

CSc 453 — Compilers and Systems Software

17 : The Java VM

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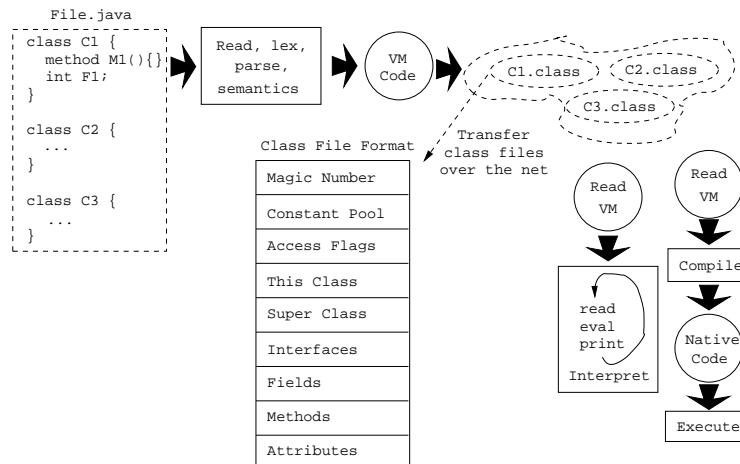
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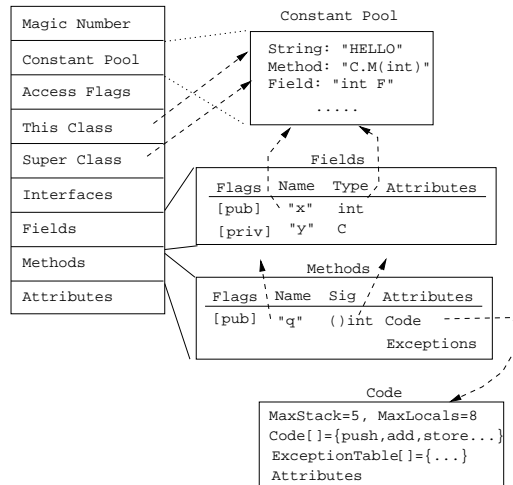
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1 The Java Virtual Machine

- The Java VM has gone the “many complex instructions/large VM engine” way.
- Each Java source file may contain several Java classes. The Java compiler compiles each of these classes to a single Java *class file*.
- The Java class file stores all necessary data regarding the class. There is a symbol table (called the *Constant Pool*) which stores strings, large literal integers and floats, names and of all fields and methods.
- Each method is compiled to Java bytecode, a stack VM format.
- The class file is (almost) isomorphic to the source.

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4 Java Byte Codes

- The Java bytecodes can manipulate data in these formats: integers (32-bits), longs (64-bits), floats (32-bits), doubles (64-bits), shorts (16-bits), bytes (8-bits), object references (32/64-bit pointers), and arrays.
- The bytecodes are 1 byte wide.
- Each method can have up to 256 local variables and formal parameters. The bytecode reference these by number.
- Actually, we can have up to 65536 local vars. There is a special `wide` instruction that modifies load and store instructions to reference the high-numbered locals. Hack.

5 Java Byte Codes...

- The Java stack is 32-bits wide. Longs and doubles hence take two stack entries.
- The bytecodes reference data from the class' constant pool. These references are 8 or 16 bits long. To push a reference to a literal string with constant pool # 4567, use `'ldc2 4567'`. If the # is 123, use `'ldc2 123'`.

6 Java Byte Codes...

<code>int₈</code>	An 8-bit integer value.
<code>int₁₆</code>	A 16-bit integer value.
<code>int₃₂</code>	A 32-bit integer value.
<code>CP₈</code>	An 8-bit constant pool index.
<code>CP₁₆</code>	A 16-bit constant pool index.
<code>FI_{idx}</code>	An 8-bit local variable index.
<code>FI_{idx16}</code>	A 16-bit local variable index.
<code>CP[<i>i</i>]</code>	The <i>i</i> :th constant pool entry.
<code>Var[<i>i</i>]</code>	The <i>i</i> :th variable/formal parameter in the current method.

