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Compilation Principle 编译原理

第22讲：目标代码生成(2)

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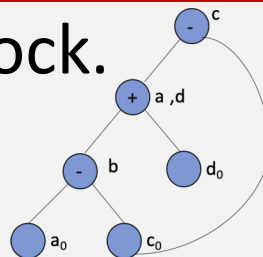
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Quiz Questions



- Q1: DAG of the basic block.



$b = a - c$
 $a = b + d$
 $c = a - c$
 $d = b + d$

- Q2: optimize the code.

$c = b \ll 2$

$d = 10 + c$

$e = c * d$

for(i=0; i<10; i++) f(e + i)

$x = 5$

$a = 2 * x$

$c = b * 4$

$d = a + b * 4$

for(i=0; i<10; i++) f(c*d + i)

- Q3: list different levels of code optimization.

Peephole, Local, Loop, Global.

- Q4: main tasks of target code generation?

Instruction selection, register allocation, instruction ordering.

- Q5: what are \$sp and \$fp registers for?

\$sp: stack pointer

\$fp: frame pointer

Final Exam

- 考试时间：
 - 6.28/周二， 14:30 – 16:30
- 关于试卷
 - 中文（专业术语标注英文）
 - A、B卷，学院指定
- 成绩计算
 - 期末： 60%
 - 平时： 40%
 - 课堂： 10%
 - 作业： 30%
- 题型及分值
 - 一、判断题（10分）
 - 10小题，每小题1分
 - 二、填空题（10分）
 - 8小题，10个空白，每空白1分
 - 三、简答题（15分）
 - 3小题，每小题5分
 - 四、应用题（40分）
 - 3小题，10分+15分+15分
 - 五、综合应用题（25分）
 - 1小题，每小题25分

Code Generation Strategy

- For each expression e we generate MIPS code that:
 - Computes the value of e into $\$t0$
 - Preserves $\$sp$ and the contents of the stack
- We define a code generation function $cgen(e)$
 - Its result is the code generated for e
- Code generation for constants
 - The code to evaluate a constant simply copies it into the register: $cgen(i) = li \$t0 i$
 - Note that this also preserves the stack, as required

Code Generation for ALU

- Default

```
cgen(e1 + e2):  
    # stores result in $t0  
    cgen(e1)  
    # pushes $t0 on stack  
    addiu $sp $sp -4  
    sw $t0 0($sp)  
    # overwrites result in $t0  
    cgen(e2)  
    # pops value of e1 to $t1  
    lw $t1 4($sp)  
    addiu $sp $sp 4  
    # performs addition  
    add $t0 $t1 $t0
```



```
cgen(e1 + e2):  
    # stores result in $t0  
    cgen(e1)  
    # copy result of $t0 to $t1  
    move $t1 $t0  
    # stores result in $t0  
    cgen(e2)  
    # performs addition  
    add $t0 $t1 $t0
```

