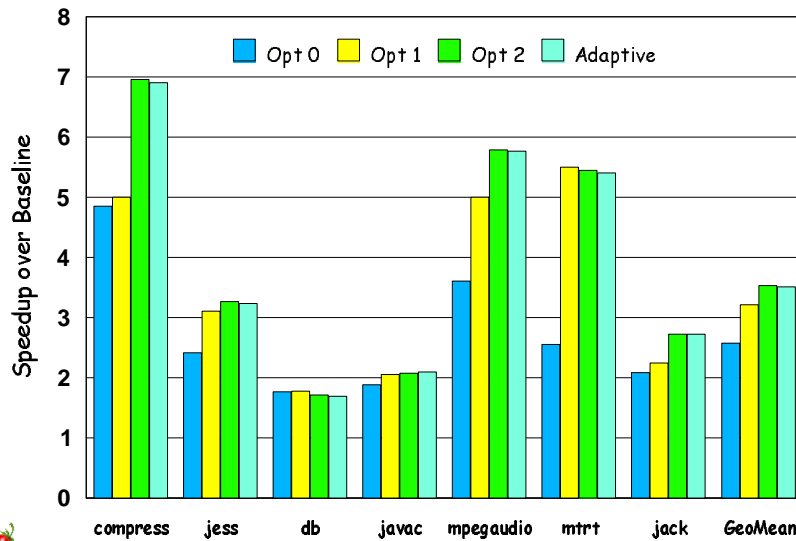
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First Run - Size 100



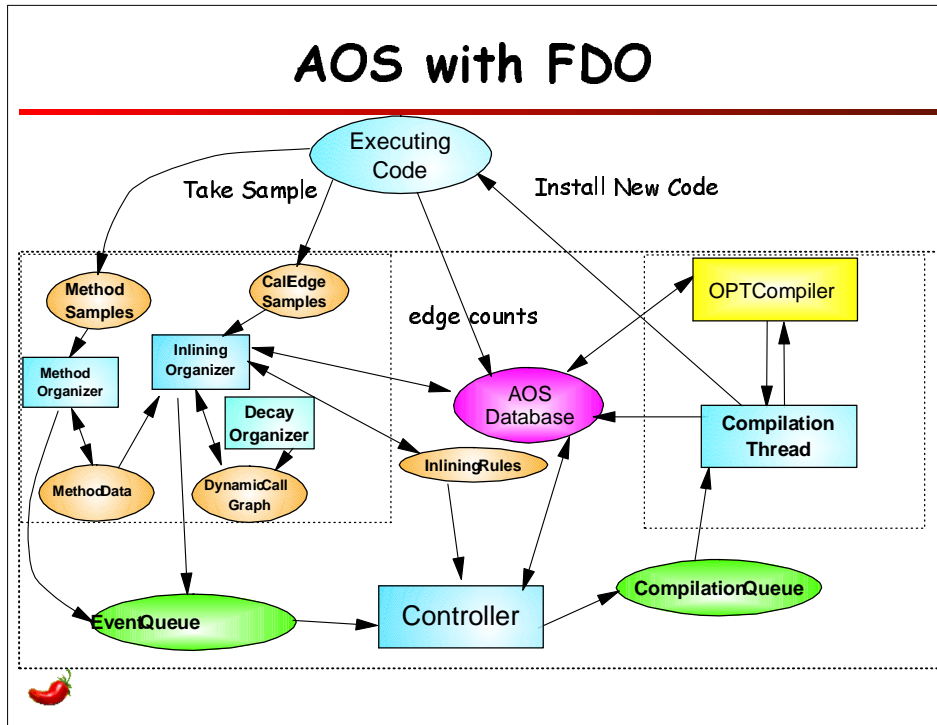
Best of 20 Runs (1 VM)