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack	Description
0	nop		$\square \Rightarrow \square$	
1	aconst_null		$\square \Rightarrow [\text{null}]$	Push null object
2	iconst_m1		$\square \Rightarrow [-1]$	Push -1
3...8	iconst_n		$\square \Rightarrow [n]$	Push integer constant $n, 0 \leq n \leq 5$
9...10	lconst_n		$\square \Rightarrow [n]$	Push long constant $n, 0 \leq n \leq 1$
11...13	fconst_n		$\square \Rightarrow [n]$	Push float constant $n, 0 \leq n \leq 2$
14...15	dconst_n		$\square \Rightarrow [n]$	Push double constant $n, 0 \leq n \leq 1$

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack	Description
16	bipush	$n:\text{int}_8$	$\square \Rightarrow [n]$	Push 1-byte signed integer
17	sipush	$n:\text{int}_{16}$	$\square \Rightarrow [n]$	Push 2-byte signed integer
18	ldc1	$n:\text{CP}_8$	$\square \Rightarrow [\text{CP}[n]]$	Push item from constant pool
19	ldc2	$n:\text{CP}_{16}$	$\square \Rightarrow [\text{CP}[n]]$	Push item from constant pool
20	ldc2w	$n:\text{CP}_{16}$	$\square \Rightarrow [\text{CP}[n]]$	Push long/double from constant pool

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
21...25	Xload	$n:\text{FIdx}$	$\square \Rightarrow [\text{Var}[n]]$
	$X \in \{i,l,f,d,a\}$, Load int, long, float, double, object from local var.		
26...29	iload_n		$\square \Rightarrow [\text{Var}[n]]$
	Load local integer var $n, 0 \leq n \leq 3$		
30...33	lload_n		$\square \Rightarrow [\text{Var}[n]]$
	Load local long var $n, 0 \leq n \leq 4$		
34...37	fload_n		$\square \Rightarrow [\text{Var}[n]]$
	Load local float var $n, 0 \leq n \leq 4$		
38...41	dload_n		$\square \Rightarrow [\text{Var}[n]]$
	Load local double var $n, 0 \leq n \leq 4$		

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
42...45	aload_ <i>n</i>		$[\] \Rightarrow [\text{Var}[n]]$ Load local object var <i>n</i> , $0 \leq n \leq 4$
46...53	Xload		$[A, I] \Rightarrow [V]$ $X \in \{\text{ia, la, fa, da, aa, ba, ca, sa}\}$. Push the value <i>V</i> (an int, long, etc.) stored at index <i>I</i> of array <i>A</i> .
54...58	Xstore	<i>n</i> :FIdx	$[\text{Var}[n]] \Rightarrow [\]$ $X \in \{\text{i, l, f, d, a}\}$, Store int, long, float, double, object to local var.
59...62	istore_ <i>n</i>		$[\text{Var}[n]] \Rightarrow [\]$ Store to local integer var <i>n</i> , $0 \leq n \leq 3$
63...66	lstore_ <i>n</i>		$[\text{Var}[n]] \Rightarrow [\]$ Store to local long var <i>n</i> , $0 \leq n \leq 4$

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
67...70	fstore_ <i>n</i>		$[\text{Var}[n]] \Rightarrow [\]$ Store to local float var <i>n</i> , $0 \leq n \leq 4$
71...74	dstore_ <i>n</i>		$[\text{Var}[n]] \Rightarrow [\]$ Store to local double var <i>n</i> , $0 \leq n \leq 4$
75...78	astore_ <i>n</i>		$[\text{Var}[n]] \Rightarrow [\]$ Store to local object var <i>n</i> , $0 \leq n \leq 4$
79...86	Xstore		$[A, I, V] \Rightarrow [\]$ $X \in \{\text{ia, la, fa, da, aa, ba, ca, sa}\}$. Store the value <i>V</i> (an int, long, etc.) at index <i>I</i> of array <i>A</i> .
87	pop		$[A] \Rightarrow [\]$ Pop top of stack.