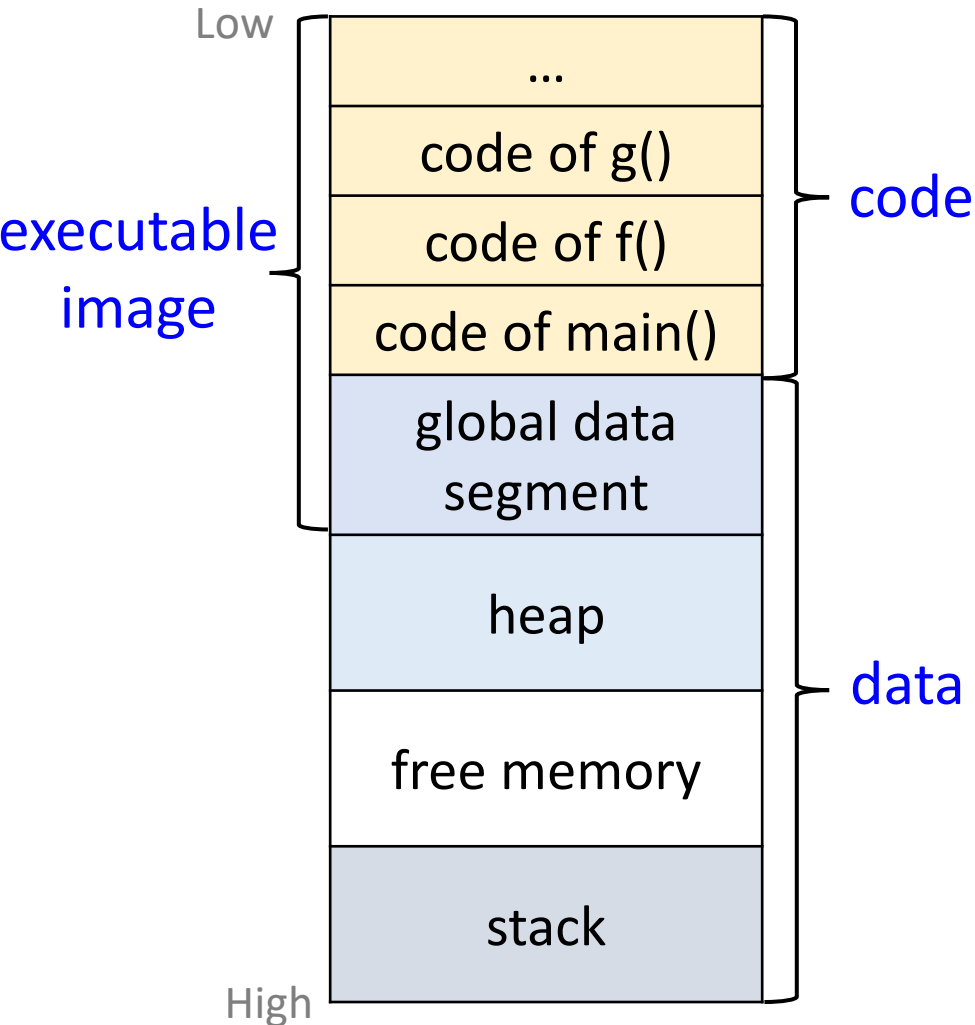
- Possible optimization: put the result of $e1$ directly in register $\$t1$? **What if $3 + (7 + 5)$?**

Code Generation for Conditional

- We need flow control instructions
- New instruction: *beq reg1 reg2 label*
 - Branch to label if *reg1 == reg2*
- New instruction: *b label*
 - Unconditional jump to *label*

```
cgen(if e1 == e2 then e3 else e4):
    cgen(e1)
    # pushes $t0 on stack
    addiu $sp $sp -4
    sw $t0 0($sp)
    # overwrites $t0
    cgen(e2)
    # pops value of e1 to $t1
    lw $t1 4($sp)
    addiu $sp $sp 4
    # performs comparison
    beq $t0 $t1 true_branch
false_branch:
    cgen(e4)
    b end_if
true_branch:
    cgen(e3)
end_if:
```

Example Memory Layout



- **Code**
 - the size of the generated target code is fixed at compile time
- **Global/static**
 - the size of some program data objects, e.g., global constants, are known at compile time
- **Stack**
 - store dynamic data structures
- **Heap**
 - manage long-lived data

Activation[活动]

- Compiler typically allocates memory in the unit of procedure[以过程调用为单位]
- Each execution of a procedure is called as its **activation**[活动]
 - An execution of a procedure starts at the beginning of the procedure body
 - When the procedure is completed, it returns the control to the point immediately after the place where that procedure is called
- **Activation record** (AR)[活动记录] is used to manage the information needed by a single execution of a procedure
- **Stack** is to hold activation records that get generated during procedure calls

ARs in Stack Memory[在棧中管理]

- Manage ARs like a stack in memory[AR棧管理]
 - On function entry: AR instance allocated at top of stack
 - On function return: AR instance removed from top of stack
- Hardware support[硬件支持]
 - Stack pointer (**\$SP**) register[棧指針]
 - \$SP stores address of top of the stack
 - Allocation/de-allocation can be done by moving \$SP
 - Frame pointer (**\$FP**) register[幀指針]
 - \$FP stores base address of current frame
 - **Frame**: another word for activation record (AR)
 - Variable addresses translated to an offset from \$FP
 - \$FP and \$SP together delineate the bounds of current AR

Contents of ARs

- Example layout of a function AR

Temporaries	临时变量
Local variables	局部变量
Saved Caller/Callee Register Values	保存的寄存器值
Saved Caller's Instruction Pointer (\$IP)	保存的调用者指令指针
Saved Caller's AR Frame Pointer (\$FP)	保存的调用者帧指针
Parameters	参数
Return Value	返回值