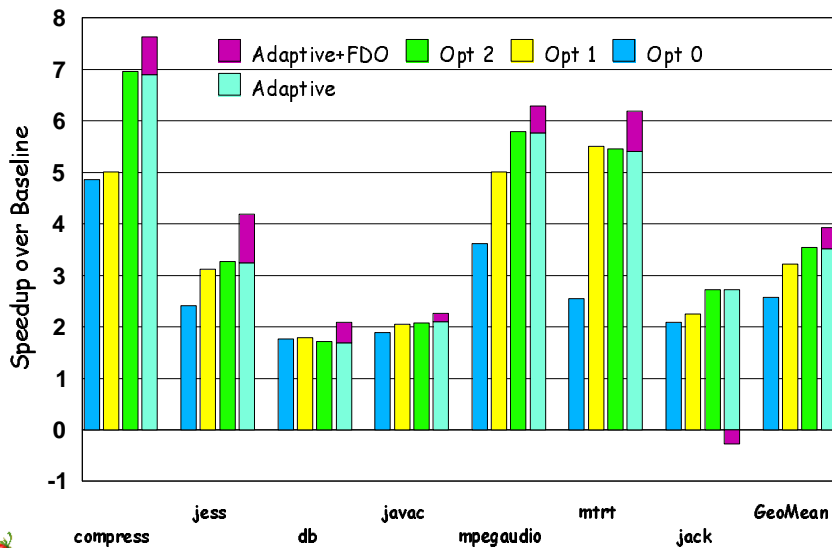
Feedback-Directed Optimizations (FDO)

- Adaptive Inlining
 - Hot call edges identified by prologue samples
 - same low overhead mechanism
 - samples are decayed
 - Inline a method if
 - static size-based heuristics are satisfied, or
 - call edge is hot
- CFG Edge Profiles
 - Collected during baseline-compiled execution
 - Used by opt compiler
 - register allocator
 - loop unrolling
 - code placement
 - code layout
 - out-of-SSA translation