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Stack	Description
88	pop2	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [\]$	Pop 2 elements.
89	dup	$[V] \Rightarrow [V, V]$ Duplicate top of stack.	
90	dup_x1	$[B, V] \Rightarrow [V, B, V]$	Duplicate.
91	dup_x2	$[B, C, V] \Rightarrow [V, B, C, V]$	Duplicate.
92	dup2	$[V, W] \Rightarrow [V, W, V, W]$	Duplicate.
93	dup2_x1	$[A, V, W] \Rightarrow [V, W, A, V, W]$	Duplicate.
94	dup2_x2	$[A, B, V, W] \Rightarrow [V, W, A, B, V, W]$	Duplicate.
95	swap	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [B, A]$ Swap top stack elements.	

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Stack	Description
96...99	<i>Xadd</i>	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l, d, f\}$. $R = A + B$
100...103	<i>Xsub</i>	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l, d, f\}$. $R = A - B$
104...107	<i>Xmul</i>	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l, d, f\}$. $R = A * B$
108...111	<i>Xdiv</i>	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l, d, f\}$. $R = A/B$
112...115	<i>Xmod</i>	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l, d, f\}$. $R = A \% B$
116...119	<i>Xneg</i>	$[A] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l, d, f\}$. $R = -A$
120...121	<i>Xshl</i>	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l\}$. $R = A \ll B$
122...123	<i>Xshr</i>	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l\}$. $R = A \gg B$
124...125	<i>Xushr</i>	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l\}$. $R = A \ggg B$
126...127	<i>Xand</i>	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l\}$. $R = A \& B$
128...129	<i>Xor</i>	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l\}$. $R = A \parallel B$
130...131	<i>Xxor</i>	$[A, B] \Rightarrow [R]$	$X \in \{i, l\}$. $R = A \oplus B$

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
133...144	<i>X2Ycnv</i>		$[F] \Rightarrow [T]$ Convert F from type X to T of type Y . $X \in \{i, l, f, d\}$, $Y \in \{i, l, f, d\}$.
145...147	<i>i2X</i>		$[F] \Rightarrow [T]$ $X \in \{b, c, s\}$. Convert integer F to byte, char, or short.
148,149,151	<i>Xcmp</i>		$[A, B] \Rightarrow [V]$ $X \in \{l, f, d\}$. $A > B \Rightarrow V = 1$, $A < B \Rightarrow V = -1$, $A = B \Rightarrow V = 0$. $A = \text{NaN} \vee B = \text{NaN} \Rightarrow V = -1$
150,152	<i>Xcmp</i>		$[A, B] \Rightarrow [V]$ $X \in \{f, d\}$. $A > B \Rightarrow V = 1$, $A < B \Rightarrow V = -1$, $A = B \Rightarrow V = 0$. $A = \text{NaN} \vee B = \text{NaN} \Rightarrow V = 1$
153...154	<i>if\diamond</i>	$L:\text{int}_{16}$	$[A] \Rightarrow []$ $\diamond = \{\text{eq, ne, lt, ge, gt, le}\}$. If $A \diamond 0$ goto $L + \text{pc}$.

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
159...164	<i>if_icomp\diamond</i>	$L:\text{int}_{16}$	$[A, B] \Rightarrow []$ $\diamond = \{\text{eq, ne, lt, ge, gt, le}\}$. If $A \diamond B$ goto $L + \text{pc}$.
165...166	<i>if_acmp\diamond</i>	$L:\text{int}_{16}$	$[A, B] \Rightarrow []$ $\diamond = \{\text{eq, ne}\}$. A, B are object refs. If $A \diamond B$ goto $L + \text{pc}$.
167	<i>goto</i>	$I:\text{int}_{16}$	$[] \Rightarrow []$ Goto instruction I .
168	<i>jsr</i>	$I:\text{int}_{16}$	$[] \Rightarrow []$ Jump subroutine to instruction $I + \text{pc}$.
172...177	<i>Xreturn</i>		$[V] \Rightarrow []$ $X \in \{i, f, l, d, a, v\}$. Return V .
169	<i>ret</i>	$L:\text{FIdx}$	$[] \Rightarrow []$ Return from subroutine. Address in local var L .

