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2. Three-Address Code is a sequence of statements of the general form :

 $X=Y \text{ op } Z \qquad // \text{ op is binary arithmetic}$ operation For example : x + y * zt1 = y * zt2 = x + t1

where t1, t2 are compiler generated temporary.

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Types of three address code statement:-

- 1. Assignment statements of the form X=Y op Z (where op is a binary arithmetic or logical operator).
- 2. Assignment instructions of the form X = op Y (op is a unary operator).
- **3.** Copy statements of the form X=Y.
- 4. Unconditional jump (*Goto L*).
- **5.** Conditional jump (*if X relop Y goto L*).
- **6.** *Param X & Call P,N* for procedure call and and return *Y*, for example :

x1 x2
<u>A2</u>
XI P n

- 7. Index assignments of the form X=Y[i] & X[i]=Y.
- 8. Address & Pointer Assignments

$$X = & Y$$
$$X = * Y$$
$$*X = Y$$

Example : a = b * -c + b * -c

t1 = -ct1 = -ct2 = b * t1t2 = b * t1t3 = -ct5 = t2 + t2t4 = b * t3a = t5t5 = t2 + t4a = t5Three address code
For syntax tree

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Note: Three-address statements are a kin to assembly code statements can have symbolic labels and there are statements for flow of control.

Implementation of Three Address Code :-

In compiler , three-address code can be implement as records, with fields for operator and operands.

- **1. Quadruples :-** It is a record structure with four fields:
 - **OP** // operator
 - arg1, arg2 // operands
 - result
- 2. Triples :- To avoid entering temporary into *ST*, we might refer to a temporary value by position of the statement that compute it . So three address can be represent by record with only three fields:
 - **OP** // operator
 - arg1, arg2 // operands

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Example: **a** = **b** * -**c** + **b** * -**c**

Position	OP	arg1	arg2	result
0	-	c		t1
1	*	b	t1	t2
2	-	c		t3
3	*	b	t3	t4
4	+	t2	t4	t5
5	=	t5		a

i. By Quadruples

ii. By Triples

Position	OP	arg1	arg2
0	-	c	
1	*	b	(0)
2	-	c	
3	*	b	(2)
4	+	(1)	(3)
5	=	a	(4)

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Code Optimization

Compilers should produce target code that is as good as can be written by hand. This goal is achieved by program transformations that are called " Optimization " . Compilers that apply code improving transformations are called " Optimizing Compilers ".

Code optimization attempts to increase program efficiency by restructuring code to simplify instruction sequences and take advantage of machine specific features:-

- Run Faster, or
- Less Space, or
- Both (Run Faster & Less Space).

The transformations that are provided by an optimizing compiler should have several properties:-

- 1. A transformation must preserve the meaning of program. That is, an optimizer must not change the output produce by program for an given input, such as **division by zero**.
- 2. A transformation must speed up programs by a measurable amount.



Places for Optimization

This lecture concentrates on the transformation of intermediate code (Mid-Optimization or Independent Optimization),this optimization using the following organization:-

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