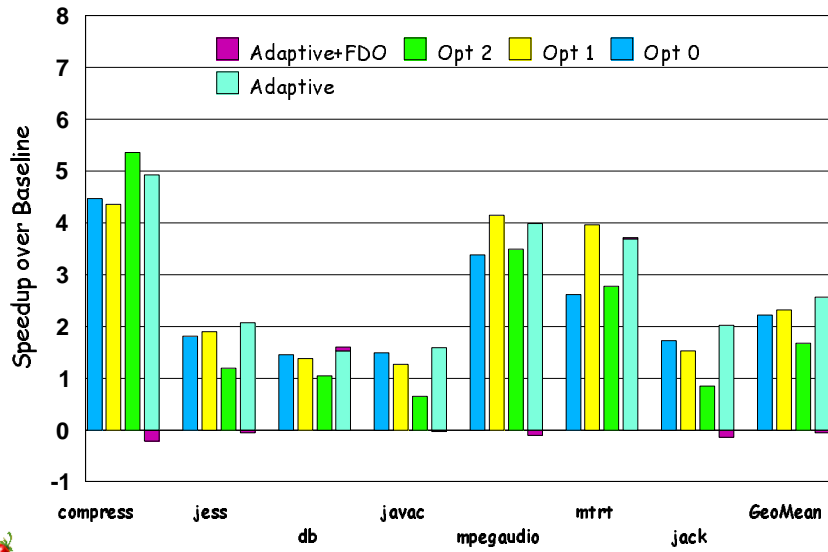
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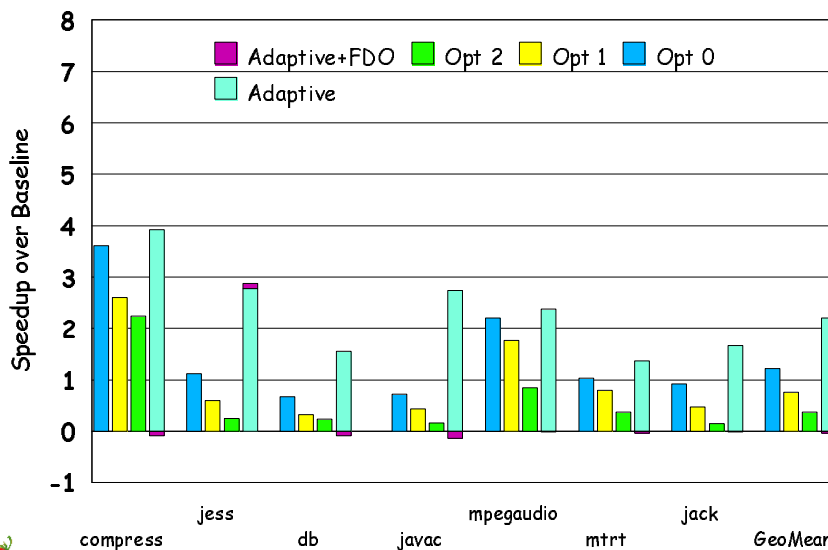
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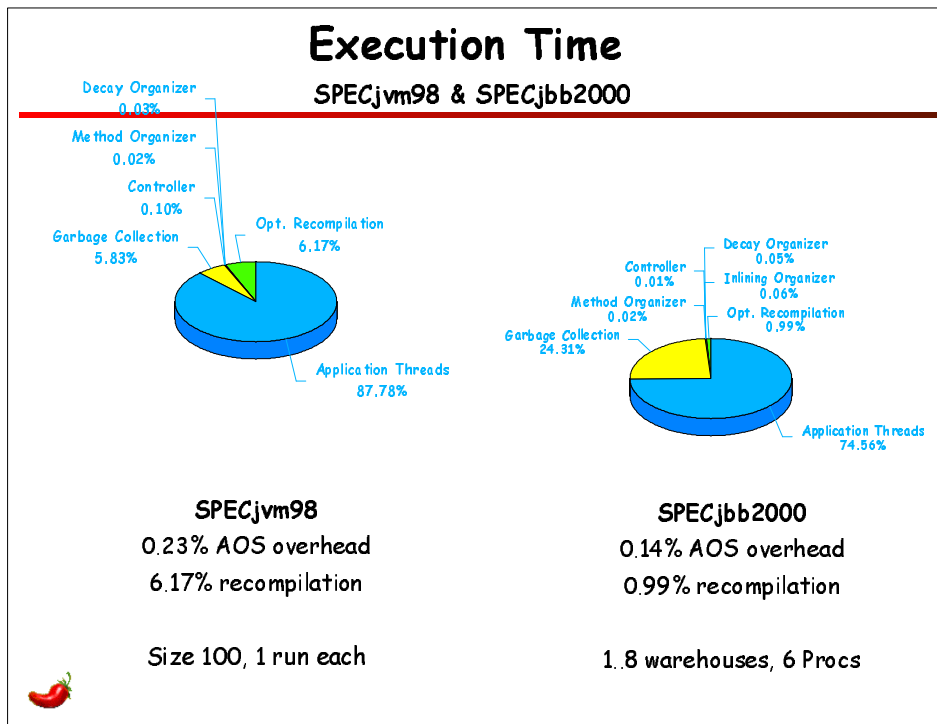
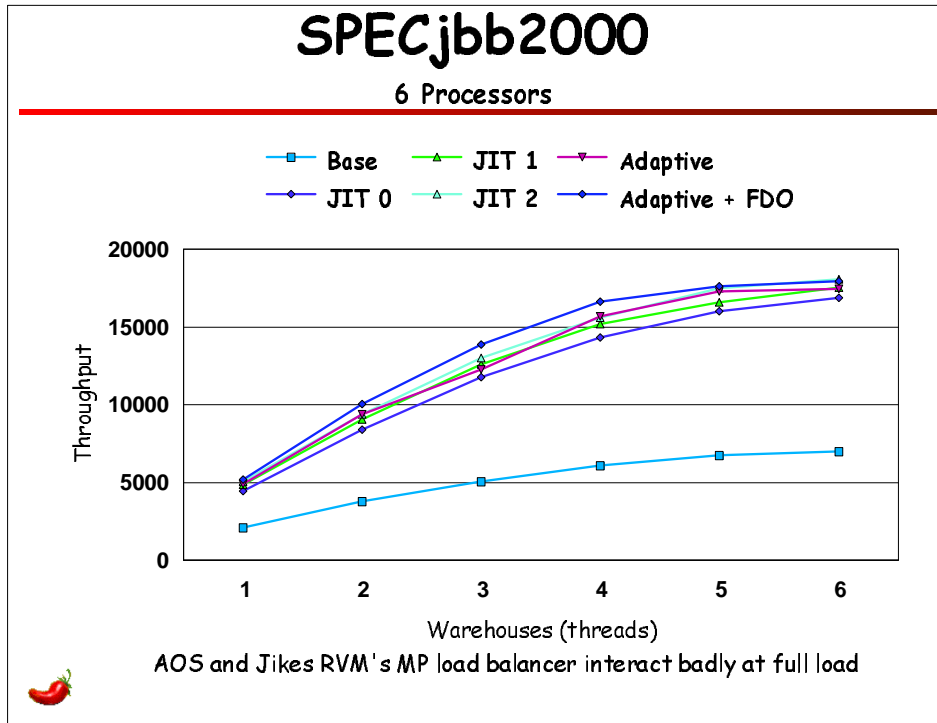