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
170	tableswitch	$D:\text{int}_{32}, l, h:\text{int}_{32}, o^{h-l+1}$	$[K] \Rightarrow []$ Jump through the K :th offset. Else goto D .
171	lookupswitch	$D:\text{int}_{32}, n:\text{int}_{32}, (m, o)^n$	$[K] \Rightarrow []$ If, for one of the (m, o) pairs, $K = m$, then goto o . Else goto D .
178	getstatic	$F:\text{CP}_{16}$	$[] \Rightarrow [V]$ Push value V of static field F .
180	getfield	$F:\text{CP}_{16}$	$[R] \Rightarrow [V]$ Push value V of field F in object R .
179	putstatic	$F:\text{CP}_{16}$	$[] \Rightarrow [V]$ Store value V into static field F .
181	putfield	$F:\text{CP}_{16}$	$[R, V] \Rightarrow []$ Store value V into field F of object R .

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
182	invokevirtual	$P:\text{CP}_{16}$	$[R, A_1, A_2, \dots] \Rightarrow []$ Call virtual method P , with arguments $A_1 \dots A_n$, through object reference R .
183	invokespecial	$P:\text{CP}_{16}$	$[R, A_1, A_2, \dots] \Rightarrow []$ Call private/init/superclass method P , with arguments $A_1 \dots A_n$, through object reference R .
184	invokestatic	$P:\text{CP}_{16}$	$[A_1, A_2, \dots] \Rightarrow []$ Call static method P with arguments $A_1 \dots A_n$.
185	invokeinterface	$P:\text{CP}_{16}, n:\text{int}_{16}$	$[R, A_1, A_2, \dots] \Rightarrow []$ Call interface method P , with n arguments $A_1 \dots A_n$, through object reference R .
187	new	$T:\text{CP}_{16}$	$[] \Rightarrow [R]$ Create a new object R of type T .

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Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
188	newarray	$T:\text{int}_8$	$[C] \Rightarrow [R]$ Allocate new array R , element type T , C elements long.
191	athrow		$[R] \Rightarrow [?]$ Throw exception.
193	instanceof	$C:\text{CP}_{16}$	$[R] \Rightarrow [V]$ Push 1 if object R is an instance of class C . Else push 0.
194	monitorenter		$[R] \Rightarrow []$ Get lock for object R .
195	monitorexit		$[R] \Rightarrow []$ Release lock for object R .
196	wide	$C:\text{int}_8, I:\text{FIdx}_{16}$	$[] \Rightarrow []$ Perform opcode C on variable $\text{Var}[I]$. C is one of the load/-store instructions.

Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
197	multianewarray	$T:CP_{16}, D:CP_8$	$[d_1, d_2, \dots] \Rightarrow [R]$ Create new D -dimensional multidimensional array R . d_1, d_2, \dots are the dimension sizes.
198	ifnull	$L:int_{16}$	$[V] \Rightarrow []$ If $V = \text{null}$ goto L .
199	ifnonnull	$L:int_{16}$	$[V] \Rightarrow []$ If $V \neq \text{null}$ goto L .
200	goto_w	$I:int_{32}$	$[] \Rightarrow []$ Goto instruction I .
201	jsr_w	$I:int_{32}$	$[] \Rightarrow []$ Jump subroutine to instruction I .

20 JVM Example I

```
void spin() {
    int i; for (i = 0; i < 100; i++); // Empty loop body
```



```
0  iconst_0    // Push int constant 0
1  istore_1   // Store into local 1 (i=0)
2  goto 8     // First time through don't increment
5  iinc 1 1   // Increment local 1 by 1(i++)
8  iload_1    // Push local 1 (i)
9  bipush 100 // Push int constant (100)
11 if_icmplt 5 // Compare, loop // if < (i < 100)
14 return     // Return void when done
```

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```
double i;for (i = 0.0; i < 100.0; i++); // Empty loop body
```



```
0  dconst_0   // Push double constant 0.0
1  dstore_1   // Store into locals 1 and 2 (i = 0.0)
2  goto 9     // First time no incr
5  dload_1    // Push double
6  dconst_1   // Push double 1.0 onto stack
7  dadd       // Add;
8  dstore_1   // Store result in locals 1 and 2
9  dload_1    // Push local
10 ldc2_w #4 // Double 100.000000
13 dcmpg
14 iflt 5    // Compare, loop if < (i < 100.000000)
17 return    // Return void when done
```

22 JVM Example III

