With the fully analyzed program expressed as an annotated AST, it’s time to translate it into code.
Compile-time

Decide layout of run-time data values
• use direct reference at precomputed offsets, not e.g. hash table lookups

Decide where variable contents will be stored
• registers
• stack frame slots at precomputed offsets
• global memory

Generate machine code to do basic operations
• just like interpreting expression, except generate code that will evaluate it later

Do optimizations across instructions if desired

Compilation Plan

First, translate typechecked ASTs into linear sequence of simple statements called intermediate code
– a program in an intermediate language (IL) [also IR]
– source-language, target-language independent

Then, translate intermediate code into target code

Two-step process helps separate concerns
– intermediate code generation from ASTs focuses on breaking down source-language constructs into simple and explicit pieces
– target code generation from intermediate code focuses on constraints of particular target machines

Different front ends and back ends can share IL; IL can be optimized independently of each
Run-time storage layout:
_focus on compilation, not interpretation_

- Plan how and where to keep data at run-time
- Representation of
  - int, bool, etc.
  - arrays, records, etc.
  - procedures
- Placement of
  - global variables
  - local variables
  - parameters
  - results

Data layout of scalars
_Based on machine representation_

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<th>Storage Details</th>
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<td>Char</td>
<td>1-2 bytes or word</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pointer</td>
<td>Use hardware representation (2, 4, or 8 bytes, maybe two words if segmented machine)</td>
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Data layout of aggregates

• Aggregate scalars together
• Different compilers make different decisions
• Decisions are sometimes machine dependent
  – Note that through the discussion of the front-end, we never mentioned the target machine
  – We didn’t in interpretation, either
  – But now it’s going to start to come up constantly
  – Necessarily, some of what we will say will be "typical", not universal.

Layout of records

• Concatenate layout of fields
  – Respect alignment restrictions
  – Respect field order, if required by language
    • Why might a language choose to do this or not do this?
  – Respect contiguity?

```plaintext
r : record
  b : bool;
  i : int;
  m : record
    b : bool;
    c : char;
  end
  j : int;
end;
```
Layout of arrays

- Repeated layout of element type
  - Respect alignment of element type
- How is the length of the array handled?

```plaintext
s : array [5] of record;
  i : int;
  c : char;
end;
```

Layout of multi-dimensional arrays

- Recursively apply layout rule to subarray first
- This leads to row-major layout
- Alternative: column-major layout
  - Most famous example: FORTRAN

```plaintext
  i : int;
  c : char;
end;
```

```plaintext
a[1][1]
a[1][2]
a[2][1]
a[2][2]
a[3][1]
a[3][2]
```
Implications of Array Layout

• Which is better if row-major? col-major?

```plaintext
a: array [1000, 2000] of int;

for i:= 1 to 1000 do
    for j:= 1 to 2000 do
        a[i, j] := 0 ;

for j:= 1 to 2000 do
    for i:= 1 to 1000 do
        a[i, j] := 0 ;
```

Dynamically sized arrays

• Arrays whose length is determined at run-time
  – Different values of the same array type can have different lengths
• Can store length implicitly in array
  – Where? How much space?
• Dynamically sized arrays require pointer indirection
  – Each variable must have fixed, statically known size

```plaintext
a : array of record;
    i : int;
    c : char;
end;
```
Dope vectors

• PL/1 handled arrays differently, in particular storage of the length
• It used something called a dope vector, which was a record consisting of
  – A pointer to the array
  – The length of the array
  – Subscript bounds for each dimension
• Arrays could change locations in memory and size quite easily

String representation

• A string \( \approx \) an array of characters
  – So, can use array layout rule for strings
• Pascal, C strings: statically determined length
  – Layout like array with statically determined length
• Other languages: strings have dynamically determined length
  – Layout like array with dynamically determined length
  – Alternative: special end-of-string char (e.g., \0)
Other Data Types

Nested records without implicit pointers, as in C

```c
struct S1 {
    int x;
    struct S2 {
        double y;
        S3* z;
    } s2;
    int w;
} s1;
```

Unions, as in C

```c
union U {
    int x;
    double y;
    S3* z;
    int w;
} u;
```

Storage allocation strategies

- Given layout of data structure, where in memory to allocate space for each instance?
- Key issue: what is the lifetime (dynamic extent) of a variable/data structure?
  - Whole execution of program (e.g., global variables) ⇒ Static allocation
  - Execution of a procedure activation (e.g., locals) ⇒ Stack allocation
  - Variable (dynamically allocated data) ⇒ Heap allocation
Parts of run-time memory

