

Roadmap

C:

```
car *c = malloc(sizeof(car));
c->miles = 100;
c->gals = 17;
float mpg = get_mpg(c);
free(c);
```

Java:

```
Car c = new Car();
c.setMiles(100);
c.setGals(17);
float mpg =
    c.getMPG();
```

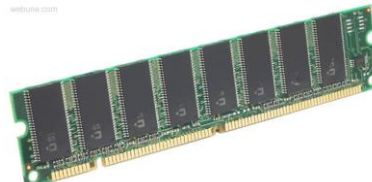
Assembly language:

```
get_mpg:
    pushq   %rbp
    movq    %rsp, %rbp
    ...
    popq    %rbp
    ret
```

Machine code:

```
0111010000011000
100011010000010000000010
1000100111000010
110000011111101000011111
```

Computer system:



Memory & data
Integers & floats
Machine code & C
x86 assembly
Procedures & stacks
Arrays & structs
Memory & caches
Processes
Virtual memory
Memory allocation

Java vs. C

OS:



Java vs. C

■ Reconnecting to Java

- Back to CSE143!
- But now you know a lot more about what really happens when we execute programs

■ We've learned about the following items in C; now we'll see what they look like for Java:

- Representation of data
- Pointers / references
- Casting
- Function / method calls
- Runtime environment
- Translation from high-level code to machine code

Meta-point to this lecture

- None of the data representations we are going to talk about are *guaranteed* by Java
- In fact, the language simply provides an *abstraction*
- We can't easily tell how things are really represented
- But it is important to understand *an implementation* of the lower levels – useful in thinking about your program
 - just like caching, etc.

Data in Java

- **Integers, floats, doubles, pointers – same as C**
 - Yes, Java has pointers – they are called ‘references’ – however, Java references are much more constrained than C’s general pointers
- **Null is typically represented as 0**
- **Characters and strings**
- **Arrays**
- **Objects**

Data in Java: Arrays

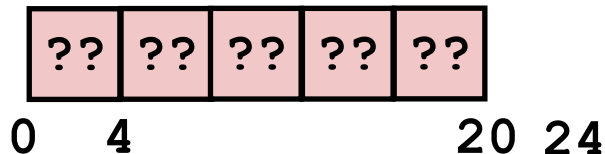
■ Arrays

- Every element initialized to 0 or null
- Length specified in immutable field at start of array (int – 4 bytes)
 - `array.length` returns value of this field
 - *Since it has this info, what can it do?*

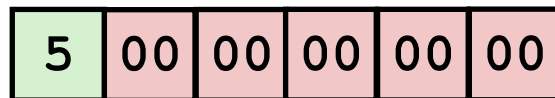
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```
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```

C



Java



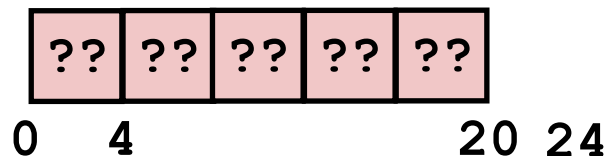
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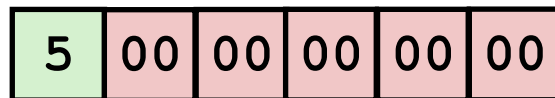
- Every element initialized to 0 or null
- Length specified in immutable field at start of array (int – 4 bytes)
 - *array.length* returns value of this field
- Every access triggers a bounds-check
 - Code is added to ensure the index is within bounds
 - Exception if out-of-bounds

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int array[5];           // C
int[] array = new int[5]; // Java
```

C



Java



Bounds-checking sounds slow, but:

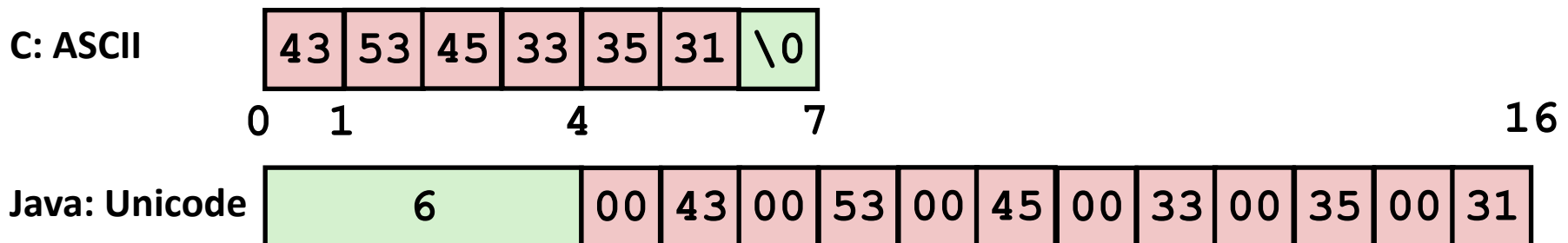
1. Length field is likely in cache.
2. Compiler may store length field in register for loops.
3. Compiler may prove that some checks are redundant.

Data in Java: Characters & Strings

■ Characters and strings

- Two-byte Unicode instead of ASCII
 - Represents most of the world's alphabets
- String not bounded by a '\0' (null character)
 - Bounded by hidden length field at beginning of string

the string 'CSE351':

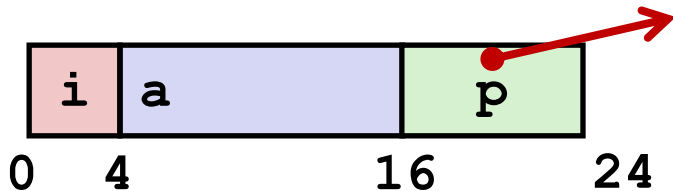


Data structures (objects) in Java

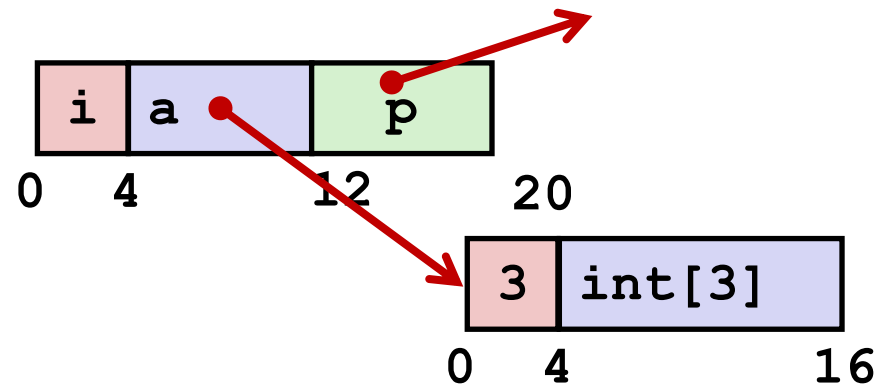
- **Objects are always stored by reference, never stored “inline”.**
 - Include complex data types (arrays, other objects, etc.) using *references*