- Registers such as \$FP and \$IP overwritten by callee → Must be saved to/restored from AR on call/return
 - Caller's \$IP: where to execute next on function return (a.k.a. return address: instruction following function call)
 - Caller's \$FP: where \$FP should point to on function return
 - Saved Caller/Callee Registers: other registers (will discuss)

Example

Temporaries
Local variables
Saved Caller/Callee Register Values
Saved Caller's Instruction Pointer (\$IP)
Saved Caller's AR Frame Pointer (\$FP)
Parameters
Return Value

```

int g() {
    return 1;
}

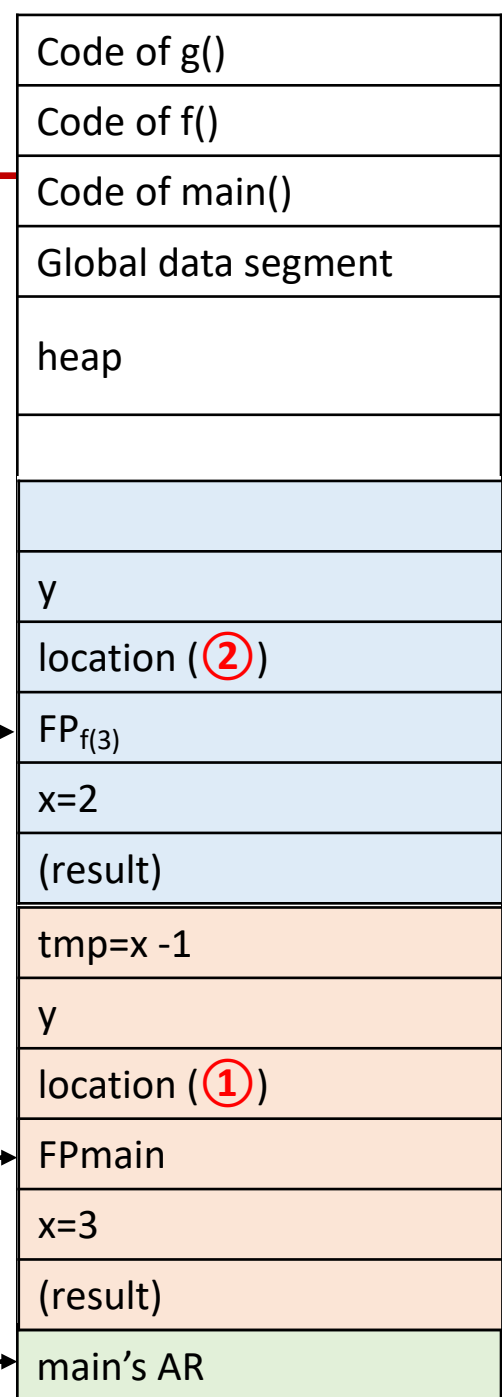
int f(int x) {
    int y;
    if (x==2)
        y = 1;
    else
        y = x + f(x-1);
    ② ...
    return y;
}

int main() {
    f(3);
    ① ...
}
    
```

FP_{f(2)} →

FP_{f(3)} →

FP_{main} →



Caller/Callee Conventions[规范]

- Important registers should be saved across function calls
 - Otherwise, values might be overwritten
- But, who should take the responsibility?
 - The caller knows which registers are important to it and should be saved
 - The callee knows exactly which registers it will use and potentially overwrite
 - However, in the typical “block box” programming, caller and callee don’t know anything about each other’s implementation
- Potential solutions
 - **Sol1:** caller to save any important registers that it needs before calling a func, and to restore them after (but not all will be overwritten)
 - **Sol2:** callee saves and restores any registers it might overwrite (but not all are important to caller)

Caller/Callee Conventions (cont.)

- Caller and callee should cooperate
- Caller: save and restore any of the following caller-saved registers that it cares about

\$t0-\$t9

\$a0-\$a3

\$v0-\$v1

- The callee may freely modify these registers, under the assumption that the caller already saved them

- Callee: save and restore any of the following callee-saved registers that it uses

\$s0-\$s7

\$ra

- The caller may assume these registers are not changed by the callee

Symbolic Name	Number	Usage
zero	0	Constant 0.
at	1	Reserved for the assembler.
v0 - v1	2 - 3	Result Registers.
a0 - a3	4 - 7	Argument Registers 1 ... 4.
t0 - t9	8 - 15, 24 - 25	Temporary Registers 0 ... 9.
s0 - s7	16 - 23	Saved Registers 0 ... 7.
k0 - k1	26 - 27	Kernel Registers 0 ... 1.
gp	28	Global Data Pointer.
sp	29	Stack Pointer.
fp	30	Frame Pointer.
ra	31	Return Address.