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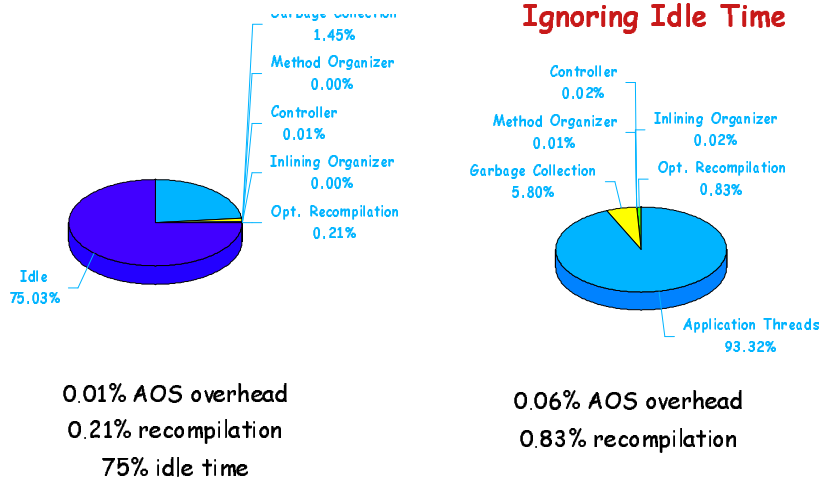


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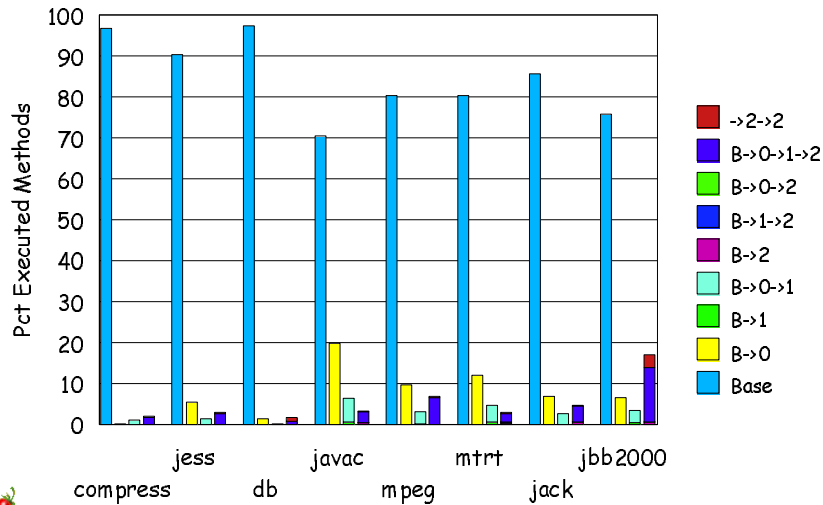