```
C
struct rec {
    int i;
    int a[3];
    struct rec *p;
};
```

Example of array stored “inline”



```
Java
class Rec {
    int i;
    int[] a = new int[3];
    Rec p;
    ...
}
```



Pointer/reference fields and variables

- In C, we have “->” and “.” for field selection depending on whether we have a pointer to a struct or a struct
 - (*r).a is so common it becomes r->a
- In Java, *all non-primitive variables are references to objects*
 - We always use r.a notation
 - But really follow reference to r with offset to a, just like C’s r->a

```
struct rec *r = malloc(...);  
struct rec r2;  
r->i = val;  
r->a[2] = val;  
r->p = &r2;
```

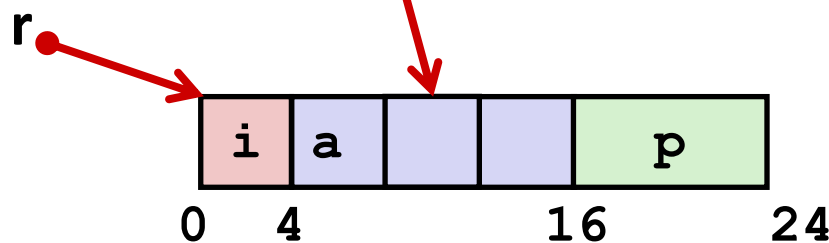
```
r = new Rec();  
r2 = new Rec();  
r.i = val;  
r.a[2] = val;  
r.p = r2;
```

Pointers/References

- Pointers in C can point to any memory address
- References in Java can only point to [the starts of] objects
 - And can only be dereferenced to access a field or element of that object

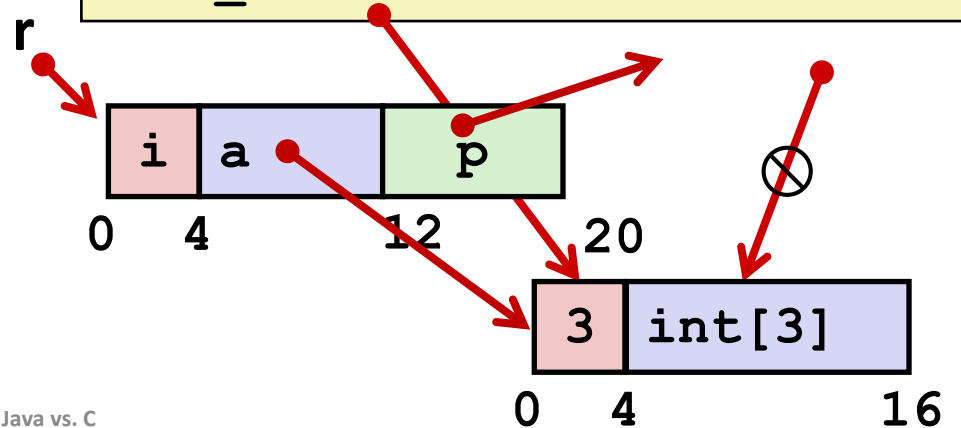
C

```
struct rec {
    int i;
    int a[3];
    struct rec *p;
};
struct rec* r = malloc(...);
some_fn(&(r->a[1])) //ptr
```



Java

```
class Rec {
    int i;
    int[] a = new int[3];
    Rec p;
}
Rec r = new Rec();
some_fn(r.a, 1) // ref, index
```



Casting in C (example from Lab 5)

- We can cast any pointer into any other pointer; just look at the same bits differently

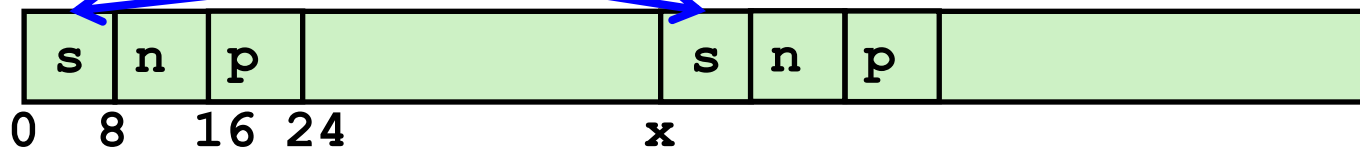
```