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Detailed Calling Steps

- The **caller** sets up for the call via these steps[调用者]
 - 1) **Make space** on stack for and save any caller-saved registers
 - 2) Pass **arguments** by pushing them on the stack, one by one, right to left
 - 3) Execute a **jump** to the function (saves the next inst in \$ra)
- The **callee** takes over and does the following[被调用者]
 - 4) Make space on stack for and save values of **\$fp** and **\$ra**
 - 5) Configure frame pointer by setting **\$fp** to base of frame
 - 6) **Allocate** space for stack frame (total space required for all local and temporary variables)
 - 7) **Execute** function body, code can access params at positive offset from \$fp, locals/temps at negative offsets from \$fp

Detailed Calling Steps (cont.)

- When ready to exit, the **callee** does following[调用退出]
 - 8) Assign the return value (if any) to **\$v0**
 - 9) **Pop** stack frame off the stack (locals/temps/saved regs)
 - 10) **Restore** the value of **\$fp** and **\$ra**
 - 11) **Jump** to the address saved in **\$ra**

- When control returns to the **caller**, it cleans up from the call with the steps[调用返回]
 - 12) **Pop** the parameters from the stack
 - 13) **Restore** value of any caller-saved registers, pops spill space from stack

Code Generation for Function Call

- The calling sequence is the instructions (of both caller and callee) to set up a function invocation
- New instruction: *jal label*
 - Jump to label, after saving address of next instruction in \$ra

```
cgen(f(e1, ..., en)):
```

```
# pushes arguments (reverse order)
```

```
cgen(en)
```

```
addiu $sp $sp -4
```

```
sw $a0 0($sp)
```

```
...
```

```
cgen(e1)
```

```
addiu $sp $sp -4
```

```
sw $a0 0($sp)
```

```
# saves FP
```

```
addiu $sp $sp -4
```

```
sw $fp 0($sp)
```

```
# pushes return address
```

```
addiu $sp, $sp, -4
```

```
sw $ra, 0($sp)
```

```
# begins new AR in stack
```

```
move $fp, $sp
```

```
# jumps to func entry (update $ra)
```

```
jal f_entry
```


Code Generation for Function Definition

- New instruction: *jr reg*
 - Jump to address in register reg

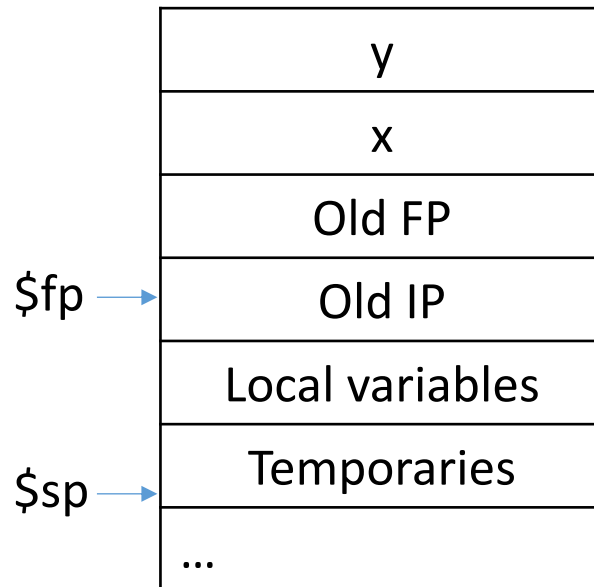
```
cgen(def f(x1,...,xn) = e):  
  f_entry: cgen(e)  
    # removes AR from stack  
    move $sp $fp  
    # pops return address  
    sw $ra 0($sp)  
    addiu $sp $sp 4  
    # pops old FP  
    lw $fp 0($sp)  
    addiu $sp $sp 4  
    # jumps to return address  
    jr $ra
```

Code Generation for Variables

- The “variables” of a function are just its ‘parameters’
 - They are all in the AR
 - Pushed by the caller
- **Problem:** because the stack grows when intermediate results are saved, the variables are not at a fixed offset from $\$sp$
 - Thus, access to locations in the stack frame cannot use $\$sp$ -relative addressing
- **Solution:** use the frame pointer $\$fp$ instead
 - Always points to the return address on the stack
 - Since it does not move, it can be used to find the variables

