

CSc 620

Debugging, Profiling, Tracing, and Visualizing Programs

1: JVM

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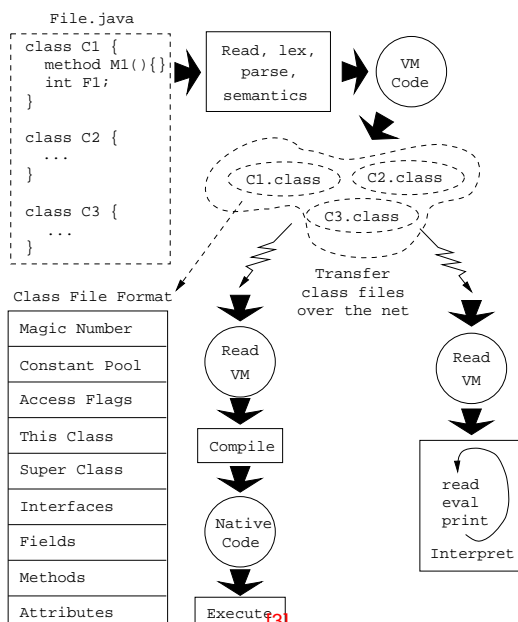
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- The Java VM has gone the “many complex instructions/large VM engine” way.
- Each Java source file may contain several Java classes. The Java compiler compiles each of these classes to a single Java *class file*.
- The Java class file stores all necessary 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.

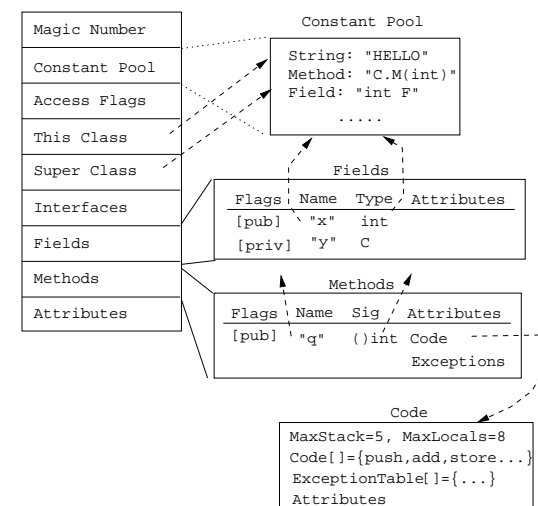
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Compiling Java



The Java Class File Format



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Java Byte Codes I

- 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.
- The Java stack is 32-bits wide. Longs and doubles hence take two stack entries.

Java Byte Codes II

- 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'`.

<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>FIdx</code>	An 8-bit local variable index.
<code>FIdx₁₆</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.

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

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

Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
21...25	<i>X</i> load	<i>n</i> :FIdx	[] ⇒ [Var[<i>n</i>]] <i>X</i> ∈ {i,l,f,d,a}, Load int, long, float, double, object from local var.
26...29	<i>i</i> load. <i>n</i>		[] ⇒ [Var[<i>n</i>]] Load local integer var <i>n</i> , 0 ≤ <i>n</i> ≤ 3
30...33	<i>l</i> load. <i>n</i>		[] ⇒ [Var[<i>n</i>]] Load local long var <i>n</i> , 0 ≤ <i>n</i> ≤ 4
34...37	<i>f</i> load. <i>n</i>		[] ⇒ [Var[<i>n</i>]] Load local float var <i>n</i> , 0 ≤ <i>n</i> ≤ 4
38...41	<i>d</i> load. <i>n</i>		[] ⇒ [Var[<i>n</i>]] Load local double var <i>n</i> , 0 ≤ <i>n</i> ≤ 4

Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
42...45	<i>a</i> load. <i>n</i>		[] ⇒ [Var[<i>n</i>]] Load local object var <i>n</i> , 0 ≤ <i>n</i> ≤ 4
46...53	<i>X</i> load		[<i>A</i> , <i>I</i>] ⇒ [<i>V</i>] <i>X</i> ∈ {i,l,f,d,a,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	<i>X</i> store	<i>n</i> :FIdx	[Var[<i>n</i>]] ⇒ [] <i>X</i> ∈ {i,l,f,d,a}, Store int, long, float, double, object to local var.
59...62	<i>i</i> store. <i>n</i>		[Var[<i>n</i>]] ⇒ [] Store to local integer var <i>n</i> , 0 ≤ <i>n</i> ≤ 3
63...66	<i>l</i> store. <i>n</i>		[Var[<i>n</i>]] ⇒ [] Store to local long var <i>n</i> , 0 ≤ <i>n</i> ≤ 4

Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
67...70	<i>f</i> store. <i>n</i>		[Var[<i>n</i>]] ⇒ [] Store to local float var <i>n</i> , 0 ≤ <i>n</i> ≤ 4
71...74	<i>d</i> store. <i>n</i>		[Var[<i>n</i>]] ⇒ [] Store to local double var <i>n</i> , 0 ≤ <i>n</i> ≤ 4
75...78	<i>a</i> store. <i>n</i>		[Var[<i>n</i>]] ⇒ [] Store to local object var <i>n</i> , 0 ≤ <i>n</i> ≤ 4
79...86	<i>X</i> store		[<i>A</i> , <i>I</i> , <i>V</i>] ⇒ [] <i>X</i> ∈ {i,l,f,d,a,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		[<i>A</i>] ⇒ [] Pop top of stack.

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

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

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

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

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 .

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

Opcode	Mnemonic	Args	Stack
188	newarray	$T:int_8$	$[C] \Rightarrow [R]$ Allocate new array R , element type T , C elements long.
191	athrow		$[R] \Rightarrow [?]$ Throw exception.
193	instanceof	$C:CP_{16}$	$[R] \Rightarrow [V]$ 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	$C:int_8, I:FIdx_{16}$	$[] \Rightarrow []$ 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 .

Examples

JVM Example I

```
void spin() {
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
        ; // Loop body is empty
    }
}
```



```
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
```

JVM Example II

```
void dspin() {
    double i;
    for (i = 0.0; i < 100.0; i++) {; /* Loop body is empty */ }
```



```
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
```

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
```

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
```

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
```

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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
```

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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
```

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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()
```

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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
```

JVM Example X

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



```
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
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```

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
```

The Jasmin Assembler

Jasmin

```
.class public HelloWorld
.super java/lang/Object
.method public <init>()V
    aload_0
    invokevirtual java/lang/Object/<init>()V
    return
.end method
.method public static main([Ljava/lang/String;)V
    .limit stack 2    ; up to two items can be pushed
    ; push System.out onto the stack
    getstatic java/lang/System/out Ljava/io/PrintStream;
    ; push a string onto the stack
    ldc "Hello World!"
    ; call the PrintStream.println() method.
    invokevirtual java/io/PrintStream/println(Ljava/lang/String;)V
    return
.end method
```

Running Jasmin

The jasmin command runs Jasmin on a file. For example:

```
> jasmin myfile.j
```

assembles the file "myfile.j". Jasmin looks at the .class directive contained in the file to decide where to place the output class file. So if myfile.j starts with:

```
> jasmin myfile.j
.class mypackage/MyClass
```

then Jasmin will place the output class file "MyClass.java" in the subdirectory "mypackage" of the current directory. It will create the mypackage directory if it doesn't exist.

Directives

Directive statements are used to give Jasmin meta-level information. Directive statements consist of a directive name, and then zero or more parameters separated by spaces, then a newline. All directive names start with a "." character. The directives in Jasmin are:

```
.catch .class .end .field .implements .interface
.limit .line .method .source .super .throws .var
```

Some example directive statements are:

```
.limit stack 10
.method public myMethod()V
.class Foo\begin{itemize}
```

Instructions

An instruction statement consists of an instruction name, zero or more parameters separated by spaces, and a newline.

Jasmin uses the standard mnemonics for JVM opcodes as instruction names. For example, `aload_1`, `bipush` and `iinc` are all Jasmin instruction names.

Here are some examples of instruction statements:

```
ldc    "Hello World"
iinc   1 -1
bipush 10
```

Names and Types

- Class names in Jasmin should be written using the Java class file format conventions, so `java.lang.String` becomes `java/lang/String`.
- Type information is also written as they appear in class files (e.g. the descriptor `I` specifies an integer, `[Ljava/lang/Thread;` is an array of `Threads`, etc.).

Methods

- Method names are specified using a single token, e.g.

```
java/io/PrintStream/println(Ljava/lang/String;)V
```

is the method called "println" in the class `java.io.PrintStream`, which has the type descriptor "`(Ljava/lang/String;)V`".
- In general, a method specification is formed of three parts: the characters before the last `'/'` form the class name. The characters between the last `'/'` and `'('` are the method name. The rest of the string is the type descriptor for the method.

foo/baz/Myclass/	myMethod	(Ljava/lang/String;)V
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Methods

- As another example, you would call the Java method:

```
class mypackage.MyClass {  
    int foo(Object a, int b[]) { ... }  
}
```

using:

```
invokevirtual mypackage/MyClass/foo(Ljava/lang/Object;[I)I
```

Fields

- Field names are specified in Jasmin using two tokens, one giving the name and class of the field, the other giving its descriptor. For example:

```
getstatic mypackage/MyClass/my_font Ljava/lang/Font;
```

gets the value of the field called "my_font" in the class `mypackage.MyClass`. The type of the field is "`Ljava/lang/Font;`" (i.e. a `Font` object).

File Structure

- Jasmin files start by giving information on the class being defined in the file - such as the name of the class, the name of the source file that the class originated from, the name of the superclass, etc.

- Typically, a Jasmin file starts with the three directives:

```
.source <source-file>
.class <access-spec> <class-name>
.super <class-name>
```

File Structure

- For example, the file defining MyClass might start with the directives:

```
.source MyClass.j
.class public MyClass
.super java/lang/Object
```

- `access-spec` is a list of zero or more of the following keywords:

```
public, final, super, interface, abstract
```

Field Definitions

- After the header information, the next section of the Jasmin file is a list of field definitions.

- A field is defined using the `.field` directive:

```
.field <access-spec> <field-name> <descriptor> [=<value>]
```

- Examples:

```
public int foo;
public static final float PI = 3.14;
```

compiles to

```
.field public foo
.field public static final PI F = 3.14
```

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Method Definitions

- After listing the fields of the class, the rest of the Jasmin file lists methods defined by the class.

- A method is defined using the basic form:

```
.method <access-spec> <method-spec>
    <statements>
.end method
```

- Always add an explicit return at the end of the method.

```
.method foo()V
    return    ; must give a return statement
.end method
```

Method Directives

`.limit stack <integer>` Sets the maximum size of the operand stack required by the method.

`.limit locals <integer>` Sets the number of local variables required by the method.

`.var <var-number> is <name> <descriptor>`
`from <label1> to <label2>` The `.var` directive is used to define the name, type descriptor and scope of a local variable number.

Method Directives – Example

```
.method foo()V
  .limit locals 1
    ; declare variable 0 as an "int Count;"
    ; whose scope is the code between Label1 and Label2

    .var 0 is Count I from Label1 to Label2
Label1:
  bipush 10
  istore_0
Label2:
  return
.end method
```

Exceptions

`.throws <classname>` Indicates that this method can throw exceptions of the type indicated by `<classname>`. e.g.

```
.throws java/io/IOException
```

`.catch <classname>` `from <label1> to <label2> using <label3>`
Appends an entry to the end of the exceptions table for the method. The entry indicates that when an exception which is an instance of `<classname>` or one of its subclasses is thrown while executing the code between `<label1>` and `<label2>`, then the runtime system should jump to `<label3>`. e.g.

