

Compiler Construction

~ Complex Translations ~

Translation to HIR

How to translate complex expressions:

- array creation
- record creation
- string comparison
- while loops
- for loops

Array Creation

An array is composed of:

- A type
- A dimension
- An initial value

How to perform a malloc?

Array Creation: solution

Introduce a Runtime!

Offer a function that will provide anything required for allocating an array: malloc, memcpy, etc.

⇒ Same solution for string comparison, and record creation

While Loops

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```
while condition  
do body
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```
test:  
  if not (condition)  
    goto done  
  body  
  goto test  
done:
```

For-loops

How to translate:

```
for i := min to max  
do body
```

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for i := min to max  
do body
```

Erroneous translation:

```
let i := min  
    limit := max  
in  
    while i <= limit  
    do  
        (body; ++i)  
end
```


For-loops

```
let i := min
    limit := max
in
  test:
    if not (i <= limit)
      goto done
    (body; ++i)
    goto test
  done:
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What if i is unsigned, i.e. with arithmetic performed modulo 2^n

For-loops

Correct translation:

```
let i := min
    limit := max
in
    if (i > limit)
        goto end
loop:
    body
    if (i >= limit)
        goto end
    ++i
    goto loop
end:
```

Additional Features

- Bounds checking
- Nil checking
- ...

Summary