Execution Time Eclipse



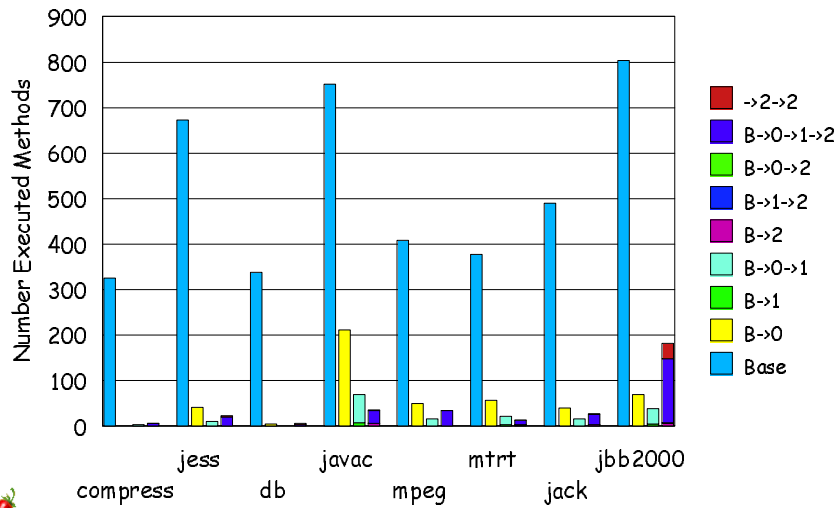
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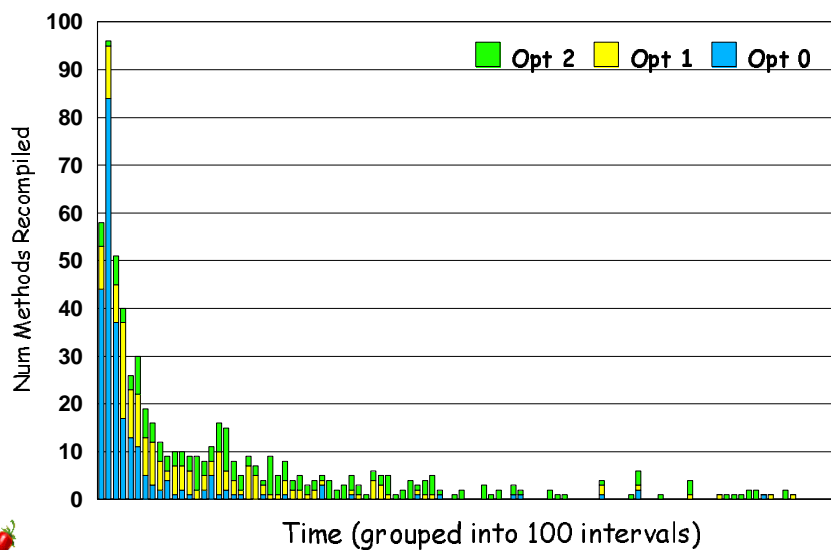
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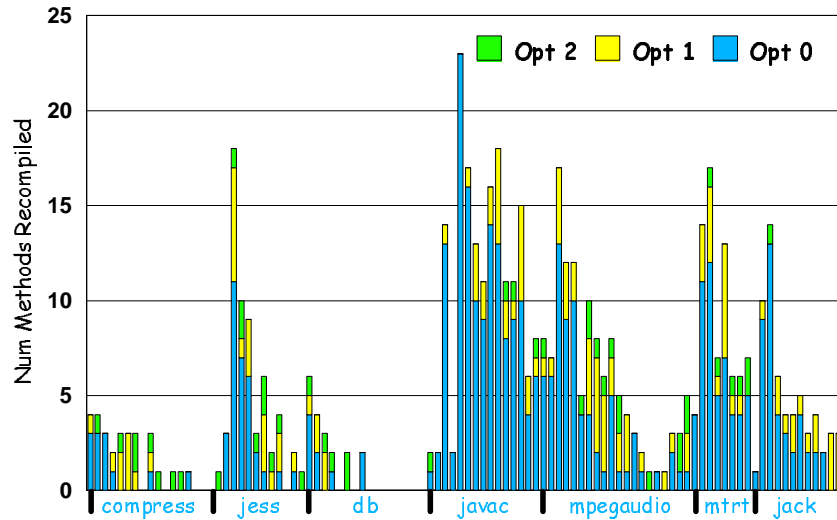
Recompilation Activity

SPECjbb2000, 1..8 warehouses, 6 procs



Recompilation Activity

1 run of each benchmark in same VM instance



AOS Lessons Learned

- AOS is distributed, asynchronous, and object-oriented
 - allows managing data efficiently
 - modularity allows extensible architecture
- Sample-based profiling allows adaptive adjustment of overhead without recompiling
- Analytic model better than ad-hoc tuning parameters
- Programming in Java
 - reduced implementation and debugging time
 - supported asynchronous design



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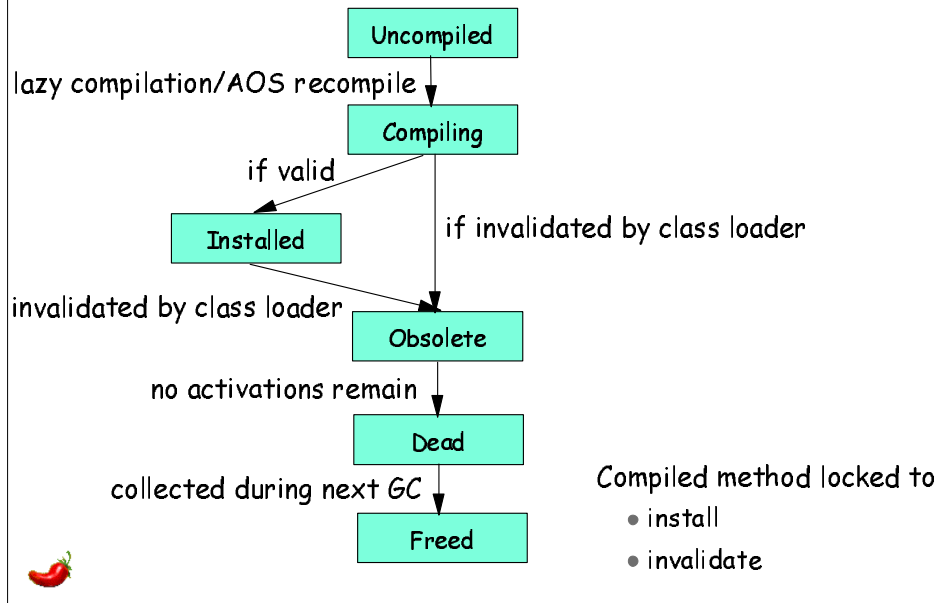