- Code/Read-only data area
  - Shared across processes running the same program
- Static data area
  - Can start out initialized or zeroed
- Heap
  - Can expand upwards through (e.g. `sbrk`) system call
- Stack
  - Expands/contracts downwards automatically

Static allocation

- Statically allocate variables/data structures with global lifetime
  - Machine code
  - Compile-time constant scalars, strings, arrays, etc.
  - Global variables
    - `static` locals in C, all variables in FORTRAN
- Compiler uses symbolic addresses
- Linker assigns exact address, patches compiled code
Stack allocation

- Stack-allocate variables/data structures with LIFO lifetime
  - Data doesn’t outlive previously allocated data on the same stack
- Stack-allocate procedure activation records
  - A stack-allocated activation record = a stack frame
  - Frame includes formals, locals, temps
  - And housekeeping: static link, dynamic link, …
- Fast to allocate and deallocate storage
- Good memory locality

Stack allocation II

- What about variables local to nested scopes within one procedure?

```plaintext
procedure P() {
    int x;
    for(int i=0; i<10; i++){
        double x;
        ...
    }
    for(int j=0; j<10; j++){
        double y;
        ...
    }
}
```
Stack allocation: constraints I

- No references to stack-allocated data allowed after returns
- This is violated by general first-class functions

```plaintext
proc foo(x:int): proctype(int):int;
proc bar(y:int):int;
begin
  return x + y;
end bar;
begin
  return bar;
end foo;

var f:proctype(int):int;
var g:proctype(int):int;

f := foo(3);  g := foo(4);
output := f(5); output := g(6);
```

Stack allocation: constraints II

- Also violated if pointers to locals are allowed

```plaintext
proc foo (x:int): *int;
var y:int;
begin
  y := x * 2;
  return &y;
end foo;

var w,z:*int;

z := foo(3);
w := foo(4);
output := *z;
output := *w;
```
Stack allocation: constraints III

Violated if inner classes allowed

```java
Inner curried(int x) {
    class Inner {
        int nested(int y) { return x+y; }
    };
    return new Inner();
}
```

Inner f = curried(3);
Inner g = curried(4);
int a = f.nested(5);
int b = g.nested(6);

// what are a and b?

Heap Allocation

Heap-allocate variables/data structures with unknown lifetime
- `new/malloc` to allocate space
- `delete/free/garbage collection` to deallocate space

Heap-allocate activation records (environments at least) of first-class functions
Put locals with address taken into heap-allocated environment, or make illegal, or make undefined
Relatively expensive to manage
Can have dangling references, storage leaks if don't free right
- use automatic garbage collection in place of manual free to avoid these problems
Parameter Passing

When passing arguments, need to support the right semantics
An issue: when is argument expression evaluated?
  • before call, or if & when needed by callee?
Another issue: what happens if formal assigned in callee?
  • effect visible to caller? if so, when?
  • what effect in face of aliasing among arguments, lexically visible variables?
Different choices lead to different representations for passed arguments and different code to access formals

Some Parameter Passing Modes

Parameter passing options:
  • call-by-value, call-by-sharing
  • call-by-reference, call-by-value-result, call-by-result
  • call-by-name, call-by-need
  • ...
Call-by-value
If formal is assigned, caller’s value remains unaffected
class C {
    int a;
    void m(int x, int y) {
        x = x + 1;
        y = y + a;
    }
    void n() {
        a = 2;
        m(a, a);
        System.out.println(a);
    }
}

Implement by passing copy of argument value
• trivial for scalars: ints, booleans, etc.
• inefficient for aggregates: arrays, records, strings, ...

Call-by-sharing
If implicitly reference aggregate data via pointer (e.g. Java, Lisp, Smalltalk, ML, ...) then call-by-sharing is call-by-value applied to implicit pointer
– “call-by-pointer-value”

class C {
    int[] a = new int[10];
    void m(int[] x, int[] y) {
        x[0] = x[0] + 1;
        y[0] = y[0] + a[0];
        x = new int[20];
    }
    void n() {
        a[0] = 2;
        m(a, a);
        System.out.println(a);
    }
}

• efficient, even for big aggregates
• assignments of formal to a different aggregate (e.g. x = ...) don’t affect caller
• updates to contents of aggregate (e.g. x[...] = ...) visible to caller immediately
### Call-by-reference
If formal is assigned, actual value is changed in caller
- change occurs immediately

```java
class C {
    int a;
    void m(int& x, int& y) {
        x = x + 1;
        y = y + a;
    }
    void n() {
        a = 2;
        m(a, a);
        System.out.println(a);
    }
}
```