struct BlockInfo {
    size_t sizeAndTags;
    struct BlockInfo* next;
    struct BlockInfo* prev;
};
typedef struct BlockInfo BlockInfo;
...
int x;
BlockInfo *b;
BlockInfo *newBlock;
...
newBlock = (BlockInfo *) ( (char *) b + x );
...

```

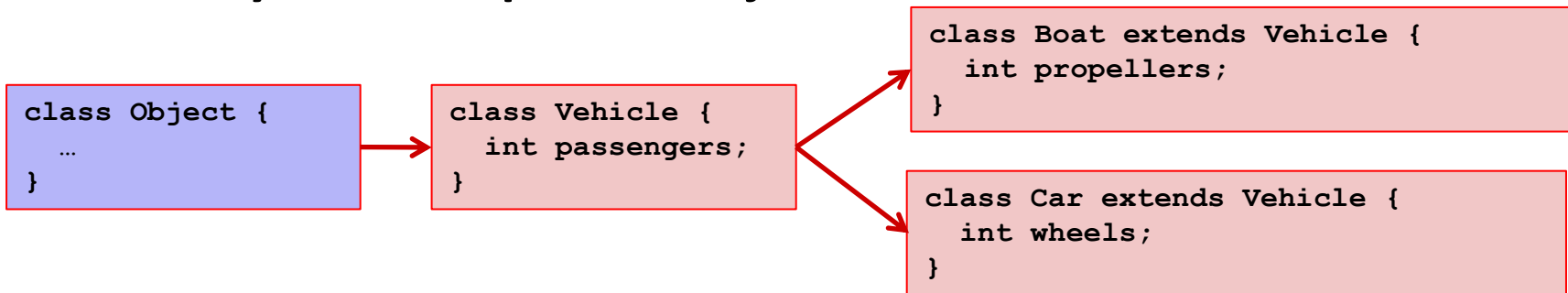
Cast b into char pointer so that you can add byte offset without scaling

Cast back into BlockInfo pointer so you can use it as BlockInfo struct



Type-safe casting in Java

■ Can only cast compatible object references



// Vehicle is a super class of Boat and Car, which are siblings

```

Vehicle v = new Vehicle();
Car      c1 = new Car();
Boat     b1 = new Boat();
Vehicle v1 = new Car();

```

```

Vehicle v2 = v1;
Car      c2 = new Boat();

```

```

Car      c3 = new Vehicle();

```

```

Boat     b2 = (Boat) v;

```

```

Car      c4 = (Car) v2;

```

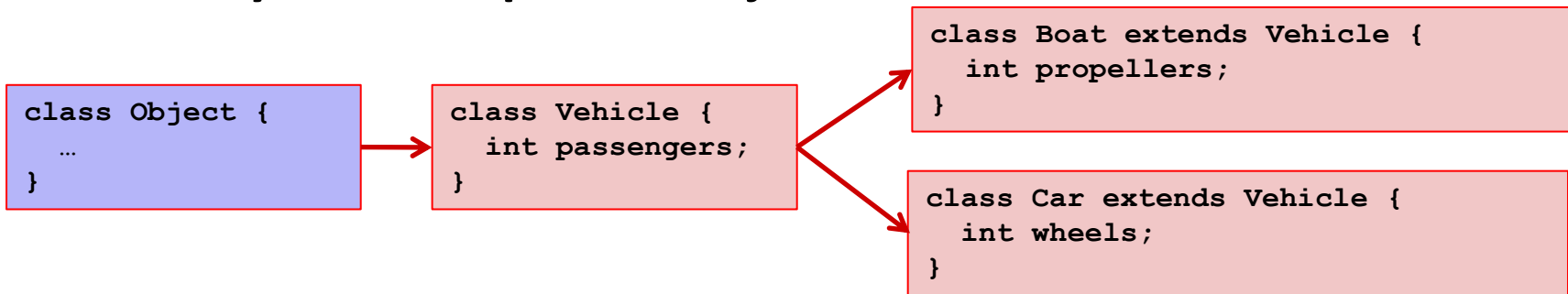
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Car      c5 = (Car) b1;

```

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Boat b1 = new Boat();
Vehicle v1 = new Car(); // OK, everything needed for Vehicle
                        // is also in Car
Vehicle v2 = v1; // OK, v1 is declared as type Vehicle
Car c2 = new Boat(); // Compiler error - Incompatible type - elements
                    // in Car that are not in Boat (classes are siblings)
Car c3 = new Vehicle(); // Compiler error - Wrong direction; elements in Car
                       // not in Vehicle (wheels)
Boat b2 = (Boat) v; // Run-time error; Vehicle does not contain
                   // all elements in Boat (propellers)
Car c4 = (Car) v2; // OK, v2 refers to a Car at runtime
Car c5 = (Car) b1; // Compiler error - Inconvertible types,
                  // b1 is declared as type Boat

```

How is this implemented/enforced?

Java objects

```
class Point {  
    double x;  
    double y;  
  
    Point() {  
        x = 0;  
        y = 0;  
    }  
  
    boolean samePlace(Point p) {  
        return (x == p.x) && (y == p.y);  
    }  
}  
  