Example

- Local variables are referenced from an offset from \$fp
 - \$fp is pointing to old \$ip (return address)
- For a function $def f(x,y) = e$ the activation and frame pointer are set up as follows:



x: $+8(\$fp)$

y: $+12(\$fp)$

First local variable: $-4(\$fp)$

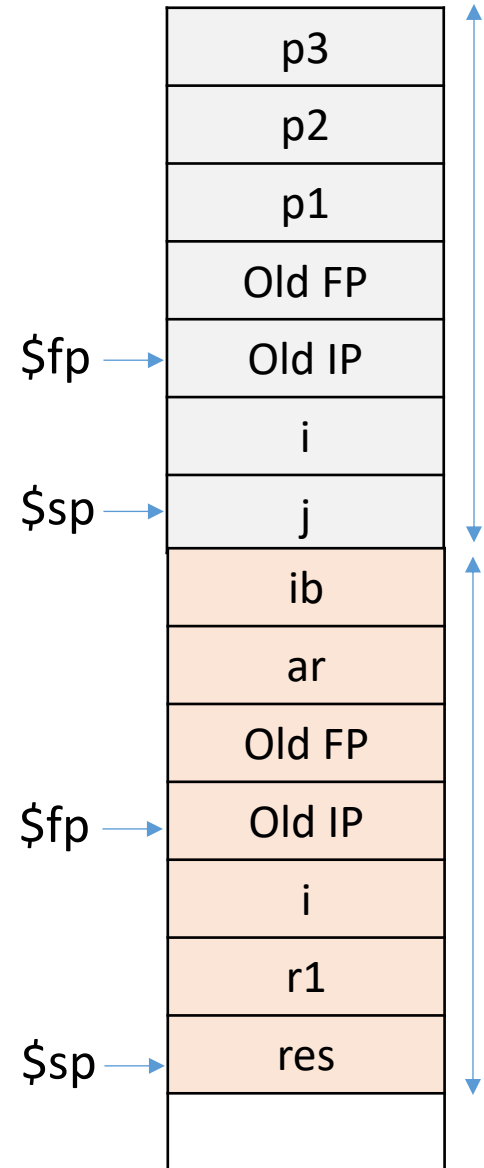
The parameters are pushed right to left by the caller

The locals are pushed left to right by the callee

Example

```
double fun1(int p1, double p2, int p3) {  
    int i, j;  
    res = fun2(p1*p2, j);  
    return res;  
}
```

```
double fun2(double ar, int ib) {  
    int i, r1;  
    double res;  
    ...  
    return res;  
}
```



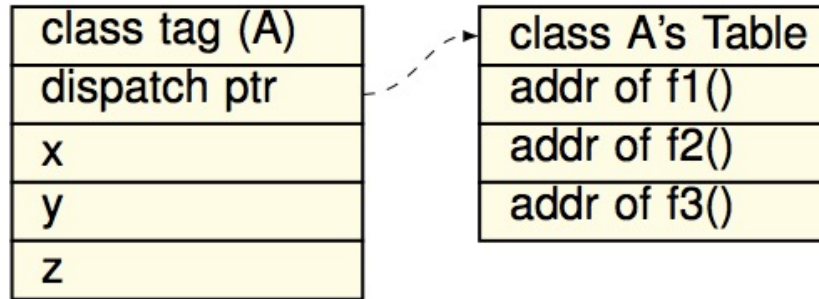
Code Generation for OO

- Objects are like structs in C
 - Objects are laid out in contiguous memory
 - Each member variable is stored at a fixed offset in object
- Unlike structs, objects have member methods
- Two types of member methods:
 - **Nonvirtual** member methods: cannot be overridden
 - Parent obj = new Child();
 - obj.nonvirtual(); // Parent::nonvirtual() called
 - Method called depends on (static) reference type
 - Compiler can decide call targets statically
 - **Virtual** member methods: can be overridden by child class
 - Parent obj = new Child();
 - obj.virtual(); // Child::virtual() called
 - Method called depends on (runtime) type of object
 - Need to call different targets depending on runtime type