Implement by passing pointer to actual
- efficient for big data structures
- references to formal do extra dereference, implicitly

**Call-by-value-result:** do assign-in, assign-out
- subtle differences if same actual passed to multiple formals

### Call-by-result
Write-only formals, to return extra results; no incoming actual value expected
- “out parameters”
- formals cannot be read in callee, actuals don’t need to be initialized in caller

```java
class C {
    int a;
    void m(int&out x, int&out y) {
        x = 1;
        y = a + 1;
    }
    void n() {
        a = 2;
        int b;
        m(b, b);
        System.out.println(b);
    }
}
```

Can implement as in call-by-reference or call-by-value-result
Call-by-name, call-by-need

Variations on lazy evaluation
  – only evaluate argument expression if & when needed by callee function
Supports very cool programming tricks
Hard to implement efficiently in traditional compiler
Incompatible with side-effects implies only in purely functional languages, e.g. Haskell, Miranda

Original Call-by-name
Algol 60 report: “Substitute actual for formal, evaluate.”
Consequences:

```
procedure CALC (a,b,c,i); real a,b,c; integer i;
begin i:= 1; a:=0; b:=1;
loop: a := a+c;
    b := b*c;
    if i = 10 then go to finish;
    i := i+1; go to loop;
finish: end;

CALC(sum, product, b*(b-j); j);
```
Original Call-by-name

procedure CALC (a,b,c,i); real a,b,c; integer i;
begin
  j:= 1; sum:=0; product:=1;
  loop: sum := sum+(b*(b-j));
       product := product*(b*(b-j));
       if j = 10 then go to finish;
       j := j+1; go to loop;
finish: end;

CALC(sum, product, b*(b-j); j);

sum := \sum_{j=1...10} b*(b-j)
product := \prod_{j=1...10} b*(b-j)
Key property

- All data in stack frame is at a fixed, statically computed offset from the FP
- This makes it easy to generate fast code to access the data in the stack frame
  - And even lexically enclosing stack frames
- Can compute these offsets solely from the symbol tables
  - Based also on the chosen layout approach

Stack Layout
Accessing locals

• If a local is in the same stack frame then
  \[ t := *(fp + local_{offset}) \]

• If in lexically-enclosing stack frame
  \[ t := *(fp + static\_link_{offset}) \]
  \[ t := *(t + local_{offset}) \]

• If farther away
  \[ t := *(fp + static\_link_{offset}) \]
  \[ t := *(t + static\_link_{offset}) \]
  \[ ... \]
  \[ t := *(t + local_{offset}) \]

At compile-time...

• …need to calculate
  – Difference in nesting depth of use and definition
  – Offset of local in defining stack frame
  – Offsets of static links in intervening frames
Calling conventions

- Define responsibilities of caller and callee
  - To make sure the stack frame is properly set up and torn down
- Some things can only be done by the caller
- Other things can only be done by the callee
- Some can be done by either
- So, we need a protocol

Typical calling sequence

- **Caller**
  - Evaluate actual args
    - Order?
  - Push onto stack
    - Order?
    - Alternative: First k args in registers
  - Push callee's static link
    - Or in register? Before or after stack arguments?
  - Execute call instruction
    - Hardware puts return address in a register

- **Callee**
  - Save return address on stack
  - Save caller's frame pointer (dynamic link) on stack
  - Save any other registers that might be needed by caller
  - Allocates space for locals, other data
    - \( sp := sp - \text{size of locals} \)
    - Other data
    - Locals stored in what order?
  - Set up new frame pointer
    - \( fp := sp \)
  - Start executing callee's code
Typical return sequence

- **Callee**
  - Deallocate space for local, other data
    \[
    \text{sp} := \text{sp} + \text{size\_of\_locals} + \text{other\_data}
    \]
  - Restore caller’s frame pointer, return address & other regs, all without losing addresses of stuff still needed in stack
  - Execute return instruction

- **Caller**
  - Deallocate space for callee’s static link, args
    \[
    \text{sp} := \text{fp}
    \]
  - Continue execution in caller after call

---

Accessing procedures

*similar to accessing locals*

- **Call to procedure declared in same scope:**
  
  \[
  \text{static\_link} := \text{fp} \\
  \text{call } p
  \]