...  
Point p = new Point();  
...
```

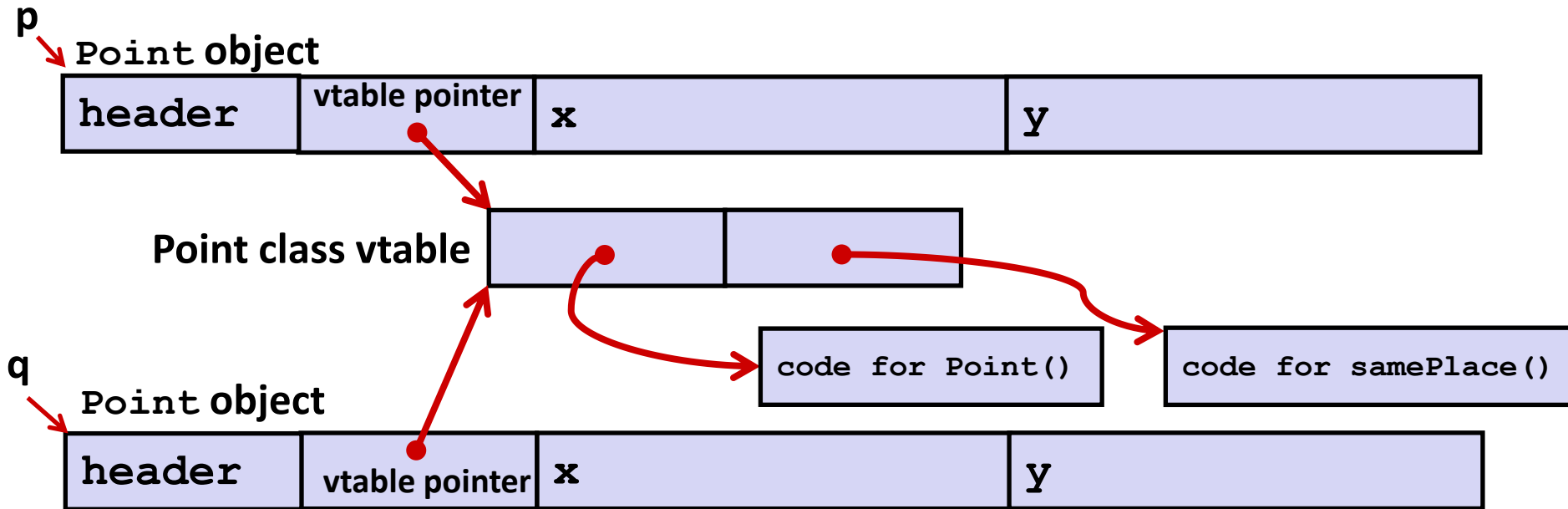
fields

constructor

method

creation

Java objects



- ***vtable pointer*** : points to *virtual method table*
 - like a jump table for instance (“virtual”) methods plus other class info
 - one table per class
- ***Object header*** : GC info, hashing info, lock info, etc. (no size – why?)
- **When we call “new”** : allocate space for object; zero/null fields; run constructor
 - compiler actually resolves constructor like a static method

Java Methods

- **Static methods are just like functions.**
- **Instance methods**
 - can refer to *this*;
 - have an implicit first parameter for *this*; and
 - can be overridden in subclasses.
- **The code to run when calling an instance method (e.g., *p.samePlace(q)*) is chosen *at run-time* by lookup in the vtable.**

Java:

```
Point p = new Point();
```

```
return p.samePlace(q);
```

C pseudo-translation:

```
Point* p = calloc(1, sizeof(Point));
```

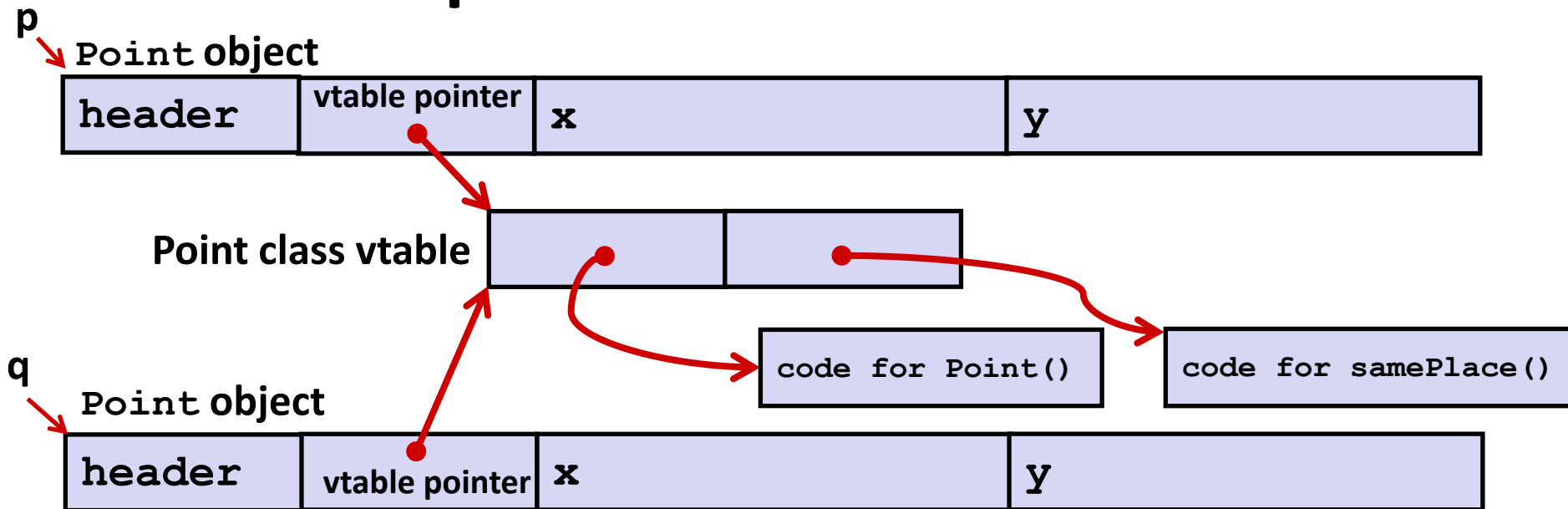
```
p->header = ...;
```

```
p->vtable = &Point_vtable;
```

```
p->vtable[0](p);
```

```
return p->vtable[1](p, q);
```


Method dispatch



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Subclassing