```
double doubleLocals(double d1, double d2) {
```

```
    return d1 + d2;
}
```



```
0 dload_1 // First argument in locals 1 and 2
1 dload_3 // Second argument in locals 3 and 4
2 dadd    // Each also uses two words on stack
3 dreturn
```

23 JVM Example IV

```
int align2grain(int i, int grain) {
    return ((i + grain-1) & ~(grain-1));}

```



```
0 iload_1
1 iload_2
2 iadd
3 iconst_1
4 isub
5 iload_2
6 iconst_1
7 isub
8 iconst_m1
9 ixor
10 iand
11 ireturn
```

24 JVM Example V

```
void useManyNumeric() {
    int i = 100; int j = 1000000;
    long l1 = 1; long l2 = 0xffffffff; double d = 2.2; }

```



```
0 bipush 100 // Push a small int
2 istore_1
3 ldc #1     // Integer 1000000; a larger int value uses ldc
5 istore_2
6 lconst_1  // A tiny long value
7 lstore_3
8 ldc2_w #6 // A long 0xffffffff. A long constant value.
11 lstore 5
13 ldc2_w #8 // Double 2.200000
16 dstore 7
```


25 JVM Example VI

```
void whileInt() {
    int i = 0;
    while (i < 100) i++;
}
```



```
0  iconst_0
1  istore_1
2  goto 8
5  iinc 1 1
8  iload_1
9  bipush 100
11 if_icmplt 5
14 return
```

26 JVM Example VII

```
int lessThan100(double d) {
    if (d < 100.0) return 1; else return -1; }
```



```
0  dload_1
1  ldc2_w #4 // Double 100.000000
4  dcmpg // Push 1 if d is NaN or d < 100.000000;
        // push 0 if d == 100.000000
5  ifge 10 // Branch on 0 or 1
8  iconst_1
9  ireturn
10 iconst_m1
11 ireturn
```

27 JVM Example VIII

```
int add12and13() {return addTwo(12, 13);}
```



```
0  aload_0 // Push this local 0 (this) onto stack
1  bipush 12 // Push int constant 12 onto stack
3  bipush 13 // Push int constant 13 onto stack
5  invokevirtual #4 // Method Example.addtwo(II)I
8  ireturn // Return int on top of stack; it is
        // the int result of addTwo()
```

28 JVM Example IX

```
Object create() {return new Object();}
```



```

0 new #1          // Class java.lang.Object
3 dup
4 invokespecial #4 // Method java.lang.Object.<init>()V
7 areturn

```

29 JVM Example X

```

void createBuffer() {
    int buf[]; int bsz = 100; int val=12;
    buf = new int[bsz]; buf[10]=val; value = buf[11]; }

```



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```

0  bipush 100    // Push bsz
2  istore_2     // Store bsz in local 2
3  bipush 12    // Push val
5  istore_3     // Store val in local 3
6  iload_2      // Push bsz...
7  newarray int // and create new int array
9  astore_1     // Store new array in buf
10 aload_1      // Push buf
11 bipush 10    // Push constant 10
13 iload_3      // Push val
14 iastore     // Store val at buf[10]
15 aload_1      // Push buf
16 bipush 11    // Push constant 11
18 iaload      // Push value at buf[11]
19 istore_3     // ...and store it in value
20 return

```

31 JVM Example XI

```

int chooseNear(int i) {
    switch(i){case 0:return 0; case 2:return 2; default:return -1;}}

```



```

0  iload_1      // Load local 1 (argument i)
1  tableswitch 0 to 2:
    0: 28      // If i is 0, continue at 28
    1: 32      // If i is 1, continue at 34
    2: 30      // If i is 2, continue at 32
    default:34 // Otherwise, continue at 34
28 iconst_0    // i was 0; push int 0...
29 ireturn     // ...and return it

```

```
30 iconst_2    // i was 2; push int 2...
31 ireturn     // ...and return it
32 iconst_m1   // otherwise push int -1...
33 ireturn     // ...and return it
```