- **Call to procedure in lexically-enclosing scope:**
  
  \[
  \text{static\_link} := * (\text{fp} + \text{static\_link\_offset}) \\
  \text{call } p
  \]

- **If farther away**
  
  \[
  t := * (\text{fp} + \text{static\_link\_offset}) \\
  t := * (t + \text{static\_link\_offset}) \\
  \text{static\_link} := * (t + \text{static\_link\_offset}) \\
  \text{call } p
  \]
Some questions

• Return values?
• Local, variable-sized, arrays
  
  proc P(int n) {
    var x array[1 .. n] of int;
    var y array[-5 .. 2*n] of array[1 .. n] int;
    ...
  }

• Max length of dynamic-link chain?
• Max length of static-link chain?

Exercise: apply to this example

module M;
var x:int;
proc P(y:int);
  proc Q(y:int);
    var qx:int;
    begin R(x+y);end Q;
  proc R(z:int);
    var rx,ry:int;
    begin P(x+y+z);end R;
    begin Q(x+y); R(42); P(0); end P;
  begin
    x := 1;
    P(2);
  end M.
MiniJava’s Intermediate Language

Want intermediate language to have only simple, explicit operations, without "helpful" features
• humans won't write IL programs!
• C-like is good

Use simple declaration primitives
• global functions, global variables
• no classes, no implicit method lookup, no nesting

Use simple data types
• ints, doubles, explicit pointers, records, arrays
• no booleans
• no class types, no implicit class fields
• arrays are naked sequences; no implicit length or bounds checks
• Use explicit gotos instead of control structures
• Make all implicit checks explicit (e.g. array bounds checks)
• Implement method lookup via explicit data structures and code

MiniJava’s IL (1)

Program ::= {GlobalVarDecl} {FunDecl}
GlobalVarDecl ::= Type ID [= Value] ;
Type ::= int | double | *Type
   | Type [] | { (Type ID)/, } | fun
Value ::= Int | Double | &ID
   | [ (Value)/, ] | { (ID = Value)/, }
FunDecl ::= Type ID ( (Type ID)/,)
   { {VarDecl} {Stmt} }
VarDecl ::= Type ID ;
Stmt ::= Expr ; | LHSExpr = Expr ;
   | iffalse Expr goto Label ;
   | iftrue Expr goto Label ;
   | goto Label ; | label Label ;
   | throw new Exception( String ) ;
   | return Expr ;
MiniJava’s IL (2)

Expr ::= LHSExp | Unop Expr
   | Expr Binop Expr
   | Callee ( {Expr}/, )
   | new Type [ [Expr ]]
   | Int | Double | & ID
LHSExp ::= ID | * Expr
   | Expr -> ID [ [ Expr ] ]
Unop ::= -.int | -.double | not | int2double
Binop ::= (+|-*|/).(int|double)
   | (<|<=|>=|>|==|!=).(int|double)
   | <.unsigned
Callee ::= ID | ( * Expr )
   | String

Intermediate Code Generation
Choose representations for source-level data types
• translate each ResolvedType into ILType(s)
Recursively traverse ASTs, creating corresponding IL pgm
• Expr ASTs create ILExpr ASTs
• Stmt ASTs create ILStmt ASTs
• MethodDecl ASTs create ILFunDecl ASTs
• ClassDecl ASTs create ILGlobalVarDecl ASTs
• Program ASTs create ILProgram ASTs
• Traversal parallels typechecking and evaluation traversals
• ICG operations on (source) ASTs named lower
• IL AST classes in IL subdirectory
Data Type Representation (1)

What IL type to use for each source type?
• (what operations are we going to need on them?)
  int:

  boolean:

  double:

Data Type Representation (2)

What IL type to use for each source type?
• (what operations are we going to need on them?)
  array of T:
Data Type Representations (3)

What IL type to use for each source type?
• (what operations are we going to need on them?)

```java
class B {
    int i;
    D j;
}
```

Instance of Class B

Inheritance

How to lay out subclasses
• Subclass inherits from superclass
• Subclass can be assigned to a variable of superclass type implying subclass layout must “match” superclass layout

```java
class B {
    int i;
    D j;
}
class C extends B {
    int x;
    F y;
}
```

• instance of class C:
Methods

How to translate a method?
Use a function
  – name is "mangled": name of class + name of method
  – make this an explicit argument
Example:
```
class B { ...
    int m(int i, double d) { ... body ... }
}
```
B’s method \( m \) translates to
```
int B_m(*{...B...} this, int i, double d)
{ ... translation of body ... }
```