```
class PtSubClass extends Point{
    int aNewField;
    boolean samePlace(Point p2) {
        return false;
    }
    void sayHi() {
        System.out.println("hello");
    }
}
```

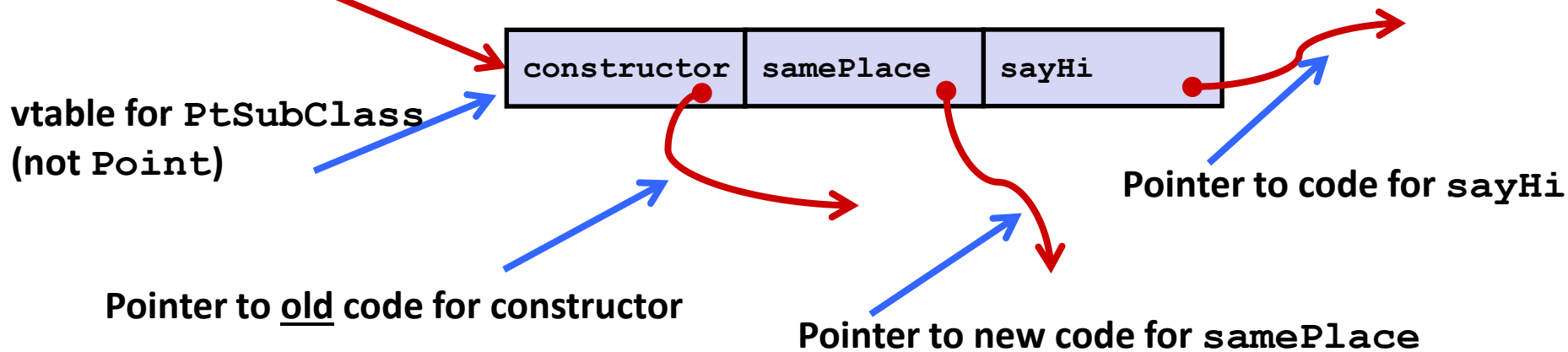
- **Where does “aNewField” go? At end of fields of Point**
 - Point fields are always in the same place, so Point code can run on PtSubClass objects without modification.
- **Where does pointer to code for two new methods go?**
 - No constructor, so use default Point constructor
 - To override “samePlace”, write over old pointer
 - Add new pointer at end of table for new method “sayHi”

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aNewField tacked on at end

PtSubclass object

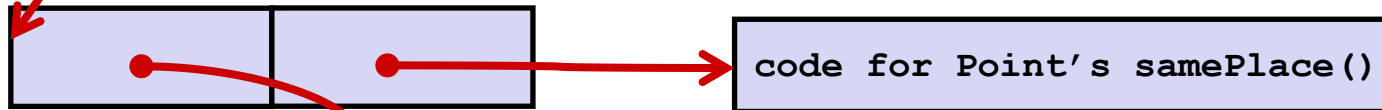


Dynamic dispatch

Point object



Point vtable

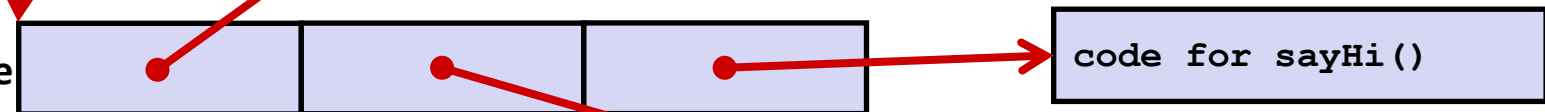


code for Point()

PtSubclass object



PtSubclass vtable



code for sayHi()

code for PtSubClass' samePlace()

Java:

```
Point p = ???;
return p.samePlace(q);
```

C pseudo-translation:

```
// works regardless of what p is
return p->vtable[1](p, q);
```

Implementing Programming Languages

- Many choices in how to implement programming models
- We've talked about compilation, can also *interpret*
- **Interpreting** languages has a long history
 - Lisp, an early programming language, was interpreted
- **Interpreters** are still in common use:
 - Python, Javascript, Ruby, Matlab, PHP, Perl, ...

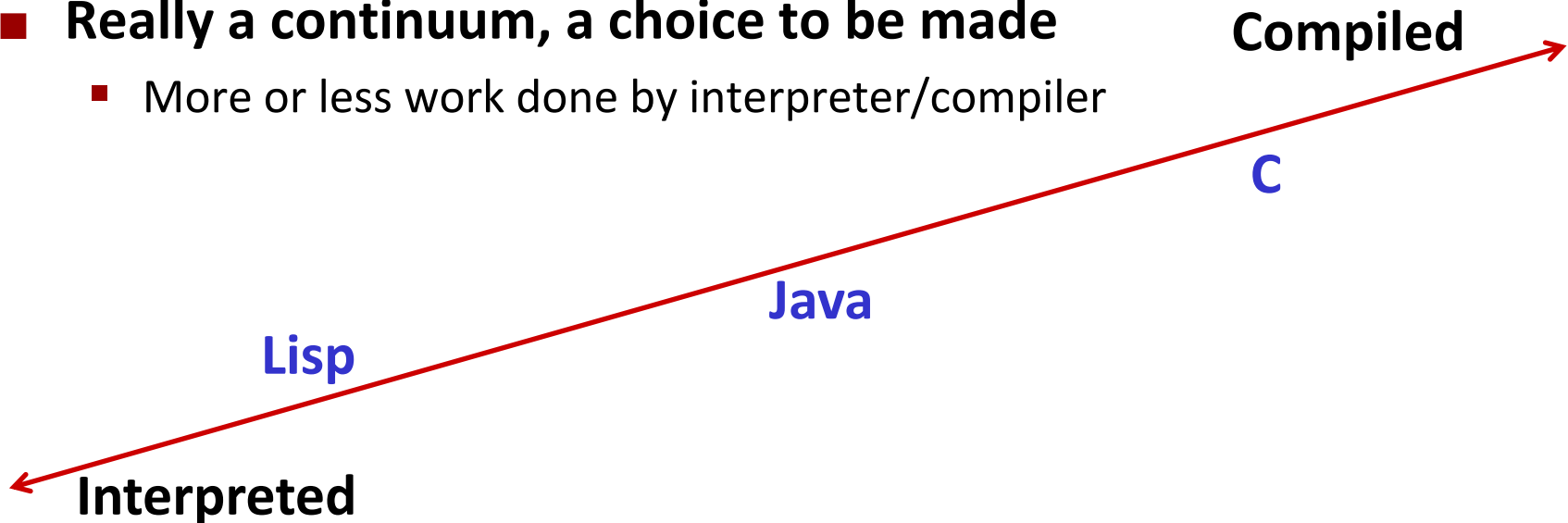
An Interpreter is a Program

- Execute line by line in original source code
- Simpler/no compiler – less translation
- More transparent to debug – less translation
- Easier to run on different architectures – runs in a simulated environment that exists only inside the *interpreter* process
- Slower and harder to optimize
- All errors at run time (there is no compile time!)

Interpreted vs. Compiled in practice

■ Really a continuum, a choice to be made

- More or less work done by interpreter/compiler



■ Java programs are usually run by a Java *virtual machine (JVM)*

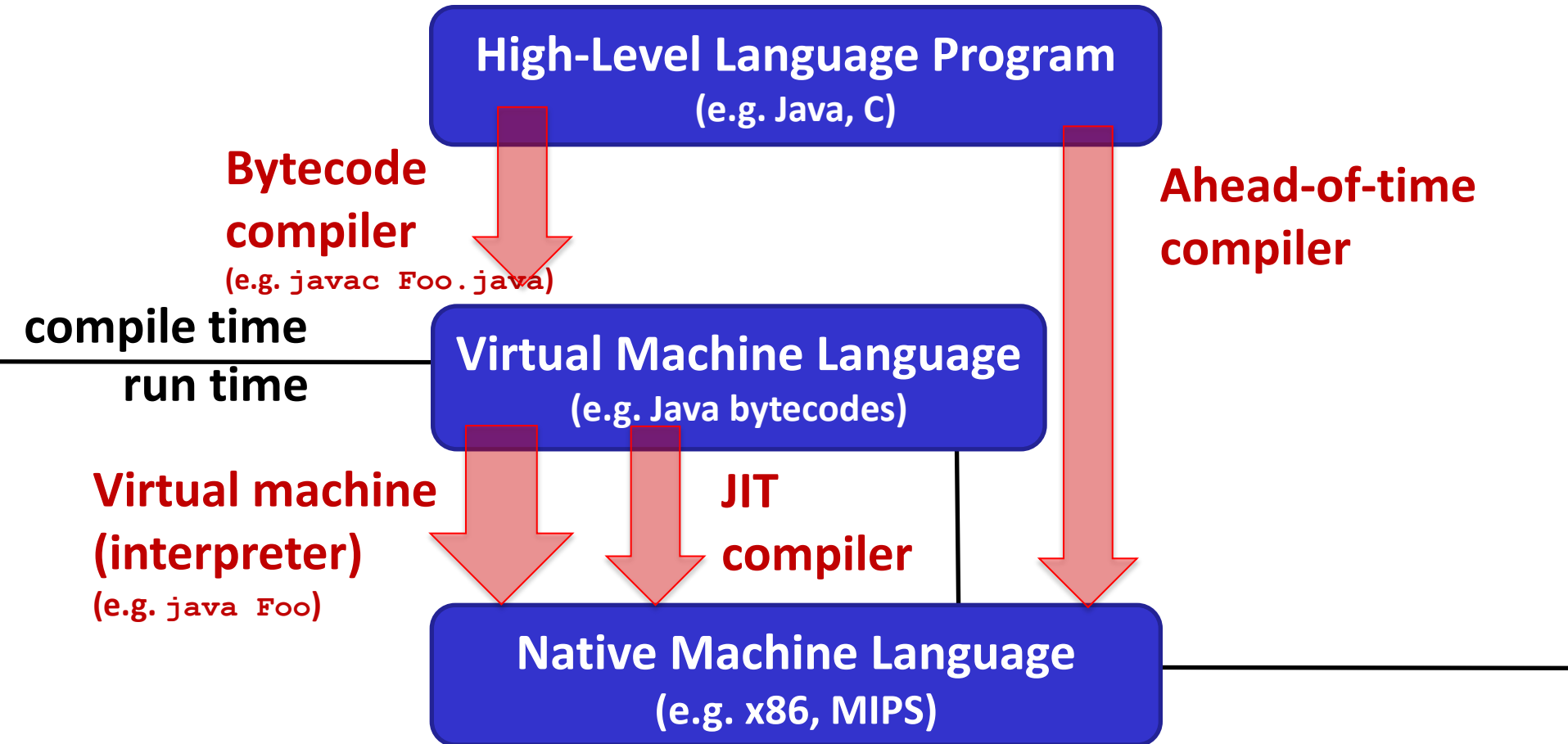
- JVMs interpret an intermediate language called *Java bytecode*