Support for Speculative Optimizations


- Compiler optimizes based on currently loaded program (optimistic)
- Dynamic class loading can invalidate previous optimistic assumptions
- Invalidation database records dependency of compiled code on particular properties being true
- As classes are loaded, dependencies are checked and compiled code may be invalidated
- Fine grained locking to minimize synchronization
 - enable class loading & compilation to occur in parallel



States of Compiled Methods



Invalidation Mechanisms

- Invalidate code by replacing TIB/JTOC entries by "lazy compilation stub"
 - method will be recompiled on next invocation
 - GC and compiled code manager coordinate to detect/collect obsolete code
 - code manager keeps set of obsolete code
 - GC stack scanning marks code as active
 - obsolete, inactive code collected by next GC
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Writing VM/Compiler in Java Programming Language

- High-level (compared to C) features suit compiler development
 - strong typing
 - automatic memory management
 - no buffer overflows
- `java.util.*` is useful . . . most of the time (beware of `equals()`)
- Javadoc useful
- Lack of parametric types results in many downcasts (generics please!)
- Cpp-style preprocessor helps in many cases
- Good to write in language you are compiling ("eat your own dogfood")
- Avoided most "endian" porting issues
- Separating compilation from benchmark performance: open issue
- Jikes RVM proves you can write a VM in Java (+magic) that can compete with the best VMs written in C.



Lessons Learned

- **Control over both runtime and compiler invaluable**
 - Compiler-runtime coordination key for modern language features
 - eg. type tests, method dispatch, synchronization, GC, etc.
- **Mechanical code generation avoids errors and tedious coding**
 - assembler, operators, options
- **Nightly regression tests**
 - wish we had started these earlier
- **Bug and feature tracking software**
- **Debugger**
 - wish we'd devoted more effort to debugger earlier



IR Design Issues

- **IR heart of compiler: redesign expensive & disruptive**
- **Using same IR format for all IR levels allows reuse**
 - many analyses/optimizations run unchanged on multiple levels
 - most IR utilities independent of IR level
- **Source level type information preserved throughout**
 - location operands type memory accesses
 - locals/temps typed (program point specific)
 - GC maps computed from local/temp type information
- **Guard operands encode control dependence as data dependence**
 - Link PEI's with guarded operations (null_check to load)
 - Work in progress: originally designed for local opts, being extended for global opts (issue: cond branches produce guards)



Mistakes

- Premature optimization (the root of all evil ...)
 - Early implementation overly biased towards compilation speed
 - Unnecessary avoidance of inheritance in IR
 - Didn't trust language features (interfaces, efficient GC, etc.)
- Should've designed compiler to be reentrant from the beginning
 - Difficult to reengineer after the fact
- Unsound data structures in initial IR implementation
 - We are still recovering
 - Better invariant checking needed
- Outstanding performance issues
 - Opt level 2 not so great
 - IA/32 floating point



#1 Issue in Building a Research Compiler

- Researchers are rewarded for writing "throw-away" code
 - Paper deadlines
 - No users to worry about
 - Don't have to worry about (un)reproducible results
- If the project is successful, "throw-away" code either
 - Lives forever, tormenting you until you can't take the pain, so you rewrite it much later at greater cost
 - Gets thrown away; doesn't benefit future users
- Throw-away code conflicts with good science and open source spirit



Jikes RVM Optimizing Compiler Summary of our Experience

- We built a portable and retargetable dynamic optimizing compiler for Java bytecodes from scratch
- We made some mistakes
- We learned some lessons
- Further enhancements from the community would be most welcome!
 - See list of suggested features on the Jikes RVM home page

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