```
.catch java/io/IOException from L1 to L2 using IO_Handler
```

JVM Instructions

JVM instructions are placed between the `.method` and `.end method` directives.

VM instructions can take zero or more parameters. Examples:

```
iinc 1 -3    ; decrement local variable 1 by 3
bipush 10    ; push the integer 10 onto the stack
pop          ; remove the top item from the stack.
```

Local variable instructions

```
ret <var-num>
aload <var-num>
astore <var-num>
dload <var-num>
dstore <var-num>
fload <var-num>
fstore <var-num>
iload <var-num>
istore <var-num>
lload <var-num>
lstore <var-num>
```

for example:

```
aload 1 ; push local variable 1 onto the stack
ret 2   ; return to the address held in local variable 2
```

The bipush, sipush and iinc instructions

```
bipush <int>
sipush <int>
```

for example:

```
bipush 100 ; push 100 onto the stack
```

The iinc instruction takes two integer parameters:

```
iinc <var-num> <amount>
```

for example:

```
iinc 3 -10 ; subtract 10 from local variable 3
```

Branch instructions

```
goto <label>
goto_w <label>
if_acmpeq <label>
if_acmpne <label>
if_icmpeq <label>
if_icmpge <label>
if_icmpgt <label>
if_icmple <label>
if_icmplt <label>
if_icmpne <label>
ifeq <label>
ifge <label>
ifgt <label>
ifle <label>
iflt <label>
ifne <label>
```

Branch instructions...

```
ifnonnull <label>
ifnull <label>
jsr <label>
jsr_w <label>
```

For example:

```
Label1:
    goto Label1 ; jump to the code at Label1
                ; (an infinite loop!)
```

Class and object operations

```
anewarray <class>
checkcast <class>
instanceof <class>
new <class>
```

For example:

```
new java/lang/String ; create a new String object
```

Method invokation

```
invokenonvirtual <method-spec>
invokestatic <method-spec>
invokevirtual <method-spec>
```

For example:

```
; invokes java.io.PrintStream.println(String);
invokevirtual java/io/PrintStream/println(Ljava/lang/String;)V
```

Field manipulation instructions

```
getfield <field-spec> <descriptor>
getstatic <field-spec> <descriptor>
putfield <field-spec> <descriptor>
putstatic <field-spec> <descriptor>
```

For example:

```
; get java.lang.System.out, which is a PrintStream
getstatic java/lang/System/out Ljava/io/PrintStream;
```

Array instructions

```
newarray <array-type>
multianewarray <array-descriptor> <num-dimensions>
```

For example:

```
newarray int
newarray short
newarray float
multianewarray [[[I 2
```

The ldc and ldc_w instructions

```
ldc <constant>
ldc_w <constant>
```

<constant> is either an integer, a floating point number, or a quoted string. For example:

```
ldc 1.2           ; push a float
ldc 10            ; push an int
ldc "Hello World" ; push a String
ldc_w 3.141592654 ; push PI as a double
```

Switch instructions

```
<lookupswitch> ::=
  lookupswitch
    <int1> : <label1>
    <int2> : <label2>
    ...
    default : <default-label>

<tableswitch> ::=
  tableswitch <low>
    <label1>
    <label2>
    ...
    default : <default-label>
```

lookupswitch example

```
; If the int on the stack is 3,
; jump to L1.
; If it is 5, jump to Label2.
; Otherwise jump to DefaultLabel.
lookupswitch
  3 : L1
  5 : L12
  default : Default
L1:
  ... got 3
L2:
  ... got 5
Default:
  ... got something else
```

tableswitch example

```
; If the int on the stack is 0,
; jump to Label1.
; If it is 1, jump to Label2.
; Otherwise jump to DefaultLabel.
tableswitch 0
  Label1
  Label2
  default : DefaultLabel
Label1:
  ... got 0
Label2:
  ... got 1
DefaultLabel:
  ... got something else
```

Example I - Count.j