- Many JVMs compile bytecode to native machine code
 - *just-in-time (JIT) compilation*
- Java is sometimes compiled ahead of time (AOT) like C

Compiling and Running Java

- The Java compiler converts Java into **Java bytecodes**
- **Java bytecodes** are stored in a .class file
- To run the Java compiler:
 - `javac Foo.java`
- To execute the program stored in the bytecodes, Java bytecodes can be interpreted by a program (an interpreter)
- For Java, this interpreter is called the Java Virtual Machine
- To run the Java virtual machine:
 - `java Foo`
 - This loads the contents of **Foo.class** and interprets the bytecodes

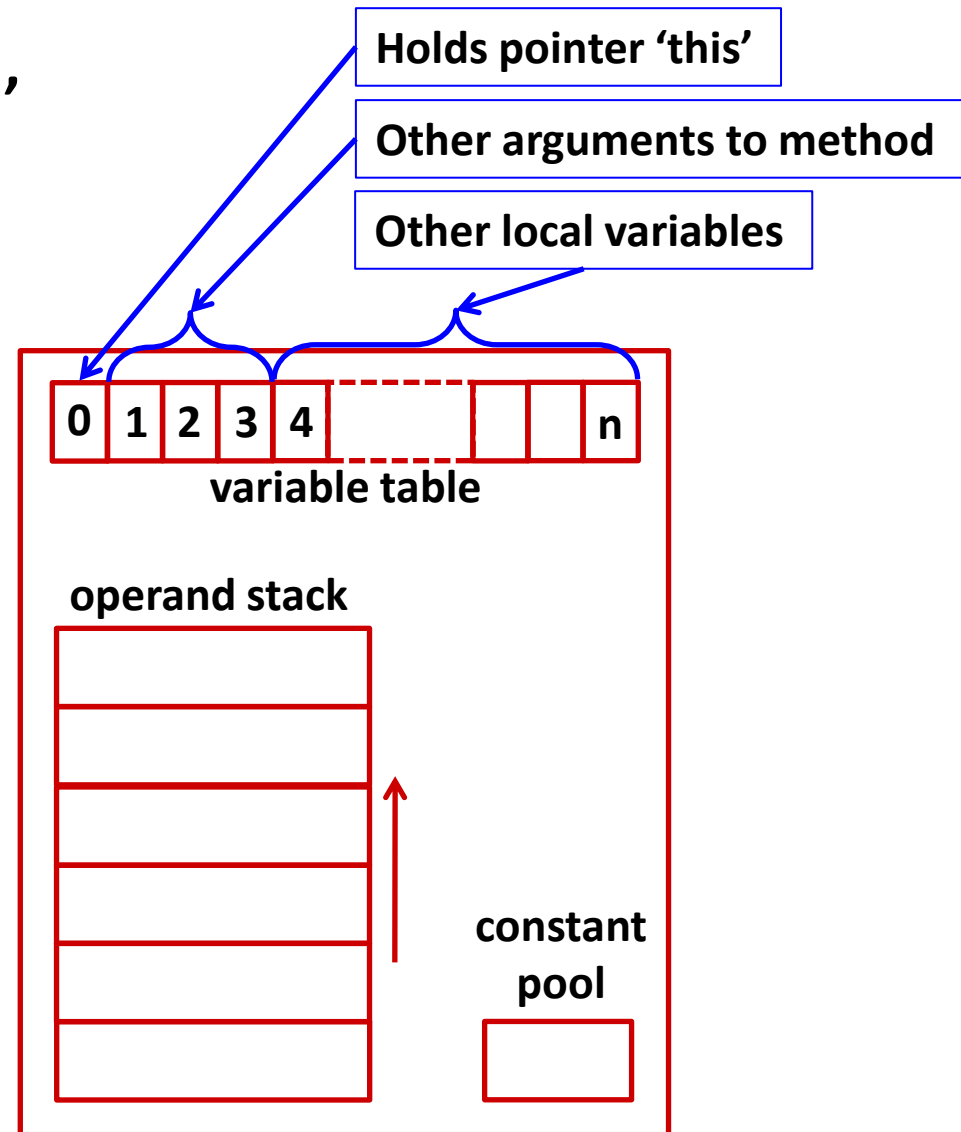
Note: The Java virtual machine is different than the CSE VM running on VMWare

Virtual Machine Model



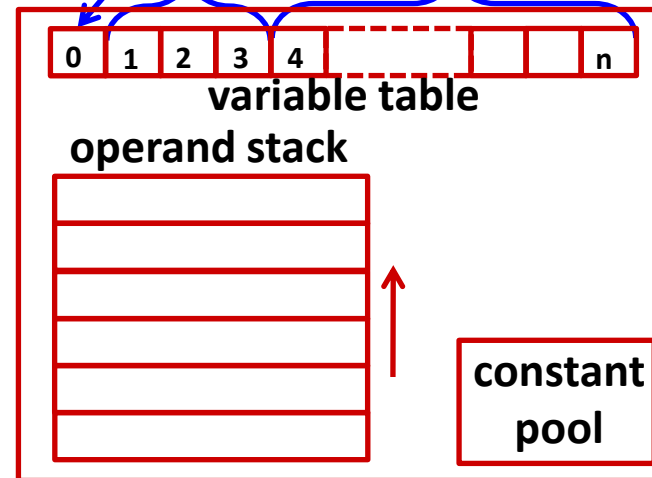
Java bytecode

- like assembly code for JVM, but works on *all* JVMs: hardware-independent
- typed (unlike ASM)
- strong JVM protections



JVM Operand Stack

machine:



Holds pointer 'this'

Other arguments to method

Other local variables

'i' stands for integer,
'a' for reference,
'b' for byte,
'c' for char,
'd' for double, ...

bytecode:

```

iload 1 // push 1st argument from table onto stack
iload 2 // push 2nd argument from table onto stack
iadd // pop top 2 elements from stack, add together, and
// push result back onto stack
istore 3 // pop result and put it into third slot in table
  
```

No registers or
stack locations;
all operations use
operand stack.

compiled to x86:

```

mov 8(%ebp), %eax
mov 12(%ebp), %edx
add %edx, %eax
mov %eax, -8(%ebp)
  
```

A Simple Java Method

```

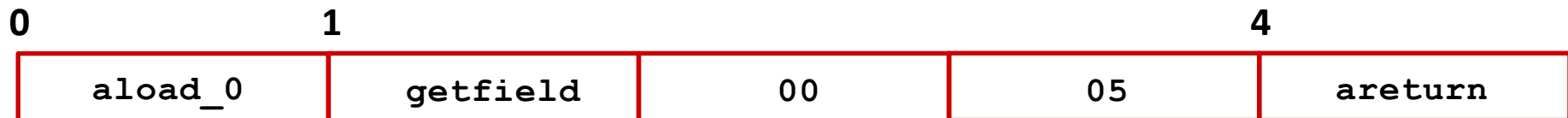
Method java.lang.String getEmployeeName()

0 aload 0          // "this" object is stored at 0 in the var table

1 getfield #5 <Field java.lang.String name> // takes 3 bytes
    // pop an element from top of stack, retrieve its
    // specified instance field and push it onto stack.
    // "name" field is the fifth field of the object

4 areturn         // Returns object at top of stack

```



In the .class file:

2A	B4	00	05	B0
----	----	----	----	----

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Java_bytecode_instruction_listings

Class File Format

- **Every class in Java source code is compiled to its own class file**
- **10 sections in the Java class file structure:**
 - **Magic number:** 0xCAFEBABE (legible hex from James Gosling – Java’s inventor)
 - **Version of class file format:** the minor and major versions of the class file
 - **Constant pool:** set of constant values for the class
 - **Access flags:** for example whether the class is abstract, static, final, etc.
 - **This class:** The name of the current class
 - **Super class:** The name of the super class
 - **Interfaces:** Any interfaces in the class
 - **Fields:** Any fields in the class
 - **Methods:** Any methods in the class
 - **Attributes:** Any attributes of the class (for example, name of source file, etc.)
- **A *.jar* file collects together all of the class files needed for the program, plus any additional resources (e.g. images)**

Disassembled Java Bytecode

```
javac Employee.java  
javap -c Employee
```

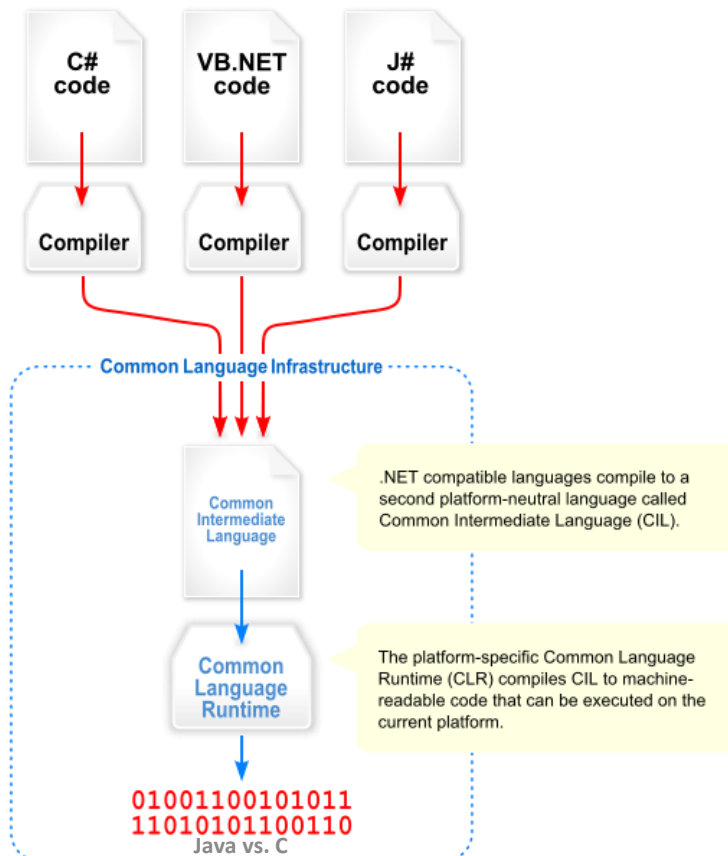
```
Compiled from Employee.java  
class Employee extends java.lang.Object {  
    public Employee(java.lang.String,int);  
    public java.lang.String getEmployeeName();  
    public int getEmployeeNumber();  
}  
  
Method Employee(java.lang.String,int)  
0  aload_0  
1  invokespecial #3 <Method java.lang.Object()>  
4  aload_0  
5  aload_1  
6  putfield #5 <Field java.lang.String name>  
9  aload_0  
10 iload_2  
11 putfield #4 <Field int idNumber>  
14 aload_0  
15 aload_1  
16 iload_2  
17 invokespecial #6 <Method void  
    storeData(java.lang.String, int)>  
20 return  
  
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0  aload_0  
1  getfield #5 <Field java.lang.String name>  
4  areturn  
  
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0  aload_0  
1  getfield #4 <Field int idNumber>  
4  ireturn  
  
Method void storeData(java.lang.String, int)  
...  
Java vs. C
```

Other languages for JVMs

- **JVMs run on so many computers that compilers have been built to translate many other languages to Java bytecode:**
 - **AspectJ**, an aspect-oriented extension of Java
 - **ColdFusion**, a scripting language compiled to Java
 - **Clojure**, a functional Lisp dialect
 - **Groovy**, a scripting language
 - **JavaFX Script**, a scripting language for web apps
 - **JRuby**, an implementation of Ruby
 - **Jython**, an implementation of Python
 - **Rhino**, an implementation of JavaScript
 - **Scala**, an object-oriented and functional programming language
 - And many others, even including C!

Microsoft's C# and .NET Framework

- C# has similar motivations as Java
- Virtual machine is called the Common Language Runtime; Common Intermediate Language is the bytecode for C# and other languages in the .NET framework



We made it!

C:

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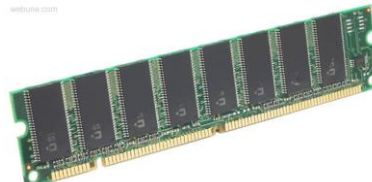
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