Static and Dynamic Dispatch

- **Dispatch:** to send to a particular place for a purpose
 - I.e., to jump to a (particular) function
- **Static Dispatch:** selects call target at compile time
 - Nonvirtual methods implemented using static dispatch
 - Implication for code generation:
 - Can hard code function address into binary
- **Dynamic Dispatch:** selects call target at runtime
 - Virtual methods implemented using dynamic dispatch
 - Implication for code generation:
 - Must generate code to select correct call target
- **How?**
 - At compile time, generate a **dispatch table** for each class, containing call targets for all virtual methods of that class
 - At runtime, each object has a pointer to its dispatch table, which is indexed into to find call target for its runtime type

Typical Object Layout



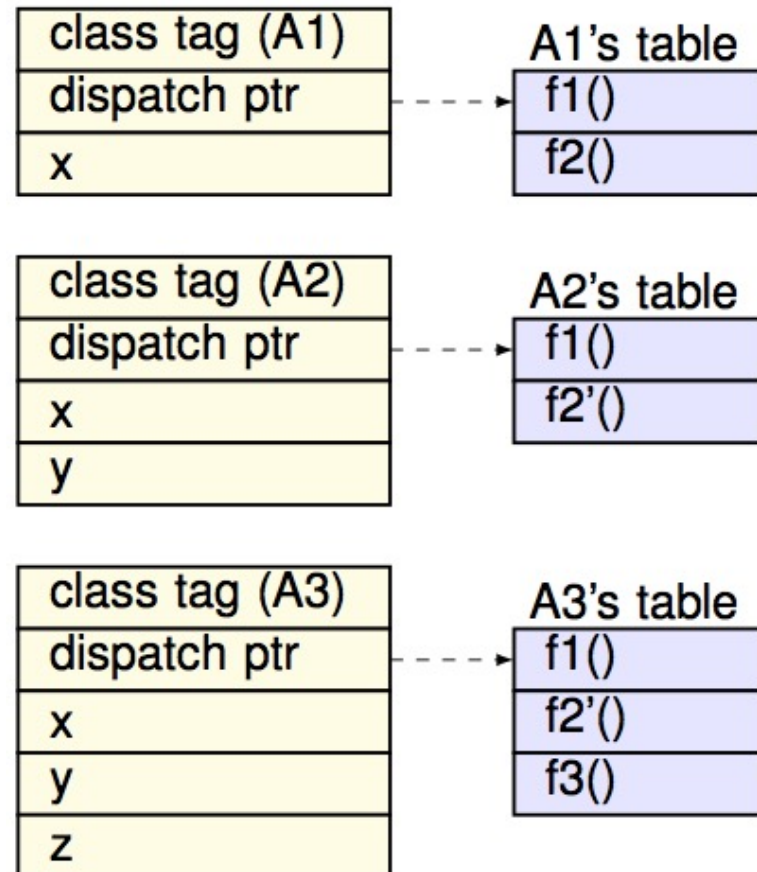
- Class tag is used for dynamic type checking
- Dispatch ptr is a pointer to the dispatch table
- Compiler translates member accesses to offset accesses

```
if(...) obj = new Parent()
else obj = new Child();
obj.x = 10;           // move 10, x_offset(obj)
obj.f2();            // call f2_offset(obj.dispatch_ptr)
```
- Offsets must remain identical regardless of object type
 - How to layout object and dispatch table to make it so?

Inheritance and Subclasses

- Invariant: the offset of a member variable or member method is the same in a class and all of its subclasses

```
class A1 {  
    int x;  
    virtual void f1() { ... }  
    virtual void f2() { ... }  
}  
class A2 inherits A1 {  
    int y;  
    virtual void f2() { ... }  
}  
class A3 inherits A2 {  
    int z;  
    virtual void f3() { ... }  
}
```



A Question ...

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 using namespace std;
3
4 class A1 {
5     public:
6         virtual void f1() { cout << "base.f1\n"; }
7         virtual void f2() { cout << "base.f2\n"; }
8         void f3() { cout << "base.f3\n"; }
9     private:
10        char a;
11        int x;
12        int y;
13        static int z;
14 };
15
16 int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
17     A1 a1;
18     cout << "sizeof(a1) = " << sizeof(a1) << "\n";
19
20     return 0;
21 }
```

- What is the output?
 - **24** (on my 64-bit MBA)
- How come?
 - Fields (12B)
 - char a: 1 --> 4
 - int x: 4
 - int y: 4
 - Functions (8B)
 - virtual: 8B
 - Alignment
 - 12+8 --> 24

[1] [Determining the Size of a Class Object](#)

[2] [sizeof class in C++](#)