

C-- Language

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Definition

- The C-- language is a subset of the standard C language.
- Its purpose is to act like a universal intermediate language.
- C-- is a STACK based language.
- A C-- program consists of the following parts.
 - `#define MAX__S maximum_stack_size`
 - ▷ *allocate the size of the STACK.*
 - `#include "cmm.c"`
 - ▷ *this line is required and the file "cmm.c" contains system defined functions and variables.*
 - `procedure_1`
 - `procedure_2`
 - `...`
 - `procedure_n`

Procedure Definition

- Each procedure_i is a standard C procedure without parameters.
 - procedure_i
 - {
 - ...
 - }
- Procedure_1 must be *main*.
- The first statement of *main* is INIT__S();
- Inside each procedure, the followings rules are enforced.
 - No variable declaration is allowed.
 - All operations are integer-based (32-bit).
 - Constants are zero, positive or negative integers.
 - Ten global 32-bit integer variables can be used, they are R_0, ..., R_9.
 - ▷ These variables are called registers.

Statements

- **Each line contains exactly one statement.**
- **Null statement** — blank lines containing white spaces.
- **comments of the form**
 $\text{/ * } \dots \text{ * /}$
- **STACK oriented operations.**
- **Assignment statements.**
- **A C label of the form**
 label:
- **Jump statements.**
- **I/O statements.**
- **Procedure call statements**
 - `procedure_i();`

STACK operations

- **INIT__S();**
 - used only in the first statement of *main*.
 - Initialize the stack.
- **register = TOP__S();**
 - returns the current stack pointer.
 - Initial value is 0.
- **register = VAL__S(i);**
 - returns the value at stack pointer $+i$.
- **SETSP__S(i);**
 - set new stack pointer to be current stack pointer $+i$.
- **SSET__S(i,k);**
 - set the value at stack pointer $+i$ to k .
- **PUSH__S(k);**
- **register = POP__S();**
- **Note that i and k are registers or constants.**

Assignment statements

- **register = (register | constant) (+|−|*|/|%)** **(register | constant);**
- **register = (register | constant);**

Jump statements

■ Conditional jump

- if '(' (register | constant) (> | < | == | >= | <=) 0 ')' goto label;

■ Unconditional jump

- goto label;

I/O statements

- **Read an integer into a register**
 - `scanf("%d", ®ister);`
- **Print an integer, stored in a register, and a space**
 - `printf("%d ", register);`
- **Print a string**
 - `printf("string");`
- **Print a newline**
 - `printf("\n");`

A Sample C-- program

```
#define MAX_S 10000
#include "cmm.c"
main()
{
    INIT_S();
    R_0 = 1;
    scanf("%d", &R_1);
    if(R_1 <= 0) goto done;
    PUSH_S(R_1);
/* compute factorial */
    factorial();
compute:
    R_1 = POP_S();
    R_1 = R_1 - 2;
    if(R_1 <= 0) goto done;
    PUSH_S(R_1);
    R_0 = R_0 * R_1;
    goto compute;
```

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done:  
    printf("%d ",R__0);  
    printf("\n");  
}  
factorial()  
{  
    R__2 = 1;  
loop:  
    R__3 = POP__S();  
    if(R__3 == 0) goto ends;  
    R__2 = R__2 * R__3;  
    R__3 = R__3 - 1;  
    PUSH__S(R__3);  
    goto loop;  
ends:  
    PUSH__S(R__2);  
}
```

The file “cmm.c”

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define S__TYPE int /* stack element type */
S__TYPE *STACK__S; /* stack */
int SP__S; /* stack pointer */
/* registers */
S__TYPE R__0,R__1,R__2,R__3,R__4,R__5,R__6,R__7,R__8,R__9;

/* initial stack */
void INIT__S(void)
{
    STACK__S = (int *) malloc(sizeof(S__TYPE) * (MAX__S+1));
    SP__S = 0;
}

/* return top of stack pointer */
S__TYPE TOP__S(void)
{
    return(SP__S);
```

```
}

/* returns the value at stack pointer + i */
S__TYPE VAL__S(i)
S__TYPE i;
{
    return(STACK__S[SP__S+i]);
}
```

```
/* set new stack pointer to be current stack pointer $+ i$ */
void SETSP__S(i)
S__TYPE i;
{
    SP__S += i;
}
```

```
/* set the value at stack pointer $+ i$ to $k$ */
void SSET__S(i,k)
S__TYPE i,k;
{
```

```
    STACK__S[SP__S+i] = k;  
}
```

```
/* push k into stack */  
void PUSH__S(k)  
S__TYPE k;  
{  
    SP__S += 1;  
    STACK__S[SP__S] = k;  
}
```

```
/* pop from stack */  
S__TYPE POP__S(void)  
{  
    return(STACK__S[SP__S--]);  
}
```