Class 38: Translating For Loops

Held: Wednesday, 30 November 2011

Summary: We look at details of the translation of Pascal-style for loops, considering some of the main complexities, such as potential overflow of the loop variable.

Related Pages:
- EBoard.
- Due: Project, Phase 5: Simple Code Generation.

Notes:
- As part of my update on thinking like a C programmer, we’ll do a quick update on the Coding Challenge.
- phase 5 of the project remains due tonight. I will take questions.
- phase 6 of the project is due next Wednesday.
- My primary plans for this coming weekend are to celebrate my wife’s birthday and grade stuff from your class.
- EC for Royce Wolf recital Thursday.
- EC for Steganography CS extra Thursday.
- EC for TK recital Saturday.
- EC for Erin Nichols events next Tuesday: Lunchtime talk and Tuesday extra.

Overview:
- Translating for loops.
- Looking ahead: Organizing the stack for procedure calls.

A Left-over Question: For Loops
- We’ve noted that there may be a problem with going beyond the upper bound in the for loop.
- What’s your solution?

Looking Ahead: Translating Procedure Calls
- We’ve come full circle in our discussion of translation.
  - We started by thinking about stack frames as a mechanism for holding parameters and local variables.
  - We now return to stack frames from the perspective of the code needed to build and use them.