Methods in Instances

To support run-time method lookup, need to make method function pointers accessible from each instance
Build a record of pointers to functions for each class, with members for each of a class’s methods (a.k.a. virtual function table, or vtbl)
- Example:
  class B {
    ...
    int m(...) { ... }
    E n(...) { ... }
  }
- B’s method record value:
  { *fun m = &B_m, *fun n = &B_n }
Method Inheritance

A subclass inherits all the methods of its superclasses

- its method record includes all fields of its superclass

Overriding methods in subclass share same member of superclass, but change its value

- Example:

```java
class B {
  int m(...) { ... }
  E n(...) { ... }
}
class C extends B {
  int m(...) { ... }  // override
  F p(...) { ... }
}
```

B’s method record value: `{ *fun m = &B_m, *fun n = &B_n }`

C’s method record value: `{ *fun m = &C_m, *fun n = &B_n, *fun p = &C_p }`

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Shared Method Records

Every instance of a class shares the same method record value implying each instance stores a pointer to class’s method record

B’s instance layout (type):

```java
* { * { *fun m, *fun n } vtbl,
  int i,
  *{...D...} j }
```

C’s instance layout (type):

```java
* { * { *fun m, *fun n, *fun p } vtbl,
  int i,
  *{...D...} j,
  int x,
  *{...F...} y }
```

C’s vtbl layout extends B’s

C’s instance layout extends B’s

B instances’ vtbl field initialized to B’s vtbl record

C instances’ vtbl field initialized to C’s vtbl record
Method Calls

Translate a method invocation on an instance into a lookup in the instance’s vtbl then an indirect function call.

Example:

```c
B b;
...
b.m(3, 4.5)
```

Translates to:

```c
*{ *
*{ *fun m, *fun n } vtbl,
int i,
*{...D...} j } b;
...
*{ *fun m, *fun n } b_vtbl = b->vtbl;
*fun b_m = b_vtbl->m;
(*b_m)(b, 3, 4.5)
```

Main ICG Operations

```c
ILProgram Program.lower();
• translate the whole program into an ILProgram
void ClassDecl.lower(ILProgram);
• translate method decls
• declare the class’s method record (vtbl)
void MethodDecl.lower(ILProgram, ClassSymbolTable);
• translate into IL fun decl, add to IL program
void Stmt.lower(ILFunDecl);
• translate into IL statement(s), add to IL fun decl
ILExpr Expr.evaluate(ILFunDecl);
• translate into IL expr, return it
ILType Type.lower();
ILType ResolvedType.lower();
• return corresponding IL type
```
An Example ICG Operation

class IntLiteralExpr extends Expr {
    int value;
    ILE_expr lower(ILFunDecl fun) {
        return new ILIntConstantExpr(value);
    }
}

An Example ICG Operation

class Add Expr extends Expr {
    Expr arg1;
    Expr arg2;
    ILE_expr lower(ILFunDecl fun) {
        ILE_expr arg1_expr = arg1.lower(fun);
        ILE_expr arg2_expr = arg2.lower(fun);
        return new ILIntAddExpr(arg1_expr, arg2_expr);
    }
}
Example Overloaded ICG Operation

class EqualExpr extends Expr {
    Expr arg1;
    Expr arg2;
    ILExpr lower(ILFunDecl fun) {
        ILExpr arg1_expr = arg1.lower(fun);
        ILExpr arg2_expr = arg2.lower(fun);
        if (arg1.getResultType().isIntType() &&
            arg2.getResultType().isIntType()) {
            return new ILIntEqualExpr(arg1_expr, arg2_expr);
        } else if (arg1.getResultType().isBoolType() &&
            arg2.getResultType().isBoolType()) {
            return new ILBoolEqualExpr(arg1_expr, arg2_expr);
        } else {
            throw new InternalCompilerError(...);
        }
    }
}

An Example ICG Operation

class VarDeclStmt extends Stmt {
    String name;
    Type type;
    void lower(ILFunDecl fun) {
        fun.declareLocal(type.lower(), name);
    }
}

declareLocal declares a new local variable in the IL function
ICG of Variable References

class VarExpr extends Expr {
    String name;
    VarInterface var_iface;  //set during typechecking
    ILExpr lower(ILFunDecl fun) {
        return var_iface.generateRead(fun);
    }
}

class AssignStmt extends Stmt {
    String lhs;
    Expr rhs;
    VarInterface lhs_iface;  //set during typechecking
    void lower(ILFunDecl fun) {
        ILExpr rhs_expr = rhs.lower(fun);
        lhs_iface.generateAssignment(rhs_expr, fun);
    }
}

generateRead/generateAssignment gen IL code to read/assign the variable. 
• code depends on the kind of variable (local vs. instance)