```
.class public Count
.super java/lang/Object

.method public <init>()V
  aload_0
  invokevirtual java/lang/Object/<init>()V
  return
.end method

.method public static main([Ljava/lang/String;)V
  ; set limits used by this method
  .limit locals 4
  .limit stack 3
```

Example I - Count.j

```
  ; 1 - the PrintStream object held in java.lang.System.out
  getstatic java/lang/System/out Ljava/io/PrintStream;
  astore_1

  ; 2 - the integer 10 - the counter used in the loop
  bipush 10
  istore_2

  ; now loop 10 times printing out a number
```

Example I - Count.j

```
Loop:
  bipush 10      ; compute 10 - <local variable 2> ...
  iload_2
  isub
  invokestatic java/lang/String/valueOf(I)Ljava/lang/String;
  astore_3
  ; ... and print it
  aload_1      ; push the PrintStream object
  aload_3      ; push the string we just created - then ...
  invokevirtual java/io/PrintStream/println(Ljava/lang/String;)V

  iinc 2 -1    ; decrement the counter and loop
  iload_2
  ifne Loop

  return
.end method
```

Example II - Arrays.j

```
.class public Arrays
.super java/lang/Object

.method public <init>()V
  ...
.end method

.method public static main([Ljava/lang/String;)V
  .limit locals 2
  .limit stack 4

  ; String[] myarray = new String[2];
  iconst_2
  anewarray java/lang/String
  astore_1 ; stores this in local variable 1
```


Example II - Arrays.j

```
; myarray[0] = args[0];
aload_1    ; push my array on the stack
iconst_0
aload_0    ; push the array argument to main() on the stack
iconst_0
aload     ; get its zero'th entry
aastore   ; and store it in my zero'th entry

; now print out myarray[0]
getstatic java/lang/System/out Ljava/io/PrintStream;
aload_1
iconst_0
aload
invokevirtual java/io/PrintStream/println(Ljava/lang/String;)V

return
.end method
```

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Example III - Newarray.j

```
.class public NewArray
.method public static main([Ljava/lang/String;)V
    .limit stack 4
    .limit locals 2

    iconst_2
    newarray boolean        ; boolean b[] = new boolean[2]
    astore_1                ; stores it in local var 1

    aload_1                 ; b[0] = true;
    iconst_0
    iconst_1
    bastore

    return
.end method
```

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Example IV - Switch.j

```
.method public static main([Ljava/lang/String;)V
    .limit stack 3
    iconst_1
    lookupswitch
        1 : Hello
        2 : Goodbye
        default : Foo
Hello:
Goodbye:
Foo:
    return
.end method
```

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Example IV - Switch.j

```
.method public static main([Ljava/lang/String;)V
    .limit stack 3
    iconst_1
    tableswitch 0
        Hello
        Goodbye
        default : Foo
Hello:
Goodbye:
Foo:
    return
.end method
```

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Example V - CheckCast.j

```
.class examples/Checkcast
.super java/lang/Object

....

.method public static main([Ljava/lang/String;)V
.limit stack 2

; push System.out onto the stack
getstatic java/lang/System/out Ljava/io/PrintStream;

; check that it is a PrintStream
checkcast java/io/PrintStream

return
.end method
```

Example VI - Abs.j

```
; public static int abs(int x);
;   if (x < 0) x = -x
;   return x
.method public static abs(I)I
.limit locals 1
.limit stack 2

        iload_0    ; x
        dup        ; x x
        ifge done  ; x   is x < 0?
        ineg       ; -x   yes. x = -x
done:
        ireturn
.end method
```

Example VII - Dist.j

```
; public static int dist(int x, int y)
;   returns abs(x - y)
.method public static dist(II)I
.limit locals 2
.limit stack 2

        iload_0    ; x
        iload_1    ; y x
        isub       ; y - x

        invokestatic java/lang/Math/abs(I)I
        ireturn
.end method
```

Readings and References

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