ICG of Instance Variable References

class InstanceVarInterface extends VarInterface {
    ClassSymbolTable class_st;
    ILExpr generateRead(ILFunDecl fun) {
        ILExpr rcvr_expr = new ILEVarExpr(fun.lookupVar("this"));
        ILType class_type = ILType.classILType(class_st);
        ILRecordMember var_member = class_type.getRecordMember(name);
        return new ILFieldAccessExpr(rcvr_expr, class_type, var_member);
    }
}
ICG of Instance Variable Reference

```java
void generateAssignment(ILExpr rhs_expr,
                        ILFunDecl fun) {
    ILExpr rcvr_expr =
        new ILVarExpr(fun.lookupVar("this"));
    ILType class_type =
        ILType.classILType(class_st);
    ILRecordMember var_member =
        class_type.getRecordMember(name);
    ILAssignableExpr lhs =
        new ILFieldAccessExpr(rcvr_expr,
                              class_type,
                              var_member);
    fun.addStmt(new ILAssignStmt(lhs, rhs_expr));
}
```

ICG of if Statements

What IL code to generate for an if statement?
```
if (testExpr) thenStmt else elseStmt
```
class IfStmt extends Stmt {
Expr test;
Stmt then_stmt;
Stmt else_stmt;
void lower(ILFunDecl fun) {
    ILExpr test_expr = test.lower(fun);
    ILLabel false_label = fun.newLabel();
    fun.addStmt(
        new ILCondBranchFalseStmt(test_expr,
            false_label));
    then_stmt.lower(fun);
    ILLabel done_label = fun.newLabel();
    fun.addStmt(new ILGotoStmt(done_label));
    fun.addStmt(new ILLabelStmt(false_label));
    else_stmt.lower(fun);
    fun.addStmt(new ILLabelStmt(done_label));
}
}

ICG of Print Statements

What IL code to generate for a print statement?
System.out.println(expr);

No IL operations exist that do printing (or any kind of I/O)!
Runtime Libraries

Can provide some functionality of compiled program in
– external runtime libraries
– libraries written in any language, compiled separately
– libraries can contain functions, data declarations

Compiled code includes calls to functions & references to
data declared libraries

Final application links together compiled code and
runtime libraries

Often can implement functionality either through
compiled code or through calls to library functions
– tradeoffs?

ICG of Print Statements

class PrintlnStmt extends Stmt {
    Expr arg;
    void lower(ILFunDecl fun) {
        ILErr arg_expr = arg.lower(fun);
        ILErr call_expr =
          new ILRuntimeCallExpr("println_int",
                         arg_expr);
        fun.addStmt(new ILErrStmt(call_expr));
    }
}

What about printing doubles?
ICG of new Expressions

What IL code to generate for a new expression?

class C extends B {
    inst var decls
    method decls
}
... new C() ...

ICG of new Expressions

class NewExpr extends Expr {
    String class_name;
    ILExp lower(ILFunDecl fun) {
        generate code to:
        allocate instance record
        initialize vtbl field with class’s method record
        initialize inst vars to default values
        return reference to allocated record
    }
}


An Example ICG Operation

class MethodCallExpr extends Expr {
    String class_name;
    ILExpr lower(ILFunDecl fun) {
        generate code to:
        evaluate receiver and arg exprs
        test whether receiver is null
        load vtbl member of receiver
        load called method member of vtbl
        call fun ptr, passing receiver and args
        return call expr
    }
}

ICG of Array Operations

What IL code to generate for array operations?

new type[expr]
arrayExpr.length
arrayExpr[indexExpr]
ICG of Static Allocation

- **ILGlobalVarDecl** to declare statically allocated variable
- **ILFunDecl** to declare function
- **ILGlobalAddressExpr** to compute address of statically allocated variable or function

ICG of Stack Allocation

- **ILVarDecl** to declare stack allocated variable
- **ILVarExpr** to reference stack allocated variable
  - both with respect to some **ILFunDecl**
ICG of Heap Allocation

ILAllocateExpr, ILAGrayedAllocateExpr to allocate heap; Garbage collection implicitly frees heap